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Muenster hires Joe Bright

by Janet Felderhoff
Muenster has been without a city administrator since Steve Broyles' last day on April 30. Muenster City Council has not been fruitful in its search for a replacement. To keep things running smoothly, the Council decided to hire Joe Bright as interim city manager while they seek a full-time city administrator. "The real intent is for me to work on time critical issues associated with the City," noted Bright. His first day was Monday, July 10.

Bright grew up in Muenster and graduated from Muenster ISD. His parents are David and Juanita Bright. He served in the U.S. Air Force as an officer for more than 21 years. "It provided me with a wide range of opportunities and challenges, particularly dealing with people and managing taxpayers' money," remarked Bright of his time in the Air Force. "It also gave me experience in learning and practicing leadership skills. It gave me lots of opportunities for problem solving at which I became relatively accomplished at doing."

Bright holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering and a Master's

Degree in Business Administration.

It is Bright's intent to maintain good continuity from the work that Steve Broyles has done to the next person that takes over. He also plans to be sure that city employees have the resources to do what they need to do in order to carry out the wishes of the City Council.

One reason Bright took the interim position was because it is an opportunity to give something back to the community. "I've lived all over the world and this community's got a lot to offer," Bright remarked. "Sometimes when people stay in one place you don't know the good things that you have. It only takes two years to be there before you start getting like everybody else and not seeing the positive things. Muenster has a tremendous amount for a town of its size. If I can do something to help preserve that or make it better, then that's good and that's a motivation. Muenster is head and shoulders above most towns of its size in what the citizens have access to and the quality of life."

Bright said that as far as he could see Broyles had done a



Joe Bright

very good job. "A testament to his quality of work is the fact that everybody's been working," said Bright. "This place has been going very well without him and that's a reflection of somebody of quality management. When the manager can leave and the

shop keeps humming, then that's a sign of good of good management that people know what they're supposed to do."

According to Bright's observations, the City has some very conscientious workers from Chris Yosten and Micallee Matson, throughout the whole team. "I'm very pleased with their attitude and their willingness to do what they know they need to do," said Bright. "It's always a pleasure to have that kind of attitude."

Joe Bright retired from the Air Force last August as a Lieutenant Colonel. In November he decided to give himself a year off and to spend that year in Muenster with his parents. He has also used that time to pursue various career opportunities. Because he was here and had the time, he was approached to do the city manager job on an interim basis.

"It's possible that if they don't have a city manager and I decide that I want to do this full time, then I would make a formal approach to the City Council to request to maintain my position," remarked Bright. "Meanwhile the City is pursuing a permanent city administrator."



With the completion of "dirt work" at the site of the future Muenster Public Library, workers prepare the base for the pouring of the cement slab. The plans for a new library building have been in the making for over six years. With the financial support from "friends" of the library, the project is now becoming a reality.
Photo by Janie Hartman

Commissioners ponder 2000 - 2001 budget shortfall

by Janet Felderhoff
Budget planning by the Cooke County Commissioners Court is at a standstill until after the Cooke County Appraisal Review Board (ARB) has completed its job. The ARB is in the middle of hearing tax protests from county property owners. Cooke County Auditor Gloria Parrish related that Doug Smithson, chief appraiser of the Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD), expects hearings to be completed by July 14. He hopes to have a certified roll available by the 18th of July, she said.

Until the certified roll is available the County can't go forward with budget planning since it is unknown what the tax base will be. "At where we are right now we'd be a million dollars short in general; with exactly where we are with no paring."

Parrish said, "I've done some figures, just looking, without any tax increase and it looks

like our revenue in general will be \$6,398,500.00. That's just exactly with leaving taxes where they are right now because I have no idea what we'll do."

Precinct #4 Commissioner Virgil Hess noted, "I've been hearing quite a bit of feedback as far as some of these new appraised values are going. We sure don't want to be raising any higher than we need to."

Hess asked the Court to consider hiring a grant writer for the Courthouse Restoration Application. Hess said that he had the request be placed on the agenda because when he and Commissioner Jerry Lewis attended the Texas Historical Commission meeting in Austin they learned that several counties applying for the grant had hired professional grant writers and that some had even hired professionals to do all of their research and the whole process.

Also Hess plans to seek assistance from the Cooke County Historical Commission.

"It seems that if the county historical society submits the application and does the work on it, they seem to get a few more points than what they do if you let it up to some individual," remarked Hess. "What I'd like to do, if we can find somebody, is to let them work with the Cooke County Historical Commission and go ahead and do the application with them." It will be Sept. 1 before the County knows if its Masterplan has been approved this time. The grant application is due on Sept. 4.

The courthouse architect Kumatsu estimated the cost of the grant writer would be possibly \$5,000 and no more than \$10,000. "I would like for us to do it, but I just don't have the time," Hess said. He said he spent so much time working on the Masterplan that he got behind in his own work.

"Another reason I say we ought to do it is because there is only \$7 million dollars left in this first batch of money,"

added Hess. "They still do not know what they're going to do or how they're going to divide it up. They don't know if they're going to divide it up among three grants or split it out and allow a bunch of counties to receive \$100,000 or even \$50,000 for their Masterplan and obtain some of their work on it or giving that amount of money to a county to let them draw up their actual plans and get everything ready to go out for bids."

One thing that was certain, according to Hess is that when this second round comes in all the counties that are left will be put in order according to the number of points scored. The highest point county will be next in line to get money. There are currently 70 courthouses vying for the funds. "I think it is really important that we get a ranking and get a high ranking," stated Hess.

The Court was unanimous in its vote to approve hiring a grant writer for less than

\$10,000. They will be checking with North Central Texas College hoping to use a grant writer from the NCTC staff.

A budget amendment of \$15,600.00 will allow for the purchase of a replacement vehicle for Investigator Kevin Benton of the District Attorney's office. Originally District Attorney Janelle Haverkamp placed a request for a new vehicle in the proposed 2000-2001 budget. The investigator's vehicle has had many mechanical problems.

"This used car became available with everything on it that he wanted," said Haverkamp. "It was a substantial savings." With license and registration the vehicle would cost \$17,157.50. Trade in value on the old vehicle was placed at \$1400. The total cost would be \$15,757.50. Gloria Parrish suggested that the budget be amended to \$15,600.00 to include the cost of tags since

they didn't want the license plates to show exempt.

In other business conducted during the July 10 meeting of Cooke County Commissioners Court:

- Approval was given for Lot #30 at Lake Kiowa to be split and joined separately with Lake Kiowa Lot #29 and Lot #31.

- Approved Preliminary plat submitted by Ira and Jack Schoppa for Gatewood Hill Subdivision, Lots 1-8, located about three miles south of Muenster off of FM 373.

- Approved Preliminary plat for Sunny Oaks Subdivision, Lots 1-1126 on CR 107 and CR 153 in Precinct #1.

- Tabled approval of Preliminary plat for Kiowa Ridge Estates, Lots 1-11, located on CR 211 in Precinct #2 since it wasn't submitted correctly.

- Tabled consideration and possible action of County abatement procedures for the Public Nuisance Act.

Monty Sewell seated on Cooke CAD board

by Janet Felderhoff
There were two nominees for the open seat on the Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD) Board. When Jane Carlton resigned, each entity was asked to submit a nominee for the position. Kim Marlin of Gainesville and Monty Sewell of Callisburg were the two nominees.

Since three of the four board members were from Gainesville, it was decided that Sewell was the best choice to give more representation throughout the county. The vote was unanimous for Sewell. Chief Appraiser Doug Smithson said that he would arrange to have Sewell sworn in at the next board meeting.

Mike Edgins of Mathis, West, Huffines, and Company was present to give reports on the Cooke County Appraisal District's Assessor and Interest of the Cooke County Education District and the Cooke County Appraisal District. Edgins told the Board that the Education District report is a requirement.

"Back in 1991 TEA (Texas Education Association) and the Texas Legislature created county education districts throughout the state of Texas," explained Edgins. "They lasted two years and they were dissolved, considered unconstitutional. The efforts were to try to share the wealth between districts and basically the money collected for the education districts will be

redivided and redistributed to the school districts within each county.

"When they considered those unconstitutional they basically dissolved, yet the county became the successor in interest to the Education District. We still collect delinquent taxes from 1991-92 and we collect those and redistribute them back out to the schools. Until that is officially dissolved within the Cooke County area, we will still have to ready this report. This report if approved by the Board will have to go to the TEA. This is not an audit. It is just a compiled financial statement. We're not required to express an opinion on it."

Board member Leon Klement asked if it couldn't be gotten rid of by the CCAD. Edgins replied that it actually could and TEA encourages that it be done. He said that what happens is that the CCAD would sell the delinquent taxes back to the school districts for pennies on the dollar.

Smithson said that he'd spoken with someone who was knowledgeable with the process. It would require getting all of the superintendents of school districts in Cooke County together to sign off on the delinquent taxes. Smithson was encouraged by the Board to pursue dissolving the Education District. Edgins suggested it be done before

August 31 to save the CCAD more work.

The CCAD's general fund and the collection fund were audited. It was given an unqualified opinion.

"Sometimes un gets a little unclear, but that's the highest we can express positively," remarked Edgins. A unanimous acceptance of the audit reports was given by the Board.

Of the four requests for bank depository bids sent out by CCAD, only one was returned. Guaranty National Bank in Gainesville's bid was accepted. Smithson requested that the Board pass a resolution

allowing the CCAD to have the option of purchasing items from General Services Commission. Items are sometimes available at a substantial discount, he noted.

Office Manager Beverly Medley said this would avoid going through the bid process. They are required to bid anything over \$15,000. "This will alleviate that since General Service Commission has already bid all of this stuff," she said. "If we are contracted with them and want to buy a \$20,000 copier, we can purchase it through them and not have to bid."

Medley said that she checked the Internet and found that there are nine Gainesville businesses with General Services Commission where items could be purchased and still keep the money in the county without having to go out for bids. There is a fee of \$210 a year, said Medley. The Board approved the resolution to join General Services Commission and the \$210 fee.

Approval was given by the Board for Board Chair Marvin Knight to sign for the bank loan for a computer system.

Discussion was held on the Preliminary 2000 Budget. A Budget Hearing is set for Tuesday, July 18 at 7 p.m. Final approval is scheduled for the meeting to be held after the hearing.

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.



