

Muenster ISD is top in the state

Once again, MISD has chosen to ignore academic "acceptable" and "average" statistics throughout the state. The term "recognized" holds little meaning for its teachers as well. For the eighth year in a row the Muenster Independent School District has received an Exemplary Rating from the Texas Education Agency (TEA). While Exemplary ratings have been typical for

MISD since the current rating system has been in place, the district unexpectedly received additional recognition. The most tremendous news was the announcement that MISD was the only school district in the state out of over 1,300 public schools in Texas to receive additional academic acknowledgment in six supplementary areas. On Monday afternoon staff members received the

announcement at a reception held in their honor in the Junior High Auditorium.

Dr. Jim Nelson, Commissioner of Education, offered his congratulations to the school district by phone on Monday and said an official letter from his office was forthcoming. Besides the Exemplary Rating, the district received additional acknowledgment,

which refers to the school district's performance on additional indicators in the accountability system. The additional indicators include attendance rate, participation and performance on college admission tests; percent meeting the TAAS/TASP equivalency; percent meeting graduation requirements of the Recommended High School Program; and Comparable Improvement on TAAS reading and mathematics. An Exemplary rating and Acknowledgment

Recognition is not just a goal. It is mainly a result of students, parents, and teachers all striving to prepare students for the increasingly rigorous nature of education. TAAS and the rating system are one means of measuring a district, and MISD has proven that high standards and expectations serve well to ensure that students are well prepared to open doors to success. The numbers speak for themselves, but these ratings do not happen by accident and much credit is due to the students,

teachers, parents, administrators, and school board for their dedication to the success of MISD. Plans are being made to celebrate the district's achievements. More information will follow in upcoming news releases. For a complete list of other schools or additional information please go to the Texas Education web page at www.tea.state.tx.us, go to School Data and 2001 Ratings or contact the superintendent at 759-2281. Submitted by Clyde Steelman, Superintendent



At right, Muenster ISD teachers, including (from left) Rosemary Dankesreiter, Carol Ann Hess, Lisa Hettler and Leigh Hale, applaud when Superintendent Clyde Steelman announced that the district not only earned the exemplary rating again, but also received additional recognition. Above, Mary Dangelmayr, Martha Koesler and Joann Pagel check the state report on Muenster. See related chart on page 6. Janie Hartman Photo



Accountability ratings listed for area schools

by Janet Felderhoff
Cooke County has several school campuses that have earned an Exemplary rating from the State. There are four possible ratings with Exemplary being the best. The other three are Recognized, Academically Acceptable/Acceptable and Academically Unacceptable/Low-Performing. Muenster ISD and Lindsay ISD received Exemplary ratings for both their elementary and high school campuses to be rated

Exemplary Districts. Other school campuses to earn the Exemplary rating in the county were Valley View Elementary and Callisburg High School.

"I am very, very pleased that we continued our record of an Exemplary School District," remarked Lindsay ISD Superintendent Travis Winn. "It's getting more difficult all the time to maintain that status. I have to give a lot of credit to

my teaching staff for doing the things needed that are needed in order to meet that Exemplary Rating.

"Only Muenster and Lindsay now are totally Exemplary in the county and I feel like that's still quite an accomplishment and speaks well for our parents, too, as well as our teachers. They reinforce that, too. We couldn't do it without the parents."

When the rating system first began in 1994, Lindsay received a Recognized Rating. It remained so until 1997 when it earned the Exemplary Rating, which it still maintains. This year Lindsay received additional acknowledgement in TAAS for the High School campus

and Attendance for both campuses.

Valley View High School/Middle School was rated Recognized. Other county campuses rated Recognized were Callisburg ISD's campuses of Middle School, Rad Ware Elementary, and Woodbine Intermediate. Era ISD also was rated as Recognized.

Gainesville ISD's campuses, High School, Alternative Education, Junior High, Edison Elementary, Robert E. Lee Intermediate, and W. E. Chalmers Elementary, all received the rating of Academically Acceptable. Walnut Bend Elementary and Sivells Bend Elementary also received this rating.

Muenster ISD Board debates proposed budget

by Janie Hartman
The August monthly meeting of the Muenster ISD Board of Trustees got lengthy last Wednesday night, as the Board discussed the proposed budget for the upcoming year. Though the budget is not complete, the group did approve a budget for the \$200,000 maintenance tax note. Based on the results of the community needs committees, the funds were divided as follows: \$20,000 to science lab; \$50,000 to technology; \$15,000 industrial; \$8,000 vocational ag; \$30,000 for bus payment; \$25,000 to the band; \$45,000 to air condition the gym; and the remaining \$7,000 toward Elementary and maintenance supplies.

Also discussed was the proposed tax rate for 2002. Wednesday, Aug. 29 at 7 p.m. is the time set for the public hearing and adoption of the budget and tax rates.

Clyde Steelman had several issues in his Superintendent's report, including liability insurance, school policy online, and noting the numbers that took to the practice field are plenty for 7th, 8th, junior varsity, and varsity football teams. There will also be 7th, 8th, freshmen, junior varsity, and varsity teams in basketball this year.

Numbers of students registered at school on the 3rd day were 257 in Kindergarten through 6th grade, 30 in Pre-K, and 227

in grades 7-12 for a 514 total. In high school there are 48 freshmen, 30 sophomores, 29 juniors, and 32 seniors.

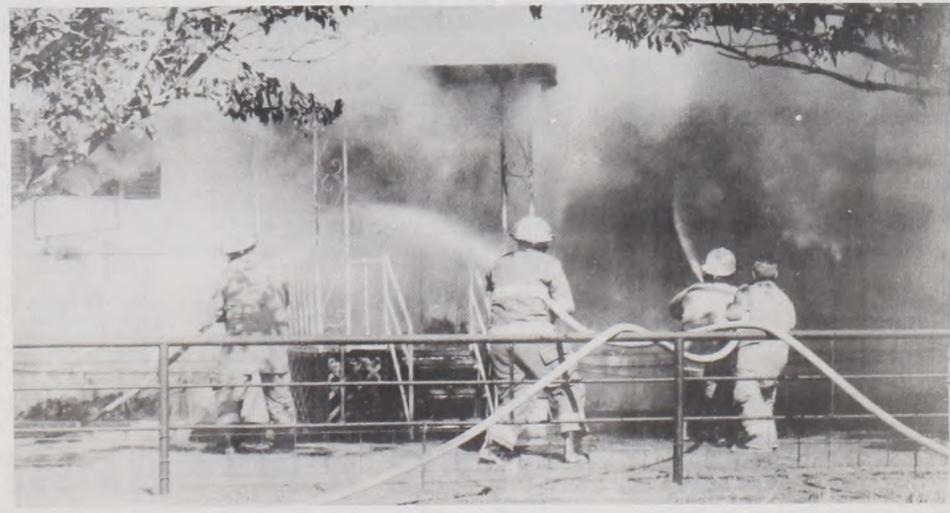
The financial update included the delinquent tax report, showing that on the first of July, 3500 delinquent tax notices were sent out and a total of \$105,459.00 were not paid, including \$54,645 due for 2001.

Gwen Trubenbach reported to the Board an updated crisis management plan. "It's everything you can think of that could happen, but you hope never will," Trubenbach stated. "We need to know what to do and where to go if something does happen."

Other business included:

- Acceptance of three more transfer students, for a total of 94.
- The approval of exemplary stipends for staff members, a cost of \$2200 last year.
- Discussed what action to take to control termites discovered in the high school building. A bid was submitted, but discussion tabled to next meeting.
- Three options of insurance were presented to the district. Steelman polled the employees, who favored Aetna. The Board approved submitting an application to Aetna as district health insurance carrier.
- Approval of the elementary being a campus-wide Title One program, not just targeted assisted.

