

Yosten recalls KC Hall construction

Muenster Knights of Columbus Council 1459 celebrated the 75th anniversary of the completion of the Muenster KC Hall on Saturday, June 19. Celebration events began at the 5 p.m. Mass in Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Following Mass, the KCs hosted a reception at the KC Hall. Father Ken Robinson blessed the hall that evening.

KC member Spike Yosten assisted in building the Muenster KC Hall 75 years ago. He was invited to share his memories of that event.

Written Dec. 15, 2009 by L. J. "Spike" Yosten
I was born Dec. 19, 1913.

a job on the K of C Hall. He told me that if I would join the KCs, I would have a job there until the last nail was driven. I took him up on that deal, and I was initiated in the Third Degree in May 1935, at the Blackstone Hotel, Second Floor, in Fort Worth. I have paid my dues until I became an Honorary Member. Roy Endres was Grand Knight of the KCs at the time.

Now back to my story. I worked mostly as a hod carrier for a bricklayer, name of Clay Brooks, a very nervous man. But he was a demon bricklayer. The other bricklayer's name was Clarence
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Muenster High School Principal Sharon Browning is busy preparing for the 2010-11 year. Janet Felderhoff photo

Browning promoted to principal of MHS

By Janet Felderhoff
Muenster High School has a new principal, but not an unfamiliar face. Assistant Principal Sharon Browning was promoted to the position after the resignation of Principal Brandon Peavey. He resigned at the end of this school year.

Principal Browning noted that she doesn't have any major plans to change things. She commented, "In the last couple of years that I've been here, I've seen an improvement in student behavior and just in student attitude. I've been very happy with the way that they've composed themselves." She said that she plans to continue to work on the dress code.

She wants the students to be modest in their attire.

"Of course, we are always working toward Exemplary," she said. "That's the teachers and the students who do that. I'm just kind of up here at the top. The success that we've had has to do with the way that the students work with the teachers, and the teachers work with the students. I think that is a very good relationship." She hopes to continue to do well academically in UIL. "We have a new A.D. (athletic director) come in - Coach Carney, and I think that athletically we will continue the success we've had and maybe be able to work from that for a better success."

Browning's educational background includes in 1980 earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Education with a Biology major and a Chemistry minor. In 1984, she earned her Master's in Secondary Education. She attended Continuing Education courses at Brazosport College from 1988-93. She earned her Elementary Education certification at the University of Houston in 1997. From Texas Woman's University, Browning earned her Principal certification in 1999-2000, and Superintendent certification in 2001-02.

Prior to accepting the assistant principal position at Muenster ISD, Browning served at Forestburg ISD as TAKS District Coordinator from 2002-08, and assistant principal from 2003-08.

Other schools where Browning taught are Ivanof Bay School, Needville Middle School, St. Paul Island School, and Velma-Alma Jr.-Sr. High School.

"The purpose of education is to produce students who become productive life-long learners," remarked Browning on her philosophy of education.

Browning and her husband reside north of Forestburg. He is a teacher at Bridgeport ISD. They have three daughters. Two of them live in Houston and the other in Austin.

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MISD accepts Peavey's resignation

By Janet Felderhoff
Muenster ISD's High School Principal Brandon Peavey submitted a letter of resignation which was officially accepted at the June 16 meeting of the Muenster ISD Board of Trustees. He said he is leaving to accept another position.

Stepping up to the position of principal is Sharon Browning. She has served as assistant principal since the 2008-09 school year. The assistant principal position will not be filled.

Another resignation tendered and accepted at the June 16 meeting was that of Fred Staugh. He served MISD as a coach and special ed teacher.

Hired to fill open positions on the staff were Dyan Huchton for elementary special ed, Kenet Richerson for Pre-K, and Justin Josselet as a teacher and coach. Each was given a one year probationary, 10 month contract.

After a budget workshop, a Budget Hearing and Proposed Tax Rate were set. They slated the Public Hearing for Wednesday, June 30 at 8 p.m. After the hearing, they will consider accepting the tax rate.

The Proposed Tax Rate is \$1.123500. Last year's tax rate was set at \$1.166800.

This year's rollback rate is \$1.123500. The rollback rate is the highest rate that the District can accept before requiring voting at an election.

Charlie Price/Compass Builders presented construction update options for the football fieldhouse, practice gym, and concession stand. The Board voted to hire W.C. Ferrell as the architect for the proposed construction to complete the fieldhouse, additional locker rooms, and practice gym.

In his Superintendent's Report, Clay Richerson noted that the School Health Advisory Council needs to be revamped to include parents of students who are not school employees.

Highlights of Muenster Elementary Principal Lou Heer's report included:

- During May, the kindergarten through 2nd grade were administered the Texas Primary Reading Inventory screening. Reading 60 words per minute was the goal for the end of 1st grade, while reading 90 words per minute was the goal for the end of 2nd grade.
- Elementary UIL Coordinators Dianne Endres and Cheryl Presnall attended a District 17-A UIL Academic Planning Meeting on May

- 12. The Elementary's end of year ceremony took place May 18. Students received awards that they had earned during the year.
- Lou Heers attended training at ESC XI on the NCLB Compliance Report.
- Muenster Elementary Student Council (MESOC) hosted its 6th Annual Elementary Talent Show on May 21.
- MESOC sponsors Cicily Waneck and Amy Anderle and members spent a morning at VISTO in Gainesville helping stock shelves with canned good items.
- Gifted and Talented students in grades 3-6 ventured back in time to the "pioneer" days. Accompanied by their teacher Deb Klement and 3rd grade teacher Amy Anderle, the students enjoyed the day at Willie Walterscheid's farm. On that same day, kindergarten students enjoyed an outing in the Muenster Park.

High School Principal Sharon Browning reported that on June 5, SAT was administered on site to 47 students from Muenster and the surrounding area. Summer school attendees include two junior high students who failed two or more courses and two high school

students who are recovering credit. One student is being tutored for remediation for TAKS retest by Mrs. Bartel, and Mrs. Binder is working part-time with junior high students on math skills.

Principal Browning reported that 8th grade TAKS retest results are in and of the 11 math students who retested, 10 passed. Two of the three reading students being retested passed. The final retest is on June 29 and 30.

Failure rate for the year (student failed one or more courses): 7th grade - six of 36; 8th - five of 45; 9th - three of 38; 10th - nine of 44; and 11th - two of 28.

Technology Director Jeff Presnall's report noted that the Muenster ISD Technology Plan has been approved by the Texas Education Agency for the 2010-11 school year. A new version of the District's website was launched last month. Debra Sicking is credited with its new look. Presnall completed the software training for the new marquee sign. Quotes are being taken for 60 desktop computers for teacher/staff. A group of MISD teachers attended a SmartBoard advanced training workshop at ESC 11 recently. Thirty

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Spike Yosten

My mother was Polish, father German. I was asked by Grand Knight Ben Bindel to tell about the building of the now present K of C Hall.