Sacred Heart varsity cheerleaders hosted a cheerleading camp this week, which included the junior high squad from Saint Mary's. Pictured, Tiger cheerleaders, Raney and Andrea Bauer, demonstrate how to lift a cheerleaders in a stance, as other Mustang members practice the step.
Photo by Janie Hartman

GMH celebrates past, present, future July 16

Gainesville Memorial Hospital (GMH) will celebrate its Past, Present, and Future with a reception and open house scheduled for Sunday, July 16. The event will begin at 1 p.m. and continue until 3 p.m. Activities will be centered in the Gerald Culwell Conference Center in the hospital's north side. The public is cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

The hospital will pay homage to its proud past with the induction of 11 physicians to the historic physicians' gallery at GMH. The gallery was dedicated in November 1998 and currently features 14 honorees.

New inductees include: Herbert Marr Alston, M.D., Dan Marcus Brown, M.D., Ben R. Fisch, M.D., E.L. Haag Jr., M.D., William G. Kernek, M.D., William Herbert Locke, D.O., Joseph A. Lynn, M.D., John D. Shea, M.D., Norman T. Tompkins, M.D., Virgil W. Wallace, M.D., and Rufus Carroll Whiddon, M.D. The induction ceremony is set for 1:30 p.m.

The hospital's "Celebration of the Present" will feature an Open House for two of the hospital's newest additions, The North Central Texas Dialysis Center and the Therapy Services Department. The Gainesville Chamber of Commerce will host a ribbon cutting for the Dialysis Center at approximately 2:15 p.m.

Also in the spotlight for public viewing will be the radiology departments new CT-Scanner and mammography equipment,

along with the latest in x-ray viewing technology, the SmartLight 8000.

The "Celebration of the Future" will be two-fold, as GMH welcomes the newest members of Cooke County's medical community and updates the public on plans for a new medical facility to serve the county.

Physicians being introduced are L. W. "Andy" Beville, M.D. who is the new radiologist serving Gainesville and Muenster Hospitals; Mark Klein, D. O., the newest family practice associate in the McLeroy-Lewis Medical Clinic; and Homer L. Reeves, M.D., family practice physician serving in GMH's Neighbor Care Clinic - Lake Kiowa.

"The promise of an exciting future in contained in the present and forged on the past," said Andrew E. Anderson Jr., administrator of GMH. "That is what we want to express with this event."

"We want to honor the physicians who have provided healthcare services to our community over the years, laying the foundation for all that we do now and what we plan to do in the future. We want to share with our community the wonderful services and technology we are dedicated to providing now, and we want to discuss our vision for the future of healthcare in Cooke County."

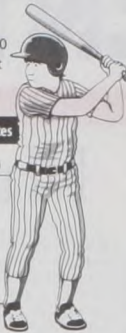
Anderson concluded, "These are exciting times." For more information on GMH's reception and open house, contact the GMH Marketing Office at 612-4641.

Submitted by GMH Marketing

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Little league, not so little anymore

Since its inception in 1951, Little League baseball in Texas has grown from 6 leagues, 24 teams with 260 total players, to 521 leagues, 15,000 teams and 225,000 total players in 1999. In fact, Texas has the third largest Little League organization in the country.



1999 top 5 states in Little League participation in the United States

State	# of Leagues	# of Teams	Total Participation
California	854	26,600	399,000
New York	530	16,300	244,500
Texas	521	15,000	225,000
Pennsylvania	436	11,600	174,000
New Jersey	330	9,400	141,000

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), and Little League Baseball, Inc.

Nocona Lake Estates VFD sponsors musical jubilee

If you want to enjoy an evening of fun and topflight musical entertainment this Saturday, make the short drive to Nocona to catch the Musical Jubilee. It will feature a wide variety of music, including country, western, gospel, swing, and rock. The Jubilee is at 7:30 p.m. at the Carpenter's Shop Senior Center, 400 Boston Street.

There will be a door prize of a \$100.00 gift certificate good towards purchase of a pair of Nocona boots, compliments of the Nocona Boot Outlet Store, and the winner does not have to be present to win.

The Jubilee is a fund-raiser for the Nocona Lake Estates Volunteer Fire Department which is the newest fire department in Montague County. This department was

only organized last August, and it did not have any property, buildings, or operational fire trucks to start with. In the ensuing 11 months the new department has become debt free and has acquired two operational trucks and a piece of property to build a fire station on.

The proceeds from the Musical Jubilee will go to the Building Fund to build a fire station to house the trucks and equipment. This volunteer fire department, which covers the west side of Lake Nocona, doesn't charge any dues or fees for the coverage it provides.

Tickets may be purchased at Gerhard's Casual and Western Wear, 212 Clay Street in Nocona, or from members of the Volunteer Fire Department. Prices are \$5

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The web site features educational videos from each stage of field work, a photo album from the project and background information about LaSalle and his expeditions in Texas.

THC archeologists currently are excavating Fort Saint Louis, the first European colony in Texas. The French explorer LaSalle established Fort St. Louis in 1685 near present-day Victoria. After the demise of the colony from disease and Indian attacks, the Spanish built a presidio on the site to claim the territory for Spain. Archeologists are finding both French and Spanish artifacts including

Visitors to South Texas can watch the archeologists at work as well as see museum displays of the artifacts at the Public Archeology Laboratory in downtown Victoria.

For more information, please contact: Maureen Brown, Fort St. Louis Archeological Project, Texas Historical Commission, 361-570-1356.

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Children's Health & Safety

Do not let minor cuts and scrapes become major

Cuts and scrapes are inevitable — especially for growing children exploring new domains.

"When your child has an accident, first assess the wound to see how serious it is," said Dr. Joan Shook, chief of emergency medicine. "If the wound is large, deep, or has a jagged edge, apply pressure for 10 minutes with a clean towel or bandage and take your child to the nearest medical facility."

For smaller wounds, stop the bleeding by applying direct pressure with a clean towel or piece of gauze. Once the bleeding stops, clean the area by washing gently with mild soap and water, removing dirt and debris. Rinse with clean water. Dry the area with a clean cloth or allow to air dry before applying an antiseptic ointment and sterile bandage. Change the bandage daily.

Contact a physician if the wound becomes tender or red, or if you notice drainage or pus.

Information supplied by Texas Children's Hospital of Houston

2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

<p>Sunday, July 16, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, 1 to 4 pm</p>	<p>Monday, July 17, 2000 VFW Auxiliary meeting, 8:00 pm Lindsay Knights Booster Club meeting, 7:30 pm, Knights field</p>	<p>Tuesday, July 18, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MMH Board meeting, 8:00 pm</p>	<p>Wednesday, July 19, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7 pm</p>	<p>Thursday, July 20, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 pm Grief Support Seminar, 6-8pm, Home Hospice Office</p>	<p>Friday, July 21, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 pm</p>	<p>Saturday, July 22, 2000 Alois Hoening Family Reunion, 3 pm., Conrad Hall, Lindsay</p>
<p>Sunday, July 23, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, 1 to 4 pm</p>	<p>Monday, July 24, 2000</p>	<p>Tuesday, July 25, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p>	<p>Wednesday, July 26, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7 pm</p>	<p>Thursday, July 27, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 pm Grief Support Seminar, 6-8 pm, Home Hospice Office BPW meeting, 6 pm, The Center Restaurant</p>	<p>Friday, July 28, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 pm Kwanis Family Swim Night, 7-9 pm, Municipal Pool</p>	<p>Saturday, July 29, 2000</p>

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OBITUARIES

Alonzo Clarence Parker 1925 - 2000

Alonzo Clarence Parker, age 75, died on July 11, 2000 at 2:40 p.m. at his residence near Forestburg. Service was held on Thursday, July 13 at McCoy Funeral Chapel in Muenster at 10:00 a.m., officiated by Rev. Chris Barnett.

Mr. Parker was born Feb. 9, 1925 in Seminary, Mississippi to Joseph Hinds Parker and Mary Florence (Ingram) Parker. A member of Union Baptist Church in Seminary, he worked as a mechanic and heavy equipment operator, mostly for Warriors Construction Co., until he retired. He loved fishing and was a talented craftsman, especially in woodwork and in general, anything with his hands. He was always a hard working, good hearted man who loved and helped people in general.

Survivors are one daughter, Diane Huckabay of Forestburg and two sons David Parker of Oyster Creek, Texas and Roger

Parker of Brazos Port, Texas. There are seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Also two sisters, Willene Parker and Rachel Thrash of Seminary; and four brothers, Preston Parker of Missouri, Stanley Parker and Bill Parker both of Seminary, and Herman Parker of Angleton, Texas.

Preceding him in death were his parents; one son Charles Parker; one infant daughter, Barbara Parker; two brothers Roy Rayford "Tater" Parker and Joseph L. "Red" Parker.

Burial was in Hardy Cemetery in Montague County, directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Saint Jo. Pallbearers were Bryan Huckabay, Ricky Huckabay, Kevin Haverkamp, Joe Ray Kuykendall, Glenn Mims and Nick Muller.

A family meal was served at First Baptist Church in Forestburg following the services at the cemetery.

Sherrie McElreath Wolfe 1962 - 2000

Sherrie McElreath Wolfe of Gainesville died at the age of 38 at Saint Luke's Baptist Hospital of San Antonio on Monday, July 10, 2000.

Services were held Thursday, July 13 at Hillcrest Church of Christ in Gainesville, officiated by Mr. Percy Parrish, minister of the Commerce Street Church of Christ and Mr. Earl Dozier.

Surviving are her parents Joe Carroll and Jean McElreath of Gainesville and her mother Betty Lucas of Hollister, Missouri. Also a son, Jimmy Wolfe of Gainesville, a daughter Brittany Wolfe of Gainesville and her children's father Huey Wolfe. Also her Grandfather Willie McElreath of Gainesville and four sisters, Kim McElreath of Richardson,

Tommie Jay Kukes of Springfield, MO, Dorian Ortowski of Gainesville and Debbie Denny of Fort Worth, and an aunt, Lou McDaniel of Duncanville.

Preceding her in death were grandparents Jane Sutton, Lisa McElreath and Ray Sutton.

Ms. Sherrie McElreath Wolfe was a legal liaison for Child Protective Services for nine years. She was a member of the Broadway Church of Christ.

Burial in Fairview Cemetery was directed by Clement-Keel Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Johnny Hunter, Barry Hunter, Shane Hunter, Cody Ortowski, Cole Ortowski and Mark McElreath. Honorary pallbearers were Phil Adams, Kathy Terry, Kenny Koonce and Renae Turbeville.

Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society, Box 1217, Gainesville, TX 76240 or to the American Cancer Society of Albuquerque, New Mexico.



The second week of swim lessons comes to an end at the Muenster City Park Swimming Pool Friday. Pictured, Jacqueline Bauer attempts to get Gene Yosten to float on his back. Photo by Janie Hartman

Senior citizens, beware of insurance telephone frauds

A senior citizen called the Area Agency on Aging on July 10. She was called last Friday evening about 8 p.m. The caller identified herself as being with the Area Agency on Aging and calling to help the individual with her Nylcare 65 insurance coverage replacement. She set up an appointment for someone to come to the person's home about one to two weeks later.

This is completely fraudulent as no one with the Area Agency on Aging makes phone calls at 8 p.m., in the evening. If you have questions regarding the Nylcare 65 pull out set for December 31, 2000, call the Area Agency on Aging

of Texoma in Sherman at (903)813-3574 or (800)677-8264, ext. 574 to set up appointments. It is very deceptive for an insurance agent to identify themselves with the Area Agency on Aging. Another fraudulent caller, identifying herself to be with United American, told this same citizen that Medicare had already dropped Nylcare 65 and the female would not be able to use her card now if she went to the doctor. FALSE AGAIN. Both of the above are very false and fraudulent. Do not "drop" your Nylcare 65 before you receive their September "pull out" letter or you will lose your 63 day guarantee of coverage with a Medicare Supplement.

Dr. Powell to participate in dental dilemma day on July 20

Got green teeth? Trying to re-grow a tooth? In an effort to put dental dilemmas to rest, Dr. William D. Powell of Gainesville is one of 12 Texas dentists who will participate with other members of the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) as hosts in a national SmileLine on Thursday, July 20.

SmileLine is a free dental health hotline that consumers can call to talk one on one with a dentist. From 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. EDT on July 20, anyone with questions or concerns about oral health can call the SmileLine toll-free at 800-SMILE33.

Dr. Powell is a Master in the Academy of General Dentistry.

Court approves list of election judges for Nov.

Each County Party Chair submitted names of people to serve as presiding and alternate judges for the November election. At the July 10 meeting, Commissioners Court approved the list as submitted. Election workers receive \$6.00 an hour. Election judges receive an additional \$25.00 for their services.

The following will be asked to serve as election judges and alternates listed according to precinct as follows:

- #1 Monica Lamb, presiding judge and Juanita Shasteen alternate;
- #2 Darren Baucum and Joyce Malinowsky;
- #3 Frank Stewart and Harold Chaney;
- #4 Anna Land and C.L. "Buddy" May;
- #5 Maggie White and Ron Melugin;
- #6 Bob Henderson and Frances West;
- #7 Karen Paul and Mrs. F. K. Leach;
- #8 Sharon McCormack and Robbie Cunningham;
- #9 Elizabeth Mendenhall and Jeanett Munn;
- #10 Doris Heying and Gene

- Shasteen;
 - #11 Frank Hacker and Billie Dyer;
 - #12 Ann Knight and Ima Delle Barthold;
 - #14 George Jones and Pat Ford;
 - #15 William Black and Mary Hermes;
 - #17 Deborah Hess and Eddie Fleitman;
 - #18 Mary Endres and Celine Dittfurth;
 - #19 Barbara Felderhoff and Lorene Sandman;
 - #20 Tricia Williford and Pauline Bashaw;
 - #21 Judy Krahl and Evelyn Fuhrmann;
 - #22 Betty Gaertner and Barbara Barr;
 - #30 Stormy Melton and Carolyn Smith;
 - #33 Taylor Vestal and Barbara Pybas;
 - #34 Ellie Hue Searcy and Tom Watson;
 - #35 Richard Sparkman and Joann Hermes;
 - #37 Merle Currie and Ken Leach;
- Serving as early voting Judge is Angelo Nasche and Bobbie Calhoun is the alternate.

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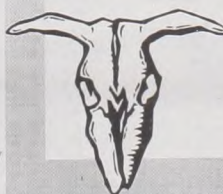
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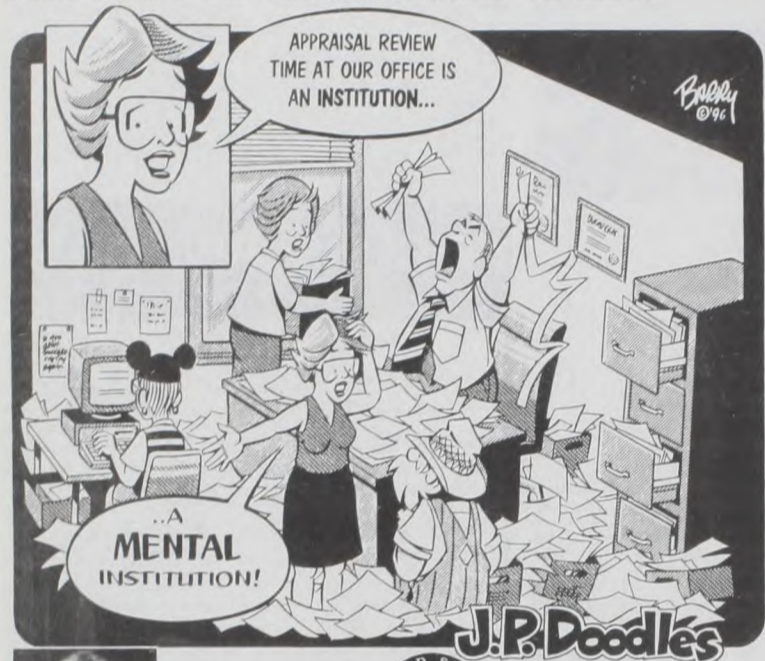
Opinion/Editorial

From My Side of the Fence by Ed Cler

I may die a slow and painful death for writing this story - but we all must go sometime! Tony came in Monday evening, a little sore and stiff, and told of an incident that occurred that afternoon. It seems he had been very busy sanding some chairs prior to refinishing, when he decided to sit and relax for a couple of minutes before proceeding. Well, he leaned back in his office chair and the back abruptly came off the seat and dumped him in a most

embarrassing position. There he laid, his seat on the chair seat and his head and shoulders over the chair back on the concrete floor. It seems that the simple thing to do was to turn to the side and roll off the chair, then get up. But it wasn't that simple. There were two screws protruding up ward through the seat and both had a good hold on his levis, shirt, and undershorts, one even pierced

his posterior end, and both held fast. He said it was painful, but his overriding thought was he was embarrassed and surely hoped no one would walk through the door and find him trapped in such a manner. Well, he soon settled for ripping a few holes in his clothes and getting back on his feet. After a few moments, he repaired the chair, so he says he will not find himself in such a position again.



CAPITOL COMMENT
U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Since oil was discovered at Spindletop in 1901, the fate of Texas has been closely tied to the energy industry. A year ago thousands of oil producers were forced out of the business because of record low oil prices. Today drivers are feeling the sharp pinch of rising prices at the pump. Such volatility is the direct result of America's growing reliance on foreign oil. By the first week in June, gasoline prices had increased by 50 percent over the past year. If your summer plans include a plane trip, the price of your ticket will have increased by about \$30 for a round trip. And travelers aren't the only ones feeling the pinch. Diesel prices are up too, costing the typical trucker an additional \$150 to \$200 to fill up. Small truckers are especially hard hit. Those who entered into shipping contracts based on lower fuel prices now face disaster. Eventually, consumers will pay in the form of higher shipping and retail prices. Farmers who are now looking toward the fall harvest can see their narrow profit margins disappearing into the tanks of trucks and harvesters. American consumers need short-term, immediate relief from this situation. Then Congress needs to roll up its sleeves and get to work on some long-term solutions that will stabilize oil prices and reassert America's energy independence.

To accomplish the first goal, I have introduced legislation that would suspend the 18.4 cents-per-gallon federal gasoline tax and the 24.4 cents-per-gallon tax on diesel fuel. This bill has been written to ensure that the tax reduction will have maximum impact on the price of gasoline at the pump - and no impact on the Federal Highway Trust Fund (which will remain fully funded throughout the proposed suspension period). The revenue is to be made up from surplus budget funds, \$150 billion of which Congress has already set aside for tax cuts. Suspension of the gas tax will use less than 3 percent of those funds. This pales in comparison to the anticipated \$1.7 trillion surplus expected over the next 10 years.

Next challenge: finding long-term solutions that will stabilize oil and gas prices and wean our country from energy dependence on overseas supplies. During the 1973 OPEC oil embargo, the United States imported approximately 36 percent of its oil from overseas. In 1993, imports stood at 46 percent. Today, the U.S. imports 56 percent and that is projected to grow to 65 percent by 2020. To reverse this dangerous trend, I have introduced legislation that will revitalize domestic energy production. This bill includes a \$3 per barrel, phased tax credit that is triggered when oil prices fall to between \$14 and \$17 per barrel. Such a credit would apply only to low-volume "marginal" oil wells producing less than 15 barrels per day. It would encourage production from existing fields as well as open new areas to exploration. And it would also apply to marginal natural gas wells, which have the potential to reduce our oil needs by 20 percent - the same amount we import from Saudi Arabia. This legislation has been incorporated into the National Energy Security Act of 2000, the goal of which is to cut American dependence on foreign energy to 50 percent by 2010. The Senate Majority Leader has promised a vote on it before the end of the year.

