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MMH merger fails by narrow margin

Those who voted in the Aug. 11 election concerning the dissolution of the were for merging and 773 were against it, and three and joining with the Gainesville Hospital District to form the Cooke County Hospital District. Those voters approved the merger According to Gayla Blanton of GMH's Public Relations of GMH's Public Relations

Muenster Hospital
Administrator Jack Endres
stated, ""I am very grateful
for the large turn out in this
election. The narrow margin
and record turnout
obviously reflects the deep

Endres speculated that
there was about a 60% voter
turnout for the merger
election. Out of a possible
2,375, 1,537 voters
participated in Muenster's
merger election.

" ... we are reserving any celebration until the real victory is accomplished. That is when we have this injured community back together " - John Aytes

interest in the merger issue held by the residents of our district. We will now turn our attention to adopting a budget and a tax rate that will enable the hospital to continue to operate for the next fiscal year."

There were 643 early wites cast, with 380 for the merger, and 263 against. At was voting precincts 17, 18, and part of 19 and 21, a continue to operate for the next fiscal year."

against, and 3 undecided. At the Rosston poll, Precinct #14, 79 votes were cast, with 53 for and 26 against. Myra's poll, Precinct #15, had 74 voters casting 43 votes for the merger and 31 against.

"Of course we're pleased with the outcome of the election," remarked John Aytes spokesman for a group working to keep the Muenster Hospital and District. "However, we are reserving any celebration until the real victory is accomplished. That is when we have this injured community back together and have the hospital back to the point it was before the announcement of merger, with improving finances.



U.S. Postal Service selects site for new post office

The U.S. Postal Service, working with the city, has selected a site for a new Muenster Post Office, a 1.5 acre site at the corner of Maple and 2nd Street, Postmaster Amy Beall announced.

The Postal Service will advertise for a Lessor to purchase the site, construct a facility and lease it back to the Postal Service.

The new facility will offer additional parking for customers and employees, a modern lobby with parcel lockers and space needed to sort mail more efficiently.

Beall says the size of the new building is planned to be the same as the current post office on Walnut Street. Design of the new building should be complementary or similar to the new Muenster Public Library. Completion is planned in February 2002.

County sets Aug. 27 public hearing date

said it looked like about a \$74,000.00 increase. ETJ of the City of Contributing to the increase was salary to hire another appraiser, an increase in employee insurance costs, and replacing a vehicle.

In other business Commissioners Court:

• Approved re-platting of Fleitman Subdivision in the Muenster.

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County enforces ban on outdoor burning

by Janet Felderhoff

"I know that you all realize that we, at least up until last night, are in about as bad an area as we can be in for fire hazards," remarked County Judge Bill Harris at the Aug. 13 regular meeting of Commissioners Court. There was some rain across the county Sunday night, but not enough to justify waiting to enforce a restriction on outdoor burning in unincorporated areas of the County.

Judge Harris noted that Callisburg had received about three inches of rain Precinct #1 Commissioner Phil Young said that he didn't think that would last three days and they'd be back in a bad situation. He recommended that a 90-day burn ban be established. The vote was 5–0 for the burn ban.

Violation of this order is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

The order restricting outdoor burning reads: "It is hereby ordered by the



Rainfall scarce for summer months

t winter and early spring didn't help summer this year. Although it isn't as lear, the area is still in need of moisture to promote grass growth. It has ary for many to feed hay to their cattle due lack of sufficient grazing. Since goes in May Muenster has only had about 4 inches of rain as officially record. Hess, Most of that fell in June and the first of July. Things have been worse infall for this year already exceeds the complete year's total for 1999.

total rainf	all for	this y	ear all	ready e	xceeds	s the c	omple	ete yea	r's tota	I for 1	999.		
Yr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
50	2.25	2.45	. 09	2.53	7.64	5.51	7.71	10.47	4.74	.02	.09	.03	43.5
'60	3.48	1.37	1.80	1.76	3.24	1.17	6.26	1.25	3.19	4.35	.29	3.54	31.7
'70	.36	3.83	2.57	4.83	4.05	1.09	1.09	.13	11.61	1.56	52	.57	32.2
'80	1.58	1.71	.56	1.72	2.19	1.61	.26	.12	8.94	5.42	1.30	1.73	27.1
1946 to 1955													
10-yr. avg.	1.87	1.93	1.78	2.78	6,43	4.03	2.62	2.16	2.85	2.86	2.00	1.88	33.2
1956 to 1965													
10-yr avg.	1.84	1.47	2.42	3.51	4.65	3.15	1.98	2.04	3.82	2.84	3.35	2.09	34.1
1966 to 1975													
10-уг. ауд.	1.65	2.25	2.71	4.21	4.44	2.55	2.54	3.10	5.30	3.92	1.68	1.83	36.1
1976 to 1985													
10-yr, avg.	1.58	2.14	3.70	2.74	5.29	3.43	1.45	1.31	3.16	5.43	2.38	1.43	34.0
1986 to 1995													
10-уг. ауд.	1.71	2.22	2.46	2.91	5.24	3.38	1.51	1.88	3.95	2.69	2.09	2.69	32.7
90	3.30	3.55	6.63	11.79	6.46	3.45	2.46	3.25	2.31	1.97	3.97	1.38	50.5
'91	2.45	.89	1.99	1.29	4.36	2.54	1.87	3.21	5.30	7.16	1,47	7.36	39.8
'92	3.16	1.65	2.07	1.23	5.35	4.18	.77	18.	5.80	.70	4.45	4.25	34.4
'93	1.98	3.94	3.30	3.35	5.43	3.67	.05	2.11	6.12	7.14	.96	2.84	40.8
'94	1.20	3.49	3.63	5.77	3.59	1.06	4.02	1.10	5.49	5.65	5.20	2,17	42.3
'95	1.48	0.42	3.34	3.34	5.88	3.92	2.89	3.72	0.00	1.42	1.15	2,31	33.9
'96	.78	trace	3.30	3.65	.18	4.50	2.47	5.32	7.75	2.94	5.18	.18	36.2
'97	.49	7.44	2.69	5.31	8.48	3.32	52	1.47	.97	4.29	1.26	4.91	41.1
'98	4.15	1.89	5.44	1.92	1.00	5.20	0.00	.87	1.82	3.17	2.42	2,67	30.5
199	2.40	.24	3.62	2.80	6.94	4.41	0.00	0.16	0.99	1.76	0.81	2:49	26.6
'00	1.75	0.70	2.93	2.80	1.00	4.66	2.69	0.00	2.07	7.92	7.12	3.50	37.1
'01	3.78	7.93	4.32	2.15	4.41	1.75	2.23						26.5

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Muenster Hospital District will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 109.17 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 24, 2001 at 12:00 PM in the Board Room of the Muenster Memorial Hospital, 605 North Maple, Muenster, TX.

FOR the proposal:	Don Flusche	Charles Bayer
	Duane Knabe	Carol Grewing

Werner Becker Jr. AGAINST the proposal: Angelo Nasche

John Avtes James Walterscheid Jerry Hess

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$53,776	\$64,457
General exemptions available	\$0	\$0
(amount available on the average hor citizen's or disabled person's exempt		luding senior

Average taxable value	\$53,776	\$64,457
Tax rate (per \$ 100)	0.27119	0.49820
Tax	\$145.84	\$321.12

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$175.28 or 120.19 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$0.22701 per \$100 of taxable value or 83.71 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

had already left this year, and we'll have to pay more to keep them on board. Mr. Nasche replied that, since he's heard that so many employees have been leaving, the payroll should decrease.

decrease.

Mr. Nasche, along with John Aytes, also disagreed with the estimated increases in insurance costs, saying that expenses should be less because the patient load was projected downward. Carol Grewing countered that costs have skyrocketed, especially insurance. Mr. Nasche asked why, with people leaving, will salaries be as high as previously? Mr. Endres responded that new employees have demanded a higher rate than was paid to the employees they replace.

Mr. Becker said he interpreted the election results as saying that people want a full-fledged hospital, and to provide that we need employees, the lab, and 24-hours-a-day operation. If we want that, it has to be paid for. We have to encourage employees to stay. We can't count on attrition to lower expenses. Mr. Aytes agreed, adding that the secret is to increase revenue by increasing patient load. We must allow more for salaries, but must also get revenues back up. Mrs. Grewing mentioned that increasing patient load is difficult in a two-hospital county. Mr. Aytes replied that the figures showed increasing revenues and slowly increasing patient load is difficult in a two-hospital county. Mr. Aytes replied that the figures showed increasing revenues and slowly increasing patient load. He halanced Budget Act was passed, until 2000. He reiterated the need to increase revenues, and said that means we must support our doctors and provide the backup they need. provide the back need. Charles Bayer stated that chard's responsibility with the

Charles Bayer stated that the board's responsibility did not change with the election. That responsibility is to provide health care, and the board should pass a budget that will do it. He didn't think a rate of .1918 was adequate. He proposed instead a rate of .4982, to generate the approximately \$800,000 needed to cover the projected operational deficit. Don Flusche mentioned that there will be a hearing on the tax rate. Jack Endres said that the purpose of this meeting is to develop a proposed tax rate. A public hearing must be held and a rate will be adopted at a subsequent meeting. The board voted, 5 to 4, to propose the .4982 tax rate. Voting for were Bayer, Becker, Flusche, Grewing, and Knabe. Voting against were Aytes, Hess, Nasche, and Walterscheid. Notice of a public hearing to discuss the proposed rate will be published on Friday, August 17, and the hearing will be held at 12:00p.m. on Friday, August 24.



