

Salaries questioned at July Muenster ISD Board meeting

Janet Felderhoff
News Editor

During the July 17 meeting of the Muenster ISD Board of Trustees, Rudy Koesler questioned the Board on its 2013-14 budget and salaries. Koesler is a retired teacher and has previously served on the MISD Board of Trustees. His wife is a long-time teacher with the District.

Koesler requested an explanation of Chapter 41, and the salaries of the coaches and the athletic budget.

In a telephone interview, Koesler said that he did not get answers to his questions and plans to attend the next Board meeting.

According to Koesler, the teachers were told that there is very little money for their classroom supply budget. Also, the insurance premiums are going up \$1,000 per person and there isn't money to help with that increased expense. He wondered how that can be when all four administrators got a \$3,000 raise and two new basketball coaches were hired at an additional expense of \$115,000. He said two basketball coaches remain on staff. The basketball coaches

don't want to help with football, so the District is paying the computer teacher an additional salary to help with football.

Koesler also believes that with the District's 140 junior high/high school students with the teachers already on staff, there are not enough teaching slots for the coaches to fill.

"It makes no sense. They are crazy about athletics," declared Koesler.

Questioned about teacher salaries after the meeting, Superintendent Clay Richerson said that teachers did receive a salary increase for the 2013-14 year. "All employees are on a 20-step pay scale. The State has a minimum teacher pay scale. Muenster ISD's teacher pay scale is above the State minimum. All employees receive a raise every year, unless the employee has reached step 20 on the pay scale. Pay raises for the District for the 2013-14 school year total about \$172,000."

Asked if most of the MISD teachers were at step 20, Richerson said they were not. He added, "Muenster ISD's pay scale is approved by the Board. The State scale is a

minimum pay scale for the State. MISD's pay scale is above the State minimum."

Superintendent Richerson noted that the Board increased all stipends on April 14, 2010. The increases were teachers' and coaches' stipends, longevity, support staff hourly rate, and bus drivers. He is not sure when the teacher pay scale was increased.

See chart on page 1 with MISD Teacher Salary Schedule taken from MISD website.

Charlie Price updated the Board on construction on campus. He said that the City is in the process of connecting water lines and sewer lines to the new elementary building. Interior work is progressing with windows installed, AC, and site work almost complete. The press box is enclosed and in the dry. It should be ready for the first football game.

REPORTS

Elementary Principal Lou Heers reported an enrollment of 277 students for grades Pre-K through 6th. Last year's number was 279.

In-service for faculty and staff begins Monday, Aug.

19. On Wednesday, Aug. 21, the Elementary School will host Howdy Night for all grades (Pre-K-6) at 6 p.m. in the Cafetorium. Teachers will present their classroom expectations
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FUTURE FOOTBALL STARS



Janie Hartman photo

Hayden Fleitman (with ball) and Jakson Hofbauer team up in a round of 7 on 7 play at the Hornet Football Camp being held this week. See Sports, page 7, for more camp pictures.

MUESTER ISD SALARY SCHEDULE		
YEARS OF EXPERIENCE CREDITED	MONTHLY SALARY	ANNUAL SALARY 10 MONTH CONTRACT
0	\$2,928.00	\$29,280.00
1	\$2,987.00	\$29,870.00
2	\$3,045.00	\$30,450.00
3	\$3,104.00	\$31,040.00
4	\$3,228.00	\$32,280.00
5	\$3,352.00	\$33,520.00
6	\$3,476.00	\$34,760.00
7	\$3,591.00	\$35,910.00
8	\$3,700.00	\$37,000.00
9	\$3,803.00	\$38,030.00
10	\$3,900.00	\$39,000.00
11	\$3,992.00	\$39,920.00
12	\$4,080.00	\$40,800.00
13	\$4,161.00	\$41,610.00
14	\$4,239.00	\$42,390.00
15	\$4,312.00	\$43,120.00
16	\$4,382.00	\$43,820.00
17	\$4,447.00	\$44,470.00
18	\$4,509.00	\$45,090.00
19	\$4,568.00	\$45,680.00
20	\$4,623.00	\$46,230.00
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10+ YEARS IN DISTRICT	\$1,000.00	
15+ YEARS IN DISTRICT	\$1,900.00	
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		\$338.00 + 41.67/MONTH
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Commissioners pencil out 2013-14 proposed budget

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Budget numbers occupy the minds of members of Cooke County Commissioners Court as they try to prepare a budget that meets the needs of County officials and residents without making a large increase in the budget.

At the Monday, July 22 regular meeting of Commissioners Court, a prepared proposed budget of \$20,660,317 was deemed too high. Thus, the Court reviewed the budget page by page, paring away until a proposed budget totaling \$20,010,317 was reached and approved.

According to County Auditor Shelly Atteberry, the proposed 2013-14 budget is \$319,517 less than the 2012-13 budget. It includes a substantial increase to the Sheriff's budget. The \$1,050,120 increase in the Sheriff's budget will allow the hiring of four ad-

ditional people in the Sheriff's Office, one additional person in the Jail, and a security guard for the Courthouse. There is also a 3% salary increase included in the proposed budget and an increase of \$153,520 to the EMS budget.

Last year's budget included a one-time \$1.6 million capital project, thus accounting for a decreased budget with some areas of increases.

A special meeting was set for Monday, July 29 to consider setting a proposed tax rate and dates for public hearings on the proposed tax rate and budget. Proposed dates for those hearings are Aug. 19 and Aug. 26. Information from the Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD) was not available in time for Monday's meeting.

For those who are interested, the approved proposed budget is posted at http://www.co.cooke.tx.us/default.aspx?Cooke_County/Budgets and click on 2014 proposed budget.

Tax Assessor/Collector Billie Jean Knight explained options to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles optional county fees. The County must approve its \$10 optional road and bridge fee each year and decide if it wishes to impose any of the other optional fees. Knight told of a second optional fee that 467 counties in Texas impose. It collects money that is designated to use toward child safety and may be designated to agencies such as CASA and Abigail's Arms. The add-on fee can range from 50¢ to \$1.50.

The Court unanimously approved option A for 2014, which was not a change from the previous year and did not include the second option.

