



Hannah Hess slides into first base for the Blue Team as Jacqueline Bauer is ready to catch the ball for the Reds. Below, Ricky Grewing slugs a home run hit at Tuesday night's T-ball triple header. The summer youth ball program should be finishing up within the next two weeks. Photo by Janie Hartman



Enterprise wins three awards in TPA newspaper competition

by Janet Felderhoff
Competition in the 1997 Texas Better Newspaper Contest yielded three awards for the *Muenster Enterprise*. The contest provides an opportunity for newspapers to compare their product to those of their peers. This year 182 Texas Press Association (TPA) member newspapers submitted a total of 2,609 entries.

"No matter which honors your newspaper won — from fourth place in one event to the sweepstakes in your circulation division — it's still a distinct honor, because the members of the Kansas Press Association took the judging assignment seriously, and the competition was keen," noted TPA Executive Vice-President Lyndell Williams.

The *Muenster Enterprise* competed in Division 7 weeklies with a circulation of 1,201 to 2,000. Results of the contest were revealed at an awards breakfast held Friday, June 27 during TPA's 118th Annual Summer Convention at the Amarillo Radisson Airport Inn.

A second place certificate was awarded to the *Enterprise* for Division D Special Section or Edition. The entry was the May 10, 1996 special section on



Brenda Rigsby, Janie Hartman, and Janet Felderhoff with awards at the TPA convention in Amarillo.

Muenster Memorial Hospital's new birthing center. That same issue took first place in the North & East Texas Press Association newspaper contest this year.

Third place honors in Advertising went to the *Enterprise*. Entries were the 1996 Christmas issue and the Oct. 25, 1996 issue. The judge's comments included liking several of the ideas and that some of the ads made them

want to go there.

Janie Hartman's photo of water being dumped from a helicopter during the February 1996 area wildfires took third place in Best Individual Photo. "Photo moved me. I leaned with chopper," stated judge's comments.

Janie Hartman, Brenda Rigsby, and Janet Felderhoff represented the *Enterprise* at the convention and award's breakfast.

Muenster loses ground in sales tax rebates

"So far this year, Texas allocations are running 5.5 percent ahead of those for the first six months of last year, once again indicating that the Texas economy is continuing its strong, steady climb," said John Sharp, state comptroller of public accounts.

A total of \$161.6 million in monthly sales tax payments were sent to 1,089 Texas cities and 117 counties. Sales tax rebates totaling \$147.7 million

were sent to Texas cities, 4.8 percent higher than last June's payments of \$140.9 million. Rebates of \$13.9 million to Texas counties were two percent higher than allocations of \$13.6 million to counties in June 1996.

Muenster's rebate amount of \$8,900.21 was down 5.18 percent from June 1996. Payments to date for Muenster have also declined from June a year ago — by 0.24 percent.

Lindsay's rebate of \$4,055.80 this month is down 22.47 percent. Total payments to date are down 11.41 percent from this time last year.

Gainesville received a \$234,632.82 rebate this June. It is an increase of 3.81 percent from last June. Total payments to date to Gainesville this year, \$1,566,173.90, are up 6.81 percent.

Oak Ridge was sent a June See SALES TAX, PAGE 2

MSB president retires

Earl Fisher receives honors on retirement

Board appoints Weinzapfel as president

by Elfreda Fette
Directors, Officers and Staff of Muenster State Bank honored Earl Fisher Monday, June 30, with a surprise, day-long, informal Day of Appreciation, when they invited friends and customers to come in for a visit, a greeting, or a congratulation upon his retirement as President of the Institution.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. many guests came, were served punch, coffee and cookies, with pick-up foods, cold cuts and cheeses at noon, from tables set up by employees who also assisted in catering.

Assisting with the serving were Christine Weinzapfel, Janie Weinzapfel and Agnes Meurer, while the staff tended to daily routines and business.

Mr. Fisher received dozens of calls from friends in Dallas, Gainesville, and other cities, from people unable to attend. He reminded each of them, "Please remain my friends."

He started work at the bank on January 25, 1937, taking time out only for Naval Duty during WWII, and has held every position that the bank has to offer, including that of Director since the early fifties. He said, "My career at the Bank spanned the legendary 'from janitor to president.'"

Reflecting on the 60 years, he recalled the only major interruption while he served in the U.S. Navy for four years in World War II, stationed first at the Naval Air Station in Dallas, then in Navy Pre-flight School in California, followed by assignment to a Dive



Earl Fisher

Bomber Squadron overseas; then into combat; serving in the Philippine Theater. He was on the aircraft carrier that pulled into Tokyo Bay after the signing of the surrender by Japan. Enroute home, they stopped for a time in Saipan. He received his discharge on September 7, 1945. By the end of the year he was back at work in the Bank, continuing until the present date, July 1, 1997, when his retirement became effective. He remains on the Board of Directors.

He and his wife, Velma, are parents of 10 children scattered in many parts of the United States. Fisher said he has been planning his retirement for many months, but his immediate plans are to take it easy for a bit. He loves

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by Janet Felderhoff
As of July 1 Henry Weinzapfel will take over the duties of president of Muenster State Bank. He was appointed to the position by the bank's board of directors at their June 10 meeting. Earl Fisher held the position of president since June 1, 1980. He began his retirement on July 1.

Serving as president before Henry Weinzapfel were Fisher, Herbert Meurer, Henry's father J. M. Weinzapfel, and John Meurer.

"I feel like I have an especially large challenge in taking over this position because of the tremendous job that the others did," remarked Weinzapfel. "Every one of them had their strong points and they really did some good things for the bank and the community in different ways. It's going to be tough taking over after these guys, especially since they all did such a tremendous job in their own way."

The president is responsible for the overall operation of the bank and serves as chairman of the board of directors. Everyone working at the bank has to answer to the bank president because he is responsible for the actions of everyone in the bank.

The president must answer to the board of directors. Bank policies are set by the board of directors. It is the president's responsibility to see to it that those policies are carried out. Also the board of directors are responsible to the stockholders. "The stockholders are



Henry Weinzapfel

ultimately at the top," said Weinzapfel. "The stockholders elect the board and the board elects the president and the president, along with the board, appoints the various officers of the bank to do everything that's required to operate the bank properly and get the job done. We have to do all these things in conformity to state and federal laws."

Henry Weinzapfel sees expansion in the bank's future. "The bank has grown substantially since 1980," Weinzapfel noted. "We are operating our bank with the same number of people since 1940 and the same facilities since 1970. Since 1980 the bank has grown from \$18 million to \$60 million. Our biggest problem at this time is See WEINZAPFEL, Page 2

Muenster Lake is coming

by Steve Broyles

The Muenster Water District Board of Directors has been busy this past year. All but 20 acres of the required land has been purchased. This final purchase should be completed in the next three months. There have been many meetings locally and at various locations. For instance, last week, Pat Stelzer and Steve Broyles went to Sherman for a Watershed Protection Workshop. This was very beneficial since it talked about various soil types needed for good dam foundations, two dams were visited, the type of spillway which will be built at Muenster Lake seen, and numerous topics were discussed.

The dam structure is going to be quite large. It will be 76 feet tall, almost eight stories, and 4,400 feet long. Thus, it will be seen from quite a distance. The dam is a multipurpose structure for flood control, recreation, and surface water. It will have a total storage capacity of 10,550 acre-feet, of which 6,538 acre-feet are for floodwater detention and sediment storage, 427-acre feet for recreation, and 3,585 acre-feet for municipal water supply. During normal operation, Muenster Lake will be about 310 acres of surface area, expanding to 580 acres during flood conditions. The deepest part of the lake will be about 46 feet deep by the dam, while the average depth will be 15 feet. The surface area of the

recreation pool is 120 acres, with an additional 189 surface acres available for recreational use at the maximum elevation of the municipal water supply pool. There will be a 22 acre park on the west side of the lake. It will have picnic tables, a boat dock, fishing pier, restrooms, and other recreational items yet to be determined.

The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) is sharing the cost of the dam. NRCS will pay for 67% of the cost, while Muenster Water District will pay 33%. Updated cost estimates are being prepared now. NRCS has put Muenster Lake on its Design Schedule to start in July 1998. The design phase takes about twelve months. NRCS will then bid the project from July - December 1999. Actual construction of the lake should begin around January 2000 and take about three years to complete. The lake should be filled in 4-7 years, depending on rainfall.

While the design of the dam begins in a year, NRCS needs about six months to complete a thorough geological study and survey of the lake area before it begins the design. Thus, this study and survey will begin in January 1998. NRCS will bring in equipment to bore holes in the soil to determine what types of soil are present, what problems if any the soil presents, and analyze how best to construct the dam. As a See LAKE, Page 2

Heritage magazine features MSB in historical spring issue

by Elfreda Fette
Muenster State Bank was recently featured on the front cover of the Spring issue of *Heritage*, a statewide publication of the Texas Historical Foundation. The photo used on the cover was of the old bank building, taken in 1940. The issue itself featured a history of the banking industry in Texas. As noted in one of the articles, "small-town banks have survived and flourished, and their histories are often intertwined with those of their communities."

Muenster State Bank President-elect, Henry Weinzapfel stated that "We are honored to be featured on the cover, and are proud to be part of the Muenster community."

Also shown on page 7 of the *Heritage* magazine is a photo of the new bank building, with the old structure in the process of being moved. Eventually it turned the corner on Main and First Street, to face south, near the present curved driveway to the bank drive-in, and became a German bakery, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hirschy.

Muenster State Bank was founded in 1923, after a group of substantial businessmen and farmers of the time prevailed upon J.W. Meurer to take a leadership role in establishing a new bank, following the abrupt closing of a private bank, a year earlier. It was out of respect for his sound judgment and ability that the group turned to J.W. Meurer.

Original stockholders were Frank Trachta; Charles Cler; Wm. Walterscheid; J. Dangelmayr; Joseph Kreitz; Hubert Felderhoff; Mrs. Christine Felderhoff; Jos. Felderhoff; John Bayer; W. H. Endres; I.A. Schoech; J.M. Weinzapfel; H.J. Weinzapfel; H.A. Meurer; J.W. Meurer; Joe Fisher, Sr.; H.G. Stelzer; G.H. Hellman; Wm. Hellman; Henry Fette; J.D. Leeper.

J.M. Weinzapfel, who then

lived in Scotland, Texas, was offered and accepted the job of assisting with the necessary paperwork to secure a charter and future operation of the bank. Weinzapfel devoted the remainder of his business life to banking and community development.

The first Board of Directors were J. Dangelmayr; Joe

built in 1940, and is still the bank's home.

J.M. Weinzapfel became president in 1941, and Herbert Meurer became cashier. Over the years the bank has continued to promote from within, to fill vacancies. Meurer was elected president in 1969. The policy of promotion from within



Fisher; G.H. Hellman; Joseph Kreitz; J.D. Leeper; J.W. Meurer; Frank Trachta and J.M. Weinzapfel - with Meurer as president, Trachta as inactive vice president and Weinzapfel as cashier. Their first board meeting was held June 4, 1923. The Charter was signed June 23, 1923. The initial supply of currency and coin was delivered by Frank Morris, cashier of First State Bank, Gainesville; and the bank was opened for business on July 3, 1923.

The bank survived the depths of the Depression in the thirties. Expenses were cut to a minimum. The two officers went without a salary for a full year to keep the bank alive. They were later reimbursed. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation was established to insure deposits. Over the years the bank was burglarized once; robbed once; with attempted robbery a second time.

The bank continued to prosper. A new building was

continued with Earl Fisher succeeding Meurer as president, effective June 1, 1980 until his retirement, to the present date, July 1, 1997. Fisher started work at the bank on January 25, 1937, taking time out only for Naval Duty during World War II, and has held every position that the bank has to offer, including as a director since the early fifties.

Present employees of the bank are Henry Weinzapfel, president; John Dave Meurer vice president and cashier; Lillian Walterscheid vice president; Robert Weinzapfel vice president; Karla Cunningham assistant cashier; and Shellie Hoedebeck, Jeannene Walterscheid, Pam Sidwell, Carla Truabenbach and Brenda Green.

The Sheshunoff Information Services, Inc. a national rating firm has rated the Muenster State Bank as one of the "HIGHEST RATED BANKS IN AMERICA."

Keeping your parks clean

by Steve Broyles
City parks are for everyone's enjoyment. We all like to visit the park and sit down in a clean area. We don't like it when we arrive at a picnic table, only to find that someone has left their trash on it. The city parks are public parks, open to everyone. Please take a few minutes to clean up the area so that the next visitor to our park will be happy and

want to visit it again. This cleanliness also applies to the baseball field dugouts and bleachers. Recently, city employees have spent over two hours cleaning up baseball dugouts, because the ball players and coaches didn't pick up after themselves. Please be responsible for your own trash by picking it up before leaving. Help keep YOUR parks clean and beautiful.

Business folks beware!

Word has come from Sacred Heart School that a business calling itself Prime Time has been soliciting orders for hand clappers with Sacred Heart School imprinted on them. Sacred Heart School did not approve any such items or

sales and was not aware of the situation until a number of local business people made inquiries about the hand clappers. The business seems to have two locations - Arlington and Killeen.

