

Mystery Match winner announced

Congratulations to Barbie Barnhill on winning the first Muenster Mystery Match Contest.

The response was great and we look forward to more challenges next year.

Be sure to check inside this week's newspaper for all the answers to the contest.



Deborah Wood (left) shows off the first Muenster Mystery Match while Barbie Barnhill displays her Muenster Mystery Marks. Janie Hartman Photo

Fungi thrive in current conditions

By Janet Felderhoff
Mushrooms recently have been seen in many places in this area and more abundantly than many can recall happening before. They are seen in yards, flowerpots, encircling trees, in piles of old rotting hay, and many other places where conditions invite their existence.

Lisa Bellows is the Chair of the North Central Texas College Science Department. She explained the phenomenon, "We've got a couple of things happening here. We've had drought conditions and with the drought conditions that we had, we got a lot of dead plant materials. A lot of trees, large oak trees and various other types of trees, died. A mushroom, since it's not a plant, can't manufacture its own food. It has to eat off of something that has been produced, like an animal (does). So in doing that, they thrive in areas where there's dead plant material or manure."

As Bellows explained, the mushroom falls under the kingdom of fungi, which is one of the five kingdoms of living things. They are not plants. "Because of their cell

structure they seem like plants, but they really are not plants," she said. "They are a separate kingdom altogether. Mushrooms and what you might call toadstools are a division of fungi called basidiomycetes." Other examples of fungi she gave included ringworms, athlete's foot, and some bread molds.

Texas has thousands of species of mushrooms. A lot of these wild mushrooms are edible. "The most delicate and sought after wild mushroom that we have in this area is called a morel," Bellows remarked. "We find them in the spring and in the fall when there has been some significant moisture, like following rains, and we find them in sandy creek beds."

A trip to Central Market will find them offered at \$10, \$12, or even \$15 a pound, said Bellows. Many people in this area have consumed them either fried or prepared in dishes. Some of the older people know about that particular mushroom.

"Most of the other edible mushrooms are very difficult to distinguish between those that are non edible, thus poisonous," cautioned Bellows. "Unless you're a

mycologist, someone who studies mushrooms, it's really not advisable to consume anything except the morel."

Texas has two large mushroom farms, one in Gonzales, and the other near Huntsville. Bellows noted that some of the wheat straw hay from this area goes to Gonzales where it is used as a growth medium for the mushrooms. The straw is sterilized and then wetted and fertilized with sterilized manure or other material to prevent an unwanted type of mushroom from growing. After this, the desired fungal spores are spread on it for propagation.

The portabella mushroom, seen in grocery stores and restaurants in recent years, is actually the common white button mushroom that has grown to maturity.

Stinkhorn is a variety of mushroom that Bellows has had brought to her for identification. They think it is an animal that they've never seen before that is dying. Bellows said it has a foul odor to attract insects like flies and beetles to crawl across it and distribute the spores.

"The specie will dictate the growth pattern that can occur, but a mushroom is going to grow until it distributes its spores as long as the conditions are right," Bellows explained. "It's going to grow as long as the conditions are favorable until the spores are distributed. You will see some mushroom or fungi that are called puffballs and it will be a round lump. When you kick it there's a puff of smoke. That black smoke is literally the spores from the mushroom being distributed. Wind is one of the best distributors of fungal spores for mushrooms."

Bellows said she's seen capped mushrooms get so large that they appear to have black stripes on them. That is the spore distribution. On the underside of the mushroom's cap are slits or gills where spores reside. The larger the



Mushrooms grow wild in most parts of the country. These specimens were found growing near a hay stack close to Muenster. Janie Hartman Photo

Bait shop approved for Ray Roberts

By Janet Felderhoff
Problems continue to plague the Lake Ray Roberts Planning and Zoning Commission. In recent months many of its Board members have resigned. Several of the new ones appointed to replace them have recently had to resign for various personal reasons. This has caused problems for people who need Board approval before proceeding with business.

Mike Dean, a developer, is one such person adversely affected by the chaos. He has requested approval of a specific use permit for property already zoned Highway Business Use to place a bait shop and an office for wet storage at 55 Chisam Road (Lot 15 in Ray Roberts Estates).

According to Laura Blanton, planning and zoning coordinator, he began this process in October 2003. She asked Commissioners Court to proceed with approval since he had been working on it for so long. She said the required public hearing had been

delayed since the Board members resigned in November. Dean had to wait two months for a public hearing to be scheduled after a new Board was seated.

At the July 12 regular meeting, Cooke County Commissioners Court approved the specific use permit subject to Brad Shepherd's signing of the June 10 Lake Ray Roberts P & Z minutes.

Approval of the June 10, 2004 Lake Ray Roberts P & Z minutes was tabled by Commissioners Court because there were only two signatures and at least three are required. This was because only two of the members who attended the June meeting were at the July meeting.

Revie "Rev" Mordue was unanimously approved as a member of the Lake Ray Roberts P & Z Board. Precinct #2 Commissioner Bill Cox recommended his appointment noting that Mordue had recently purchased land near CR 251

where he's planning to build a new home.

An Executive Session was held, but no action was taken as a result of it.

N-Tech Construction and Equipment, Inc. of Denison submitted the sole bid for a 1985 or newer motorgrader for Cooke County Precinct #2. The bid of \$22,500 on a 1985 John Deere model motorgrader was approved.

During Public Comments Wayne Dodson inquired about the County Budget. He said he had problems determining what is spent in each precinct. He asked that it be done in a manner that was transparent to all. He noted that the way he saw it, Precinct #3 and #4 combined received about \$200,000 more than Precinct #1 and #2.

In other business Commissioners Court:

- Approved the final plat for Voth Estates (Lots 1-5) located at the corner of CR 409 and FM 1199 in Precinct #4.

- Approved the indigent burial of Joseph Leo Belanger.

City of Muenster a busy place

By Janet Felderhoff
Muenster has been full of activity lately. Muenster Mayor Henry Weinzapfel took time recently to explain some of the projects Muenster is involved in and the recent changes that have occurred.

Stan Endres began his job as city administrator this month. Gary Fisher and Jack Flusche are recent additions to the City Council. Fisher is the Police and Fire Commissioner and Flusche serves as the Sewer and Sanitation Commissioner. Endres resigned his Council seat to accept the management position and Flusche was appointed to complete the year remaining on that term.

Streets
Planned street repairs were delayed due to June's unexpected bounty of rain. "Moisture and rain also did a good number on our streets, and a lot of them are really in need of repair," Weinzapfel said. "A lot of the other, more pressing projects have been taken care of and our city crews are finishing up the streets."

Plans for streets include resurfacing East Cross Street with oil and chip. On Maple Street near the hospital the asphalt gave way because of the manner in which it was originally installed. Weinzapfel noted that it didn't have adequate base under it, so about a third of the street between Fifth and Sixth Streets has been removed and it is being replaced with about 12 inches of crushed rock and gravel and they are packing it. It will then be resurfaced and any holes patched. Similar things are happening on West Sixth Street, said Weinzapfel.

Curbing and street work is on the agenda for North Maple between Ninth and FM 373. Muenster ISD has approved the engineering work for construction and curbing on North Walnut between Eighth and Ninth Streets. Paving won't be done until a later time. This will allow time for the new fill to settle.

On the east side of the City Park near Maple Street, a curb will be installed to improve the appearance and to eliminate a problem with rain runoff going through the park. The curb will direct the water to a culvert that will carry the water to the creek.

"Some of the long-range plans for the Park are putting curbs around the Park road, and resurfacing and repairing the blacktop road through the Park. I think that will be a big addition," said the Mayor. The Council hopes to be able to

construct an attractive entrance to the City Park. This may be possible in the next Budget. Jewel Otto is the Park Commissioner and is working with a committee to come up with an attractive entrance design.

Due to the efforts of Keep Muenster Beautiful, Muenster again won the Governor's Community Achievement Award. The Texas Department of Transportation gave an additional \$200,000 and the current beautification project on the second block of Main Street is underway.

Fire Department
"We have one of the best fire departments in north Texas," noted the Mayor. "The fact that it's a volunteer department is even more impressive. There are far more demands on our fire department than, say 10 years ago. It's become more difficult to have young men to request to become members of our fire department. I think that the citizens of Muenster, particularly the young people, need to give that some upfront consideration to join the fire department to be trained to be good firemen. This is probably one of the more valuable services that our community has, and one of the most necessary services that our community has."

Any man or woman who feels that being a member of the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department is what they would like to do, should let a member of the Muenster VFD know of that interest. Membership is by invitation. There are certain criteria that must be met. This can be learned by contacting the Fire Chief Herbie Knabe or any member of the Department.

The Fire Department has requested that the City give some consideration to giving additional compensation to the firemen. Also requested is

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Lunch price increase among items discussed by MISD Board

By Janie Hartman
Student Code of Conduct, Student/Parent Handbooks, and an increase in cafeteria prices for the 2004-05 school year were part of the items discussed and considered at Monday's regular meeting of the Muenster ISD Board of Trustees.

Present at the meeting were Board members Neil Huchton, Leon Klement, Jim Endres, Ronnie Felderhoff, and Nick Walterscheid. Also Clyde Steelman, Phil Newton, Monte Endres, Carol Klement, and Adam Vinson.

Vinson, a MISD student, requested a change in the school's dress code, asking the Board to consider amending the policy stating facial hair is not allowed for students and employees. Vinson made several points, naming

several area schools that allow facial hair on students and/or employees, and noting that Board members and the Parish priest have mustaches, "proving that, religiously, there is nothing against facial hair from a Biblical standpoint," Vinson said, adding "It is only natural that human men are designed to wear it." He noted that facial hair cannot conceal any dangerous weapons and it cannot be used as an unfair advantage to cheat. "For concerns of distraction, facial hair is as disturbing as women's frizzy, curly, or long hair. Students will continue to look presentable, be lively, and keep their grades up with facial hair. It is not a detriment to society... just whiskers."

Vinson also told the Board that the issue is only a matter of self-expression. "We do not all look the same, yet we aren't allowed to look very different from one another. I believe we should not be denied our individualism and men should all have the choice to make our own decisions on how we wear our hair, just like the girls do. The choice to grow hair or shave it off should be up to us, not the school."

Board President Jim Endres thanked Vinson for his input.

Written reports to the Board included:

- The first edition of Muenster ISD's Technology Academy was held June 21-23, led by Jeff Presnall and assisted by Kay Hickey and Mandy Dulock. Fifteen

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Turtle Hill holds golf camp for kids



Jerry Stoffels instructs Allie Walterschied as she takes a swing at a "golf" ball Wednesday. Turtle Hill has one more camp for kids this summer, scheduled for next week. Scott Wood Photo

Fungi

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base of the trunk. Later, the next rain, maybe a year later, maybe six months later, maybe a month later, you'll see mushrooms growing a foot or so away from that tree and so on and so on and so forth." What the mushrooms are consuming are the roots and other dead materials from the tree. They do not grow inside that circle because all the food has been used up. Thus it appears that they create a ring around an area.

