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Dirt flies at site of future lake

By Don Rohmer
Construction of the Muenster Lake began with a groundbreaking ceremony on Monday, June 17. After opening remarks by Water Board President Bob Bauer, the crowd of about 60 people joined in a pledge of allegiance led by Boy Scouts from Troop 664, and gave a silent assent to the invocation by Fr. John Ohner. Mayor Henry Weinzapfel, who chaired the

original water board, then welcomed the attendees and briefly recalled the 30-year struggle to assure Muenster's survival by acquiring a water source to supplement the Trinity aquifer, which has been dropping by several feet each year. He mentioned the role of Steve Moster, Mayor David Bright's petition to the state legislature to form the Muenster Water District,

and the response by the citizens of Muenster in voting to form the district. Mayor Weinzapfel also recalled numerous trips to Austin by himself and other concerned citizens to fight for Muenster's water rights, and concluded by saying that the dream has now become a reality. MaryLee Alford, president of Muenster Beautiful, then told the crowd about a recent meeting at which a

representative said, "I have good news, and I have bad news. Because the water supply is so limited and is starting to get polluted, we're going to have to start reclaiming water from our sewage system to provide drinking water." When asked, "What's the good news?" the representative replied, "That was the good news. The bad news is that we're not going to have enough of it." Fortunately,

Muenster will not be in that situation. Ms. Alford pointed out that the average American uses 168 gallons of water per day, and the population continues to grow. She expressed gratitude that, a long time ago, people had the foresight to realize that there was not going to be enough water, and to start the process of building the lake. She also mentioned how beautiful the lake is

going to be, and ended with a request that people keep it that way by not littering.

To close the program, Christi Hesse sang "God Bless America," and Bauer commented that "This is the start of something big, the biggest project ever in Muenster. It could be a major driving force in the economy of Muenster, and probably will be when we see it through to fruition."



Father John Ohner joined members of the Muenster Water Board Claude Walter, Bob Bauer, Wayne Grewing and Celine Dittfurth to pray in thanks for the people and resources dedicated to the Muenster Lake and to request safety during the work still to be done. Dave Fette Photo



Joining forces for the ceremonial dig are, from left, Mayor Henry Weinzapfel, Fr. John Ohner, Joey Anderson, Stan Endres, Jewel Otto, Claude Walter, Dwayne Rohmer and his daughter Christina, Milton Knauf, Wayne Grewing, David Bright and Celine Dittfurth. Dave Fette Photo

Grand opening planned for Turtle Hill Lodge and Conference Center

by Janet Felderhoff
Nestled in the rolling hills about eight miles north of Muenster is the Turtle Hill Lodge & Conference Center (THL&CC). Its current seven cabins and conference center are only the beginning of a three-phase expansion plan.

Besides being located in stunningly beautiful scenery, a quiet, unhurried atmosphere away from the busy city life are drawing cards for the facility.

"There's a lot of confusion in town with the different entities," remarked H. Andrew Read, president of Evangelical Development Ministry (EDM). "The golf course is a separate entity, totally separate. The property is owned by a limited partnership and the general partner is THGC Management Company (a limited liability corporation) that runs the course," noted Read. "They are a for-profit, daily fee course." He said there has been a lot of confusion about that in town. Sixteen acres across from Turtle Hill Golf Course and south of County Road 442 and 50 acres north of County Road 442 are owned by EDM. That is the where the cabins, conference center, and future lodge are located. EDM is a non profit 501C3 organization. Read stressed that it is an interdenominational organization that works on a worldwide basis.

In its brochure THL&CC states, "The mission and ministry of the Turtle Hill Lodge and Conference Center is to help fulfill the Great Commission worldwide by hosting training conferences and events in a fun, yet relaxing, atmosphere that encourages physical, emotional and spiritual growth."

It further states that, "THL&CC is designed to provide a place for the equipping, training and mentoring of full-time vocational ministry personnel, board members, volunteers, pastors, ministry leaders and lay leaders. The teaching will be accomplished by teaching biblically based development management, stewardship and

discipleship principles and practices, while assisting in their implementation."

Amenities at THL&CC include 22 guest rooms with accessories geared to the executive guest. Rooms include two extra-long double beds, marble showers and vanities, two phones (one regular, one portable) with Internet access, cable television, a microwave oven, small refrigerator, coffee makers and hair dryers. There is air conditioning in each room and a unique manner of heating. Stained concrete floors have heating elements installed. When you get up on cold winter mornings the floor is toasty warm. Should that method



Above, Gary Baird, left, and Andy Read go over plans for Turtle Hill Lodge & Conference Center. Below, are three of the seven four-room cabins that dot the hillside to house guests. Photo by Janet Hartman



fail there is always a back-up system. Rooms are decorated with ranch style furniture. Each cabin has four rooms. The bath/dressing area is separate. There is a room equipped for the handicapped. It has a special shower and king size bed.

There is a chapel, which is at times used as a conference room. In the dining room most meals are catered by local people or restaurants. It is a make-ready kitchen, not a full service one. The dining room is used as a conference room also. The third conference room is the fireside room.

Recreational facilities currently offered are a pool, golf, a driving range, volleyball, and horseshoes. "This conference center is geared towards adults," said Read. "There are a lot of conference centers that

minister to young people, but very few places where you can go as couples or executive retreats for business people. That's really what we're geared to. We're geared to ministering to adults."

Gary Baird, executive director, said the facility is designed for groups, especially for the needs of churches and other organizations. Individuals are accepted on a limited basis because of their purpose for being there. "When a couple is a part of a local church somewhere and they are here for refreshing and renewal we are able to minister that way," said Baird. They also provide lodging for donors who are there to give and help them carry on with their ministry. Pastors and their spouses are allowed to come and stay as space is available at no charge to them. "They can come and

be refreshed and renewed and we will minister to them through prayer, encouragement or letting them get in their room and stay if they need to," said Baird. Individuals hoping to stay near the golf course will soon have the opportunity to stay in a cabin being built near the golf course by an individual, they said.

This summer some family reunions are scheduled. It is an option that is expected to be done less as the need from church and non-profit groups increases. "We're just convinced that as ministries and churches find out about the conference center that we'll be filled up with folks that we really are established to take care of," noted Baird. He said there is a conference going on to train Christian schools on how to develop funds that they See **TURTLE HILL** Pg. 9

June 25 is deadline!

By Janet Felderhoff
Did you receive a notice from the Cooke County Appraisal District recently? If so your property values have probably been increased which means that you will likely be paying higher taxes next year. Chief Appraiser Doug Smithson reminds taxpayers that they have only until **Tuesday, June 25** to file if they wish to

protest. Many taxpayers have questions that can be resolved with a visit to the CCAD office in Gainesville. He noted that currently waiting time can be from 30 minutes to an hour and four to five people are waiting at time. At times there is nobody waiting.

The telephone number for the CCAD office is 665-7651.

Muenster trustees ponder future funds

by Janie Hartman
The Muenster ISD Board of Trustees heard a lot of reports at their June meeting Wednesday evening, June 12.

Superintendent Clyde Steelman gave updates on: construction, including vandalism repairs to the stadium restrooms and flood lights; the 2002-2003 student handbook; a school finance seminar in July; and the TASB/TASA convention in September.

Steelman also noted that \$5,600 was collected in back taxes for May and that to date there were 79 transfers into the district and seven transfers out. A post-testing update was given on the Texas Primary reading inventory; the State-Developed Alternative Assessment, given to Special Ed students; the preliminary report on the TAAS Spring 2002 test. "Passing grade was extremely high," noted Steelman. "A lot of districts have 100% passing, but not all are as high as Muenster"; and the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills "that tests you against the nation." Steelman also reported that the School Health Advisory Council recommends putting healthier food in the school vending machines.

Phil Newton presented his principal's report to the Board, which included:

- All 33 Seniors graduated, with a total of \$578,080.00 in scholarships awarded to the class.
- Projections for next year in each grade level (number in Life Skills): 7th - 40; 8th - 44 (4), Total Junior High 84.

High school, 9th - 52 (2), 10th - 42 (1); 11th - 31 (4), and 12th - 29. Total high school - 154 students - up from 138 this year.

Newton closed with "Our year had some bumps in the road, but with our UIL and T M S C A State Championships and our most recent TAAS scores, we had a great academic year. Our entire staff and students are to be congratulated for their efforts and accomplishments."

Elementary principal Gwen Trubenbach gave an update of assemblies and class days. She also noted that team leaders Leigh Hale, Jim Van Vleet, Lisa Hettler, DaLana Chism, and Kristi Schneider surveyed the new TAKS requirements, a format to ensure vertical alignment from Pre-K to 12th grade.

Coach Monte Endres reported that the summer conditioning program started with as many as 35 boys, but summer camps dropped attendance a little. Also the coaching staff has decided not to charge the boys for their services.

Endres also quoted prices for a 40 pound washer, capable of washing 130 towels, and a 50 pound dryer.

Consent items approved by the Board included:

- The authority to sell non-essential school property, possibly at a joint sale with Sacred Heart; and
 - Student accident insurance plan for all school sponsored activities.
- A good amount of time was spent discussing the See **MISD TRUSTEES** Pg. 9

US Navy commends David L. Hesse

By Janet Felderhoff
 Petty Officer David L. Hesse, an operations specialist second class in the United States Navy earned two honors recently. He was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and was commended for his service.

The commendation states, "for superb performance of duties as Flag Pilot Watch Supervisor in Commander, Amphibious Squadron ELEVEN from January to March 2002. Petty Officer Hesse consistently displayed exceptional initiative and dedication in the execution of his duties. As Flag Pilot Watch Supervisor and Exercise FOAL EAGLE Assistant Action Officer, he consistently displayed superior initiative, responsibility, organization and attention-to-detail in the execution of all of his duties in the operations department. His distinguished operational contributions as Assistant Action Officer included drafting messages, compiling exercise binders, and constructing sea echelon areas for over 15 ships, resulting in the outstanding success of the exercise. The countless hours he dedicated to fulfill exercise requirements in addition to his regular duties exceeded all expectations. These outstanding achievements resulted in his selection as the Commander, Amphibious Squadron ELEVEN Senior Sailor of the Quarter for First Quarter 2002. Petty Officer Hesse's distinctive performance reflected credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service." His commander Captain A. T. Karakos signed it.