Knight also informed the Court of a required change that is coming sometime this year or early next year. It will increase the cost of vehicle registration because her office will be responsible in part for seeing whether a person has had their vehicle inspected. "It's not concrete yet," she noted. "We haven't heard anything back on that particular program yet."

Eventually the inspection sticker and the registration sticker will be one sticker. She said it will take about a year to get everything in sync for that. Vehicles must still be inspected, but there will be a form showing it passed that must be brought when registering the vehicle.

HR Director Elizabeth Huchton requested that the County consider paying for County employees to participate in the Body Shock wellness workshop. She noted, "The Body Shock is a wellness workshop for everyone, all ages, all fitness levels. Employees will receive a personalized nutrition program, fitness and flexibility classes, and will receive one-on-one vision planning, goal setting, and behavior change instruction. The purpose of the workshop is to give the employees a starting point to channel goals to reach a healthier lifestyle. The benefit to the County is that healthier employees lead to a less insurance cost or increases."

Huchton requested that the funds for the workshop be taken from the \$2,000 in her employee recognition budget. It would allow the first 40 employees who sign up to attend. She's had 16 employees express interest thus far. The Court approved the request.

"Last year, every time we put this on the agenda it rained, and it sure enough worked again this time," remarked County Fire Marshal Ray Fletcher as Commissioners Court considered the agenda item that would implement a county-wide burn ban. "Depending on where you are at, it rained more or less."

Precinct #2 Commissioner B.C. Lemons told of a brush fire on Friday that he felt had the potential to get out-of-control. He favored implementing a burn ban. The Court took no action.

In other business conducted on July 22, Commissioners Court:

- Received County Treasurer's report for June 2013 showing cash, money market accounts, and short-term

See BUDGET, pg. 2

FCCLA captures First at Nationals for Service Project



MISD photo

Representing Muenster FCCLA and Texas FCCLA in Junior Chapter Service Project Display at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America 2013 National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee were, from left, Macie Pagel, Morgan Eldridge, and Bailey Klement. The students earned a score of 98 out of 100 possible points, a Gold Medal each, and a First Place in their event. See story on page 6.

Bauer receives Edward Jones' Eagle Award

Edward Jones Financial Advisor Kathy Bauer of Muenster recently received the firm's Eagle Award for her "clear vision of both client and business goals" over the past year. Bauer was one of only 1,510 of the firm's more than 12,000 financial advisors to receive the award.

Jim Weddle, Edward Jones' managing partner, added, "Kathy is an outstanding

member of the Edward Jones team who personifies the ideal financial advisor, someone who is 100 percent dedicated to serving the financial needs of her clients. I am very pleased to present this well-deserved award."

"When you work for a firm that is known for its outstanding service," Bauer said, "it's quite an honor to be singled out for your service record."

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and hand out other information. School begins on Monday, Aug. 26.

JH/HS Principal Sharon Browning noted an enrollment of 197 students. She anticipates at least seven new students in the Fall.

FFA leaders Daniel Wan-
eck and David Skeans accompanied Chase Deeken, Karli Mouring, and Jordan Buddy to Dallas for the State Conference on July 9-12. Equipment will be moved into the new Ag shop as soon as work crews are finished.

Technology Director Jeff Presnall said that a total of 150 Chromebooks have been ordered for this Fall. Teacher training sessions begin this summer and will continue throughout the year on Monday staff development days.

Athletic Director Brady Carney reported that high school boys are averaging 30-35 per day for Summer workouts and high school

girls are averaging 15-20 per day. Junior high averages 30 kids per day.

Coach Carney listed various Summer league and shootout activities that students have taken part in during the Summer.

High school football workouts begin Aug. 5. The plan is to hold practice from 7-11 a.m. Carney anticipates 35-40 playing high school football and 40 playing junior high football.

In other business, the MISD Board:

- Accepted the recommendation of changes for Policy Update 97.
- Voted to keep its mission statement as it is worded.
- Approved School Board Priorities with addition of Superintendent Richerson's tech resource goal that will provide resources that allows students to be prepared for their future experiences.
- Heard that \$1,111.74 was collected for June 2013 in delinquent taxes.

investments on hand of \$26,242,609.77.

- Approved a resolution adopting a \$5 fee on all civil cases to fund an appellate court for Cooke County effective Sept. 1. This is a pass through to fund the appellate court, said Judge John Roane.
- Approved the bid specifications and advertisement for specifications for the Precinct #2 County barn. It will be very similar to the Precinct #4 barn.
- Approved Fiscal Year 2013 Collaborative Working Agreement between Abigail's Arms and the Cooke County Sheriff's Office.
- Accepted the insurance settlement on Cooke County Justice Center HVAC unit.
- Accepted the insurance settlement on Cooke County Sheriff's Office 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe and an additional insurance settlement on a Cooke County Sheriff's Office 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe.
- Approved adding an additional employee for Precinct 1 Road & Bridge through Sept. 30, 2013.
- Approved applying for a Safeway (Tom Thumb) Corporate Credit Card.
- Approved an Interlocal Agreement between the County of Cooke and the Rosston Volunteer Fire Department.
- Approved renewing in-

terlocal agreement between Cooke County and Texoma Council of Governments for E911 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Services.

- Approved contract with Woodbine Water Supply to perform a road cut and crossing on CR 2134 located in Precinct 2.
- Approved a contract with Woodbine Water Supply to install a water main along the right-of-way on CR 189 located in Precinct 1.
- Approved a cellular phone allowance authorization for Marci Gilbert.
- Approved the service agreement between Cooke County EMS and Physio-Control, Inc. for an 18 month term beginning May 9, 2013 through Oct. 31, 2014 for service on two Lucas Chest Compressors.
- Approved the indigent cremation of David Thomas Lee.
- Approved bid to repair the lighting on the DPS building canopy located at 200 W. California Street in Gainesville.

Correction

We apologize to Devon Brinkley. In last week's Mission-Fuge story, Devon was quoted using the pronoun her rather than he. So sorry for the typo Devon.

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Dear Editor:
I agreed to help launch a local history project at the new Heritage Park pavilion because I think the walls at the pavilion should tell our history just as if it were a museum. I could also see the great information in the Centennial History Book needs to be more public. Right now it just sits on bookshelves or in a closet hiding from the younger generation. My goal is to get pictures and stories blown up and fixed to large story-boards which will be fixed to the walls at the new facility.

