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County acquires good rate on jail obligation bonds

By Janet Felderhoff
"I just think that when people look at us and think that we have too much money (in the reserve fund), they need to look at the big picture," remarked County Auditor Gloria Parrish after hearing the bond rating agency's report. "Without some money we wouldn't have gotten the bond rate."

George Willoford of First Southwest Company and Tom Pollen of the attorney firm Biggerstaff, Heath, Smiley, and Pollen were present at the July 26 Cooke County Commissioners Court meeting to finalize the issuance of \$10,500,000 Cooke County General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004.

Willoford said that he, the County Judge, and County Auditor had an opportunity to have a conversation with the rating agency that has offices in Dallas. "They were familiar with Gainesville and Cooke County," he said. "They assigned an underlying rating of 'A' to the bond issue which is good. We are quite pleased." He further explained that the County qualified for, and could purchase bond insurance. By paying the premium, the County would be able to sell its bond issue at triple "A" rating level. That would make the interest rates the lowest available in the market.

"It was structured so that there was a premium generated that would cover the underwriting discount, the cost of issuance, and bond insurance premium as close as possible," explained Willoford. "The way it worked out there was sufficient premium generated so that the net proceeds the County will receive to spend on the Jail is \$10,485,000, only \$15,000 short of the full \$10,500,000." The debt service is designed to be paid out by the fiscal year. "The projected tax rate on the debt service starts off at 4.4 and really is at that level through the life of the issue," he added. "If the tax base grows faster than just for those three years, one

percent a year, in reality as you move forward, it is likely to take less tax rate to support the debt service."

"You can be satisfied that the bonds are being sold in a favorable interest rate environment," Willoford advised. "It's a good time if you have to finance something to be doing it. The true interest rate on your bonds is 4.5644 and the index is 4.85. The difference there is you are selling a 20-year bond, which is what the index is based on and so on. The difference between the 4.56 and the rate of 5 is really the value of the bond insurance. The bond insurance is what gave you the basis for a lower rate than the index itself."

Commissioners found Willoford's next information very refreshing. They have been taking a lot of criticism from some citizens for having a large reserve fund balance.

The rating report said that it recognized that Cooke County is experiencing growth and they are pleased with the prospects for growth and taxable value per population. "They were also pleased and went into great detail about the financial situation of the County," Willoford related. "Even though the General Fund, and I think this was by design, experienced small deficits over the last three years or so, so that the General Fund balance was drawn down, the fact that the General Fund balance is still around \$2 million and that's nearly three months worth of expenditures, that was recognized. That is very important for a rating agency. They place a lot of value on the reserve fund level, particularly the General Fund. That three month level at year end is kind of their benchmark, if that had been lower it is very likely that we may not have gotten the 'A' rating." He said the County has a more desirable rating than the City of Gainesville.

Pollen's firm handled the legal details of the bond issuance after

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North Texas Medical Center will open its doors this Sunday afternoon, August 1, for a preview that will allow visitors to tour all areas of the facility. NTMC plans to be fully

operational by Aug. 17. See page seven for more NTMC pictures. Janie Hartman photo

NTMC to open doors

By Janie Hartman
August 2004, Gainesville Memorial Hospital will be replaced by North Texas Medical Center at a new location, in a new building. After years of planning and 18 months under construction, NTMC is finally a reality. On Aug. 17, NTMC will be fully operational as the transition becomes complete.

North Texas Medical Center, a dream for many years, became a reality when voters approved the use of a \$26.5 million bond in February 2002, with construction beginning in January 2003.

The new Gainesville hospital campus sits on 52 acres, featuring a 125,702 square foot horseshoe type design building with an adjoining 20,000 square foot medical office building. The lay-out of the facility is

visitor friendly, and clearly navigable with easy access to major departments, which are conveniently located within three main public hallways.

"More" is the word to explain North Texas Medical Center. More square feet (GMH, 75,000), more patient rooms, more total beds (GMH, 44; NTMC, 60), more operating rooms (four), more pre-op rooms (15) for out-patients, more recovery beds (eight), more intensive care rooms (six), more birthing rooms, more, more, and more throughout the building. The emergency department went from five (GMH) areas to 11, including five fast track rooms, three trauma rooms, and three specialty rooms, with a larger waiting area and better access to the x-ray department, which is now the Imaging

Department. Imaging provides a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanner, a computerized tomography (CT) scanner, an ultrasound system, a nuclear medicine camera, cath lab equipment, and x-ray systems which acquire images digitally, without film.

Forty of the 42 in-patient rooms are private, for one patient, with a private bath. Two rooms are set up to be semi-private for special circumstances, if needed.

Nursing stations are centralized and rooms designed to be patient and family friendly. Each patient bed provides a view of the outdoors. A large cafeteria, gift shop, chapel, landscaped courtyards, and private waiting areas are all located within the facility. Because of NTMC's commitment to good health,

all designated smoking areas were eliminated, making it a smoke free campus.

"Did we get everything we wanted?" asked Andrew E. Anderson, Jr., hospital chief executive officer. "No. Did we get everything we needed? Yes!"

North Texas Medical Center will be open for public preview on Sunday, Aug. 1, from 1 to 4 p.m. Because of this advance preview, visitors will be allowed to tour all areas of the facility, including the state-of-the-art surgical suites, intensive care unit, rehab center, emergency department, women's center, medical imaging department, laboratory, and dialysis center.

NTMC is located off Highway 82 on Hospital Blvd., four-tenths of a mile west of I-35 in Gainesville.

MMH Family Clinic ready for third physician

By Janet Felderhoff
At the July 20 meeting of the Muenster Memorial Hospital Board of Directors, Administrator Richard Arnold announced that the renovation of the Family Health Clinic was nearing completion. Electrical, plumbing, and air conditioning changes were being made. The walls of the new treatment rooms are in the paint process. It is expected that all will be finished in time for Dr. Bonnie Carter to open her practice on Aug. 2.

A \$25,000 matching grant

from MUC-SHIP for 2004 was approved for Dr. Carter. The money will be used to purchase new equipment for her practice. Paperwork is being processed for the ORCA Capital Improvement Grant for 2004. It is for \$50,000. Most of these funds are designated for equipment and upgrades in the laboratory.

Lynn Heller, CFO, presented a proposed budget for the 2004-05 year. He said it included \$490,000 in money from tax revenue and wondered if the Board planned to increase the tax rate. Dan Hamric noted that nothing could be done about the tax rate until they received the roll.

Dr. Walter Knight commented, "It looks like a good budget." The MMH District's fiscal year begins July 1 and the Board realized they had to have a budget. Board President Kenny Klement said he viewed it as a preliminary budget since he felt sure that changes would be needed after the tax rate was determined. It could be amended after the tax rate

is set, if needed. The Board unanimously adopted the proposed budget.

Personnel health insurance was discussed at length. Explaining costs of the current insurance plan Heller said, "You have to buy stop-loss insurance in aggregate insurance when you are self-funded. That cost is \$69,506. We had total fixed cost of \$89,316 before a penny was paid towards claims." After going through expenses and payments of insurance claims for employees, Heller said that the current method of insurance is costing the district an average of \$19,121 per month.

A review was done of several possible insurance companies and the bids submitted. Self insurance went up about 50% and would cost the District an estimated \$34,000 a month and is no longer considered competitive.

The Board favored Blue Cross Blue Shield with a \$750 deductible. They agreed to waive the \$750 deductible when an employee uses the Muenster

Hospital for their health care. The choices were unanimous. This plan will give employees who carry coverage on their spouse or children a savings of about \$53 a month, said Heller. The agent to be contracted with has 26 years experience in the insurance business and he specializes in plans for rural hospitals. Enrollment was to begin on July 26 with the coverage effective Aug. 1.

Texas Department of Health (TDH) inspected the Radiology Department. There was only one deficiency found and it was corrected before the inspectors left. It was reported that the inspectors were very complimentary of the radiology department.

During the financial report, Heller showed his figures for the end of the year, but said that they would change after the auditors completed their report. This is due to the way that their current program works. Auditors are due to be at MMH the first week in August. Heller noted that the auditors are

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Commissioners polish the Preliminary Budget

By Janet Felderhoff
Cooke County Commissioners Court contemplated several issues that would require more expenditure of County funds during the Budget session of their Monday, July 26 meeting. They were reviewing the County's Preliminary Budget for 2004-05.

County Auditor Gloria Parrish prepared the budget for their review after several days of department head budget hearings were held earlier. She said that the figures they had included a five percent raise for employees. The County recently heard that there was to be a significant savings on employee insurance for the coming year. "With the savings on our insurance, it will cost a little over two percent, about 2 3/4 percent, to give a five percent raise,"

explained Parrish. "I think this is something that you need to look at real seriously for the employees."

For each percent that salaries are increased, it will cost the County \$57,158. Savings on the health insurance will amount to \$125,316. Parrish noted that to give a five percent increase would be costing just over two percent this year.

"In my opinion we have been good to the people (County employees) for the last five years," said Precinct #2 Commissioner Bill Cox. "We gave an (raise of) eight percent, a six percent, a four percent, a \$100 per month, that's something I'm thinking of."

Judge Freeman recalled, "I've been in County government 26 years. Our pay got so bad at one time, you absolutely could not

hire anybody. If you wanted a secretary, you got lucky to find a warm body to come up here and work for you."

"You all have worked hard to get the salaries up. I can tell you that the cost of living is 5.1 percent. If you give five percent (increase) you stay even with the cost of living; anything less you're slipping backwards."

"It's still not competitive," said Parrish. "We're still not up with the City or the secretaries at the school district or any of those. We're still below that and if we let it fall any lower..." Freeman added, "That's not only for the secretaries, that's for everybody from the deputy sheriffs, to the dispatchers, to the elected officials."

Precinct #1 Commissioner Phil Young added, "At least we're getting some good employees now. We can hire

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The Muenster City Pool was a busy place before the mid-week rainfalls. Practicing "flips" off the diving board Tuesday afternoon included Hunter Mosler. The pool will remain opened its regular hours until the start of school on Aug. 11, then will be opened weekends only through Labor Day, ending the season. Janie Hartman photo

Muenster ISD faculty complete

By Janie Hartman,
Muenster ISD approved the hiring of the final teacher for the 2004-05 school year at the July 21 called meeting of the Board of Trustees. Randy Freeman will have a dual assignment as teacher/coach, taking over the duties left vacant by Keisha Dill. He will teach English and Girls Athletics. The Board also approved a \$3,000 stipend for the new assistant band director.

Superintendent Clyde Steelman reminded the Board to review the capital outlay list and review the District Education Improvement Plan, both items to be discussed at the August meeting. He also noted that the Annual

Performance Report will be presented in September or early October.

The group then reconvened at the field house facility to review the "punch list" of unfinished items to the building. After inspection of the building, the Board requested that Steelman submit a letter to the general contractor and architect, noting three items that still need correcting. They were: correct areas at roof level where light can be seen; trim on overhead door does not extend to concrete; and canopies need more reinforcement.

In other business, G&H Backhoe will work on leveling the parking lot east of the gym as soon as bricks have been removed.