The Achievement Medal was awarded for the period from January 2000 to June 2002 and was for his performance as Flag Pilot Watch Supervisor in Amphibious Squadron ELEVEN. It said he consistently displayed superior initiative, responsibility, organization, and attention-to-detail in the execution of his duties underway and in port. It read in part, "His unrelenting determination and perseverance greatly contributed to the success of over 12 joint and combined exercises including Tandem Thrust 01, Foal Eagle 02, Cobra Gold 02 and the 57th Iwo Jima Commemoration. An expert in daily task group operations, he spearheaded the execution of numerous assignments including charts updates, drafting messages, organizing exercise binders, updating the collaboration at sea website, and publication management.

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US Navy Petty Officer David Hesse receives Achievement Medal from Captain Andrew T. Karakos, USN. Hesse served aboard the USS Essex, shown below off the coast of Iwo Jima in the Pacific Ocean. Photos Courtesy United States Navy



The countless hours he spent dedicated to the team effort in addition to his regular duties were noteworthy and exceeded all expectations. Petty Officer Hesse's unswerving devotion to duty reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service." This was also signed by his commanding officer.

David joined the Navy and began his career there on Oct. 26, 1998. His term ends this October and he has already signed for another six years. After 10 weeks of basic training in Norfolk, Virginia, David attended training school in San Diego where he learned ship navigation. He then went to sea with a tour of Japan.

One of the benefits of a Navy career is the free education, said Hesse. He is earning credit towards college and will soon have enough for his Associates

degree. He hopes that more will make the decision to join the military service. "If you have a good attitude, you'll make it. You get out of it what you put into it," Hesse remarked.

Another benefit is the travel. Some of the places he has visited are Singapore, Hong Kong, Thailand, Iwo Jima, and

Korea in 2000 and 2002, Okinawa in 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, Australia 2001, Philippines 1999, and East Timor 1999 and 2001.

David returned to Muenster on June 17 for a month's leave. On July 20 he goes to Gaeta, Italy for a two-year tour on the USS LaSalle.



In this photo, the eaves of a campus building in disrepair was one of many pictures presented by the Facilities Committee at the June Board meeting of Lindsay ISD. They found many areas on campus that had been in need of attention (repairs, cleaning, painting, etc.) for a year or more. The story will be in next week's paper. Another meeting on the topic is expected soon. Courtesy photo

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first draft of the proposed budget for the 2002-2003 school year. Lots of dollar amounts were presented by Steelman to give the Board a basic idea of the increased expenses and decrease of state funding. "Because of taxable property increases, we are losing state money," noted Steelman. The state regulates taxable property value - when it increases, state funds decrease. "Budget and revenue look good for this year, but need to project to years after. Financially we're in good shape, this year will take care of itself, but have to look to the future.

"If the student population doesn't keep up with property value, and the district loses state funds,

the money lost has to be made up with taxes," Steelman added. Muenster ISD has had over a 40% increase in property value the past three years.

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From My Side of the Fence by Ed Cler

Sometime in the mid 70s, Aileen awoke one morning to find she had a total loss of hearing in her right ear. After seeing Dr. Stoolfire, an ear specialist in Sherman, who could not help her, but referred her to a Dr. Hough in Oklahoma City, she called for an appointment with Dr. Hough. Thus began a series of trips to that fair city.

Dr. Hough was a good man who wanted to help all his patients, those who could pay for the expensive and time-consuming operations, as well as those who could not. Dr. Hough had spent a great deal of his personal funds helping those who simply, through no fault of their own, were unable to pay the fees.

He had spent much time researching and inventing a device that was implanted just back of the ear, and allowed folks who had lost their hearing due to nerve damage, to hear again. This procedure did not work on all patients, but it did help most.

Eventually, the good doctor began to accept donations, and the last I heard, he was still trying to help everyone he could.

Aileen had a total loss of hearing in her right ear, and Dr. Hough found that a part in the inner ear had broken, and determined it could be repaired, and her hearing would be restored.

It was necessary to cut the ear drum on the sides, fold it out of the way, and then do the repair looking through a microscope. This operation required a great deal of skill, knowledge, and deftness of touch.

When all was done, and after the required number of days had passed after the operation, the bandage and the earplug were removed, and Aileen, and Dr. Hough, found that her hearing was fully restored.

Since that time the repair has held, and though she has lost some of her hearing due to the aging process, she still hears rather well, thanks to Dr. Hough, and the Lord.

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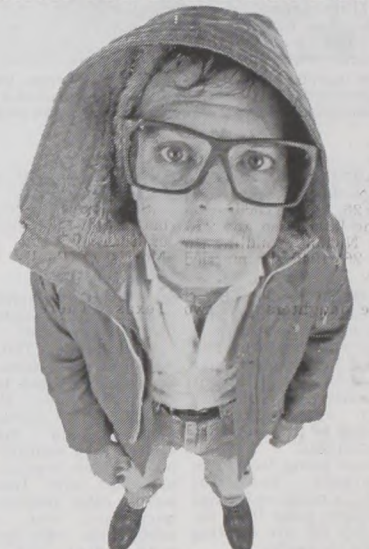
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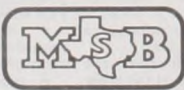
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Sunday, June 23, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, June 24, 2002	Tuesday, June 25, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MMH Board Meeting	Wednesday, June 26, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Thursday, June 27, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Friday, June 28, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Saturday, June 29, 2002 Registration for Swim Lessons, 9-11 AM, Muenster Pool SH Alumni & Friends 4-Person Scramble, Turtle Hill, 2 PM
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Sunday, June 30, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM St. Peter's Homecoming Picnic, Lindsay Park	Monday, July 1, 2002 City Council Meeting, 7:30PM	Tuesday, July 2, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Grief Seminar, 6-8 PM, Home Hospice Office	Wednesday, July 3, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center TDH Immunization Clinic, 9-11 AM, Cooke Co. Elec. Co-op	Thursday, July 4, 2002 INDEPENDENCE DAY FLY YOUR FLAGS!	Friday, July 5, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Saturday, July 6, 2002

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Obituaries

Peggy McGriff Bednorz 1941 - 2002

by Elfreda Fette
Peggy (McGriff) Bednorz, age 61, of Muenster died on June 16, 2002 at 2:45 p.m. at Denton Regional Medical Center suffering from heart failure secondary to emphysema.

Mass of Christian Farewell was held on June 19, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church, officiated by Father John Ohner OSA, pastor.

Peggy Bednorz was born on Jan. 26, 1941 in Risen, Arkansas to Abney Matthew McGriff and Mary John Lundsford McGriff. She attended public school in Risen, Arkansas and Houston. On June 28, 1960 she married Norbert Bednorz in Houston, Texas. They became the proud parents of a son and daughter while living in Houston. After seven years, they moved to Hurst, Texas where they lived for ten years, then to Muenster where they have resided ever since. Peggy Bednorz was a member of Sacred Heart Church in Muenster and St. Anne's Society. For several years she was employed at the sewing factory. Gardening and sewing were some of her principal hobbies. Caring for her family and home were her greatest joys.

Survivors are her husband, Norbert Bednorz of Muenster; a daughter Rhonda Pagel of Riverside,



Peggy Bednorz

California; a son Norbert Brian Bednorz of Watauga, Texas; and six grandchildren, also surviving are a sister, Mary Ellen Peterson of Risen, Arkansas, and two brothers Alton McGriff of Risen, Arkansas and O.G. McGriff of Risen, Arkansas.

Preceding her in death were her parents; two brothers Billy Ray McGriff and Eugene McGriff; one sister Evelyn McGriff.

Rosary service was held Tuesday, June 18 at 4:00 p.m. in McCoy Chapel of Muenster, with Vigil at 7:00 p.m.

Participating in the liturgy of the funeral Mass

with Father John Ohner were altar servers Alvin Hartman and Sylvan Walterscheid. The First and Second Readings from the Old and New Testaments, respectively were given by Father John. Offertory gifts of bread and wine were presented at the altar by Peggy's grandchildren Kyle Pagel, Jason Pagel, and Ashley Pagel and Lindsey Bednorz and Matthew Bednorz.

Eucharistic Ministers were friends, Joanie Hartman, Ramona Felderhoff, Linda Knabe, Terri Cagle, Theresa Mae Walterscheid, and Antonia (Toni) Hess.

Sacred music was presented by Christy Hesse, Diane Grewing, and Linda Flusche, organist, including "Prayer of St. Francis," "The Lord Is Kind and Merciful," "On Eagles Wings," "You Are Mine," "Amazing Grace," and "Hymne."

The eulogy and remarks of remembrance were given by Michelle Bednorz. Tina Bindel read a tribute in honor of Peggy.

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were John Peters of Amarillo, George Richey of Blanco, Randy Chappell of Houston, Leonard Haverkamp of Muenster, Jack Kidwell of Hurst, and Jim Kidwell of San Antonio.

Peggy Jo Sandlin Gaston 1929 - 2002

Peggy Jo (Sandlin) Gaston, 72, of Saint Jo died in Muenster Memorial Hospital on June 15, 2002 at 10:30 p.m. Funeral service was held on Tuesday, June 18, 2002 at McCoy Chapel in Saint Jo, officiated by Rev. Ricky Kerr followed by burial in Union Cemetery in Montague County, directed by McCoy Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gaston was born on June 26, 1929 in Gainesville to the late Jesse and Era Mae Nichols Sandlin. On Oct. 26, 1949 she married Billy D. Gaston. They became proud parents of three daughters and two

sons. They lived almost all of their married life in or near Saint Jo. She was a member of the Church of Christ, a devoted family lady who dedicated herself to caring for her home and family. Favorite hobbies were working crossword puzzles, watching old movies on TV, and listening to the old country and western songs.

Survivors are two daughters Tracy Lynn Davis of Saint Jo, and Tammy Morris of Paul's Valley, Oklahoma, and one son, Mike Gaston of Rowlett, Texas. There are six

grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Also one sister, Dorothy Boatman of Gainesville and two brothers Johnny Ray Sandlin of San Jose, California and Ricky Dale Sandlin of Florida.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Billy Doyce Gaston, who died on Jan. 25, 2001; her parents; one son Eric Dale Gaston; one daughter, Pamela Gayle Gaston.

