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Merger answers requested of MMH Board

by Janet Felderhoff
 Muenster Memorial Hospital's August 22 Board meeting ended on a note of discord. About a dozen local residents attended the meeting and public hearing on the budget and tax rate. There were no comments during the budget and tax rate hearing. Both were unanimously approved by the Board.
 MMH Administrator Jack Endres requested approval for another \$6,000 in addition to the \$41,000 already approved for equipment and installation of the CT Scanner being leased from Gainesville Memorial Hospital. The \$6,000 will be used to purchase a video interface since the one GMH had will not work with the laser camera that MMH has. This request was approved.
 Endres informed the Board that a laser camera had been found and purchased for \$21,600 which was less than the estimated cost of \$23,000.

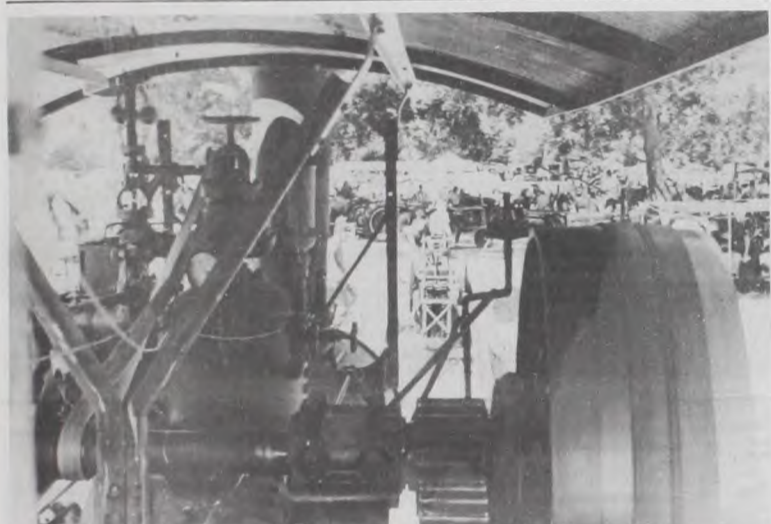
Discussion was held on the possibility of extending a telephone line between the hospital and the Family Health Clinic. A grant award of \$31,000 will pay for installing a Lucent Telephone System, but wouldn't cover the expense of connecting the line to the clinic.
 Endres said currently there is no direct link between the hospital and the clinic. An extension that once existed is now used for a computer. "The switchboard at the clinic doesn't open until 9 a.m. and shuts off at 5 p.m. with a recorder on the line," he explained. "When we call we can't get through. It would be nice to be able to go back to the way it used to be and be able to dial an extension and get the clinic on the line."
 The estimated cost of trenching a line for that purpose and additional equipment would be around \$10,000 with the bulk of the

expense being the equipment.
 Other than the conduit and line stretching over there everything is portable and could be moved to the hospital or another local if needed, said Endres. All board members present approved the request.
 Information was distributed from TORCH encouraging board members, community representatives and others to contact Congress regarding a new Bill coming up soon. As explained the Bill contains a new designation, an Essential Service Hospital, which applies to hospitals of 50 beds or less located in non metropolitan areas.
 "It would give us some significant relief by setting the wage index at 1," related Endres. "Right now if your in a rural hospital your wage index is set at less than 1, the theory being that you're labor costs less here than it does in Dallas. They also pay urban hospitals more on the case mix

index because they assume that they are doing more complicated cases and therefore their labor costs less. Urban hospitals get paid twice and we get cut twice. This proposal would just sort of level the playing field and put us at a wage index of 1 leaving the urban hospital the case mix index."
 Another benefit on the Bill would exempt Essential Service Hospitals from the Outpatient Perspective Service System. Endres said that could be greatly beneficial financially.
 "We, as taxpayers, are afraid that we're going to wind up being in a district that has a debt considerably higher than the \$20 million if we have that many beds," John Aytes questioning the feasibility of building a 65 bed hospital for \$20 million.

Aytes said. He was told by Jack Endres that there is always a place on the agenda for items concerning the hospital merger and that the questions could be asked at any meeting because of that. He was invited to ask the questions.
 Aytes said that he would give them a written list of the questions because he felt some would require input from GMH and hoped that the answers would be presented at the September meeting. His first question was on bids for the new hospital, but the information wouldn't be available until MMH's next meeting because the bids weren't to be opened until two weeks before that time.
 Bids - What is the schedule for requesting bids, time-wise, and are they to all be firm bids (any cost over-runs to be at the expense of the bidder)? Or, how will the tax payer be protected against cost over-runs?
 Endres answered that this had been discussed in the Town Hall meetings and it would be a max price contract.

"How the individual bids within that max price are handled I can't tell you, but I can tell you that the ultimate price of the hospital will be set at a capped amount," Endres answered. "Unless there are change orders approved by the hospital, in this case it won't be us it will be Gainesville, then any cost over runs are not on the hospitals backs."
 Hospital - Have there been any changes in size and type of structure, compared to the 65-bed, state-of-the-art, fully equipped facility promised to the public in your sells promotion? Are all equipment included in the final "bid price", or are there selected pieces of equipment being acquired outside of the estimated \$20 million price, such as equipment being purchased in this period between your earliest presentation to the public and completion of the building phase? Architectural renderings should be made available for perusal.
 Endres said that a 65 bed hospital hadn't been promised, but they think it will be a 65 bed hospital. Endres noted that he wasn't at the meeting Aytes was referring to, that it was held with the architect and individual employees from both hospitals. Mostly it was department heads and others
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Power from the past



The large and the small of it was presented in several ways at the 15th Annual Cooke County Antique Tractor and Farm Equipment Show Saturday and Sunday at the Lindsay Tractor Pull Arena. The picture above is an operator's eye view of the big Minneapolis steam tractor owned by the host club being used to power an antique hay baler. Shannon Schad was running the engine and Steve Harlow was feeding the baler. Below - John Burgoyne of Fort Worth drives his one-third scale Foster steam tractor of English origin. The original tractor was used 1915 to 1920. See more Antique Tractor Show pictures inside. Next year's show will be on Labor Day weekend.
 Photos by D. Fette and J. Hartman

One person protests a county tax increase

by Janet Felderhoff
 On Monday, August 28, Cooke County Commissioners Court unanimously adopted an \$11,007,247.10 budget for 2000-2001. This budget included an across the board annual salary increase of \$1,200.00 for all county employees except those with salaries compensated by the State.
 County auditor Gloria Parrish announced the break down of the budget as follows: general fund - \$7,464,785.00; road and bridge Precinct #1 - \$737,008.97; road and bridge Precinct #2 - \$779,162.40; road and bridge Precinct #3 - \$760,561.11; road and bridge Precinct #4 - \$672,110.87; permanent improvement - \$423,500.00; law library - \$16,000; FM and lateral - \$26,000.00; interest and sinking - \$128,118.75.
 To help fund the budget a tax rate of 42 cents per \$100 property valuation was set. The rollback rate is 42.122. Before the tax rate was voted on the Public has an opportunity to voice their comments. Only one person chose to speak.
 Lewis Pembroke of Valley View questioned the county raising taxes when the property values haven't all been re-evaluated in all areas of the county. He claimed that

for the last three years he's been paying a lot more taxes than people around here.
 Pembroke said that he brought up 15 properties to compare to his and was told that he couldn't use them because Era hadn't yet been appraised and brought up, "This is supposed to be a fair and equal appraisal, but you've got to get everybody up equal," remarked Pembroke. "Why are they asking for more money?"
 Commissioner Bill Cox commented that the CCAD can't reappraise everybody in the same year. "I understand that, but why raise more peoples' rates that have been paying when other people aren't paying," answered Pembroke. He said that he wasn't just talking about \$50 a property, but more like six or seven hundred dollars difference in property.
 Commissioner Virgil Hess told Pembroke that it was up to the Appraisal District to get the appraised values. Pembroke said his point was that he's against raising taxes on anybody until all values are appraised evenly. Hess said that it will always be two years behind because the reappraisals are split. Eventually the ones that are lower will be higher and the ones that are high now will be behind. Pembroke claimed that

his taxes in Valley View go up every year.
 Pembroke said he wasn't against raising taxes, he'd pay higher taxes, but he wants everybody on a level playing field, not one with some people up here and others down there.
 County Judge Bill Harris told Pembroke that he had the right to appear before the Appraisal Review Board (ARB) to protest. Pembroke said he'd done that, but was told he didn't have a case because all of the properties he tried to use for comparison hadn't been reappraised.
 Despite Pembroke's protests, Commissioners Court set the tax rate at 42 cents per \$100 valuation with a 5-0 vote.
 Hess went through several steps of the courthouse grant application with Commissioners Court. He asked for guidance on some of the funding questions. After he explained the advantages and disadvantages of filling out the form in various ways, he was instructed to use the method most beneficial to the county.
 Commissioners also approved a resolution supporting the Cooke County Courthouse grant application 5-0. Hess said that the total project cash cost is \$4,250,554.00. The grant application will be for
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Muenster Independent School District Board meets August 24 and approves budget, tax rates - gets existing facilities assessment

by Janie Hartman
 Muenster ISD held a called meeting and public hearing to discuss the 2000-01 proposed budget and proposed tax rate last Thursday, Aug. 24.
 No one was present to speak against the budget or tax rate increase. Superintendent Clyde Steelman reviewed the budget with the board of trustees and explained the proposed tax rate. "We are looking at a positive budget, but definitely what you call a shoestring budget. If something happens, we'll make the necessary adjustments," Steelman commented.
 The maintenance and operating (M&O) rate increased from 1.24200 in 1999 to 1.24488, while the Interest and Sinking (I&S) rate increased .00759 for a total tax rate increase of 1.01047 cents.
 The district budget had a \$130,919.00 increase, mostly due to a bus payment,

mandatory teacher salary increase, added faculty, and an increase on the special education co-op that was dissolved and a new co-op formed.
 The board approved the M&O and I&S budgets and tax rates for 2000-01.
 Other subjects on the agenda included:
 • Acceptance of transfer students.
 • Extra-curricular student policy revisions, including: allowing freshmen students to letter in UIL academics if they advance to regional; One Act Play, cast and crew, can earn a letter as freshmen if they advance past the first level or get an individual award; also changes in lettering for cross country, golf, and tennis were approved; a change in the band handbook including omitting the 3rd quarter break, and allowing soft drinks in the stands.
 • Student bus guidelines

were still in the making with the adjustment of some of the routes. Notes will be sent home explaining the routes. Steelman noted that the buses will not pull into private driveways unless it is the last pick-up or drop-off on the route, the only way to turn around, or a safety issue.
 • Steelman told the board he would like to get a long range plans committee together that represents faculty, Muenster ISD student parents, and community citizens that don't have students at Muenster.
 Other discussion was to increase security personnel at ball games, since UIL states the district is responsible for control. "This is a 'just in case,'" said Steelman. Security will be stationed at different places on the complex and be available to escort officials off the field or court.
 Clean up after ball games has been done around the football field and track by the