Bonds

Commissioner Court unanimously gave their approval to the sale.

After reconvening from Executive Session, Commissioners voted to make an offer of \$3,500 for one acre of land near Woodbine. Its intended use is to build an EMS station to service the east side of the County. Judge Freeman said that there are plans to purchase land near Muenster for the same purpose. "We hope this will enable EMS to better service our citizens who are paying for the ambulance service," remarked Judge Freeman. "This should make response time faster to those who live in these areas."

Health insurance for County employees actually saw a decrease in premiums for the coming year. Commissioners were happy to approve this policy.

Commissioner Jerry Lewis served on the Health Insurance Pool for the Texas Association of Counties (TAC), which is where Cooke County has its employee health insurance.

"We got a good deal this time. The rates did go down," Lewis confirmed. They went down \$59 per employee. Judge Freeman said that would be a significant reduction in premium payments. The reason rates are down is that the Pools had an exceptionally good year with no major health claims against them. "The Pools did exceptionally well and we pass that back on to our customers," Lewis said.

Cass French, representing the Senior Tri-county Nutrition Project, appealed to Commissioners Court for funding of \$3,000. In the 24 years that French has been associated with the Nutrition Project, there has

been no funding received from Cooke County, he said.

"For 2004-05 in Callisburg, Muenster, and Valley View we'll spend about \$32,400 for senior meals out of our budget," said French. "We will spend another \$126,000 for meals at the Pecan Creek Center here in Gainesville." He said many of the people who once got their meals at a senior center must now rely on Meals On Wheels to deliver the food.

French told of people using the one meager meal received from Meals On Wheels to stretch into three meals. The Nutrition Project has been losing much of its government funding and has been asked to cut back in ways such as three ounces of meat reduced to two and powdered milk instead of regular.

Employees have voluntarily taken cuts in pay and retirement benefits to keep the program operating. "These people are old," French related. "We're delivering 950 meals per day, five days a week to people who can't come to the senior centers. It is difficult for people who have so much to relate to this unless you are associated with the project.... I can take you to people's homes that have no other food. They are hungry, they're old, and they need help. That's what we're trying to do, to let them die at home. I don't want to die in a rest home and they don't want to die in a rest home." He said they have to be taken care of some way, and home was less expensive than the alternative.

Often the person who shows up at the door to deliver a meal is the older person's only contact that week, said French.

Justice of the Peace Dorothy Lewis explained that the group hadn't applied to Cooke County United Way in a number of years. At the time they had applied, they were turned down because at that time they had all the government funding that was necessary. She suggested that they apply for the next year since they are struggling so hard to feed people.

Judge Freeman said that Commissioners Court would take this appeal under consideration for the 2004-05 budget.

Election judges for the Nov. 2 election were appointed as suggested by County Clerk Rebecca Lawson. They are listed as follows with the judge first followed by the alternate judge: Voting Precinct #1 Monica Lamb, Juanita Shasteen; Precinct #2 Jack Ollie, Willie Holt; Precinct #3 Frank Stewart, Janice McConnell; Precinct #4 Anna Land, Juanita Leach; Precinct #5 Pattie Land, Michael McConnell; Precinct #6 Robert Henderson, Frances West; Precinct #7 Jim Yeagan, Carolyn Hassell; Precinct #8 Sharon McCormack, Evelyn Massey; Precinct #9 Phillip Brooks, Polly Williams; Precinct #10 Mitze Knott, Kenny Leach; Precinct #11 Lynn Vowell, Nancy Bentley; Precinct #12 Ann Knight, Ima Dell Barthold; Precinct #14 George Jones, Pat Ford; Precinct #15 Bill Black, Mary Hermes; Precinct #17 Mary Lee Hennigan, Edmund Fleitman; Precinct #18 Mary Endres, Celine Dittfurth; Precinct #19 Barbara Felderhoff, Ann Hess; Precinct #20 Tricia Williford, Paulie Bashaw; Precinct #21 Joe Schmitz, Evelyn Fuhrmann; Precinct #22 Betty Gaertner,

Carmen Kartson; Precinct #30 Merle Currie, Susie McDonald; Precinct #33 W. Taylor Vestal, Barbara Pybas; Precinct #34 Jerry Don Henderson, Misty Williford; Precinct #35 Nita Harlow, Joann Hermes; Precinct #37 Robert Eggleston, Harold Cheaney; Early Voting Angelo Nasche, Tom Woods.

In other business Commissioners Court:

- Approved request by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company to place a buried communication line within the right of way of CR 2121, beginning at the intersection of FM 678 heading south for approximately 375 feet, located in Precinct #2.
- Accepted resignation of Brad Sheppard from the Lake Ray Roberts Planning and Zoning commission. His new job precludes attending meetings.
- On the recommendation of Judge Freeman appointed John Gurke to the Board of Lake Ray Roberts Planning and Zoning Commission.
- On the recommendation of Commissioner Bill Cox appointed Charlie Bahr to the Lake Ray Roberts Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Approved the re-subdivision of Lots 1, 2, and 3 of Shady Lane Estates, located off of CR 113 in Precinct #1.
- Approved request by K&W Construction, Inc. boring under CR 154 at the intersection of CR 131 in Precinct #1.
- Approved request by Commissioner Phil Young to sell a 1981 GMC dump truck and a compactor from Precinct #1 at the Southwest Auction in Howe on Aug. 11.

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to set up a program that will analyze every month the accounts receivable, aging of accounts, write off a certain percent based on the aging on the Bad Debt, write off a certain percent on Medicare - Medicaid contractals. He said it would be a consistent program every month.

The closing report for the 2003-2004 fiscal year should be available in late August.

St. Richard's Villa employee Kathleen Hamilton addressed directors and administration during Public Comments section of the meeting. She felt that some employees had been cheated out of certain benefits when the hospital began its lease/purchase agreement for St. Richard's Villa on July 1.

"I always taught my children that you take pride in your job and do the best that you can when you're there; do not cheat your employer because in turn they will not cheat you. But I feel that we at St. Richard's have been cheated very bad."

Hamilton said that she was originally hired to work at MMH on a part-time basis. The administrator was impressed with her work and asked her to work full-time. There was some conflict with another employee and she was transferred at her request to St. Richard's. She said she's been there since

August of '99.

With the transfer of ownership of St. Richard's, she said she lost her vacation, which would have been due in August. Employees whose vacations were due in January through July got theirs. She feels the others are due at least part of theirs.

"I am very upset that you all sold St. Richard's," Hamilton said.

"We have tried to make sure that we treat everyone in accordance with personnel policies that apply to all personnel," commented Administrator Arnold after the meeting. "When a problem has been brought to our attention we give it personal attention and decide how to proceed in accordance with the policy that applies to everyone. If we find that we made an error we correct it. If we find that we did not make an error we try to explain it. But in all cases we do our best to be consistent in accordance with the policy that addresses the problem."

"We do not want to knowingly be unfair to anyone and the best way to make sure that we are being fair is to stay with the policy that applies to everyone."

The next Board meeting will be delayed a week or two to either Aug. 24 or 31. This is so that the auditors' report can be included.

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MUENSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY RECEIVES WAL-MART LITERACY GRANT- On July 21 the Muenster Public Library, represented by Pat Stelzer, Board vice-president, and Jody Thomas, library director, received a \$1,000 Literacy Grant from the Gainesville Wal-Mart store. The grant money will be used to buy several new books for the adult, junior, and children's areas of the facility. Pictured are, from left, Mary Meek, LeeAnn Coolen, Ted Mangun, Jody Thomas, and Nancy Murray. Courtesy photo

City Council Agenda

- AGENDA MEETING DATE - AUGUST 2, 2004
- The following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7:30 pm in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, August 2, 2004.
1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 pm.
 2. Opening prayer.
 3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting on July 5, 2004.
 4. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
 5. Consider any other business to come before the Council.
- OLD BUSINESS: None.
- NEW BUSINESS:
1. Consider and act Texas Municipal League's Berate Notice for employee medical insurance for the period of October 1, 2004, through September 30, 2005.
 2. Consider and act on rescheduling of September council meeting due to Labor Day holiday.
 3. Consider and act on scheduling budget workshop meeting.
 4. Consider and act on Emergency Mitigation Plan.
 5. Consider and act on price increase request from IESI.
 6. Consider and act on request by Muenster Water District for fire department to perform controlled burn of lake property.
 7. Review and act on monthly bills.
 8. Receive status report on city projects and activities. Take action as necessary on items of discussion.
 9. Adjourn.
- Micallee Matson*
Micallee Matson, City Secretary

Notice
The Muenster Post Office will be closed to the public on Saturday, July 31, at 5 PM until Monday, August 2, at 6:30 AM. We will be waxing the floor in the box and lobby area.

Gov. Perry announces aid to crime victims

Gov. Rick Perry recently announced the award of a \$70,000 grant to Cooke County to help victims of crime. The grant is awarded under the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA).

"It is important to all Texans that we support programs that protect the public, administer justice, and offer hope and healing to victims," Perry said. "Victims services programs will help our most vulnerable Texas citizens and youth to recover by providing safe places to receive services and shelter."

The grant was awarded to the Cooke Friends of the Family, Inc.,

Comprehensive Victim Assistance Project to provide direct services to victims of violent crimes.

"This grant will go a long way to help Cooke County Friends of the Family provide essential services to survivors of a crime," Rep. Rick Hardcastle said. "It will help ensure around-the-clock care for victims and their loved ones whether it be for shelter, counseling, transportation, or training for volunteers."

VOCA funds are distributed by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD) to victims' services programs through a collaborative process with local planners to serve victims in Texas.

TORNADO

If you are outdoors when a tornado approaches, move inside a strong building. If no shelter is available, get into a ditch, culvert, or the lowest spot of ground you can find. Lie flat and cover your head with your hands. Don't try to outrun a tornado in your vehicle, and stay away from the overpasses...they are NOT safe shelters. Act quickly...seconds can save lives.

If a tornado warning is issued for your area, take cover in a small interior room on the lowest floor of your home or business. Stay away from windows and exterior doors. Bathrooms and closets provide the best shelter from a tornado's winds. Cover yourself with a mattress or overcoats for extra protection. Act quickly...seconds can save lives.

National Weather Service in Fort Worth

2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!

