



Teamwork and spirit were just a few things taught at the annual mini-cheerleading camp held last week in the city park. The Muenster Hornet Cheerleaders sponsored the event, which over 100 young cheerleaders attended. Pictured learning a cheer and the motions are Stephanie Zwingski and Briana Bindel. Photo by Janie Hartman

Library dedication, open house set for July 7

by Elfreda Fette

Long awaited, and eagerly anticipated, with pride and joy and a sense of satisfaction truly deserved by the many people involved, formal dedication ceremonies will be held for the Bettie M. Luke Muenster Public Library on Saturday, July 7, 2001 at 10:00 a.m.

Muenster Boy Scouts Troop 664 will lead a Flag Ceremony to open the program, followed by the National Anthem by Christy Hesse. Mayor Henry Weinzapfel will give a welcoming address, and introduce Congressman Ralph Hall of Washington and Rockwall who has graciously agreed to be Master of Ceremonies.

Invocation will be led by Msgr. Thomas Weinzapfel of Dallas. His mother, Julia Weinzapfel assisted the Catholic Daughters of America when the first

books of the library amounted to four volumes, gradually growing to about 20.

Continuing the program, Congressman Hall will introduce Norman and Evelyn Luke of Houston, library benefactors, who will be accompanied by their son and two daughters, and several grandchildren. Adding nostalgia to the event, is the fact that the west front entrance of the library faces the birthplace and first home of Norman Luke. Bettie M. Luke was the long-time librarian.

In recognition of other guests, several dignitaries will be presented, including Darryl Tocker with Tocker Foundation of Austin, for automation and furnishings grants; J.W. "Waddy" Bullion, with Meadows Foundation of Dallas, for construction grants; Dale

Fleeger with Northeast Texas Library System, NETLS; the Muenster Public Library is a member. Other dignitaries in attendance will be presented.

The Flag that flew over the capitol will be presented to Tom Valliere, President of the Friends of the Library Board. Christy Hesse will close the formal program with "God Bless America."

For the comfort of guests and dignitaries, a tent for shade and protection from July heat will be set up.

Following the program, everyone is invited to tour the library. It will be open until 2:00 p.m. for viewing. The pride and joy of the community will be reflected throughout and its gratitude to all those who were involved in reaching completion, will be evident in spoken words and unspoken attitudes of appreciation.

City welcomes new administrator

by Dave Fette

The Muenster City Council welcomed Linda Webb, Muenster's new city administrator, on her first long day on the job at the regular City Council meeting Monday night. Webb is a native of Iraan, Texas who was formerly a county commissioner in Pecos County. She and her husband Ben have moved temporarily to Gainesville and plan to move to Muenster very soon.

Items of discussion and/or action by the Council included:

- A contract for sewer plant renovations was signed with Kimley-Horn and Associates for engineering services.

- Stephen Gilland was engaged once again to perform the city's financial audit for 2000-01.

- The Council confirmed that water and sewer line extensions outside the city limits will continue to be handled on a case-by-case method as outlined in city ordinance 256.

- Plat changes to Fleitman Subdivision Unit 1 were approved which in effect moves the location of Second Street further north and changes its name to Third Street.

- Sale of beer at the City

Park on Aug. 11, 2001 for the Fire Department benefit barbecue and auction was approved.

- The Council ruled that a brush pile on property along South Walnut Street was a sanitation, fire and skunk hazard. Therefore it is the property owner's responsibility to remove it. Because it is a hazard, they will offer fire department assistance in burning the brush when weather conditions and personnel availability allow. Normally burning within city limits is against the law.

- Sanitation commissioner, Stan Endres reported that letters were being sent to owners of 14 properties in Muenster requiring that the property be cleaned up in 10 days or a citation would be issued. The offending property owners may have to pay a maximum fine of \$500.00.

- During the city project update, Chris Yosten reported that: Fluoridation of city water would start about mid July; Ninth Street is now open east to Mesquite Street; the Eddy Street bridge is almost finished, only the side rails remain to be installed.

- Monthly bills totalling \$114,924.38 were approved for payment.

Muenster Youth impressive at Keep Texas Beautiful convention in Ft. Worth

Thirty-one representatives from Muenster attended the youth awards luncheon in Ft. Worth where Muenster Youth received a first place award for off campus youth leadership. Boy Scouts Troop 664 arrived early to participate in the annual convention Legacy Project at the downtown Ft. Worth Library. A challenge was issued to citizens to stop trashing Texas and make it

Texas Beautiful convention was held at the Renaissance Worthington Hotel in Ft. Worth on June 26th through 29th. More than 500 delegates from all over the state attended this year's convention. Muenster had 37 representatives attending all or part of the convention. Danna Hess and Mary Dangelmayr escorted the MISD National Honor Society. Gary Fisher

were all a beautiful representation of Muenster and I am extremely proud of our youth."

In addition to the award, Muenster Youth received a \$100.00 check from the Honorable Ruthe Jackson of Grand Prairie, for whom the Ruthe Jackson Youth Leadership Award is named. The award money went into a Keep Muenster Beautiful fund to be divided

is once again eligible to win the Governor's Community Achievement Award of \$65,000. The \$65,000 project from the winnings in 1999 is nearing the end of the design phase and according to B. J. Janek, Texas Department of Transportation representative from Austin, "the project will be on the ground before the next Germanfest". The project will beautify the intersection of Highways 82 and 373 and part of Main Street.



Muenster Scouts participating in the Keep Texas Beautiful convention included, from left, front: Mark Gehrig, John Rohmer, Garrett Hennigan, Jon Ambrose, Roman Vogel, Joseph Cowden; back - Gary Fisher, Daniel Bartush, Karl Fisher, Ryan Hennigan and Chuck Bartush.

more beautiful. Ft. Worth's mayor pro tem, Ralph McCloud was the first to sign a huge pledge board. The Muenster Boy Scouts and other youth in attendance proudly accepted the challenge and signed the pledge board.

Prior to the luncheon the Muenster Boy Scouts Troop 664 were asked to perform color guard responsibilities. In a moments notice, the neatly uniformed Scouts escorted and posted the colors with precision.

The 34th annual Keep

and Chuck Bartush escorted the Scouts. Brad & Terri Barrett attended with their children. MaryLee Alford, founder and President of Keep Muenster Beautiful stated, "Throughout the week, a number of delegates commented on the impressiveness of the Muenster Youth. Muenster Youth stood above the crowd, not only because they were the recipients of a prestigious award, but also because they were neatly dressed and presented themselves well. They

between Sacred Heart and MISD for campus beautification projects.

Youth participation in Keep Muenster Beautiful and campus beautification projects will be extremely important to the community this year because Muenster

The issue goes beyond just beautification, said Stacey George Cantu, executive director of Keep Texas Beautiful. Studies show that communities and neighborhoods that are well kept have lower crime rates and greater opportunities for economic development. "It shows that there are people who care," said Debbie Moody, president of Keep Texas Beautiful. Texas still has a big problem of road side littering and the newest studies show the major offenders are males 18 to 24 years old. It is important to reach our youth and impress upon them that such behavior can have a negative economic impact upon our communities and thus, their future.

Submitted by MaryLee Alfred

Kelly 2nd at State

Kelly Endres competed in the Knights of Columbus Diocesan Free Throw Competition this spring. She won 1st place in her age level in Muenster, District level in Gainesville, and Regional level held in Lewisville. She completed

her free throw competition by earning her 2nd place at the State level held at St. Edwards University in Austin. She competed against 14 other girls and completed 17 out of 25 free throws ending in a shoot-off to win 2nd place at State.



Kelly Endres

MISD awaits financial impact

The financial impact on school budgets of recent legislation to provide teachers with health insurance will not be known until school administrators receive the final interpretation of the bill. The bill, which has been the most anticipated of all bills, is HB 3343-Health Insurance, to be implemented during the 2002-2003 school year. This bill is to be viewed as a starting point for educators to receive benefits that reflect the education, expertise, and services they provide.

