

Area Task Force commits to combating illegal drugs

By Janet Felderhoff
 "We know about many of the problem areas and drug problems in our city and county, but our law enforcement people need help - we need everyone's help combating the illegal drug manufacturing, drug sales, and drug use," remarked Gainesville Mayor Glenn Loch. He was speaking at a press conference that was held Tuesday morning at the Gainesville Civic Center. Its purpose was to make the public aware of the Local Law Enforcement Task Force's current concentrated effort to address illegal drug activity in Gainesville and Cooke County.

This effort began several months ago with a series of meetings with Loch, County Judge Bill Freeman, Sheriff Mike Compton, Gainesville Police Chief Carl Dunlap, District Attorney Janelle Haverkamp, District Attorney - Elect Cindy Stormer, and Gainesville City Manager Mike Land. They added Municipal Judge Chris Cypert, County Court-At-Law Judge John Morris, Assistant County Attorney Nancy Manning, representatives of the Drug Enforcement Agency, the 11-county drug task force team, Adult Probation office, and Substance Abuse Council for TCOG and GISD.

Loch urged citizens to do all they could to learn about the signs of drugs such as methamphetamine being manufactured or sold and then to report any suspicious activity. "We get many reports about various locations in Gainesville and the other parts of the county where callers talk about suspicious behavior going on," he said. "Our officers will definitely respond, but it may not be immediate due to manpower and other investigations that are

ongoing." He said the callers should not give up, but keep calling with as much detail as possible. Stakeouts and investigations take time, he noted.

Judge Freeman reinforced Loch's statements on the drug problems in the County and the need for citizens to take part in the effort to put a stop to it. "In rural Texas and rural America, the manufacture and sale of methamphetamines has grown to outstanding proportions," he stated. "I encourage all citizens to contact their law enforcement agency if they see, smell, or hear any suspicious activity. Methamphetamine smells, that's the first clue that something is going on that's illegal."

Freeman stressed that citizens should repeatedly contact law enforcement to get something done if the response isn't noticed. He said sometimes they are working on it and people aren't aware of it. Squeaky wheels get attention, he added.

Judge Freeman talked of Oklahoma's law that requires people to purchase pseudo-ephedrine from behind the counter. It can't be purchased off the shelf. He said he feels that Texas needs a law to limit the accessibility of pseudo-ephedrine to the public. People, including his wife, use it for sinus problems and it can't be taken off the market, but its sale should be limited. He pledged assistance from Cooke County Commissioners Court in support of such enacting such a law.

"The one realization we have at the state level is we have to solve it at the community level because the state is so big and so diverse," said State Representative Rick

Hardcastle. "You know methamphetamine has become the scourge of rural Texas and most of the law enforcement people have been in it as long as I have and we see a complete shift because of the availability and the ease - anybody can get the recipe for cooking this."

Hardcastle spoke of Texas enacting a law similar to the one in Oklahoma to make it harder to get the ingredients for manufacturing the methamphetamine drugs.

The DEA and Regional Task Force were started when drugs were a big issue and were sold by "big" guys and "big" gals hauling them up and down the Interstate, said Hardcastle. "This is so simple to do, but yet it is so hard for these guys and gals to catch them, to prosecute them, to save the families that are already exposed, so we have to have community effort or it's going to continue to cost the taxpayers thousands and



Rep. Rick Hardcastle



Cooke County District Attorney - elect Cindy Stormer, at podium, appeals to parents to teach their children the dangers of drug abuse at a press conference Tuesday. A newly organized group, the Local Law Enforcement Task Force, sponsored it. Others pictured are, from left, Gainesville Mayor Glenn Loch, Cooke County Judge Bill Freeman, and Cooke County Sheriff Janet Felderhoff photo

thousands of dollars to control this." He commended the group for putting the group together and said he felt that they were on the right track.

The Representative promised that Texas would do everything possible. "It really is the scourge of rural Texas right now and will be until we force it out and force it into the big cities," he said. "It's one of the economic development things that we've got going because people are moving to rural Texas because they can manufacture methamphetamine and make their own drugs. That's sad to say, but that's the facts we're living with these days."

Gainesville Police Chief Carl Dunlap spoke of the current ease of manufacturing the methamphetamine. It once required sophisticated lab equipment, but is now being done in bathtubs, crock pots, and is hard to detect. There are probably 10 times as many people making it now.

"It affects everybody in our community," said Dunlap. "It not only affects the people who are using the narcotics, it affects our crime rate. The people who are using this stuff are

going out and stealing your lawn mower, stealing your weed eater, in order to get the money to buy the drugs so it affects a wide array of our daily lives whether we know it or not. You can't control the people who are using this stuff because they are doing it to themselves. They in turn make us the victim because they are stealing stuff from us to support their habit."

Dunlap said that law enforcement would aggressively seek them out, but asked citizens help. He said that there are plans to schedule citizen education classes to provide the opportunity to learn what to look out for in the manufacturing of the illegal drug. The assistance of wholesale and retail businesses to detect and report purchase of unusual amounts of materials commonly used to manufacture drugs will be solicited.

"We will also recruit workers who routinely approach private residences, such as postal carriers, garbage collectors, and utility personnel to report suspicious odors, items or activity indicative of meth labs," continued Dunlap. "We believe this is a first step in seeking a

solution." Sheriff Compton said he hates dope. He said, "Dope makes you lie, steal from your friends. It makes you steal from your family.... Dope makes you where you can't work or contribute in any way to society. Dope makes you absolutely worthless."

The sheriff then offered a solution to get off dope. "It's called jail," he said. "We are going to spare no effort to hunt you down, put you in handcuffs and put you in jail.... So don't worry about all of the chances you have had for voluntary rehabilitation. Don't worry about all of the people who have tried to help you over the years. Don't even worry about the pain and suffering you have caused your family. That is, if they will still have anything to do with you."

"Just keep doing your dope. But look over your shoulder every now and then. There is a person behind you with a set of handcuffs. And sooner or later he is going to catch you. And then you will receive the best rehabilitation there is. Jail."

District Attorney Janelle Haverkamp said that the greatest common solution is to get off dope. See METH, Pg. 2

Family utilizes Adopt-A-County Road as a memorial to Knabe

Cooke County Precinct #4 has its first group participating in a new program, TCE-EPC Adopt-A-County Road. The family of Arnie Knabe has adopted a two-mile stretch of road in his memory.

In adopting a road a group agrees to pick up trash along their designated road at least four times a year and commits to that for two years. The County places signs on the road indicating who has adopted it. The signs are white with blue lettering.

The Knabe group has at least 10 people who have committed to help. Not all are able to help every time, therefore the more volunteers available the better. Volunteers include Arnie's wife, Aileen Knabe,

their children Carol Sicking, Gary Knabe, and Janet Felderhoff; their grandchildren Jody Felderhoff, Deann Muller, Toby Walterscheid, and Cory Sicking; Aileen's brother Norman Koelzer; and a friend and neighbor Janette Yosten Hess. Their two-mile commitment is for CR 424 from FM 373 to CR 427 and CR 427 from CR 424 to CR 426.

"This is a great way to pay tribute to the memory of a family member or friend," said Janet. "Anyone can afford this kind of tribute since all it costs is your time and energy and possibly a pair of sturdy gloves." "To do this type of thing really shows you love a person," Aileen added. "You are also doing

something for the people who are here now because it helps keep things looking nice."

Norman had worked for Arnie for a number of years. He joined the group on the first day to pick up. He said he did it because it was for Arnie who meant a lot to him. The family agreed that was a really nice thing and they appreciated the sentiment.

After the Adopt-A-County Road signs went up, the family heard a number of positive comments. Some said it made them think of something that Arnie had done for them. It was comforting to hear the various stories, they said.

Cory's dad, Bobby Sicking, works for Precinct #4 and he enjoyed hearing his dad tell about how the County crew put up the signs for his grandpa.

March was the first time the Knabe group picked up trash along their designated roads. It took over half a day with nine people participating. Trash had accumulated over many years and ranged from the usual beer cans and bottles, soft drink cups, and cigarette packages to plastic bags, sheets of plastic, lumber, old tires, sheets of tin, and tree limbs.

Saturday, July 17 was the second time the group picked up litter along the road. This time was much easier and took about two and a half hour from start to finish.

All agree it is a good opportunity to get together and do something as a group in honor of Arnie. They enjoy visiting while they work. They begin the



ADOPT-A-COUNTY ROAD - Precinct #4 Commissioner Virgil Hess, at right, and volunteers, from left, Jody Felderhoff, Aileen Knabe, Janette Hess, Carol Sicking, Gary Knabe, and Deann Muller pose by road sign. Janet Felderhoff photo

MISD rated superior

Dr. Virgil Flathouse, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Support systems with the Texas Education Agency (TEA), notified Muenster ISD, that the school district received a "Superior Achievement" rating for the district's financial practices during the 2002-2003 school year. The school financial accountability system is referred to as SCHOOL FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas). MISD met the expectations of all 21 indicators on the rating system to receive the superior achievement.