Pallbearers were David Gaston, Doug Gaston, John Gaston, Mike Preuninger, David Hillard, and W.J. Lofland.

Rising health insurance costs threaten employee coverage

Employer health insurance costs in Texas - rising at almost twice the national rate - threaten to leave more Texas workers uninsured as company health insurance benefits disappear, according to a comprehensive health care report unveiled recently by the Texas Association of Business.

Unless lawmakers pass measures to control these skyrocketing costs, which rose 25 percent last year alone, Texas is headed toward a health care crisis, warned TAB president Bill Hammond, who released the report at a Dallas health care seminar.

"Our surveys and polls show that Texans and their employers are well aware that health insurance costs

in our state are a major problem," Hammond said. "Clearly the public is ahead of the politicians in Austin. Businesses and their employees must work together to make controlling health care costs the number one priority of the Legislature when it convenes in 2003."

In North Texas, annual premium costs per employee average \$4,500 for family coverage, among the highest costs in the nation, according to the TAB report, *The Texas Health Insurance Crisis*.

The Texas Health Insurance Crisis found that Texas businesses - the single largest provider of private health insurance in the state - spent \$39 billion

on health care in 2000 and have been hit this year with premium increases of 25 percent, compared to 15 percent nationally.

In the months before the Legislature convenes, TAB hopes to work with elected officials and regulatory agencies to develop policies to cut health care costs and eliminate needless regulations that drive up those costs.

"When the Legislature convenes in January, lawmakers - faced with a projected budget shortfall and numerous other issues - must not lose sight that Texas is in the midst of a health care crisis," Hammond said. "We know there is no easy cure. But it is time we addressed the problem."

Nocona General Hospital hires new administrator

The Nocona General Hospital Board of Directors has named Michael Graham as administrator and CEO of the 38-bed facility. Graham comes to Nocona after serving as CEO at Hamilton General Hospital in Hamilton, Texas, for four years. He holds a B.S. degree in behavioral science and a Master of Divinity degree from Hardin-Simmons University. Prior to beginning his hospital administration career, he served as pastor to churches

in Hamilton, Abilene, and Oplin, Texas.

Throughout his career, Graham has been active in various community-oriented health initiatives, serving on the Regional Advisory Committee for Children's Health Insurance Program/Texas Department of Health from 1998 to 2002 and on the Board of Directors for Child Protective Services in Hamilton from 1995-1999. He has also been active in

numerous civic endeavors and organizations, including the Kiwanis and Lions Club and serving as Vice President of Hamilton's Chamber of Commerce Board from 1994 to 1996. He is a member of the Texas Hospital Association, the Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals, and the American Hospital Association. In 1996, Hardin-Simmons University awarded him the Thurman E. Provost Award for Commitment and Sacrifice.



Get ready to swim with Red Cross!

Officers and employees of Muenster State Bank hosted a hot dog feast with all the trimmings as part of their Customer Appreciation Day celebration last Friday. Head cook John Bartush served over 420 franks and he greatly appreciated everyone who stopped by and helped eat them. Dave Fette Photo

Red Cross Learn to Swim Program will conduct registration on Saturday, June 29 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Muenster Pool. The only prerequisite is completion of kindergarten. Students should wear swimsuits for registration and be ready to demonstrate their swimming skills to determine course level. A \$7.00 fee per student is requested and parent/guardian must sign a responsibility waiver. Scholarships are available. Each student will receive a one-hour class each day Monday through Friday at either 9, 10, or 11 a.m. Week One of the classes will be Monday July 8 through Friday, July 12. Week Two of classes will be Monday, July 15 through Friday July 19. Advanced levels 6 and 7 will be taught the week of July 15 only. No phone enrollments.

Wanted, Enrollees for Basic Computer classes

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Classes start Thursday, June 27th and run for seven consecutive Thursdays.

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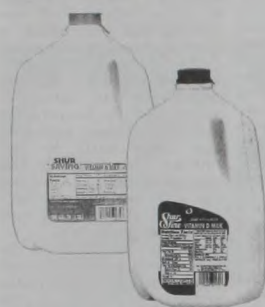
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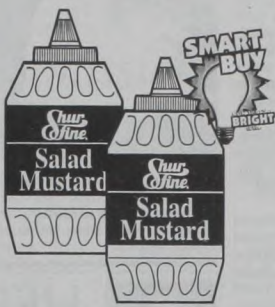
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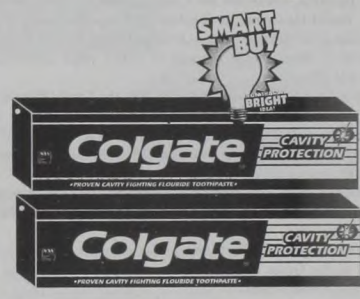
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Opinion / Editorial

To the Editor of the Muenster Enterprise -

In response to the Letter to the Editor addressing abortions and breast cancer...

This year, the American Cancer Society estimates 203,500 US women (13,100 from Texas) will be diagnosed with breast cancer. Approximately 40,000 US women (2,600 from Texas) will die from the disease. For this reason, the American Cancer Society addresses the breast cancer issue through the comprehensive mission-based approach of funding research, providing education, supporting advocacy and serving cancer patients. Our research program strives to fund upcoming researchers offering promising new developments.

There is no current research conclusively linking abortions to breast cancer. Research studies published in medical journals such as the New England Journal of Medicine, Epidemiology, Cancer Causes and Control, Journal of the National Cancer Institute reported abortions have no overall effect on breast cancer. Most notably, the data gathered from the Danish health registries in 1997, which included over 10,000 breast cancer cases within a group of 1.5 million women, showed that abortions had no effect on breast cancer.

The American Cancer Society devotes significant resources to breast cancer research. Last year the ACS dedicated close to 1.3 million to epidemiology, surveillance and behavioral research on breast cancer. As of January 1, 2002 the ACS had 192 grants pertaining to breast cancer in affect, totaling \$71.4 million (includes grants that extend over multiple years.) The ACS continues to conduct epidemiologic studies of breast cancer and performs surveillance research to monitor long-term trends and statistics. The American Cancer

Society recommendations and guidelines are science-based.

We are very grateful to the Cooke County residents for supporting the ACS's Relay For Life, June 7 & 8. Their efforts help the American Cancer Society serve Cooke County and every Texas community and continue the fight against cancer. Our Relay For Life events not only raise funds but help to increase cancer awareness and give communities a way to come together in the fight against cancer.

Helping the patient through a breast cancer experience is an area in which the ACS places great importance. Our Reach to Recovery program introduces a newly diagnosed patient to an ACS volunteer who has been through the breast cancer experience. The program provides each patient with resources, information and the emotional support so desperately needed at the time of diagnosis. Our toll-free information line (800-ACS-2345) is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to answer all questions or concerns related to cancer. Patients can also access our Cancer Survivor's Network, a support network of cancer patients, through our toll-free number or by visiting www.cancer.org.

The ACS encourages increased funding of breast cancer research to continue the development of new drugs and methods to treat breast cancer, to improve early detection methods and to better understand the disease and the factors that may cause its development. For more information on abortion and breast cancer click on the National Cancer Information link below. http://cis.nci.nih.gov/fact/3_53.htm

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A tree house, from past years of adventure, sits abandoned high in a tree that couldn't survive the hardships of the past several summers. This structure, located on the site of the future Muenster Lake Dam, will soon be dozed down as construction finally begins.
Janie Hartman Photo



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Gunning For Your Rights

By Edwin J. Feulner

Pretend for a moment you're on a plane that's been hijacked by terrorists. Would you prefer that a) the government shoots down the plane before it's used as a weapon, or b) the pilot shoots the attacker with a government-issued sidearm and lands the plane with everyone alive and unharmed?

I think most people would choose "b." So why has Transportation Department Secretary Norman Mineta announced that the Bush administration won't be arming pilots?

The decision seems especially perverse coming at a time when Americans are being bombarded with warnings about future terrorist attacks that the administration itself says are "inevitable."

Understandably enough, the concept of self-protection is riding high in the minds of many people—and it casts a new light on a seemingly insignificant debate over what critics call the Justice Department's "new" position on the Second Amendment.

The allegedly novel reading from Attorney General John Ashcroft holds that the amendment doesn't just authorize the arming of a state militia; it "broadly protects the rights of individuals" to own guns. This position mirrors that held by the government from the dawn of the Republic until the 1930s.

Since the amendment plainly upholds "the right of the people to keep and bear arms," such a view hardly seems unreasonable. But critics, noting that the amendment opens by saying "a well-regulated militia" is "necessary to the security of a free state," insist that Ashcroft has made a "radical shift" (as *The New York Times* put it) and foisted his "extreme ideology" on the rest of us (according to Michael Barnes, who heads the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence).

But you don't have to do much research before you realize Ashcroft's position isn't exactly "radical." According to Harvard law professor Lawrence Tribe—who argued before the Supreme Court that Al Gore won the 2000 presidential election—the Amendment recognizes the right of Americans to "possess and use firearms in defense of themselves and their homes." In fact, he says, the federal government can't disarm individual citizens "without some unusually strong justification."

Numerous Supreme Court decisions reinforce this "radical" view. Yes, gun opponents like to use 1939's *U.S. v. Miller* to defend a "militia only" position. But the court said then that the militia in the American colonies "comprised all males physically capable of acting in concert for the common defense," which doesn't limit gun ownership very much.

Well, foes reply, America's founders were thinking of a state-run militia when they adopted the Second Amendment. But the founders staunchly defended the right of citizens to keep and bear arms.

"Laws that forbid the carrying of arms... serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man," said Thomas Jefferson in his "Commonplace Book." Alexander Hamilton wrote in "The Federalist Papers" that no federal army could threaten our liberties if "a large body of citizens," proficient in "the use of arms," stands ready to defend them.

Gun-control advocates may actually be shooting themselves in the foot if they fight Ashcroft's "reversal." Syndicated columnist Steve Chapman argues that a general concession on the right to own guns would probably help the gun-control cause. It would, he notes, strip gun owners of their emotional argument that every new restriction is just another step toward a total ban on guns. Gun-rights activists and their opponents then would have to argue against each restriction on its merits.

