



Mikinzie Hees and Laurine McAden were among the many want-to-be cheerleaders attending the Muenster Hornet Cheerleaders Mini Camp last week. See page 10 for more pictures of young cheerleaders. Janie Hartman photo

Weekend features concert

By Janet Felderhoff
Americans are preparing for a long weekend designated to the celebration of the 227th birthday of the United States of America. Locally Muenster will host its first concert in the City Park (outside of Germanfest) featuring a well-known entertainer. Pat Green is slated to be in concert on the Muenster State Bank Stage on Saturday, July 5.

Opening for Green are The Bois D'Arc with Shayne Wimmer, Andy Serna, and Tom McElvain, Jr.

The Bois D'Arc band plays Texas music. Last October they released a CD *Horseapple Pie and Lemonade* featuring 12 original songs. Their music can be heard on 95.3 The Range. Wimmer said the CDs would be available at the concert on Saturday.

"It's great opportunity," said Wimmer on opening for Green. "It'll be great to have a big crowd. Hopefully we'll sell a lot of CDs."

Andy Serna and Band play Top 40 Country music. Andy said they have opened for names like Gary Stewart and Asleep At The Wheel and he has played with Hank Tompkins. They have played at a lot of charity events and for many New

Year's Eve and Halloween dances. He's been playing for 25 years.

Band members Mike Morris, lead guitar; Craig Daniel, base player; Dave Muller, drums; and Any Serna rhythm guitar and singer. Serna said they try to keep up and play new material.

"We're just local boys," remarked Serna. He said he and Muller are from Muenster and the other two are from Gainesville.

"It's great; it should be exciting," said Serna on opening for the Green concert. "It should be interesting to see how people react in there, especially those in the back with trees blocking the view. It is something to look forward to."

Serna noted that Green's newest release "Wave on Wave" is really climbing the charts.

Tom McElvain, Jr. and the Texas Storm Band play original Texas Blues. They released their CD, *Tom McElvain Texas Music* by Austin Sage Productions, about six months ago. It is being played on 16 radio stations from here to Galveston, said McElvain. "We're on the third print. They sold out in no time flat." He will be sold at the Pat Green concert if they receive more in time.

McElvain is a songwriter and actually got the band together to cut the CD. He said they worked so well together that they decided to continue performing together for the past seven months.

Members of the band are Corey Mitchell, lead guitar; Joseph McCoy, base; Ian Desmuke, drums; and Tom McElvain Jr., singer.

Last Saturday the group participated in a Battle of the Bands in McKinney.

They took second place with the other band winning by two points.

McElvain said they've opened for Austin Cunningham and played places like the White Elephant.

"Excited," is what McElvain said they are about playing the Green concert. He noted that Pat Green received some flack about "selling out to Nashville" and McElvain was going to take care not to make that mistake. He said he didn't pay much mind until they were going to play the Green concert and started learning all he could about the singer/songwriter. He disagrees commenting that Green does his own music and helps other bands.

Recently McElvain played in an area where he met

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Budget preparaton altered for MMH

By Janet Felderhoff
The manner in which the budget for Muenster Memorial Hospital's fiscal year July 2003 to June 30, 2004 has changed. For the first time each department head developed a budget for his or her department. There were 17 different departments.

"We've been working on this budget for about two months," said Arnold. We got all of the department heads, had worksheets, they actually got some of the actual financial statements from last year, set down with us went through and developed their own in each department."

The goal is that each month every department will get a copy of the report with revenue and expenses to compare with the budget. This will help determine when something is not accurate and why. "This will help them (department heads) keep track of budget expenses. ... They did a good job."

In preparing the budget Administrator Richard Arnold remarked, "We tried to anticipate the costs and the revenue to be generated by a new doctor coming in August, the new services that are brought on-line by the Rehab program, some enhancements that are in X-ray and Laboratory. Also the increasing utilization of our Swing Bed program."

The proposed budget projected total revenues/expenses as \$99,124.46 for MMH and a -\$88,059.00 for St. Richard's Villa for a total revenues/expenses for the MMH District of \$11,065.46.

Board members asked numerous questions about how Medicare and other insurance companies determined what they would pay the hospital on various charges.

Arnold used the example of a \$1,000 bill that Medicare allowed \$800 in charges. He said the hospital could collect 20% of that \$800 and that was deductible, not contractual adjustment. The difference between \$800 and \$1,000 is gone because it is contractual adjustment and the hospital writes it off. In the case of private insurance it is different with every company. Each has a different contract.

A company contracted to pay 85% of billed charges would pay \$850 on a \$1,000 lab bill. The \$150 of that is contractual adjustment on that bill. If the patient's deductible kicks in, that amount comes off of the amount that the insurance company had negotiated down. The \$150 would be written off by the hospital.

"We have to decide, do we have enough patients in the area to justify giving them that kind of discount to make up the volume," explained Arnold. "Or do they not have enough patients that if we let them have that good a discount and there's only three patients that want to use it anyway, that's not going to hurt us. I'm really robbing Peter to pay Paul in a situation like that. I may be

taking it out of the taxes or I may be taking it out of the company that pays 85%.

"That's why it is so critical that we have a good understanding of contractual adjustment, but more important we need to know our costs per unit of service. That's why I'm hoping that we will get a good strong handle on the budget, the computer being able to monitor our costs accurately. That way the contracts and adjustments in revenues aren't really as important as out costs. Our cost is going to determine what we get paid."

"I'm hoping with the new doctors coming in and the new services we want to provide that those services will be appealing to the non Medicare patients so that we do have the younger folks who have the insurance that will pay us 85% when our cost is 62%. Then we've got some margin for profit."

Arnold then noted that big hospitals in the cities that are working with 12 to 20% Medicare and four to six percent Medicaid patients can offer better deals to insurance companies like Blue Cross and Aetna because they get 75% of fully funded programs as opposed to small hospitals' lesser amount.

Medicare doesn't allow some expenses such as telephone and television in the patients' rooms and the

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Tom Torcellini is resurrecting this old restaurant and memories of Muenster's old water tower with this unique landmark at the Old Tower Tavern. Dave Fette photo

New restaurant follows water tower theme

by Dave Fette
"The menu is going to be simple, but of the best quality," said Tom Torcellini, "with really good burgers, custom made. Then, a little later we'll start the pizza menu, also with the best quality. The Tavern will have cold beer... The cooler I have now only goes down to 36 degrees... That's not good enough. It's got to be 33 degrees," he promised.

Tom Torcellini has purchased the property that many years ago was home to The Center Restaurant and more recently housed Dos Amigos Restaurant. He is completely refurbishing the building and plans to open soon after Labor Day as the Old Tower Tavern.

The theme of the restaurant will be built around the old water tower that, until recently, was the elevated water storage tank in the middle of Muenster. Torcellini also purchased

the cap from the old water tower and that is now mounted prominently above the front-middle of the building beside Highway 82. Plans include a separated dining room on the east side of the restaurant. "I want the kids to have a good, safe place to hang out," said Torcellini, with games, pizza, soft drinks, and great for their entertainment.

All the plumbing has been re-worked to solve some old chronic problems. The floors have been stripped down to the concrete and refinished. Workers are painting a two-tone gray color scheme with "Harley Davidson Orange" trim. "I can't stand it to be dirty," said the new owner.

"I want it to smell fresh and clean and be fresh and clean."

Sport fans can keep up with their favorite teams on one of four satellite-fed TVs.

Torcellini is a motorcycle enthusiast and he wants to cater to the riders who come through town. An annual poker run event is in his plans. Other plans include a top quality steak night once a month... by reservation only.

"I'm keeping some of the old building's features like Bert Hesse's painting on the tavern wall and featuring the water tower history," said Torcellini. "It's going to be a fun place."

GNB announces July 1 merger with Ennis bank

Riley C. Peveto, Chairman of GNB Bancshares, Inc., has announced that the two partner banks of the Bancshares holding company - Guaranty National Bank (GNB) and First Bank & Trust of Ennis (FBT) - have merged effective July 1, 2003. The merged bank is named GNB Financial, n.a.

According to Peveto, who is Chairman of GNB Financial, GNB customers will see few changes. "We've been GNB for as long as the bank has been in business - since 1933," he said. "Our staff will stay the same, our services will stay the same, and we'll still be the same bank our customers know and trust."

Ray Nichols, who is Vice

Chairman and CEO of GNB Financial, echoed Peveto's comments. "Banking has evolved considerably during my career at GNB," he said, "and we are now able to offer so much more to our customers. Our new name retains our GNB heritage, but it also lets people know we've kept up with the times and have a full array of financial services."

The most visible change will be new signage at all GNB banking center locations, including the home office in downtown Gainesville. Scheduled for installation in early July, the signs will simply say GNB - and identify the local banking center.

Nichols added, "A new sign may not seem

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Lindsay ISD hires Smith

The Lindsay ISD Board of Trustees met Monday evening to consider employment of a new high school principal. They voted to hire Larry Smith, formerly principal in Callisburg, to be principal over grades 7 through 12. Watch for a future story about the Knight principal in the Enterprise.



Repairs and improvements to the Muenster ISD campus buildings are in full swing in an attempt for completion before the August school bells ring. Watch next weeks Muenster Enterprise for an update on the progress of the construction. Janie Hartman photo

MMH Budget

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hospital can't expect reimbursement on them.

The Administrator credited Laura Stoffels, Director of Nursing, with the growing awareness of MMH's Swing Bed Program. "She's in contact almost on a daily basis with the discharge planners in Denton, Sherman, and Dennison because they will say, 'You're from Muenster. You're going to need this kind of therapy' and they will contact us because the hospital in Denton, Sherman, Dennison, and Gainesville will lose money if they keep patients in a skilled facility because they have changed the mechanism for skilled service. They've capped it so once they've used up whatever that cap is, they want to get rid of the patient, but the patient still needs care. As they learn we want those patients because we're not capped the pattern is beginning to build."

St. Richard's Villa now has a new computer and software in place. This will enable them to do their own billing and bookkeeping separate from the hospital. This transition is set to begin July 1, the beginning of a new fiscal year for the MMH District.

SRV Administrator Zula Lawyer and Amy Haverkamp spent June 3 marketing the Gainesville area. A new admission on June 16 brought the census

to 39. There one spot open and that is for a male.

Elaine Schilling, D.D.S., previously approved by the medical staff, was unanimously approved by the Board for appointment to the Courtesy Medical Staff. Arnold said that there was an occasion early where her services for needed and she was approved that time for temporary privileges. Carla Davidson-Cox, M.D., also previously approved by the medical staff, was approved by the Board for appointment to the MMH Medical Staff and granted active privileges at MMH. She completes her training on June 30.

A report on the collection of delinquent property taxes for the MMH District was reviewed. Jim A. Robertson is the attorney retained by MMH to collect delinquent taxes. In his report to the Board Robertson wrote, "We began collecting delinquent taxes in July of 2001. In terms of dollar figures, in our first six months of collections, your revenue was \$9,628.70; for the 12 months of 2002, records show your revenue at \$19,503.45; and for the period January through April of 2003, your revenue has been reported at \$9,400.96. The number of accounts paying each month range from as many as 66 to as few as 20 within any given month."

"In April of 2002, your collection rate on delinquent taxes stood at 98.65%. As of April 2003, your rate has increased to 99.80%."

MMH approached their CPA firm Brandon Durbin for advice on how to solve the collection problem for past accounts that weren't done properly. He suggested that they get assistance from D-Med Consultants. They came in and looked at MMH's operation to see what was being done right and wrong.