"I think that this is great news for the taxpayers, the School Board, and the business department, to show that the district is operating under TEA guide lines for finance and business practices," commented Superintendent Clyde Steelman. Last year Muenster hit on 20 of 21 indicators.

The 77th Legislature (2001) enacted SB 218, which required the implementation of a

financial accountability rating system. The primary goal of School FIRST is to achieve improved performance in the management of school districts' financial resources. The importance of the rating system's stated goal is underscored by the steadily increasing complexity of the state's funding of public schools compounded by the increasing sophistication of the associated accounting system.

The primary objective of the rating system is to assess the quality of financial management in Texas public schools. A secondary objective is to measure and report the extent to which financial resources in Texas public schools assure the maximum allocation possible for direct instructional purposes. Other objectives reflect the implementation of a rating system that fairly and equitably evaluates the quality of financial

management decisions.

Districts' ratings are based upon the districts' numerical scores expressed as the count of indicators that show "No" answers. The four primary levels of ratings are based upon the count of "No" answers to the 21 indicators by each school district. The maximum count of "Yes" answers is 21. The 21 indicators are assigned equal points.

Failure to meet the criteria for any of three critical indicators (i.e., no evidence of a deficit unreserved fund balance; no evidence of default on debt; or no evidence of filing the annual financial report more than one month late), or failure to meet the criteria of both of the two other critical indicators (i.e., no evidence of a qualified opinion to the annual financial report, and no evidence of material weakness in internal controls) will result in an automatic rating of "substandard achievement." The lowest possible score is zero for all combinations of the 21 indicators, which would result in a "superior achievement" rating. However, if senior data quality arises from an analysis of the districts' information, one additional rating may apply. The additional rating is "Suspended - Data Quality."

A copy of the report is available at the MISD Administration Building.

Rating	Score (Number of "No" Answers)
Superior Achievement	0-2
Above Standard	3-4
Standard	5-6
Substandard	=>7 or No To One Default
Suspended - Data Quality	Suspended - Data Quality

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denominator of crime today is drugs. She said it is important to increase efforts in the areas of education and prevention of drug abuse while continuing to vigorously prosecute and punish drug offenders.

The District Attorney's office has educational materials for parents and school officials. Haverkamp displayed posters showing the effects of methamphetamine on the body. She said meth is currently the drug of choice in Cooke County. She offered to present drug programs to schools, church group, or civic organizations.

Cindy Stormer, district attorney - elect, said that some view drug abuse as a crime and punishment issue while others see it as a disease that must be treated. Either way everyone should be able to work together towards a solution, she said.

Stormer said communication between parents and children is very important. It is the job of parents and grandparents to explain to our children why we don't want them using mind altering substances, she said.

Stormer advised, "Tell them: it's a crime that carries very serious penalties; drugs impair their judgment; put them in harm's way; adversely affects their education; cause health problems down the road; can affect their intelligence, their memory; get them arrested; bring social disgrace; has them associating with criminals; wrecks their lives or worse. It is stupid to take these risks. Just say 'no'."

"For every pound of methamphetamine that's manufactured, five to six pounds of toxic waste is manufactured," said Stormer.

There are many websites that can be used for anti drug information. Stormer recommended www.theantidrug.com. She also has posters, materials, and handouts available at her office, 102 Elm Street in Gainesville.

Nancy Manning, assistant county attorney, said their office is responsible for prosecuting all the drug cases, felonies and misdemeanors, involving offenders under age 17. She said they handle hundreds of drug cases per year and the number is rising.

"In the juvenile system, a little less than half of all cases handled in Cooke County involve drugs or the unlawful use of alcohol," noted Manning. "Even when the original offense committed by the juvenile was not drug related, often the reason a juvenile fails to satisfactorily complete his probation will be due to illegal involvement with drugs. Destruction of property occurs because the consequences for actions are not considered by a juvenile high on drugs and theft occurs to further fund the

child's illegal behavior and dependence on drugs. It is a difficult cycle to end."

Manning also stressed that parents should monitor their own medications and be aware if any are missing. Many juveniles obtain drugs from their parents' medicine cabinet. Prescription meds such as Valium, Soma, Lortab or Xanax are drugs of choice.

"Parents are in the best position to monitor their child's behavior," she emphasized. "Pay attention to your children - or we will."

Geneva Lovelace, director of Substance Abuse Council providing services to Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson counties, said that their biggest effort is with prevention. She noted, "That's the easiest answer for the next generation. That's not the answer for this generation. We have a group of people who the law is the only thing that is going to be effective with them."

Lovelace said of methamphetamine, "We have seen youth in the area that are using this drug, but the main reported drugs of abuse for youth in Cooke County continue to be marijuana and alcohol. There should also be concern over the use of inhalants. The council feels Parent Education on Inhalant Abuse is imperative because of the type of household products that children may use."

A big problem with meth is that it can be manufactured in homes and other areas very easily. Lovelace said that in Sherman they are now seeing it in low-cost motels and in little trailer houses that can be moved and set out rent houses.

"We're worried about it because of children," Lovelace explained. "We've actually seen children that live in the homes with parents who manufacture meth in our area that are affected because you do absorb it through your skin, through your lungs, through your food, and what's in your house. We've seen areas where it is poisoning the ground water. We're very, very concerned about the children."

Lovelace noted that they see the biggest users of meth as adults often 45 to 50 years olds.

To have a program on drug education for your school, organization or other group, call 1-800-422-2735 and ask for Lovelace or Angela Howell.

Mayor Loch concluded, "This is a hard charging cooperative effort."

District Attorney Haverkamp ran statistics after the press conference and reported that of the felony cases, 45% of the docket consists of drug cases. Of those cases, 55% involve methamphetamine drugs. In 2003, the Cooke County DA's office prosecuted 160 drug cases. So far this year they have prosecuted 65.

To the voters of Cooke County:

Hello everyone. Just a few lines to keep everyone thinking on the right track. I just read the article in the Gainesville Daily Register on buying out Dr. Ronnie Glasscock's contract. Things were said about fiscal responsibility and about holding taxes down.

Please remember what Board regents voted for the Performing Arts Building and what regents voted to extend Dr. Glasscock's contract.

Please do not blame the three new regents, Dave Flusche, Bill Ledbetter, and Steve Gaylord, as they did everything in their power to do the right thing. They were outnumbered and outvoted. If you see these three on the street, please shake their hand and tell them how much they are appreciated. Imagine where we would be without them.

Respectfully,
Johnny Reiter
Muenster

Letter to the Editor:

Today is another day in the "Way the World Turns" in Cooke County. How sad it is. We once again have become involved in personalities and revenge or "getting even". Will we ever be able to look at the BIG picture - what is good for Cooke County?

When I came to Cooke County, I was so thrilled to see that we had a community college. That tells a person that there is an interest in the community to radiate their commitment to education. True, at that time it was the Cooke County Community College, but it was there to entice the young people to go beyond a high school education, to reach out to the stars. Soon after that it reached out beyond the stars and into the universe, by extending itself as the North Texas Central College and then it reached further by extending their campuses. How GREAT, to say we have something that we are proud of and we want others to know about it and come here. And that takes work - it does not happen overnight.

When I came here, I wanted to be involved in the community and be able to give back to it some of the wonderful things I received by coming here. I became acquainted with Dr. Glasscock. There were a number of things that he wanted to see happen at the college and for the college. I was impressed. We helped by working with him and for the college through our legislators. He knew the legislators, and we knew the legislators. We pushed those legislators to recognize what Dr. Glasscock was trying to accomplish. And they did - and from that Dr. Glasscock became a leading respected voice for the small community colleges. He became a member of the Executive Committee of the Texas Association of Community Colleges, which is basically a President's Association which oversees, works on and orchestrates the needs of these small colleges and is also an integral part of helping to form legislation.

I had lunch today, with our state Representative Rick Hardcastle, and he expressed that "It was a sad day for Cooke County and that it was a sad day for Texas", because Dr. Glasscock is so well respected throughout this state on what he has been able to accomplish for the small community colleges and the young people of Texas. He indicated that when he was in the midst of a big stalemate last year, he implored Dr. Glasscock to come speak to the education committee on how important the needs were for these bills to go through. Dr. Glasscock prevailed. In the last two legislative sessions, Dr. Glasscock and I have had a number of conversations. At one time he was furious with the legislature and asked for help. We were able to bring help and instead of having all the major cutbacks that would have left this college paralyzed, he prevailed one more time. He worked closely with Representative Clark, Rep. Hardcastle, and Senator Haywood, and he maintains a very close relationship with Senator Estes and Senator Nelson. They return his calls.

You do not replace a College President six months before a new legislature convenes, particularly an effective one. All of the preliminary work for any financial benefits for Cooke College is being aired and discussed NOW! How irresponsible of a board to talk about "maintenance mode" when

they just cut off their nose to spite their face. There is no way that they will be able to select a new President who will be up to speed on the needs, maintenance or otherwise, of this college, let alone have any kind of presence or clout to ask for anything from this legislative session. And how irresponsible is this board going to look when they buy out a President for \$400,000 plus and come back in looking for "maintenance" and teacher's salaries. Cooke County, I can assure you, is going to be looked on as a place out of touch with reality.