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operating in our restricted environment." Weinzapfel plans to work with the board to come up with a solution. That might involve remodeling or moving to a larger facility.

"The banking environment has changed dramatically over the years," reflected Weinzapfel. Some of the changes he anticipates soon include adding modern banking conveniences such as ATM machines and other automated services.

"I don't have any intentions of making any major changes in the basic operations of the bank," said the newly appointed president. "I'll continue to operate it in the same frugal and conservative manner that it's always been operated. Certainly my first responsibility is to the stockholders and the depositors."

It was in January 1958 after his graduation from college that Henry Weinzapfel started working at Muenster State Bank. He held various positions doing everything but the cashier job. At first he worked with loans and documentation and did teller work. Gradually he worked into the loan officer position. Later he was elected to the board of directors. His appointed positions included vice-president, senior vice-president, executive vice-president and now president.

Community service is important to Mr. Weinzapfel. He was one of the charter members of the Muenster Jaycees. He served as secretary/treasurer and as president of the organization. He has served on the board of the Muenster Chamber of Commerce and as its president. He served as an alderman on the City Council and is now the mayor of Muenster. Also he served as a chairman of the local United Way campaign. He has been active in the Scouting program all of his life and served as the local committee chairman for the local troop for the last 15 years. He was district executive for Cooke County.

Henry and his wife Janie have four children. Janie is a retired school teacher. She now teaches part-time at Muenster ISD.

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'97 payment of \$3,274.20 which is 3.18 percent lower than the amount received last June. Valley View's rebate of \$3,756.07 increased 15.26 percent from this time a year ago.

Cooke County took a 3.83 percent drop in rebate payment with a \$91,444.35 June check. Total payments to date for the county, \$596,060.26 are up 5.46 percent from this time last year.

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result of this programmed study and survey, the Muenster Water District decided during its board meeting on June 30, 1997, that the current use of the Muenster Lake property for grazing and crops will end by December 1, 1997.

challenges facing us. We're moving into the 21st century. We will conform to meet the changing times."

Community notice!

Federal Express now has a drop box location in Muenster at 421 North Main, in front of Muenster Building Center. Pick up is every day Monday through Friday, by 1 p.m. For information phone 1-800-238-5355. Charges will vary.

City Council Agenda

The following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, July 7, 1997.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Approve minutes of the June 2, 1997 meeting.
3. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
4. Consider any other business to come before the Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consider and act upon Ordinance #220, amending Ordinance #211, Food Service Establishment and Retail Food Sanitation, to clarify snow cone operations within the city limits. (Reading #1)
2. Discuss the status of the paving projects.
3. Consider and act upon amending the FY 96-97 budgets.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider and act upon approving the city moving of the Sacred Heart cemetery in Block 78.
2. Consider and act upon approving an Eagle Scout project to paint all of the city's street sign poles. Chad Felderhoff will explain his project.
3. Consider and act upon a resolution authorizing assessments against property owners adjacent to Eddy Street (F.R. 373 to Hickory St), South Walnut Street (Cross Street to Eddy Street), and Hickory Street (Eddy Street to Cross Street).
4. Consider and act upon a Park Board recommendation to appoint Ted Heers to the Park Board.
5. Consider and act upon the leak in the swimming pool.
6. Consider and act upon installing additional street lights at the corner of Grewing and 7th Street, and on Endree Street between Hillcrest Street and Mesquite Street.
7. Review proposed Ordinance #221, Solid Waste, which includes the proposed solid waste rates effective October 1, 1997. (Reading #1)
8. Consider and act upon approving a resolution:
 - a. Appointing Board Members to the Muenster Industrial Development Corporation;
 - b. Authorizing the City Council to execute the Articles of Incorporation for the Muenster Industrial Development Corporation;
 - c. Authorizing the Muenster Industrial Development Corporation to have and to exercise the powers of eminent domain.
9. Receive a quarterly investment report. Consider and act upon maturing certificates of deposit.
10. Consider and act upon possible future use of city buildings: library, museum, and city hall.
11. EXECUTIVE SESSION - The Council may enter into closed or executive session to discuss the following: Texas Local Government Code 551.074 - Personnel Matters
 - a. Extension of a city employee beyond his 70th birthday.
 - b. Settlement payment concerning retirement eligibility start date.
12. Return to open session. Consider and act upon approving items discussed in executive session.
13. Consider and act upon moving the September 1, 1997, city council meeting to another day due to Labor Day.
14. Review October 1996 - June 1997 Budget Summaries.
15. Review and act upon monthly bills.
16. Adjourn.

- NOTES:
1. The Council may vote and/or act upon each of the items listed in this agenda.
 2. The Council reserves the right to retire into executive session concerning any of the items listed on this Agenda, when it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meetings Act.
 3. People with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need assistance should contact Micallee Henson at 759-2236 two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!

Sunday, July 6	Monday, July 7	Tuesday, July 8	Wednesday, July 9	Thursday, July 10	Friday, July 11	Saturday, July 12
Diamondbacks vs. Jaycees, 6:30 p.m. Tops & Teams vs. Mariners, 8:15 p.m.	City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	T-Ball: Teal vs. Blue, 5:30 Orange vs. Green, 6:30 Yellow vs. Red, 7:30	C of C Breakfast Meeting, 7:30 a.m. Farewell Gathering for Benedictine Monks, 7 p.m. SH Church SHS Uniforms, 4-7 p.m., Kindergarten Room	Muenster Kiwanis Family Swim Night, 7-9 p.m. DIALOGUE Cancer Support Group Meeting, 7 p.m., MMH	Muenster Museum Open 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Don't forget to plan your field trip to Muenster Museum!	
Red Cross Swim Lessons						
		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Fischer's vs. Mariners, 6:30 p.m. Tops & Teams vs. Fina, 8:15 p.m.	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center		
JELLY Hike at the Felderhoffs, 3-8:30 p.m.	VFW Meeting, 8 p.m. Little League Playoffs	Muenster Library Board Meeting, 7 p.m.	Life Teen Pool Party MMH Board Meeting, 8 p.m., Administrator's Office Little League Playoffs		Muenster Kiwanis Family Swim Night, 7-9 p.m.	Jaycees' Trip to Rangers Game
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Thornberry and Williamson push federal plans to bring wells back into production

U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry (TX-13) was joined at a news conference today by Texas Railroad Commissioner Barry Williamson to announce energy legislation Thornberry has introduced in Congress to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil and increase jobs and revenue in the oil and gas industry.

The legislation is called *The Inactive Well Recover Act of 1997*. Introduced by Thornberry in the U.S. House of Representatives, the bill provides oil and gas producers with a federal income tax exemption for bringing abandoned, idled and plugged - or inactive - wells back on line. There are currently over 100,000 of these wells in the United States. Over a third of the wells are located in Texas. Thornberry's bill encourages producers to return these wells to production, increasing jobs and decreasing imports in the process.

"One of the things I've tried to call attention to over the past couple years," Thornberry stated, "is the growing dependence of the United States on foreign oil. In 1981, we imported just under 6 billion barrels of oil a day. Last year, we imported over 8.7 billion barrels per day - more than half of what Americans use every day. Every barrel of oil we produce here at home is one less barrel we have to buy from overseas.

This bill can also help both the national and State economy. In the last 17 years, over 500,000 jobs have been lost in the oil and gas industry nationwide. In Texas, where oil and gas production once provided 28 percent of State revenue, it now only provides 7 percent. *The Inactive Well Recovery Act* will help end this

slide by giving producers an incentive to bring wells that are otherwise uneconomical back into production."

Railroad Commissioner Williamson agreed. "This bill is very similar to the three-year inactive well incentive program which was enacted here in Texas in 1993 and has since been adopted by nine other states. As with the Thornberry plan, the goal is to encourage producers to give these wells a second chance. What makes Mac's bill so welcome is that it brings the federal government into the battle in this particular area. Texas has realized more than \$1.65 billion in revenue from 6,071 wells returned to production during the State program. The three-year inactive bill -- which expired last year -- is estimated to have provided 10,792 years of direct and indirect employment for Texans. It's easy to see why this is a battle worth fighting."

In addition to being similar to the Three-Year Inactive Well Incentive program which was enacted in 1993, Williamson pointed out that the Thornberry plan is also similar to a bill offered in the Texas Senate by Teel Bivins which was signed into law this year by Governor Bush. Bivins' bill provides producers with a 10-year exemption from State severance taxes for hydrocarbons from wells which have been returned to production after two years of inactivity.

Thornberry said it's just another example of the federal government following a lead that was set by the states. "I've always said that part of my job was to bring a little bit of Texas common sense to Washington. I think this legislation is a good example of

that. I think it's also another example of the fact that a lot of the best ideas in America don't begin in Washington, they begin in the states."

Under *The Inactive Well Recovery Act of 1997*, the producer of a well which has been inactive for at least two years would be exempt from federal taxes on any income derived from the recovered well. Royalty holders - that is, those who own the royalty on the land where the well is located - would still be required to pay federal taxes on income generated from the recovered well. Consequently, Thornberry noted, the bill could actually end up returning money to the federal government much the same way it returned money to Texas.

Both Thornberry's legislation and the approach have been endorsed by the Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA). "This innovative program has benefited the oil and gas industries and local economies in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and many other states," said Michael Linn, Chairman of IPAA's Tax Committee and the President of Meridian Exploration Corporation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. "It's time for the rest of the nation to follow the lead of these states. We congratulate Rep. Thornberry for having the insight to bring this program to the attention of the federal government."

Thornberry is a member of the Congressional Oil and Gas Forum and the Resources Committee's Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources. *The Inactive Well Recovery Act of 1997* has been referred to the Ways and Means Committee.



HONORING TIM WIMMER - From left, front row - Jim Myrick, Mike Otto, Merle Griffin, Tim Wimmer, Les Neu, Pat Bezner, Adam Arendt; second row - Paul Hess, Gary Hess, Larry Zimmerer, Dale Alexander, Danny Zwingski, Leonard Hermes; top row - Walter Lutkenhaus and Joe Walterscheid. Courtesy Photo

Tim Wimmer honored by Lindsay VFD

Tim Wimmer was honored recently by members of the Lindsay Volunteer Fire Department for 18 years of service to the department and to the Town of Lindsay. A hamburger supper was held for members and families. About 30 people attended to see Tim presented with a picture and plaque recognizing his efforts throughout the years.

Tim was instrumental in approaching the Town Council in September, 1978 about forming a volunteer fire department. He was appointed the first fire chief of the newly

organized fire department and took possession of Lindsay's first fire truck on May 10, 1979.

During his time as a volunteer member, Tim has given many hours for the safety of others. He has worked with numerous projects sponsored by the fire department.

The organization has held fire training schools for the Cooke County Fire Association, drilling firemen in all areas of fire safety, fire fighting techniques and use of equipment. The Lindsay

Department has sponsored classes in fire extinguisher use, CPR, and general fire safety for the school, and local FFA and 4-H clubs. They have sponsored benefits and supported all community organizations.

The department recently added a new fire truck to help serve the needs of the town better. Some of the volunteer firemen have pagers on which they receive their calls from the sheriff's office to respond to emergencies. The present officers of the Lindsay Volunteer Fire Department are Dale Alexander, Danny Zwingski and Sean Bower.

Earl Russell receives top honors from American Funds Group

Earl Russell, Investment Representative with the Gainesville office of Edward Jones, has been named to the President's Club of The American Funds Group, one of the nation's leading mutual fund families. Appointment to the President's Club is one of the organization's highest honors for stockbrokers and financial planners.

Russell was honored for superior service to investors in the Cooke County area and for continued excellence in financial counseling in mutual fund investments and variable annuity contracts.

As a member of the President's Club, he will share his considerable financial and service expertise with

executives of The American Funds Group.

Russell has been with Edward Jones since 1982. He has been in the financial services field for 16 years.

Russell graduated from Ft. Hays Kansas State University in Hays, Kansas, in 1966, with a degree in Political Science. He lives in Gainesville with his wife, Jan.

Pet control urged

by Steve Broyles
With the warm weather here, it's very easy to just open the door and let pets run loose. However, owners are required to properly control their pets when the pets are outside by

either having them tied up in the yard, or else on a leash while taking them for a walk.

Some pets are overly friendly and jump up on people who don't want it. Sometimes pets

don't realize that they may frighten someone, especially a small child. Other times, pets leave their deposits on neighboring yards. Therefore, please control your pets at all times.

1997 weather proves pleasant in first half

In nature a year makes quite a bit of difference. Last spring moisture was badly needed. This spring it was so plentiful in some places in this area that farmers were thwarted in their attempts to plant crops. February's rainfall was proclaimed to be the wettest on record by many meteorologists. Harvest was slowed somewhat this June by rainy weather. Temperatures this year have also been mild compared to last year's extreme heat. May rainfall was well above average, much nicer than the .18 recorded in May of '96. Official records for moisture in Muenster are kept by Janette Hess.