(940) 759-4010 124 S. Mesquite Muenster, Texas 76252 After the vote, Carolyn
Bayer asked if the
employees could meet with
the board privately. Mr.
Endres said that the
legality of a closed meeting
would depend on what was
discussed. Herman Carroll
remarked that we can make
it work if we all work
together. Kathryn Nix said
that all the voters are
apparently committed to
keeping the hospital, and
the board needs to unite
and move forward. Mickey
Haverkamp said that the
employees had the
perception that saving the
district was more important
to the new board members
to the new board members
to the new board members

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than was saving the
hospital. Several employees
made the point that we
can't deal with any more "I'
say/you say. We need a
board of nine, not a board of
six and a board of three."

The board agreed to meet
with the employees,
provided that concerns
about legality can be
resolved.

Don Flusche announced
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2001 Property Tax Rates
in Muenster Hospital District
ce concems 2001 property tax rates for Muenster Hospital District. It
information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate
it used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax
ld impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties

\$373.269

Last year's tax base	\$137,641,137
Last year's total tax rate	0.27119 /\$100
year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes	\$373,269
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)	
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$156,711,478
(after subtracting value of new property)	
= This year's effective tax rate	0.23818 /\$100
x 1.03=maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	0.24532 /\$100
year's roll back tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and	\$373,269
adjusting for any transferred function,	
tax increment financing, and/or enhanced	
indigent health care expenditures)	
/This year's adjusted tax base	\$156,711,478
= This year's effective operating rate	0.23818 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.25723 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.00000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	0.25723 /\$100

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Schedule B	
2001 Debt Service	
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term de	bts that are secured
by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).	tax revenues (or
Total required for 2001 debt service	\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources	\$0
- Excess collections last year	\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2001	\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will	
collect only 96.55% of its taxes in 2001	\$0
= Total debt levy	\$0
This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax ra can inspect a copy of the full calculations at Cooke County Appraisal Gainesville, TX.	

2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

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Sunday, Äugust 19, 2001 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 ри	Monday, August 20, 2001 Ladies VFW Auxillary #6205 Meeting, 8 PM	Tuesday, August 21, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11;30, S.N.A.P. Center Stocker Calf Workshop, Farm Bureau Building	Wednesday, August 22, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Library open 2:30 - 5:30 PM CCD Parent Meeting, 7 PM	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Library open 10 AM - 6:30 PM	Friday, August 24, 2001 Muenster Museum Open 1-4PM Deadline for C of C Garage Sale Sign-up, 5 PM Homet Hamburger Supper, after schmmage, MHS/Lindsay Scrimmage, Soap/Towel Night SH vs. Argyle, T, TBA	Saturday, Aguust 25, 2001
Sunday, August 26, 2001 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, August 27, 2001 Stocker Calf Workshop, Farm Bureau Building SH Teacher/Parent Meeting, SH Comm. Ctr., 8 PM. Muenster Booster Club, gym, 7 PM	Tuesdey, August 28, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Library open 10 AM - 6:30 PM	Wednesday, August 29, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Library open 2:30 - 5:30 PM	Thursday, August 30, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Library Open 10 AM - 6:30 PM Muenster 7th @ Era, scrimmage SHJH/JV vs. Era, T, 5:00/6:30	Friday, August 31, 2001 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm MHS vs. State School Scrimmage, Hot Dog Supper at Stadium SH vs. Era, H, 7:30 pm	Saturday, September 1, 2001

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Gertrude Voth Lawing 1917-2001

Gary John Hess 1913-2001

by Elfreda Fette
Gerhart "Gary" John Hess
of Muenster died at age 88
at his home on Aug. 13,
2001 at 2:55 a.m.

Mass of Christian Burial
was offered on Wednesday,
Aug. 15 at 10:00 a.m. in
Sacred Heart Church by
Father John Ohner OSA,
pastor. Altar servers were
Luke Endres, Jesse Coker,
and Noah Hess.
Participating in the
special funeral liturgy of the
Mass were Nicole Hennigan
with Readings from the Old
and New Testaments;
Carrie Osborn with the
Responsorial Psalm; and
Stephen Nasche with
Petitions. Offertory gifts of
bread and wine were
presented at the altar by
great-grandchildren Ashley
Johnson, Olivia
Haverkamp, Haley Hess,
and Jordan Hess.
Eucharistic Ministers were
Claude and Mary Bayer,
Stella Hess, Dolores
Hofbauer, Imelda Rohmer,
and Linda Sepanski. Sacred
music was presented by
Ruth Felderhoff, Christy
Hesse, and Mr. Gail Sogard.
Selections included
"Amazing Grace," "O Lord
Most Holy," "Song Of The
Angels," "People Need The
Lord," "Wherever You Go,"
"How Great Thou Art," and
"On Eagles Wings."

Angelo Nasche, Jr. gave
the "Remarks Of
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grandfather.

Angelo Nasche, Jr. gave the "Remarks Of Remembrance" and Eulogy in tribute to his grandfather.

A Rosary Service was held in McCoy Funeral Chapel on Tuesday, Aug. 14 at 4:00 p.m., with Vigil and Wake Service at 6:00 p.m.

Gary Hess, who lived his entire life in Muenster, was the son of Frank Hess and Mary (Haverkamp) Hess, born on Feb. 27, 1913. On May 14, 1936 he married Caroline Knabe. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish.

Parish.
Gary, along with some of his brothers, owned and operated the Hess Brothers Drilling Company for many years. Gary was deeply interested in and devoted to

COUNTY



improvement in Agriculture and Cattle. He was active in an artificial insemination program resulting in some very well bred Charolais cattle, winning top prizes and money.

Survivors are his wife, Caroline Hess; three daughters LaVerna Nasche, Mary Endres, and Gloria Coker, all of Muenster, nine sons, James Hess, Jerry Hess, Leon Hess, Frankie Hess, Quintin Hess, Dwayne Hess, Doyle Hess, Gene Hess, and Chris Hess all of Muenster. There are 45 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren.

Also one sister Clara Evans of Pilot Point and one brother, John Hess of Gainesville.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a son, Dale Hess; and six brothers, Henry, Albert, Ed, Arnold, Ray, and Arthur Hess. Also two grandchildren.

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were Glenn Hess, James Hess, Jr., Gary Don Hess, Christopher Doyle Hess, Aaron Hess, Darrell Hess, Preston Hess, and Gregg Hess.

For those who have asked, the family has suggested memorials to the Sacred Heart Trust Fund or Cooke County Home Hospice.

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Mass of Christian Burial was held for M. Richard Arend on Aug. 13, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Peter's Catholic Church of Lindsay, officiated by Father Sebastian Beshoner OSB, pastor. Altar servers were Bradley Arend, a nephew, and Krystal Arend and Nicole Krebs, nieces. Offertory gifts were carried by granddaughters. A Rosary Service was held at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home and Chapel on Sunday at 7:00 p.m.

Richard Arend died at age 77 on Aug. 10, 2001 at home.

He was born on May 4, 1924 in Durant Oklahoma.

M. Richard Arend 1924-2001

home.

He was born on May 4, 1924 in Durant, Oklahoma to Nicholas J. and Helena M. Rauschuber Arend. At age six he moved with his family to Lindsay, where he attended the Lindsay schools. At age 24 he was employed by ARAMCO Oil Company and lived in Saudi Arabia for several years. While living there he met the former Doris Sides. They were married in Geneva, Switzerland in St. Joseph's Cathedral on Aug. 8, 1955. They honeymooned in the Alps, also visited in Rome and were in an audience seeing the Pope.

In February 1956 they returned to Lindsay, where he engaged in farming and ranching the rest of his life. He was a life-long member of St. Peter's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. In 1962 he was awarded the top soil Conservation Award for Cooke County, along with numerous other conservation awards.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Arend of Gainesville; son and daughter-in-law Rick and Kathy Arend of Gainesville, daughter and son-in-law Barbara S. and Glen Beyer of Grapevine; and granddaughters, Shelby, Emily and Molly Beyer and

Memorial for Becky Robertson this Sunday

Friends of Becky Robertson are invited to a Memorial Service for her on Sunday, Aug. 19 at 3:00 p.m. at the home of Leonard and Christel Vogel. Becky died on July 11, 2001 in Missouri. All are welcome.