What I have found is an indifference and misunderstanding as to the goal of the Heritage Park facility. I wish to increase awareness of the Park's purpose and clear up some misunderstandings. Heritage Park is a separate Non-Profit corporation. Its stated legal purpose and goal is to rent the facility to the public. The profits from this rental are to be distributed to graduating seniors of our local schools toward their higher education.

The plan for the facility was to build the facility with donated funds so there was absolutely no interest or carrying costs for the corporation. The main rental income is to come from the Muenster Chamber of Commerce for Germanfest. Having the Germanfest as an anchor assures annual maintenance and operational expenses are covered. This means Heritage Park will turn a profit very soon after finishing the facility and getting other events booked. I wish to make one point clear, the

Chamber does not own the facility, nor control the facility. They will just be a rent paying tenant for their activities as anyone else wishing to use the facility.

Much of the funds collected to date have come from two sizable donations from local families. Many smaller donations have been so graciously given by individuals as they can afford. Now is the time for the rest of us to step up and help complete this important project. The telling of Muenster's local history is an opportunity to both donate, as well as being part of history. Heritage Park will be selling business, organization, and family history boards. They will also be selling sponsorship of the general history boards to defray that cost. The wall space is limited and will soon fill up because of the large sizes of these story-boards. These story-boards will be seen by everyone visiting the facility, and they will be a center focal point of the building.

I am in need of youth with skills and access to programs such as Adobe Photo Shop or other photo and presentation software. We need them to take photos and script and build into a file which can be printed in large format without loss of quality. We have a printer, but we need people with computers and skill to use creative software. We are also in need of high quality scanning of original photos into digital files. Their work will be recognized on the story-boards.

Also, there are many very interesting photos and stories that never got into the history book, however the generations which have these precious memories are aging or have passed. Many younger people are not generally interested in history at the moment. We really need families to dig out and allow us the right to scan these images and tell their family stories. These photos and stories shouldn't hide in photo albums. The stories need told before they are forgotten.

Contact me, Janie Hartman, or Nick Taylor. If anyone is interested in helping on the general plans and designs, please feel free to jump into this project.

Gary Fisher
Muenster, TX

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Sunday, July 28, 2013	Monday, July 29, 2013	Tuesday, July 30, 2013	Wednesday, July 31, 2013	Thursday, August 1, 2013	Friday, August 2, 2013	Saturday, August 3, 2013
Muenster Museum Open 1-4		Library open 10 am-6:30 pm	Library open 10 am-5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg, noon	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Museum open 1-4 pm	Library open 10:00-2:30
Sunday, August 4, 2013	Monday, August 5, 2013	Tuesday, August 6, 2013	Wednesday, August 7, 2013	Thursday, August 8, 2013	Friday, August 9, 2013	Saturday, August 10, 2013
Museum open 1-4 pm	1st day of practice - High School Football & Cross Country City spray mosquitoes	Library open 10 am-6:30 pm	Library open 10 am-5:30 Kiwanis mtg, noon	Museum open 1-4 Library open 10 am-6:30 pm SHCS Montessori Orientation M Kiwanis Swim Night 7-9	Museum open 1-4 pm	Library open 10:00-2:30 MVFD BBQ & Auction

Obituaries

DAYS GONE BY.....

Anthony "Tony" Hoffman 1922 - 2013

Anthony "Tony" Joseph Hoffman, 91, lifetime Hereford resident, went home to his Lord on July 18, 2013 at the Hereford Nursing & Rehab Center.

Rosary was held Friday, July 19 at Hereford Heritage Funeral Home Chapel of Memories. Mass of Resurrection Burial Service was held Saturday, July 20 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Burial was in Rest Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Hereford.

Tony was born in Hereford on March 1, 1922 to Joseph Leo and Elizabeth Ann Kuper Hoffman. He married the love of his life, Marcella Luke Hoffman in Hereford on July 28, 1948. Tony was a farmer all his life. He loved his Lord and family. He liked to travel, play Bridge, have family gatherings and BBQs, and do wood working.

Tony was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church,

Knights of Columbus, Hereford Bridge Club, president of Hereford Grain Board of Directors for 18 years and a Board member for 24 years. He was a member of the St. Anthony's Catholic Church Parish Advisory Board and a member of Farmland Industries. Tony was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving four years and was in the 9th Army Air Force during WWII, serving in France and England. He received the European African Middle Eastern SVC Medal, American Theatre Service Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, and the WWII Victory Medal with three Overseas Bars.

Tony was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, and five sisters.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years on the 28th of July; son Steve Hoffman and wife Patsy of Hereford; daughters Mary Ann Houle and husband Donnie of Kingwood, Texas, and Jane Hoffman and husband Salah Mahmoud of Kingwood; five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the St. Anthony School Endowment Fund, 114 Sunset, Hereford, Texas 79045.

Sign guest book at www.herefordheritagefh.com.

James Spradley 1923 - 2013

Services for James Robert Spradley, age 89 of Forestburg, will be set at a later date.

James was born in Gunter on Aug. 7, 1923 to S.W. and Mattie P. Hendrickson Spradley. He died July 19, 2013 in Nocona.

Survivors are his wife Mary Louise Spradley of Forestburg; daughter Linda Spradley of Forestburg; two grandchildren; and one niece.

MaryAnn Carson 1936 - 2013

MaryAnn Carson, 76, went to God Sunday morning, July 21, 2013. A funeral mass was said at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Gainesville, on Thursday, July 25. Her cremated remains were inurned in the church columbarium. Memorial contributions may be made to the church.

Survivors include her husband Captain W. Grant Carson, USN (Ret) of Gainesville; son and daughter-in-law Dan and Hillary Deffebach; daughters Tammy Skipwith, Terry Hale, and Danice Grisham and husband Shawn; stepdaughter Linda Goswick; stepson and spouse Grant H. and Jessica Carson; nine grandchildren, three step-grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

MaryAnn was born in Fort Worth Aug. 10, 1936. She was active in Red River Valley Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, North Central Texas Chorale, North Texas

Women's Choir, and St. Paul's choir. She did volunteer work for Morton Museum.