Yr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
'46	4.40	2.80	2.30	1.95	10.34	3.40	1.00	1.90	1.50	.80	7.27	4.12	41.78
'56	2.39	1.70	.48	.76	3.08	1.22	1.02	.88	.00	2.40	1.61	3.52	19.06
1946 to 1955													
10-yr. avg.	1.87	1.93	1.78	2.78	6.43	4.03	2.62	2.16	2.85	2.86	2.00	1.88	33.21
1956 to 1965													
10-yr. avg.	1.84	1.47	2.42	3.51	4.65	3.15	1.98	2.04	3.82	2.84	3.35	2.09	34.15
1966 to 1975													
10-yr. avg.	1.65	2.25	2.71	4.21	4.44	2.55	2.54	3.10	5.30	3.92	1.68	1.83	36.18
1976 to 1985													
10-yr. avg.	1.58	2.14	3.70	2.74	5.29	3.43	1.45	1.31	3.16	5.43	2.38	1.43	34.01
1986 to 1995													
10-yr. avg.	1.71	2.22	2.46	2.91	5.24	3.38	1.51	1.88	3.95	2.69	2.09	2.69	32.73
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Opinion/Editorial

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The families of Cody Evans and Scott Wilhoit wish to express their deepest appreciation for all the support, expressions of sympathy, donations and contributions made for the auction and fund raiser held Saturday, June 28. It was sponsored by and held in the Era Community to raise funds to defray the cost of the boys' headstones. A special thanks goes to Leann Spears and her committee and all the Era Independent School District staff who contributed both time and money and worked so hard to obtain items for the auction. They spent untold hours and expenses preparing and serving the food; organizing the auctions, together with printing all the forms required; keeping track of who gave what so that proper credit could be given to all the fine merchants and citizens of Cooke County and surrounding area. Also, Sonny Barthold was instrumental in getting the project underway, serving as the auctioneer and coordinator for a lot of the activities. In addition, a very special thanks goes to all who attended the hamburger supper and bought items at the two auctions and the raffle.

The Era Volunteer Fire Department helped with the food preparation and serving. The students of Era kept everyone's glasses filled with tea or lemonade during the evening meal. The all-important clean-up crew efficiently did its job so that everything was put away and spotless by the end of the evening. While space does not permit listing individually all who made a tremendous contribution to this special event, the families want all

involved to know they will be remembered.

No words can adequately express how much Saturday night's activities meant to these families, in addition to the support provided the night of the accident, and at the grave side rites. If one has to have such a tragedy occur as losing two young sons in one accident, then it is a blessing that it happened in such a caring community as Era, Cooke County, Texas. The school personnel, whom both Cody and Scott loved, came through for their families in time of need. Era School's new cafeteria and gymnasium provided the perfect place for Saturday night's event, and the members of these families will be eternally grateful always for what everyone has done to ease their burden.

Sincerely,
Frances Stobaugh

Dear Editor:

In Texas, we are all too aware that over the last 76 years, fire ants have infested every corner of our state. There are in fact, no safe havens. The fire ant affects urban, suburban, and rural areas with damage estimates reaching \$300 million annually. Cattle raisers alone suffer annual losses of \$667 million.

Since the late 1970's, more significant data on the general biology of fire ant have been established, but vast information gaps still remain and it is clear that it is going to take a combination of different approaches to bring fire ants under control.

Legislation which I have just introduced will provide a scientific guide to controlling and possibly eradicating fire ants by establishing a fire ant

program modeled after the successful screwworm and boll weevil eradication programs. It is supported by the American Farm Bureau, National Association of State Departments of Agriculture.

I believe that my proposal will synthesize the ideas of the brightest scientists and agricultural experts into a potent, comprehensive plan of attack. Fire ants aren't just annoying, they inflict hundreds of millions of dollars in damage each year to homeowners, small businesses, and farmers, with no end in sight. Now is the time to begin using our resources to offer some relief.

Yours respectfully,
Phil Gramm
U.S. Senator

Dear Editor: ONLY THE SECOND TIME AROUND - AND LOOK AT THE SUCCESS! If you have cancer, we can help - if not, you can help. **AND YOU DID!!** More than \$49,000 was raised for the battle against cancer. The American Cancer Society is the largest community-based voluntary health agency in the world. Its mission is to eliminate cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives from cancer, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, and service. The Relay For Life concept is challenging and a fun way to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

It's difficult to put into words just how much your donation made this event the very best!! **THANKS A MILLION!!** Sincerely,
Ethan Eubanks
Sr. Field Representative
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CAPITOL COMMENT



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USER-FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS

Over the past 10 years the number of environmental regulations on our books has increased dramatically. Few states (and not even the federal government) have the resources to enforce those laws thoroughly and even-handedly. In fact, so difficult has this task become that a survey of corporate attorneys found 70 percent don't believe compliance with the laws is even achievable.

So two years ago the State of Texas adopted a radical new strategy for enforcing its environmental laws: let the vast majority of responsible businesses audit their own operations and concentrate enforcement efforts on the really bad offenders.

The key to making this system work is that the Texas law assumes most businesses are acting in good faith, want to comply with the law and shouldn't be penalized for taking steps on their own initiative to see that they do.

Case in point: A Houston-based manufacturer wanted to conduct an audit of its own compliance efforts, but was reluctant to do so for fear that if it found violations the information could result in legal proceedings and fines. Because it is a small company with fewer than 50 employees, committing resources to an audit was difficult — until the threat that the information gathered could be used

against the company was removed by state law. Once the Texas law was enacted, the firm examined its own operations, determined it had miscalculated its emissions and corrected the problem. This is a win/win situation for cleaner air — and for the company trying to comply with the law.

I have introduced legislation on the federal level to expand this voluntary system nationwide. Unfortunately companies in states without this law don't perform voluntary self-audits because the data gathered can be used by government regulators, prosecutors or advocacy groups to sue them. Under those circumstances, documentation serves as a roadmap for lawsuits, even if a problem has been corrected and no harm occurred.

It just makes sense to pass legislation that encourages businesses to comply with the law rather than raise the ante in the adversarial climate that has grown up around our complex compliance system.

Twenty one states, including Texas, have enacted laws similar to the Environmental Protection Partnership Act that I have introduced. These states understand that to truly protect the environment, everyone must participate.

We now have cleaner air and water in America than we've had in 30 years. To consolidate and build on these gains we need to prevent pollution rather than react only after problems occur. All too often our approach to environmental challenges has been arbitrary and penalty-driven rather than incentive-oriented.

But this doesn't mean companies that pollute will get scot free. My bill in no way protects willful violators and those that do not promptly address violations. All of us want a cleaner environment, all of us want pure water and clear skies.

The law will allow us to engage every business voluntarily in working toward those goals. This will free the EPA to target enforcement dollars on the real offenders — those who deliberately and intentionally pollute. 6.20.97

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

One of America's most loved and admired entertainers began his life career as a cowhand in the Texas Panhandle.

His deftness with a lariat rope, and his homey wit, soon brought him fame and fortune in this country, as well as abroad.

Will Rogers was born on a ranch near Claremore, Oklahoma. Both his parents sported a small amount of Cherokee Indian blood, and he loved to let folks know about that, as well as to tell of the two years he spent at Kemper Military Academy, in Boonville, Missouri, "one in the guard-house, and one in the fourth grade."

All I know is what I read in the papers, "was his byword in the twenties and early thirties, when he wrote a column that was carried by many of the Nation's newspapers."

He also coined the statement, "We have the best politicians money can buy."

He was much in demand as an after dinner speaker at many political and social events, and his fame and

fortune only grew as he performed before local audiences, as well as on the stage and in Hollywood.

Mr. Rogers was invited to attend many of the dinners and parties hosted by some of his home state's politicians, and I was quite a feather in the cap of some of the hostesses if they could have him as an after dinner entertainer.

On one of these occasions Will received an invitation addressed to "Mr. Will Rogers. He attended, and after the dinner the hostess asked him to say a few words.

Well, he arose, and after some twenty to thirty minutes of fun and laughter, he took his leave.

Several days later, the hostess received a bill for \$150.00 from Mr. Rogers, for services rendered.

Quite unhappy at this turn of events she called Mr. Rogers and told him she did not feel obligated to pay. After all, "it was a dinner guest."

"Lady," Rogers replied "When you invite Will Rogers I am an entertainer, but when you invite Mr. and Mrs. Will Rogers, we are dinner guests."

Ralph Hall protests budget vote; casts vote for welfare tax cuts

Rep. Ralph Hall (D-TX), saying that he supports fairer treatment for Medicaid and Medicare programs, voted against the balanced budget plan that passed the House of Representatives recently.

"This was a protest vote," Hall said. "I would not have voted to kill the bill, but this bill should not go to a House-Senate Conference with a head of steam to put more cuts in Medicaid and Medicare. This vote is only a pit stop for this bill, and I wanted to register my complaint about the Medicaid and Medicare portions of the budget plan."

"Hospitals—both rural and urban—take a huge hit in this bill, and we were not able to amend this provision in the Commerce Committee," Hall noted. Under the House bill, thirteen states - including Texas - would suffer devastating cuts in the Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) program, which reimburses hospitals that serve a majority of Medicaid and indigent patients. Texas has the third largest Medicaid population in the nation - about 2.6 million people.

"Texas and these other twelve states would have their Medicaid funding cut by 40 percent - twice the percentage of other states," Hall said. "This will be devastating to public hospitals and children's hospitals and may force some of these to close."

Hospitals in the Fourth District that receive more than 25 percent DSH funding include Terrell State Hospital, Muenster Memorial, Gainesville Memorial,

Presbyterian in Greenville, and a number of hospitals in Dallas and neighboring cities - including Children's Medical Center, Pediatric Center, and Methodist Medical Center.

"I felt that I needed to register my opposition to these provisions if we were to have any chance of changing them in conference," Hall said. "The President and the House leadership have indicated that they would change the formula, but we need to keep the pressure on until they do."

Earlier this month the entire Texas Delegation sent a letter to Speaker Gingrich registering their complaint about DSH funding in the budget plan. An unsuccessful effort also was made by Hall and other Texas Members of the Commerce Committee to offer a substitute formula.

"I'm also concerned about the Medicare portion of the House bill, particularly when it is combined with what the Senate is doing," Hall said. The House bill includes a slight increase in the premium due to transferring home health costs, while the Senate bill includes additional premium increases and co-payments.

"We have to be careful that we protect our senior citizens and make only those changes that are necessary to save Medicare for the years ahead," Hall said. "We need to send a message to the Conference Committee that we will not balance the budget in a way that is unkind or unfair to our seniors."

The House has also approved - and Hall supported - the tax relief portion of the balanced budget plan. The House bill

includes a child tax credit, education tax incentives, a reduction in the capital gains tax, increase in the estate tax exemption and repeal of the alternative minimum tax for small businesses.

Families would receive \$400 credit for each child under age 17 beginning in 1998 and \$500 in 1999. They also would receive a \$1,500 credit per child for the first two years of college or up to \$10,000 deduction for college expenses each year for four years. "This program should be carefully monitored," Hall noted. "Many of the eligible families pay little or no taxes - and would not be helped by such a tax credit."

The tax bill also reduces the capital gains tax rate from 28 to 20 percent for the sale of stocks and other investments and doubles the gain realized from the sale or exchange of a home. The bill gradually increases the estate tax exemption through the year 2007.

"I've always supported a balanced budget combined with tax relief, and this takes us one step closer to making this a reality - not just rhetoric," Hall added. "The spending and tax cut plans that passed the House are not perfect, but they are a start in the right direction toward fiscal responsibility."

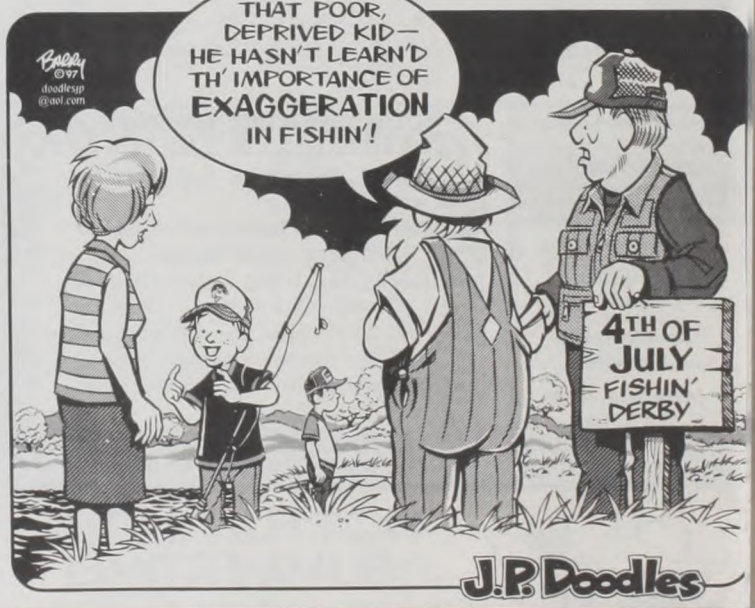
"These bills represent three years of hard work on the part of both political parties and both the Congress and the Administration," Hall said. "We still have work to do with the Senate and the Administration, but I expect us to complete this historic agreement by the end of the year."

