

"Your success is eminent!"

Library goal is marked with dedication

by **Elfreda Fette**

The temperature inched upwards Saturday morning, July 7, 2001, but local weather smiled benignly on the ceremonies dedicating the Bettie M. Luke Muenster Public Library held at 10:00 a.m., with visiting until 2:00 p.m.

Muenster Boy Scout Troop 664 Honor Guard opened the ceremony, placed the VFW Flags in stands, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Christy Hesse sang the National Anthem, accompanied by Ruth Felderhoff.

Henry Weinzapfel, Mayor of Muenster gave the welcome address, recalling that just over a year ago, many attending today were also present for the groundbreaking, standing in the rain, anticipating today and the dedication of a beautiful new facility.

Weinzapfel recognized the attendance of District Judge Jerry Woodlock, County Judge Belvin Harris, County Commissioner Virgil Hess, Darryl and Robert Tocker with the Tocker Foundation for grants for automation and furnishings, Dale Fleeger coordinator with NETLS, the Northeast Texas Library System, (this library is a member). Weinzapfel also gave credit to the Meadows Foundation of Dallas for a construction grant. The Meadows Foundation sent a beautiful floral arrangement which graced the registration table; Mr. J.W. Bullion was unable to attend, having only recently been released from the hospital. Weinzapfel recognized Hidell and Associates, Architects of Carrollton. Also recognized were Kay Broyles, manager, for dedicated service; the Volunteer Staff for their many years of faithful service; Daryl Ferber for her philosophy of "push, push, and never give up the dream of a new library"; Tom Valliere, president of Friends of the Library

Board; the Fund Raising Committee with Nancy Walter as chairman; Rick and Sydney Reynolds, contractors, for inestimable service; Boy Scout Mitch Felderhoff who coordinated the moving of library books from the old location to the new by a group of Scouts, as an Eagle Scout project; Pat Stelzer who wrote the applications for grants.

"Last, but not least," he recognized Norman and

Hall is a strong friend and supporter of this community. He has demonstrated his interest by nominating many local deserving high school students to the military academies. He has also given generously of his time to come to Muenster to present Boy Scout Eagle Awards, the highest rank in Scouting. Congressman Hall has a standing invitation to Muenster people touring

the new hospital here as it emerged from an impossible dream into a reality, through the efforts of the community working together for a common goal.

Ralph Hall praised the challenge presented by Norman Luke; the tremendous work of the finance committee. He recognized the Awards earned by Teresa Fowler, of the Library Staff, as "Volunteer of the Year" for

represented the Fourth Congressional District in Texas since first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1980. He is the Ranking Democrat on the full Committee on Science and is a former chairman of the Space Committee. He is senior member of the Energy and Commerce Committee where he serves on the Energy and Air Quality Subcommittees and Health Committee. He previously served as Ranking Democrat of the Energy and Power Subcommittee. In 1944 he married the former

Mary Ellen Murphy. They have three sons, Hampton, Brett, and Blakely, and five grandchildren.

Congressman Hall introduced Norman and Evelyn Luke. He added that this bit of information is of particular interest - Norman flew a Navy PBY in W.W.II, advancing to rank of Commander. (Mr. Hall served in the Navy as an aircraft carrier pilot during W.W.II). Norman and Evelyn Luke reside in Houston where he retired as an executive from Pennzoil Company. They have three

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Norman Luke, son of Bettie M. Luke, and family members were special guests at the dedication and open house of the Bettie M. Luke Muenster Public Library. Over 200 attended last Saturday's formal ceremonies and viewed the new facility. Janie Hartman Photo

Evelyn Luke who made the challenge to his hometown to match the first \$100,000 collected in donations.

Urban Endres introduced U.S. Congressman Ralph Hall who had graciously agreed to be Master of Ceremonies.

Endres said that Ralph

Washington, D.C. to come to his office for a visit.

Ralph Hall responded by expressing his pleasure in visiting Muenster and complimented the community on the newly completed beautiful library. He compared the creation of this new library to that of

RSVP and NETLS.

Congressman Hall also made a particular mention of the fact that the library was built completely without taxpayer funds.

Muenster friends have always responded to Congressman Hall with strong support. He has



Congressman Ralph Hall presents Library Board President Tom Valliere with a U.S. flag that flew over the Capitol in Washington, D.C. Janie Hartman Photo

Volunteers over the years fill public library history

The Muenster Public Library began in 1959 when the Muenster Court of the Catholic Daughters of America formed a book club as a civic project, starting with a few donated books and a purchase of 12 books. One of the members, Mrs. Julia Weinzapfel, agreed to house the books in her home since it was centrally located and more convenient to everyone. In September, 1959, Mrs. Weinzapfel approached the City Council for space in City Hall and

was granted a room 12x14. All labor, equipment, and books were donated and the book inventory had grown to 300. Julia Weinzapfel served as librarian from 1959-1964. In 1964 Mrs. Bettie M. Luke succeeded Mrs. Weinzapfel and held that job until her sudden death in January, 1974. In 1965 the library was officially adopted by the City and became the Muenster Public Library. Again, with donated labor

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Painter, 14, takes reserve title in barrel racing

by **Janet Felderhoff**

Meredith Elaine Painter, age 14, of Muenster secured a Reserve World Championship title in Barrel Racing in the 13 and under division. She captured the honor on June 26 at the World Championship Paint Horse Show held in Fort Worth. The show is the premier competition of the American Paint Horse Association (APHA).

"I was both proud and happy because I out-ran a lot of people and I enjoy winning," said Meredith of winning the Reserve World Championship title.

Meredith was riding Doc Mo Money, an eight-year-old gelding. Doc Mo Money has won the APHA Junior World title and the Reserve World title for 13 and under barrels in 2000-2001. She hopes to go to high school and college rodeos on Doc.

Competitors in barrel racing are timed as they complete a cloverleaf pattern around three barrels.

According to a press release from the APHA, the World Championship Paint Horse Show is the richest Paint Horse event in the world, offering \$100,000 in added money this year, along with valuable prizes and coveted trophies. Approximately 2,000 horses competed in this year's shows with more than 4,800 entries including about 1,300 youth entries, 1,500 for amateur/novice entries and 1,700 open entries.

Meredith competed in her first barrel race/rodeo at the tender age of four years. "I have been around horses

and rodeo all of my life, Meredith remarked. "My Dad and his friends roped and my Mom and my Grandma ran barrels. I

tries to ride her horse every day. "I don't practice the barrels every day because, in my opinion, that is not good for a horse," she

Austin Arena to run barrels.

Meredith said she enjoys participating in rodeos and talking. She attends school at Muenster ISD. She

everyone who helps her with her horse and running barrels, especially her mother who takes her everywhere and to Kenneth

"Pig" Casbeer of Saint Jo who is there for and takes her to some rodeos. Also Scotty Austin of Lindsay who makes it possible by sponsoring her.



Meredith Painter runs barrels with Doc Mo Money during the American Paint Horse Association competition in Fort Worth. Courtesy photo

decided that was what I wanted to do and so now 10 years later I'm still doing it."

Meredith's back-up horse is a 1971 buckskin gelding. She won a buckle on him at the Austin Arena. Rocket J Bar Sue, a 1972 paint mare, was Meredith's first horse. She won the Paint World nine times.