Hess dies

Funeral for Antonia "Toni" Hundt Hess, age 93 of Muenster, was held Wednesday, July 24 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Toni died Sunday, July 21, 2013. Her complete obituary will be in next week's *Enterprise*.

65 YEARS AGO

July 23, 1948

Cooke County Electric Co-op establishes radio communication for service crews. New Arrivals: Thomas to Felix and Betty Yosten; a son to the Willie Fuhrmann. Six-year-old Kenneth Klement has tonsils removed. Donnie Hellman, 18-months-old, sustains facial cut, striking his head against the bed in a fall at home. Ray Hess, Wilfred Walterscheid, Vincent Felderhoff, and Ed Sicking are employed in oil field work in Louisiana. Owens Grocery and Market discontinues cafe to make room for larger grocery. Polio insurance offered by Mrs. A.J. Higgins of Myra for American Fidelity Insurance.

50 YEARS AGO

July 26, 1963

Burglar gets \$80 from City safe, leaves over \$100; City policemen Bill Pratt took fingerprints off the safe and is investigating. Ed Endres gets appointment as Route 1 carrier. Obituaries: Carol (Mrs. Alfons) Koesler, 25; Sr. Remigia

Dietsche, in her 70s; Florence (Mrs. W.L.) Young, 78. New Arrivals: Gregory to Emil and Agnes Rohmer; a son to the Lucian Vaughns; a daughter to the James Whitts; a daughter to the Clifford Ottos; Roger to Rudy and Anna Belle Dieter; Dana to the Choice Stephens; Paul to James and Marlene Bass; Lee Ann to the Billy Joe Mayers. Alvin Hartman is attending firemen's school at Texas A&M College. The Herb McDaniels become foster parents to 19-year-old Eugenia Odis. Sr. Henry Ann Fuhrmann celebrates Silver Jubilee.

25 YEARS AGO

July 22, 1988

Jonna Schneider wins national horse title with her horse. Obituaries: Marie (Mrs. Al) Walter, 79; Ted Noggler, 57. 1988 marks 33 years of swim lessons. Yard of the month honors go to Herb and Dolores Miller. New Arrival: Chase to Brad and Teresa Roach. Fr. Denis Soerries catches 47-pound catfish at Lake Texoma.

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We would like to acknowledge all the acts of love & kindness shown to us during Troy's recent death. We were quickly reminded of the wonderful place we live. Special thanks to our cousin Fr. Kyle for assisting us with planning and carrying out the funeral Mass and burial. "You are a true blessing." The staff at Sacred Heart Parish was great and was most helpful with all the necessary details. Thank you! Our Parish is blessed with many talented musicians. Linda Flusche, Doug Yosten, and Christi Klement provided us with beautiful & comforting music at the Mass. Thank You! Willie Fisher and Chuck Bartush for being altar servers - Thank you!



Once again our Catholic Daughters of the Americas provided & served a delicious meal to everyone, with the Knights of Columbus providing the Hall. Thank you both!

Thanks to McCoy Funeral Home for their professional service.

And to everyone who offered Masses, donations, stopped for a visit, dropped off food, or just spent a minute in prayer for us, Thank you.

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Finger becomes bride of Felderhoff at St. Peter's Church

Caitlin Frances Finger of Tomball became the bride of Dustin Felderhoff of Brady on June 22, 2013, in St. Peter Catholic Church in Lindsay. Fr. Emiliano Zapata, pastor of St. Elizabeth's Church in Lubbock, celebrated the 2:30 p.m. Mass and double ring vows. Fr. Ken Robinson, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, concelebrated the ceremony and was assisted by Deacon Kory Killgo, uncle of the groom, of St. Ann Catholic Church in Coppell. The couple chose to be married in St. Peter's where the groom's parents and grandparents were also married.

Parents of the bride are Louis and Sharon Finger of Tomball. Her grandparents are Raymond and Patricia Berger of Chesterfield, Missouri, and Mrs. Leona Finger of D'Hanis, Texas.

Parents of the groom are Ronnie and Sharon Felderhoff of Muenster. His grandparents are Raymond and Helen Metzler of Lindsay and Arthur and Evie Felderhoff of Muenster.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was wearing a white Casablanca regal gown decorated with embroidery of silver and crystal beads. Complement-

ing beadwork decorated the waistline, front box pleats, and both sides of the split cathedral train. Satin buttons adorned the back of the timeless gown. She wore a cathedral length veil decorated with embroidery of silver beads.

For something old, the bride wore a gold ring from the groom's maternal grandmother, Helen Metzler, and a silver bracelet from the bride's great grandmother, Frances Centunzi. For something borrowed she wore jewelry from her grandmother. The bride carried a bouquet of white and light pink roses.

Arrangements of light pink and white roses decorated the church.

Wedding music was provided by organist Arleene Small and vocalist Elizabeth Dieter, cousin of the groom. Music selections included "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," "Canon in D," "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," and "Ave Maria."

ATTENDANTS

Serving as the maids of honor were sisters of the bride Breanne Finger and Nicolet Finger, both of Tomball. Bridesmaids were friends Candice Martin of

Plano, Gabriella Ortiz of Lubbock, and Brittany Perdue of Montgomery, Texas.

The bridesmaids wore light pink satin dresses with silver shoes and carried bouquets of white and pink roses. The ladies wore earrings and necklaces made by the bride that featured pearls and crystals.

Flower girls were cousins of the bride Lily Berger and Josephine Mitchell. They wore floor-length white dresses and halos of fresh flowers in their hair. The ring bearer was Cooper Barnes, cousin of the bride. He carried a cross-stitched ring pillow made by Godmother of the bride.

Serving as the best men were brothers of the groom Chad Felderhoff of Mitchell, South Dakota, and Mitch Felderhoff of Cross Roads, Texas. Groomsmen were friends Kyle Pate of Lubbock, Caleb Segura of Houston, and Steven Torres of Houston.

Ushers were cousins of the bride Christian Berger, Owen Berger, and Mason Mitchell, and friend of the groom Marshall Tharp.