Sunday, August 1, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM North Texas Medical Center public preview 1-4 PM	Monday, August 2, 2004 1st day football practice - Muenster/Sacred Heart Hornet band rehearsal begins City Council mtg. 7:30 PM	Tuesday, August 3, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MMH Auxiliary mtg. 7 PM	Wednesday, August 4, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Eat Better Class, 3 PM, Pecan Creek Village, Gainesville TDH Immunization clinic 9-11 AM at Cooke County Electric Co-op C of C board mtg. 5:30 PM	Thursday, August 5, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, 1-4 PM	Friday, August 6, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Lindsay High Seniors register, 9 AM; Juniors 10 AM; Sophomores, 11 AM; Freshmen 1 PM in High School AARP Board mtg. 10 AM Sanford House	Saturday, August 7, 2004 Saint Jo Parade & Rodeo 6 PM MISD grades 3-6 orientation 9-11 AM
Sunday, August 8, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, August 9, 2004 MISD Howdy Night Pre-K - 2nd grade - 6-7 PM VFW Meeting 8 PM	Tuesday, August 10, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Car seat safety class MMH	Wednesday, August 11, 2004 Eat Better Class, 3 PM, Pecan Creek Village, Gainesville FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL for MISD and Sacred Heart C of C Breakfast 7:30 AM Rohmers Resturant MISD Board mtg. 7:30 PM	Thursday, August 12, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, 1-4 PM Lindsay 7-8 grade orientation 6 PM Muenster Historical Commission mtg. 8 AM	Friday, August 13, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Lindsay ISD K-6 Back to School from 5-7 PM AARP mtg. & luncheon 11:30 AM Sanford House	Saturday, August 14, 2004 V.J. Day (Victory over Japan) Fly your flags!!

Letters to the Editor

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To the editor:

It is time to renew my subscription to the *Muenster Enterprise*. I am in doubt if I should invest \$42.00 for news two or three weeks old and isn't news anymore. Many times I receive the news that a cousin or a friend has passed away and has been buried two or three weeks. Maybe I would have attended the funeral had I known.

Just recently The new Bar and Restaurant had a "Cutest Baby" contest. I could have entered two of my daughters had I known. One was born in January 1949 and one in October 1950. My cousin Dorothy Hartman helped deliver both daughters. I was born and raised in Muenster and still consider it home.

My reason for writing is a concern to all out-of-town subscribers. Why does it take two to three weeks to deliver our paper? Sometimes I receive a paper dated two weeks earlier and one dated the same week it was printed at the same time. I would appreciate some action to improve delivery time. I am enclosing my renewal check with reluctance. I would be willing to pay a higher postage rate within reason for better service. Give it your best. I enjoy the *Enterprise*.

Sincerely,
William J. Hess
Lawton, Oklahoma

Editor's note: As with most small newspapers, we print, label, and sort for the mail at the same time each week. Our local post office does an excellent job of getting the *Enterprise* to area subscribers in a fast and efficient manner. It is when subscriptions must travel to regional processing centers that the problem occurs. Smaller packages and newspapers often get delayed for weeks. State and National Press Associations continue to push for better delivery consistency.

Letter To Editor:

A few months ago some of us began visiting the Cooke County Commissioners Court to express some concerns on their present procedures, Laws, etc., and found it quite enlightening.

To begin with, a "Public Comments" session on the agenda in which the public can speak on any subject. They apparently rarely, if ever, had anyone choose to

attend and speak. When it became apparent that several of us would be attending and speaking, Judge Freeman decided to instigate a five minute rule on speaking time. Soon after that Judge Freeman adopted another rule that no one could speak during the Public Comments unless they prepared or completed a new form "request to speak" 30 minutes prior to Commissioners Court session with the subject matter to be discussed. The Court listens to our comments but are not required to respond and they do not respond. Sometimes it is quite apparent that the Judge is more interested in watching the clock than what we are saying, to make sure we do not exceed our five minutes.

The Commissioners Court answers to no one on what they do or how they do it. They set their own budgets each year, then vote to approve their own budget. The public has little or no input unless they attend the public budget hearings the Court will conduct soon. However, if you do attend your input is still limited to five minutes, providing you prepare your request in time to get on the agenda - taxpayers so restricted have little incentive to attend.

Now let me give you a few examples of items budgeted which I presented to the Court (there are many others) in Precinct No. 4 Mr. Hess requested and received his budget in 2002, a total of

\$43,000.00 for oil and asphalt and spent only \$796.00. The following year (2003) he requested and received \$50,000.00 for the same products and spent only \$2,314.00. He is now requesting \$50,000.00 for the coming year. Keep in mind that the commissioners are allowed to keep any excess funds unused (other county agencies departments must return any unused/unspent funds to the general fund). Precinct 4 taxpayers should wonder why their commissioner needs \$50,000.00 this coming year when he had \$90,000.00 for the past two years and only spent approximately \$3,000.00. They should also know that the unspent funds go into his cash/cash invested account which your commissioner will tell you is his "emergency account." Mr. Hess now has almost One Million Dollars in his "emergency account." Your tax dollars, unspent, and awaiting the "Big Emergency"

Each commissioner is now required by law to prepare a report on what roads, bridges, culverts, etc., they are going to work on for the coming year and the approximate cost. This information is available to the public. Ask your commissioner for a copy and monitor his process.

The data I have presented above was prepared for and furnished by the County and available for all taxpayers. Mr. Hess stated

in the Muenster paper recently that the road and bridge fund is acquired from a \$10.00 vehicle license and these monies cannot be returned to the general fund. He is partially correct, about 33 percent comes from vehicles license, but 65 percent comes from ad valorem taxes on your and my property taxes and this money can and should be turned to the general fund if unused. We have found it hard to seek change when the Commissioners Court has no appeal, they simply do whatever they want. The best and only change will apparently come through elections and votes. We have two new commissioners for the coming year, perhaps we need two more new ones in the next election.

Commissioners No. 3 and No. 4 have not spent their requested budgets in the past three years and retained the surplus unspent funds and added it to their cash/cash invested accounts. Commissioner No. 3 has over \$800,000 in his cash reserve as compared to Mr. Hess (No. 4) who has \$976,000.

We believe each commissioner should have some reasonable amount for cash reserve, but these amounts are well beyond reasonable. The remainder should be returned to the general fund for use by other departments or simply returned to the taxpayer by lowering taxes.

Bob Henderson
Callisburg, TX

some quality people and they're not immediately going to Grayson County." The General Fund Budget, as Parrish figured it with the raise, would be up \$471,326. Of that amount, \$250,000 was budgeted to cover the expenses that will be generated by an upcoming capital murder trial. With the capital murder trial expense backed out, the General Fund Budget would be up \$220,000.

Additional staff positions being considered were another dispatcher for the Sheriff's office, a compliance officer, and a secretary for the Commissioners' office. The cost of adding another dispatcher would be \$37,651, including benefits. The additional dispatcher was absolutely needed and Commissioners agreed to add that expense to the Budget.

Based on a \$30,000 salary, the cost of a compliance officer would be \$41,625, said Parrish. A six-month pilot project is being proposed. Judge Freeman said he thinks that compliance officer, if run right, would benefit the County. The position would be established on a six-month trial basis. The Office of Court Administration (OCA) offers training. OCA also would supply a computer to run the office. Duties would include collecting fines owed the County. Implementing this position on a trial basis was agreed on by all.

The new secretarial position would cost \$31,000 with benefits. The expense would be shared equally among the four precincts for an approximate cost of \$7,500 each. "With the GASBY coming up, you're going to need somebody to put the data that is going to be required in the computers and import what's necessary to get you GASBY compliant for next year. We've got one year to do it," remarked Judge Freeman. This position was also given the go ahead for the upcoming year.

Addressing Cass French's request for financial assistance of \$3,000 for the Senior Nutrition Program, Commissioner Cox recommended giving \$1,000 to start out. Commissioner Young differed, "You need to spend a day delivering and it'll change your attitude and loosen up your pocketbooks."

Cox worried, "The next guy who comes in here is going to want a similar amount." Young reminded them, "You're looking at people here who've been paying taxes in this County forever. Now that they're elderly, they don't have any children (to assist them), or the family's moved off."

Judge Freeman noted that if they did give the program money this time, it should be made clear that it was a one time thing and they would be looked at closely to see if they went other places such as Cooke County United Way for funding.

Commissioner Virgil Hess suggested giving them \$3,000 to get them out of a bind and advising them it was a one-year deal. The others agreed.

Another change from last year's budget is that the volunteer fire departments will receive \$5,000 each from the County. This is up \$600 each from last year. The reason Judge Freeman offered was that they took a good hit on their fuel bills. "I just feel like we need to help them. It would be a good time to raise them up a little bit and show them that we appreciate them," he said.

County Judge Bill Freeman said that the Preliminary Budget should be ready in two weeks for the Aug. 9 meeting and will be available for public scrutiny in the County Clerk's Office for two weeks before a Public Hearing is held for it and the proposed tax rate. This year's property valuation in Cooke County is up 11.15% from last year. Last year's assessed value was \$1,633,914,385. This year the certified value is \$1,816,091,316. According to the County Auditor, that is an increase of \$182 million in certified values.

"It looks like our tax rate will probably fund this budget," reflected Judge Freeman. "It'd be about 46.5¢ or in that neighborhood. None of those numbers are official. It would be less than what it was last year (47¢)." The debt service for the jail is expected to be about \$4.9 million.

None of the budget decisions are final. Commissioners Court is still polishing and evaluating. Public input will be considered before the final budget is voted on.



Cooke County Electric Cooperative employee Gary Growing extinguishes a small fire on the cross-arm at the top of a utility pole north of Muenster on FM. 373. The fire occurred around 11:00 a.m. Wednesday when an insulator failed. CCEC employee Bob Tamplin assisted Growing in replacing all six sets of the insulators on the pole. A 911 call to the Muenster VFD put them at the scene, but their assistance was not needed. Janie Hartman photo

BUSINESS

M S B SHOWCASE

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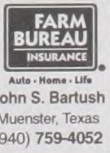
I, John S. Bartush, contracted with Texas Farm Bureau as an insurance agent September 1, 1982. Rhonda Fangman was employed as a full time secretary by the Cooke Co. Farm Bureau in the Gainesville office in August of 1990. In February of 1994, she became the full time secretary in the Muenster office. We offer a full line of personal insurance: auto, home, life, long term care, annuities, and health insurance. Over 90% of our business is for personal coverage, less than 10% is commercial lines of insurance.

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DAYS GONE BY.....

by Elfreda Fette

65 YEARS AGO

July 28, 1939

Birth: daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fisher. John and Harry Fisher take four carloads of cattle and sheep by freight train to Kansas City. John Walter is building new 5 room home in northwest part of town. Jerry Fette has tonsils removed.

50 YEARS AGO

July 30, 1954

Run-off for Prec. #4 Commissioner between John Klement and Earl Robinson. Men in Service:

Pfc. Ernest Wolf has surprise meeting with Pvt. Clyde Muller; Airman 1st Class Mike Luke visits his parents here. Wedding: Rosina Pelzel and Leo Felderhoff. Mrs. Alois Trubenbach and daughter Judy visit shrines in Canada. The Harold Lukes of Dallas visit his parents, the Ben Lukes. John Schmitz visits Ray and Marcy Wilde. The Al Wiesmans visit in Houston.

25 YEARS AGO

July 27, 1979

Muenster Enterprise is closed for vacation.

Oil and gas report

JUNE PERMITS TO DRILL

The Commission issued a total of 1,316 original drilling permits in June 2004 compared to 1,019 in June 2003. The June total included 1,099 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 33 to re-enter existing well bores, and 184 for re-completions. Permits issued in June 2004 included 315 oil, 399 gas, 507 oil and gas, 27 injection, zero service and eight other permits.

JUNE OIL AND GAS COMPLETIONS

In June 2004, operators reported 256 oil, 438 gas, 13 injection and two other completions compared to 323 oil, 539 gas, 16 injection, and one other during June 2003.