WHERE THERE'S SMOKE, THERE ARE FIREMEN. A mobile home on County Road 341 southwest of Muenster was declared a total loss after a fire about 10 AM Wednesday, Aug. 22. Resident Jason Frost was injured and brought to Muenster Memorial Hospital by private car. According to Muenster Fire Chief Herbie Knabe, CareFlite took Frost to Parkland Hospital. By the time the fire department arrived, flames were coming out of windows of a middle room. There was difficulty fighting the fire because of extremely smoky conditions and floors that were collapsing, Knabe said. Two volunteer firemen were treated on the scene by Cooke County EMS for heat exhaustion. Knabe said Frost reported that he was using a deep fryer, went outside and forgot about it. When he went back in, it was on fire. He tried to empty it into the sink when it flared up. The Myra Volunteer Fire Department assisted Muenster VFD. They were at the scene until noon. At right, firefighters hesitate entering the building when noting the condition of the floor. Janie Hartman Photo



Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Each week I eagerly await the arrival of *The Muenster Enterprise*. One of my favorite articles is "My Side of the Fence." Also, I truly enjoyed the article by Wayne Klement about the Old Rugged Cross, and the one in this week's paper by Brother Mosier. Maybe you could have something called "Memories of Yesteryear," and let people contribute their special memories. I find happy human-interest stories to be both entertaining and interesting! Maybe I could be the first to write one of these articles:

Memories of Yesteryear
 "Going to Mass with a Saint"
 After becoming a Catholic at the age of seven, I was enthralled with stories about saints. St. Theresa, the Little Flower, was my favorite. As I read everything I could about the saints, I often wondered what it would have been like to have known one. Well, I got that wish. In high school, Theresa Fisher and I were very close friends, and I spent a lot of time at her house. If the sky were paper and the ocean were ink, I couldn't write enough words to tell you how much I loved, admired and respected her mother, Mrs. Joe Fisher. I wish the day would come when I could buy Mrs. Fisher's house, across the street from church, so I could walk in her footsteps. Not that I could every fill her shoes, but just following the same path that she took to church every morning would be awesome to me! She started each day by going to the six o'clock Mass. What a wonderful way to start your day! Many times I would smell the alluring aroma of

the sausage she was cooking seeping into the room Theresa and I were sleeping in upstairs. Sometimes she would wake us up to go to Mass with her, and we would just get up, wash our faces, roll up our flannel pajama legs, put on a long coat, and we'd trek across the street to church. Mrs. Fisher would get so tickled at us, and warned us that the time would come when we would kneel down at the Communion rail, and our pajamas would be showing. Well, if it ever happened no one said anything! It was worth the chance we took just to share those special moments and the blessings we received with an earthly saint! After Mass, Mrs. Fisher would fry eggs and make toast to go along with the sausage that had enticed two sleepyheads to get up in the first place!

She was such a remarkable woman, and Theresa and I loved to tease her about covering up her couch and chair in the living room with a blanket to keep them from getting dirty. We would raise the corner of the cover and exclaim: "Wow, the couch is blue!" Of course, Papa Fisher joined in with us because he would have bought her all the couches she wanted, and she would not have had to have been so frugal, but that's just how she was. I hope that as she looks down on us from her Heavenly home, she knows that she was my hero! She was all I every wish I could be. Thanks, Saint Mother of Theresa, for being such a positive influence, and such a special part of my life!

Sincerely,
 Judy Cain Hartman
 Denton, TX 76201

We hear many stories for and against the second amendment which states plainly that - "the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." No fancy words, but plain English. It's part of our Constitution.

There are those who tell gun owners to keep firearms locked up so children can't get to them. Lock guns in one room, ammo in another, and guns to have a trigger lock requiring a key.

If these naive people owned a gun and kept it

under lock and key as they propose, they would find that by the time they got their weapon ready for use, any need for it would have passed.

I am certainly for treating any gun with all due respect. All of our kids, and also nieces and nephews were taught that guns are **not toys** and could be very dangerous if misused. They were shown that even a small bore gun, a 22 caliber, were shown that even a small bore gun, a 22 caliber, could drive a lead slug

through a 1 1/2" thick piece of wood - think what it would do to flesh and bone.

They got the point, and at 14 years each of the boys owned a gun and knew how to use it. They understood the rule - "Never point a gun at anything you don't wish to kill."

Then there are those who claim that guns should only be in hands of a militia, but some 15 years after V.J. day, after some of the Japanese and Americans who had fought each other were now comrades,

someone asked a Japanese Admiral, why, after they had devastated the American Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor, and knowing the U.S. forces on the mainland, our west coast, was in a pathetic state of unreadiness, did they not invade our country then.

"You are right," he answered, "but we also knew that most Americans own and keep firearms, and many are expert marksmen. We were not fools to set foot in such quicksand!"

The Muenster Water District will hold a meeting at 8:00 A. M. on September 4, 2001 at Muenster City Council Meeting Room to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2001. The proposed tax rate is .37431 per \$100 of value.

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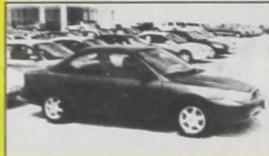
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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, August 26, 2001 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, August 27, 2001 Ladies VFW Auxiliary #6205 Meeting, 8 PM Stocker Calf Workshop, Farm Bureau Building SH Teacher/Parent Meeting, 8:00 PM, SH Comm. Ctr. Muenster Booster Club, 7:00 PM, gym	Tuesday, August 28, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Wednesday, August 29, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Library open 2:30 - 5:30 PM Religious Ed. Opening Mass (9th grade), 6:30 PM, followed by class until 8:00 PM MISD Budget Workshop, 7 PM	Thursday, August 30, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Library open 10 AM - 6:30 PM Muenster 7th @ Era, scrimmage SHU/JV vs. Era, T, 5:00/6:30 Hornet Band Booster Meeting, 7 PM, Band Hall	Friday, August 31, 2001 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM MHS vs. State School Scrimmage, Hot Dog Supper at Stadium SH vs. Era, H, 7:30 PM	Saturday, September 1, 2001
Sunday, September 2, 2001 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, September 3, 2001 LABOR DAY	Tuesday, September 4, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Library open 10 AM - 6:30 PM	Wednesday, September 5, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Library open 2:30 - 5:30 PM Immunization Clinic, 9-11 AM, Cooke Co. Elec. Co-op Religious Ed. 7:00 PM	Thursday, September 6, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Library open 10 AM - 6:30 PM Blood Drive, 12-8 PM, KC Hall MJH/JV @ Nocona SHU/JV vs. St. Mary's, H, 5:00 SHJ vs. Pottsboro, H, 6:30	Friday, September 7, 2001 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Cooke Co. A&M Club Luncheon, noon, Neu Ranch House, Gainesville MHS vs. Nocona, H, 7:30 PM SH vs. Calvary, T, 7:30 PM	Saturday, September 8, 2001 Muenster C of C Community-wide Garage Sale Myra VFD Barbecue

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Obituaries

Mary Schilling 1914 - 2001

by Elfreda Fette

Mary Kay (Fuhrmann) Walterscheid Schilling died in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Aug. 16, 2001 at 12:40 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, Aug. 18 in Sacred Heart Church at 10:00 a.m. officiated by Father John Ohner OSA pastor.

Mary Schilling was born Dec. 11, 1914 to Tony and Lucy (Johnson) Fuhrmann in Lone Grove, Oklahoma. The family moved to Lindsay for a time and then to Muenster when she was a child.

In 1935 she married T. (Theodore) Walterscheid. They lived on a farm south of Muenster. They became parents of three children, Oletha, Norma Jean, and Sonny. Tragedy struck for the first time when their oldest child Oletha died at age 2. A few short months later, in 1939, Mary's beloved husband T. died, leaving her with their 8 1/2 month old daughter, Norma Jean, and expecting their third child, Sonny. Mary continued to live on and work the farm land with the help of her brother Willie Fuhrmann and other family members. In 1996, tragedy struck again when her youngest child, Sonny died after a long battle with cancer.

On Aug. 3, 1944, Mary married Mike Schilling in Sacred Heart Church. They continued on the farm for several years. During this time she worked in Gainesville; was employed at Jerrell Dress Factory for 15 years and as a nurse aide at Saint Richard's Villa; she particularly delighted in her grandchildren. She was a tender loving wife, beloved grandmother, and great-grandmother, sister, aunt, gentle friend, and loyal neighbor. Mary was blessed with good health most of her 86 years, until being diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease - all the while maintaining her remarkable sense of humor and a great love of life.

She was a master musician, playing accordion, guitar, mandolin, piano, and organ. A member of Sacred Heart Parish, she belonged to Saint Anne's Society, and the Muenster Hospital Auxiliary.

Survivors are her daughter and son-in-law Norma Jean and Sam Clifton of Muenster; her daughter-in-law Annette Walterscheid of Muenster; seven grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; one sister Lucy Hess of Muenster; one brother Marcus Fuhrmann of Lindsay.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her first husband, T. Walterscheid; her second husband, Mike Schilling, who died May 30, 1988; a daughter, Oletha Walterscheid; son, Sonny Walterscheid; sister, Hilda Flusche; and brother, Willie Fuhrmann.