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Lifestyle

May 17 ceremony couple united in Prosser, Washington



Mr. and Mrs. Corey Daniel Schmitt
...nee Cristie Darlene Berg ...

by Elfreda Fette
Mr. and Mrs. Corey Daniel Schmitt are at home in Prosser, Washington, since returning from their wedding trip to Honolulu, Hawaii. They were married in Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Prosser on May 17, 1997, with the groom's uncle, Rev. Ed Schmitt of Vancouver, B.C. Canada performing the ceremony at 2 p.m. assisted by Father Donal Kennedy, pastor, and Rev. Randy Wrede giving the Readings.

The bride is the former Cristie Darlene Berg, daughter of Mark and Darlene Berg of Prosser, Washington. The groom is the son of Dan and Donna Schmitt of Prosser and formerly of Muenster. He is the grandson of Mrs. Dorothy Endres of Muenster and the late Donald Endres, and of Mrs. Marge Schmitt of Yakima, Washington, formerly of Muenster, and the late Eddie Schmitt.

A graduate of Prosser High School in 1994, the bride earned an Associate Degree in Arts and Sciences from Columbia Basin College in 1996. She is employed by Coffee Break Expresso and The Hogue Cellars in Prosser. A 1993 graduate of Prosser High School, the groom earned a degree in Agricultural Business Management from Columbia Basin College in 1996. He is employed by R. Munn Farms of Prosser.

Presented at the altar by her father, the bride was wearing a formal white wedding gown, layered with tulle and sprinkled with lace and beads on the bodice, with an off-shoulder neckline decorated with self-fabric flowers, dipping in a V neckline in back. The

skirt swept into a traditional, eight foot long cathedral train. She wore a shoulder-length illusion veil sprinkled with pearls, and attached to a head piece of self fabric flowers. Her bridal bouquet held satin and silk roses accented with baby royal blue roses.

For tradition and sentiment she wore a pearl necklace and earrings given to her mother by her father; also an engagement ring belonging to the groom's great-grandmother, Catherine Walterscheid.

Attendants
Misty Berg of Prosser, the bride's twin sister was maid of honor. Amber Schmitt of Prosser, the groom's sister was bridesmaid. They wore royal blue tea-length dresses, and each carried a bouquet of white satin and silk roses accented with royal blue. Each wore a white pearl necklace.

The flower girls were Sarah Long and Ashley Wiley, cousins of the bride. They wore white eyelet dresses with royal blue trim, made by the groom's mother. They carried baskets of white and blue flowers.

Ring bearer was Ricks Munn, friend of the groom.

Rob Munn of Prosser, best friend of the groom was best man. John Gibbons of Vancouver, Washington, friend of the couple was groomsman. Ushers were Shane Berg of Prosser, bride's brother and Matt Becker of Prosser, friend of the couple.

Candlelighters were Phyllis Schmitt of Santa Rosa, California, groom's aunt and godmother, and Estella Trevino of Prosser, bride's godmother.

Wedding music was presented by Jesse Johansen on the organ before and during the ceremony.

Reception

A buffet reception and dance followed in Horse Heaven Community Hall, hosted by parents of the couple for 225 guests.

Charmin Hobson, bride's cousin, presided at the guest book.

The bride's table held the three-tiered wedding cake, surrounded by four small cakes and royal blue roses. Barbara Schmitt groom's aunt from Seattle helped cut the cake. It also held a bride doll made by bride's grandmother. The table was decorated and arranged by the groom's grandmother, Dorothy Endres. All reception decorations carried out the couple's chosen colors of white streamers and royal blue bells.

Reception assistants were Mike and Jo Schmitt of Prosser, groom's cousins and Charlie and Estella Trevino of Prosser.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents in their home on May 16 for the wedding party, family and friends.

Special guests at the wedding were grandparents of the bride, Evelyn Hendrix of Amarillo and Inez and T.M. Stegall of Boardman, Oregon, and Aunt Margie Roy and cousin Duane McElreath of Amarillo; and grandparents of the groom, Dorothy Endres of Muenster and Marge Schmitt of Yakima, Washington. Others attending from Muenster were

Muenster Knights of Columbus host barbecue

The Muenster Council Knights of Columbus hosted their 3rd annual Chicken Bar-B-Q Blowout on Saturday, June 28 at the Muenster Park. Jesse Walterscheid smoked the chicken for the delicious dinner.

John Anderle, Jr. was the chairman for the horseshoe tournament, which was held from 1-4 p.m. Tournament winners were as follows -

Singles: 1st, Dale Anderle; 2nd, Gene Anderle. Doubles: 1st, Gene and Dale Anderle; 2nd, Steve Fuhrmann and John Anderle. Draw Your Partner for Coolers and Hats: 1st, C.J. Hellman and Tommy Huchton; 2nd, Gene Anderle and Tim Wimmer. Draw Your Partner for Shirts: 1st Matt Bezner and

C.J. Hellman; 2nd, Johnny Anderle and Jeremy Owens. Donations were made by local companies for prizes. Trophies were donated by Tony's Seed and Feed and Fleitman Backhoe. Coolers were donated by Bayer's Kolonialwaren and Kountry Korner. Shirts were donated by Christy's Jewelry and hats were donated by Gehrig Hardware.

A sand volleyball tournament was held by Monte and Jackie Endres at 3 p.m. Even with a stormy afternoon, both events were successful.

Other donations and help were received from The Center Restaurant; Fischer's Meat Market; Gary Fisher; and Carrie, Francine, Rhonda, and Wade Walterscheid.

Theatre Guild prepares for upcoming BSP season

With the present theatre season coming to a close, Centerstage Circle, Butterfield Stage's patron's guild, is busily preparing for their 1997-98 season. The guild, which is comprised of over two hundred participants that give a donation of \$100 or more to the theatre, provides contributions, resources, and volunteer services necessary to promote and enhance BSP's extensive artistic and educational programming. This past season, the guild experienced a very successful year by providing donations of over \$18,000, as well as expanding their leadership role in the volunteer areas of performance hospitality and promotions.


Every year, along with the opportunity to support the theatre, CSC members are honored at two unique events during the theatre season, each imaginatively styled by the current year's Centerstage Circle committee. This September at Saint Peter's Centennial Hall, the guild committee will produce a very

special evening at "The Cotton Club" where CSC members may dine at a sumptuous buffet, dance to the orchestra's musical blues, or duel at the casino tables with the elusive Lady Luck. Then in the new year, Circle members will be invited to share the spring time delights of an English Garden party to be held in celebration of next season's production of *My Fair Lady*.

Serving on the guild committee this year are chairmen Harriett Dickson, Betty Gaertner, Mary Polk, and Marilyn Wooldridge, and committee members Boogie Cullum, Linda Draper, Kim Faulconer, Alice Grounds, Peggy Holt, Fran King, Liz Lipperman, Stacie Polk, Andrea Roberts, Paulette Stanley, Neta Stutzman, Jeni Walsh, Shirley Wooldridge, and Molly Worthen.

Information concerning CSC membership has been mailed to theatre patrons, but other interested parties may request information by calling the theatre at 665-8152.

Many THANKS to our families, relatives and friends for the cards, flowers, phone calls, visits, food and, most of all, for your prayers. We are truly grateful and we thank God for all of you and ask His Blessing on each of you.


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Area Graduates

Mrs. Alice Fleitman receives degree

On Saturday, June 21, 1997 at North Park Baptist Church in Sherman, commencement services were held at 11 a.m. International Business School graduate Mrs. Alice Lynn Fleitman received her Legal Secretary Degree. While attending Business School, Mrs. Fleitman served on the student council. She received two other certificates for typing and calculators. She plans to continue her education at TWU of Denton to get her paralegal degree. Attending her graduation were her husband Randy Dale Fleitman and 3 1/2 year old son Darrin Springs. Also her mother Linda Springs of Calisburg.

the scholarships and awards in his selected college in one year. He plans to attend the University of Hawaii in the fall of 1998 to pursue a Ph.D. in planetary geology.

Attending his graduation were his parents, Bob and Jeanne; his sisters, Teresa and Robin; his aunt Jo Bedowitz; his cousin, Joseph Bedowitz and friends, Kelly Bayer and Gary Miller.

Alison Knabe is COA graduate

Alison Joy Knabe was honored at the commencement ceremony of College of the Atlantic (COA) in Bar Harbor, Maine. Friends, family, and special guests of the 45 graduates gathered on the campus's north lawn for the ceremony, which was held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 7, 1997. The commencement ceremony followed a week of special events held in honor of the seniors. The week was highlighted by a cocktail party held Friday night at The Pot and Kettle Club and sponsored by the trustees of the college to honor graduates and their parents.

The college's unique curriculum allows students to create their own course of study. Students do not focus on one major area of study. Instead, they are able to combine several interests in their education. Alison took advantage of this opportunity and expanded her interests, knowledge, and experience through creating her own curriculum. Adding to her experience Alison did much travel in her time at COA. Among places she visited were Portland, Maine; New York; Cornell University; Boston; Hoboken, New Jersey; Canada; and a week-long canoe trip on the Allagash River in Northern Maine.

In order to receive her degree, Alison had to fulfill many requirements. At least one ten-week term devoted to a campus or community betterment program was required. Alison joined the Communications and Publications Committee on campus to meet this requirement. She also had to write a paper defining her own understanding of human ecology, which had to be accepted and signed by a member of the COA staff. An internship of at least 400 hours was the third requirement. Alison spent last summer in California volunteering at the Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito. She intended to earn



Alison Knabe

her internship credits there and add to the knowledge gained through her work with Allied Whale, the college's research, and the state's marine rescue group. However, she decided to complete her internship at The Summit Publishing Group in Arlington, Texas, this past winter. For her final senior project Alison chose to study historical and pop culture, assisted by four advisors. From this study she developed a 60 page paper titled *Terms of Love*.

Alison received her Bachelor of Arts in Human Ecology in the presence of her proud parents, Herbert and Edna Knabe, and her sister and nephew, Dawn and Eland Green. After the commencement, a buffet of finger foods was served in the campus's sunny Newlin Gardens for the graduates, family, faculty, and friends. The buffet surrounded an ice sculpture of a whale, which, despite the bright sunshine, remained unaffected by the cool weather.

The family had arrived in Maine earlier in the week and were given tours of Acadia National Park and the college, which are both located on Mount Desert Island. The park, which covers most of the island, was the highlight of the tour. They also visited Cadillac Mountain, Thunder Hole, and The Natural Seawall, where they shared a picnic as the tide rolled in.

Alison and Dawn drove back from Maine, which enabled them to stop along the way. They visited Washington D.C., where they saw the Vietnam, Iwo Jima, and Lincoln Memorials. The sisters were also able to make stops in Virginia and Alabama before returning to Muenster.

Alison now lives in Fort Worth and is employed by D. & F. Scott Publishing, Inc. in North Richland Hills.

Sexual assault advocacy and you volunteers sought, sessions set

Sexual assault affects all of us, no matter our age, race, gender or socioeconomic status. It can happen to anyone. It can happen to you - and the aftereffects are devastating and often felt for the rest of a survivor's life. In the *Ms. Report on Recognizing, Fighting and Surviving Date and Acquaintance Rape*, survey statistics recorded, "Whether they acknowledged their experience as rape or not, 30 percent of the women identified in the study as rape victims contemplated suicide after the incident, 31 percent sought psychotherapy, 22 percent took self defense courses, and 82 percent said the experience had permanently changed them."

Cooke County Friends of the Family (CCFF) has set the dates for its Sexual Assault Advocacy and Intervention Training Program. This free training is available to everyone, male and female who are interested in volunteering for CCFF. The dates are July 12, 19, 26, from 9-4 p.m. and July 29, 31, August 5, 7 from 6-9 p.m. The training will be held at the Library Lyceum located at North Central Texas College in Gainesville.

Those who attend the training will learn about various volunteer opportunities available at Cooke County Friends of the Family, as well as various topics such as:

- Victim Advocates - (Hotline Peer Counselors, Court Accompanists) learn how to advocate and support victims of violent crime, family violence and sexual assault. Learn about victim accompaniment through the medical, law enforcement, and legal system and about victim transportation. Learn skills involving communication, active listening, problem solving and peer counseling.
- Client Mentors - learn how to help CCFF clients receive needed services in a timely manner by providing peer support during and immediately following the crisis of criminal victimizations.
- Outreach Specialists - learn how to provide public education, promote understanding of victimization issues, discuss prevention techniques and self awareness skills. Learn how to communicate steps to take if there is a victimization.

• Language Translator learn how to assist CCF clients and staff with language interpretations in order to eliminate or minimize delay for services due to communication barriers. This training will also include other volunteer opportunities, such as: office receptionist, donation coordinator, speaker's bureau outreach specialist transportation aide and client special needs volunteer. Everyone who completes the Sexual Assault Advocacy and Intervention Training is eligible to become certified through the Office of the Attorney General for the state of Texas for Sexual Assault Advocacy.

