

# MUENSTER ENTERPRISE

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# Eddy will be paved, residents protest payment

by Dave Fette

Although most concerned property owners were not in agreement with the professional appraiser that paving Eddy Street would increase their adjoining land value, the City Council voted to go ahead with the project to the limits of the 1997 budget and finish it in 1998. The council agreed that the paving was long overdue and necessary. "It sounds like a good deal to me," said Councilman John Pagel, speaking of the appraisal that stated values on the south side of Eddy Street would only be enhanced by 25% or 50% of the cost of paving. The project calls for base building and water drainage work before tar and chip rock paving begin. Curbing will not be required on

most of this project. (Please see

Other paving projects in Muenster will continue this year, including: Mesquite Second, Elm and North Cedar North Oak Street paving is considered a priority after being held up last year to allow utility line repair before applying the new surface. The two blocks of street on North Oak between Fourth and Six Streets will be ripped up and the base completely rebuilt before applying tar and chip rock paving to the length of Oak from Sixth to Highway 82. The city hopes to start on North Oak within two weeks. Other streets are currently underway

A request to install street

and on Endres Street was tabled awaiting more residential input.

The council adopted ar ordinance concerning retail food service sanitation to make requirements less stringent for snow cone stands.

City garbage disposal rate will increase starting in October The council accepted the lowes bid from Bell Group of Wichit-Falls for solid waste collection and disposal. Residential garbag rates will increase from \$10.0 to \$11.75. Commercial rates will also increase. For example, the charge for a 3-cubic yard dumpster picked up once a weel will increase from \$34.04 pe month to \$41.00.

citation for unsightly yard conditions on Sixth Street. "This

is a disgrace, right in front of Sacred Heart School. Let's let the municipal judge decide what to do about it," said Mayor Weinzapfel.

The next City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 2, 7:30 p.m. at City Hall

The council approved an amended contract with Cooke County for only one year after discussion about rural fire protection. It has been a subject of much controversy with Cooke County wanting the Muenster Volunteer Fire Dept. to operate over a large rural area, respond to emergency calls and fires and provide their own insurance coverage. The city insurance premium has increased because of rural protection. Mayor

Veinzapfel commented that EMTs get paid for calls while ur fire department gets nothing. don't think the commissioners re fair about this. They are not ddressing the cost of operations or accepting responsibility for ability." The Muenster Volunteer ire Dept. is currently under a 0-day verbal extension of last

should be considered by the commissioners Monday.

The Municipal Swimming Pool will close for the season and

Other routine items were tabled or approved. A budget workshop was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Aug. 25 and monthly bills totaling \$69,839.22 were approved for payment.

# Public hearing held to discuss paving

by Dave Fette

"It's not an exact science," said property appraiser Bill Williams, "but by comparing the properties in question to other comparable property in the area, I apply my experience and judgment to place a value to an improvement to a property." Williams explained his appraising procedure at Monday's public hearing at City Hall.

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Part of the paving assessment procedure, the appraisal is a professional estimate of whether street paving will enhance the value of adjacent property enough to offset the cost of the paving. Unpaved portions of Eddy Street and short, adjoining sections of Walnut and Hickory Streets, all on the south side of Muenster were in question. Williams said that property on the south side of Eddy that actually lies in a flood plain would only be enhanced by 25 percent of the cost of paving the street. Other land to the east would be enhanced by 50 percent. Land on the north side of Eddy, including that adjoining Walnut and Hickory Streets, would be enhanced in value at least as much as the full cost of paving the streets. The city can only assess paving costs to landowners to the amount their property value should be increased. The

Street is \$10.51 per running foot of frontage.

Most property owners argued that their land values would benefit only if they developed their land and none had plans to do that. They asked questions about the paving method, water drainage, proximity to the sewer plant and state highway right-of-way control.

City Administrator Steve Broyles and Street Commissioner John Pagel answered questions, along with Williams. The city wants to pave the streets to enhance property perimeters and complete the circuit around town, to make the area quieter and to eliminate the heavy dust problem. The city's policy is that property owners pay 90 percent of the cost of paving and the city pays 10 percent. Then, the city assumes the cost of street maintenance. State law requires that the city go through the

Mayor Henry Weinzapfel conducted the hearing with explanations from Williams and two minutes for each interested party to state opinions or ask questions. Some also had follow-up questions or statements. The hearing lasted from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Most of those at the hearing did not oppose the paving, but they certainly opposed paving.



Jack Biffle gets a hit for Muenster in last weekend's Jaycees' Little League Tournament. Watch next week's Muenster Enterprise for story and more photos.

Dave Fette Photo

#### GOOD NEWS!

Muenster ISD Board

holds special meeting

Ask the Lord for rain in the time of the latter rain.
The Lord will make flashing clouds; He will give them showers of rain, grass in the field for everyone.

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Oon't forget the Muenster VFD Barbecue Saturday in

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# Commissioners contemplate area fire department issues

by Janet Felderhoff

consideration by Cooke County Commissioners at their July 28 regular meeting could result in improved rural fire fighting capabilities for area volunteer fire departments.

stated EMS director Bot Harbin. "In about 40 percent of our county we cannot talk to the volunteer fire departments nor can we hear them. We have 31 fire trucks in the county. Fifteen of the vehicles currently have VHF capabilities. WE made application to INSA for a VHF repeater channel. They have approved it and all we are waiting for is Federal Communications Conditions to issue the license."

Cooke County Electric Coop has volunteered to allow the volunteer fire departments to put the repeater antennae on their 400 foot antennae and to put the repeater in their building. Harbin noted that

Several bids were submitted for radio repeaters. The one Harbin suggested is used and would cost \$10,894.00, including the cost of work on equipment at the Sheriff's Department.

"We really need a repeate channel," stressed Harbin. "I will allow us to get the fire departments where they need to be. Additionally, it wil allow the EMS to talk to the volunteer fire departments. Al of our volunteer fire departments are currently responding as Firs? Responders on medical and trauma calls. It will also allow the Sheriff's Department and the precincts, if they want, to utilize this channel in the

northwestern part of the county and the northeastern part of the county where nobody can talk."

5,000 available from the Texas Forest Service Communications is their priority at this time and Harbin has been assured that if Cooke County applies for the grant, it will be approved. A console will also be needed in the Sheriff's Department for cross patching of spectrums allowing all departments to communicate.

Commissioners granted permission for Harbin to submit the grant application for the radio repeater channel.

There is a possibility that ambulance fees will be increased. After doing a study of fees and consulting surrounding counties, Harbin recommends an increase of \$100 to the base charge of non-county resident fees and \$25 on the base of residents. He will ask for an increase in the cost of some supplies also He also recommends accepting

Due to the wording on the agenda Commissioners agreed to table those decisions until the Aug. 11 meeting so that the public is aware of the possibility of an increase

Richard Connett of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Gainesville and Stacie Stark of the Decatur office spoke to Commissioners Court on the dry fire hydrant situation. Ms Stark is the coordinator of the Chisolm Trail RCD. She oversees the RCD dry hydrant program.

Cooke County applied to the Texas Forest Service for a dry fire hydrant grant. Ms. Stark said in the past the Forest Service has funded up to \$500 per dry hydrant. For 1997-98 the Forest Service is not offering any grant money for dry hydrants. The RCD program is pursuing some other ways of getting funds for the program, she said.

Commissioner Virgil Hess explained the purposes of dry fire hydrants. "If you've got a rural fire, your major problem is not having enough water. With a dry hydrant you don't have to go all the way back to town, you can pick up water from that tank or pond. It does several things. It lets the fire department have the water supply. It also will lower the rural area fire insurance because you've got access to water."

Commissioners unanimously agreed to pursue the program. A committee was appointed consisting of the nine area volunteer fire department chiefs, Commissioners Richard Brown and Phil Young. They will determine the best placement for hydrants and contact land owners for permission to place then on their property.

"We are now ready to start notification of certain areas of the county under the Rural Addressing and we need to set certain standards," explained Bob Harbin, EMS director. "I have discussed this with the group that is doing the actual addressing. Most of the information was taken from our consultant company and working with other companies who have already put in their Rural Addressing. What this does is makes a plan of exactly how this is going to be done. It sets the standards for my See COMMISSIONERS, Pg.:



Charlotte Klement, Emily Klement and James Hopper assist Muenster High students at Wednesday morning's registraton. Preparing to begin classes next Tuesday, Aug. 12, include from left, Amanda Russell, Jerry Stoffels. Mindy Endres. Telisha Reid, parent Susan Fetsch and Janet Fetsch.

# 1998 United Way campaign kicks off with leader meeting

The 1998 United Way campaign has begun to gear up and is looking forward to meeting a tough \$265,000 challenge. At a meeting of the volunteer team leaders, though, it was clear that campaign organizers believed the formidable goal can be reached.

The strength behind the Cooke County United Way campaigns is really expressed by this year's campaign theme, "The Power of U," said Dr. Ronnie Glasscock, president of the upcoming campaign.