6th grade P.E. class on Mondays. School custodians clean the gym. Mr. Steelman suggested paying a school organization to clean up on Saturday mornings. Board member Peggy Lutkenhaus noted that cross country and other events are on Saturdays and that would involve students of organizations. "It doesn't hurt the 6th graders to clean up. It helps teach the kids not to litter." No action was taken.
 Travel expenses of 28¢ a mile, \$25 a day for meals, and \$100 a day for lodging is recommended by the state for adults. Students' travel is supplied by the district, and lodging done at the most economic price with safety and location in mind. In the past, students were given \$4 a meal for district events and \$5 past district. This was only a discussion item.
 Larry Claycomb of Claycomb Associates, was hired by the

district to "look over the facilities" and report to the board the "hot spot" areas of needed repair. A 77 page booklet was presented, broken down to each area of property from the administration building to the gymnasium. Each site had an evaluation summary, rating category, and comments based on site, structural, mechanical, safety, education adequacy, and plant maintainability. Rated in the poorest condition was the cafeteria, built in 1950. According to Claycomb, the slab is moving, causing exterior wall cracking, it has inadequate electrical installation, and kitchen facilities. Also several code violations, safety hazards and areas not ADA (handicapped) compliant.
 Earning borderline evaluations were the elementary PK-2 and middle school buildings (which includes the old gym, band

hall, wood shop, ag shop, and library. Again, the older buildings are not ADA compliant with items like steps and thresholds, corridors, and the old gym in general.
 The administration building, 5th-6th grade, high school and new gym were all satisfactory, but below 90%.
 "Your maintenance people are working with a short stick. They are adequately funded. It looks like they are using chewing gum and wire to hold things together," noted Claycomb. "You have an elementary building - and all you have are classrooms and a computer room. You have a principal that's trying to manage three buildings. No library, no music, no art room. That's why it's rated low."
 Claycomb told the board that the kitchen in the cafeteria is worn out and it would take \$200,000 just to
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"Walk For Life" to raise funds for sonogram machine for ABBA Women's Center

The ABBA (All Babies Born Alive) Women's Center is sponsoring a "Walk For Life" on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 9-11 a.m. at the Lindsay School Track. This is a 2 mile "non-athletic" event open to all ages to help raise money to purchase a sonogram machine and support the services provided at the ABBA Center.

Ultrasound is one of the most effective tools available for empowering women to choose life. ABBA would like to be able to provide ultrasound to all abortion-vulnerable women.

ABBA Women's Center offers the following services at no cost:

- Free Pregnancy Tests.
- Volunteer counseling.
- Parenting classes.
- Clothing and furnishings for mother and baby.
- Referrals for medical services.
- Post-abortion support group.
- Single-Parent Scripture Study.

All services are strictly confidential.

ABBA Women's Center is supported solely by the donations of individuals and churches. Support can be

shown in many ways: by giving monetarily, by donation of material items, by working as a volunteer counselor or prayer warrior or by spreading the word about ABBA.

If you would like to "Walk For Life," sponsor a walker, or help with the walk-a-thon, please call: ABBA at 668-6391, Stacie Miller at 759-4932, Jeanne Greathouse at 995-2716, Lorene Sandmann at 726-3582, or Angela Haverkamp at 665-6447. Sponsor pledge forms are available at ABBA or will be delivered to you by Stacie Miller at your request.

The sponsors urge "Let's all make a difference and save the lives of the unborn!"



Debbie Linck (left), senior marketing manager at Prime Outlets, Gainesville, presents a check for one thousand dollars to Tricia West, executive director of the Cooke County Youth Center. The check benefiting the Youth Center, was given last week along with delivery of over 3,000 books for the Youth Center Library and teen center. The books were donated at Prime Outlets during the recent Literacy Across America Campaign. Shoppers, employees, and local schools donated the books with the largest collection made by Vicki Freeman's first period reading class at Gainesville Junior High, (below). Prime Outlets gave them a gift certificate and a pizza party.



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Myra VFD cooks up tasty fund-raiser

Myra's Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring its annual barbecue on Saturday, Sept. 9. Volunteer firemen will serve barbecue brisket, Susie Q's, beans, and all the trimmings from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Locally baked pies and cakes will top off the meal. Prices are \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 years and under.

Raffle tickets are available from volunteer firemen and various businesses around the area. Raffle items include a barbecue LP gas grill, a Remington 870 Express shotgun, and various prizes

donated by area businesses. Tickets are available at the door and the winner need not be present to win.

The annual auction will begin at 7:00 p.m. Auction items include household, farm and ranch, lawn, garden, automotive, animal care, jewelry, gift, and food items.

Doug Martin & The Rustlers will provide live entertainment. All proceeds will be used to purchase and maintain fire fighting/medical equipment for the Myra Volunteer Fire Department.

submitted by Ed York

Sept. 11 deadline set for first phase of library name wall

Progress continues on the building of the Library, a long time project of the Friends of Muenster Public Library, with hopes of a completion date before the first of the year.

As the realization comes closer, so does the deadline to have a name on the entry-way wall for the dedication of the new library. Anyone wishing to be added to the donors wall

has to do so by Sept. 11, if they want to have their name on the wall for the grand opening of the Library.

Funds will still be accepted after Sept. 11 for phase II of the building fund with names added at a later date.

For more information or to make a donation call Nancy Walter at 759-2712 or Jewel Otto at 759-4243.

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 Tuesday, September 5, 2000.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Opening prayer.
3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting on August 7.
4. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
5. Consider any other business to come before the Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consider and act on approving Ordinance #250-A, Parking Prohibited, (Reading 2).
2. Consider and act on beer/wine license permit request for Dos Amigos Restaurant.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Receive Fire Marshal report from Jeff LaChance.
2. Receive report from Nortex Communications Company.
3. Consider and act on approval of engagement letter from Stephen Gilland regarding audit of City's financial statements for Fiscal Year 1999-2000.
4. EXECUTIVE SESSION - The council may enter into closed or executive session to discuss the following: 951.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property.
5. Return to open session. Act upon approving any actions from the executive session.
6. Consider and act on proposed Ordinance #251, Annexation (Reading #1).
7. Open sealed bids for property at 203 East Third Street. Consider and act on accepting highest bid.
8. Consider and act on pursuing extension of Section 4B Sales Tax measure to fund sewer plant upgrade project.
9. Consider and act on approving renewal contract with Friends of the Muenster Public Library.
10. Consider and act on approving deletions to the 1999 property tax roll as approved by Cooke County Tax Appraisal District.
11. Consider and act on ballots for Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees Election.
12. Review and act upon monthly bills.
13. Consider and act on resignation letter submitted by Alderman Dennis Hess. Consider and act on appointment of replacement.
14. EXECUTIVE SESSION - The council may enter into closed or executive session to discuss the following: Texas Local Government Code 551.074, Personnel Matters.
15. Return to open session. Act upon approving any actions from the executive session.
16. Adjourn.

Bull Riding Championship set for Saturday

The J.W. Hart Professional Bull Riding (PBR) Championship Challenge is this Saturday at 8 p.m. Tuff Hedeman, World Champion Bull Rider, announced that he will be in Gainesville on Sept. 2 to attend this event. J.W. and Tuff have been friends for a long time and this is a great honor for him to attend this show.

Tuff will sign autographs immediately following the bull riding.

The Silver Spur will host an after "Bull Riding" party on Saturday night. Many of the contestants have been invited and welcome fans and friends.

Tickets may be purchased at Steppin' Out Western Outfitters, The Chamber of Commerce, Nocona Boots in Gainesville, and Jimmy's Western Wear in Ardmore. Tickets are \$15 for general admission. Children 6 and under are free.

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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, September 3, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, 1 to 4 pm Yosten/Swirczynski Reunion, 11 am, City Park	Monday, September 4, 2000 NO SCHOOL - MISD or Sacred Heart CDA meeting, 7:30 pm, KC Hall LABOR DAY	Tuesday, September 5, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center SHS Diocesan In Service - NO SCHOOL City Council meeting, 7:30 pm	Wednesday, September 6, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7 pm Sacred Heart Elementary Awards breakfast Chamber of Commerce Board meeting, 5 pm	Thursday, September 7, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, 1 to 4 pm TDH Immunization Clinic, 9-11 am, Cooke County Electric Co-op	Friday, September 8, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, 1 to 4 pm	Saturday, September 9, 2000 Muenster Community Wide Garage Sale, 8 am - ? Myra VFD BBQ, 5-9 pm, Myra City Park
Sunday, September 10, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, 1 to 4 pm Muenster VFD Golf Tournament Turtle Hill Golf Course St. Anne's Covered Dish Social, 6 pm, Sacred Heart Community Center	Monday, September 11, 2000 Muenster Booster Club meeting VFW meeting, 8 pm Celebration of Life Presentation, Home Hospice, 7 pm	Tuesday, September 12, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Red Cross CPR/First Aid Class 6-10 pm, Gainesville Chamber of Commerce	Wednesday, September 13, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Sacred Heart School Alumni meeting, 7:30 pm, SH Community Center Chamber of Commerce Breakfast, 7:30 am, Center	Thursday, September 14, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, 1 to 4 pm MISD Board meeting, 7:30 pm Red Cross/CPR Class, 6-10 pm Gainesville Chamber of Commerce	Friday, September 15, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, 1 to 4 pm Sacred Heart School Homecoming	Saturday, September 16, 2000 Sacred Heart Homecoming Social/Dance, 8 pm, SH Community Center Red Cross CPR/First Aid Class, 8 am - 5 pm, Gainesville Chamber of Commerce

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OBITUARIES

Norbert J. Fuhrmann 1949 - 2000

by **Elfreda Fette**
 Mass of Christian Burial was held for Norbert J. Fuhrmann, native of Lindsay and long-time resident of Greenville, Texas on Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Peter's Catholic Church of Lindsay.