It was D-Med's recommendation that the hospital outsource certain processes. Their study showed it to be less expense and more efficient to do this than to hire staff trained to do those things.

A person from D-Med is currently working with MMH administration to determine the most feasible way to do what was recommendation and still meet approval of the Board.

"Our goal is to get the patient's insurance billed as quickly as possible, to get the information to the patient accurately."

The Board unanimously passed a resolution to retain D-Med Consultants to work on accounts receivable.

All members were present except Danny Walterscheid. John Aytes was present via telephone.



Boys will be boys - as they attack a "train" load of girls with their water guns at the annual Saint Peter's Picnic last Sunday in the park. Photo courtesy of Katie Eberhart

Hot Dog it's the Fourth of July

Please come join us at the Boggess Park, on the corner of Boggess and Line Street in Saint Jo to celebrate the 227th birthday of our great nation. Our schedule of events is as follows:

- 7:00 Music by "Outback" kicks off the evening.
- Children's games and races are from 7-8
- Concession stand opens at 7 and serves until 9:30 (free watermelon available all night)
- 8:00 Tasting starts for the ice cream contest
- 8:30 Mayor's welcome, followed by Community Choir performance
- 8:45 Judging for ice cream contest
- 9:00 Ice cream winners announced
- Century Club wildflower quilt raffle winner announced

At full dark the Saint Jo Volunteer Fire Department will begin the fireworks display.

Bring your lawn chairs and come join the fun!!



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significant, but it demonstrates our commitment to our customers, our employees, our communities - and to our future as a strong financial institution."

GNB Bancshares, Inc. is a locally owned independent community bank holding company.

Barnhart appointed delegate to American Bar Association

Gainesville lawyer H. Mack Barnhart has been appointed a delegate of the State Bar of Texas to the American Bar Association (ABA) House of Delegates.

The ABA House of Delegates is the policy-making body of the American Bar Association, the largest voluntary professional membership

association in the world. Barnhart was appointed by 2002-03 State Bar President Guy Harrison to serve a term ending July 31, 2004. The House of Delegates meets twice a year; the next meeting will be held Aug. 7-12 in San Francisco, California.

Barnhart is the principal in the Barnhart Law Firm, P.C., in Gainesville. He is board-certified in personal injury trial law, and is currently serving a three-year term on the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors, the governing body of the State Bar. He earned his B.S. from the University of North Texas and LL.B. from Southern Methodist University School of Law.

Barnhart is a member of the Texas Bar Foundation, American Bar Association, American Board of Trial Advocates and the College of the State Bar.

Barnhart recently concluded a second term on the Gainesville ISD Board of Trustees and has previously served on the Board of Directors for the Gainesville Hospital District. He was also the Gainesville City Attorney for seven years.

Protecting Texas' natural resources is an important part of passing on our state's heritage to future generations. This month, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and local county tax assessor-collector's offices are featuring conservation specialty license plates to create awareness about preserving state parks and wildlife in Texas.

Applications for conservation specialty plates are available at county tax offices, on TxDOT's web site (www.dot.state.tx.us), by calling the TxDOT Help Desk at 512-465-7611, or by calling TxDOT's Fax-On-Demand forms line at 888-232-7033.

City Council Agenda

The following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7:30 pm in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, July 7, 2003.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 pm.
2. Opening prayer.
3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting on June 2, 2003.
4. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
5. Consider any other business to come before the Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consider and act on fee schedule for reservation of park facilities and cost estimates for pump station.
2. Consider and act on recommendation for correction of water flow problems in the Cedar and Maple Street alley way.
3. Consider and act on request from Muenster Water District regarding trespassers on lake property.
4. Receive update on MISD negotiations for streets.
5. Consider and act on park street improvements.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Receive Fiscal Year 2002 Audit Report from Stephen Gilliland.
2. Consider and act on Park Board Recommendation for Chamber of Commerce Fundraiser in park.
3. Receive quarterly Police activities report.
4. Consider and act on changing date of September meeting as the first Monday in September 1 or Labor Day.
5. Consider and act on contracting with Cooke County Appraisal District for tax appraisal and collection.
6. Review status of sewer plant expansion project. Take action as necessary regarding balance of debt for project.
7. Receive status report on city projects.
8. Receive budget summary report.
9. Review and act upon monthly bills.
10. Adjourn.

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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, July 6, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, July 7, 2003 Swim Lesson Week 1 City Council meeting, 7:30PM	Tuesday, July 8, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Grief Support Seminar, 6-8PM, Home Hospice Storytime Muenster Public Library, 10:30AM	Wednesday, July 9, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center C of C Breakfast meeting, 7:30AM, Rohmer's Restaurant	Thursday, July 10, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Kwanis Family Swim Night, 7-9PM, Muenster Pool / Muenster Hist. Com. meeting, 8AM, Museum	Friday, July 11, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM AARP membership & luncheon, Stanford House, 11:30AM Nocona Chisholm Trail Rodeo, 8PM	Saturday, July 12, 2003 Nocona Chisholm Trail Rodeo, 8PM, Parade, 4PM
Sunday, July 13, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM VFW Auxiliary meeting, 1PM	Monday, July 14, 2003 Swim Lesson Week 2 VFW meeting, 8PM	Tuesday, July 15, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Grief Support Seminar, 6-8PM, Home Hospice MMH Board meeting, 8PM Storytime Muenster Public Library, 10:30AM	Wednesday, July 16, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Thursday, July 17, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Friday, July 18, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Saturday, July 19, 2003 Muenster Jaycees Ruth Hess Memorial Golf Tournament, Turtle Hill Golf Course, 2PM start

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Obituaries

Eleanor Truebenbach 1914-2003

by **Elfreda Fette**
 Mass of Christian Burial was held for Eleanor Magdalena (Nora) Truebenbach on Tuesday, July 1, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church, officiated by Father John Ohner OSA, pastor.

Eleanor Truebenbach died July 29, 2003 at age 89 in St. Richard's Villa at 9:52 a.m.

She was born April 26, 1914 to Wenzel Truebenbach and Theresia Juede Truebenbach, and lived in the Muenster area all her life, and was a member of Sacred Heart Parish. For a number of years she worked at Muenster Pharmacy and prior to that part-time at the Muenster Clinic. She was also employed as a telephone operator. She enjoyed reading the *Muenster Enterprise* and the *Gainesville Register*. She delighted in seeing her nieces and nephews and their children, and took pleasure in working crossword puzzles.

Survivors include nieces and nephews Giles Truebenbach and Clifford Truebenbach, both of Muenster, Andy Truebenbach of Gainesville, Alvin Hacker of Muenster, Celine Bartel of Muenster, Margaret J. Fleitman of Gainesville, Laurie Mae Gould of Denton, and Leona Pick of Muenster.

Preceding her in death were her parents; two brothers Andrew Truebenbach, infant Joseph Truebenbach; three sisters, Marie Truebenbach, Katherine Hacker, and Sister Celine Truebenbach, OSB.

Vigil was held at McCoy Funeral Home on June 30 at 7 p.m.

Participating in the special liturgy of the Mass of Christian Burial with Father John Ohner OSA were altar servers Jessica



Eleanor (Nora) Truebenbach

Bartel, Kristen Miller, and Lisa Miller.

First reading from the Old Testament, Wisdom 3:1-9 was given by Kim Hesse. Second reading from the New Testament, 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10 was given by Adrienne Bartel.

Father John Ohner read the Gospel, John 6:51-59 and gave the Homily.

Eucharistic ministers were Carla Zwinggi, Leoba Mollenkopf, Jana Truebenbach, and Dolores Miller.

Music ministers were Ruth Felderhoff and Christy Hesse. Sacred music included: "Amazing Grace" for the Entrance, "Psalm of the Good Shepherd", "Ave Maria" at Offertory, "I Am the Bread of Life" for Communion, and "We Walk By Faith" for Recessional.

The eulogy was given by Dana Dudenhoeffer.

Burial under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home was held in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Pallbearers were Raymond Stewart, Floyd Truebenbach, Cody Truebenbach, Mark Fleitman, Terry Bartel, and Clayton Truebenbach.



Making fun and merriment at the annual Saint Peter's Homecoming picnic Sunday at Lindsay City Park included face painting and snow cones. Above Kristen Alexander gets a colorful design of her choice painted on her face. At left, Melissa Fuhrmann fixes up another cool snow cone. Photos courtesy of Katie Eberhart

Master Gardener classes start in Sept.

Those who've wanted to become an official certified Texas Master Gardener now have the opportunity. Many are interested in earning the certification to use when marketing their landscaping businesses or on their resumes when applying for jobs for nurseries, mowing, and landscaping or irrigation companies. Others want the training to properly maintain their own yards and gardens. Many members of Keep Texas Beautiful affiliates such as

Keep Muenster Beautiful and Keep Gainesville Beautiful are certified Texas Master Gardeners. Master Gardeners help beautify their communities by planting trees and flowers in public beautification areas such as around the Cooke County Courthouse and on Main Street Muenster. Many Master Gardeners volunteer to share their knowledge to help people in the community with their gardening questions.

Master Gardener training will be held every Wednesday from September 24 through November 19th. Class location will alternate between Gainesville and Sherman and the registration fee is \$125.00. The fee includes the classes and a very informative syllabus you'll use for years as a reference book. Scheduled class topics include horticulture basics, entomology or study of insects and how to deal with them, vegetable gardening,

propagation of plants, turf grasses, landscape design, soils, water and plant nutrients, disease and plant health, fruits and nuts, pruning roses, and landscape plant matters. The final class will be a field trip to the Dallas Arboretum. For further information contact the Texas Cooperative Extension at the Cooke County Courthouse in Gainesville at (940) 668-5412 or email: ccextension@ntin.net.

Fourth of July is active

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some of Green's old buddies. They called Green's manager and McElvain got to talk to him. Although he's yet to meet Green McElvain feels he's, "A great guy and I'm looking forward to meeting him."

Other area happenings

On July 4th the Saint Jo Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring its annual fireworks display at Bogges City Park beginning at full dark or about 9 p.m. The sparkling event is popular with residents of Saint Jo and surrounding towns.

Also that evening the Saint Jo Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its second annual July 4 Freeze Off. Teams of three to four people are invited to prepare homemade ice cream. Three prize winners will be selected by popular vote and announced at 9 p.m. Prizes are \$200, \$100, and \$50 donated to the non-profit youth group of the winning teams choice.

Pre-show entertainment starts at 7 p.m. There will be free watermelon all evening. Hot dogs, chips, and other refreshments will be available for purchase. It is suggested that you bring lawn chairs.

Is going out of town more suited to your celebration tastes? The Crape Myrtle

Council and Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce & CVB are hosting the 6th annual Crape Myrtle Festival and Parade on July 3, 4, and 5. The theme for this year's festival is Paintin' the Town Pink & Flyin' the Red, White, & Blue. The patriotic celebration will start at Lumpkins Stadium, Waxahachie High School, on July 3 at 8 p.m. with the Dallas Wind Symphony in concert followed by a spectacular fireworks display.

On July 4, the day will begin at 10 a.m. with a parade starting at College Street and ending at Getzendaner Park. The

festival will continue in Getzendaner Park with fun, food, live music, children's activities and talent show until 6 p.m.

On July 5, the celebration will end with the Crape Myrtle Festival Gala & Auction at the Waxahachie Civic Center at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person and must be purchased in advance at the Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce.