We talk about Economic Development in this community to help bring down taxes. Those Corporations or businesses, when they are reviewing areas for development, look at the BIG picture. Read the surveys, on what is important: education is #1. Do we want to continue to pay high taxes because of lack of economic growth, or do we want to support what we have here in the things that attract businesses to come here? The "sleep mode" or "maintenance mode" does not attract students nor corporations who are looking for a vibrant, exciting community with forward thinking ideas and recognizes what will help reduce taxes.

Once Dr. Glasscock's contract was extended, I was excited to think that we had a board that understood the ramifications of fiscal responsibility, good management, forward planning, and the best for Cooke County. Clearly a \$400,000 termination is neither fiscally responsible, good management, forward planning nor what is best for Cooke County and it's local college. And clearly not good for the state of Texas and our community colleges.

Patricia C. Peale
Lake Kiowa, Texas 76240

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

Many evenings, in the fall of the year, it would grow dark while we were eating supper. Those of us who were working on the north place would arrive home around eight o'clock and Mom would be waiting supper.

Dad always liked for us boys to pile out of the jitney and do any chores that were still undone and then eat our supper.

Well, as we grew up, we began the think of Mom, patiently waiting for us to eat so she could finish her kitchen and dining room, and then get some sleep.

My younger brother, Werner, had an inane fear of the dark, and if he had to go outside after dark, one of us older boys would have to escort him. I always thought this was foolish, but never-the-less, I was often called on. One night, it was really dark. I decided to have some fun, and as soon as Werner began to relieve his kidneys, I said "BOO!". Bad mistake. Wern immediately turned on me, jumped, and grabbed me around the shoulders. Yuk! Never again.

Well, it got to the point where every member of the family tried to get Werner

to go out after dark, turn the windmill off, close a door somewhere, get a jar of fruit from the fruit and potato room. No sale! Dad got to offering him coins. A nickel, dime, and he finally offered him a quarter to get a jar of fruit.

Well, Werner sat and pondered that for a minute or two, and then told Dad, "I'll get the fruit for a quarter." Dad was elated and handed Werner a quarter. The kid took the coin, went out in the dark, and soon returned with a jar of peaches.

We all sat agape, and wondered at this strange turn of events, but he continued to take Dad's coins and did small chores in the dark. One night he asked me if I knew what his secret was. When I told him that I had no idea, he told me that he simply asked our big black dog, polar, to accompany him. He said he had no fear of the dark with the dog at his side, and eventually came to the conclusion that he didn't need the dog, or anyone else since there was nothing out there in the first place.

Well, anyway, he overcame his fear, and we were all happy about that.

DAYS GONE BY.....

by Elfreda Fette

65 YEARS AGO

July 21, 1939

Muenster Goes Dry - Water System fails first time since installation in 1932. Mr. and Mrs. Stan Yosten visit in Azle with Mrs. Eva Gottlob. Ray Wilde is back on duty at Chevrolet Motor Co. after minor foot operation. Richard Swirczynski and Arthur Felderhoff take 1st and 2nd in bicycle races. Dolores Henscheid, age 8, has surgery for appendicitis. Ruth Lee Fisher honored on 8th birthday. Joe and John Kleiss entertain their thrasher companions after close of season.

50 YEARS AGO

July 23, 1954

Adventurers, Robert Meurer and Johnny Fette are stranded on sand bars and low water in the Red River with their canoe... after 23 hours they are rescued. Men in Service: Pfc. Tommy Knabe set to leave Korea; Pvts. Maurus Rohmer and Ramie Hesse write from London. Wedding: Sylvia Streng and Samuel E. Wood. New Arrival: Michael to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Owen. Mrs. John Rohmer visited in Dallas with her son-in-law and daughter, the Morton Wrights, and her daughter

Ida Rohmer. The Henry Felderhoffs are settled in their new home.

25 YEARS AGO

July 20, 1979

Car crash kills Edmund Mages II at age 18. Obit: Ray Vogel, 67. Weddings: Melinda Bezner and Jeffrey Dieter; Shelta Qualls and Jim Ivins. Walter Klement brings in "Better Boy" tomato weighing 1.35 pounds. New Arrivals: Bradley to Steve and Donna Felderhoff. Winners in golf tournament: Mark Hess and Larry Bayer. Construction of a four-lane surface road, replacement of Muenster overpass, is on schedule.

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<p>Sunday, July 25, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm</p>	<p>Monday, July 26, 2004</p>	<p>Tuesday, July 27, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Grief Support & Guidance Seminar, 6-8pm, Home Hospice</p>	<p>Wednesday, July 28, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Eat Better Class, 3PM, Pecan Creek Village, Gainesville</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Friday, July 30, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm Hornet Band Welcome back picnic Pavillion Muenster Park 4-8pm</p>	<p>Saturday, July 31, 2004 Summer reading program recognition party. Muenster Public Library 10:30 - 11:30 AM</p>
<p>Sunday, August 1, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM North Texas Medical Center public preview 1-4 PM</p>	<p>Monday, August 2, 2004 1st day football practice - Muenster/Sacred Heart Hornet band rehearsal begins City Council mtg. 7:30 PM</p>	<p>Tuesday, August 3, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MMH Auxillary mtg. 7 PM</p>	<p>Wednesday, August 4, 2004 Eat Better Class, 3PM, Pecan Creek Village, Gainesville TDH Immunization clinic 9-11 AM at Cooke County Electric Co-op C of C board mtg. 5:30 PM</p>	<p>Thursday, August 5, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, 1-4pm</p>	<p>Friday, August 6, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Lindsay High Seniors register, 9 AM; Juniors 10 AM; Sophomores, 11AM; Freshmen 1 PM in High School AARP Board mtg. 10 AM Sanford House</p>	<p>Saturday, August 7, 2004 Saint Jo Parade & Rodeo 6 PM MISD grades 3-6 orientation 9-11 AM</p>

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Mary Lou Hess

1939 - 2004

By **Elfreda Fette**

Mass of Christian Burial was offered for Mary Lou Hess in Sacred Heart Church on Saturday July 17, at 10 a.m., officiated by Father John Ohner, OSA, pastor.

Mary Lou Hess died at age 64 on Thursday, July 15, 2004 in Denton Community Hospital, after a lengthy battle with breast cancer since 1989. She was a long-time resident of Muenster. Hess was born on Dec. 26, 1939 in Myra to Joseph and Frances Hartman Vogel. She attended Sacred Heart School through the eighth grade, and finished high school at Muenster High in 1957. On July 11, 1959, she married Leo Hess at the Imperial Beach California Naval Station.

She was employed as a keypunch operator by American Petrofina in 1959, then by Rohr Aircraft, California. She spent the last 30 years working for American Bank of Texas.

She was a member of Muenster Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, an avid supporter of the Muenster Hornet Booster Club, and a member of Sacred Heart Church and Parish.

Survivors are her husband Leo Hess; her children Brian Hess and his wife Danna of Muenster, and Cheryl R. Hess Garcia of Denton; grandchildren Kacie Garcia of College Station and Erin Hess of Muenster; nephew Michael Vogel of Houston. Also her brothers, Wilbert Vogel and Leonard Vogel both of Muenster, Don Vogel of Saint Jo, and Weldon Vogel of Dallas; sisters Dorothy Beyer of Lindsay, Evelyn Otto of Gainesville, Norma Muller of Denton, Corina Keys of Little Rock, Arkansas, Lillian Walterscheid of Muenster, Virginia Sherrell of Watauga, Texas and Karen Hoening of Denton.

Preceding her in death were her parents and an infant sister, Glenda Sue Vogel.

The afternoon before the day of the funeral, a Rosary Service was held in Sacred Heart Church at 4 p.m. led by Lillian Walterscheid, Norma Muller, and Corky

Keys. Father John led Vigil at 7 p.m. in Church.

Participating in the liturgy of the funeral Mass with Father John, were altar servers, Sylvan Walterscheid, Joe Felderhoff, and Alvin Hartman.

The First Liturgical Reading, from the Old Testament, was given by Lucien Gehrig. And the Second Reading, from the New Testament, was given by Jacques Endres. The Responsorial Psalm, "Song of the Good Shepherd" was sung. Greg Sherrell read Prayers of the Faithful at Offertory. Offertory gifts of bread and wine were presented at the altar by Brenda Hopkins, Janie Beyer, and Gary Beyer. Eucharistic Ministers were Herbie and Dolores Miller, Dorothy Hartman, Marcy Wilde, and Joanie Hartman.

Music Ministers were Emily Klement, Christy Hesse, and Ruth Felderhoff. Sacred songs included - "Pilgrim Song", "A Song of the Good Shepherd", "Be Not Afraid", "Servant Song", "Softly and Tenderly", "I Am the Resurrection", "Ave Maria", and "All the Ends of the Earth."

Bob Hanson gave the Eulogy and Remarks of Remembrance. He stated in part... "I was asked by the Hess Family to say a few words about Mary Lou... a few words? She had such a multifaceted personality!... She was a real character, 'over the top!'"