Funeral services included Rosary in McCoy Chapel on Friday at 4 p.m. and Vigil at 7 p.m., when a niece, Jo Ann Berend paid a special tribute to her Aunt Mary...and fondest treasures: "Presenting her rosary is a great-granddaughter, Sydnee Hoedebeck, which represents her Faith and Belief in Jesus Christ.... Carrying in a bag of chocolates, her favorite candy, is grandson, Clay Knabe.... David Walterscheid, a great-grandson carries in one of her favorite quilts, representing her love for quilting. She made sure each child, grandchild and great-grandchild received a beautiful remembrance of her quilting talent.... Mary's very special button accordion is carried in by great-granddaughter, Andi Wisdom, with reminiscences of the great family get-togethers at her home or at the lake, watching and listening as she played, tapping her foot to the music and singing with Norma Jean and Sonny, at family barbecues every Sunday."

On Saturday morning, Mass of Farewell and Christian Burial was offered in Sacred Heart Church by



Mary Schilling

Father John Ohner, OSA at 10:00 a.m. Altar servers were Chris Hoedebeck, David Walterscheid, and Andi Wisdom.

In the special funeral liturgy, Readings from the Old and New Testaments respectively were given by Jennifer Hoedebeck and Jessica Knabe. Prayers of the Faithful and Offertory Petitions were read by Jessica Knabe. Offertory Gifts of bread and wine were presented at the altar by Sydnee Hoedebeck, Austin Springer, and Kyle Knabe.

Eucharistic Ministers were Carla Truenebach, Ethel Bayer, Regina Pels, and Annette Anderle.

The homily was delivered by Father John Ohner OSA, pastor.

Sacred music presented by Christy Hesse and Ruth Felderhoff included "Amazing Grace" at the entrance; "Be With Me, Lord" for the Psalm; "Ave Maria" at Offertory and Incensing; "How Great Thou Art" at Communion; and "Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory Of The Lord" for the Recessional.

Meditation and Remarks of Remembrance were given by a niece Carol (Mrs. Ted) Henscheid recalling that Mary was the second of five children born to Tony and Lucy Johnson Fuhrmann who were Hilda Flusche, Lucy Hess, Willie Fuhrmann and Marcus Fuhrmann. Now only Lucy and Marcus survive her. Also surviving are the daughter and son-in-law, Norma Jean and Sam Clifton; the daughter-in-law Annette Walterscheid; seven grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

In her Remarks of Remembrance, the speaker noted how "tragedy struck Mary several times, in the death of a two year old child, the death of her first husband, T., the death of her son, Sonny Walterscheid in 1996 after his long battle with cancer... and the death of her second husband, Mike on May 30, 1988.... Some of the family's fondest memories include barbecues and music and family gatherings at the lake every Sunday when Mary demonstrated one of her greatest pleasures, playing her accordion.... Grandchildren delighted in seeing her come - they called her 'Mami' (they called Mike 'Papi'). Visits usually meant treats brought along for everyone.... Mary was blessed with good health, a great sense of humor, and love of life.... she left all of us thankful for her time with us.... We know we will meet again!"

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were Mike Hofbauer, T.J. Walterscheid, Gregg Knabe, Rocky Wisdom, John Hofbauer, and Joe Hoedebeck. Honorary pallbearers were Sheneta Knabe, Shellie Hoedebeck,

Gina Wisdom, Johnna Dowd, and Lydia Springer.

Among out-of-town relatives and friends attending the funeral were: Mrs. LeRoy Berend of Friona; Mrs. LeRoy Hess of Southlake; Terry and Sharon Hess and Eric, Tara, Hunter, and Hanna of Southlake; Arnold and JoAnn Flusche of Idalou, Texas.

Rocky and Gina Marie Wisdom and Andi and Mard; Jake and Dorothy Wisdom; Mrs. Ray Hatfield; Ronnie and Pollye Moore and Chase and Chance all of Crowell.

Mike and Marsha Hofbauer and Jon, Jake, Carlee Elizabeth, and Jared; Johnna Jean Dowd and Heath Johnson; Keith and Donna Hess; John and Judy Dowd; John and Carolyn Gaston; Jonna Spruille and Sheri Reeves, all of Saint Jo.

Drew and Lydia Springer and Austin, Grant, and Katherine of Dallas; Kenny Fuhrmann of Dallas; Paul and Evelyn Evans of Sanger; Barbara Hacker of Valley View.

Marcus and Cathy Fuhrmann; Tim and Eunice Wimmer; Tom and Pam Hoerber and Kristan and Katie, Amy and Josh; Mary Stofels; Raymond and Evelyn Fuhrmann; Alois and Marge Fuhrmann; Imogene Fuhrmann; Gus and Armella Lutkenhaus; Billy and Marcella Zimmerer; and Walter and Kathleen Lutkenhaus, all of Lindsay.

Brent Price; R.J. Fuhrmann; Harold and LaVern Nortman; Erwin and Clara Fuhrmann; Leo and Rosina Felderhoff; Charles and Mary New; and LeRoy and Doris Sandmann all of Gainesville.

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July permits to drill ...

The Commission issued a total of 1,086 original drilling permits in July 2001 compared to 997 in July 2000. Total drilling permits for 2001 year to date is 7,995, up from 6,622 recorded during the same period in 2000. The July total included 824 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 46 to re-enter existing well bores, and 198 for re-completions. Permits issued in July included 278 oil, 305 gas, 467 oil and gas, 14 injection, and 4 other permits.

Government regulations - the parent trap

by Bill Hammond

In its attempt to extend fairness to the less fortunate, convenience for the disabled and safety for those who can't follow instructions, the federal government continues to parent the people of this country with excessive, costly regulations to the tune of \$18.7 billion. Their reason - because its good for you.

From low-flow toilet legislation designed to conserve water to ordinances for businesses to install a bicycle racks that no one uses, government seems to relish the practice of imposing the ridiculous and costly. Is all of this in the name of balance, equity and conservation or just more unnecessary parenting?

Congress often gives great leeway to federal entities to make rules that are binding on the companies that fall within their jurisdiction. This chaotic approach allows government agencies, comprised of faceless and unaccountable bureaucrats, to impose strict regulations that do little but take money out of our paychecks.

Congress, a great source of leaks, went into the plumbing business by requiring that toilets installed after 1994 to function with much less water (1.6 gallons). The bad news is that it now takes two or three flushes and more water to get the job done.

Clinton loved the toilet mandates so much, he extended regulations to cover washing machines as a part of his midnight regulation madness. The 37,504-word regulation set "standards" on the amount of electricity and water that can be used by home washing machines - standards that only front-loading washing machines meet. This mandate will go into effect in the near future unless President Bush rescinds it. Conservatively, a front-load washer can cost \$200 to double the amount of a top loading washer. It is also estimated that you would have to do eight loads of laundry a week to realize any savings in electricity and water.

Closer to home, and not to be outdone by the feds, Austin's city government mandates that businesses erect bicycle racks to the tune of 500 plus dollars each. The monument to cyclists built at TABCC's offices only serves as an occasional bookshelf as we pack our cars to go home.

If the implementation of regulations doesn't break you, the enforcement of regulations could. By conservative estimates, it takes over 100 days of the average American's salary to pay for the cost of government.

Individually, these examples don't seem so drastically costly, but consider this: the federal government alone has 134,723 pages of regulations, which takes over 130,000 employees to implement and enforce.

Is this really necessary? Ronald Reagan didn't think so when he established the Grace Commission in 1981 to come up with cost-cutting ideas for government. Because of his efforts the number of regulations actually reduced drastically. But, by the time Carter left office, he added an additional 20,000 pages to the books paid for by you and me.

Excessive regulations will stunt the growth of this country if not stopped. But past experience has taught us that government, just like the five year-old who's hand gets caught in the cookie jar, can't help itself. It's time for the taxpayers to take over the parenting.

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VFW and Ladies Auxiliary prepare feast for firemen

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States promotes patriotism, conducts creative youth programs, raises funds for cancer research, volunteers in local rest home, and serves the community in many other ways. Aug. 9, the VFW and Auxiliary prepared ribs, sausage, baked beans, onions, pickles, and chips for the firemen after their meeting for 20 volunteer firemen.