Riding is something Meredith must enjoy. She

explained. "You should keep your horse's mind on what he is supposed to do so when you go to a place to run he has his mind set. If a person keeps practicing or running a horse, they will eventually get tired of it and then your horse won't want to do their job anymore." She goes to about 10 major shows a year and 150 minor shows or barrel races. Each Wednesday Meredith is at

moved to Muenster about a year and a half ago. She is the daughter of Lori Painter and the late David W. Painter. Her grandparents are Melinda and Larry Butler of Gainesville and her great-grandparents are Marion and Burl Sanderson of Whitesboro. Lori is employed by Muenster Memorial Hospital.

Appreciation was expressed by Meredith to



Meredith Painter and Doc Mo Money, Reserve World Champions. Courtesy photo

Muenster dedicates the new library

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children, Karen Luke Chevront, Susan Luke Young, and Norman J. Luke, Jr., who all attended the library dedication, accompanied by one granddaughter Lauren Wampold.

In responding to the introduction by Congressman Hall, Norman Luke introduced his family, saying that without their support and encouragement he would have been reluctant to embark on the exciting undertaking to make the initial challenge.

He also gave credit to Urban and Jane Endres, Henry Weinzapfel, Nancy Walter, Pat Stelzer, the members of the Library Board, the Friends of the Library, the Muenster City Council, Kay Broyles and the Volunteer Staff, and many other key individuals and all supporters.

He repeated that his mother, Bettie M. Luke should be here today. "Surely," he said "she must be smiling on us today and blessing this event." As well as his father, Joe Luke, a community leader, who through the years was supportive of Bettie and extremely proud of her accomplishments and particularly in the dream of a new Library.

He also thanked Msgr. Thomas Weinzapfel who gave the Invocation and special blessing. He also commented that his family was impressed by the size, beauty and service features

of the new facility. "What a tribute to our wonderful Mother, Grandmother, and Friend of so many in this community where I grew up, went to school here and was privileged to know you. Because we have been so blessed, we wanted to give some small remembrance

growth, community improvement and community enhancement for quality of life were reflected in the individuals who benefited directly. They hoped that such attitudes would serve as inspirations and guiding lights in their hometown.

Msgr. Thomas Weinzapfel led an Invocation and conducted a blessing of the facility, dedicating it to the use of all those who love reading and research, who will find a treasure in the 16,150 items, including books, CDs, videos, audios, and large print.

Christy Hesse concluded the program with "God Bless America."

Although some failed to sign the guest book, the available list shows visitors came from a wide area, including Denton, Gainesville, Lindsay, Carmina, Collinsville, McKinney, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Charlotte, North Carolina, Houston, Dallas, Carrollton, Austin, Rockwall, Krum,



Darryl Tocker of the Tocker Foundation. Janie Hartman Photo



Children try out the "neat furniture" in the special children's reading area of the library during Open House. Janie Hartman Photo

Tom Valliere noted the Library Board's next challenge is to raise funds to provide an operating endowment that will provide for many years of library services. "Don't quit giving. The donation programs are in full swing, into the next phase," Valliere added.

Whitesboro, Hereford, Garland, San Diego, California, and Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Met at the door by hostesses, guests first viewed the granite wall, engraved with names of benefactors, diamond, gold, silver, bronze and friends.

Entering they noted the "card catalog" no longer

drawers of index cards but a handsome new computer that could respond instantly. To their left, they viewed the children's area of books and comfortable seating; a study area for students or adults with comfortable amenities. Specially noted was the interior decorating by Sydney and Rick Reynolds. Their color coordination and

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back to this city and surrounding area."

He also expressed later to many attending the dedication that the fact that the front entrance to the library faced his boyhood home was in reality a tribute to his parents, who believed that community

Congressman Hall made a special presentation to Tom Valliere, president of Friends of the Library, of the Flag that had flown over the capitol in Washington.

Robert Tocker with the Tocker Foundation from Austin told in conversation after the dedication: "This dedication is truly a 'Slice of America'" citing that it represents a tremendous group-effort encompassing the Boy Scouts Troop, the Mayor, and the generosity of so many individuals.

County Commissioner Virgil Hess and his wife Judy presented a framed picture of the 254 Courthouses in Texas as a surprise gift to the library. It was accepted by Nancy Walter, chairman of the Fund Raising Committee.



Library volunteers greeted visitors at the dedication and open house, including (from left) Ethel Hesse, Alice Davidson, Evelyn Koesler, Betty Felderhoff and Theresa Fowler. Janie Hartman Photo

"The library staff and I were very pleased to have such a big turn out for our dedication," noted library manager Kay Broyles. "The community support for making this building a reality was wonderful." A question asked by several visitors was, "Were all these books in the old library?" "Yes," answered Broyles, "95% of them were in the old library. We have added and expanded our audio books, videos, music CDs and large print books and added 2 computers. We just didn't have the space for these special collections before." She concluded that the circulation at the library has already doubled since the move.



Nancy Walter, right, accepts a framed picture of 254 Texas courthouses from Virgil and Judy Hess. Janie Hartman Photo

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and materials it was moved to a rent house owned by Joe and Bettie M. Luke on 4th Street. In 1966 Mrs. Luke started the children's "Story Hour" which still continues today.

In January, 1970 the library was moved to the Myrick Building on Main Street. The City later purchased it and it remained at this location until Apr. 17, 2001.

Mary Moster became librarian in January 1974 and served in this position until 1989. The library was provisionally accepted as a member of the Northeast Texas Library System

(NETLS) in 1975 and in less than 2 years had reached the required 10,000 volumes and was accredited in 1976.

Daryl Ferber, President of the Friends of the Muenster Public Library Board, planted the seed of constructing a new and enlarged library. In 1996 Norman J. Luke challenged the community with an offer to match the first \$100,000.00 raised in donations. The first \$25,000.00 match in December, 1996 covered donations raised to purchase a building site.

A goal of \$400,000.00 was set. With a grant from The Meadows Foundation in February 2000 the goal was met and construction under Orcas Development began in August 2000. The building was completed in December 2000. With further fund raising and grants for automation and furnishings from the Tocker Foundation, the new 5300 sq. ft.

Bettie M. Luke Muenster Public Library has become a reality with no taxpayers funds. The community is proud of this accomplishment and grateful for the support and hard work that has made this dream come true.