HB 3343 states that districts having fewer than 500 employees must join the statewide health insurance program, while districts

with over 500 employees have some flexibility before joining the statewide program. Districts whose tax rate for maintenance and operation is \$1.50 (MISD currently at \$1.24488) are to be held harmless, or not held responsible for the difference, as the law is currently interpreted. In addition, the state will contribute \$900 per year, or \$75 per month, to employees for health insurance. The state will also add \$1000 per year, or \$83.33 per month, to each employee, which can be used as additional taxable income for dependent health coverage or to purchase a better health plan. The plan is funded through a

combination of separate appropriation and formula increases. The \$900-per-covered employee-per-year state contribution is funded through the formula. The \$1000 supplement is funded outside the formulas.

Under the preliminary reports the \$1000 supplement that is funded outside the formulas has raised many concerns with districts as to whether the state or the districts will fund this amount. MISD currently pays \$150 toward insurance for 32 (46%) employees, or a total of \$57,600 per year. The state mandates that school districts pay \$150 per employee per month for all employees, which could raise the district

contribution to \$129,600. Since MISD is below the \$1.50 M&O rate, the district will have to wait until the bill is interpreted and the Texas Education Agency informs MISD about the financial impact on the district.

Other bills of noteworthiness are SB 108-School Start Date and SB 596-Pre-kindergarten Programs for Public School Districts. Beginning in 2002-2003 SB 108 will not allow school districts to start prior to the week in which August 21 falls. Districts that want to start earlier may apply for a waiver through the commissioner of education. MISD will decide after the

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NOTICE

Notice of date correction for Keep Muenster Beautiful annual meeting. The meeting will be held

Thursday, July 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Cooke County Co-op. All are welcome.

Sharing in the Muenster Spirit



Bettie M. Luke Muenster Public Library

We extend our special thanks and congratulations to the City of Muenster, the library board of directors, staff, volunteers, loyal supporters, and contributors of the new library. Due to your loyal commitment and vision, you have brought the Bettie M. Luke Muenster Public Library from a dream to a reality.

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Hall supports broad outline of Bush energy policy

"Research and development in our energy industry is vital to our efforts to develop and implement a national policy that puts America on course for more energy independence," stated Rep. Ralph Hall (D/TX) recently as the House approved the Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2002 and as President Bush promoted his National Energy Policy in an address at the Department of Energy.

"The vote today on the Energy and Water bill -- combined with last week's vote on the Interior appropriations bill -- will help ensure that our research and development thrust remains viable," Hall said. The Energy and Water bill provided a slight increase in current levels of funding for renewable energy resources and technology, including geothermal, hydropower, biomass/biofuels, and solar and wind energy systems. The Interior bill included

funding for Energy Department fossil fuels and conservation programs.

"We still must work with the Administration to provide adequate research and development support for the domestic oil and gas industry," Hall emphasized. "We need to continue development of more efficient, environmentally safe, and cost-effective methods of further developing these domestic resources, both offshore and onshore -- in Alaska and the lower 48 states."

"We can no longer afford the luxury of effectively

fencing off some of our federal lands with the greatest potential for oil and gas development. We need to open them up to exploration and development under strict rules that reduce to the absolute minimum the environmental impacts of that production," Hall said. "The oil industry has proven that it is willing and able to extract oil and gas and leave almost no footprints -- we should give them the opportunity to practice what they've learned on non-federal lands in Texas and the other producing states."

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

Sometime in the mid to late 30s, when farmers and stockmen still raised draft horses and mules for their own use and also for the market, a stockman prevailed on my brother-in-law, J.J. Hoehn, to deliver a mare and her colt, to the headquarters of the Ball ranch.

J.J. was only 10 or 11 years of age at the time, but the mare was very gentle and no one expected any problems. The man gave J.J. a fairly detailed diagram of the roads to follow, helped him up on the mare, and thus began what would likely be a long, boring, and uneventful ride to the Ball ranch headquarters.

Well, all went according to plan, and after J.J. and his charges had traveled several miles eastward and south, they were passing a farmstead where an old mule was watching the approaching trio.

Now some mules have a thing about claiming young animals, and this old corder soon found a low place in the fence, jumped across,

and proceeded to try and separate the mare and colt. This didn't set too well with the mare and she proceeded to try and kick the mule's ribs in, which caused the mule to begin kicking the mare.

Well, fortunately for J.J., one hoof struck in front of his leg, the other behind, and it was about then that he heard a voice coming from behind. As he turned, he saw an elderly lady who had heard the fuss and had come to investigate.

The lady pointed a finger at the mule, and in a stern voice said, "Jack, what are you doing out here? You know better! Now you get back in that pasture and behave yourself!"

Strange as it may seem that old mule jumped back into the barnyard and trotted down the pasture. The colt trotted over to the mare and she and J.J. trotted down the road.

Thus began the second leg of a ride that would likely be long, boring, and uneventful, to the Ball ranch headquarters.

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first of the year whether the district will request a waiver for an earlier start date. Currently more than 75% of MISD secondary students are on campus by the second week of August for football, cheerleading, cross-country, and band.

SB 596 will again allow school districts to charge tuition for students that do not qualify under the National Free-Reduced Breakfast and Lunch Program. Last year the district was informed by the Texas Education Agency that it could not charge tuition based upon an Attorney General's Opinion. SB 596 will help districts in defraying some of the costs

in providing Pre-K education.

Future Legislative activities have already begun with the organization of an interim committee to study school funding. It has become apparent that the current system of financial support for the public schools of Texas relies too heavily on property taxes. The interim committee will seek alternatives for funding public education. For additional information concerning the bills discussed, other bills, or other school related issues, please contact the MISD Superintendent.

Submitted by
Clyde W. Steelman, Jr.,
Superintendent, MISD

\$2.1 million for Red River Chloride Control Project passed by House

U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry (TX-13) praised the recent passage by the House of Representatives of a funding bill that will provide the Red River Chloride Control Project with \$2.1 million for the coming fiscal year.

"At a time when we should be exploring every opportunity to increase our water supply," Thornberry stated, "this bill will help. It will provide the Red River Chloride Control Project with just over \$2 million. These funds will keep the project moving forward."

The Red River Chloride Control Project consists of a series of dams, pipelines, and pump stations in Knox County, which are part of a network that reduces saltwater flow into the river. Funding for the project will be used to support the ongoing process of making water in the Wichita River Basin suitable for human consumption.

A date for Senate consideration has not been set.

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Sunday, July 8, 2001	Monday, July 9, 2001	Tuesday, July 10, 2001	Wednesday, July 11, 2001	Thursday, July 12, 2001	Friday, July 13, 2001	Saturday, July 14, 2001
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Library Hours 10AM - 6:30PM	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Library Open 2:30PM Chamber of Commerce Breakfast at Rohmers	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Library Open 10:30AM - 6:30PM Kiwanis Family Swim Night 7-9PM Keep Muenster Beautiful meeting, 6:30PM Cooke City Electric Co-op	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	
SWIM		LESSONS				
Sunday, July 15, 2001	Monday, July 16, 2001	Tuesday, July 17, 2001	Wednesday, July 18, 2001	Thursday, July 19, 2001	Friday, July 20, 2001	Saturday, July 21, 2001
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Obituaries

Martha (McMahan) Baker 1901 - 2001

Reaching the age of 100 years, Martha Cardellie McMahan Baker, who at one time had lived in Muenster, died in Duncan, Oklahoma on June 25, 2001 at 6:45 p.m.

She was born May 3, 1901 in Sevier County, Tennessee to Archibald Sherman McMahan and Judy Carolina (Valentine) McMahan. On Aug. 8, 1926, she married Claude Baker in Dye Mound, Texas. She moved to Muenster in 1910.