First, I had a hand in the removal of the old hall, and helped in building the garage, which was built on the ground of the old K of C Hall. This was the Wilde Brothers Garage, which is now a warehouse, or whatever. The name of the contractor on this building was Charles Bialkowski, and he and I became friends, since he found out I was half Polish.

Charles had the contract on the new K of C Hall. So when the Wilde building was finished, I asked Charlie for

Don Stocklin's pipe dream produces PVC Art

By Janet Felderhoff

Not being a body to sit about the house from day to day without a project to keep him busy, Don Stocklin has ventured into various artistic endeavors. He's used materials from pastel paints to wood to create his artwork. Fashioning pieces of art from PVC pipe is his most recent, and perhaps the most challenging. He creates each piece from a single PVC pipe, and even finds uses for the leftovers.

Inspired by a picture of an egret, Don began his PVC Art venture. He said his brother in Maryland sent him the pictures, which he put away and forgot about for a time. Don recalled, "One morning I was reading some various books in a kind of a devotional time for me. Immediately I got this - birds. I really had a question, 'What about birds?' I found myself going through the desk drawers looking for the pictures and I found them."

Don got a piece of PVC pipe from his yard and began to ponder how to make the bird figures he was looking at. It was a learning process as Don experimented with ideas, some successful, others not so much.

"I keep getting these ideas," explained the artist. "I wake up in the middle of the night and wonder if I could do that. All of a sudden I create that!"

On a trip to Florida to visit his son and family, Don brought along some sample of his PVC art. People in Florida were awed by it, and many placed orders. Although many of his birds are waterfowl, north Texans enjoy them also. Residents of places like Lake Kiowa or

people with lake homes at Texoma buy them to use as lawn art on their lake front property. Pelicans rate high on the request list.

Relating his greatest disappointment since beginning his PVC Art business in March a year ago, Don told of his experience at the Whitesboro Peanut Festival. He said he worked every day last summer, often in 100 degree plus temperatures making 100 pieces of everything. "I really poured myself into it like I did my wood turning," he recalled. He had

high hopes for making good sales at Whitesboro. The day was perfect and the crowd huge.

"I had so many lookers that I've never had even with my art," he said. "Only certain people gravitate to that art work. Everyone gravitates to this because it's different. I heard that all day long. 'You've got something different. We came away from that really disappointed.' But different didn't go in my pocket!"

Don received more compliments and positive com-

ments on his work that day. Men in particular seemed fascinated by the pieces. They would look and ask if they were made of wood or metal. That they were PVC pipe and all one piece surprised a lot of guys, noted Don.

Neighbors and others who have seen Don's work are some of his best customers and source of advertising. He's gotten many orders just from people spreading the word to their friends and relatives.

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Don Stocklin files the edges smooth on a heron made of a single piece of PVC pipe. At right an eagle made by the same process. Janet Felderhoff photos



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The pieces he had on hand were priced at \$25, \$50, \$65, and up depending on the work involved.

Creation of the PVC pieces involves Don selecting a piece of 2", 3", or 4" schedule 40 PVC pipe, setting a pattern on it, and drawing it out. He uses a jigsaw to cut out the piece and then uses files to remove roughness from the edges, and sand them smooth. A heat gun softens the pipe, allowing Don to curve the neck, bend the legs, or make other adjustments to shape the piece. The herons and flamingos are attached at their feet to a piece of wood that serves as a base.

"The challenge is trying to make them as quickly as possible," noted Don. He said that he usually draws out six at a time, then files on all six, and shapes them all at the same time. He estimates that it requires two and a half to three hours from start to finish. There is a paint for plastic that allows him to skip the sanding and priming steps. The color selection in these is limited and so he often has to sand and prime to allow the plastic to absorb colors from other paint types.

Although birds were Don's first attempts, he has since fashioned longhorn steers, which were much requested by a rustic furniture store,

desires for different things," Don remarked. "Painting was really a strong thing for me." He feels that the Gainesville area is good for the arts. His work has been offered in some of the art studios in Gainesville. He has sold the right to use some of his pastel paintings to Bradford Exchange. He enjoys

ties and bringing in some money.

A neighbor of Don's does work as a wood turner. This work peaked Don's interest and he invested in a wood blade. He said he turned hundreds of wood vases. Some of the vases were made with turquoise or leather inlays. Most of these were sold



Longhorn steer from PVC pipe.

Janet Felderhoff photo

painting landscapes and animals. Meeting different artists provides him with other ideas and techniques. They also provide motivation for the Mountain Springs artist. Don is a self taught painter.

As the economy started to trickle another way, Don sought other means of expressing his artistic abili-

ties in Maryland by Don's brother who bought everything he made.

Don lives in the small community of Mountain Springs located near Valley View. He's made his home on two acres there for the last 10 years. His workshop is next to his home. It started out as his art studio.

Now retired, Don served as a property manager for a high fashion jewelry company called Premiere Designs from Irving. He landscaped the property, designed the buildings, etc.

Don welcomes people who are interested in his unique PVC Art to contact him at (940) 637-2054 or his cell (940) 300-5085. He has pieces available at his studio and also takes custom orders. Anticipate about a two week turnaround time on an order.



Don Stocklin shows his PVC armadillo. Below, a flower fashioned from used PVC pipe and pelicans. Janet Felderhoff photos

geckos, and armadillos. There was no pattern when Don started his art project. He eventually drew out patterns so that his son and grandson could make PVC pipe pieces if they so choose.

"I'm just excited about people being excited about it (PVC art) and just like my pelicans out there, a lot of folks don't know what to do with the pelicans until you show them what to do with them," Don remarked. "Put the posts in the ground and set 'em on there and put some rope around - it looks like a pier. There's all kinds of things. We can't limit ourselves, because we're in Texas, with a white heron or a flamingo."

The former Argyle resident expresses his artistic abilities in a variety of ways. "The Lord blessed me with



PVC eagle



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BROWNING MISD

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A graduate of Wichita Falls High School, Browning has a number of relatives in the Montague County area.

In her spare time, Browning enjoys doing home improvements, reading, and traveling. Of all the places that she has visited, Browning's favorite is St. Paul Island, Alaska. She actually lived there for a couple of years.

"I'm just very happy with the new position," Browning said. "I'm going to do my very best to help Muenster to continue to be successful as they have in the past, and hopefully, we will take it to the next level with even better success."

The position of assistant principal will not be filled.

of 37 tech assistance requests have been completed since the beginning of May. MISD's website currently has 741 registered users and txConnect Parent Portal has 244 active student accounts.

Athletic Director Brady Carney reported that he is pleased with the summer workouts after the first week. Each day, 30-35 boys participated. He anticipates more girls taking part after

cheerleading camp. The junior high workouts have 30-35 boys and girls attending all four days. He is excited about the coming school year.