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Sarah and Amanda Arend. Also sisters Florence Rauschuber of Houston, Helen Yosten of Muenster; and brothers Nicholas J. Arend of Gainesville, and William J. Arend of Sherman.

Preceding him in death were his brothers, Fred Arend and John V. Arend, and a sister Mary Frances Stobaugh.

Burial in St. Peter's Cemetery was directed by Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Raymond Butts, Charles Arend, Robert Arend, Nick Arend III, Doug Arend, and Mike Rauschuber.

Out of town relatives attending the funeral were Thelma Parker, Tom and Terri Woolbright of Lumberton, Mississippi, Florence Rauschuber, Mick and Susan Arend and family from Houston, Texas, Bill and Peggy Arend, Vivian Thacker from Sherman, Texas, Charles and family from Whitewright, Texas, Bill Susan, and Justin Arend of Littleton, Colorado, James and J.J. Arend from Kansas, Doug and Diane Arend and family, and Alice Cason from Weatherford, Texas.





Gertrude Voth Law

Muenster, and Lee Voth of Gainesville; four sisters, Mary Kappas, Lena Zimmerer, and Rita Dixon of Muenster, and Catherine Kubis of Lindsay; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Among out of town relatives at the funeral were: Sam Morgan and wife of Iowa Park, William Morgan, Jr. of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Voth, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Voth, Catherine Kubis of Lindsay, Rita Dixon, Girlie Felderhoff of Gainesville, Alma Wolf, Janie Thurman of Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. Robert David of Pilot Point, Lorene Sandman of Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Zimmerer of Dallas, Jeannene Walterscheid, DeeAnn Fuhrmann, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Voth.



THANK YOU

To all the volunteers who attended meetings, made phone calls, put together and put up signs, and made many direct contacts support of the Merger.

To our friends and supporters in the Hood, Myra and Rosston communities who worked tirelessly to get their neighbors out to vote.

To the medical and support staff who put aside their personal interests and worked to keep the Muenster Memorial Hospital viable during these many months of uncertainty.

To everyone who contributed their money and moral support in the very worthy effort of consolidation.

To the record number of voters who turned out to decide the future of our Hospital.

To our friends and partners in Eastern Cooke County who provided the much needed moral support during the heat of the campaign.

We now begin the very difficult process of prolonging the life of our Hospital and District. Let us pray that those in power will act in the best interest of those most affected: the patients and the Hospital Staff. Let us also pray that the Taxpayers will support the inevitable need to raise tax rates.

astly, we pray that everyone follow the admonition of Father John: Accept the vote and get on with our real purpose in life as Christians.

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CITIZENS FOR BETTER **HEALTHCARE**

The Muenster ISD School Board held a called meeting last Wednesday, Aug. 8 to hear the first draft from the architect on proposed needs of the district's campus. The reports of Phase I included the drawings of a new cafetorium and field house; information on costs of replacing or repairing roofs; options of cost and plans for fixing part of the drainage problems; and the cost of track repair.

In other business, the Board rescinded their July 11 vote and changed the dress code for elementary students, allowing approved shorts to be worn year-round, instead of only the first and sixth six-weeks of the school year.

Also the student code of conduct was updated according to the state.

A resolution was approved to allow the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) to be an electricity buying agent, allowing districts to form a pool to

Opinion / Editorial



ISSUE UPDATE with

Mac Thornberry Mac

Energy Crisis May Have Calmed, But There is Still a Storm Out There

more information on this or any other issue before Congress, please write
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Letters to the Editor

FORUM

HERITAGE

Sputnik and Social Security

NEWS

If members of the president's Social Security commission are interested in the latest thinking on pension reform, all they have to do is book a flight to Beijing.

China announced in July that it will experiment with reforming its social security system. Under a trial program in one Chinese province, millions of workers will be able to invest a portion of their retirement funds in China's stock markets, the Dow Jones financial news service has reported.

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Now this is weird. Suddenly China—home of communism, a state-enforced one-child-per-family policy and the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre—is the chic capitalist, investing in the stock market to make sure its workers have enough money for retirement. Meanwhile, the United States—home of Wall Street, the Nasdaq and baby-faced day traders—clings to a government program that's changed little since it started more than 65 years ago.

Many 'Americans, including President Bush and my Heritage Foundation colleagues, understand the need to modernize the Social Security system. The program is expected to start running deficits in 2016, just as millions of baby boomers—the ones now giving it windfall surpluses through their payroll taxes—are retiring.

It's a demographic time bomb, as fewer workers are forced to support a growing number of retirees (who, thanks to better diets and medicine, will live far longer than their parents did). In 1950, there were 16 workers for each Social Security recipient. Today, there are only about three workers for every retiree. By 2030, the ratio will be 2 to 1.

The financial ramifications are enormous: By 2037, the program, if left on autopilot, will be able to pay only three-quarters of what it promises. A draft report from the president's commission, released in mid-July, estimates that an additional \$7 trillion (yes, "trillion"—with a """—as in \$7,000,000,000,000,000) will be needed by 2040 to meet the program's shortfalls.

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Yet despite the warning signs, one Congress after another has done little more than provide temporary fixes—all the while demagoguing the issue. China, meanwhile, with an oppressive government run by communists, has shown the resolve to do the right thing.

And it's not alone. From Europe to Africa to South America, dozens of other countries are modernizing their systems. Australia's done it. Great Britain's done it. So have Chile, Mexico and Germany. Even Sweden, the paragon of "cradle-to-grave" socialism, has turned to personal investment accounts to shore up its pension system.

Hopefully, China's small step toward reform will embarrass U.S. lawmakers into moving faster on Social Security reform here at home. Playing catch-up with other countries is hardly a new phenomenon: On Cot. 4, 1957, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik, a satellite that could orbit the Earth in 98 minutes. Caught off guard, we jumped head-long into the space race by building better rockets and stressing science and math in our schools. Barely 12 years later, American astronauts landed on the moon.

The stakes on Social Security reform may not seem as high as they were in the space race, (One scientist in 1957 said the American way of life was "doomed to rapid extinction" if kids didn't study more science.) But like the space race, we can pull ahead by creating a better Social Security system—one with personal investment accounts that easily outperform what U.S. workers can expect from their government pensions.

Social Security reform is president of The Heritage, Foundation

Note: Edwin Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation (www.heritage.org), a Washington-based public policy research institute.

From My Side of the Fence by Ed Cler

On our way to Cullman, Alabama for the Hoehn family reunion earlier this summer, we stopped and lunched in Hope, Arkansas, birth place of Bill Clinton. Thrill! Thrill! Well, we had lunch and moved on.

Later, passing through Tupelo, Mississippi, someone noticed a sign informing us that the home where Elvis Presley was born was located on that street.

Well, some of the gang stated that since we were so close, why not stop and see it.

I had no objections, but was not so inclined, and since I had a problem with walking, I readily agreed, but would wait in the car.

That is why I had a book of crossword puzzles along.

The grounds around the two room house were well kept, and I enjoyed seeing the flowers, shrubs and trees surrounding it.

Soon the others came out, and as we prepared to move on, they told me of what they had seen for a couple bucks each.

The little house had two rooms with only the bare necessities. It had been built by his father long before Elvis became popular, and began to command such fabulous fees.

Elvis sang a few songs that I liked and enjoyed hearing, but the bulk of his singing had to be for someone else's ears.

Harry Reynolds runs for Texas Senate



course, were seniors; I was an underclassman.

One Captain was a refined Irishman. At table one day--I don't recall whether I did it out of spite or whether it was a lack of refined table etiquette--but I needed the container on the table used for table scraps. So in my Texas drawl, I said, "pass the slop can, please." well, this Irish Captain's Well, this Irish Captain's eyes weren't smiling when he politely corrected this young Texan by saying: "it is not a slop can; it is called a waste receptacle!"

Another Table Captain was a German with a voracious appetite for desserts. He could conjure

Dear Editor,
Wonderful and amusing memories! Ed Cler's recent column, "From My Side of the Fence," in the Enterprise about Subiaco Academy Table Captains brought to mind a couple of Captains that I had in the very early 1950s. The Captains, of course, were seniors; I was an underclassman.
One Captain was a refined Lyshman At table

up more excuses to "fine you" your dessert at table.

Well, a classmate and I (at this same table) worked in the kitchen, dishing out the food to be served family style at table. Whenever there was a delicious dessert being served, Danny and I knew we'd be fined our dessert for some "spur-of-the-moment" reason so we'd keep our portion of dessert back in the kitchen and eat it later.

I don't recall how long Danny and I got away with this scheme-it couldn't have been very long--because when the Captain would notice there were only four pieces of cake on the platter when there should have been six..."ouch!"

Wonderful and amusing memories!

