

## Burning ban declared for Cooke County

by Janet Felderhoff

Cooke County has joined other counties in Texas and Oklahoma in enacting a declaration of disaster due to the threat of wildfire. This is due to the lack of significant rainfall for an extended period along with windy, dry conditions that pose the threat of large, dangerous and fast-moving wildfire which has the potential of endangering lives and damaging property on a large scale.

This state of disaster is being declared solely for the purpose of implementing controls aimed at mitigating the hazard posed by wildfire during the current conditions.

Those who choose to burn in unincorporated areas of Cooke County could find themselves face to face with a law officer. As of noon Monday, July 20 Cooke County Commissioners Court voted 4-0 to prohibit outdoor burning in unincorporated areas of the county.

Commissioners Court met in special session Monday, July 20 to decide on the burning ban proposed by the Texas Forest Service. The order remains in effect until Oct. 20, 1998 unless it is lifted at an earlier date by Commissioners Court.

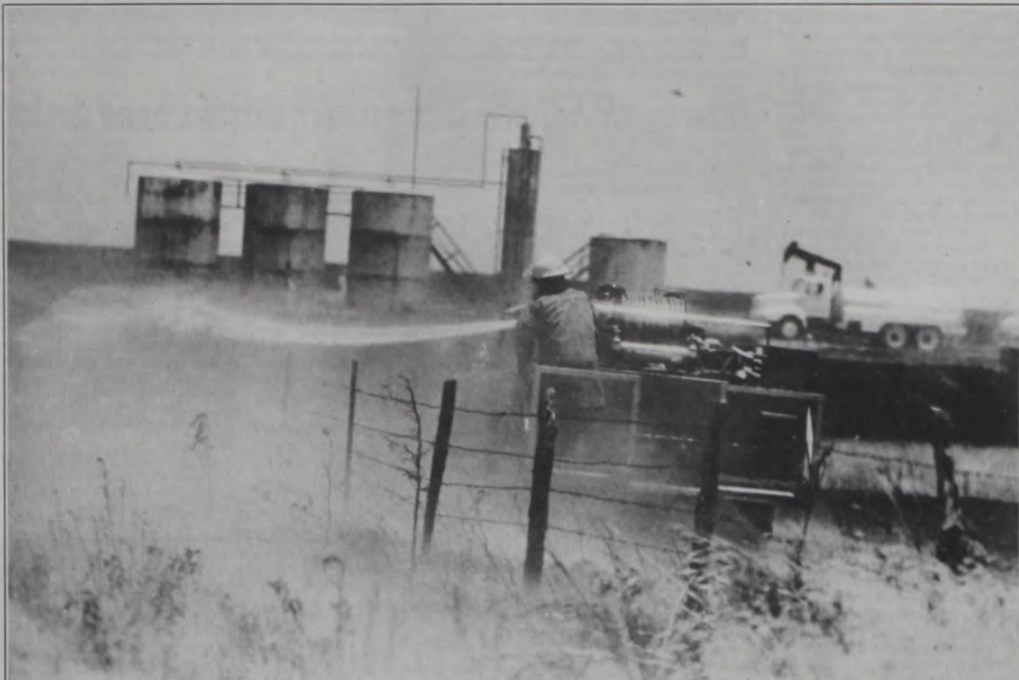
Awareness on the part of the citizens of Cooke County seems to be what has prevented an unusually high number of fires to this point. Most people remember the danger caused two years ago when dry, windy conditions caused fire to threaten lives, homes, and property.

The presence of about a dozen members of volunteer fire fighting organizations from around the county stressed the seriousness of the situation. Most recalled the many fires during the wildfire danger of two years ago and were anxious to have the outdoor burning ban approved.

Cooke County Judge Russell Duncan informed those present that Gov. George Bush's office had faxed him a notice on Friday that they had applied for disaster status for the entire state of Texas. Under the Emergency Management Act, Judge Duncan declared Cooke County a hazardous area because of the threat of fire.

Some expressed concern about the ban only applying to unincorporated areas. Cooke County Emergency Management Coordinator Tom Watson said that in his opinion during an emergency situation the ban would cover those incorporated areas that don't have burning bans such as Callisburg and Oak Ridge.

A person violates the order if he/she burns any combustible



**WILDFIRE!** Muenster Volunteer Fire Department, assisted by Saint Jo and Myra Volunteer Fire Departments, douse flames as they spread across dry prairie meadows Tuesday. The county has ordered a ban on outdoor burning until hot, dry conditions improve. Janie Hartman Photo

material outdoors. When a Fire Department receives notification of suspected outdoor burning, the designated Fire Department will be sent to the scene and take immediate measures to contain or extinguish the fire. As soon as possible a peace officer will be sent to investigate the nature of the fire.

It will be left to the discretion of the officer and/or Fire Chief which offenses will be prosecuted. Even outdoor charcoal grills could be included if left unattended and uncovered. Violation of the burning ban is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 or 180 days in jail.

"What I had anticipated that we (the Sheriff's Office) is going to do is that anybody who is burning anything, anywhere, anytime we're going to take enforcement action against that individual," remarked Sheriff Mike Compton. "It doesn't matter who it is in the county. I would think that's what the fire fighters would want us to do. We'll nab 'em." The firemen present agreed.

Sheriff Compton noted that he felt that charcoal grills and such would be exempt. Judge Duncan assured him that the

### Equipment sparks prairie wildfire

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Muenster Volunteer Fire Department, assisted by Saint Jo and Myra Volunteer Fire Departments, used 3,500 to 4,000 gallons of water, nine pieces of firefighting equipment and 23 firemen to extinguish a grass fire Tuesday. It is suspected that the fire was started from a swather being used to cut hay in a prairie meadow owned by Bill Tom Meador.

The fire was reported at 1:25 p.m. and firemen left the scene at 2:36 p.m. Muenster Fire Chief Herbie Knabe reported that between 70 and 100 acres burned. County Road 431 hindered the spread of the blaze. When firemen arrived the fire had burned up to tank batteries near the road. Fortunately the batteries didn't catch fire. A house and barn owned by Joe Knauf were across the road and could have been involved in the fire had the tank batteries ignited or had the fire successfully spread to grass pastures on Knauf's side.

Knabe said that the fire managed to jump the road and get started in a small area north of CR 431, but it was put out by a rancher with a cattle sprayer.

Most of the fire worked by the Muenster VFD this summer have been started by farm equipment in hay fields, Knabe said.

Hot, dry, windy conditions this summer have prompted Cooke County Commissioners Court, under the Emergency Management Act, to place the county under a declaration of disaster threat of wildfire and to prohibit outdoor burning in all unincorporated areas.

Knabe said that the number of fire calls hasn't been great in this area yet. Humidity in the 30s and 40s have helped, but when it reaches the low 20s and teens he anticipates a bigger problem.

proclamation allows the officers and fire chiefs to use their discretion in each case. "If you're seeing smoke and you go out and it's in a contained deal, I guess that's up to the officer or the chief's discretion as to what he wants to do," said the Judge. He added that if it comes to court the judge could adjust the punishment by dollar amount or jail time to suit the violation with flagrant violation receiving maximum punishment and lesser violations earning lesser fines.

Trash containers create the biggest fire hazards in the rural areas according to Walter Lutkenhaus of the Lindsay Volunteer Fire Department. This is, he said, because people light their barrels and before the fire is burned out they decide to go in the house to check on the kids or something and forget about the burning barrel.

The Lindsay Department has visited with welders working in the area. They can't shut the welders down, but ask them to use discretion to be sure that they are protecting themselves.

Herbie Knabe, Muenster VFD chief agreed that the biggest cause of fires in the Muenster and Montague areas were caused by burning trash

barrels. "One lasted three days two years ago," he recalled.

Another fire hazard during dry times are cigarettes tossed out the windows of vehicles. The firemen are urging people to take great care that their cigarettes are fully extinguished before disposing of them. Lutkenhaus added that he travels the interstate and see fires caused by cigarettes all the time.

Someone asked about cattlemen who are feeding cattle cubes from sacks now. He said the sacks accumulate quickly and there would be problems of what to do with them if they couldn't be burned. Tom Watson suggested recycling the sacks.

"I think that we're just all going to have to be in this together," remarked Judge Duncan. "We can't let one group do it, another group can't."

Commissioners agreed with the Sheriff that for the first five days warnings would be issued to offenders except in cases of extreme conditions or a ridiculous act.

Commissioner Phil Young of Precinct #1 was out of town and not present for the meeting.

### GOOD NEWS!

*The Lord appeared to Solomon during the night and said to him: "I have heard your prayer, and I have chosen this place for my house of sacrifice. If I close heaven so that there is no rain, if I command the locust to devour the land, if I send pestilence among my people, and if my people, upon whom my name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray, and seek my presence and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and revive their land."*

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## Finances main topic at MISD School Board meeting

The investing of bond money was a main discussion at last Thursday's Muenster ISD board of trustees monthly meeting. Dennis Hess and Pat Schinkle, of LOGIC (Local Government Investment Corporation), presented the board with an investment option. The school district has \$1.7 million in bond money, available for investing until needed.