Milestones for the Bettie M. Luke Muenster Public Library

1. In 1991 serious talk of building a new library began and by 1993, the initial committee was formed with public support.
2. On June 1996, land for a new building site was acquired.
3. In 1996, a commitment of \$100,000, with a matching funds contingency, was received from Norman J. Luke, for the building of a new library.
4. February 1997, a \$10,000 building fund donation was received from an anonymous local benefactor, and the matching funds soon became a reality.
5. At the March 1997 meeting the first architectural design for a new library was presented and a special Building Committee of local professionals was soon hard at work.
6. In September 1998, a special meeting for all interested was held to aggressively solicit help to fulfill the community's dream and a special fund raising committee was off and running.
7. March 1999, building fund reaches \$300,000 mark and the process of acquiring a contractor and architect began.
8. September 1999, a final architectural design was approved.
9. January 2000, wonderful news, the Meadows Foundation grant for \$69,000 was received.
10. February 2000, Architectural schematic and construction documentation are finally complete and the project goes out for bidding to vendors.
11. April 2000, the Library Board takes on the Germanfest gate contract and a cookbook project for additional fund raising, to reach the needed budget of \$450,000.
12. June 2000, the reality of a dream occurs with the official ground breaking ceremony.
13. July 2000, construction has officially begun with a signed contract.
14. January 2, 2001, Library Board officially gifts to the city the new 5130 sq. ft. facility.
15. March 2001, new shelves are installed.
16. April 6, 2001, Eagle Scout project moves from the old to the new library.
17. April 17, 2001, Muenster's new library opens. Tocker grant of \$ 56,606 is official.
18. April 24, 2001, Dedication wall is installed in entry.
19. June 2001, Bettie M. Luke Muenster Public Library signage is completed.
20. July 7, 2001, Library hosts formal dedication and open house.

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Sunday, July 22, 2001 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, July 23, 2001	Tuesday, July 24, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Kiwanis Family Swim Night 7-9PM	Wednesday, July 25, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Thursday, July 26, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Friday, July 27, 2001 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM K of C Swim night, Hotdogs 6:30PM, Swim 7-8:30PM	Saturday, July 28, 2001

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Letters to the Editor

LETTER TO THE EDITOR FACTS AND OBVIOUS CONCLUSIONS

There are four precincts in Cooke County with each having approximately 25% of the population of the county. We have 8% of the population in our hospital district. These are divided between two of the precincts or 4% in each precinct. Does anyone really think we could elect five board members on a nine-member board? Conclusion: No effective representation.

The MMH Board and GMH Board decided to merge. In order to sell this idea to the Muenster voters the Gainesville Board conceded to Muenster that they would build the new county hospital to the west of Gainesville. The actual center of the population of the county is to the southeast of Gainesville. A lot of the county residents are not happy with this. Since the location is not in the legislation but only spelled out in the Non-binding Memorandum of Understanding between the two boards, they could change their mind and build southeast of Gainesville and I would not be surprised or blame them if they did because we are talking about a new county hospital here and it should be fair to all county residents. Conclusion: The new hospital may even be farther away from Muenster.

The enabling legislation also spelled out that "the district shall provide full-time health care services and facilities in the city of Muenster, including, at a minimum, physician offices and services, outpatient medical care, comprehensive laboratory services, and comprehensive radiology services, including ultrasound, mammography, and computerized tomography, at Muenster Memorial Hospital or its successor facility and nursing home care at St. Richard's Villa." Of course, this is not much help to Muenster residents after SPM or on weekends. What the legislation does not say is for how long this will be provided or what quality standard will be maintained. It is entirely possible that it could be so bad that no one would think of using it or even care if it was closed altogether. The GMH auditors estimated that the annual cost of providing this facility would be \$1 million. At their present tax rate we would only pay about \$240,000 in taxes. Since our district only has 8% of the county residents don't you think that the rest of the county will be pressuring the board to shut it down. There are obviously enough loopholes in the law to do it. Could you blame them? "The district may sell or otherwise dispose of any property, real or personal, or equipment of any nature on terms and conditions found by the board of directors to be in the best interest of the residents of the district."

Conclusion: When benefits are not fair to all there will be pressure to change. For example, we used to have an ambulance based here but it benefited too few for the cost to the county so it was taken away.

Even if we have to drop to a 24 hour a day, 7 day a week skilled nursing facility with a clinic we still have a lot more than the merger will give us and we still would have control of our assets and our future.

Sincerely, James Walterscheid, 2919 CR 302, Muenster, TX 76252 *Paid Letter to the Editor*

To The Editor

As most people are aware, there was a despicable incident concerning an election sign placed by the Muenster Hospital Support Group. At this time, no one knows who is responsible for the threats made or what their motives were. Suffice it to say, such behavior cannot be tolerated no matter what side of the issue the culprit is on.

It is our understanding that local authorities will have no choice but to handle this by filing a complaint to Federal authorities since this is a Federal violation. Differences of opinion in America are settled at the voting place, not by trying to intimidate someone. These kinds of actions must not occur and we condemn anyone of either persuasion who would commit such an act.

Sincerely, John Aytes Angelo Nasche James Walterscheid

Dear Mr. Editor:

Just what on earth are the pro-merger advocates thinking? Would any one of them give away their business, their home, their family farm, to some temporary elected officials, who promise everything, without permanent guarantee, to get what they have worked for and paid for most of their lives. We all know that answer, even they do.

There are two important stages to this merger proposition, one is to take away our District and Control forever, the second is to supply good medical services for people who live in our District. Many reasonable people know we

should keep our District, it belongs to us, we do not have to give it or trade it.

We have just recently been visited and told by a top Gainesville Hospital official that we are very welcome to use their facilities, they will work with our Doctors, and work with us any way they can, either way the Merger question goes. THEY WANT OUR BUSINESS. They say they understand us wanting to keep our District, they say our tax money is not as important as our business. So why give away our District, we can deal with Gainesville, we can deal with an ambulance, or any other Medical service if we choose. Fellow citizens, just what

will we do in later years if a different board decides to close us down in Muenster? Other area pressures could cause our closing. Let's Keep Our District, Vote No to Merge.

Rufus Henscheid
P.O. Box 456
Muenster, TX 76252
Paid Letter to the Editor

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fined. If the trash, litter or solid waste weighs more than 15 pounds or has a volume of more than 13 gallons, you may go to jail.

Cities may have ordinances against junk in order to protect its people and the community. In Muenster, Police officers, not just the specialized Environmental officers, are authorized to enforce the litter control ordinance. Individuals are subject to fines. Motorists (including uncovered trucks) transporting loose materials are required to secure or cover litter in the vehicles so that litter does not blow out. Construction sites should have commercial containers or other adequate means to place or control litter. To prohibit improperly handled residential waste, residents are informed that they are responsible for keeping their property free of litter and residential brush, limbs, discarded furniture, appliances, and other debris should be deposited on the curb for pick-up before 8:00 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. Businesses are required to keep dumpsters or waste containers that can handle the amount of trash they generate and to have it picked up frequently to ensure the containers aren't overflowing. Containers are to be covered or secured at all times. Businesses are required to keep their establishments free of litter, which includes parking lots and loading docks. The City first warns the owner, agent, occupant, or lessee that litter needs to be picked up. If the litter is not picked up, the City may serve written notice. After written notice of non-compliance, the City may do such work and charge the owner for the work performed. The City may then file such charges as a privileged lien against the property, until the amount is paid. City letters requiring property cleanup are sent out. Fines are imposed for non-compliance.

Submitted by MaryLee Alfred

Letter to the Editor:

Citizens For Better Healthcare condemns the recent incident in which a local citizen was threatened and a business vandalized over the placement of a political sign. The committee further calls for anyone with information about this despicable act to report that information to law enforcement authorities. The person(s) who committed this malicious transgression in our opinion did so on their own and outside the influence, knowledge or approval of either group.

Lastly, we will fight to protect the rights of all citizens to hold opinions, speak out and support whichever position they believe in.