"They're called fairy rings, and back in the days of fear of witches and spirits, there were actually historic accounts of people being hung

or burned because they feared that unknown growth pattern and they thought that it was some kind of demonic occurrence," remarked Bellows. "People were very quick to get up in the mornings and get those out of their yards."

These days, people don't have to worry about fairy rings bringing danger. They should be careful though if they decide to try and harvest wild mushrooms to eat. "There are a great number of mushrooms that are hallucinogenic, and some of the ones that are poisonous - that's the poison that they

cause - hallucinations," counseled Bellows. "Even if you find one that is hallucinogenic and you're tempted - the people using herbs and wild plants and stuff - the amounts of chemicals in those plants is so different than what maybe has been researched. So, it'd be very dangerous to be trying any of these for any type of medicinal or 'recreational' purposes."

"Texas Mushrooms A Field Guide" by Susan and Van Metzler is the best Texas reference that's just layman's terms, recommended Bellows. She added that it has good

photographs and at the top it makes mention if its recommended, not recommended, edible, good, that sort of thing.

"This is probably, in my lifetime of 42 years, the best mycological viewing that I've ever had," Bellows observed. "I can't wait for the cooler weather whenever the fall rains bring even more, because they don't like the heat. They like it pretty dark and they like organic matter of some sort. With all these dead trees in the woods, we're going to see lots of fungi this fall." Those who enjoy learning about such things might want to get a copy of the recommended book to help identify the various mushrooms that they find on explorations in the wooded areas here.

"Mushrooms are really neat in the colors that they display," said Bellows. "There's some beautiful orange mushrooms in our area that we'll see this fall."

Pointing to a mushroom cap, Bellows said that the cap makes a cup with a little hole and when a drop of water hits it, the spores are distributed. "Nature's put together pretty neat packages for all the species that have survived through all these eons," she noted. If you have been told that the arrangement of the gills under a mushroom can indicate whether a mushroom is poisonous, don't believe them. It isn't true.



TEMPORARY YARD ORNAMENTS - These smooth white mushrooms encircled a tree after recent rains caused inviting conditions for their growth. Janet Felderhoff photo



This is one of many puffballs growing in a pasture near a pond northwest of Muenster. Puffball mushrooms contain many tiny spores that cause rolling clouds of "dust" when kicked. It makes great fun for kids who discover them. Janet Felderhoff photo

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a possible increase in the stipend or small pension that retired firemen receive for the rest of their lives.

"The dilemma is that about 70% of the fire runs are the emergency runs that the fire department makes outside of the City of Muenster," explained Weinzapfel. "The City is expected to pay the biggest part of the fire department's budget. This past year the city had budgeted \$24,800 toward the fire department. The County had budgeted \$4,400 toward the fire department. The County did come through with giving each of our firemen a device to notify them whenever there's a call. That amounted to about \$6,000 from the County. However, it's not in proportion to the runs that our fire department is making."

Weinzapfel said he's in the process of appointing a committee to develop a plan that would allow the City to show its appreciation by saying thank-you and by giving the firemen something to make it worth their time to serve on the fire department. Their recommendation will be made to the City Council. The City is very, very proud of its fire department and we certainly want to do what's right for them."

Mosquitoes
At the request of more than 300 citizens, the City Council agreed to spray and fog for mosquitoes. "Dwayne Rohmer had made a very persuasive and effective presentation as to reasons why we shouldn't spray and I agree with Dwayne as to why we shouldn't spray," remarked Weinzapfel. "However, with the strong request from the community, it certainly appeared that popular demand required that we spray and the Council voted to do a one-time spraying citywide." He noted that a lot of cities had relented to popular demand to do the spraying. "I suppose a lot of it is because people aren't aware of the potential long-term consequences of the spraying," reflected the Mayor. "McKinney City

Council has voted not to spray. Their research shows that spraying only kills about five percent of the adult mosquitoes. There's no telling what the long-term effects of spraying will be for our children and ourselves.

"The citizens can do a lot to alleviate the mosquito problem. They can go out and clean out their birdbaths, empty old tin cans, tires, and other things lying around in the alley that would hold any amount of water. If it lays there stagnant for a day or two, it's going to have larvae in it and it's going to hatch out and you're going to have mosquitoes. If the citizens would go out and check their yards and eliminate those breeding spots, it would eliminate a lot of those problems."

Weinzapfel said it is his daily job at home to empty the saucers on flowerpots to avoid leaving a mosquito breeding area.

For larger areas that can't be drained, there are pellets or mosquito rings that can be placed in the water to prevent hatching mosquitoes. The City has done this. Weinzapfel said they just received a large shipment that should last all summer.

Officer Kallie
Muenster Police Department has a new member, Officer Kallie. The first canine member of the Department comes complete with training and a badge. Weinzapfel commented, "I think she's going to be a great asset, in that the dog will be able to do drug searches and things of that nature. Kallie came to Muenster at no cost to the City of Muenster. The cost of the dog and the training was over \$6,000. That was all put up by private citizens and various businesses, in the City of Muenster." He expressed appreciation to all who helped raise funds for the new officer. Muenster Milling Company has offered to furnish all the dog food that Kallie will ever need and Dr. Larry Tisdale has agreed to take care of all her medical needs.

Lake dam
At the request of the Muenster Water Board, Muenster annexed 706 acres of land that the Water Board acquired for the Muenster Lake.

"I was disappointed, in fact, the whole Water Board and community was disappointed, that when we had advertised for bids this last time, the bids came in higher than we had funds available," said Weinzapfel. "As a result, the Water Board had to reject all bids. So we're going back to the drawing board and do some redesigning. We will approach the bidding process in a different manner. Hopefully, the outcome will be that we'll get bids that will better fit funds that we have available. By the end of summer or early fall we could be into construction on the completion of our lake."

Have community pride
Mayor Weinzapfel took note of the amount of trash being thrown out of cars, especially along Ash Street and Mesquite Street. People have even thrown trash bags into the creeks. "It's just as easy to go find a dumpster to put it in," he observed. "All of this stuff is going to wind up in somebody's water supply somewhere. It doesn't do anything to help Muenster's image for people to see all this trash lying around. I'm making a plea to the citizens to not throw trash. The folks who walk might carry a little bag and pick up trash as they walk."

The Mayor said he's always hearing compliments on what a clean and beautiful community Muenster is. "We do have an outstanding and beautiful community," he agreed. "We're all very proud of it, but we all have to continue to work. It doesn't just happen, it happens because people work to make it a beautiful community. We all need to contribute and help to keep things picked up, keep our yards mowed, and keep it looking nice."

DAYS GONE BY.....

by Elfreda Fette

65 YEARS AGO

July 14, 1939

New surge of activity in the south Muenster oil pool, as well (known as No. 2, Voth) estimated at 1500 to 4000 barrels opens way for more drilling. Mercury soars to season high of 110°. Robert and Tommy Weinzapfel spend Monday in Fort Worth. Matt Stelzer goes to Illinois for oil field employment. Ben Seyler

and daughter, Johnnie Ann make business trip to Lubbock. Vincent "Doc" Reinart is the owner of a new Chevrolet coupe.

50 YEARS AGO

July 16, 1954

Record heat wave broken by .37 inch shower. City tops former water use record. Willie Walterscheid strikes out 17 Krum baseball players in Sunday game for a Muenster

victory. Wedding: Joseph Hermes and Nancy Ann Bashara. Cpl. Johnny Fisher of Fort Hood spends weekend at home. John Schmitz family has reunion at Turner Falls.

25 YEARS AGO

July 13, 1979

Motorcycle accident is fatal to Curtis Grewing, age 18. Obit: Mrs. Joe Swinger, 83; Helen Wimmer, 56; William J. Bezner, 70. Weddings: Cynthia Bartush to Richard Del Olmo; Deborah Jones to John Bates, Jr. The Robert Haverkamp of Cairo, Egypt are vacationing here with family. New arrivals: James to Gus and Loretta Felderhoff; Jill to Gilbert and Shirley Hess; Tara to Doug and Lynda Yosten.

Recipe for rose potting soil

THE SUMMER 2004 issue of the *Old Farmer's Almanac Gardener's Companion* recommends a recipe for potting soil that container-grown roses are sure to love. Follow these simple instructions for a mix that is sure to result in the biggest, most beautiful blossoms ever.

Blend the following ingredients on a large tarp or in a big wheelbarrow. Store leftovers in a sealed container such as plastic trash can. This makes enough mix to fill four large (18-inch-diameter) containers.

- * 1 bale (3.2 to 3.4 cubic feet) peat moss (or peat substitute)
- * 1 bag (2 cubic feet) vermiculite
- * 1 bag (40 pounds) composted cow manure
- * 2 cups horticultural lime

If using a tarp, mound all materials, draw tarp ends together and roll the resulting ball over and over until mixed. In a barrow, use a spade or spading fork to mix.

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Tornado safety

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National Weather Service

2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!

Sunday, July 18, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4PM Class of 1979 Reunion Meeting at Doc's Bar and Grill - 3PM	Monday, July 19, 2004 VFW Auxiliary meeting, 7:30PM Free seminar help with prescriptions in long term care, 3-4:15PM Gainesville Convalescent Center	Tuesday, July 20, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Grief Support & Guidance Seminar, 6-8PM, Home Hospice MMH Board Meeting 8PM	Wednesday, July 21, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Eat Better Class, 3PM, Pecan Creek Village, Gainesville Cooke Co. Beef Cattle Improvement Assoc. mtg, 7PM Cooke Co. Fair Grounds Enterprise Facilitation mtg, 1PM, The Center Restaurant	Thursday, July 22, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, 1-4PM Kiwanis Family Swim Night, 7-9PM	Friday, July 23, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4PM	Saturday, July 24, 2004
Sunday, July 25, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, July 26, 2004	Tuesday, July 27, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Grief Support & Guidance Seminar, 6-8PM, Home Hospice	Wednesday, July 28, 2004 Exercise Class, 3PM, Pecan Creek Village, Gainesville	Thursday, July 29, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, 1-4PM Kiwanis Family Swim Night, 7-9PM	Friday, July 30, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Hornet Band Welcome back picnic Pavillion Muenster Park 4-8PM	Saturday, July 31, 2004

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Obituaries

Brother Henry Fuhrmann, O.S.B. 1920 - 2004

Brother Henry Fuhrmann, O.S.B., age 84, monk of Subiaco Abbey, died peacefully July 6, 2004. He had been confined to the Abbey Health Center the last five years as he declined steadily under the ravages of Parkinson's disease. Edward Fuhrmann was born July 6, 1920, in Lindsay, Texas, the first of 11 children of Willie N. and Margaret Orth Fuhrmann. He attended St. Peter's School in Lindsay, then farmed and worked in the area until he was 21 years old.