"We want to give you maximum return on your 1.7," Schinkle said. "There is no structured time line, no balance to maintain, and you'll never get a bill from us. You can pull any amount and have it available next day or earlier." Schinkle also noted that LOGIC averages 5 1/2% net on investments, compared to low 4s with a t-bill.

MISD superintendent Steve Cooper suggested that some money be kept local, but the majority could be invested for six months or more until needed. Also, the money is drawing interest now, but not 5%.

"We will work with your time card and make sure you are comfortable with the investment," Schinkle concluded. "It doesn't pay to use a 2 year investment when you can get a better turn around on a daily."

The board noted they would

like to proceed, but will study the plan and decide at a special meeting on Thursday, July 23.

Steve Cooper gave his Superintendent's report to the board, which included:

- The elementary playground equipment will not



Repairs to the Muenster ISD Elementary building continue, including a new roof cover being installed by Structures, Inc., and new curbing by Barnhill Concrete. Janie Hartman Photo

be shipped until August 10.

- Auditorium remodeling should be completed this week.

• Scoreboard and timers stand (damaged by wind storm) repairs of \$6400 were paid by insurance.

- Shared "thank you" from Relay for Life Committee.

• Will have special meeting on Thursday, July 23, 8:00 p.m., to approve bids on new

administration building.

- District must purchase building risk insurance for new administrative building.

• Bob Fuhrmann's last day of employment was July 17.

- Meinard Yosten will quit his part-time maintenance job.

an increase," Cooper said. The board was also given a budget worksheet.

Discussion of new business included:

- An increase of coverage of property insurance to current replacement value with FMW

Insurance Agency.

• Review 1997-98 finances, budget projections and taxes. Cooper noted that based on a daily attendance of 432 students for 1997-98, the district should get a projected \$1,230,000.00 in state money.

The local tax base is listed at approximately \$92 million.

It was noted that the closing of AMPI has created a tax loss

of approximately \$2 million.

Added to the agenda was the approval of purchasing stacking chairs, mainly to use in the auditorium. Cooper recommended a \$29.95 Virco chair, black metal frame with textured vinyl burgundy seat and backing. The best bid was \$20.75 for 550 chairs (500 for auditorium, 50 extra for board room, etc.). Ace Hardware/Ben Franklin Store in Muenster

said they would match the low bid. The board took the local low bid.

Cooper will check on tables like the ones at the Sacred Heart Community Center, 20 to 40 to start with, and have prices ready at the next meeting.

In executive session, the board accepted the resignation of elementary teacher Sheila Jones and Coach Richey Jones. Dana Fredrick was then hired as an elementary teacher and Glen Swirczynski as assistant coach. Also hired were Don Moon as maintenance director, Janie Hennigan as Pre-K aide, and Anna Herr and Connie McAden in the lunch room.

The board discussed the vacancy on the Appraisal District and nominated Leon Klement to the board of directors. New classes and personnel were added to the high school schedule. Spanish III/Economics will be taught by Joe Caserta, and a leadership class will be taught by James Hopper.

The first day of classes at Muenster Schools will be August 11. School registration is August 3 for high school and August 4 for middle school classes. August 5, 6, and 7 are set aside for staff development and August 10 is a teacher prep day.

## Letters to the Editor

**Dear Editor:**  
Now is a critical time for campaign finance reform. The House of Representatives is expected to complete action on the Shays-Meehan campaign reform bill before its recess that begins August 7. Already two killer amendments to the legislation have been defeated, and prospects for passage are increasing every day.

where huge contributions are dominant and where incomplete disclosure leaves voters in the dark.

The bipartisan Shays-Meehan bill (H.R. 3526) would ban soft money, closing the

loophole that allows corrupting and unlimited contributions from corporations, unions, and wealthy individuals. The bill also ensures that everyone engaging in campaign advertising will play by the same rules. And it provides for fuller and timelier disclosure.

The integrity of our election system and the confidence of the American people in their government is being substantially eroded by the current campaign finance system. The Shays-Meehan bill is the test of the real reform in Congress. We urge Representative Stenholm to continue his leadership in passing meaningful campaign finance reform.

Sincerely,  
RosaLeigh Wood  
President of League of Women Voters - Gainesville

The League of Women Voters applauds Representative Stenholm's recent votes against two attempts to defeat meaningful reform with killer amendments. His stand against these two amendments shows that he is serious about reform.

In 1996, we saw an explosion in the use of loopholes to get around election laws. Millions of dollars of special interest money were used to influence the outcome of the elections. Most of it was given in unlimited amounts. Often, campaign expenditures by outside groups were not disclosed to the public. Citizens are being effectively shut out of a political system



Attending the ribbon cutting at the office of Dr. Elaine Schilling Wednesday afternoon included, from left, Patty Hale, Christy Bezner, Susan Cook-Hermes, Elaine Schilling DDS, MS, Bill Henson DDS, Margie Starke, Jewel Otto and Stan Field. Janie Hartman Photo

## United Way announces campaign div. leaders

Ray Nichols, Cooke County United Way President announced the appointment of Patty Haayen as this year's Campaign Chairman. Patty has selected the following after team of workers:

Industrial Division - Mike Land and Terry Tambaugh; Commercial Division - Charlotte Winter and Mitz Underwood; Chisholm Trail Club - Riley and Betty Pevet; Retail Division - Kay and George; F.I.R.E. Division - E Wright; Public Employee - Cathy Payne; Oil and Gas Division - Lori Miller; Muenster Division - Kath Bauer; Valley View Division - JoAnn Sessums; Era Division - Mary Ellis; Callisburg Division - Larry Smith and Do Metzler; Lake Kiowa Division - Jay and Pat Freeman; Service Division - Tricia West; Professional Division - Kare Estes; Special Gifts Division - Charles Draper; Lindsa Division - Jerry Metzler; Sivells Bend Division - Barbara Pybas.

Patty has a wonderful hardworking team assemble who will be successful in reaching this year's campaign goal. Kick-off luncheon is set for Friday, September 11 at noon at the Gainesville Civic Center.

## What will happen if the water district bond fails?

by Steve Broyles, City Administrator

*NOTE: This is the eighth article on the Muenster Water District Bond Election.*

If the Water District bond election fails on August 8, it would have a drastic impact on the future of the City of Muenster. Currently, the City of Muenster is blessed with five good water wells. However, as the Trinity Aquifer is depleted and the water levels drop, eventually, there will be no municipal water for city residents or businesses because the city wells will be dry or else have poor water quality. Wayne Grewing's Letter to the Editor a few weeks ago was an excellent summary of the situation. *Passage of the bond election is crucial to the future of our children, city residents, and businesses!*

In addition to losing good water, there are other issues which would arise if the bond fails. For instance, Muenster Water District may cease action in building the lake. This would probably result in legal action against the city and the Muenster Water District. There could be a federal suit because there is a contract between the Muenster Water District and the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to build the lake for flood control and recreational purposes. NRCS has already paid Muenster Water District \$224,014. These federal funds would probably have to be refunded. In addition, there could be a state suit since the Texas legislature established Muenster Water District for the specific purpose of providing municipal water from the lake. Fighting these legal battles would cost the taxpayer additional legal funds, which could greatly increase the cost of the lake. The legal ruling on ceasing to

build a dam is unknown, as is the legal cost.

If the bond fails, the lake and park and recreation area will not be built in the near future. Thus, a local recreation opportunity would slip away. Keep in mind that taxpayers have already paid \$2.3M and would continue to pay taxes through the year 2015 for outstanding bonds. Thus, taxpayers would have paid over \$4M, with no lake or water supply to show for having spent these funds.

If the lake is not built, then Muenster Water District would lose its water rights permit to the reservoir. When this project started in the late 1970s, Muenster residents and

officials fought hard to obtain these water rights. Without the funds and the lake, the water rights would be lost. It is possible that Dallas could obtain these water rights.

Finally, Muenster Water District would have to decide what to do with the purchased land. It could also seek other, more expensive means of funding the lake project. If the bond fails, the main losers would be city residents and businesses. *The bond is essential for future drinking water and for the future of Muenster!*

Next week's article will discuss the maintenance tax proposition and how it may affect property taxes.

## From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

If you haven't seen me around lately, it's because of a complete right hip revision done on June 23, 1998, which kept me in Community Medical Center and Re-Hab in Sherman for 17 days. Since July 10, I am a shut-in, except for three visits per week to Muenster Memorial Hospital for more Physical Therapy.

Well, the new joint feels good, and with the aid of a walker it is bearing about half my weight with no pain.

Hopefully the next three weeks will see me walking on my own again.

The group of young folks who work in Re-Hab in Sherman (they all seem young to me), are a great bunch, and just being around them with their quick smiles and laughs and their openly friendly and helpful manner makes one feel good, and they say that's what they are there for.

Early on I had plans for the 4th of July, but that all went up in smoke, but then not all

was lost.

Friday, July 3, I was rousted out of my room and told I had some things to do in the activity room. Little did I know I would spend the next 1 1/2 hours peeling potatoes along with my good roommate Richard Lewis. Between the two of us, we peeled 20 lbs. of spuds and didn't even know what use they would be put to.