Norbert Fuhrmann died on Aug. 27, 2000 in Renaissance Care Center at age 50. He was born on Oct. 4, 1949 in Muenster to Joseph Paul and Marie Schmidkofer Fuhrmann. A 1968 graduate of Subiaco Academy and a 1975 graduate of East Texas State University in Commerce, he was also employed since 1976 by Raytheon as a computer programmer and was a software engineer. He was a member of St. William's Catholic Church of Greenville.

Survivors are his parents, Joseph and Marie Fuhrmann of Lindsay; his grandmother Catherine Schmidkofer of Muenster; brothers and sisters-in-law Paul Fuhrmann, Edward Fuhrmann, Andrew Fuhrmann, all of Lindsay; Pete and Marion Fuhrmann of Wylie, Texas; Albert Fuhrmann of Plano; Leonard and Tammie Fuhrmann of Gainesville; sisters and brothers-in-law Rita Lusk; Jane and Michael Otto; Alice and Chuck Schumacher; and Lucy and Damian Krahl all of Lindsay. Also thirteen nieces and nephews.

His special hobbies were fishing, playing bridge, computer games, and all his little nieces and nephews. On Tuesday evening, Aug. 29, 2000, Rosary was prayed in St.



Norbert J. Fuhrmann

Peter's Catholic Church of Lindsay at 7:00 p.m.

Father Sebastian Beshoner OSB, pastor, and Father Nicholas Fuhrmann OSB, chaplain of St. Joseph's Hospital of Jonesboro, Arkansas, uncle of Norbert Fuhrmann, officiated at the Mass of Christian Burial.

Altar servers were Alvin Hartman and Joe Felderhoff. Linus Fuhrmann was lector. Lucy and Damian Krahl

presented Offertory gifts of bread and wine at the altar. Rosina Schmidkofer and Damian Krahl were Eucharistic Ministers.

Music Ministers were members of the Guardian Angel Choir: Roger Dieter, Martha Tepera, Toot Sandmann, Sharon Arendt, Danny Nortman, Ann Cogburn, Barbara Bezner, Skipper Bezner, Betsy Fleitman and Judy Hoberer. Sacred music included "Amazing Grace", "Gift of Finest Wheat", "Peace Prayer", "Cry of the Poor", "Only a Shadow", "Song of the Angels", and "How Great Thou Art".

Remarks of Remembrance were given by Father Nicholas Fuhrmann, as recalled by nieces and nephews of Norbert J. Fuhrmann.

Burial in St. Peter's Cemetery was directed by Clement-Keel Funeral Home. Pallbearers were cousins Mike Stoffels, Steve Stoffels, Weldon Schmidkofer, Leroy Schmidkofer, Gus Reiter and Kevin Fuhrmann.

Memorial contributions may be sent to American Cancer Society, at NCICFUL, P.O. Box 102454, Atlanta, Georgia 30368-2454.

Green Tips

Fact: New, energy-efficient refrigerators use up to 60% less electricity. As a result, total average utility bills can drop up to 15%. **Tip:** If you have an extra refrigerator or freezer without much in it, transfer all the food to one appliance, turn off the other and save up to \$145 per year in energy costs.

Region C water planning group holds public hearing meetings to propose 16-county water plan

The future of North Texas water needs for the next 50 years and recommended strategies for meeting those needs will be discussed at a major public hearing on Tuesday, Sept. 26.

The Region C Water Planning Group (RCWPG), responsible for developing the water plan for a 16-county region in North Central Texas, will hold the public hearing to present the initially prepared draft of the Region C Water Plan at 1:30 p.m. at the Trinity River Authority Central Wastewater Treatment Plant in Grand Prairie.

The public hearing will inform the public of the specifics contained in the water plan that will be submitted to the Texas State Legislature by the Region C Water Planning Group on Oct. 1. The plan defines recommended strategies and implementation measures to

address the future water needs of 16 counties in North Central Texas through the year 2050.

"The water needs of our region affect every person, business and industry," said Terrace Stewart, chairman of the Region C Water Planning Group. "It is crucial for the public to provide feedback on the plan so that all needs will be taken into consideration during the planning stages."

The counties represented include Collin, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Fannin, Freestone, Grayson, Henderson, Jack, Kaufman, Navarro, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant, and Wise.

Attendees are encouraged to voice their opinions and offer ideas and suggestions to the

committee during the hearing.

In addition to the formal public hearing, the RCWPG has scheduled five public meetings, which will primarily focus on the counties listed for each meeting, as well as an overview for the plan. A public meeting for Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson counties will be held Tuesday, Sept. 19 from 6-8 p.m. at Grayson County College Nursing Auditorium in Denison.

Copies of the Initially Proposed Water Plan are on file for public review at county clerk offices and at the Cooke County Library in Gainesville.

Questions relating to the public hearing, requests for additional information and written comments will be accepted through Oct. 3 and may be submitted to Jim M. Parks at 972-442-5405 or Jim Parks, c/o NTMWD, P.O. Box 2408, Wylie, Texas 75098-2408.

NCOA of America honors Thornberry

In a ceremony on Tuesday, Aug. 22, in Wichita Falls, Texas, Non-Commissioned Officers Association (NCOA) President, David W. Sommers, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps (Retired), presented U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry (TX-13) with the NCOA of America's Vanguard Award for the Year 2000, which is given annually to a legislator in recognition of his or her efforts on behalf of those who serve -- or have served -- in our Nation's Armed Forces.

"The world as a whole is at peace, the United States is for the most part secure, and another generation of Americans is being sent off to college, instead of marching off to war. As someone who spent the better part of his adult life in the military, I can say that the freedom we're enjoying today and seeing spread around the globe is due in part to the service of our young men and women, past and present.

"Once you have seen combat, you don't take these freedoms for granted. You also don't forget about those who fought alongside of you. Unfortunately, it seems more and more today, those who did serve and those who did fight are being forgotten. And that is wrong. The Vanguard Award is meant to be a reminder not only of those who have risked their lives in defense of our country, but of those who - by their actions - are trying to honor their sacrifice today.

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Letters to the Editor

Mr. Editor,
The recent two letters attacking John Aytes because he doesn't agree with their view deserves a response. He seems to be the only one around here that is fighting for all of us retirees, and we need his help. We retirees cannot afford to give up our hospital.

A number of people have asked just who is this man John Aytes? Where did he come from and what is his interest in our hospital? He first arrived in Muenster High School in 1936. He started to school here and graduated from Muenster High School in 1953. He was like a third son to Ervin and me while he and my son Burt were in high school, and we were Godparents to his first son. He married into the Muenster pioneering Hellman family, Arthur's daughter Carol. After college his career took them overseas to North & South Africa for a number of years. Regardless where they were they would always come back here to Muenster to spend their vacation time and visit us. Anyone graduating in the early to mid-50's from either high school will remember and know them both.

John and Carol retired and returned to Muenster and a big reason was because of the wonderful hospital we have

here, with the best nursing staff anywhere. He has to check into the hospital every fourteen days to get a treatment that costs between \$3,000 and \$3,500 every time. Carol is a survivor of cancer and has a lot on medical costs even now. Both of them use strictly local, Muenster doctors, Dr. Edd and Dr. Currier, unless referred to some specialist. They figure their local medical expenses here at MMH will approach well over \$70,000 this year and maybe \$100,000 on a really costly year. And that is year after year. Now anyone can see why John has a particular interest in what happens to this hospital. I seriously doubt that any other family is as dependent upon, or contributes more in the way of revenue to the hospital. Some thanks he gets for loyalty to our home hospital!

There is something I'm hearing all over town that should be brought to the hospital board's attention. People are wishing that the hospital administrator and board members would work even half as hard to keep the hospital open as they are working to close it.

Bertha Hamric
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Letter to the Editor

Mr. Don Flusche and Mr. Jack Endres, in their official capacity connected to the Muenster Hospital, made some very thoughtful remarks in this column last week. And in reply, I say Well Done! And Thank You! One never knows where the next source of help will come from, and by golly, both of these gentlemen just furnished inspiration. It may take several weeks for Mr. Flusche's contribution to become apparent, but I begin immediately in acting on Mr. Endres' suggestion. He was right, I do need an accountant to verify and present the oppositions' very logical position that WE WILL NOT BE CLOSING THE MUENSTER HOSPITAL. Thank you both.

Mr. Don Flusche's remark in the last Board Meeting, in answer to a question, made the statement that "you can prove anything you want to with figures," kinda shook me up, since we were discussing the Hospital District's Earnings Statement. I think everyone who heard that statement felt as I did - it was very untimely, and most unfortunate, concerning the subject at the time..... It brought to mind one of Mr. Jack Endres' favorite statements that I have heard him often use in relationship to our preference

for a contract working relationship, as opposed to a MERGER with Gainesville: "Contracts are made to be broken!" That too seems odd, coming from a member of the Bar, but then obviously, he feels strongly regarding the contract process..... Makes one wonder what method of agreement he utilizes with hospital vendors, suppliers, etc.? BUT, so there are no misunderstandings, I want to make it very plain that the audit work we are undertaking in no way implies we do not agree with the Hospital figures. We do not place any weight to an unfortunate remark.

Very simply, every time I go to a Board Meeting I learn something; every time I see printed figures regarding the Hospital operations and the subject of MERGER I pick up additional information. Until we get sufficient data we cannot finalize a plan regarding the operation of the Hospital after the referendum. The audit work is for that purpose, and that purpose only - to gain knowledge about our Hospital. We, all of us, must be ready to efficiently operate our Hospital once the referendum is over.

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FROM MY SIDE OF THE FENCE

by Ed Cler

Years ago things on the old farm were done much differently than it is today. All of the small grain, oats, wheat, and barley was cut into bundles and threshed, after it was thoroughly dry.

My dad owned a thresher and each year we spent a good two weeks separating the grain from the straw and chaff.

About one week of 12 1/2 to 13 hour days were spent on the Cler farm, and another on several neighboring farms of the men who helped make up the crew necessary to keep the machine running properly.

After the thrashing season ended, the machine was cleaned and stored in a shed built for that purpose. Also the bundle frames had to be disassembled, and stored in the same shed.

I can well remember putting the machine and equipment in the shed one year, when Dad decided my brother and I should pick up a quantity of scrap, refuse lumber that had been thrown on a pile in one corner of the building.