President Frances Bayer presided at the regular meeting Aug. 20 in the Post Home. Hilda Sicking was patriotic instructor pro tem. Chaplain Ethel Hesse assisted by Conductress Linda Knabe led opening prayer and pledge to the flag.

Ida Bindel, secretary, read roll call and minutes of

the previous meeting. Lucille Hesse gave the treasurer's report. Ethel Hesse, rehab chairman, gave her report. Members help with Bingo at St. Richard's Villa, contributed to the State President's Special Project, Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Ethel Bayer and Frances Bayer attended the District I meeting in Bonham. They also toured the new VA nursing home.

It was reported that the Buddy Poppy Texas wreath entered in competition, had 200 Buddy Poppies, Texas Bluebonnets, white small flowers and Blue Stars, but didn't win.

Armella Cler served lunch to eight members. Lucille Hesse won the door prize. The next meeting will be held Sept. 17.



When the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M University at College Station marched in Final Review in May 2001, a member of that group was a grandson of Eddie and Maryanne Fleitman of Muenster, Joshua D. Isenhour. Shown in this photo are three Lampasas County men, classmates at Lampasas High School in 1998, part of the group that made its first public appearance in their senior boots. In the Corps of Cadets Company D1, A&M Class of 2002 are, from left, Martin J. Hoover, at center Joshua D. Isenhour, son of Lenora and Gene Isenhour of Copperas Cove, Texas and grandson of Eddie and Maryanne, and Will E. Daniels. Photo courtesy Lampasas Dispatch and Gene Isenhour

Destination Dignity Month celebrated

Governor Rick Perry 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.

The seventh annual Destination Dignity Celebration will be held

Thursday, September 13, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the Sherman VFW, at the corner of Frisco Road and Baker Street. The celebration will feature food, door prizes, and a dance with Lonnie Basinger providing music. The celebration is sponsored by area businesses and conducted by volunteer groups. All persons with mental disabilities are invited to attend. For more information, contact Paula Cawthon, Community Relations Director, at 903-786-4804.

NOTICE!

The Bereaved Parent/Grandparent Support Group will meet on Monday, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. at Home Hospice in Gainesville. For more information call 665-9891.

Corps of Cadets: duty, honor, sacrifice for 125 years

In 1876, students newly arriving at the land-grant State Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas paid \$128.50 in tuition and fees, lived rent-free on campus, and were personally interviewed and assigned classes by the University president.

In the 125 years since, Texas A&M University has changed dramatically, and yet its Corps of Cadets, one of the oldest surviving collegiate military programs in the nation, still

personifies the Aggie spirit and adds to the university's rich heritage.

Now, to coincide with the Corps's 125th anniversary, Texas A&M University Press has published *Keepers of the Spirit: The Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M University, 1876-2001* by John A. Adams, Jr., Class of '73 and a former member of the Corps. Here, Adams draws on hundreds of documents, archive materials, and photographs to chronicle the history of the Corps from its founding to its entry into the twenty-first century.

In the twentieth century the Corps gained national recognition as its graduates performed courageously in World Wars I and II, Korea, and Vietnam. And since 1876, the Corps has produced more than 43,000 commissioned officers, many of whom gave their lives in battle, making the Corps a true example of the Southern military tradition of duty, honor, and sacrifice.

Keepers of the Spirit is available at stores or direct from Texas A&M University Press (800-826-8911 M-F 8-5 CT; secure online ordering at www.tamu.edu/upress).

St. Anne's Society invites new members

St. Anne's Society of Sacred Heart is looking for new members! Every other month, St. Anne's Society meets at the Sacred Heart SNAP room for a short business meeting and prayers. Prayers are offered for children, families, and religious and secular leaders. A Mass is said every other month for all members of St. Anne's Society, and each deceased member receives 10 Masses.

Membership dues are \$10 per year. With this money, regular donations are made to charitable groups

including EWTN, Sister Roberta Hesse, Legionaries of Christ, and to support many areas of Sacred Heart Church. Members also make cord rosaries to be given to missionaries and prisons. Over 8,000 rosaries have been made and donated to various groups over the past five years.

If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Anne's Society, contact Imelda Rohmer at 759-4462, Mary Endres at 759-4810, or Lanie Bartush at 759-4215.

Extension changes name, not services

By Evelyn Yeatts, CEA-FCS

Extension changed its name the other day, but the work we do for you as Extension agents in Cooke County will continue right along.

There'll be no interruption in service, and if anything, we'll be even more committed to serving all the folks in this county.

Our name no longer is the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Instead, by unanimous vote of the Board of Regents of the Texas A&M University System, our new name is Texas Cooperative Extension.

advice and education is as great as ever.

Extension agents today, for example, help home gardeners save water and reduce pollution by making informed choices on landscape plantings, fertilizers and pesticides. We help parents adopt good food safety and nutrition practices, consider child care choices, balance family budgets. We reach more than one million children with 4-H programs, ranging from rocketry to embryology, that are provided mainly in school classrooms instead of traditional clubs.

But the good work Extension does seems to be one of the best-kept secrets in the cities. Research showed that people in urban areas saw the reference to agriculture in Extension's name and assumed the agency didn't do anything for them. So when they needed help, they didn't think of Extension.

Extension's leaders believe the name change will improve our ability to serve more Texans, regardless of where they live and how they make a living.

But just because agriculture is no longer in Extension's name, it doesn't mean we'll stop supporting the state's \$15 billion agriculture industry. Nor does it diminish our longstanding commitment to the state's rural counties, where most of us in Extension have made our homes for many years.

County Extension agents will continue to help farmers and ranchers become more productive, work to strengthen families and nurture the development of youngsters, and support economic

Extension specialists and county agents developed their practical, how-to educational programs, based on the latest research findings at Texas A&M, the state's land-grant university. The educators took their programs to where people lived reaching farmers in their pastures and barns, homemakers around the kitchen table, and children in 4-H clubs.

We all know that times have changed; more than 80 percent of Texans now live in cities, most of them in the state's huge metropolitan areas.

Over the decades, Extension also changed, taking its educational programs to the cities, where the need for practical

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THANK YOU

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED IN ANY WAY OUR EFFORTS TO KEEP THE HOSPITAL AND DISTRICT FOR OUR CITIZENS.

NOW THAT THE VOTERS HAVE DECIDED THE QUESTION, WE HOPE THAT WE CAN ALL ACCEPT THIS DECISION AND GET ABOUT THE BUSINESS THAT IS OUR PRIORITY, THAT IS, MAKING SURE MUENSTER WILL ALWAYS HAVE A HOSPITAL TO TAKE CARE OF IT'S MEDICAL NEEDS.

WE NEED TO IMMEDIATELY BEGIN THIS PROCESS BY EXPLORING OR RE-EXPLORING ALL POSSIBLE OPTIONS OPEN TO US. WE SHOULD BE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THESE OPTIONS BECAUSE FOR THE LAST SIX YEARS THE HOSPITAL HAS SHOWN A FINANCIAL GAIN EACH YEAR, MAKING IT OBVIOUS THAT A TAX INCREASE IS NOT NECESSARY.

THE SOONER WE GET BACK TO THE BUSINESS OF RUNNING THE HOSPITAL WITH THE IDEA OF IT BEING PERMANENT, IT WILL MINIMIZE THE EFFECT OF ALL THE NEGATIVE THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED.

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Forestburg announces festival parade winners

The twenty-first annual Forestburg Watermelon Festival Parade opened the 2001 Forestburg Watermelon Festival and Homecoming at 10:30 AM, Saturday, August 18. The Forestburg Riding Club, first place winners in the Santa Rosa Roundup in Vernon, Saint Jo, Weatherford, Jacksboro, Lawton, Terral and Bridgeport parades; plus a second at Wichita Falls served as host riding club and led the parade. Tony Desmuke, assisted by Kim, announced the parade, and Sonny Cole of the Forestburg Church of Christ gave the invocation.

There were forty-six total entries in seven categories and several non-registered participants. The judges' trophy for being best all-around entry was awarded to the Forestburg Country Store coffee-drinkers float. The first-place riding club was the Love County Mule Club. The Club has members on both sides of Red River. J.D. Brewer of Marietta is the club's president. Also participating was the Saint Jo Riding Club; Wise County Sheriff's Posse; The Stars and Stripes Riding Club; and the Montague County Cowboys Riding Club.

