

## Congressman Thornberry visits with local constituents

By Scott Wood

U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry stopped in at Rohmer's Restaurant Tuesday just to get to know the people he is expected to represent under the new district alignments taking place.

Thornberry is running for re-election of the 13<sup>th</sup> District, which now includes parts of Cooke County, including Muenster and Gainesville. He was unopposed in the primary elections and with no Democrat on the ticket this fall, is expected to carry the election over his Libertarian counterpart.

The Congressman's record

is strong on defense and national security while remaining a fiscal conservative. Thornberry introduced legislation to establish a homeland security agency six months prior to the September 11th attacks on New York and Washington. He is now chairman of the Homeland Security Subcommittee on Cyber Security, Science and Research and Development. He also sits on the select committee on Homeland Security as well as the Armed Services Committee and the Budget Committee.

His stop over was intended not only as a meet and greet but also to get a

feel for the issues his new constituency deems important.

Not surprisingly, immigration issues topped the areas of concern for the local residents followed by national defense, healthcare, social security, and agriculture.

While Thornberry indicated his belief that the United States has improved control over the borders, much is still left to be done in controlling illegal immigration, especially in terms of the use of technology.

"We are not going to have a guard every three or four feet along our borders with Mexico and Canada," said Thornberry. "We have to use technology to monitor the borders."

Thornberry acknowledged the fact that the border issue is not only about jobs, but also about the extra burden on states and a matter of national security.

The Congressman indicated his support for measures that help immigrants to become a productive part of American culture and society. We need more "patriotic" education to teach immigrants what this country is all about and how to be productive, law abiding and tax paying individuals. He believes that this type of education will help those current immigrants to become part of American society much as the early immigrants from Europe did a century and more ago.

Healthcare was also on

the minds of many residents with issues ranging from the VA system to rural health care accessibility.

Thornberry indicated that although privatization of the VA system was highly unlikely, major changes are needed to bring the quality of care up and improve accessibility of services to veterans.

"I am certainly interested in a major overhaul (of the VA system)," said Thornberry.

Social Security is at the top of the Congressman's list of concerns. According to Thornberry, the baby boomers will begin to retire in 2012 and about "four or five years" later the system will begin paying out more than it takes in. It will only take a few more years until the so-called "trust fund" is used up.

Thornberry indicated that personal control over retirement accounts could be part of the answer. He also indicated his belief that any residuals not used before an individual passes away should be given to heirs.

"I think that when President Bush is reelected, he is going to tackle this problem," said Thornberry. He indicated that as a second term President, reelection issues would not come into play thus making it more likely that the President would be able to get something done on Social Security.

Agriculture is one of the major economic forces in the 13<sup>th</sup> district and cattle

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Congressman Mac Thornberry visits in Muenster Tuesday. Scott Wood photo

## Stormer honored as Distinguished Alumni



Cindy Stormer

Cindy Stormer, local attorney, received the Distinguished Alumni Award at a ceremony at Tarrant County College recently. The award is "in recognition of valuable contributions to the community."

Dr. Larry Darlage, president of the college nominated Stormer for the award. Stormer said, "I was able to see a lot of my old teachers and friends and it was truly an honor to be recognized in this manner."

Stormer won the Republican nomination as candidate for Cooke County District Attorney. She has no opponent and so assumes that office in January 2005.

## Citizens rally for Sheriff's budget

By Janet Felderhoff

Getting Cooke County Commissioners Court to allot more money in the County's 2004-05 budget to hire more patrol deputies seemed to be a priority with a number of the County citizens. They, along with several others, attended the Monday, Aug. 23 Public Hearing for the proposed budget and tax rate to express their opinions on how the County should spend tax dollars.

Cooke County Sheriff Mike Compton was first to express his dissatisfaction with the Sheriff's office budget. He said that when he took office in 1997, he found the Sheriff's office to be in a very understaffed condition. "It appeared to me that the prevalent attitude of a lot of the County residents was, the Sheriff's office won't do anything about the crime so the Commissioners Court should not give them anything." By not increasing staffing at the Sheriff's office, they could not keep up with the requests for service. This only served to perpetuate this attitude, creating a vicious cycle.

Sheriff Compton said that the first year he was able to get the Court to add two investigators, bringing the total to four. Each investigator has a caseload of about 100. That makes it difficult to spend much time on each case.

"It was apparent to me from the beginning that the staffing at the Sheriff's office was inadequate to cover a county of this size," stated the Sheriff. "But my request for personnel always fell on deaf ears." He claimed that the only increase he got in staff after the addition of six jailers as recommended by the Texas Jail Standards Commission was another dispatcher and a receptionist.

With the new way of manufacturing the illegal drug methamphetamine, things really got bad, said the Sheriff. It was driving the agricultural community and the Sheriff's office crazy. He said he was brushed off when he talked to the Court about his Department's needs.

Compton said he brought state and federal authorities into the County and they made some good progress.

The jail was filled, mostly with those committing drug-related crimes.

To follow up this progress, he presented a detailed plan to each member of the Court at his department's budget hearing. It would solve their staffing problems on the patrol and investigative side for some years to come, he said.