She lived in the Saint Jo area since 1912, living in the Gladys area and in Peabody. She was a member of the Dye Mound Community Church until it disbanded, and then became a member of the First Baptist Church of Saint Jo, where she taught Sunday School until reaching age 95. Her principal hobbies were quilting, gardening,

Home Demonstration Clubs, and 4-H activities. She raised beautiful flowers and fabulous vegetable gardens. Very talented in quilting, she was known for the beauty of her quilts, and made quilts for all her children, and grandchildren. Very often a friend would receive a lovely quilt to treasure.

Survivors include three daughters, Bernice Southerland of Duncan, Oklahoma, Annie Ruth Mitchell of Saint Jo, and Martha Mae Curtis of Fritch, Texas; and one son, Thomas Alfred Baker of Gainesville. There are eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Also one sister Allie Mae Siebold of Dallas and one brother Eli Aubrey McMahan of Saint Jo.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband; two sons, James Wilson Baker and Claude

Baker Jr.; one daughter Dellie Baker; one granddaughter Melissa Norsworthy; seven sisters Frances Quentine McMahan, Flora Anna Hall, Lila Florence McMahan, Sarah Jane McMahan, Thuler Melinda Bull, Ollie Ruth Wilson, and Grace Medilion McMahan. Also four brothers George Randall McMahan, William McKinley McMahan, Chief (C.H.) McMahan, and Jollie Roy McMahan.

Services were held in First Baptist Church of Saint Jo on June 28, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. officiated by Dr. Jack Robbins and Keith Rogers. Burial in Dye Mound Cemetery in Montague County was directed by McCoy Funeral Home. Pallbearers were James Baker, Travis Moore, Jr., Nathan Mitchell, Guy Curtis, Clark Jowers, and Marty McCuiston.

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"TAXES WILL NOT GO UP if we vote to merge and create the Cooke County Hospital District. In fact, they will go down from a 27 cent rate now, to an 18 cent rate after we merge."

Quoted from ad in Muenster Enterprise June 29, 2001 paid for by CITIZENS FOR BETTER HEALTHCARE

"The ballot for the election shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: 'The dissolution of the Muenster Hospital District and creation of the Cooke County Hospital District, providing for the levy of a tax not to exceed 75 cents on each \$100 valuation on all taxable property in the Cooke County Hospital District...'"

Quoted from the law enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas

These two statements seem to be contradictory. The board for the newly created district would have the authority to set the tax rate up to the limit set in the legislative act. How can anyone at this time promise or even know what the new board will do?

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FOR
 OR
 AGAINST

The dissolution of the Muenster Hospital District and creation of the Cooke County Hospital District, providing for the levy of a tax not to exceed 75 cents on each \$100 valuation on all taxable property in the Cooke County Hospital District, and providing for the transfer to and assumption by the Cooke County Hospital District of all outstanding bonds and indebtedness issued or refunded for hospital purposes by the Muenster Hospital District and the transfer of the existing Muenster Hospital District's assets to the Cooke County Hospital District.

If we vote against the dissolution of our Muenster Hospital District, the Gainesville District will build a new Hospital on its own.

There is no way we can be annexed by the Gainesville District if they build a hospital on their own, they keep their District - we keep our District.

Our Muenster District was created, in 1965, by an Act of the 59th State Legislature (Sections 1 & 2, Chapter 477) By law we were created and only if we vote to dissolve can we be annexed or join another district. Our District could not be annexed even should our Hospital close. We could operate the same kind of facilities that the Merger Group promises to provide, that being a Clinic with doctor's offices, a lab and x-ray facilities, and also keep St. Richards Villa. We can do all this at a lower tax rate and keep our multi-million dollar assets locally owned.

To keep our District, our Hospital, and Saint Richards Villa vote AGAINST the dissolution of the Muenster Hospital District.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

As I was fortunate enough to have worked on the opening day of Muenster Memorial Hospital on Feb. 3, 1964, and for 36 years thereafter, I have many fond memories and emotional ties to the hospital. On Saturday, Aug. 11, 2001 the decision will be made as to the future healthcare in Muenster.

Healthcare has changed dramatically over the years making it difficult, if not impossible for small rural hospitals, like Muenster Memorial Hospital, to survive. To continue providing quality healthcare in our community, I support the merger with Gainesville Hospital District and the creation of a unified county hospital district.

I support Mr. Jack Endres and the Board of Directors for their efforts in assuring that the healthcare needs are met in the community. I

also commend the past administrators, the medical staff, and employees for the services they have provided in making MMH so well known for its care.

I will vote FOR the merger.
Joan Walterscheid
P.O. Box 161
Muenster, Texas 76252

Letter to the Editor,

With Respect and Consideration of the M.M.H. employees and their families (their longevity and retirement).

Consider the merging of the two hospitals.

Muenster will still have its health clinic.
Thank you,
C. William Hermes
2530 CR 318
Gainesville, TX 76240

Dear Editor,

I've heard rumors around town that Muenster Memorial Hospital leases numerous items from Endres Leasing, which some people feel is a conflict of interest. To satisfy my own curiosity and to inform all the voters in our district, I went to talk to Doris Muller, MMH Business Office Manager. I learned that MMH has nothing leased from Endres Leasing. The only thing at St. Richard's Villa is a copier. The final payment is due on July 10, 2001.

This stops one of the rumors in town. Let's all search out the truth before making a decision.

Personally, I support and will vote for the merger to ensure continual health care in Muenster.

Agnes Rohmer, Box 305,
Muenster, TX.

Some Things That Our Hospital District Citizens Should Know About

The proposed new hospital in Gainesville could be a mistake. At the last board meeting, one of the speakers brought up the fact that the new hospital is being built for young people with an emphasis on more outpatient services that is why it has fewer beds, ect... He cited statistics that show our county is not like a lot of urban areas where a hospital like that is needed. Our demographics show that our population age average is getting older as opposed to urban areas where the average age is getting younger. Therefore our hospital needs are different. We need facilities that are nearby with easy access and have overnight stay. In fact our town is the perfect place for a hospital especially one specializing in convalescence, a place where people who need long-term (hospital) care but are not necessarily totally confined to the hospital, and a place where you can go out and walk in town or around the block. Most city hospitals cannot offer this type of safe wholesome environment. We absolutely do not need to close our hospital. All we need is fresh thinking. With all the renewed interest in the hospital and so many volunteers coming forward wanting to work on committees to make this happen, we should all unite behind this effort. We should let the board know that the apathy of the past is gone. Now is the time for them to react to the mandate presented to them by the voters. We want to keep what we have. We will vote against the dissolution of our district. We want to keep our district and hospital. **DISSOLUTION IS NO SOLUTION.**

Sincerely, James Walterscheid, 2919 CR 302, Muenster, TX 76252

THE FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

The proposed merger certainly solves no problems. It simply gives away all our assets, guarantees a huge debt, gives away our after hours facility and emergency care. It does not guarantee any of our hospital employee's employment. It does however guarantee the probability of much higher taxes with a tax cap of \$.75 per \$100 evaluation. In fact it requires the newly formed board to set a new tax rate when the new county district is formed. It states that the voters, by passing this legislation are giving the board this (blank check) authority. Another thing it will guarantee is we will no longer have any control over what we want to have. After the first election our representation could go to zero. Even on the appointed board we will not have enough representation to obtain a single thing. It should be obvious that even four temporary appointed board members on a nine member board can't give us anything we might need. They wouldn't even be able to stop an attempt by the board to change the legislation closing our proposed day clinic. So what can we do?

First of all everyone should understand that there is absolutely no need to merge our districts. There are plenty of options available to us, all which will give us much more than the merger plan. The best plan is an affiliation plan that links us with a larger not for profit hospital that will solve problems with insurance reimbursement, staffing, administration, even financial assistance. We have already looked into this and find no obstacles to this plan. There is also the possibility that we can drop to a lower level hospital such as a critical access hospital, but we have been told that with our level of revenue it shouldn't be necessary if we had proper management. We have the data and facts to back up what is presented here. So if anyone has more questions, please contact me.