Al Felderhoff
Jimmy Jack Biffle
303 N. Hickory
Muenster, TX 76252

Dear Editor,

The subject of potential conflict in leases at the Muenster Hospital and Saint Richard's Villa was brought to public attention in the "Muenster Enterprise" edition of July 6, 2001, in a letter to the editor a citizen wanted to get the facts about rumors. This citizen should be applauded for trying to get the facts on such a serious subject. This person was told by a hospital spokesperson that "MMH has nothing leased" from the company in question and St. Richard's has only one lease with them. This citizen was apparently not made aware that in the hospital records there have been seven leases in the last five years with family members of hospital officials.

Angelo Nasche
P.O. Box 427
Muenster, TX 76252
Paid Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

The recent incident of vandalism and telephone harassment against a law abiding and contributing citizen of this community is beyond deplorable and despicable. It is a violation of stringent voter laws and regulations and, more importantly, our call to Christian brotherhood. Even though my heart cries to oppose the hospital district merger, my mind demands that I support it. Now, both heart and mind demand that I urge every citizen of Muenster to assist in ferreting out the perpetrator of that violation of human rights and dignity to face the full extent of the law.

Juanita W. Bright
646 N. Weinzapfel
Muenster, TX 76252

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

If my memory serves me correctly, it was in 1970 that Aileen, Christy, and myself, accompanied by Tom and Phyllis Youngblood made a 17 day trip to Washington State.

We did a lot of sight seeing on our way - Capulin Mountain, Yellowstone Park, Fossil Museum, at Como Bluff, Wyoming, a building made of dinosaur bones. Then we took a look at Coeur-d Alene, Idaho, spent some time with the Lehnertz Bros in Spokane, Washington, and toured the Grand Coulee area, saw the Dry Falls. These Dry Falls, they tell us, were active during the time the Columbia was blocked by ice during the Ice-Age.

When we arrived at son Gary and his wife Mary's home near Seattle, we were pretty tired, and after getting settled for our visit with them, I tried to take a nap.

Well, I had good intentions but Gary's daddy-in-law had other ideas. "Come on" Bill said. "We're going salmon fishing on the coast."

Bill had his 26' boat hitched to his van and it was about midnight when we got to Westport, on the coast, the place where we would try our luck. We slept in the boat for several hours and at 7 a.m., when none of the others showed up, we went into the Pacific. You know, I hadn't even seen an ocean before, but about 7:45 we came to the place Bill

said we would catch a bunch. About 30 minutes later I thought I had a bite, and sure enough, after about 25 minutes, between Bill and myself, we landed a 36 lb. king salmon. The fish was 36" long.

Well it was fun, but I had never seen water as rough as this. I had to crawl across the deck on all fours. This one fish was all we caught that day, but I was the lucky one again the next day, catching a 15 lb. silver and that was it.

Later the first day, Bill and I cleaned the king, and as I was handing the fish from the dock to Bill on the boat it slipped out of my hands into about 20 feet of water. I don't mind saying I was a little sick and must have looked it too, when an old fellow who had watched the entire performance spoke up saying, "There's a man here can get your fish back for you!"

"For how much?" I asked. After a moment or two he said "Ten dollars." "Go get him!" I replied. In a short time a younger man in a wet suit appeared, jumped into the water, and in a few minutes that seemed like a lot longer, the fish lay on the dock at my feet showing no ill effects.

After putting the fish on ice, we called it a day, and the next day we added the silver salmon.

Folks, that was my total experience fishing for salmon, but I would like to try it again.

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July 7 was a proud day in Muenster. That was the day our Bettie M. Luke Library was dedicated.

Many hours of volunteer service and large contributions made the Bettie M. Luke Library possible. We should be very proud of it.

The same is true of our Muenster Museum. Countless hours of volunteer service and large contributions have made our museum something for which we can all be proud.

In 1964 Muenster area residents were just as proud on the day MMH was dedicated. Many of the same volunteers who have worked so hard to get the museum and library were also the ones that put in many hours of volunteer service to get our hospital completed.

What if in the future we would have an option to merge our library and museum with a bigger county library or a bigger county museum? Would that be good for Muenster? No. Neither will merging our hospital district into a bigger county district be good for Muenster.

Some of these leaders who have worked so hard for the hospital, the museum and the library are now working to merge our hospital and district with Gainesville. Many of us cannot understand how they can do this.
LET US KEEP OUR TREASURED HOSPITAL IN MUENSTER AND MAKE IT WORK.

The three new board members have plans that will help save our hospital and district and ultimately help Muenster.
GIVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY.

VOTE AGAINST THE DISSOLUTION OF THE DISTRICT

Paid for by Janie Weinzapfel, PO Box 201, Muenster, Texas 76252

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Send your contribution to address above, any amount is welcome. Thank you for your support!

MHS cheerleaders hold 19th annual Mini Camp

The Muenster High School Cheerleaders recently held their annual Cheerleading Mini-Camp for 107 girls in grades 1 through 8 at the Muenster City Park. Area Jr. High squads also attended from Era, Montague, Saint Jo, Sivelis Bend, and Muenster. Each day the young cheerleaders learned a cheer and two chants. They were also taught two dances, jumps and stunting, as well as many spirit chants.

On Thursday nominees were announced for the All-American Cheerleading Award. All-American nominees in grades 1 through 3 were Chelsey Caldwell, Rashae Dangelmayr, Shelby Dangelmayr, Erin Endres, Taylor Foster, Olivia Haverkamp, Lana Heers, Emily Hellman, Chloe Schneider, and Michelle Sicking. The nominees chosen in grades 4 through 6 were Kristina Cloud, Shaina Felderhoff, Lauren Haverkamp, Lia Heers, Laura Heers, Jordanne Hellman, Shelby Hess, Jackie Klement, Delana Sicking, Alison Teafatiller, Natalie Valliere, and Lindsey Watson.

Those chosen from the seventh and eighth grade division and Junior High squads were: from Era Jr. High - Holly Crenshaw, Abby Endres, and Margo Maldonado; from Muenster JH - Kelly Endres, Jenna Felderhoff, and Jessica Walterscheid; from Montague JH - Rachel Tipton and Jamie Waggoner; from Sivelis Bend - Bonnie Freeman and Kenzie Giles; and from Saint Jo JH - Amanda Barnett, Savannah Chadick, and Natalie McCrary.

On Friday the individual All-American nominees performed a cheer before judges representing three of the Junior High squads schools. The girls were judged on the entrance, motions, crowd involvement, spirit projection, voice, and jumps. The winners in the All-American category were: Grades 1-3, Emily Hellman; Grades 4-6, Alison Teafatiller; and Jr. High, Jessica Walterscheid.

Each Junior High squad performed a cheer in the Top Team competition and a chant in the champion chant competition. The Top Team Award ended in a tie with both Era and Muenster squads sharing the honor. The champion chant award, based on the squad's sharpness, placement of motions, timing, and facial expressions, went to Muenster Jr. High.