Well, that was not much of a chore, so we began turning the pieces of lumber over before picking them up.

Dad, impatient as always, told us to "pick that junk up and let's get it over with."

After I told him that junk lumber was an ideal place for scorpions, he said, "Scorpions, stinging lizards, when I came to this State 40 years ago, I was warned to be on the lookout for stinging lizards in the corn and in the wood pile, and to this day, I haven't seen one."

With that said, he kicked a few pieces into a small pile, and as he bent over to pick it up, he suddenly straightened up and made a quick exit of the shed.

For some reason both of us boys knew without a doubt why he had moved so quickly. My brother and I were inclined to laugh, but a great desire to live a bit longer kept us quiet.

I stepped out to see my dad stomping on the ground, his overalls down, and he was hot. I heard him use a few words that we boys were cautioned not to use, and then I saw the scorpion that had climbed up inside his overalls and had stung him twice behind the knee.

Anyway, he decided it was a good idea to turn the scrap lumber before picking it up.

Another Statement on the Supreme Court Ruling on Prayer at Football Games by Pastor Bill Ledbetter, First Baptist Church, Muenster

This summer the Supreme Court passed down, yet another ruling, banning prayer from our schools. This ruling prohibits a student or anyone else from using the public address system at football games to pray and invoke the blessing of God through Jesus Christ. This again brings to the forefront of our minds a key question: Should we put corporate prayer back into our schools? By the phrase corporate prayer, we are making a distinction between an individual student who prays silently and the school as an institution invoking the blessing of God daily, through His Son, Jesus Christ. Should the school as an institution invoke the blessing of God, through His Son Jesus Christ, on a daily basis? Well, let's grapple with these four thoughts.

A. One of the crow-bars that the Supreme Court uses to justify these kinds of rulings, is to claim that our nation was not founded on Christian principles derived from the Bible. That's interesting, in light of the fact that 52 of the 55 Framers of our Constitution were professed Christians and belonged to Christian churches. One of the *Founders* of our nation and a *Fraser*, Patrick Henry said, "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians, not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ." John Jay, the very first Supreme Court Justice said, "Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty - as well as the privilege and interest of our *Christian* nation - to select and prefer Christians for their rulers." (How far the current Court has strayed from the first.)

B. When you remove corporate prayer in Jesus' name from the campus, you remove God. When you remove God, you automatically open the door to satan. Jesus described satan as a "thief who comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy." (John 10:10) When you remove God from the institution, you remove His protective hedge, allowing the evil one to devour. And that is how you have an episode of killing, such as what occurred at Columbine High School last year. On Thursday, May 27, 1999, Darrell Scott, the father of Rachel Scott, a victim of the Columbine shootings, gave a statement to the Congress of the United States. He said, "I am here today to declare that Columbine was not just a tragedy - it was a spiritual event. Much of the blame lies in this room. Your laws ignore our deepest needs, your words are empty air. You've stripped away our heritage, you've outlawed simple prayer. Now gunshots fill our classrooms, and precious children die. You seek for answers everywhere, and ask the question, 'why?' You regulate restrictive laws through legislative creed; and yet, you fail to understand that God is what we need.

C. The prayerless, Godless, Christless classroom that is void of the 10 Commandments is reproducing moral decay. Prior to 1963 when the Supreme Court removed prayer from the schools, only 450,000 people had an STD (sexually transmitted disease). Today, over 43 million people have an incurable STD. Before prayer was eliminated, teen pregnancy was random and minimal. Today, one million teen-age girls become pregnant, out of wedlock, each year. One half of those babies are aborted (murdered) each year. America has aborted 36 million babies since 1963; we have polluted the land with innocent blood. The Bible reveals and history proves that God has severely judged every nation that polluted the land with innocent blood. America will not escape His judgement, unless we repent. Before 1963, homosexuality was not tolerated; today it is embraced in this land as a virtue. History records that God destroyed Sodom (sodomy) and Gomorrah for this sin. Dr. Billy Graham said, "God must judge America or resurrect Sodom and Gomorrah and apologize." My friends, the *New Morality* that is taught today in the classrooms of America, which includes "values clarification" and "sensitivity training" to convince youngsters that a baby in the womb is merely a fetus (pregnancy tissue) and that homosexuality is normal behavior, is destroying lives and polluting our land. We are no longer *"one nation under God"*, we are a nation divided without God. "The great gospel singer, Carmen, said, "When it is more popular to come out of the closet than to clean it, it is a sign that the judgement of God is about to fall. We need God in America again; the only hope for our country is Jesus!" Just as an individual can come to Christ, by faith, and be saved from their sin, so that when they die they can go to Heaven instead of Hell; so can a nation be rescued from sure and certain judgement, by repentance and returning to Christ. D. How should we respond to this latest Supreme Court ruling on prayer? It is important to teach our children to obey authorities, and to use the proper channels for overturning a law that we don't believe in. The Bible says, "Let everyone be in subjection to the governing authorities." (Romans 13:1-5) However, the Bible also teaches that when man's law begins to transgress the will and Law of God, there comes a point in time when we must "obey God rather than man." (Daniel 1:7-6:28; Acts 5:12-32) Yes, I desire to teach my children to obey the authorities; but it is infinitely more important that we teach them to love Jesus and to stand for Him! (The choices we make about Christ have eternal significance.) For now, respond this way:

1. Be obedient to the Lord in your life.
2. Pray - hard.
3. Write the Congress, the Supreme Court Justice, Mr. Bush and Mr. Gore and express your views.
4. Come to the Open Forum at the Muenster High auditorium on August 31, 2000, 7:00 p.m.
5. Join us in reciting the Lord's Prayer (the Our Father) during the "time of silence" prior to each school event and ball game.

May God bless you and may God bless America!

Letter to the Editor

On our way to Dallas for a medical appointment we developed car problems near Valley View... We were able to limp back to Era where Trica Sluder at the Era store invited us in and made sure we had breakfast and coffee even at such an early hour. Before daybreak Ms. Sluder had a gentleman from Bentley Garage in Era come help us out... The medical appointment had to be canceled but through the wonderful hospitality of those kind neighbors to our South, we were back home in Muenster by 8:00 a.m. This is what being neighbors is all about! Helping and working together!

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Concerned about rural health Care? Writing your reps. now could help

Congress will go back into session after Labor Day for about 30 days (until October 6), and then adjourn for the rest of the year. **It is vitally important that you, your hospital board members, and your community leaders contact your elected representatives SOON to urge their support of legislation that would allow for a new designation "Essential Service Hospitals" (ESH).**

As stated in the TORCH memorandum which was sent to you August 8, 2000, an ESH would include all rural hospitals with fifty (50) or less licensed beds that is located in a Non-Metropolitan Statistical Area. The ESH legislation would provide relief to rural hospitals by:

1. Setting the wage index for ESHs at 1.0;
2. Allowing ESHs to treat 100% of Medicare copay and deductions that become hospital bad debts as an allowable cost;
3. Exempting ESHs from the Outpatient Prospective Payment System; and
4. Providing a 20% Medicare disproportionate share payment to ESHs that derive more than 75% of revenue from Medicare, Medicaid, or self-pay.

TORCH has sent correspondence to the Texas Congressional Delegation, as well as to the members of the U.S. House Ways & Means Committee, requesting support of the ESH legislation. We urge you to write your Congressman in support of this proposed relief. In order to make this ESH effort successful, we must have community support. If you have not yet contacted your Congressman, we urge that before the end of August, you and the county judge, mayor, city council, board members, and others in your community, write your Congressman in support of this effort.

Source: Texas Organization of Rural & Community Hospitals (TORCH)

September is Destination Dignity Month for MHMR's

Governor George Bush has proclaimed September as Destination Dignity Month. Community mental health mental retardation centers throughout the state are joining in the effort to promote dignity and independence for persons with mental disabilities. Mental Health Mental Retardation Services of Texoma (MHMRST) is making special preparations for the month. Destination Dignity month has three purposes: to educate the public about mental disabilities and the services offered by the local community MHMR center, to promote dignity and independence for persons with mental disabilities, and to decrease the stigma associated with mental disabilities.

In Texas, approximately 2.8 million people-nearly one in six-have some form of mental illness according to 1998 Texas Mental Health Mental Retardation statistics. In 1998, approximately 536,500 Texans had mental retardation. The numbers for both mental retardation and mental illness

are growing yearly. Mental retardation and mental illness are not the same condition, although the two terms are often confused.

Mental retardation is a condition that appears in a person before the age of 18 in which intelligence is below average and personal and social behaviors do not meet what is expected for the person's age and culture.

By contrast, mental illness is not associated with a particular level of intelligence, may occur in a person at any age and is often temporary and reversible. Both conditions may occur in one individual. Mental illnesses include schizophrenic disorders, affective disorders (major depression and bi-polar), anxiety disorders, post-traumatic stress disorder, alcohol and substance abuse disorders, and personality disorders. Mental illnesses are treatable, and treatments can be highly successful.

The direct costs of mental illness in Texas in both the private and public sector are

estimated to be nearly \$4.8 billion a year. Indirect costs such as lost employment, reduced productivity, criminal activity, vehicular accidents and social welfare programs increase the cost of mental disorders to nearly \$11.3 billion annually.

MHMRST serves around 2,200 persons with mental disabilities and developmental delay in Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson counties. Twenty-two service sites are available in the three county area providing: crisis intervention, case coordination, supported housing, vocational and supported employment, psychiatric and medication services, respite, residential services, family support, early childhood intervention, children's mental health services, in-home and community support and assertive community treatment.

For more information on MHMRST services or Destination Dignity, call Paula Cawthon, Community Relations Director, at 903-786-4804.

By the gallon

Is the price of gasoline so outrageous? What do you think other products would cost if you had to buy them by the gallon? Here are a few examples of prices per gallon: WD-40, \$24.64; Pepto-Bismol, \$42.35; Off insect repellent, \$84.70; Ban Roll-On, \$147.97; Super Glue, \$886.86; and Hewlett Packard Inkjet printer cartridge, \$2,746.79 per gallon. Gas sounds cheap.

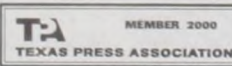
Work off your property taxes

In 1999, the Texas Legislature provided taxing units with an alternative payment option for certain property owners to pay their taxes. The option allows property owners to "work off" their property taxes.