If you believe as I do then please vote against the dissolution of our district.

DISSOLUTION IS NO SOLUTION Thank you for your support,
James Walterscheid, 2919 CR 302, Muenster, TX 76252

Letter to the Editor,

KEEP OUR HOSPITAL DISTRICT, same as we do not give away the Family farm and do not merge school districts into one. In the coming weeks we will be bombarded with requests, by a small group of people to join the Cooke County Hospital District;

Every day, Please read this, and every day keep in mind the following:

(1) It is said by many that we want to get an ambulance stationed here if we merge. This is much more possible if we keep our District, because we will have local bargaining power by our own district board. A new formed district would hardly bargain for an ambulance, as they would have to put one in Kiowa, Valley View, Callisburg, etc. This could hardly happen.

(2) The same applies with a clinic, resthome and medical service here in Muenster. Other areas could and more than likely would ask for the same services in their area, and this is almost impossible for a new "Debt Ridden" hospital district to furnish. This scenario could and

probably would cause the new Cooke County District to find a way to close all down in Muenster to appease other areas in the District who have the right to demand the same. Then what would we do without a local board to bargain for our cause.

(3) Please understand, if we keep our district we can run the same type Clinic, Medical Service, and more out of our existing facility, as promised by a Cooke County District, and taxes could be lowered to almost nothing if and when the full service hospital has to scale down.

(4) A local District Board could be in command to bargain for us, not an out of town group who are not as interested in our side of the county. We have a choice to use any Neighboring hospital facility in our area. **NO OTHER HOSPITAL ASKS US TO PAY MILLIONS IN TAXES TO PAY FOR THEIR NEW FACILITY.** Please, we must keep our District, by voting NOT to Merge,

Rufus Henscheid
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SOURCES: Carole Keeton Ryland, Texas Comptroller (www.wildfire.state.tx.us)

VOTE FOR MERGER!

OPEN LETTER TO VOTERS OF MUENSTER HOSPITAL DISTRICT

In last weeks paper there were letters "for" and "against" the merger of hospital districts. Those opposing the merger of MHD and GHD into a single County District are quick to point out why they think it will not work. Upon closer inspection however, the negatives they associate with a UNIFIED district are more likely to occur if the Muenster District attempts to continue on it's own.

A long-time former Hospital Administrator, as well as a leading Physician, have both indicated our Hospital cannot be viable on a long-term basis, and taxes are much more likely to go up if we do not merge. According to the District's Auditor at the town hall meeting held in March, our taxes will need to be raised as much as 60% to cover operational shortfalls once we no longer receive windfalls such as the federal tobacco settlement.

It was claimed our Hospital showed an average profit of \$200,000 per year for the past four years. **This is not true!** To set the record straight, the following is an exact reprint from the last Auditor's report:

	1997	1998	1999	2000
Income (loss) from operations other than property taxes and local government subsidies	(168,321)	(110,022)	(119,697)	(272,964)
Property taxes and other government subsidies	314,525	321,043	322,946	340,018
Income (loss) from operations	\$146,204	\$211,021	\$203,249	\$67,054

Reprinted from page 20 of Hospital's "Details of Operating Income" by Parrish, Moody, and Fikes, P.C. Certified Public Accountants for MHD produced for the annual closing dated 6-30-2000.

The figures in brackets above represent a loss. The only way anyone could assume a profit is to include the subsidy of property taxes and the tobacco settlement. As the tobacco payments come to an end the only alternative is to depend on higher taxes. There has not been a profit from Hospital operations from 1997 to the present time.

It was also claimed a county-wide board can simply change the "Enabling Legislation.....so that it is no longer necessary to maintain Nursing Home facilities in the city of Muenster." **Again, this is not true!** Amending this type of legislation would require wide-spread support from throughout the county (with little or no opposition) to even gain sponsorship, much less pass both houses of the legislature.

Lastly, it was suggested the western third of the county (i.e. Muenster and surrounding community), will be overwhelmed by the larger population to the east, thus losing our representation. **This isn't necessarily true.** History shows residents from our District have held elective positions of leadership from County Judge on down. Our community has plenty of capable and responsible residents with leadership abilities. All that is required is they step forward, and we support them fully. **WE WILL have our share of representation** on the board of the new Cooke County Hospital District.

We urge you to closely consider the facts, We will continue to provide you truthful information each week. We urge you to look to the future and help provide quality healthcare for all current and future residents of Cooke County.

Very Sincerely Yours,
Al Felderhoff
Al Felderhoff, Chairman
Citizens for Better Healthcare

VOTE FOR MERGER!



The engagement and approaching marriage of Judy Meredith Smith and Joseph Blake Sherwood, both of Lubbock, have been announced by parents of the bride-elect, Robert and Judy McDaniel of Muenster. Parents of the future groom are Joe and Sharon Sherwood of Lubbock. The wedding will be held on July 19 in Sherwood Forest of London, England. Meredith is a graduate of Texas Tech University and is employed as an elementary art teacher. Mr. Sherwood is a commercial photographer and graphic artist. The couple will reside in Lubbock.

Fette family reunion

The John and Annie Fette Family will hold a family reunion on Saturday evening, July 7 at 5 p.m. in Muenster City Park. Friends will find them arriving at the park anytime between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. and may enjoy visiting together.

Cadet Second Class Russell Fette makes Superintendent's List

For the second semester in a row, Russell Fette, a cadet at the United States Air Force Academy has reached the highest honor available by earning a spot on the Superintendent's List. For this achievement a cadet must excel in the three areas of primary focus at the Academy: academic, military, and physical. Cadets who earn this honor wear all three of the medals simultaneously on their uniform. A star indicates academic performance, a lightning bolt represents physical performance, and a garland represents military performance. Fette is one of few cadets at the Academy to earn this honor. He majors in Engineering Mechanics and each cadet carries approximately 21 hours per semester, not including military training.

authorized to issue the basic parachute badge. The Air Force Academy also has the only school in the United States authorized to allow students to perform unassisted freefall delays on their first jump, without any prior static line training.



Cadet Russell Fette

Cadet Fette takes part in many activities at the Academy including singing in the Catholic Cadet Choir and the Equestrian club. Last summer he completed the Global Engagement Course (amock deployment), Combat Survival Training, and the Basic Parachuting. Fette has also been selected to be an exchange student at West Point Military Academy for the fall semester of 2001. He will head to New York after completing another portion of his summer training in North Carolina at Pope Air Force Base.

Russell has also earned a place on the prestigious United States Air Force Academy Parachute Team, Wings of Blue, this spring. Fette is an instructor in the program this summer and is currently teaching "Jump". What follows is a reprint of an article about the team and the parachuting program.

Fette is the son of Pam and Dave Fette, and a 1999 graduate of Sacred Heart High School.

PARACHUTING

Cadets at the Air Force Academy have an opportunity to learn about the military application and sport of parachuting. While never losing its fundamental drama, parachuting has progressed to become much more than jumping from an airplane, pulling a ripcord, and noping and praying for the best.

Parachuting at the Air Force Academy began more than 30 years ago. Each year, 1200 cadets complete five freefall jumps in the basic freefall parachuting course and earn the parachutist badge and rating. The Air Force Academy parachute team is one of two places in the Department of Defense

Additionally, the basic parachuting course teaches freefall parachuting skills that could be needed in an emergency bailout from a disabled aircraft. These procedures and techniques include the fundamentals of high altitude freefall, the use of steerable parachutes, parachute landing falls and emergency procedures. The basic parachuting course focuses on the individual's ability to overcome natural born fears and perform under the extreme stresses of potentially life and death situations. The individual learns that through adherence to strict standards of performance learned in an atmosphere of professional instruction, natural born fears can be conquered, and that they can perform safely and competently in the face of life threatening situations. Such lessons are especially valuable to military professionals who may ultimately be called upon to discharge duties quickly and competently in the stresses of combat. Additionally, the parachute program builds on the individual's personal standards of excellence. Such is key to the individual's development of character above reproach, the foundation of effective leadership: without a solid foundation of unquestionable character, an individual cannot function effectively as a leader in the eyes of subordinates and superiors alike. In addition, this course is one of the premier sources of character development at the academy. It is one place where a cadet can face the stress of combat and learn to overcome. The lessons learned in the parachute program serve the Academy well in developing individual character and personal standards of excellence.

