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## Tobacco money buys MMH's mammography equipment

by Janet Felderhoff

Good luck seems to be coming on Muenster Memorial Hospital. The Board has been aware for some time that its 11 year old mammography unit will be out of compliance in 2002. With a new one costing about \$90,000.00 the Board was unsure of how it would be placed.

At the Tuesday, April 25 regular meeting of the MMH Board, Administrator Jack Endres informed the Board that he'd learned of a good deal for an almost new mammography machine.

Alpha Consolidated Imaging in Fort Worth had obtained the unit through a bankruptcy auction. It was offered for \$5,000.00 installed and has a 12 month warranty on parts and labor, he said. Terms could include 10 percent down with 65 percent due on installation and the remainder due five days after certification by a physicist.

Endres and radiologist Theresa Mosley had inspected the unit last week. The hospital isn't bound to purchase the unit. Endres did pay earnest money which will be applied to the down payment cost if the unit is bought and lost if MMH decides not to buy. "It was in service for about six months before the clinic went bankrupt," Endres informed the Board. "It had about 3,000 exposures on the tube which is about a third of what we thought it would have for that length of time. It's basically a brand new unit which is being offered at about half the cost of a new machine. We were happy to find this unit. This is something that we need to do if we're going to stay in the mammography business otherwise we will be out of compliance with the State."

There is little or no resale value on the unit now being used. Endres said that one of the main reasons it will no longer be compliant is that it doesn't have foot compression which allows compression by foot rather than by hand. The other will be outlawed in 2002 and the machine can't be used anywhere in the United States, technician Grace Rippey remarked. "That's another typical example of how our government regulations force small hospitals to spend more and more money. Another real good example."

Endres announced that he'd been informed that the District would be receiving its second payment in the Texas Tobacco Settlement at the end of April. These funds are from the \$2.28 billion settlement reached in 1998. This amount is \$31,573.12. He suggested using that money to buy the mammography unit. This purchase and use of the Tobacco Settlement money was approved 8-0 by the Board.

At the annual membership meeting of TORCH (Texas Organization of Rural Community Hospitals) Jack Endres was elected to serve for a year as vice-chairman of the group beginning July 1. These are hospitals that have 150 or fewer beds. Most have less than 100 beds, said Endres. The meeting was held March

29, 30, and 31 in conjunction with the SCORCH (Southwest Conference of Rural Community Hospitals) conference.

Endres continues to serve on the Board of Directors and on the Executive Board. He will be in Washington DC May 2-3 representing MMH and TORCH there as he and other TORCH members attempt to get the government to fix the devastation caused by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

During discussion of the proposed merger between the Muenster and Gainesville hospital Districts, Endres reminded Board members of the Town Hall meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 27 in Lindsay. Directors Chas Bayer, Werner Becker Jr., Jerry Hess, and

Don Flusche agreed to accompany Endres to the meeting.

A letter from MMH's attorney Kevin Reed addressed two questions brought up by John Aytes of the Hospital District Support Group. He asked first if it would be possible to operate two hospitals under a single hospital license. Second he asked if in the event two hospitals are operated under a single hospital license, do both hospitals have to fully meet the hospital licensure standards or is it possible to operate one of the hospitals as an "annex" to the main hospital and have the annex not provide such services such as emergency room services.

Reed's response was that there is no provision in the

hospital licensure statute or regulations that would provide for the operation of a hospital facility if that facility doesn't provide the full range of services required by a licensed hospital.

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) has a procedure that allows licensing two facilities that are located in close geographic proximity to each other under a single hospital license. Each of these facilities licensed under the single license must independently meet all the requirements for hospital licensure, Reed wrote. Both hospitals would be required to offer emergency room services.

Specifically Reed indicated that the Muenster and Gainesville hospital should be able to operate under a single

hospital license, but both would still have to offer all required services.

A copy of the Interlocal agreement between the two districts is expected to be completed by the end of this week, Endres said. He and Margie Starke and Chas Bayer are meeting with members of the Gainesville Hospital Board to select architects for the new hospital.

St. Richard's will be applying for a special reimbursement grant to be used specifically to increase staffing. Another grant which is benefiting MMH is the TIFB grant for Internet connectivity. The follow-up grant was applied for and approved for St. Richard's Villa and the Lindsay Health Clinic. It is a 10 percent match from the hospital with a minimum match of \$6,000. Endres told the Board he would turn down the grant for the Lindsay Clinic since its usage didn't justify spending \$6,000. Endres plans to accept the grant for St. Richard's Villa and to look into the one for the MMH Family Health Clinic since he's unsure if it was rejected or accepted.

MMH could possibly benefit in another way from Tobacco Settlement money. It would be from the Rural Health Facility Capital Improvement Loan Fund through the Center for Rural Health Initiatives. If this grant is applied for and received MMH would purchase a much needed new phone system. The system has needed to be replaced for several years, but funds haven't been available. More will be known sometime in July.

Don Flusche, board president, asked John Aytes of the Hospital Support Group had an agenda yet. Aytes said that they'd only met once and it was an organizational meeting to see who was interested in doing what. "We would like to see the hospital function at a higher level than what the plans are right now and we are going to be working and thinking of any possible way," Aytes remarked. "We'll keep working and thinking and coming up with something that makes economic sense to maintain a hospital at a level that we've become used to."

All board members were present except Jack Murdock.



Troy Sicking appears dwarfed inside the Main tent as he prepares Rohmer's booth for this weekend's Germanfest. The annual event will

bring thousands into Muenster to help celebrate the 'Fest's 25th year. Photo by Janie Hartman

## Map restoration project is seeking funds to restore 1985 map of Cooke County

by Janet Felderhoff

In response to a letter that Cooke County Judge Bill Harris received from Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst, Cooke County will be actively seeking funds to restore a map of Cooke County. It is a 41 3/4 inches tall by 35 3/4 inch wide manuscript map drawn by Charles W. Pressler in August 1895. Pressler was an imminent surveyor and cartographer.

When Judge Harris received Dewhurst's request he contacted Margaret Hays of the Cooke County Historical Commission. She's been in contact with the Adopt A Map program director and received a video to present to interested classes or organizations. Student participation is being encouraged so Mrs. Hays asked Commissioners to act quickly if they hoped to have school participation since summer vacation is near. She will be contacting the superintendent of county school districts.

To kick off the fund raiser for the project, Mrs. Hays presented a \$25 check and challenged each Commissioner to contribute \$100. "I don't care if they take it out of county money or take it out of their pockets," she said. Commissioners voted 5-0 to match funds raised up to the cost of the map.

In his letter to Judge Harris, Commissioner Dewhurst promised that if the county

could raise enough money to adopt the map of Cooke County, the county would be provided with a color copy of the restored map for the courthouse. The Land Office is listing all sponsors on its Web site. Donations to the Land Office for the Adopt A Map project will be accepted under the Texas Natural Resources Code. Donations are tax deductible for the donor.

Dewhurst took office in January and soon became intrigued by the volume of historical documents and maps, approximately 35.5 million, housed at the Land Office. He was a history major in college and so he took an immediate interest in the agency's Archives and Records Division. The Land Office is the oldest state agency and is constitutionally charged with maintaining the historic records, maps, surveys, and land titles of Texas for public use.

One thing that concerned Dewhurst was the condition of the maps and documents. Not much had been done to keep the records from deteriorating until the 1950s. Employees and the public were constantly using the old maps to make copies. Now many are protected with clear Mylar sheets, but are still used often to make copies. Improvements in technology has opened the door to another option. Documents can now be scanned and placed on the Internet for public use. The

original copies could then be put up for safe keeping.

First the originals must be restored. According to information from the Land Office more than 500 of the historic hand-drawn maps and lithograph maps will require professional restoration. Some are more than 150 years old. Many have intricate details or colorful artwork. Dewhurst worries that without conservation, these maps may be lost to future generations of Texans.

Citizens are being asked to help protect this legacy while saving taxpayer money. Dewhurst asks that companies, clubs, schools, and organizations consider the Adopt A Map project. Those wishing to see a list of adoptable maps from their area of the state should check out this Web site: <http://www.glo.state.tx.us> under the Archives and Records section. Another option is to call Elna Christopher at (512)463-5169 to have the list faxed or mailed.

Joe Davis of Johnson Control asked Commissioners Court to allow his company to do a preliminary audit to see if there is an opportunity for the County to save some money. "What we will be looking for is to save between 20 and 50 percent on utility bills and operation savings," Davis noted. "If there is opportunity there then we'll look at your energy operational costs.

There is no charge for the audit which seeks energy savings in county buildings.

This service was made possible due to House Bill #1243 passed in 1997, said Davis. He remarked that he is retired from a government job in Tarrant County and when he first saw the program presented there he thought, "This sounds too good to be true. What you're saying is I can get what I need right now in my facility retrofits at no cost to me. How do I know this is right?" Davis said that the company has references throughout the State and they supply telephone numbers and encourage that they call.

Commissioners voted 5-0 to have Davis and his associate Pat Howell begin the audit process to see if the county could benefit.

Monday, April 24 was declared Lady Eagle Day in Cooke County. This honor was bestowed because the Lady Eagles, coached by Bobby Bates, made runner up State Championship in basketball for the second consecutive year. Since the team members were unable to attend the meeting Monday, Precinct #2 Commissioner Bill Cox agreed to present the Resolution to the coach and team.