In other business, the MISD Board of Trustees:
• Approved a request for use of a bus to transport Sacred Heart students to Dallas on July 7.
• Heard report of delinquent tax collections in the amount of \$24,495.79.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO

June 22, 1945

Muenster Hatchery gets new metal roof. Anna Mae Dankesreiter has tonsils removed. New Arrival: Sandra to Charles and Louise Wolf. New electric milkers have been put to use on the farms of Norbert, Ray, and Walter Klement, Martin Bayer, Alois Walter, Gary Hess, Carl Herr, John Knabe, Mrs. Joe Bayer, Gus Sicking, Leo Voth, John Sicking, Bruno Fleitman, Roy Endres, Jr., Alphonse Luke, and Charles Fisher. Martin Hacker and Johnny Bayer, whose farms do not have electricity, installed milking machines with gasoline motors that can be switched over to electricity as soon as REA reaches their farms.

50 YEARS AGO

June 24, 1960

Rev. Christopher Paladino, pastor at Sacred Heart Church, transfers to Subiaco Abbey; Rev. Alcuin Kubis will take his place, coming here from St. Peter's in Lindsay. A freakish condition limiting the supply of oxygen in the top few feet of water is believed to be responsible for the death of thousands of fish in J.M. Weinzapfel's lake. Muenster Butane is in new building on the east City limits. Obituary: Laura Pels, 6 days old. Wedding: Thomas Herr and Virgilla Schilling.

25 YEARS AGO

June 21, 1985

Abduction attempts reported on two children in Muenster the past week. The American farmer is featured in a DuPont commercial filmed at Muenster Milling Company; the ad will be seen on nationwide television. Fr. Frowin Schoech observes Silver Jubilee. Obituaries: Lucille Cler Dye, 62; Carolyn Macready, 41. College Graduates: Laurie Walterscheid, TWU; Steven Luke, NTSU. Weddings: Sharon Schmidkofer and Michel Janssen; Lisa Sandmann and Larry Grabbitt.

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Obituaries

Vicky Fisher 1956 - 2010

Mass of Christian Burial for Victoria "Vicky" Rose Haverkamp Fisher of Muenster was held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 17 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Fr. Ken Robinson officiating. Burial followed in Sacred Heart Cemetery under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home.

Vicky died at the age of 53 on June 14, 2010 at her home.

Born Aug. 9, 1956 to Dan and Patsy Haverkamp, Vicky graduated from Sacred Heart High School. She married Chuck Fisher on Jan. 10, 1976 in Sacred Heart Church. Vicky was known as a loyal friend, the family barber, taxi driver, swim instructor, boat captain, and fisherman. She enjoyed gardening and was the neighborhood baby-sitter, a landscape architect, house cleaner, pool boy, and everybody's errand runner. She had the ability to make people laugh.

Survivors include her husband Chuck Fisher of Muenster; daughters and son-in-law Sally and Maurus Hacker and Jessica Fisher, all of Muenster; five grandchildren; father Dan Haverkamp; mother; sister and brother-in-law Denise and Tim Smith of Muenster; brothers and sister-in-law Billy and D'Ann Haverkamp, Floyd Haverkamp, and Kevin Haverkamp, all of Muenster.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Maggie Fisher and her mother Patsy Fette Haverkamp Flores.

Assisting at the funeral Mass were altar servers Butch Fisher, Alex Walford, and Kevin Kelson. Ginnie Kelson gave the First Reading. The Second Reading was given by Nancy Walter. Courtney Haverkamp Sewell read the Prayers of the Faithful. Offertory Gifts were brought up by Jody Fisher Carroll, Paige Fisher, Nathan Hacker, and Chloe Hacker. Eucharistic ministers were Nancie Lippe, Mary Kay Fisher, Le-

aha Smith, Brooke Walford, Shellie Herr, JoAnn Pagel, and Theresa Walterscheid.

Music ministers were Diane Grewing, Doug Yosten, Christi Klement, Jim Endres, and Christy Hesse. Sacred songs included "On Eagles Wings," "And I Will Follow," "Only In God," "How Great Thou Art," "More Precious Than Silver/I Exalt Thee," "Only A Shadow," "Songs of the Angels," and "I Am The Resurrection." Christy Hesse was accompanied by Margaret Shofner, pianist, for "Ave Maria."

Mark Lippe gave the eulogy. He spoke of Vicky's love of family and friends, selflessness, and comic relief, which were daily rituals that defined her life. "Vicky, at a young age, was delegated to many household chores and the responsibilities of watching over her younger siblings... all her siblings will tell you that she was a great sister and like a substitute mom to them..."

"Vicky had a great sense of humor and I think about three or four different laughs... You couldn't help but laugh right along with her... Vicky took pride in decorating her home for all the seasons..."

"Of course we all know too well the tragedy of the loss of their daughter Maggie. That was a terrible blow to Vicky and something from which she never fully recovered. But God, in his infinite wisdom, provided some comfort and healing. It came in the form of... her grandchildren. It was easy to see the love that Nana (as they called her) had for her grandkids..."

"Vicky also loved God... And Vicky put Jesus at the top of her list too... She loved freely. She gave her time and talents freely..."

Pallbearers were Keaton Haverkamp, Bill Haverkamp, Mitchell Herr, Clay Fisher, John Fisher, and Drew Fisher.

On Wednesday evening, a Divine Mercy/Vigil service led by Fr. Ken was held in Sacred Heart Catholic



Vicky Fisher

Church at 7:45 p.m. The Divine Mercy chaplet was sung with the accompaniment of a CD. After the service, a special song, "To My Mother," was sung by Diane Grewing, Christi Klement, Linda Flusche, Jim Endres, and Doug Yosten.

Memorials can be made to the Maggie Fisher and Stephanie Huchton Scholarship Fund, care of Muenster State Bank.

Dan "Danny" Richardson 1951 - 2010

A memorial visitation for Dan "Danny" C. Richardson, Jr., 59 of Gainesville, was held Tuesday, June 22 from 6-9 p.m. at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home Chapel.

Mr. Richardson died at the V.A. Hospital in Dallas on June 18, 2010. He was born in Muenster on May 30, 1951 to Dan C. and Wilma Meyer Richardson, Sr., and graduated from Era High School in 1969 where he played football and baseball. He attended The University of North Texas.

Danny entered the U.S. Army in 1969, serving until 1971. During his service, he was stationed overseas at Okinawa, and then worked as a receiving clerk at Walter Reed Hospital.

On his return, he worked at the AMPI plant in Muenster. Over the years, he worked a variety of oil field related positions and as a rural postal carrier.