Remember, the investment you make as a volunteer at Cooke County Friends of the Family can become permanent difference in the life of a survivor of sexual assault, child, teen or adult.

To register for the training directions to the training site or further information, please contact Jo Angeli Kasper, Director, Cooke County Friends of the Family at 940-665-2873.

Greathouse graduates Summa Cum Laude

On May 10, 1997, Tommy Greathouse, son of Bob and Jeanne Greathouse, graduated summa cum laude from Northern Arizona State University with a merged degree of Physics and Astronomy. Tommy resides in Flagstaff, Arizona, where he plans to continue his research on Jovian atmosphere and brown dwarf composition under the direction of research professor, Dr. Caitlin Griffith.

Tommy received a number of awards and scholarships including the Slipper Senior Scholarship, the NAU Physics Chair Scholarship, the Bedwell Physics Award Scholarship and he received the Alumni award for "Outstanding Academic Achievement from the College of Arts and Sciences". Tommy has the honor of being the only physics major to capture all of



Tommy Greathouse

Country Tidings by Ruth Smith

Ted Jackson entered Muenster Memorial Hospital Sunday for treatment.

The Balthrop family had their annual reunion Saturday, June 29 at the park in Sulphur, Oklahoma. Those attending were Mrs. Gladys Balthrop, Mrs. Anna Kirk, David Wayne and Becky, and Mrs. Sybil Smith from Texarkana. Also Mr. and Mrs. Garland Lehman and family from Iowa Park and Mr. and Mrs. David Beavers and son of Irving. Some went for camping out.

Bill and Dorothy Christian of Stephenville visited Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Christian Saturday.

Mrs. Cindy Ferguson and Larry Parsons of Gainesville visited Miss Lois Bewley and Clyde Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Payne of Arlington visited her mother Mrs. Jaunita Greanad Sunday.

Use of Muenster Library climbs as summer begins

by Janie Hartman

The Friends of Muenster Public Library held their June board meeting on Tuesday, June 17. All board members, Daryl Ferber, Lou Heers, Tom Valiere, Bert Hesse, Ramona Felderhoff, and Janie Hartman were present, along with city representative Jewel Otto and librarian Kay Broyles.

The librarian's report included a count of books checked out. In May there were 476 total books, but from June 1-16, a total of 522 books were checked out. Also in May, the library gained 32 members with the volunteers working 200 hours.

The librarians have been "weeding out" old books from the shelves. Books that the information is out-dated, are in bad condition or have not been

checked out in thirty years or being sold to individuals (can be purchased at the library and bookstores).

A new American flag, pol included, was presented to the library on Flag Day from Catholic Life Insurance.

Kay Broyles, Jewel Otto and Janie Hartman attended the NETLS (North East Texas Library Systems) membership meeting and awards luncheon on Monday, June 16 at Southfork Ranch Congressman Pete Session was one of the speakers. Hartman was Muenster's voting lay representative. Also Otto won a door prize of two "coffee table" books, which were donated to the library along with several children books given away by NETLS.

The search is on for Mrs. Muenster 1997

Mrs. Texas International officials are looking for the next Mrs. Muenster. The woman selected will receive her crown and banner and will have the opportunity to represent Muenster at the 1998 Mrs. Texas International Pageant which will be held in San Antonio February 19-22 in the spectacular Zaragosa Theater at Fiesta Texas. Married women between the ages of 24 and 54 who have been married for a minimum of two years and have resided in the Muenster area for at least six months qualify to enter.

The Mrs. Texas International Pageant is an official preliminary of the prestigious Mrs. International Pageant which honors women for their commitment to marriage and family, professional excellence and

community service. "Fifty percent of the score is given in the interview category," says Shonnie Bray, State Director "Twenty-five percent is awarded in the physical fitness category, and twenty-five percent is awarded in the evening gown category." There is no swimsuit or talent competition and no previous experience is required. In addition to competing in the state finals, selected representatives will be invited to participate in several community service oriented projects.

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NOTIFICATION
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Personal

Alvin and Joanie Hartman treated five grandchildren to a weekend in Killen, visiting their aunt, Carol Hartman. Spending a fun time together were Courtney and Nolan Hartman, Shannon and Dainah Hartman, and Kristin LeBrasseur. Joining them there were Madonna Ramos and four children of Killen and Mary Castor and two children of Cedar Creek.

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New Arrival

Eudy
 Ricky and Robin Eudy of Gainesville announce the birth of their first child, a son, Derek Darnell Eudy, in Muenster Memorial Hospital on June 24, 1997. He weighed 7 lb. 2 oz. and measured 19 inches in length.

Lizalde
 Reynaldo and Dora Lizalde of Gainesville are parents of a son, Julio Cesar Lizalde, born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on June 24, 1997, at 7:41 a.m., weighing 6 lb. 13 oz. and measuring 19 1/2 inches long. He joins two brothers Reynaldo Lizalde Jr., age 4 and Cuantemaco Roberto Lizalde, age 1 year 4 months.

Fourth of July HOT FLASH
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all maintain a common bond - cancer.

DIALOGUE is led by a facilitator trained by the American Cancer Society. Mary K. Endres is the facilitator for the DIALOGUE group in Cooke County. Mary is an oncology certified registered nurse with over five years of oncology experience. DIALOGUE meets in the board room of the Muenster Memorial Hospital. If you are interested in a discussion group and an opportunity to share common experiences, problems and solutions in a confidential setting with others, you are invited to attend the next DIALOGUE meeting on July 10 at 7:00 p.m. For more information, call Mary K. Endres at 940-759-2271 or 940-759-4546.

DIALOGUE provides educational information to the participants and an opportunity to learn additional ways of coping with their cancer experience. Individuals with cancer, their families and friends are invited to attend DIALOGUE. Some are considered cured, some may be newly diagnosed and some may be undergoing treatment, but



Nora and Greg Wells

Our Neighbors ...

by Bonnie Jones, V.P. Marketing/Development

When you are forty years old, have established your own CPA business, are a licensed broker with a firm, enjoy a close family and have a beautiful and loving wife, - what more can one want? Perhaps, the only wish would have been for it to remain that way.

Greg Wells is a smiling, easy-going man today. We are told that once he was very serious minded and under a lot of stress. Greg can't speak much for himself, but Nora, his wife, understands him and can articulate many of his thoughts and feelings.

Good health was a given with Greg, until July, 1996. At that time, he began to have headaches that grew more painful and more frequent. On Monday, September 23, he entered the emergency room at Scott and White. On Friday, September 27, he underwent surgery for an aneurysm that left his right side completely paralyzed.

After leaving Scott and White, he was transferred to Baylor Rehab Hospital in Dallas and remained there until December 3. He received therapy at both Scott and White and at Baylor, but entered North Texas Rehabilitation Center December 10, and has come every day, five days a week since. He receives Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy.

Greg walks with a brace now. He can flex and lift his right shoulder. His speech remains limited, and he has problems in pulling up names of the therapists whom he

really likes and has seen daily the past five or six months. He questions his improvement at first, but Nora says that he has improved greatly. When reminded of the condition he was in, Greg grins and nods his head in the affirmative.

Many changes have taken place in their lives. Greg's CPA private business was sold, and he is no longer affiliated with the brokerage firm. Their days are very different.

Nora goes to work at 6 a.m. and works for about two hours, and then drives Greg from their home in Bowie to the Center. They finish therapy around noon, drive back to Bowie, have lunch, and Nora goes back to work in a local bank. Greg often goes to his mother's office where she challenges him with math problems and his writing skills.

The young couple spend weekends much like the rest of the local population. They sometimes enjoy just being home after a busy week, but also enjoy eating out or going to a movie. They give their parents and friends credit for support and help throughout this past year.

"I miss being able to talk with Greg, and I'm the one who sometime cries," says Nora. "But I would say to people to keep trying; don't give up. The therapists have been so good and have helped him so much," she continues.

Hearing that statement, Greg gives a big smile and an A-OK sign. Wearing a Texas Ranch Roundup cap, and a twinkle in his eye, Greg Wells leaves the impression that his progress will continue.

Fundraisers noted for North Texas Rehab Ctr.

For almost half a century, the North Texas Rehabilitation Center, a non-profit organization, has been helping infants, children and adults overcome disabilities.

These disabilities may result from birth defects, accidents, disease, head or spinal cord injuries or strokes. All types and degrees of disability, in all ages, are seen at the Center.

It is a place where workers, injured on the job, can be assisted in getting back to work, or a child, with developmental problems can be assisted to take a step or sit alone - when the parent thought it wasn't possible, or a stroke survivor learns to speak a complete sentence again. The rewards to the families and the staff are a daily experience.

The Center is accredited by CARF. The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities for Outpatient Rehabilitation; it is certified for Medicare and Early Childhood Intervention. It is recognized for excellence.

Private pay is encouraged and third-party pays are accepted, but some families who come to the Center have

For 28 years area ranchers and area sale barns have generously supported North Texas Rehabilitation Center during the Rehab Auction. Area sale barns have graciously made the following locations and dates available: Muenster Livestock Commission on Thursday, July 10, and Bowie Livestock Commission on Saturday, July 19.

The area ranchers, through their generosity, have made THE CATTLE AUCTION the largest annual fund-raiser for the Rehab Center. For more information call 940-322-0771. neither. To meet those particular needs, the Center has fund-raisers throughout the year to provide sponsored services for those families who have an undeniable and legitimate inability to pay. Individuals, organizations and businesses provide both volunteer hours and financial gifts to support the charitable services.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The above is one of a series of stories about families, our neighbors North Texas and Southern Oklahoma, who receive services at North Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Family gathering celebrates anniversaries and wedding

Sunday, June 29, 1997 was a very special day for the August Fleitman family. August and Paula celebrated their 29th anniversary. Their daughter and son-in-law, Jan and Brett Marion celebrated their 6th anniversary. Also their son and brother Randy Dale Fleitman was married at 2 p.m. at the first Baptist Church Fellowship Hall to Alice Lynn Springs.

Center Restaurant in Muenster.

Attending the Fleitman and Marion gathering were Mrs. Fleitman's sisters, Linda K. Zackery of Ennis, Delores Bush of Roswell, New Mexico, and Laverna Snodgrass of Edinburg, Texas. Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Snodgrass surprised their sister Paula by making it up for the special day. Also attending the gathering were 2 1/2 year old Stephen Brett Marion, Jr. of Gainesville, Melinda Fleitman and friend Jeremy Thompson of Gainesville, Kerry and Kristen Fleitman of Muenster, Mrs. Fleitman's niece and son Rexann and Kyle Graham of Lewisville.

The family gathered in the Marion home for the evening meal. Barbecue brisket with her trimmings were served. After a brief visit, the newlyweds attended the Springs family gathering at the

Baptisms

Rohmer

Thomas Jake Rohmer, son of Curtis and Pat Rohmer of Plano, grandson of Viola Rohmer and the late Urban Rohmer and great-grandson of his late Mr. and Mrs. Jake Kuhn, received the Sacrament of Baptism in All Saints Catholic Church of Dallas on Sunday, June 22, 1997 at 2:15 p.m. Godparents were Dave and Sharon Shallenberger of Newark, Ohio. Father Paul Gray administered the Sacrament.

Attending were Sergio and sela Macias of El Paso, maternal grandparents; Martha Blohm and son Jonathan, and Cathy Macias all of Tucson, Arizona; Luis Galvan of El Paso; Sara Valencia, Rose Paarmann and children, Stephanie Hempstead, Mikey Hempstead, Adam Paarmann, Lupe Valencia and daughters, and Amanda Brown all of Katy, Texas.

Viola Rohmer and Brian Rohmer; Alan, Connie, Lisa and Tyler Rohmer all of Auenster, Kathy Rohmer of Dallas; Gary, Robin, Lauren and Drew Rohmer of Southlake; and the godparents, Jave and Sharon Shallenberger and Christina,

Melissa, Julia and Jessica of Newark, Ohio.

Also friends, John and Cheri Still, Wendy James, Pauline Creighton, Stacie Courtney all of Dallas and Tony Galvan of Arlington.

The infant wore a christening garment that was a gift from the maternal grandparents, who also presented the special baptismal candle, and the decorative shell used to pour the baptismal water. He also wore a gold pendant cross, a gift from the godparents, and a gold cross necklace, a gift from the paternal grandmother.

A christening cake was made and decorated by Betty Rose Walterscheid, and was served at a reception following the church service. Gifts were displayed and pictures were taken.

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Sheriff and police chief to speak at AARP meeting

by Daryl Ferber

The July meeting of AARP will deviate from normal noon luncheon to a picnic theme on July 10, at 5:30 p.m. at the Stanford House in Gainesville.

The program will have speakers concerned with the Triad/Salt group. Interesting speakers, on how to help the elderly, will be Sheriff Mike Compton and Gainesville Chief of Police Carl Dunlap. Fire Chief Steve Boone will explain

the proposed new combination fire and police station, to be voted on in August.

This informative meeting will begin with a picnic type supper and include dessert of home-made ice cream.