The float trophy was won by the Forestburg United Methodist Church. Other Tablets and the Ten Commandments" by Warren and Hudspeth. Antique Automobile trophy went to Eli Harvill of Forestburg with his 1931 Ford Model "A" Roadster Convertible. Other antique automobiles were John Dill's 1930 Model "A" Ford Tudor Sedan and Tip Reynolds' 1958 Ford Ranchero.

Jeff Williams of Future Equipment Company of Gainesville won the Commercial division with a Case International CX80 tractor. Other commercial entries were: the Forestburg Junior High and Senior High cheerleaders in a

trailer pulled by a pickup from Hudspeth sales in Decatur, Craig Estes, Candidate for State Senator, District 30; Rosston Fire Department, Forestburg Fire Department, and a 4440 John Deere tractor from L H ranch.

Shane Reynolds, son of Wesley and Danielle Reynolds, attired as Davey Crockett won the individual horse rider trophy. Other individual riders were: Justin Reynolds, Danielle Reynolds, Keri Cain, Heather Owens-Miss Jim Bowie Days Queen; and Candie Weger.

Floyd Rosenkrantz of Krum won the Antique Farm Machinery trophy with a 1925 John Deere Model D Tractor. Other entries were: 1936 F-12 Farmall Tractor by Michael Campbell, 1953 Farmall Super H by Bobby Campbell, 1945 A Farmall by Wassie Reynolds, 1959 John Deere 630 LP by Tom Richards, 1950 John Deere Model B by J. H. Sparkman, and a 1954 John Deere Model 40 Tractor by Eli Harvill.

The Miscellaneous trophy went to L. D. & Sue Sirman's grandkids in a barrel train named "God Bless Texas" pulled by a riding lawn mower driven by Bart Sirman. Other entries were: Kawasaki mule by Byron Ensey; bicycles by Tammy Hallway, Benjamin Jones, and Daniel; "Combat Cuties" the McCarley's all terrain vehicle; 4-Wheelers - Nathan Hicks, Douglas Tillman, Macy Gutsch, Chase Steadham, Ridge Steadham, O'Dell Wright, Klinton Wright, Chad Reynolds, and David Wright.

Judges for the parade were Frieda Talley, Margaret O'Brien, and Jim Penton. Assisting Charles Edwards with registration and lining up entries were Charles Cook, Nocona and Gordon Griffin Jr.



Jennifer Root

New Arrival

Luttmer

Gene and Carol Luttmer of Muenster announce with pride and joy the birth of a son, Daniel Gene Luttmer, in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Aug. 20, 2001 at 7:45 a.m. weighing 7 lb. 14.5 oz. and measuring 21 inches in length. He joins two sisters, Abby, age 3 1/2, and Amy, age 2. Grandparents are Alfons and Mary Ann Koelsch of Muenster and the late Ferd and Gertie Luttmer. Great-grandparents are Ben and Gertie Voth of Muenster.

Pierce

Brandon and Patti Pierce of Gainesville joyfully announce the birth of a son, Zachery Cole Pierce, in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Aug. 16, 2001 at 1:42 a.m., weighing 6 lb. 6 oz. and measuring 20 1/4 inches long. Grandparents are Tracy and Nancy Kirk of Gainesville and Brad and Sandra Pierce of Gainesville. Great-grandparents are Joe and Della Cason of Gainesville and formerly of Muenster, Wanda Kirk and Ann Pierce both of Gainesville.

Munoz

Saray Rodriguez and Humberto Munoz of Gainesville are parents of a son, Anthony Alexander Munoz, born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Aug. 18, 2001 at 7:59 weighing 6 lb. 6 oz. and measuring 19 1/2 inches long.

Take Note

Book Fair
St. Peter's Parish is sponsoring their annual Divine Mercy Book Fair. It will be held Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 27 - 28 in Conrad Hall.

Boy Scout Retreat
The 2001 Fort Worth Diocese Catholic Boy Scout Fall Retreat and Campout is scheduled for the weekend of Oct. 5-7 at Camp Constantin on Possum Kingdom Lake. A prepayment fee of \$20 per participant is necessary. For more information, contact Daniel Scott, evenings only, at 817-293-4144.

Root selected apprentice artist

Jennifer Anne Root, great-granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ben Luke of Muenster, and daughter of Jim and Sharon Root, mezzo-soprano, was selected as an Apprentice Artist in the Summer Festival of Opera presented by the Des Moines Metro Opera, Indianola, Iowa. The Summer Festival is held on the campus of Simpson University in Indianola, utilizing the excellent performance venues and housing provided there.

The Des Moines Metro Opera began in 1973 under the direction of Dr. Robert Larsen as a part of a movement to foster and develop American talent through regional opera companies. This year Dr. Larsen, Artistic Director, and the DMMO presented its 29th consecutive season with productions of three operas: *Vanessa* by Samuel Barber, *Il Trittico* (a trilogy of one act operas: *Il Tabbarro*, *Sister Angelica*, and *Gianni Schicchi*) by Puccini, and *La Traviata* by Verdi.

The Apprentice Artist Program of the DMMO offers career training that "bridges the gap" between the college campus and a professional career in opera. As an Apprentice, Jennifer attended classes which included stage makeup,

movement, stage "combat", dance, character development, audition techniques; she also appeared in the mainstage productions as chorister, a cover (understudy) role, as well as various scenes or one act operas presented in the intimate setting of a smaller theatre. These scenes helped each apprentice develop language, performance, and vocal skills.

Vocalists for the Apprentice Artist Program of the DMMO are selected by audition only. These competitive auditions are held in Chicago, Des Moines, New York, Baton Rouge, and by audio tape. Jennifer Root was one of forty (40) young artists from approximately 500 national contestants selected, receiving a scholarship and a stipend to participate in the program. In addition to her apprentice duties, she was also selected as the cover for the role of "Zita" in *Gianni Schicchi*, a comedy from the trilogy by Puccini, *Il Trittico*.

The first evening of the session included a concert entitled "Death by Aria" in which all 40 apprentices displayed their talents through a variety of operatic arias. During her apprenticeship, Jennifer appeared in four opera

scenes presented in the smaller Leckberg Theatre: "Princess Eboli" in *Don Carlo* by Verdi; "Addie" in *Regina* by Blitzstein; "Dame Quickly" in *Falstaff* by Verdi; "Third Lady" in *The Magic Flute* by Mozart. She performed in the chorus for the Mainstage productions in the Blank Theatre of *La Traviata*, *Sister Angelica*, and *Vanessa*. On July 9, also on the Mainstage, Jennifer appeared in her cover role as "Zita" in *Gianni Schicchi*, a comedy about greedy relatives and a scheme to change their dear departed uncle's last will and testament. Her seven weeks of intensive study began May 26 and concluded July 15, 2001.

Jennifer is a senior at the University of Texas at San Antonio where she is a student of Ms. Juli Wood. Jennifer's parents traveled to Des Moines for the performance of *Gianni Schicchi* and a short visit to Muenster. Her maternal grandparents were Charles H. and Dorothy Mae Luke Denny of San Antonio. Jennifer has many relatives in Muenster, who are relishing her outstanding musical ability.



Zachary Klement

Zachary celebrates 4th birthday

Zachary Keith Klement, son of Brian (Bubba) and Melinda Klement, turned 4 years old on Aug. 12, 2001. He celebrated at the Muenster Park with a Scoobie Doo theme. Helping celebrate were his parents and sister, Brianna; grandparents, Robert Klement, Shirley Perryman, Wade Perryman; godparents, aunt and uncle Craig and Connie Stoffels; great-aunt and uncle Kevin and Terri Klement, and many cousins and friends.

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Why the word "cooperative" in the new name? It acknowledges Extension's foundation -- the cooperation that exists between county commissioners courts, Texas A&M, and the USDA to make the agency's work possible.

It also more closely aligns Extension with the work of its sister agency, the Cooperative Extension Program at Prairie View A&M University. Finally, the name signals Extension's increasing role in serving as a catalyst, a partner, and a cooperator with others in getting positive things done for the people of Texas.

Extension agents in Cooke County include:

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Craig Rosenbaum, County Extension Agent-Agriculture and Natural Resources; Phyllis A. Griffin, County Extension Agent-4-H; and myself Evelyn Yeatts, County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences.

We have changed our name, but we're keeping our promises to serve you.