Waxahachie is designated by the State Legislature as the Crape Myrtle Capital of Texas, and the Crape Myrtles will be in full bloom for the 4th of July. The Crape Myrtle Festival and Parade are free to the public. For more

information on the festival, contact the Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce at 972-937-2390 or www.waxahachie.com <http://www.waxahachie.com/>

In Wichita Falls a Summer Arts and Crafts Festival will be held July 5-6 in Exhibit Hall B at the Multi-Purpose Event Center. More than 100 exhibitors from throughout the Southwest will be on hand with original art, limited edition prints, and handcrafted items. Hours for the festival are Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. There is no admission charge.

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Texas is a part of a massive nationwide effort aimed at getting impaired drivers off the nation's streets and highways. The mobilization is being spearheaded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in an effort to reduce the number of alcohol related crashes this summer.

"Our message to all drivers is simple and direct: If you drink and drive, you will go to jail," said Carlos Lopez, TxDOT Director of Traffic Operations. "There are 60,000 law enforcement officers in Texas who can arrest drunk drivers. Safe alternatives to getting behind the wheel if you've had anything to drink are to designate a sober driver before drinking begins, call a taxi, or just stay where you are until you can drive home safely."

The legal limit for intoxication in Texas is .08 blood alcohol concentration (BAC). Penalties for a DWI offense include \$2,000 in fines, 72 hours to six months in jail and driver's license suspension from 90 days to one year.

Marge Felderhoff passes away

Marge (Lester) Felderhoff passed away at her home in Gainesville at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, July 1, 2003.

She was the wife of Norbert Felderhoff.

Funeral Services were pending at the time of publication. Complete details will be in next weeks paper.

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Whether you sent flowers, a card, food, gave a donation, said a prayer, sat quietly in a corner, offered comforting words, a hug, or attended the services, it was noticed and we say thank you very much.

A special thank you to Cindy Gehrig, Mary Ann Koesler and Dr. Mike Minodin at Muenster Memorial Hospital for your heroic efforts. Thank you to Mac & Tim of McCoy Funeral Home for your help and compassion.

Thank you to Father Don Brennan for your words & prayers offered at the funeral plus all who participated in the Mass to make it so beautiful.

Thank you to the KC's for the use of the hall and to the Catholic Daughters for preparing a wonderful meal.

Words cannot express our sincere appreciation and love to all who share in our grief and loss. We will forever remember your kindness and thoughtfulness.

May God Bless You All!

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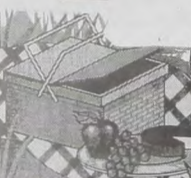


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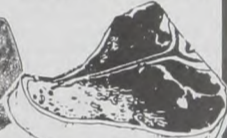


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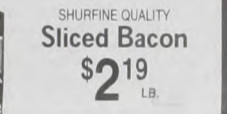
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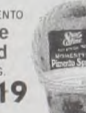
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Butt litter is a serious problem

Cigarette butts are a dangerous form of litter. Not all cigarette butts are extinguished before landing on dry grass or weeds and cause fires. This time of the year there are many highway fires started by cigarette butts thrown from automobiles.

Partially smoked cigarettes, matches, disposable lighters, packaging, as well as cigarette butts, are all part of a growing national litter problem. Studies have shown that an individual who would never litter a beverage can, fast food packaging or other items may be dropping cigarette litter. Because it is small, many do not regard a littered cigarette butt as litter.

As more communities and cities become concerned about second hand smoke and restrict smoking in public places, smokers are forced outdoors to smoke contributing to an increase in cigarette litter. Businesses, restaurants and municipalities need to ensure ashtrays are available for smokers to dispose of cigarettes outdoors. As one of the smallest pieces of litter, cigarette litter represents over 20% of the litter collected in many community cleanup initiatives.

Cigarette butts are not completely degradable. The filters contain cellulose acetate in the form of a fiber that looks like cotton thread. The fibers that do degrade do so very slowly, sometimes taking as many as 20 years. Eighteen percent of all litter dropped to the ground is washed into streams, rivers, lakes and the ocean by storm water runoff. Cigarette butts are

lightweight and little and are easily carried in runoff to our waterways. In various reports from state departments of transportation and highway departments, the roster of items littered grows annually. In most reports, cigarette litter is at the top of the list!

Other than the aesthetic and environmental challenges posed by cigarette litter in communities and on the highways, cigarette litter is an increasing financial challenge. Because of its size, manual cigarette litter cleanup is very difficult as part of actual cost of regular maintenance and cleanup.

Consider a recent report from Longwood College, Virginia ... the cigarette litter cleanup cost for last year was over \$50,000!

Concerned citizens can make a difference by educating those who do smoke to properly dispose of cigarette butts and not to litter. This will help minimize dangerous fires and save taxpayers money on cleanup expense.

When you see someone littering from a vehicle you may report this to the "GOTCHA" program through the Texas Department of Transportation (TX DOT). Report the license plate number, date, time of day,

location (street and city), color and make of vehicle, was the culprit the driver or passenger and the type of litter, such as a cigarette butt to www.dontmesswithtexas.org (choose the feedback option) or call 888-TEX-8683 or fax (512) 486-5909 or write: GOTCHA!, TX DOT-TRV, P.O. Box 149248, Austin, TX 78714.

The offender will receive a litterbag with a letter informing them that littering is not only illegal; it is an insult to the Lone Star State! Remember: Every littered butt hurts!

Submitted by MaryLee Alford, Keep Muenster Beautiful



Elaine Schilling, DDS, (at right) donated the new "Litter Free Event" sign for Keep Muenster Beautiful just in time to display at the Pat Green concert in Muenster on July 5. Pat Green starred in a recent Keep Texas Beautiful television commercial, teaching the audience not to mess with Texas! Assisting in showing off the sign is Jennifer Aldredge.

Cornyn pays tribute to Senator Hutchison

Saturday, June 14 marked 10 years of service to Texas in the United States Senate for the state's senior senator, Kay Bailey Hutchison. Her accomplishments over the past decade range from funding support for national defense to border improvements to reforming and improving our nation's healthcare service. But her proudest victories are likely those she secures for individual Texans every day through a constituent service philosophy with an emphasis on going the extra mile to meet the needs of her constituents across Texas.

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn spoke on the Senate floor on Friday, June 13 in tribute to his friend and mentor.

"Senator Hutchison is a wonderful woman, an excellent Senator, and a great Texan," Sen. Cornyn said. "I'm enormously grateful to work alongside a woman of her stature, a woman of her valor, who represents the very best of the great state of Texas."

Among Sen. Hutchison's top accomplishments for Texas and the nation are:

- Leading the effort to institute nationwide the Amber Alert system of

locating missing children.

- Improving commerce relations along the Mexico border by removing the "\$50 rule" that stunted the trade growth within the region.

- Ensuring the addition of 1,100 Border Patrol positions to the U.S.-Mexico border crossings, while increasing salaries.

- Fighting against crime by writing and defending the passage on Interstate Stalking Act and the Interstate Cyberstalking legislation.

- Earned a spot on Senate leadership, the only woman among the top five of the Senate Republicans.

Born in La Marque, Texas, Sen. Hutchison spent much of her life in public service. She was twice elected to the Texas House of Representatives, and later served as state treasurer. While treasurer, she trimmed the agency's budget more than any other state official while at the same time increasing returns on Texas' investments to an historic \$1 billion annually. Before coming to the U.S. Senate, Hutchison led the successful fight against a state income tax and to put a cap on the state debt.

Texas protects right-to-carry permit holders

Gov. Rick Perry (R) of Texas signed into law SB 501, a bill which restores uniformity and consistency to Texas' Right-to-Carry law. For years, cities and counties have dubiously claimed authority to ban Concealed Handgun Licensees (CHLs) from public property using the state's criminal trespass law. SB 501 clarifies that local governments may not use the trespass law to prohibit CHLs from areas not otherwise off limits under current law.

"This law reasserts the Legislature's authority to regulate where license holders can and cannot lawfully carry. Furthermore, it brings the criminal trespass law into harmony with the Right-to-Carry law, the Local Government Code and the Texas Constitution," said Chris W. Cox, chief lobbyist

of the NRA. "When cities and municipalities take it upon themselves to curtail the right of self defense, the state legislature has a responsibility to step in. We could not be more pleased with the action they have taken."

"I would like to thank Governor Perry for signing this common-sense measure into law and for his continued support of our Second Amendment freedoms. Strong thanks also go to co-sponsors of this bipartisan legislation, Senator Ken Armbrister (D-Victoria) and Representative Suzanna Gracia-Hupp (R-Lampasas) for their tireless effort on behalf of gun owners throughout Texas," concluded Cox.

The 132 year old NRA is the nation's oldest civil rights group, and advocates



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U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



Happy Birthday America

On July 3, 1776 after having severed America's ties to the British crown, founding father John Adams sent a letter to his wife, Abigail, describing his vision for Fourth of July celebrations in the future. He wrote, "I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding generations, as the great anniversary festival. ... It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other from this time forward forever more."

Americans did indeed carry out President Adams' vision and the Fourth of July has become one of the most festive and beloved celebrations in our nation. No single occasion more clearly defines us as a free people than Independence Day.

Each year in the Lone Star State, Texans don their red, white and blue garb, string up patriotic garlands and celebrate the Fourth of July with picnics, parades and fireworks. From Dalhart to Falfurrias, festivities range from backyard barbecues to stadium-sized pageantry. Today's celebrations continue a grand tradition.

In 1777, the city of Philadelphia, the veritable birthplace of our democracy where both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were forged, held one of the most spectacular Fourth of July celebrations in recorded history. Armed ships lined the river, discharging 13 cannons in honor of the 13 United States; Congress, the president and military officers attended an elegant dinner with toasts to the patriots and soldiers who gave their lives in defense of freedom. A discharge of artillery and small arms followed, accompanied by live music; soldiers on horseback and on foot paraded through town and the evening closed with the chiming of bells and a grand exhibition of fireworks concluded with 13 rockets illuminating the sky.

Throughout the years as our country expanded westward, celebrations continued, fashioned by local interests and regional flare. In 1848, the cornerstone of the Washington Monument was laid on July 4th. Forty years later a monument to Francis Scott Key was unveiled in San Francisco. In 1960 the 50-star American flag waved for the first time as Hawaii entered the union. Our bicentennial in 1976 rivaled the 1777 Philadelphia displays and lasted for a year. And in 2002, with the September 11th attacks still weighing on our minds, Americans gathered across the country amid heightened security to celebrate the Fourth of July with a new appreciation for the price of freedom.

Though early celebrations were quite spectacular, it was clear, even then, that our experiment with democracy would be challenging. President Adams closed the letter to his wife saying, "You will think me transported with enthusiasm, but I am not. I am well aware of the toil and blood and treasure that it will cost us to maintain this declaration, and support and defend these states. Yet through all the gloom I can see the rays of ravishing light and glory. I can see that the end is more than worth all the means."

He knew too well that freedom isn't free. This year as we gather in celebration of our independence and enjoy our liberties, it is important to reflect on the challenges our young nation still faces today. Threats to our way of life abound. Terrorism is a reality we confront, and our troops are stationed around the globe in defense of our freedoms and placed in harms' way to battle those who wish to destroy our democracy. They will never succeed.

This Fourth of July, on the 227th celebration of our nation's independence, I hope you will take the opportunity to celebrate with family and friends the gift of liberty that is America and pay tribute to those heroes in the armed forces who keep the flame of liberty alive.