John Hinzman with Turtle Hill presented a preliminary plat of the proposed Turtle Hill Subdivision in Precinct #4. Originally 13 cabins were to be built on the north end of the

See TURTLE HILL, pg 2

**Motorists Beware!**  
Muenster area streets & highways will be filled with Germanfest visitors. Watch out for walkers, runners, bicyclists, etc.



Larry Wassell and an assistant put up the new Ben and Aggie Fette Seyler Muenster Museum sign last week. Larry and Nancy Wassell donated the sign, including installation in front of the museum on Main Street. Photo by Janie Hartman

## Texas Comptroller Rylander delivers \$100 million in tobacco funds to cities, counties & hospital districts

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander is sending \$100 million this week from the Texas tobacco settlement to 288 Texas cities, counties and hospital districts to help offset costs of providing indigent health care.

The check amounts were determined by formula, established by the Texas Department of Health, based on the amount spent on unreimbursed indigent health care in the previous year.

Funds are from the \$2.28 billion Texas tobacco settlement reached in 1998, and are separate from the \$15.3 billion settlement between tobacco companies and the state. An initial \$450 million was set aside for payments in 1999-2001. The

1999 payment totaled \$300 million.

Under the terms of the settlement agreement, the Comptroller's office will distribute \$50 million in April 2001. The remaining \$1.8 billion was set aside in an untouchable fund, with interest to be distributed annually beginning next year.

Area hospital districts and the amount to be received include: Muenster Hospital District \$31,573.12; Gainesville Hospital District \$91,735.51; Nocona Hospital District \$20,624.37. Area counties receiving settlement money include: Denton \$483,130.26, Fannin \$44,677.11, Montague \$33,796.48, and Wise \$115,159.12.

## Update on city projects


There are a lot of city projects underway which you may be wondering about. The following is an update on the major ones:

- Curbing on Main Street (Seventh Street - Ninth Street) - Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) awarded the contract in March. Work should begin by June 2000.
- Streetlight replacement at U.S. Highway 82 and F.R. 373: TXDOT awarded the contract in March. Work should begin by June 2000.
- Curbing repairs on streets to be paved this year: the city awarded the contract in April. Work should begin in May.
- Street Pavement Contract - First Street through Fifth Street (Main to Mesquite Street): city employees will prepare the streets for paving. Paving should begin in July.
- Street Pavement by County - North Ash Street, West Sixth (Ash to Maple Street), Fourth Street (Sycamore to Mesquite Street), North Oak Street (Seventh - Eighth Street), North Elm (Sixth - Seventh Street), Seventh Street (Main - Oak Street), city park road and parking lots: employees will

prepare these streets for paving by the county. Paving should begin in late August.

- Ninth Street (Oak - Mesquite Street): city will have a wing wall built and add gravel.
- Bridge Replacement on West Eddy Street: TXDOT engineers are currently designing the bridge; NORTEX telephone will relocate its utility lines in the next few months; construction should start in December 2000.
- Muenster Lake: The board has been working with our state senators and representative to obtain \$1.5M in federal funds in both FY 2001 and FY 2002. Assuming they are successful, the funds should become available in December 2000, contract bid announced in January 2001, contract awarded in March 2001, with construction starting in April 2001. Construction will take about 2 years.
- Closure of Picnic Grounds Road: While action will be started in the fall to request the county close the road, the closure timing will be based on the actual contract award date.

*submitted by Steve Broyles*



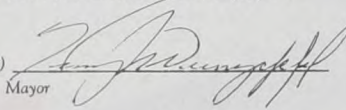
### MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

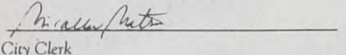
**WHEREAS,**  
*The citizens of this city are extremely proud of this Nations more than 200 year Heritage of Freedom and are loyal to the ideals, traditions and institutions which have made our nation so great, and*

**WHEREAS,**  
*Their obvious dedication to our way of life is indicative of a strong, continued desire to preserve the priceless American heritage, and*

**WHEREAS,**  
*They will be proud to stand up and publicly declare their determination toward actively and positively safeguarding our freedoms against any foreign or domestic enemies, now*

**THEREFORE,**  
 I, Henry Weinzapfel, Mayor of the City of Muenster, hereby call upon all my fellow citizens to take full advantage of the special occasion known as **LOYALTY DAY**, celebrated annually throughout the nation on the first day of May, as an incentive for every true American to reaffirm his and her love of Flag and Country, and I urge that all individuals, schools, churches, organizations, business establishments and homes within my official jurisdiction to display proudly the Flag of the United States of America and participate in public patriotic Loyalty Day activities which are to be co-sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and others, on **LOYALTY DAY, May 1, 2000**

(Signed)   
 Mayor

(Attest)   
 City Clerk

## Haywood invites local residents to participate in public forum

State Senator Tom Haywood, R-District 30, next month will host a series of open forums throughout the eastern part of his district, introducing his 9-member staff to the people of Collin, Denton, Grayson, and Cooke Counties.

"I want to take this opportunity to introduce this part of the district to my staff from Wichita Falls, Abilene and Austin," Haywood said. "It is important that we all be familiar with the very specific needs of the people in very part of Senate District 30; and by spending hands-on time in Cooke and Grayson Counties, and its communities, I think

my staff can really pinpoint areas of concern."

The group will hear from both counties' residents in a public forum scheduled for 12 to 1 p.m. on Friday, May 5. All public is invited to attend. The meeting will be held at the **Texoma Council of Governments, 3201 Texoma Parkway in Sherman.**

"We look forward to opening the door for communication between our offices and the folks we represent," Haywood said.

For more information, please contact Robin McCoy in the Sherman office at 903-868-2347.



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## County appraisal districts use higher cap rate in 2000

County Appraisal Districts (CADs) must use a capitalization rate of 10.9 percent when appraising open-space land this year. This cap rate is .9 percent higher than the 1999 cap rate of 10 percent.

The Property Tax Code requires CADs to use a cap rate that is greater of either 10 percent or the interest rate charged on the previous December 31 by the Farm Credit Bank of Texas, plus 2.5 percent. The Bank's interest rate on Dec. 31, 1999, was 8.4 percent. With the 2.5 percent

added, that rate became 10.9 percent.

In recent years, the cap rate has ranged from a low of 10 percent in 1994 and 1999 to a high of 14 percent during the 1980s.

The capitalization rate for timberland appraisal is also set at 10.9 percent, up from 9.65 percent in 1999. The Property Tax Code sets out the requirement for the timberland cap rate and does not include a 10 percent floor like the agricultural land rate.

Source: Texas Farm Bureau

## TURTLE HILL SUBDIVISION... continued from pg. 1

Turtle Hill subdivision. Instead six residential homes are planned. The preliminary plat was approved.

Also discussed were the plans for the remainder of the future facility. Being planned are a chapel, meeting hall, cabins and on the east side of the highway three lodges, a dining hall, cabins, a driving range, and tennis courts.

In other business conducted at the April 24 meeting Commissioners Court:

- Reviewed a proposal submitted by Junior Durham to move the Driver's License

office, Department of Public Safety office, and the License and Weights office from their current locations to the county-owned building west of the court house. It was formerly occupied by the Cooke County Appraisal District.

- Approved request by North Texas Communication to bury a telephone cable on CR 317 located in Precinct #3 and on CR 415 and 424 in Precinct #4.
- Approved minutes of last meeting, monthly reports submitted, and monthly bills.

## City Council Agenda

The following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, May 1, 2000.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
  2. Approve minutes of the April 3, 2000 meeting.
  3. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
  4. Consider any other business to come before the Council.
- OLD BUSINESS:**
1. Receive a police activities report from the Police Chief.
  2. Consider and act upon approving construction of a ramp at the Seyler Museum.
  3. Consider and act upon relocating the electrical lights and wiring around the City Swimming Pool.
  4. Receive a quarterly report on property clean-up.
- NEW BUSINESS:**
1. Consider and act upon Cooke County Appraisal District's request for approval to increase the city's share to purchase a computer software program.
  2. Consider and act upon selecting the following for modifications of the sewer treatment plant in conjunction with a Texas Community Development Program grant application:
    - a. Engineering firm - design and grant application submission,
    - b. Administrative firm - grant application submission and administration.
  3. Consider and act upon the city's sale of North Hickory Street between Sixth Street and Seventh Street at the Fair Market Value to Sacred Heart.
  4. Consider and act upon approving the proposed fire contract between the City of Muenster and Cooke County Commissioners.
  5. Review a proposed Ordinance #249, Solid Waste, which increases the trash pick-up rates effective October 1, 2000, based upon contractor increase (Reading #1).
  6. Review a proposed Ordinance #250, Parking Restriction, which would restrict parking on U.S. Highway 82 near Country Corner (Reading #1).
  7. Consider and act upon authorizing the sale of beer in the City Park during the Volunteer Firemen's Bar-B-Que in August 2000.
  8. Consider and act upon amending the Muenster Industrial Development Corporation's FY 2000 budget, as recommended by its board of directors.
  9. Consider and act upon authorizing the purchase of shelving in City Hall for consolidation of storage of city records.
  10. Consider and act upon amending the city's 2000 General Fund budget and the 2000 Water and Sewer budget.
  11. Consider and act upon scheduling a special meeting to install the new appointed council members.
  12. Consider and act upon re-scheduling the July 3, 2000 council meeting.
  13. Review the Monthly Budget Summary.
  14. Review and act upon monthly bills.
  15. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - The council may enter into closed or executive session to discuss the following: Texas Local Government Code 551.07 Personnel Matters.
  16. Return to open session. Act upon approving any actions from the executive session.
  17. Adjourn.