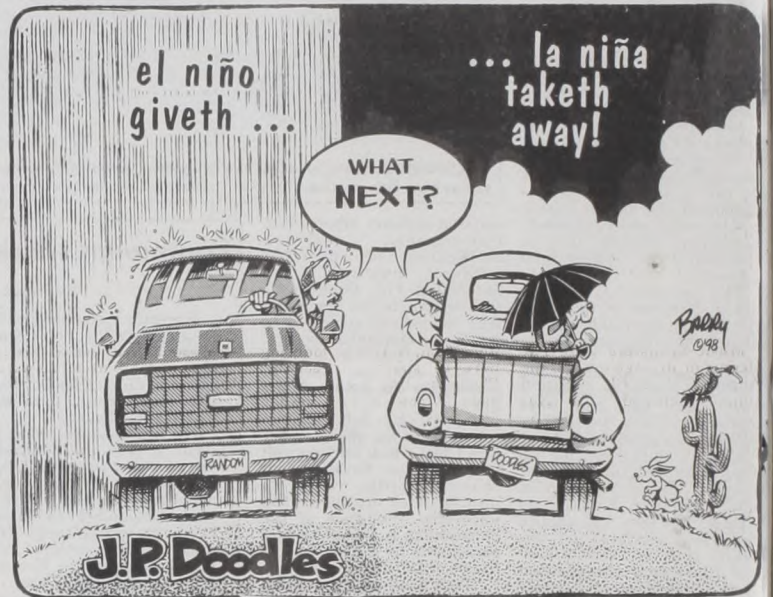
Every member of the Re-Hab, staff as well as patients, were busy, I finally learned, preparing a cookout for the Fourth of July.

Shortly after noontime we all sat down to stuff ourselves with delicious burgers, hot dogs, potato salad, chips and dips, and our choice of drinks, plus desserts and home-made ice cream.

To make the cookout even more enjoyable, many family members joined in, giving it a touch of home, and we all decided it was a darn good Independence Day celebration after all.



Emily Endres prepares to spin the Cake Walk Wheel at Sacred Heart's Annual Picnic last Sunday. Her mother, Mary Endres, holds the winning cake. Janie Hartman Photo



## Correction!

The story line from the front page article of 7-17-98 re: Yvonne Ambrose certified Nurse Practitioner should have read Yvonne Ambrose FNP joins Family Health Clinic. She had not taken the National Certification exam at the time the article was published.

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Sunday, July 26	Monday, July 27	Tuesday, July 28	Wednesday, July 29	Thursday, July 30	Friday, July 31	Saturday, August 1
		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	Mountain Springs Musical - 8:30 P.M.	
Open House for Dr. Audrey Morrill at Family Health Clinic, 9 A.M.-1 P.M.	TDH Immunization Clinic, 9-11 A.M., Cooke Co. Co-op MHS Registration 12th: 8-10 A.M., 11th: 10-12 A.M., 10th: 1-3 P.M., 9th: 3-5 P.M. Sacred Heart - 1st day of football practice City Council Meeting, 7:30 P.M.	Muenster Middle School Registration 8th: 8-10 A.M., 7th: 10-12 A.M., 6th: 7-8 P.M.	C of C Board Meeting, 5 P.M., C of C office	Muenster ISD Staff Development	Kiwanis Swim Night, 7-9 P.M., Muenster Pool	Muenster Vol. Firemen BBQ and Raffle, 6 P.M.
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# Robert Hoenig dies at 43

by Elfreda Fette

Robert Dale Hoenig of Roxton, Texas died at age 43 on Monday, July 13, 1998 at Bonham State Park. Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, July 16 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church, officiated by Father Chris Steinle OSA of St. Mary's Church.

He was born on Feb. 21, 1955, in Dallas to Rupert and Imogene (Jeanne) Neu Hoenig. He was their first-born son. In February 1986 he married Velda Thomas. He belonged to the Catholic Church, and was a computer programmer by profession.

Survivors include his wife, Velda Hoenig of Roxton; his parents Rupert and Jeanne Hoenig of Lake Kiowa; stepsons and daughters-in-law, Chris and Wendy Garner of Dallas, and Jon and Andrea Garner of Dallas; his grandfather Joe Hoenig of Muenster. Also brothers and sisters-in-law Gary Hoenig of Gordonville; Danny and Kathy Hoenig of Dresden, Germany; Steve and Wendy Hoenig of Lake Jackson, Texas; Donald Scott and Candice Hoenig of Carrollton; Walter and Patricia Hoenig of Austin; Randy and Lynn Hoenig of Brenham; Brian and Monica Hoenig of Austin. Also a sister Carol Jean Hoenig of Euless; and his mother-in-law Betty Thomas of Roxton.

A Rosary Service was held at Clement-Keel Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Burial in New Rest Haven Cemetery was conducted by Clement-Keel Funeral Home of Gainesville. Pallbearers were his brothers Gary Hoenig, Danny Hoenig, Donald Scott Hoenig, Walter Hoenig, Randy Hoenig and Brian Hoenig. Honorary pallbearers were his stepsons Chris Garner and Jon Garner.

In the Mass of Christian Burial, officiated by Father Chris Steinle OSA, the Offertory petitions and Prayers of the Faithful were read by Carol Jean Hoenig, sister of Robert.

Eucharistic Ministers were family friends, members of St. Mary's Parish.

Music Ministers were Pat Hennigan, Jr. organist and the Angels of Mercy Choir. Sacred songs included: "Be Not Afraid," "One Day At A Time," "All That We Have And All That We Offer," and "How Great Thou Art."

The eulogy was given by Steve Hoenig, brother of Robert Dale Hoenig. In part, Steve told about "Bobby traits" and "Bobby stories" ... Steve said

that Bobby was the oldest of nine, eight boys and one girl. "We all grew up under Bobby's watchful eye and guidance, sometimes we thought, too much. Bobby always did everything first - he played baseball and football, so we played baseball and football... he threw papers, so we threw papers...he got a job, so we got a job...and how he could eat! I remember how he could eat a whole loaf of bread while watching TV - and just before dinner. I remember he would bring teammates home from R.L. Turner High School "for snacks," and Mom would prepare food to feed an army!...In awe, I watched everything he did. He received a football scholarship, but enlisted in the Army instead. After the Army he got into computers. He was a computer geek in the 70s and 80s...He was much ahead of his time!...

"He was always eager to lend a helping hand, and was beloved by many elderly folks...He loved to umpire for Little League games...he was always smiling, and generous with his time...he never missed a family reunion, he was always there having a good time!...My sons say 'Uncle Bobby always caught the most fish!...He loved his two stepsons and his nieces and nephews."

"Bobby loved to watch the Dallas Cowboys and the Texas Rangers. He could not just sit and watch the Cowboys, he danced around the TV set yelling at them. But the Rangers! Bobby would listen to the Rangers, so focused on the game...if the Rangers were behind in the bottom of the ninth, with runners on, and Pudge at bat, the sky could fall, the waters rise and Bobby would not know it!...At other times, as my wife said, he could be a Big Old Teddy Bear, or a 6 ft. 5 in. Elf for Santa's helper to please his nieces and nephews...Bobby loved his mother and dad and took care of them as first born children often do...And he was his beloved wife, Velda's best friend...and she will miss that above all else..."

"Our message to all of you, from them, is 'Thanks for being here to share our sorrow. Please do this for us. Share your sorrow with everyone here. Cry with them. That is the first step toward healing your broken heart.' Finally, as my sons said, 'A person's life is like a book...Uncle Bobby wrote a pretty darn good book. It ended too soon, leaving us with memories. Now share those memories with each other.'"



Mike and Dave Borden know how to prevent heat-related problems by taking a break and drinking plenty of water. Janie Hartman Photo

# Dance, raffle raise money for local Democrats

The Cooke County Democratic Club sponsored a very successful western swing dance last Friday night at the Gainesville K.C. Hall. The dance floor was filled with couples enjoying a variety of music from country and western, some cowboy music, and lots of old Bob Wills tunes, played by Grammy Award winner and former Texas Playboy, Bob Boatwright and his band, the Bar H. Cowboys.

The crowd came from not only Cooke County, but Montague and Grayson, Tarrant, Dallas and Oklahoma City. Besides local candidates, State office seekers attending were: Gregg Underwood, running for State Senate, District 30; Brenda Rotramble from Decatur, running for State Representative, District 61; Sam Thorpe from Sherman, running for State Representative, District 62; local candidates attending were Bill Harris, running for County Judge; incumbent Evelyn Walterscheid, running for County Clerk; incumbent Virgil Hess, running for County Commissioner, Precinct 4; Kathy Ullman, running for District Clerk; Harold Chaney, running for County Commissioner, Precinct 2; and Judy Hunter, running for County Treasurer. Also in attendance were Judge Horace Groff from Sherman, Cooke County Commissioner Jerry Lewis and Cooke County Democratic Chairman, Larry Claxton was emcee.

Plans were made for invitations for future speaking engagements for candidates from area community and civic clubs and several pot luck suppers. Watch for further announcements regarding places, times, etc. The fish fry scheduled for August was postponed until cooler weather, and the date will be announced soon.

For more information or for candidate speaking engagements, call the Democratic headquarters at 668-6870.

# Perry applauds Bush's request

"I applaud Gov. George W. Bush on his push for disaster declarations for every Texas county. Our farmers and ranchers are facing unprecedented economic losses this year because of the drought, and many of these producers need whatever help they can get."