NOTICE

Decatur Cruise Nights

The 2001 season Decatur Courthouse Cruise Nights, every first Saturday night May through October (excluding July), will host its fourth show of the year Saturday, Sept. 1. Call Decatur Main Street 940-627-2741 for more information.

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Mon. - Corny dogs, potato wedges, ranch style beans, peaches, pumpkin bread.
Tues. - Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pears, hot rolls.
Wed. - Ham and cheese sandwiches, lettuce and tomatoes, chips, carrot sticks, pineapple cake.
Thurs. - Fried chicken, creamed potatoes w/gravy, black-eyed peas, pineapple tidbits, hot rolls.
Fri. - Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, cheese slices, French fries, applesauce, ice cream.

SACRED HEART S.N.A.P. MENUS

Mon. - Ravioli, cheese sticks, corn, salad, garlic toast.
Tues. - Crisпитos, pinto beans, salad, fruit.

Wed. - Sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, peaches, cinnamon bread.
Thurs. - Fiesta salad, ranch style beans, lettuce, tomatoes, fruit.
Fri. - Toasted cheese sandwiches, tomato soup, celery sticks, apples.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Chili dogs, baked beans, vegetable sticks, peaches.
Tues. - Pizza, corn, salad, jello, bread.
Wed. - Crisпитo, pinto beans, cole slaw, pears, bread.
Thurs. - Lasagna, fried okra, salad, mixed fruit, bread.
Fri. - Chicken sandwich, French fries, lettuce, pickles, pineapple.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Turkey pot pie or barbecue wieners, tossed salad, cinnamon apples, black-eyed peas, graham

crackers.
Tues. - Burritos, green beans, tossed salad, pears, sugar cookie.

Wed. - Country fried pork steak, or beef steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, peaches, hot roll.

Thurs. - Nachos, pinto beans, tossed salad, fruit mix, cornbread, Missouri cookie.

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

NOTICE

The Muenster Hornet Band Boosters will meet Thursday, Aug. 30. Everyone interested in attending will meet in the Band Hall at 7:00 PM.

3 students receive UIL scholarships

Brett Howell

Bronya Vogel

The Texas Interscholastic League Foundation has given \$14.2 million to approximately 12,200 Texas high school students since 1954 who have competed in the UIL Academic State Meet. Last year alone, TILF disbursed approximately \$1,078,000 to approximately 630 students attending 66 colleges and universities in Texas. TILF received 665 applications in 2000 and awarded 421 new and 209 renewed scholarships. TILF has over \$5 million in endowed funds and it receives direct scholarship grants of more than \$700,000 each year from foundations, individuals, and corporate sponsors throughout the state.

Brett Howell, son of Rodney and Margaret Howell and a graduate of Muenster High School, received a Harold Lawrence Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000, payable \$1,000 each semester of the first year. This year the Lawrence Memorial Scholarship is awarding 23 grants to students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

Bronya Vogel, daughter of Larry and Kathy Vogel and a graduate of Muenster High School, has received a Zelah Mae and Jasper D. Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000, payable \$500 each semester of the first year. This year the Memorial awarded a total of 14 grants to students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

Howell was a member of the first place Computer Science and Number Sense teams at the 2001 UIL Academic State Meet, where he also competed in Cross-Examination Debate. He also participated in UIL Accounting, Mathematics, Number Sense, Basketball, Football, Cross-Country, and Track throughout his high school career. He was involved in National Honor Society, and was named to the Academic All-State Football Team.

Vogel was a member of the first place Number Sense Team at the 2000 and 2001 UIL State Academic Meets and on the second place Mathematics Team in 2001. Bronya was a member of the Spanish Club, FFA, FCLA, Student Council, PALS and Color Guard captain. She also participated in the UIL Basketball and Track and was a library volunteer. Bronya taught Red Cross swimming lessons, worked with the Red Cross Relief Van for tornado victims, and was a member of the Myra Community Club and volunteered for other community projects.

Howell plans to attend Baylor University and major in business.

Vogel plans to attend Tarleton State University and major in pre-pharmacy.

Lauren Dangelmayr

This year, Lauren Dangelmayr, daughter of John and Mary Dangelmayr, received the Fasken Foundation Scholarship. The Fasken Foundation will award Lauren with a total of \$1,000 which will be disbursed as \$500 each semester of her first year. Lauren was involved in UIL all four years of high school. She participated at the district level in Calculator Applications, Editorial, and Headline Writing. She was a member of the Literary Criticism team for three years, all of which advanced to the regional level. In addition, she was involved in Cross-Examination Debate all four years. She received first place at district competition all but her junior year when she received second place. This qualified her for state competition all four years. Her freshman year she advanced to the Octa-finals. Her junior year she was awarded the Bronze Gavel Speaker Award and she placed third. Her senior year she placed fifth.

This fall Lauren will attend Texas A&M University in College Station where she will major in AgriBusiness.

Is your tax rebate check in the mail? Not if you've defaulted on a student loan!

Student loan defaulters won't have a difficult time deciding how to spend their tax rebate money. The federal government has decided for them.

Although the first batches of tax rebate checks from the 2001 federal tax cut legislation have hit the mail, those who have defaulted on their student loans will be receiving a letter from the U.S. Treasury Department rather than a check.

According to the federal government's Tax Offset Program, the Treasury Department has the authority to apply any federal tax refunds or rebates to the outstanding balance for anyone who is in default on a student loan. Refunds from the current tax cut legislation are anticipated to be \$300 for single filers and \$600 for married couples who file jointly.

Texas Guaranteed (TG), which guarantees student

loans for 83 percent of the borrowers in Texas receiving Stafford or PLUS loans, indicates that there are more than 130,000 Texans who are currently in default on their student loans.

Terry Caldwell, TG's assistant manager for default recovery, indicated that the consequences of student loan default can be severe. According to Caldwell, student loan default can affect borrowers' credit ratings, impacting their ability to qualify for a car or home loan, and can even result in wage garnishment.

"We've had hundreds of calls from defaulted borrowers since the tax rebate letters started going out," said Caldwell. "In most cases, defaulted borrowers

perceive the government's action as unfair, although we try to point out that they do benefit from having their loan balance reduced. If they continue to make consistent payments, they can rehabilitate their loans and get out of default - a big step in the right direction."

For more than 665,000 Texans who have remained current in paying back student loans, TG encourages them to consider applying some or all of the refund to get ahead on their payments.

Borrowers with questions about the status of their student loans can contact TG at 800-222-6297 or collections@tgsic.org. Information about student loan default prevention may be found on TG's web site, www.tgsic.org.

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Accountability Rating System for 2001

Exemplary Rating Criteria	MISD	MISD JH/HS	MISD Elem	State
1. At least 90% passing rate on the following subject areas				
Reading	99.1%	100%	98.4%	88.9%
Writing	100%	100%	100%	90.2%
Math	99.1%	100%	98.4%	87.9%
2. Dropout Rate, 1.0% or less	0.4%	0.4%	NA	1.6%
3. Attendance Rate, at least 96%	97.8%	97.6%	98%	95.6%

Additional Acknowledgement Standards for 2001

Class of 2000 Admission Tests	MISD % taking SAT and/or ACT	State % taking SAT and/or ACT	MISD students above criterion	State students above criterion
At least 70% of non-special education graduates must have taken the SAT I or ACT and 50% or more of examinees must have met or exceeded the criterion score (SAT I=1110; ACT composite=24)	103.6%	27.3%	58.6%	27.3%
TAAS/TASP Equivalency Table			MISD	State
At least 80% of graduates must have met or exceeded the TAAS/TASP equivalency standard (students scoring above these standards are exempt from the college entrance exam at state supported schools) Reading: TLI =X-81 Mathematics: TLI =x-77 Writing: scale score =1540			86.2%	58.5%
Recommended High School Program			62.9%	38.6%
At least 35% of total graduates must have met or exceeded the Recommended High School Program or Distinguished Program				
Attendance Rate			97.8%	95.6%
Rate must be at least 96% for district, 97% for Elementary, and 96% for JH/HS				
Campus Comparable Improvement			High School 78.9%	NA
Math-the percent of high-performing students must meet or exceed 50%, and the 2001 campus Comparable Improvement quartile must be Q1 (Matched Test Takers Scoring a TLI =84 in the Prior Year)				
Reading-the percent of high-performing students must meet or exceed 50%, and the 2001 campus Comparable Improvement quartile must be Q1 (Matched Test Takers Scoring a TLI =84 in the Prior Year)			High School 87.5%	NA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Muenster Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 10:00 AM September 1, 2001 in Muenster ISD Administration Building.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1,244.88	\$0,096.59*	\$1,341.47	\$2,376	\$3,207
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1,297.19	\$0,130.21	\$1,427.40	\$2,838	\$2,350
Proposed Rate	\$1,306.47	\$0,075.00	\$1,381.47	\$3,022	\$2,350

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$70,577	\$84,878
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$55,577	\$69,878
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1,341.47	\$1,381.47
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$745.55	\$965.34
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$219.79

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.48740. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.48740.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$150,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$3,000

Sports

Football contest begins next week

The Muenster Enterprise begins its 15th annual Football Contest next week as Texas high school football goes into full swing. The contest page, thanks to its sponsors, allows more photo coverage of the local teams and gives readers a chance to test their knowledge on who'll win each week's football games.