"Successful fund-raising has always been through the efforts of dedicated people such as yourself who are willing to give Glasscock said during the first team leader's meeting.

"The Power of U" is a national theme which reflects the local efforts of individual people. Local volunteers see the "Power of U" theme as exemplifying the strength behind large charitable entities like the United Way. It's a theme of individual effort, one reason that the campaign symbolized by a multicolor

Nichols.

"The United Way works because of the individual," said Nichols. "It's the 'Power of U' that makes a difference in our

trying to die gracefully with the help of a home hospice, it's the contributions of individuals which touch people's lives."

Event organizers profess that whether a contribution is 50 cents, \$50, or \$5,000 - it all helps those who need it most, making both donating and volunteering worthwhile causes

"The Cooke County United Way contributes to local agencies keeping the dollars collected in the local area," said United Way Director Susan Metzler. "It's a community effort that helps improve the quality of life right here at

See UNITED WAY, Page 2

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The Center Restaurant - 2 - \$20.00 GiR Certificate'
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Doug Fleitman Backhoe - 10 Yards Gravel [10 Mile Radius]
Sister's [Kathy Otto] - Silver Tray with Lady Primrose Bath Line
Cooke County Electric Co-op - 1 Security Light
Fischer's Meat Market - 1/2 Beef & Processing
J. H. Bayre & Sons - 10 - 50lb. Bags of Deer Corn
Cooke County Appliance - TVIVCRI/Antenna Signal Switch
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Reading - Christi's Jewelry - Angel Statue
Ben Franklin - McCulloch 32cc Gas Weed Eater
Muenster Garden Center - 1 Roll Weed Eater String
Reå V Farms - 6 - 700 lb. Bales of Sudan Hay
J. H. Bayer & Sons - 10 - 50 lb. Bags of Deer Corn
Robin Hood - A. 50 Golf Balls
B. 50 Golf Balls
Walterscheid Oil Company - 100 Gallons Farm Diesel
JAWS Construction - 1 Metal Porch Swing
Crafty Old German - 3 in 1 Cooler [Pack Chest]
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watching for more details on the upcoming MVFD 4th annual golf to Sunday, Sept. 14, 1997 Nocona Hills Country Club 4-man scramble \$200.00 per team entry 8.00 A.M. shofgun T-shirts donated by 1st National Bank of St. Jo - Muenster Brane Golf towels donated by Muenster Telephone Company.

Hole in one prizes symmored by Klement Ford of Muenster. 1997 Ford Ranger Pirk-up, Bahamas Cruise, & \$250.00 Cash

# Firemen attend school

#### COMMISSIONERS

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department to follow." There will be 1000 addresses per mile. Commissioners approved the requested standards.

According to Harbin they are ready to notify residents in the Tioga and Whitesboro zip code areas should be ready in within the next month. Notifications will be mailed.

In other business conducted at the July 28 meeting Commissioners Court:

Approved purchase/ lease agreement on John Deere 772CH motor grader for Precinct #1.

Approved reimbursement of \$603.71 to two people who attended the annual Historical Preservation conference.

Approved additional requested restrictions to Kupper-Fuhrmann Subdivision regulations.

Approved final plat for Emerald Glen Subdivision in Precinct #2.

Approved indigent burial of Darnell Fink.

Adopted a policy restricting door to door vendors in county buildings.

Approved change of voting

ouildings.

• Approved change of voting place for Precinct # 18 and #21 for August 9 election due to booking conflicts. Precinct #18 voters will go Muenster High School and Precinct #21 voters will vote in the Lindsay Town Hall.

Duane Walterscheid and Bert Walterscheid, volunteer firemen of the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department, attended the 68th Annual Texas Firemen's Training School, July 20-25. The School, attended by nearly 2,000 students representing about 750 cities from more than 25 states, was held at the Texas A&M University campus.

Firemen can choose their course at the school from a list including Fire Fighting, Fire Prevention, Fire Department Officer Training, Fire Department Pump Maintenance, Specialized Fire Protection, and Disaster Rescue Training.

Both firemen were sponsored by the Cooke County Farm Bureau and Texas Farm Bureau and Texas Farm Bureau for Companies big contributing toward the cost of the school. Since volunteer firemen are interested in attending this school to help do a better job of fire fighting and fire prevention, 125 County.

COMMISSIONEDS

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The Cooke County United Way contributes to several local charitable agencies including the American Red Cross, Boys Baseball of Cooke County, the Boy Scouts, Cooke County Friends of the Family, Cooke County Friends of the Family, Cooke County Tr. Livestock Show, Cooke County Youth Center, Community Service Advisor, Home Hospice of Cooke County, Muenster Youth Council, North Texas Radio Reading Service, Special Olympics, Southwestern Diabetic Foundation, Texoma Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, and V.I.S.T.O.

Contributions to United Way efforts can be a general contribution which is divided up between all of the local agencies or earmarked for a specific charitable fund. More information is available from Cooke County United Way volunteers.

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For more information about making a difference in the local community with volunteer efforts or contributions, call the Cooke County United Way at 940-665-1793.

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### Valley View News ...

Fall Festival
The 1997 Fall Festival, is fast approaching to raise funds for the Valley View City Park.
On September 20, the City will raise funds for the park, celebrate Valley View's 125th birthday, and help Sloans Grocery celebrate 50 years of business.
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business.

The day will be kicked off
with a prince and princess
contest. At 10:45 a decorated
bike contest will be held in
front of the school. At 11:00 the
parade will travel down Lee
Street to the Square, around
the Square and down Church
Street back to the school. The
theme is: Valley View through
a child's eyes. Winners will be
awarded cash prizes.

Following the parade, the
fun booths will open, including:
cake walk, bingo, contests,
bean bag toss, and train rides.
Also a quilt show, bake off,
raffle, food, a cook off, and
many activities.

The Fall Festival will be
selling cups and water bottles
for the 125th celebration.

Everyone is invited to bring
lawn chairs to enjoy the Gospel
and Blue Grass music which
will be going on all day.

Young Farmers
Ken and Denise Martin
Pearse recently were guests at
the Independent Cattle Raisers
convention in San Antonio
along with other state young
farmer officers.

During the business meeting of the State Young Farmers, Denise was elected to service as co-chairman of the 1998 State Convention in Midland. She will co-host the awards banquet. Ken will conduct the scholarship fund-raiser to raise funds for the 1998 FFA scholarship.

Yard of the Week
Winners for August were Kevin and Shellie Brule, Ken and Denise Pearse, and Brad and Terric Calhoun.

Personals
Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Roane were honored last Sunday at the Valley View First Baptist with a baby shower.

Tammra Neighbors and Clint Blythe were married in Sanger on Saturday.

#### JELLY plans a grand slam day Sunday

by Kelly Bayer
Hey Junior Highers! This
Sunday at 1:30 come and play
softball at the baseball park. If
you have never played or don't
think you can even hit the ball,
then just remember that the
Sultan of Swat, the Great
Bambino Babe Ruth, who is
known for all the home runs he
hit, also struck out more than
anyone else!

#### Muenster ISD Career & Technology Program

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reading	SHS Inservice Week for Faculty VFW Meeting, 8 p.m.	MISD Classes Begin	C of C Breakfast Meeting, 7:30 a.m., The Center SHHS Open House, 7 p.m.	MISD Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m. CC DIALOGUE Cancer Support Group meeting, 7 p.m., MMH	Muenster Kiwanis Family Swim Night,7-9 p.m.	Forestburg Watermelon Festiva
		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center		
Sunday, August 17	Monday, August 18 SH and Lindsay School begins	Tuesday, August 19 Muenster Library Board Meeting, 7 p.m.	Wednesday, August 20 MMH Board Meeting, 8 p.m.	Thursday, August 21	Friday, August 22  Republican Men's Golf Tournament, 1 p.m., Gainesville Golf Course	Saturday, August 23
		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center		

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# Phil Rigsby, 45, dies on July 30

Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, August 1, 1997, at 10 a.m. in Sacred Heart Catholic Church for Phil Rigsby, 45. He died the preceding Wednesday about 1 a.m. in a one-vehicle accident on Highway 82, two miles east of Muenster as he was enroute home.

home.
Phillip Lynn Rigsby was born in Bonham, Texas, on June 12, 1952, to Walter Lindsey Rigsby and Thelma Jane (Wilson) Rigsby. On Dec. 20, 1969, he married Brenda Gail Henson in Mesquite. The family has lived in Muenster since moving from Bowie ten years ago. He was an avid outdoorsman, loving to hunt and fish. He loved God's good earth and made every outdoor activity a personal religious act. He loved children and young people and was concerned about their health, safety and well-being.

Survivors are his wife, Brenda, and one daughter Paige Renee Rigsby of Muenster, one son and daughter-in-law Mark C. and Karri Rigsby, and three grandchildren, Tyler, Chance, and Wyatt Rigsby, of Gainesville; his parents, Walter and Jane Rigsby, of Mesquite; and a sister and brother-in-law, Phyllis and Bruce Taylor of Irving; father-and mother-in-law, Raymond and Margaret Henson of Garland; two neces, Sarah Bane and Chrissy Taylor of Irving; and two nephews, Jerry Everett of Garland and Travis Bane of Missouri.