And we'd finally get an honest debate. How "radical."

Edwin Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation (www.heritage.org), a Washington-based public policy research institute.

A Moment in Time

by Pam Fette

Sunday, June 16th dawned as one of the most beautiful days of the year. That evening we gathered at the Roy Hartman home to bid farewell to Grant Hartman who is headed for West Point and a career serving his country in the United States Army after he receives his degree from the Academy. Celebrating with Grant was another young man who will be serving his country in the United States Air Force, Mr. Jeff Hartman. Jeff signed a contract and will complete his education at Texas A&M University and then report for active duty. Nick Taylor of Muenster is also in the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M University and is contemplating a military career.

As we marveled at the sacrifice these outstanding young men will make and are making to serve our country, I was also thinking of our son, Russell Fette who is one year away from graduation from the United States Air Force Academy and active duty in the Air Force.

The next morning I received a call from David Hesse who is proudly serving his country in the United States Navy. David mentioned that he was really enjoying his duties and I told him how proud we were of him.

All of these moments came together in the full realization that our United States Military is being put in harm's way on a daily basis as we continue our fight against terrorism, here

and abroad. Our President has asked the citizens of our country to be aware that we are in a long-standing fight and to be on alert at all times.

In light of the war on terrorism and the threat to domestic soil, we in Muenster have been honored to have some of the finest of our young men and women stand up to serve their country. They have answered that high calling to put service above self and to rely on God to aid them in their mission.

I know there are more young men and women from Muenster who are serving our country both here and abroad. Corporal CJ Muller just returned from the Persian Gulf where he served on the aircraft carrier the USS John C. Stennis.

In times like these I think that our community should acknowledge these young men and women. We need to know where they are serving and keep them in our prayers. I would much rather be "prayed ahead" and not wait for another attack on our nation to begin fervent prayers for those who have answered the noble call. As our military stands ready and our young men and women prepare for service, let's pray for them and our country as well.

Our community needs the news and information of our local men and women in the service. Armed with the news of their mission and advancements we can better support them and pray for them. The *Muenster Enterprise* strongly encourages you to send in their stories and whereabouts so we can stand together with you and them.

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My 68 year old father had a stroke in January which left him paralyzed on his left side. He is in rehabilitation now and is improving, but will never fully recover. Our doctor told us that if dad would have gotten to the hospital within a couple of hours after he had his stroke instead of waiting a half a day, he might have avoided his current circumstance. I wish we would have known that then!!! Will you pass along some valuable stroke information to your readers and the importance of acting quickly?

Thank you, Stroke Savvy...NOW

Dear Stroke,

Your savvy doctor is absolutely correct!!! Every savvy second counts where a stroke is concerned... Knowing the warning signs and getting to the hospital quickly can make a difference in how much and how quickly a stroke patient recovers.

A breakthrough study by the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Strokes (NINDS) found that stroke patients who received a drug called tissue plasminogen activator (tPA) within three hours of their initial symptoms were at least 30 percent more likely to recover with little or no disability. This medication dissolves the clots that cause most strokes. "Stroke is an unmistakable event," said John R. Marler, M.D., associate director for clinical trials at NINDS. "Few other medical conditions come on so suddenly or are so noticeable to a bystander. The sooner the stroke is recognized and the patient begins receiving treatment, the better the chances for a complete recovery. It is really worth the effort it takes to call 911. Treating stroke as an emergency pays back in terms of going home and living your life."

Savvy Facts About Stroke: Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States and the leading cause of serious, long-term disability. Approximately 600,000 new strokes are reported in the United States annually and about 160,000 Americans die each year from stroke.

What is a stroke? A stroke is a sudden partial loss of brain function caused by a burst vessel or blood clot that stops the flow of blood to an area of the brain. Without oxygen and important nutrients, the affected brain cells are either damaged or die within a few minutes. The effects of a stroke may be very slight or severe, temporary or permanent. It depends on which brain cells have been damaged, how widespread the damage is, how well the body repairs the blood supply system to the brain, or how quickly other areas of brain tissue take over the work of the damaged cells.

You are at risk for a stroke if...

- You are over the age of 65
- You are a male
- People in your family have had strokes
- You are African-American
- You have had a previous stroke

Stroke risk factors that can be treated:

- High blood pressure
- Irregular heartbeat
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- Smoking
- High cholesterol
- Heavy alcohol use

Stroke warning signs:

- Weakness or numbness of face, arm or leg on one side
- Trouble talking or understanding others when they talk
- Changes in eyesight such as dimness, double or loss of vision
- Dizziness, unsteadiness or sudden falls
- Sudden, severe headache

Savvy Resources:

- National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Strokes (NINDS): P.O. Box 5801, Bethesda, MD 20824, 1-800-352-9424 www.ninds.nih.gov

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State Power Program to Cut School Electric Bills

Energy deregulation legislation enacted in the 1999 session is now paying dividends to institutions of higher education, school districts, and other public retail customers. This program, known as the State Power Program, authorizes the Commissioner of the General Land Office, David Dewhurst, to negotiate and execute contracts for the conversion of oil and gas royalties from public lands to electricity. This electricity is then offered for sale to public retail customers at a discounted price.

Commissioner Dewhurst has said that the Land Office's Power Program can increase the Land Office's contribution to the schoolchildren of Texas more than 30% a year. Specifically, this program could contribute as much as \$35 - \$40 million a year to the funds that finance education.

School districts who participate in this program can save between four and five percent on their utility bills. Additional benefits to this program include:

Tax exemptions: Electricity purchased under the program is not subject to the Gross Receipts Tax nor subject to the Public Utility Commission assessment.

Limits on Property Tax Increases: Because the revenue from the sales of electricity under this program benefits the school finance fund, which is distributed to school districts on a per student basis, the program helps limit property tax increases.

Fixed Price: The program permits the participants to lock in a fixed price per kilowatt hour used, including the price of fuel, protecting the participants from price fluctuations.

Ease of Access: The State Power Program permits public retail customers to procure electricity without going through the bidding process.

Free Enrollment: School districts are not charged to participate in this program.

As of March 15, 2002 the State Power Program has served over 130 independent school districts in Texas. In Grayson County, Collinsville ISD and S & S CISD are participating in the program; Cooke County has Lindsay, Muenster and Valley View ISDs. Fannin County has Ector, Honey Grove, Sam Rayburn and Savoy ISDs enrolled in the State Power Program.

More information can be found on the General Land Office website: www.glo.state.tx.us/energy/spp.

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Hoening clan gathers in Lindsay June 8

The "BIGGEST" Hoening reunion EVER, attended by 152, occurred June 8, 2002, hosted by Tillie Otto and family. They met in Conrad Hall, Lindsay, Texas. They came from far and near, from a mere 1/10 of a mile to 1800 miles. Kraig and Lynn Ware and baby traveled the greatest distance, Richmond, Virginia. Betty Ann and Ray Blockus came in second at 1523 miles. Shortest distance traveled or walked was Collette Knabe. No matter the distance, they were all happy to see one another again, renewing old acquaintances and making new ones. The 4 hours passed so fast with talking, listening, browsing through old photo albums, and the picture display of the deceased Hoening siblings.

Also a new Reunion Album was compiled by Tillie, in her spare time, dating back to 1939, six years after Alois Hoening passed away. Much searching in old albums and with the help of other members of the family, has brought the book filled with 144 photos including the year 2000. Since 1992 they meet every 2 years. A covered dish supper was enjoyed by all.

As the Hoening tradition demands, a quilt must be made and raffled off at each reunion and as many other items as the host family wishes. Kendall Ware (Emma Fetsch's grandson) won the Double Wedding Ring quilt. LaVerne Funderburk (Emma's daughter) won the Arch and Column afghan. Ed Otto

won the Strawberry Basket embroidered tablecloth, and a "Coat of Many Colors" was won by Danny Hoening. Winners of smaller items were Eleanor Pelzel, Earlene Dennington, Tom Vogel, Rupert Hoening, Rita Cottle, Dolly Gilley, Theodore Otto, Jim Fetsch, and Clara Stanley. Melanie Koelzer guessed the most baby pictures correctly on the baby picture display.

The oldest present, Leo Fetsch, received 2 crocheted pillows. The youngest present, Rachel Dennington, (Tillie's great-granddaughter) 2 months old, won the crocheted Toy Hammock. All items were made by Tillie.

Topping off the evening's prizes was the table centerpiece, arranged and furnished by Carla Wilson,

which was awarded to the person seated on a chair which had a white paper dot stuck under the chair. Twelve people went home with colorful children's sand buckets filled with several blooming plants to be transplanted to their flower beds.

Children enjoyed outdoor games, balloons, and a large piñata furnished by Shelley Phillipps. A great time was had by all who came, especially the remaining Hoenigs, Emma, Clara, and Tillie.

Carla Wilson made special cross stitched name tags for her three aunts, which can be used many more times. Clara will host the reunion in 2004 for the descendants of Aloys and Elizabeth Hoening.



Emily Felderhoff and Brian Hoffman have chosen July 27, 2002 for their wedding day. They will be married in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster at 2:00 p.m. The bride-elect is the daughter of Tom and Becky Felderhoff of Muenster and the future-groom is son of Ursula and Ron Vigil of Cheyenne, Wyoming and the late Steven Hoffman. Emily is a 1998 graduate of Muenster High School and a 2002 graduate of the University of North Texas. She is an elementary teacher. Mr. Hoffman is a 1996 graduate of Cheyenne East and is employed as a parts representative. The couple plans to reside in Gainesville.



Greg Flusche, at right, receives diploma. Courtesy Photo

Flusche is A&M grad

Greg Flusche graduated from Texas A&M University in College Station on May 10, 2002 at 2 p.m. in Reed Arena. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Dwight Look College of Engineering. Greg is the son of Jack and Linda Flusche, and is a 1997 Muenster ISD

graduate.

Those attending his graduation ceremony were his parents, his brothers John and Jared, his sister Karen, Eric Miller, and Mark Miller.

Greg is working for FM Global Insurance Company in Plano as an engineering consultant.