Right now American motorists are paying a high price for the failed energy policies - or absence thereof - that we've seen over the past seven years. Cutting the gasoline tax is a good, quick fix for what ails us. But America will pay an even higher price down the road if we do not restructure our energy priorities and do everything we can to encourage domestic production. We must break our dangerous habit of depending on imported oil.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:
Keep Muenster Beautiful is a non-profit organization affiliated with Keep Texas Beautiful & Keep America Beautiful. Within ten months of starting the organization in 1998, we won the Governor's Community Achievement Award (GCAA) which is attached to the decorative fence of Keep Muenster Beautiful Park on Main Street, across the street from the Catholic Church. Additionally, we won the Governor's Community Achievement Award of Excellence, located in the Chamber of Commerce office, and \$65,000.00 for beautification in Muenster. We just won the Governor's Community Achievement Award of Excellence for the second year in a row. Our first beautification project will be built at the intersection of Highways 82 and 373 after TX DOT completes the resurfacing of Main Street and moves the traffic light. I indicate "first" because our goal is to win the beautification money again for Muenster when we are eligible in 2002. We intend to win the "Sustained Excellence" award this year. Our greatest aggregation goes to the individuals & Businesses that support our organization & events. We would not have won without the support from hundreds of people. I started the organization primarily because people were trashing the highway in front of our property. I had also heard the Muenster has a problem with not having enough young men age 35 & younger to support the volunteer fire department because most of them drive out of Muenster for better paying jobs. I believe that a community must offer "quality of life" to attract the type of businesses that pay well enough to provide a good

income to our young families so they can live and work in Muenster. "Clean and beautiful" are definitely quality of life attributes for any community. The decisions we make which affect the cleanliness & beauty of Muenster will have a long-term effect on the economy of Muenster. I believe we must do all we can to ensure our corridors through Muenster are protected against eyesores, trash, unkempt property & anything that might deter tourist or potential new "quality" business from coming into Muenster. Existing businesses can be cleaned up & dressed up. I believe with all of my heart that it is more virtuous to love the community as a whole and to work for the good of the community than to make decisions or take actions that are personally beneficial which may harm the community. I am asking every business & property owner in Muenster to do all in their power to help keep their properties clean & beautiful. If you have something on your property that's not pleasing to look at & may leave a negative impression of our community, please consider cleaning it up or putting up a tall, chain link fence & plant beautiful climbing plants which will eventually cover the fence. Natural, beautiful, green, flowering plants covering a sturdy fence will last longer & be more beautiful than wooden fences which deteriorate much sooner, require more maintenance and are potential graffiti eyesores. I tremendously appreciate Mayor Weinzapfel's reminder to keep yards mowed. Taking care of your yard is another way to show love for our community and your

neighbors. If you appreciate your neighbors efforts in maintaining their yard, tell them how beautiful and appreciated their efforts are. Nominate special efforts for the Keep Muenster Beautiful yard of the month. What Muenster adults, businesses & government do now will determine what kind of community we leave for our children. Today's youth are our future therefore, Keep Muenster Beautiful has declared June 2000 - May 2001 the Year of the Youth. The Keep Texas Beautiful convention will be held in Fort Worth in June 2001. Muenster would not have won the \$65,000.00 without the participation of our youth. It will not be as expensive to travel to Ft. Worth next year to accept awards as it was to go to El Paso this year and Austin last year. Every year, Keep Texas Beautiful has a tremendous youth celebration with awards. Keep Muenster Beautiful wants to work with the schools & various youth groups to ensure our youth run away with the awards next June in Fort Worth. We want to continue to work with local businesses, senior citizens, organizations and law enforcement to help them win awards at the convention in Ft. Worth. It is with the help of all of these groups that Muenster has won or placed in every award category we've entered. This takes a contribution from us all. Believe me, it would have been easier to quietly pick up the trash off the highway in front of our property, but participants of Keep Muenster Beautiful do what we do. With love for Muenster,
MaryLee Alford
P.O. Box 604
Muenster

AUSTIN UPDATE
TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Streamlining Access to Medicaid Coverage

In April, the House Human Services Committee met jointly with the House Public Health Committee's Workgroup on Medicaid Eligibility to investigate problems with the Medicaid application process. Medicaid is a health-benefit program for the poor and uninsured for which Texas currently pays 38.6 cents and the federal government pays 61.4 cents of every dollar spent on services. The program is an entitlement program; that is, federal law requires states to provide medically necessary care to all eligible people who seek services, and states may not cap enrollment.

The Medicaid application process has come under scrutiny because of many hurdles applicants must overcome to gain access to Medicaid coverage. A completed application can be as long as 25 pages, critics say, and the instructions are in fine print which makes it hard to read. Several forms require signatures from employers or neighbors, and every applicant make at least one trip to a state government office for an hour-long interview, even if it means taking time off from work. Families not only must demonstrate that their income falls below certain levels, but they also must document their cash assets and car values.

Legislators and health-care advocates have begun focusing on the Medicaid application process in the attempt to help the State achieve its goal of reducing the number of uninsured children. Major proposals to be considered by the legislators include:

- * making the application more user-friendly
- * authorizing continuous eligibility for 12 months instead of 6-month eligibility
- * eliminating the "assets test," in which applicants must demonstrate that they have a limited amount of assets; and
- * eliminating the face-to-face interview which can sometimes take up to two hours due to shortages in the Department of Human Services (DHS).

The original purposes of these features were to narrow program eligibility and prevent fraud. There is concern, however, that the application process prevents too many eligible people from receiving coverage. On the other hand, opponents of the proposed changes fear that fraud might increase without certain procedures.

If you have any input on this issue, please contact me at my capitol office: P. O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768.

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Lifestyle

Images in the dark: full-time radiologist joins Gainesville Memorial Hospital staff

He spends most of his time in a dark room, intently studying images placed in front of him on a lighted board. His eyes are sharply focused, looking for anything out of the ordinary - out of the realm of what he knows should be there.

He is a radiologist, a highly trained specialist whose job it is to read and interpret the many complex diagnostic tools used by physicians today.

"It's not just x-rays anymore," says the newest addition to Cooke County's medical community, radiologist L.W. (Andy) Beville, M.D.

Beville should know, as he is one of very few physicians in the state, and nation, to carry board certifications in three areas of specialization - radiology, neuroradiology, and vascular/interventional radiology.

Dr. Beville came to Gainesville in the spring from Elk City, Oklahoma, where he had practiced for nearly 6 years. Prior to that, he had spent time in Muskogee, Oklahoma, El Paso, Texas, and Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Dr. Beville brings to the local medical community outstanding qualifications in his field, an excitement about the new dimensions he plans to spearhead in diagnostic procedures, and a history of education and training that adds valuable experience to his current position.

Dr. Beville received a Bachelor of Science degree from Oklahoma State

University in 1969 and did graduate work in pathology at the University of Tennessee, Memphis from 1971 to 1977.

He attended medical school in San Pedro, Dominican Republic, graduating in 1980 and did his internship in internal medicine at the University of Oklahoma Tulsa Medical School in 1980-81.

He made a change from his initial pursuit of academic pathology to the practice of general medicine and worked as a general practitioner in a small town in New Mexico. He also did some emergency room rotations. It was at this time that he decided that he liked the analytical side of medicine better. He settled on radiology as his field of choice and began working toward his goal.

From 1983-86, Beville performed a residency in diagnostic radiology at Detroit Medical Center, Detroit, Michigan. He completed a Fellowship in neuroradiology at the University of Minnesota Hospital in Minneapolis in 1988 and one in interventional radiology in 1989.

Dr. Beville considers the radiologist to be the "doctors' doctor." His eyes light up as he speaks of the many new procedures he hopes to introduce to the Cooke County medical arena, including many interventional techniques that patients currently have to travel out of the county for.

"I consider interventional radiology the surgery of the 21st century," says Beville.

Interventional radiology procedures that will soon be

added to Gainesville Memorial Hospital's (GMH) offerings include: diagnostic angiography, angioplasty and stent placement, thrombolysis, biliary access and stent placement, hemodialysis access management and image guided vascular access.

Neuroradiology techniques to be added include: angiography, discography, neuroplasty and vertebroplasty.

Beville hopes for the services to be online by fall. Currently, he anxiously awaits delivery of a new helical CT scanner and consults on the design and equipping of a cath lab that will allow him to perform the new procedures at GMH.

Beville is excited to be in Cooke County, and serves both the Gainesville and Muenster hospitals. He enjoys small town living and his position on I-35 makes travel to see his family in Oklahoma City a breeze.

Dr. Beville is a Senior Member of the American Society of Neuroradiology, the Radiological Society of North America, the Society of Head and Neck Radiology, the Society of Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiology, the International Spinal Injection Society and the American Roentgen Ray Society. He is licensed to practice medicine in Texas and Oklahoma.

He is offered at Gainesville Memorial Hospital and works under his company name of Southwest Imaging Consultants.

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New Arrivals

Anderle

John Anderle and Amy Bayer of Muenster announce the birth of a daughter, Bailey Lynn Anderle in Gainesville Memorial Hospital on June 26, 2000 at 4:10 p.m. weighing 6 lbs. 13 oz. and measuring 20 inches in length. She joins a sister, Karli Anderle, age 6.

Grandparents are Johnny and Annette Anderle and Claude and Mary Bayer all of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Marcus and Catherine Fuhrmann of Lindsay and Juanita Knabe of Muenster.

Robison

Mark and Jessie Robison of Gainesville announce the birth of their first child, a son, on July 3, 2000, at 5:47 p.m., weighing 6 lbs. 14 oz. and measuring 19, one-fourth inches long, in Muenster Memorial Hospital. They have named him Travis Nathaniel Robison.

Grandparents are Mark Robison of Denton, Patsy Walter of Myra, Lloyd Jones of Forestburg and Ann Bartls of Gainesville. Great-grandparents are Doug and Bonnie Robison of Gainesville, Mary Jones of Marietta, Sharon and Gary McFarlen of Shidell and Mildred and Cecil Jones of Gainesville.

Dankesreiter

Eric and Cheramie Dankesreiter of Lewisville are parents of a daughter, Kathryn Terese Dankesreiter, born at Medical Center of

Lewisville on July 5, 2000 at 3:37 a.m. weighing 7 lbs. 12 oz. and measuring 19 and three fourths inches long. She joins a brother, Benjamin Thomas, age 2.

Their grandparents are Damien and Lou Moster and Tom and Rosemary Dankesreiter, all of Muenster. Mrs. Theresa Hermes of Lindsay is the Great-grandmother.

Dennison

Jimmy and Danah Dennison are proud and happy to announce the birth of triplets at Harris Methodist Hospital, Fort Worth on July 6, 2000. James Armin IV weighed 3 lb. 8 oz.; Alaina Nicole weighed 3 lb. 2 oz. and Kirsten Renne weighed 3 lb. 4 and one half oz.

Their grandparents are James and Marcia Dennison and Pete and Jeanette Hellinger. The great-grandparents are Armella Cler of Muenster, Billie Dennison of Saint Jo and Agnes Hellinger of Lindsay.

Grewing

Brandon and Abbie Grewing are happy to announce the birth of their first child, Jocelyn Catherine Grewing, born at Gainesville Memorial Hospital, July 8, 2000. She arrived at 4:40 p.m. weighing 9 lbs. 12 ozs and 23 inches long.