The public is welcome to join AARP members, to hear these speakers.

The AARP Board, which usually meets on the first Friday, will not hold its July session because of the holiday.

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We will re-open July 14.

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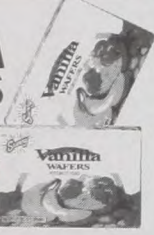
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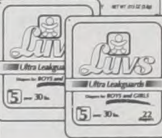
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Great striped bass year almost didn't happen!

After some concern that there might be dismal striped bass production earlier this year, the word from Dundee State Fish Hatchery south of Wichita Falls is it's a banner year for striped bass. To date, 3,506,439 striped bass have been stocked at 13 lakes across Texas. On hybrid striped bass, 1,411,368 fish have been stocked into 28 lakes and other sites.

All of this is making Texas Parks and Wildlife Department inland fisheries biologists very happy, since this year's rains have filled many reservoirs that have been plagued by low water levels due to drought. This should mean great striper fishing in a couple of years as the fish grow to catchable size. However, this happy story almost didn't happen.

"We couldn't get into the Trinity River below the Lake Livingston dam to catch our striped bass broodstock in spring," said Phil Durocher, TPWD inland fisheries director. "Because of the heavy rains, too much water was being released below the dam, so it was too dangerous to get a

boat in there, we had to wait two weeks later than we normally do and were fortunate to get the fish we needed for broodstock. So, we ended up going from looking like a disastrous year to a record one. This may not be the most striped bass we've ever produced, but we certainly met all our needs and then some."

Without the TPWD stocking program, there would be no striped bass fishery in Texas except for Lake Texoma. That's because stripers and hybrid stripers don't reproduce naturally in Texas. They are an anadromous fish, which means they spend most of their lives in saltwater, but come into fresh water to spawn, like salmon. Stripers have stringent spawning requirements, including running water and precise temperature regimes. The only place in Texas where they reproduce enough to sustain a population is Lake Texoma. There are some hit and miss striper populations in other places, but never enough to sustain a fishery.

When you look at Texas survey data, about three percent of freshwater anglers say stripers are the fish they prefer to catch. However, those numbers can be misleading, because striped bass are only stocked in 13 sites. Certainly at Lake Texoma, and also at regularly stocked lakes like Lake Buchanan where stripers are plentiful, they are among the most popular game fish. As a result, a good deal of the local economic infrastructure, including marinas, guides, bait stands, etc. is dependent on TPWD striper stockings.

Heat Stroke Bike Ride July 19

The Holiday Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the third annual, Holiday Heat Stroke Bike Ride on Saturday, July 19. Registration for the ride will cost \$12.00 prior to July 10 and \$15.00 after July 10. Registration fee does include a tee shirt and other items in the packets. The starting line is in front of Holiday High School. The ride starts at 7:00 a.m. There will be three routes available: 95K, 48 miles, and 24 miles. Rest stops with drinks and fruit will be at 10 mile intervals. For additional information call 1-800-404-1274.



John Monday runs the base line after a hit. Photo by Janie Hartman



Allison Teafattler takes off from first base as Dillena Hundt watches the action. Photo by Janie Hartman



JoEil Fuhrmann takes a swing at the ball. Photo by Janie Hartman

Regulations relaxed on trapping whitetail deer

by Thompson Temple
Texas Parks and Wildlife officials have streamlined procedures for individuals to trap and release whitetail deer for genetic enhancement. A permit must be obtained prior to trapping or moving any deer. The purpose of the regulation change is to assist private individuals desiring to improve the quality and health of wild whitetails.

In the past an individual who intended to relocate wild whitetails had a lengthy and complicated process which included on site inspections by wildlife biologists. The capture and release sites had to pass many tests for permit approval. Release sites now must be 200 acres or more (if they are under a game fence) to qualify. Whitetail bucks displaying above average genetic characteristics may be relocated for breeding purposes. Whitetail does may be also be trapped and released when this transfer can be deemed desirable.

Permits will not be issued when an immediate harvest of transplanted animals is intended. The purpose of the regulation change is to improve genetic quality, the purpose is not to facilitate hunting. Opponents of hunting state that hunters take out the best animals and leave undesirable bucks unharvested. These undesirable, genetically inferior bucks reproduce. The recent regulation changes will counter this trend by facilitating the reproduction of genetically superior deer. If an individual has control of 200 acres with a high fence around it, this individual can obtain permits to bring exceptional whitetail bucks onto his land. These bucks would not be harvested immediately, and they would be able to breed existing does, thereby passing on good genetic characteristics. When whitetail numbers exceed carrying capacity on said 200 acres, then hopefully these deer could be released into the wild.

Also, a farm or ranch 200 acres or more could acquire whitetail does to introduce deer to replenish low numbers. The regulation change will be good for the 3 1/2 million whitetail deer in the state of Texas. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department should be congratulated for their efforts to improve the quality and health of wild whitetails. For more information call 210-367-5069.

Ironman Football Camp is

Applications are being accepted for a non-contact football camp held on the campus of Muenster High School during the week of July 28 to August 1. Due to lack of interest in the upper grades, the camp has been restricted to one session from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. each evening for athletes entering the 7th through 9th grades. The camp fee is \$40 and includes daily refreshments and a souvenir t-shirt. For application information, call Glen Swirczynski at 940-668-0609 or Jason Huchton at 940-759-2923 (at Neil's).

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M. Drilling 7, Fischer's 10	Forestburg 2, Fina 9
June 20	
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June 25	
SJ Diamondbacks 11, M. Drilling 5	M. Jaycees 17, Forestburg 14
June 27	
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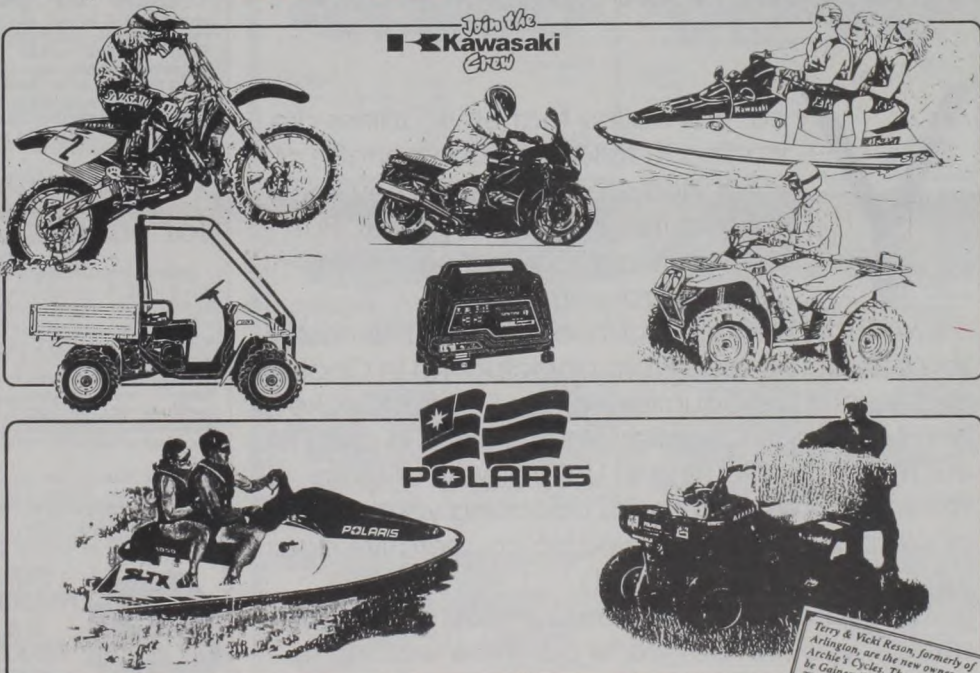
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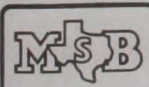
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Silver Award presented to nine Girl Scouts

Eight girls from Girl Scout Troop 2003 and one from Troop 1193 were honored on Tuesday, June 27. They all received the prestigious Silver Award of Girl Scouting. Those receiving their Silver Award were Andrea Bartush, Jessica Berres, Debra Dangelmayr, Kayla Felderhoff, Anne Flusche, Joanna Gehrig, Jennifer Hess, Kristen Knauf and Dana Miller.

The Silver Award recognizes their efforts in a wide range of Girl Scout experiences and their commitment to working to better their lives and the

lives of others. There are five requirements for this award. These requirements call upon the girls to build their skills, explore career possibilities, increase their leadership skills, and make a commitment to improving themselves. The fifth requirement is a Girl Scout Silver Award project.

The Girl Scouts made a joint effort toward the award by teaming up and helping with the clean-up and painting of Sacred Heart School. The Scouts were also recognized by the Colgate-Palmolive Company for this project and

were awarded a 4th place national award and a check for \$100.

A ceremony was held in honor of the recipients. Each girl was presented with a Silver Award Pin and a beautifully decorated silver candle. Loretta Felderhoff, a life Girl Scout member, was speaker and guest of honor. She was presented with an Emerald glass collector's mug commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Cross Timbers Girl Scout Council.

Troop leaders are Kim Felderhoff, Jeannine Flusche, and Stacie Miller.



Girl Scout Silver Award winners.

Courtesy photo



Robert Sapp, center, of Fish Creek Ranch instructs Jonathan Zimmerer, left, and Jordan Alexander on swimming techniques. Cub Scouts enjoyed a swim in the Muenster Pool each morning of camp. Photo by Janie Hartman

Boy Scout Camp held in Muenster Park

Cub Scouts from all over Cooke County dove into Muenster City park last week. The Under the Sea Camp was enjoyed by 75 cub scouts, 12 tot lot kids, 20 boy scouts, and over 40 volunteer parents.

Each day the boys swam in the Muenster pool with Tony Day as the instructor, shot BB guns with Bob Stovall, and shot lots of arrows at the archery range with instructor Jill Trammell. Over 70 bullseyes in BB and archery were recorded at the camp this year.

The noonday activity was a program presented by Bob Stovall of the Muenster Police Department. Bob presented a program on gun safety. He demonstrated what guns can do to your body with plastic containers.

The Muenster Fire Department visited the camp on Wednesday afternoon. The

boys panned for gold under the bridge and we were all very surprised to find gold nuggets. The boys were really amazed and wondered if they could spend their gold at Walmart. The boys also launch balloons at the noontime activity and are waiting to hear from those who find the balloons.



Keaton Haverkamp works on one of many craft projects at the Cub Scout Day Camp. Photo by Janie Hartman

Call for talent Aug. 9

The Grayson County Rehabilitation Center for Children and Adults will hold its annual Search for the Stars '97 Telethon on August 9 and 10. The two days of live entertainment will be aired by Cable One, Channel 29.

Registration forms for talent are being accepted through July 16. Auditions will be held on Saturday, July 26. Only the first seventy-five entrants will be auditioned. Debra Bohuslav, chairwoman of the telethon stated, "This is the Center's 18th Telethon, so we want to make it extra special and that means getting the best talent in the area to participate. Anyone who has a talent they want present is encouraged to audition." The top entertainer will win \$1,000, the top child entertainer will be awarded \$500, and the People's Choice Award Winner will receive \$500.

Opportunity exists for anyone who is interested to audition. Registration forms may be obtained by calling the Center at (903)893-7457 or by stopping at 1216 Hillcrest during business hours. There is a cost of \$10 per act. Performers need to be available to audition on July 26, and if selected, to perform on the August 9 and 10.

Search for Stars '97 Telethon is the Center's annual fund raising event. The funds generated are used in the community to provide a wide range of rehabilitative services to adults and children with disabilities. Currently these services include speech/language therapy, occupational therapy, physical and aquatic therapy, social services and a preschool program.



Evan Koesler carefully begins a craft by painting a box. Photo by Janie Hartman

On Monday Sparkey and Carol Flint taught the scouts about fishing rods and poles and they went mousetrap fishing. The noon day activity was an all-camp tug of war.

The campers beat the staff and walkers - even without succeeding to tie the end of the rope to the tree! The scouts made squirrel feeders with Greg Lanham, leathercraft keychains, and bead holders.

Tuesday the scouts participated in an obstacle race, baseball, and volleyball. They learned about flag etiquette and how to properly fold a flag with Julie Cheek. In the archery mini craft area with Cathy Sears they learned how to tie knots and rope

scouts learned about fire safety and saw a demonstration of how a fireman gets ready for a fire. Herbie Knabe, the Muenster Fire Chief had a blast playing water tag with the campers while shooting water high in the air. The campers loved getting wet in this very hot day! Also on Wednesday the campers earned their ultimate belt loop. They learned about first aid from Jimmy Brooks, made airplanes, and painted a sea aquarium.

On Thursday the campers made kaleidoscopes, catapults, and went on a nature hunt. They found animal and insect homes, and learned about our great outdoors. Guess what! There's gold in them hills. The

Friday night closing ceremonies were held in the Muenster Park. After the families gathered and had picnic they campfire to watch the campers sing and put on skits. The campers served their parents "Bug Juice"! Which is a secret recipe only known to those who can sing the Bug Juice song.