"The Governor's Office understands the need to expedite the disaster declaration process in Texas and has worked to get each disaster request to Washington in a timely manner. Now it's time for the federal

government to cut through the red tape and speed up the declarations.

"Many farmers across the state have been watching their crops dry up under the relentless heat and record high temperatures. Livestock producers have started liquidating their herds because they have no pastures or forage supplies. This is the human side of this year's drought. These are the hard working farmers and ranchers who cannot afford to wait for any delays."

Summertime in Texas means outdoor fun. Unfortunately, it's also the season when thousands of people in Texas are affected by heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Heat exhaustion occurs when the body's circulation system fails to maintain normal functions because of excessive loss of body fluids and salts. The illness results from heavy sweating during strenuous activity or from being enclosed in hot and stuffy areas.

Symptoms of heat exhaustion include dizziness, headache, profuse sweating, elevated temperature, and cool and clammy skin texture. "Left untreated, heat exhaustion can rapidly escalate to heat stroke, an emergency type of heat illness," says Gene Weatherall, chief of Texas Department of Health's Bureau of Emergency Management.

Heat stroke, a life-threatening emergency, kills about 4,000 people in the U.S. in an average year. In heat stroke, the body's temperature-regulation system fails, and as water and salt supplies dwindle, body temperature rises to extreme and deadly levels. This heightened temperature can lead to severe damage to the brain, liver or kidneys. Symptoms of heat stroke are similar to those of heat exhaustion, but more extreme. Body temperature usually exceeds 105 degrees Fahrenheit and the skin becomes red, dry, or very hot.

If you need to treat someone for heat exhaustion, first move to a cooler location, then elevate the patient's feet. Remove or loosen any tight clothing and apply cool compresses with a wet cloth to the head, neck, armpits and groin. Do not apply ice directly to the skin; make sure the victim does not become cold enough to shiver. Have the person drink one-half cup of

water or a watered-down sports beverage every 15 minutes. Avoid beverages which contain caffeine, alcohol or a high sugar content, and if the person is vomiting, do not give anything to drink. After conditions improve, a heat exhaustion victim needs to be seen by a medical professional. If conditions do not improve, seek immediate medical attention.

Heat stroke victims need emergency medical attention. An ambulance should be called immediately. Follow the same initial treatment used for heat exhaustion. Move the person to a cooler place, remove or loosen tight clothing, and cool the individual by wrapping him with wet sheets. Do not give the victim anything to drink, not even water. Do not apply ice directly to the skin, and make sure the victim does not get cold enough to shiver.

Both heat exhaustion and heat stroke can be prevented by following a few simple precautions.

- Never leave anyone - including animals - in closed, parked vehicle during hot weather.
- Drink plenty of fluids, such as water and juices, and avoid beverages which contain alcohol, caffeine and large amounts of sugar.
- Plan strenuous activities for early or late in the day when it is cooler; then, gradually build tolerance for warmer conditions.
- Stay indoors and in air-conditioned environment as much as possible unless your heat tolerance is well-established. If air-conditioning is not available, use fans to cool rooms and pull shades over windows. Open windows on opposite sides of a room for cross-ventilation.
- Eat more frequently, but make sure meals are well-balanced and light.
- Consult with a physician to determine the effects of sun and heat exposure while taking prescription medications such as diuretics, antihistamines or mood-altering or antispasmodic drugs.
- Remember that babies don't tolerate heat well because their sweat glands are not fully developed. Avoid bundling babies in heavy blankets or heavy clothing.
- Check frequently on ill or elderly friends or relatives who may need your help.
- At first signs of heat illness (dizziness, nausea, headaches, cramps), move to a cooler location, rest for a few minutes and slowly drink a cool beverage. If conditions do not improve, seek medical attention immediately.
- Don't forget to protect your skin by wearing sun block at all time to minimize exposure to the sun's harmful rays.

# Is your neighborhood safe?

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County Criminal Justice Community Plan, 10 a.m., August 27, at the Gainesville Civic Center, 311 South Weaver, Gainesville.

This plan will be used to guide law enforcement, crime prevention, and victim service programs in this area. The criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office and many Federal agencies base funding decisions on your local plan, if you have an idea, a solution or a concern, this is your turn to be heard. If unable to attend, or need more information, call Sheila Gawne, Criminal Justice Planner, Texoma Council of Governments, 1-800-677-TCOG Ext. 577.

Raffle ticket winners for the Remington 870 shot gun were Donnie Walterscheid and for the Lindsay House \$250 gift certificate, the winner was Vickie Hess. Both drawing winners were from Muenster.

The Democratic Club meets monthly and the next scheduled meeting is the first Thursday of August (instead of the usual Tuesday) and will be at a local restaurant, to be announced later. The July meeting was well attended by local democrats and candidates, and guests Brenda Butramble of Decatur and Jack Kennedy of Sherman, Grayson County Democratic Chairman.

**Thanks a million to the Volunteer Fire Departments of Muenster, Myra and Saint Jo for their help in putting out the grass fire northwest of Muenster on Tuesday.**

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# Lifestyle

## Arnold & Dolores Friske honored on 60th anniversary

by Elfreda Fette

Surrounded by their family, daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and a host of friends and relatives, Arnold and Dolores Friske celebrated 60 years of marriage when they were honored at an all-day event held in St. Mary's Parish Hall on June 27, 1998.

Family and close friends gathered for a noon meal catered by the Hermes Sisters. Father Reinhart offered the blessing. A short family history was read by Lisa Walterscheid, oldest grandchild.

Open House from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. was attended by a large number of friends, neighbors and other guests from out of town. Guests enjoyed cake and punch and a buffet of cheeses and wine. The three-tiered anniversary cake was decorated with white roses and icing ruffles. Tiers were supported by crystal pedestals.

Gifts from their great-grandchildren included a corsage of white roses, a white rose boutonniere and a crystal rosary handmade by Collin and

Melinda Walterscheid.

The parish hall and reception area were decorated with white rose topiary trees on each guest table. The honored couple's table held a floral centerpiece of two red roses for their two daughters, Gwen Trubenbach and Elaine Daderio; six pink carnations for their living grandchildren; a single white rose for the deceased granddaughter, Beverly Sterling; and twelve white mini-carnations representing the great-grandchildren.

A display table held pictures of Arnold and Dolores' early years; family pictures of children and grandchildren; a painting of their first home on their farm painted by Dolores; several quilts made by Dolores; several crocheted doll dresses by Dolores; and conversation-pieces of Arnold's special hobby, horticulture and gardening, especially picture-perfect tomatoes and onions. Getting special attention was a bomb shell, that came from the factory in Dallas where Arnold

and Dolores worked during W.W.II, before he served in Japan in the Armed Forces. The bomb shell fascinated their great-grandchildren who studied and lifted it.

At the reception a friend, Joe Walter entertained with special music on his trumpet, offering, in particular "The Anniversary Waltz."

Arnold and Dolores (Mosman) Friske were married on Oct. 18, 1938. They became parents of two daughters, Gwen and Elaine. Their family consists of Gwen and her husband Loyd Trubenbach and their children, spouses and children Lisa and Kim Walterscheid and Dustin, Bret, Garrett, and Natalie; Jean and Glenn Walterscheid and their children Collin and Melinda; son-in-law Bill Sterling and the late Beverly (Trubenbach) Sterling and their daughter, Elizabeth; and Toni Trubenbach.

Also Elaine Daderio of Denver, Colorado and her late husband John; and their

children George Daderio and son Derek Daderio; John Daderio and wife Lena and two sons Christopher and Tanner; and daughter Sonja and Chris Herne and children Darby and Carter.

Among guests attending from out of town and coming from a distance were Norman and Evelyn Luke of Houston; Elaine Daderio and her family members of Colorado; George and Juanita Swirczynski of Dallas; Frank and Mary Mosman of Dallas; Joan and Barney Sandmann of Sherman; Bob and Dorothy Mosman of Dallas; Sister Alberta Krebs of Jonesboro, Arkansas; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Schiller of Houston; Bill and Lee Herr of Cameron, Texas and children Laura Herr and W.C. Herr; Clarence and Faye Mosman of Shawnee, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Tony Mosman of Dallas; Rhonda and Walter D. LaRosa of Plano; Chris and Sonja Herne of Wichita, Kansas; Nicholas and Michelle Valladarez of Dallas; Carl and Flonnie Schroeder of Lake Kiowa.



Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Friske on their wedding day Oct. 18, 1938

## KC's host Appreciation Day

The Muenster KCs held Appreciation Day at the Muenster Park last Saturday. The event honored those involved with volunteer efforts in the community and Church. There was a horseshoe tournament at 1 p.m., Fun Run Worker Party at 6 p.m., and the swimming pool was opened from 7-9 p.m. Free food and drinks were available for all who came. Jesse Walterscheid grilled hot dogs and John Anderle chaired the horseshoe tournament.

Results from the horseshoe tournament were as follows:

Singles, 1st Wade Walterscheid, 2nd Gene Anderle; Draw Partner, 1st Walterscheid/Walterscheid, 2nd Gene Anderle/Steve Fuhrmann; Doubles, 1st Pat and Gene Anderle, 2nd Steve and Brenda Fuhrmann.