Handing out programs for the couple were cousins of the bride Anna Berger, Lau-



Mr. and Mrs. Dustin Felderhoff ... nee Caitlin Frances Finger ...

party and guests attending from out-of-town. The tables were decorated with vases of light pink roses, candles, and photos of the couple. Special toasts were offered by the parents, and the bride and groom distributed gifts to their attendants.

Special guests attending from out-of-town were grandparents of the bride Raymond and Patricia Berger of Chesterfield, great uncle and aunt of the bride Martin and Jeannine Fox of Lenexa, Kansas, and Ronald and Flora Hogue of St. Louis, Missouri. St. Louis area aunts and uncles were Susan and Steven Campbell, Michael Berger, Richard and Lynn Berger, Michael and Jenna Mitchell, and Robert and Jennifer Berger, and their families. Also in attendance were Joseph and Linda Finger of D'Hanis, uncle and aunt of the bride, and cousins from the San Antonio area Curtis Bell, Charles and Patricia Bell, Christopher and Margie Bell, Chris and Caryn Barnes, and their families.

The bride graduated from Tomball High School in 2009 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise and Sports Science from Texas Tech University in 2012. She plans to further her studies in health and pursue a career in the medical field.

The groom graduated from Muenster High School in 2005 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering from Texas Tech University in 2012. He is employed by Cadre Propanants as a process engineer in Brady.

After returning from their wedding trip to St. Lucia in the eastern Caribbean Sea, the newlyweds are at home in Brady.

Notice

The Cooke County Chapter of the Texas Tech Alumni Association will hold its annual luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Aug. 6 at the Landmark Bank Conference Center in Gainesville. This year's guest speaker will be Texas Tech Athletic Director Kirby Hocutt. RSVP to Charles Draper at 940-736-7175.

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Carpenter, Marshall exchange vows

Stevie Carpenter of Muenster and Christopher Marshall of Muenster pledged their marriage vows on Sunday, May 26, 2013 at 2 p.m. in Denton. Kayla Freeman officiated the ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Jeffrey and Cheri Carpenter. The groom's parents are Mike and Laura Marshall.

The bride's gown was homemade by the mother of the groom. Her bouquet was arranged by the bride's mother.

The flower girls was the bride's niece Isabelle Moore. The bride's nephews Asa and Jettson Young served as ring bearers.

Music for the ceremony was video game music from The Legend of Zelda.

The bride is employed as a stock supervisor at Gap Outlet. The groom is an air crewman with the U.S. Navy.

Following a wedding trip to Austin, the couple is at home in Muenster.



Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Marshall ... 'nee Stevie Carpenter ...

Grewing prepared to serve

Cathy Krahl
Staff Writer

The decision to become a nun was a gradual process for Megan Grewing of San Angelo.

"I even fought it for awhile," Grewing said. "I had my life all planned out for me, but God kept calling."

Grewing had a strong Catholic upbringing, growing up in Muenster where her parents Glenn and Connie Grewing still live.

"I felt it long before I actually started thinking about it," Grewing explained about God's calling. So she started researching different orders out of curiosity.

She compared the process like joining a sorority.

"You know what you want, but you have to check out the others," she said. "This is the group I wanted to check out, to get to know more deeply."

And God kept calling. "The calling became undeniable at a certain point, that I had to accept it," Grewing said. "I had to open my very stubborn head to let Him in."

Grewing went on a retreat in January and listened to a panel of young religious tell of their life. She found there were many different stories but all had the same theme. "It helped to inspire me, helped me to know myself, and helped to give me the courage to make that step," she stated. Grewing found the retreat to be a great help when talking to other religious.

Currently, Grewing is an affiliate with the Sisters of Divine Providence in San Antonio. This status will allow her to get a much closer look at the order.

"They have invited me to come as often as I like," she said. "It is one of the options to get to know them better."

"Megan decided a long time ago she wanted to join a convent," Connie Grewing, her mother, said. "She has known for years."

But Grewing wanted to finish her degree before making the move toward sisterhood.

Today, she has a Masters in Clinical Psychology and is working toward becoming a licensed professional counselor (LPC). That will require 3,000 hours as an intern with a licensed professional, taking about 18 months.

"When I am a fully licensed LPC, I can confidently make that step to the congregation," Grewing said.

During the beginning interview, the affiliate director "could see I was very much prepared and very ready for it," Grewing said.

So how did she decide on the Sisters of Divine Providence? At the retreat in San Angelo, Grewing recognized the order from her research and told them she was interested in learning more.

About the same time, her parents were at a 70th anniversary party where the "bride" had a good school friend attending who was a nun from that order. Grewing's mother told the nun that her daughter had expressed an interest. Soon after, the vocational director called Grewing.

which is operated out of the convent and allows people to come and receive help.

Grewing believes she can use her career as a counselor by helping these women through an aptitude test to determine what area is good for them and help with the researching of careers. "I can be a benefit to their mission," Grewing stated.

The Sisters of Divine Providence have several missions in San Antonio. One mission, called Madonna House, is a place to help train women looking for a job and help to plug them into different resources in the community.

Another project the order is doing is the Quest Project,

which is operated out of the convent and allows people to come and receive help.

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The order is continuing to look for ways to help the community, according to Grewing. One of their working mottos is between, "God will provide us a 1,000 ways to help" and "God will grant us a 1,000 ways to complete the job."

"I love their passion they have about what they are doing and the joy they show when helping," Grewing said.

The sisters are very much into education. They think education is the way to get out of the problems of poverty, according to Grewing.

These days the order is very diverse with a couple of lawyers, nurses, doctors, and lots of teachers.

Grewing mentioned how the Town of Lindsay had a close connection to the Sisters of Divine Providence, as they began the school and taught for decades locally.

"They are absolutely a great bunch of women," she said. "I am extremely happy to be a part of that tradition Lindsay has with them."

She will be moving into the convent on Friday, Aug. 9.



Megan Grewing

Old Settlers Reunion planned for Stonewall Saloon

In celebration of the second anniversary of Saint Jo's recently restored Museum of the Stonewall Saloon, an Old Settlers' Reunion is again being planned. The bottom floor of the new annex is now complete which allows for additional exhibit space.