Preceding him in death was one infant daughter, Tisa Renee Rigsby, in 1978.

A Vigil and Wake Service was held in McCoy Funeral Home on Thursday at 7 p.m. conducted by Father Camillus Cooney O.S.B. In his message to the family and friends of Phil Rigsby, he developed a theme centering on "Blessed Be The Tie That Binds," reminding them that the ties





Phil Rigsby

Phil created will not unravel, but will become stronger as years pass; each strand and each fiber will reflect the love Phil holds for them, said Father Camillus.

Eddie Ramsey and Pam Fette sang, "Farther Along." After a final prayer and blessing by Father Camillus, "Amazing Grace" was sung by Linda Flusche, Pam Fette, Dave Fette, and Eddie Ramsey. The Mass of Christian Burial on Friday morning was officiated by Father Frowin Schoech O.S.B. Altar servers were Butch Fisher, Joe Felderhoff, and Alvin Hartman.

Participants in the special funeral liturgy included Barbara Fuhrmann Rohmer, who gave the First Reading from Book of Wisdom, 3: 1-9 and the Second Reading from 2 Corinthians 5: 1-10.

In the homily Father Frowin told the family, relatives and friends, in part, beginning with a quote from the Gospel of Matthew, 6:1-4, "Be on guard against performing religious acts for people to see." Father Frowin said: "Phil was acquainted with the Gospels and understood this particular passage well. His life was filled with religious acts, but he didn't do good things for people to see. He did them because they were the right things to do. He was a talented man and used his talents well.

"A devoted husband, a good father, he was a good man in this community... he did more good than can be related in this homily. For instance, he recently visited a sick boy in

our hospital, to give him courage and hope.

our hospital, to give him courage and hope.

"He was a good cook and used this talent for his family and his parish. He helped with the parish picnics and Sacred Heart functions (such as) the annual Teachers Appreciation Dinner. He would sometimes visit the crew at The Muenster Enterprise (late as they worked on Wednesday nights) to share some goodies he had made; he loved to share recipes with customers where he worked. He was an avid outdoorsman who used his talent to be with his children and his friends. With a cheerful and humorous personality, he used his talents to make friends easily... He was ... an expert produce clerk a competent carpenter and carpet layer... he helped paint at Sacred Heart School, saying, as one acquaintance noted: 'he did not want to be one of those people to say no!' Today, we thank God for Phil."

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Russell Fette read Offertory petitions. Presenting Offertory gifts at the altar were Mark and Paige Rigsby.

Eucharistic Ministers included Harold and Jeannine Flusche. Joanie Hartman, Linda Sepanksi, and Lorena Taylor.

Music ministers were Linda Flusche, Emily Klement, Pam and Dave Fette, and Ruth Felderhoff, offering "Joyful, 'Joyful", for the entrance procession; "Psalm of the Good Shepherd", "Amazing Grace" at Offertory, 'God is So Good" at Communion, "Irish Blessing" at the incensing, and "On Eagle's Wings". Becky Robertson sang "People Need The Lord" for the Communion Meditation.

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were Pat Cummons, Terry Cummons, Corey Grainger, Jerry Everett, Lee Long, and Jack Schoppa.

Rites at the graveside included traditional prayers led by Father Frowin; presentations of red carnations to Paige Rigsby by representatives of her second grade classmates at SHS: Nolan Hartman, Joshua Yosten, Nicholas Flusche, Clay Knabe, Kristina Koesler, Kara Felderhoff, Sunni Bayer, and Lauren Sepanski. Services concluded with "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" led by Father Frowin Schoech O.S.B.

# Evelyn Meurer succumbs at age 90

by Elfreda Fette
Evelyn Catherine (Fette)
Meurer, long time resident of
Muenster, died on August 1,
1997 at 2:15 a.m. at age 90,
after a long fruitful life of
service to her God, her family,
her community and
innumerable friends. She died
in Renaissance Care Center
after a long period of failing
health.
She was born on November
24, 1907 in Muenster to John

health.

She was born on November 24, 1907 in Muenster to John Fette and Annie Steffensmeier Fette. On June 30, 1931 she was married to Herbert Meurer in Sacred Heart Church. She was a Registered Nurse, a wonderful homemaker, a member of the Catholic Daughters of America for more than 50 years, a member of Muenster Garden Club, an expert and avid gardener, a talented landscaper and a member of Sacred Heart Church.

Survivors are her husband Herbert, two daughters, Jeanette Meurer of Muenster and Martha Meurer of San Diego, California; and two sons John David Meurer of Muenster and Robert Meurer of Covington, Louisiana. Also three sisters Marge Ratliff of Lubbock, Lillian Gallery of Encino, California and Dorothy Quinlan of South Bend, Indiana. There are six grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents and four brothers, Edward Fette, Steve Fette, Elmer Fette and Herman Fette, and one sister Agnes Seyler.

A Rosary Service was held in McCoy Funeral chapel on Friday evening at 7 p.m. led by Msgr. Thomas Weinzapfel.

Mass of Christian Burial was held in Sacred Heart Church on Saturday, August 2 at 10:30 a.m., concelebrated by Father Frowin Schoech OSB, Msgr. Thomas Weinzapfel of Dallas and Father Camillus Cooney OSB.

Altar servers were Butch.

OSB.
Altar servers were Butch Fisher, Alvin Hartman and Russell Fette.
In the special funeral liturgy, Debbie Hess, a niece gave the First Reading from the Book of Wisdom 3:1-9 and the Second Reading from the Book of Revelation 21:1-5 and 6-7.
Music Ministers were Ruth

Evelyn Meurer

Felderhoff, Christi Hesse and Jack White. Sacred songs included "For You Are My God" at the entrance; "Psalm of the Good Shepherd," at the Response; "Be Not Afraid" at Communion; and "Holy God We Praise Thy Name" for the recessional.

Father Frowin Schoech OSB gave the homily, addressing the family, relatives and friends. He began with a quote from the Beatitudes, Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 5 "Be Glad and Rejoice, for your reward is great in Heaven."

He continued; "Today we are ushering to the Lord a very special and unique lady...(through her hife), Evelyn did for her community, with her (gentle) laid-back personality, her deep spirituality, she made a difference through her husband, Herbert, her children and her unassuming presence in her Church and her community. And because of her we have all been enriched.

"Evelyn Catherine Fette Meurer was the third of nine children of John and Annie Fette. Parish records show she began her journey to the Lord, baptized by Fr. Bernard Zell, with baptismal sponsors Henry Fette and Margarita Fette...She spent her early years on farms (south of town) and then on the Fette Ranch secret and liles north of town. She received her schooling at Sacred Heart School and

Muenster Public; then studied nursing at St. Vincent's School of Nursing in Sherman, earned an RN degree and worked as a nurse in Sherman, Denison, Lubbock and Myra hospitals. She also did private duty for patients who needed that care.

"When she married Herbert Meurer she began a new career as wife, mother and active member of the parish and community. A quiet, elegant and unassuming lady, she became a helpmate, teammate for husband, children and community...She was a class act from the beginning to the end...She lived the Beatitudes of Jesus and taught them through her actions...

"She knew sorrow and pain, especially when she received severe burns caused by an accident in her home in 1946 from a gasoline fire...And she suffered greatly near the end of her its?) (with preverse

from a gasoline fire...And she suffered greatly near the end (of her life), (with never a complaint).

"Now the promise of Jesus has been fulfilled for Evelyn Meurer. Today she is glad and rejoicing for 'her reward is great in Heaven."

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were Clinton Endres, Larry Wimmer, Steve Fette, Henry Weinzapfel, Jason Endres, and Steve Yosten.

Among relatives from out of town who attended the funeral were Marge Ratliff of Lubbock; Sister Mary John Seyler of Jonesboro, Arkansas; Johnann Bezner of Gainesville; Mary and Darrell Adams of Midland; James and Carolyn Ratliff of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Mike Ratliff of Denver, Colorado; Dan and Mary Alice Ratliff, Lisa Ratliff Murrey and Ann Ratliff White all of Cat Springs, Tewas; Sam and Cathy Ratliff of Dallas; Kurt Wiesman of Austin; Agnes Adams and Ann Adams both of Houston; Charlotte Rigler Murrell, Diane Rigler Howard, Joyce Rigler, Jim and Theresa Lehnertz all of Gainesville; Paul and Sylvia Meurer of Slayton, Texas; Agnes Hellman of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Dora Jackson of Azle, Texas; Mary Birden and Brian Meurer all of Denton; and Anita Meurer of Dallas.

# Cory Nissen dies at 17 on Aug. 4

Cory John Nissen of Myra, age 17, died on Aug. 4, 1997, at 11:45 p.m. at Cook's Children's Hospital in Fort Worth, after a long struggle with cancer. Services were held on Thursday, August 7, at 2 p.m. in Myra Baptist Church, with Rev. Charles Howard officiating. Burial in Reed Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster.