On Oct. 24, 1981, he married Loy Ann Koebelen at the First Presbyterian Church in Gainesville. In 1996, Danny was a liver transplant recipient. This blessing gave him additional precious years to be with his wife and to watch

Melvin Herr 1932 - 2010

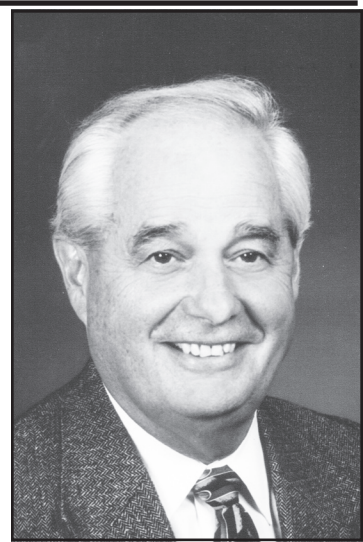
Melvin David Herr, age 78 of Denton, died Sunday, June 20, 2010 at Denton Regional Medical Center. He was born May 3, 1932 in Muenster to Frank Fred Herr and Ida Mae Roberg Herr. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. Melvin married Lee Mages on Aug. 25, 1956 in Gainesville, and later married Elaine Welch on May 5, 1984 in Denton. She preceded him in death. He was an Insurance Agent for Prudential Insurance Co. and was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus.

Visitation was held Wednesday evening, June 23 at DeBerry Funeral Directors, with Rosary being recited at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial was Thursday, June 24 at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Rev. Victor Cruz officiating. Burial followed at Sanger Cemetery.

Pallbearers were David

Herr, Michael Herr, Tyrel Johnson, Kyle Earhart, Pam Herr, and Justin Herr.

Survivors include his daughters Tina Herr of Gladewater, Kathy Earhart and Randy Earhart of Oklahoma City, Janice Forsberg and Arne of Bellingham, Washington, and Pam Herr of Oklahoma City; step-daughter Marilyn Mitchell of Denton; sons Michael Herr and Kim of Lathrop, California, and David Herr and Jude Herr of Boulder, Colorado; step-son, Charles Mitchell of Fort Worth; sisters Della Walterscheid of Muenster, and Joanie Price and Jim of Denton; brothers Ronnie Herr and Alma of Gainesville, Tommy Herr and Virgilla of Muenster, and Charlie Herr and Cher-



Melvin Herr

yl of La Quinta, California, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to a charity of your choice.

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Thurman, a very nice guy. All of the mortar used for brick laying was mixed by hand by an old guy by the name of Noah, using a mud box and a tool which looked like a garden hoe with a hole in the blade. He never got behind, always was ahead of the layers. I might add, these two layers also did the job on the Wilde building. Clay got so fast one time, he stepped off the scaffold, fell about five or six feet, got up on the scaffold again, went back to work, and I asked if he was hurt, and he said, "keep them bricks coming!" See what I mean? I enjoyed all this work, as there wasn't anything else to do. What a time I lived in!

When the brick laying was over, I worked with the carpenters or whatever place I was put. After the steel roof beams were up and the roof on, we started laying the oak floor. Frank Hoedebeck, Claude Savage, Matt Schmitz, and I, and with Clarence Wilson as boss, laid the floor. We used a nail called a finishing nail, and Mr. Wilson said never hit the last lick, as it would leave a dent in the wood, so at first we would use a small piece of round rod to finish the nail setting. We finally learned to do without it. Well that is 70-plus years ago and it is still there.

I wrote my name, age, and time of day on a two by six in the peak of the East point, above the K of C emblem. I have no recollection of the

wage we were paid. I learned to really like Mr. Bialkowski. He always called me "Lennad," and he always saw to it that I had a job, rain or shine. God bless him, I suppose he is long dead, and also he was Catholic. I lost track of him after we drove the last nail. I helped on a lot of clean-up.

Frank Hoedebeck got a contract from Texas Company to build a central power on the Joe Walterscheid farm, as they had three or four wells had to put on pump. He hired me and Claude Savage to help on this project. When this was finished, I worked in various jobs, mostly oil patch. I was a restless person, just had to go somewhere. Oh, I forgot, I made every initiation that I could. Loved our turn. Mr. Henry Luke, our CG, was the best.

Went to Idaho in spring of 1936, worked there until fall, cold weather set in, went to Yellowstone, no work there; Montana, same thing. So went to Wyoming, and South Dakota, grasshoppers ate all the corn, wound up in Nebraska, where I had relatives from Omaha to Sidney, on Colorado border. Finally went home to Texas. No place like home. Have been to Canada, Mexico, Hawaii, Germany, France, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, and twice to Myra!

Am now 93 plus 7, and still a member, I hope, and thanks for the 70-year pin.

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Delaney McKnight and Paul Wolf have chosen Saturday, Aug. 14, 2010 for their wedding day. Their marriage will take place in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Denton at 7 p.m. Delaney is the daughter of Leane Munger of Ponder. Paul is the son of Kent and Lori Wolf of Denton and the grandson of Ernest and Bea Wolf of Gainesville. The bride-to-be and the future groom are both seniors at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

New Arrival

Luke

Jesse and Kelly Luke of Prosper announce with joy the arrival of their daughter Alexa Ray Luke. Alexa was born Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at 1:28 a.m. at Baylor Medical Center in Frisco. She weighed 7 lb. 7 oz. and measured 20.5 inches in length. Alexa is the first child for Jesse and Kelly. Grandparents are Melvin and Terri Luke and Tim and Ramona Felderhoff, all of Muenster. Great-grandmothers are Eleanor Felderhoff and Peggy Walterscheid, both of Muenster.



Alexa Ray Luke

All gardeners know better than other gardeners.

- Chinese Proverb



KEEP MUEENSTER BEAUTIFUL YARD OF THE MONTH for June was awarded to Steve and Doreen Taylor's yard at 236 W. Fourth Street. The residence has many appealing aspects in both the front and back yards. Large cedar elm, pecan, and red oak trees shade the front yard, and a red bud provides a blush of color in early spring. Several flower bed areas are filled with various shrubs, perennials, and annuals, as well as pots filled with blooming flowers and other plants. Plants include periwinkles, coleus, daisies, begonia, lantana, petunias, ivies, and lavender. A patio and deck in the back provide places to visit or just enjoy the outdoor beauty. A rock grotto with a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary holds a place of honor in one of the flower beds. Many items such as birdhouses and hanging baskets lend interest to the yard. To nominate someone for Yard of the Month honors, contact any KMB member, or call the Muenster Enterprise at 759-4311 or the Muenster Chamber of Commerce at 759-2227.

Janet Felderhoff photo

Cowboys for CASA raises \$27,000

CASA of North Texas, a local advocacy group for abused and neglected children, held its sixth annual Cowboys for CASA fundraiser on Friday, June 19 with a barbecue dinner, auction, and concert by popular Texas Country music performer Sonny Burgess.

More than 250 people attended the event. "We are so pleased with the turnout," said Vicki Robertson, executive director of CASA of North Texas. "We had a great crowd, bigger than last year. Cowboys for CASA is important for our organization, as the money raised keeps the work for the children going. This allows CASA to work to 'be there' for every Cooke County child facing the struggles of being a part of the foster care system." This year's event brought in just over \$27,000, which will help fund CASA's work for the children.