Many other awards were also presented at this year's camp. They included: the Spirit Award presented to Muenster Jr. High; Motion Awards went to Laura Heers and the squad from Saint Jo; Most Improved squad went to Sivelis Bend; Most Improved camper was Kristina Cloud; Most Spirited squad was Saint Jo; the Stunt Award went to the Junior High squad from Montague. Jump Awards were given to Rashae Dangelmayr and Jessica Walterscheid. The TEAM Award was presented to the squad from Saint Jo. Dance Award was presented to Natalie McCrary from Saint Jo.

On Friday, each girl was awarded a spirit stick for showing spirit and enthusiasm all week long.



Future cheerleaders filled the Muenster Park the other week attending the Muenster High School's mini-cheerleading camp. Above - First and second graders watch and learn the motions to a cheer. At Right, working on a thigh stand are, from left, Jennie Luke, Holly Rohmer, Lauren Haverkamp and Madchen Moseley. Below, the Saint Jo Junior High group practice a "cradle." Pictured are, from left - Amanda Barnett, Savannah Chadick and Natalie McCrary.

Photo by Janie Hartman



New Arrivals

Kaiser
Scott and Melanie Kaiser of Round Rock, Texas announce with pride and joy the birth of a daughter, Anna Michelle Kaiser born in Round Rock Medical Center on June 27, 2001 at 9:34 a.m. weighing 6 lb. 1 oz. and measuring 19 inches in length. Anna Michelle joins a sister Morgan Alexis age 6. Grandparents are Ken and Kathy Kaiser of Gainesville, Bob and Deborah Bixby of Gainesville, and Michael Orsburn of Denton. Great-grandparents are Marcella Hess of Lindsay and the late John Louis Hess, and Carol Williams of Denton. Great-great-grandparents are John J. Hess of Lindsay and the late Edna Hess.

Wofford
Jeremy and Christel Wofford of Nocona are parents of a son, Jeremy Lee Wofford II, born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on July 6, 2001 at 9:02 p.m., weighing 5 lb. 14 oz. He joins a sister Rose Wofford age 19 months.

Deaton
Christy Lynn Byrd and Steven Ray Deaton of Valley View are parents of a daughter, Susan Renee Deaton, born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on July 10, 2001 at 5:55 a.m. weighing 6 lb. 9 oz. and measuring 20 inches in length. She joins a brother, James Kyle Godwin, age 2. Grandparents are Diana and Andy Brock

Three-day reunion held for Fette descendants

by **Elfreda Fette**
More than 125 relatives attended the three day reunion in Muenster of the John and Annie Fette family, July 6, 7, and 8. They came from Arizona, California, Illinois, Utah, Washington, and Texas.

The daughters and sons of John and Annie Fette are Aggie Seyler, Marge Ratliff, Evelyn Meurer, Lillian Gallery, Dorothy Quinlan, Buddy (Edward) Fette, Steve Fette, Elmer Fette, and Herman (Pip) Fette.

Gathering on Friday, July 6, at 5:00 p.m., they were guests at a cookout, swim and visit at the home of Kay and Gordon Hickey on Moss Lake. Tim Fette was the chef and prepared all the food, which was provided by "Pip Fette's Kids." Mary Adams' family furnished all the beverages.

On Saturday, July 7 from 10:00 a.m. to noon, guests visited together at the Ben and Aggie (Fette) Seyler Museum. They were then guests for brunch hosted by Johann Seyler Bezner, Mary Seyler Adams, and Sister Mary John Seyler OSB, and catered elegantly

by Karen Cook of the Wooden Spoon of Lindsay, in the Muenster KC Hall. Charlie Wimmer assisted at the KC Hall.

From 1:00 p.m. until well into nighttime, they all gathered again at the Muenster Park Pavilion enjoying afternoon guests and friends, reminiscing, picture taking, swimming, renewing fond memories and relishing a delicious German menu cooked by Tim Fette. Tim's wife, Judy prepared all the desserts and pastries.

The eldest child in each family gave reminiscences. Anna Grace (Fette) Tilger remembered fondly visiting "The Ranch" north of town. Gail (Fette) Quinlan Vogel described the work ethic, determination and humor of her granddad and the gentleness of her grandmother. Robert Meurer described riding in a pickup with Grandpa and of lessons he taught.

Dan Ratliff recalled visiting Muenster often and remembered Grandpa John as the County Commissioner of Precinct 4.

Tim Fette recalled "Uncle Elmer" and Steve Fette's family related favorite stories. Gretchen Gallery paid tribute to her mother, who was endowed with the personalities and attitudes of both John and Annie, never worn down by circumstances, interested in new discoveries and inventions, and appreciation for beauty in life.

Kenny Fette, with his deep interest in genealogy, gave high points in family history, and told fond memories of his dad. All the grandchildren added memories of Grandpa and Grandma.

They recalled that John was a farmer and rancher and one of the first to raise registered Hereford cattle. He was elected Cooke County Commissioner of Precinct 4. He was interested in local and national politics - he was his own person and made his own decisions. Annie was a gentle, very wise, patient, pleasant person - an excellent homemaker and farmer's wife. She had a good taste in decorating, a

love for flowers which she cultivated ardently. Both John and Annie were talented, energetic citizens participating in the life of a new, growing Muenster.

Johann Bezner and Sister Mary John concluded by thanking all the relatives who gathered for the reunion.

Kay Hickey, a granddaughter and Paul Adams a great-grandson were co-chairmen for the arrangements and planning committee.

On Sunday morning the relationship attended the 10:30 a.m. Mass in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster, for prayers and thanksgivings.

Offertory gifts of bread and wine were presented at the altar by Tony and Thelma Trubenbach and Linda Fette Goodwin. Sister Mary John Seyler gave the Liturgical Readings from the Old and New Testaments. Father Timothy Cuny OSA read the Gospel and delivered the Homily. Music Ministers were all members of the mixed Sacred Heart Choral Group.

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John Bartush is Marguerite grad

Marquette University has announced that John D. Bartush of Muenster has graduated with a Bachelor of Science, Finance, Marketing, College of Business Administration. John is a 1997 graduate of Sacred Heart High School and the son of John and Lanie Bartush of Muenster. He is employed by Muenster State Bank.

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Couple exchange vows in McAllen June 30

The wedding of Vanessa Catherine de la Garza and Cory James Rosser Smith, both of Austin, was celebrated in Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel in McAllen, Texas on Saturday, June 30, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. Father Eugene Luke, O.S.B., great-uncle of the bride, of Subiaco, Arkansas officiated for the Nuptial Mass and double ring vows. Parents of the bride are Victor and Mary Nell de la Garza of McAllen. The bride is the great-granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Luke of Muenster and was named for her great-great-grandmother Mrs. Catherine Eichoff Herr. Her maternal grandparents were the late Charles H. and Dorothy Mae Luke Denny of San Antonio. The bride is a May 2001 graduate of The University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and is employed by Seton Anesthesia Care Unit.

The groom is the son of Patricia Ann Evins-Smith and Lonnie Smith of Mission, Texas and the late Ralph Dale Smith. He is a December 1999 graduate of Texas A&M University, College Station, and is employed as a mechanical engineer in the line-planning department at Samsung Semiconductor in Austin.

Presented at the altar by her father, she was wearing a candlelight silk organza gown designed by Marissa of New York. The strapless empire bodice was enhanced with beaded Alencon lace, as was the A-line skirt which fell into a chapel-length train. Her double-tiered elbow-length veil, fashioned from her mother's bridal veil, was held in place by a bandeau of traditional azahares or orange blossoms and seed pearls.