Cory was born on Dec. 16, 1979, in Des Moines, Iowa, to Myron and Tina Nissen. He lived most of his life in Myra, and was a student at Era High School. He loved sports and people. He had many friends in Muenster and a wide surrounding area. During his long stay at Cook's Children's Hospital, he became an inspiration to other cancer patients.



Survivors are his parents, Myron and Tina Nissen; sister and brother-in-law Carrie and Adam Wilcox; brothers Colby Nissen and Cody Nissen all of Myra. Also his paternal grandmother, Helen Nissen of Adel, Iowa; maternal grandparents Charles and Mary Etta Heilman of Lindsay; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, and many, many friends.

Preceding him in death were

Friends.

Preceding him in death were his paternal grandfather H. George Nissen.

Pallbearers for interment in Reed Cemetery were Cody Nissen, Colby Nissen, Zack Zielinski, Josh Dotson, Jimmy Bennett, Craig Boggs, Ricky Evans, and Justin Klement.

Cory Nissen

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# Nephew of Sr. Carmelita dies at 26

Kirk Bradley Myers of Fort Smith, Arkansas, nephew of Sister Carmelita Myers, died at age 26 on Wednesday, July 16, 1997 about 10:30 p.m. His 1995 Jeep Grand Cherokee hit an embankment and turned over, ejecting Myers, and pinning him under the vehicle. He died instantly.

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He was a senior account executive for AT&T, a member of Christ the King Catholic Church; and Christ the King Bible study; the Fort Smith Jaycees; the Fort Smith Rotary Club; and the Chamber of Commerce.

Mass of Christian Burial was offered Saturday, July 19 at 10:00 a.m. in Christ the King Catholic Church, with burial at Liberty Cemetery in Greenwood, Arkansas under direction of Fentress Mortuary. Preceding the funeral, on Friday evening, a Rosary service was held at 8:00 p.m. in the church.



Kirk Myers

Survivors are his wife, Jacqueline Lee "Jackie" Myers; their infant daughter, Jordan Hadley Myers, age 10 weeks; his parents, June and Lt. Col. Clarence Cornelius Myers, Jr. of Magnolia, Texas; five sisters;

a twin sister Tammy Myers, and Lori Mapes both of Magnolia, Ramona Falls of Tomball, Texas, Pam Mabry of Houston, and Debbie Green of Altus, Oklahoma; two brothers, Rodney and David Myers both of Hot Springs, Arkansas; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were his brothers Rodney and David Myers; his nephews Jim and Dallas Mabry, Kenny Green and Billy Johnson; and his brothers-in-law Gerald Falls and Mickey Mapes.

Among relatives attending the funeral were Sister Carmelita and Sister Carine.

# **Opinion/Editorial**

#### **Letters to the Editor**

To Cooke County Residents:
August 9 is a very important
election that affects all of us in
Cooke County. It is the
constitutional amendment
which asks voters to approve a
\$1 billion plan for rolling back
local school property taxes. It
also includes a provision for
senior citizens the ability to
move frozen property rates
from one location to another.
The property tax
propositions are the only
amendment on the August 9
ballot. On November 4, 1997,

there will be 14 other constitutional amendments proposed by this year's legislature that will go before the voters.

There will be a small turnout - those who are against something are the ones who usually turn out for this kind of election. Please let Cooke County vote 100%.

#### From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

Will Rogers, American Humorist and actor, was credited with many stories and statements, many true, and some well, up to you.

As a guest at a gathering of Oklahoma, he sat quietly, so one tale goes, and listened with some reservations, while each of the law-makers told of their devotion to the U.S.A. and the years of service they gave their constituents.

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After the braggadocios orations finally came to an end, Will was asked to say a few words. Actually he was being asked to entertain them.

Mr. Rogers, well aware of all the statements made by the polls, began a story of his own.

He told of his boyhood on his father's ranch near Claremore, how his Dad, always trying to improve his livestock, had invested in a fine Hereford bull for a herd sire.

When some of the neighbors

When some of the neighbors noted the better built and

heavier calves on the Rogers spread, some of them struck a deal with Mr. Rogers to have some of their better cows serviced by the Roger's bull, that was kept in a barn a short distance from the house.

Every time someone brought a cow for service, I was sent to the house. I was always curious as to what went on in that barn."

He told of the time when a rancher brought a cow for service, when his Dad was not at home.

The man told the boy, Will, to go to the house, he would take care of the business at hand, himself.

"Well", Will said, "I was so curious about what went on in that barn, I slipped out of the house and sneaked behind the barn and peeked through a knothole, and gentlemen, I finally learned just what you guys have been doing to the country all these years!"

#### small talk by brenda rigsby "Changes: Part II"

In January 1990, I wrote about "Changes" in my life as Phil and and I awaited the birth of our second child. Of course, there were only 18 years separating this birth from our first child, Mark. When Paige was born, it profoundly changed our lives – all for the better. We have been so blessed in our lives – first with Mark who is such a joy, so much fun and so eager to learn. But, as Mark prepared to leave the nest when he was 18, God decided Phil and I would be lonely and blessed us with Paige.

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I still feel the gift of Paige was a result of our joining the Catholic Church – a gift for a gift. Paige has made us so aware of life and love. She is so delightful to be around (most of the time!) and always seems so involved in everything around her.

But, now, I face another major change in my life, which brings us to "Part II." When Phil died on July 30, I not only lost my husband, but also my best friend. We have been friends since the 7th grade – that's a change and a great loss, but one I now must face.

face.

How do I go on without
Phil – make decisions or enjoy
life? I will have to ... for Paige
for Mark and for Phil, who

much about love here.
Phil loved life so much, always smiling and wanting to try new things. I know he wasn't perfect and we had our problems, but his sweet, caring expressions of love always shone brighter than those small gray clouds. I will miss him, but really I already feel him beside me, helping me through this trial.

Which brings me to the point of this "Change." When we were awaiting Paige's arrival, we celebrated in the love and generosity of everyone in Muenster. After we joined Sacred Heart Church, people would just stop us and say, "Welcome to our church... our community." It was such a beautiful experience. And, now, once again my life is evolving and revolving around Muenster. You, my friends, have all closed ranks around my family and friends and shielded us from so much of the pain. The hugs have been so comforting. Everyone who came from out of town could not believe how kind and considerate the people of Muenster are. I was amazed, too, but really I know how wonderful you all are. Every detail was taken care of before I could even think of it. That's what Muenster is all about to pull together and to love one another.

I just wanted to share this change in my life and try to move on. In closing, the other day, I read a sign in front of a church: "God gives special grace for each trial we face." And so He has with me.

## Rep. Hall applauds passage of tax cut bill

Rep. Ralph Hall (D-TX) applauded passage of the Taxpayer Relief Act in the House of Representatives - a bill that will provide a net cut in federal taxes of \$95 billion for taxpayers over the next five years. The measure passed the House overwhelmingly, by a vote of 389-43.

"This is a great step for Congress and for the country," Hall said. "We passed a spending cut bill yesterday that will balance the federal budget by fiscal year 2002 - and we were able to achieve balance while also offering major tax relief to hard working American citizens."

The tax bill includes a \$500-per-child tax credit for children under age 17, reduces the capital gains tax rate from 28 to 20 percent, doubles the amount of profit that homeowners can earn from the sale of a home without paying taxes, and increases the estate tax exemption, including immediate relief for family

farms and businesses.

"I would have liked to have seen more tax breaks, but this is a step in the right direction," Hall stated. Hall is a cosponsor of legislation that would cut the capital gains tax in half and abolish the estate tax provision.

"Businesses - particularly small businesses - also benefit from this agreement," Hall said. The bill repeals the corporate Alternative Minimum Tax for small businesses and allows large corporations to use a faster depreciation schedule than under current law. The agreement also reinstates the home office business deduction and increases the health insurance deduction for the self-employed.

"This is an important victory for individual taxpayers, for families, and for businesses. These cuts should go a long way toward providing some long overdue relief," Hall added.

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"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." — Amendment II to the U.S. Constitution ratified on December 15, 1791

he fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 radically changed America's defense needs. This brought about a reexamination of our national spending priorities. As we try to balance the budget, we must make better use of scarce resources and seek greater value for every dollar spent. Accordingly, Congress has supported the Defense Department's efforts to reduce its size prudently and address changed security threats.

The Defense Department's force structure now is roughly 30 percent smaller than it was in the 1980s. Its budget has also declined to about 60 percent (in real terms)

budget has also declined to about 60 percent (in real terms) of its peak in 1985. We have reduced our military forces to the lowest levels since just before the outbreak of World

One of the little-noticed implications of this changed defense landscape is the increased reliance we now put on the National Guard.

deployment in little more than 90 days

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This is the kind of essential support that makes it possible to downsize our active-duty force without compromising readiness or national security.