Grandparents are Kellye Klement Hess, Donnie and Lorie Grewing of Muenster and Will and Catherine Beznor of Gainesville. Great grandmothers are Edna Klement, Theresa Grewing and Margaret Beznor.

Struxness

Zak and Amy Struxness of Aurora Colorado proudly announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Erin Faith on Sunday, July 9, 2000 at 2:54 p.m. in Rose Medical Center, Denver, CO, weighing 7 lb 1 oz and measuring 19 inches long.

Erin Faith's proud grandparents are Tom and Rosemary Dankesreiter of Muenster and Eric and Lynn Struxness of Denver. Maternal great-grandmother is Theresa M. Hermes of Lindsay. Paternal great-grandparents are Virgil and Doris Lunquist of Saks, Canada.

Hennigan

Doug and Nicole Hennigan of Muenster announce with pride and joy the birth of a daughter, Lydia Marie Hennigan in Muenster Memorial Hospital on July 11, 2000 at 9:49 p.m., weighing 7 lb. 1.5 oz. and measuring 20 and one half inches in length. Lydia Marie joins a brother Austin, age 5.

Grandparents are Gary and Mary Endres and Don and Sandy Hennigan, great-grandparents are Gary and Caroline Hess and Clara Endres, all of Muenster.

DID YOU KNOW?

Seventy percent of men over the age of 40 snore.

One out of five American men suffers a heart attack before age 55 - and most of the afflicted are non-exercisers.

Vacation party surprises Karli on 6th birthday

Karli Anderle celebrated her sixth birthday on vacation, camping in Arkansas. The surprise party was on June 20. After opening gifts and eating brownies, the kids all took their swing at a Pinata... even Grandma joined in the fun.

Joining Karli were her mother, Debbie; grandparents Della and Harvey Schmitt; aunts, uncles and cousins Stephen, Michelle, Mikayla, Mikenzie, Michael and Timothy.

On the day before her birthday, Karli's Aunt Vickie treated her to a trip to Chuck E Cheese's. Grandma Schmitt, Mikayla, Mikenzie and Michael were along for the celebration.

On Karli's birthday, June 29, she enjoyed swimming with her mom, Grandma, Aunt Vickie, Mikayla, Mikenzie and Michael and friends Jamie,

Ashley and Zane Scott. After swimming, Karli had pizza, cake and ice cream for her guests.



Karli Anderle

Area Meetings

CCBPW

The Cooke County Business and Professional Women will meet on Thursday, July 27 at the Center Restaurant in Muenster at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be in the upstairs dining room. The group's last meeting was held on July 13, at the Wooden Spoon.

Diabetes Support Group

There will be no meetings for the Diabetes Support Group held during July and August. Meetings will resume the third Tuesday of September.

For more information call Joan Walterscheid.

Keep Muenster Beautiful

Keep Muenster Beautiful's annual meeting Thursday, July 13, at 5:30pm at the Cooke County Electric Co-Op auditorium.

Walterscheid on President's Honor Roll at University of North Texas for spring 2000

Dara Dawn Walterscheid of Muenster was named to the University of North Texas President's Honor Roll for spring semester 2000.

To be named to the President's Honor Roll, undergraduates must be carrying a full load during the semester and make a perfect grade point average of 4.0.

NEW ARRIVALS

Reedy

B.B. and Rhonda Reedy of Gainesville are parents of a son, Rustin Clark Reedy, born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on July 11, 2000, at 6:48 a.m., weighing 7 lbs. and measuring 20 and one half inches long. He joins four siblings, Jason Reedy age 19, Chad Sias age 13, Elic Reedy age 8 and Seth Reedy age 6.

Mitcheson

Scott and Tracy Mitcheson are parents of a daughter, Sarah Mitcheson, born on July 10, 2000 at 6:07 p.m. in Muenster Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 lbs. 5.6 oz. and measuring 20 and one half inches long. There are three siblings, Joshua age 6, Caleb age 3 and Jessica age 20 months.

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Muenster High 18th annual Mini Cheerleading Camp continues tradition of success

Muenster Varsity Cheerleaders continued their tradition of success recently when they held their 18th annual Mini Cheerleading Camp for grades 1 through 8 at the Muenster City Park, June 26-30. The first Mini Cheerleading Camp began in the summer of 1983. Hornet head cheerleader Stephanie (Richey) Felderhoff and her five squad members and mascot originated the idea not only as a fund raiser for the group's expenses, but most importantly as a way to increase participation and spirit at pep rallies and athletic events. The inclusion of local area junior high squads resulted in community comradeship between other rural schools and gave the young cheerleaders an experience in NCA Cheerleading camp routines and a taste of friendly competition.

This year the same format continued with the new NCA cheers, chants and dances

being taught to 90 young participants including Muenster and Montague Junior High Cheerleading squads. Awards were presented daily at the close of each camp day. Besides daily spirit stick presentations, the following awards and winners were: jump award - Allison Teafattiller, Megan Harrison, Elizabeth Martin, Chancy Havard and JoAnna Felderhoff; dance award - Lindsay Watson, Chelsey Caldwell, Laura Heers, Cindy Guilliams, and Stevie Klement.

A contest was held the final day of camp for All-American Cheerleader. Nominees in grades 2-3 were Michelle Henscheid, Shaina Felderhoff, Natalie Yosten, Jackie Klement and Natalie Valliere.

Nominees for grades 4-5 were Elizabeth Martin, Jennie Luke, Anna McCourry, Jordanne Hellman, Lauren Haverkamp, Gretchen Gregory, Alison Miller, Laura Heers, Allison Teafattiller, Lindsay Watson, Megan

Harrison and Christina Eckart.

In grades 7-8, nominated were Stevie Klement, JoAnna Felderhoff, Whitney Watson, Shannon, Grewing, Cindy Guilliams, Megan Dangelmayr, Kelly Endres, Jenna Felderhoff, Rachel Tipton and Chancy Havard.

The winners from each age group were: Michelle Henscheid, Allison Teafattiller and JoAnna Felderhoff.

Junior High Squad Awards were: motion award - Muenster; team award - Montague; Stunt award - Muenster; most improved squad - Montague; spirit award - Montague and Muenster.

Christina Eckart received an award for most improved camper and Emily Hellman won the most spirited camper award. The presentation of individual spirit sticks to campers concluded the awards ceremony of camp.

submitted by Joni Sturm, MHS cheerleading coach



Future cheerleaders learned chants, cheers, jumps, dance moves and more at the annual Muenster Mini-Cheerleading Camp. Over 90 participated in the 18th annual event. Photo by Janie Hartman



MHS mini-camp honored cheerleaders included, at left, from Montague, Chancy Howard, Rachel Tipton, Jamie Waggoner and Cindy Guilliams; at right, Michelle Henscheid, Allison Teafattiller and JoAnna Felderhoff. Courtesy photo

Lindsay Secular Franciscans meet in Flusche home June 5

The Secular Franciscan Fraternity of St. Peter's Parish was hosted by Elvira Flusche in her home on June 5. Ritual opening prayer was led by Theresa Hermes, and Scripture Readings by Marie Zimmerer followed by reading of minutes and approval of the financial report.

A thank-you receipt was received from David Basile for per capita tax, and a thank you note from James Flickinger for \$200 sent as a donation for the Amazon relief fund. A letter from Fr. Tom Gardner invited petitions to include in the annual St. Anthony Novena. The Lindsay Fraternity sent a donation of \$100 for missions to Fr. Tom Gardner. A letter from Bishop Peter of Kerala, India described the widespread damage caused by the tidal wave that struck, and a school and church in his area.

Greetings were received from Brother Solomon, the Lindsay Fraternity's "Adopted Seminarian." He told of completing his third, year of Theology and will be ordained a Deacon soon.

A report from Alan Quimet described his work with "Adopted Families" beginning with 21 families, now grown to 900 people actively supporting poor families in the diocese of Alleppey, Kerala, India. All of those beneficiaries are fisher folks near the Arabian Sea. When they become self-sufficient, they are removed and a different poor family is helped.

The Lindsay Franciscan Fraternity meeting adjourned with a closing prayer and the Healing Prayer. Hostess Elvira Flusche served coffee, cake, and ice cream to eight members and one guest.

Free tree identification guide book available

"What Tree is That?", a pocket guide for identifying trees, is available free of charge from the National Arbor Day Foundation.

The 72 page guide will help you identify 135 different trees found in the eastern and central United States.

Well known trees are included: oaks, maples, spruces, and pines. Also species such as horsechestnut and mockernut hickory, sassafras and shadbush, persimmon and

pawpaw and pagodatree and pecan.

Dozen of drawings illustrate the trees' leaves or needles and their acorns, berries, seed pods, cones, etc. "What Tree is That?" is organized to make it easy to identify trees in a simple step by step fashion.

To obtain your free tree ID guide, send your name and address to "What Tree is That?", The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

NOTICE

Attention all Muenster Cub Scouts! Swim Party at City Park, Tuesday, August 8, 7-9pm. All scouts and their family members are welcomed.

All seventh and eighth grade Muenster teens - you are invited to an evening of swimming, games, music, food and fun of Sunday, July 30, starting at 6pm at the city park.

Included in the evenings activities, besides swimming, there will be a volleyball tournament, hot dog supper and contests. "Name the Group" is one contest. If you come up with the best organization name, you win a prize. Other prizes will be awarded for other activities.

Lindsay Volunteer Fire Department to host murder mystery dinner fundraiser

The Lindsay Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a fund-raiser event on Saturday, August 5. A murder mystery dinner, entitled "Murder on the High Sea," will be presented in the Conrad Hall. Ticket prices are \$45 a couple or \$25 for a single admission. Price also includes a catered dinner, drinks and door prizes.

Tickets will go on sale July 11 and will be sold in advance due to the limited seating.

To reserve your tickets, contact any Lindsay VFD member or Kathy Lutkenhaus at 665-6328 or Sandy Otto at 668-7163.

Baptisms

Miller

Baptism for Victoria Rose Miller, daughter of Bert and Debi Miller of San Antonio, was held on Saturday, July 1, at 3p.m. with a private Mass in Saint Brigid Catholic Church with Archbishop Thomas Flangan officiating.

Her godparents are Sister Marilyn Malloy, a friend, Neil Berres and Kristen Miller, both cousins of Victoria. During the Mass, Victoria's aunt, Gayle Burke, sang several songs. A baptismal gown, a gift from Sister Marilyn was worn.