Effective Aug. 30, 1999, House Bill 51 added three new sections to the Tax Code. The first one - Section 31.035 - allows any type of taxing unit to permit homeowners 65 years of age or older to work for the taxing unit in lieu of paying their property taxes. The other two - Sections 31.036 and 31.037 - permit a school district to allow a home owner or business to provide teaching services to "work off" their property taxes.

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Don Reynolds of Henderson, Texas demonstrates an antique Burr corn grinder powered by a Fairbanks-Morse gas engine. Both the grinder and the engine date from the 1930s. Reynolds is a member of the East Texas Antique Tractor Engine Association. He said they regularly come to this show and also have their own yearly show in Henderson. Dave Fette Photo

who related to the architect what they would like to see in their departments, said Endres. It was only an informational gathering meeting.

"According to what I read in the article, I haven't talked to Mr. Anderson (GMH administrator) and I haven't talked to the architect, they will probably have preliminary designs. They won't have costs because that's going to come when the construction guy gets a hold of the final designs and issues his guaranteed price contract," said Endres.

Board President Don Flusche suggested that the local Board didn't mind answering his questions but that Aytes might get his answers faster if he attended a GMH Board meeting and posed the question. Aytes wondered if MMH's Board wouldn't be vitally interested in the same questions and answers. Flusche noted that they really didn't have a lot of say so in the final decisions since they aren't part of the Gainesville District. "We are there at an advisory level," Endres remarked. "When there is a final decision to be made it is being made by Gainesville."

Endres said that he doesn't know what he'll have or when he'll have it as far as the answers. Flusche said that most of that information will probably be in the newspapers when it is available.

"I've gone on record saying that we do not have facts," Aytes continued. "You're asking the public, the taxpayers, to accept your promotion of joining two districts and I'm saying, 'Get us some facts,' because that's what I'm hearing. Everybody I talk to says, 'How about this?' and 'How about that?' We have no facts given to us. Some things are not tied down yet, but they will be at a certain time. The way I see it we should have a pretty good outline of what those facilities are going to consist of."

Endres said that they would give him what they had.

Aytes asked the question about the equipment. "We keep coming back to one very germane question and that is can a 65 bed hospital be built for \$20 million, state-of-the-art? Is that what it's going to cost the taxpayers or are we going to have a much smaller facility, stay within the \$20 million or are we going to compromise and stay within

the \$20 million, but not quite up to 65 beds?"

Endres reminded him that those facts would be known before it comes to a vote, that the vote would not be this week or next month or the following month. Endres said that there are two hospitals operating 24 hours a day basis right now and that they can't just not buy equipment because someone is concerned that the hospitals might be trying to load the deck. Hospitals buy equipment constantly, he said.

"We, as taxpayers, are afraid that we're going to wind up being in a district that has a debt considerably higher than the \$20 million if we have that many beds," remarked Aytes. He said that there are a total of 83 beds between the two hospitals and it wouldn't make sense if the combined districts wound up with a lot fewer beds. Flusche said that seven contractors were interviewed and all of them said that it could be built for \$20 million or less.

Hospital Construction Costs - The construction manager that was hired for the new hospital construction jobs recently completed a new facility in Alamogordo, New Mexico. We've got a web page. It has a total of 25 beds and 131,000 square feet and is state-of-the-art, and cost \$32 million - That's a cost of \$244 per square foot, and you're talking about \$150 per square foot. Said another way cost well over a million dollars per bed. What leads the most optimistic of you as Board members or Gainesville Board members to believe that a 65 bed hospital can be built at one quarter the cost per bed? Yet both Boards continue to tout the fact that they are comfortable with construction costs of \$150 per square foot. It doesn't add up. It doesn't make sense.

Endres responded, "Mr. Aytes, you keep coming up with these statements that it doesn't add up. Do you have a construction manager who wants to come in here and tell us that? Do you have an accounting firm that's looked at the financial projections of the hospitals? Do you have any back up to what you're saying



Joe Stolz of Venus, Texas drove his 1946 Model A Gibson dozer around the grounds at the Annual Cooke County Antique Tractor Show last weekend in Lindsay. Photo by Janie Hartman

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\$3,954,004.00. A match of 15 percent of the total grant funds is required which makes the county's part \$593,100.60. Half of that amount must be cash and for the remainder money paid for work done in the last 30 months may be applied.

Bringing Internet service into the Commissioners' office was approved 5-0. Cox requested the service saying he felt that it would be beneficial both to the commissioners and to home owners who come into the office with various requests.

A 35 mph speed limit will now be imposed on CR 140 between CR 153 and CR 167. Commissioner Phil Young noted that the limit was requested by parents with young school age children who live along the road. There are about 19 children from kindergarten through third grade.

Approved 5-0 amendments of Lots 23 and 24 at South Ridge Subdivision in Precinct #3. This moves the building line back allowing more road easement.

Approved Muenster's soil conservation and water supply lake.

Approved 5-0 the final plat of West Ridge Estates in Precinct #1.

Granted permission to HJB Enterprises to bury a fresh water line four feet deep on CR 379 in Precinct #3.

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replace the equipment. "The 5th-6th grade is a nice building," Claycomb continued. "The middle school looks good and serves you well, but there are many code violations." He also noted that the old gym needs re-roofed "before it falls in," the library slab is bowed, the high school is in "pretty good shape" and the gym is not air conditioned. Claycomb then presented several building ideas to help with some of the problems.

This report will help the board decide which issues should be taken care of first.

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Happy Birthday, June Bantush!

Lifestyle

Smith, Nasche marry in Kansas

by Elfreda Fette

Mr. and Mrs. Stevan Nasche are residing in Plano, Texas since returning from their wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico. They were married in All Saints Catholic Church of Wichita, Kansas on July 22, 2000 in a Nuptial Mass with a double ring ceremony at 2:00 p.m. celebrated by Father Bernard Gorges.

Smith, presented her at the altar: She was wearing a formal, candlelight satin wedding gown designed sleeveless with fitted bodice, hug-the-shoulder neckline, and chapel length train.

Her bridal flowers were carried in an elegant teardrop bouquet of pink Stargazer lilies, full-blown yellow roses, mixed blue and purple and white flowers, and pink and white alstroemeria. For tradition she borrowed her mother's pearl necklace.

ATTENDANTS

Beth Smith of Wichita, bride's sister, was maid of honor.

Amy Smith of Wichita, bride's sister, Tonya Martin of Andover, Kansas, Erin Powell of Wichita, Deana Mercer of Wichita, friends of the bride, and Lilianna Nasche of Muenster, groom's sister, were bridesmaids.

They were identically attired in floor-length periwinkle blue sleeveless dresses, designed with empire waistlines. Each carried a shoulder wrap-around. Their bouquets were smaller versions of the bridal flowers.

Father of the bride, Greg

Alexis Nasche, groom's niece, was flower girl, and Nicholas Nasche, groom's nephew, was ring bearer.

John Nasche of Tyler, groom's brother, was best man. Matthew Nasche of Muenster, groom's brother, Brandon Miller of Denver, Colorado, Clint Collins of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, C.J. Fulk of Platte City, Missouri, and Kelly Bell of Denver, Colorado were groomsmen.

Ryan Sicking of Houston, Del Tarkelson of Wichita, Chris Olsen of Topeka, Kansas, and Alex Bishop of Atchison, friends of the groom were ushers.

Casey Coker and Noah Hess, both of Muenster, and nephews of the groom, were altar servers.

Traditional wedding music was given by organist Tony Harshburger; and vocalists Amy Smith, sister of the bride, and Tim and Adrienne McDonald, friends of the bride.

Participants in the special wedding liturgy included the bride's aunt, Sr. Celeste Albers with the First Reading, Christen Jones, friend of the groom, with the Second

Reading. Also participating was Deacon Nick Volker.

Church decorations included arrangements of fresh flowers, a pair of candelabra with lighted candles near the altar, and white tulle bows marking center aisle pews.

RECEPTION

A reception, dinner, and dance followed at All Saints Parish Gym, for 300 guests, hosted by the bride's father, Greg Smith.

Laura Mencl, bride's cousin, secured guest signatures in the bride's book, at a table holding three photographs of the couple, lighted candles, and a floral arrangement.

The four tiered wedding cake was decorated with fresh flowers on each layer, and a cluster of fresh flowers on top. Decorations in the reception area included arrangements of fresh flowers, a pair of palm trees with white miniature lights, white lattice with green grapevines and white lights, blue candleholders and small floating lighted votive candles on guest tables.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents, Angelo and LaVerna Nasche, at The Black Canyon Grill, Old Town, in Wichita.



Mr. and Mrs. Stevan Nasche ...nee Katherine Smith ...

Wortham to give Celebration of Life presentation at Home Hospice

Debby Wortham knows what it is like to experience the death of a child. She and her husband had three children, Summer, Micah, and Dustin. She said, "Summer and Micah live with Jesus in heaven. Dustin lives with his father and me on earth."

As a part of her healing process Wortham has compiled a book *Cherished Blossom from Our Summer Rose*. It includes Scriptures of hope and promise; a bibliography of helpful books; her writings about her children; writings from Summer, her classmates, family, and friends; photos of Summer with family and

friends; and journal pages.

Wortham will give her second Celebration of Life presentation on Monday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Home Hospice conference room, 1001 East Broadway in Gainesville. Those attending will celebrate the lives of their children. Wortham will share with parents and siblings at loss readings from *Cherished Blossoms* and give them the opportunity to share. The meeting is open to anyone who has experienced such a loss.

For more information contact Wortham at (903)564-5401 or e-mail debwortham@aol.com.

Cool energy saving tips

• Do laundry during the daytime - use the cold rinse and shortest cycle when possible and dry clothes in consecutive loads.

First Aid/CPR classes scheduled for September

The American Red Cross will hold two classes offering certification in First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation in September in Gainesville. Both classes will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Building.

The course is 8 hours in length and provides training assisting adults, children and infants in a variety of emergency situations. Class I

will be Tuesday and Thursday evenings, Sept. 12 and 14 from 6 to 10 p.m. Class II will be Saturday, Sept. 16 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Pre-registration is required. For more information, call the Cooke County office at 665-4365. For additional information on other Red Cross courses, visit the web page at www.graysoncoarc.org.

St. Anne's Society holds August meeting at Community Center

The St. Anne's Society of Sacred Heart met in the Community Center S.N.A.P. room at 7 p.m. on Aug. 6. President Toni Hess led opening prayers.