Dollar for dollar, the National Guard is one of the best defense investments we can make. In fighting for full funding for the National Guard in next year's defense bill, 1 pointed out to my Senate colleagues that the Army National Guard trains its recruits at only 20 percent of the cost of training a regular Army soldier. That's a savings no one can afford to ignore.

The administration's requested defense budget for next year would have severely cut funding for the National Guard. But in July, the Senate voted to restore critical

Guard. But in July, the Senate voted to restore critical funding for the National Guard (as well as reserve profunding for the National Guard (as well as reserve programs). Historically, with the exception of the period the Cold War, the United States has not maintained a large, standing defense force. We have relied instead on the National Guard and reserve programs.

It would be shortsighted to gut our reserve capabilities at the same time we are dramatically downsizing the active force.

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#### It Was News Then ...

May 29, 1987
Twenty-five seniors graduate
at Sacred Heart High School on
May 21. Bishop Joseph P.
Delaney is the commencement
speaker. Sharon Henscheid is
valedictorian and Craig Voth is
salutatorian. Traditional earlyspeaker. Sharon Henscheid is salutatorian and Craig Voth is salutatorian. Traditional early-summer homecoming picnic and benefit will be held at Community Center on June 14. Muenster Dairy Inn offers free ice cream cone to all children reading a book a week on reader's grade level for 10 weeks from local public library. Sharon Voth Tate graduates at UTA with Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. New Arrivals: Jeffrey Tyler Walterscheid to Phil and Bernadette Walterscheid; Stephen Michael Zimmerer to Gary and Diann Zimmerer. Eric Anthony Endres to Jack and Mary Kay Endres; Stephanie Ann Krueger to Jeff and Shirley Krueger.

50 YEARS AGO
June 6, 1947

Death ends long illness of Mrs. J.S. Myrick, 81, mother of Dr. T.S. Myrick, 91, mother of Dr. T.S. Myrick, 91

with space provided for 200 more. Meinrad Hesse gets award and certificate for outstanding achievement in Soil Conservation work on his farm and for instituting other soil building programs on his own initiative. Loretta Hartman and Emily Fette receive nurses caps in ceremony at St. Paul's Hospital School of Nursing in Dallas.

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30 YEARS AGO
June 2, 1967

Multiple tragedy occurs, striking at Muenster Memorial Hospital, the community and all surrounding areas with the deaths of Dr. Bohan F. Hejduk, 68, and three friends who are victims of carbon monoxide asphyxiation accident in Gainesville. Mrs. Albert B. Knabe, 74, dies following stroke. Bobby Pels is graduate of Southwestern State College in Weatherford, Oklahoma with Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy. New Arrivals: a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Larry Yosten; a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Larry Yosten; a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Larry Yosten; a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Don Wiesman. Wedding: Mary F. Knabe and David H. Kennedy are married in Sacred Heart Church.

10 YEARS AGO June 5, 1987

June 5, 1987
Twenty-nine — seniors graduate at Muenster High School: Two graduates accept appointments to military academies - Drew Bynum into United States Military. Academy and Andy Burnette into United States Military. Academy Red River overflows after heavy rains create worst flooding and major disaster damaging crops, fences, hay livestock, soil, homes, farms fields, pastures, irrigation systems and pecan groves Obituaries: Arthur W Williams at 70; David Owen at 53. Wedding: Doris Lee Vothmarries Ray G. Wagner in St Peter's Church. At Lindsay, High School, Sonya Kay Eberhart and Tammy Huchton are honor graduates. New Arrival: a son for Kevin and Barbie Fanning.

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# Rep. Hall recognized by Small Businesses

The nation's largest small-business advocacy organization has presented Rep. Ralph Hall (D-TX) a certificate of appreciation for recognizing the importance of small business to America and working for small business in Congress.

business in Congress.

"Rep. Hall knows all that small business does for this country," stated Jack Feris, president of the National Federation of Independent Business. NFIB represents small and independent business owners in all 50 states.

passed by the House of Representatives, including reductions in capital gains taxes and an increase in the estate tax exemption. The House bill also contains a reduction in the Alternative Minimum Tax in the form of accelerated depreciation schedules for machinery and equipment.

"These tax cuts are vital to our nation's businesses," Hall said. "They will stimulate economic growth by turning more capital back into the economy, which in turn will produce more jobs and more revenue for the government."

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# Lifestyle

# Kralickes celebrate golden anniversary July 20

Dr. and Mrs. Martin Kralicke gathered with family, relatives and friends to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary in Muenster, beginning with Mass in Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, July 20, 1997 at 10:30 a.m. officiated by Father Camillus Cooney, OSB.

The Kralicke family includes Steve and Jill Kralicke and Travis and Robert; Margaret Cotter, Matt and Kristina Cotter and Kaleigh; Mary and Harry Reinwald and Amelia, Harrison and Sam; Laura and Kevin Pels and Jared, Jeffrey and Marissa; Dianne and Terry Walterscheid and Casey, Tyler, Jordan and Lee; Liz and Michael Harpel and Jacob and Mary Harpel.

The celebration began Saturday evening, July 19 at the home of Martin and Betty Kralicke for traveling out of town relatives and friends. The theme was "TEXAS" with decorations of red and white checkered tablecloths, cowboy boots filled with bluebonnets and red hot peppers, and tied with red bandanas. Dinner was served prepared by the Kralicke family, and included barbecue sliced brisket, homemade tamales (a gift from relatives from San Antonio), fried chicken, pinto beans, Mexican salad, pico de gallo, pickles, rolls, and dessert of cobbler.

The evening was filled with many old memories, laughter and lots of hugs. To end the

cobbler.

The evening was filled with many old memories, laughter and lots of hugs. To end the evening, a special video was shown, highlighting "Doc" and Betty Kralicke. The video was set to music and showed their first years together, their first

house, car, family and friends; their children growing up, and special times in Minnesota, Chicago and Texas. The video was created by daughters Liz Harpel, Mary Reinwald and Laura Pels.

Harpel, Mary Reinwald and Laura Pels.

Theme of the Sunday morning Mass was "Grow Old Along With Me, The Best Is Yet To Be." As a prelude, Cecilia Kafer sang "Ave Maria" accompanied on the piano by her husband Dr. Harold Kafer. The congregation joined in the opening song "We Have Been Told," accompanied by George De Rocher on trumpet, Laura Pels on guitar and Mary Reinwald on piano. Dr. Steve Kralicke gave the Old Testament Reading and Margaret Cotter gave the New Testament Reading and Margaret Cotter gave the New Testament Reading and Margaret Seament Reading and Margaret Cotter gave the New Testament Reading Responsorial Psalm verses were given by grandchildren Travis Kralicke, Amelia Reinwald, Casey Walterscheid and Jared Pels. Petitions and Prayers of the Faithful were read by grandchildren Robert Kralicke, Tyler Walterscheid, Harrison Reinwald, Jeffrey Pels and Jordan Walterscheid, Harrison Reinwald, Jeffrey Pels and Jordan Walterscheid, Marissa Pels. The Offertory song was "Prayer of Saint Francis." Dr. Michael Linder sang Malotte's "The Lord's Prayer" accompanied by Mary Reinwald on piano. Communion songs were "We Are The Light Of The World," and "Grow Old Along With Me" sung by Mary Reinwald and Laura Pels, playing guitar.

During Communion Meditation, Cecilia Kafer sang "In This Very Room" accompanied by Mary Reinwald. The closing song was "Lord Of All Hopefulness" accompanied by George De Rocher on trumpet, Laura Pels on guitar and Mary Reinwald on piano.

A very special, unique gift to the honorees was from cousins. Mr. and Mrs. Jay Heston and Bob Gravelle of Colorado. It was a gold chalice and paten, engraved Dr. and Mrs. Martin Kralicke, July 19, 1947, 50th Wedding Anniversary. The gift was blessed by Father Camillus on Sunday and used during the Mass. It is to be passed on to a needy young priest or mission.

Another special gift to the goldenweds was the Papal Blessing from His Holiness, Pope John Paul II. A certificate was presented by the Franciscan Sisters of Wisconsin.

Following the Mass, the original wedding party, immediate family, and out of town guests met in Sacred Heart Community Center for lunch, catered by Ginny Schneider, a close friend.

During the afternoon, from 2:00 to 4:00, a come and go Open House invited the entire community to greet the honorees. Tables were decorated with white lace tablecloths, tall pillared lighted candles and fresh magnolia leaves. A three-tiered white wedding cake, accented with gold leaves, was made by Betty Rose Walterscheid. Two gold candlesticks, gifts from the Best Man and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Rourke were placed on a table with the original photograph of the bride and groom on their wedding day.

A four-table wide buffet table was laden with pick up foods for everyone's enjoyment, presided over by Ginny Schneider. In one section of the reception area, Betty Kralicke's original wedding dress was uniquely displayed in a

bedroom-like atmosphere, with standing Cheval mirror, small table with hairbrush and comb, Dr. Kralicke's photo, a nosegay and luggage ready for the day's special event in 1947.