Texans Want to Give Choice a Chance

School choice supported across economic, political, race, gender lines

By Chris Patterson

How can an idea be so publicly popular, offer such demonstrable benefits, have the endorsement of the Supreme Court, and yet still be categorically rejected by so many in the education and media establishment?

That's the question I've pondered these last several days in reviewing the results of a recently conducted opinion poll. The scientific poll asked Texans a very straightforward question: "Do you favor or oppose a proposal that would create a school choice program whereby education scholarships would be given by the state to pay for a child's education at any public, private or parochial school?"

Who supports school choice? At first glance, you find about 60 percent of us. But when we look more closely, the numbers show support for school choice crosses every social, economic, and political boundary.

Texans without a college diploma are the strongest advocates of school choice. Eighty-one percent of registered voters without college degrees (the bulk of Texans, mind you), between the ages of 18 and 44, support it. For college grads in the same age group, support is right at 60 percent.

Texans who struggle to make ends meet solidly advocate school choice. Sixty-six percent of people earning less than \$30,000 a year want school choice. In the \$30-\$50,000 range, it's 57 percent.

School choice is not restricted to conservative enclaves. Just shy of 60 percent of women who make less than \$50,000 demand school choice for their kids. And women who vote Democratic? About 61 percent. But going to the other end of the gender and political spectrum, 57 percent of GOP-voting men also favor school choice.

Choice is not just a dream for the inner-city poor. Rural voters support school choice 62 percent of the time, while urban-dwellers give it 56 percent support.

Every kind of Texan wants parents to be free to select the school best suited for their children, and have no problem in using tax dollars to pay for it.

Why such opposition from individuals who often portray themselves as champions of the disadvantaged? According to the poll, the state's poor, Hispanics (73 percent) and African-Americans (63 percent) overwhelmingly support educational freedom.

Do school choice opponents not trust poor and minority parents to make good decisions? Surely choice opponents do not believe only government is smart enough to recognize effective educational programs?

Opponents of choice can no longer hide behind the law. Last year the US Supreme Court declared vouchers constitutional. So the leading argument against school choice has become money. Vouchers, opponents claim, will siphon money from cash-strapped public schools. One could make the case that's not a problem.

Our poll asked Texans: "Do you think public schools spend money in a wasteful fashion?"

Yes, said 56 percent of Texans. This response should send shivers down the spines of many in the bloated administrations of our education bureaucracy. Cheerleaders for the existing public school monopoly like to say there are no problems more money cannot fix.

But that is simply not true. Numbers compiled by Rep. David Swinford demonstrate that higher performing schools actually under-spend poorly performing schools.

Giving parents freedom to choose the public, private or parochial school of their choice will put those bloated bureaucracies on a strict diet.

Day in and day out, every school would have to prove its academic value to the parent of every child. Just as stiff competition forces athletes to focus and finely tune their efforts, so would choice drive school systems to greater academic achievement and economic efficiency.

When the legislature convenes for a special session on school finance, most likely next spring, school choice should top their to-do list.

Texans parents want what's best for their children, and they need real choices to get the best. The bureaucrats want only to protect the bloated. It's now up to legislators to do the right thing and represent the will of the majority of Texans.

Mrs. Patterson is director of research for the Texas Public Policy Foundation, an Austin-based think tank that focuses on state-level issues. The Foundation's research is available at www.TexasPolicy.com.

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

Anyone familiar with the farm I used to call "home," 175 acres just northwest of the Muenster city limits, would no longer recognize it, if they didn't look at the old buildings, the house, barn, and several sheds still standing. Most everything has changed since my two older brothers sold the place.

The southwest section of it has been divided into building lots, and I understand, all have been sold to individuals, many of whom have already built fine homes, and are living in them.

I spent many long days in those fields, preparing land for new crops, sowing grain, and later harvesting. It was a good life, and mostly I enjoyed the hard work and sweating it took for a successful operation.

There were always cattle, sheep, and hogs to care for, as well as the flocks of hens my folks always kept. Dad was a great one to keep all his buildings in good repair, and he believed in regular painting as well.

Fences took up most of the times when it was too wet to work in the fields, so we always had a job to do.

But then as we grow older, we can look at what once was, and see what is now termed progress.

When I was considerably younger I, at times, thought too much of our farm land was being put into housing. But I find that present day farmers are producing much more food, and feed, on less and less acreage. Much of the marginal land is being, or has been put into grass, which is being grazed by cattle, etc.

Many farmsteads are slowly going to ruin since many of the buildings are no longer needed, especially granaries and some hay barns. Most grain is harvested and hauled directly to the elevators. Many farmers no longer live on the places they farm and ranch, preferring to live in town and commute to their land.


One can only wonder what the next 50 to 60 years will bring.

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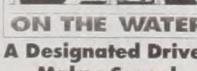
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enforcement of existing laws to prosecute and punish violent criminals. The NRA is the nation's leader in teaching gun safety and promoting marksmanship among law enforcement officers nationwide. The Association has over 4 million members across America.

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Bill and Joyce Barton and Herbert Richardson of the Rosston community announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kimberly Ann Richardson, to William Derek Stobaugh, son of Jack and Carol Leverett and Billy Stobaugh of Gainesville. Kim is a 1999 graduate of Era High School and is employed by Dr. Gerald Graham Dentistry of Muenster. Derek graduated from Callisburg High School in 1998 and is employed at Perlos, Inc. in Fort Worth. The couple plans to wed July 12, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Era Methodist Church with Rev. Dennis Pellet officiating. After a honeymoon cruise to Mexico, the couple will reside in the Rosston community.

Check out summer freebies at the library

Sign up now for the free six-week Basic Computer Usage class to begin July 10 at the Bettie M. Luke Muenster Public Library every Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. To register, call 940-668-4235 or the library, 759-4291. Library hours are: Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Wednesdays from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

storytelling time every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.; the reading race for kids under 10 with free ice cream from the DI One Stop or the Sonic for those completing 20 books; and the newly formed Young Adult Reading Club for the 10-16 year olds.

And, don't forget the library's best freebies of all: this summer's and past summers' best selling novels, non-fiction books, videos and DVDs. Call or come by the library to enjoy the free fun!

Designate somebody to watch the swimmers

Many kids narrowly escape drowning during summertime holiday celebrations held near water. Designating an adult water watcher could easily prevent those potential tragedies, says Dr. Steven Kernie, a pediatric critical care physician at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"A lot of drownings happen at parties or social events where there are plenty of adults around - everybody assumes someone else is watching the water," Dr. Kernie says. "Know who is watching the swimmers."

Water watchers should also have immediate access to a telephone so they can call 911 in case an accident does occur. That means keeping the phone, if it's a cell phone, charged and within reach rather than in the car or indoors, Dr. Kernie noted.



Michelle M. Montgomery of Forestburg and Lucas M. Bayer of Muenster have chosen Saturday, July 26, 2003 as their wedding day. Their engagement and approaching marriage have been announced by her parents Mitchell and Linda Davis. Lucas is the son of Clinton and Barbara Bayer of Muenster. The ceremony will take place at 2:00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster.

Amy Arendt is TWU honor grad

Amy Kathryn Arendt was a spring summa cum laude graduate from Texas Woman's University in Denton. She was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology and a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

As a student at TWU, Amy was a member of the Catholic Campus Ministry, serving as President for two and a half years. She also belonged to Golden Key Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Omega Rho Alpha Honor Society, and the Student Organization of Communication Sciences. Amy was also on the University Honor Roll each semester and named to the National Deans List.

In August, Amy plans to join the Gateway Vincentian Volunteers, a Catholic service organization located in St. Louis, Missouri. She will spend the next year there ministering to the

poor and needy of the area. Amy is a 1999 graduate of Lindsay High School and is the daughter of David and Sharon Arendt and the granddaughter of Mary Ann Arendt of Lindsay.



Amy Arendt

TXU Energy Safety Tips: Before a storm
Unplug all other electrical appliances and equipment.

CCFF Agency marks 20th year: sponsors raffle fundraiser

Cooke County Friends of the Family (CCFF) is marking 20 years of operation in Gainesville and Cooke County. This agency has been in Cooke County since a 1981 study by the Gainesville Chapter of the League of Women Voters pointed to a need in Cooke County to help victims of family violence through a crisis telephone line and support group. The hotline for assistance to victims of violence became operational in June of 1983. Unfortunately, the need continues to this day.

The telephone crisis line operates on a 24 hour, seven day a week basis, enabling potential clients to secure services when they are most needed. Crisis counseling, referrals, and information regarding services are provided over the telephone to residents of Cooke County, as well as referrals, in the areas of family violence, sexual assault, and victims of other violent crimes.

No fee is charged for CCFF programs and services, and staff and volunteers are available to all appropriate clients regardless of income level, age, race, sex, or national origin. Services are provided on a confidential basis. CCFF is a Cooke County United Way agency.

CCFF is currently raising funds to continue their services in the community with a raffle drawing which will be held on July 31. All proceeds from the raffle will go toward continued operations and services of Cooke County Friends of the Family. The raffle consists of five prize opportunities for participants: airfare and

hotel expenses for two for five days in Hawaii, a \$2500 value; a laptop computer valued at \$1100; a \$500 savings bond from First State Bank; a \$500 savings bond from Guaranty National Bank; and a Black & Decker power drill valued at \$120. CCFF officials will hold the drawing for these prizes on July 31, at 10 a.m. on the Cooke County Courthouse steps. Community support is appreciated. You need not be present to win.

CCFF staff are qualified crisis counselors who use a problem-solving approach in each individual case. Victims are encouraged to make their own decision regarding their future plans. They are encouraged to pursue individual and group counseling for themselves and family members at appropriate long-term community counseling agencies. CCFF interacts with public and private agencies to assist

victims in securing rights and services and may intervene with employers and schools on behalf of the victim to obtain legal aid, employment, and a more permanent place to live. Staff members are qualified to provide support during law enforcement investigations, explanation of procedures, court orientation, court escort, case appearance notification, case status and disposition information, victim impact reports, transportation, assistance in property return, assistance in filing victim compensation claims, and post-sentencing services including offender release notification at the probation, parole and pardon stages of the criminal justice system.

Throughout the school year CCFF Staff goes to area schools presenting its public awareness outreach programs such as the "WHO" Program (We Help

Ourselves) and Play It Safe. The "WHO" program is aimed at teaching youth to protect themselves from sexual, physical, and emotional abuse. Children learn to recognize the danger signals, how to get away safely, and where and to whom they should relate the incident. Play It Safe discusses topics such as bullying, date rape drugs, dating violence, sexual harassment, sexual relationship con-games. Hispanic presentations on domestic violence and sexual assault are done also. Cooke County Friends of the Family has many brochures regarding Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse. If you are interested in obtaining brochures to give to someone who is a victim or to place in your business, please contact the office at 665-2873.

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Reynolds' celebrate golden anniversary

Kenneth (Wassie) and Rosemary Reynolds celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage on June 28, 2003 in Forestburg Community Center. The children of the honorees and their spouses, Mary Jo and Larry Eldridge, Jerry and Debbie Reynolds, Ronnie and Karen Reynolds, and Wesley and Danielle Reynolds, held a community Open House for the couple.

Guests enjoyed snacks, cake and punch, reminiscing, and viewing pictures of the couple, their children, and grandchildren.