Influenced by a vocation homily by his pastor, this young man felt God's call to follow in the footsteps of two uncles and two cousins who were monks at Subiaco Abbey. On Jan. 19, 1942, with the prayers and blessing of his parents and pastor, Edward Fuhrmann went to Subiaco Abbey where he professed his monastic vows on Sept. 8, 1943, receiving the religious name of Henry. He was followed a few years later by a younger brother, Linus, who became Father Nicholas.

Brother Henry was assigned to continue his work in the carpenter shop where he had shown great promise during his candidacy and novitiate, working under the tutelage of Subiaco's veteran craftsman Martin Schriver. During this time he helped Mr. Schriver turn out many enduring and beautiful pieces of woodwork, including the tables and chairs in the monastic dining room, the abbot's pontifical throne (used until Vatican II), and the cedar tabernacle used each year during the Holy Thursday liturgy.

Brother Henry's dream came true when his next appointment was to work on the Abbey farm, an assignment that he would love and cherish even in his retirement years. He took to

heart St. Benedict's admonition to pray and to work: Brother Henry's spirit had the gentleness of a lamb; his body, the physical strength of an ox.

During five decades of work on the farm, Brother Henry witnessed many transitions, perhaps the greatest being the close of the dairy and sale of milk cows in the early 1960s. For decades following, he managed the Abbey's beef farming.

Sowing and reaping crops, dealing with adverse weather conditions, fixing broken machinery, and the hundred-and-one other necessities known only to a farmer, were part of Brother Henry's half-century of dedicated agricultural work. His strong faith and generosity endeared him to neighbors and friends.

In 1976 he spent three months at Santa Family Monastery in Belize, Central America, helping with farm and construction work. Other than this short interval away, Brother Henry's entire monastic life was spent at Subiaco.

His favorite outdoor pastime was fishing. In his heyday, he, along with other fishermonks, regularly provided a full Friday fare for the monastic table. He always enjoyed a lively game of "sheephead" or dominoes at evening recreation.

Reminiscing during his golden jubilee year in 1993, Brother Henry said, "I went through the usual smooth and rough until profession in 1943." And summing up the years spent on the farm he concluded, "We had a very busy life and we want it so."

During the years of his declining health and final illness, his cousin, Brother Louis Fuhrmann, with whom he had shared decades of work on the Abbey farm, faithfully attended Brother Henry.

His parents, a sister,

Anna Stoffels, and a brother, William, who died in infancy, preceded him in death. Eight siblings survive him. Besides Father Nicholas of the Abbey, there are Joe and Marie Fuhrmann, Tony Fuhrmann, and Aloys and Marge Fuhrmann, all of Lindsay; Ottilia and Gerald Wachsmann of Wichita Falls; Rose Stoffels, Theresa Huchton, and Mickey and Benny Haverkamp, all of Münster.

A Christian Wake service was held at 7:00 p.m. on July 8, in St. Benedict Church, Subiaco Arkansas. Fr. Nicholas Fuhrmann conducted the service.

The liturgy of Christian burial was celebrated at 10:00 a.m. July 9, in St. Benedict Church at Subiaco. Abbot Jerome Kodell concelebrated the Mass with all the Abbey priests. During their homilies Abbot Jerome and Fr. Nicholas touched on the many aspects of Brother Henry's life, mainly his strong faith and a strong body that didn't just walk, but ran to do all his chores and other



Brother Henry Fuhrmann, O.S.B.

tasks. Priests and monks of Subiaco provided music. Pallbearers were six fellow monks.

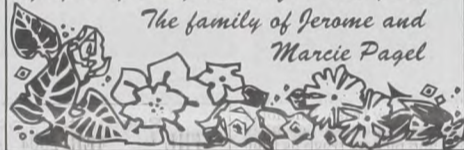
Interment was in the Abbey Cemetery under the direction of Roller Funeral Home of Paris, Arkansas.

Attending the services were all surviving siblings and their spouses except Joe who was unable to travel, many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends from Münster, Lindsay, Gainesville, Wichita Falls, Roanoke, Idabel, Oklahoma, Topeka, Kansas, and the Subiaco area.

Memorials gifts may be sent to: Subiaco Abbey, 405 N. Subiaco Ave., Subiaco, AR 72865.

We would like to thank our friends and neighbors for the outpouring of kindness and prayers for Jerome during his illness and death. Thanks especially to Fr. John Ohner, the singers and servers at Mass, the Catholic Daughters for the meal, and to everyone who sent cards, flowers, and food. Your thoughtfulness and sympathy bring us comfort and peace.

The family of Jerome and Marcie Pagel



From My Side of the Fence by Ed Cier

What I am about to write about, all happened somewhere between 1925 and the early 30s.

The big, black dog we had through that time was in his best years. Dad got him shortly after our move to the farm in 1924. We, Ray and I, named him Polar. We were asked many times how he came to have such an odd name.

Well, Ray and I thought he looked like a bear cub, all black, except for a couple of white spots. You can see we knew absolutely nothing about bears, black as he was, we named him Polar, a kind of bear that was always pure white.

Well, he didn't mind, and the name stuck.

He grew up to be big, almost totally black, but what made him a great dog was the fact that he loved every human that ever walked, young, old and all in between.

During those years Dad and the older of us boys spent most of our time on the north place in the cotton and corn fields. Mom and the two youngest kids, Lucille and Werner, were usually at home, where Mom, too, always found lots to do. We always had quite a garden that Mom always kept clean and she always kept a couple lettuce beds alternating.

In the 30s, lots of men were afoot on the roads. These unfortunates were looking for work of any kind. They would rather earn their food, but circumstance forced them to ask for a hand out.

Polar always positioned himself between Mom and the man asking for a hand out. He liked people, but, like Mom, he was a little leery.

Well, this went on for several years and eventually just sort of petered out.

To this day, I really believe it was the big dog. No one was ever refused food at our house, but one could tell the men's respect for Polar simply caused most of them to pass the place.

It was always good to know Polar was there with Mom and the little ones.

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I would like to extend a big "THANK YOU" for all the gifts, cards, prayers, and Masses received during my bout with cancer. It has been a difficult road, but with the help of the good Lord at my side we have conquered this.



Again, thanks to everyone!
Dale Swirczynski and family

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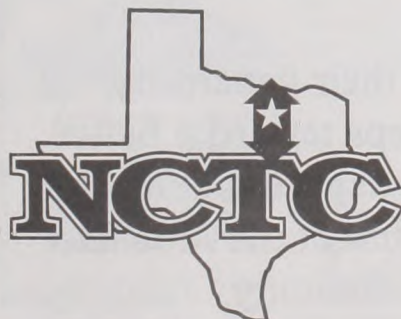
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Business idea very well received at local meeting

By Don Rohmer
 On July 7 members and guests of Kiwanis Club of Muenster heard a presentation about Enterprise Facilitation, by Bob Rhoden of Workforce Texoma. He explained how Enterprise Facilitation, which has been compared to barn raising, is a program of getting members of the community to work together to help start small businesses and help existing businesses grow.

evaluates the business plan and provides advice about its workability. But that's only the beginning. Enterprise Facilitation, developed by Dr. Ernesto Sirolli, is based on a Trinity of Management theory. The theory states that the success of any business depends on producing a quality product, marketing the product, and managing finances. The problem is that no one person is equally good at all three. Dr. Sirolli says that, although some entrepreneurs are good at two of the three aspects of business management, it seems to be impossible for any one person to handle all three with the passion that is required for success in business.

When satisfied that a potential entrepreneur has his or her "ducks in a row,"

the Facilitator presents the entrepreneur's needs to a board of local citizens, who are chosen largely for their knowledge of the local business environment. The board does not grant or lend any money, but puts the entrepreneur in contact with people who might be able to provide the abilities that the entrepreneur is lacking. The resulting venture is likely to be appealing to a lender if a loan is needed. Or, the Facilitator can help the entrepreneur pursue other sources of funding.

In a discussion that followed Mr. Rhoden's presentation, the reaction was positive. A follow-up meeting will be held at the Center Restaurant at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 21, immediately after that day's Kiwanis meeting. All are invited to attend.



Late spring rains replenish area

Area woes from 2003 for lack of moisture dissipated as the first six months of 2004 yielded 28.59 inches of rainfall. That has already topped last year's total of 23.72 inches. Muenster experienced its wettest June since records have been kept beginning January 1946. June's 12.15 inches do not rival the 20.86 inches that saturated Muenster in October 1981, but were sufficient to bring ponds, lakes, and creeks up to marks that haven't been seen in several years. The needed rains came in amounts that caused damage to some culverts, bridges, and graveled county roads. It also brought a healthy hatch of pests such as mosquitoes and chiggers. Hay crops are thriving, but conditions made it difficult to harvest at optimum times so the quality may not be as good as the quantity. Many baseball and tee-ball games never happened due to wet fields. All in all most seemed happy with the needed rain despite its few negative qualities. Temperatures have been mostly pleasant and so far July has seen 2.23 inches of rainfall. Keeping Muenster's official records are Janette and Bob Hess.

Yr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
'50	2.25	2.45	.09	2.53	7.64	5.51	7.71	10.47	4.74	.02	.09	.03	43.53
'60	3.48	1.37	1.80	1.76	3.24	1.17	6.26	1.25	3.19	4.35	.29	3.54	31.70
'70	.36	3.83	2.57	4.83	4.05	1.09	1.09	.13	11.61	1.56	.52	.57	32.21
'80	1.58	1.71	.56	1.72	2.19	1.61	.26	.12	8.94	5.42	1.30	1.73	27.14
1846 to 1955													
10-yr. avg.	1.87	1.93	1.78	2.78	6.43	4.03	2.62	2.16	2.85	2.86	2.00	1.88	33.21
1956 to 1965													
10-yr. avg.	1.84	1.47	2.42	3.51	4.65	3.15	1.98	2.04	3.82	2.84	3.35	2.09	34.15
1966 to 1975													
10-yr. avg.	1.65	2.25	2.71	4.21	4.44	2.55	2.54	3.10	5.30	3.92	1.68	1.83	36.18
1976 to 1985													
10-yr. avg.	1.58	2.14	3.70	2.74	5.29	3.43	1.45	1.31	3.16	5.43	2.38	1.43	34.01
1986 to 1995													
10-yr. avg.	1.71	2.22	2.46	2.91	5.24	3.38	1.51	1.88	3.95	2.69	2.09	2.69	32.73
'90	3.30	3.55	6.63	11.79	6.46	3.45	2.46	3.25	2.31	1.97	3.97	1.38	50.52
'91	2.45	.89	1.99	1.29	4.36	2.54	1.87	3.21	5.30	7.16	1.47	7.36	39.89
'92	3.16	1.65	2.07	1.23	5.35	4.18	.77	.81	5.80	.70	4.45	4.25	34.42
'93	1.98	3.94	3.30	3.35	5.43	3.67	.05	2.11	6.12	7.14	.96	2.84	40.89
'94	1.20	3.49	3.63	5.77	3.59	1.06	4.02	1.10	5.49	5.65	5.20	2.17	33.94
'95	1.48	0.42	3.34	3.34	5.88	3.92	2.89	3.72	0.00	1.42	1.15	2.31	33.94
'96	.78	trace	3.30	3.65	.18	4.50	2.47	5.32	7.75	2.94	5.18	.18	36.25
'97	.49	7.44	2.69	5.31	8.48	3.32	.52	1.47	.97	4.29	1.26	4.91	41.15
'98	4.15	1.89	5.44	1.92	1.00	5.20	0.00	.87	1.82	3.17	2.42	2.67	30.55
'99	2.40	.24	3.62	2.80	6.94	4.41	0.00	0.16	0.99	1.76	0.81	2.49	26.82
'00	1.75	0.70	2.93	2.80	1.00	4.66	2.69	0.00	2.07	7.92	7.12	3.50	37.14
'01	3.78	7.93	4.32	2.15	4.41	1.75	2.23	0.69	3.98	1.61	1.34	2.95	37.14
'02	1.11	3.63	6.43	4.94	2.50	4.42	5.10	0.89	2.06	8.44	1.54	4.07	45.13
'03	.05	3.24	1.07	1.33	4.05	3.07	0.15	1.97	5.31	0.08	2.29	1.11	23.72
'04	1.77	3.87	2.13	5.51	3.16	12.15							28.59