"Of course, none of this could have happened without our sponsors and those

who give of themselves to make this happen. Giles and Marlene Walterscheid and their crew from Superior Machining are an absolute blessing to us. Their barbecue meal was excellent, as always. They always make us look good. Cowboys for CASA wouldn't be what it is without them."

A raffle drawing also took place at Cowboys for CASA. Joyce Surlow was the winner of the John Deere Zero

Radius Mower and trailer. Marion Morris won the Apple I-Pad, and A.J. Hermes will receive the smoker with 100 lbs. of beef.

CASA, which stand for Court Appointed Special Advocates, is a non-profit agency that recruits, trains, supervises, and gives support to a network of volunteers who represent the best interests of children who have been removed from their homes because of neglect and/or abuse.

College Honors

University of Texas San Antonio

Kristen Miller, a junior at the University of Texas, San Antonio, has been named to the Dean's List for her 4.0 GPA for the Spring 2010 semester. She is a Chemistry major and has been accepted into the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio to pursue her Doctorate

in Pharmacy in the Fall of 2010. She has been awarded an outstanding scholarship of \$18,244 to be used in her studies by the University of Incarnate Word.

Lisa Miller, a Biology major, has completed her freshman year and was named to the Dean's List at the University of Texas, San Antonio with a 4.0 GPA for the Spring of 2010.

Kristen and Lisa are the daughters of Glenn and Stacie Miller and the granddaughters of Julian and Carrie Walterscheid and Herbert Miller and the late Dolores Miller.

Texas State University
Texas State University - San Marcos has released its Spring 2010 Dean's List. Three local students earned that honor. They are Hillary Swirczynski of Muenster, and Jillian Bezner and Kayla Hess of Lindsay.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must earn a minimum grade-point average of 3.50 while carrying a class load of at least 12 semester hours.

Freedom Ring Parade set

Whaley United Methodist Church is planning a parade celebrating Independence Day. The parade will start in the Whaley parking lot on Saturday, July 3. Participants are asked to begin gathering at 9 a.m. and be ready to leave at 9:30 a.m.

The parade route goes east on Everglade Drive to Aspen Road, then south on Aspen Road to Scott Street, west on Scott Street to Rosedale Drive, and north back to the Whaley parking lot.

Children of all ages are asked to participate by decorating some type of vehicle in a Patriotic theme. These might include bicycles, wagons, tricycles, battery

powered jeeps or kids' cars, lawn mowers, or golf carts. Pets on a leash are also welcome. No large animals will be allowed, however. If you choose to bring a pet, be sure to bring water for them and a means to clean up any "mess" they might make.

Following the parade, everyone will gather under the shade trees for a Patriotic Sing-Song and watermelon.

Everyone is urged to bring a bell to "Let Freedom Ring." The parade is open to anyone who wishes to participate.

For questions, call Evelyn Yeatts, Fellowship Committee Chair (940-665-4472) or anyone on the Fellowship Committee.

Taylor earns degree

Laura Gayle Taylor graduated from Texas Woman's University in Denton on May 14 at the Kitty Magee Arena of Pioneer Hall with a Bachelor of General Studies degree in Women's Studies/Reading.

Attending her graduation were her parents Steve and Doreen Taylor, brothers Nicholas and Adam Taylor, and friend Adam Jones. Following the graduation, everyone enjoyed a meal at the Olive Garden in Denton.

On Sunday, May 16, a party was held in Laura's honor

at the home of her parents. Attending the party were her parents, her brothers, Lauren Creed, and Adam Jones. Also attending were Laura's grandmothers Lorena Taylor and Regina Pels; Godparents Roger and Janie Taylor; uncles and aunts Janet and Danny Voth and Rita and Craig Bayer; cousins Debra, Carter, Faith, Hayden, and Taylor Sicking, Jake, Emma, and Andy Bayer, Kameron Metzler, Kyla Taylor; and numerous friends from Muenster, Denton, and Lewisville.



Laura Taylor

ABBA forms Arts & Crafts Group for fundraising

On Tuesday, June 22, ABBA Women's Center held an organizational meeting for Adult Arts & Crafts Group. The purpose of this group is to create hand-made crafts during the summer months. These items will then be sold at the Cooke County Sell O Rama on Nov. 12 and 13 and at the first ABBA Holiday Craft Bazaar.

Persons who enjoy making hand-made crafts are invited to join this group where they might learn new arts and crafts skills and have fun. Crafting sessions are open to adults only and take place each Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the ABBA Dining Hall, 214 N. Taylor in Gainesville.

Material and craft supply donations are appreciated.


For more information or to register for this group, call the ABBA office (668-6391) between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Monday through Wednesday or Fridays. Ask for Sandra Ploeger or Jennie Hassett.

Also, call the above if you cannot attend the crafting meetings, but would like to donate completed craft items or craft supplies.



Muenster State Bank held a Customer Appreciation Cookout last Friday. Barbecue and hot dogs were enjoyed by many customers of all ages. Phil Keil photo

Remember to sign up for Swim Lessons Saturday morning at the City park. Come in a swimsuit!



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"Circus of Stars" greets VBS children

About 190 children ages four through incoming 5th graders and more than 90 volunteers had a fun time during Vacation Bible School June 14 through 18 at Sacred Heart Church. The theme was "Circus of Stars" with an emphasis on the "Our Father" and on "The Year of the Priest."

There were various "stations" and the adult and teen volunteers guided the children from one to another. One station was called "Chapel." At this station, Christy Hesse told them about the church building, its statues, and the symbols of the Sacred Heart that line the walls. She also prayed the stations of the cross with them.

Another station was "Missionaries in Action" led by Debbie Cochran, Grace Bezner, seminarian Keith Hathaway, and teen volunteers. At this station, the children had "visits" from St. Catherine of Siena and St. John Vianney and walked on a "tight rope" like St. John Bosco and played "pin the halo on the saint."

The "Crafts" station was led by Angela Haley and her adult and teen helpers.

At this station, the children used markers to decorate pillowcases with their names and religious symbols. Another time they decorated "guitars." In place of going to the "Crafts" station, the fifth graders made rosaries in their classrooms that Father Ken Robinson blessed at the closing ceremony.

Another favorite spot was "Music" led by Ashley Hartman and seminarian Joe Keating. The kids had a great time singing and doing motions to songs that Joe taught them while playing his guitar. They also played the CD that accompanied the "Circle of Stars" and did motions to those songs. The children especially enjoyed the "Snacks" station which was coordinated by Noel Barnhill and her teen helpers.

Each child and volunteer was given a white t-shirt with "Circus of Stars" designs. They wore them on Friday and for the closing program. And since one of the themes of VBS was the "Year of the Priest," the children brought money during the week for the priest retirement fund.