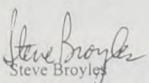
**Good News!**  
*He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.*  
**ISAIAH 40:29**

Dear Editor,

I just wanted to express my appreciation and thanks to each person in Muenster for his/her support since Kay and I arrived in Muenster almost five years ago! With the cooperation of people throughout the city; the work of volunteers—whether they serve on council, boards, or do the work of cleaning up the city, remodeling the museum, or any similar work; and especially with the dedication and hard work of city employees, the City of Muenster has seen a LOT of improvements in the last several years. It would not have been possible without everyone's support!

I also wanted to publicly thank each of the city's employees: Micallee Matson, Chris Yosten, Dave Dittfurth, Richard Herr, Royce Knabe, Gary Hacker and Police Officers Bob Stovall and Greg Taylor. These people work hard on their jobs and save the taxpayers money by doing so much so well! The city is very lucky to have each of these employees working for it!


Many people have asked, so let me confirm. While I'll be working at North Central Texas College, Kay will remain as the city's Librarian. Yes, we'll continue to live here and support the city and various groups. Once again, thank you for your full support!

  
 Steve Broyles  
 City Administrator

## 2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

<p>Sunday, April 30, 2000</p> <p><b>Germanfest</b>                  cont'd</p>	<p>Monday, May 1, 2000</p> <p>Last day to return Muenster Jaycee Little League Baseball applications                  Lindsay FFA Blood Drive                  City Council, 7:30 pm, City Hall</p>	<p>Tuesday, May 2, 2000</p> <p>Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center                  Lindsay ISD Spring Music Concert, 7 pm                  Girls Softball Coaches meeting, 7:30 pm, Center Restaurant</p>	<p>Wednesday, May 3, 2000</p> <p>Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center                  Religious Ed Class, 7 pm                  Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7 pm                  C of C Board meeting, 5:30 pm</p>	<p>Thursday, May 4, 2000</p> <p>Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center                  TDH Immunization Clinic, 9-11 am, Cooke Co. Electric</p>	<p>Friday, May 5, 2000</p> <p>Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 pm</p>	<p>Saturday, May 6, 2000</p> <p>American Heart Walk                  Texoma Cattle Women meeting, 11 am, BM Ranch                  Elections 7-7                  "Pig Out", Illinois Bend Community</p>
<p>Sunday, May 7, 2000</p> <p>Lindsay ROCK Group annual garage sale, Providence House, also BBQ lunch &amp; a car wash                  St. Anne's meeting, 7 pm, Community Center</p>	<p>Monday, May 8, 2000</p> <p>VFW meeting, 8 pm</p>	<p>Tuesday, May 9, 2000</p> <p>Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center                  Annual Small Grain Tour, 8:30 am, Selby Bros. Field near CR 321 &amp; CR 332</p>	<p>Wednesday, May 10, 2000</p> <p>Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center                  Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7 pm                  Relay For Life Bank Night, 5:30 pm, GMH Culwell Conference Center                  C of C Breakfast, 7:30 am, Center                  SH Alumni &amp; Friends meeting, 7:30 pm, cafeteria</p>	<p>Thursday, May 11, 2000</p> <p>Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p>	<p>Friday, May 12, 2000</p> <p>Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 pm                  NO SCHOOL MISD</p>	<p>Saturday, May 13, 2000</p>


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## OBITUARIES

### Gladys Balthrop 1906 - 2000

Gladys Balthrop of Rosston died at age 93 at her residence on April 13, 2000. She was born on Aug. 8, 1906 at Sadler, Texas to Sterling P. and Edna (Saltzman) Durham. On Oct. 2, 1931 she was married to Welton Balthrop at Marietta, Oklahoma. Gladys Balthrop was the postmaster at the Rosston Post Office for 15 years before retiring; and also was a member of Rosston Baptist Church where she served as Church Secretary. Survivors are sons and daughters-in-law James and the Balthrop of Gainesville, Elaine and Barbara Balthrop Myra, Rodney and Carol Balthrop, and Kenneth Balthrop of Rosston; and daughters and sons-in-law Phil Smith of Texarkana, Ina Kirk of Rosston, and Sandra and Garland Lehman of Iowa Park. There are 26

grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren, and 15 great-great-grandchildren. Also one sister Opal Blanton of Gainesville. Also one sister-in-law Lora Bell Durham of Gainesville.

Preceding her in death were her parents; husband; brother R.B. Durham, and son Jerry Balthrop.

Services were held on April 15, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. at Rosston Baptist Church, officiated by Rev. Rondal Milligan, Baptist Minister and Rev. Andy Stowe Sabine Place Baptist Church in Fort Worth.

Burial in Rosston Cemetery was directed by Clement-Keel Funeral Home. Grandsons of Gladys Balthrop were the pallbearers.

The family has suggested memorials sent to Rosston Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 24, Rosston, Texas 76263.

# Making a "Livable" Texas community

Have you ever wondered what would eventually happen to our local economy if no one bothered to be concerned about the "smart growth" of our community? This question inspired hundreds of Texans representing cities, Chamber of Commerce, businesses, and organizations to meet in Dallas for a three day conference to discuss and learn how to ensure sustainable, livable communities. Among the attendees were dozens of representatives from Keep Texas Beautiful organizations, including MaryLee Alford, President of Keep Muenster Beautiful.

Hundreds of communities in the United States and Canada are collaborating around a set of principals known as "smart growth." "Smart growth" is an approach to development that balances community, economy, and environment. Bank of America CEO Hugh McColl says that, in a global economy, regions judged to have a high quality of life hold the competitive edge in attracting the high paying jobs of the future.

Quality of life includes health, safety, a sense of place

and community, educational opportunities, cultural and recreational amenities, and scenic beauty.

Mayors, governors, city planners, environmentalists, business leaders, and community activists all over the United States are exploring a new vision of collaboration and regional growth management. The term used to describe this movement is "smart growth."

Smart growth is a concept that links development and quality of life. Advocates seek development that will simultaneously improve the quality of life, build community, and protect and enhance the environment. Smart growth is not anti-growth, nor is it our enemy. Smart growth is the enemy of inefficient growth that increases air pollution, worsens traffic congestion, degrades neighborhoods and the sense of community, has higher infrastructure costs, increases taxes and destroys or damages environmentally sensitive areas.

Smart growth proponents say that mobility and land use are the critical systems that

govern the economy and quality of life in a region. What kind of development takes place - and where - are the factors that make development either a community asset or a liability.

Smart growth has to do with "master planning" - a community to ensure its viability for our future generations. Making the community a "livable community" requires us to concern ourselves with the economy, environment and community issues. Many communities grow "by the seat of their pants." For example, where there is no zoning, any structure can be placed in any location without regard to how it will effect the local attractiveness, traffic patterns and even smell of where people shop, live and do business. This ultimately effects the local economy.

Economic attributes of a "Livable Community" include high quality infrastructure, adequate quantity of jobs, high quality jobs, stable jobs and stable or decreasing tax rates. In Muenster, ensuring these types of quality jobs would provide a good living within the

community for enough young men age 35 and younger to comfortably support our volunteer fire department. "Master planning" for "smart growth" could eventually result in a paid fire department with quality equipment housed in a quality facility.

Community attributes of a "Livable Community" include high quality education choices, high quality housing mix, diverse, thriving culture, maximum mobility choices of forms of transportation other than cars, such as bike paths for bicycles, and a sense of community and place.

Quality, by definition, is the degree of excellence something or someone possesses. One of Muenster's greatest attributes is its ability to provide choices in high quality education. We have the very best private and public education available anywhere. Our "exemplary" and "blue ribbon" schools help ensure the test scores and academic achievements parents want for their children. People who've left Muenster return when they have school aged children just to ensure the best education for their children.

Attractive communities are proud of their commitment to a high quality of life for citizens. Controlling housing and ensuring high quality housing makes communities an excellent place to live, offering a superb quality of life. When quality businesses look to relocate or expand, it is concerned with the availability of quality housing for their employees. The overall attractiveness of an area may determine whether or not an investor would build quality housing or a business in an area. Old, rusty, run down equipment, cars and buildings are not attractive. Such things are "indicators" that there is a lack of sense of community and place.

A population of people will always be attracted to Muenster for one reason or another. The way we "master plan" our future for "smart growth" will determine the type of population and business Muenster will attract. Will we attract businesses that pollute our air and water, leave junk and trash in public view, not maintain their facilities and could care less about good benefits and wages? Or will we attract businesses interested in maintaining and beautifully landscaping their facilities, providing quality jobs, protecting the environment and contributing to the community?

All of us can show our "sense of community and place" by making our businesses and residences more clean and beautiful and, in doing so, we help make Muenster a more "livable" community.

*submitted by MaryLee Alford*

## Don't mess with Texas.

### Keep Texas Beautiful

### Carolyn Landers Hart 1944 - 2000

Carolyn Joyce Landers Hart, native of Muenster, resident of Forestburg in her youth, and resident of Watauga since 1950, died at her residence on April 24, 2000 at 2:19 a.m. after fighting Renal Cell cancer since 1992.

Services were held Wednesday, April 26 at 2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist church in Forestburg, officiated by Brother Michael Reese and Rev. Mel Caraway, pastor. Burial in Perryman cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Saint o. Pallbearers were Brian Morrow, Josh Little, Todd Landers, Wesley Landers, Quentin Landers, and Britt Landers.