The opposite corner of the great hall was decorated and appointed to be used for taping friend's special messages on video camera. Other tables displayed old photos, newspaper wedding announcement, a recent portrait of the honored couple by Mathews Photographers. Decorations were by the Kralicke family, Kathy Nyblad, Betty Rose Walterscheid and Carol Henscheid.

A shower of special cards, letters and flowers were received from "Doc" and Betty's friends in the community, surrounding towns near Muenster, and as far away as Germany.

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Special out of town relatives were Mrs. Arline Huie and Clarence Zucinwa of Westchester, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Gravelle of Duluth, Minnesota; Mrs. Virginia Michelson of Two Harbors, Minnesota; Susie and Jessie Faust of Clearwater, Minnesota; Mrs. Kathy Nyblad of Stephen, Minnesota; Jeanne Hultman of Duluth, Minnesota; Mr. and Mrs. Jay Heston of Federal Heights, Colorado; Bob Gravelle of Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Cassie De Rocher of San Antonio; George De Rocher and daughters Emily and Claire of Uvalde, Texas; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Booker of San Antonio.

Traveling out of town guests coming from a distance were Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Rourke of Terra Haute, Indiana; Dr. and Mrs. Harold Kafer of DeKalb, Illinois; Dr. and Mrs. Michael Linder of Wichita Falls; Mr. and Mrs. James Alder of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Deiter Cloes of Phoenix, Arizona; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Smith of Azle; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Smith of Azle; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dickey of Granbury; Mr. H.N. Eckern of Vernon; and Mr. and Mrs. Brett Weimer of Carrollton.



# Sister Berenice Trachta visits friends in area

Cousins, classmates, and friends met Wednesday, July 30, to visit in the afternoon with Sister Berenice Trachta of San Antonio, in the home of Rose Hofbauer.

The group reviewed school days and shared stories of happenings since Sister Berenice's previous visit. The recall of cousins and classmates included Marcella Janicki and Anselma Falck, both of San Antonio. Mrs. Hofbauer, the hostess, served refreshments.

On arrival in Dallas, Sister Berenice was met at the airport by her niece, Bernice Hellman and husband Damian Hellman of Irving. They went

Measured in Generations

to Gainesville to the home of Dorothy Russell, sister of Sister Berenice, and were guests for lunch. Afterwards they went to Moss Lake where the Hellmans have a cabin and where Damian remained while his wife and aunt came to Muenster.

Sister Berenice made other visits before ending her vacation. Asked about retirement, she said (she is 89 years of age) that she is too busy to think about it. She conducts religious classes and Bible study for groups and individuals. Sister Berenice Trachta lives at Our Lady of the Lake Convent.

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A reunion of the John Fisher family was held on Sunday, August 3, in Muenster Park after a noon mass celebrated by Father Gerry Lardner. Eileen Fisher planned the special liturgy. Many of the grandchildren and greatgrandchildren participated in the Mass. Mrs. Margaret Fisher was the guest of honor. All six of her children and spouses were in attendance along with 32 grandchildren and spouses, 33 greatgrandchildren and 2 greatgrandchildren and 5 greatgrandchildren and 2 greatgrandchildren in a missionary priest teaching at a seminary in Lusaka, Zambia, in central Africa. He is in the United States for six weeks visiting the Fishers and the Mike Lardner family of Lititz, Pennsylvania.





# John Fisher reunion held



From bottom, Joseph Dangelmayr, brothers Albert and J.R. Dangelmayr, Albert's son James and grandson James

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# SH cheerleaders' lock-in a success

by Stacie Miller

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The S.H. Varsity Cheerleaders held a successful lock-in at the S.H. Community Center July 25-26 for girls ages 6 and up. The cheerleaders showed area youngsters new cheers, chants, and dances they learned at the NCA Cheerleading Camp at UNT in Denton, June 18-21. They helped area cheerleaders to brush up on Cheerleading skills, stunts, chants, and cheers. A sleep-over followed a pizza supper and games. Spirit sticks were awarded to individuals for recognition of outstanding spirit. Awards were also given to participants for "Most Improved": Karen Flusche, Kristen Yosten, and Dillena Hunt; "Most Spirited": Katie Cox, Jennie Luke, and Jacqueline Flusche; and "Outstanding Achievement". Ashley Klement, Lilliana Nasche, and Kara Felderhoff.

The S.H. Varsity Cheerleaders brought home numerous awards from camp this year. Every cheerleader on their squad did receive individual recognition for their excellence in jump and were nominated for All-American. They included: Dana Miller, Melanie Bartush, Jessica Berres, Kayla Felderhoff, Leah Rigler, Valerie Bartush, Tammie Hennigan, and Crystal Klement. The NCA Spirit Stick was given to their squad twice including the final day which enabled them to take it home. During the week, they received 6 Blue Superior ribbons and 1 Red Excellent ribbon for daily evaluations of their cheers, chants, and stunts. Their squad was also congratulated with the Herkie Team Award for exemplifying leadership, values, and team work during the week of camp as voted on by the other Cheerleading squads.



Dave Fette Photo

### **New Arrivals**

#### Bartel

Bartel
Terry and Katina Bartel of Muenster announce with pride and joy the birth of a son, Dalton Klancy Bartel on July 25, 1997, at 4:16 p.m. weighing 7 lb. 6 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length, in Gainesville Memorial Hospital. He joins a sister, ShyAnn Bartel, age one-and-a-half. Their grandparents are Walter and Celine Bartel and Roland and Zoe Bell, all of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Margaret Truebenbach of Muenster and Pete Dickerson of Grapevine.

#### Uhlig

Donnie and Mary Uhlig of San Antonio joyfully announce the arrival of their daughter, Megan Elizabeth, at Nix Medical Center. She was born on July 28, 1997, at 12:59 p.m., weighing 6 lb. 10 1/2 oz and measuring 20 inches in length. Grandparents are Arnold and Imelda Rohmer of Muenster and Charles and Edna Uhlig of Poth, Texas.

#### Hess

Hess
Tim and Vickie Hess of Muenster announce with joy the birth of their third son, Jeremy Hunter Hess in Muenster Memorial Hospital on July 31, 1997, at 1:56 p.m., weighing 8 lb. 7 oz. and measuring 21 inches long. He joins two brothers, Tracy Ray Hess and Jesse Allan Hess at home. Their grandparents are Mrs. Agnes Hess of Muenster and John M. and Lenore Barnes of Gainesville, and Joyce and Richard Price of Ponca City, Oklahoma. Greatgrandparent is Johnnie Ruth Thompson of Gainesville.

Strauser
Anthony Strauser and
Lafawn Maxwell of Gainesville
are parents of a son, Nathan
Kyle Strauser, born in
Muenster Memorial Hospital
on Aug. 3, 1997, at 9:20 a.m.,
weighing 6 lb. 6.2 oz. and
measuring 19 1/2 inches long.
He joins brothers Trace
Maxwell, age 11, and Jace
Bridwell, age 8.

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Thank you. Those two small words cannot possibly convey the gratitude we feel to everyone who has helped ease our burden in the recent loss of our loved one. How can two small words possibly show our appreciation to Officer Bob Stovall and DPS Trooper Mike Linnell who were so very caring and thoughtful as they brought the news of Phil's death? Or to the Muenster VFD First Responders who handled him with such gentle care? We cannot thank everyone enough, but would like to mention Father Frowin, who captured the essence of Phil in his homily; to Father Camillus, who brought us comfort at the Vigil; to Dennis McCoy, who guided us and made decisions easier; to David and Pam Fette, Linda Flusche, Ruth Felderhoff and Emily Klement, for the beautiful music during the Vigil and Funeral Mass; to Barbara Fuhrmann, who offered the Readings with love for Phil; to the Eucharistic Ministers and Mass Servers, who were chosen because of their connection to Phil, which brought him closer to us; to Eddie Ramsey, for sharing such a special song for Phil; to Becky Robertson, for all her strength and love and for loving Phil; to Alvin and Joanie Hartman, for being there, for their guidance and support, and care of Paige; to Harold and Jeannine Flusche, for arriving so quickly and knowing what to do; to the Catholic Daughters for the wonderful meal which was prepared and served with love; and to all of you who came to show your love, meal which was prepared and served with love; and to all of you who came to show your love, for all the food, Mass offerings, cards, flowers,

for all the food, Mass offerings, cards, flow but most of all for the strength you have offered. God bless you all. The Family of Phil Rigsby Brenda and Paige Mark and Karri Rigsby and Family Jane and Walter Rigsby Phyllis and Bruce Taylor and Family Raymond and Margaret Henson Linda and John Smith



Sacred Heart and Muenster Junior High Cheerleaders participated in the Sacred Heart Cheerleaders' Lock-In. Below, a young group of future cheerleaders learn a cheer.

Dave Fette Photo

# Briana turns four July 14

Briana Nicole Bindel, daughter of Ben and Tina Bindel, turned a "fabulous four" years old by having lots of "fun" with her "fantastic friends and family."