Greetings to all in Muenster.

memories!
Greetings to all in
Muenster.
Love and Prayers, Brother
Thomas Moster, O.S.B.
Subiaco Abbey
Subiaco, AR 72865

Dear Editor:
The 700,000 members of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) applaud Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyik's intervention to stop numerous Catholic churches from using animals such as rats, turtles, and goldfish in fundraising festivals, and we look forward to other churches following suit.
The Cincinnati archbishop called upon parishioners to stop "inflicting terror and pain on animals." He quoted from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "Animals

are God's creatures. By
their mere existence they
bless Him and give Him
glory. Thus men owe them
kindness."

PETA urges every church
to avoid exploiting animals
and to recognize that the
dominion humans were
given over them means, in
scriptural context, a
stewardship of loving care.
Sincerely,
Carla Bennett
Senior Writer & author of
Living in Harmony with
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Masten, Butkenhaus marry in St. Peter's Church

by Elfreda Fette
Mr. and Mrs. George
'atrick Lutkenhaus have
eturned from their wedding
rip to Playa Del Carmen,
Aexico and are residing in
Sanger, Texas.
They were married in St.
'eter's Catholic Church of
indsay on July 28, 2001 in
I Nuptial Mass at 5:00 p.m.
'elebrated by Father
Sebastian Beshoner OSB,
asstor, with traditional
louble ring vows.
The bride is the former
'atricia Dale Masten,
laughter of Larry and Sue
Masten of Sanger. She is a
1995 graduate of Sanger
Tigh School and a 1999
'raduate of the University
of North Texas and is
employed as a teacher and
soach at Pilot Point ISD.
The groom is the son of
Malter and Kathleen
Lutkenhaus of Lindsay. He
s a 1995 graduate of
Lindsay High School and a
1999 graduate of the
University of North Texas
and is employed as teacher
and coach of Era ISD.
Grandparents of the bride
are the late Clarence and
Velma Masten.
Grandparents of the bride
are the late Clarence and
Velma Masten.
Grandparents of the groom
are August T. and Armella
(Flusche) Lutkenhaus of
Muenster and the late
Lawrence and Olivia
(Dulock) Streng.
The bride was presented
in marriage by her parents,
and her father escorted her
to the altar. For her
wedding she chose an
elegant, sleeveless designer
gown with a fitted bodice of
acclone lace, adorned with
heavy beading of sequins
and pearls. The round
neckline and scooped back
were accented with a triple
row of pearls. The elongated
waith headed
waith headed adorned with beaded acclone lace appliqués. The skirt drifted into a chapel length train edged in satin. Her illusion veil was softly gathered to a crown of pearls and sequins. She carried a bouquet of fresh

white roses, star gazer lilies, and white stephanotis, with tulle and pearl accents.

For sentiment and tradition, the bride carried a handkerchief with a blue flower, from her late Grandmother Masten, for "something old and blue." For "something new," she wore a pearl charm bracelet given to her at the rehearsal luncheon by the groom's parents, made from a pearl necklace that belonged to the groom's grandmother, Olivia Streng. For "something borrowed" she wore a pair of pearl earrings from her friend Jenny Lewis. Also given to the bride was a crochet-edged handkerchief from the groom's grandmother Armella Lutkenhaus.

The groom's wedding ring is the treasured wedding ring worn by the bride's Grandfather Masten for 55 years.

ATTENDANTS

Jennifer Masten of "Edelweiss Blessing," and

ring worn by the bride's Grandfather Masten for 58 years.

ATTENDANTS
Jennifer Masten of Sanger, bride's sister was maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Julie Jannereth of Sanger, friend of the bride, Laura Fisher of Lindsay, groom's sister and Donna Neu of Gainesville, groom's sister.

The bridesmaids were attired in two piece, semifitted lilac peau de soie satin tops with rounded necklines. The triple layered flared skirts were made of lilac polyester, white tulle and lilac moonlight sparkle satin. The maid of honor's bodice of lilac peau de soie satin was overlaid with embroidered tulle, with skirt designed as the other attendants. They carried cluster bouquets of hydrangea, lilies, and wisteria with satin-wrapped stems.

Flower girls were Ashton and Amy Kubicek of Aubrey, groom's cousins, wearing dresses designed of white satin bodices and with lilac flowers. They carried baskets of tulle and

Ushers were Kyle Sandmann of Denton, friend of the groom and Jimmy Fisher of Lindsay, groom's brother-in-law.

Altar servers were Patrick Lutkenhaus of Muenster and Keith Hermes of Lindsay, groom's cousins.

Wedding music was presented by the Guardian Angel Choir of St. Peter's Church. Selections included "Through The Years," "How Beautiful," "Wind Beneath My Wings," "For All We Know," "Beginning Today," "Cift of Finest Wheat" "Love," "On Eagles Wings," "Edelweiss Blessing," and the processional "Wedding March," and recessional "Trumpet Voluntary."

Participating in the special wedding hiturgy were lectors Carol Alexander, bride's cousin, and Donna Neu, groom's sister. Offertory gifts of bread and wine were presented at the altar by Leonard Hermes, groom's godfather and Rita Cottle, family friend (in place of godmother, Marge Alexander), and Jenny Lewis, friend of the bride. Eucharistic Ministers were John H. Kubicek, groom's cousin, Lillian Hess and Leon Fleitman, friends

and Leon Fleitman, friends of the groom.
Church decorations in cluded floral arrangements of lilac hydrangeas, orchid and white phlox and white wisteria. English ivy and tulle decorated the candles Side altars and the Communion rail held candles, English ivy and tulle. Mary's altar held a small orchid phlox bouquet with a tulle bow, placed there in memory of the grandparents of the bride and groom.

RECEPTION
A reception, dinner, and dance followed in St. Peter's Centennial Hall, hosted by parents of the bride and groom.
Windy Smith, a friend of the bride presided at the

guest book.

The four layered white wedding cake was decorated with fresh flowers in the bride's chosen color of bliac. The strawberry-flavored groom's cake, iced in white, was decorated with a State of Texas and UNT emblem, and surrounded by hand-dipped strawberries, and made by Roger Dieter.

Reception assistants, cutting the bride's cake was Cindy Bounds, friend of the bride, and cutting the groom's cake was Charlene Lutkenhaus, groom's cousin.

Cake servers were Mary Kubicek, Kristie and Pamela Lutkenhaus, Sheila and Megan Smith, Brooke and Abby Endres, and Bethany Urban.

Also assisting, for the evening, at church and at the hall were aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends of the couple.

The rehearsal meal was

cousins, and friends of the couple.

The rehearsal meal was hosted by Walter and Kathleen Lutkenhaus on July 22, and held in the home of Donna Neu in Gainesville.

Santa Claus is coming to town!

Santa Claus is coming to town! Plans are underway for Muenster's Christmas Parade scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 24.

All organizations, businesses, schools and groups will be contacted soon. According to initial reactions, a great turnout is expected.

Suggestions, inquiries or comments are welcome and can be addressed to Cochairmen Rick Walterscheid and Leon Klement. They are optimistic about making this a memorable family event to kick off the holiday season in Muenster and are hoping to get the entire community involved.

Look for more information in coming weeks!

Mr. and Mrs. George Lutkenhau ... 'nee Patricia Dale Masten ...

Fish party honors Maggie on her 2nd birthday July 10

Maggie Dee Richardson, daughter of Bob and Dee Richardson of Sivells Bend, was honored Tuesday, July 10 at the home of her greataunt, Joann Sicking, with a "Fish" themed birthday party. Some 29 guests were served fried crappie, hush puppies, and French fries prepared by Maggie's dad and great-grandmother, Dorothy Cook, and Edwinna "Pup" Case. A special designed fish-shaped cake was served with "blue ocean water."

Maggie shared the water in a back yard "fish pond" with seven new friends including her cousin Toni Richardson, Shyann and Dalton Bartel, Josh Wilson, Allison and Blake Haubold, and Alexis Britain, who all received specially prepared gift bags to take home. Cousins Lynn and Jessamy Sicking, and Aunt Kim Richardson assisted Maggie

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and her mother opening
gifts from the guests.
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Barton, Don and Tanya
Richardson, Terry and
Katina Bartel, Jeff and
Jessica Wilson, Charla
Haubold, Justin and Monica
Britain, Bart Sicking, Robyn
Berntsen, and Lori and
Meridith Painter.
Maggie and her parents
have recently moved from
Bagwell, Texas, where she
was honored on July 14
with another party in the
home of her maternal
grandparents Dan and
Vickie Tabb.

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Joe and Ruth Felderhoff observe 40th anniversary

Joe and Ruth Felderhoff observed their 40th wedding anniversary Sunday, August 5 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass in Sacred Heart Church, celebrated by Father John Ohner OSA, assisted by Deacon Jerry Caplinger. One of the altar servers was Joe Hesse, a grandson of the honor couple.

grandson of the honor couple.

Music at the Mass was given by a son-in-law, Jack White and a daughter, Christy Hesse. Selections were "Come, Worship The Lord," "Only This I Want," "Center Of My Life," "For The Beauty of The Earth"

Father John Ohner OSA conferred a special marriage blessing upon the couple.