The Museum's directors are asking the public for help in locating the descendants of Saint Jo's earliest families. The reunion will be from 2 until 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 3 in the Stonewall Saloon located on the Saint Jo square.

Following the reunion, families are invited to stay for the Saint Jo Riding Club's annual parade and rodeo. So if you or someone you know is related to the families who settled in or around the Saint Jo area prior to 1900, please contact Janis Sneed (940-995-7193), Billie Grigsby (995-2605), or Eddie Yetter (995-0001).

New Arrival



Rosston Grewing

Grewing

Jon and Janette Grewing of Muenster joyfully announce the birth of their fourth son. Rosston Dean Grewing was born on Saturday, June 8, 2013 at 12:39 p.m. in Denton Regional Medical Center. He weighed 8 lb. 5 oz. and measured 20 1/2 inches in length. Welcoming their new brother are Gavin, age 11, Gabe, age eight, and Zebediah, age two years. Grandparents are Gina Barrett of Myra, Linda Luttmr of Muenster, and the late Anthony Grewing.



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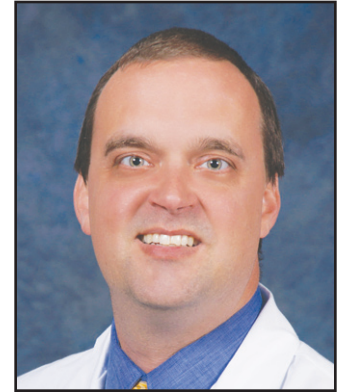
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Muenster FCCLA service project captures Gold at Nationals

Four Muenster girls, their mothers, and advisor attended the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America 2013 National Leadership Conference July 7-11 in Nashville, Tennessee. The theme was Discover Your Voice. The group brought home three Gold Medals and many memories.

Celebrating another successful year of FCCLA activities, members from all across the nation joined together to hear motivational speakers, participate in competitive events, share personal experiences during workshops, and conduct FCCLANational business including election of the 2013-14 national officers. Texas officer candidate Ema-jae' Clements of Arlington was elected National V.P. of Public Relations. State V.P. of Peer Involvement Jori Magee of Muenster High School led the entire Texas delegation in activities at three general sessions. Jori, along with five other State officers, participated as a member of the National Program Team to learn of ways to guide FCCLA members in leadership and program efforts in the Texas organization.

Muenster FCCLA Advisor Joni Sturm attended with the Muenster delegates participating in Advisor Professional Development Sessions.

Representing Muenster FCCLA and Texas FCCLA in Junior Chapter Service Project Display were Morgan Eldridge, Bailey Klement, and Macie Pagel. They attained National level competition by placing First at State competition. Their service project "Kids for Kindness" brought a new viewpoint to elementary students of Muenster I.S.D. and Saint Jo I.S.D. about showing respect for differences in others. The project was carried out throughout the school

year and was presented to a Muenster Girl Scout group from Muenster and Sacred Heart School as well.

The project included fundraising, a 10 minute memorized script presentation for the judges, and a large display of the results of their efforts. Evaluation criteria included the use of the FCCLA Planning Process, identifying concerns, use of research methods, and gathering data. There were 26 different types of criteria used to judge the students. The students earned a score of 98 out of 100 possible points, a Gold Medal presented to each girl, and a First Place in their event.

The mothers of the team, Vicki Eldridge, Carol Klement, and Lisa Pagel, attended the entire conference.

Morgan shared her thoughts, "The National Leadership Conference was such an amazing experience. Competing in Star Events allowed me to learn so many skills, such as public speaking, responsibility, and organization. Getting to meet new people was also a great part of this trip. I was super excited about how well our team did. Getting to meet new people and seeing the highlights of Nashville was also a great part of this trip."

While attending Nationals, Bailey said she learned that hard work really does pay off. She said, "Morgan, Macie, and I have been working on this project since October and to earn the right to go to Nashville was very exciting and well worth the hard work."

Macie added, "I was impressed by the fact that being from such a small school we could be competitive at the national level. I was also impressed by Doc Hendley, the motivational speaker from the Opening Rally, who

spoke to us about leadership and making a difference in the world." She observed, "One of the surprising things I learned was that there are thousands of students who participate at the national level in FCCLA from all over the United States."

Bailey said, "The amount of people that were competing is overwhelming. There were 3,200 people competing in 31 different events. FCCLA is much bigger than we thought it was. There were teams from the Virgin Islands competing. We met so many people and made a lot of friends because of this experience."

Asked to explain their project, Macie said, "Kids for Kindness, our service project's main goal is to teach elementary students the importance of bullying prevention and how to build friendships. We learned that research has shown programs such as ours prevents bullying and violence."

Bailey said of the project, "Kids for Kindness deals with bullying prevention in the elementary school so that the skills learned in elementary will carry over into the junior high and high school. Our goal was to strengthen and encourage friendships in the class and not just with certain people. We read a book about making friends and what it takes to be a good friend, a book about not judging others, and finally a book which deals with what makes each person unique and special in their own way which promotes self confidence. We did poster contests, used the Take A Stand app on the IP-ADS, and did fun activities with outside groups such as the Brownie troops."

Do the students feel their project made a difference? Bailey commented, "We do feel like our project made a difference because we sur-

veyed the kids after each presentation and found out that 98.4% of the kids surveyed wanted a return presentation."

Jori Magee remarked, "At the National Leadership Meeting, not only did I spend my time meeting new people and greeting old friends, but I also got to lead the chants and pump-up the spirit Texas FCCLA provided as the State VP of Peer Involvement. While there, I was lucky enough to catch the guitar pick of Craig Morgan's lead guitarist at the Grand Ole Opry, fall in love with the musicians playing in the

random stores in downtown Nashville, and visit the home of the one and only Elvis Presley in Memphis. It was a great week in Nashville and I'm looking forward to next year in San Antonio as an Alumni."

There were 455 Texas delegates attending the conference. Muenster students, parents, and advisor traveled by tour bus with a stop in Memphis to tour Elvis Presley's home Graceland. Another tour was a Nashville City Tour which included the Country Music Hall of Fame. The Texas delegation also enjoyed an evening at

the Grand Ole Opry. Other events were an evening of dinner and dance at The Wild Horse Saloon and Sleepy Hollow. The Texas members enjoyed staying at the Nashville Gaylord Hotel which was also the headquarters hotel for the conference. The final evening, the students enjoyed the Gala event for dinner and a choice of three different music events.