It is a rigorous training schedule with heavy emphasis on safety. Before cadets make their first jump, they are drilled in ground school for more than 24 hours on proper parachuting procedures. The repetition is intended to have the jumper respond automatically and correctly

should something unexpected occur during a jump.

Cadets who successfully complete the basic freefall course are eligible to tryout for the advanced training necessary to possibly upgrade to the Air Force Academy parachute team, the "Wings of Blue." Those who want advanced training must compete for admission. Selection is based upon an individual's maturity, abilities, and academic and military standing. About 30 cadets are selected each year to enter the 491 upgrade program.

The advanced training consists of more than 150 freefall jumps which teach cadets the techniques required to control their bodies in freefall. This training allows jumpers to perform such maneuvers as

descent rate of 2-16 feet per second and can reach forward speeds of up to 30 miles per hour.

The advanced course also includes intensive practice in the jumpmaster and instructor techniques used by Wings of Blue in order to train students in the basic freefall parachuting course.

The "Wings of Blue" has been one of the outstanding parachute units in the country during the past two decades. Since 1967, cadets have dominated national intercollegiate parachuting championships, typically winning decisively over the other 40 schools. The team has won 21 of the 27 national championships.

Additionally, they perform about 50 demonstrations each year which have included the Copper Bowl, Fiesta Bowl, and Pro Bowl. The team travels locally, nationally, and now internationally to perform in these varied airshows. 1997 was the first year the team traveled internationally when it performed for the Japanese/American Friendship Festival in Yokota, Japan, which is now an annual event.

The parachute team, because of its diverse mission, is divided into a demonstration team and a competition team. Advising and supervising the team is a very small group of active duty Air Force commissioned and NCOs.

Each cadet member of the team must be a qualified jumpmaster and instructor in the Air Force Academy parachuting program. They must also maintain high academic and military standards to remain with the team. Members of the parachute team average about 600 jumps by the time they graduate.

The "Wings of Blue" jumps from a variety of aircraft, however the team primarily uses its own DeHavilland UV-18B Twin Otters.



Fette nears the landing zone under his Wings of Blue canopy, during a civilian jump at Skydive Texas, outside Decatur.

turns, front and back loops, barrel rolls, and relative work formations.

During the advanced course, cadets transition from a large docile square canopy used in the basic course to the high performance square canopy used by Wings of Blue. This canopy has a vertical

New Arrivals

Kubis

Ronnie and Cathy Kubis of Muenster announce with pride and joy the birth of a son, Cole Alexander Kubis in Muenster Memorial Hospital on June 19, 2001 at 11:31 a.m. weighing 6 lb., 6.7 oz. and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length. He joins two brothers Casey Bayer, age 12 and Devon Kubis, age 8. Their grandparents are Rocky and Roberta Dickerson of Muenster and Gilbert and Rosina Kubis of Lindsay. Great-grandparents are Marcella Hellingner of Gainesville, Catherine Kubis of Lindsay, and Ruth Oblehner of Littlefield, Texas.

McMinn

Ruth and William McMinn of Saint Jo announce the birth of their first child, a son, William Chase McMinn, in Muenster Memorial Hospital on June

19, 2001 at 3:45 p.m., weighing 8 lb. 6 oz. and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length. Grandparents are Hannelore Halley of Saint Jo, Cheryl Barber of Mustang, Oklahoma, and Jerry and Kathy McMinn of Gainesville. Great-grandmother is Hilda Halley of Saint Jo.

Moncada

April Nicole Salazar and Albert Raul Moncada of Gainesville announce the birth of Anthony Elias Moncada in Muenster Memorial Hospital on June 28, 2001 at 3:23 p.m. weighing 6 lb. 8 oz. and measuring 19 1/4 inches long. Grandparents are Alejandro Rivera and Isabel Alicia Perez de Rivera of Gainesville. Great-grandparents are Gregorio Salvador Perez and Juana Alicia Herrera de Perez of Uvalde.

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MISD Superintendent completes Superintendent's Academy

Mr. Clyde W. Steelman, Jr. completed a year-long Lamar University Superintendent's Academy in Beaumont June 23, 2001. The Center for Executive Leadership at Lamar University is in its eighth year of providing advanced leadership training for exemplary superintendents, having graduated over three hundred. At the completion of the Academy, attendees are able to use the academy in pursuit of doctoral degrees. The Academy is funded by a grant from the Texas Education Agency with support from IBM.

The Lamar Superintendent's Academy is an advanced leadership development program designed to give exemplary superintendents an opportunity for self-renewal and skill enhancement (i.e. to build on what has made them successful leaders). The curriculum includes advanced leadership and visioning techniques (provided by trainers from the business world), technology and futures

training at IBM's Palisades, New York training facility, and the application of technology to administrative decision-making. Participants also had an opportunity to work in cohort groups with other exemplary superintendents and work through upcoming and current educational issues.

To ensure diversity of membership the Admissions Committee considered school size, geographic location, ethnicity, and gender when making their selections. Approximately 125 superintendents are nominated each year for forty academy scholarships. The value of the scholarship is calculated to be in excess of ten thousand dollars. Cost of books, fees, training and all education costs, including travel expenses and training at the IBM's executive training center in Palisades, New York is covered by the scholarship. Travel expenses within the state (mileage, room, meals, etc.) were borne by each superintendent.

Training was conducted once a month Thursday-Saturday, except for the training held at the IBM Training Center in New York, which lasted Tuesday-Friday. The 40 superintendents in the academy represented the diversity of the state, such as the Deputy Superintendent at Dallas ISD (former San Marcus superintendent) to a small district with 50 students, from districts in the panhandle to districts in the Rio Grande Valley.

The academy has provided an invaluable resource of information to help superintendents and local school boards in basing decisions on current and future educational opportunities for their students. The MISD Board of Trustees are to be commended for having the vision to allow the district's superintendent the opportunity to participate in the program. Actions of this magnitude should again assure the community that the Board of Trustees are making decisions based upon what students need upon completion of high school at MISD.

Stevens graduates law school with honors

Aaron Stevens, son of Ike and Suzanne Huchton Stevens of Corinth and grandson of Billye Huchton of Muenster and Theresa Stevens of Spring Creek, was graduated with honors from the University of Texas School of Law on May 19, 2001 where he was awarded a Presidential Scholarship all three years at UT Law School, and was a member of the *Texas Law Review*. An article that he wrote, entitled "Arresting Crime: Expanding the Scope of DNA Databases in America" was published in the *Texas Law Review* in March 2001, and won the *Review's* award for Outstanding Published Law Note (student written) in 2001.



Aaron Stevens

will remain in Austin for several months to prepare for the Texas Bar Exam before moving to Dallas to begin work in the law firm of Jones Day in September 2001.

Aaron will be wed to Theresa Messier, (also of Austin, who received her degree in Finance from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos on May 12, 2001. They will be wed at Denton in August.

Aaron's grandmothers, Theresa Stevens of Spring Creek, and Billye Huchton of Muenster accompanied Ike and Suzanne Stevens to the graduation ceremony for Aaron, but were unable to accompany them to San Marcos for Theresa's graduation ceremony the previous weekend.