Following Mass, a crown roast dinner was served at the home of Bert and Christy Hesse. Grandchildren sang the "Edelweiss Blessing" for their grandparents.

Attending were the honor couple's children and grandchildren: Bert and Christy Hesse and their family, Joe, Rebekah, John Paul, Daniel, and Julian; Jack and Jenny White and their family, Emily, Alyssa, Amy, and Grace; Neil and Anne Hesse and their family, Matt, Kaitlin, and Sam; Rose and Ben Ganzon.

Also relatives Mrs. Bertha Fleitman, Alvin and Joanie Hartman, Theresa Mae and Sylvan Walterscheid of Muenster, Girlie Felderhoff of Gainesville, and Charlie Felderhoff of Gainesville, and Charlie Felderhoff of Gainesville, and Charlie Felderhoff of Waco.

Also friends Paul and Marie Endres, Anne and Waylen Poole, Father John Ohner OSA of Muenster, and Pat Vaughan of Huntsville.

At the final blessing after Mass, Father John observed that Joe and Ruth's 40 years of marriage and service are indeed a great homily.



The engagement and approaching marriage of Jennifer Campbell and Daniel Lemons have been announced by parents of the bride-elect, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ambrose of Muenster. The future-groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lemons of DeSoto, Texas. The wedding will be held on Sept. 8, 2001 at 2:00 Pm in Immaculate Conception Church of Denton. The bride-elect is a graduate of the University of North Texas and is employed as an accountant for Hutton and Hutton, CPA Firm Denton. Mr. Lemons is a graduate of the University of Kentucky. He is a safety engineer at Co-Serve in Denton. The couple will reside in Denton.



Kolby Klement celebrates 1st



birthday July 28 Summer Reading Program concludes

Kolby Anthony Klement, son of Kevin and Terri Klement, turned one year old on July 28, 2001. He celebrated at his grandfather, Jim Whitley's house in Denison on July 26 with friends and family, he also shared cake with his dad who turned 40 on July 27.

dad who turned 40 on July 27.

On Sunday, July 29, Kolby had a birthday party at home. Hamburgers and hot dogs were served, followed by ice cream and cake. "Winnie, the Pooh" was the party theme. Children enjoyed a backyard swimming party. Attending were Kolby's parents and his brother Kyle; grandparents Helen and David Fisher, Tony and Sis Klement, greatgrandmother Dorothy Fisher, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Unable to attend, but sending birthday wishes were Glenn, Tracey, and Caleb Skrivanek. Kolby also celebrated his birthday at Tender Loving Care Day Care with friends.

The Bettie Luke
Muenster Public Library
concluded their summer
reading program last week
with an awards ceremony
held at the City Park. Forty
people attended. One
hundred, seventy-four
signed up for the program.
Story time was attended by
a total of 435, with 91
people a record high one
week.
Fifty-three children
successfully completed the
summer reading program by
reading twenty or more
books, including: Karli
Anderle, Dalton Bartel,
ShyAnn Bartel, Chelsey
Caldwell, Kalyn
Dangelmayr, Blake
Grewing, Ryan Felderhoff,
Shaina Felderhoff, Olivia
Haverkamp, Lana Heers,
Paige Hennigan, Matt
Hesse, Kaitlin Hesse,
Marabella Hernandez,
Haley Hess, Sydney
Hoedebeck, Amber Knabe,
Kelsey Reeves, Karleigh
Reeves, Kason Reeves, Alley
Trubenbach, Blake Voth,
Benjamin Yosten, Gene
Yosten, and Josiah Yosten.

Junior readers who completed the program are: Brooklyn Caldwell, Rebecca Grewing, Dustin Felderhoff, Kaitlyn Felderhoff, Jessika Hartman, Adrien Rohmer, Lauren Rohmer, and Joshua Yosten. Rebecca Grewing was the top Junior reader. Honor readers, those who read 40 or more books this summer, are: Trey Anderle, Tyler Anderle, Andi Felderhoff, Mikayla Fleitman, Mikenzie Fleitman, Jace Frederick, Jordan Fredrick, Eland Green, Collin Pagel, Derek Pagel, Kelsey Pagel, Macie Pagel, Kelsey Pagel, Macie Pagel, Miranda Pagel, Adrien Rohmer, Christina Rohmer, Lauren Rohmer, Brandon Sicking, Delana Sicking, Devin Sicking, Michelle Sicking, Quinn Sicking, and Alaina Reiter. Library manager Kay Broyles handed out the certificates to readers who were present.

Overall top readers were Kelsey Pagel and Alaina Reiter, each reading over 100 books, and receiving special gifts for their accomplishments.

All of the children who attended the summer reading program awards ceremony received a certificate, a free paperback book, and refreshments. Door prizes were won by: Joshua Yosten, Alaina Reiter (2), Delana Sicking, Blake Grewing, Amber Knabe, Macie Pagel, Kason Reeves, Collin Pagel, Miranda Pagel, ShyAnn Bartel, Christina Rohmer, Jessika Hartman, Mikenzie Fleitman, Matt Hesse, Kelsey Pagel, and Michelle Sicking.

Assisting in making the program a success were the DI One Stop, providing ice cream cones to children for every 20 books read; Terry Barrett for getting volunteer readers for story time, including: Amanda Felderhoff, Delana Chism, Cheryl Rohmer, Peggy Grewing, Sharon Ledbetter, Dana Hess, Theresa Walterscheid, Jill Reiter, Lisa Hettler, Renate Pagel, Jan Nielson, and Katina Bartel; the parents who supported their children and brought them to the library; and others who donated their services.



Patricia Nanette Smith and Ronald James Lapointe of Muenster have chosen Sept. I for their wedding day, to be held in Breezes Montego Bay, Jamaica. The bride-elect is the daughter of Alice Reed of Nocona and the late Glenn (Buddy) Reed. She is employed at Nortex Communications. Parents of the future-groom are Dudley and Lula May Lapointe. He is self-employed at Diamond L Construction. Attendants at the wedding will be Kevin Ratliff as best man and Lisa Warren as matron of honor. The couple plans to reside in Muenster.

Auditions announced for The Little Princess

Butterfield Stage will hold auditions for the classic children's story, The Little Princess, on Aug. 20 and 21 at 7 p.m. at the theatre, located at 201 S. Denton in Gainesville. Needed for the production are three men and three women of various ages and six to eight young girls, ages 8 years to young teens.



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Thanks For Your Help and Kindness

The family of Freddy Ullmann would like to thank ryone for their love and support shown to us during

Treddy's illness and at the time of his death.

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, flowers and food. A special thank you to Cooke County Howers and food. It special thank you to Cooke County
Home Hospice for their support and care. Thanks to
Clement-Keel Tuneral Home and staff for their
courteous and professional service. Thank you, Shelley.
We appreciate all you did for us.

A special thank you to members of First

Bettin Charles Manney for their lower

A special thank you to members of Strit Baptist Church, Muenster, for their love and support and for the delicious noon meal on Saturday. Thank you Bro. Bill for your comforting words. We love you all dearly.

Also, a special thank you to all BNSD employees for all you did for Preddy during his illness.

Your care and concern was so special to Preddy.

Words cannot express what we really feel in our hearts. We miss him so very much, but all of you helped us through a very difficult time.

Thanks again to everyone, and also to Grand

ue Baptist Church for allowing us to have the

Kathy, Lori and Jase



Wedding Notes

We provide forms for wedding information. Please use these forms for clarity and accuracy. We take pride in the quality of our wedding stories and in the close attention we pay to details.

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Jeremy Hess is four!

Turning four years old brought a big birthday party at his home for Jeremy Hunter Hess, son of Tim and Vickie A. Hess, on July 31, 2001. It was themed "Construction Site" with a cake by Betty Rose Walterscheid decorated with "trucks and bulldozers." Jeremy's dad cooked hot dogs and all the trimmings. Refreshments included included Refreshments

Take Note

ABBA Woman's Center will be hosting their 2nd annual Walk For Life on Saturday, Sept. 29 at the Lindsay ISD track from 9-11

For additional information call ABBA at 668-6391 or Stacie Miller at 759-4932.

cheese, cookies (made by Aunt Donna) pickles, ice cream, etc., all served in clever container "trucks."

Joining Jeremy were his mom and dad, Tracy and Jesse; Aunt Donna Moseley; Great-grandma Johnnie Ruth and Ernest Bragg; Jordan Buddy; Dalton and Breanna Williams; Jace, Kaden, and Kim Cordeli; Dean and Brooke Walterscheid; Michael, Randi Lee, and Tonya Moseley; Erin Hess; Emily, Corbin and Laren Bayer. There was a special visit from Doyle Hess, and special phone call from Uncle Carvin Moseley, Grandma Price, and Jimbo Biffle.

Jeremy is the grandson of Agnes Hess of Muenster.