"I will give a bit of her history and move to anecdotes... Mary Lou was a woman of great faith... a firm believer in prayer... Mary Lou was a good worker... Mary Lou loved to play pranks... She was very courageous... she was spunky... she suffered unimaginable pain, battling cancer for 15 years... she had a heart the size of Texas... she loved her husband and their kids... When her sisters are called to heaven, Mary Lou will be their first hostess... Mary Lou will sparkle and spice up Paradise... She will continue to spice up our Here and Now!!"

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by



Mary Lou Hess

McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were Jeff Keys, Dale Vogel, Kenny Sherrell, Steve Muller, Scott Hoenig, and Michael Vogel.

Memorial donations may be given to the American Cancer Society, Muenster Memorial Hospital, or Home Hospice of Cooke County.

Loretha Cash Bringle

1925 - 2004

Loretha Bringle, age 78, died at her residence in Garland on Saturday, July 17, 2004. Muenster residents will remember her as Mrs. Charlie Cash, a teacher at Muenster ISD in the late 1960s and the 1970s.

Loretha was born in Frederick, Oklahoma on Aug. 7, 1925 and moved to Muenster to teach, along with her husband, Coach Cash, and family. Charlie Cash suffered a fatal heart attack in 1977. Loretha continued to teach at Muenster for 2 1/2 years, then moved to Forth Worth, where she continued her teaching career for several years. She taught for over 31 years, including at Muenster, Callisburg, Myra, and St. Mary's schools.

She belonged to the Order Eastern Star, Richardson

Chapter #921, - Past Matron in Garland and Richardson; and was a life member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, past president of the Arlington chapter.

Funeral services will be held Friday, July 23, at 2 p.m., at Clement-Keel Funeral Home Chapel, with burial at Fairview Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, Victor A. Bringle; three sons and daughter-in-laws Tommy and Faye Cash of Callisburg, Dale Cash of Pensacola, Florida, Gerry and Christa Cash of Kennesaw, Georgia; one daughter and son-in-law Pamela and Doyle Rogers of Gainesville and four step-daughters, all of Oregon. Also nine grandchildren, 11 great-grand children, and two brothers.



Loretha Bringle

She is preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, two sisters, and one granddaughter.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society Memorial-Honor Program, Cooke County Unit, P.O. Box 1217, Gainesville, TX 76240.

George Krahl

1935 - 2004

Mass of Christian Farewell was offered for George Krahl of Gainesville in St. Mary's Catholic Church on Tuesday, July 20, officiated by Father Don Brennan, OSA.

Mr. Krahl died at age 68 in Gainesville Memorial Hospital on July 17, 2004.

He was born on Dec. 7, 1935 in Scotland, Texas to Joseph and Elizabeth Prescher Krahl. As a young man he moved to Cooke County and attended St. Mary's School in Gainesville. On Feb. 4, 1954 he married Virginia Fleitman in Gainesville. For 32 years he was a dedicated and loyal employee of the Texas Highway Department. He also loved working on his farm.

An active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church he also belonged to the Knights of Columbus. George Krahl was always content with what he had, never thinking he needed more. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Survivors are his wife, Virginia Ann Krahl of Gainesville; sons and daughters-in-law Roger and Debra Krahl of Whitesboro, Pat and Karen Krahl of Gainesville; and daughters and sons-in-law Virginia and Jimmy Oliver of Palestine, Julianne and Darwin Sicking of Bristow, OK, Kristy and Paul Allocca of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Susan and Keith Ramsey of Longview.

There are 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Also brothers and sisters and their spouses, Mary Sicking of Gainesville, Vicki and Elmo Self of Lake Kiowa, Lydia and Jim Garraway of Montgomery, Alabama, Mildred and Ronnie Kessler of Gainesville, Patsy and Sheldon Lutkenhaus of Gainesville, Eddie and Margie Krahl of Muenster, Jimmy and La Christa Krahl of Gainesville, Steve and Vickie Krahl of Valley

View, and sister-in-law Nancy Krahl of Valley View.

Preceding him death were a daughter Diane Krahl and a granddaughter Kayla Sicking; His parents; and brothers Martin, Bernard, and Wilford Krahl.

Rosary services were held at Geo. J. Carroll and Son Chapel.

Participants in the Mass included altar servers Elmo and Vicki Self, lector Wayne Fleitman, and Eucharistic Ministers Vicki and Elmo Self, Jimmy Krahl, Elaine Schad, Bill West, and Sister Mary Helen Fuhrmann.

The Angels of Mercy Choir and organist Pat Hennigan, Jr. preformed "Be Not Afraid," "The Lord is My Shepherd," "Precious Lord, Take My Hand," "I am the Bread of Life," "Blest are They," and "On Eagles Wings."

Wayne Fleitman read the remarks of remembrances, recalling how Mr. Krahl's whole life was connected with farming, how he loved the land, his cows, and how proud he was of his accomplishments. The most important thing to him was his family - his wife, kids, in-laws, grandkids and all.

"He was an honest, hard-working man who put 200% into his jobs... He always kept an eagle's eye on the side of the highway and saw more than any average person would see."

"He was always joking... teasing the grandkids. If we learn just one thing from him, it is to smile at the person in front of you."

Because of George Krahl's 32 years of dedicated work for the Texas Highway Department, the casket was adorned with the Texas state flag and his retirement plaque.

Burial was in St. Peter's Cemetery in Lindsay. Pallbearers were grandsons, David Oliver, Chris Ramsey, Joshua Krahl, and nephews, Ronnie Fleitman, David Krahl and Gary Krahl.

Memorials may be sent to St. Mary's School.



George Krahl

Correction

In the July 2 obituary notice on Fred Fisher of Santa Fe, New Mexico, the *Muenster Enterprise* was incorrectly informed of Fisher's employment. He was employed by Los Alamos National Laboratory as Technical Staff Member in Water Quality and Hydrology since Feb. 2003. Previously he worked at the Holloman Air Force Base as Lead Water Quality manager for eleven years and as Associate professor at New Mexico State University.

Eunice Wolf

1931 - 2004

Eunice Wolf of Gainesville died July 16, 2004 at Gainesville Memorial Hospital at age 72. Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, July 19, in St. Mary's Catholic Church of Gainesville. Officiated by Father Don Brennan, OSA.

Eunice Wolf was born on Dec. 14, 1931 in Tishomingo, Oklahoma to Frank and Regina Metzler Krebs. On Sept. 20, 1949 she married Ed Wolf in Gainesville. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary and of St. Mary's Altar Society and of St. Mary's Catholic Church. After more than 19 years with the Texas Department of Public Safety, in the Driver License Division, she retired.

Survivors are a son, Darrell Wolf of Gainesville and a daughter and son-in-law, Monica and Gary Doughty of Cotopaxi, Colorado; daughters-in-law Gayle Wolf of Valley View and Vicki Wolf of Whitesboro; a long-time friend Al Dudenhoefter of Gainesville; 12 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Also brothers and sisters-in-law Leon and Eileen Krebs, Frank, Jr., and Dorothy Krebs and sister and brother-in-law Doris and

Henry Kuhn, Jr., all of Gainesville.

Also brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Adam and Alma Wolf of Muenster, Mary Arendt of Lindsay, Johnny and Fran Wolf of Wimberly, Texas, Walter and Georgia Wolf, JoAnn and Walter Hermes and Betty Wolf, all of Gainesville.

Preceding her in death were her husband Ed Wolf, sons Larry Wolf and Gary Wolf, a grandson, Wesley Wolf, and infant granddaughter Wolf; her parents; her brothers Eugene Krebs and Dillard Krebs and sisters Mildred Hoedebeck and Darlene Wolf.

Preceding the day of the funeral, a Rosary service was held at Clement Keel Funeral Home, led by Father Don Brennan, OSA.

Burial in Valley View Cemetery was directed by Clement-Keel Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Chisam Wolf, Brandon Wolf, Derek Wolf, Darren Wolf, Brad Doughty, Billy Wolf, and John Ed Doughty.

The family has suggested memorials sent to St. Mary's School, 805 North Weaver Street, Gainesville, Texas 76240 or Cooke County Home Hospice, Box 936, Gainesville, Texas 76241.

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All of us in Mary Lou's family have now found ourselves faced with the task of adequately thanking the many, many people over a wide area for the overwhelming response from friends, neighbors, co-workers, and all others who visited her during her illness, prayed with and for her, those who sent cards, Mass intentions, and flowers since her death.

Your words of condolence to us, words of praise of Mary Lou, words that promise she will always be remembered, assures us that her goodness and sweetness will be examples for coming generations.

Since it is not possible to thank each one of you personally, please bear with us in this manner of reaching all of you with our gratitude.

No words can fully express the depth of our gratitude to Father John Ohner OSA, the hospital staff, the professional people that were more like friends, the hands that ministered unto her, those who attended her funeral, helped with the family meal, the Catholic Daughters, members of Sacred Heart Parish and other community members, the Knights of Columbus, and those who performed countless acts of kindness, showered her with love, help and prayers, please accept our most sincere thanks.