Parents and grandparents

were invited to a closing ceremony on Friday, June 18, at 10:45 a.m. in the Community Center. Father Ken led the opening prayer. Then Father Ken was seated in the middle of the room and all the children sang "Thank You Father."

Afterward, the different grade levels sang songs and did motions to the words. The four-year olds and Kindergartners sang "This Little Light of Mine," first graders sang "Down In My Heart," second graders sang "I Have a Mission," third graders sang "Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord," fourth graders sang "Trading My Sorrows," and fifth graders sang "Our Father."

After the songs, everyone enjoyed a slide show of the children doing the various activities that had taken place during the week.

What is one to say about June, the time of perfect young summer, the fulfillment of the promise of the earlier months, and with as yet no sign to remind one that its fresh young beauty will ever fade.

~Gertrude Jekyll



Denver Lutkenhaus and Lane Trubenbach work on the craft of the day,



Pictured above, front to back - Robert Hanson, Andrew Nasr, and Thomas Hennigan construct rosaries.

Photos by Janie Hartman

Sacred Heart Vacation Bible School



Above - Playing Simon Says; Bottom -



Lauren Miller at games.



free time on the playground. At right - Marcus Anderle imitates an elephant. At left, Kacie Grewing "paints" her pillow slip.



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SCHOOL

Students practice their Skills for Living

Muenster ISD 8th grade Skills for Living students finished the school year by practicing some of the knowledge acquired in class, outside of the classroom. Entrepreneurial skills were practiced when students developed and managed their own business, the Flavorful Fourteen Snack Shack.

Students planned, shopped, and prepared for cookie baking labs. The students utilized time and money management skills, advertising techniques, as well as successfully preparing treats for bake sales in the Family and Consumer Sciences Department. Leadership and teamwork was the main focus of the project.

The students then traveled to the Rainforest Café to spend the remaining earnings for a lunch at Grapevine Mills Mall. They were accompanied by their teacher Joni Sturm. This activity resulted in the students putting into practice tipping calculations as well as table manners and etiquette. The successful end to their business resulted in many valuable life skills earned.

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Hannah Weger at FCCLA training.

MISD photo

Weger trains as FCCLA Region II officer

Muenster High School senior Hannah Weger recently participated in training for all Texas Region and State Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America officers. Hannah will serve as 2010-11 Region II vice president of Public Relations.

organization in the coming school year. All planning for the Region and State meetings and STAR events was also completed. The training was held at Camp Allen Conference Center near Navasota, Texas June 7-11.

The students participated in a variety of activities to enable the officers to lead the

Hannah was accompanied by her adviser Mrs. Joni Sturm.

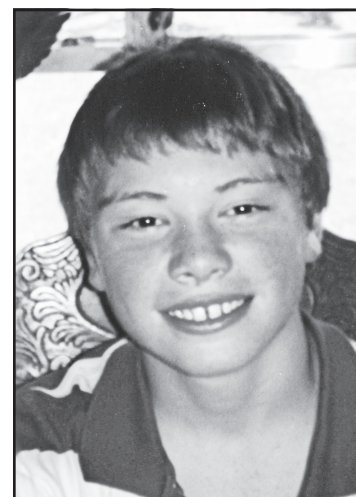
Nervo graduates with honors

Alexander Nicolas Nervo graduated with honors from Ditto Elementary School in Arlington on June 2.

Alexander was recognized for several accomplishments at his awards banquet and graduation ceremony. He was the sole recipient of the Music Memory contest award, which focused on recognition of classical pieces and matching composers. He was consistently on the honor roll and was an active member of the Texas Readers Club. He belonged to the honors math class and represented his school in the Math Olympiads. Alexander was acknowledged for his participation in the Technology Extravaganza and was featured in a school video. His exemplary behavior garnered him the Citizenship Award. Alexander was cited for his outstanding performance on the Fitnessgram Test, which emphasized physical exercise and stamina. He was presented with a certificate for completion of Project Alert, a program focusing on drug prevention. He enjoyed being a volunteer for his teachers and school activities.

Alexander celebrated his graduation with a luncheon and festivities on June 12 hosted by his parents Donna and Nicolas Nervo of Arlington.

Decorations of rainbow-colored graduation hats accentuated the tableware.



Alexander Nicolas Nervo

Banners of "2010" and "Congrats Grad!" were displayed. A carrot cake cupcake tree served as the main table's centerpiece. Each cupcake was decorated with a "Go Grad!" miniature flag.

A grilled sausage meal with potato salad and barbecue beans was served. Everyone enjoyed reminiscing and looking at Alexander's mementos and photos during his grade school years. Guests recalled happy memories after viewing a film that showed Alexander's gradual development and progress from kindergarten through the sixth grade.

Special guests included Alexander's younger brothers Dominic and Zachary and maternal grandmother Rachel Hennigan of Muenster.

SPCA tip

Fireworks can scare animals. Be sure to keep them somewhere safe when you and your neighbors celebrate Independence Day.



MISD Skills for Life students at the Rainforest Café included, from left, bottom, seated - David Hutson, Danielle West, Ashley Hammer, Kendi Bayer, Sydney Huchton, Destin Fleitman, Jamie Mandrell; standing - Jay Patel, Erin Hess, Cole Walterscheid, Rachel Mouring, Shelbi Sicking, Abby Pagel, and Makayla Pumphrey. Not pictured, Adrien Rohmer.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The MUENSTER ISD will hold a public meeting at 8:00 PM 06/30/2010 in MUENSTER ISD ADMINISTRATON BLDG MUENSTER, TEXAS. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$0.083500 /\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	16.000000% (increase) or	% (decrease)
Debt service	% (increase) or	-38.100000% (decrease)
Total expenditures	16.000000% (increase) or	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$487,805,045	\$484,770,795
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$166,808,244	\$1,424,001
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$469,362,419	\$465,851,484
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$166,798,241	\$1,414,245

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness: \$1,880,000

* Outstanding principal

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.126800*	\$1.166800	\$11,855	\$-3,955
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.150770	\$0.077520*	\$1.228290	\$10,018	\$809
Proposed Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.083500*	\$1.123500	\$8,808	\$743

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$0	\$0
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$0	\$0
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.166800	\$1.123500
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$0.00	\$0.00
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.123500. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.123500.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$3,502,095
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$541,346

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linsville - C; Windthorst - W;
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In swing for summer ball - clockwise, starting above left - Katie Bell; Will Bezner; Annie Anderle; and Elijah Bayer. Janie Hartman photos