Prizes and donations for the day's events were generously furnished by the following Muenster businesses: Gehrig Hardware, Bayer's Kolonialwaren, Ace Hardware, Schilling Fina, DI One Stop, Knabe Tire and Radiator, and Hennigan Auto Parts.

## Baptisms

### Sicking

Devin Christopher Sicking received the Sacrament of Baptism after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on July 5, 1998 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Fr. Tom Craig officiating.

Devin is the son of Allen and Martha Sicking. Baptismal sponsors are Jack and Denise Dangelmayr. Devin wore a baptismal gown made by his mother. It had also been worn by his brother Quinn. After the Baptism, family members enjoyed dinner at the Neu Ranch House in Gainesville. Afterwards, gifts were opened.

Attending the celebration with Devin's parents and godparents were his brother Quinn and grandparents Adeline Sicking, and Erwin and Clara Fuhrmann. Aunts, uncles, and cousins attending included Lorraine Matthews, Melvin and Sheila Sicking, Herbert Sicking, James, Denise, Amber, Whitney, and Justin Landers; Joan Fuhrmann; Philip, Elizabeth, John and Mary Baker; John, Diane, Leah, Kimberly, Nathan, and Rose Hermes; Karen Davis; James, Laura, and Jacob Neusch; and Ted Fuhrmann.

### Stoffels

Sophia Alma Stoffels received the Sacrament of Baptism at 3 p.m. on July 11, 1998 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Msgr. Hubert Neu officiating the ceremony.

Sophia is the daughter of Sally Stoffels. Baptismal sponsors are Connie and Ken Rheams. Sophia wore a christening gown given to her by a family friend, Mary Bartush. She also wore a cross necklace presented to her by

her godparents, a cross pendant from Aunt June Bartush, and a Rosary bracelet from her mother. The baptismal candle was made by her godmother.

After the Baptism, family members celebrated at the home of June and Chuck Bartush with dinner, cake, and swimming. Sophia shared her special day with cousin Alec Reams, who celebrated his fifth birthday.

Attending the celebration with Sophia's mother and godparents were her grandfather Herman Stoffels; Jim Gehrig, Rex and Donna Simmons, Pam and Joe Dangelmayr, June and Chuck Bartush, Chris and Jana Stoffels, Craig and Connie Stoffels, and their respective families. Special out-of-town guests included Uncle Mark Stoffels of Shreveport, Louisiana; cousin Ryan Gehrig of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and cousins Hannah and Russell Simmons of Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

## Love Fund set up for Allen Truebenbach

A Love Fund has been opened at the Muenster State Bank and the First National Bank of Muenster for Allen Truebenbach of Muenster. Those who wish to contribute may do so at either bank.

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- Security Light - Cooke County Electric Co-op
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People You Can Count On

# July 11 Nuptials unite Jennifer Kupper & Andy Popp

by Elfreda Fette

The wedding of Jennifer Ann Kupper of Valley View and Andrew John Popp of Lindsay was held in St. Peter's Catholic Church on July 11, 1998, with Nuptial Mass and double ring vows. Father Eugene Luke, OSB, pastor of St. Peter's and Father Harry Fisher, pastor of St. John's Church officiated at 5 p.m.

Daughter of Billy and Lisa Kupper of Valley View, the bride is a 1994 graduate of Valley View High School and a 1997 graduate of North Central Texas College, and is currently attending Texas Woman's University in Denton. She is employed by Guaranty National Bank in Sanger.

She is the granddaughter of Paulo and Anna Borysowicz of Dallas and Margaret Kupper of Muenster and the late John Kupper.

The groom is the son of Henry and Jeanette Popp of Lindsay. He is a 1992 graduate of Lindsay High School and is employed by Andrew Corporation of Denton.

He is the grandson of Lena Zimmerer of Lindsay and the late Andrew Zimmerer, and the late Frank and Anna Popp.

Presented at the altar by her father Billy Kupper, the bride was wearing an elegant wedding gown of white bridal satin with appliques of silk Venice lace accented with pearls and sequins, designed with sweetheart neckline and cap sleeves. The full skirt is made of chiffon in a watermark pattern, and was enhanced with lace appliques with pearls and sequins scattered and along the entire hem of the skirt and the semi-cathedral train. Accenting the back of the gown at the waist were three satin roses with three tiers of satin streamers with lace appliques.

Her two tiered, waist-length illusion veil was attached to a headpiece adorned with white satin roses and pearls.

She carried a bridal bouquet in cascade arrangement of soft cream sweetheart roses, cream princess lilies, mauve rosebuds, dill blossom and English ivy. A crystal rosary, gift from her parents, was entwined in the bouquet.

For sentiment and tradition and "for something old", she had her 1976 birthday penny, gift from her dad. For something new she had a wedding angel pendant to wear on her wedding day, gift from her parents. "Something borrowed and blue" was her godmother's wedding garter.

**ATTENDANTS**

Kim Kupper of Valley View, bride's sister was maid of honor.

Sherry Hess of Lindsay, friend of the couple, Lisa Glenn of College Station, bride's

college roommate, and Laura Jones of Lindsay, friend of the couple were bridesmaids.

They wore hunter green princess style dresses of matte satin, with a hunter green lace popover. The dresses fit and flared to floor-length.

Each carried an arm bouquet of cream tiger lilies, soft cream sweetheart roses, and mauve rosebuds, accented with a soft ivory bow.

Flower girl was Nicole Popp of Lindsay, niece and godchild of the groom.

She wore a hunter green matte satin dress, sleeveless, princess style with hunter green lace bodice, made by the groom's mother. She carried a



Mrs. Andrew John Popp  
...nee Jennifer Ann Kupper...

Wedding music was presented by Ruth Felderhoff organist and Christy Hesse vocalist. Prelude music included "Let It Be Me" and "You and I"; "The Rose" for seating of grandparents; "Sunrise, Sunset" for seating of the parents; "One Hand, One Heart" for lighting of the Unity Candle; "Seek Ye First" at Offertory; "Take Our Bread" and "How Beautiful" at Communion; and "Hail Mary, Mother of God" at the Blessed Virgin's altar.

Organ solos, for entrance of the bridal party, "Canon in D", for entrance of the bride, "Wagner's Bridal March", and for the recessional,

Gerald Walterscheid of Muenster, bride's uncle and godfather Betty Rose Walterscheid bride's aunt and godmother, and Sis Hess of Lindsay, friend of the couple.

**RECEPTION**

A reception, dinner, and dance followed in Lindsay Centennial Hall, hosted by parents of the couple for 400 guests. Dinner was catered by the Hermes Sisters. Guests danced to music provided by The Entertainer, George Spaeth and Tommy Huchton, friends of the couple.

Guestbook attendants were Amy Popp of Lindsay, groom's sister-in-law and Sue Kupper of Valley View, bride's cousin.

The four-tiered wedding cake, with petal-shaped bottom layer, was frosted all white with ruffles, cornelia lace and white frosting roses. Filling between layers was flavored apricot, or strawberry or frosting filling. Icing drape stringwork decorated the edge of the tiers. The petal-shaped layer and top keepsake layer were decorated with fresh flowers, levia roses, white mini-carnations and white larkspur.

The rectangle double-stacked groom's cake was a conversation piece, with chocolate fudge-nut filling. Sides were decorated in camouflaged colors. A figurine on top held a deer hunter, deer and trees with the inscription - "Andy, your DEAR hunting days are over." The groom's cake table was hunter green overlaid with camouflage.

Hall decorations and all wedding flowers were made by Betty Rose Walterscheid. Gerald and Betty Rose Walterscheid are godparents of the bride. Robert Voth and Debbie Hartman are godparents of the groom.

Reception assistants were Betty Rose Walterscheid who cut the bride's cake; Julie Walterscheid of Muenster, bride's cousin who cut the groom's cake; Elizabeth Cler of Lindsay, friend of the couple, who served punch; Lori Kasperek of Lindsay, groom's niece; Jenna Hermes of Sanger, groom's niece, Nicole Borysowicz of Alabama, bride's cousin; Shirley Hess of Lindsay, friend of the couple; Anne Walterscheid and Sara Walterscheid of Muenster, bride's cousins.

The blessing before the meal was given by the bride's great-uncle, Robert Kupper of Marlin.

The rehearsal dinner on Friday evening, July 10, was hosted by the groom's parents at the Smokehouse in Lindsay.

Upon return from their wedding trip to Big Cedar Lodge in Missouri, the couple will reside in Lindsay.



The engagement and approaching marriage of Charlotte Ann Dougharty of Orange, Texas and Ryan Joseph Sicking of Muenster have been announced by parents of the bride-elect, Larry and Angela Dougharty of Bay City, Texas. Parents of the future-groom are Clifford and Kathy Sicking of Muenster. The wedding will be held in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster on Aug. 29, 1998 with Father Tom Craig, pastor, officiating. Attendants will be Julianne Baie, Diane Sparks, Jenny Dougharty, Michelle Sloum and Shannon Warner as bridesmaids. Groomsmen will be Helmuth Koelzer, Cody Sicking, Brent Sicking, Stevan Nasche and Joe Vogel. The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Texas A&M University. She is an accountant and will be employed at El Paso Energy in Houston. The future-groom is a 1997 graduate of Texas A&M University. He is a mechanical engineer employed at Kalsi Engineering of Houston. The couple plans to reside in Houston.