Her bridal bouquet was a nosegay of sunset-colored

roses in hues of burnt-orange, orange and peach. Entwined among the roses was the Eichoff cross which has been passed down from the bride's great-great-grandmother on her maternal side.

ATTENDANTS

Marsha Lynn Lastra of San Antonio was maid of honor and bridesmaids were Amber Laurel DeSutter of San Antonio, Rebecca Ann Kern of Columbia, South Carolina, Brooke Depralon Gordon of Austin, Sylvia Lizbeth Held of Austin, and Maria Gabriela Garcia of Houston.

They wore platinum chiffon A-line full-length gowns designed by Jim Hjelum and carried small nosegays of sunset-colored roses.

Best man was the groom's brother, Clegg Benjamin Brian Smith of Everett, Washington.

Groomsmen were Christopher Joseph Dale Smith, brother of the groom of Denton, Jesse Allen Evins, cousin of the groom of Canyon Lake, Texas, Xavier Omar Rodriguez of McAllen, John Samuel Held of Austin, and Aaron Charles de la Garza, brother of the bride of Houston.

Wedding music was presented by vocalists Sharon Denny Root, aunt of the bride of Pleasanton, Texas, and bridesmaid Maria Gabriela Garcia. Organist was Geoffrey Waite of San Antonio. Prelude selections included Gounod's "Entreat Me Not to Leave Thee," Franck's "Panis Angelicus," and a traditional Luke/Denny family song "Edelweiss" by Rodgers and Hammerstein. The professional included selections from Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons," Clarke's "Trumpet Voluntary" and "Bridal Chorus" from Wagner's "Lohengrin." The

Communion hymn "Here I Am, Lord" was sung by the congregation. Bach/Gounod's "Ave Maria" was sung by Maria Gabriela Garcia as the bridal couple presented white roses at the Blessed Virgin's altar. The recessional was Mendelssohn's "The Wedding March" followed by Widor's "Toccata" from Symphony No. 5.

Participating in the wedding liturgy were acolyte Alfredo Tomas Garcia, IV, of Austin, groomsman Xavier Omar Rodriguez who read from the Old and New Testaments, Karen and Ben Graf of Austin, who presented the Offertory gifts of bread and wine at the altar, and Eucharistic ministers Alma and Alfredo Tomas Garcia, III, of Houston, and Socorro G. Garza of La Joya, Texas, great-aunt of the bride.

Church decorations included altar arrangements of sunset-colored asters, Gerber daisies and gladioli.

RECEPTION

The reception followed at McAllen Country Club, hosted by the bride's parents for 250 guests. The bride's table in the foyer held the bride's book and an arrangement of sunset-colored mixed flowers with three large candles in sand colors nestled among coral stones and seashells.

Round tables were covered with floor-length white tablecloths and held centerpieces of sunset colored mixed flowers in silver vases with lighted tea candles arranged amidst coral stones and seashells.

Tiny swans held mint candies.

Music for dancing was provided by Valleywide Professional DJs; the bride and groom chose "At Last" by Etta James for their first dance. The three-tiered chocolate pecan buttercream wedding cake was iced in pale peach and decorated with sunset-colored flowers adorning each layer. The groom's cake was French vanilla iced in dark chocolate and centered with a miniature Texas A&M University football helmet.

The bride and groom departed as guests popped streamers from miniature champagne bottles to wish them farewell.

The rehearsal dinner was given by the groom's mother on Friday, June 29 at Casa del Taco in Mission, Texas. The bridesmaids' luncheon was hosted by Alma and Maria Gabriela Garcia on Saturday, June 30. Brunch for family and out-of-town guests was hosted by the bride's aunt, Lydia D. Pena, at the bride's parents' home in McAllen on Sunday morning. Out-of-town guests included Fr. Eugene Luke OSB of Subiaco, Arkansas, Harold and Pat Luke of Arlington, Tim Luke of Austin, Gene and Cathy Luke of Holbrook, Arizona, Pete and Donna Roman of Phoenix, and Al and Marianne Kuhn of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas. Also attending were Will and Julie Klement of Mission, Texas.

Following their honeymoon trip to Isla Mujeres, Quintana Roo, Mexico, the couple will reside in Austin, Texas.



Mrs. Cory Smith
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Grease opens July 20

On July 20, return to the days of bobby socks and leather jackets, as Butterfield Stage presents the rollicking rock and roll musical, *Grease*.

Grease is known as the 1950s musical as it follows Rydell High's spirited class of '59 with their gum-chewing, hot-rod loving boys and their wise-cracking, bobby sox and pedal pushers girls. While hip Danny Zuko and wholesome Sandy Dumbrowski resolve the problems of their mutual attraction, the gang sings its way through such nostalgic scenes as the pajama party, the prom, the burger palace, and the drive-in movie. Songs recall the Buddy Holly hiccupps, the Little Richard yodels, and the Elvis Presley wiggles that made the music of the 50s so memorable.

The musical cast includes a number of talented young area actors. Many have appeared in other Butterfield mainstage productions and programs, as well as received performance honors during their educational careers. Two of the performers, Lance Morse and Jessica Koessler, were named as recipients of the theatre's artistic scholarship.

Appearing as the young love interests, Danny Zuko and Sandy Dumbrowski, are Lance Morse and Elizabeth Fette. Ms. Fette returns to the State Theatre this summer having recently appeared as Adelaide in the Broadway fable, *Guys and Dolls*. Some of her other musical credits include her role as Kim MacAfee in *Bye, Bye Birdie* and her work with the musical ensemble, Angelic Acappella.

Other featured performers are Melissa Carpenter, Rachel Lively, Nikki Reed, Connie Richardson, Logan Brooks, Isaac Chase, Martin Richardson, Michael Haseloff, Kristin McDaniel, Joey Stephens, Scot Neu, Candy Stephens, Jessica Koessler, Shelli Brock, Susan Kyle, and Ken Roberts. Rounding out the cast are Windee Edwards, Carrie Ricketts, Chris Sanchez, Chelsea Womack, Andrea Bonin, Carrie Butts, Rachel Chase, Mary Eberhart, and Nikki Roberts.

Production dates for *Grease* are slated for July 20, 21, 26, 27, and 28 at 7:30 p.m. For more information or reservations, contact the theatre at 940-665-8152 or at bsp@nortextinfo.net.

RRCHS to hold annual swim party on July 20

The Red River Christian HomeSchoolers (RRCHS) will be holding its summer swim party on Friday, July 20, from 7-9 p.m. at the Muenster City Pool and Pavilion. Cost will be \$1.00 per person. This party is open to all area homeschoolers or potential homeschoolers. Please bring your swimsuits and towels, a pot luck dish, and enough drinks and eating utensils for your family. It will be a great time to find out what RRCHS has to offer, get help and advice from other homeschool parents, and make new friends.

Three years ago RRCHS had around 40 members, but reflecting the growth of the movement nationwide, the group has grown steadily and now serves approximately 110 families in Cooke and Grayson

Counties in Texas and in Thackerville and Marietta, Oklahoma. There are no membership requirements or fees.