"I asked for two more patrol deputies and a car each, a criminal investigative captain to strengthen the investigation division, an assistant jail administrator, and one dispatcher, although we really needed two," said the Sheriff.

Compton said that he could raise the salaries of the other employees. He wondered, "How do you ask an investigator with all of his technical responsibilities to work for approximately 33¢ more than a patrol deputy?"

The Sheriff complained that there was no compromise attempted and no questions asked about what he had requested. He learned that the only salary increases would be five

percent given to all County employees and that his additional help would be the one dispatcher.

As a County official, Compton could grieve his salary, but not those of his employees. "I did just that to bring attention to the conditions at the Sheriff's office. Where do we stand now? We have nearly 120 prisoners being supervised by staff that is the minimum level for 73. We have prisoners in three jails. The vast majority of them are not convicted of a crime. These prisoners have to be shuffled constantly to meet the needs of the courts, prosecutors, and attorneys. It is a logistics nightmare. The strain on the jail staff is unbelievable."

Currently the jail is holding five murderers, gang members from the State School who have assaulted staff there, and many drug abusers. Compton said he worries that the understaffing will cause an escape and that someone might get hurt.

Sheriff Compton said his requests were the result of an honest accurate evaluation, based on experience and training, of an existing condition that needs to be addressed for the best interest of the citizens of Cooke County.

He then asked the Court to give some reconsideration to the personnel areas of his budget and give some attention to the salary issues addressed in it. Sheriff Compton said that it isn't a condition that has been faced just by this Court, but is a condition that has been going for years and years.

County Judge Bill Freeman agreed that the Sheriff needs the personnel and it would be wonderful if he could have them. "The Sheriff's budget has increased from 1997 to \$1.383 million to over \$3 million this year," the judge pointed out. "It's more than

## NCTC regents adopt budget

Official adoption of the 2004-05 budget and setting of the new tax rate topped the agenda at the regular August meeting of the North Central Texas College Board of Regents. The new \$25.3 million budget is up by some \$1.4 million, or six percent, over the current year—and includes an average three percent salary increase for college employees. They did not receive a raise last year.

NCTC regents voted to set the college's 2004 tax rate at 10.029 cents per \$100 of assessed value. This is down by almost a full penny from the current year rate of 11.023 cents, the new rate represents a 1.2 percent increase over the effective rate 9.91 cents, which would have generated the same dollar amount of revenue.

This, according to the Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD), is due to significant growth of the countywide tax base over the past year.

"This tax base growth means that even with the 1.2 percent increase over the effective rate, the new college tax rate will still be lower by nearly a penny," said Heidi Ellis, NCTC vice president of financial services. "And that means less taxes paid to the college by all county property owners whose valuations were not adjusted upward." Ellis said the lower college tax rate also will help many whose valuations did go up. For example, she noted, for a \$100,000 home that was revalued upward to \$110,000, the amount of taxes paid to the college under the new rate will remain about the same.

"Our tax rate continues to be remarkably low considering what we have experienced and training, of an existing condition that needs to be addressed for the best interest of the citizens of Cooke County."

College officials recommended the slight 1.2 percent increase over the effective rate in order to "balance" the 2004-05 maintenance and operation portion of the budget—something that has occurred only once in the past 20 years. "In other words, the new rate will generate revenue sufficient to fully offset the amount of money budgeted this next year for maintaining and operating our physical plant here in Gainesville," Ellis said.

Regent Steve Gaylord cast a dissenting vote on the new

tax rate, commenting that he is "uncomfortable with the allocation of certain items of cost to the maintenance and operation budget," including items he believes should be classified as new construction or cosmetic renovation rather than as facilities maintenance. Regent Dr. Bill Ledbetter also voted against the new rate, making the final vote 5-2, citing campaign pledges he had made to "do whatever he could to hold the line on college taxes."

Dr. Steve Broyles, dean of administrative services, said the college is properly allocating all items of expense contained in the various maintenance and operations budgets, thus giving a full and accurate total of costs that are, as intended, to be covered by tax revenues.

Ellis added that the college, in fact, has long made it a practice to define "maintenance and operation expenditures" much more narrowly than is prescribed by state statute, which allows allocating costs to maintenance and operation for "any lawful purpose other than debt service" and paying for them with property tax revenue.

Dr. Broyles said, however, that college staff takes all concerns of the Board seriously and will be glad to re-examine its practices in regard to maintenance expense allocations. Maintenance and operation accounts for slightly more than \$1.75 million in the new college budget, down by nearly 17% from current year, despite electrical utilities costs going up by 23%.

In a facilities-related item, the regents voted unanimously to authorize additional expenditures of up to \$79,162 to complete construction of a new athletic workout facility on the Gainesville Campus. This figure may or may not be adjusted downward, however, following meetings with city officials to determine whether certain code requirements may be waived.