Last week the old Bulcher School House, a landmark, collapsed after standing for over 105 years. Thunderstorms with high winds are believed to be the breaking ball that destroyed what man and nature couldn't for all those years. Scott Wood photo

In 1896, Joe Dennis of Bulcher donated a track of land for the construction of a "school house". The school was named Center High School No. 64. Years later, a smaller school was erected just east of this building. During this time the old school house served as a church for the community. Methodist services were held on the first Sunday of the month; Church of Christ on the second Sunday, and Assembly of God on the third. When Bulcher voted to consolidate with the Saint Jo School District, the smaller building was torn down. The above building was one of the few remaining landmarks of the Bulcher Community. This picture was taken in the early to mid-1980's.

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The Muenster Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank Weldon Vogel and Hoss Knabe, along with their families, for making the 4th of July fireworks benefit such a success.

Because of their generosity, we are making steps toward a better fire department for the future of the Muenster Community. Thanks again!

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Schoppa, Raschke united in marriage

On Saturday, May 29, 2004, Jessica Nicole Schoppa, daughter of Jack C. and Debra Schoppa of Saint Jo and Debra Hennigan of Muenster, and Nathan Allen Raschke, son of Jim and Kathy Raschke of Wichita Falls, exchanged vows in a double ring ceremony. The garden wedding was held at the home of the bride's parents near Saint Jo, with Dr. Jeff Williams of the First Baptist Church of Denton officiating.

The processional began on the front porch, which was decorated with iridescent tulle, silver ribbon, purple hydrangeas, and English ivy. A white arch with a backdrop of lattice created the site of the ceremony, which was similarly decorated. Six white pillars topped with Boston ferns along with basket sprays of assorted purple and white flowers completed the setting. The aisle was lined with globed candles accented with white lilies, lilacs, and silver ribbon with iridescent tulle swagged between the candles.

"Jessica," a song by the Allman Brothers Band, played as the grandparents were ushered to their seats by the fathers of the couple. The mothers were escorted by the groom.

The bride was escorted by her father to the song "Only Time" by Enya. Her white satin strapless A-line gown, with chapel length train was designed by P.C. Mary's

of New York. A white satin band edged the top of the bodice and embroidered floral sprays with pearl accents flowed toward the hemline. The bride wore white satin elbow-length gloves and a tiara of pearls and rhinestones. She carried a cascade of twenty-one calla lilies, eighteen lilacs, small purple roses, and English ivy. The stem was wrapped in silver ribbon.

For something old, white ribbon attached the gold wedding bands of Catherine Mudge Stoll, paternal great-grandmother of the bride and Flossie Lucile Stoll Kidd, paternal great-grandmother of the bride. Something new was a three-stone diamond and tanzanite necklace, a gift from the groom. The bride borrowed a petticoat from her aunt, Nancy Schoppa. For something blue, a gold and blue topaz bracelet, a Christmas gift from the groom's parents, was also entwined within the bridal bouquet.

The groom was attired in a black tuxedo with silver vest and tie. His boutonniere was a calla lily with small violet accents.

ATTENDANTS

Instrumental music by Enya played as the bridal party proceeded down the aisle. Attending the bride were Karen Cler of Arlington, friend of the bride, and Mindy Brown of Wichita Falls, sister of the groom. The bridesmaids

wore spaghetti-strap Victorian Lilac satin formal length gowns. A beaded band edged the top of the bodice and continued down the pleated back of the gown. The dresses were complete with a Victorian Lilac satin shawl. They carried arm bouquets of five calla lilies and three lilacs. The stems were braided in purple and silver ribbon.

The groomsmen were Chris Stewart of Saint Jo, friend of the groom, and Jason Raschke of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, brother of the groom. They were attired in black tuxedos with Victorian Lilac vest and tie. They wore boutonnieres matching the groom's.

Flower girls were Haleigh Bacon of Callisburg and Alliah Rice of Denton, nieces of the bride. They wore sleeveless, ballerina-length white dresses with small, embroidered lilacs. A white satin bow tied in the back. The girls carried kissing balls of purple roses, white mums, white lily-of-the-valley, and lilacs tied with purple ribbon.

Ring bearers were Bailey McCoy of Lewisville, nephew of the bride, and David Brown of Wichita Falls, nephew of the groom. They wore black Van Heusen suits with black ties. The boys' boutonnieres matched the groom's.

Maria Schoppa of Saint Jo, cousin of the bride, scattered purple and white flower petals before the



Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Raschke ...nee Jessica Schoppa...

bridal party. She wore a white tea-length empire waist dress accented with a cummerbund sash. A wrist corsage of three purple roses and white babies' breath completed her attire.

RECEPTION

At the reception following the ceremony, the tables were covered with white cloths and purple satin.

Small gazebos and angel statuary with assorted purple and white flowers served as the table centerpieces. The vast array of hors d'oeuvres were prepared by family members.

Kathleen Nelson of Wichita Falls, friend of the bride, served the cake, which was made by Betty

Rose Walterscheid. The base layer was clover-shaped with three additional tiers. Centered beneath the top two tiers was a ceramic gazebo and bridal couple. Small purple roses and calla lilies cascaded from top to bottom around the cake.

As opposed to a groom's cake, Nathan selected to serve his favorite chocolate cream pies, made by his aunt, Pat Mendehan. They were displayed on a table covered with a Mossy Oak camouflage cloth. A small hunting action figure complete with deer and rifle carried out the theme.

Reception music was provided by the local band, "South Bound". The couple's first dance was to "Hero" by Enrique Iglesias, followed by the bride and her father dancing to "Tough Little Boys" by Gary Allen.

Special guests of the newlyweds included grandparents R.L. and Flossie Schoppa of Saint Jo, Denis and Della Walterscheid of Muenster, Henry Pippin of Jermy, and Norma Volk of Henderson, Nevada. Also attending were Lori Raschke, the groom's aunt, and Amanda and Allison Charron, his cousins, all of California, and Stuart and Pat Medehan, his uncle and aunt, of Arkansas.

The night before the ceremony, the rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at Rohmer's Restaurant in Muenster. After the meal, the couple presented gifts to their attendants and parents.

For their honeymoon, the couple spent four days at San Antonio. They are presently residing in Denton where Jessica is employed at Denton County MHMR Center. They both completed their bachelor's degree programs at Midwestern State University, and Nathan begins his Ph.D. program in chemistry at the University of Texas at Arlington in the fall.

Pels earns Eagle rank

Jeff Pels reached an impressive scouting milestone when he received the rank of Eagle Scout in a formal Court of Honor held June 19 in Coppell. He is the son of Kevin and Dr. Laura Pels of Coppell, and the grandson of Dr. Martin and Betty Kralicke of Muenster and the late Ed and Gen Pels. Jeff's uncle Dr. Steve Kralicke, and cousin Casey Walterscheid, both Eagle Scouts, took part in the program.

Jeff joined scouts as a Tiger Cub at the age of six, at Town Center Elementary with Pack 850. In the spring of 2000 he bridged over into the Boy Scouts. He joined Troop 841 at St. Ann Catholic Parish, participating in many troop activities. His leadership positions included Patrol Leader and Librarian, earning 28 merit badges. During the summer of 2002, Jeff tapped out for the Order of the Arrow.

For his Eagle Project, Jeff collected used cell phones for the "Call to Protect" program through the Coppell Police Department.



Jeff Pels

The phones were given to victims of domestic violence to be used in emergency situations. He collected over 350 cell phones.

Jeff will be a sophomore at Jesuit College Preparatory School in the fall. He is a member of the track and cross country teams, an "A" student, and an active member of St. Ann Life Teen.

Also earning Eagle from Troop 841 were Chad Buehrle and Travis Masters.

REMINDER

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Summer events planned at Gainesville's Leonard Park

Two children's story events are planned for Leonard Park in Gainesville during July and no one has to be quiet. Youngsters may help make up tales at Storytime in the Park, offered on two Mondays - July 19 and 26. The events are set for 10-11:30 a.m. at Leonard Park Pavilion.

The first Storytime includes stories about Kenya, ghosts of Gainesville, and the city's parks and zoo.

The second Storytime includes a singing policeman and discussions about trains, cars, and trucks.

A parent or other adult must accompany children. Suggested ages are 5-11 years. The events are free.

Keeping a journal
Adults are invited to Treasure Book: Keeping a Personal Journal on July 21 and 28, 10-11:30 a.m., at the Leonard Park Pavilion. The free Wednesday

workshop offers detours around writer's block, writing exercises, and discussions.

Participants are invited to bring a journal excerpt to share.

Gainesville's parks and recreation department sponsors the events.

Anyone wishing to bring five or more children to the story events or to become a park volunteer should contact Lynette Pettigrew, 668-4551.

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MHS Varsity Cheerleaders attend camp

The Muenster Hornet Varsity Cheerleaders attended an American Cheerleaders' Association Cheer Camp at the TWU Campus in Denton with over 400 other cheerleaders this June. The squad was accompanied by their coaches Danna Fredrick, Lisa Hettler, and Lisa Pagel.

The squad's spirit and strong teamwork earned a spirit stick each night of camp, as well as a spirit stick to take home on the last day of camp.

On the third night of camp, each squad member competed for either ACA All-Star Tumbler or ACA All-Star Jumper. Competing for All-Star Tumbler were Shannon Grewing and Whitney Watson. Nominees for All-Star Jumper were Kallie Gerstberger, Stevie Klement, Kelly Endres, Jessica Walterscheid, Laura Heers, and Alison Teafattler.