In addition to moral support and the good feeling of knowing you're "not the only one," RRCHS offers a monthly newsletter, group and individual pictures, a Field Day, field trips, a discussion and support forum via email and a website (<http://redriverchrs.faithweb.com>). A new activity for RRCHS this year will be a Yearbook. The Yearbook staff of seven middle and high school age kids and two adult sponsors had their first meeting on July 5.

If you have any questions about the group or what it offers, call Rene' Rogers at 612-2406 or e-mail at rene4@att.net.



Imelda Rohmer and the Robert Sepanski family won the July yard-of-the-month award. They live at 220 N. Hickory Street. Imelda says it gives her joy to see her friends and neighbors improving their yards. Courtesy photo

KCs offer Swim Night to youth

The Muenster Knights of Columbus is having a FREE swim night on Friday, July 27 at the city park. Hot dogs will be served at 6:30 p.m. with swimming from 7-8:30 p.m.

The evening is to honor Sacred Heart Parish altar servers, but ALL YOUTH are welcome.

Correction!

Sacred Heart School has noted that Dana Miller was wrongly listed on the "B" honor roll. Dana made the Principal's honor roll the last six weeks of school.

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Sports

H & W goes 9-0 for the season

H&W Meat sponsored the undefeated champs for the Muenster Little League. Members of the H&W Baseball Team include: Brandon Bindel, Stephen Davis, Dylan Flusche, Matt Flusche, Micah Flusche, Nolan Hartman, Bill Haverkamp, Keith Hermes, Evan Koesler, Colby Richey, Michael Valliere, and Bret

Walterscheid. Coaches are Ben Bindel, Kenny Hartman, Michael Hermes, and Dave Flusche, Jr.

On July 2, H&W played in the All Star Game made up of all the other 12 year old boys. The members of the All Star Team were: Joshua Yosten, JD Clark, Chad Endres, Dustin Hesse.

Collin Walterscheid, Brad Endres, Mark Fleitman, Kevin McMahan, and Jon Cochran. H&W came away with a 19-12 victory against the All Stars.

The H&W baseball team was awarded a swim party and a meal on July 10 by H&W Kountry Korner.



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Game Warden Notes

Trailer Troubles

Two wardens assisted a novice boater. The boater was under the impression that boats are launched by unhooking the trailer from the vehicle while on the ramp. The wardens retrieved the boat with the trailer dangling below.

Co-ed slow pitch tourney is scheduled

There will be a co-ed slow pitch tournament at the Nocona softball field on Saturday, July 28. Tee-shirts will be given for first and second place winners. Entry fee is \$125.00 a team with a July 26 deadline.

Contact Doug Weaver at 940-825-6237 for more information.

That's Against the Law

A warden responded to a call about someone shooting road signs. He found a man with a handgun blasting away at a county road sign. The shooter was flabbergasted when the warden told him he was violating state law. He said no one in his concealed handgun class had informed him that this was illegal.

Second Time's the Charm

An individual approached a warden to ask about driving his all-terrain vehicle on the local wildlife management area and was advised that it was against the law. About two hours later, the warden observed the lights of what appeared to be an ATV on the WMA. When apprehended, the operator of the ATV said, "I thought you went home."

At Least He Had the Equipment

Two wardens arrested a boater for boating-while-intoxicated. When asked to show proof of water safety equipment, the subject literally crawled on his hands and knees trying to locate the equipment, eventually falling on the deck of the boat. The subject blew 0.13 percent on the blood alcohol content test. In Texas, the threshold for intoxication is 0.08 percent.

Event to support Saint Jo City Queen Saturday

A carport sale will be held this Saturday to help raise funds for Jessica Robin Tuggle for the trip to the Miss Junior America Pageant in Orange, California. Beside the garage sale, patrons can have their face painted, buy a treat at the bake sale or just relax and have a therapeutic massage. Soft drinks will also be for sale. The sale begins at 9 a.m. til 5 p.m. and will be held at 601 South Line in Saint Jo.

Fishing Tips

SOLUTIONS TO SHORT-STRIKERS

Missed strikes are usually a result of the wrong color, wrong size, or wrong speed. When I find myself missing strikes, my first adjustment is usually the speed of retrieve and believe it or not, usually I will go to a faster retrieve. If this doesn't seem to solve the problem, the next adjustment will be to down size the lure. Moving to a smaller lure will generally do the trick. But if this fails to solve the problem, then the next move is a color change.

I always prefer a little red on most of my lures. However, if the water is muddy or heavily stained, my suggestion is to try purple. You will be amazed at the results this will bring.

BASS LOVE BRUSH

One thing you can be sure of is, a bass loves brush.

Whether it's a tree top, stump, grass or whatever gathers beneath the surface, a bass will find it and call it home. As a fisherman, learn to find and identify as many brush piles and underwater structures as possible.

When fishing these brush piles, try a jig or any number of plastics, such as worms, lizards, crawfish or tubes. Most will produce when fished properly in the brush. One habit I've gotten into that works well is, less identifiable as a fake. The shade I prefer is based on one of the following: the primary forage, the tint of the water, and the color of the bottom. Only under low-light conditions will bright colors (Chartreuse, Orange, etc.) consistently produce in clear water.

USE A DIFFERENT APPROACH

As our waterways get more crowded and fishing pressure increases, we must

employ new or different tactics in order to be successful. Bass will become conditioned to seeing the same baits, fished with the same techniques day in and day out.

To overcome this, it is important to pay attention to what the other fishermen are doing, or not doing. This will allow you to employ methods the others are overlooking. This could apply to an area that gets less pressure, using techniques that others are not using. For instance, you might employ a new technique such as the "Drop Shot," fished vertically over fairly deep structure. Chances are, not too many local fishermen have sharpened their skills to this deadly tactic.

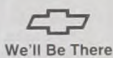
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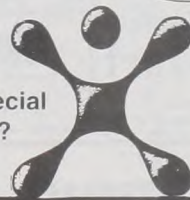
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Wheat harvest report

Wheat harvests across the state are nearing completion and reported yields are better than originally expected, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

"We have had a better harvest than we thought initially because of the dry conditions in the fall," said Dr. Travis Miller, Extension program leader for soil and crop sciences.

The majority of wheat in Texas is planted in September and October, but a lack of moisture last fall forced planting to be postponed until November and December, Miller said. He did not originally anticipate a successful wheat crop, but that has not been the case.

"I think we harvested around 90 million bushels of wheat," Miller said.

"We had 5.8 million acres planted and harvested around 55 to 60 percent of the crop, which is very common in our wheat harvest."

Miller said cattle prices and wheat prices determine how much wheat is actually harvested. Since cattle prices are strong at the moment and grain prices are low, less wheat has been harvested. "We use wheat as a forage crop as well as a grain crop," Miller said.

"When cattle prices are good, as they are now, and wheat prices aren't, such as they are now, often times we either hay or graze that wheat out and feed it to livestock."

Wheat not used as

forage is often used in food. The primary uses of wheat are flour, but multiple market classes of wheat can have different uses, Miller said.

"The East Texas crop is soft red winter wheat, which is primarily used for cakes, cookies and pastries," Miller said. "The preponderance of the crop is hard red winter wheat, which is primarily a bread wheat."