Biffle.

Jeremy is the grandson of Agnes Hess of Muenster, Richard and Joyce Price of Ponca City, Oklahoma, and great-grandson of Johnnie Ruth and Ernest Bragg of



Just A Thought

Maturity is the ability to live in peace with that which we cannot change.

Talk is cheap because supply always exceeds the demand.

Health screening offered to vets in Gainesville

A free health screening for all honorably discharged veterans, champ VA and Tricare beneficiaries is being offered at the Gainesville VFW Post #1922. The Veterans Affairs North Texas Health Care Systems is making the offer on Thursday, Aug. 23, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Preregistration begins at 8 a.m.

Screenings will be offered for diabetes, cholesterol, and hypertension, with a brief physical exam and dietary counseling available.
For more information call John Burrows, post commander, or Gilbert Bindel, quartermaster, at 665-9054.



Darrell Hermes honored on 5th

Darrell Hermes son of Doug and Susan Hermes, celebrated his fifth birthday on July 1 with a backyard pool party. Joining in the celebration were his greatgrandfather, Cecil Etter, grandparents James and Marlene Nelson, Harold and Dorothy Cook, and Fritz and Charlotte Hermes.

Other family members included his sister, Savannah Hermes, cousin Kody Hermes, cousin Ashlie Martin, and several aunts and uncles. Friends included seven of Darrell's pre-school classmates.

The cake decoration was themed "Rugrats." Children delighted in a piñatabreaking as the finale. They all received "goody bags" to take home.

Unable to attend, due to illness were greatgrandparents Boobie and Celie Schilling.

BPW welcomes

Main Street

Director

Cooke County BPW (Business and Professional Women) will welcome Lynn Fountain, new Main Street Director, to Gainesville at an informal meeting on Aug. 23 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Angie Hare, 311 E. Church Street Everyone is invited. A light buffet will be provided. Please RSVP to Angie at 665-1763 (day) or 668-7687 (evening) by Aug. 20.

20.
Regular meetings are held every second Thursday at noon at the Wooden Spoon in Lindsay and every fourth Thursday in the evening. For location of the evening meeting or for more information, contact Mary Huneycutt, president, at 668-8811.

Bits of Wisdom

Cooperation is doing comething with a smile that you have to do anyway.

Common sense is the knack of seeing things as they really are.



21st Forestburg Watermelon Festival and Homecoming this Saturday

The 21st Annual Forestburg Watermelon Festival and Homecoming will be Saturday, Aug. 18. The parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Forestburg School Building.
Trophies will be presented in the following categories: Judges Trophy-Best All-Around, Riding Clubs, Individual Horse Riders, Floats, Commercial and Business, Antique Automobiles, Antique Farm Equipment, and Miscellaneous.

Participants in the parade should be at the west entrance of the school by 10 a.m. or shortly after to receive identification tags and be aligned. Anyone may enter the parade, however, to be considered in the judging for trophies, entry forms must be returned to Charles Edwards, Route 1 Box 138, Forestburg, Texas by 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17. For additional information call 940-964-2289.

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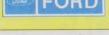


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New Arrivals

Borden
Naomi Ketchum of Saint
Jo announces the birth of a
daughter, Trinity Cheyene
Borden in Muenster
Memorial Hospital on Aug.
11, 2001 at 8:13 a.m.,
weighing 5 lb. 10 oz. and
measuring 19 3/4 inches in
length. Grandparents are
Mike and Michelle Borden
of Saint Jo. Skrivanek
Glenn and Tracy
Skrivanek of Ennis, Texas
announce with joy the birth
of a son, Cameron Glenn
Skrivanek, on Aug. 3, 2001
in Ennis Regional Medical
Center, weighing 6 lb. 3.5
oz. and measuring 19 inches
in length. He joins a
brother, Caleb Lee
Skrivanek, age 3.
Grandparents are Juanita
Walterscheid of Ennis and
Conrad Walterscheid of
Muenster and Laverne
Skrivanek of Ennis.

Park
Don and Seleah Park of
Durant, Oklahoma
announce the birth of a
daughter in Wilson N. Jones
Hospital of Sherman on
July 18, 2001, weighing 7 lb.
13 oz. and measuring 20
inches in length. They have
named her Katelyn Marie
Park She joins two siblings
at home, Wyatt Park and
Shayla Rose.

Baptisms

Nathan Charles Hacker, son of Maurus and Sally Hacker, grandson of Chuck and Vicky Fisher, and Maurus and Lynn Hacker, and great-grandson of Clyde and Polly Fisher, Damond and Evelyn Fuhrmann, Dan Haverkamp, and Bertha Hacker, received the Sacrament of Baptism in Sacred Heart Church on June 17, 2001 at noon. Officiating was Father John Ohner OSA. Baptismal sponsors were an aunt, Jessica Fisher and an uncle, Mike Hacker.

The infant wore a white christening gown that was a gift from his great-grandma and great-grandpa Fisher.

A family gathering was held at the home of the infant and his parents. Lunch and a decorated cake were served. Pictures, gifts, and visiting followed.

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School News

School brings new challenges

arges.
"Parents are also not understanding the relevant links between drug use and other risky activities, such as unprotected sex ordriving too fast," she said.

Know their friends an their friends and their friends' parents an under their friends and their friends' parents and th

Where wer it went, another school year is about to begin. For millions of young Texans about to enter middle school, that means new clothes, new schedules, new schools, new classes, new friends and new teachers.

It also means new challenges that perhaps they, and their parents, are not aware of.

Dr. Linda Jouridine, Texas Cooperative Extension health specialist, said the transition from elementary school to middle school is when the set students are most likely to face increased exposure to drugs and alcohol.

In spite of the fact these students are entering adolescence and will naturally begin the process of leaving the family nest, Jouridine said, this is not the time for parents to stopbeing vigilant in supervising their children, she said.

"The (drug and alcohol abuse) rises when the potential for drug and alcohol.] issues more important than any other time," she said.

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Lunch programs are offered at area schools

are teaching about underage drinking and drug use.

Learn what music theix like and what the lyrics say about underage drinking and drug use.

"You don't want to police (the kids) to the point where you stagnate their growth and development, but active parents are what is going to get a handle on the problem (in this country)," she said.

"It will take more time, but the reward and it will be well worth it," Jouridine said.
"It will take more time, but the reward of graduates from high school will be well worth it," Jouridine said.
"And your kids will appreciate it."

The policy for providing free and reduced price meals served under the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program for the 2001-2002 school year are being announced by Muenster, Lindsay, and Sacred Heart Schools.

All three schools offer lunches each day for the cost of \$1.25 for Pre-K through 6 grades and \$1.50 for grades 7 through 12. Children who qualify under the USDA guidelines may get meals free or at the reduced price of 40¢ for which was presented and success the success of the cost of \$1.25 for Pre-K through 6 grades and \$1.50 for grades 7 through 12. Muenster, Lindsay, and Sacred Heart Schools.

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• The Living Sea (1996*), a beautiful and hopeful look at the magnificent complexity of the ocean world;

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• Everest (1998*), an historic drama of an ascent of the world's tallest mountain that intersected with the fatal snow storm of May 1996; and

• Dolphins (2000*), a celebration of our fascination and comradeship with those familiar inhabitants of the ocean.

2001. Tickets for OmniFest 2001 are \$6.50 for adults, \$5.50 for seniors 60+, and \$4.50 for children 3-12.

OmniFest show times or more information, call 817-255-9300 or go to www.fortworthmuseum.org *Year shown in Omni "Year shown in Omni

Aug. 17-Sept. 3 is Omnifest

A film festival of giant proportion is coming to the Omni Theater. The Omni Theater at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History is bringing back six giant screen films from the past for OmniFest 2001, August 17 - September 3, 2001.

The film lineup for OmniFest 2001 was selected in response to a survey of Museum visitors and newspaper readers taken in May. Back by popular demand:

• Grand Canyon: The Hidden Secrets (1983*), an Academy Award® winning look at the breath-taking canyon and its early explorers;

• Beavers (1989*), a year in the life of a family of beavers near the scenic resort of Banff and the profound effect they have on the landscape;

• Yellowstone (1995*), the story of the human and geologic history of the United State's first National Park;

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF AUG. 20-24 SACRED HEART S.N.A.P. MENUS Mon. - Cheeseburgers //trimmings, French fries

Tues. - Steak fingers, potatoes, gravy, peas, and carrots, peach cobbler, bread.

Wed. - Corn dogs, salad, corn, fruit, graham crackers.
Thurs. - Spaghetti and meat, green beans, lettuce, applesauce, hot rolls.

Fri. - Hot pockets, ranch style beans, salad, fruit.

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Mon. - Tacos, lettuce,

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Mon. - Tacos, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, ranch style beans, macaroni and cheese, peaches, banana bread.

Tues. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pears, hot rolls.

Wed. - Sub sandwiches (ham, turkey, and cheese) chips, oranges, chocolate chip cookies, carrot sticks.