The ACA Instructors selected the squad to receive the ACA Achievement Award based on the squad's nightly evaluations as well as their two final Four-Star performances. The Muenster Cheerleaders

were the smallest squad in the Varsity Division competing with other squads such as South Garland Varsity, McKinney North Varsity, Flower Mound Varsity, Grapevine Varsity, among many others. The squad was presented the trophy on the final day of camp. While receiving trophies and awards was very prestigious for the squad, they agreed that the most valuable part of camp was that everyone on the squad worked together and made this experience a very good and memorable one.

Hornet Mascot Mindy Walterscheid attended daily classes on how to work with the cheerleaders as well as the crowd. Nightly, the mascot would intermingle with the crowd and display their techniques and skills. The mascots also put on a performance for everyone, and Mindy was the Hornet BUZZ was a main character and essential part of the skit. "She did an awesome job with her performance and showed that she is an important part of, and an asset to, the cheerleading squad," noted the coaches. The MHS Cheerleaders

then held their annual Mini-Camp at the Muenster City Park with over 100 girls. The squad taught the cheers, chants, stunts, and jumps they learned at ACA Camp.

A variety of awards were given out on the final day of mini-camp, and they were as follows: Top Team Award - Valley View Junior High; Champion Chant - Muenster Junior High; Spirit Award - Valley View Junior High; Team Award - Era Junior High; Best Stunt Award - Valley View Junior High; Safety Stunt - The Raiders; Tumbling Award - Muenster Junior High and Shelby Dangelmayr; Most Improved Squad/Member - Prairie Valley Junior High and Kelsey Pagel; Dance Award - Muenster Junior High and Olivia Haverkamp; Motion Award - Valley View Junior High and Brooke Walterscheid; Jump Award - Molly Williams (Valley View Junior High); Hope English, and Shelbi Sicking; Most Spirited Camper - Lana Heers; and the All-American Winners - Samantha Endres (Muenster Junior High) and Brooke Walterscheid.



Muenster Hornet Varsity Cheerleaders, from left, back - Laura Heers, Jessica Walterscheid, mascot Mindy Walterscheid, Stevie Klement, Whitney Watson, Kelley Endres; front - Alison Teafattler, Kallie Gerstberger, and Shannon Grewing. Courtesy photo

Hoening clan gathers at reunion

Descendants of Aloys and Elizabeth Hoening gathered in reunion on Saturday, June 19 at Conrad Hall in Lindsay. There were 110 attending. Everyone signed up for the door prize of a handmade quilt. It was "The Wild Goose Chase" won by Helen Vogel Patel, Clara Stanley's niece.

Ray and Clara Hoening-Seale Stanley and children, Allen, Karen, Lana, and Joe Seale were the host family with the help of their grandchildren.

Clara brought 20 beautifully crocheted afghans which were sold by silent auction. Twenty people went home with a beautiful afghan always to be treasured and admired, which she made with lots of TLC.

It was a lovely day and games were enjoyed outdoors by the young crowd. Lots of visiting, getting re-acquainted, and seeing how the children had grown from two years ago was most enjoyable. Cameras were flashing all afternoon. A delicious covered dish meal was served.

Ray and Betty Ann Blockus traveled the farthest distance from Schickshiny, Pennsylvania. Colette Knabe traveled the shortest,

about two blocks. Others came from North Carolina, Arkansas, and many cities in Texas.

The oldest person attending was Emma Fetsch. The youngest was Makenna Hermes, daughter of Kurt and Amy Hermes.

Sunday morning, the three Hoening girls, Emma, Clara, and Tillie attended the 8 a.m. Mass in Lindsay and then enjoyed breakfast together at The Wooden Spoon. In 2006, the children of Joe Hoening will be the host family.

Amateur talent invitational features local artists July 16 & 17 in Gainesville

The State Theater and Sacred Heart School Alumni Association are co-producing the Amateur Talent Invitational at 8 p.m. this Friday and Saturday, July 16-17.

Blues guitarist Kirby Kelley is sponsoring the show. "Lots of skilled kids never get the chance to use their talents in a professional setting," says Kelley. "That's what I want to do for them - give them the opportunity to perform onstage in front of some of their own hometown folks." Kelley is an instructor for the National Guitar Workshop.

"This is our first time playing together as a group in front of anybody," said Dustin Bernal, age 17. Dustin plays guitar for a rock-alternative band with his friends Tony Carter, age 17; Mason Perkins, age 17;

and Lance Adsit, age 17. "We're looking forward to the exposure." Though they do not yet have a name for their band, they will perform their own original music. The group is based in Gainesville.

Kori Scoggin, age 17, of Valley View, leads "Echo's Hill", another rock-alternative band performing at the show. "This is an awesome venue," said Kori of the State Theater. "Echo's Hill" includes Stephen Moore, age 17 of Valley View; Jarrod Glasby, age 15, of Pilot Point; Ben Vandola, age 15, of Valley View; and Amanda Woolf, age 15, of Sanger. The teens will perform original music.

Daniel Bartush, Michael Voth, Stephen LaChance, and Chris Hoedbeck, all of Muenster, will play as a group at the show. At last

notice, they did not have a name for their band.

Jacqueline Flusche, age 17, of Muenster, and Nikki Roberts, age 18, of Gainesville, will perform vocal solos at the show. Both are accomplished singers. Flusche competed in the TAPPS State Music competition last spring, and Roberts has performed at numerous venues in Cooke County.

Though busy as the talent show's principal instructor, Kelley has hinted at a possible special performance of his signature delta blues and slide guitar.

The Amateur Talent Invitational will run at 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, July 16-17 at the State Theater in Gainesville. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be sold at the door.

Cleaning tips

Get organized: Fill a bucket or tote with cleaning supplies to carry from room to room. You will need: clothes, paper towels, furniture polish, an all-purpose glass and counter cleaner and two garbage bags.

From ARA Content

Summer academic camp offered

Brittany and Paige White are offering a three-day tutoring camp for students entering grades 1-6. The sisters put this camp together so that children can brush up on old material or learn new material for the coming school year. Subjects offered will be English, Reading, and Mathematics. Instruction will be tailored to fit children's individual needs. Camp dates are July

21, 22, & 23 with alternate dates of July 26, 27, & 28. Camp will be held at Sacred Heart High School.

The hours for each class will be determined after enrollment. Children will receive personal attention and instruction, therefore enrollment is limited. Those interested in a fun academic experience for your child, call 759-2007 by July 19. This camp is offered free of charge.

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Cooke County to observe "National Night Out"

Cooke County started participation in the "National Night Out" last year. This is a coordinated effort between the Gainesville Police Department, Cooke County Sheriff's Office, Gainesville Fire Department, and the Cooke County Chapter 1049 AARP. It is visiting with your neighbors with entertainment, food and cold drinks, music, and safety information for you, your home, and neighborhood, in a gathered group during the evening on the first Tuesday every August as a national event.

Last year was the first Gainesville "National Night Out". It was held on the large front lawn of Gainesville Convalescent Center. GCC has again offered the use of their front yard to host the event. Hot dogs, lemonade, and cookies are being provided by the Gainesville Convalescent Center and the AARP member volunteers.

Get your family and friends together and come on down to join in the fun. There is no charge to attend. If you want a booth space or to bring vendor items, foods, or cold drinks, contact the AARP secretary, Shirley Rector, at 940-665-2826. Residents of Cooke County are invited to come and go from 6 - 9 p.m. on Tuesday, August 3 to the "National Night Out".

Gainesville Convalescent Center is located east of Grand Avenue on 1900 O'Neal - about three blocks past the Gainesville Memorial Hospital. There will be games available for your children on the side lawn. Come by and visit with your family, friends, and neighbors.

Precautions to take for avoiding Mosquitoes

North Texas rains may have subsided, but the result is an increased number of breeding grounds for mosquitoes that may put families at risk for West Nile virus. As of July 7, no human cases of the disease have been confirmed in Texas, but experts at Children's Medical Center Dallas encourage families to be aware of their surroundings and take precautions to avoid infection.

"Now that the temperatures are warming up, there may be pockets of water around your home that are ideal breeding grounds for mosquitoes," said Barb Sercely, infection control nurse at Children's Medical Center Dallas. "Even though West Nile is not a common childhood disease, parents should still take precautions to mosquito-proof their residence and community."

In 2003 there were 720 human cases of the West Nile virus in Texas reported to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and a total of 9,862 across the United States.

According to the CDC, less than one percent of people who contract West Nile will get severely ill and the chance that any one person will become ill from a single mosquito bite remains low. The risk of severe illness and death is highest for people over 50 years old, but people of all ages can become ill.

Sercely recommends that parents consider the following tips to reduce their family's exposure to mosquitoes:

- Use bug repellents containing DEET. Products containing DEET are the best to repel bugs. There are many more kid-friendly products in the marketplace that will go on more easily and don't smell as bad. Repellents containing DEET may be sprayed on top of clothing, but never on skin underneath clothing, which may increase the rate of chemical absorption into the blood. "Children absorb chemicals into the blood more readily than adults," Sercely said. Additionally, do not apply aerosol or pump products directly to your face. Spray your hands and then rub them carefully over the

face, avoiding eyes and mouth.

- Drain or change standing water. Parents need to drain any standing water around the house. Things like children's play pools, birdbaths, and the dog's drinking water should be changed regularly, at least once a week. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water and can lay as many as 300 eggs at one time.

- Secure screens. Make sure that screens on windows, doors, and porches don't have any holes that might allow mosquitoes to get inside.

- Avoid mosquito prime time. Dawn and dusk are the times of day when mosquitoes are out most and parents should consider restricting outdoors activities during these times. If your children participate in activities like swim team or other outdoor team sports, be sure to use repellent.

- Do your research. Be wary of products that claim to protect your yard from mosquitoes. Studies show that items like electric bug zappers actually attract mosquitoes into your yard and mostly kill insects like moths, beetles, and other harmless bugs - not mosquitoes.

The CDC reports that approximately 80 percent of people (about four out of five) who are infected with West Nile virus will not show any symptoms at all. However up to 20 percent of people who become infected with West Nile will display symptoms which can include fever, headache, body aches, nausea, vomiting, and sometimes swollen lymph glands or a skin rash on the chest, stomach, and back. Symptoms can last for as short as a few days, though even healthy people have been sick for several weeks. If you or a family member experiences these symptoms, contact your healthcare provider for further evaluation. For more information on the West Nile virus visit the CDC at www.cdc.gov or the Texas Department of Health at www.tdh.tx.us.



The Muenster annual swim program is completing its second week of teaching, with classes beginning at 8 a.m. till noon daily. Around 350 are taking the lessons, which also includes rescue techniques, safety, first aid, and CPR for every student who goes through the program. With 75 volunteers, there is a ratio of 2 to 3 kids per instructor per class. Kids come from all over the State of Texas to take the lessons. Also there is an instructor from Austin teaching this year.

Janie Hartman photos

Christian poets wanted for contest

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by Christian Fine Arts Society, free to everyone. There are 50 prizes in all, including a \$1000 Grand Prize, totaling more than \$4,000.00.