Food and forage are not the only uses of wheat. Miller said wheat is also used as a building material called strawboard, a substitute for Sheetrock. Other wheat straw is used for growing mushrooms.

"We have several interesting industries," Miller said. "For example, in Hillsboro, there's a plant where they harvest maybe 5,000 acres of wheat straw on which they grow mushrooms."

Wheat is grown in more than 200 of Texas' 254 counties. The first wheat harvest in Texas, and in the United States, occurs in the Southwest in late April or early May. Harvesting in Texas usually concludes in late June, Miller said.

While growing, wheat needs approximately 15 to 20 inches of moisture and plenty of sunshine. Wheat thrives under cool conditions, so cool winters and spring nights are also important. Areas of low humidity are preferred because the more humid areas tend to have more wheat diseases, Miller said.

Bacterial, viral and fungal diseases plague wheat. Of current importance in Texas is the detection of Karnal Bunt fungus in Archer, Young, Throckmorton and Baylor counties. The counties are currently under quarantine due to the fungus.

Karnal Bunt is caused by a smut fungus and develops during cool, rainy weather. It is spread by spores and through the movement of infected seed.

The fungus does not threaten human health, but it does jeopardize the marketability of wheat because flour made from heavily infected wheat has an unpleasant odor and taste. The disease also reduces crop yields.

Insect pests are another concern of wheat farmers. "There's a lot of pest problems in wheat," Miller said. "It's one of the big issues we deal with in wheat production."

Treatments for diseases and pests include planting resistant varieties of wheat, as well as aerial applications of insecticides and seed treatment insecticides. Miller said there are not many treatments for viral diseases, but controlling pests can help control the spread of these diseases.

"Some of the viruses are vectored by insects or mites," said Miller. "Control of volunteer planting date can reduce the number of aphids and mites, which reduce the viral infection."

Dr. Bob Robinson of Amarillo, district Extension director in the Panhandle, said the wheat harvest is about 90 percent complete, and yields in general have been above average.

Soybean and sunflower planting is about complete, and both crops are rated good. Sunflower moths are a problem on sunflowers blooming at this time, Robinson said.

Crop and weather report

Central Texas: soil moisture is short. Silage harvest is complete, yields 1-16 tons per acre. Corn has some problems with Mexican corn rootworm. Grasshoppers are increasing and causing feeding damage. Grasshopper damage severe in some areas.

Texas Farmers Union (TFU) President Wes Sims recently said Congress should not grant "Fast Track Authority," (renamed Trade Performance Authority by President Bush) to the President to negotiate the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas (FTAA). TFU is greatly concerned because the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is to be the model for FTAA and the Congress should not give up their constitutional

How to: contact ag committee members

House Committee Members, led by Larry Combest (R-TX), chairman and Charles Stenholm (D-TX), ranking member, can be reached at: 1301 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515. Phone: 202-225-2171; Fax: 202-225-0917 and E-mail: agriculture@mail.house.gov or www.agriculture.house.gov

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responsibilities to debate trade agreements.

"Because there is a serious crisis in rural Texas today, it is essential that a creative new approach to trade that targets a different model, is adopted for the FTAA. The FTAA model would do great harm to Texas agriculture producers," stated Sims. "For example Brazil and Argentina are major producers of cotton, wheat, beef, and soybeans and they have made it clear that their main interest in FTAA is so they will have access to the U.S. market for their commodities."

It is a fact that Texas producer's income has declined since the implementation of the new free trade agreements has occurred. Nor has an increase in volume created with "fence row to fence row" production under "Freedom to Farm" provided

a solution to the problem of low prices.

Texas Farmers Union will continue to oppose "Fast Track" and "FTAA" until corrections are made in the present free trade agreements that currently put our producers at a grave disadvantage. Dispute resolution for labor and environmental standards must be given parity with other commercial interests, such as intellectual property rights.

Some changes that must occur are equalizing currency values, also labor and environmental standards in the core text of trade agreements must be mandatory (not permissive) items in any negotiating objectives relative to any trade negotiating authority ceded to the President.

"TFU looks forward to working with Congress and the President to bring about fairness in these important efforts," concluded Sims.



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<p>COLGATE ASSORTED</p> <p>Total Toothpaste 6 OZ.</p> <p>2\$5 for</p>	<p>REG. OR WITH ONION</p> <p>AUSTEX 10 OZ.</p> <p>Hot Dog Chili Sauce 2 FOR \$1.00</p>	<p>REG. OR WITH ONION</p> <p>AUSTEX 10 OZ.</p> <p>Hot Dog Chili Sauce 2 FOR \$1.00</p>
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Garden Fresh Produce

<p>SWEET YELLOW</p> <p>Corn</p> <p>8\$1 for</p>	<p>5 LB. GRAPEFRUIT, 4 LB. VALENCIA ORANGES OR 3 LB. RED APPLES</p> <p>Bagged Fruit \$1.99 EA.</p>
<p>FRESH</p> <p>Asparagus 1 LB. \$2.49</p> <p>ROMA</p> <p>Tomatoes 8 FOR \$1.00</p> <p>BAKING</p> <p>Potatoes 2 LBS. \$1.00</p> <p>FRESH MED. / LARGE</p> <p>Yellow Onions 4 LBS. \$1.00</p> <p>SPICY</p> <p>Jalapeno Peppers LB. 79¢</p>	<p>PECOS</p> <p>Cantaloupes 2 FOR \$3.00</p> <p>JEWEL GREEN</p> <p>Limes 10 FOR \$1.00</p> <p>RED, BLACK, GREEN OR PURPLE</p> <p>Plums LB. 99¢</p> <p>LARGE GREEN OR RED</p> <p>Bell Peppers 2 FOR \$1.00</p> <p>ITALIAN JUMBO SWEET</p> <p>Red Onions LB. 79¢</p>

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<p>ASST. BLUE BUNNY</p> <p>Ice Cream or Frozen Yogurt 1/2 GALLON ROUND</p> <p>\$3.99</p>	<p>ASST. KRAFT</p> <p>Chunk Cheese 8 OZ.</p> <p>2\$4 for</p>
<p>BLUE BUNNY</p> <p>Slush Pops 24 PACK \$2.99</p> <p>ORANGE/ GRAPE/ CHERRY OR SCRIBBLERS</p> <p>Popsicles 24 PK. \$5.00</p> <p>MARIE CALLENDER'S ASSORTED</p> <p>Cobblers 2, 17 OZ. \$5.00</p> <p>FLORIDA'S NATURAL RUBY RED</p> <p>Grapefruit Juice 2, 64 OZ. \$5.00</p> <p>MARIE CALLENDER'S ASSORTED</p> <p>Pot Pies 2, 14-21 OZ. \$5.00</p>	<p>KRAFT MILD CHEDDAR OR COLBY LONGHORN</p> <p>Halfmoon Cheese 14 OZ. \$2.99</p> <p>KRAFT MILD CHEDDAR OR MOZZARELLA</p> <p>Shredded Cheese 12 OZ. \$2.99</p> <p>REG. QUARTERS, REG. OR LIGHT SPREAD</p> <p>Blue Bonnet Tub 16 OZ. 59¢</p>

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