As we endure the sorrow following her death, we will recall how much she meant to all of you, too. That memory will help to sustain us, and will lift our spirit, and be the "shining light" for us through our lives.

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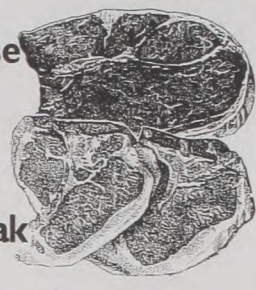
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Lifestyle

Grewings celebrate 50 years together

Henry and Doris Grewing marked their 50th wedding anniversary at the 5 p.m. Mass in Sacred Heart Church on July 3 with a blessing by Father John Ohner, OSA. Afterward a dinner and dance was held at the Lindsay Centennial Hall for family and friends.

The event was planned and hosted by their seven children and their spouses. They are Carol and Jim (Smoke) Koelzer, Kay and Alex Schroeder, Gary and Kelly Grewing, all of Münster; Kathy Grewing and husband Chuck Cheney of Sadler; Terry Grewing and husband Danny Gilbreath of Houston; Troy Grewing of Era; and Mike Grewing of Myra.

Henry and Doris Grewing

were married on July 7, 1954 in Sacred Heart Church. Their attendants were Joyce and Alrich (Red) Zwinggi, groom's sister and brother-in-law.

The reception hall was decorated throughout in gold and white. Reception tables, main tables, and chairs were covered with gold brocade material and monogrammed, initialed candle vases and gold and purple beaded votive candles were designed and crafted by daughter, Kathy. The monogrammed initialed white linen napkins were designed by daughter, Terry. Large bouquets of white roses, carnations, gladiola, spider mums, babies' breath, statice, purple gladiola, and iris in

floral vases were arranged by daughter-in-law, Kelly throughout the hall.

Meal catering was by Rohmer's Restaurant, buffet table of pickup foods by Terry Hess, and cakes by Betty Rose Walterscheid. The bride's cake was three-tiered with the couple's gold initials on the top layer. A pumping unit, hand carved by son-in-law Chuck Cheney, decorated the groom's cake. Granddaughters Jacé and Demi Koelzer, Madilynn Cheney, and a friend Shelby Hess served cake.

A video of 50 years of family life was played, it was a special gift from their children. Music at the reception was provided by deejay Lambert Hess.

Doris is the daughter of

Marie Reiter and the late Albert (Buddy) Reiter and Henry's parents were the Mary and Henry Grewing, Sr. The couple have nine grandchildren, Wes, Jacé, Dalton, and Demi Koelzer, Kennedy and Austin Schroeder, Shelby Grewing, Terrell and Tyler Grewing. There are three step-grandchildren, Robin, Chad, and Joey Cheney and four step great-grandchildren, Madilynn, Cole, Chloe, and Aden Cheney.

Henry and Doris have lived in the Hood Community for 48 years. Henry continues to raise cattle and operate oil leases. They especially enjoy the grandchildren's visits to the farm and attending all of their sports activities.



Henry and Doris Grewing

College Graduates

Lucien Gehrig, graduate of A&M

Lucien James Gehrig graduated from Texas A&M University, College Station on May 14 with a Bachelor of Science Degree from the Dwight Look College of Engineering. The ceremony was held at Reed Arena with the commencement address given by Vance Coffman, CEO, Lockheed Martin Corp.

Following the graduation, there was an outdoor barbecue party at Lucien's house hosted by his parents for family and friends.

While at Texas A&M, Lucien was a President's Scholar, Dean's List, member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and participated in the International Engineering Education program in Paris, France.

Lucien's graduation was attended by his parents, Jim and Cindy Gehrig; siblings Ryan, Michael, Joanna, Karen, and Mark Gehrig; grandparents Josephine Schilling and Herman Stoffels; godmother June Bartush; cousins Jackie and Daniel Bartush, Duncan Campbell and college friends.

Lucien is a civil engineer with the firm of Jones and Boyd, Inc. in Dallas. He is a 1999 graduate of Sacred Heart High School.



Brian Wiese

Brian Wiese Texas Tech graduate

Brian Wiese graduated from Texas Tech University on May 15, 2004 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. While at Texas Tech, Brian was an active member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) student chapter. While in the chapter he served as treasurer and co-steel bridge chairman with fellow civil graduate Shane Walker for the 2002 - 2003 school year. As chairman, Brian and Shane lead Tech to a third place finish for the steel bridge regional competition in Mexico City, the highest finish for Tech in more than a decade.

Additionally, Brian participated in several regional and national ASCE conferences. Brian also was a participant in the concrete canoe competition, also sponsored by the ASCE student chapter.

For the last two years, Brian has been a student research assistant for the Wind Engineering Department, a part of the Civil Engineering Department. As a research assistant, he has assisted in field site construction and management, data

collection, and technical support on numerous research projects. For the past year he has also been managing his own project, a full-scale wind research experiment studying the effects of parapet walls on wind flow over structures.

Currently, Brian is participating in a co-op program with the Structural Section of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Fort Worth. He plans to return to Texas Tech in the fall to complete his research project and to work towards a Masters of Science in Civil Engineering.

Brian is the son of Don and Kim Wiese and the grandson of Francis and Clara Mae Wiese all of Gainesville and Wilfred and Polly Reiter of Münster. Brian is a 1998 graduate of Gainesville High School.

Münster Library to honor Summer readers with party Saturday, July 31

The Münster Public Library's 2004 Summer Reading Program Recognition Party will be held at the library, 418 N. Elm Street, on Saturday, July 31 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All participants are invited to come pick up their Texas State Library Certificates. Party gifts, door prizes, and refreshments will also be provided.

Workplace fact

Eighty percent of heavy drinkers (five or more drinks in one occasion at least five times in the last month) in the United States are employed.

From ARA Content

NCTC early registration

Students can get a head start on the 2004 fall semester at North Central Texas College by taking advantage of early registration from July 19 through Aug. 13.

Early registration for fall can be done either in person or online. Students wishing to sign up for classes in person may do so in the Admissions Office at the NCTC campus of their choice—Gainesville, Corinth or Bowie.

"We definitely recommend signing up for classes online for all students who are eligible and who have access to the Internet," said Mitzie Keeling, director of admissions and registrar. "It's quick and easy, and, best of all, you can do it at your convenience at any time of day or night, seven days a week."

Keeling said students also could pay tuition and fees online by using a credit card. Deadline for payment for those signing up for fall classes early is Aug. 17. Failure to pay by the deadline will result in cancellation of the

enrollment and necessitate re-enrolling during regular registration.

"Of course, the biggest advantage to registering early is that students can increase the likelihood considerably that they will get the courses they need and want at the times they need and want," Keeling said. "That can be extremely important for the large percentage of our students who work either full-time or part-time while attending classes."

"With our enrollment continuing to grow at all campuses, it's really smart to sign up for classes as early as possible because the most popular class sections, in terms of day and time, do fill up very quickly."

Keeling stressed that the first step for getting enrolled early, whether a student registers online or in person, is to complete and turn in an application for admission form and other required materials such as official transcripts from high school or other colleges.

Returning NCTC students who have not been enrolled for one or more long semesters (fall or spring) must submit a new application.

Once the application form has been received and processed, applicants will be notified by the Admissions Office of their status, and the next steps in the registration process will be explained—including how to obtain a personal identification number (PIN) required for online registration.

The application for admission form can be completed online. To access it directly, students may type the URL <http://207.64.31.9/admweb/admapp.html> into their web browser.

For more information, contact the Admissions Office at 940-668-4222, or go to the college website, and click on the "Admissions" link at the left side of the main page. Also available online are the college catalog and the schedule of classes for Fall 2004, both in PDF format.

Mary Matsler's name drawn

Mary Matsler of Gainesville is the winner of a new bread-maker and bread mixes. She attended the "Here's To Your Health" Fair at the Wheeler House on July 14 and entered the drawing at the booth of Gainesville Convalescent Center. The GCC booth had information, key chains, gum or candy choices, and nurses to check attendees' blood pressure and blood sugar.

Off the Net and hear-about

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LISD posts registration times

It's time to think about winding this summer down and returning to the school routine. Lindsay ISD has scheduled registration times for its students.

On Friday, August 6 registration will be held for students in the high school. Seniors register at 9 a.m.; Junior at 10 a.m.; Sophomores at 11 a.m.; and

Freshmen at 1 p.m.

Students who will be in the seventh and eighth grades for the 2004-2005 year register are asked to report to the high school for orientation on Thursday, August 12 at 6 p.m.

On Friday, August 13 grades K-sixth have a Back-to-School session in classrooms from 5-7 p.m.

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Mimi Cain celebrates 92 at St. Richard's Villa

Eula Grace Cain, known to many in Muenster as "Mimi," celebrated her 92nd birthday with a party on Saturday, June 19 at St. Richard's Villa where she is a resident. St. Richard's Villa was built by Mrs. Cain and her late husband, Richard "Dick" Cain in May of 1965.

Mimi was surrounded by her children, her friends at St. Richard's, her brothers and their wives, many grandchildren, and nieces and nephews, and many friends from the Muenster, Wichita Falls, Gainesville, Dallas, McKinney, Denton, Ardmore, and Saint Jo areas.