The students were enriched with many new resources to share with Muenster FCCLA members as well as great memories of a very successful end to their 2012-13 FCCLA experience.

Muenster Cheerleaders name winners

The Muenster Varsity Cheerleaders held their annual cheerleading mini-camp in the Muenster Park. They taught cheers, chants, dances, jumps, and stunts to the participants who ranged in age from kindergarten through the eighth grade. More than 125 girls were in attendance. Each camper received a t-shirt and a spirit stick to take home at the end of camp.

Several awards were presented at camp. The junior high winners are listed first followed by the elementary winners: Jump Award - Stephanie Koesler and Alec Becker; Dance Award - Kenna Herndon and Lainey Grewing; Most Spirited - Kenzie Pascal and Ella Walterscheid; Motion Award - Shay Howeth and Haley Flusche; Tumbling Award - Jenna Sicking and Shae Budish; Stunting Technique - Kate Springer and Landri Richardson; Stunt Safety - Erin Schniederjan and Kaitlin Hennigan.

Seventeen campers in the fourth through sixth grades tried out for All-American. The winner was Alex Deek-

en. Fourteen campers competed in All-American for the junior high division. The winner was Sterling Walterscheid.

Junior high squad awards were as follows: Era - Most Spirited; Muenster - Herkie Award; Sacred Heart - Stunt Technique; Saint Mary's -

TEAM Award; and Thacker-

ville - Motion Award. Junior high mascot awards were: Biggest Motions - Sydney Lane; Most Creative - Kayla Liddell. All-American mascot winners were Savannah Hermes and Kenadie Schmitz.

FFA student serves on committee

Matthew Huston, a senior at Lindsay High School, was recently nominated by the Texas FFA state officer team to serve as a member of the organization's 11-member National Officer Candidate Nominating Committee. Appointment to the committee is confirmed by the Texas FFA Board of Directors. Committee members are selected based on integrity and dedication.

Being on the nominating committee was a significant task as Matthew and his peers were charged with the responsibility of examining the application of and interviewing each of the state's candidates for national FFA office. Matthew met with fellow committee members prior to the 85th Annual Texas FFA State Convention in Dallas for four days. Upon completion of their task, the committee then recommended to the delegate body at the state convention a single candidate to represent Texas in the national organization's selection process which will take place later this year.

Matthew currently serves as President of the Lindsay FFA Chapter as well as president of the Area V FFA Association. He will be attending the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky this fall as one of Texas' 60 voting delegates.

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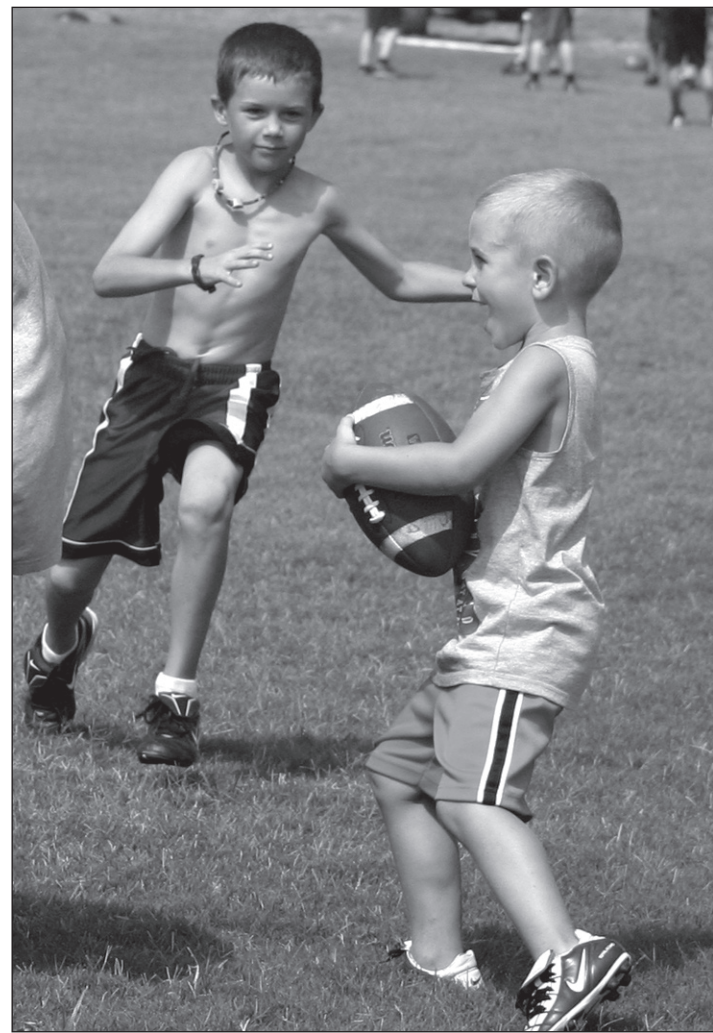
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Ten things rural America wants Washington to know

A survey of roughly 800 registered voters in rural communities and small towns of the Midwest, Great Plains, and South finds sentiments are largely optimistic about the future but skeptical about what goes on in Washington.

The telephone survey was held May 28 through June 3 by Lake Research Partners in conjunction with the Center for Rural Affairs. Thirteen percent of those polled say they live on a farm or ranch, 42% in a rural community, and the remaining 45% in a small town. Only 17% say they rely on farming, ranching, or agriculture in whole or in part for 25% or more of their total family income.

Ten of the report findings appear below.