Carolyn Joyce Landers Hart was born in Muenster on Jan. 8, 1944 to J.C. Landers and Lama Lee (Cook) Landers. On July 20, 1968 she married Morris Lamar Hart in Watauga, Texas. She was a homemaker; a member of First Baptist Church and worked in

the nursery for First Baptist Church in Watauga for many years. She was a secretary at J.C. Penny for a number of years. Gardening, arts, crafts, and woodworking were some of her interests.

Survivors include a daughter, René Keating of Watauga; three sons David Bigbee of Michigan, Brad Hart of North Richland Hills, and Jim Hart and wife, Holly of Haltom City. There are 12 grandchildren. Also surviving are her parents, J.C. and Rama Lee Landers of Haltom City; one sister Betty Barrow of Watauga; and three brothers William Landers of Watauga, Chris Landers of Weatherford, and Jerry Garland of North Richland Hills.

Preceding her in death were her husband Norris Hart who died in August 1997; one brother Johnny Landers; her grandparents Robert and Dixie Landers, and Fred and Dora Cook.



City employee Richard Herr uses the chipper-shredder-vacuum that Keep Muenster Beautiful donated to the city. Photo by Janie Hartman

## Volunteers from Muenster "vacuum" their way to a cleaner community with Yard-Man by MTD Products

Volunteers will "power clean" Muenster with the latest model of Chipper/shredder/vacuum from MTD Products Inc. The company has supplied its Yard-Man 4.5 HP OHV chipper vac, with 22" clearing capacity, to pick up and shred leaves, twigs, hedge clippings and more. Keep Muenster Beautiful won the Yard-Man and donated it to the City of Muenster to help keep the city clean and beautiful.

As a national sponsor for Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup™ for the second consecutive year, MTD Products Inc. is providing 125 of its Yard-Man 020D chipper vacs for cleanup projects in Muenster as well as locations in 19 other states, plus Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, and Winnipeg, Canada. Fifteen Texas affiliates received the chipper vacs.

The Great American Cleanup™, a nationwide initiative led by Keep America Beautiful, Inc., runs from mid-March through mid-May and is expected to involve more than 10,000 communities. Its mission: to make the communities cleaner and more

beautiful places in which to live. Activities will include litter removal, recycling, park cleanup, painting and renewal programs, graffiti removal, beautification and refurbishing projects, and river, lake and seashore cleanups.

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*submitted by MaryLee Alford*

## New study shows environment improving in Texas

Thirty-six states are expected to see increases in their Toxic Release Index (TRI) for 1998-99 while Texas is expected to see further declines, according to the EPA. Over the past decade, Texas had the largest decrease in pollution in absolute terms and the third largest decrease in relative (%) terms among all 50 states. The Texas environment, notwithstanding rapid growth in population and employment, has improved over the past decade, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Highlights of the study include:

- From 1995-1997, sulfur dioxide emissions in Texas fell by 17.1 percent, while emissions for the nation as a whole increased 11.2 percent.
- Nitrogen oxide emissions fell 23.6 percent in Texas while rising 8.2 percent nationally.
- Emissions of volatile organic compounds, the main precursor of ozone, fell by 43.2 percent in Texas while falling only 16 percent nationally.
- Carbon monoxide emissions fell 12 percent in Texas but only 5.1 percent nationally.
- Although it is claimed today that Houston has the nation's worst air quality, in fact Houston meets the Clean

Air Act standard for five of the six criteria pollutants, and in the case of lead, has achieved a zero ambient level.

• Sixty percent of the nation's entire petrochemical production capacity is located in Texas (though, significantly, Texas does not account for 60 percent of the TRI for the petrochemical industry), and 25 percent of the nation's oil refining capacity. Nevertheless Texas has seen a 44 percent decline in toxic "releases," a remarkable record given economic and population growth in Texas during these years. Furthermore, air toxic releases also declined 44 percent.

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2. Store oil in a leak-proof container, such as a reusable combination drain pan/storage container that will be emptied and returned to you. Also, detergent bottles, soda bottles, and milk jugs with screw-top lids make good storage containers.
3. Keep lids tightly secured and check container integrity prior to transporting.
4. Do not store or transport solvents, gasoline or other flammable liquids in glass containers. Use only containers approved for storing and transporting flammable liquids.
5. If possible, hazardous materials should be transported to the collection site in a car's trunk or back of a pickup - NOT in the passenger compartment!

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# Lifestyle

## NCTC Starlite Gala draws huge crowd



Leslie Dawn Grewing of Denton and Jerry Wayne Reed Jr. of Muenster have chosen Saturday, June 10, 2000 as their wedding date. Their engagement and approaching marriage have been announced by their parents, Wayne and Peggy Grewing of Muenster, and Jerry and Joie Reed of Muenster. The 7:00 p.m. Mass of Holy Matrimony will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in conjunction with Father Jeremy Myers, family friend from Saint Mary's of Sherman, officiating. Leslie is a 1997 graduate of Sacred Heart High School and is currently a dental hygiene major at Texas Woman's University in Denton. The future-groom is a 1995 graduate of Muenster High School and is employed by Peterbilt in Denton. The couple plans to reside in Muenster.

It was an evening of celebration, accented by a backdrop of splendor and camaraderie.

Couples, clad in tuxedos and elegant sequined dresses, arrived at Saturday's North Central Texas College Starlite Gala to recognize special honorees and dance beneath glittering crystal chandeliers.

Event Organizer Debbie Pounds, NCTC Dean of Institutional Advancement said, "It was wonderful to be able to commend those community supporters who are so vital to the education of our students, while offering the opportunity for everyone to have fun."

During opening remarks to the 250-plus crowd, NCTC Foundation President Ed Wright expressed deep appreciation for the continual community support received by the college. Wright started the evening's program by thanking

board members for their commitment and dedication to the Foundation. "It is an honor," he said, "for the NCTC Foundation to serve this institution by acting as ambassadors for the college and helping sustain the work of students and faculty through private support."

Recognized as members of the distinguished group were: Linda Richardson, vice president; Tonya Dorman, treasurer; Dr. Ronnie Glasscock, secretary; Milton Dickson; Karon Sullivan; Boyd Ware; Roger Martin; Bill Maughan; Urban Endres; David Fette; Ann Kempfin; Mark Glover; Luke Grizzaffi; Lyle Burnett; Linda Fitzner; Terry Hill; Gene Pelzel; David Spaeth; Bob Anderson, and Jan Parsons.

Dr. Glasscock presented a plaque of appreciation to Lois Whitson, who served three years as a member of the

Foundation Board.

Brant Carpenter of Nocona and Brenda Franklin of Gainesville, who both received foundation scholarships this academic year, took the spotlight to pay tribute to donors and describe the impact of their contributions.

NCTC Foundation Board Member Mark Glover, along with Dr. Glasscock and Wright, formally recognized the year 2000 inductees to the Foundation Honor Circle.

Designation to the Patrons Honor Circle, for recognition of those donors who have given between \$1,000 to \$4,999 were: The North Central Texas College Ex-Students Association, which voted several years ago to utilize a portion of their membership fees to establish a student scholarship; The Rotary Club of Gainesville, which recently established the "Guy H. Winstead Memorial Rotary Scholarship" to honor the deceased NCTC Regent and active Rotarian; Ron and Mitzi Underwood, Pat Winstead, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cullum, all who supported the college by donating funds to the scholarship honoring Col. Guy Winstead; Freddie Robeson, who generously provided funding to purchase audiovisual equipment to be used at the Bowie campus; Neil and Mary Tibbets, who continue to provide agricultural scholarship funds; The Order of the Eastern Star (OES) Chapter #1123 of Gainesville, which annually awards the OES scholarship to an NCTC student; Louis Stephenson, who supports the Texas Professional Communicator Scholarship for NCTC students.

Inducted into the Benefactors Honors Circle, reserved for donors contributing between \$5,000 to \$9,999 were: Rusty and Sharon Waller, who strive to ease the financial struggles of students via constant donations to the General Academic Scholarship. Inducted into the Founders Honors Circle for presentation of gifts between \$10,000 and \$19,999 were: Carl and Ann Kempfin, who established two scholarship funds during 1999

in honor of their parents - the Willard and Pearl Kempfin Scholarship and the L.D. (Buster) and Floyse Harris Scholarship. The Harris fund has now reached the level of full endowment; David and Lou Ann Spaeth, who recently provided funds for an endowed scholarship to assist the students of Muenster and Lindsay in reaching their educational goals; The First State Bank, which honored a former member of their board of directors, Bill Cypert, with creation of a memorial scholarship; Boeing Aerospace of Corinth, which supported the new NCTC Corinth Campus with generous contributions to equip the facility with new technology; Roger and Terry Martin, who as long-time supporters of the college, supplied funding for both the Terry Fonti Scholarship and the Roger Martin Scholarship; and; William Adams, who recently increased his financial contribution to NCTC to endow a scholarship.

Receiving the Sterling Silver Honor, for gifts between \$30,000 and \$39,999 were: Ed and Ona Wright, tenured NCTC advocates who will soon establish their fourth endowed scholarship. Inducted into the White Diamond Honor Circle, for gifts between \$50,000 and \$99,999 was: Hohlitzelle Foundation, which provided funding to support the latest technological advancements for the Allied Health Care Center at Corinth.