She was especially delighted to be entertained by the Cherry Rhone Band. This band is made up of her nieces and nephews, children of the late Leona Hogan Rhone, and Kathy's husband, Dennis Gregory. Their music was enjoyed by all the residents and guests at the party.

Surprising Mimi on her birthday were her youngest brother, Jerry and his wife, Kay, who drove in from Kingsland, Texas for the party. Another brother, Frank Hogan from Saint Jo and his wife, Katie, were also special guests!

Mimi's cake was beautiful, with a picture of her in a red dress in the center with the message "She's quite a lady!" She is definitely a legend in her time! Mimi has touched the lives of many, many people through her work with the elderly. To this day, she talks about the sweet little people in the rest home. She doesn't realize that she is much older than most of them! She also likes to tell people that she and Papa were a lot of "Cain!" (There are 106 of us to be exact!) Everyone should have a "Mimi," we are just so thankful that God has blessed us with ours!

submitted by Judith Cain Hartman



Jerry Hogan, Eula Cain, and Frank Hogan

Baptism

Bayer

Emma Rae Bayer, daughter of Craig and Rita Bayer, received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, July 18, 2004, at 12 noon at Sacred Heart Church. Father John Ohner officiated the ceremony.

Godparents for Emma Rae are Debra Sicking and Adam Taylor, godchildren of Emma's parents. Emma wore the same baptismal gown that her father and her brother wore at their baptisms. She was wrapped in a handmade white afghan made for her by her grandmother Regina Pels.

She also wore a gold cross necklace and ring, special gifts from the godfather.

Following the ceremony, all the guest gathered at Emma's home for a brisket lunch and opening of gifts. Joining in the celebration along with parents and godparents were Emma's brother Jacob, grandparents Charles and Carolyn Bayer and Regina Pels; uncles and aunts Steve and Doreen Taylor, Danny and Janet Voth, and Curt and Prudy Bayer; cousins Kalyssa Pollard, Nicholas and Laura Taylor, Michael Voth and Jason Sicking.

Training session attended by VFW Auxillary officers

Officers of Muenster Ladies Auxillary VFW Post #6205 attended a training seminar in Gainesville at VFW Post #1922. About 50 attended from districts 1, 12, and 15.

Muenster officers, President Frances Bayer, Secretary Ida Bindel, and Treasurer Ethel Hesse were among those that attended.

Duties of officers and upcoming projects were discussed. A meal was served by the Gainesville Post. Bayer reported on the State Convention she attended at DFW on June 24 - 27 and a thank you

was received from the youth swim safety learning program. Rose Marie Sicking, community service chairperson, gave her report and members signed several sympathy and get well cards.

Members were invited to attend a meeting on Friday, Aug 6, and meet the state president at the Bonham VA Volunteer Area. Sandy Hennigan served lunch to nine members and Linda Knabe won the door prize. The next Post #6205 meeting will be Aug. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

The art of growing things

By Ramona Tyler, Cooke County Master Gardener

COMPOST is a mixture of decomposing and rotting debris. Composting is a process which returns plant and animal matter to the soil and completes the natural life cycle. This cycle began when seeds were planted. As the small plant of the seed grew, it took nutrients from the soil to make cells and metabolites. As the plant grew larger, more minerals were required and accumulated. When the plant dies, it decomposes and the "borrowed elements" are returned to the soil, thus completing the cycle.

Basic items which can be used for composting are grass clippings, dry leaves, (most leaves compost faster and more thoroughly if they are shredded before being added to the pile), kitchen scraps (don't use animal products, such as grease, fat and meat trimmings, since they break down very slowly, attract rodents and other pests, and have an unpleasant odor) and other materials (hay, shredded newspaper, hedge clippings, and wood chips).

Decide what method you want to use for composting. You can just pile the materials in layers or use a bin. A bin can be purchased or you can make your own out of wooden pallets, wire, cement blocks or scrap lumber. The bin should be a minimum of 3 cubic feet. Some things to consider when you build your pile are it should be at least 2 feet away from a structure such as a fence or house (the pile can attract bugs), easy access, close to source of materials, (leaves, grass clippings), should be near a source of water for wetting down the pile, and on a level well drained surface.

Building a compost pile. Wet the ground under the pile, put in a 4 to 6 inch carbon layer (leaves, wood chips, shredded newspaper). Add a 1 inch layer of nitrogen materials (grass clippings, manures, kitchen scraps) or a cup of commercial nitrogen fertilizer. Alternate carbon and nitrogen layers adding water to each layer until the pile is 3 feet high. End the pile with a carbon layer. Actually, it would be better for the materials to be completely mixed, rather than in layers. However, mixing them from the start makes it difficult to estimate the proportions. Once you turn the pile the first time, the carbons and nitrogens will be mixed.

Turning the pile. You don't have to turn the pile, but it will take the much longer to make compost if not turned. If you are using a wire bin, remove the wire and set it up next to the compost pile. Rebuild the pile (mixing the layers) and adding water (if needed). If you are using pallets or cement blocks, drag the materials out of the bin and return them (adding water, if needed). In the winter, once a month is all that is necessary, but in summer months, the pile may need to be turned every week.

From beginning to end, the composting process can take from 6 weeks to 2 years. The finished compost will take up only 25 - 40% of the space occupied by the original pile. When the individual materials can no longer be identified and the pile resembles dark rich soil, the compost is completed. It will smell sweet, woody, and earthy. It will crumble through your fingers. Compost is a dark, crumbly and earthy-smelling form of organic matter that has gone through a natural decomposition process.

The whole point of composting is to produce a beneficial soil additive. Compost can be used to enrich the soil by adding a natural source of nutrients, mulch around landscape plants, help sandy soils retain moisture and nutrients and loosen tight, heavy soils.

Hannah celebrates 3rd

Hannah Metzler celebrated her third year on her birthday, June 25, at her home with family and friends. Dora the Explorer was the theme of the party given by her parents, Joel and Susie Metzler.

Opening presents and playing in the backyard was topped-off with Deli-style sandwiches, pick-up foods of chips, dips, fruit and veggies, and cake and ice cream.

Attending were Hannah's sister Rachel; her parents; grandparents David and Sharon Arendt and Bill and Ethel Metzler; Great-grandmother Mary Ann Arendt; great uncle R.J. Loerwald; and friends Janelle and Kayle Colwell, Jennifer, Makenzie, and

Kylee Fleitman; Julie, Jillian, and Garrett Martin; and Kevin, Marcia, Kade, and Kreed Averhoff.



Hannah Metzler

AARDA announces donation program

The American Autoimmune Related Disease Association (AARDA) can now accept used car donations through its partner cars4charities to help raise much-needed funds. The American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association is dedicated to the eradication of autoimmune diseases and the alleviation of suffering and the socioeconomic impact of autoimmunity through fostering and facilitating collaboration in the areas of education, research, and patient services in an effective, ethical and efficient manner.

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Sports

Avoiding pitfalls when buying "used"

The transfer of boats and motors appears to be getting sloppier, with more and more people not getting titles, some sellers altering sale prices on transfer documents to avoid higher taxes and others who are inadvertently purchasing stolen crafts. So game wardens want to advise people to treat the buying or selling of a boat like they would that of an automobile.

"We see people buying boats at garage sales and receiving no paperwork and wanting to transfer it to their name," said TPWD game warden Tony Norton of Henderson County. "You wouldn't buy a car without getting the title."

If the seller doesn't have a title but has proof of boat ownership, they can request a duplicate title and then transfer it over to the buyer. The penalty for not transferring a title is a fine of as much as \$500. And without a title, the boat can't be registered.

It could be worse. "What if somebody steals it? They have to come up with proof they own the boat and a lot of them can't," said a member of TPWD's Marine Theft Unit.

Another common mistake is getting a title but not completing the boat transfer and motor transfer forms correctly. The forms can be obtained at any TPWD office or at <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/boat/forms.phtml>. A separate transfer form must be filled out for the outboard motor title. There is a civil tax penalty and a fine for not registering and paying the sales tax on the boat and outboard motor within 20 days of purchase.

Since boat registrations are good for two years, some people may have boats for

as long as 18 months before they try to register the boat in their name and by then, it may be impossible to track down the previous owner and get a bill of sale to prove it was a legitimate transaction.

Most people don't worry about it until the registration expires. Then they realize what a mess it is.

Another common violation is people selling boats without endorsing the title in the first place. They thereby skip paying taxes on the boat - another violation punishable by a fine of as much as \$500.

Norton says he also sees changes made in the tax affidavit sections on transfer forms, (title applications). "They change the price of the boat so they don't have to pay as much tax," he said.

Title applications are government documents and falsifying information or altering them for financial gain is a felony, according to TPWD.

"Because people see boats as toys, they don't put as much importance on the

titling process as they do with cars," said a TPWD marine official. "People don't realize that when they alter documents to save a couple hundred bucks, and those documents are presented to us and processed a felony has been committed," he said. And that violation is punishable by as much as 2-20 years in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine.