Historic Commission plans for busy holiday

The Muenster Historical Commission/Ben and Aggie Seyler Muenster Museum are making plans to start the coming holiday season in early December, having several events fall on Muenster Historical Week, Dec. 1-8.

At the June meeting, the group discussed their history book sales, Christmas bell sales, a tour of homes, a Krèche exhibit, candy/cookie sale and an open house at the museum, all to be held the first week of December.

The reprint of the Muenster Centennial History Book offers a great gift for Christmas, weddings, birthdays, or any occasion and are available at the Museum, the Chamber of Commerce, or any Museum member.

The beautifully decorated Christmas ornaments are bell shaped with an

"American quilt" design. They have been on sale since Germanfest and are proving to be a very popular item, with six different designs.

The group is also planning a Muenster tour of homes and a Museum Open House, tentatively set for the Museum's and the Community of Muenster's birthday, Dec. 8. The Open House will feature a Krèche exhibit - a display of different "styles" of nativity cribs.

On Friday and Saturday a cookie and candy bake sale is scheduled at Fischer's Meat Market, featuring home-baked Christmas goodies.

Anyone wishing to assist in any of these events, please contact Celine Dittfurth (759-4154), Juanita Bright (759-4482), Betty Kralicke (759-2940), or any Museum member.

Request for MHMR trustee applicants

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 September 1, 2002. Board members are eligible to serve consecutive re-appointment terms. Persons residing in 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, TX

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Children enjoy "SonCreek Junction" Vacation Bible School

Approximately two hundred and twenty-children ages 4 years through 5th grade attended at Sacred Heart's Vacation Bible School held June 10-14. During the week they found themselves in a western gold-mining town named SonCreek Junction. During their stay they studied stories from the Acts of the Apostles and learned about the importance of telling the truth, sharing, forgiving, and sharing the good news with others. Each day began with an assembly at MISD auditorium where

reminded of the theme and the Scripture verse for the day.

During the week the children collected items and donations for Abba Women's Center in Gainesville. At the closing celebration on Friday the different classes did songs and gestures based on the Scripture verses studied during the week. Parents and grandparents were invited to attend.

Directors for this year's VBS were Christy Hesse and Jenny White. Denise Sweeney and Denise Pagel were in charge of Crafts; Barbara Rohmer and Martha Sicking directed the Stories and Games; David Nystrom headed up the Music. Renate Pagel and Jill Reiter were in charge of snacks. Coordinating the nursery was Debbie Cochran.

Teachers included Jennifer Hoedebeck and Jessica Pagel for Preschool A, Ashley and Kimberly Klement for Preschool B, and Mattie Sicking and Christina Weinzapfel for Preschool C. Teachers for

kindergarten were Karen Davis (A), Krystal Hale and Ashley Hess (B), and Jessica Bartel and Kristen Miller (C). Teachers for first grade included Kelly Fetsch (1A), Tiffany Richey and Raney Bauer (1B), Sara and Kate Sepanski (1C), and Karen Dangelmayr and April Walterscheid (1D). Second grade teachers were Lisa Endres and Kim Hess (A), Audrey Barnhill and Charlie Sue Switzer (B), and Christine Fetsch (C). Teaching third grade were Mary Callahan (A), Tina Weinzapfel (B), Celie Wimmer (C), and Cheryl Beavers (D). Fourth grade teachers were Billie Becker (A), and Crystal Hess and Jon Krahl (B). Fifth grade was taught by Nancy Nystrom (A) and Linda Yosten (B). In addition, there were about 75 other adults and teens who helped in a variety of ways.

After the weeklong event, a hot dog supper and swim party was sponsored by the Muenster Branch # 18 of Catholic Life Insurance on Saturday, June 15.

they watched a video and talked about the theme for the day. They also sang songs, played games, memorized Bible verses and books of the Bible, watched puppet shows, "panned for gold", and ate snacks. Crafts included making a church and a plaque of the 10 commandments. The craft for fifth grade was making a handmade rosary. Each day ended with an assembly at the auditorium in which they were



Bandanas were in style at Sacred Heart's Vacation Bible School. Working on crafts, above left, clockwise - were Allison Pagel, Briana Bindel, Dilan Wolf, and Cathy Aston.

Photo by Janie Hartman



Rachel Hare and Mikaela Lamar, above, put down creative art coloring at Sacred Heart's Vacation Bible School this week.

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Brianna Rohmer, at right, moves a Biblical person "down the road" as she follows a story during Bible School.

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At left, Zachary Pollard worked on completing a project. Above, Emily White glues steps onto a church structure.

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Dr. Edd Advincula here at MMH has agreed to take over my positions of Medical Director at St. Richard's Villa and Home Health Director for MMH. He has also agreed to take any of my nursing home, clinic or home health patients who wish to continue with him. Please call the clinic to let them know of your decisions.

The clinic will have my future address if you or your new doctors have any questions. Thank you again, it has been a pleasure and an honor knowing you and your families.

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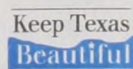
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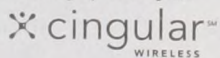
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Lane celebrates one!

Lane Alan Baldwin celebrated his first birthday June 1 at the McGrew Ranch. His birthday theme was "Gettie Up Horsie." Lane and his guests enjoyed a hamburger and hot dog cookout with all the trimmings. Lane's cake, made by Betty Rose Walterscheid, was a German chocolate cake with a family of paint horses on top. Decorations were kids riding a paint horse while swinging a rope.

Lane's parents gave him his own paint horse, a 12 month old filly to ride (maybe by his next birthday). A very special gift sent to Lane was a cowboy bible with a personal message enclosed to him from Clyde and Elsie Frost, the parents of the 1988 World Champion Bull Rider, Lane Frost, whose career ended when he was tragically killed at Cheyenne's Frontier Days while riding Bad Company's bull "Taking Care of Business."

Children who came to Lane's party enjoyed horse back riding on "Painted by Gunsmoke," a beautiful

paint show horse owned by McGrew Ranch. After gifts were opened and pictures and videos made, Lane handed out goodie bags to all his friends.

Guests included Lane's parents, Cloy Baldwin and Tanya Hess; grandparents Alan and Rhonda Rohmer, grandmother Darlene Tishler; great-grandparents William and Ovella Baldwin; Amanda Baldwin, Lisa and Tyler Rohmer, Viola Rohmer, Jacob Hess, Jay Tishler, Mary Hess and Clayton and Andrea; Ken, Jake, and Bonnie Freeman, Blake Garrison, uncle Bobby Fisher, B.J. Schmidtkofer, John and Sarah Knabe, Linda and Kenneth Grewing, Janet and Kobe Blanton, Casey Blanton, Ron and Jimmy Abner, Tiffany and Mason Mesta, Sarah and Canyon Moster, John Garland, and Helen Evans.

Unable to attend but sending birthday wishes were: great-grandmother Lou Lou Hess, uncle Waylan Hess, Chism Cain, Josh Freeman, and Clyde and Elsie Frost of Lane, Oklahoma.



Lane Baldwin

Kiwanis Family Swim Nights

The summer schedule for Kiwanis Family Swim Nights is as follows: June 20, July 12, July 25, and Aug. 8 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Parents are expected to attend with their children.

TURTLE HILL LODGE

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need to fund their particular ministries. The group has representatives from Christian schools in Texas, Arkansas, and Missouri in for the week.

A Grand Opening is scheduled for Sunday, June 30 at 3 p.m. All of Muenster and the surrounding area is welcome to attend and tour the facility. There will be a welcome, prayer, and Scripture reading. Refreshments will be served.

In December of 1999 the land was purchased for THL&CC. It was in the planning stages until the Spring of 2001 and ground was broke on July 4, 2001.

Baird remarked, "The warm reception that we've had from the people of Muenster certainly we've tried to purchase our materials here locally. We've tried to use as many local contractors as we could from the area. It's been a real privilege and pleasure doing business with the folks from the phone company to the lumberyards to the electric cooperative. Everyone has done everything they could to help us. It's been really a positive experience from my perspective. I think our community is to be commended." Read said that Precinct #4 County Commissioner Virgil Hess and Muenster Mayor Henry Weinzapfel had been very supportive.

There are plans to expand the facility. Tennis and volleyball courts are planned, as well as a great deal of landscaping. The existing home on the hill will be incorporated into the conference center and will be renovated to a lodge or meeting hall and cafeteria in Phase II. This Phase will also see seven additional cabins built. In Phase III building will extend to the 50 acres across CR 442 where there are plans to build a larger lodge that would accommodate 100 people. More recreation facilities will be added including tennis courts and swimming pool. Plans are to reach a capacity of 200 to 250 people.

Still in the plans, but not yet done is the building of a tunnel under FM 373 for golf carts. So that guests at the Lodge and Conference Center can safely access the golf course without crossing the highway. Currently signs warn that there may be golf carts crossing the road.

Partners in the golf course have donated the services to build and maintain a driving range. It will be owned by the conference center primarily for the use of its guests. Part of the arrangements are that it will be available to the golf course also. It is now being built on the THL&CC 50 acres.

The project should provide an economic boost to Muenster. So far the organization has spent \$1.2 million on purchasing the land and the building that has been done. Of that about \$800,000 was construction cost.

There were a large number of volunteer groups involved in the construction of the conference center. The interior of the dining room and chapel was done by a group of men from Richardson Heights Baptist Church. Volunteers are always welcome and can be accommodated almost any day of the week they said.

EDM lists its mission statement as, "EDM is a non-profit ministry which exists to serve evangelical organizations in the critical areas of resource management and development through research, training, and counseling provided by a ministry-oriented team of experienced development, management and discipleship professionals so that the cause of Christ and His kingdom is advanced through wise stewardship and increased ministry fruitfulness."

Read, Olen Hendrix and Bryan Holmes started EDM in 1987. The corporate office is in Dallas with offices in California, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Florida. For the first 13 years the primary emphasis was in the area of providing

training, onsite counsel, and doing research projects to benefit the organizations.

EDM has four divisions. One does the training, counseling, and research. The second is Muenster based Turtle Hill Ministries, which the conference center falls under. The third is a resource development marketing organization. It's a service bureau for other organizations providing administrative support for other non-profit ministries. Tennessee is its base. The fourth is an evangelistic arm that's current project is an evangelistic video "Who Is Jesus?"