Closing the evening the scouts from Fish Creek Boy Ranch and Pack #664 from Muenster retired a flag in special ceremony.

Other staff members were Shirley Knabe, Camp Director, Donna Zimmerman, Program Director, RoAnne McLaughlin, Camp Doctor, and Penn Taylor, tot lot.



Ryan Cox takes aim at the rifle range under the strict supervision of Muenster Police Officer Bob Stovall. Photo by Janie Hartman

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Poems should be sent to Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum, Dept. GM, 609 Main St., P.O. Box 193, Sistersville, WV 26175-0193.



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School News

MISD School survey results are favorable

Muenster ISD finished tabulating the results of the school survey sent out to Muenster parents in March. This survey was also given to faculty and students in grades 5-12.

The respondents gave MISD good marks in those survey areas designed to gauge effectiveness of instructional practices. It also was very helpful in getting input, from respondents, in those areas designed to enhance feedback for the district's planning process. The survey will be sent out periodically and each time will be revised to gauge MISD progress.

2. 88% indicated satisfaction of the amount and content of the homework assignments given by MISD's teachers.
3. 59% indicate MISD has improved the past 5 years - 22% indicate it has stayed the same.
4. 53% indicate a willingness to pay more taxes for facility needs - 19% indicate they would not be willing - 28% indicate no opinion at this time.
5. 60% indicate funding for the schools as an important challenge to the district in the years to come.
6. 70% indicate limited facilities to also be an important challenge to the district in the years to come.

MISD would like to thank all those that responded to the survey. Copies are available at the MISD Library, each campus principal's office, and at the administration building.

New state budget revolves around schools

Lt. Governor Bob Bullock said Thursday the new \$86.2 billion state budget provides a "delicate balance" between the demand for frugal government, quality schools, a tough criminal justice system and services for the elderly and disabled.

"The budget reflects the Legislature's unrivaled commitment to education and the prevailing belief that spending on schools is an investment critical to Texas' future," Bullock said of the 1998-99 appropriations bill.

Improvement of school facilities, safer schools, teacher retirement and the reading program supported by lawmakers and Governor George W. Bush.

"Our colleges and universities will have the funds necessary to gain momentum as they prepare for the next century. In the final analysis, we're investing \$2.1 billion into our leaders of tomorrow," the lieutenant governor said.

Bullock said criminal justice will receive an additional \$321.4 million, a 6.2 percent increase in general revenue spending. Almost two-thirds will be used to operate 25,000 new state jail beds already open and an additional 2,500 to open in 1998-99. More than \$53 million will be spent on supervision of 10,800 new parolees and 4,600 additional offenders on probation, he said. The Texas Youth Commission will have funds for 2,144 new beds authorized two years ago.

Bullock said health and human services spending from general revenue will be \$10.3 billion, or \$283.5 million above current levels, a 2.8 percent increase. Community care



Shannon Gonzales, Bryan Hudspeth and Laura Klement. Courtesy Photo

Local students attend citizenship seminar

Attending the Texas Farm Bureau's 34th annual Citizenship Seminar in San Angelo June 16-20 were Shannon Gonzales, Bryan Hudspeth, and Laura Klement. Sponsored by the Cooke County Farm Bureau, they were among approximately 400 high school junior and senior students from over 150 counties across the state.

The purpose of the seminar is to provide the students with a better understanding of their American heritage and the capitalistic free enterprise system, according to Tim

Hartman, Cooke County Farm Bureau president.

The students were welcomed to the seminar by Dr. James Hindman, president of Angelo State University. "Farm Bureau Your Host" was presented by Bob Stallman, president of Texas Farm Bureau.

Dale Bullock (TFB Field Representative), Cara Chrimes (1996 Miss TFB), and Michael Santos, the 1996 TFB Speech contest winner, presented a program on "Farm Bureau Youth Activities."

Speakers at this year's seminar and their subjects were as follows: David Vernon and Jerad Boyd, Lubbock Christian University, "Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE)," Earl Taylor of the National Center for Constitutional Studies, "The Making of America," and Kurt Swanda, Fort Worth, "American."

The videotape "A More Perfect Union" was shown to the students and there were also special presentations by Dale Minnick and Clebe McClary, motivational speakers.

Cheerleaders host mini camp July 28-Aug. 1

Muenster High School cheerleaders' Mini Cheerleading Camp will be held at the Muenster City Park July 28-August 1 from 9 a.m. to noon. The camp will be offered for all students in grade 1 through 8 next school year. The cost is \$15.00 per child or \$25.00 for two children in one family.

The purpose of the camp is for the varsity cheerleaders to teach the latest cheers, chants and dances they will be learning at The University of North Texas NCA camp, July 9-12. Area junior high squads are also invited to attend this mini camp. They will receive assistance in stunting procedures with NCA safety regulations emphasized.

Forms may be obtained from Tops and Teams or Ben Franklin, or by contacting MHS cheerleader sponsor, Joni Sturm at 940-759-2724 or 940-759-2281/EXT. 664. In case of rain the camp will be held at the Muenster High School campus.

Blockbuster Rockfest '97 makes history

More than 380,000 music fans from all over the country experienced Blockbuster RockFest '97, which was held at the Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth, Saturday, June 21, as witness to the largest single-day ticketed concert event in history. The one-day concert featured the hottest artists in rock today, including Bush, Paula Cole, Collective Soul, Counting Crows, Jewel, Matchbox 20, No Doubt, Third Eye Blind, The Wallflowers, Souls, Soak, and Sugar Ray. The artists performed on the largest single structure stage ever erected for a music event. Tickets were provided free to Blockbuster customers across the nation.

For those who couldn't attend Blockbuster RockFest '97 in person, MTV and VH1 brought the party to their homes. You can still catch rebroadcasts of the coverage on MTV and on VH1 July 13.

Exchange program welcomes students

The American Intercultural Student Exchange, a non-profit educational foundation, is seeking local host families for high school foreign exchange students for the 1997-98 school year. AISE's students come from over fifty countries worldwide, and the program recently expanded operations to include Lithuania, Croatia, and South Africa. Every year, AISE places thousands of exchange students with host families throughout the United States. AISE exchange students live with American families and attend local high schools during their ten-month

cultural exchange experiences. American host families provide these young ambassadors with a room, meals, and a loving, family atmosphere in which to live. AISE students are eager to learn about our government, history, customs and language, while at the same time leaving a lasting impression of their cultures in the minds and hearts of their American host families and peers. Please call AISE at 1-800-SIBLING or visit the AISE web site at <http://www.sibling.org> for more information on hosting a foreign exchange student in your home!

Two of every three new dollars from economic growth are targeted for public education and our institutions of higher learning. We are putting our money on the minds of our youth," Bullock said.

"State employees will benefit from their first pay raise in four years, and \$1 billion will be on hand for property tax relief, surplus savings or other state needs. For the first time the resources will be available to begin laying the foundation for a plan to preserve and protect our water resources well into the next century.

Hammered out by a conference committee of House and Senate negotiators, the budget increases spending from all funds by \$5.5 billion, a 6.8 percent increase over current levels. Spending from general revenue will increase \$3.4 billion over two years, a 7.5 percent increase.

Bullock said general revenue spending on public education will increase \$1.5 billion, or 7.9 percent. The state's colleges and universities will receive an additional \$580 million, a 7.6 percent increase. Public education will receive a total of \$20.8 billion for the two-year period, while colleges and universities will have combined budgets of \$8.2 billion.

The budget strikes the delicate balance between the most essential services and the taxpayers' opposition to excessive spending. The price tag is higher as a result of explosive growth in school enrollment, caseloads and the needs of a booming population in general.

The lion's share of new money will prepare our schools for an estimated 156,000 new students over two years," Bullock said. "Lawmakers have provided sufficient funding for construction and

services will be available for an estimated 14,815 additional clients. The budget also provides funding for higher nursing home caseloads and additional foster care, adoption, child abuse and neglect and Medicaid services.

Spending on natural resources will go up \$53.9 million, or 15.5 percent, to \$401 million, the bulk targeted for the state water plan conceived in Senate Bill 1.

The budget earmarks \$275.2 million for the judiciary, a 21 percent increase of \$47.7 million, and \$335.7 million for business and economic development, an increase of \$22.3 million, or 7.1 percent, according to Bullock.

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Farm & Ranch

Estate tax assists in closing Texas farms and ranches

Heavy rain in the Texas Hill Country has produced unusually lush growth this year. The Slator Ranch, near Llano, is alive with various wildlife species. Debbie Slator Gillan owns the ranch, and there always is as much wildlife habitat on the 11,000 acres as nature will allow. Nature, at least this year, has not been a problem. Ironically, it's the federal government that could eventually push the Slator Ranch into the eager arms of developers.

Debbie Gillan has realized her dream. She wants nothing more than to operate the Slator Ranch in Llano County, and along with her husband, Bart, pass it intact, to their two sons. The Slator Ranch, established by her grandfather in 1903, is large, but is a classic example of a family ranching operation. Caring for the land is important. Income from deer hunting has been a steadily growing factor in the survival of the ranch.

Debbie Gillan's uncle died in 1984, leaving his part of the ranch to her along with a huge estate tax bill. The scenario was repeated when her father died in 1989.

Gillan continues to raise cattle and manage wildlife in the Texas Hill Country, but the death of her uncle and father left a tax bill of more than \$2.3 million. With accrued interest, the tax bill now tops a staggering \$3 million. All this, she says, must be paid from family income already subject to the federal income tax, a double burden on the Gillan family.

A complex set of rules in the law addresses the issue of "linear" passage to family members by assessing value on agricultural production rather than fair market value. Due to restrictions, only a very small farm can squeeze through the red tape unscathed.

The law states that an estate's value cannot be lowered by more than \$750,000 under the agricultural provisions. If any part of the land is sold, even to pay the taxes, the entire estate reverts to fair market value. In the Hill Country of Texas, fair market value can be quite steep, due to the speculative nature of land sales.

Fortunately, the main part of the ranch is still intact, because the estates included some smaller properties. By selling those off, Gillan was able to make a start on paying the taxes and save the main part of the ranch. She worries, however, that when it comes time to pass along the Slator Ranch to the next generation, the entire ranch will be at risk. This is what bitter farmers and ranchers call "the death tax." It has made passing family businesses, farm and non-farm, increasingly difficult. The state's largest farm organization, the Texas Farm Bureau, wants to get rid of the death tax altogether.

"The time has come to put an end to one of the most unfair and punitive taxes ever devised by the federal government, and that is the federal estate tax," says Bob Stallman, president of the Texas Farm Bureau.

Stallman said the "death tax" amounts to double taxation of income and assets.

"People pay taxes on income that is used to purchase an estate," he says. "Then, when

that person dies, his or her heirs are expected to pay again, at exorbitant rates."

There is a \$600,000 exemption on federal estate taxes, meaning that an estate's value above that level is taxed at a rate of up to 55 percent. Inflation, however, constantly lowers the real value of any exemption.

In recent years, farms and ranches have been forced to "get bigger or get out," to reach the economies of scale necessary for profit. It does not take a very large farm to quickly exceed the \$600,000 covered by the federal estate tax exemption. After a lifetime, it is not unusual to have great value tied up in the family farm or ranch. Even in the cases where substantial wealth has been accumulated in the form of land, equipment and livestock, there may not be enough ready cash to pay a large tax bill.

Debbie Gillan's problem is tied to the high land values in the Hill Country. The debt she carries will be passed along to her children, on top of the next round of estate taxes.

Farm Bureau has launched a "full court press" aimed at sinking the death tax. Nationwide, Farm Bureau members are writing letters to Congressmen in hopes of repealing the federal estate tax.

As Congress prepares to take up debate on the estate tax, Debbie Gillan has a message for lawmakers. The best thing for her would be elimination of the estate tax, but she doubts that can be done.

There is, however, an alternative she can accept. "The only way to make this thing fair is to tax each estate and every estate on its productive value." Otherwise, she warns, the government is driving people out of farming and ranching. In the process, some of the best wildlife habitat in America will eventually be lost.

Some might suggest to Debbie Gillan that any changes might come too late to help her. She disagrees.

"I have two very good reasons to support a legislative fix for estate taxes," Gillan says. "Their names are Damon and Bartley. I very much want my sons to at least have the opportunity to keep the ranch together and continue our family tradition."

Slow moving vehicles can be dangerous

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- Keep lights and reflectors in good working order for farm machines traveling on public roads.

- Anticipate problems motorists may have when your machinery is on the road.

- Drive with others in mind. Use care, courtesy and common sense.

County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

LATE PLANTING DATES FOR SOYBEANS

What is the risk of planting soybeans late following rain or double cropping after wheat, and in the place of other failed plantings. The probability of success of these late plantings varies greatly with choices made at planting time, and of course, rainfall patterns for the remainder of the summer. We can help make reasonable decisions regarding planting, but in the absence of irrigation, little can be done relative to subsequent rainfall patterns. A wet spring does not necessarily mean a wet summer.