To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 9588 Thornbush Lane, Fishers, IN 46038. Or enter online at www.freecontest.com. The deadline for entering is July 31.

Be sure your name and address appears on the page with your poem. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants.

Tornado safety

Do not try to outrun a tornado in a bus, truck, or car; instead, abandon it for a strong building.

National Weather Service

Welcome back picnic set by new band directors

New band directors at Muenster ISD, Michael Garrett and Melissa Zamzow, are inviting all current, former, and prospective members and their families to a "welcome back" picnic at the Pavilion of Muenster City Park. The picnic will be held Friday, July 30 from 4 - 8 p.m. Students may play volleyball or swim (\$1.50). Hot dogs, snacks, and

homemade ice cream will be served.

Mr. Garrett and Mrs. Zamzow are excited about the Hornet band. They look forward to meeting band members and discussing what the new year is to bring.

Summer band rehearsals will begin Aug. 2. Information will be mailed in the near future.

Eat better to live better program well attended

The Eat Better to Live Better Program for senior citizens of Cooke County was well attended Wednesday, July 7, at the Area On Aging of Texoma office in Pecan Creek Village.

Dee Dee M. Martin, Better Living for Texans Program Assistant of the Texas Cooperative Extension in Cooke County, presented the Healthy Eating portion of the scheduled six-week series.

The attendees tasted the Italian Style Garden Vegetable dish and showed enthusiasm, asking nutrition questions, sharing ideas on how to shop on a limited budget.



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The art of growing things

By Wayne Becker, CEA-ANR
MICRO IRRIGATION

In this day and age, when water is in the spotlight as a critical resource, there is a great potential for water conservation using drip irrigation. Drip irrigation, also commonly known as trickle- or micro-irrigation, is merely the precise application of water where and when plants need it. The concept is not new, as the Germans and Italians worked out the basics in the 1930s, and, according to Dr. Jody Worthington, former TAES Research Horticulturist who did extensive research on drip irrigation, Texas Extension specialists in the 1940s were showing growers how to make concrete lines to sub-irrigate gardens from windmills.

However, it took the development of UV-light resistant plastic pipes and fittings to make drip irrigation practical for home gardeners. The real conservation features of drip irrigation come from the precise application of water and minimal runoff, less evaporation from an essentially closed system, and less water lost to weeds and undesirable plants, since the system is placed exactly where the desirable plants need it.

The basic component parts of a drip irrigation system are as follows:

(1) water source (well or city), (2) filter, (3) delivery lines, and (4) emitters. The water source used will dictate the amount of filtration needed. If the water is sandy or dirty or from an open pond, there is a greater need for filtration as opposed to using city water. Although it is best to filter city water, it can often be used unfiltered without too much problem. However, the life of the lines and emitters can be prolonged using filtration.

Basically there are two types of drip emitters. In one, the water path is very long thus reducing the amount of water, which comes out of the emitter. The other type utilizes a very tortuous or crooked path.

Emitters are also designed to be either low- or high-pressure. Low-pressure emitters usually apply one to two gallons per hour at operating pressures of 2 to 5 psi, whereas high-pressure emitters typically apply one gallon per hour at 15 psi. Such devices can be purchased or made.

Considering the low cost of emitters, it is best to purchase them. They can be placed at the desired spacing along a poly hose, or hose can be purchased which already have holes or emitters within. Three common types are Bi-wall, At@ tape, and Ram tubing. The hose with pre-formed holes works extremely well for garden applications. Spacing between holes varies with the product; 12-, 18-, and 24-inch spacing is common.

There are many drip irrigation products on the market. All are basically good, and there is no great advantage of one over another, but regardless of how good the products are, they all eventually stop up.

Drip systems must be maintained and cared for, as with other water systems; hence, it is best to leave the emitter and loops on top of the ground so they can be checked regularly. The most practical applications for drip irrigation in the home landscape are in gardens, hedgerows, shrub or flowerbeds, and combinations of these along with trees.

The key to making drip irrigation work in home landscapes is in scheduling - knowing when and how long to water. The best absorptive roots for most plants are in the top 6 to 12 inches of the soil, since this upper soil area contains a lot of oxygen. The deeper one goes into the soil, the less oxygen is present, and root growth is less. In order for water to be absorbed by the plant, oxygen must be present. If oxygen is not present, plants cannot take up water, and the roots will drown if the saturated conditions continue. An irrigation system should never be operated for longer than 8 to 12 hours a day. In no case should the system be turned on and forgotten.

Some turn the system on for 24 hours, or until the water reaches the surface (buried systems), and then leave the system off for several days. Such operations present extreme wet and dry periods, which are deleterious to plant growth. An ideal situation is to maintain uniform moisture and oxygen in the soil. In garden applications, the hose with holes is laid down the plant row. One hose will work for two rows of vegetables, or emitters can be placed at each transplant. Either way, the plants or seeds are well watered at planting, and then left alone until regular growth begins, unless it is very dry. The system should maintain uniform moisture down the plant row. If saturated conditions occur, the time interval between watering will need to be increased.

Generally speaking, when using drip around hedges, one emitter per plant is sufficient. The hose and emitters are placed around the shrubs at planting, and are used to maintain uniform moisture as needed. The hose can be tied into lawn sprinkler systems or operated manually. Hose with holes, hose with emitters, or micro-sprinklers can be used for flowerbeds. Basically, the size and shape of the bed will dictate the system employed. Remember to water early in the morning to avoid excess humidity and disease pressure. Tree applications begin with emitters but are usually best served later with micro-sprinklers. As the best absorbing roots are at the dripline of the trees, the emitters need to move out as trees grow. This requires hose loops with emitters, which can cause problems with maintenance operations. Hence after five years, micro-sprinklers which wet the area covered by the canopy of the tree work best. Micro-sprinkler heads can be changed as the tree grows, to provide greater water coverage.

The key with trees is to wet as much of the tree root system as possible, but maintain water in the top 18 to 24 inches of the soil.

Drip irrigation is a wonderful, labor saving and water-conservation device for the homeowner. For some, such devices have been the salvation for their gardening efforts. Many wish they had discovered it years ago, and wonder how they made it before. Most large nurseries and seedsmen carry drip irrigation kits, which can be purchased to get a feel for how the system works. These same folks carry supplies to upgrade and increase the range of your drip irrigation system.

KMB wins heroes contest

Starbuck's, an environmentally and community conscientious company, sponsored a community heroes essay contest that was won by Keep Muenster Beautiful (KMB), an affiliate of Keep Texas Beautiful and Keep America Beautiful. KMB Board members, committee chairmen, paid members, sponsors, and volunteers who participated in KMB cleanup and beautification events since May 1, 2004 are eligible to request free Texas Ranger's baseball tickets. Forty tickets were awarded to Keep Muenster

Beautiful that will, in turn, award the tickets to volunteers. Tickets are for the Texas Rangers - Anaheim Angels game at Ameritrust Field in Arlington on Thursday, July 22. All those accepting tickets must agree to be in their seats no later than 12:45 p.m. because the group will be recognized on the big screen jumbo-tron in the ballpark.

The winning essay was written by MaryLee Alford who wanted to win the tickets as a reward to the community volunteers who've helped Muenster

win Governor's Community Achievement Awards, Awards of Excellence, and Sustained Excellence Awards. To request tickets email MaryLee Alford at maryleex@starband.net. Priority will be given to KMB Board of Directors, committee chairmen, paid members, sponsors, Adopt-A-Highway groups, and volunteers, and issued on a first come, first served basis.

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Submitted by MaryLee Alford

Myths about health information privacy rights

Implementation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) privacy rule has created much confusion and misinformation amongst the health care industry and the public. As the one-year anniversary of HIPAA approaches, the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) helps separate fact from fiction on some of the most common myths about your health information privacy rights:

Myth #1: Your name and location while in the hospital may not be given out without your consent.

Fact: You must specifically ask not to be listed in a hospital's directory if you do not want it known that you are a patient there. (There are still some restrictions as to whom your name can be released, to prevent it being released to just anybody.)

Myth #2: Your health care provider cannot leave messages for you on your answering machine or with someone who answers the phone.

Fact: The Privacy Rule does not prohibit health care providers from leaving messages for patients on their answering machines. The Rule also permits health care providers to disclose limited information to family members, friends, or other persons regarding your care, even when you are not present. You do have the right to request an alternative communication method if you do not wish to receive messages at home.

Myth #3: Your health care provider must have your approval to disclose your personal health information

to another health care provider.

Fact: Your provider can share your health information with another provider if there is a reason to believe you will receive care there.


Myth #4: You MUST sign the Notice of Privacy Practices.

Fact: Your signature is not required. Your health care

provider must provide the notice and make a good faith effort to obtain a written acknowledgement from you that you received it.

Myth #5: Your doctor cannot discuss your care with your family members.

Fact: The Privacy Rule permits health care providers to share information that is directly relevant to the involvement of a spouse, family members, friends, or other persons identified by you regarding your care or payment for health care. Your provider may also share relevant information with your family or other persons if it can reasonably infer, based on professional judgment that you do not object.



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Sports

Endres shines in All-Star game

Winning and Brooke Endres are like salt and pepper. The two just seem to go together.

Brooke, a 2004 graduate of Muenster High School, competed in her third All-Star basketball game last week and came away with her third consecutive victory. She and her North squad teammates defeated the South, 79-62, at Daniel Myers Coliseum on the campus of Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. The game was held in conjunction with the Texas Girls Coaches Association annual summer clinic. Brooke didn't score, but led her team with four assists, which is quite rare in all-star competition!

The former Lady Hornet roomed with Darrice Griffin of Seagraves, a McDonald's All-American and recent Texas Tech signee. Brooke's teammates included among others, Ashley Allen of Jim Ned (UT San Antonio), Sara Benham of Muleshoe (University of Denver), Katy Cobb of Rio Vista (SMU) and Katy Pounds of Shallowater (Texas A&M).

Miss Endres also played in the 2004 Oil Bowl Basketball All-Star Game held on June 17th at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls. Representing the great state of Texas, Brooke's team again came out victorious as the Texas All-Stars defeated the Oklahoma All-Stars 73-67. Brooke, who scored five points, was "thrilled" to play with her state tournament rival, Brittini Burks of Archer City, who will be attending Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant. Endres joked to the *Wichita Falls Times Record News* about the two being All-Star teammates, "Brittini's going to be an Okie after this and I'm going to Austin!"

San Antonio was the first site of Brooke's All-Star competition on May 7 at Trinity University. She was a member of the Blue All-Stars at the annual Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Clinic. Brooke scored six points and played with Kara Richards of Graham,

Brittney Courtney of Post, and Briana Lucky of Corpus Christi West Oso to name a few.

Miss Endres ended her storybook high school career with trips to the State Basketball Tournament and State Track Meet her senior year. She was All-State and Academic All-State in basketball and track and will attend St. Edward's University in Austin on both academic and athletic scholarships. Brooke will play basketball for the Lady Hilltoppers and Coach Jennifer White.