As an international organization, EDM does a lot of work internationally. Some of the countries they've ministered in are South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Germany, Latvia, and some Asian countries. They mainly provide training for ministry development, which can be anything from how to raise funds, how to manage the organization, strategic planning or discipleship training.

It was stressed that the group is not affiliated with any particular denomination, a question they are asked frequently. "We do have a statement of faith," Read said. "We just ask the groups that come to agree to abide by it while they are here."

There are a number of conferences sponsored by EDM scheduled. The Bible Basics is set for the weekend of June 28-29. When EDM isn't sponsoring an event, the center will be available to other groups. Muenster Memorial Hospital held a retreat there recently.

Dick Murphy developed Turtle Hill Golf Course. He was an airline pilot who purchased the property that the golf course and THL&CC are now on. Murphy said he got the name Turtle Hill because from the air the hill where the house sits takes on the appearance of a turtle.

To contact THL&CC call (940)759-2120 or 759-5088.

New Arrivals

Gressett

David and Michelle Gressett of Jacksboro, Texas announce with joy the birth of their son, Dayton Thomas Gressett on Thursday, June 13, 2002 at 1:03 p.m. in Palo Pinto Hospital of Mineral Wells, weighing 6 lb. 14 oz. and measuring 21 1/2 inches long. He joins a sister, Caroline Elizabeth and a brother Dylan Wade at home. Grandparents are Tom and Carol Gressett of Muenster and Betty and Clem Mathews of Denton. Great-grandparents are Lawrence and Irene Wimmer of Muenster and Verna Mae Sigmon of Wolfe City, Texas.

Hennigan of Muenster are proud and happy to announce the birth of a son, Hunter Edward Hennigan on June 1, 2002 at 4:15 a.m., weighing 7 lb. 11 oz. and measuring 20 inches long, in Denton Community Hospital. Siblings are a brother, Austin, age 7, and a sister, Lydia age 23 months. Grandparents are Gary and Mary Endres and Donald and Sandra Hennigan all of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Caroline Hess and Clara Endres all of Muenster.

Endres

Jason and Dianne Endres of Muenster announce with great joy the birth of their first child, a son. They have named him Colby John

Endres. He was born on June 11, 2002 at 9:07 p.m. in Gainesville Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 lb. 3 oz. Grandparents are John and JoAnn Pagel and Clinton and Debbie Endres of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Clara Endres, Jerome Pagel, and Louise Walterscheid all of Muenster.

Puente

J. Alfredo and Rosario Puente of Gainesville are parents of a son, Alejandro Puente born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on June 7, 2002 at 7:30 a.m., weighing 7 lb. 14.6 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches long. He joins two brothers, Luis Alfredo Puente age 7 and Jose Angel Puente age 4.







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Quinn wins Young Authors Contest

Quinn Sicking, son of Allen and Martha Sicking, was honored Saturday, June 8, at KERA TV Channel 13 in Dallas. He participated in Reading Rainbow's Eighth Annual Young Writers and Illustrators Contest. His story "Ranger, The Bravest Cowdog Ever" took third place in the second grade divisions.

Quinn, his parents Allen and Martha, his grandmother Clara Fuhrmann, his brothers Shane and Devan, and his teachers Michele Knauf and Carmen Bonin were treated to a pizza luncheon, a slide show of the winners' stories, a tour of KERA, picture-taking sessions, and various other activities. During the awards ceremony, Quinn was presented with a plaque and a knapsack filled with books and art supplies.

Quinn was one of 12 winners from over 350 entries. Three winners were chosen from each grade level - kindergarten through third grade. Winners were chosen by a Blue Ribbon Panel of Judges made up of children's authors, illustrators, and librarians. Reading Rainbow's Young Writers and Illustrators Contest is open each year to all children grades K through Three in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex.

Winners this year consisted of homeschoolers, parochial, private, and public school children from various areas of North Central Texas. Quinn is the second winner in a row from Sacred Heart School Second Grade. Last year's winner was Rebekah Hesse.



Quinn Sicking



Pamela Lutkenhaus

Jaycees announce scholarships

The Muenster Jaycees are once again proud to announce the recipients of the Jaycee Scholarships for the year 2002. These scholarships were started several years ago when the Jaycees decided that their favorite line in the Jaycee Creed, "Service to Humanity is the Best Work of Life," should also be extended to the youth of the community. Of course the Jaycees are involved in many youth projects, but this would be a way to pay back a little to the community that's been so good to them. Jaycees are good for Muenster and Muenster is good to the Jaycees. Each year the Muenster JCI Senators form the committee to select the

recipients for this scholarship. The scholarship is given to a student from each school to help them pay for the rising cost of a higher education.

Ashley Hess was chosen from Muenster High School. She plans to attend the University of North Texas in Denton and major in Business. She plans to graduate with a Bachelors degree in Business.

Mattie Sicking was chosen from Sacred Heart High School. She plans to attend Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls and major in Radiology. She plans to graduate with a Bachelors degree in Radiology.

submitted by Wayne Klement



Mattie Sicking



Ashley Hess

Lutkenhaus receives scholarship

Pamela Lutkenhaus received a \$1,000 scholarship from Cooke County Farm Bureau. This scholarship was awarded on the basis of application information, high school grades, GPA, standardized test scores, extracurricular activity and potential to succeed in post-secondary educational goals. Applications were accepted by many high school seniors from Cooke County.

Pamela is the daughter of Leo and Peggy Lutkenhaus of Muenster. She is a 2002 graduate and Salutatorian of Muenster High School. Pamela will be attending the University of Texas at Arlington in the fall to earn a degree in Computer Science Engineering Upon graduation from college, she hopes to become a computer programmer.

MISD Board members receive training

One of the many requirements of school board trustees is to receive training in areas that affect their leadership and decision-making regarding the education of the district's school children and their responsibilities as a governing board of a school district.

Each year newly elected board members must receive 16 hours of continuing education, while experienced board members receive 10 hours. The continuing education hours are divided into three areas: 3 hours reviewing the Texas Education Code for new board members and 2 hours for experienced board members; 3 hours working with a facilitator, the other board members, and the superintendent in "Training of Eight;" and 10 hours for new board members and 5

hours for experienced board members regarding specific areas of interest or needs of the district.

On May 8 the Board traveled to Fort Worth for training focusing on finance issues. Dr. Ed Flathouse, Deputy Commissioner of Finance, Texas Education Agency discussed public school finance. Dr. Flathouse focused on financial problems facing many school districts across the state due to increased property values and decreasing financial aid from the state. He cautioned board members of the signs to recognize when financial problems begin to arise in a district. Also, the Board heard a panel of experienced board members answer questions by a facilitator regarding school governance issues.

On June 11 the Board participated in the

"Training of Eight" facilitated by James Scott from the Education Service Center, Region XI. The training focused on the responsibilities of the board as a policy making board and the responsibilities of the superintendent to manage the day to day operations of the school district. The training concluded with a request that the Board complete a survey concerning their relationship in developing policy, ethical conduct, and management of the district.

All MISD board members: Clifford Sicking, Board President; Tom Hartman, Board Vice President; Neil Huchton, Board Secretary; Jim Endres, Wanda Flusche, Rudy Koesler, Nick Walterscheid; and Clyde Steelman, Superintendent were in attendance at both training sessions.

Sepanski receives scholarship

Sara Sepanski, a 2002 graduate of Sacred Heart High School, recently received a check for \$250 from the Muenster branch of Guaranty National Bank as a result of winning the T. Edwin Alexander Community Service Scholarship. With its headquarters in Gainesville, Guaranty National Bank has sponsored the T. Edwin Alexander Community Service Scholarship for the last four years.

Curious about the origin of the scholarship, Sara learned that the man T. Edwin Alexander has the distinct honor of seeing his scholarship fund benefit others while he is still living. Alexander, a 55-year employee of Guaranty National Bank of Gainesville, started his service at the bank at the age of 16. He eventually worked his way to such distinguished positions as Chairman of the Board and president of the bank. He is most remembered for his devoted efforts to community service in the city of Gainesville.

Though he did not create the scholarship fund himself, Alexander is glad that it was founded. "Any



Sara Sepanski and Annette Walterscheid Courtesy Photo

help that you can give a person counts. I don't think any of us could survive without help from each other. Having been offered a job at the bank at 16, I can speak from experience. That act of kindness has allowed me to lead a most happy life."

To everyone, especially high school students, Alexander offers this advice: "Work hard, but have fun. Life is too short not to." In Sara's meeting with Alexander, a variety of topics was discussed, including stories from his time at the bank, his personal philosophy on life,

and informative stories about the cities of Gainesville and Muenster and the County of Cooke. Throughout the visit, Alexander always had the highest praise for Muenster and its "good people." The town of Muenster, he said, "will never die."

Sara will begin study in August at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., where she plans to earn a Masters of Science in Architecture. Looking forward to her college career, Sara says, "I plan to follow Mr. Alexander's advice to 'work hard but have fun!'"

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Three vie for title

Three Cooke County girls have thrown their hats into the ring hoping to win the title of Gainesville Chamber Rodeo Queen. Michelle Pagel, 16, Katelyn Brewer, 12, and Jessica Love, 16 hope to wear the crown at this year's Gainesville Rodeo. The Rodeo takes place July 18, 19, and 20. Rodeo queens are selected by ticket sales and points awarded from a riding pattern competition. Winner will be announced during the rodeo.

Michelle Pagel lives in Muenster with her parents Pat and Janet Bowman. She is also the daughter of Curtis and Rhonda Pagel and the granddaughter of Bill and Charlotte Dangelmayr and Harriet and Harry Scoggins.

Michelle shows her horse, Lacy Leggins, in 4-H halter shows and AQHA ranch shows. She is involved in the AQHYA STAR program and horseback Riding Program. She gave instruction to students. It is Michelle's desire to become a doctor of veterinary medicine specializing in equine medicine. She loves to paint and draw and to hang out with her grandpa, horses, and friends.