Her first fun celebration was a birthday party hosted by her Mom at her home on Saturday,



Briana Bindel.
July 12. A chosen "Hunchback of Notre Dame" theme was carried out in Briana's invitations, decorations and party favors. The birthday girl even greeted her guests dressed as Esmerelda and they enjoyed assembling "Hunchback" puzzles. Her festive birthday cake was the stage for a set of Keepsake "Hunchback" figurines, a gift from her parents. Along with her brother, Brandan and sister, Danielle; helping Briana celebrate were her MawMaw and PawPaw Garrett and Great Uncle Pete Vinson and

Quilt Show

heads Melon Festival Aug.16

friends: Lindsey Bednorz, Quinn Sicking, Karl and Lana Fisher, Jessica Schilling.

That evening, her daddy took Briana and her family to see the movie "Hercules" as a special treat for her birthday. Everyone enjoyed the birthday entertainment.

On her actual birthday, July 14, Briana was "honored" all day long by her family. They celebrated with a birthday dinner at Burger King where she adorned in traditional family birthday t-shirt, and her sibings enjoyed playing. They serenaded her with "Happy Birthday" songs and enjoyed cake and ice cream for dessert. She also enjoyed a visit with her Grandma and Grandpa Bindel that day.

On Sunday, July 20, she and her brother, Brandan, whose birthday is July 27, were the guests of honor at a family cookout, hosted by her parents, at the Muenster City Park. They enjoyed swimming and playing with their cousins. They shared birthday cupcakes which spelled out "Happy Birthday" greetings, with their names and ages. A great time was had by all. Helping them celebrate were their sister, Danielle; Maternal grandparents Benny Dan and Edna Garrett and great-uncle Pete Vinson of Jacksboro, Aunt and Uncle Benny Mack and Tricia Garrett, Stacie, Courtney, and Brittany, of Rowlette; Aunt and Uncle Stephen and Renee Zwinggi and Stephanie and Elizabeth of The Colony.

# Attention

The VFW Auxiliary will NOT meet on Aug. 18, but instead will postpone their regular meeting until Aug. 25 District President Tucker will attend for the purpose of her annual visit and inspection.

Cooke County Dialogue Cancer Support Group will meet on Thursday, Aug. 14 at 7 p.m. in Muenster Memorial Hospital. For more information call Mary K. Endres 759-2271 or 759-4546.

#### **School Lunch Menus**

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Thur. - Hamburger w/trimmings, fruit, brownies, potato chips.

Fri. - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, corn, fruit, hot rolls.

Mon. - Pizza - sausage or pepperoni, tossed salad, garlic bread sticks w/ sauce, oatmeal cookie.

Tues. - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, tossed salad, fruit cocktail, hot roll,

salad, fruit cocktail, hot roll, milk.

Wed. - Burrito w/cheese, tossed salad, applesauce, tortilla chips, fruit Jello.

Thur. - Chicken rings, green beans, macaroni and cheese, tossed salad, Wacky cake.

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# MHS Mini-Camp contains cheers, chants and contests

by Joni Sturm

Muenster Varsity
Cheerleaders recently held
their 15th Annual MiniCheerleading Camp for grades
1-8 at the Muenster City Park,
July 15-19. The newest NCA
cheers, chants and dances were
taught to youngsters from local
and area schools. The main
purpose of the camp is to
increase participation and
spirit at pep rallies and football
and basketball games. All
those who participated in the
camp will be invited to perform
in a pre-game exhibition. The
date for their performance will
be announced after the
beginning of the football
season.

A contest was held on the

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A contest was held on the nal day of camp for Allmerican Cheerleader. ominees in grades 1-6 were ndsey Watson, Kaitlin Wilde, llison Teafatiller, Amanda ohmer, Kimberly Bloedel, nannon Grewing, Whitney atson, Robyn Hermes, Alisha alterscheid, Melinda alterscheid and KristicAden.

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Nominees for grades 7 and 8
were: from Era, Krystal Kirby
and Kinsey Boyd; Sacred
Heart, Elizabeth Fette, Ashley
Hess and Audrey Barnhill;
Montague, Ashley Hester and

Muenster with Sacred Heart as runner-up.
Other awards were presented to Montague for Most Improved Squad and The Spirit Award drew a tie between Montague and Muenster. Individual awards were won by Elizabeth Martin, Most Improved Camper; and Amanda Rohmer, Most Spirited Camper.

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Sacred Heart High School will host an Wednesday, Aug. 13, at 7 p.m. Everyone

Country Tidings
by Ruth Smith

Time for the Forestburg Watermelon Festival and Homecoming is drawing near. It will be Saturday, August 16, starting with a parade forming at the new Forestburg School and proceeding downtown. The theme of the parade is "The Best of Rural Life." Everyone is invited to participate in the parade - be at the school building by 10:00 a.m. Seven trophies will be awarded. To be in the judging, entry forms must be returned to Charles Edwards, Rt. 1, Box 138, Forestburg, TX 76239 by Friday, August 15, 1997 by 8 p.m. Anyone can write to the above address or call 940-964-2289. See you there for a day of fun and music, and the cloggers will also be there.

The Montague County Summer Worship services are being held through the month of August. Last Sunday night the service was held at the United Methodist Church in Saint Jo with the Nocona Methodist minister as speaker. Sunday evening, August 10 the service will be at the Forestburg United Methodist Church as

the speaker. Everyone is invited.

Mrs. Odessa Berry and Dr. and Mrs. Jerry McKown of Valley View visited Mrs. Mae Fletcher in Marietta, Oklahoma Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Cindy Ferguson of Gainesville spent the weekend with Miss Lois Bewley. Other guest of Lois during the weekend were Mrs. Agnes Brandon, Rev. Marshell Stewart, Clayton Burks and Vernie Wilson of Denton. Miss Lois Bewley and Mrs. Cindy Ferguson of Gainesville visited Mrs. Bula Mae Berry in Saint Jo Sunday evening.

Mrs. Gladys Balthrop had as her guests Friday Mrs. Sandra Lehman and son Dustin of Iowa Park and Mrs. Kellye Beavers and Nicole of Irving.

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# Three bicycle riders' goal achieved "ocean to ocean"

by Elfreda Fette
These three bicycle riders gave a slightly different slant to "The Third Time is a Charm!" when they achieved their goal to ride across the continent, ocean to ocean in 1997. The three included former Muenster resident Claude Walter, a pharmacist in McKinney, age 58; Doyle High, a friend, and also a pharmacist in Haskell, age 54; accompanied for the first time by Richard Dill, also a pharmacist in McKinney, and also 58.



a fellow bike rider.

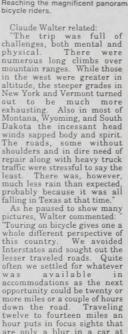
It was also the third time to dip their bicycles' back wheels into the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean, traditionally essential to such a venture.

The first trip took Walter and High from Texas to the Atlantic in 1993. The second venture took them from Texas to the Pacific. The culminating and most recent achievement was a 43 day bicycle trip across America, coast to coast from Portland, Oregon, to Portland, Maine.



remember their nobility, said Walter.
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Fathers across from the Capitol in Concord, New Hampshire. In Delhi, Ontario, the entire clientele got up from their breakfast to have their picture taken with us. The one thing that was universal however, was the hospitality and friendliness shown to us throughout our trip," Claude Walter concluded.

Walter concluded.

Richard Dill added, "We learned a considerable amount

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# **Sports**

### SH Alumni golf tourney winners are announ

The annual Sacred Heart Alumni golf tournament fundraiser was held in Nocona at the Municipal Golf Course. A hot, fun day was had by all. First place winners were awarded golf drivers. Second and third place winners were awarded golf balls. The following is a list of how some teams fared:

Championship Flight - 1st place, Willie Walterscheid, Steve Chism, Jason Hess, John Schneider (-15); 2nd place, Jon LeBrasseur, Mike Hesse, Kenny Hartman, Zeke Hess (-14); 3rd place, Randy Tankersley, Bob Hermes, Jim Endres, Scott Hermes (-12).

First Flight - 1st place, Joe Reeves, Alan Reyling, John Williams, Jerry Willis (-10); 2nd place, Kim Walterscheid, Joe Hennigan, Joe Hoedebeck, Glenn Walterscheid (-10); 3rd place, Roger Endres, Brent Hess, Greg Gieb, Mike Walter (-9)

Hess, Greg Gieb, Mike Walter (-9).

Second Flight - 1st place, Andy Serna, Jerry Serna, Mario, Eddie Serna (-5); 2nd place, Damon Reynolds, Neil Hesse, Ken Hesse, Lonnie Henscheid (-4); 3rd place, Curtis Hesse, Virgil Hess, Earl Hess, Bonny Prescher (-4). Mulligan prizes were won by Ginny Schneider, Tim Schneider, James Fenoglio, and Nannette Henley.



Thirty-two Tigers reported for football practice this week for Sacred Heart. This is the largest team the school has had in a number of years

and will allow for a junior varsity squad. Pictured, C discusses strategy with the players.