Inducted into the Blue Chip Honors Circle, for gifts between \$100,000 and \$200,000 were: Aileen S. Andrew Foundation, which on behalf of Andrew Corporation and its employees, partnered with NCTC to enhance the workforce training program; PACCAR Foundation/Peterbilt Motors, which supported NCTC with a three-year gift in support of the Corinth Campus to implement training programs for the workplace; Meadows Foundation, which provided funds to implement innovative technological and workforce training programs at the Corinth Campus.

## Celebrating 71 years of marriage

Ralph and Vera Cox of Collinsville celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary on Friday, April 14, 2000. Ralph is a retired Cooke County employee and Vera is retired from the Denton State School.

The couple was married on April 14, 1929 in an informal ceremony performed in Collinsville by a Justice of the Peace. They have resided in Collinsville since 1973. Before their move to Collinsville, they resided for many years in southeast Cooke County on the original Cox homestead, which was established in 1877 by Ralph's grandfather and was also the homestead of Ralph's father.

Ralph and Vera became members of Mt. Zion Baptist Church shortly after their wedding and continue to be active members of that church, which is located in the southeast part of the county. They smile as they recall the many Sundays that the preacher and his family would come to their home after church for fried chicken and ample portions of vegetables from their garden. To have such special guests for the noon

meal immediately after church created a busy morning for the Cox household. Ralph and sons would tend to the livestock and the other farm chores while Vera grabbed live chickens from the chicken house and prepared them for cooking. She and their daughter would get the noon meal ready and then the entire family would dress to attend Sunday school and church.

Vera offers wise words of advice to other couples for a successful marriage by saying, "Have lots of things to laugh about every day." Ralph smiles and nods his head in agreement with her advice to others. They have one daughter, three sons, 12 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren. One great-great-grandson is deceased.

Their daughter is Betty Johnson and husband Calvin Johnson of Collinsville; son Glen Cox and wife Margaret of Odessa; son Grady Cox and wife Mary Ann of Collinsville; and son Commissioner Bill Cox and wife Sheila of southeast Cooke County.

## May Crowning planned for May 1 at Sacred Heart

A May Crowning procession, crowning, readings, and litany are planned for Monday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church to honor the Blessed Virgin Mother Mary, the Queen of Peace and Victory. Those who wish to participate in the procession should be in front of Sacred Heart School by 6:45 p.m.

First Communicants of the parish are asked to meet in

front of church (west entrance) and to bring a flower to carry. The children should wear their First Communion clothes (no veils). Members of Boy Scouts, Altar Servers, VFW, VFW Auxiliary, and Societies are asked to wear their uniforms.

Those who have flowers and would like to donate them to decorate church should bring them to the west vestibule of church by 3:30 p.m. Monday.

## Library News by Kay Broyles

The volunteers of the Muenster Public Library were honored at a luncheon at the Center Restaurant on Wednesday, April 12. Mayor Henry Weinzapfel was present to express words of appreciation and to award certificates to the volunteer staff and board. Jewel Otto presented the volunteer staff coffee mugs from the Library Board.

Staff members who were recognized were Teresa Fowler, 26 years; Betty Felderhoff, 26 years; Evelyn Koesler, 20 years; Marcie Klement, 11 years; Alice Davidson, 4 years; and three new ladies, Terri Barrett, Ethel Hesse, and Billy Boyd. The library board members are: Tom Valliere, Jerry Eckart, Ramona Felderhoff, Janie Hartman, Nancy Walter, Pat Stelzer, Laura Pagel, and City Council Liaison Jewel Otto. All of these people have worked very hard for our library and our community. Please tell them thank you when you see them.

Our cookbooks have arrived! The books are a reprint of the original cookbook that was printed in the 1970s, but they now have a new look. The red vinyl hardback cover folds out to make an easel, and the book is a ring binder. The books cost \$15.00 each. They may be purchased at the library, the Chamber of Commerce, Germanfest, and at several

area merchants. Summer reading program will begin on May 30 and run through Aug. 3. This year we are trying something different. We will give ice cream certificates and your name into the gift lottery on three different levels. PreK - 5th graders will still be required to read 20 books. Those reading books on a 6th grade reading level or higher will only need to read 10 books, and high school students who read 2 books off of the high school reading list will qualify. DI One Stop is donating the ice cream again this year.

## Serra Club poster winners

Winners from Saint Peter's Parish in the Serra Club Poster Contest were: 1st place, Joey Block and Cheryl Knabe, winners of a \$100 savings bond; 2nd place, Jessica Block and Angela Schad, winners of a Holy Cross; and 3rd place Pat Bayer, also a winner of a Holy Cross.

The theme this year was "Come Follow Me." An awards ceremony is scheduled for April 30 in Fort Worth.

## McDouglles retire

Nortex Communications Co. (formerly Muenster Telephone Corp.) recently honored Ken and June McDougle with retirement celebrations. They each have devoted twenty-two years in service to the company, which has grown from 16 employees at the beginning of their career, to 49 upon their retirement.

The celebration began with a small Golf Tournament held at Turtle Hill Golf Course. Various people whom Ken and June had contact with over the years joined in for the day of fun and relaxation.

On Saturday, April 1, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., an open house was held in the meeting room of the telephone company. Ken and June

enjoyed all those who came to wish them well in their future. Later that evening, Nortex Communications and its employees honored Ken and June with a dinner. Alvin Fuhrman presented each one with a plaque for their service and a gift of their choice. The employees presented them with an oil painting. Various other gifts of humor were presented. Among the laughter and tears for the evening, a game of

"Who Knows Ken and June the Most" was enjoyed. Gene Fuhrman acted as the game show host, and Tammy Chancellor and Donna Walterscheid were the judges, with various other employees participating.

## Lifeguarding course offered

The American Red Cross Lifeguarding Course will be offered Monday through Friday May 1 - 5, and May 8 - 12, from 6 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., and Saturday May 6 from 8:00 a.m. till 7. The course will be held at Gainesville State School's indoor pool. Cost of the course

is \$100.00. Participants must be 15 years of age, be able to swim a certain distance, have a signed State School waiver, and read chapters 1, 2, and 3 in the Lifeguarding Book. For more information contact Jeannine Flusche at 759-4497 or Patrick McCage at 668-4550.

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Andrea Leigh Fuhrmann of Lindsay and Justin Alton Luster of Gainesville have chosen June 3, 2000 for the wedding day. Their engagement and approaching marriage have been announced by her parents Steve and Brenda Fuhrmann. Parents of the future-groom are Jim and Judy Luster of Gainesville. The wedding will be held in Whaley United Methodist Church at 5:00 p.m. officiated by Brent Banks. The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Lindsay High School and will graduate in May from North Central Texas College. She will attend the University of North Texas this fall to major in Elementary Education. She is employed with Felderhoff Bros. Drilling Co. in Gainesville. The future-groom is a 1997 graduate of Callisburg High School. He attended North Central Texas College and is employed with Andrew Corporation in Denton. After a honeymoon trip to Jamaica, the couple will reside in Gainesville.

## EKG interpretation course offered at NCTC for nursing personnel

A course detailing "Basic EKG Interpretation for Nurses" will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to noon on May 6 at the North Central Texas College Bowie Campus. The course will offer a step-by-step approach to dysrhythmia interpretation to enable nurses and other healthcare providers to pose an expedient and accurate differential diagnosis. Case studies will be presented, she noted, while application of practical concepts encountered will be utilized to enhance learning. Sunny West, R.N. of the NCTC nursing faculty will serve as instructor for the class. The college has

requested that the Texas Nurses Association, which is an approver of continuing education in nursing by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation, allow 3.8 contact hours to be awarded for class attendance. This approval meets Type I criteria for mandatory continuing education requirements toward relicensure as established by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas. Pre-registration for the \$25 course is required. For information, contact the continuing education division at 940-668-4272.

## May 4 annual spring concert presented by NCTC singers

The North Central Texas College Singers will present their annual spring concert at 7:30 p.m. on May 4 at the Sacred Heart Church in Muenster. This free presentation will feature Regina Walter, a voice

instructor at NCTC, as soloist. On May 15 the NCTC Singers depart for a five-day tour of Boston, Massachusetts. There they are scheduled to present concerts at Trinity Church and the "Old North Church".



Dr. and Mrs. Jack Murdock announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Lynn Murdock, to F. Scott Wheeler III. Scott is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Scott Wheeler II of Fort Worth. Erin is a 1998 graduate of Texas Woman's University and currently is a registered massage therapist with practices in Muenster, Denton, and Carrollton. Scott is a graduate of Nolan Catholic High School and attended the University of North Texas. He is currently employed by Compuserve as a technical representative. Erin and Scott will be married on April 29, at Christ Episcopal Church in Plano at 12:30 p.m. A reception will follow. The couple will reside in Lewisville.

## St. Richards honors volunteers

St. Richards had a cookout to celebrate National Volunteer Week. The menu consisted of grilled hamburgers, with all the trimmings, baked beans, chips, and banana cake. Everyone registered for door prizes, which were baskets of pretty spring flowers. The winners were Caroline Hess, Augusta Walterscheid, Dorothy Yosten, Bonnie Hess, Sister Barbara, Mae Streng, Eleanor Felderhoff, and Evelyn Monday.