Thurs. - Chicken pot pie, lettuce salad w/dressing, pineapple tidbits, hot rolls, brownies.

Fri. Pant

pickles and onions, ice

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Pork chop, creamed potatoes, sauerkraut, corn, bread.

Tues. - Burritos, refried beans, Mexican rice, pears, bread.

Wed. - Fish, black-eyed peas, cole slaw, macaroni and cheese, peaches, bread.

Thurs. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream.

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Fri. - Barbecue chicken, potato salad, ranch style beans, pineapple, bread.

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Mon. - Pizza: pepperoni or

Mon. - Pizza: pepperoni or cheese, corn, applesauce, tossed salad, sugar cookie. Tues. - Chicken fried steak or fish sticks, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, black-eyed peas, hot roll.

wed. - Crispy tacos, trimmings, pinto beans, cornbread, chocolate pudding.
Thurs. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce or chicken strips, green beans, peaches, tossed salad, breadstick.
Fri. - Chicken sandwich, trimmings, tator tots, ice cream.

Juice not always the beverage of choice

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"According to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)," she said, "too much juice is ... not a good thing." Even though it is sweet and tasty and children may like it better than milk or formula, juice doesn't come close to containing the essential nutrients that milk has.

Bits of Wisdom

The mark of wise people is their ability to distinguish a setback from defeat.

Panicked parents of picky eaters think fruit juice is the answer to their nutritional prayers.

After all, fruit juice is nourishing, healthful and, best of all, even their young picky eaters who don't like anything else love juice.

Sounds like a win-win situation, right?

Well, not quite, said Dr. Sharon Robinson, Texas
Cooperative Extension food and nutrition specialist. While fruit juice is part of a healthy diet for young children, it should not become the beverage of choice.

"According to the first providing the best nutrition for very young children should have in providing the best nutrition for very young children should have no more than 6 ounces of juice per day."

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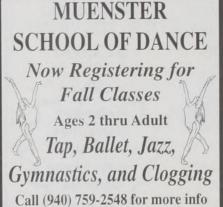
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Even though it might not be good news for parents whose children don't want to drink anything but juice, milk or formula is still the best source of vital nutrients for young children, she said. "Juice can add vitamin C to the diets of children," she said. "However, because of its lack of protein and other vitamins and minerals, juice

beathy diet."

Even juices that have been fortified with calcium are not a good substitute for milk or formula, she added. "Calcium-fortified juice does not have the protein and other nutrients needed by growing children."

And always, if still worried about their children's finicky eating habits, "parents should discuss any concerns about their child's diet, growth or development with their doctor," Robinson said.



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Sports

Hunting, fishing licenses on sale Aug. 15

New hunting and fishing licenses for 2001-2002 were available this week at Ace Hardware, Gehrig Hardware, and Muenster Spirits in Muenster. Texas Parks and Wildlife is urging customers to buy early and avoid the Labor Day Weekend rush.

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Weekend rush.
All current annual hunting and fishing licenses expire on Aug. 31, and the dove hunting season opening the next day will bombard state's current

Year-round sign

It's true that deer are very much influenced by season and habitat as to where they spend most of their time. Usually it is the quality of the food sources in different places that cause deer to gang up in certain places at certain times.

electronic ficense sales system with nearly 300,000 license transactions amounting to more than \$6.7 million in sales during the Labor Day holiday weekend. Texas issues 3.5 million hunting and fishing licenses annually through 28 TPW field offices, more than 100 state parks and at most sporting goods retailers across Texas.

As an added incentive to buy early and avoid possible delays, anyone who

Raintree Hunting Tips

purchases a hunting or fishing license Aug 15-25, 2001, will be automatically entered in a special drawing. Prizes include a Browning "Gold Hunter" semi-automatic 12- or 20-gauge shotgun (\$800 value), a Browning semi-automatic .22-caliber GR-I rifle (\$425 value), and a Castaway 7-foot popping rod and Shimano Curado casting reel (\$200 value). The Parks and Wildlife Foundation of Texas Inc. will conduct the drawing. Complete contest rules will be available on the TPW Web site (http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us.).

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Hunters and anglers may also purchase licenses by phone toll-free at (800) 895-4248. The phone license operation serves both Texans and non-residents, enabling hunters and anglers to buy licenses over the phone using a major credit card 24 hours a day. A license confirmation number is issued at the time of purchase, and the physical license is mailed separately. Confirmation numbers will verify that a license has been purchased but will not allow hunters to take fish or wildlife that requires a tag.

Annual resident hunting and fishing licenses cost \$19 each, \$32 for a combination hunting and fishing license plus all seven state hunting and fishing license plus all seven state hunting and fishing stamps for \$49. Sold separately, the face value of the Super Combo package is \$82. Senior sportsmen can purchase the discounted Senior Super Combo license for \$25 or a \$10 senior combination hunting and fishing license the discounted Senior Super Combo license for \$25 or a \$10 senior combination hunting and fishing license.



Local high school football begins Saturday morning with teams seeing their first scrimmages. Pictured, the Hornet quarterback gets rushed by a defensive lineman.

Janie Hartman Photo

Muenster Hornet Boosters meet and elect new officers

The Muenster Public School Booster Club held its first meeting of the current school year on Monday, Aug. 13 at 6:30 p.m. New officers were elected, including Ronnie Felderhoff, president, Terry Walterscheid, vice president, and Laurie Rohmer, secretary/treasurer.

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• Annual fund-raisers to purchase equipment for all athletic departments.
• Annual 7th grade, 8th grade, and junior varsity basketball tournaments.
• Also a Booster Club Golf Tournament, possibly in October.
• Annual track meets in the Spring.
The Booster Club requests that those persons who wish to advertise in the football programs please contact Laurie Rohmer, Tim Felderhoff, Patti Fuhrmann, Bob Endres, and Jeanie Hess.

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Future plans include a hamburger cookout for

players and their parents after the Linds ay scrimmage on Aug. 24, in Muenster City Park. The scrimmage, at 5:00 p.m., marks the annual "Soap and Towel Night." Coach Martin added a special request for boxes of laundry detergent.

The following week, on Aug. 31, the Hornets will scrimmage Gainesville State School in Muenster. Afterwards a hot dog supper will be held at the stadium for both schools. Any students who wish to attend are included. players and their parents after the Lindsay

are included.

The next meeting will be held on Aug. 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the Muenster Gym.
Thereafter, meetings will be held on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. after all regular season games, throughout the playoffs. Later, there will be one meeting per month through the track season.

All persons who wish to help are most welcome; they may contract any of the coaches, or Ronnie Felderhoff, Terry Walterscheid, or Laurie Rohmer.

scrimmages announced

Local schools will hold their first football scrimmages this weekend. Several changes have been made from the original schedules. The Sacred Heart Tigers will travel to Lindsay for a 9 a.m. scrimmage Saturday after both teams lost their scheduled scrimmages with Oklahoma teams. The JV Tigers will still scrimmage at Thackerville Friday night. The varsity and junior varsity Hornets travel to S&S Saturday to scrimmage the Rams. Action begins at 10 a.m.

NOTICE

On Friday, Aug. 24, the annual Muenster Hornet Red-White scrimmage has been changed to a scrimmage with the Lindsay Knights. Both varsity and junior varsity players will see action. It is also soap and towel night for the Hornets.

NOTICE!

The 25th Annual Hunters Extravaganza will be this weekend, Aug. 17-19 in Fort Worth's Will Rogers Center. Doors are open 5 - 10 p.m. on Friday; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Saturday; and 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. For details call 210-523-8500.

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brush is thick and/or the terrain is tough. Buck trails can be very subtle, just a trace here and there. Look for old rub lines. These are usually adjacent to buck travel areas.

Buck trails frequently parallel and intersect with doe trails, and during the peak of rut you might see a buck on a main deer trail chasing a doe. However, most of the time bucks want to walk their own "roads" and keep out of sight even when traveling certain places at certain times.

The same is true of bedding areas. Deer like the protection of pretty dense habitat where they rest. In the heavy and leafy foliage of midsummer, deer have lots of choices about bedding and aren't quite so picky.

However, certain habitat factors remain the same all year round. The best place to cross a creek or gully is still the best place to cross at any season. The same goes for favored fence crossing spots.

The long finger of woods extending into a field and the brushy fence line separating field and pasture are likely to contain permanent deer trails, used in all seasons.

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Getting a good grip on
the year-round areas allows
you to focus you seasonal
scouting on what's seasonal.

Learn the trails

It's really easy to find a
deer trail. Just take a walk
in the woods and odds are
good that you will end up
walking on one. There are
natural "lines of drift,"
which are places that are
simply easier to walk than
others - both for deer and
for people.