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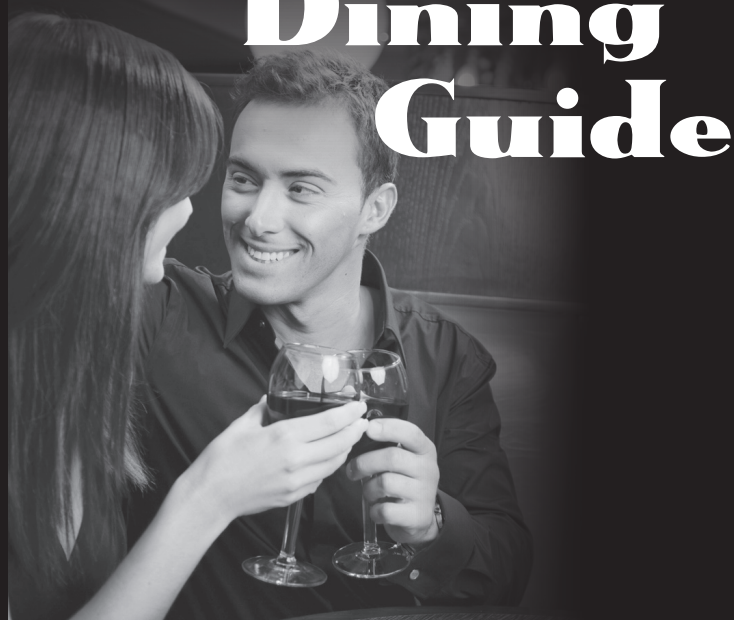
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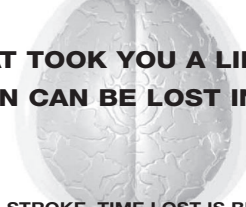
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Regulation of greenhouse gases could mean more costly food

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) is disappointed after the U.S. Senate failed to pass a resolution that would have prevented the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from regulating carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases (GHGs).

U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Ark.) filed a disapproval resolution after the EPA released an endangerment finding giving themselves the authority to regulate GHGs.

If the EPA regulates GHGs under the Clean Air Act (CAA), the cost would be overwhelming as millions of entities, including ranches, would be subject to burdensome CAA regulations. If ranchers don't comply with the new regulations, they could be subject to fines.

These costly regulations would be based on what the EPA claims is a weak and indirect link between GHGs and public health.

"If the federal government

wants to regulate greenhouse gases, that debate should happen in Congress -- where agriculture has representation -- not through a backdoor approach," said Dave Scott, rancher and TSCRA president. "The EPA's decision to regulate greenhouse gases on their own authority will drastically increase the cost of producing safe and affordable food, putting many ranchers out of business."

"Ranchers appreciate the Senators who voted in favor of this resolution, including Texas Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn," Scott said.

TSCRA, along with more than 100 agricultural organizations, sent a letter to Sen. Murkowski in support of her resolution.

The letter states that "the EPA's findings put the agricultural economy at grave risk based on allegations of a weak, indirect link to public health and welfare despite the lack of any environmental benefit."

County Agent's Report

Considering Stocking Decisions for Dry Years

Even though most of the County has had plenty of rainfall early in the year and sub-soil moisture levels are good, on June 17, the U.S. Drought Monitor listed our area as "Abnormally Dry." In addition to this, there is no hope of rain in the 10-day forecast. With these considerations in mind, ranchers have to consider the possibility of a pending drought. Even though no action may necessarily be warranted at this time, it is always advisable to have a plan. Drought in Texas is almost as inevitable as death and taxes.

Dr. Larry Redmon, professor and State Extension Forage specialist in College Station, suggests one strategy that can help avoid the negative effects of future drought events. It is to adjust the stocking rate of the cow herd down to the point where only 75% of the available forage is utilized. This is a precautionary measure that should be implemented prior to the occurrence of drought conditions if possible. Base this stocking rate decision on several years' observations, NRCS recommendations, or other reliable source.

When stocked at 75%, livestock producers will typically not be overstocked during drought years. Benefits of this management practice include 1) less need for purchased hay and supplement at a time when prices are at their greatest and 2) less need for de-stocking when cattle prices are at lows.

Never graze grass to the ground level; especially native grass. Leaving ample leaf area will allow plants to carry on photosynthetic activity when moisture is available. Also, maintaining the proper soil nutrient status helps forage plants

tolerate and recover from drought better than plants that do not have proper nutrients for optimum growth.

According to Shan Ingram, with the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, when producers find themselves in a situation where decisions are necessary to start reducing cattle numbers due to weather concerns, the most logical culling order for cattle is as follows:

- Cull any spring or summer calving cow that does not have a calf at side. This would include fall and winter calvers that didn't raise a calf. This will reduce many herds by 5-15%.
- Cull replacement heifers (either raised or purchased) that are not in production (raising a calf).
- First-calf heifers typically wean smaller calves and rebred at lower percentages than mature cows during a drought. This makes them the next logical choice to be culled.

By culling in the order outlined above, you have not significantly affected this year's calf crop, but have reduced supplemental feed needs, and more importantly are giving the remaining available forage to the cows that are contributing to the income of the operation.

If further reductions are needed, they should be made in the following order:

- Cull short bred fall and winter calving cows as well as long bred spring or summer calvers.
- Inspect all cows and consult records. Look at feet, legs, udders, and current calf at side. Cull marginal producers. If records reveal that questionable producers exist, cull them.

From this point on, if additional culling is required, it will significantly impact this year's calf crop. In some

cases, it will be a necessary action to take.

In summary, the following key points should be remembered regarding preparation for the next, and inevitable, drought event. Paying attention to these points can help forage and livestock producers to reduce the negative effects of drought:

- Realize that drought will always be part of the risk associated with forage and livestock production; no one is immune.
- The cow herd should be stocked for 75% utilization of the forage produced based on long-term records.
- For livestock producers, attempting to feed their way out of a drought with hay, plant by-products, or grain-based rations, remember that this strategy may not be economically viable, and careful consideration should be given as to whether or not this strategy should be attempted.
- Well-fertilized forages tolerate drought better than poorly fertilized forages. Well-fertilized forages recover from drought more rapidly than poorly fertilized forages and it is generally better to have fertilizer in the field waiting on a precipitation event, than to withhold fertilizer until "times get better."
- Do not be afraid to sell cows. Calculate your culling decisions carefully. This will enable your operation to recover in the shortest amount of time possible.

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Fischer's Meat Market

Since 1927
We Wouldn't be 83
Without You!



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**DOUBLE
COUPONS
EVERY DAY**

**AF AFFILIATED
FOODS INC.** ALL ITEMS NOT
AVAILABLE AT ALL
AFFILIATED STORES
THRIFTWAY

Senior Citizens:
No amount of Purchase Necessary
on Limited Sale Items!

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**PRICES EFFECTIVE
JUNE 28 - JULY 4, 2010**

Weekly Grocery Specials



<p>SELECT VARIETIES Coca-Cola Products 2 LITERS 10\$10 for</p>	<p>REG. \$3.99 SELECT VARIETIES Lay's® or Wavy Lay's® 10.5-11 OZ. \$1.99</p>	<p>SHURFINE SELECT VARIETIES Charcoal Briquets 15.7-18 LBS. \$3.99</p>	<p>SELECT VARIETIES Shurfine Sodas 12 PACK CANS 5\$10 for</p>
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**Fischer's Meat Market
will be open Sunday, July 4th**

Fischer's Quality Meats

PREFERRED TRIM, BONELESS BEEF
Top Sirloin Steaks
\$3.59
LB.