Some of Michelle's school activities include being a member of the Angelic Acapella Choir, member of the Red 'N Motion Dance Team, member of the Honor Society, and participating in basketball, cross country, and track. She is a sophomore at Sacred Heart High School. She is also a member of the SWHYA, 4-H, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Katelyn Brewer of Gainesville is the daughter of David and Denise Brewer. She is a seventh grade student at St. Mary's Catholic School. Some of Katelyn's special activities and interest are horses, ballet, and Nutcracker. She has a new horse with 34 Paint Horse points and plans to show her extensively this summer.

Katelyn is a member of St. Mary's Youth Group and 4-H Midnight Mustangs. Other school activities are basketball, volleyball, track, and speech and drama.

Jessica Love lives in Gainesville with her parents Jimbo and Donna Love. She attends Callisburg High School. Rodeo/horse show activities that Jessica participates in include team roping, barrel racing, and breakaway roping. She is the 2001-02 Miss West Texoma.

At school Jessica plays volleyball, basketball, and is treasurer of the Callisburg FFA. Her club members hips include 4-H, FFA, American Junior Paint Horse Association, and the Gainesville Riding Club.

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Sports

MHS Cheerleaders, mascot attend camp

The Muenster High School Varsity Cheerleaders and Mascot attended a National Cheerleaders Association summer camp May 31 through June 2. This elite camp was held at Southern Methodist University and attracted 1,200 cheerleaders, over 40 squads most of which were large, competitive squads, from around the state.

The NCA, the largest privately held cheerleader organization in America, holds events for over 150,000 cheerleaders and dancers around the world. The NCA, founded by L.R. Herkimer in 1948, has been conducting camps for 54 years.

The MHS Cheerleaders, Mascot, and coaches attended the four day camp which featured classes for all involved. Cheer and chant classes, along with jumps, stunting, and dance classes were offered for all cheer participants. Deanna Hellman and Lisa Hettler attended coaching classes each day. These classes focused on Safety in Stunting, Parental and Administrative Involvement, Fundraising, Choreography, Injury Prevention, and a Coaches Swap Shop, where cheer coaches could share ideas in many aspects of cheerleading. Kami Klement attended daily captain's classes on responsibility and leadership within the squad. Bridgette Klement also known as "Buzz" spent each day in Mascot classes focusing on animation, creativity, safety, and skit delivery.

The Hornet Cheerleaders, Senior and Head cheerleader Kami Klement, Senior Jami Gerstberger, Juniors Chelsea Felderhoff, Kristian Koesler, Alisha Walterscheid, and Mascot Bridgette Klement, Sophomores Shannon

Grewing and Stevie Klement, and Freshman Kelly Endres, received six superior ribbons and one excellent ribbon for their nightly evaluations of cheers and chants. The squad participated in the Champion Chant Competition. They earned the Stunt Smart award for safety and technique in building advanced stunts. On the second night of evaluations, the team was awarded the Motion Award based on sharpness of motions within a cheer and chant. Spirit Sticks were awarded nightly to the squads showing the most sincere spirit and enthusiasm throughout the day. The Muenster Cheerleaders were awarded a Spirit Stick each night and presented with a Spirit Stick on the final day to bring home. The MHS squad was the Herkie TEAM trophy winner in the Varsity Division consisting of 25+ varsity squads. This award was voted on by the 54 NCA staff members. This award was named after the founder, L.R. Herkimer, and is awarded to squads who exemplify the qualities upon which NCA was founded: leadership, values, and teamwork. Bridgette Klement was awarded a superior ribbon for her group skit, and also earned a Spirit Stick on the third day.

Each squad member attending camp has the opportunity to be nominated for the most prestigious award in cheerleading today, the All American award. Kami Klement, Kristian Koesler, and Alisha Walterscheid were nominated in the categories of jumps and leadership abilities. These cheerleaders were given the opportunity to try out for the All American Team on the third night of camp. They were judged on motion technique,

jumps, tumbling, spirit and enthusiasm, voice projection and overall crowd appeal. Kristian Koesler was chosen to the All American Team and is eligible to perform at the Hula Bowl in Hawaii at the end of January.

The entire team earned a bid to the National Championship held in Dallas, Texas. This is awarded to squads who exemplify competitive cheerleading ability in several areas based on their Home Cheer Evaluation.

SH golf tourney set for June 29

The Sacred Heart Alumni and Friends are sponsoring a 4-person scramble golf tournament at Turtle Hill Golf Course on Saturday, June 29.

Entry fee is \$240.00 per team and includes a meal, snacks, drinks, green fee, and cart. There will also be a \$10 Mulligan raffle with great prizes.

Cash prizes will be given for longest drive and closest to the pin. There will be a shotgun start at 2:00. A meal with drinks in Muenster City Park will follow the tournament.

To register contact John Bartush at 759-4052 or Kenny Hartman 759-4972.

Annual Ruth Hess tourney slated July 27

The Muenster Jaycees will hold the 15th annual Ruth Hess Memorial Golf Tournament on Saturday, July 27. The event will be at Turtle Hill Golf Course with a shotgun start at 2:00 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded for the top three finishers in four flights, close to the pin on all par 3s, and men/women's longest drive.

The entry fee of \$240 per team includes green fee, 1/2 cart cost, tee-shirt, door prizes, and a meal served after the tournament.

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Garden Tips

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Hay is better to compost, but mulching a garden with hay introduces more weeds. Hay is a little higher in nitrogen, having 1-2%, while oat straw is 1% and wheat straw only .3%. Wheat straw also robs the soil of nitrogen if used as a mulch. Neither hay nor straw supplies much phosphorus, and they both contain 1-2% potash. Mulch with straw.



Muenster Varsity Cheerleaders, from left, front row - Alisha Walterscheid, Chelsea Felderhoff, Shannon Grewing, Mascot Bridgette Klement; back - Kelly Endres, Jami Gerstberger, NCA "buddy," Kami Klement, Kristian Koesler and Stevie Klement. Courtesy Photo



Action continued this week with the Red River Summer League basketball teams. In the top left photo, Melissa Thomas of Sacred Heart fights for a loose ball against the Era team. Above - Roney Bauer attempts an unbalanced shot and is fouled. At left - Cheryl Knabe of Lindsay gets the jump over Saint Jo. Janie Hartman Photos

American Quarter Horse event July 13

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Hornet ball camp announces standouts

Over 80 players participated in the 2002 Hornet Basketball Camp the week of June 10-14. The camp was opened to boys and girls in grades 4 - 9 and conducted by Kenny Mann, Jeff Presnall, and Amy Binder. Campers were taught proper shooting form, offensive moves, defensive stance, ball handling, dribbling moves, and passing.

Truebenbach and Brandi Dangelmayr; Free Throws, Brandon Bindel, Shaina Felderhoff and Jaci Steelman. Individual Standouts for 7th - 9th grade campers were: Ball Handling, Ryan Fuhrmann and Laura Heers; Form Shooting, Malcom Martin and Kelly Endres; Passer, Travis Felderhoff and Sandy Endres; Dribbler, Zach



Alison Teafatiller and Derek Endres

Individual standouts in 4th - 6th grade were: Ball Handling, T.J. Acuna, Tyler Acuna, and Shaina Felderhoff; Form Shooting, Garrett Walterscheid and Jackie Klement; Passer, Chad Henscheid and Jenni Luke; Dribbler, Jeremy Lutkenhaus and Shaina Felderhoff; Hustle, Steven Valliere and Taylor Reiter; Most Improved, Jason Luke and Natalie Valliere; MVP, Levi Truebenbach and Lia Heers; Hot Shot, Levi

Swirczynski and Laura Heers; Hustle, Bill Haverkamp and Megan Felderhoff; Most Improved, Colton Steelman and Rebecca Grewing; MVP, Derek Endres and Allison Teafatiller; 1-on-1, Derek Endres and Megan Dangelmayr; Hot Shot, Derek Endres and Hillary Swirczynski; 3-on-3, Derek Endres, Brad Endres, John Crabtree, Krystal Wolf, Megan Felderhoff, and Katie Moncrief.



T-ball action between the Gold and Green teams saw Amber Walterscheid (above left) get a base hit. Above - Nicholas Wolf scoops up a hit at the pitcher's mound and below - Steven Flusche waits for a teammate to hit him off 2nd base as Trevor Hess and Mason Binder stand ready. Janie Hartman Photos

Rehab Scramble is June 28

If you love to play golf, win prizes, and help others, join the Rehab Golf Scramble benefiting the North Texas Rehab Center, Friday, June 28 at the Club at Runaway Bay. Transportation will be provided. Registration begins at 10 a.m., with a shotgun start at 11 a.m. All proceeds help provide sponsored medical and educational rehab services to children and adults with disabilities in North Texas and Southern Oklahoma. Call the Rehab Center at 322-0771 for more information.



Hillary Swirczynski of the Blue Team hits in a runner to end the game. Also pictured, White team hindcatcher Jessica Walterscheid and umpire Chris Fuhrmann. Janie Hartman Photo

Processor indicted for illegal dumping

A Mesquite meat market owner and employee have been indicted on felony charges for illegal commercial waste disposal and another employee pled guilty to a lesser charge after Texas Parks and Wildlife Department investigators collected evidence alleging that the men dumped white-tailed deer carcasses from more than 700 animals near streams that feed Lake Tawakoni.

notified local TPWD game wardens, who tracked deer tags on them to Gorman's Meat Market in Mesquite. (Hunters are required to attach paper tags to each deer they harvest.) "From a public health standpoint, decaying animal carcasses can cause harmful bacteria and other problems," Davis said. "It's not something you want to put into a drinking water supply lake, or in any public water."

Investigator Kevin Davis with the TPWD environmental crimes unit in Dallas says the dumping occurred during deer hunting season last November through this January. The carcasses were dumped adjacent to creeks in Rockwall and Hunt Counties. Rockwall County Assistant Health Coordinator Ron Merit found the carcasses and

"This is the first time I've seen a meat processor do anything like this, as most of them are pretty good about obeying the law," Davis said. "It's not difficult to properly dispose of deer. You can use a commercial dumpster - that can cause an odor problem for the neighbors, but you can treat that with lime. You can also haul carcasses to a landfill or rendering plant."

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Drought returns to Texas ag, resulting in major loss

Drought this growing season has ravaged Texas' wheat crop and destroyed substantial South Texas crop production acreage, resulting in losses estimated at \$316 million, Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

Hardest hit have been the state's wheat producers, having lost \$110 million this year. An additional \$16 million has been estimated in wheat grazing losses.