Family members arrived next for a catered barbecue and family reunion. Relatives coming to honor the couple included Jerry and Bobbie Ellen Roberts of Fort Worth, Doyle and Wilma Boyd of Houston, Michelle, Jason, and Logan Wright of Lawton, Oklahoma, and Richard, Fred, Harold, Bertha, and Linda Knabe, and other friends and family from

Cooke and Montague Counties. A very special guest was Rosemary's godmother Kate Wilson. Guests were registered by granddaughters Amanda Eldridge and Christany Reynolds.

Kenneth (Wassie) Reynolds, son of Jimmie Joe and Cleta Reynolds, and Rosemary Knabe, daughter of Joe and Mary Knabe, were married July 3, 1953 in Muenster, Texas. Attendants of the couple were bride's cousin Anna Grace Fette and Richard Knabe, brother of the bride. A reception followed in the parish hall.

The couple are the parents of four children; have ten grandchildren; Michelle Wright, Joey and Amanda Eldridge, Michael, Christany, Johnathan, Kenny, Shane, Justin, and Samantha Reynolds; and one great-grandchild Logan Wright. All were in attendance except Michael Reynolds, who is serving in the U.S. Army in Baghdad.



Kenneth and Rosemary Reynolds

Childhood obesity program offered

Texas Cooperative Extension will host "Wellness in Texas", a program to address the issues of childhood obesity, on July 15. Simultaneous presentations will be in Dallas and Temple. Technology will bring together educators and health professionals to learn and discuss what communities can do.

In Dallas, the seminar will be at Texas A&M Dallas, 17360 Coit Road. The morning session will be video-conferenced to the Blackland Research Center in Temple. Both locations will have separate afternoon sessions. Registration at both locations will begin at

9 a.m., with the program scheduled for 9:30 a.m.

The morning session will focus on facts and figures on childhood obesity; afternoon sessions will showcase Extension programs and curriculum on nutrition, physical activity and family wellness.

The \$29 seminar fee includes lunch. Continuing education units will be offered.

To register, contact Regina Linder at 972-952-9255. For additional information, contact a county Extension office. Onsite registration will depend on seating availability.

Fort Worth museum offers new ExploraZone activities

Try your skill at basketball while wearing prism glasses. Slice up a recording of your voice and listen to the pieces. See what happens to the picture on a color TV when you hold a magnet to the screen. (Don't try this at home!) These intriguing experiences and more await you in an all-new set of ExploraZone® activities opening June 14, at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History.

The innovative exhibit includes 38 new hands-on activities designed to make science, math, and technology engaging, exciting, and fun. This newest set of ExploraZone activities focuses on visual perception, thought and language, electricity, and magnetism. It is the fifth in a series of exhibits from the Museum's partnership with the Exploratorium in San

Francisco. What you see, or rather what you *think* you see, is the common theme throughout the activities.

Some ExploraZone activities are not to be tried at home! For example, in *Color TV & Magnetism*, hold up a magnet to a television screen. The magnetic field distorts the flow of electrons to the screen to create bands of color that bend and follow the pull of the magnet. Simpler magnetic properties are illustrated in *Black Sand* and *Floating in Copper*.

The new ExploraZone components will be on display through May 30, 2004. The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History is located at 1501 Montgomery Street in Fort Worth's Cultural District. For more information call 817-255-9300 or go to www.fortworthmuseum.org.

Men's Health Facts

In 2003, an estimated 220,900 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed in the United States. 10,133 will be Texans.

Corbin marks 2nd with summer fun

Corbin Bayer, the son of Weldon and Loren Bayer, celebrated his second birthday at his home with family and friends. His birthday is June 22.

The party theme was "Bob the Builder". Corbin's party was held in the backyard with a pool and water guns for the children. A surprise water balloon attack proved enjoyable for all.

Hamburgers and hot dogs were served for lunch. After lunch and swimming gifts were opened and cake served. Corbin's marble cake was decorated in the "Bob the Builder" theme.

Attending besides his parents and sister Emily, were grandparents Clinton and Barbara Bayer, Karlyn and James Martin, all of Muenster, and Randolph Hermes of Houston; great-grandmother Edna Klement; great uncle and

aunt Tommy and Rosemary Dankesreiter; uncles, aunts, and cousins Jared and Leah Bayer, Heath Bayer, Lucas Bayer and Michelle Montgomery, Jake and Kristin McCoy and Bailey; and Brooke Hess; and friends and neighbors Carrie Osborn and Erin, and Brenda and Jensen Pagel.



Corbin Bayer

Lane celebrates two

Lane Baldwin celebrated his second birthday June 1 in the home of his parents Cloy and Tanya Baldwin of Muenster. He enjoyed opening gifts and helping his grandfather Alan Rohmer and uncle B.J. Schmidtkofer put his new swing set together. He rode the bicycle his parents gave him and had fun swimming in the pool his aunt Amanda Schmidtkofer gave him.

Lane served cake and ice cream to his guests and played with the dirt bike and four wheeler that decorated the top of his cake. He also enjoyed showing off his two-day-old sister Emma Logan.

Guests who attended were: grandparents Alan and Rhonda Rohmer of Muenster and Joe and Darlene Tischler of Whitesboro; aunt and uncle Amanda and B.J. Schmidtkofer; Lisa Rohmer; uncle Josh Freeman; Chase Cain; uncle Jacob Hess; aunt Mary Hess, Andy, and Clayton; and Chad Hess.



Lane Baldwin

Smart Snacks

Celery sticks spread thin with peanut butter; baked tortilla chips with salsa or low-fat bean dip.

Courtesy of OHS WIC



Eula Grace Cain was the center of attention at the party honoring her 91st birthday, held at Saint Richard's Villa on June 21. In the above photo, she is shown with her brother Frank Hogan and his wife Katie as they prepared to cut and serve her birthday cake. Cain is a resident at St. Richard's, which she founded in 1965, known then as Golden Years Rest Home. She loves being surrounded by her children, grandchildren, extended Villa family and she took delight in visiting with her guests. Among them were special guests, Tony and Thelma Trubenbach (bottom photo) as they walked to music of the Cherry Rhone Band.

Courtesy photos



Read a story time set at Santa Fe Depot

Lollipop the Clown will be joining Debbie Sicking in her reading to children of all ages. This month they will be at the Santa Fe Depot & Museum Saturday, July 12 at 1:00pm.

She will be reading books with a circus or train theme. A few of the titles are "My Big Busy Train", "The Little Engine That Could", "How Big Is Big", and "The Giraffe Who Cock a Doodle Doo'd".

Bring your kids and join her! For more information call 940-612-0202.

Author Appearance and Book Signing is set for Saturday July 19, at 11:00 a.m. They are excited for you to meet and talk with firefighter and author Captain Randy Nickerson. He will be discussing and signing his book "Quick! How Do You Dial 9-1-1?" at the Lone Star Book Scouters from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The book is a

collection of essays and anecdotes by Randy Nickerson, an active Firefighter Captain/Paramedic with the Denton, Texas, Fire Department.

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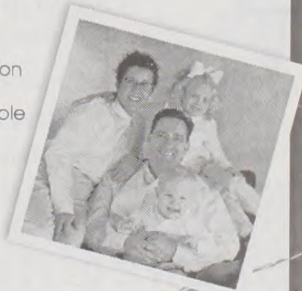
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Attention Hornet band members

Starting Monday, Aug. 4, band practice will begin for Muenster ISD students in grades 8 through 12 participating in the 2003-2004 Muenster High School Band program. The Band will meet daily, Monday through Friday from 3-5 p.m. at the Band Hall, until the first day of school.



Protect your eyes, get a bang out of professional fireworks

A fireworks display at home may sound like a fun way to celebrate Independence Day, but amateur shows, including the backyard variety, can be dangerous and vision-threatening, says Dr. Preston Blomquist, an ophthalmologist at UT Southwestern Medical Center. "We have seen people lose vision and lose eyes," he says, adding that bottle rockets tend to cause most of the injuries. The rockets fly erratically and the bottles or cans used to launch the rockets can explode, creating shrapnel. Besides showering spectators with glass and metal fragments, bottle rockets can also strike the eye directly. Anyone who suffers a fireworks-related eye injury should immediately go to a hospital emergency room. There are about 11,000 fireworks-related injuries every year, with almost 2,200 of those affecting the eyes. Consumer fireworks are responsible for one third of all eye injuries. Dr. Blomquist said, "Go watch a professional fireworks event; don't do this at home."



Southwestern Oklahoma State University hosted 221 sixth through eighth graders at the 15th annual Middle School Band Camp held June 22-25 on the Weatherford campus. Dillena Hundt of Muenster was among the students who participated in various activities and were members of four concert bands, which performed a final concert on the last day of camp.

Walking is good for arthritis sufferers

The Arthritis Foundation wants to inspire you to take control of your joint health with a simple phrase: "More Life, Less Limits." Whether talking to a health care provider, beginning a physical activity program or losing weight, taking an active role in improving your joint health today can allow you to live life to the fullest and avoid future limitations of decreased mobility. The impact of arthritis has been underscored for decades. Arthritis affects more than 70 million Americans, including one

out of three adults and nearly 300,000 children. Arthritis is the nation's number one cause of disability, affecting daily activities for people of all ages and diminishing their overall quality of life. By taking control of your joint health and engaging in regular, moderate physical activity, you can make a real impact on your health and quality of life. "Arthritis is not an inevitable part of aging -- nor is it something that has to affect the quality and enjoyment of daily activities," said John H.

Klippel, M.D., medical director of the Arthritis Foundation. "There are many things we can do to prevent arthritis from imposing limits on our lives -- from getting an early and accurate diagnosis, to beginning a physical activity program that increases endurance and mobility." Research has shown that vigorous physical activity, including walking, could reduce disability among older adults with arthritis by 5 percent to 10 percent. Walking improves balance, circulation, muscle tone and flexibility, and is a joint-safe exercise for almost anyone. And walking may help joints function more fully and the mind cope with pain and stress more readily. Before beginning a walking program, speak with a health care provider to determine the best level of activity. The Arthritis Foundation is the only nationwide, nonprofit health organization helping people take greater control of arthritis by leading efforts to prevent, control and cure arthritis and related diseases. For a FREE Arthritis Today 2003 Walking Guide, which includes a 12-question joint health quiz and expert advice on creating a walking program for your life, contact the Arthritis Foundation at (800) 283-7800 or www.arthritis.org. Courtesy of ARA Content

Stars, stripes and safety for Fourth of July

The Texas Department of Public Safety is asking the public to celebrate the Stars and Stripes this holiday weekend with an added sense of safety on the roadways. "The Fourth of July finds many of us traveling on Texas roadways," said DPS Director Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr. "With many opportunities for people to drive carelessly, Texans must share the responsibility of keeping roadways safe this holiday." Texas is one of several states participating in Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Effort) - a nationwide campaign by state police agencies to reduce fatalities during holiday periods. All available troopers will be patrolling Texas roadways targeting speeders, drunk drivers, and seat belt violators during the Fourth of July holiday weekend. The DPS also is supporting a nationwide crackdown on drunk drivers during the Fourth of July holiday - the "Drink, Drive, Go to Jail" campaign.

"The summer months are generally when we see the most alcohol-related fatalities in the state," said Davis. "A number of crashes can be avoided by using common sense and practicing safe driving." Here are some driving tips the DPS recommends for travelers during the extended holiday weekend:

- Do not drink and drive; rather, find a designated driver.
- Have everyone in the vehicle buckle his or her seat belt. Remember, "Click It or Ticket."
- For long trips, have the car checked to make sure it is roadworthy.
- Slow down, especially if weather and road conditions do not allow for the designated speed limit.
- Save your phone calls for home or find a safe place to pull over to place or answer mobile calls.
- Be polite and courteous while driving - do not practice road rage behavior.