Total well completions for 2004 year to date are 5,167, down from 4,781 recorded during the same period in 2003.

Operators reported 313 holes plugged and 97 dry holes in June 2004 compared to 649 holes plugged and 100 dry holes in June 2003.

MAY NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION

Texas oil and gas wells produced 460,778,605 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for May 2004, up from the May 2003 preliminary gas production total of 453,962,616 Mcf.

Texas production in May 2004 came from 139,356 oil and 64,283 gas wells.

Trustees attend Governance Seminar

Superintendent Clyde Steelman and Board members Neil Huchton, Bert Walterscheid, Leon Klement, Ronnie Felderhoff, and Wanda Flusche of Muenster ISD joined local trustees from across the state July 23-24 at the Texas Association of School Boards' (TASB) Summer Governance Seminar in Fort Worth.

The seminar offered practical continuing education for new and experienced school trustees on key education issues. Participants examined such topics as the Texas accountability system and other state initiatives, parent and community involvement, and effective board-superintendent teams. Trustees also explored ways to establish positive media relations,

make housing for teachers more affordable in rural areas, and manage conflict in meetings.

Districts also showcased their successes in the areas of early literacy programs, bond elections, public relations, budget preparation, board procedures, and compliance with the No Child Left Behind Act. In-depth sessions focused on the role and responsibility of boards in a democratic society, boardmanship and teamwork basics, parliamentary procedure, and trustee involvement in the legislative process. In addition, round-table discussions allowed trustees to discuss challenges, share collective solutions, and gain valuable insight from fellow board members' experiences.



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Obituaries

Susanne Marie Wieler

1909 - 2004

By Elfreda Fette
 Mass of Christian Burial for Susanne Marie "Sue" Walterscheid Wieler was held on Wednesday, July 28, 2004 in Sacred Heart Church at 10 a.m. officiated by Father John Ohner OSA, pastor.

Sue Wieler died on Sunday, July 25, 2004 at St. Richard's Villa in Muenster of pneumonia and heart failure.

She was born on Oct. 29, 1909 in Muenster to Conrad and Amelia Hilz Walterscheid, one of their three children. A life-long resident of Muenster, she was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America, St. Ann's Society, the VFW Auxiliary, the County Home

Demonstration Club, and of Sacred Heart Parish and Church. In April 1937 she was married to John Wieler in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. Survivors are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jean and Mike Newbill of Fort Worth and Juanita and John Broome of Springfield, Virginia; also six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and one sister-in-law, Bertha Hamric, several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Preceding her in death were her husband, who died on March 15, 1976; one sister, Isabel Trachta, and one brother, Otto Walterscheid.

On the evening of the day before the funeral, a Rosary Service was held in McCoy Chapel at 6 p.m., led by Imelda Rohmer.

Participating in the liturgy of the Mass of Christian Burial on Wednesday morning with Father John were altar servers, Sylvan Walterscheid, Butch Fisher, and Alvin Hartman.

The First Reading was given by Danna Hess. The Second Reading was given

Mary Ann Walterscheid. Imelda Rohmer read the Prayers of the Faithful.

Offertory gifts were presented at the altar by great-grandchildren, Molly and Kayci Garbo and David and Rebecca Dyer.

Eucharistic ministers were Sara Sepanski, Linda Sepanski, Bob Sepanski, Julie Collins, and Rosemary Hayes.

Music ministers were Christy Hesse, Diane Grewing, and Ruth Felderhoff. Sacred music included "One Day At A Time", her favorite song; "For You Are My God", "Be Not Afraid", "Only This I Want", and "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee".

In his eulogy, Dan Hamric praised his aunt Susie's generosity of spirit. A diabetic, she continued to bake her famous cinnamon rolls and pecan pies for others to enjoy. All her children and grandchildren have her handmade afghans. Babies in the family were always welcomed with a handmade quilt.

Sue was always active in the community. Everyone knew where to find her on Mondays. For over 20 years, that was her day to help at the school library and cafeteria.

She believed strongly in prayer and once remarked that she would need to start going to bed earlier in order to have time to pray for all those on her list.

Sue often quoted these words by which she lived "God gives the very best to those who leave the choice to Him."

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were Ronnie Felderhoff, Dale Felderhoff, Lee Roy Billingsley, Don Rohmer, Bob Hamric, and Joe Roewe.



Suzanne Wieler

Leona Luke dies

Leona Luke passed away Tuesday, July 27, 2004 at the age of 81. Her services were held Thursday morning at 10 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church. The complete obituary will be in next week's *Muenster Enterprise*.

Juanita Dieter dies

Juanita Dieter, wife of Jerome Dieter of Gainesville, died at the age of 72. Services were held Thursday morning in St. Mary's Catholic Church. The complete obituary will be in next week's *Muenster Enterprise*.

Davelyn Neidhardt

1947 - 2004

Davelyn June Neidhardt of Lindsay died on July 27, 2004, following a courageous battle with breast cancer. She was 57.

Services were held at Whaley United Methodist Church in Gainesville on July 29 at 10 a.m. officiated by Rev. Rob Spencer. She was laid to rest in her beloved Alpine the following day. Visitation was held July 28 from 6 - 7 p.m. at Clement-Keel Funeral Home.

Davelyn was born in San Angelo, Texas on June 1, 1947 to David and Dora Mae McGill. She grew up on a family ranch in Hovey, Texas, attending Alpine High School and Sul Ross State University. At Sul Ross, she met Jimmy Neidhardt outside a history class. They married on May 20, 1967. As newlyweds, the couple moved to Minnesota where they braved the cold and snow for two years. But Texas called and they returned to College Station, where Davelyn began to teach high school math. Davelyn and Jimmy moved to Gainesville shortly thereafter and later to Lindsay where she resided and raised her son Tanner since 1979. She also enjoyed collecting Coca-Cola memorabilia.

Davelyn began her career in the community as a Trust Officer at Gainesville National Bank. She then returned to teaching, first in

Collinsville, and later at Muenster ISD. She primarily taught mathematics and took great pride in developing her students' skills in that area. "I tried to teach them the importance of math," she said. "I thought that if they could learn the shortcuts, life would be much easier."

Davelyn will be missed by her husband Jimmy, son Tanner, sisters Mary Burnett and Sixie Davis, nieces Becky Allison and Billie Lynn Tjaden; Pappy Bill Neidhardt, her family; and the many people whose lives she has touched from the classroom to the soccer bleachers to the 42 tables.

In place of flowers or other tokens, the family asks that friends send memorials to support the Davelyn Neidhardt Memorial Distinguished Teacher Award at Lindsay ISD. Please send donations to the Davelyn Neidhardt Memorial, P.O. Box 145, Lindsay, TX 76250 so that other devoted teachers will be recognized for years to come.

Nicholas Rogers

1946 - 2004

Nicholas Walter Rogers "Nick", age 58, of Forestburg, died Tuesday, July 20, 2004 at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas. Memorial services were held Saturday, July 24 at First United Methodist Church in Forestburg officiated by Rev. Sam Campbell. Arrangements were under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home in Saint Jo.

Nick was born March 5, 1946 in Fort Worth. He married Sherry Jones on June 14, 1969 in Hurst. They had two daughters, Tiffany Rogers of San Marcos, and Shelby Martindale and husband Todd of Southlake, and two grandsons.

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REMINDER

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Peter G. Stoffels

1917 - 2004

Mass of Christian Burial for Peter George Stoffels, 87, of Lindsay, was celebrated on Wednesday, July 28 at noon at St. Peter's Catholic Church with the Rev. Ron Scheible, OSA, officiating. Burial followed in St. Peter's Cemetery in Lindsay under the direction of Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home.

Stoffels died July 24, 2004 at Gainesville Convalescent Center.

He was born Feb. 10, 1917, in Muenster, the first child of Henry P. and Sophie Angerer Stoffels. He grew up working hard on farms in the Muenster and Lindsay area and attended school at Van Slyke and at Sacred Heart in Muenster. He served in the army for three and one-half years during World War II. He was a member of the Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon, 3rd Battalion, 320th Infantry.

On Oct. 23, 1946, he married the "girl next door," Catherine Bengfort, at St. Peter's Church in Lindsay. Stoffels soon began building their home in Lindsay where they've resided ever since.

From the age of 16 on, Stoffels worked as a self-employed carpenter, primarily building and remodeling houses. During the 1960s he joined the Carpenters' Union and began working on commercial buildings throughout the DFW Metroplex. He retired in 1987. In addition to carpentry, his hobbies included gardening, raising pigeons and chickens, fishing, collecting Indian artifacts, reading, and entertaining his

grandchildren and others with anecdotes of the past.

An active member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lindsay, he was involved through the years in many restoration projects at the church. A loving husband, father, and grandfather, he will be deeply missed by family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Catherine Stoffels of Lindsay; his two daughters and sons-in-law Jane and Johnny Welborn of Denton and Shelley Stoffels and husband Uche Ikwut-Ukwa of State College, Pennsylvania; five grandchildren; brothers and sisters and their spouses, Sarah DeFrance of Fairfield, Clara and Erwin Fuhrmann and Charles and Betty Stoffels all of Lindsay, Emma and Dick White of Garland, Bill and Joy Stoffels of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Lucy Westbrook of Gainesville, and brothers and sisters-in-law Mary Stoffels and Marie Zimmerer of Lindsay, Sister Elise Bengfort of San Antonio, Leonard and Ann Bengfort and Wilfred Bengfort, all of Gainesville, and Tony and Stella Hess of Muenster; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Henry Stoffels, his sister Rosemarie Shrodes, his sister-in-law Dorothy Bengfort, brothers-in-law Frank DeFrance and Hubert Shrodes; and two infant children.

Pallbearers were grandsons and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter's Catholic Church, or Vista Care Hospice, 625 Dallas Drive, Suite 350, Denton, TX 76205.



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Bob's Auto Service/Bob & Linda Walterscheid - \$100
 WFW Well Service - \$250
 Duane Knabe - \$50
 Muenster Drilling - \$100
 First National Bank - St. Jo - \$500
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Wedding vows recited by Fleitman and Hellinger

Julia Cecile Fleitman and Garret Arthur Hellinger pledged marriage vows in a double ring ceremony at 2:00 p.m., July 10, 2004, during a Nuptial Mass celebrated by Father John Ohner, O.S.A. in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster, Texas.

The bride is the daughter of John David and Patsy Fleitman of Muenster. Her grandparents are Cecilia Hermes of Lindsay and the late Julius Hermes, Sr. and Bertha Fleitman of Muenster and the late Bruno Fleitman.

The groom is the son of James and Clara Hellinger of Lindsay. His grandparents are Agnes Hellinger of Lindsay and the late Pete Hellinger and the late Henry and Rose Hess.

The bride was presented at the altar by her father. For her wedding, she chose a candlelight, silver embroidered princess A-line gown of Empress satin with beaded spaghetti straps and a Tiffany length train. Her candlelight tulle veil was accented with a rhinestone and pearl tiara. She carried her maternal grandmother's blue rosary entwined in a bouquet of white, cream, and blush roses.