## Karli Anderle is four

Karli Anderle celebrated her fourth birthday with a party at the home of her Grandma Annette and Grandpa Johnny Anderle on July 3. Her birthday cake was decorated with a horse, Hamburgers, chips and dips were served.

Helping Karli celebrate were her dad, John Anderle; her grandparents Johnny and Annette Anderle; great-grandparents Marcus and Cathy Fuhrmann; aunts, uncles, cousins and friends, Kevin, Darla and Trey Anderle; Craig and Denise Neu; Corey Anderle; Donald, Linda, and Stephanie Sandman, Pat, Jill, Jacob, Emily, Connor and Sarah Fuhrmann.

Unable to attend, but sending greetings were Kim and Scott Neeb and Megan Sandman. Gift opening, refreshments of cake and ice cream and lighting sparklers added to the event. Karli's actual birthday was June 29.



Karli Anderle

basket of cream mini-carnations, mauve rosebuds, English ivy, accented with a hunter green bow and pearls.

Ring bearer was Christopher Walterscheid of Grapevine, cousin of the bride.

Frank Popp of Lindsay, was his brother's best man.

Travis Huchton, Brian Hermes, and Bobby Carpenter all of Lindsay and all friends of the couple were groomsmen.

Casey Kupper of Valley View, bride's brother, Ronnie Walterscheid of Muenster, bride's cousin, Troy Eberhart of Florida, and Jimmy Dennison of Gainesville both friends of the couple were ushers.

Altar servers were Zack Kupper of Valley View, bride's cousin, Ryan Kasperek and Adam Kasperek, of Lindsay, both nephews of the groom.

"Mendelssohn's Bridal March."

Participants in the special liturgy of the Nuptial Mass were James Kupper of Valley View, bride's uncle with Readings from the Old and New Testaments, and the Responsorial Psalm; Father Harry Fisher read the Gospel and Father Eugene Luke OSB gave the homily; Mary Kubicek of Valley View read Prayers of the Faithful at Offertory; Debbie Hartman of Muenster, sister and godmother of the groom, Peggy Kasperek of Lindsay, Paula Hermes of Sanger and Patty Bone of Burneyville, Oklahoma, all sisters of the groom presented Offertory gifts at the altar.

Eucharistic Ministers were the bride's mother Lisa Kupper of Valley View, Ginger Kupper of Rockwall, bride's aunt,



Racing horses to win a troll doll at the Sacred Heart Homecoming Picnic are, from left, Tara Swirczynski, Hillary Swirczynski and Mark Gehrig.  
Janie Hartman Photo

**MUENSTER ISD REGISTRATION SCHEDULE**

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9th grade: 3:00 - 5:00

**Tuesday, August 4**

Middle School Registration  
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7th grade: 10:00 - 12:00  
\*6th grade: 7 P.M. - 8 P.M.  
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# Volunteers sought for Friends of the Family

by Sherry Hess

One woman is raped every minute. One woman is battered every 15 seconds. A violent crime is committed every 19 seconds. Crime costs victims an estimated \$450 billion a year.

These statistics are overwhelming and although these crimes may not be as evident in our community, they are occurring across all racial and economical boundaries. Through volunteering, we can work together as a community to help victims of violent crime. As a volunteer, we can help educate the public about violent crime and what prevention methods can be taken to protect us.

Cooke County Friends of the Family, Inc. is a nonprofit victim's assistance agency. It offers free and confidential services to victims of violent crime, including family violence, sexual assault and physical assault, and DWI. Friends of the Family relies on volunteers to deliver many of its services due to federal funding requirements for community support.

Friends of the Family is currently recruiting volunteers. Volunteers do not necessarily need previous volunteer experience, but do need to be willing to help others, be open-minded, and of good moral character. For the safety of

victims, volunteers, and staff, all prospective volunteers agree to allow a criminal background check to be completed. This also ensures that perpetrators of violent offenses do not have access to victims again.

Friends of the Family gives prospective volunteers the required training to qualify for available positions. Training varies with each position; however, a two-hour orientation is mandatory for all positions. Friends of the Family will be holding its second annual volunteer training seminar beginning in August. Training will be held at the Cooke County Electric Cooperative in Muenster on August 8, 22, September 12, and 26 from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The training consists of 30 classroom hours, four hours of self-study, and six hours of on-the-job training.

Several different opportunities are available working both directly and indirectly with victims of violent crimes. One of the most important direct services involves the 24-hour crisis hotline. Volunteers operate the hotline which allows victims to reach out and receive counseling and support at the time of the crisis. Other direct volunteer positions involve office work, transporting clients to shelter, and

accompanying them to court. Friends of the Family also needs language translators. Indirect services include clerical duties, such as filing, copying, maintenance work and cleaning; and public speaking.

Volunteering benefits four parties; the victim, the agency, the volunteer, and the community. Not only do volunteers help the agency with their labor but also financially. Volunteer hours help the agency secure funding from various sources. Not only do volunteers better the agency, but they are also rewarded for their generosity. Volunteers gain work experience, have the opportunity to give back to the community, and meet new people. They are positive role models for the youth in our communities and help educate the public about violence, particularly concerning the myths of rape and domestic violence. Volunteers are a very valuable resource to Friends of the Family and the community.

Do not let this opportunity to help others pass by! Anyone interested in attending the training or who has questions about volunteering is encouraged to call Sherry Hess, Interim Volunteer Coordinator of Friends of the Family, at (940) 665-2873.



Future cheerleaders enjoy the Sacred Heart Lock-In this week.

Janie Hartman Photo

## Hudspeth recipient of scholarships

Bryan Lee Hudspeth is a \$1000 Robert Christ Scholarship recipient, presented to him by the Texas Chapter of the National

Association of Postmasters of the United States (NAPUS) in Lubbock, Texas at the state Convention in June. The selection committee named Bryan for his dedication to academics and community.

He is also the scholarship winner of \$500.00 from the First National Bank of Saint Jo - Muenster, and \$250.00 from the Cooke County Chapter of Texas Tech Ex-students Association.

Bryan is the son of Clarence and Rose Hudspeth. Rose is the postmaster of Myra. Bryan is the grandson of Theresa Vogel and the late Ray Vogel. He is a 1998 graduate of Muenster High School. Bryan plans to attend Texas Tech University to pursue a degree in Electrical Engineering.

Bryan's extracurricular activities include: football (4 years), golf (4 years), UIL Number Sense (4 years) '97 Regional Qualifier, One Act Play (3 years), basketball (3 years), and track (3 years). Bryan served 2 years on Student Council and 1 year as Parliamentarian. He also served 2 years on National



Bryan Lee Hudspeth

Honor Society. Bryan's high school awards include Academic All-State football, All-District football, Hust. Award, and Who's Who in All-Around boy.

Bryan is presently employed at Cooke County Electric Cooperative.

## Stephen Bartush participates in SMU leadership program

Stephen Bartush, a senior at Sacred Heart High School, participated in an "Economics for Leaders" program conducted at the Southern Methodist University, June 14-21, 1998. Stephen was one of 30 students from around the country who were honored by being accepted into the Dallas "Economics for Leaders" program which is sponsored by the Foundation for Teaching Economics, a Davis, California, nonprofit foundation. All of the students were selected because they have demonstrated leadership potential.

especially important because the costs of bad or misdirected public policies can be enormous.

Students attending "Economics for Leaders" programs in prior years have called it "The experience of a lifetime."



Stephen Bartush

The week-long course combined leadership training and economics. During the week, students learned an economic way of thinking about human behavior, and experienced the interaction of different leadership styles within a group. As a result, they developed a clearer insight into how the world works, knowledge that is especially helpful to those aspiring to leadership positions. Economic education for these future leaders is

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### Ryals

Julie and David Ryals of Dallas, announce with joy the birth of their son Gavin Eugene born July 11, 1998 at 6:10 p.m. in the home. He weighed 8 lb. 10 oz. and was 21 inches in length. Gavin is welcomed by a sister and a brother. His maternal grandparents are Andy and Jean Arendt of Denton. Great-grandmother is Mary Ann Arendt of Lindsay.

### Wolf

Dale and Kimberley Wolf of Argyle, Texas, announce with

joy the birth of a daughter, Ashleigh Nicole Wolf on July 1, 1998, at 3:22 p.m., weighing 7 lb. 2 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length. Ashleigh Nicole was born in Trinity Medical Center in Carrollton. She joins two brothers, Mark and Scott at home. Their grandparents are Ernest and Bea Wolf of Gainesville and Dave and Margaret Brown of Denton. Great-grandmothers are Rose Wolf of Muenster and Lucille Wales of Polo, Illinois. Ashleigh was born on her Dad's birthday.

## Kristin's 6th birthday celebrated

Jon and Monica LeBrasseur hosted a party in their home in honor of their daughter Kristin's sixth birthday on June 26. There were indoor games played, gifts opened, and water games enjoyed outdoors.

Guests were served hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the trimmings. A special angel birthday cake was made for Kristin by her grandma Joanie Hartman. It was served with ice cream.