Shown enjoying a luncheon for volunteers and afternoon visiting on the patio at St. Richard's Villa are, from left, in front - Eleanor Felderhoff, Armella Cler, and Joe Hoengis; back - Julie Cunningham, Evelyn Monday, Caroline Hess, and Gusta Walterscheid. Greeting the guests is Wes Fuson, administrator. Seated at another table were Mae Streng, Gen Pels, Bonnie Hess, Gertie Wimmer, Irma Koelzer, Sister Barbara Bernauer, Romana Bayer, Dorothy Yosten, and Antonia Hess. Courtesy photos

## Diabetes Support Group meeting has large attendance

There were approximately 25 people in attendance at the Cooke County Diabetes Support Group meeting held April 17 in the Muenster Memorial Hospital Conference room. Jerry Meece, RPh, CDE, presented an up-date on diabetes. Sharon Corso, RN, diabetes specialist with Bayer, and Shelly Rains, RPh, CDE demonstrated the Bayer Corporation glucometer and DEX meters which were provided to those present. Facilitator, Joan Walterscheid, RN, CDE,

encouraged all in attendance to return on May 16 for the next Diabetes Support Group meeting when Dr. Ellen Levey RD will present a program on nutrition therapy. She also asked for assistance in publicizing future meetings. The third Tuesday of each month. Many attending the meeting expressed how beneficial the program was to them and that they planned to attend future meetings. For more information call Joan Walterscheid at 940-759-2395.

## Lindsay to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on April 30

Lindsay will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on April 30 at 3 p.m. in St. Peter's Church. Confessions will be heard from 2-3 p.m.

Blessed Faustina Kowalska was a young religious nun who received visions of Our Lord and who was instructed by Him to celebrate the Sunday after Easter as a Feast of

receive complete forgiveness of sin and punishment. Mankind will not enjoy peace until it turns with confidence to My Mercy.

On Sunday, April 30, the Holy Family will celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy. The Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. in St. Peter's Church. Confessions will be heard from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. The feast of Divine Mercy is a special day for all Catholics. It is a day when we are reminded of God's love and mercy for us. We are encouraged to go to confession and to receive the Holy Eucharist. We are also encouraged to pray for the souls of the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The feast of Divine Mercy is a day when we are reminded of God's love and mercy for us. We are encouraged to go to confession and to receive the Holy Eucharist. We are also encouraged to pray for the souls of the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

## Mu Epsilon Chapter holds initiation ceremony April 9

The Mu Epsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met at Whaley Methodist Church at 2:00 on Sunday, April 9. The program was an initiation ceremony for new members. Member Fran Schully and her daughter Melissa provided special piano and flute music for the ceremony. Following the ceremony, a reception provided by hostesses from Valley View welcomed the new members. Twenty-two members attended. Also in attendance were six of the

eight new members being initiated. New members include Robbye Gilbreath Lorna Goin, Shelly Hundt Shelia Jones, Brenda Klement Claudia Melugin, Sharor Pierce, and Kathy Ramsey. Muenster teachers provided the refreshments for the March meeting. They used a St. Patrick's Day theme. The final meeting for this school year will be held on May 9, when new officers for the next biennium will be inducted.

## News of the Sick

Donnie Walterscheid underwent back surgery on Wednesday April 26 in Sherman. Cards can be sent to him at Wilson N. Jones Hospital, 500 N. Highland, Sherman, Texas 75092.

## NOTICE

Kiwanis Family Swim Nights are scheduled for June 1, June 16, June 30, July 7, July 28, August 4, and August 18, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please note that parents are expected to accompany children.

## Learn to protect and market your invention by the Small Business Development Center course

A special seminar pertaining to "Invention Commercialization" will be offered during May by the Small Business Development Center at each of the North Central Texas College campuses. The session will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on May 1 at the NCTC Gainesville Campus. This course, instructed by Jim Berish from the SBDC Technology Center of Dallas, will discuss the journey of an innovative idea from conceptualization to the marketplace.

In addition, small business owners can still register for the final SBDC's session of on-line courses. Starting May 10, each six-week course consists of 12 lessons, including interactive quizzes, assignments, tutorials and on-line discussion areas - all via the World Wide Web. Featured topics are "Quick Books," "Marketing for the Small Business," "Starting and Operating Your Own Home Business," and "Practical Financial Management: Small Business."

Registration, which is required at least four days in advance of each seminar, may be conducted by phone when paying with a credit card. Enrollment may also be handled by mailing the form in the NCTC schedule to the NCTC/Small Business Development Center, 1525 W. California, Gainesville, TX 76240-4699. For additional information call the SBDC Office at 940-668-4220 or 1-800-351-7232.

## Green Tips

Fact: 97% of the world's water is salty or otherwise undrinkable. Another 2% is in ice caps and glaciers. That leaves just 1% for all of humanity's needs - all its agricultural, residential, manufacturing, community, and personal needs. Tip: Run the water only to rinse and clean and you will use only a quart and save 40 gallons a week.

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# Thirty-nine receive First Holy Communion

Thirty-nine children of Sacred Heart Parish received the Eucharist for the first time at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 9. Rev. Thomas Craig was the presider. Singing was led by Christy Hesse and Stephen Bonin with Ruth Felderhoff accompanying them on the organ.

The children processed in with Father during the entrance song. John Nystrom gave the First Reading. Levi Trubenbach and Kristin LeBrasseur read the verses for the Responsorial Psalm. Jackie Klement gave the Second Reading. After the Homily, all the First Communicants renewed their baptismal promises. Intercessions were read by Chad Henscheid and Christopher Valliere. Offertory gifts were presented by Delana Rohmer, Gene Yosten, Jr., Kay Hamric, and Kyle Knabe.

Those receiving Holy Communion for the first time were: Ian Barnhill, Virginia Bartush, Jacob Bayer, Gerald Brundage III, Mary Cochran, Amanda Dangelmayr, Rashae Dangelmayr, Isaac Davis, Winter Dittfurth, Erin Endres, Scott Endres, Shaina Felderhoff, Aaron Flusche, Katherine Hamric, Chad

Henscheid, Ryan Henscheid, Morgan Herr, Leah Hess, Jackie Klement, Kyle Knabe, Andrew Koessler, Kristin LeBrasseur, Jeremy Lutkenhaus, Taylor Miller, Zachary Moritz, John Nystrom, Tyler Pagel, Dustin Pumphrey, Delana Rohmer, Katherine Satree, Corey Sicking, Delana Sicking, Levi Trubenbach, Christopher Valliere, Natalie Valliere, Steven Valliere, Sara Walterscheid, Gene Yosten Jr., Josiah Yosten.

Besides Father Tom, Eucharistic Ministers included Charles and Carolyn Bayer, Alvin and Joanie Hartman, Anne Hesse, Shellie Hoedebeck, Regina Pels, Jerry and Betty Rose Walterscheid, and Jeremy Yosten. As a Communion meditation, the children sang "A Gift From Your Children" with appropriate gestures.

Acolytes were Andy Davis, Micah Flusche, and Joshua Yosten. Teachers for the religious ed students include Linda Knabe, Linda (Mrs. Claude) Vogel, and Cathy Kubis. Teachers of the Sacred Heart School children receiving First Communion are Sister Jeannette Bayer, OSB, and Michele Knauf.



Sacred Heart Parish First Communion Class of 2000. Courtesy photo

and brisket with lots of trimmings was served and a beautiful cake with pink roses made by Betty Rose Walterscheid.

Delana received lots of special gifts including a statue of Mary that came from Rome from Grandma Luttmer and a cross necklace from Grandpa and Grandma Sicking. She also received a birthstone rosary from her mom and dad, and other gifts including a Bible, First Holy Communion necklace, a porcelain doll, a picture frame, a First Communicant statue, a Bible stories book, a rosary bracelet, and money.

**KATY FAY HAMRIC**  
Katy Fay Hamric, daughter of Bob Hamric, was the center of attention at a family gathering hosted by her grandparents Dan and Fay Hamric in their home in honor of her First Holy Communion Day on April 9. Other guests were her godparents Mike and Lisa Dryg; her great-grandmother Bertha Hamric and many other cousins and other family members. Katy's mother, Kelli also attended. Katy wore a white lace special First Communion dress, and a flower wreath in her hair, tied with a shower of white ribbons, with a tiny rosebud in the end of each ribbon. At Katy's request, a picnic menu, hamburger and hot dog cookout was served. Among her gifts were a Perfect Moments statue, a First Communion statue, and several pins and medals. Pictures were made during the afternoon.

**SHAINA ROSE FELDERHOFF**  
Shaina Rose Felderhoff was honored on her First Holy Communion Day by her parents, David and Barbie Felderhoff who entertained in their home with a family gathering after Mass. Guests included grandparents Henry and Betty Felderhoff and Celie Wimmer, and Molly and Julie Gieb; Candie and Sarah Geiser. Shaina's sisters JoAnna, Megan, and Andi also helped her celebrate her special day. A cross-shaped cake was baked and decorated by Stacie Miller. A meal of grilled hamburgers and hot dogs and all the trimmings was served later in

the day, Shaina and her family were visited by a cousin, Calvin Otto who lives in Issaquah, Washington.

**JOHN NYSTROM**  
John, son of David and Nancy Nystrom was a member of the First Holy Communion class of Sacred Heart Parish on April 9, 2000. Mass with special liturgy was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. by Father Thomas Craig. John took part in the liturgy by giving the First Reading, Ezekiel 37:12-14. Attending Mass with him, his parents and his sister Valerie were his grandparents John and Marilyn Nystrom of Crawford, Texas; and his godparents Gary and Mary Endres of Muenster. They were all together for a noon meal at The Wooden Spoon in Lindsay after Mass.