For "something old" the bride wore the garter her mother wore at her wedding thirty-nine years ago. For "something new" she wore a garter sewn by her Godmother, Marcella Zimmerman. For "something

borrowed", she wore her maternal grandmother's ruby ring and for "something blue", she carried her maternal grandmother's rosary.

ATTENDANTS
Donna Lester of Colleyville, cousin of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Felicia Reiter of Muenster, Janelle Hellinger of Muenster, and Amanda Hellinger of Lindsay, sisters of the groom. Junior bridesmaid was Taylor, niece of the groom. They all wore platinum floor length sleeveless taffeta dresses and carried bouquets of white, cream, and blush roses.

Flower girls were Mikayla and Mikenzie Fleitman, nieces of the bride, and Kendall and Payton Reiter, nieces of the groom, all of Muenster. They wore cream-colored dresses with pearls on the bodice and carried baskets of roses.

Ring bearers were Michael Fleitman of Muenster, Daylen Fleitman and Tayler Fleitman of Oak Point, nephews of the bride. They carried ring pillows made by Godmother of the bride, Marcella Zimmerman.

Best man was Samuel Hellinger, of Lindsay, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Douglas Fleitman of Muenster, Samuel Fleitman of Oak Point, and Jon Fleitman of Mobile, Alabama, brothers of the bride.

Ushers were Hank

Huchton of Lindsay, cousin of the groom, Zach Bowman of Longview, friend of the groom, Kevin Cox and Kris Cox of Houston, cousins of the bride.

Mass servers were Kevin Hermes of Muenster, cousin of the bride, Kyle Bezner of Lindsay, and Mason Vieth of Windthorst, cousins of the groom.

In the wedding liturgy, Kelly Russell, bride's cousin, of Estes Park, Colorado and Deana Vieth, groom's cousin, of Windthorst, presented Readings from the Old Testament and the New Testament.

Billy Zimmerman, uncle of the bride, Marcella Zimmerman, Godmother of the bride, Gus and Nellie Berend, Godfather and Godmother of the groom presented Offertory gifts at the altar.

Eucharistic ministers were Nancy Dobbs, Laura Rohmer, and Shelly Zimmerman, cousins of the bride, and Lillian Hess and Nelda Vicari, aunts of the groom, and Sherry Wolf, cousin of the groom.

Wedding music, by organist Ruth Felderhoff, trumpeter Jennifer Tune, and vocalists Christy Hesse and Roger Dieter, included "One Hand, One Heart" and "The Rose" as the guests were seated; as mothers were seated; "The Wedding Song"; Pachelbel's "Canon in D" as bridesmaids and groomsmen entered; and Wagner's "Here Comes the Bride" as bridal



Mr. and Mrs. Garret Hellinger ...nee Julia Fleitman ...

processional; during the lighting of the Unity candle, "Wherever You Go"; "The Greatest Gift" during the Offertory; "On Eagles Wings", "One Bread, One Body" and "Panis Angelicus" during Communion; "Ave Maria" as the bride approached Mary's altar, and Mendelssohn's "Bridal March" for the recessional. The church was decorated

with white and blush flower arrangements on the altars, candelabras with greenery entwined, and white bows and candelabras marking the center aisle pews.

RECEPTION

A reception, dinner, and dance followed in the Sacred Heart Community Center, hosted by parents of the couple. The Entertainer, Lambert Hess, cousin of the

groom, provided music for the dance.

The bride's five-tiered wedding cake was decorated with silver trim and topped with fresh roses. The groom's cake was in the shape of an "H" with dipped strawberries cascading down the sides.

Dalana Peel of Arlington and Brandi Leggett of Galveston, friends of the bride, secured guest signatures in the bride's book.

The rehearsal dinner, hosted by the parents of the couple, was held at the Roadhouse in Lindsay on July 9.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Muenster High School and a 2000 graduate of Texas A&M University at College Station, Texas. She is a flight attendant for Continental Airlines in Houston, Texas.

The groom is a 1996 graduate of Lindsay High School, a four-year veteran of the United States Marine Corps, and a 2004 graduate of Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. Target Corporation, in Houston, employs him as an assets protection team leader.

Special guests included Jannet Fleitman of Oak Point, Vickie Fleitman and Dale Reiter of Muenster.

The couple is residing in Houston since returning from a wedding trip to Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico.

Showers honor couple

A Hawaiian themed couples' dinner shower was held in the home of Billy and Marcella Zimmerman on April 17. Hosting the shower was Marcella Zimmerman, Mary Ann Hess, Carol Hermes, and Sara Lester, aunts of the bride.

A second shower was held at the home of Douglas and Vickie Fleitman on June 26. Donna Bailey, Felicia Reiter, Janelle Hellinger, and Amanda Hellinger, bridesmaids, hosted the personal shower for the bride.

Penton returns from journey

Jim Penton of Forestburg recently returned from a trip that took him through five states - Oklahoma, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming. He met and visited with many people as he included a Rapture Mission with his travels, noting that he experienced brotherly love from many people.

Penton was also featured in the Wyoming *Powell Tribune* in "Cop who cured horn honking visits 53 years later." Penton was a police officer in Powell in 1951-52 and takes credit for stopping horn honking in the streets of this small Wyoming town.

CCBPW virtually tours NTMC

Cooke County Business & Professional Women (CCBPW) was proud to have guest speaker Susan Metzler at its July program meeting held at the Wooden Spoon in Lindsay. Ms. Metzler is the Executive Director of Community Outreach and Development and Foundation of the current Gainesville Memorial Hospital. Metzler brought a floor plan of the new hospital, North Texas

Medical Center, and described its layout and improvements with the members. She said that Aug. 17 is the day that patients will be transferred, and said that details of the move have been in planning for over a year. "I am so honored to be a part of this transition. The opening of our new hospital is probably the most exciting project I've ever been involved with. I think having this new

facility will mean so much to our community. We believe it will help attract new physicians to town, and be a motivating factor for residents and businesses considering relocating to Gainesville."

Metzler also described opportunities for civic groups, businesses, and individuals to make contributions to NTMC. CCBPW voted unanimously to adopt a project that will help to furnish the mammography room. "Since breast cancer is one of BPW/USA's pet projects, I can't think of a more appropriate way for CCBPW to contribute to our new hospital," said Mary Huneycutt, CCBPW treasurer.

Metzler said "There are many other opportunities for anyone wishing to be a part of our exciting new endeavor. We welcome anyone to join us."

Cooke County BPW was established in 1940, and meets the second Thursday at noon and fourth Thursday at 6 p.m. For information call Angie Hare/Membership Chair at 940-665-1793 or Kim Walterscheid/president at 940-668-0771.



Pictured, from left, Mary Huneycutt, CCBPW treasurer, Kim Walterscheid, CCBPW president, and Susan Metzler of Gainesville Memorial Hospital, soon to be North Texas Medical Center. Courtesy photo

Floats sought for 24th annual Forestburg Festival and Parade

The 24th Annual Forestburg Watermelon Festival will be Saturday, Aug. 21. The Parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Forestburg School building.

Trophies will be presented in the following categories: Judges Trophy--Best All Around, Pioneer Families, Riding Clubs, Individual Horse Rider, Floats, Commercial or Business, Antique Automobiles, Antique Farm Equipment, and Miscellaneous.

"Honoring Forestburg Pioneer Families" is the

theme. Participants in the parade should be at the west entrance of the school by 10 a.m. or shortly after to receive identification tags and be aligned. Anyone may participate in the parade; however, to be considered in the judging for a trophy, entry forms must be returned to Charles Edwards, 410 FM 1655, Forestburg, TX 76239 by 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20. Anyone desiring additional information may write to the above address or call 940-964-2289.

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Mr. and Mrs. Victor Koelzer on their wedding day

Victor and Mary Koelzer celebrate Golden Wedding

By Elfreda Fette
Mr. and Mrs. Victor Koelzer celebrated their golden wedding anniversary recently, with a Mass of Thanksgiving in St. Peter's Church of Lindsay, officiated by Father Ron Scheible, OSA, pastor. Victor and Marie Koelzer were married on June 22, 1954 in the same church, with Father Conrad Herda, OSB, pastor, officiating for the Nuptial High Mass. She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Leo Neusch and he is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Pete Koelzer.

They lived in Muenster for 24 years and currently live near Gainesville and Lindsay. Victor was self-employed in well service; then took a job as production foreman for Breck Orp. Company, Inc. of Breckenridge, Texas. Marie worked for Weber Aircraft and Certinteed of Wichita Falls, Texas. They have two children, Kenneth Koelzer and Virginia Stoffels; and two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, all of Lindsay. Victor enjoys and pursues

his hobby of Model A cars and several older cars, restoring them and taking them on tours with the Dallas Model A Club. He is also president of the Wise County Antique Classic Auto Club.

recalling that the bride wore a formal gown of imported chantilly lace over satin with basque bodice, long sleeves and floor length bouffant skirt. She carried pink roses and white stephanotis.

Marie has a kennel and raises small dogs as a hobby.

The anniversary celebration included a dinner at The Wooden Spoon in Lindsay for 50 guests. They enjoyed reminiscing about the wedding 50 years ago,

Attendants were Emma Neusch and Veronica Koelzer, and Wilfred Koelzer and Lawrence Neusch, with Ivan Koelzer and Albert Zimmerer as ushers. After their wedding trip, the couple returned to live in Muenster.

New Arrivals

Becker

From God's hands to Michael and Billie Becker's home, Amelia Jean Becker was brought to Muenster on July 12, 2004. She was born on July 9, weighing 6 lb. 11 oz. and measuring 20 inches long. Her loving grandparents are Werner and Linda Becker, Jim and Connie White, Steve and Dana Sandoval, and great-grandmother Rita Becker. Amelia is named after Linda Becker's mother, Amelia Krebs. Jean comes from Billie's mother's side of the family. She will be the fifth generation to carry the name Jean. She is truly a gift from God.



Amelia Becker

Tuesday, July 13, 2004 at 12:30 p.m. at Medical Center of Lewisville. She weighed 6 lb. 2 oz. and was 17 3/4 inches long. Debra's grandparents are Jack and Debbie Brittain of Corinth, David and Helen Fisher of Muenster, and David and Margie Huchton of Lindsay. Her great grandmothers are Trudy Felderhoff, Dorothy Fisher, and Billy Huchton all of Muenster.



Debra Huchton

Luke

Gregory and Amy Luke of Al Zour (Mina Saud) Kuwait announce the birth of their third child, Matthew Robert Luke, on Thursday, July 15, 2004 at The Women's Hospital of Texas in Houston. He weighed 6 lb. 15 oz. and measured 20 inches in length. His siblings are William and Catherine. Grandparents are Dan and Virginia Caudle of Katy, Texas and the late Dan and Dolores Luke. Great-grandmother is Geraldine Farris of Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Workplace fact

Alcohol and drug abuse cost American businesses about \$100 billion in lost productivity each year.