South Texas cotton and feedgrain farmers have seen substantial losses as rainfall during the critical parts of the growing season never fell. South Texas losses include cotton, \$95 million; corn, \$20 million; sorghum \$60 million and hay production, \$15 million.

Corpus Christi, the Rio Grande Valley area, they are just scorched," said Dr. Roland Smith, Extension economist.

Lack of water in the reservoirs on the Rio Grande River has water for irrigation in the Rio Grande Valley very limited, according to Extension officials.

Dryland cotton and feedgrains in the Coastal Bend area have been equally scorched. Rainfall in the region for the March to May time period, a critical time for the region's agricultural crops, has been only 27 percent of normal.

"They had a decent rain on April 7, but that has been the last significant rain since then," said Dr. Travis Miller, Extension program leader for soil and crop sciences at Texas A&M University. "The Gulf Coast, there about Refugio and below that line, they've missed rain and have gone without rain most of the growing season."

Portions of Central Texas

has been affected by drought conditions, particularly corn acreage, Miller said.

"We've had multiple calls from the Waco area asking what droughted-out corn silage was worth," he said.

Meanwhile, of the 2.2 million acres of wheat planted last fall in the Texas Panhandle, only 700 thousand acres will be harvested this year, according to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service. Some of the wheat acres will be "grazed out" by stocker cattle, according to Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension economist in Amarillo. However, the acreage reports indicate less than half of the acres that were harvested last year will be cut this year in the region.

Scattered rain showers through portions of Central and East Texas has given hope to the region's hay producers looking for a second cutting of hay.

"Most people have gotten one cutting of hay and (prior to the rain) most of the pastures looked as if we were in July," Miller said. "(The recent rain) might get us another cutting of hay, which would be really beneficial."

The following are losses by commodity:

- Wheat (statewide) \$110 million.
- Wheat grazing losses \$16 million.
- South Texas cotton: \$95 million.
- South Texas corn: \$20 million.
- South Texas sorghum: \$60 million.
- South Texas hay production: \$15 million.
- Total losses projected as of June 10: \$316 million.



Grasshoppers don't have to be big to destroy plant life, such as these iris. At left - two small critters chew away; above - a small spider (lower right) waits for its next meal.

Janie Hartman Photo

New legal plan protects property owners' rights

Landowners needing specialized legal advice on property rights matters can turn to a new program known as the LandGuard Legal Plan.

The prepaid legal plan was launched this spring by the American Land Foundation to provide landowners with access to preventive legal advice on issues concerning their private property.

"Farmers, ranchers and homeowners are subject to increased government regulations on matters ranging from endangered species to water use to conservation easements," said Dan Byfield, president of the American Land Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection of private property rights. "As a result, more and more landowners are finding themselves embroiled in costly and time-consuming legal battles in order to protect the full use and enjoyment of their private property."

He said LandGuard can help landowners resolve or avoid complex legal issues altogether by providing proper representation at the onset of a situation.

For \$12 per month, LandGuard participants purchase a policy that furnishes access to leading property rights attorneys who will provide an initial

consultation. As part of the consultation, these attorneys will review notices and legal papers and prepare appropriate documents on matters pertaining to federal land-use issues. In addition, LandGuard participants receive a 25 percent reduction in legal fees for extended legal matters and local and state issues.

"Property rights law is a very specialized field, and property rights attorneys are few. However, LandGuard can put property owners in touch with the best property rights attorneys in the business," said Byfield.

The American Land Foundation developed the LandGuard program after it was approached in 1999 by a group of Texas ranchers and farmers who had learned that the federal government wanted to turn their property into a wildlife refuge. Not knowing where to find qualified legal representation, they sought the advice of the foundation.

In addition to providing legal advice on property matters, the plan offers other benefits including free advice on personal legal matters and a complimentary medical prescription benefit plan.

For more information about LandGuard, phone 1-888-346-7273 or visit www.LandGuard.org.

They're back!

Grasshoppers are jumping across Texas, with 107 counties throughout the state reporting moderate to severe infestations, Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

Grasshoppers are one of the most damaging pests in Texas. Out of the known 150 species in the state, only five cause 90 percent of the damage to crops.

"The infestation is still concentrated in the Central Texas area," said Dr. James Robinson, professor and Extension entomologist. "However, the Texas Panhandle and Far West Texas are reporting increasing problems in pastures and crops."

"The situation in West Texas and the Panhandle has changed with moderate to heavy grasshopper infestations in just about all of the Texas Panhandle. Increased numbers and problems are being reported from some counties along the border with New Mexico."

"Although the conditions are severe, Robinson reports that the state is not yet in an emergency category at this time.

"Some areas have received rainfall that has been helpful in producing the grasshopper infestation," he said. "Other areas are not so fortunate. The Texas Panhandle and Far West Texas situations are expected to become more severe."

Rangeland species of hoppers as well as those that plague crops, gardens and landscapes (primarily *Melanoplus*) are already causing problems, he said.

County Extension agents have received more grasshopper complaints this year than in any of the five previous years.

Several counties are reporting heavy infestations in pastures and rangelands surrounding irrigated crops (including corn and cotton), Robinson said.

A farmer in Southwest Texas' Collingsworth County complained he had to replant portions of one of his irrigated fields three times because of the insects, Robinson said.

"Grasshoppers are not currently a problem in far East Texas except for

isolated areas," Robinson said. "Forage is currently in good supply, and as long as the rains continue, grasshoppers should be isolated to pastures and not in home landscapes."

Robinson said Extension entomologists are reluctant to predict what will happen during the next few months.

"All agree that it depends on the summer rainfall and the availability of food sources for the grasshoppers. If the rains are adequate, many of the grasshoppers will feed on weeds and other (plants), and they will stay away from crops, gardens and home landscapes."

The drought is another calamity the state's farmers are facing this year, with most areas of Texas not receiving significant rainfall.

In the Rolling and South Plains regions of North Texas, however, it is a different story. Damaging thunderstorms in the South Plains around Lubbock brought hail and high winds for the second week in a row.

"Most damage came from marble- to golf-ball-sized hail and from the sandblasting effect of the high winds," said Jett Major, Extension director for the Lubbock region.

Also, wheat harvest and cotton planting in most counties of the Rolling Plains has slowed because of the rainfall and extremely high and damaging winds.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors.

NORTH TEXAS: Soil moisture short to adequate. Wheat harvest is in full swing; corn and cotton are fair to good; sorghum fair to excellent. Pasture and rangeland conditions fair to excellent with beef cattle in good condition.

Texoma CattleWomen to meet 7/11

Texoma CattleWomen will meet July 11 at 7 pm in the Durant area, location at this time is not set, if you would like to attend this and/or would like to become a member, please contact a member.

For further information please call President Trudy Lucas from Howe (903) 476-5565 or one of the following members: Bobby Henderson (940) 612-1629 Callisburg, Gloria Klement (940) 759-2912 Muenster, or Ann Knight (903) 665-4608 Era.

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<p>Feeder Steers (per lb.)</p> <p>200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.05-1.13; Nos 2 & 3, .95-1.05; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, .98-1.06; Nos. 2 & 3, .88-98; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, .83-.89; Nos. 2 & 3, .79-.83; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, .77-.86; Nos. 2 & 3, .67-.77; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, .74-.79; Nos. 2 & 3, .67-.74; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, .66-.75; Nos. 2 & 3, .55-.66.</p> <p>Feeder Heifers (per lb.)</p> <p>200-300 lbs.: No. 1, .95-1.00; Nos. 2 & 3, .85-.95; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, .84-.93; Nos. 2 & 3, .78-.84; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, .78-.88; Nos. 2 & 3, .71-.78; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, .73-.80; Nos. 2 & 3, .68-.73; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, .70-.78; Nos. 2 & 3, .62-.70; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, .60-.69; Nos. 2 & 3, .50-.60.</p> <p>Slaughter Cattle (per lb.)</p> <p>Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2, 1.20-.2.050 lbs., #1-3, .37-.49; Cutter, 25-.37.</p>	<p>Stocker Cows (per head)</p> <p>Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - Large Frame, \$640-\$785; Medium Frame, \$450-\$640</p> <p>Cow/Calf Pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - Large Frame, \$670-\$810; Medium Frame, \$550-\$670.</p> <p>Holstein Baby Calves, \$60-\$100; Crossbreds, \$140-\$210.</p> <p>Barrows & Gilts:</p> <p>US #1, 230-270, 30-35; US #2, 220-280, 30-35.</p> <p>Feeder Lambs (per head)</p> <p>100-175 lbs., \$30-\$55; 25-90 lbs., \$12-\$35.</p> <p>Boars:</p> <p>300 lb.-up, 7, 200-300 lbs., NT; Light wt., NT</p> <p>Sheep (per lb.)</p> <p>Feeder Lambs, 40-60 lbs., 40-55; Light lambs, 60-90 lbs., 40-55; Fat lambs, 90-120 lbs., 40-50.</p>	<p>Barbados (per head)</p> <p>Lambs: \$10-\$25; Ewes: \$15-\$40; Bucks: \$40-\$130</p> <p>Stocker: 20-30; Thin, 11-20; Fat, 20-30.</p> <p>Bucks</p> <p>Thin: NT; Fat, 20-35.</p> <p>Goats (per head)</p> <p>Kids: 20-35 lbs., \$15-\$30; 35-55 lbs., \$30-\$50; 55-75 lbs., \$45-\$60; Yearlings: 75-120 lbs., \$65-\$110.</p> <p>Nannies (per head)</p> <p>Stocker, \$30-\$50; Milk Type, \$15-\$45; Slaughter: Thin, \$20-\$35; Fat, \$35-\$70.</p> <p>Billies (per head)</p> <p>120 lbs-up</p> <p>Breeders, \$40-\$110; Slaughter, \$40-\$100</p> <p>Bred Goats (per head)</p> <p>1/2 Nanny, NT; 3/4 Nanny, NT; Full Nanny, \$50-\$110</p> <p>Boer Goats (per head)</p> <p>1/2 Billy, NT; 3/4 Billy, NT; Full Billy, \$70-\$120</p>
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