The following are excerpts from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

Gator Tales

*A Harris County game warden received a call from the Baytown Police about the sale of an alligator. Upon further investigation, the warden learned the suspect purchased the alligator for \$50 from two individuals on the Trinity River. He obtained more information and then seized the alligator. Charges are pending against the

Cooke County All-Stars advance to regional tournament in Denton

The Boys Baseball of Cooke County All-Star Team in the Mustang League (9-10 year olds) won the Section championship last Friday in Denton.

A victory over the Tri-Cities Drillers by a score of 14-9 was followed by the players carrying the flag in a victory lap around the field.

Landon Darwin pitched all six innings in the game and struck out six batters. Leading hitters were Blake Voth with two singles and a triple; Dean Fleitman getting a single and a double; Travis Skinner with three singles; Cole Wescoat

and Mark Jones, each a single; and Chase Hammer and Tyler Anderle with two singles apiece. Defensive standouts were Blake Boyter, Kameron Heady, and Jordan Sieger.

The team remained undefeated going into regional competition. No other team in the Cooke County Boys Baseball has gone this far in the series.

In the district tournament, the All-Stars defeated Southlake green 24-9, Whitesboro 13-2, and the Tri-Cities Cats 15-0. In the sectional tournament they won 15-2 over Saginaw-Pioneer youth

Association, 14-3 over Tri-Cities Drillers, and then won the championship against the Drillers in the double elimination tournament.

The All-Stars were competing in the Regional Tournament this week in Denton. They needed to win two more tournaments to make it to the Mustang World Series, which will be held in Irving on Aug. 4-7.

They ended their extended season on Tuesday with a close, hard fought loss to Mansfield, 8-7. They also came up short in Mondays game with Burleson, 19-17.

Game Warden Field Notes

suspect.

*Recently, a Smith County game warden received a call for assistance from a deputy working Interstate 20. A vehicle had two small alligators in the trunk of the car and no documentation. The suspect stated he had bought them for pets for his children. The driver's problems got worse when about \$14,000 in cash was discovered along with conflicting stories as to where the money came from. Transportation was arranged for the suspects when the police dog alerted them of the money and some concealed areas of the car.

Justice Served

A Wilbarger County game warden and a Hardeman County game warden appeared in district court recently on three felony hunting without consent cases they filed in hunting season. The investigation resulted in 17 deer being located that were killed and left to waste. A Throckmorton County game warden also worked on the case and it resulted in the felony cases being filed and several Class A misdemeanor cases against

other suspects. The suspects admitted to the offenses in open court. The judge assessed the following penalty to each subject: \$3,000 fine, 400 hours community service (relating to the care of animals), five years probation, five years license suspension, and as the violators, attorneys, and families breathed a slight sigh of relief, the judge added that they should spend some time in jail and sentenced them to 90 days.

And More

Red River County game wardens testified in a case regarding hunting from a public roadway with the aid of a motor vehicle. The offender pled guilty after opening testimony. He received two years probation, more than \$1,000 in fines and court costs, and his hunting and fishing license were suspended for five years.

Tragedies

*Williamson County game wardens assisted the Sheriff's Department in the recovery of a 23-year-old male who had drowned in the swimming area of Lake Georgetown recently. He drowned in about 10 feet of water.

*Severe thunderstorms raced through Texas Panhandle with winds reaching 100 miles per hour and baseball-size hail, causing around \$100,000,000 in damages to properties, homes, and vehicles. Several homes were without electricity for over two hours. One person was killed while he was attempting to tie down his boat.

*Wardens continue investigating a boating accident that claimed the life of a 12-year-old girl while being towed behind a boat. The tube and a Personal Watercraft collided on a blind turn and the accident is being reconstructed according to the physical evidence and statements obtained from witnesses and all parties involved. Both parents of the girl were on the boat at the time of accident and witnessed the impact. The 12-year-old was a twin whose sister was also in the tube sitting on the opposite side. The sister sustained minor injuries, while a 10-year-old cousin sitting in the middle of the tube received severe trauma to the face.

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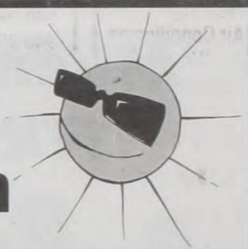
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Muenster's second block of Main Street had concrete poured for curbs on Wednesday as part of the KMB Beautification project. Crews are show working in front of The Old Theatre Mall. At left - Christi's Jewelry and Gehrig's Hardware have had six foot holes bored in the ground in front of their buildings for several days. Customer traffic is slower in some businesses due to the construction. Christi's closed early a number of days.
Janie Hartman photos



The Knabe family's first Adopt-A-County Road trash collection filled this trailer to overflowing. Pictured are some of the volunteer crew - Gary Knabe on top of trailer; and from left, Carol Sicking, Janet Felderhoff, Cory Sicking, and Toby Walterscheid.
Courtesy photo

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day by having breakfast together. It consists of Aileen's much-enjoyed homemade cinnamon rolls and juice or coffee.
Broken beer bottles are the most difficult to remove from the roadsides, and could pose the most problem for anyone walking with thin shoes, or for cattle or horses being moved along the road. Frustration with this type of trash led one volunteer, Janette Hess, to remark that she wished that there were a \$5 return fee on all six-packs of glass beer bottles.
Aileen commented, "Arnie always got aggravated about people throwing out bottles. He said that they were there forever."
Steps to be approved for adoption of a county road include putting in a request to the commissioner of the precinct in which you want to adopt the road, filling out some paperwork, and having the adoption placed on the agenda of Commissioners Court. After it is approved, your commissioner will work with the group on how to get the items needed on pickup days. The County supplies orange safety vests, work crew warning signs, trash bags, and after the litter is collected, the County takes care of disposing of it.
Precinct #4 Commissioner Virgil Hess said of the new program, "I think its great. It kind of goes back to the old days when road overseers were in charge of keeping the roads cleared of debris." He said that an overseer was appointed to take care of about a mile of road. At that time there were mile markers on the county roads, he noted. Some roads had numbers and others names.
Hess hopes that more roads are adopted in Precinct #4 and invites anyone interested in adopting a county road, or in getting more information, to contact him or to call the County Extension Office.

Farm & Ranch

Rural Americans hold the keys to the 2004 election in November

By Bob Stallman, President American Farm Bureau
Modern America increasingly sports a metropolitan posture and suburban attitude, but the boulevard to the White House and Capitol Hill still has to traverse the cropland blacktops, dusty section roads and pickup-lined main streets of rural America.

The upcoming election offers rural Americans an important opportunity to make our voices heard and to ensure that our little green and gold sections of this nation are represented to the fullest extent possible. Like never before, the eyes of the nation are indeed on us, as candidates target rural voters. Political scientists predict that the presidential election could come down to a paper-thin margin in as many as 20 states that are either in the "battleground" or "leaning slightly" categories.

What's At Stake?
In addition to the Office of the President, this year we will help elect 11 state governors, 34 seats in the U.S. Senate and, of course, the entire House of Representatives. In many of those contests, the rural vote is the key.

Even political strategists, who in the past have been too eager to write-off rural America as "sparsely populated," have taken notice this time around. It could be that they have finally recognized what we might lack in numbers, we more than make up in our higher levels of political participation.

Technically speaking, the rural vote added up to about

one-fourth (23 percent) of the electorate in the last presidential election. As a subset of rural voters, I am confident that Farm Bureau members, who, anecdotally, tend to be more politically active community members, do even better than that. We know our votes have made a difference.

Why We Care
The reason for our high level of political activity is simple. We are independent business families and we have a lot at stake. While we produce food, fiber and fuel for our nation, we also take care of her land, forests and streams. Due to our complicated relationship of dependence and conservancy with our nation's land and natural resources, we also are more likely to feel the not-so-invisible hand of government.

The people we elect this November to lead our nation will ultimately determine where government interaction with farm and ranch families falls on the spectrum of cooperation and understanding. Who we choose will help determine how taxing our immediate future might be, how widely we might be able to sell our goods in foreign markets and how successful our next farm program will be in helping us smooth out the occasional economic valley.

Priming the Pump
It really is as simple as that. I am confident you will continue to make sure your voices are heard and your votes are counted. At the American Farm Bureau, we are priming the pump. During the party conventions, we will be

pushing your views for inclusion in both major parties' platforms. Later this fall, we will publish presidential candidates' responses to questions related to agriculture and rural America. We will do what we can to ensure you are able to make informed decisions. Your vote will help make rural America a force to be reckoned with.

So, the next time you see a candidate for political office scrambling to conjure up some heartland imagery — by eating barbecue, shooting shotguns, shucking sweet corn, or milking cows — don't be too surprised. It is election season and, at least for this year, rural Americans like you hold the keys to the crossroad gates.

Senate approves tax, energy initiative

The Senate passed the JOBS Act, placing American agriculture on the home stretch to expanding European markets for a number of U.S. farm goods and winning important incentives for homegrown renewable fuels.

The Senate measure, and an earlier House bill, moves to strike down the U.S. Extraterritorial Income Exclusion program, which has been deemed illegal by the World Trade Organization and the cause for European Union taxes on U.S. products.