A meal followed in the parents home. Attending were Victoria's three older brother, Ryan, Travis and Derek of the home; grandparents Carl and Norma Anderson of San Antonio and Herbert and Dolores Miller of Muenster. Also great-grandparents Willie and Mary Ann Simpson of Mico, Texas.

Attending from Muenster were uncles, aunts, and

cousins, Kathy Berres, Glenn, Stacie, Lisa and Austin Miller, from Coppell were Sean and Gayle, Amelio and Julia Burke. From San Antonio area were aunt Loretta Schlegel, Uncle Scott Anderson, friend Louise Fahly. Also Mary Rychman and children Katherine, Elizabeth and Emma and Paul and Stacie Onacole.

Dangelmayr

The baptism of Jess Colton Dangelmayr was held in Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, July 9, 2000 during the 10:30 a.m. Mass, celebrated by Father Michael Olsen.

The infant is the son of Shawn and Kristi Dangelmayr. Baptismal sponsors are an uncle and aunt, Tom and Hayle Dangelmayr.

The christening gown worn by the infant is a family treasure, worn by all the grandchildren and handmade by the great-grandmother, Caroline Schilling. A noon meal, with a decorated christening cake, was hosted by the paternal grandparents, Bill and Charlotte Dangelmayr in their home.

On Dean's List at UNT

Three University of North Texas students from Muenster have been named to the Dean's List for spring semester 2000. They are Laura Jane Klement, Dale Joe Schilling and Joyce Leann Walterscheid.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be carrying a full load and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 in a possible 4.0 ratio.

Hot Tuesday

El Chico is sponsoring a Hot Tuesday for the Volunteer Services Council of Mental Health Mental Retardation Services of Texoma (MHMRST). Bring your friends and family for a meal at any time during the day on July 18. Be sure to tell your waitress or waiter that you are supporting MHMRST.

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Five MHS students receive TILF scholarships from UIL success

Raegan Koesler, Casey Walterscheid, Kelly Felderhoff, Allison Endres, and Doug Knabe benefited from their success in University Interscholastic League academic competition. All five of these outstanding students received scholarships through the Texas Interscholastic League Fund. Raegan and Casey received awards of \$5000 each, and Kelly and Allison received awards of \$1000 each. Doug Knabe was awarded a four year renewable scholarship of \$3250 per year for a total of \$13,000.

All of these successful students from Muenster High will continue their education in the fall. Raegan, Kelly, and Doug will be attending Texas Tech in Lubbock. Allison will attend Texas A&M, while Casey will go to TCU in an Air

Force ROTC program.

Academic competition through the UIL prepares students for many of the challenges they will face in college and beyond. The UIL is a part of the University of Texas. Started in 1910 as a debate competition, the variety of contests has grown to include over twenty contests at the high school level. There are approximately 68 separate contests available to students in grades 2-12.

The TILF awarded approximately \$1 million in scholarships throughout Texas this summer to students who advanced to the state level of competition. With these awards the total that graduating Muenster High seniors received this year is over \$390,000.

Becker graduates from West Texas A&M on May 13

Michael Joseph Becker, a 1996 graduate of Sacred Heart High School, graduated from West Texas A&M University on May 13, 2000. The 2:00 p.m. commencement ceremony took place at the Amarillo Civic Center. Attending the ceremony were Michael's parents, Werner and Linda Becker, his fiancée, Billie Jean Sandoval, and her parents, Steve and Dana Sandoval. While earning his B.S. degree in agriscience, Michael was a member of the

varsity football team, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and was recently voted treasurer of the Agribusiness Club. He was awarded Scholar Athlete Honorable Mention in 1998 and will be receiving scholar athlete honors for the previous school year. Michael plans to pursue a master of science degree in finance and economics while he completes his collegiate football eligibility in the fall.

Health & Safety Tips

Cancer pain often is left untreated

Pain is a common and dreaded complication of cancer, but it can be treated.

"With appropriate use of pain medication - narcotic and non-narcotic - the majority of cancer pain can be controlled," said Dr. Barry Levinson. "We can significantly improve the quality of life of such patients."

Although patients are sometimes reluctant to take narcotics because they fear addiction, Levinson said cancer patients rarely become dependent on these drugs.

New time released drugs and other therapies such as radiation also can improve pain control. Levinson stresses that cancer patients should always tell their physicians when they are experiencing pain because there is no reason this discomfort should go untreated.

Information supplied by UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas

Kailob Miller attends Lions Club Camp

Kailob Miller, son of Randy and Lisa Miller of Muenster attended the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville. He was sponsored by Hank Richroath of the Gainesville Lions Club. Going to summer camp is an experience all children dream about!

The Texas Lions Camp offers special camping programs that serve children who have diabetes or other physical disabilities. Children eligible to attend the camping

sessions are from age seven through 16, who have visual, hearing or other physical disabilities. The camp offers a wide variety of activities, including arts and crafts, field

sports, riding horses, swimming, theater, and camping out overnight. All activities are adapted so that each child can succeed. Children attend the camp at no cost to themselves or their families.

4-H'ers share their favorite pets with Health & Rehab

A sharing among generations was shown when 4-H'ers took their favorite pets to the River Valley Health & Rehabilitation Center on Saturday, June 17.

The event's primary purpose was for youth to share with the older adults and to provide a morning of enjoyment for them. 4-H'ers paraded their animals and birds around the room allowing the residents to pet each animal if they chose to do so.

Smiles could be seen around the room as the older adults viewed and petted the animals. 4-H'ers did a lot of smiling also.

Mark Lutkenhaus, Sr. 4-H'er, served as master of ceremonies. 4-H'ers participating and their pets were: Christopher Aitchison & his dog, Prissy; Debra Aitchison & her cat, Blackie; Mark Brooks & his dog, Sophie and his rabbit, Fuzzball; Liam Guthrie & his cats, Vanilla and Ophelia; Sean Guthrie & his tarantula, Sharlet; Rose Hermes & her dog, Dutchess; Paul Jones & his

dog, Elmo and a chicken; Cabie Lamb & her dog, Sparky; Kevin Lutkenhaus & his dog, Ben; Bryant Nelson & his rat, Pikachew, his rabbit, Daisy Blossom, and his bird, Lucky; Randi Reed & her dog, Toby; Kelli Reed & her cat, Sassy; Angela Schad & her kittens, Tip, Obbie, Socks, Chestnut, Spotty and Musky; Alyssa Smithson & her rabbits, Peter and Cottontail; Logan Smithson & his cat, K.K.; Justin Smithson & his cat, Smoky; Julea Stovall & her dog, Buddy; Sami Weber & her dog, Kelli Westbrook & her fish, Shiloh; Jessica Williams & her dogs, Ralph and Spot.

River Valley workers judged the pets and picked the following: Most Unusual - Sean Guthrie Most Creative - Kelly Westbrook Most Talented - Tyler Nelson Friendliest - Angela Schad Showmanship - Alyssa Smithson Best Costume - Mark Brooks

Following the parade of pets, 4-H'ers served homemade cookies and lemonade to the older adults.

Cool energy saving tips

- Cook outdoors or use a toaster oven or microwave.
- Set your water heater at a moderate level (about 125 degrees).

Ten free wildbird garden trees

Ten free wildbird garden trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during July 2000.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten trees are the Red Oak, Sargent Crab, Washington Hawthorn, 2 Redcedars, Bur Oak,

Arrowwood Viburnum, 2 Canadian Hemlocks and Gray Dogwood.

These trees and shrubs provide cover, nesting sites and food for more than 100 bird species.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between October 15 and December 10 with enclosed

planting instructions. The 6 to 12 inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and *The Tree Book* with information about tree planting and care.

To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Wildbird Garden Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by July 31, 2000.

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Jordan Hess is 8

Family, relatives and friends joined together on Sunday, June 18 to celebrate the birthday of Jordan Lee Hess, who turned eight years old on June 13. He is the son of Darrell and Lisa Hess of North Richland Hills, TX.

The party was held in the home of Jordan's grandmother, Rachel Hennigan of Muenster. A "Scoobie Doo" theme was carried out. Guest were served a meal of barbecued chicken followed by a decorated birthday cake and ice cream. Pictures and videos were made as Jordan opened and displayed his gifts.



Jordan Hess

The birthday celebrant is also the grandson of Cathy Hess of Lewisville and the great-grandson of Gary and Caroline Hess and Odilia Lutkenhaus all of Muenster.

Library News

by Kay Broyles

August third is the last day of the summer reading program. There will be a reception at the city park pavilion at 4:30 p.m. on August 3, for all children who have read their required number of books, and their families.

The new building is progressing! We still have time to add your name on our donor's wall, or to add your brick to our sidewalk. Cookbooks are also still available. Contact the library for your purchase forms. Any help will be appreciated.

We were given 148 brand new books from the Northeast Texas Library System. Most of these books are children's nonfiction books covering a variety of subjects. We also just purchased the American Girl History Books. This is a set of six books about the home country and era of each of the

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American Girls.

New adult books are: *Hitler Pope* by John Cornwell, *It's Not About the Bike* by Lance Armstrong, *In a Sunburned Country* by Bill Bryson, *The Last Sin Eater* by Francine Rivers, *Like Gold Refined* by Janette Oke, *The Second Silence* by Eileen Guode, *Cradle and All* by James Patterson, *The Forest by Edward Rutherford*, *Before I Say Good-by* by Mary Higgins Clark, *Pegasus in Space* by Ann McCaffery, *When God Whispers Your Name* by Max Lucado, *Daughter of Fortune* by Isabel Allende and many others. We are also waiting for our copy of the new Harry Potter to be delivered, and yes, we do have the first three books.

The internet is running very well now. We are on DSL and it is very quick service.



The Girl Scout Twilight Camp was held this week in the Muenster City Park, with over 80 girls participating. Above left, Christina Eckart helps Ashley Grewing with her "sitt-up"; above right, Natlie Valliere works on her sand art. At right, Natlie Pagel "tie dyes" a handkerchief, assisted by Allison Westbrook and Laurie Valliere; below, sixth grade scouts help present the flags. Muenster Troop 45 members in the color guard include Jayin Rehmer, Dainah Hartman, Renee Ditturh, Kayin Rohmer and Jessika Hartman. Photos by Janie Hartman



Butterflies set hearts aflutter

Butterflies are setting human hearts aflutter. These winged beauties can be found on the latest styles in hair and clothing accessories. Butterfly gardening is gaining a new popularity.