Again this year, 20 high school games will appear on

the sponsors' ads. Games will be of local interest, with a few larger teams thrown in to keep things interesting.

Please read the rules that will be located on next week's contest page. This year's contest page will again have a weekly prize of \$25.00 to the "best scoring" entry. The season grand prize remains at \$100.00. The cash prizes can be picked up at The

Muenster Enterprise office only.

To help increase participation, an added drawing will take place every week. A door prize from an advertising sponsor will be given to a lucky participant. This award winner will be drawn from the week's entries, at random. The extra gift can be picked up at the donating business.



Chism Cain picks off a loose ball and returns it for a "touchdown" at S & S last Saturday morning. This was the only time any team found the endzone during the scrimmage. Coach Gordon Martin noted that the Hornets' defense "did a really good job. Everyone played hard and played well."

Janie Hartman Photo



Eight people from Muenster ran in Fort Worth's Heat Rash Dash held on Aug. 4, 2001, benefiting children with Downes Syndrome. Participating in the Run were, in front row from left, Catherine Bartush, Diana Knabe; back row, Daniel Bartush, Chuck Bartush, Stephen Bartush and John Bartush. The students are involved in cross country and participated in this run to check their times.

Courtesy photo



Tiger quarterbacks run drills earlier this week as Sacred Heart prepares for their scrimmage at Argyle this Friday evening.

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At right, Ricky Endres moves in to pick off a S & S pass attempt as the JV Hornets scrimmaged the Rams scoreless. Muenster's teams will host a scrimmage against the Lindsay Knights this Friday at Hornet Stadium. An admission of shower soap or laundry detergent will be accepted. Freshmen action begins at 5:00 pm.

Raintree Outdoors and Advantage Tips

Early scouting

I do not like to intrude into prime feeding and bedding areas or into a buck's sanctuary or primary breeding area. However, I must know where these areas are so that I can hunt the trails between them. This causes far less disturbance to a particular buck or the deer in general.

Finding those "sensitive areas" early on allows you to withdraw and let the deer forget you were there. I always try to both scout and hunt from "the outside in" to keep my intrusion to a minimum.

Don't get locked in by your early scouting. Be aware of changes in deer behavior and be ready to change places or tactics if necessary. Keep "scouting" even while you are hunting.

Late season doves

Many areas have split dove seasons with the latter part occurring late in the fall. In most areas, almost nobody takes advantage of this challenging late-season shooting. It's much easier to get permission to shoot late than early in the season,

when everyone wants a piece of the action.

Late-season doves are tough. These are mature birds and they fly fast and high. Because they are migrants they have no home allegiance to any particular place, they move where their food and other habitat needs are best served.

Look for them by driving around in agricultural country. Spot flying flocks or find them perching on utility wires. Watch for a while to see where they go to land and feed. Binoculars are a great help at this.

Migrant winter dove flocks usually number a half to over a dozen birds, though larger flocks do form. The best shooting occurs where you find several different flocks feeding so that you have fairly steady shooting for a while.

The camouflage effect

A big buck's nose for trouble is incredible and its ears are keen. However, deer see very well and vision is basic to a trophy buck's defenses. We must successfully deal with all of a buck's defense systems to bag him.

To defeat deer eyes probing for danger, be still and move slowly, only when you must. A deer will notice an out-of-place movement almost instantly. Good camouflage that breaks up your body outline aids

greatly. Good cover or a blind adds further concealment.

If "hunter orange" is required, wear it as a vest on the trunk of your body. Avoid wearing orange on parts of your body most prone to movement, particularly hands and arms. Where legal, basic hunter orange broken up by other colors or patterns seems very effective.

A tree stand with a camouflage covering is a great aid in concealment and lets you get away with careful movement to make your wait more comfortable or to make a critical shot.

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Never climb a dead or diseased tree or a tree with such trees nearby. If there are squirrel holes in the tree or openings at its base, it is a good bet that it is hollow and therefore weak.

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Joseph Eldon Samek and Wanda Lou Samek
2701 Norfolk Court
Denton, TX 76205

All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Attorney for the Estate.

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The City of Muenster is accepting sealed bids for the building located at 113 North Main Street (building previously used by the Muenster Public Library). The two-story building has approximately 3,360 square feet of space. The building is being offered "as is" and may be viewed by calling Muenster City Hall (940) 759-2236. The highest bidder for the building must be willing to sign an earnest money contract and deposit \$1,000.

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Texas crop and weather report

Parts of Texas are producing below-average hay yields due to low rainfall, Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

"Overall the state is below hay supplies," said Dr. David Bade, Extension forage specialist. "West of I-35 the hay yields were lower due to drought, while the eastern part of the state has good hay supplies."

Bade said the hay harvested varies from annual crops such as haygrazer sorghums to perennials such as bermudagrass.

According to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, 5.4 million acres of hay have been harvested in 2001. Of that, 140,000 acres is alfalfa and 5.3 million is other types of hay. In 2000 the yield for all dry hay was 2.16 tons per acre. Yields for alfalfa in 2001 were 3.8 tons

per acre and 2.2 tons per acre for other types of hay.

Texas brings in \$199 million in hay per year and makes up about 1.5 percent of all agricultural commodities, according to TASS.

Randy Upshaw, district Extension director in Dallas, said forage producers in North Texas have been busy cutting and baling hay. Pastures continue to deteriorate under heat and lack of moisture.

Galen Chandler, district Extension director in Vernon, said the pastures and ranges in North Central Texas are in poor condition. But the half inch to five inches of rain that fell throughout the region the end of last week should green pastures significantly over the next couple of weeks.

Unfortunately, Chandler said, many perennial grasses have been lost due to the drought. Supplemental feeding continues, and many cattle producers are culling their herds in anticipation of continued dry conditions and the need to save forages for the fall and winter. Recent rains have filled some of the low stock tank water supplies and given producers a break from hauling water.

CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture is very short. Conditions continue to decline from lack of moisture. Many producers are supplemental feeding.

Dryland peanuts are almost gone from lack of rain. Soybean yields are low. Grasshoppers continue to infest pastures.

County Agent's Report by Craig Rosenbaum

Where Have the Fire Ants Gone?

Hay producers and others have noted the decline in fire ant mounds in hayfields, pastures and other field sites throughout north-central Texas this summer. When mounds can be found, they often seem much smaller than usual. While no one is complaining, many are wondering what brought about this blessing.

Dr. Allen Knutson, Texas Cooperative Extension Entomologist tells us that the most likely explanation is the series of hot, dry summers during the past several years. Without adequate moisture to maintain a high humidity inside the colony, eggs and immature fire ants can not survive. To reach soil moisture, fire ants tunnel deep in the soil. With the continual drought conditions experienced in many areas since 1998, the depth to soil moisture levels needed for ant survival may be deeper than the ants can reach. Thus, the same hot, dry summer conditions which have been responsible for the high numbers of grasshoppers appear to have had a

negative effect on fire ants in non-irrigated areas.

The past winters, weather may have contributed some additional mortality. However, young ants can withstand a short period of freezing weather, and the colony moves deeper into the soil to escape cold weather. Fire ant workers can also survive being under water for long periods of time. Some observers have suggested the long periods of rain during this past late fall and winter forced fire ants closer to the surface where exposure to winter temperatures took a greater toll than usual.

The current decline in fire ant numbers is clearly not related to the ongoing efforts to release natural enemies of the fire ant, including the tiny phorid fly which parasitizes the fire ant. Except in a few small research sites in south Texas, these exotic flies have not yet established, and even then their numbers are very low. Part of the difficulty in establishing these beneficial flies has been the hot, dry weather which is also unfavorable for their survival.