Kelli Stoffels is Good Shepherd graduate

Kelli Michelle Stoffels graduated from 8th grade at Good Shepherd Catholic School in Garland. Graduation Mass and reception were held at Good Shepherd Church on May 18 at 7:00 p.m. Kelli was acknowledged for academic excellence and named Valedictorian of her class. She received the President's Award Scholarship to Bishop Lynch High School. This \$500 award recognizes students for academic merit and leadership ability. She also received a \$200 scholarship to be applied to her high school tuition from the Catholic Daughters of America for her outstanding academic achievements.

Kelli was involved in many extra-curricular activities during Junior High. She was a member of the basketball team, volleyball team, and track team. She was named Most Valuable Player on the basketball team as a 7th grader and named team captain as an 8th grader. Her basketball team won the Division II championship in the Dallas Parochial League this season. She is also an avid soccer player participating in the Garland Soccer Association for nine years. She was a two-year member of the student council and served as treasurer. She was also a member of the MathCounts Team.

Attending the graduation ceremony were her parents Bob and Pauline Stoffels; sister Emily; and grandmother Virginia Noggler of Lindsay. Kelli is the granddaughter of the late Ted Noggler.



Nearly 300 students attended Southwestern State University's 13th annual Middle School Band Camp held June 24-27 on the Weatherford campus. The camp is designed for students who have completed grades five through seven and is hosted each year by the SWOSU Music Department. Among those attending were, from left, Amber Fuhrmann, Jennifer Endres, Jayna Rohmer, Crystal Fuhrmann, Leah Vinson and Heather Fette, all of Muenster.

Cheryl Stoffels graduates with honors from Bishop Lynch

Cheryl Diane Stoffels graduated with honors from Bishop Lynch Catholic High School in Dallas with 253 of her classmates. The commencement was held at Lake Pointe Church on May 20 at 2:00 p.m. During her high school career, Cheryl was a member of the BL Brigade (drill team) and Peer Helpers. She was a Eucharistic Minister. She also was a Peer Mediator/Counselor.

Cheryl's honors include being named an All American Scholar, Who's Who Among American High School Students, National Honor Society, Peer Helper's Recognition Award, and twice being named White Citation Dancer for

the drill team. She also was named to the academic honor roll and maintained her rank in the top 10 percent of her class all four years of high school.

Honors Convocation for the graduating class was held on Friday, May 18 at Bishop Lynch. During the honors ceremony Cheryl received recognition for being offered academic merit scholarships to Stephen F. Austin University and the University of Dallas.

Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated on Saturday, May 19 at St. Pius X Church in Mesquite, Texas. A reception followed in the St. Pius X School Gym.

Cheryl will be attending the University of Texas at Austin where she will major in Psychology. Her future plans are to get a graduate



Cheryl Stoffels

degree and work in clinical psychology.

Attending the graduation ceremony were her parents Bob and Pauline Stoffels; sisters Kelli and Emily; grandparents from Lindsay Virginia Noggler and Charles and Betty Stoffels; Jo Ann Richards; Stacie Yosten; Randy and Janice Stoffels, Stephanie, and Chad; and Bobby Noggler. Cheryl is the granddaughter of the late Ted Noggler.



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Sports

Muenster youth bring home Hoop-it-up championship

Derek Felderhoff, Sean Fuhrmann, Chase Cain, and Russell Endres played in their fifth consecutive Hoop-it-up on June 23 and 24. They brought home their second championship with a 6-1 record. Their only loss was to the Young Ballas (12-16) in Saturday's qualifying round.

The young Hornets then won the single elimination tournament Sunday. They defeated the Young Ballas in the final 16-9 to avenge their earlier loss. The win made them champs of their 14 and under division. Their previous championship was in 1999, with 3rd place finishes in 1998 and 2000. They also earned a 2nd place in 1997. Twenty-five family members supported the boys throughout the weekend.



Hoop-it-Up champions - from left, Derek Felderhoff, Sean Fuhrmann, Chase Cain and Russell Endres.



Jeannene Flusche with assistant Michael Flusche taught a Red Cross certified safety instructor aid class to 15 students last week in preparation for swim lessons that begin June 9. Because of heavy rains last Saturday during registration, pre-registration is being accepted at the Muenster Pool for the week of June 16 lessons. Photo by Janie Hartman

ATTENTION:

Immediately following the Jaycees Golf Tournament, Saturday, July 7th, there will be a Benefit Auction for Laura Taylor. Any items which can be donated would be greatly appreciated. There will be several autographed items donated by the Dallas Mavericks, Stars, Cowboys and Texas Rangers. Former Texas Rangers Pete Incaviglia and Mike Munoz have been involved in collecting items.

Auction Items

- Autographed Dallas Cowboy Pendant by Jerry Jones and Dave Campo
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 - Autographed Hockey Stick by Ed Belfour from Lee Roy Hess
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Olivia Haverkamp of the Blue team heads for third base as Stefani Tucker, Red team second baseman watches infield action. Photo by Janie Hartman



Lacy Trubenbach beats the ball to first base against Saint Jo. Photo by Janie Hartman



Katilyn Hesse takes off of third base as Coach Ronda Pagel watches another teammate leave second.

Forestburg Ranch Rodeo this weekend

The Forestburg Riding Club will be hosting a Ranch Rodeo this Friday and Saturday, July 6-7. Action begins at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Events include team roping, branding, remuda saddling, double mugging, sorting and a surprise event. There will be a 12 team maximum per night, with four man (or women) teams. For more information call Dianne Gordon at 995-7239 or Mona Baird at 964-2268.

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Don't get zapped! Electricity deregulation comes to Texas

A pilot program is now underway for business and residential customers in Texas to choose the company that provides their electricity. The pilot program, called Texas Electric Choice, is overseen by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC), and is a test run for January, 2002, when all customers of investor-owned electric utilities can choose their provider.

Be alert, warns the Better Business Bureau serving Dallas and Northeast Texas, for scams and frauds in this changing marketplace. Among the crop of new, unfamiliar companies gearing up to sell power to the people in Texas, there are likely to be a few shady operations intent on making a fast buck in the deregulated electricity industry. The BBB advises both business and residential consumers to beware of:

- "Shocking," similar to "slamming" (unauthorized switching of telephone service), this is unauthorized switching of a customer's electrical service provider.

Deceptive ads, such as "two free weeks," which might include electrical costs but not the fixed transmission and distribution costs, which can represent two-thirds of an electric bill.

- Exorbitant hidden fees charged for folding an electric bill into a mortgage payment, or "inflation protection" with a fixed long-term rate.
- Misleading claims about the source of electrical power, for example, claiming it is "green" (from water, wind, or solar) rather than pollutive (from coal or nuclear sources) when it's not.

The BBB offers these tips to avoid electricity deregulation fraud:

- Ask for printed material so you can evaluate any offers. Read the fine print and get everything in writing. There should be a clear description of kilowatt prices and billing procedures.
- Don't be pressured into making a switching decision immediately.
- Finally, get independent advice. For more

information on electricity deregulation for both businesses and residential customers, contact Texas Electric Choice, a program of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, at www.powertochoose.org or call toll-free 1-866-PWR-4-TEX (1-866-797-4839). To contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas directly, visit www.puc.state.tx.us or call toll-free 1-888-782-8477.

- Check on Retail Electric

Trustee applicants needed for MHMR

Cooke County will be appointing a member to the Board of Trustees for Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services of Texoma for a two year term beginning Sept. 1, 2001. Board members are eligible to serve consecutive re-appointment terms. Persons residing in the Cooke County who are interested in serving on this important board should request an application from: Executive Director, MHMR Services of Texoma, 5001 Airport Drive, Denison, Texas; telephone,

903-786-4805. Or: County Judge's Office: The Honorable Belvin Harris, Cooke County Courthouse, Gainesville, Texas 76240; telephone, 940-668-5435.

Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services of Texoma actively seeks trustee representation from consumers or family members of the types of services offered by the center. The center also seeks membership that is reflective of cultural demographics of its service area.