**DUSTIN PUMPHREY**  
Dustin Pumphrey, son of Rodney and Carol Pumphrey received his First Holy Communion with the 39 member class of the Sacred Heart Parish First Communicants on Sunday, April 9, 2000. Father Thomas Craig was celebrant at 10:30 a.m. Attending Mass with Dustin were his parents and his brothers and sister, Corey, Makayla, and Shawn, and their grandmother, Joyce Koelzer. They were all together again for lunch in Dustin's honor at The Smokehouse in Lindsay.

**TAYLOR ELIZABETH MILLER**  
Taylor Elizabeth Miller, daughter of Randy and Lisa Miller was honored on her First Holy Communion Day when she hosted a gathering of family and friends in their home after Mass on Sunday, April 9. The lunch included hamburgers and trimmings, chips, and dips, followed by dessert of a special cake made by Taylor's mother. Attending were her parents, brothers Kailob and Garrett; grandparents, Bryan and Glenda Russell and Barbara Luke; aunt, Amanda Russell; Michael Sofio; Ryan and Tina Hess, Trevor and Dalton; Tony and Billie Grewing and Kyle. Unable to attend were godparents Billy and Sandi Harris and friends Gary, Chrissa, Hayley, Kylie, and Kinzie Hess. For special

sentiment, Taylor used the same white gloves worn by her mother Lisa and her aunt, Amanda when they celebrated First Communion. The special day for Taylor included an afternoon fishing trip with her father, accompanied by Ryan and Trevor Hess.

**DELANA ROHMER**  
Delana Rohmer's parents Lisa and Terry Rohmer entertained at noon in her honor, in observance of her First Holy Communion day on Sunday, April 9, when they held a family gathering in their home. Attending were great-grandmother Frances Zimmerer; grandparents Tony and Marjorie Rohmer and Wilfred and Virginia Hess; godmother Sharon Reed, Anthony and Amy; godfather Steve Rohmer, Kim, Nicole, and Michelle; Rick, Donna, Cody and Kayla Hess; Kenny, Cindy, Jayna, Kalya, and Holly Rohmer; Bill, Laurie, Daniel, and Amanda Rohmer; Adam, Renee, Jeff, Tony, and Erin Schniederjan. An enchilada and Mexican dinner was served, with salads and dips. Delana's mother made and decorated her special cake. Other celebrations that day included Grandpa Wilfred Hess' birthday of April 8, and Aunt Renee Schniederjan's birthday of April 6. All the guests enjoyed visiting and reminiscing during the afternoon.

**TYLER PAGEL**  
Tyler Pagel, son of Curtis and Rhonda Pagel was the honored one when a family gathering was held in the home of his grandparents, Harry and Harriet Scoggins, in observance of his First Holy Communion day, April 9, 2000 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Tyler's favorite meal of hamburgers with all the trimmings was served, followed by dessert of a decorated cake made by Betty Rose Walterscheid. Attending were Tyler and his parents, and his sister Brittany; the maternal grandparents Tom and Joyce Bayer; maternal great-grandparents Louise Bayer and Tony and Sis Klement; paternal grandparents Harry and Harriet Scoggins; paternal

great-grandmother Eva Jo Otto; aunt and godmother, Cheryl Bayer; uncle, Adam Bayer; uncle and godfather Darrell Pagel; Nancy Price, Kaylee Price; Donny, Renee, Madison, and Taylor Knabe; and special friends, Kellye, Chad, and Brooke Hess.

**AMANDA DANGELMAYR**  
Amanda Dangelmayr, daughter of Ron and Karen Dangelmayr enjoyed a special celebration of her First Holy Communion day when her grandparents, Paul and Patsy Dangelmayr hosted a noon meal and family gathering in their home. Dinner included desserts of cake and ice cream; followed by picture taking, gift opening and visiting. Amanda shared the day with her cousin Rashae Dangelmayr. Attending were Ron, Karen, Amanda, Shelby, and Kassie Dangelmayr; grandparents Paul and Patsy Dangelmayr and Adam and Alma Wolf; great-grandparents Tony and Sis Klement, and Catherine Kubis; uncles, aunts and cousins Sharen and Cathy Aston; Krystal Wolf; Alison Miller; Mike, Kerry, Rashae, Garrett, and Kagen Dangelmayr; Chris, Leslie and Kalya Dangelmayr; Darrell and Amy Dangelmayr; and friends Benny and Mickey Haverkamp and Glenn, Jeanie, and Shawn Hess.

**KYLE KNABE**  
Reneta and Greg Knabe entertained on Sunday, April 9 to honor their son Kyle Knabe on his First Holy Communion Day. They hosted a family gathering, serving a brisket meal with all the trimmings. Joining Kyle and his parents and his sister and brothers Jessica, Clay, and Jason were grandparents Annette Walterscheid, and Harold and Bertha Knabe; Shellie Hoedebeck, Jennifer, Chris, and Sydney; T.J. and Jeannene Walterscheid and David and Ben; Lydia and Drew Springer and Austin and Grant; Mary Lin and Duane Knabe, and Diana and Amanda. A special guest was the great-grandmother, Marie Knauf. Gift opening and display, and picture taking added to the day.

To mark a child's, or an adult's solemn reception of First Holy Communion, and to relate its religious significance to family involvement, the happy day frequently includes family gatherings or reunions, and special or traditional celebrations after Sunday Mass, and also later in the day. In importance, First Holy Communion Day is second only to the Day of Baptism. Observances sometimes include the attendance of several generations of many who attend the Mass with the children. Reunions held this day honoring First Communicants are truly "Memories In The Making."

**JEREMY LUTKENHAUS**  
Jeremy Lutkenhaus, son of Bobby and Linda Lutkenhaus was the honored one at a family gathering on Sunday, April 9 in observance of his First Holy Communion Day. Hosted by his grandmother, Dorothy Endres in her home, the group included his parents; his brother Jason and sister Crystal; his godparents Jim and Shirley Endres and cousins Brad and Chad; uncle and aunt Bob and Kenya Endres and cousins Mindy, Mitch, Kyle, and Derek; Colby Newton and Ashley Hess. Following the noon dinner and visiting, a special cake was served by Jeremy to his guests. Gifts were opened and displayed by the honoree. Best wishes were phoned by Jeremy's sister Brandi of Lubbock. Unable to attend were the paternal grandparents, Bobby and Angie Lutkenhaus.

**SCOTT ENDRES**  
On Sunday, April 9, Scott Endres celebrated his First Communion at Sacred Heart Church in Muenster. Attending the Mass with Scott were his parents Jack and Mary Endres, his brother Eric, sisters Jenni and Emily, grandparents J.D. and Miriam Caplinger and Urban and Jane Endres, and his godfather Carl Endres.

After the Mass, everyone enjoyed lunch at the home of J.D. and Miriam Caplinger. Scott planned the menu including his favorite foods of ham, sausage, barbecue sauce, jello, green beans, and much more. Many family photos were taken while Scott was handsomely dressed in his white suit coat and black bow tie. Scott served cake decorated with a cross and First Communicant figurine to all of his guests. Gifts were then opened and enjoyed. Also attending was Scott's godmother Diann Zimmerer, and Gary, Stephen, Natalie, and David Zimmerer.

**LEVI TRUBENBACH**  
Levi Trubenbach, a member of the First Holy Communion class of Sacred Heart Parish on April 9, was honored by his parents, Karl and Beth Trubenbach in observance of his special day, with a family gathering in their home following the 10:30 a.m. Mass and Communion service. With Levi and his parents were his sister Lacey; their grandparents Kenneth and

**DELANA ROSE SICKING**  
Delana Rose Sicking, daughter of Carl and Diane Sicking, was honored in their home on her First Holy Communion Day at a family gathering that included Delana's entire family gathered for the special event. They included grandparents, Helen Luttmer and Vic and Francis Sicking; godparents Kenneth and Kelly Luttmer and children, and many aunts, uncles and cousins. These included Roger and Carol Luttmer and children, Wayne Luttmer and children, Bob Luttmer, Marsha Dill and children, Angela Luttmer and David Parsons, Ronnie Sicking, Kenny and Lanell Noggler, Leann Lewis and Danielle, James and Cathy Dangelmayr and children, Mike and Carmen Malow, Darrel Sicking and friend, Tina. Dinner of barbecue chicken

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### Availability of fire ant bait products

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Secrets to success with bait formulated products:

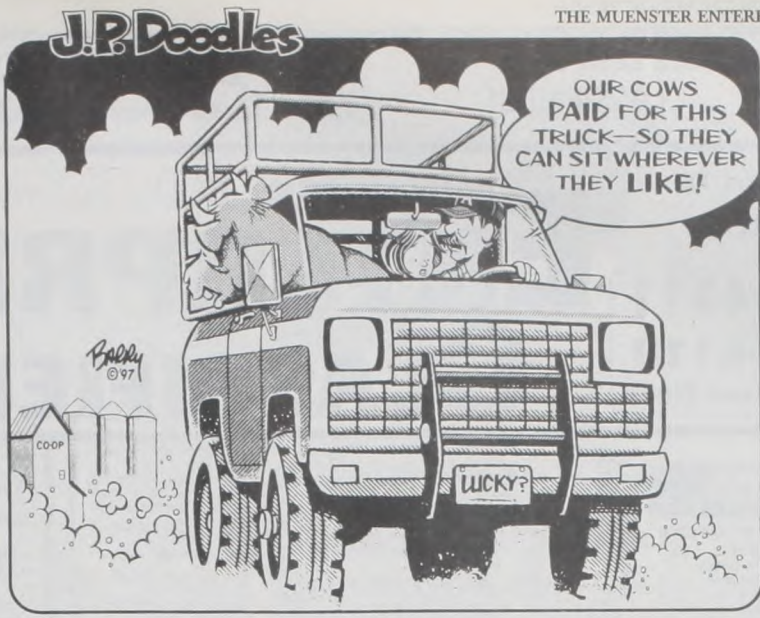
- Use fresh material, it will smell sweet or like cornmeal. Shake the container well prior to application so consistently distribute the bait and active ingredient.
- For individual mound treatments, spread appropriate amount (as noted on the label) around the mound's base.