However, those broad
and easy to find deer trails
are most often the avenues
used by does and fawns.
Bucks make their own trails
in heavier cover. To find
these lanes look where the

Outdoors and Advantage Tips Swinging with shotguns

Raintree

The most important elements of wingshooting are the same as in golf: keep your head down and follow through. This means keeping your head down on the stock and continuing your swing after pulling the trigger. However, lead also is critical to hitting moving targets. That is how far in front of the target you must "aim" to cause the shot column to intersect with the target's flight path.

"Sustained lead" means establishing a specific

"Sustained lead" means establishing a specific amount of forward allowance and maintaining that distance through firing and follow through. Skeet shooters use this rather precise method because target speed and angle are known.

"Swing through" lets the target set the lead. Beginning behind the

target, the shooter swings through it and fires as the muzzle passes to the front.
"Snap shooting" means simply pointing at the spot you think the target will be when the pattern gets there and firing. This is the least precise method and works well only at very short range.

Picking the best shotgun

Picking the best all-around shotgun is easy these days. Way back when, squirrel hunters wanted long-barreled, tight-choked guns and didn't care if they were single-shot. You couldn't give such a gun to a quail shooter. He wanted a fast-pointing, fast-swinging repeater with an open choke.

repeater with an open choke.

Interchangeable, screwin choke tubes have changed all that. Today's shotgun can have it all, or at least most of it, in one

gun.

With a pouch of standard choke tubes improved-cylinder, modified and full - the wingshooter can cover all the bases. Add an extra-full "turkey" choke and you're ready for the big birds. There are even rifled choke tube extensions that will turn a standard smoothbore into a passable slug gun.

The most popular non-toxic pellet is made of soft iron and commonly called "steel" shot. "Steel" shot is different from lead. First, because steel pellets are lighter than lead it takes a larger pellet to deliver the same striking power as lead.

Also, since steel is

choke tube extensions that will turn a standard smoothbore into a passable slug gun.

The 12-gauge does it all very well while a 20 gives up a bit for turkey and slugshooting at deer. A pump gun is likely the lighter and cheaper option. An autoloader adds some weight and expense but it takes the edge off recoil.

Don't choke up with steel

Federal regulations require the use of non-toxic shot for all waterfoul shooting and all game shooting on certain areas.

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Small grains, risk management workshop set for Thursday, Sept. 13 in Denton

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ith a Small Grains
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by Dr. Travis Miller, Texas
Cooperative Extension
small grains specialist,
covering a variety of
information for grain and
forage production as well as
disease and insect
management and impact.
A program on "Risk
Management for the Small
Grain Producer will be
presented by Dr. Blake
Bennett, Extension
economist.
Dr. Bennett's program
will include production
budgets, forward

contracting and market
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A light dinner,
supported by the Denton
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Pesticide applicators will
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TREE WATERING
Water is the single most important substance for tree life. Throughout the county we are now seeing a lot of stress to trees. Orought has killed and will continue to kill trees. Set water hose of rates of diameter and height growth, poor resistance to other stresses, and can disrupt a trees ability to other stresses, and can disrupt a trees ability to other stresses, and can disrupt a trees ability to other stresses, and can disrupt a trees ability to other stresses, and can disrupt a trees ability to other stresses, and can disrupt a trees ability to other stresses, and can disrupt a trees ability to other stresses, and can disrupt a trees ability to other strees are by soaker hose or trickle (drip) irrigation. Irrigation should ideally be done when the soil moisture reaches a critical measured level (use a tensiometer or gypsum blocks). Sprinklers are less efficient. Even a garden hose, moved often, can provide a good soaking. Do not water only at the base of small, newly planted trees. This can lead to pest problems.

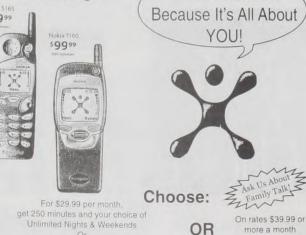
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2001 State Fair entries due

4-H members wanting to show at State Fair of Texas need to have those entries completed by Monday August 20, 2001. Applications are available at the Cooke County Extension office. Applications are to be turned in at the county Extension office by Monday August 20, 2001, at which time entries, fees and schedules will all be completed.

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Strong prices, continued demand predicted

Strong beef prices and increased demand, due in part to new pre-cooked items, are predicted to continue, which is good news for cattle producers attending the 47th annual Beef Cattle Short Course held at Texas A&M University.

The beef short course attracted more than 1,150 producers from Texas and across the country.

Dr. Ernie Davis, a livestock marketing economist with Texas Cooperative Extension, opened the session, themed the "Best of Times," with a discussion of the current beef market. A decrease in beef production this year, coupled with a decline in heifer retention (heifers are replacement females used in cattle herds) will keep beef prices on the upswing for two more years.

Fish Creek Ranch enrolls in national Angus herd records program

Tim Bartel, manager of Fish Creek Ranch in Muenster, has recently been enrolled in the Angus Herd Improvement Records program of the American Angus Association, reports Richard L. "Dick" Spader, executive vice-president of the national breed registry organization in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) is a comprehensive evaluation program used by registered Angus breeders to help them keep records of reproduction, and growth rate on individual animals. Each year hundreds of Angus breeders use AHIR records to produce more profitable, efficient Angus seedstock.

By weighing calves at 205 days of age and again at a

By weighing calves at 205 days of age and again at a year of age, breeders not only identify the cattle that grow the fastest and most efficiently, they also identify cows that regularly produce above average calves, and bulls that sire outstanding calves.

disappointed in ag committee vote on labeling

Texas Farmers Union (TFU) President Wes Sims noted "We are disappointed that the Agriculture Committee did not adopt mandatory country-of-origin labeling for meat, fruits, vegetables, and farm-raised fish identifying the country in which the product was born, raised, and processed. Voluntary labeling has been in effect for almost fifty years and has not been of much benefit for U.S. producers and consumers."

The House Agriculture Committee rejected the mandatory country-of-origin amendment to the farm bill, which would provide U.S. producers with a new marketing tool and provide consumers the option to choose U.S. raised meat and produce.

"As consumers become

choose U.S. raised meat and produce.

"As consumers become more conscious of the food they put on their families' tables and as producers look for new and better ways to market their high-quality product, Congress must pass this measure that has vast public support," stated Sims.

CATTLE INVENTORY

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The inventory of Texas
cattle and calves totaled
15.0 million head on July 1,
2001. Texas continued to
rank first in the nation in
total number of cattle and
calves with 14.2 percent of
the total United States
inventory. Beef cow
inventory was at 5.68
million head and milk cow
inventory was at 325,000
head. Total inventory of all
cows that had calved was
6.0 million head, down 2
percent from last year's
total of 6.1 million head.

This comes after record supplies of beef produced in 1999 and 2000, Davis told the group.

"Increases in beef production won't start until 2004 if we're saving heifers now," Davis said.

Meanwhile, prices for 500-600 pound steers were \$101.87 per hundred weight (cwt.) as of July 25. Last year, prices were at \$94.98 cwt.

New product content of the product of developments, such as precooked beef items, have helped increase beef consumption as well, Davis said. According to Harry Balzer, a consumer analyst with the NPD Group, "Make no mistake, the ready-to-eat products are the trend."

And beef is the popular choice among today's consumers, which was pleasing news to the cattle producers in attendance.

"Beef is by far the most popular item likely to be found on the American table," Balzer said.

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Late planting and a severe lack of moisture have caused an extremely short soybean crop. Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

Dr. Travis Miller, Extension agronomist in College Station, said harvest began around the first of August and will continue through October, but yields are not promising so far because rainfall stopped too early in the growing season.

"A lot of the North Texas crop got planted late and then ran into dry weather,"

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Texas milk production totaled 427 million pounds during June. The number of milk cows averaged 325,000 head, down 25,000 head, down 25,000 head from last year and down 7,000 head from May 2001. Production per cow Dry weather will affect averaged 1,315 pounds pecan yields. Corn yields during June.

Miller said. "So, that crop looks pretty marginal."

"Most of the beans throughout the state are what we call early beans," Miller said, "This means they are planted from mid-March to mid-April."

Dry conditions have been the main concern of farmers this season because disease and insect problems have been present, but extremely light.

Miller said Texas producers planted approximately 330,000 acres of soybeans this year, a relatively small crop compared to many of the other crops grown.

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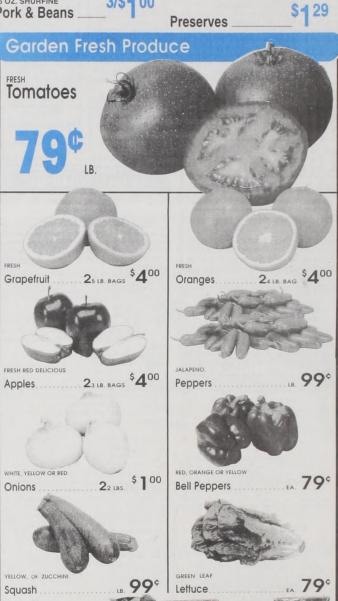
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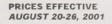
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