From ARA Content

Locals attend Catholic Life Insurance Convention

Nearly 800 Catholic Life Insurance members and their families met July 9-10, at the Crowne Plaza Riverwalk in San Antonio, for the fraternal life insurer's 89th convention. Rick Stewart, Valerie Henscheid, Delanne Walterscheid, Pat Knabe, Dan Haverkamp, and Steve Hennigan represented the 981 member Muenster

Branch of Catholic Life Insurance as delegates to the convention.

During the two-day meeting, delegates learned of the organization's accomplishments during the last two years, including the introduction of new products and services, and the increase of assets, reserves, and insurance-in-force to record highs.

Youth encouraged to take babysitters training course

The Texoma Area Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer a final babysitter's training course for the summer on Monday, Aug. 2, at the Red Cross Training Center in Denison. The class will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"During the summer, older siblings may have child care duties involving neighbors or siblings. This class teaches excellent skills for coping with being in-charge," Sharon Watson, Red Cross executive director, said.

The course includes instruction in basic first aid, childcare, age-appropriate play, discipline, and leadership. Suggested participant ages are 11-14. Lunch will be served.

The class offers skills in recognizing and caring for breathing and cardiac emergencies in infants and children, basic childcare, age-appropriate play and discipline, child safety and first aid.

There is a small fee to cover student books and materials. For registration and more information, call the local Red Cross office at (903) 465-1330. In addition to this class, the Red Cross can arrange a custom class for groups of 10 or more.

College News

Texas A&M

Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the 2004 spring semester, recognizing students for outstanding academic performance. Among those recognized were Anne Flusche, who was on the Distinguished Student List. Distinguished Students earn a 3.25 to 3.75 GPR while taking at least 15 hours or 12 hours for first semester students. Anne is working toward her Bachelor of Science degree in Construction Science and Environmental Design in the Architecture Department. Anne is the daughter of Harold and Jeannine Flusche of Muenster.

Texas Woman's University

Texas Woman's University has released its Dean's List for the spring 2004 semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must complete at least nine hours with a minimum grade point average of 3.5, with no failing grade.

Area students included on the Dean's List are: **Muenster** - Jennifer Hoedebeck, kinesiology; Dana Miller, biology; Mary Ann Sheaff, English; Dana Wells, interdisciplinary studies. **Lindsay** - Roger Dieter, English; Katie Eberhart, art; Rachel Lively, English; Amber Schad, sociology. **Forestburg** - Cindy Brewer, mathematics, interdisciplinary studies.

Aquatic exercise sports benefits

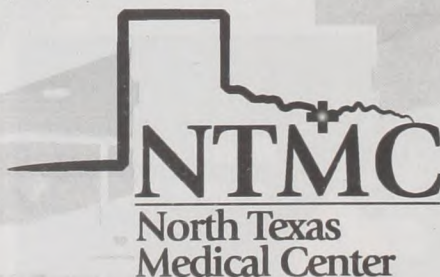
Finally, during a wet workout, the water continually cools the body, making the exercise routine more comfortable and enjoyable. (Experts say the ideal water temperature for an aquatic workout is 80 to 83 degrees).

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MHMRST seeks financial match

Mental Health Mental Retardation Services of Texoma (MHMRST) needs help from the communities in Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson counties to match a \$50,000 challenge grant from the Clara and Aubrey Smith Foundation.

consolidate where possible and gain every efficiency we can. This initiative is very important to individuals, families, and the community at large."

The MHMRST mission is to provide services that improve quality of life and support self-determination for persons with mental and developmental disabilities. Services have been offered in Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson counties since September 1974. These services make it possible for people to stay in the community where they can be productive individuals, living with independence and dignity. Many of these individuals can hold employment and make worthwhile contributions to the community. Persons with mental illness can do well on new medications and live normal lives. Also individuals with mental disabilities can enrich the lives of others. Community inclusion is much less expensive than institutionalization or incarceration. In fiscal year 2002-2003, MHMRST served 4,022 individuals and has improved the quality of life for thousands of individuals through the years. The following testimonials show that MHMRST services are vitally important to the people they serve.

Pat has received services from MHMRST since 1984. She became ill while working on her doctorate degree and struggled without help for over a year. New medications and support services have helped Pat live independently. She says, "MHMRST has made it possible for me to regain my life. I do not know where I would be without their help."

"So far, we have raised about \$8,000 to meet the challenge. We need \$42,000 more to receive the Smith Foundation funds. Procter and Gamble donated \$5,000 to purchase lobby furnishings. We are applying to other local foundations, but we would like to ask the public to join in and contribute. Our Volunteer Services Council is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization. Every contributor will receive a donation letter for income tax purposes," said Paula Cawthon, Community Relations Director.

When John Paul was a newborn, the doctors told his parents he would not live. If he lived, they said he would never be able to do anything. But John was a fighter and has achieved many goals including a high school diploma.

Executive Director, Tony Maddox, states, "This building will help us save at least \$100,000 per year in rent and utilities. The 78th Legislative Session made dramatic cuts in community mental health and mental retardation center budgets. We, like many other human service organizations, recognize the need to

ECI serves children birth to three years of age who have developmental delays. Early intervention is the most effective strategy to enable the child to live as a functional adult and is the most cost-effective time for intervention. Please consider making a donation to the MHMRST to help earn the \$50,000 challenge grant. No donation is too small and every gift will be appreciated. Make checks payable to the Volunteer Services Council designated to the renovation fund and mail to Community Relations, P. O. Box 1087, Sherman, TX 75091-1087.



Joe Bright, owner of Bright Aviation of Texas

Courtesy photo

Bright opens charter flight

Bright Aviation of Texas, Inc. has opened for business at the Gainesville Municipal Airport adding a new dimension of travel to the Cooke County area. It is a single pilot, single aircraft (multi-engine) on-demand air charter service. The Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued an Air Carrier Certificate authorizing this new service. The certificate states: "This certifies that Bright Aviation of Texas, Inc. has met the requirements of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 ... and is hereby authorized to operate as an air carrier and conduct common carriage operations..."

employed by Delta Air Lines as a 737 jet first officer. He is currently furloughed from Delta Air Lines and participates in civic projects.

Genesis of Bright Aviation of Texas, Inc.
When Bright returned to Muenster in 1999, he noticed that since 1975 the number and diversity of businesses increased dramatically and their client base had a greater geographic spread.

In August 2002, Bright began investigating the viability of an air charter operation based at the Gainesville Municipal Airport. He personally visited numerous businesses asking if on-demand air charter transportation was available to them would they use it. The response was enough to justify an effort.

Client Base
Business and leisure travelers who prefer, or whose time demands, convenience, flexibility, and/or privacy in their travel plans will find this option of air transportation very beneficial. Businesses bringing clients to the area can meet their clients at the Gainesville Municipal Airport eliminating hours of wasted travel time to and from the Metroplex. Hospitals can bring in medical expertise for short-term requirements and use the service for recruiting medical professionals. Law offices and courts needing expert witnesses gain the same benefit. Livestock and oil industry businessmen have much greater access to remote areas, saving a tremendous amount of time.

About on-demand air charter
"On-demand" and "air charter" are synonymous and mean just that - "you call, we haul." It provides you the convenience of traveling on your schedule rather than the airlines' schedule and flying to airports much closer to your origination and final ground destination.

The greater the distance to your destination, the more reasonable it is to travel via the airlines. But if you have several places to go in a short period of time, your destination is not a major airline hub, or the airline schedule won't fit your schedule, then charter might be what you need. The cost savings associated with saved time by utilizing charter service can be tremendous. For example, flying time to Wichita, Kansas, Springfield, Missouri, Little Rock, Arkansas, and Houston, Galveston, Odessa, Lubbock and Amarillo, are within two hours. Consider how long it would take to drive to these locations or drive to the Metroplex to fly an airline. By the time you drive from Gainesville to a Metroplex airport, a charter aircraft will have you to any one of those destinations before you have boarded an airline aircraft.

Security and safety

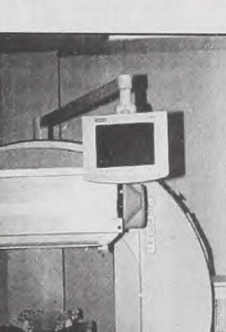
National Air Transportation Association (NATA), of which Bright Aviation is a member, addresses these issues in their publication titled "Chartering an Aircraft". Operators must satisfy FAA rules governing crew rest, physical examinations, and a stringent anti-drug/alcohol program. The FAA enforces very high standards for training, maintenance, and operations. Security and privacy is greatly enhanced because you are in control (you travel with people you know); you decide who is permitted on your flight, the departure time and location, as well as the final destination.

Why choose air charter
NATA suggests the following questions when considering air charter for personal or business use: What is my time worth? Where do I want to go and when? How can others benefit? What are the opportunity costs? What are the intangibles associated with using a charter or business aircraft and what are they worth?

It provides the advantages of you being in control, saved time, convenience, and security while directly accessing thousands of communities the airlines don't access. That means money savings in time and logistics, and more time with a business client or your family. Stress associated with travel is greatly reduced.

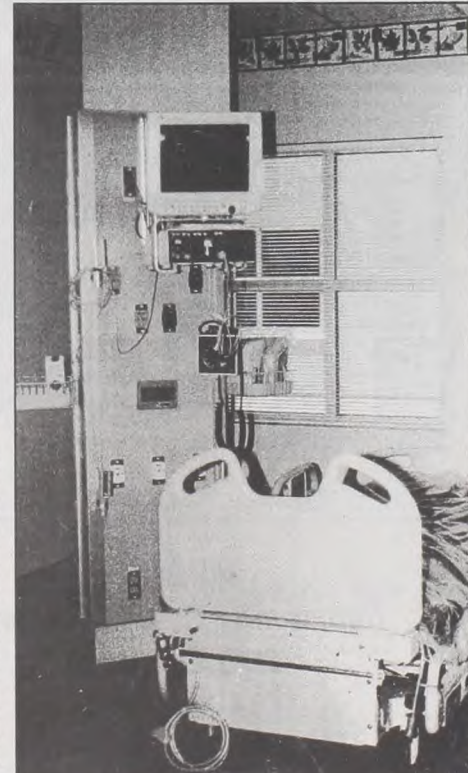
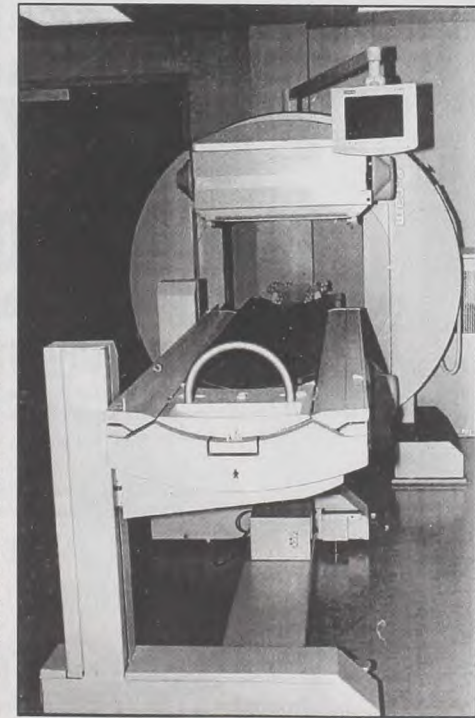
Bright Aviation of Texas, Inc. can be contacted at 940-759-4683, ask for Joseph Bright.