Lions Club holds 55th anniversary

Celebrating the 55th anniversary of the Gainesville Lions Club, the installation of the 2003-2004 officers and directors, and the induction of new members, outgoing President Elizabeth Mendenhall recognized Lions Club dignitaries District Governor Bill and Annie McCarty, Past District Governor (PDG) Ted and Billie Whitley PDG Billy and Mariam Graham; welcomed members; recognized guests Eric (Mrs. Eugene) Brown, Gene and Sherry Brown, Sandra (Mrs. Merle) Currie, John Fountain, Betty (Mrs. Bob) Henderson, Grace (Mrs. Cecil) Newland, Sarah (Mrs. Glen) Pool, Paula (Mrs. Fred) Rosenbaum, and new member Stephen V. Bonin. This special event, which took place in the Dutchman See 55TH ANNIVERSARY, PG 13

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Sports

Yosten runs for Texas Tech in national track competition

Yosten family members in Muenster have been following the running career of Brionne Yosten of Hereford the past several years. Brionne, the daughter of Glynn and Brenda Yosten, and the granddaughter of Nick and Marian Yosten and Carl and Joan (Knabe) Straffuss, all of Hereford, had a successful high school track record that took her to Texas Tech. The Red Raider sophomore recently competed at the NCAA Track and Field Championships in Sacramento, California.

According to a June 8 article in the *Amarillo Globe News*, Yosten at one time looked like her running success would be halted by her three-year battle with injuries and illness. As a freshman and sophomore at Hereford, she won consecutive 4A State titles in the 3200m run, setting an all-time Area finish of 10:55.8 as a freshman. Her sophomore year she was State runner-up in the 800. In the fall of 1999, her junior year, Yosten won the 4A State Cross Country title, setting a course record in Round Rock.

Then in 2000, Yosten broke the fibula in her right leg in an off-season basketball drill just three weeks before the District track meet. She still competed, but did not make it out of Regionals.

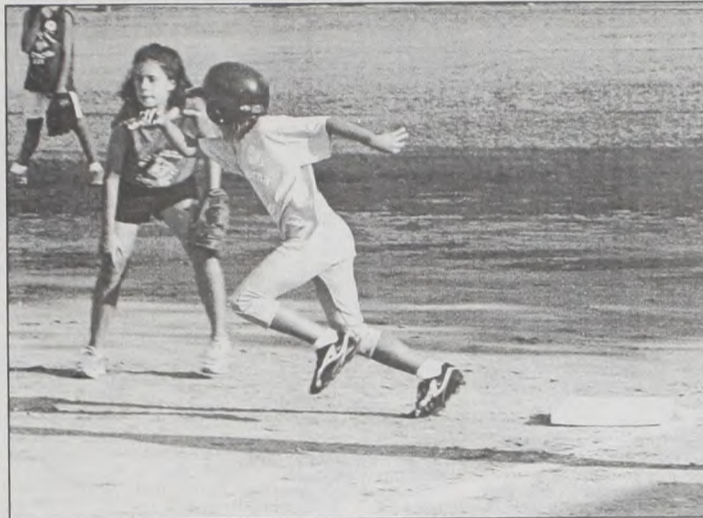
The injuries took longer to recover from, plaguing her during her senior year at Hereford. She finished 8th at the State Cross-Country Meet and finished last in the 3200 at State, more than 1 1/2 minutes slower than her freshman championship. Yosten had already signed with Tech,

and started her college career "basically a wash-out."

After visits with a series of doctors, one finally diagnosed her with anemia and a rebuilding program began. Her efforts this past year saw much improvement, placing fifth in the 1500 at the Big 12 championship and third in the 5000. The first of June, Yosten finished third in the 1500m at the Midwest Regional Meet in Lincoln, Nebraska with a personal best time of 4:22.33 to qualify her for the

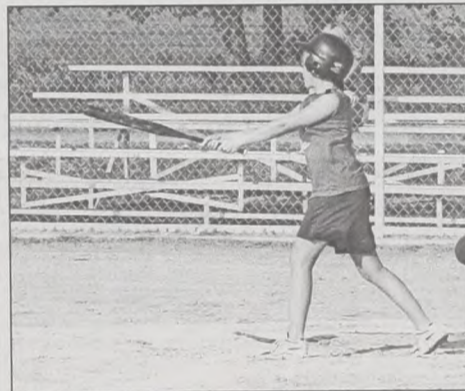
Nationals. Yosten was the only Texas Tech Lady Raider to advance. The Nationals preliminary race was June 11. Yosten ended her sophomore year outdoor track season, finishing 23rd out of 27, with a time of 4:23.52.

Relatives in Muenster include great-uncles and aunts Meinard Yosten, Herbie and Magdalen Yosten, Armella Cler, Frances Yosten, and also Pauline Spires of Gainesville.



Demi Koelzer takes off from first base after a Yellow Team hit. Tyler Reiter is the Red Team's first baseman in the Coach Pitch League. Janie Hartman photo

Compete hard enough to win, but never at the expense of humiliating the other side. A. Drué Jennings



Kristin LeBasseur get a hit for the slow pitch Purple Team in recent action against Saint Jo. Janie Hartman photo

It's easier to agree to do better tomorrow than to do your best today.

Becoming number one is easier than remaining number one. Bill Bradley

Ruth Hess tourney slated for July 19

The Muenster Jaycees will hold their 16th annual Ruth Hess Memorial Golf Tournament on Saturday, July 19. The event will be at Turtle Hill Golf Course with a shotgun start at 2:00 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded for the top three finishers in four flights, close to the pin on all par 3s, and men/women's longest drive.

The entry fee of \$240 per team includes green fee, 1/2 cart cost, tee-shirt, door prizes, and a meal served after the tournament.

Please call early, First 36 teams accepted. For more information call Brian Herr at 759-4911, 759-4512, or 759-2376.



In slow pitch action this week, Muenster's Kristina Koesler is called out at home. Saint Jo's hind catcher Kayla Harris makes the play. Janie Hartman photo



Hannah Bayer, Blue team first baseman, tags the base to make sure Green Team's Loren McAden is out. Janie Hartman photo



Natalie Walterscheid bunts the ball in recent tee-ball action. Natalie is a member of the Green Team. Janie Hartman photo

Rodeo excitement comes to Nocona

The Nocona Chisholm Trail Rodeo returns for its 51st year on July 11 and 12. The performances will begin with the Grand Entry at 8:00 each evening. The Glory Riders will set the pivots on both Friday and Saturday, so bring your horse and be a part of the fun.

This year's rodeo, once again, is approved by the United Pro Rodeo Association (UPRA). This association covers seven states and paid out over \$1.8 million in prize money this past year. The Big L Rodeo Company, Dale and Kelly Lyons of Rubottom, Oklahoma, will provide the stock, some of the best in the business, again this year.

The Rodeo Parade, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will start at 4:00 p.m. Saturday in downtown Nocona and will be followed by the mutton bustin'. This pre-rodeo event, for children ages six and under, will begin at 7:30 p.m. If you plan to compete, arrive at 7:00 to enter the event.

Local ranch hands are welcome to enter the ranch bronc riding event. David Hellinger of Montague Boot Company is custom-making a pair of boots for the winner of this event. The winner also receives a trophy belt buckle from Big L Rodeo Company.

Boy Scout Troop 108 and area youth will work the concession stands to raise money for many activities.

After the rodeo performance, Dealers Choice will perform at the dance. The admission to this dance is included in the purchase of your Saturday night rodeo ticket. Also with the purchase of a ticket, you get a chance to win a \$100 of gas. Return your ticket stub to One Stop Conoco/Pizza Pro for your chance to win.

Advance tickets can be purchased at Gibbs Drug Store, Legend Bank at Nocona and Bowie, and Wells Fargo at Nocona and Henrietta. By purchasing in advance, the price is \$2 cheaper than at the gate.

The rodeo could not happen without the help of the major sponsors, Lipscomb's Auto Center Bowie, One Stop Conoco/Pizza Pro, Montague Boot Company, Nocona Quick Lube, Gibbs Drug, Wells Fargo, and Legend Bank.



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Ayissa White, member of the Orange Team, is tagged out by Blue Team first baseman Abby Pagel. Janie Hartman photo

Texas bass production for 2003 looking good

With bass fishing and Texas, bigger is better. The state holds bragging rights to some impressive largemouth bass. In 1992, a record fish caught in Lake Fork weighed 18.18 pounds and was more than 25 inches long. What's most impressive about the bass in Texas, however, is how they get here and what they go through to reach those large sizes.

First off, that 13-pound lunker over the mantle may not be a northern-strain largemouth bass native to Texas. Since the 1970s, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has been stocking the Florida strain of largemouth bass into Texas waters. This year, for instance, TPWD will stock about 7 million of the fingerlings in bodies of water around the state. Fisheries biologists are calling this a 'good year' compared to the normal 6 million fingerlings produced annually. "The last couple of years we've been a bit lower," said Gary Saul, TPWD hatcheries chief. The Florida largemouth bass will be stocked in 33 reservoirs.

On the outside, Florida and northern largemouth bass look the same. Dark green splotches form horizontal stripes along the middle of the fish and their jaw line reaches beyond their eye sockets, hence the name largemouth bass. The difference between the two fish is in the genetics: the Florida bass can grow to 18 pounds or more as opposed to the northern fish that tops out at about 13 pounds. "The Florida strain provides a trophy potential for fishermen that the native fish here in Texas didn't have," Saul said.

So how do the bass, the most popular fish for anglers in Texas, get that big? It all starts in nature, with a little help from A.E. Wood Fish Hatchery in San Marcos, Jasper State Fish Hatchery and Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens that produce the bass. Even with these superior fish, TPWD biologists are hard at work figuring out how to improve the total bass community. It's up to researchers to improve the effectiveness of the bass production and develop strategies improving survival and "getting the biggest bang for the buck," said Dick Luebke, research program director at Heart of the Hills Research Station.

The fish are hatched in two spawning cycles beginning in early April and finishing in May or June, and then they are stocked in various Texas reservoirs. One of the biggest challenges for managers is improving initial survival upon release. As with most species, mortality is highest at youngest ages. "Evenly distributing the fish helps their survival. TPWD does not stock more than 10,000 fingerlings in any one area so that the fish have a chance to survive and not compete for food and space," Luebke said.

Since 1986, the bass stocking program has received valuable help from the Budweiser ShareLunker Program. From Oct. 1 to April 30, anglers can donate exceptionally large largemouth bass to TPWD. Bass weighing 13 pounds or more are sent to the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center. Anglers receive a fiberglass replica of the bass, and recognition at the awards banquet at TPWC. The Texas resident lucky enough to catch the largest bass also wins a lifetime fishing license. So far, 352 bass have been donated to the program. This year, 10 bass were donated, all of which survived and four of which spawned.

With extensive research, progressive management, time and some luck, some of those 7 million fingerlings will hopefully make their way back to a hatchery as ShareLunkers and the cycle will start all over again. Additional information about the Budweiser ShareLunker Program, rules and regulations, and previous entries is available online at <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fish/infish/hatchery/fe/>.