### Roller hockey leagues now forming

The fastest growing sport in America - roller hockey - is coming to a new state-of-the-art facility in Denton.

Hat Trick Roller Hockey Complex will open the doors of its new 30,000 square foot complex with league play in September. The grand opening and Roller Hockey Fair will be on September 27 and roller hockey manufacturers will have booths and displays to show off their newest equipment to the roller hockey enthusiasts of the Dallas/Fort Worth area. There will also be special appearances throughout the day by professional hockey players and celebrities from the DFW area. There will be food, door prizes, drawings, pickup games and clinics with funds going to charity.

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Hat Trick is the first facility in the Dallas/Fort Worth area built from start to finish, from the ground up exclusively for roller hockey.

Those interested in playing in fall leagues at Hat Trick are invited to call general manager Jon Ingram at 940-383-8439 to request a registration form and/or more information about league play. request a registration form and/or more information about league play. This initial season will have limited space available on a first come - first serve basis.

Leagues will be provided for five age groups - 8 and under; 11 and under; 14 and under; 18 and under; and over 18. Each age group will be broken into two divisions.

The season will begin in September and run for 12 weeks, including playoffs.

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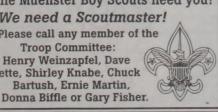
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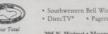
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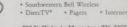
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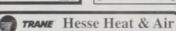
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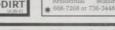
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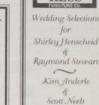
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# Cattle price recovery underway in Texas

To date, Mother Nature appears to be giving Texas anchers a respite from last rear's diasstrous drought. With blenty of rain throughout the state, ranchers continue to see Yrass production in record amounts. Grass production, along with several other actors, combined to create what agricultural economist, Dr. Ernie Davis called, "one of the best Springs for the cattle business in over forty years."

Davis, an economist with the Pexas Agricultural Extension Service, delivered the ptimistic business forecast to Independent Cattlemen's Association members. Considering such issues as domestic beef production, feed grain supply, grass production, and U.S. beef exports and mports, Davis said the outlook was good for producers in 1997. ICA members paid close itention to Davis' slide presentation that contrasted ast year's prices with this rear's forecast. Currently, prices for 500-600 lb. steers are \$81.15 per hundred weight. This compares to last year's average price of \$59.52 for the same steer.

Davis warned, however, that in order for cattle prices to

Davis warned, however, that in order for cattle prices to

reach \$1 per pound, an industry-wide liquidation of herds must take place. Davis said that the rest of the country must take responsibility for future stock reductions. "We've done our share," Davis remarked. "Texas ranchers were responsible for fully one-half of the U.S., liquidation last year."

Illustrating his point, Davis charted future cattle prices with contrasting beef cow herd scenarios. If current herd levels remain consistent, prices will trend downward to the year 2001. If herd reductions continue, prices will trend upward to 2001. Davis said the industry only needs a 38 million calf crop to reach the \$1 per pound target price.

The U.S. cattle industry is to

million calf crop to reach the \$1 per pound target price.

The U.S. cattle industry is, to some degree, a victim of its own success. In 1940, ranchers produced roughly 200 pounds of beef per cow. Today, cows produce 583 pounds of beef.

Though generally confident about the state of the cattle industry, Davis said the long-term health of the industry depends upon exports. "If we are going to expand the demand for our product, it has got to be outside the borders of the United States."

# **County Agent's Report**

PASTURE AND CROPLAND SOIL SAMPLING WEEK AUGUST 8-15

Fertilizer costs can represent over one-half of the early pre-harvest cost of some pasture and grain crops. In many crops, this cost can be as high as one-third of the total economic input. Many producers tend to decrease or eliminate fertilizer in tight economic times, but elimination of fertilizer can be a very expensive decision.

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A special Soil Testing Initiative will be conducted in Cooke County for pasture and crop producers from Aug. 8 until Aug. 15. Dr. Tony Provin, Extension Soils Chemist, is offering county producers a special soil analysis service during this week long period. Producers must take their soil samples and deliver them to the County Extension Office or one of the cooperating fertilizer dealers in Cooke County by Aug. 15. Fee for this service will include \$5 for the routine analysis (pH, NO<sub>3</sub>, P, K, Ca, Mg, Na, S, & Salinity). This is a 50 percent savings to those producers who participate during the two week long soil fertility incentive.

Those fertilizer dealers participating include Tony's Seed and Fertilizer at Gainesville, Tony's Seed and Fertilizer at Muenster, Red River Farm Co-Op at Gainesville, W.B. Hudspeth, Inc. at Era, and Sicking Brothers Fertilizer at Myra.

Producers can pick up a soil sample information form and soil sample sacks at any of the ferti-

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lizer dealer locations on the
County Extension Office.

Your payment for the sample
must be in check form and must
accompany the soil sample.
Checks should be made out to
Soil Testing. Do not send cash.
Producers should take a single
composite sample from each uniform area of 10 to 40 acres in a
field. One sample can represent
up to 40 acres. A procedure for
taking soil samples in, listed on the
soil sample information form.

With the increased need for
proper fertility along with the
cost of fertilization, producers
need to regularly soil test their
pastures and fields. Information
gained from soil testing will help
both producers and fertilizer
dealers in better meeting your
pasture and field crop needs.
When taking soil samples, observe these simple precautions.
1) Avoid sampling spots in the
field such as small gullies, slight
field depressions, terrace waterways and unusual spots.
2) When sampling directly in
fertilized band.
3) Do not use old vegetable cans,
tobacco cans, match boxes, etc.
to submit samples.

4) Do not use heat to dry samples.

5) Be sure to keep a record for

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6) Be sure sample numbers on the boxes correspond with sample numbers on the information sheet.

## Texas cattle numbers up

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.45 million head on June 1, up 12 percent from a year ago according to a report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

Producers placed 570,000 head in commercial feedlots during May, up 14 percent from a year ago and up 58 percent from the April 1997 total. Texas commercial feeders

marketed 500,000 head during May, unchanged from a year ago. Monthly marketings were down 6 percent from the April 1997 total.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 9.61 million head on June, 1997, 12 percent above June 1, 1996. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.89 million, 22 percent above 1996.

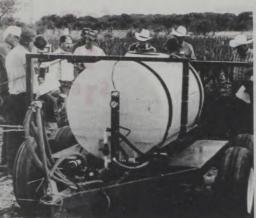


**Eddie Yetter** 

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### "Ag checkoff programs" are upheld in court farmer

The recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling upholding federal agricultural marketing programs, more commonly known as "checkoff programs," for agricultural commodities is good news for Texas farmers and ranchers, directors of the Cooke County Farm Bureau said.

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Under these checkoff programs, agricultural producers must earmark a small portion of each sale toward research and promotion of that particular commodity.

There is strong evidence that farmers have gotten a big bang for their buck since these marketing programs began in the 1930s," the directors noted.

The challenge to the legality of the marketing programs came from California fruit distributors, who claimed they would rather put money into the promotion of their own products rather than into marketing programs that generate generic advertising.

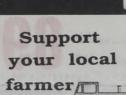
In the 5-4 ruling, the Supreme Court said these marketing orders do no violate the Constitution, and that they do not take away free speech rights of producers who would rather apply their checkoff money to other areas.

The local directors said they are pleased with the court's decision.

Such advertising has been shown to be effective in promoting affordable, high quality farm products to the benefit of farmers, ranchers and consumers.



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#### Scientists find fixed rotation best on dryland

A long term study by scientists at the USDA Agricultural Research Service cropping field laboratory in Bushland, Texas, shows that a fixed wheat-fallow-sorghum rotation is preferable to an "opportunity" cropping system.

32 years of historical soil water and yield data from stubble mulch tillage on wheat-sorghum-fallow (WSF) and continuous annual cropping of wheat and sorghum was used to evaluate the potential of opportunity cropping.

With the opportunity system, the same crop - wheat or sorghum is planted back to back if the soil is wet to a depth of three feet at planting. Moisture depth is determined with a soil probe. If not sufficiently moist, the land is fallowed and planted to the next scheduled crop in the wheat-sorghum-fallow rotation. Grain production on the opportunity system was compared with a fixed three-year wheat-sorghum-fallow rotation. The average annual precipitation for the 32 years (1958-1978 and 1986-1996) was 18.5 inches.

Cumulative 32-year production on the fixed WSF system was 193 bushels of wheat (10 crops) and 463 bushels of sorghum (11 crops). This compares with opportunity cropping production of 135 bushels of wheat (nine crops) and 524 bushels of sorghum (10 crops), scientists noted.

There were only three times in the 32 years that wheat crops could be planted back to back, but there were 10 times that sorghum could be repeated. It was assumed that the yield of the second crop in back to back planting was the same as was obtained with annual cropping of sorghum or wheat."

The scientists concluded that a fixed WSF rotation is preferable to opportunity cropping "due to greater yields on the WSF crops and a reduced number of crop harvests, thus reducing (crops).

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