Pork Spare Ribs
\$1.59
LB.



BONELESS
Beef Brisket
\$1.79
LB.



10 LB. BAG
Fryer Leg Quarters
\$3.99
EA.

SHURFINE
Charcoal Lighter Fluid 32 OZ. **2 FOR \$5**

SELECT VARIETIES
Coca-Cola 12 PACK **4 FOR \$12**

SELECT VARIETIES
Red Diamond Tea GAL. **2 FOR \$3**

SELECT VARIETIES, SUPER STACK
Pringles 5.71-6.42 OZ. **99¢**

SELECT VARIETIES
Kraft Barbecue Sauce 18 OZ. **69¢**

VAN CAMP
Pork & Beans 15 OZ. **2 FOR \$1**

SELECT VARIETIES
Ranch Style Beans 15 OZ. **2 FOR \$1**

MILD, MEDIUM, OR HOT
Pace Picante Sauce 16 OZ. **2 FOR \$4**

SHURFINE
Foam Plates 100 CT. **\$1.99**

KRAFT MAYO OR
Miracle Whip 30 OZ. **\$2.79**

DEL MONTE
Ketchup 24 OZ. **99¢**

SHURFINE
Mustard 8 OZ. **2 FOR \$1**

SELECT VARIETIES
Claude's Marinades 12-16 OZ. **2 FOR \$4**

SELECT VARIETIES
Gatorade 32 OZ. **10 FOR \$10**

24 PACK
Dr. Pepper **\$5.99**

SOLO, 18 OZ. **\$1.99**
Grip Cups 20 CT.

WESTERN FAMILY PETAL SOFT
Bath Tissue 36 ROLLS **\$8.99**

SHUR SAVING
Freezer Fun Pops 12 CT. **99¢**

THRIFTWAY
Drinking Water 24 PK. **2 FOR \$5**

LIBBY'S
Vienna Sausage 5 OZ. **2 FOR \$1**

SELECT VARIETIES, BOWLS, PLATTERS, OR
Chinet Paper Plates 12-36 CT. **2 FOR \$5**

WITH CHARCOAL
Disposable Foil Grill 2 FOR **\$6**

28 QUART
Foam Cooler 2 FOR **\$6**

WESTERN FAMILY, 27 EXPOSURE
Outdoor Camera 2 FOR **\$6**

CIELITO
Paper Towels SINGLE ROLL **3 FOR \$1**

24 PACK
Budweiser or Bud Light, Coors or Coors Light, or Miller Lite
12 OZ. **\$20.99**

MARKET SLICED American Cheese LB. \$2.69	SEASONED BEEF OR CHICKEN BREAST Eddy's Fajitas 24 OZ. \$5.99
MARKET SLICED Boiled Ham LB. \$1.89	EDDY'S SEASONED Chicken Thigh Fajitas 24 OZ. \$3.99
MEAT, BUN LENGTH, OR TURKEY Oscar Mayer Franks 2 FOR \$3	SELECTED VARIETIES MEAT OR TURKEY Bar S Bologna 12 OZ. 4 FOR \$5
BAR S Franks 12 OZ. 2 FOR \$1	SELECT VARIETIES, DELI THIN CUT TURKEY OR HAM Bar S Lunchmeat 9 OZ. 2 FOR \$4
PILGRIM'S PRIDE Buffalo Wings 2 LB. \$6.99	GRANDMA'S, 8 INCH Flour Tortillas 12 CT., 25 OZ. \$1.69
SELECT VARIETIES MACARONI OR POTATO Reser's Salad 3 LB. \$3.49	ORIGINAL OR SPICY Wholly Guacamole 14 OZ. \$3.69

Dairy & Frozen Foods

SELECT VARIETIES
Shurfine Ice Cream
144 OZ. PAIL
\$3.99

SELECT VARIETIES
Plains Dips 12 OZ. **3 FOR \$4**

REGULAR OR LIGHT
Daisy Sour Cream 8 OZ. **99¢**

SELECT VARIETIES
Yoplait Yogurt 4-6 OZ. **2 FOR \$1**

SHURFINE, SELECT VARIETIES
Shredded Cheese 16 OZ. **2 FOR \$6**

KRAFT, PRE-PRICED \$2.49
American Singles 12 OZ. **2 FOR \$4**

SHURFINE
Whipped Topping 12 OZ. **\$1.79**

MRS. SMITH'S, SELECT VARIETIES
Cobblers 32 OZ. **\$3.99**

SEASONED FRIES, SHOESTRINGS, OR STEAK CUTS
Shurfine Potatoes 24-28 OZ. **\$1.99**

ORIG., LEMONADE, OR JOLLY RANCHER
Blue Bunny Bomb Pop 12 CT. **2 FOR \$5**

REGULAR OR 2% MILK
Kraft Velveeta
32 OZ. **\$4.79**

SELECT VARIETIES
Hot Pockets 6.5-9 OZ. **2 FOR \$4**

REGULAR OR EXTRA SWEET
Green Giant Nibblers 12 CT. **2 FOR \$5**

JUNE DAIRY MONTH

WIN 2 GALLONS OF STORE BRAND MILK A WEEK FOR A YEAR!!!!

Fill out registration below and drop off at entry box inside store.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Fresh Produce

JUICY Cantaloupe EA. 79¢	PINT CHERRY OR 8 OZ. GRAPE Tomatoes 2 FOR \$5
SEEDLESS Watermelons EA. \$2.99	JUMBO YELLOW SWEET Vidalia Onions LB. \$1.29
DOLE CLASSIC Iceberg Salad 12 OZ. 79¢	FRESH Yellow Corn 3 FOR \$1
YELLOW NECTARINES OR Peaches LB. \$1.99	BAGGED Key Limes 1 LB. \$1.99
ROMAINE, GREEN LEAF, OR RED LEAF Lettuce EA. 99¢	LARGE Green Bell Peppers 2 FOR \$1
NORTHWEST Bing Cherries LB. \$1.99	GOLDEN Pineapple EA. \$2.99
FRESH Green Onions 2 FOR \$1	

Health & Beauty Care

WESTERN FAMILY, SELECT VARIETIES Sinus Relief 24 CT. 2 FOR \$4	SELECT VARIETIES, 4 OZ. RED ZONE BODY SPRAY OR 18 OZ. HIGH ENDURANCE BODYWASH Old Spice \$3.99
WESTERN FAMILY, SELECT VARIETIES, 12 OZ. LIQUID OR 60 CT. ANTI-GAS SOFTGELS Antacid \$2.99	SELECT VARIETIES, SHAMPOO OR CONDITIONER Pantene 12.6 OZ. 2 FOR \$9