Note: Some of the information contained in this article is from the National Air Transportation Association and is printed with their permission.



NTMC
North Texas Medical Center

North Texas Medical Center hosted a media tour of their new facility Monday before opening the doors to the public. Above, one of the nurses stations; far left - a room in the Intensive Care Unit; below, the Nuclear Scanner; at left, Andy Anderson guides the tour. Janie Hartman photos



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Attending the State F.F.A. Convention were, from left, Michelle Pagel, Dustin Wimmer, Patrick Lutkenhaus, Chris Steelman, Casey McAden, Diana Felderhoff, Crystal Fuhrmann, and Amber Fuhrmann, Not pictured is Mr. Lee Ratliff. Courtesy photo

Muenster FFA attends State Convention in Fort Worth

On Tuesday, July 13, eight FFA members along with their Ag teacher, Mr. Lee Ratliff, loaded in a van and headed to Cowtown for the State FFA Convention. On Wednesday, July 14, the First General Session of the Convention was held. At this time, we heard from David Dewhurst, the Lieutenant Governor of Texas.

We also heard from Dan Miller. He is a polio survivor who told us to never give up on our dreams. When he was 18, he was diagnosed with polio. When he was 10, his goal was to learn to fly and to learn how to play a guitar. After he recovered from polio, Dan could not raise his right arm above his shoulder. Most people who were teaching him to fly and play the guitar gave up on him. Well, he kept trying, and finally he learned how to do both. He played a song for us that he had written, at the end of his speech.

On Wednesday night, it was stars night. The State

Officers honored former members of FFA and presented Senior FFA members with scholarships. At the end of the convention that night, the special concert featured Cross Canadian Ragweed.

On Thursday July 15, we elected the 2004-05 state officers. We heard from 10 soon-to-be Texas state officers. All 10 had four minutes to give a speech about why they would be the best president for next year. After we voted on the

president, the officers handed out more scholarships. That night the FFA hosted a dance with a live band playing songs that the members requested.

The final day of the convention, the president was announced. The new officers adjourned the convention and we headed north, back to Muenster. Mr. Ratliff's prayers were finally answered when we fell asleep on the way home.

Submitted by the Muenster FFA



Dillena Hundt of Muenster was one of 416 students from four states who attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University's 49th Annual Band Camp held July 11-16 on the Weatherford campus. The students auditioned for placement in one of five concert bands and participated in rehearsals as well as a variety of recreational activities.

Courtesy photo

Muenster ISD back to school information

Pre-K through 2nd Grade

Howdy Night for Pre-K through Second Grade will be held on Monday, Aug. 9, from 6 to 7 p.m. This is a great time for parents and students to receive useful information for the upcoming school year.

Grades 3 through 6

Orientation for 3rd through 6th Grades at Muenster Elementary will be held on Saturday, Aug. 7 from 9 to 11 a.m. There will be a brief parent/student meeting with the teachers at 9 a.m. in the auditorium to go over important information and student expectations. Afterwards the students will be able to set up their lockers and get books covered.

Grades 7 through 12

Junior high and high school schedules will be handed out at an assembly beginning at 8 a.m. August 11 in the new gym.

Muenster Bus Route

It's that time of year again! All students who are interested in riding the Muenster ISD school buses, contact Muenster ISD Transportation Department at 940-759-2281 ext. 631. Please contact the office as soon as possible. Leave your name and phone number if no one answers.



Andrea Bonin at Latino Cultural Center gallery sitting on granite sculpture by Texas artist José Moroles. Courtesy photo

Andrea Bonin receives scholarship May 14

Andrea Bonin, a 2004 graduate of Sacred Heart School received a \$2,000 Scholarship from the Ronald McDonald House Charities/Hispanic American Commitment to Educational Resources Scholarship Program. The RMHC/HACER Scholarship program provides financial support to students who are committed to pursuing post-secondary education in their chosen field at an accredited institution. The RMHC/HACER program recognizes young peoples' education accomplishments, their potential and their commitment to serve the community.

Andrea received her scholarship at a luncheon held on May 14 at the

Latino Cultural Center in Dallas. She and 19 other students from North Central Texas were recognized at a scholarship ceremony where Bruno Nechamkin, McDonald's Owner/Operator, warmly welcomed them. Dr. Elba Garcia, Dallas City Council presided as the mistress of ceremonies. The students listened to a powerful and encouraging speech by Alice Rodriguez, keynote speaker and vice-president of Chase Manhattan Bank. She praised the students' accomplishments, encouraging and challenging them to continue to excel in their academic career and in a commitment to their communities.

The students were selected based on academic achievement, financial need, community involvement, and personal qualities and strengths as portrayed in a required essay.



Karen Gehrig

Scholarship awarded to Karen Gehrig

Karen Gehrig of Muenster has been awarded a scholarship by the Two Ten Footwear Foundation. Karen was chosen from more than 600 applicants to this year's program. She will use the award to attend Texas A&M University.

The Two Ten Footwear Foundation Scholarship Program was established in 1969 to provide need-based scholarships to people in the footwear, leather, and allied industries. The program helps students meet the costs of higher education at colleges, vocational-technical school, and nursing programs. Annual awards range from \$200-\$3,000 and may be renewed. Two Ten grants scholarships on the basis of academic achievement, community involvement, personal promise, and financial need.

Karen is a 2004 graduate of Sacred Heart High School and the daughter of Jim and Cindy Gehrig.

For more information about the Scholarship Program, contact Catherine M. Nelson, Scholarship Director, at 1466 Main Street, Waltham, MA, 02451. Applications are now available for the 2005-2006 academic year.

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Sports

The 23rd Annual International ISSA Schuetzenfest date set

It's the 23rd Annual International ISSA Schuetzenfest. The 22 rim fire match is set for August 8-13 in Raton, New Mexico.

Competition includes the rim fire match, shot at 100 yards and the center fire bench and off-hand, both shot at 200 yards. Shooters are allowed 50 shots per match. It's fun and easy to get started, using a .22 single shot (break-open action) with a brick of 22 ammo. Check out website <http://www.issaschuetzen.org> for more information.

Schuetzen is one of the oldest shooting sports in the U.S. The sport was brought over to America by German immigrants as far back as the 1830s and was quite popular around 1900. Shooters of that era competed with familiar name firearms that we know today like Winchester and Remington-Heppburn. Most frequently used single-shots of the era were the 44 1/2 Stevens Farrow and Ballard. The Ballard had it all, an excellent action with a quick lock time, a fine stock and superb accuracy. Pope, Peterson, Scoyen

barrels were the norm. Anti-German sentiment during World War I led to the near death of Schuetzen. After World War II the sport made a slow comeback and by the 1980s it became once again very popular. In the 80s the Coors brewing company revitalized the sport by contributing hundreds of thousands for prizes, awards, and helped construct a shooting range in Raton, New Mexico at the NRA Whittington Center facility.

Schuetzen is a fun, unique, family oriented and relaxing shooting sport. Center-fire is shot with lead bullets that are "breach-seated" (bullet goes in first with a "breach-seating" tool)

then the case follows. Center fire cartridges of choice include 32-40 Winchester, 33-30 Remington, 32 Miller Short (357 Remington Max case necked to 32), 38-55 Winchester, 38-50 Ballard, 25-20 Winchester Center Fire and others.

The purpose of the International Single Shot Association is to encourage participation in the shooting sports and particularly the recreation of shooting single shot rifles with plain base bullets; to promote and encourage competition, sportsmanship, and good fellowship among single shot participants; and to promote public awareness and support of all shooting sports.



Hartman hits hole-in-one

Kenny Hartman added another hole-in-one to his golfing career after dropping one in at Sugar Hill Golf Course in Houston on July 23. Hartman hit the 217 yard, par 3 at hole #14, using a two-iron.

Witnesses were Rhonda Hartman, Willie Johnson, Walter Gunter, Reggi Williams, and Raasaan LeBlanc. Hartman's first hole-in-one was at Turtle Hill Golf Course north of Muenster.



Taking advantage of the Muenster Public Pool are, top photo, Justin Buckalew of Forestburg; Brittany Pike of Myra and Tressa Jones of Muenster race down one of the slides at the pool. Janie Hartman photo

Game Warden Field Notes

Water Rescues

*A Burleson County game warden assisted with the rescue of two women from a house near Caldwell after heavy rainfall created flooding conditions.

*When Comal County Game Warden Kathleen Stuman left her house for work on one recent day, she did not realize that before she came back home, she would have rescued or saved the lives of three people in two separate incidents. The first call came in at about 2 p.m. and consisted of a 13-year-old girl from Alabama who was holding on for her life to a tree in the raging waters of the Guadalupe River below Canyon Lake. The extremely swift water made it too dangerous for tubing. Luckily, she was able to hold on to a tree instead of being swept away. Her mother and sister were able to float to shore. Upon arrival, and after several attempts to rescue the girl with other tubes, Stuman used her throw bag and pulled the scared and cold girl to safety.

*Houston County Game Warden Eddie Lehr was standing on the Marina at Houston County Lake when he noticed two kids swimming approximately 100 yards from shore. It was apparent to Lehr the kids were in trouble. Lehr jumped into his boat, which was moored at the Marina, and as he approached the pair, one of the kids went under. He was able to get both kids (ages 10 and 11) loaded in his boat and safely transported to shore.

*Game Wardens Shane Hohman, Rachel Kellner, Mark Mcqueary, and Bill Hellums were kept busy recently assisting individuals during the recent flooding on the Frio and Nueces rivers. Hohman, accompanied by Warden Steve Backor, rescued 22 individuals on the Frio River in Real County. Using a kayak and an inflatable rescue rig, they retrieved two people out of the top of a cypress tree and 20 others off roof tops and balconies.

*On June 27, Madison County Game Warden Dornell Crist was patrolling rural roads checking on flooding conditions. He

drove up on a car in flood waters. He could not see into the vehicle, so he called out asking if anyone was in the vehicle. A female voice called back, "Yes." He waded through the water that was between knee and waist deep, rescued the stranded female from the stalled vehicle, and carried her to safety.

Illegal Pets

While returning to Johnson County from a PWC accident, a game warden was requested by the local police department to assist in the removal of several snakes from inside a residence. The warden asked the homeowner what kind of snakes they were, and the owner informed him they were African mambas and a two step gaboon viper. The snakes were turned over to the Fort Worth Zoo.

Illegal Fishing Doesn't Pay — May 21, Game Wardens made a sweep on the Angelina River removing all illegal fishing devices. Wardens found several unattended and illegal trotlines and hoop nets.

When boating, leave behind a float plan just in case

Before you go, it is always important to leave some detailed information with a friend, co-worker, or neighbor about your boating trip. That information is extremely helpful for authorities like Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game wardens who might be the ones coming to look for you if you're not back on time.