- Half of all respondents agree with the statement, "Owning my own business or farm is a big part of the American Dream for me."*
- About half of all respondents agree that farm subsidies benefit the whole rural and small-town economy and should be protected in the federal budget (49%). Mean-

while, 57% say too many of those subsidies go to the largest farms, hurting smaller family farms. A total of 40% say too many tax dollars are spent on farm subsidies that don't help most people in small-town America.*

- While 44% of respondents say their family economic situation has gotten much or somewhat worse over the past four years, 47% say they expect that situation to get much or somewhat better in the next four years. Thirty-two percent expect it to get much or somewhat worse, while 14% expect it to stay about the same. Half the sample was asked both questions.
- Fifty-three percent of respondents say they have some or a little control over their economic situation, followed by 24% who say they have a great deal or a lot of control, and 22% who say they have no control.
- Of the issues posed to all respondents, top concerns included being able to afford health care (49%), being able to save enough to retire (43%) and having earnings, wages,

or salary cut back (41%)*

- Stability ranked as the most important component of the rural economy (37%), followed by security (28%) and opportunity (25%).
- Respondents say they hold the government most responsible for rural America's economy (43%), followed by the rich (23%). Rural people and don't know tied at 14%, rounded out by suburbs and cities at 6%.
- While 54% say the rural and small-town way of life is dying, 80% say that way of life is worth fighting for and protecting.*
- A majority of respondents think federal government policies have some or a lot of influence on the rural and small-town economy (76%), followed by 19% who say that the federal government has a little influence or nothing at all.
- Programs supported by a majority of respondents include job training for the working poor (89%); loans, tax credits, and training for farms as well as small and owner-operated businesses (89%); quality preschool programs for lower-income children (85%).

Note: All percentages for bullet points ending in an asterisk (*) reflect respondents who qualified their response with a rating between 8 and 10, indicating strong agreement with the statement.

USDA reports increase in food stamps

Nearly one in six Americans use food stamps, and the program is on the rise, according to a recent report by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The USDA recorded a 2.8% annual increase from April 2012 to April 2013 in the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), commonly known as food stamps.

The *Wall Street Journal's* Real Time Economics blog notes that more than 15% of the U.S. population relies on food stamps for nutrition. Mississippi has the highest share of population, 22%, utilizing the program. In Washington, D.C., 23% of the population is enrolled in the program.

Nearly four million Texans use food stamps, which accounts for 15% of the state's population.

Just a thought

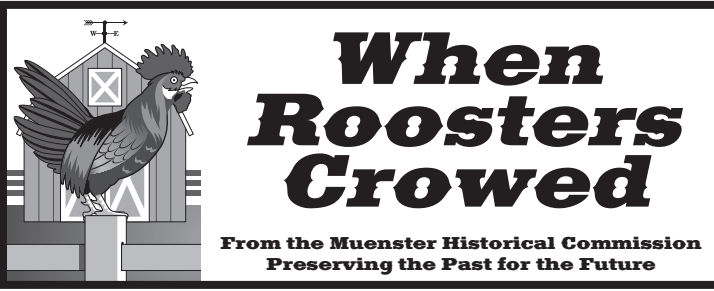
Watch your thoughts, they become words. Watch your words, they become actions. Watch your actions, they become habits. Watch your habits, they become character. Watch your character, because it becomes your destiny.

Survey reveals more female farmers

A recent survey released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reveals that the number of women operating farms in the U.S. nearly tripled over the past 30 years.

According to NPR, the number of female farmers has increased from 5% in 1978 to 14% in 2007.

NPR attributes the increase to efforts by the USDA to count small farm operations. A rise in the number of farmers markets and greater opportunities for female farmers may have also played a role in the increase.



When Roosters Crowed

From the Muenster Historical Commission Preserving the Past for the Future

The Milk Cow

Early residents of Muenster didn't have refrigerators, so there was no way to keep milk fresh & cold.

Kids in charge of milking would squirt some milk right into their mouths as they milked. Farm cats also got their share of fresh milk, getting squirted when hanging around waiting to be fed. Some cats would sit with their mouths open, ready to lap up their lunch.

Once in a while, a cow would give too much milk and tended to milk herself and the pigs would sometimes be in the same lot with the cows. The pigs found the milk dripping out of the cow's teats and licked at it. Sometimes the pigs would stand on their hind legs and suck the cow, then she wouldn't give much milk at milking time.

Milk today is homogenized. Raw milk "sets," the fat being lighter than milk, rises to the top to form cream. The fat would be skimmed off or separated. Churning cream was a process that reduced the milk content. The last milk taken out was buttermilk. Before refrigeration, the buttermilk was quite sour and the milk in the butter gave it a sour taste.

While extra cream was sent to town, farmers churned their own butter. Some churned the cream and sold the butter in town. There were several kinds of churns. In the dasher churn, there was a stick like a broomstick with a pair of boards nailed cross wise on the end of the stick. The crock might be a five gallon one. There was a round hole in the lid that the dasher stick went through. This was pulled up and down, dashing the cream about until the butter formed.

There was also the square jar that had a crank that turned wooden paddles, dashing the cream about until butter formed.

The buttermilk was drained off and the butter rinsed in cold water several times to get out as much sour milk as possible. Then the butter was put in a crock or a special wooden bowl and worked or pressed to get the last milk out. The butter was salted before putting in a cool place for storage.

Beef, pork associations sue USDA over labeling

Eight cattle and pork associations from the United States and Canada are suing the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for requiring meat labels that contain details about a product's origin. The groups claim that the new requirement is costly and serves no public health or safety benefit.

According to the *Houston Chronicle*, the USDA's new meat labeling rule went into effect in May. It requires certain cuts of meat to be labeled with the country that the animal was born, raised, and slaughtered in. It also prohibits the mixing of meats from other countries with meat from the U.S.

The USDA reports that the country of origin labeling (COOL) program helps consumers make informed decisions about the meat they buy. The groups suing the

USDA say the rule violates the U.S. Constitution and the 2008 Farm Bill.

Summer feedlot slump won't last long

Few were surprised to see

USDA's Cattle on Feed report July 19 show a 3% drop in cattle feedlot inventories compared to this time last year. Our Pro Farmer analysts call the report neutral. But Archer Financial Services blogger Dennis Smith has his eyes on placements of 800 lb. calves—placements from March to June were up 17.5% from last year—setting the stage for larger-than-expected beef production this fall. Nope, we won't be running out of steak anytime soon.

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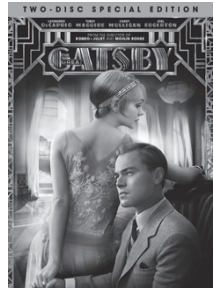
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