Those celebrating with Kristin and her parents included her grandparents Alvin and Joanie Hartman; godparents Anne and Neil Hesse and children Matt and Kaitlyn; aunts, uncles and cousins Pat Yosten, Christy Bezner, Sharlene and Bobby Hartman and Shannon and Dainah; and friends Michelle Henscheid, Garret Walterscheid, and Greg, Julie, Eric, Alexandria, and Hillary Walterscheid.

Sending greeting but unable to attend were great-grandma



Kristin LeBrasseur

Margaret Hartman who was feeling "under the weather", grandparents Fern and Dick LeBrasseur of Escanaba, Michigan, and an aunt and uncle Karen and Dickie LeBrasseur of New Canaan, Connecticut.

## Granddaughter of Bertha Fleitman earns 2 musical theater scholarship

Kate McCrimmon, daughter of Teresa Jo Fleitman McCrimmon and Dan McCrimmon of Littleton, Colorado and granddaughter of Bertha Fleitman of Muenster, will begin her college studies this fall at the College of Santa Fe in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She will be studying musical theater. Kate was one of more than 800 applicants who auditioned for the 35 spaces in the freshman musical theater program. She is the recipient of the \$5,000 President's Scholarship in addition to a \$5,000 Merit Grant, both for the 1998-1999 academic year. Kate is a May 1998 graduate of Jefferson County Open School in Lakewood, Colorado. She received her Gold Award from

the Explorer Scouts this spring and has been active in Scouting, church choir and youth group, swim team, and children's theater company. She also attended Bear Cree High School part-time, where she studied choral music an advanced acting, maintaining 4.0 grade average and lettering in Choral.

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# Sports

## Texas game wardens busy on water patrol

Recreational boating safety is a primary area of responsibility for Texas game wardens. From May through August, wardens spend much of their time enforcing the Texas Water Safety Act on lakes, rivers, bays and the Gulf of Mexico.

Since May 1, game wardens have contacted 323,138 in 112,524 boats, assisted 2,054 boats and filed nearly 5,000 water safety cases.

From time to time, game wardens encounter some unusual incidents.

### A ROUND OF APPLAUSE

Working water safety patrol on Lake Nocona in late May, warden Ronnie Brooks noticed two people on personal watercrafts (PWC) racing up and down close to the shoreline, trying to throw wakes on each other and nearly colliding. Brooks was able to get them to stop, and received a standing ovation from the crowd along the shore. Citations were issued for operating a PWC within 50 feet of another PWC.

### THE OLD SWITCH & BAIT

Mitchell County warden assisted the sheriff's office on a family disturbance call at Lake Colorado City. An intoxicated man from the residence took a boat that did not belong to him in order to avoid the law enforcement officers. When the warden found the boat, the subject was no longer in the boat and he was believed to have drowned. Then, another call came from the same residence stating that the subject swam there and was causing trouble again. He was arrested on several charges, including boating while intoxicated.

### FINALLY, SOMEONE WILL BELIEVE WE DON'T MAKE THIS STUFF UP.

On Lake Buchanan, a young man was riding on the hood of a personal watercraft as if it was a bucking horse. No matter how hard he might try

to stop the operator to prevent an accident, the rider was going to slide down and get run over. About that time, the PWC operator looked their way and immediately shut down. Just as the wardens had predicted, the passenger slid off the hood of the vessel and was run over, although not injured. The operator was cited for negligent operation.

### SERVICE WITH A SMILE

Archer County and Johnson County wardens were called to assist a boat that was taking on water. As the wardens were trying to determine why the boat was sinking, the boat operator asked if he should put the plug back in. It seems that he had taken the plug out thinking that the water in the bottom of his boat would drain out. The wardens towed the boat to shore.

### IN THE FAIRY TALE, GOLDILOCKS ISN'T ARRESTED...

Warden Gordon Eckert was asked by the sheriff's office to assist in searching for a missing personal watercraft operator. A group of young people had been drinking heavily all night when one of the young men decided, at 3 a.m., to take the PWC out for a ride, but did not return. Several wardens who were called to help in the search found the PWC around 7:30 a.m. tied to a pier half a mile from where the young man had started. People who live along the lake came out of the homes to see what was going on and were asked by the wardens if they locked their doors at night. Some residents nearest the abandoned PWC said they did not, then went into their homes to check the spare bedroom. Someone then came running out of the house yelling, "Someone is sleeping in our bed!" The missing young man was awakened, arrested, and charged with one count of criminal trespass, operating a PWC at night, and operating without a life jacket.



## Where to Fish

**NOCONA:** Water clear; 84 degrees. Black bass are fair to 8.4 pounds on junebugs fished in 15-25 feet of water. Crappie are slow. White bass are schooling. Channel and blue catfish are fair to 16 pounds on cut shad. Yellow catfish are slow.

**RAY ROBERTS:** Water clear; 87 degrees; Black bass to 6 pounds are fair on red shad Carolina-rigged worms fished in 20 to 25 feet of water. Crappie are slow on minnows fished in 20 to 25. White bass are fair to good on slabs and live bait fished in 15 to 25 feet of water. The fish are also schooling early and late and being taken on clear shad Torpedoes and silver Rat-L-Traps. Channel and blue catfish are fair to good on prepared baits and earthworms fished in 6 to 12 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

**TEXOMA:** Water clear; 80 degrees; Black bass to 5 pounds are good on topwaters and spinnerbaits early and on crankbaits and worms late, fished in 20 to 25 feet of water. Crappie are good on minnows fished around the bathouses in 25 feet of water. Strippers to 15 pounds are good on Pencil Poppers and Zara Spooks in the morning, try 1 1/4 oz. chartreuse slabs in deep water at the dam and up the Washita River during the day. White bass are fair on topwaters and slabs, larger fish right below those that are surfacing. Channel and blue catfish to 6 pounds are good on cut shad. Yellow catfish are slow.

## Wild animals are best left in the wild

The season has arrived when young wild animals are coming out of their nests and being shown around by their mothers. Many times the wildlife young stray from their parents and appear to be abandoned. In most cases, however, the parents know where the youngsters are.

Problems begin to occur when humans try to help.

Unusually hot, dry weather is another factor this year that is affecting juvenile and adult wild animals. As a result, wild creatures are on the move seeking food and water, moving into riparian (wet) areas along streams and rivers, and in some urban areas moving into and through people's backyards. Some species, such as snakes, are unusually active this year and are being seen more frequently.

Many people discover

apparently lost or abandoned wildlife young and take them in, thinking they are doing the right thing. This almost always does more harm than good.

According to Veda DePaepe, a small mammal biologist with Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW), "People should leave young animals alone unless they are obviously injured."

If the animal is obviously sick or injured, the wildlife information line at TPW, 512-389-4505, should be contacted so they can be referred to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator in their area. The department has been receiving over 100 calls a week, according to DePaepe.

John Herron, the nongame and urban wildlife program leader at TPW, says, "Some of the most common questions that we receive are about whether fawns are actually abandoned and if baby birds

can take care of themselves on the ground." In most cases, the fawns' mothers are just out of sight and the baby birds are still being protected and fed by the parents.

DePaepe says that this is the time of year when young birds are out of their nests even though they cannot fly. She says, "If the bird's eyes are open, it has a coat of feathers and it is hopping around, it is OK. Grounded birds will usually be up and flying within a few days."

Many people are worried about how the unusual heat is affecting young wildlife. Herron says people should not be concerned. He says, "Most animals are very heat tolerant. They are adapted better than we are."

If, however, someone would like to help the young wildlife, DePaepe suggests keeping a bird bath full of fresh water, or placing shallow containers of fresh water at the edge of their yards. Besides bird feeders, though, no food should be put out.

The overall message is that wildlife should be left alone. As Herron stated, "Wild animals are best left in the wild."

For more information regarding young wildlife, contact the wildlife information department at 512-389-4505.

## Cub Scouts attend Rangers game

Members of Cub Scout Pack 664 and their families attended the July 16 Rangers game. It was exciting to experience a major league game at the new ballpark with thousands of other fans. The Rangers played

the Orioles at the 7:35 p.m. game. Even though the Rangers lost the game, the scouts had fun cheering for them. It was jersey night, so each child attending received a free jersey.

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You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Second Amended Petition to Construe Will at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 10th day of August, A.D., 1998, before the Honorable 235th District Court of Cooke County, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Second Amended Petition was filed in said court on the 24th day of June, A.D., 1998, in this case, numbered 94-255, on the docket of said court, and styled,

**IN THE MATTER OF THE CARROLL CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST**

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows:  
**JERRY L. HENDERSON, INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM W. CARROLL, DECEASED, PLAINTIFF and RICHARD KENNETH CARROLL, DEFENDANT**

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows: To wit: The Court should construe said will to mean that it was the intent of William W. Carroll by his Will that any lapsed interest should pass to the other remaindermen. In that connection, the Court should construe provision no. 3 of said Will to be a residuary clause. Wherefore, Your Executor prays that Richard Kenneth Carroll, his heirs or legal representatives be cited to appear herein as required by law, and upon final hearing herein, the Court construe the Will of William W. Carroll as hereinabove alleged and contended, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Second Amended Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Gainesville, Texas, this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D., 1998.