Tillie Otto gave the treasurer's report for July. Donations were given to Fr. A.J. Williams and Sister Roberta Hesse. She also read a thank you note from the Fleitman family for Masses for Anna Jostwerner.

Tillie also notified the members of the death of Fr. A.J. Williams. She then read a letter from the nephew of Fr. Williams, who is also a priest, asking for continued support of the missionary work in India. The Society members voted to continue the usual donations. Get well cards were sent to

Olivia Wimmer, Marie Hundt, Viola Rohmer, Gladys Gieb, Veronica Hoagland, and Amanda Fuhrman.

A covered dish supper was planned for Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. in the Community Center S.N.A.P. room to welcome the sisters back to school and to welcome Fr. John to the community. All members and their families are invited. The supper will take the place of the regular September meeting.

Tillie Otto gave a reading on "To Make You Smile." Toni Hess closed the meeting with a prayer for vocations.

Agnes Owen won the door prize. St. Anne's Society is still collecting pennies at the Muenster State Bank.

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Klement awarded scholarship

Jeff Klement, graduate of Muenster High School, and son of Wayne and Tudor Klement, has been awarded a President's Student Service Scholarship by the Corporation for National Service and Cooper-Endres Foundation in recognition of outstanding service to the community.

Announced by President Clinton and administered by



Jeff Klement

the Corporation for National Service, the President's Student Service Scholarships are awarded to high school juniors or seniors to recognize an exemplary record of community service. The Corporation for National Service funds \$500 of the \$1,000 scholarship which is matched with a locally funded scholarship of at least \$500 from the school, a local civic group, business, or faith-based organization.

According to Harris Wofford, Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National Service, "With their idealism, optimism, and energy, young people are a great resource to the community, and the President's Student Service Challenge Program imparts on young people the importance of service by giving back to the students who serve their communities."

Klement graduated from Muenster High School in May, 2000 and is attending college at Texas Tech University.

Parade winners at Forestburg Watermelon Festival announced

The Twentieth Annual Forestburg Watermelon Festival and Homecoming at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 19. The Forestburg Riding Club, first place winners in the Vernon, Wichita Falls, Bowie, Saint Jo, Weatherford, and Bridgeport parades, served as host riding club and led the parade. Tony Desmuke announced the parade and Rev. Krist Barnett of Forestburg Baptist Church gave the invocation. There were 38 total registered entries in seven categories, and several non-registered participants.

The winners of the parade are as follows: The judges trophy for Best All-Around entry was awarded to the Love County Mule Club of Marietta. The Club has members on both sides of the Red River. The winning riding club was also the Love County Mule Club. The float trophy was won by the Forestburg Country Store Coffee Drinkers which included Willard Freeman, Paul Brewer, Junior Landers, Jim Raney, Leo Orrell, Sam Tipton, Heath Miller, and John Massengale.

Also Tom Griffin of Cleburne won the Antique Automobile trophy with his 1931 Model A Ford Sport Coupe. Commercial

trophy went to the Forestburg Cheerleaders in a 2000 Chevrolet truck from James Woods Motors. Shane Reynolds, son of Wesley and Danielle Reynolds, attired as an Indian warrior, won the Individual Horse Rider trophy. Jared Forrester, with a 1939 Model A Farmall Model Tractor, won the Antique Farm Machinery trophy. The Miscellaneous trophy went to L.D. and Sue Sirman's grandkids in a barrel train pulled by a riding lawnmower.

Judges for the parade were Bernice Parker, Ann Traylor, and Kathy Berkley. Assisting Charles Edwards with registration and lining up entries were Charles Cook of Nocona, and Gordon Griffin, Jr.

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A popular room at the Muenster Museum is the kitchen. This table exhibits various butter churns, jugs, and a bottle capper used to preserve home brew. Open cabinets display numerous items used by early housewives. Other items in the room include cabbage cutter, sausage presses, potato ricer, peach peeler and even an cream separator. The Museum is open Thursday, Friday and Sunday, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Photo by Janie Hartman

VFW Ladies Auxiliary hears convention report Aug. 28

The Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW Post #6205 held their regular meeting Aug. 28 in the Post Home.

President Frances Bayer presided. Ethel Hesse, chaplain, led the opening prayer, assisted by patriotic instructor Eleanor Felderhoff and conductress Linda Knabe. The Pledge to the Flag was recited by all members. Roll call and minutes of the previous meeting were read by Ida Bindel, secretary. Lucille Hesse, treasurer, gave her report.

A thank you note was read from the Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans Center for two sets of dominoes that Frances Bayer delivered there when she visited last month.

An information letter was read on cancer aide and research. The Vietnam Moving Wall will be at West Tawakoni

City Park Sept. 7 to 13 for viewing. The bake sale for cancer aide in October was discussed.

Rehab chairman Ethel Hesse gave her report. Program report was given by Armella Cler. President Frances Bayer gave a report on the District I meeting held in Denison Aug. 5 and 6. They had a Buddy Poppy Hat Contest, and she got to model several hats. She was conductress at the meeting. She also attended the National Convention in Wisconsin Aug. 18 to 24. Special guests there were Dan Jansen, Debi Feris, and Al Gore.

Members held a memorial for past president Wilma Moseley at the meeting. Ethel Hesse served lunch to 10 members. Sandra Hennigan won the door prize.

Muenster Public Library to get Libri Foundation Grant

Thanks to two recent donations to the Friends of Muenster Public Library, the Libri Foundation of Eugene, Oregon will match \$350 on a 2 to 1 ratio, for the library to purchase \$1,050 worth of new quality, hard cover children's books.

The Sacred Heart Youth ministry sponsored a "Howdy" dance for area 7th, 8th, and 9th graders on Aug. 19. Ninety-four Muenster teens

attended and collectively donated \$200 to go toward the Books for Children grant.

This week, employees of Rumber Material Inc. (RMI) of Muenster surpassed the needed \$350 and donated another \$250 for the Libri Foundation book grant. The extra \$50 will also go towards children's books for the new Muenster Library for a total of \$1,100 worth of books.

NEW ARRIVALS

Fisher

Steven and Penny Fisher of Muenster announce with pride and joy the birth of their first child, a daughter, Ashleigh Margaret Fisher, in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Aug. 23, 2000 at 7:36 a.m., weighing 7 lb. 1 oz. and measuring 20 inches in length. Proud grandparents are Butch and Eileen Fisher of Muenster and Roy and Connie Purcell of Hood. Great-grandparents are William and Dorothy Purcell of Gainesville and George and Paula Bush of Angleton. Myrtle Harrison of Angleton and Albert and Fern Ince are great-great-grandparents. Ashleigh is the great-granddaughter of the late John and Margaret Fisher and the late John and Ruth Ward.

Kenneth and Ginger Jordan of Plano, Bennie and Jane McKnight of Denton, and Danny and Peggy Moore of Bowie.

Hurt

Larry Stanley Hurt and Michelle Evon Serna of Gainesville are parents of a daughter Anastazia Bernice Hurt, born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Aug. 22, 2000 at 11:12 a.m., weighing 6 lb. 5.9 oz. and measuring 18 1/2 inches long. Siblings are Mark Serna, age 24, Chad Hurt age 26, and Cindy Hammer age 28. Grandparents are Manuel and Jeanie Serna of Valley View, Stanley and Diane Hurt of Gainesville, Jimmy and Teresa Immicke of Whitney.

Klement

Clare Elizabeth Klement was born to Kurt and Jenny Klement of Coppell on Wednesday, August 16, 2000. She was born in St. Paul's Hospital in Dallas. Her weight was 7 lb. 2 oz. Grandparents are Jerry and Carole Klement of Temple and Mrs. Leona Lehman of Dallas. Great-grandmother is Olivia Klement of Muenster.

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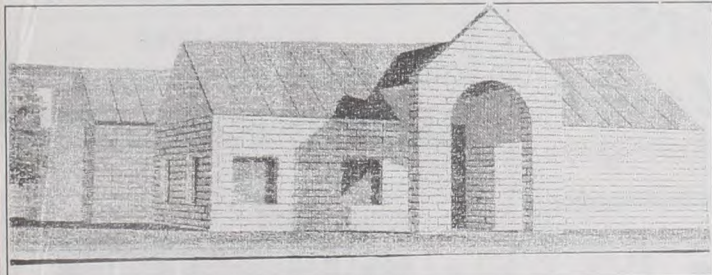
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School News



Era demonstrates robots for Sacred Heart physics class

The Sacred Heart physics class recently enjoyed a robotics presentation given by Mr. Tim Bennett and some of his students from Era High School. For the past several years they have entered a national robotics competition sponsored by Texas A&M University and Boeing, Texas Instruments, and other corporations. In addition to several robots, the Era students brought their trophies, documentation, and an exciting video of what the competition is really like. This year the Sacred Heart

physics class will enter the same competition. Kick-off is scheduled for Sept. 16. At the kick-off they will be informed of the task their robot is to complete and will be given all of the components and materials needed to build the robot. They will then have five weeks to construct the best robot possible and be ready for the first competition.

Anyone wishing to make a donation of engineering genius, shop tools, and/or treasure, please contact Ms. Angela Smith at 759-4121.

LUNCH MENUS

WEEK OF SEPT. 4-8

SACRED HEART S.N.A.P. MENU

Mon. - No School.
Tues. - No School.
Wed. - Steak fingers, potatoes, gravy, peas and carrots, cookies, bread.
Thurs. - Chicken spaghetti, corn, lettuce, applesauce, garlic toast.
Fri. - Pepperoni pizza, black-eyed peas, salad, fruit.

MÜNSTER ISD

Mon. - No School.
Tues. - Hot dogs w/chili and cheese, potato wedges, pinto beans, apricots, banana bread.
Wed. - Ham and cheese sandwiches, chips, lettuce and tomatoes, bananas, cookies, carrot sticks.

Thurs. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, lettuce salad w/dressing, green beans, peaches, hot rolls.

Fri. - Barbecue sandwiches, onions and pickles, baked beans, French fries, applesauce, ice cream.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - No School.
Tues. - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, peas, peaches, bread.

Wed. - Enchiladas w/chili, ranch-style beans, Mexican rice, bread, peas.

Thurs. - Chili dogs, carrot sticks, French fries, mixed fruit.

Fri. - Beef and noodles, green beans, cole slaw, oranges, bread.

ERA ISD

Mon. - No School.
Tues. - Soft taco, pinto beans, trimmings, corn bread, jello.