But although fire ants may be less common this year, one thing for certain is that they'll be back. Some colonies may be so small or so deep in the soil that they not escape notice. Also, once it rains again, surviving colonies will send forth thousands of queen ants which will re-infect these areas. A single mature colony can produce several thousands of queens during six to eight (6-8) mating flights between April and September. While most of these queens land within one-fourth (1/4) to one (1) mile of their home colony, some fly or are carried by the wind up to twelve (12) miles away.

Stocker Calf Workshop
Producers are invited to attend a Stocker Calf Seminar to be held Monday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cooke County Farm Bureau Building on Highway 82, Gainesville. Workshop topics will be the Economics of Small Pastures and the Economics of Stocker Cattle by Dr. Blake Bennett, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Dallas, Texas.

To register, please call the County Extension office at (940) 668-5412.

As of Sept. 1, the Texas laws governing occupant protection in motor vehicles will change, and anyone who is going to be a driver or a passenger should know about them.

These changes will contribute to safer roads in Texas roads for residents, drivers and passengers, say safety experts. Marlene Albers, Texas Cooperative Extension program director for the Rural Passenger Safety Education team, said "The child restraint law in Texas was rated an in a study a few months ago by National SAFEKIDS in Washington, D.C., and our legislators took that grade seriously. They stepped up and moved our state forward to bring that grade up." The new laws are part of that effort.

The new laws going into effect Sept. 1 include:

- No one under the age of 18 can ride in open beds of pickups on public roads in Texas.

- Children younger than 4 years old or who are less than 36 inches in height must ride in a federally-approved age- and size-appropriate child restraint system.

- Children under the age of 17 years may not ride unrestrained.

- Air bags may not be installed in vehicles that do not meet federal safety regulations.

- Penalties for not following these new regulations concerning child safety seat and safety belt systems range from \$100 to \$200.

Previous safety laws, passed in 1985 and revised in 1999, stated that children

younger than 2 years old must be seated in a federally-approved child safety restraint system; children between 2 and 4 years of age could be restrained with the vehicle restraint system; children younger than 15 must ride while secured by safety belts; and children younger than 12 could not ride in the open bed of a pickup traveling at a speed of more than 35 miles per hour. Fines for not following these regulations ranged from \$25 to \$50.

In addition to these new laws, the open container and multiple DWI (Driving While Intoxicated) regulations have been revised, and will also take effect Sept. 1.

The new open container law makes it illegal to knowingly possess an open container in the passenger area of a motor vehicle that is on a public highway. This law covers an open container such as a bottle, can or drinking glass that holds an alcoholic beverage; has a broken seal or has had its contents partially removed. (This regulation

does not apply to vehicles for hire bus, limo, cab, etc. or RVs.)

New multi-offender DWI laws apply to anyone who has been convicted of a "second or subsequent offense" within five years of the first one. Under the new laws, a multiple offender can lose his or her driver's license and be required to install at personal expense an ignition interlock device on his/her vehicle.

"Of course no law is perfect, and there is always room for improvement," Albers said. "Our legislature has empowered law enforcement to make a difference. Everyone should buckle up every body on every trip and 'Save A Life'."

"Save A Life" is the current slogan from Texas Department of Transportation, and its continuing effort to help keep Texas roads safe.

For more information on these and other safety questions, call a county agent, or contact the Rural Passenger Safety Education team at (979) 458-3428 or visit the Web site at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/safety/>

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<p>Feeder Steers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.17-1.30; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.17; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.12-1.27; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.12; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 98-1.10; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-98; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 90-99; Nos. 2 & 3, 82-90; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 86-94; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-86; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 78-85; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-78.</p> <p>Feeder Heifers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.10-1.15; Nos. 2 & 3, 98-1.10; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.10-1.10; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-98; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 91-1.05; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-91; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 83-94; Nos. 2 & 3, 77-83; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 80-88; Nos. 2 & 3, 69-80; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 77-81; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-77.</p> <p>Slaughter Cattle (per lb.) Slaughter bulls: yield grade 1-2, 1.200-2.050 lbs., 47-60; Slaughter cows: #1-3, 40-47; Cutter, 20-40.</p>	<p>Stocker Cows (per head) Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - large frame, \$575-\$780; medium frame, \$425-\$575.</p> <p>Cow-calf pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - large frame, \$750-\$880; medium frame, \$600-\$750.</p> <p>Holstein baby calves, \$25-\$95; Crossbreds, \$100-\$195.</p> <p>Barrows & Gilts: US #1, 230-270, 46-48; US #2, 220-280, 44-46.</p> <p>Boers (per head): 100-175 lbs., \$60-\$95; 25-90 lbs., \$25-\$50.</p> <p>Sows: Feeder, 400 or less, 32-34; Light wt., 400-500, 34-36; Med. wt., 500-600, 36-38; Heavy wt., 600-up, NT.</p> <p>Boars: 300 lbs. up, 15-16; 200-300 lbs., NT; Light wt., NT.</p> <p>Sheep (per lb.) Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs., 63-68; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs., 60-63; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs., 58-60.</p>	<p>Barbados (per head) Lambs: \$15-\$50; Ewes: \$25-\$50; Bucks: \$50-\$100.</p> <p>Ewes: Stocker, 45-50; Thin, 30-35; Fat, 40-45.</p> <p>Bucks: Thin: NT; Fat, 36-40.</p> <p>Goats (per head) Kids: 20-35 lbs., \$15-\$30; 35-55 lbs., \$30-\$45; 55-75 lbs., \$45-\$60; Yearlings: 75-120 lbs., \$60-\$90.</p> <p>Nannies (per head) Stocker, \$50-\$70; Milk Type, \$60-\$70; Slaughter: Thin, \$25-\$35; Fat, \$35-\$45.</p> <p>Billies (per head) 120 lbs. up Breeders, \$75-\$85; Slaughter, \$60-\$80.</p> <p>Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny, NT, 3/4 Nanny, NT; Full Nanny, \$100-\$125.</p> <p>Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Billy, NT, 3/4 Billy, NT; Full Billy, \$75-\$125.</p>
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Is there a doctor in the house - or in the county?

By Susan Combs, Texas Agriculture Commission

For many folks in small rural communities, easy access to health care means reaching for a bottle of Band-aids. Professional medical care is not readily available in many areas of rural Texas, and it's no secret that doctors are few and far between. At my own ranch in Brewster County, the nearest doctor is some 45 miles away.

Such is life in rural Texas. The closest family physician or hospital could be miles away - or even in the next county. When a few minutes can mean the difference between life or death in a medical emergency, wide

open spaces and winding country roads just aren't too comforting.

Medical emergencies can happen to anyone, but ones that strike rural Texans are particularly vexing. Hospitals are closing across the state. Some 21 Texas counties don't have a primary care doctor, and 19 counties have only one. Consider, for every 1,310 people in rural areas, there is only one physician available. Also, rural doctors have almost twice the patient load, compared with urban doctors. Many rural dwellers cite transportation as well as distance as major obstacles since rural areas are not equipped with buses or rail systems.

This issue, however, is attracting attention, and there have been a number of forums held on the lack of rural health care in Texas. Recently a rural health summit was held in Austin to pore over health education and emergency medical services. Rural communities are actively looking at ways to offer economic incentives to attract new doctors and use tax dollars to support primary health care. They are considering non-traditional options such as providing transportation to providers, as well as tuition reimbursement and stipends for service in rural areas.

Communities are exploring the need to expand infrastructure to accommodate the advanced telecommunications needed for telemedicine. With the use of distance communications, Texas Tech University's Center for Telemedicine in Lubbock is making major headway in the medical field. Its programs are electronically linking doctors to remote rural patients for live medical consultations and health care.

You never know when an emergency will strike - and for me, this subject hits close to home. I had an emergency in Abilene recently when I started choking during lunch just minutes before I was to give a speech. I couldn't breathe

or even speak, which made it a very frightening ordeal. It would have been more traumatic had I been by myself, in a remote area with no one to help me out. Fortunately, there were two people in the room who knew how to do the Heimlich maneuver, and that's what saved my life. I learned firsthand that these skills can mean the difference between life and death in a medical emergency.

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MILK PRODUCTION
Texas milk production totaled 390 million pounds during July, down 10 percent from last year. Production for June 2001, totaled 427 million pounds.

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