Also included in both the House and Senate bills are provisions to enhance the production of homegrown, renewable fuels, and provide economic relief to farm families who raise tobacco. On the energy provision, AFBF President Bob Stallman said Farm Bureau supports the Senate language, which is more comprehensive than the House bill and includes tax incentives contained in an earlier comprehensive energy bill. On the tobacco provision, Stallman said both the Senate and House versions include support for tobacco growers and their communities, which is especially crucial for those families wishing to transition to other opportunities.

A BSE-immune cow?

Scientists say they have created a BSE-immune cow. Researchers from Kirin Brewery Co., Ltd. in Japan and Hematech LLC in the United States announced their "breakthrough" on May 31. The BSE-immune embryo was genetically engineered as part of a joint project to develop a cow that can produce human antibodies. Researchers say this will enable them to

develop a range of human antibody drugs. The scientists say the cow will be able to produce human antibodies efficiently without producing its own antibodies and - in theory - will not be able to contract BSE. The embryo was implanted into a cow, and the calf is expected to be born early next year.

Kirin Brewery Co.

Milo Tour
Friday, July 23, a tour of the milo plot has been scheduled. Nineteen different varieties are represented in a replicated variety trial. Some of the seed companies will have their agronomists available to answer questions and tell us more about each variety. Also, at the same location a plant population study has been implemented. Six different seeding rates were planted, varying from about three to 15 pounds per acre.

One CEU will be provided for those attending who need it for their pesticide license.

Managing Fish in Ponds

Every summer some ponds experience large numbers of fish dying. This occurs because of a wide variety of reasons. Fish may die of old age, starvation, body injury, stress, suffocation, water pollution, diseases, parasites, predation, toxic algae, severe weather, and other reasons.

A few dead fish floating on the surface of a pond or lake is not necessarily cause for alarm. Expect some fish to die of old age, injury, winter starvation, or even post-spawning stress in the springtime. However, when large numbers of fish of all sizes are found dead and dying over a long period of time, it is necessary to investigate and determine the cause.

Canada recruits Mexican workers

According to wire reports, Canada has stepped up its efforts to find farm employees by going to Mexico.

Canadian recruiters are traveling throughout Mexico to find willing workers for farmers in the provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Alberta, and Manitoba.

About 10,000 Mexicans are employed as migrant workers in Canada on an annual basis.

Texas Farm Bureau

Midwest will feed Mexico's ethanol plants

Minnesota agricultural leaders hope more sales for the state's farmers are on the way as Mexico's middle class grows and the country builds two ethanol plants.

Mexico's first two ethanol plants are expected to draw about 70 percent of their corn from the Midwest, said Isabel Lopez, leader of Mexico's ethanol initiative. She said the two plants, in the states of Jalisco and Hidalgo, would have capacity of 60 million gallons a year.

Texas Farm Bureau

Sudden, large fish kills in ponds are often the result of fish suffocation caused by night-time oxygen depletion in the summer. Fish kills from oxygen depletion usually occur in the early morning hours (at dawn) in very rich (green water) ponds following: (1) the die-off of a large algae bloom, (2) the decay of water weeds after treatment with a herbicide, (3) the turnover of oxygen-poor bottom

waters following a thunderstorm, (4) the runoff of livestock waste and other organics after a heavy rain.

Symptoms of oxygen depletion may include an abnormal distribution of fish gulping at the water surface or at the pond inlet or edges. Large fish may die first, but all sizes of fish are usually affected. The color and clarity of pond water may change and a foul odor may be released. Fish kills from pesticides, chlorine,

gasoline, fuel oil, ammonia fertilizer, acids, and other toxic chemicals are not as common in private ponds, but can occur.

In order to prevent fish suffocation in fertile ponds:

- Do not over-fertilize ponds.
- Do not overstock fish.
- Do not feed ducks or fish.
- Fence livestock from the pond and upstream waters.
- Prevent manure and animal waste runoff into the pond.
- Treat only one-third of the pond surface each time with herbicide.
- Install emergency surface aerators or pump-sprays.

Dates to Remember

- July 23 - Milo 1 CEU, 9 am Shumacher Farm, Era
- 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

When applying herbicides to brush, mix a spray marking dye with your solution to mark the plants you have sprayed.

Want to compare range land conditions from one year to the next? Check out the Range View website at <http://rangeview.arizona.edu/>

USDA approved seven state BSE testing laboratories, including Texas. Previously the only facility authorized to test for BSE in the U.S. was in Ames, Iowa.

Texas and Wyoming are the only states that are not brucellosis-free. The new "free" status means cattle can change ownership without a blood test and removes the requirements of testing animals at livestock shows.

USDA made available \$84 million to protect farm and ranch land. To qualify, the land must contain productive sites and follow other specifications. For more information go to www.nrcs.usda.gov/program/s/frpp/

The top U.S. corn customers in 2002-03 were Japan, Mexico, Canada, Taiwan, and Algeria. Japan purchased 38% of U.S. corn exports, Mexico 12.6%, and Canada 7.3%.

To cut soil compaction in your fields, put radial-ply tires on your heavy equipment. Their larger "foot print" spreads out the weight over a bigger area.

A study from Fall 2003, indicates 54% of Americans have tried organic foods and 29% say they consume more organic foods and beverages than a year ago.

Separate heifers, lactating cows, and dry cows when feeding winter hay. Nursing cows require more feed than dry ones. Underfed heifers will have difficulty during calving. Protein and energy deficiencies lead to weak calves.

Teens today have doubled their consumption of soft drinks. 20 years ago, boys consumed more than twice as much milk as soft drinks.

The average teenager drinks 868 cans of soft drinks per year.

An Australian study reports that Creatine, a compound found in meat, gives you a big boost of brain power.

Changing from conventional to rotational grazing can increase pasture efficiency from 30% to 35% to as high as 75%.

The Meat Traceability Act is trying to build a trace-back system from the packing plant to the consumer for meat products.

The Safer Food Act will give the USDA and the Food & Drug Administration the authority to recall a product and access the company's distribution records.

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Tuesday, July 20, the Market conducted the sale of 355 Goats, 130 Sheep, and 102 Hogs. The numbers from last week were 458 Goats, 160 Sheep, and 112 Hogs, respectively.

Feeder Steers (per lb.)
200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.27-1.25; No. 2 & 3, 1.15-1.25; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, \$750-\$940; Medium Frame: \$550-\$750.
1.32-1.45; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.10-1.32; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 1.18-1.33; Nos. 2 & 3, 95-1.18; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 1.10-1.24; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.10; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 1.05-1.16; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-1.05; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 1.02-1.08; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-1.02.

Feeder Heifers (per lb.)
200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.27-1.50; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.10-1.27; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.20-1.31; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.20; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 1.13-1.27; Nos. 2 & 3, 95-1.13; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 1.08-1.18; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.08; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 1.00-1.06; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-1.00; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 93-98; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-93.

Slaughter Cattle (per lb.)
Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2, 1.200-2.050 lbs., 63-77; Slaughter Cows: #1-3, 56-65; Cutter: 36-56.

Stocker Cows (per head)
Pregnancy-tested, 3 to 9-year-olds - Large Frame: \$1,750-\$1,940; Medium Frame: \$550-\$750.
Cow/Cal Pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - Large Frame: \$1,000-\$1,170; Medium Frame: \$710-\$1,000.
Holstein/Baby Cows: \$75-\$150; Crossbreeds: \$80-\$102.

Barrows & Gilts (per lb.)
US #1, 230-270: 65-65; US #2, 220-280: 52-60.

Feeders (per head):
100-175 lbs.: \$55-\$90; 25-30 lbs.: \$20-\$50.

Sows (per lb.)
Feeder, 400 lbs.: 25-52; Light wt., 400-500: 40-47; Med. wt., 500-600: 42-45; Heavy wt., 600+: 42-45.

Boars (per lb.)
300 lb. up NT
Feeder, 150-200 lbs.: 15-25; Light wt., 30-50.

Sheep (per lb.)
Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs.: 95-110; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs.: 90-100; Fat lambs: 20-120 lbs.: 85-100.

Ewes (per lb.)
Stocker: 45-60; Thin: 15-35; Fat: 40-50.

Bucks (per lb.)
Thin: 35-45; Fat: 40-85.
Barbados (per head):
Lambs: \$20-\$35; Ewes: \$45-\$65; Bucks: \$35-\$65.
Goals (per head):
Kids: 20-35 lbs.: \$20-\$45; 35-55 lbs.: \$30-\$55; 55-75 lbs.: \$45-\$75.

Yearlings (per head)
75-120 lbs.: \$75-\$115.
Nannies (per head):
Stocker: \$40-\$125; Milk Type: \$35-\$100; Slaughter: \$20-\$55; Fat: \$65-\$115.

Billies (per head)
120 lbs. up
Breeders: \$60-\$100; Slaughter: \$85-\$135.
Boer Goats (per head):
1/2 Nanny: 65-\$110; 3/4 Nanny: 65-\$110; Full Nanny: \$85-\$200.

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