John Jackman, entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, understands the overwhelming attraction to the butterfly.

"I think there's always been a lot of interest in butterflies," Jackman said. "It's an insect that is largely visual and attractive, so I think people are paying attention to it. Butterflies are a real popular item right now in Texas."

The Lone Star State is home to more than 400 species of butterflies, and many garden enthusiasts are learning to plant the right flowers to get these beautiful creatures to visit their backyards.

"A couple of things you can do is you can plant a variety of flowers," Jackman said. "Some flowers are a lot more attractive than others. Lantana is a good host plant-butterfly bush and butterfly weed, too. There is a whole collection that is really good."

Butterflies and moths are a group of insects called Lepidoptera which is coined from two Greek words meaning "scale winged." They have four wings that are almost always covered by colored scales.

The species, its life stage, the

caterpillar structures are broken down chemically, the adult's new structures are formed and the butterfly emerges.

Most butterfly adults sip nectar with their coiled proboscis.

The Extension Service is now-making it easier to identify 16 of the most popular butterflies of Texas through the creation of a full-color identification wheel.

"Butterflies of Texas" includes photographs of both the caterpillar and the adult butterfly of each of the species featured.

To help people attract more butterflies to their lawns and gardens, the wheel also lists host plants for the caterpillars as well as flowers that attract the adults. The wheel offers interesting facts about butterflies, skippers and moths and names the 12 Texas butterfly families and the number of species in each that call our state home.

The wheel was created to have a dual purpose, said Diane Bowen, Extension communications specialist and one of the creators of the wheel.

"When we made the butterfly wheel, we wanted to make it time of the year and each region of Texas determine host plants.

Females choose certain plants - usually on the food that will sustain the larvae

upon hatching - to lay eggs.

An emerging caterpillar eats plant parts and attaches its chrysalis or silken cocoons to twigs or leaves, with the pupa inside. Inside the chrysalis, as useful and beautiful as possible," she said.

"We wanted to make it portable, water and dirt resistant so you could go out to the garden and if you saw a butterfly, you could take it out and say, it's a black or tiger swallowtail, and look at the wheel and see if it matches."

The "Butterflies of Texas" wheel can be purchased at most nurseries and garden centers, museums and through the Texas Agricultural Extension Service for \$10.95. To order a copy, send a check or money order payable to Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Distribution and Supply, P.O. Box 1209, Bryan, Texas 77806. Specify publication L-53 08, "Butterflies of Texas." To order a butterfly identification wheel online, go to <http://Hagpublications.tamu.edu/btfly.html>.

"They've been flying off the shelves," Bowen said. "Our first edition sold out in four months and our second edition sold out in two months, and now we are on our third edition. People just find it a fun and useful way to learn about butterflies."

Submitted By Edith A. Chenault



Children need your help

Children continue to be victims of abuse and sadly, victims of abuse and neglect by those who should care the most for them, their parents. While the number of children in foster care in Region 3 in Texas exceeds 3,000, the number of foster homes in the Region is less than half of the number of children in foster care. This shortage of foster homes has become a critical problem. Due to the shortage of foster homes in their area, children are often placed in foster care outside their immediate county of residence. Recently, children have had to

be placed outside the Region as well.

Children are placed under the protective custody of the state and enter the foster care system as a result of abuse and neglect in their homes. The goal of Child Protective Services is to return as many of these children home, but some children will need adoptive families. All children need caring families to care for them whether it be short term or permanently. You can make a difference in the lives of these children. The basic requirements to be a foster/adoptive parent are:

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Sports

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On Wednesday, July 5, the first little league all-star game was played at the new Muenster baseball complex.

H&W Meat, after having a winning season 8-0, was matched against all the twelve year old of the other Muenster teams, Jaycees, Fischers and Muenster Drilling.

Umpire Tim Schneider had owner of H&W Meat Company, Sylvan Walterscheid, throw the first pitch.

Members of the H&W team were Neil Bayer, Brandon Bindel, Adam Dangelmayr, Stephen Davis, Micah Flusche, Nolan Hartman, Bill Haverkamp, Keith Hermes, Evan Koessler, Colby Ritchey, Michael Valliere, Bret Walterscheid, and Dustin Wimmer. They were coached by Ben Bindel, Kenny Hartman and Michael Hermes.

Playing on the all-stars team were Chad Temple, Derek Endres, Nathan Privitt, Adam Kasprek, Jordan Walterscheid,

David Walterscheid, Noah Barnhill, Michael Eckart, Malcom Martin, Kit Morrill, Keith Walterscheid, Ryan Hennigan and Clint Williams. 26-7.



All-star Keith Walterscheid was tagged out at home, but Dustin Wimmer dropped the ball for an All-star score. Photo by Janie Hartman



Adam Kasparek slides in for a home-run, as H&W pitcher Adam Dangelmayr comes in for the tag a little late. Photo by Janie Hartman



Coach Kris Hogan keeps participants in the Grade School Grid-Iron Camp jumping this week. At right, Kirk Felderhoff takes his best shot at tackling a dummy. Photo by Janie Hartman

Wichita Falls: your Cowboys connection

July 18 - August 18 is a perfect time to visit Wichita Falls and see the Dallas Cowboys at their Midwestern State University training camp. All practices are free of charge to the public. Most practices will be 8:45-10:45 a.m. and 3:50 - 6:00 p.m., although there are a few practices which begin at 5:30 p.m. The opening ceremony will take place at 8:30 a.m. on July 18 followed by the first practice session. A complete schedule of practice dates and times is available. Plenty of parking will be

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H&W's Neil Bayer gets a hit against the All-stars. Hind catching is Derek Endres with Tim Schneider officiating. Photo by Janie Hartman



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- Hunters under 12 must be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 or older.

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For more information or the latest schedule of hunter education courses, call (800) 792-1112, option 6, then 2, or visit the TAW Web site. On the Net: Texas Parks and Wildlife (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us>)

Booster club meeting

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Farm & Ranch

Oxygen depletion in fish ponds comes early this summer, leading to more possible fish kills

"My fish are dying! What do I do?"

Fish kills in small ponds are most often caused by oxygen depletion, a condition which usually occurs during July and August, when hot, cloudy weather is the rule of the day.

Farm ponds started out the year with water levels low. Despite recent rains that filled many ponds, oxygen depletion may still be a problem.

When summer came on all at once, with cloudy weather and temperatures in the high 80's and low 90's. People whose pond conditions and stocking levels were on the edge are now seeing die-offs early, said Dr. Billy Higginbotham, wildlife and fisheries specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "Oxygen depletion problems account for about 85 percent of all fish die-offs in Texas farm ponds."

Higginbotham recommended pond owners follow a simple set of steps to determine pounds of fish per surface area of pond. If the total pounds of fish exceeds 1,000 per surface acre -- that's only 1000 pounds of fish in a one-tenth-acre pond -- then your pond is a prime candidate to suffer an oxygen depletion problem before the summer is over.

The first step is to determine if your pond is at risk. Begin by estimating the surface area of a pond in acres. If the pond is rectangular, the simplest way to determine its size is to measure the length and width in feet, then multiply one measurement by the other to get surface area in square feet. Divide this number by 44,000 to get the approximate area in acres. A pond 200 feet wide by 200 feet will have 40,000 square feet of surface area, or about one acre.

The next step is to determine the pounds of fish in the pond. By catching a few fish and weighing them, an owner can estimate the total pounds of fish in the pond.

Under sunny conditions and moderate temperatures, aquatic plants, mostly single-celled algae, produce enough oxygen as a byproduct of photosynthesis to maintain oxygen levels in ponds. Wind, or the lack of it, is also a factor as it helps to aerate the water.

Often the pond owner won't need to determine pounds of fish per acre to diagnose oxygen depletion. Oxygen-starved fish can be seen gasping at the surface or swimming weakly to the edge of the pond. Oxygen depletion will affect all sizes and species of fish to various degrees. Because photosynthesis shuts down during the night, fish showing symptoms of oxygen depletion will be most obvious during early and mid-morning hours.

Pond owners who have a motor-equipped boat can easily and cheaply counteract oxygen depletion. Just back the trailer into shallow water and leave the motor running in gear until the fish recover. The submerged prop will move enough water about to cause oxygen levels to increase.

Just cruising around the pond in the boat won't help much. Cruising means the prop is pushing the boat, not the water, resulting in considerably less oxygen absorption. Pumps can also be used to increase oxygen, but the intake should be set within 2 or 3 feet below the pond surface. These are only temporary solutions.

Hot, dry weather causes other water quality problems besides oxygen depletion. Pond water evaporates and waste products (primarily nitrites and ammonia) are not flushed out. Under these conditions, some species of fish, most notably catfish, are susceptible to nitrite poisoning. High nitrite levels cause a fish's blood to change from a normal bright red to a brownish color.

At first glance, nitrite-poisoned fish look like oxygen-depleted fish. They may come to the surface and gasp for air, or sickly swim to the shore. Pond owners will see the worse effects of oxygen depletion in mornings; fish will exhibit the symptoms of nitrite poisoning throughout the day and night.

There is a simple remedy for nitrite poisoning: common table salt. The chloride in salt prevents uptake of nitrites by fish. Higginbotham recommends a water test to determine if nitrite levels are sufficiently high to affect fish health. If ammonia levels prove to be the problem, then removing some water off the pond bottom may provide a remedy.

Parasites and disease may also cause fish kills. If there are more than one species of fish in the pond and only one species is dying, then perhaps the pond owner is facing a fish parasite or disease problem. Different species have varying tolerances to these quality problems. Such problems also can stress fish and make them more susceptible to parasites and diseases.

For more information on fish diseases, contact your local Extension agent.

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New wheat variety producing well

Wheat growers are following the lead of Blackland and Rolling Plains producers in planting a new variety, TAM 302, which has shown equal or better yields compared to other commercial hard red winter wheat varieties.

TAM 302, developed by Texas A&M is well adapted to all wheat-growing areas in the northern half of Texas, or roughly north of the 30th parallel.

Probably most significant to wheat producers deciding which varieties to plant this year, it out-yielded all the check varieties by 9 bushels per acre in our '99 field trials in Bushland, Texas," said Marshall. TAM 302 provides good protection against the common enemies of wheat -- leaf rust, powdery mildew and yellow dwarf virus. It also shows good resistance to both the mosaic and Hessian flu."