Kara Felderhoff slow pitches the ball for the Purple Muenster Team. Janie Hartman photo

Game Warden Field Notes

A Tarrant County game warden helped recover a drowning victim from Eagle Mountain Lake. The body was recovered June 10 after a two-and-a-half day search.

Recently, a Denton County game warden responded to a call about a possible drowning at Lake Lewisville. A 17-year-old was found and transported by boat to a local marina. The teenager was transported to Baylor Hospital in Dallas by Care Flight and he was pronounced dead upon arrival.

Comal County game wardens responded to a call on the Guadalupe River where a 15-year-old teenager stepped into a deep hole in the river and drowned. He had just assisted his younger cousin, who had been having trouble in the water.

Now That's Honesty -- A Bell County Game Warden was checking fishing licenses around Lake Belton recently when he approached an area where two people were fishing. As he drove up, one of the

people had moved to his truck and was busy doing something inside the cab. When the man saw the warden, he ducked down and appeared to put something under the seat of the truck. The warden cautiously approached the person and asked what he put under the seat. The person replied, "drug paraphernalia." The warden then asked him where he had his drugs and he replied, "under the seat." The warden found a small bag of marijuana in the truck and, after a brief interview, determined that neither person had fishing licenses. After running both subjects through a national database, he discovered that the second person was wanted for outstanding theft warrants.

'Any room at the inn?' Recently, a game warden received a call concerning a mule deer that had become trapped in the Best Western Motel in Brownfield. TPWD responded and with the help of the Hockley County Animal Control officer, the deer was sedated and relocated safely.

Enjoy the outdoors

There's a new bill quietly making the filing rounds in New York State Assembly aimed at battling childhood obesity by putting a one-percent tax on TV commercials advertising junk food. The bill, initially reported by Media Communications, hasn't even had a formal airing, but New York's advertising community is gearing up for a jihad. In the 1980s, Florida passed a similar tax on advertising. National advertisers quickly pulled their ad dollars out of Florida until the law was repealed.

The bill's sponsor, Assemblyman Felix Ortiz (D-Brooklyn), says it will fund groups trying to prevent childhood obesity and it's not a "fat tax." Don't laugh. Ortiz refused to back down on legislation he introduced that would ban cell phones when driving. Today, that New York law is the model for other nationwide bans. His position on his "TV tax" is similar: "won't happen this session, but it will happen someday."

All this having been said, Ortiz is trying, albeit in a

misguided tax-and-spend way, to address childhood obesity. This time, the outdoor community has an opportunity to portray itself as a key piece in a viable solution.

Childhood obesity affects one of five kids today. Obesity is a leading contributor to diabetes and high blood pressure. Type II diabetes, once almost exclusive to people over 50, is appearing in teenaged children at what the medical community calls a "frightening regularity." Health Renu Medical Products, a manufacturer of skin care products for serious medical conditions (www.healthrenew.com), says they are seeing "significant" increases in orders by parents with teen-aged children suffering from poor circulation, skin ulcers and other Type II ailments. Earlier this week, Fox News reported that, if left unchecked, Type II diabetes could grow to one in three of today's kids.

So what does that have to do with the normally light tone of Casual Friday? We enjoy being outdoors. We exercise and extend both the length and quality of our lives simply by doing what we love. Anyone who discovers (or rekindles) a love of the outdoors finds TV less attractive and activity more inviting. That change can quickly put healthy color back in the skin. Hopefully a skin protected with sun screen and bug repellants. We need to make an effort to get all kids - not just our own - out from in front of the TV, away from the drive-up windows, and into the outdoors. Cheeseburgers cooked over a campfire aren't nearly as likely to contribute to the need for a "fat tax." You can "upsized" with a clear conscience.

Go outside and enjoy your weekend - and take a kid or two along.

The Outdoor Wire

Sports Briefs

The California State Assembly is considering a "sin tax" of 10 cents per round on all ammunition sold in California. A "sin tax" is a tax levied on activities that legislators consider to be harmful to society. Other "sin" taxed activities include smoking, drinking, and gambling.

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Motorcycle rally and run set in Decatur

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TO: HELEN RUTH CURNUTTE; DOROTHY GROTT; SYBIL GROTT; CLINTON PETTY; MARK E. KRAMER; AND STANLEY C. HOGG; AS WELL AS ALL THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS OF ALL THE ABOVE DEFENDANTS

Greeting:
 You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 21st day of July, A.D. 2003, before the Honorable 235th District Court of Cooke County, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Original Petition was filed in said court on the 2nd day of June A.D. 2003, in this case, numbered 03-269, on the docket of said court, and styled,

ESTATE OF CONNIE GLEE HYMAN, DECEASED, ET AL
 Vs
HELEN RUTH CURNUTTE, ET AL

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows:
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PLAINTIFFS

DEFENDANTS

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows:
 Wit: that the Court determine the ownership of the 1000000 interest that is owned by either Mark E. Kramer and Stanley C. Hogg, or the Estate of Connie Glee Hyman, Deceased; that the real estate be partitioned among the joint owners as provided by law; and that Plaintiffs have such other and further relief as they are entitled to, either at law or in equity. The real estate is more particularly described as 115 acres of land, in Cooke County, Texas, a part of The L.S. Blair Survey, Abstract No. 188, and a part of the SPRR Co. Survey.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.
 Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Gainesville, Texas, this 4th day of June, A.D. 2003.

Attest:
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c/o: Chuck Bartush Jr. P.C.
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 Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Reba V. Farr, Deceased, were issued on June 20, 2003, in Cause No. #15,632, pending in the County Court at Law of Cooke County, Texas - Probate Division, to the following named executrix whose mailing address is listed below:

Bonnie Farr Moore
 229 E. Tennie
 Gainesville, TX 76240

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

Dated this 20th day of June, 2003:
 Respectfully submitted,
 /s/Russell Duncan, P.C.
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AN ORIGINAL APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE FOR A MIXED BEVERAGE PERMIT FOR WATERTOWER, LLC AT 522 EAST DIVISION, MUENSTER, COOKE COUNTY, TEXAS 76252.

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55th anniversary

Banquet Room (patriotically decorated by Elizabeth Mendenhall) began with Eugene Brown, Sr. conducting the song - "America".

Bob Henderson led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Rev. John Hare delivered the invocation.

Introduced by PDG Bill Graham, District Governor Bill McCarty inducted new member Stephen V. Bonin (sponsored by Hank Richroath).

PDG Billy Graham presented Lisa Bezner with the Outstanding Service Award and Elizabeth Mendenhall with the Lion of the Year Award.

In accepting the award, Mendenhall said that the Lions Club continues to serve the community. This year, members have driven several children to the Salvation Army Camp and

to the Lions Camp, have worked with Habitat for Humanity, helped with the mailings at Camp Sweeney, rung the bell for Salvation Army, collected food and money for VISTO, participated in the Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday at a local church distributing 300 donor cards, and helped the elderly with their income tax.

District Governor Bill McCarty conducted the installation of the officers and Elizabeth Mendenhall passed the gavel to incoming president Kenneth McCool who thanked all of the officers and members who served this past year and reminded everyone that the heart of the club is the membership who make Lions service projects successful.

Dean Mendenhall, Merle Currie and Glen Pool are

the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd vice presidents, respectively. Fred Rosenbaum is the new secretary-treasurer, Leo Club advisor, and Texas Lions Camp liaison. Mickey Cameron is the Lion Tamer, Al Martin is the Tail Twister, Eugene Brown, Sr. is Program Chairman (and song leader), and Martha McCool is the Club's Reporter.

John Hare is a one-year director, Lisa Bezner and Cecii Harper are 2-year directors, and Eugene Brown, Billy Graham and Woody Poore are Lifetime directors.

The Membership Committee is composed of Bob Henderson (chairman), Tommy Clark, and Dean Mendenhall.
 Submitted by Martha McCool

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Farm & Ranch

FB: Country-of-origin labeling should proceed

American Farm Bureau Federation today reaffirmed its support for country-of-origin labeling (COOL) laws, which it believes can be implemented "in a fair manner to all producers without large costs and burdensome paperwork requirements."

In testimony before the House Agriculture Committee, Colorado Farm Bureau President Alan Foutz said country-of-origin labeling is simply a program that allows consumers to differentiate between U.S. and foreign products and gives U.S. agriculture producers the chance "to promote the excellent products they take great pride in producing."

The process does not have to be onerous or costly, Foutz said, because the Agriculture Department has stated support for a process verification system that can be used by all segments of the agriculture industry to verify country-of-origin claims.

Farm Bureau supports a process verification system for livestock producers so they can verify any claims made to the packer regarding country-of-origin. "Livestock producers with assembled herds of U.S., Canadian or Mexican stock will have to set up a system to segregate their animals in order to verify any claims they make as to country-of-origin," Foutz said.

"Obviously these producers will have more work to do than a producer with all U.S. born and raised animals (but) this is a reality of the law and our producers are willing to work with USDA to verify the origin of their animals."

Currently, country-of-origin labeling is voluntary for meat, seafood, peanuts and fresh fruits and vegetables, but is scheduled to become mandatory after Sept. 30, 2004. Foutz told committee members that a voluntary, rather than mandatory, labeling program would be

ineffective. "A mandatory program is the only way to get all segments of the food chain coordinated to label final products for consumers," he said. Foutz cited the mandatory nutrition labeling program as a success, despite its opposition by the food industry.

The House Appropriations Committee on Wednesday passed the agriculture spending bill for fiscal 2004. The bill contained language prohibiting the Agriculture Department from using 2004 funds to implement the farm bill's COOL provision for meat and meat products.

"It is important to carry out the law as passed in the farm bill and not separate commodities during implementation because it weakens the entire labeling program," Foutz said.

USDA, NASA launch new partnership

A new partnership between USDA and NASA will help protect the environment and enhance the agricultural competitiveness of American farmers and ranchers.

The agreement allows USDA to draw on the best scientific and technical information available from NASA in monitoring, mapping, modeling and systems engineering.

The primary purpose is to help increase production efficiency while continuing to reduce the cost of production by bringing more practical benefits of science and technology into agricultural applications, said Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman.

Over the next three years, Geospatial Extension Programs will be established at land grant universities to address the geographic information and remote sensing needs of the agricultural community. Technological advances that will be available include:

- Monitors and maps that can detect and record changes in yields, soil attributes or crop conditions, including pest infestations and water nutrient stress.

- Technologies that use information from sensors to vary the application rate and timing for seeds, fertilizers, pesticides and irrigation water.

- Vehicle guidance systems that provide on-the-go sensing for weed and pest populations and detect crop traits, such as protein or oil content, during harvest.

NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe said, "NASA's unique ability to view the Earth from space will enhance our ability to predict climate, weather and natural hazards, as well as to mitigate and assess the effects of natural and human induced disasters. The information we provide will allow our research partners to make critical, accurate, and timely decisions."

Studies prove grass fed beef health benefits

Research over the last decade has discovered a naturally occurring anticancer causing substance found in beef called conjugated linoleic acid (CLA). These studies have shown that CLA can help fight cancer, reduce heart disease, regulate body fat and help in the prevention of diabetes. Beef raised on grass has a 50 percent higher concentration of CLA. (Read more about CLA research at: <http://www.grasslandbeef.com/links.php>)

- Grass-fed beef contains high levels of essential Omega 3 fatty acids and Vitamin E.

- Grass-fed beef has 50% less saturated fat than grain-fed beef.

- Grass-fed beef is raised without chemicals, hormones or feed grains.