- For broadcast application use a hand-held seed spreader, or other appropriate device, and follow label directions.
- Apply when fire ants are actively collecting food. Place a small bit of hot dog or potato chip 3-5 feet from a known mound, if within 30 minutes it is covered with ants, then you know they are active.
- Use care not to disturb the mound as this sends an alarm throughout the colony and the ants will collect little or no food for some time.
- Apply baits only when no rain is expected for at least eight hours.
- Be Patient... baits are slow acting.

\*References to commercial products or trade names is made with the understanding that no discrimination is intended and no endorsement by the Cooperative Extension Service is implied.

submitted by Craig Rosenbaum

Product Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Retail Outlet(s)
Amdro®, Combat®, MaxForce®	hydramethylnon	discount stores, home centers, pest control suppliers
Ascend®, Varsity®	abamectin	Pest control (do-it-yourself) suppliers, chemical distributors
1i-Yield Fire Ant Bait®, Award®, Logic®	fenoxycarb	feed & grain, farm & ranch stores, pest control (do-it-yourself) suppliers, chemical distributors
Extinguish®	methoprene	garden centers, feed & grain stores
Spectracide® Fire Ant Bait, Distance®	pyriproxyfen	discount stores, home centers, pest control suppliers
Eliminator®, Penn-Kill®, Strike® Fire Ant Baits	spinosad	discount stores, garden centers, military exchanges



### Ag in the News

**Equipment sales down**  
U.S. farm equipment sales continue to slump in February, with combine sales off 48.7% and tractor sales, of more than 100 horsepower, down 26.7% from a year ago.

**Rising fuel prices**  
As fuel prices climbed to their highest levels in a decade, farmers are looking for ways to reduce the number of trips their tractors make across fields.

**Bulk diesel fuel sold this week at the Red River Farm Co-op for 95¢ a gallon, compared to a year-ago price of 58 cents. The high this season was \$1.02.**

**German winter grain**  
German winter grain plantings are developing well because of the country's mild winter, according to a German specialist grains newspaper *Ernaehrungsdienst*. There has been no reports of weather damage anywhere in the country.

**Australia cuts beef export forecast**  
The Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics, cut its forecast for Australia's 99-00 exports to 836,000 tons in its commodities March quarterly from 860,000.

**Average saleyard price for cattle is expected to rise to 211 cents (Australian) per kilogram (about 48¢ per pound U.S.) live, up from 207 cents (47¢ U.S.) forecast in December, with the 2000-01 price expected to average 221 cents (about 51¢ U.S.).**

**Russian grain imports up**  
Russian grain imports in 1999 were up 148% on the year. Wheat imports rose 313% on the year and corn 654%.

**USDA cuts corn price estimates**  
The USDA's estimates of U.S. corn prices for 1999-00 are down 10¢. Estimates of world corn productions are up slightly, U.S. estimates remain unchanged at 239.72 million tons.

### State officials urge turkey hunters to be wary of ticks

Unwary turkey hunters could carry more than a trophy gobbler out of the woods this spring. State officials are urging anyone spending time afield in the months ahead to take precautions against disease-carrying ticks.

A bite from an infected tick can cause illnesses such as Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and human ehrlichiosis. Ticks are especially prevalent in wooded, brushy and grassy areas.

Turkey hunting increases your chances of exposure to ticks. Hunters are walking through the woods and sitting for extended periods on the ground up against a tree. Awareness and precaution are a hunter's two greatest allies.

According to the Texas Department of Health (TDH), Lyme disease is the most frequently diagnosed tick-borne disease in the nation and in Texas, with more than 1,680 possible cases reported in this state since 1990. Lyme disease is a bacterial infection that can cause severe skin, joint, heart, and nervous system problems if it is not diagnosed and treated early.

Treatment for Lyme disease is antibiotics. If detected early, treatment is usually completely successful. Untreated, Lyme

disease may result in severe damage to joints, the heart and nervous system.

The chances of being bitten by a tick can be decreased with a few precautions:

- Minimize contact in tick-infested areas.
- Wear light-colored clothing so that ticks can be spotted more easily.
- Tuck pant legs into socks or boots and shirt into pants.
- Tape the area where pants and socks meet so that ticks cannot crawl under clothing.
- Spray insect repellent containing DEET (diethyl toluamide) on clothes and on exposed skin other than the face, or treat clothes (especially pants, socks, and shoes) with permethrin, which kills ticks on contact.
- Wear a hat and a long-sleeved shirt for added protection.
- Walk in the center of trails to avoid overhanging grass and brush.
- After being outdoors, remove clothing and wash and dry it at a high temperature.
- Inspect body carefully and remove attached ticks with tweezers, grasping the tick as close to the skin surface as possible and pulling straight back with a slow steady force; avoid crushing the tick's body. In some areas, ticks (saved in a

sealed container) can be submitted to the local health department for identification.

Live ticks may be submitted for identification and testing to the TDH Laboratory. The ticks should be placed in a small container such as an old pill bottle with the cap tightly on. The ticks should never be placed loose in an envelope. Call the TDH Laboratory at 512-458-7615 for information on proper ways to submit live ticks.

A vaccine to protect against Lyme disease, LYMERix, is available for people ages 15 to 70, according to TDH, which recommends contacting your health care provider for more information about the vaccine. If people have any flu-like symptoms -- with or without rash -- after contact with a tick, they should get medical attention.

Additional information about Lyme disease is available on the Lyme Disease Foundation hotline 800-886-LYME and at www.lyme.org.

### Texas Capital facts

#### Member profile of the Texas Capitol

**Senate:** 31 members  
 \* Average age: 49; oldest: 64; youngest: 39.  
 There is one Senate member between 30 and 39 years of age; there are 13 Senate members between 40 & 49; 13 between 40 & 59 and 4 between 60 & 69.  
 \* The average number of years of legislative experience is 11 years, with service ranging from newly-elected to 26 years.  
 \* Four members of the Senate have military experience.  
 \* The Senate is composed of 7 men and four women, and 6 Republicans and 15 Democrats.  
**House:** 150 members  
 \* Composed of 121 men and 29 women (one seat is vacant).  
 \* Ethnic classification: 108 Anglo, 27 Hispanic and 14 African American.  
 \* Occupations: 49- attorney; 2- business; 14- farmer/rancher; 11- insurance; 6- real estate; 7- education; 6- government/public service; 5- retired; 5- accounting/financial; 4- consulting; 2 each in medical/ health services,

manufacturing, oil and gas production, construction, and chiropractor; one in veterinary medicine and minister.

**Did You Know?**  
Lobbyists in Washington, D.C. out number members of Congress 27-to-1.

In Texas, there are nearly nine lobbyists for every member of the Texas House and Senate (1,579 registered lobbyists). Among the lobby corps, there are 110 former legislators, including three former House speakers, 13 former state agency heads, six former legislative officers and too many former legislative staffers and agency employees to count.

**Bigger and better**  
The Texas Capitol covers three acres of ground with approximately 18 acres of floor space. It is the largest of all state capitol buildings and is second in total size only to the National Capitol in Washington, D.C. In fact, like several other state capitol buildings, the Texas Capitol surpasses the National Capitol in height, rising seven feet above its Washington counterpart.

### PETA pulls 'Got Beer' ad campaign

The People for Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), known for their off-the-wall approach to promote animal rights, has decided to pull its controversial "Got Beer?" campaign.  
 PETA started the campaign, a parody of the "Got Milk?" ads, on college campuses to try to dissuade students from drinking milk.  
 Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) protested the campaign, saying it promoted underage drinking. PETA said

it promoted underage drinking. PETA said it pulled the ads out of respect for MADD.

"MADD got their message out; we got our message out," PETA's Bruce Friedrich. "Our goal was always to raise awareness of the suffering of cows and their calves, and we have certainly done that."

PETA plans to unveil another campaign, using a spot showing a calf modeled after the pictures of missing children seen on the backs of milk cartons. Source: Texas Farm Bureau

### Fading La Niña to ease drought

We may have seen the worst of the drought by the time we get to the summer period, meteorologist Bob Rose told cattle producers attending Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association's annual convention.

"It looks like La Niña will start to fade and have less and less effect on our weather," he said. "As we get into late fall going into the winter season,

we'll get back to near normal precipitation."

He said many forecasters predict that as we move into the November through January period, we'll be moving more toward an El Niño, which for Texas means above-normal precipitation. Above-normal temperatures are expected for most of this year.

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### Shade benefits grazing cattle

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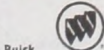
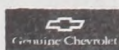
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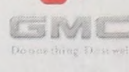
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