"The person at home needs to be able to give us a description of the boat, number of people, and where they were planning on going. The first place we check is the boat ramp they departed from to see if their vehicle is still there," said Alfonso Campos, chief of marine enforcement at TPWD.

It may seem like an annoyance when boaters are ready to set out for a day of fun in the sun. But if something goes wrong,

boaters need to be able to be found sooner rather than later.

- Where are you going?**
 *Provide the time and place of departure (ramp).
 *Provide the destination and direction of travel.
 *If you have a cell phone, leave the number.
Who is going with you?
 *List their names.
When are you returning?
 *Allow for delays.

For more information about boating safety laws and boater education classes, visit the Web (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/boat/>).

Realtree Hunting Tips

GETTING TO YOUR STAND

By Myles Keller

Planning how you will get to your stand is just as important as the location of the stand itself. If your route disturbs the normal deer travel or activity in the immediate vicinity of your stand, it won't be very productive.

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The Illinois Bend Cemetery Association will have their annual meeting Aug. 7 at the cemetery. The meeting is always the first Saturday of August. The meeting will begin at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at noon. Much work has been accomplished and the Association has great plans for the future. Anyone interested in the cemetery is welcome, and invited to bring food, a hearty appetite, good will, and good ideas.

Texas' Wild West Days
What promises to be the largest Wild West reenactment Fort Griffin has ever staged, featuring more than 500 re-enactors, will unfold just north of Albany Sept. 17-19.
For three days this fall, buffalo hunters, gunfighters, saloon girls, drovers, gamblers, Indians,

U.S. cavalry, sutlers, and other frontier characters will be among the hundreds of re-enactors that will relive the late 1800s at Fort Griffin State Park & Historic Site and the adjacent Collins Creek Ranch during the "Fort Griffin Frontier Times" event.

The frontier community sprang up at the crossroads of two major cattle trails that converged below a bluff, atop which the U.S. military established a frontier fort in 1867 during the Indian Wars. Frontier legends Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday, Billy the Kid, Sheriff Pat Garrett, and Bat Masterson once walked its streets.
Fort Griffin is located on U.S. Highway 283, 15 miles north of Albany, about an hour's drive from Abilene and three hours' drive from Fort Worth. For more information, call (325) 762-3593.

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To protect yourself, deal with professionals you know. This region has many attorneys, CPAs, and banking officers who would be more accessible to you and have a reputation to maintain here. Not just anyone benefits from the products being sold. There have been many truly bad "living trusts" sold to senior citizens that have not served those people well... not been properly "funded," and the persons not completely counseled by an attorney face to face as to their specific needs. Some of

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AFBF opposes change

Sens. John McCain (R-Ariz.) and Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.) are soon expected to reintroduce a version of their climate-change legislation that was rejected last fall.

The senators plan to offer their legislation as an amendment to the Class Action Fairness Act (S. 2062) that the Senate has already been debating. The amendment would cap carbon emissions at 2000 levels by 2010. That would create limits on fuel use and agricultural and industrial emissions that are unnecessary and too costly, according to the American Farm Bureau Federation.

AFBF President Bob Stallman sent a letter urging all senators to oppose the amendment, particularly because of the impact it could have on farmers' energy costs.

"The Energy Information Administration projects that industrial natural gas prices would increase by 56 percent over the baseline by 2025 as a result of this amendment," Stallman wrote. "The impact to U.S. agriculture through increased fertilizer prices alone is estimated to be \$12.8 billion cumulatively through the year 2025."

Regulation proves costly

The cost of regulation is readily apparent in a new report from USDA's Economic Research Service on investments made by the meat and poultry processing industry to comply with the 1996 Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) regulation.

From 1996 to 2000 the industry has spent an estimated \$380 million annually and made another \$570 million in long-term investments to comply.

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The cost of natural gas makes up about 90 percent of the cost of fertilizer, and the cost has gone up dramatically in recent years as natural gas demand has skyrocketed and few additional sources have been explored. The higher energy and fertilizer costs are already chipping away at farm profits.

"Agriculture is concerned about the cost of this legislation on the production side," said Troy Bredekamp, AFBF energy specialist. "Energy will be more expensive and it will increase the demand on natural gas, which is a cleaner burning fuel."

The amendment would also create a mandate-driven system of trading emission credits. AFBF policy favors a voluntary trading system, such as proposed by the Bush administration in its "Climate VISION" program.

That program would allow farmers to get credit for the carbon-eating properties of their crops.

If Congress passes the amendment, it would also ratify the 1999 Kyoto Treaty that requires developed countries to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. AFBF opposes the treaty because it would restrict agricultural practices and force countries to reduce their fuel consumption.

Also, by exempting several developing countries that are, in fact, strong agricultural competitors, the treaty would put U.S. farmers and ranchers at a disadvantage globally. Farmers in China, India, Indonesia, Chile, Argentina, and Mexico would face far fewer regulatory burdens and production costs than farmers in the United States.

Minimum wage hike to be debated in Senate

Sen. Ted Kennedy, (D-Mass.) may introduce a \$1.85 increase in the minimum wage this week as an amendment to the Class Action Fairness Act (S. 2062). Meanwhile, Senate Republicans could offer their own alternative, a \$1.10 increase along with a package of tax breaks to help businesses pay for the cost of the wage hike.

The current minimum wage of \$5.15 per hour has been in place since 1998.

American Farm Bureau Federation policy opposes any increase in the federal minimum wage, in part because of the impact it could have on the minimum wage paid to agricultural guest workers through the H-2a program. AFBF says there is a direct correlation between an increase in the federal minimum wage and an increase in the Adverse Effect Wage Rate (AEWR), the H-2a minimum wage.

For every \$1 increase in the federal minimum wage, there could be a \$1.18 increase in the AEWR that farmers have to pay their guest workers from other

countries, according to AFBF. That would make it even harder for many farmers to find affordable, legal workers, AFBF said.

The AEWR differs from state to state and from year to year. The average rate nationwide in 2004 is \$8.41 per hour. The rate is based on the average wage paid in a state for a variety of jobs that may differ substantially from the jobs performed by agricultural workers. That tends to inflate the wages farm owners must pay, according to Farm Bureau.

The class action bill that is expected to be the vehicle for the minimum wage amendment may ultimately get so bogged down with controversial amendments that Senate majority leader Bill Frist (R-Tenn.) could pull it from floor consideration. The bill would move jurisdiction over some class action lawsuits from state to federal courts.

AFBF is urging senators to vote against the minimum wage amendment if it is offered.

Audit questions USDA meat recalling system

The Agriculture Department's meat recall system may not be running as smoothly as it should be, said the USDA inspector general's office. According to the audit, "conclusions regarding the effectiveness of food safety recalls may be based on inaccurate or incomplete information."

In the audit, the inspector general's office examined one of the largest recalls in history, the 2002 Wampler Foods recall of 27.4 million pounds of processed deli poultry. The listeria-contaminated meat left eight people dead and 45 others ill. According to the

inspector general's office, there were holes in the records on which USDA's Food Safety Inspection Service based its determination. The office examined 582 effectiveness check forms, and found discrepancies in 389.

"We attributed this high error rate to the careless approach FSIS compliance officers and supervisory personnel took in overseeing the recall," said the report. It cited instances in which officials did not match the amount of product held by a distributor with the amount shipped from the plant.

Agriculture Briefs

The average crude protein for forages include: alfalfa, 18%; wheat hay, 8 - 9 %; milo stubble - 6%; prairie hay, 5 - 8%; corn stover, 5.2%.

Survey says... Slightly more than half of Americans (54%) said they would buy a higher priced U.S.-made product over a cheaper, foreign-made one. 40% would buy the lower-priced products. The under 30 age group - 63% said they never check country of origin.

The U.S. lost about 90% of its export markets after last December's BSE scare. 31% has been recovered, or \$1.2 billion of the \$3.86 billion in 2003 trade.

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Beef groups press USDA for right to test for BSE

According to press reports, a group of cattle producers and processors are pressing the Agriculture Department to allow private testing for bovine spongiform encephalopathy. A spokesman for the group reportedly said a lawsuit is

"definitely an option" if USDA does not meet their demands. Members of the group expressed frustration with the length of time the U.S. government has spent negotiating with Asian countries about the BSE testing issue.

Brazilian farming attractive, but.... proves to be difficult

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Perspective: Farming in the "wild west" of Brazil is attractive to many U.S. farmers, but establishing clear ownership of ground in the country can be exceptionally difficult. Also, before diving into Brazilian production, make sure you've got the ability to transfer money from Brazilian banks out of the country.

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Tuesday, July 27, the Market concluded the sale of 553 Goats, 207 Sheep, and 91 Hogs. The numbers from last week were 355 Goats, 130 Sheep, and 102 Hogs, respectively.

Feeder Steers (per lb.)
 200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.45-1.80; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.15-1.45; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.30-1.50; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.10-1.19; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 1.10-1.30; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.13; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 1.07-1.07; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 1.02-1.16; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-1.02.

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 200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.27-1.48; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.10-1.27; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.20-1.50; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.20; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.13-1.25; Nos. 2 & 3, 95-1.13; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 1.08-1.17; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.08; 1.14; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-1.03; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 93-1.08; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-93.

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 Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2, 1,200-2,050 lbs., 60-76; Slaughter Cows: #1-3, 55-66; Cutter, 30-55.

Stockers (per head)
 Pregnancy-tested, 3 to 9-year-olds - Large Frame: \$750-\$990; Medium Frame: \$550-\$750.
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Barrows & Gilts (per lb.)
 US #1, 230-270: 60-65; US #2, 220-280: 55-60.

Feeder Pigs (per head)
 100-175 lbs. \$60-\$95; 75-90 lbs. \$35-\$35.

Sows (per lb.)
 Feeder, 400 or less: 42-51; Light wt., 500-500: 41-47; Med. wt., 500-600: 42-47.

Bears (per lb.)
 300 lb. up: 03-15; 200-300 lbs.: 15-30; Light wt.: 35-50.

Sheep (per lb.)
 Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs. 60-80; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs. 60-80; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs. 60-70.

Ewes (per lb.)
 Stocker: 45-55; Thin: 20-30; Fat: 40-50.

Bucks (per lb.)
 Thin: 35-45; Fat: 30-40.

Barbados (per head)
 Lambs: \$15-\$40; Ewes: \$35-\$70; Bucks: \$50-\$160.

Goats (per head)
 Kids: 20-35 lbs. \$15-\$40; 35-55 lbs. \$25-\$50; 55-75 lbs. \$40-\$70.

Yearlings (per head)
 75-120 lbs. \$70-\$110.

Nannies (per head)
 Stocker: \$50-\$85; Milk Type: \$30-\$70; Slaughter: Thin: \$20-\$40; Fat: \$50-\$100.

Billies (per head)
 120 lbs up
 Breeders: \$70-\$130; Slaughter: \$60-\$90.

Boer Goats (per head)
 1/2 - Nanny: \$75-\$95; 3/4 - Nanny: \$75-\$120; Full Nanny: \$75-\$150.

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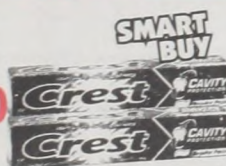
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