Wed. - Country fried pork steak or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, fruit mix, hot roll.

Thurs. - Frito chili pie, corn, peaches, tossed salad, spice cake.

Fri. - Hamburger, sliced cheese, trimmings, French fries, ice cream.

Sacred Heart students, including, from left, Chris Fuhrmann, Luke Endres, Thomas Whitecotton, Clint Fuhrmann and Daniel Bartush, examine "The Era Eliminator." Courtesy photo

Fund-raisers hosted by Era ISD robotics team

The annual DC BEST Yard Ball Tournament, hosted by the Era BEST (robotics) team will take place on Saturday, Sept. 9 at the Era High School practice field. The cost is \$24 per team, with a team consisting of four players. The first 12 teams to sign-up and pay will be entered. Each team will need to be sure to designate a contact person. Prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place. The entry deadline is Thursday, Sept. 7.

Yard ball is a baseball type game requiring four players per team, using a wiffle ball. This will be fun for the entire family. Plus, it is for a good cause. The proceeds will go to assisting with the costs incurred by the Era BEST team in their quest to win the BEST award in the Denton County Hub robotics competition.

In addition to the Yard Ball Tournament, there will be a

Homerun Derby. The cost is \$2 for 10 pitches. An individual contestant may compete as many times as they are willing to pay for. The most homeruns will win the derby. Plus, there will be a Horseshoe Tournament. The cost will be \$10 per team, with a team consisting of two (2) people. The Horseshoe Tournament will be limited to the first sixteen teams that sign-up and pay.

A concession stand featuring hot dogs, drinks, donuts, fruit, and cookies/brownies will be furnished. The proceeds from the concession stand will also go to help fund the Era BEST program.

The Era Yard Ball Tournament, Homerun Derby, and the Horseshoe Tournament will be under the direction of the Era BEST team. For information and registration, please call 726-3250.

Students invited to enter fire prevention poster contest

The Cooke County Fire Fighters Association is again sponsoring their annual fire prevention poster contest in

conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 8 - 14. Event chairman Denise Pearse said various fire

department representatives are visiting Cooke County schools, grades K-5, to invite them to enter the contest. Grades K and 1 will color a pre-drawn picture, while grades 2-5 will create a fire safety poster in their school, community, or home.

Top winners, parents, teachers, and principals will be honored Monday, Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gainesville Civic Center with dinner and awards program.

All posters are due Sept. 12 at school principal offices and will be picked up by the following representatives: Sacred Heart, Ed York; Muenster, Herbie Knabe; Sivells Bend, Charles Martindale; Woodbine/Callisburg, Shelia Hooper; Era/Valley View, Denise Pearse; Gainesville/St. Mary's, Alan Bryan and shift; Lindsay, Mike Corcoran and Walter Lutkenhaus.

Children's Health & Safety Common products can be abused

Aerosol whipped cream may seem an innocuous ingredient for an ice-cream sundae, but your teen may be using the container to get high. Such spray-can containers are potential inhalants because they contain "whippets", or small pressurized containers filled with a volatile solvent, nitrous oxide.

"Volatile solvents produce a quick form of intoxication—excitation followed by drowsiness, lack of inhibition, staggering, lightheadedness and agitation," said Dr. Robert Wiebe, director of the emergency service at CMC of Dallas. "Sniffing such chemicals can disrupt the heart rhythm, which may lead to cardiac arrest."

Wiebe advises parents to be aware of their teen's sudden slurred speech and marked behavior changes such as wanting to be left alone often. Other potential inhalants include spray paint, paint removers, hairspray, air fresheners, cigarette lighter fuels, and deodorizers.

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Sports

Revised baiting rules no exception for dove hunters

In dove hunting circles, the more the merrier. Arguably, no other hunting pursuit in Texas offers more opportunity for casual participation, not to mention the potential for game law violations.

An invitation to join a group for some hot wingshooting on a "friend of a friend's" pasture or a can't-miss commercial hunting operation could carry some serious consequences for unwitting hunters. Texas Game Warden Bill Hellums emphasizes that it is the responsibility of the hunter or land manager to know and obey all federal and state game laws that govern dove hunting.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has liberalized its interpretation of baiting regulations to allow for normal agricultural practices approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service, including allowing dove hunting over top-sown fields, in areas where feed has been placed and on wildlife food plots. This means doves may be hunted over fields planted or managed with the intent or purpose of producing feed for wildlife. However, the revised interpretations do not exempt hunters from baiting regulations.

You would be surprised over the years how many hunters I have come across who I honestly believe didn't know they were hunting over bait," said Uvalde-based Hellums. "You could see it in their eyes, especially after I showed them the milo right there in their boot tracks."

"According to state and federal law, baiting means the

direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of salt, grain, or other feed that could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on, or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take them. "That means you cannot hunt doves or any other migratory game bird by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area where you know or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited," said Hellums. "Under the old interpretation, it didn't matter if you knew the area was baited or not."

How close to bait can you hunt without breaking the law? There is no set distance, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife code, and court rulings vary depending upon the circumstances. The influence of any bait will increase or decrease depending on many factors -- including topography, weather and dove flight patterns -- and can only be determined on a case-by-case basis. Remember, however, that the law prohibits hunting if bait is present that could lure or attract birds "to, on, or over areas where hunters are attempting to take them," Hellums said.

Hunters need to be cognizant that if they hunt the edge of the property, they can be cited if an adjacent landowner's field has been baited. "It's best in situations where you're unsure to not hunt the margins but have a large enough lease or field to hunt the interior," Roberson noted.

Baiting doesn't have to occur immediately before a hunt for an area to be considered

birds, hunters need to go on record with witnesses as having asked the outfitter, hunt organizer or landowner or other person in charge, whether the field has been baited," Roberson recommends. "It is the hunter's ultimate responsibility ethically as well as legally. Remember, an outfitter, hunt organizer or landowner who is sensitive or defensive about this question tells you a lot about the situation you're putting yourself into."

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Baiting doesn't have to occur immediately before a hunt for an area to be considered

baited. Even the removal of bait does not remove the lure created, and doves will still be attracted to the same area even after the bait is gone. According to state and federal law, a baited area remains off limits to hunting for 10 days after all salt, grain, or other feed has been completely removed.

If the landowner or leasee is feeding deer or quail by placing grain, salt or other feed on the ground or in troughs during or within 10 days prior to the dove season, this would be considered illegal baiting and they could be cited, Hellums warned. Leasees who wish to hunt doves over their quail or deer lease should cease all feeding before and during the dove hunting period. All deer or quail feed must be gone at least 10 days prior to the dove hunting.

Remember, too, that hunting in large groups can also lead to shooting over the daily bag limit. The daily limit for doves in Texas is 15 birds, and once a hunter has reached the limit, it is unlawful to hunt for the remainder of the day. Hunters must also make a reasonable effort to retrieve downed birds, Hellums said. Hunters need to retain control over the birds they bag and avoid commingling in a communal ice chest, game bag or in the bed of a pickup. No person may possess more than one daily bag limit of freshly killed migratory game birds while in the field or while returning from the field to one's hunting camp, vehicle, temporary lodging facility, or personal residence.



Sacred Heart's scrimmage last week prepared the Tigers for their opening game this Friday night at Era. Action begins at 7:30 p.m. Photo by Dave Fette

Tackles, Turnovers and Touchdowns begins next week - Don't Miss It!!!

Texas high school Friday night football has begun. With it begins the annual *Muenster Enterprise* football contest. In September 1987, this newspaper and twenty-some local merchants, started a local tradition. Besides making more print space available to local football coverage, readers were challenged to test their knowledge on who would win football games.

Changes were made in the game over the years, until it extended to 36 picks of high school, college and pro games. Most changes were to help make the game more of a challenge, and later, a lot easier to enter.

For the 2000 season, improved changes begin this week. There will be only 20 high school games to pick from. This will hopefully make the odds more even. No more college and pro national ratings to help pick a winner. Games will be of local interest, district opponents, and a few "Metroplex" larger teams thrown in to keep things interesting. The rules have changed just a little, so please read the contest rules located this week on the contest page.

This year's contest will have one weekly prize of \$25.00. The cash prizes can be picked up at the *Muenster Enterprise* office only. The grand prize remains \$100.00, but a few surprises will be added to the pot before the season ends.

Notice to Hornet football fans

Friday, Sept. 1, is Soap Night at Hornet Field. Admission to the Muenster scrimmage with Gainesville State School is a donation of shower or laundry soap.

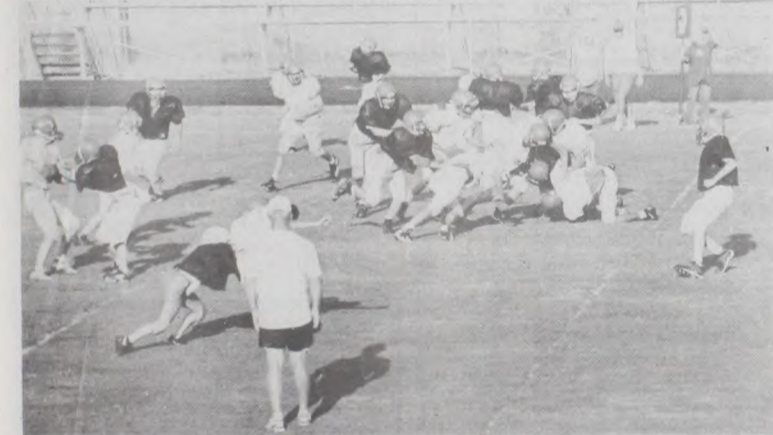
The practice sessions begin at 5 p.m. and include varsity and junior varsity players.

REMINDER

The Muenster Volunteer Fire Department Golf Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 10, at Turtle Hill. Call Bert or Delanne at 759-4785 to reserve your team.