Consumer warning: Thousands of flood-damaged vehicles headed for the market

As southeast Texas begins to dry out from flooding, citizens throughout the state and adjoining regions should beware of a new flood of damaged vehicles already appearing on the market. Estimates coming from Houston and surrounding communities indicate as many as 50,000 vehicles could have suffered some degree of damage.

There are several steps buyers can take to protect themselves before purchasing a used vehicle, especially if it was registered in Harris County or surrounding counties.

1. Have a reputable mechanic perform a pre-purchase inspection. Most flood damage can be discovered by a careful, knowledgeable inspection.
2. Purchase from a known person or reputable dealer offering a warranty or buy-back provision.
3. Be cautious of "great deals" on newer model

vehicles, manufactured within the last five years, with new carpeting or upholstery. Look under the mat in the trunk and underneath the dashboard. Mud or debris in these areas could indicate flood damage.

4. Examine the title before you buy. Many vehicles are not yet identified as flood-damaged by the state computer system, however, always ask to see the title. If the vehicle has been totaled by an insurance company, the title may carry an annotation in the Remarks section.
5. Use one of the private services that document vehicle histories. These services can research insurance claims on vehicles that have been damaged. Citizens needing information about vehicle titles and registration should check with their local tax assessor-collector's office or call the TxDOT help line at (512) 465 7611.

Farm & Ranch

Agreement reached on China WTO membership

The United States and China announced an agreement on agriculture subsidies and other outstanding issues that were deterring China's World Trade Organization membership.

"China is clearly on the way into the WTO, and a strong supporter of the new WTO round," said U.S. Trade Rep Robert Zoellick after he returned to Washington, D.C., following discussions with Chinese Trade Minister Shi Guangsheng. Although agreement details have not been released, it has been confirmed that farm subsidies and services such as distribution to retailers and import-export rights were discussed.

The biggest obstacle was China's insistence to be treated as a developing nation, allowing it to give farmers subsidies equal to 10 percent of its annual economic output. Developed countries are limited to 5 percent.



Bobbie Lutkenhaus proudly shows off the Yellow Squash Family, grown by his son Donnie Lutkenhaus. Siamese triplets squash is more uncommon than twins.
Photo by Janie Hartman

Don't get burned by fire ants

As summer comes into full swing, so does the threat of accidental contact with the red imported fire ant.

"The red imported fire ant is more of a threat during the hot, dry summer conditions when you don't see their mounds," said Dr. Bart Drees, coordinator of the Texas Fire Ant Research and Management Project. "At that time, they are more starved for food and moisture and will be seeking pet bowls and coming inside for resources."

Red imported fire ants, an exotic species of ants, were introduced into the United States from South America. Drees said several characteristics of the red imported fire ant distinguishes them from other native ants. "A feature of the red imported fire ant that differs from other ants is that they form very large colonies consisting of up to several hundred thousand ants," Drees said.

Colonies are visible after periods of rainy conditions when the soil is moist and easier for the fire ants to move the soil to the surface. During the dry summer months, however, fire ants are still there, but dwelling deeper below the soil.

The red imported fire ant bites and also stings. Drees explained that some native ants do not bite or sting, or only bite, but not both.

"These (fire ants) bite you first, and then they sting you with their stinger repeatedly, en masse," he said.

Due to their frenzied attacks, Drees said, red imported fire ants are considered to be a medical threat. For the 1 percent of the population who are hypersensitive to insect venoms, a single sting can cause serious medical problems, even death.

The remaining population also faces a great medical threat. "The ants are a risk" because they sting not only multiple times per individual, but also because you can have many ants running up your leg and stinging almost all at once," he said. "If you suffer from enough stings, then you can also have serious medical problems by going into anaphylactic shock."

Anaphylactic shock is a serious condition that can lead to death. The symptoms of shock include dizziness, nausea, sweating, swelling of the affected area, headache and shortness of breath. If any of these symptoms occur, immediate medical attention is necessary.

Children, the elderly and confined or immobile livestock and pets are at the greatest risk for severe attacks because they cannot easily get away from the attack.

If you do happen to come into contact with fire ants and are able to get away from the attack, simply jumping into water will not get them off of you.

"(First) you should try to get away from the ants to reduce stinging," Drees said. "If you have them on you, you don't jump into water because they are clinging to you and jumping in water won't help much. Instead, brush the ants off."

In addition, some insect stinging and biting remedies minimize pain and may reduce the formation of pustules, the clear to whitish blisters that form after being injected with the ant's venom. These pustules are solely characteristic of the red imported fire ant.

"If you don't do anything immediately, those pustules are going to form anyway," he said. "Then the biggest challenge is to keep those sites clean and allow them to heal without getting a secondary infection to those bites."

Secondary infections, for most people, are the biggest medical threat associated with red imported fire ants stings. However, if you start feeling dizzy or have trouble breathing, see a doctor right away.

For individuals wanting to control the fire ant population on their personal property, various options can be used for each site where fire ants reside. While no one best method for any area exists, Drees said there are many alternatives to choose from. For ornamental turf grass areas which is where most people experience fire ants around their home he recommends the Texas Two-Step Method.

"We promote the Two-Step Method of fire ant control for fully infested areas where you have about four or five mounds per yard or quarter-acre area," Drees said.

The first step involves broadcast applying a fire ant bait across the entire yard using a hand-crank applicator, such as a hand-held seed spreader. Step one should be carried out once or twice per year when the ants are actively searching for food.

The second step is to treat problem colonies, using a mound treatment, but only if the colony is considered to be a nuisance.

Drees says the Two-Step Method is quick and cheap, whereas only treating mound to mound is expensive, time consuming and potentially harmful to the environment.

"We are using too much

pesticide and taking too much time for treating mound to mound. It's no fun and we are polluting our surface run-off water by using too much stuff."

While many may view the red imported fire ant as only a pest, Drees is quick to point out its contributions.

"In certain segments of agriculture, such as in sugar cane production and cotton farming, fire ants are thought to be largely beneficial because they spend their living eating other insects," he said. "Therefore, they are good biological control agents in controlling other pests."

Drees added that fire ants consume chigger and tick populations in pastures, and possibly reduce armyworms. In urban areas, they feed on flea larvae and hatching cockroaches.

He also warns of the dangers of removing fire ants.

"There is a chance that once you remove fire ants from some agricultural systems, you might aggravate some pest problem because you've reduced their natural enemies."

For more information concerning the red imported fire ant, the Texas Two-Step Method or the Texas Imported Fire Ant Research and Management Plan, visit the project's Web site at <http://fireant.tamu.edu>.

Ag Briefs

Total U.S. fertilizer nutrient use declined by 0.4% in 2000, according to a report from the Fertilizer Institute and the Association of American Plant Food Control officials. There was a 1.2% reduction in nitrogen use, a 1% increase in phosphate use, and a 0.1% increase in phosphate use, and a 0.1% increase in potash use.

Sweet potatoes make good cattle feed. The diet of 1.5 pounds of corn, 2 pounds cottonseed meal and 10 pounds of sweet potatoes had an average gain of 2 pounds per day, the same as a traditional wintering diet of 4 pounds of corn and 1.75 pounds of cottonseed meal.

The biggest challenge for young farmers and ranchers continues to be finding profits. Limited availability of land and other resources is the second biggest challenge.

In 1970, the number of Class I railroads that moved grain to domestic and export markets in the Western U.S. included 16 lines. Today, just two railroads, Burlington Northern Santa Fe and Union Pacific dominate the entire western U.S.

Life is complicated, and the government does their fair job by using fancy words and long phrases, attempting to make something seem better.

For example, SPAS (single purpose agricultural structures) are pigpens and chicken coops. Farms animals are "grain consuming animal units" and food price increases are "price enhancements."

The farm value of Americans' total food bill is now less than 20%. In 1990 it was 24%, and 33% in 1960.

Producers collected only 13.5% more from consumers in 1999 compared to 1990. Meanwhile, the cost of everything else that consumers pay related to food has jumped 45%.