Attest:  
Pat Payne, Clerk, District Court, Cooke County, Texas  
/s/ Sue Comer 7.14.1x

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INCORPORATE**  
Notice is given that Holder Electric, whose principal business office is at 19209 Farm Road 678, Whitesboro, Cooke County, Texas, intends, on or before July 1, 1998, to become incorporated without a change of firm name.

Dated: June 26, 1998. /s/ Tommy Holder, Owner 7.17.4x

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT**  
FEW Production Company, Inc., 616 N. Hickory, Muenster, Texas 76252 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Lower Strawn Formation, J.H. Otto "A" Lease, Well Number 29. The proposed injection well is located 2-1/2 miles north of Muenster in the Cooke County Regular Field, in Cooke County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 1560 feet to 1600 feet.

**LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711, (telephone 512/463-6792). 7.24.1x

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## Farmers plagued by grasshoppers

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In Biblical times, the ancient Israelites had unique control measures for grasshoppers. The Law of Moses permitted the eating of winged, swarming insects that go upon all fours and have leaper legs, a description that included the migratory locust, the edible locust, the cricket, and the grasshopper.

Grasshoppers are probably not to the taste of most Texans, and the most acceptable modern control is chemical, said Dr. James Robinson, entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Biblical controls may be out, but many Texas agricultural producers must feel like they're seeing grasshoppers in Biblical proportions.

The best control for grasshoppers is achieved before they reach the adult stage.

Dry weather increases nymph and adult grasshopper survival. Under favorable conditions, such as those of a

drought, the female can lay as many as 400 eggs.

Not all infestations are economical to treat. Lower numbers may seem threatening, but tolerable when the cost of controlling them is taken into account, Robinson said.

Robinson recommended estimating grasshopper levels by taking counts of adults per square yard. First count the number of grasshoppers you see hopping or moving in a square foot area. Walk 15 to 20 paces in any direction, and count the number in another square foot area. You might want to make a foot-square grid out of a coat hanger or baling wire to help you count. Follow this procedure another 16 times, pacing, then counting, until you've counted the grasshoppers in 18 square feet. Divide this number by two to find the number of grasshoppers per square yard.

Though this procedure sounds like something off a 1040 tax form, in practice it's a relatively quick and easy way to rate a field's infestation from non-economic to very severe, Robinson said.

A non-economic infestation is 0 to 2 grasshoppers per square yard; light, 3 to 7; threatening, 8 to 14; severe, 15 to 28; very severe, 28 or more. These field

ratings can be used for both rangeland and field crops, Robinson said.

The insecticides Asana, Diazinon, Malathion, Imidan, Lorsban, Orthene, Pennacp-M, and Sevin are labeled for sites, pastures, rangelands and certain crops grown in Texas. Robinson recommended that producers carefully refer to the label or visit with their local county extension agent before using these products.

For pastures, hay and rangeland, Malathion, Pennacp-M and Sevin are the only products labeled. Pennacp-M has a 15 day pre-harvest interval. Rangelands and pastures treated with Sevin and Malathion can be grazed or cut the same day as the application.

For home gardens, only Diazinon, Malathion and Sevin are labeled. For trees and shrubs, Diazinon, Dimethoate, Dursban, Malathion, Orthene and Sevin are labeled. Lorsban 4E may be used only on Christmas tree plantations and nurseries and not on any other trees or shrubs.

A new extension publication "Grasshoppers and Their Control" (publication number L-5201) outlines control measures in great detail. It is also available at local county extension offices.

Though the drought is in full swing, producers should start planning to establish winter pastures now.

Such planning should include soil tests, examination and evaluation of Bermuda grass pastures for die out, and perhaps even a talk with the local fertilizer dealer.

Other than praying for rain, there's not much producers can do to help out their Bermuda grass pastures during a drought, said Dr. Don Dorsett, forage specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"We're going to have to have at least 4 inches of rain to see any growth of Bermuda grass. Anything less is just going to cool things off," Dorsett said. But with the next chance of a substantial rainfall being from September through October, Dorsett recommends producers start planning to interseed ryegrass now. With the fall's cool nights and shorter days, we tend to have less evaporation and more moisture.

Also, farmers should carefully examine their Bermuda grass pastures for dead crowns and runners and consider a fall fertilizer application, Dorsett said.

If rain comes in the fall, a fertilizer application in September could result in some pasture growth, give animals grazing and produce some much-needed hay. Plus it could help the Bermuda grass stand make it through the winter, Dorsett said.

To evaluate Bermuda grass pastures, producers need to check for crown and runner death. Under drought conditions, all Bermuda grass pastures are likely to have browned out on top.

"Feel the crown and runners of plants. If you grab a crown of a plant and it comes up in your hand, then you know that plant is dead. If that happens all over then you have a dead stand and you might as well plant it for winter pasture," Dorsett said.

One live crown per square foot is adequate for coastal Bermuda grass. For common Bermuda grass, it's two live crowns per square foot.

In judging a stand's health during the drought, Dorsett said that dead runners would not concern him a great deal.

"But if I am going to spend fertilizer money, I look for both live crowns and live runners," he said. Be sure, though, to

## Sodbuster's Sentiment

No matter what looms ahead, if you can eat today, enjoy the sunlight today, mix good cheer with friends today, enjoy it and bless God for it.

Henry Beecher

## Livestock owners should test hay during drought

With drought-related woes piling up, ranchers and others with livestock need to be sure not to add to them by letting their livestock consume nitrate-laden forage or hay, the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory reports.

The good news is the nitrate levels are not as high as in the drought of 1996. But that doesn't mean livestock owners can afford to let forage or hay go untested.

Although only one case of nitrate poisoning has been confirmed in the state so far this summer—four cows which died after consuming Sudan hybrid sorghum—drought conditions appear to be worsening and the ailment can strike quickly.

Typically, an animal will die within a few hours, but it can take as little as 30 minutes. It will stagger, breathe hard, and die, and the owner doesn't know until the animal is found dead.

There have been two or three cases in the past two decades where several dozen animals

have died on a single farm or ranch.

Probably the most hazardous hay is that made of Sudan hybrid sorghum contaminated with pigweed, also known as careless weed. Both are found in most parts of the state, and because sorghum was generally planted later than corn, it may not have been able to take advantage of stored water in the soil.

When conditions began to dry, that meant sorghum was more likely than earlier-planted crops, like corn, to have grown higher and use up nitrogen in the soil.

Livestock owners should have samples of their hay or forage tested at the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory or at the Soil, Water and Forage Testing Laboratory at Texas A&M University's soil and crop sciences department. The TVMDL's toxicology lab may be reached at (409) 845-3414, and the soil and crop sciences lab may be reached at (409) 845-4816.

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## Farm Bureau secretaries at conference

Farm Bureau secretaries from across the state attended a conference at the Texas Farm Bureau office in Waco June 24-26, 1998.

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## County Agent's Report by Craig Rosenbaum

**WHEAT UPDATE**

Mark your calendars for Thursday, August 6. We will hold two Wheat Update Meetings at 8 a.m. at W.B. Hudspeth, Inc. at Era and 11 a.m. at the Cooke County Electric Co-Op in Muenster.

Dr. Travis Miller, Extension Wheat Specialist from Texas A&M, will be on hand to cover various topics concerning wheat

Production in the Blacklands. In addition, results of the County and State Wheat Breeding Trials will be available to producers attending.

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Sold at Friday's sale were 1,966 head of cattle compared to 2,226 head of cattle the previous week.

Tuesday, the market conducted the sale of 137 hogs, 103 sheep and 294 goats. The numbers for last week were 153,140 and 197, respectively. Results of both sales follow:

<b>Feeder Cattle</b> Steers, medium & large frame, 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 80-95; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-80; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 80-90; Nos. 2 & 3, 68-80; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 75-88; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-75; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 70-78; Nos. 2 & 3, 63-70; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 65-74; Nos. 2 & 3, 55-65; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 63-70; Nos. 2 & 3, 55-63.	3, 60-70; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 62-70; Nos. 2 & 3, 55-62; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 60-70; Nos. 2 & 3, 50-60; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 60-67; Nos. 2 & 3, 50-60.	\$500-\$625; medium frame, \$350-\$500. Holstein baby calves, \$35-\$55; other baby calves, \$55-\$200.
<b>Slaughter Cattle</b> Slaughter bulls: yield grade 1-2, 1,200-2,050 lbs., 40-48. Slaughter cows: utility 1-3, 20-30; cutter, 30-38.	<b>Stocker Cows</b> Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - large frame, \$475-\$525; medium frame, \$300-\$475. Cow-calf pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - large frame,	<b>Hogs (cents per pound)</b> <b>Barrows &amp; gilts:</b> US 1-2, 220-275, 34-37; US 1-3, 220-275, 30-34. Sows: US 1-3, 300-650, 2f28. Boars: US 1-3, 200-650, 10-15. Feeders: US 2-4, 100-175, 20-40. <b>Sheep</b> Lambs: 60-78. Ewes: 25-38. Bucks: 25-36. <b>Goats</b> Kids: \$15-\$45. Nannies: \$20-\$115. Billies: \$40-\$120.

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