Although it was just a scrimmage among team mates, the Hornets held the traditional huddle in the middle of the field before leaving the stadium. Photo by Janie Hartman



Muenster Junior Varsity and Varsity football teams participated in a Red and White scrimmage last Friday. The Hornets will host Gainesville State School this Friday for another practice before starting regular play on Sept. 8 at Nocona. Photo by Janie Hartman



Don't mess with Texas

Pictured above and below, the Sacred Heart Tigers scrimmaged the Frost Polar Bears at Lewisville last Friday evening. Photos by Dave Fette



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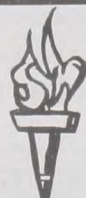
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Fair competition rules proposed

New rules to help ensure fair competition in the livestock, poultry and meat packing industries will be issued by USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

The goal is to help small ranchers and farmers compete more effectively by increasing the transparency of market transactions. The new regulations are intended to:

- Mandate disclosure of basic contract terms, ensuring that production contracts are easy to understand;

- Prohibit restrictions on disclosure of contract terms, preventing packers from imposing restrictions that may limit the ability of producers to obtain legal or financial advice and can constitute an unfair trade practice;

- Clarify record keeping requirements for packers, specifying the form and content of records that must be maintained to describe livestock procurement transactions to ensure more complete and accurate information;

- Prohibit conditional purchases in which the purchase of animals from one seller is tied to the purchase of animals from another seller, requiring each lot of livestock to be purchased or offered on its own merits; and

- Require that packers specify the basis on which they pay different prices for like quality livestock.

Proposed regulations, which

are based on suggestions from small farmers and ranchers and farm groups, are expected to be published in the *Federal Register* this fall. They will be

open for public comment for a period of time before final regulations are issued.

Submitted by Texas Cattle Raisers Association



John Townsend from Mesquite, Texas demonstrates several ways small motors are used to pump water. Photo by Janie Hartman



This is part of the Oliver tractor and equipment collection presented by Leon Knauft at the Antique Tractor Show last weekend. Photo by Dave Fette



Six by fours were cut in one of many demonstrations at the Antique Tractor and Farm Machinery Show. This pre-WWII Montgomery Ward saw mill was operated by Jim Esenshade of Colbert, Oklahoma. Photo by Janie Hartman

USDA may stop grading imported meat

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced July 21 that it will issue a proposed rule to restrict the USDA grading of imported beef, lamb, veal and calf products.

The rule would affect imported beef carcasses; meat from imported live cattle which are processed in the United States would still be eligible for the USDA grade shield.

Gainesville USDA office moves to new location

The USDA, Farm Service Agency for Cooke County will be moving this weekend to their new offices at 2200 North Grand Avenue in Gainesville, just north of Highway 82. The new office will also house the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Canadian Agriculture Minister Lyle Vanclief criticized the proposal. Larry Meadows, chief of the USDA Meat Grading Division, said that in 1999, 50,000 imported beef carcasses received the USDA grade stamp; all 50,000 were from Canada.

The primary phone number will be 668-7794. A secondary number is also available 665-4397 and a FAX 665-9503. The office will be closed Sept. 4 in observance of Labor Day.

submitted by Texas Cattle Raisers Association

County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

FALL PLANNING

This past year we experienced quite a bit of wheat disease problems. These included crown rot and take all fungus, stripe rust and leaf rust fungus, and Barley Yellow Dwarf Virus. We usually don't notice these diseases until near harvest, but fall is actually the best time to manage wheat disease problems. Dr. Jennifer Hasenbank, a Kansas State Extension plant pathologist, offers the following list of things we can do to prevent or reduce wheat disease losses.

- Crop rotation is still the best thing you can do to break pest reproductive cycles. It can greatly reduce the severity of diseases like tan spot and take-all root rot. It also helps with control of weeds and insects like Hessian fly. A minimum of one full year out of wheat is needed to reduce pest populations. Oats, and milo are all good rotation crops. Barley is a host of take-all root rot, so it is not good preceding crops. Following sorghum is good for disease control, but yields are often lower than following other crops. Following corn is frequently successful, but it increases the risk of head scab because corn is a reservoir for the scab fungus.

- Residue management can be beneficial in fields where wheat is grown continuously. Tan spot and take-all are two diseases that can be reduced by residue management. Although moldboard plowing is no longer recommended due to soil erosion concerns, light tillage can increase residue contact with the soil and hasten the demise of residue-borne pests while still leaving some soil cover.

- Volunteer wheat destruction is crucial for the control of wheat streak mosaic. Volunteer destruction also helps control the Hessian fly, Russian wheat aphid, greenbug, bird cherry-oat aphid, Banks grass mites, leaf rust, stem rust and take-all root rot.

- Fertility management can impact

several diseases. Excess nitrogen produces a lush canopy that favors powdery mildew. Consider splitting nitrogen applications to avoid lush top growth. Chloride deficiency has been correlated with increased foliar diseases, so make sure chloride is not limiting. Liming favors take-all root rot, so combine liming with crop rotation where possible.

- Variety selection is the single most important factor in disease management. Although no variety is resistant to everything, modern varieties have much better resistance to diseases and insects than those from a decade ago.

- Certified seed is inspected for the presence of seedborne diseases like loose smut and bunt. Buying certified seed guarantees high standards of purity, test weight, germination rate, and freedom from significant seedborne disease problems. It also helps support the seed industry, which provides us with new varieties.

- Seed treatments are highly recommended for seed production fields to keep our seed supply free of seedborne diseases like loose smut and bunt. For grain production fields, seed treatments are optional. They can prevent seed borne diseases and help ensure good emergence. At higher rates, they can suppress fall season foliar and root diseases. Use of higher rates tends to be expensive. Gaucho seed treatment insecticide can suppress barley yellow dwarf virus by controlling the aphid vectors.

- Firm seedbeds are important for good seed/soil contact. This aids seedling establishment and helps prevent winter injury and resulting crown rot.

- Planting date has a strong impact on several diseases and insects. Early planting is a risk factor for wheat streak mosaic, barley yellow dwarf, common root rot and take-all root rot.

- Fall grazing might reduce several diseases, but I haven't seen any

published research on the topic. Fall grazing might also reduce the chances of leaf rust or powdery mildew overwintering.

So, make the best plans now to help reduce problems later in our small grains.

DUE - 2001 Youth Fair Steer Entries

4-H'ers who plan to enter a steer at the 2001 Youth Fair need to have those entries completed by Thursday, September 28, 2000. Entries are to be turned in at the county Extension Office. All entries must be made on an Official Entry Card with entry fee of \$5 per animal.

LAMB AND PIG VALIDATION

4-H'ers who plan to enter a lamb or swine at any of the major livestock shows must have their animals validated.

Ed Pekins, Vocational Agriculture Instructor at Era High School is the Chairman of the County Lamb Validation Committee.

We also need to know your intention regarding swine entries in any of the major shows, they also need to be validated. Bob Andrews is the Swine Validation Chairman, and is the Vocational Agriculture Instructor at Valley View High School. Call the County Extension Office to let us know if you will have a swine to enter in any of the major shows so we can order tags.

Ag in the News

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. settled a lawsuit with a former employee who allegedly misappropriated Pioneer seed corn genetic material.

The ex-Pioneer employee admits he distributed Pioneer germplasm within the Cargill organization for the development of seed for Cargill.

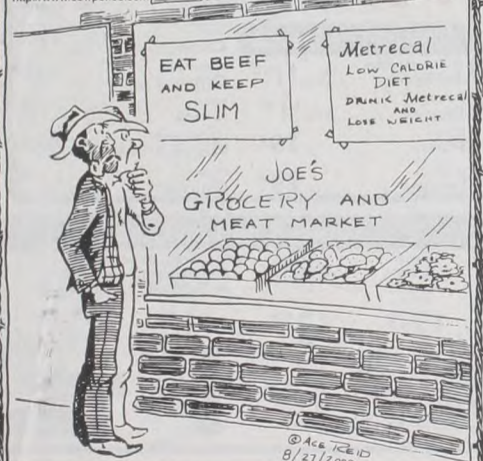
Politics appears to affect wheat prices. Over the past 30 years, the Kansas City futures contract has not exceeded \$3.90 in a presidential election year with the exception of 1972. In non-presidential election years, the market passed the \$3.90 mark 61% of the time.

Wheat prices soared to \$7.44 per bushel in April 1996. World production jumped, resulting in surplus and lower prices. Then prices, at 20 year lows, reduced production.

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By Ace Reid

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Feeder Steers (per lb.)
200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.15-1.32; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.15;
300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.08-1.20; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.08;
400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 1.00-1.06; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-1.00;
500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 90-.94;
Nos. 2 & 3, 80-90; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 82-.88; Nos. 2 & 3, 77-.82; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 80-.87; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-.80.

Feeder Heifers (per lb.)
200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.00-1.16; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-1.00;
300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.00-1.14; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-1.00;
400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 91-1.03; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-91;
500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 88-.92;
Nos. 2 & 3, 75-.88; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 80-.86; Nos. 2 & 3, 72-.80; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 75-.80; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-.75.

Slaughter Cattle (per lb.)
Slaughter bulls: yield grade 1-2, 1,200-2,050 lbs., 47-.57; Slaughter cows: #1-3, 39-44.50; Cuts: 32-.39.

Stocker Cows (per head)
Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - large frame, \$600-\$720; medium frame, \$450-\$600.
Cow-calf pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - large frame, \$700-\$800; medium frame, \$575-\$700.
Holstein baby calves, \$25-\$100; Crossbreds, \$160-\$185.
Barrows & Gilts:
US #1, 230-270, 39-42; US #2, 220-280, 38-40.

Feeders (per head):
100-175 lbs., \$40-\$60; 25-90 lbs., \$18-\$25.
Sows:
Feeder, 400 or less, 25-27; Light wt., 400-500, 30-31; Med. wt., 500-600, 33-35; Heavy wt., 600-up, 37-38.

Boars:
300 lb. up, 10-11; 200-300 lbs. NT, Light wt., 18-22.

Sheep (per lb.)
Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs., 78-.85; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs., 80-.82; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs., .70.

Ewes:
Stocker, 42-47; Thin, 30-32; Fat, 38-42.

Bucks:
Thin, 35-37; Fat, 40-42.

Barbados (per head)
Lambs: \$25-\$40; Ewes: \$30-\$40; Bucks: \$40-\$75.

Goats (per head)
Kids: 20-35 lbs., \$20-\$35; 35-55 lbs., \$30-\$50; 55-75 lbs., \$50-\$60; Yearlings: 75-120 lbs., \$65-\$85.

Nannies (per head)
Stocker, \$45-\$50; Milk Type, \$50-\$60; Slaughter: Thin, \$25-\$35; Fat, \$37-\$50.

Billies (per head)
120 lbs. up
Breeders, \$65-\$90;
Slaughter, \$80-\$150.

Boer Goats (per head)
1/2 Nanny, \$65-\$100; 3/4 Nanny, \$85-\$110; Full Nanny, \$150-\$240.

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