Muenster Lady Hornet Brooke Endres keeps pressure on the other team (above) and works the ball under the net (at left) as her all-star team takes a victory. Courtesy photos

Dodge Rodeo brings life to Gainesville Chamber Rodeo

Dodge Rodeo is bringing the horsepower to the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce Rodeo. So grab your hat, pull on your boots, and head to the Gainesville Riding Club Arena on July 15, 16 and 17. There's going to be a stampede at the Gainesville Riding Club Arena for the events of pro rodeo.

This year's rodeo is bigger, better, and tougher than ever before. All the excitement of professional rodeo, America's original sport will be featuring top rodeo cowboys and cowgirls as they "Grab Life by the Horns" to win top prize money and championship titles.

Queen and Princess contestants are Morgan Reed, Cheyenne Wilson, Whitney Baird, and Natasha Borden. Crowning of the Queen and Princess will take place during the rodeo performance.

This year's rodeo is featuring professional rodeo entertainers, Leon and Vicki Adams. The duo competes all across the United States and in Canada performing roman riding and horse trick riding. They are also the

recipients of the PRCA Entertainers of the Year award.

The ever popular bull riding event will feature two sections of bull riders each night and Donnie Smith, bullfighter and rodeo clown will be on hand to not only entertain the crowd, but more importantly to protect the contestants from injury as they compete for eight seconds on the backs of bulls weighing in at a minimum of 1500 pounds.

Many new and exciting events will be featured this year as well as the standard rodeo events. A wild cow milking will be held each night organized by the Gainesville Riding Club along with a Ladies Steer Undressing. For the kids, the popular Mutton Bustin' and Kids Calf Scramble will take place.

To experience the best rodeo action allowed by law, come out and see the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce Rodeo on July 15, 16 & 17 at 8 p.m. nightly. Grab your tickets now at the Gainesville Chamber, American Bank of Texas, GNB Financial, First State Bank, or First American Bank.

Experts dispel drowning myths, stress safety tips

Contrary to what's portrayed in movies, drowning victims usually don't scream and splash when in distress — they just go underwater.

"When we encourage people to watch over your family near the water, we're encompassing several messages, including never swim alone, keep a close watch on friends and family in the water, and keep a constant eye on children," said Steve Hall, education director for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Hall recommends that groups or families assign one person to keep a constant watch on both adults and children in and near the water.

"It's especially important to be aware of hazards when you're on an open water body like a lake, river, or bay," added Hall. "Someone who is a weak swimmer may be in the water at waist level and their next step could be a 10-foot drop-off."

Practical advice from water rescue experts includes the steps, "reach, throw, then row."

The first step is to use a rope, tree branch, or other object to try to reach the swimmer from shore. The next step is to throw something buoyant such as a life jacket, inner tube, or a

plastic foam ice chest. If the first two steps fail, put on a life jacket and row out to the swimmer with a boat or a raft.

"Unfortunately, we see many multiple drowning cases where folks go into the water to rescue a friend or a loved one who is drowning and they end up becoming a drowning victim as well," said Alfonso Campos, chief of marine enforcement at TPWD.

"It's essential that you first try to help the swimmer using the reach, throw, and row method. If those steps don't work and you must go into the water because there is no other option, it's essential that you wear a life jacket, take a flotation device for the swimmer, and call for help or alert someone before you head into the water," he said.

TPWD is responsible for enforcing the Texas Water Safety Act on all public waters, certifying boater education students and instructors, and maintaining statistics about water-related fatalities in Texas. TPWD also offers boating safety classes.

For more information about water safety, visit the Web (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/boat/wsdigest.htm>).



The boys baseball of Cooke County Mustang League All Stars won the district tournament with wins of 23-4, 13-2, 15-0. The team consists of, from left, front - Garrett Yancy, Kameron Heady, Chase Hammer, Mark Jones, Blake Voth; middle - Cole Westcoat, Blake Boyder, Dean Fleitman, Jordan Sieger, Travis Skinner, Landon Darwin; back - coaches Wayne Fleitman, Shannon Hammer, and Kevin Darwin.

Game Warden Notes

You're Not a Doe, So Don't Be a Dope!!

A Brown County game warden talked to 52 kids about the habitat requirements of wild animals and how wild animals don't make good pets. The Brownwood office has had a number of "abandoned" fawns picked up lately, so the children were educated about the importance of leaving wild animals alone, using a freshly picked-up fawn as an example.

Ignorance Doesn't Help

A Bosque County game warden and a McLennan County game warden were working Lake Lewisville recently. While returning from dinner, the wardens observed a pontoon boat trying unsuccessfully to dock in one of the slips at the marina. Most of the nine people on board were

observed drinking, and the driver of the boat appeared to be intoxicated. The driver of the boat failed the field sobriety test administered by the wardens. The subject submitted a breath test that registered at .180. The subject was arrested for Boating While Intoxicated. While on the way to the Denton County Jail, the suspect stated he did not know it was against the law to drink and drive a boat. Charges are pending.

Busted

Wichita and Clay County Game Wardens and a Park Peace Officer came across a large group of people swimming in Lake Arrowhead recently. Most of the group was drinking beer that was stored in a large ice chest floating in the water. All of the people were minors except for one

21-year-old male. While checking identification, a pack of rolling papers was found, which led to the discovery of a bong and two pipes used to smoke marijuana. The 21-year-old was arrested and placed in Clay County Jail on a Class A misdemeanor charge of providing alcohol to minors. Four juveniles ages 14-16 were transported to the sheriff's office to wait on parents to pick them up. One person was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia and the rest were cited for minors in possession of alcohol.

There are 5,000 types of snakes and 4,998 live in Texas.

Realtree Hunting Tips

EARLY-SEASON FIREARMS TUNE-UP

By Tom Miranda

Gun hunters should start paying attention to their firearms and ammo early on, particularly if any changes are being considered. Any change to your shooting rig — new gun, new scope, even new ammo — means you need to sight in all over again. Even with no changes, verifying your zero prior to the season is a good idea.

It starts with a good cleaning. (This is particularly true if you didn't clean your rifle at the end of last season as you should have.) More often than not, clean rifles shoot more accurately.

Now is certainly the time to see a competent gunsmith if you experienced any problems last season. Gunsmiths get quite busy just before the season opens and not all of the work gets done in time for opening day.

A pre-season sighting-in session or at least a few shots fired to verify your existing zero is a very important shakedown exercise for your rifle. If any problems show up, you still have time to fix them.

PLAN AHEAD

By Bill Jordan

Now is the time to consider the upcoming hunting season and the gear you will be using. Some gear

will need repair and other gear will need to be replaced. That's a good place to start sorting your stuff — a "fix-it" pile and a "replace-it" pile.

Don't trust your memory; make lists of what you need to do in a logical order. For instance, gun or bow repair, arrow replacement, boot repair and ordering new camo or other durable items can and should be done right now.

The various scent products have definite shelf lives. Old scent may not be as potent or smell entirely differently from when it was fresh. Discard any scents that were opened the previous season.

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MISD

elementary staff members and nine secondary teachers completed the 16-hour training session on classroom integration of technology. The second edition will be conducted next week.
Also technology equipment for the vocational departments were ordered and some items have arrived, including a computer system for the homemaking department, projectors for the CAD Lab and the junior high computer lab. Other items should be shipped soon, including a Smart Board for the high school computer lab.
A network laser printer was installed in the newly updated junior high computer lab, bringing the District's networked laser printers to a total of eight, including copy machines in each workroom.
The Athletic report noted that James McAlister took a job at Fort Worth Castleberry as Assistant head coach and defensive and special teams coordinator. Randy Zamzow was hired to replace Coach Mac. Quentin Berend will take over Jackie Crisp's

coaching position, who was hired at Aubrey as the varsity boys basketball coach. Also, Coach Monte Endres reported that the summer workout program has been averaging about 50 kids a day. "The kids love the new weight room and have been putting it to good use," the report concluded.
The Elementary report informed the Board that grades 3 - 6 will hold their orientation on Saturday, Aug. 7 from 9 - 11 a.m. The PreK-2nd grades will have "Howdy Night" on Monday, Aug. 9 from 6 - 7 p.m. At these times the parents and students can meet their teachers, bring their supplies, and receive handouts.
Principal Lou Heers also reported that the teachers have or will be attending the "Technology Academy"; two are attending the UIL Conference in Austin; and "Hats off to Debra Sicking" who just finished teaching "summer school" for Muenster Junior High students.
High School Principal Phil Newton reported that the

summer clean-up in the high school and junior high classrooms is almost complete. Several of the new teachers have already been working in their rooms, including Curtis Eldridge, assistant principal, who has been familiarizing himself with the contents of the MISD student handbook.
Christy Schneider administered the TAKS test to junior class students who were not successful on their exit test, in preparation to pass this test prior to graduation. "We have been looking over individual TAKS results and are beginning to disaggregate material and look at strategies to improve student results," Newton noted in his report.
Newton also submitted information on the state required Personal Graduation Plan (PGP) for each student in danger of not completing high school in four years. The plan is for all students, grades 7 - 12 and includes students failing a subject or any portion of the TAKS test. "Based solely on this year's

TAKS scores, we will have students in grades 7 - 12 that do not have a Special Education Individual Education Plan that will serve as a PGP and will need a plan in place for their individual needs."
The high school principal also recommended to the Board that MISD work through Region XI ESC and Pearson Digital Learning to purchase NovaNET. The District could have four licenses (availability for four students) and use the Distant Learning classroom. The instructional program could be used for students placed in a disciplinary alternative education program at night on the MISD campus instead of paying Gainesville ISD. The Board took no action on Newton's recommendations.
Steelman noted that the extra rain has created more yard work around the campus. Two extra part-time workers were/will be hired to mow and trim. The FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) primary report gave Muenster ISD a

superior achievement rating after MISD got all 12 indicators.
The 2003 financial property tax values were given - \$120,687,727 locally and \$125,550,278 by the State Comptroller of Public Accounts.
Items approved by the Board included:
Appointment of Nick Walterscheid as a delegate to the TASB/TASA Convention in Dallas.
Increase of cafeteria prices were approved. Milk went from 25¢ to 35¢ a carton. Steelman noted that the milk will cost the District 23¢ and 3¢ will not cover the cost of cooling the drink. All meals were increased 25¢, breakfast and lunch, students, staff, and guests. For example, elementary students will now pay \$1.00 for breakfast and \$1.50 for lunch, with high school students paying \$1.25 and \$1.75. "Several years ago we were breaking even. Now some of the required meals cost more than what we charge," Steelman told the

Board. "This next year we will have to buy more prepared food, cutting back on fried food." Approximately 70 students get free/reduced lunches.
The 2004-05 Student Code of Conduct had no changes.
The 2004-05 Student/Parent Handbook had several minor changes, one being students are allowed to miss 17 school days for extracurricular activities. Copies of the handbook will be available on the internet, on CD, or hard copy.
In executive session, the Board took no action. The District is still in need of an English teacher/coach to replace Keisha Hill.
The Board finished the evening with a 4-1 vote to make a payment request by Plyler Construction for \$21,360. Completion of an inside wall in the field house will be finished out locally. Also, the athletic field east parking lot has had two years to settle, and is now ready to gravel.