Extension agronomist Travis Miller says that the first choice if the decision is made to plant late soybeans is that of variety, which of necessity will commit the farmer to maturity group and growth habit (determinate vs. indeterminate). Much research has shown that when planting a determinate variety late, say after June 21, selection of the latest possible maturity group which will fit frost free dates and allow for a reasonable harvest will enhance yield potential. The logic behind this is relatively simple. Soybeans are photoperiod sensitive; that is termination of vegetative growth and the initiation of bloom is triggered by the length of the dark phase. As days get shorter, a critical point is reached and the plant quits growing new leaves and branches and begins to initiate bloom. A group V initiates bloom with a shorter night length than does a group VI, which in turn initiates bloom with a shorter night than does a VII, etc. Thus, a late planted V has a very short time to grow an adequate plant size, and might begin bloom perhaps 40 days after a July 1 planting, whereas a group VI might quit growing vegetatively and bloom 50 days after the same planting date, allowing for a larger plant and more fruiting branches. Results from previous research across the southern

U.S. indicate that increasing seeding rates, drill or narrow row planting, and selection of later maturity varieties are all advantageous when a late planting date and a determinate variety is selected.

The next obvious concern, particularly in light of the vast acreage of group IV beans in Texas, is what is the potential for late planted indeterminate varieties. Indeterminates are photoperiod sensitive in much the same manner as are determinate varieties. The difference in growth habit allows the indeterminate to continue to grow vegetatively after bloom initiation. In Texas and Arkansas tests, well adapted group IV varieties were equal or better than conventional group V and VI varieties when planted under irrigation at optimum planting dates for the group V and VI selections. Under dryland and stressed conditions, group IVS were not competitive. The late group IV and early group V indeterminate varieties reached acceptable plant height and yielded well with May and early June planting dates, whereas early and mid-IVS were less acceptable. The primary concern with late planted indeterminates is the ability to supply water during bloom and early pod fill. This critical growth stage will occur earlier in the indeterminates and at a time of the year characterized by higher temperatures and lesser probability of rain. Planting the group IVS dryland and late in a low rainfall climate with low probability of rain during July and August is not recommended.

Remember that timely planting is of great importance. A good rule of thumb to remember relative to soybean planting dates is that we lose about 0.5 bushels of yield potential per acre for each day's delay past June 20. Plans and planting should be finalized as quickly as is feasible.

Farm electricity expenditures

If recent trends are any indication, U.S. farmers will continue to purchase more than \$2.6 billion worth of electricity each year to maintain the nation's agricultural output.

These figures come from the USDA Economic Research Service which surveys hundreds of farmers each year and asks them to list electricity expenditures for farm use, excluding the home.

The results of these surveys, combined with input from the Census of Agriculture, provide an excellent measurement of electricity purchases by the U.S. farm sector.

To many, this trend of increasing expenditures may seem to contradict reports of declining farm numbers. But electricity expenditures are linked to total farm sector output, not number of full-time operators. Even with fewer farmers, the increase in size of individual farms, level of mechanization, and commodity output is as large as ever.

Therefore, agriculture's total purchase of electricity will continue to grow as long as there are more bushels of grain

to be dried, gallons of milk to be produced, acres of land to be irrigated, and pounds of meat to be grown.

To manage electricity use, farmers should start by contacting their local power supplier for advice. Several no-cost or low-cost changes can be made to save electricity without reducing farm productivity.

- Replace incandescent light bulbs with long-life fluorescent lamps to improve efficiency and brighten work areas.

- Insulate hot water pipes, ceiling areas and walls on all heated structures.

- Clean dirt from ventilation fan blades, shutters and guards to increase air flow. Tighten belts and lubricate bearings and gears.

- Take advantage of off-peak rates (where available) to shift electric use to nighttime or off-peak hours.

Low Cost/No Cost Energy Management Practices on Farms is a pamphlet available from the National Food and Energy Council (NFEC) for \$1. Write to NFEC at 409 Vandiver Drive, Suite 4-202, Columbia, MO 65202; or call 573-875-7155.

Keith Klement named Archer County agent

Keith Klement, native of Muenster and son of Dale and Charlotte Klement, has been named County Extension Agent/Agriculture for Archer County. His appointment becomes effective July 14, 1997, approved by the Archer County Commissioners Court. His employment will provide leadership in agriculture, 4-H youth development, and community development to meet the needs of the people of Archer County.

Keith Klement is a graduate of Muenster High School, and gained valuable experience in the FFA and in growing up on the dairy farm in Muenster. He graduated cum laude from Texas Tech University in 1993 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Range Management, and recently completed a Master of Science degree in Range Ecology and Watershed Management from the University of Wyoming in Laramie.

His diverse educational and work background include a graduate research assistantship at the University of Wyoming; range

management/agronomy internship at the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation in Ardmore, Oklahoma; range technician at the Fort Keogh Livestock and Range Research Station in Miles City, Montana, and West River Ag Research and Extension Center in Rapid City, South Dakota.

In 1996 he was an assistant county agent in Howard County, working with 4-H and youth from different ethnic backgrounds in promoting leadership, achievement and project areas.

In college he received extensive awards in soil judging, and range plant identification contests. He received scholarships from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo; the Clayton Fund Scholarship, the Texas Tech Range and Wildlife Club Scholarship, and others. Professionally he is a member of the Texas County Agriculture Agents Association; a member of Alpha Zeta; and a member of the Society of Range Management (Texas and Wyoming sections).

-In the heat of it-

Researchers in Missouri have used environmental chambers to learn more about heat stress, feed intake and milk production on dairy cows.

Cows were thought to be hottest in the middle of the day when the weather is hottest. In fact, they are hottest in the middle of the night. At 7 a.m., the cows are the coolest, then her internal temperatures begin to rise at midday then peak around midnight.

But lab and farm settings are different. Cows on the farm don't have a steady pattern of heat and humidity as in the lab. On the farm, its hot one day, cooler then next or several hot days and nights that won't let a cow adapt.

Early in the morning, cows have a good appetite because they are coolest and have usually just been milked. Feeding late at night might make sense because the cows might be feeling some relief by then, researchers noted.

But feed also needs to be available during the hottest time of the day. To encourage

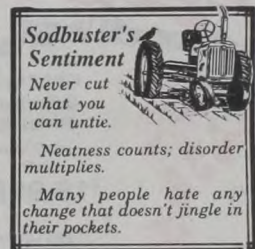
cows to eat, some shade should be provided at the feeding location.

Ration balancing also presents problems during hot spells. Attempt to increase dietary fat and decrease forages to supply concentrated energy while minimizing feeds. That makes the cows digestive system work harder for the same amount of energy.

Water availability is the biggest thing to remember during times of heat stress. Water should be conveniently located near feed bunks.

Milk is 87 percent water and water is the nutrient that's most often overlooked.

Ag Briefs



Sodbuster's Sentiment
Never cut what you can untie.
Neatness counts; disorder multiplies.
Many people hate any change that doesn't jingle in their pockets.

Calf scours result from a combination of infectious microorganisms and flaws in management. While there are bacterial, viral and parasitic causes of scours, it is essential to use more than shots and pills to control it.

Close attention must be paid to all factors that may inhibit a newborn calf's ability to nurse sufficient colostrum.

The focus should be on reversing the dehydration and energy loss by replacing the lost fluid.

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Fireworks: It's not child's play

Every Fourth of July, Americans celebrate by painting the sky with spectacular fireworks displays. Whether these events take place at the community park or in someone's backyard, they can result in serious injuries to children. In fact, children ages 10 to 14 suffer from fireworks-related injuries more than any other age group. "Most children are thrilled by fireworks. But unfortunately, they aren't always able to handle them correctly," says Steve Alderson. "Fireworks involve the use of fire and explosives which we know can be deadly." Alderson, Traffic Safety Programs director for the Texas Department of Health's Injury Prevention and Control Program, is also coordinator of the Texas State SAFE KIDS Coalition.

In 1995, more than 4,700 children ages 14 and under suffered from fireworks-related injuries. Two-thirds of all fireworks-related injuries occur in July. Sparklers, often considered the safest type of fireworks, are most frequently associated with

injury among children ages 4 and under, according to Anderson.

Many parents overestimate their child's ability to use fireworks, creating a dangerous environment for injuries. Fireworks-related injuries usually involve the hands or fingers, eyes or head and can sometimes result in amputations, blindings, or even death. More than half of fireworks-related injuries involve burns.

The Federal Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has banned these fireworks from public sale: any firecracker containing more than 50 milligrams of powder, cherry bombs, M-80 salutes, large reloadable shells, aerial bombs and larger firecrackers containing more than two grains of powder. Mail-order kits designed to create these fireworks also are banned.

Fireworks legally available for sale to the public can be dangerous if not used properly. They should never be treated as toys, Anderson said. He urges everyone to obey fireworks laws and remember these safety guidelines:

- Only adults should handle fireworks. Tell

children they should leave the area immediately if their friends are using fireworks.

- Discuss safety procedures with your children. Teach children to "stop, drop and roll" if their clothes catch fire. Make sure they know how to call 9-1-1. Show them how to put out fires by using water or a fire extinguisher.

- Read labels and carefully follow directions. All fireworks must carry a warning label describing necessary safety precautions.

- Never use fireworks indoors.

- Be sure spectators are out of range before lighting fireworks.

- Never aim or throw fireworks at another person.

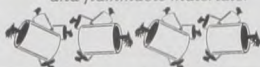
- Never place your face or any other body part over the fireworks.

- Never try to re-ignite fireworks that malfunction.

- Keep a bucket of water handy.

- Never carry fireworks in your pocket.

- Only light fireworks on a smooth, flat surface away from buildings, dry leaves, and flammable materials.



Decatur Chamber of Commerce hosts Chisholm Trail Days July 18 and 19

A news flash from the Decatur Chamber of Commerce office as we approach the month of July! The event which we have traditionally held for many, many years in Decatur, known as the "Chisholm Trail Days" will take on a new appearance this year as we combine "Western Heritage" and "Family Fun". We have based our entire festival on recreating for our tourists two days, July 18 and 19, of family oriented entertainment.

Our July 18 date will be filled with home cooked food, talents of our art and craft vendors, entertainment (local and from around the state of

Texas) the Texas Pedal-Pullers Tractor event for ages 4-12, a traditional Youth Ranch Rodeo for ages 1-12 years old.

July 19 will be exciting as our teams of barbecue "chefs" enter their second day of cooking in preparation for the judging of our International Barbecue Cookers Association-sanctioned cook-off. Saturday will also see the beginning of the annual Trail Ride through open ranchland, highlighted with a hamburger cookout for riders. Other activities from Friday include the antique car show, petting zoo, chuck wagon exhibits, and food and craft vendors. Saturday will be highlighted by an adult ranch

rodeo and country and western dance.

Throughout the two days local civic groups, businesses, and school groups will be there to welcome each of you to our city and our festival. You will find plenty of safe parking available as we hold the two-day event at the Wise County Sheriff's Posse Grounds on Hwy. 51 South. The Decatur Chamber of Commerce will be set up Friday morning at 10 a.m. and will be on hand until 11 p.m. each of these fun-filled days. We hope you believe in Texas and your Western Heritage and that you will mark your calendars for July 18-19 in Decatur, Texas!!

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The Sound of Music slated for July

The final collaboration between the legendary Rogers and Hammerstein was destined to become the world's most beloved musical, and it is this most beloved classic that will serve as the season finale for Butterfield Stage, as they begin performances of *The Sound of Music* on July 10. Featuring such lyrical favorites as "My Favorite Things", "Do-Re-Mi" and "Climb Every Mountain", this musical production has delighted audiences continuously since its initial premiere in 1959. Reservations for this BSP season finale will be accepted from the theatre's season members beginning Monday, June 23 and from the general public beginning Monday, June 30. The theatre box office is open Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2 - 4 p.m.

The Sound of Music, developed from "The Story of the Trapp Family Singers", revolves around the high spirited postulant, Maria, who is dispatched from her religious life to serve as governess for the seven children of a widowed naval captain. It is Maria's growing rapport with the youngsters, coupled with her generosity of spirit, that

gradually captures the hearts of them all, including the stern captain. Together, the young governess, her charges, and the captain, form a loving family that is almost immediately torn apart by the Nazi's invasion of Austria. Their narrow escape over the mountains of Switzerland on the eve of World War II provides one of the most inspirational finales in musical theatre.

Cast in the local production are Amber Stone, David Chapman, Regina E. Walter,

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Production dates for *The Sound of Music* are slated for July 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26 at 7:30 p.m. nightly and July 20 and 27 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

July is happy birthday time

"Born on the Fourth of July!" is a line from a popular old song, and it is a favorite of Jim Penton of Rosston. With pride he shares celebrating his Independence Day birthday particularly with his cousin, Montana Kidd (Monty) Penton, age 12, who was born in Caspar, Wyoming on July 4. For several years, Monty lived in Venezuela while his father

was employed by an oil company. Since transfer back to the states, the family lives in Houston. Jim Penton added to the celebration by sending columnist Ann Landers a Happy Birthday card, and observe her July 4 birthday. There are other notables born on July 4, but I don't have mailing addresses. All still get Happy Birthday wishes!

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