Even the grazing patterns implemented for the grass-fed cattle are unique -- benefiting the ecology of the prairies and farmlands. The cattle are moved daily to fresh forage for grazing.

Wrap-up for the 78th Session of the Texas Legislature

At the beginning of the session, the Texas Farm Bureau Board of Directors established ten priorities for their organization. Some of these priorities focused on passing legislation, while others placed importance on defeating certain measures. Now that the legislature has adjourned, and the governor's time period for vetoing legislation has passed, this final wrap-up provides an assessment of Farm Bureau's success in accomplishing these priorities.

Agriculture Tax Considerations

The Board directed protection of the tax exemptions and property valuations for agriculture. Several pieces of legislation were filed that would have either modified or completely eliminated these tax considerations. None of these bills passed the legislature.

Public Education

This priority was to defend against actions that would raise the \$1.50/\$100 valuation cap in state law. We were to support efforts to find an alternative means to fund public education. No measure passed that would raise the property tax rate cap. TFB did support Lt. Governor Dewhurst's plan that would have cut school property taxes in half. A special session is expected prior to the beginning of the next regular session of the legislature to address public school finance.

Water

The Board set several priorities under water that covered the issues of conservation, financing infrastructure, instream flows, condemnation of water rights. Legislation to address each of these issues was successful in passing the legislature.

Of particular note was the passage of HB 803 by Geren. This bill protects water rights from condemnation. Farm Bureau assisted in the drafting and passage of this legislation.

Non-point Source Pollution

This priority sought to protect the jurisdiction of Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board over agricultural non-point source pollution. In addition, we were to oppose any change in designating non-point source pollution for Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) in the North Bosque River Watershed. No legislation passed that would impact the current status of agricultural non-point source pollution.

Privacy of Information

The passage of legislation to provide privacy for agriculture producers who use predator control devices was important to protect against future court challenges. We were successful in accomplishing this priority with the passage of HB 1452 by Hilderbran.

Trans-Texas Corridor

The Texas Farm Bureau did not have a position regarding the building of the Trans-Texas Corridor. However, we were successful in accomplishing the policy position regarding royalty payments for landowners whose land is condemned for the building of the Trans-Texas Corridor. The Trans-Texas Corridor legislation also requires the state to fairly compensate landowners if it is not economically feasible for underpasses or access roads to be built for adjacent landowners.

Appropriations

With a \$10 billion budget shortfall facing the legislative budget writers, the board made a priority of maintaining adequate funding for existing agricultural programs. Although all programs received the mandated across the board cut of approximately 12%, agriculture program funding was secured at a level that should maintain current services.

County Government

The issue of clarifying ownership of county roads was determined as a priority. Farm Bureau supported Representative Keffler in passing HB 1117. The bill creates a process for counties and landowners to resolve their claims to certain roads within a county.

Public Activities in State Controlled Riverbeds

Certain Farm Bureau members have suffered with recreational use of state-owned riverbeds by motor vehicles. This session it was determined to be a priority to prohibit or limit the access of motor vehicles to the riverbeds. SB 151 was introduced and passed by Senator Judith Zaffirini. This bill accomplishes the priority set by the Board on this issue.

Southeast Dairy Compact

Fair prices for Texas dairymen under the current federal milk marketing system is a continuing issue for our state. For the third legislative session, the passage of legislation to allow Texas to join the Southeast Dairy Compact was a priority. This legislation was introduced by Representative Homer, at the request of Farm Bureau. However, due to the lack of support by other members of the Committee, the bill was never heard.

Legislation Signed by the Governor

Effective Immediately

HB 1152 by Rep. Robert Puente - Allows nonprofit water supply corporations to establish and enforce customer water conservation measures.

HB 1370 by Rep. Vilma Luna - Requires a study and the implementation of a project to desalinate seawater.

HB 1378 by Rep. Charlie Geren - Allows a landowner to request that the Texas Water Development Board not release to the public, groundwater data collected on private property.

HB 1875 by Rep. Miguel Wise - Protects funding for water infrastructure projects.

HB 2660 by Robert Puente - Requires water conservation plans to include 5 and 10 year goals for conservation.

SB 236 by Sen. Troy Fraser - Allows landowners to kill feral hogs on their own property without obtaining a hunting license.

SB 1094 by Sen. Robert Duncan - Creates a task force to develop guidelines and legislation to promote water conservation.

HB 1452 by Rep. Harvey Hilderbran - Prohibits the release of private information about agriculture producers that are licensed to practice predator control.

SB 1639 by Sen. Todd Staples - Creates a commission to study instream flows of surface water. It prohibits permitting surface water for the purpose of protecting instream flows.

Effective September 1, 2003

HB 1 by Rep. Talmadge Heflin - State Budget. All

agriculture program received across the board cuts along with other agencies.)

HB 4 by Rep. Joe Nixon - Tort Reform Bill. Includes a provision that protects agriculture producers from being sued for trespass caused by dust or other particulate matter. **HB 15 by Rep. David Farabee** - Allows a landowner to capture or kill a dog or coyote harassing livestock. The bill also exempts person from obtaining hunting license to kill coyotes causing harm to livestock.)

HB 408 by Rep. Sid Miller - Increases the limit on the liability of landowners who charge people to use their land for recreational purposes. The new limits make it more difficult to sue the landowner.

HB 645 by Rep. Robert Puente - Prohibits homeowner's association from adopting covenants that undermine water conservation.

HB 803 by Rep. Charlie Geren - Protects water rights from condemnation and ensures adequate compensation to landowners for groundwater rights condemned.

HB 1117 by Rep. Jim Keffler - Creates a process to determine the ownership of public roads maintained by a county.

HB 1534 by Rep. Robby Cook - Removes the power of a groundwater conservation district to use eminent domain for purchasing, transporting, or distributing water.

HB 1836 by Rep. Rick Hardeste - Adds the term "horse" to all the definitions of livestock in Texas law. This change helps prevent animal rights groups from designating horses as "companion animals." **HB 1877 by Rep. Rick Hardeste** - Create a rural physicians relief program to improve healthcare availability in rural areas. **HB 3338 by Rep. Robert Puente** - Requires water utilities to conduct a water conservation audit of their system to identify needed conservation. **HB 3588 by Rep. Mike Krusee** - Creates a statewide transportation plan including the development of the Trans Texas Corridor. Allows for the Department of Transportation to offer landowners participation or "royalty" payments in lieu of a one time lump-sum payment if the landowner's property lies in the proposed route of the corridor.)

SB 10 by Sen. Kip Averitt - Allows for small business to form healthcare cooperatives in order to obtain healthcare insurance for their employees and families.

SB 155 by Sen. Judith Zaffirini - Prohibits the use of vehicular motor vehicles in state-owned riverbeds.

SB 854 by Sen. Frank Madla - Allows Texas Department of Agriculture to regulate the sale, distribution, or importation of noxious plants.

SB 1053 by Sen. Robert Duncan - Provides more funding for water projects and allows agriculture non-point source abatement projects to receive state funding.)

SB 1828 by Sen. Kip Averitt - Makes changes to the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board. Adds two gubernatorial appointees to the board. The bill requires more emphasis be put on water savings or brush control projects.)

Vetoed by the Governor - Line Item Veto in HB 1 by Rep. Talmadge Heflin - Governor vetoed the Texas Wildlife Damage Management Service. The Governor indicated that he will direct other agencies to provide these services to outsource those services to the private sector.

SB 315 by Sen. Chuy Hinojosa - This legislation would have allowed Del Mar Junior College to call for a vote to extend their taxing district.

American Quarter Horse Event to be held July 4-5

The Muenster Cutting Horse, an American Quarter Horse Association-approved special event will be held July 4 - 5 at the Austin Arena in Muenster.

American Quarter Horse Shows test horses' abilities in dozens of different classes. This special event is just for cutting enthusiasts.

People who exhibit at an American Quarter Horse Show earn points that turn into awards or cash at the end of the year.

For more information about the Muenster Cutting Horse, contact Gail A. Dittmeier at 214-351-6031.

Ag Facts

Texas is the second largest agricultural state in the U.S., accounting for about 7% of the total U.S. agricultural income.

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<p>Feeder Steers (per head)</p> <p>200-300 lbs., No. 1, 1.15-1.20; Nos. 2 & 3, 95-1.15, 300-400 lbs., No. 1, 1.00-1.19; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.00; 400-500 lbs., No. 1, 94-1.15; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-94; 500-600 lbs., No. 1, 88-96; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-88; 600-700 lbs., No. 1, 82-91; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-82; 700-800 lbs., No. 1, 78-87; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-78.</p> <p>Feeder Heifers (per lb.)</p> <p>200-300 lbs., No. 1, 98-1.07; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-98; 300-400 lbs., No. 1, 90-1.00; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-90; 400-500 lbs., No. 1, 83-91; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-83; 500-600 lbs., No. 1, 83-90; Nos. 2 & 3, 67-83; 600-700 lbs., No. 1, 80-86; Nos. 2 & 3, 64-80; 700-800 lbs., No. 1, 73-82; Nos. 2 & 3, 55-73.</p> <p>Slaughter Cattle (per lb.)</p> <p>Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2, 1,200-2,050 lbs., 49-5950. Slaughter Cows: #1-3, 423-5250. Cutter, 32-43.</p>	<p>Stocker Cows (per head)</p> <p>Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - Large Frame, \$600-\$720; Medium Frame, \$450-\$600.</p> <p>Cow/Cal Pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - Large Frame, \$750-\$880; Medium Frame, \$650-\$750.</p> <p>Holstein Baby Calves, \$110-\$165; Crossbreds, \$115-\$240.</p> <p>Barrows & Gilts:</p> <p>US #1, 230-270, 50-64; US #2, 220-280, 40-50.</p> <p>Feeders (per head):</p> <p>100-175 lbs., \$30-\$75; 25-90 lbs., \$10-\$35.</p> <p>Sows:</p> <p>Feeder, 400 or less, 30-40; Light wt., 400-500, 25-40; Med wt., 500-600, 25-30; Heavy wt., 600-up, 25.</p> <p>Boars:</p> <p>300 lb. up, .02; 200-300 lbs., .05; Light wt., 20-30.</p> <p>Sheep (per lb.)</p> <p>Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs., 85-99; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs., 80-95; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs., 60-75.</p>	<p>Ewes</p> <p>Stocker, 40-45; Thin, 15-30; Fat, 35-45.</p> <p>Bucks</p> <p>Thin: NT, Fat, NT.</p> <p>Barbados (per head)</p> <p>Lambs: \$25-\$35. Ewes: \$30-\$60. Bucks: \$30-\$55.</p> <p>Goats (per head)</p> <p>Kids: 20-35 lbs., \$20-\$45; 35-55 lbs., \$30-\$55; 55-75 lbs., \$45-\$65; Yearlings: 75-120 lbs., \$65-\$100.</p> <p>Nannies (per head)</p> <p>Stocker, \$50-\$80; Milk Type: \$25-\$60; Slaughter: Thin, \$30-\$40; Fat, \$40-\$70.</p> <p>Billies (per head)</p> <p>120 lbs-up</p> <p>Breeders, \$75-\$110; Slaughterers, \$65-\$95.</p> <p>Boer Goats (per head)</p> <p>1/2 Nanny, \$40-\$70; 3/4 Nanny, \$40-\$70; Full Nanny, \$75-\$125.</p> <p>Boer Goats (per head)</p> <p>1/2 Billy, NT, 3/4 Billy, NT, Full Billy, \$100-\$150.</p>
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