Marshall reports high grain yields for TAM 302 in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado and Kansas. It averages 30 inches in height, similar to Jagger and Hick varieties. It's winter hardiness compares well to 2137, Ogallala and TAM 202; it tolerates acid soils and has no known problems with lodging or shattering.



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Adjust grain sorghum seeding rates to available soil moisture

Producers often plant too much grain sorghum seed per acre. If drought conditions follow, there may be inadequate moisture available per plant during flowering and grain-fill to produce grain. For this reason, producers should pay close attention to seed size by variety when calculating seeding rates.

It's crucial to know your variety's seed per pound rating -- with most varieties this is typically about 13,000 to 16,000 seeds per pound. It's also important to calibrate your planter according to seed size," noted agronomist Calvin Trostle. "Remember that most varieties seeded at a modest plant population per acre can flex their yield potential upward under favorable growing conditions. So seeding a modest plant population is agronomically and economically less risky than seeding a higher plant population under droughty conditions."

When soil moisture is adequate, most producers can set their planters to drop 30,000 to 35,000 seeds per acre to achieve a modest plant population. If soil moisture is low, however, Trostle recommends a seeding rate of 25,000 to 30,000 seed per acre. If soil moisture is poor, and as the planting date approaches, producers should adjust their seeding rate downward to about 20,000 seeds per acre, he said.

These guidelines translated - 30,000 seeds per acre is essentially two pounds per acre, and no more, for a typical size sorghum seed.

How can farmers factor recent rainfall into their soil moisture and grain sorghum seeding rate decisions?

"Here's a conservative and easy to remember rule of thumb. A sandy or sandy loam soil can store about one inch of available soil water; a silty loam to clay loam soil can store about one and one-half inches; and a clayey soil can store about two inches," the agronomist said. "Sandy soils with finer-textured subsoil can store more water -- while shallow caliche layers will limit a soil's moisture storage capacity."

"Our recent rainfall probably won't contribute any significant soil moisture below a depth of 18 to 24 inches. Even so, each inch of stored soil moisture is worth about 357 pounds of grain for grain sorghum producers -- every rain helps a little."

County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

SORGHUM INSECTS - MIDGE AND HEADWORMS

Fields of sorghum in bloom should be scouted for sorghum midge and headworms. Management guidelines for sorghum midge include:

- Sorghum midge larvae consume the developing seed, resulting in "blasted heads."
- Adult midge emerge in the morning, mate, lay eggs in sorghum flowers, and die by early afternoon. Each female lays about 50 eggs.
- Only flowers with yellow anthers exposed are susceptible to egg laying. Orange and brown flowers and developing seeds are safe from infestation.
- Look for midge on flowering heads from about 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Since midge live only one day, a new population is present each day. Infestations can quickly change overnight.
- A midge generation requires about 2-3 weeks. The first fields to bloom in an area generally have very light numbers of midge. Later blooming fields are increasingly susceptible.
- While a field may bloom for 2 or more weeks, days 5-12 are most important since they represent about 75% of the grain potential.
- Treatment for midge is recommended when 25% of the heads begin to bloom and midge average 1-2 per head.
- Retreatment may be required in 3-5 days if midge are still present and a significant portion of the field is still blooming.
- Live midge may be found in treated fields. However, they are quickly killed by the residual insecticide before they lay as many eggs as they would in untreated fields.
- Natural enemies have no significant impact on midge.
- Cultural practices that encourage early uniform flowering help escape midge. Control of Johnsongrass also helps to suppress midge.

Management guidelines for headworms include:

- Headworm moths lay eggs soon after sorghum flowers. Eggs are laid on leaves and on the head.
- Beneficial insects can reduce headworm numbers. However, insecticide treatments for midge can reduce numbers of natural enemies.
- Tight headed varieties often have more headworms than open headed varieties.
- One larva will damage 6% of the kernels in a head, 2 larvae will damage 10%, and 3 larvae per head will damage 13% of the kernels.
- Larvae mature in 12-14 days. Once larvae reach about an inch

in length, they consume about 80% of their total grain intake during the next 4-6 days of their development.

- Use a 5-gallon bucket to sample. Beat sorghum heads into the bucket and count worms in the bottom. Sample at least 10 heads in 3 locations (30 heads) across the field. Determine the average number of headworms/head.
- Target headworms 1/2-1 inch long since they are easier to kill with insecticides and have caused little damage. (Headworms larger than 1 inch have done most of their damage and are difficult to kill).

TOMATO DISEASE UPDATE

Dry summer weather has not been favorable for development of leaf disease on tomato. Nevertheless these diseases may show on gardens. Two of the more common fungal leaf spots are Septoria leaf spot and early blight. These pathogens overwinter on dead plant material or are introduced on infected transplants. Both fungi initially attack the lower, inner foliage first. Septoria leaf spot causes small, brown to black lesions, while early blight results in larger, target-shaped spots. Both diseases may occur on the same plant. Affected foliage eventually drops from the plant. The disease then progresses up the plant, killing more and more leaves. The plant may not be killed, but both diseases can severely reduce the number and size of tomatoes.

Leaf spots can be suppressed by cultural methods. Stake or cage plants to increase air movement and reduce conditions favorable for fungal infection. Straw mulch around the base of the plants can also help reduce pathogen spread. When watering, use a flood or trickle irrigation system. Avoid overhead watering, especially in late afternoon or evening. Watering late in the day, coupled with dew formation at night, increases the number of hours the leaves remain wet and susceptible to fungal infection.

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Grasshoppers get the jump on North Texas

More than a month earlier than expected, grasshoppers have invaded North Texas.

"This is the third major outbreak in as many years," said entomologist Dr. Mike Merchant. "Sporadic rains, even when heavy, haven't dampened their attack much."

Several consecutive years of hot, dry summers and warm autumns created luxury accommodations for grasshoppers to thrive and multiply, according to Dr. Allen Knutson. "Cool, wet weather slows down their development," he said. "It takes them 40 to 60 days to grow to the adult stage and be able to fly. And there are several species emerging at different times all summer long."

"They'll eat almost anything green," said Merchant. "Pesticides offer only a little protection against these voracious insects. Even the best sprays guarantee only particle control. There's almost no escape from some damage."

"The top insecticides for backyards and gardens contain permethrin, cyfluthrin and bifenthrin," he said. "Look for then under the trade names Spectracide Pro, Bayer Advanced Garden Sprays and

Ortho Home Defense. Don't use granular insecticides - only liquid sprays will be effective."

Knutson noted farmers and ranchers are reporting high numbers in pastures and soybeans. "Recent rains will keep weeds greener and may slow down their movement into area crops. Clearing out those weeds will starve young hoppers and later discourage adults from laying eggs in the area. The problem with that is they can move to valuable crops or landscapes nearby."

Unfortunately, they are here for the rest of the summer until they die of old age or a killing frost arrives."

Get more information on grasshoppers on the web at: <http://agpublications.tamu.edu/pubs/entomol/15201.pdf>

Ag Briefs

USDA research indicates that cattle prefer afternoon cut hay to hay cut in the morning.

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Planted acreage of corn is estimated at 2.0 million acres, up 3% from 1999, while harvested acreage, at 1.85 million acres, is up 5%.

Acreage planted to soybeans is estimated at 380,000 acres, down 5% from last year. Producers expected to harvest 360,000 acres, compared with 380,000 in 1999.

Planted acreage of winter wheat, at 6.0 million acres, is down 3% from last year. Harvested acreage, at 2.5 million acres, is down 26% from last year's crop and 36% below 1998.

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Sold at Friday's sale were 902 head of cattle, compared to 1,179 head of cattle the previous week. Tuesday, the market conducted the sale of 381 goats, 296 sheep and 154 hogs. The numbers for last week were 555, 171 and 129 respectively. Results follow:

Feeder Steers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.20-1.42; Nos. 2 & 3, .90-1.20; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.10-1.35; Nos. 2 & 3, .90-1.10; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 1.00-1.13; Nos. 2 & 3, .85-1.00; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, .95-1.05; Nos. 2 & 3, .80-95; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, .86-.97; Nos. 2 & 3, .77-.86; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, .80-.88; Nos. 2 & 3, .75-.80.	Stocker Cows (per head) Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - large frame, \$600-\$700; medium frame, \$475-\$600. Cow-calf pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - large frame, \$750-\$900; medium frame, \$575-\$750. Holstein baby calves, \$90-\$125; Crossbreds, \$125-\$205.	Ewes: Stocker, 44-50; Thin, 30-35; Fat, 38-42. Bucks: Thin, 33-35; Fat, NT.
Feeder Heifers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.10-1.30; Nos. 2 & 3, .80-1.10; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.00-1.07; Nos. 2 & 3, .80-1.00; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, .90-1.07; Nos. 2 & 3, .80-90; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, .88-.95; Nos. 2 & 3, .75-.88; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, .80-.87; Nos. 2 & 3, .72-.80; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, .75-.84; Nos. 2 & 3, .70-.75.	Barrows & Gilts: US #1, 230-270, 43-46; US #2, 220-280, 42-43. Feeder Hogs (per head) 100-175 lbs., \$35-\$50; 25-90 lbs., \$15-\$40. Sows: Feeder, 400 or less, 27-30; Light wt., 400-500, 30-31; Med. wt., 500-600, 33-34; Heavy wt., 600-up, 37-38. Boars: 300 lb.-up, .08-.085; 200-300 lbs., NT; Light wt., NT.	Barbados (per head) Lambs: \$15-\$25; Ewes: \$35-\$60; Bucks: \$35-\$135. Goats (per head) Kids: 20-35 lbs., \$15-\$30; 35-55 lbs., \$30-\$45; 55-75 lbs., \$45-\$65; Yearlings: 75-120 lbs., \$65-\$85. Nannies (per head) Stocker, \$50-\$60; Milk Type, \$65-\$75; Slaughter: Thin, \$25-\$35; Fat, \$35-\$45. Billies (per head) 120 lbs-up Light wt., \$70-\$110; Slaughter, \$70-\$85. Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny, \$60-\$100; 3/4 Nanny, \$75-\$125; Full Nanny, \$200-\$265.
Slaughter Cattle (per lb.) Slaughter bulls: yield grade 1-2, 1.200-2.050 lbs., 50-58; Slaughter cows: #1-3, 41-47; cutter, 37-41.	Sheep (per lb.) Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs., 72-77; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs., 75-80; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs., 75-80.	Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Billy, NT, 3/4 Billy, NT, Full Billy, \$125-\$150.

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