An oversupply of milk is pushing dairy prices to the lowest levels in years. Prices peaked at around \$20 per cwt in 1999.

Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) radio livestock market reports use the 3/60 rule, which means the USDA publishes prices only if they are reported by at least three buyers, with no single buyer representing more than 60% of the price.

About 30% of all fresh ground beef will be sold as case-ready and increase to 50% by 2003. sales of case-ready beef cuts are expected to be slower.

After finding 14 cases of foot-and-mouth disease, Uruguay intends to vaccinate its entire 10.4 million-head cattle herd.

Texas is big, but did you know in exchange, the U.S. assumed a \$10 billion debt for Texas' claim that included more than half of what is now New Mexico, about a third of today's Colorado, a corner of Oklahoma, and a small portion of today's Wyoming.

Five supermarket retail chains account for more than 40 percent of the food retail sales in the U.S. These chains are Kroger, Albertson's, Wal-Mart, Safeway and AholdUSA. In 1993, the top five retailers accounted for just 20% of all food sales. Wal-Mart, which had virtually non-existent food sales in 1993, is now the second largest food retailer in the U.S.

Total meat consumption 201 pounds per person

According to the latest statistics, in 1999, total meat consumption (red meat, poultry, fish, and shellfish) amounted to 201 pounds (boneless, trimmed-weight equivalent, unadjusted for waste and cooking losses) per person, 24 pounds above the 1970's average.

Each American consumed an average of 12 pounds less red meat (mostly beef), 33 pounds more poultry, and 3 pounds more fish and shellfish, compared with average annual consumption in the 1970's.

Farm value of food dollars is 20%

Out of each dollar the consumer spends for food, farmers and ranchers receive 20 cents while labor gets 39¢, packaging, 8¢; transportation, 4¢; energy, 3.5¢; profits, 4¢; advertising, 4¢; depreciation, 3.5¢; rent, 4¢; interest, 2.5¢; repairs, 2.5¢; business tax, 3.5¢; and other costs, 2.5¢.

In summary, marketing costs accounted for 80% of total consumer food spending, while the farm value comprised the remaining 20%. Marketing cost rose 45% between 1990 and 1999.

USDA requests animal health funding

The Bush administration has asked Congress for \$35 million to hire 300 new veterinarians and inspection personnel as well as equipment to bolster U.S. barriers to "mad cow" and foot-and-mouth diseases.

"Given the various animal disease outbreaks in other parts of the world this year, USDA has been conducting a top-to-bottom review of its core programs to ensure we have the necessary resources to protect American agriculture," said Ag Secretary Ann Veneman.

In addition to employees, USDA plans to buy new X-ray machines and train more dogs to inspect luggage at airports.

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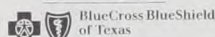
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Sold at Friday's sale were 1,435 head of cattle compared to 1,586 head of cattle the previous week. Tuesday, June 26, the market conducted the sale of 704 Goats, 284 Sheep and 131 Hogs. The numbers for last week were 748, 332 and 117 respectively. Results of both sales follow.

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| Feeder Steers (per lb.)
200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.15-1.33; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.15; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.15-1.21; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.15; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 98-107; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-98; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 93-107; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-93; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 89-98; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-89; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 84-88; Nos. 2 & 3, 72-84.
Feeder Heifers (per lb.)
200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.07-1.17; Nos. 2 & 3, 98-107; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 98-111; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-98; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 92-100; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-92; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 89-96; Nos. 2 & 3, 82-89; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 81-91; Nos. 2 & 3, 71-81; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 79-86; Nos. 2 & 3, 63-79.
Slaughter Cattle (per lb.)
Slaughter bulls, yield grade 1-2, 1,200-2,050 lbs., \$2.65-3.00; Culler, 28-41. | Stocker Cows (per head)
Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - large frame, \$700-\$1,120; medium frame, \$500-\$700; Cow-calf pairs/walves under 250 lbs. - large frame, \$750-\$1,325; medium frame, \$550-\$750; Holstein calves, \$35-\$80; Crossbreds, \$160-\$210.
Barrows & Gilts:
US #1, 230-270, 50-54; US #2, 220-280, 48-50.
Feeders (per head):
100-175 lbs., \$60-\$90; 25-90 lbs., \$40-\$60.
Boars:
300 lb. up, 16-18; 200-300 lbs., 19-20; Light wt., NT.
Sheep (per lb.)
Feeder, 80-85; Light lambs, 60-90 lbs., 78-80; Fat lambs, 90-120 lbs., 72-75. | Barbados (per head)
Lambs: \$25-\$50; Ewes: \$30-\$45; Bucks: \$50-\$125.
Ewes:
Stocker, 45-52; Thin, 25-32; Fat, 32-40.
Bucks:
Thin 30-32; Fat, 38-40.
Goats (per head)
Kids: 20-35 lbs., \$20-\$35; 35-55 lbs., \$30-\$50; 55-75 lbs., \$50-\$70; Yearlings: 75-120 lbs., \$75-\$90.
Nannies (per head)
Stocker, \$50-\$70; Milk Type, \$50-\$60; Slaughter, \$30-\$40; Fat, \$40-\$50.
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120 lbs. up
Breeders, \$60-\$80; Slaughter, \$50-\$100.
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CELLO PACK Lettuce EA. **79¢**
JUMBO SWEET Yellow Onions LB. **69¢**
CELLO PACK Whole Mushrooms 8 OZ. **99¢**
RED, ORANGE OR YELLOW Hothouse Bell Peppers EA. **99¢**

SMART BUY Puffs Facial Tissue
100-108 CT. **89¢**

SMART BUY Lipton Tea Bags
24 CT. **99¢**

SMART BUY BOUNTY Paper Towels
BOUNTY WHITE OR DESIGNS
SINGLE ROLL **99¢**

24 OZ. Hunts Ketchup **89¢**

SMART BUY DAWN ORIGINAL Dishwashing Liquid
18 OZ. **99¢**

5 OZ. SWANSON Chicken Buy 1 Get 1 FREE
16 OZ. SHURFINE ASSORTED Picante Sauce **99¢**
5 LB. SHURFINE Flour **79¢**
15 OZ. HORMEL Hot Chili Only Buy 1 Get 1 FREE
24 CT. - 10 1/2" CHINET Compartment Plates **\$1.49**
4 ROLL Angel Soft Tissue **99¢**

Health & Beauty Care
WHITE, PINK OR SENSITIVE SKIN Oil of Olay Bath Bar 2 BAR **\$1.99**
OIL OF OLAY Body Wash 12 OZ. **\$3.99**
12 OZ. SELECT GROUP HERBAL ESSENCES Shampoo or Conditioner **\$2.99**
100 CT. WESTERN FAMILY Ibuprophen **\$3.99**
WESTERN FAMILY Household Rubber Gloves EA. **49¢**

Frozen & Dairy
ASST. BLUE BUNNY Ice Cream or Hi-Life 1/2 GALLON SQ. **2\$6** for
ASST. SHURFINE Chunk Cheese 8 OZ. **2\$4** for
RED BARON FAMILY SIZE Pizza 2 1/2 INCH **\$6.00**
BLUE BUNNY Bomb Pop 2 1/2 PK. **\$4.00**
MOZZARELLA CHEESE NUGGETS, CHICKEN BREAST TENDERS, NUGGETS, HOTTY SPICY OR HONEY BBQ STYLE WINGS 2 11-16 OZ. **\$5.00**
ASST. REG. LITE OR FRUIT ON THE BOTTOM Dannon Yogurt 2 8 OZ. **\$1.00**
KRAFT DELI DELUXE Sliced American 16 OZ. **\$3.79**
ASST. TROPICANA PURE PREMIUM Orange Juice 84 OZ. **\$2.69**
ASSORTED PLAINS Fruit Drinks 1 GALLON **99¢**
BUTTERMILK OR HOMESTYLE Shurfine Biscuits 3.75 OZ. **\$1.00**

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