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Farm & Ranch

County Agent's Report **Wayne Becker** CEA - AG/NR

Historic land sought

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Program is seeking farms and ranches for recognition by the Family Land Heritage Program, which marks its 30th anniversary this year. Since the first ceremony on Oct. 14, 1974, the program has honored almost 3,900 farms and ranches in 222 counties for being kept in continuous agricultural production by the same family.

"These families have nurtured life from the land to make a future for their children, all the while making their mark in Texas history," Combs said. "The Family Land Heritage Program honors their contributions to the settlement of the Lone Star State. It also chronicles the unique history of Texas agriculture, a proud record that otherwise might be lost forever."

To be eligible for the program, the farm or ranch must meet these qualifications:

- The farm/ranch has to have been agriculturally productive for 100 years or more and the line of ownership traced from the first family member to the present, either through direct relatives, marriage, or adoption.

- The land must fit the old U.S. Census definition of a farm: 10 acres or more with agricultural sales of \$50 or more a year, or if less than 10 acres, sales of at least \$250 a year.

- Owner(s) must be actively managing the everyday operation of the property.

- If all the land has ever been rented to someone outside of the family, it will not qualify. If only a portion was leased, and as much as 10 acres retained in the family for agricultural production with sales of at least \$50 annually, it will qualify.

- Deadline to submit applications for properties

established in 1904 or before is Nov. 15, 2004.

Farms and ranches that qualify will be honored during the ceremony in Austin in March 2005. The history of the farm or ranch will be chronicled in a registry and honorees can obtain historic farm or ranch signage for their property.

Program applications are available through TDA, county judges, and on TDA's web site at www.agr.state.tx.us. For more information, contact Family Land Heritage Coordinator Melissa Blair, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711 or (512) 463-2631.

USDA releases 2002 Census of Agriculture

Half of America's farms and ranches have Internet access and nearly 39 percent report using a computer for their farm business, according to new data released from the 2002 Census of Agriculture.

Conducted every five years by the Department of Agriculture's National Statistics Service, the Census of Agriculture attempts to reach every agricultural operator in America through a mail survey. Follow-ups by telephone or personal interview are conducted for those who do not respond by mail. Data represent all agricultural operations, defined as any place which

sold or normally would have sold more than \$1,000 worth of agricultural products during the census year.

Highlights of the census include: the top five states in value of agricultural products sold are California (\$25.7 billion), Texas (\$14.1 billion), Iowa (\$12.3 billion), Nebraska (\$9.7 billion) and Kansas (\$8.7 billion); 90 percent of farms are operated by an individual or family; the number of corporate farms declined by 18.4 percent from 1997 to 2002; and direct sales to consumers increased 37 percent from 1997, totaling \$812.2 million in 2002.

Texas Farm Bureau

Factors Determining Hay Quality

Hay quality is affected by such factors as maturity at harvest, soil fertility, nutritional status of the plant, available moisture during the growing season, season of the year, ratio of leaves to stems, stem size, weed control, foreign matter, harvesting, weather at harvest and storage. Of all factors, the most important is stage of maturity forage of the plant at harvest. About 70 percent of hay quality is determined by the plant's stage of maturity at harvest. As a plant matures toward heading, flowering and seed formation, its growth pattern changes from producing digestible leaves to producing indigestible hard stems. This decreases the forage's nutritive content and digestibility. Digestibility affects animal performance, a 1% increase in digestibility of a warm-season forage increases animal performance by five percent.

Harvesting

The goal of harvesting should be to maintain the highest possible nutritive quality, by cutting at the proper stage of maturity, promoting rapid dry-down, maintaining high leaf content, and timely baling at the right moisture content. Because living cells continue to respire and use energy, manage hay to allow the forage to dry to below 40 percent as quickly as possible. Most forage plants are almost eighty percent water and continue to metabolize cellular carbohydrates and sugars until the moisture levels reach 40 percent. Tight windrows, moist soil and cloudy, humid conditions all delay drying and promote valuable energy losses. Also, rain on cut forages leaches nutrients out of the plant cells and increases dry matter losses. The longer the forage is wet and the more rain that washes through the hay after

cutting, the greater the nutrient losses.

In a Purdue University study, 1 inch of rain reduced the total digestible nutrients (TDN) content of field-cured hay by five percent; dry matter losses from wind-dried hay were three and one-half percent per inch of rain. In general, leaching losses are lower for a fast, short, one-inch rain than a slow, soaking rain of the same amount. Losses are higher for dry than fresh-cut forage.

Plant cells are living tissue that continue to respire (burn energy) even after cutting. Cutting a plant does not stop the tissue from continuing to live for a while. Drying kills the cells. When moisture drops below forty percent, cell activity stops.

Storage Losses

The amount of storage losses are directly related to the moisture to which the hay is subjected. Hay baled at too high a moisture level develops mold and bacterial degradation or even, in extreme cases, catches fire. Moldy hay can cause digestion problems in livestock. As the hay is "digested" by microbes, dry matter is lost. Keep hay dry. Round bales stacked outside on wet soil lose as much as twenty-five percent of their original weight in one year.

Dates to Remember

July 21 - Cooke County Beef Cattle Improvement Association Meeting; 7 p.m., Cooke County Fairgrounds

July 23 - Milo and Corn Variety Field Day. More Details Next Week - CEUs to be offered

Aug 1 - Deadline for Consignments to the Red River Regional Beef Replacement Sale

Aug 17 - Pesticide Applicators Training and Testing, Call 940/668-5412 to register.

Ag Briefs

A herbicide application to control weeds in native range pasture will more than double grass production. Ignoring weeds in pastures will have a long term impact. On Coastal Bermuda grass, for every pound of weeds controlled, up to seven additional pounds of grass will be produced.

Creep feeding helps reduce grazing damage on drought stressed pastures. Calves prefer milk, creep feed, then forage. The feed should be 14-16% crude protein with high fiber ingredients to reduce overeating.

Montana State University researchers found that scours in a calf will significantly impact the animal's weaning weight. Also scours was found more in calves born to 2-year-olds and decreased as the cow's age increased.

Hay baled at 18% or more moisture, stacked immediately inside a building, risks spontaneous combustion.

When checking the temperature of fresh baled hay, do not use a mercury filled thermometer. Mercury will contaminate hay if the thermometer breaks.

Slips and falls are the leading cause of injury on farms and ranches.

Drought effects Aussie beef production

Beef production in Australia will fall a little next fiscal year, reflecting the ongoing impact of recent drought, the government's Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics forecast.

It forecast beef output next fiscal year at 1.96 million metric tons, down from an estimated 1.99 million tons this fiscal year and down from an actual 2.07 million tons last fiscal year.

Of major overseas markets, they forecast exports to the U.S. next fiscal year will fall to 348,000 tons from 352,000 tons this fiscal year.

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It's A Stat!

Monthly Report by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service

Sorghum planted acreage is expected to total 2.8 million acres, down 12 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 2.4 million acres, down 16 percent from 2003.

Planted acreage of **corn** is estimated at 1.8 million acres, down 2 percent from 2003; harvested acreage, at 1.6 million acres, is down 3 percent.

Acreage planted to **soybeans** is estimated at 250,000 acres, which is a 25 percent increase from last year. Producers expect to harvest 225,000 acres, 25 percent more than last year.

Planted acreage of **winter wheat**, at 6.3

million acres, is down 5 percent from last year. Harvested acreage, at 3.7 million acres, is up 7 percent from last year's crop and up 3 percent from the May forecast.

Texas's harvested acreage for **all hay** is estimated at 4.95 million acres, down 6 percent from last year.

GRAIN STOCKS

June 1 stocks of sorghum in all positions totaled 10.1 million hundredweight (cwt), up 11 percent from the 9.1 million cwt on hand a year ago. On-farm stocks totaled 168,000 cwt, the same amount as a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 9.9 million cwt, were up 11

percent from June 1, 2003.

Stocks of wheat in all positions June 1 totaled 37.2 million bushels, up 11 percent from last year's level. On-farm stocks totaled 600,000 the same as a year ago; off-farm stocks totaled 36.6 million bushels, up 12 percent from June 1, 2003.

The Texas Agricultural Statistics Service no longer publishes corn stocks on farms, but the off-farm storage, at 30.0 million bushels, was down 34 percent from a year earlier.

CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.81 million head on June 1, down 2 percent from a year ago. Producers placed 740,000 head in commercial feedlots, up 78 percent from the April 2004 total. Texas commercial feeders marketed 480,000 head during May, down 8 percent from last year.

The California Dairy Research Foundation is developing a film, made of whey proteins, to extend the shelf life of candy bars that have nuts. The airtight film will protect the nuts from oxidation and rancidity and is edible.

An estimated 1.2 million eastern red cedar seedlings were planted annually from the 1980s through the 90s in Nebraska alone, used for windbreaks and wildlife. But due to lack of fire, which historically controlled the spread of cedar onto grassland, the cedar invasion has taken much of the Great Plains.

To control red cedar trees, herbicides are effective on trees no more than two feet tall. For trees six to 10 feet or taller, cutting is most economical. Another option: cut only the female, or berry producing trees.

The type of rake used to windrow hay does not have an effect on the hay's drying rate or quality.

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Barrows & Gilts (per lb.) US #1, 230-270: 64-69; US #2, 230-280: 58-64;	90 lbs., 95-105: Fat Lambs: Type: \$50-\$85; Slaughter: Thin: \$15-\$50; Fat: \$65-\$100.	Billsies (per head) 120 lbs-up Breeders: \$85-\$100; Slaughter: \$50-\$90.
Feeders (per head): 100-175 lbs.: \$50-\$90; 25-90 lbs.: \$25-\$50;	Ewes (per lb.) Stocker: 45-50; Thin: 30-45; Fat: 40-55.	Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny: NT; 3/4 Nanny: \$90-\$110; Full Nanny: \$75-\$150.
Sows (per lb.) Egger, 400 or less: 30-50; Light wt., 400-500: 40-50; Med. wt., 500-600: 45-50; Heavy wt., 600+: 45-50.	Bucks (per lb.) Thin: 35-40; Fat: 35-45; Barbados (per head) Lambs: \$10-\$45; Ewes: \$35-\$65; Bucks: \$30-\$75.	Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Billy: NT; 3/4 Billy: NT; Full Billy: \$95-\$160.
Boars (per lb.) 300 lb. up: 03-07; 200-300 lbs.: 07-15; Light wt.: 25-45;	Goats (per head) Kids: 20-35 lbs.: \$20-\$45; 35-55 lbs.: \$30-\$60; 55-75 lbs.: \$45-\$70.	Yearlings (per head) 75-120 lbs.: \$75-\$125;
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