Dr. Broyles reported that the City of Gainesville has already agreed to cover 40% of the cost of extending a water line to the site. "Whatever that cost may turn out to be, we are here to assure the Board that we intend to see that funds are available to finish this project," said Don Hawkins, president of the NCTC Athletic Boosters, Inc. "I am here tonight to present the college with a check with

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Josef Hesse, visiting from Germany, presented Celine Dittfurth, president of the Muenster Historical Commission, two books from Germany, to be placed in the Muenster Museum. Sister Roberta Hesse made the announcement at the celebration of Teresa Hesse's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration last Sunday. Pictured are, from left, Anna Marie Bayer, T. Hesse, J. Hesse, Sr. Roberta, Margaret Hesse (also from Germany), Dittfurth, and Regina Peis. Dittfurth also presented Hesse with Muenster Centennial History book. A story on Teresa's birthday will appear in next week's paper. Janie Hartman photo

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## Commissioners sanction Oak Ridge petition for election on sale of alcoholic beverages

**By Janet Felderhoff**  
There was a petition delivered to Billie Jean Knight, County tax assessor collector, asking for an election on the legal sale of alcoholic beverages including mixed beverages within the city limits of Oak Ridge. This was because of the expansion of the city limits to make the entire city limits wet.

Knight said that state law requires that 35% of the registered voters for that particular entity sign a petition. There were 30 (out of about 80 registered voters) names submitted and 29 passed. One name was rejected making the petition good. The Court certified the petition.

An election was ordered for the petitioned election for Nov. 2. Judges were appointed for that election. The judge will be Darlene Nelson and the alternate judge Nicole Orsborn.

records on their home computers because they don't have the funds to purchase one specifically for fire department use. He said the volunteer firemen are making great efforts to improve.

Judge Freeman said he would like to see the other County office have first chance at the used equipment. Commissioners Court authorized Fletcher to compile a list of available used equipment, ask for need within the County, and then offer the remaining to County volunteer fire departments.

Jail architect Norris Fletcher gave an update on progress of the new jail. He said his firm is basically at a shut down mode since they are finished with plans and waiting for topography reports and finalization of the land purchase. Judge Freeman said they are about two weeks from closing the property purchase.

Fletcher and Commissioner Virgil Hess met with the County Fire Marshal and learned that a sprinkler system would have to be added to the attic of the jail. This will add an additional cost to the facility.

In other business conducted at their Aug. 23 meeting Cooke County Commissioners:

- Ordered General Election for State and County officers to be held Nov. 2.
- Approved the 2005 Cooke County Appraisal District's budget.
- Approved Cooke County Precinct #1 implementing an Interlocal Agreement with North Central Texas College Beef Evaluation Center for installing two 15"X13" culverts and improving drainage on approximately 1/4 mile of CR 178.
- Approved Southwestern Bell burying a communication line at the Southeast corner of FM 371 and CR 127 heading east on CR 127 for 1199 feet to the site of 364 CR 127 in Precinct #1.
- Approved request by

Kim Fletcher to install a fresh water line across CR 130, approximately 1/2 mile east of FM 678, located in Precinct #1.

- Approved Lake Ray Roberts Planning and Zoning Commission's July 8 meeting minutes.
- Approved Request by Precinct #4 Commissioner Virgil Hess to go out for bids to purchase a used grade-all. Their current one "bit the dust".
- Implemented a 35 mph speed zone on CR 161, extending east from the intersection of FM 678 for the full length of CR 161, located in Precinct #1. Commissioner Young said this was the request of residents of the road.
- Approved a Sheriff's bond for Johnny Edward, jailer.



Texas Department of Transportation representative Don Richardson respectfully receives beautification input from Johnny Rohmer. Johnny Rohmer has passionately taken care of the Main Street "pocket parks" for years. The Keep Muenster Beautiful Main Street beautification project is designed to protect the unique character of the stone gardens that began as part of the beautification project won with the 1986 Governor's Community Achievement Award. Courtesy photo

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Ray Fletcher, Cooke County Emergency Management Coordinator and liaison to the County's volunteer fire departments, suggested that the County donate used computers and file cabinets to the County volunteer fire departments. He said that the County often auctions off old computer equipment for pennies on the dollar and he thinks there is a surplus of filing cabinets that might benefit the fire departments.

Many of the volunteer fire departments keep their

## Leslie Hess dies Aug. 24

Leslie Don Hess, age 31, of Lindsay died Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2004 from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident on Friday, Aug. 20. Funeral service was set for Friday, Aug. 27 at 10 a.m. in St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lindsay. Rosaries were recited at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 26 in St. Peter's Church. The complete obituary will be next week's Muenster Enterprise.

doubled in the last several years."

The Sheriff countered that is because it had been ignored so much in the past.

"Your employees have increased from 33 employees to 48 employees," said Freeman. "The Court has attempted to help."

Judge Freeman said that the problem he was dealing with is that the voters did vote to build a new jail. He and the Sheriff went around the County telling of the need for it, said Judge Freeman. "We're going to have to staff that new jail next year," explained Freeman. "When you add personnel, that money is there from year to year to year. If we add employees this year, I don't know where we'd get the money to staff the new facility."

The Sheriff said he knew the County had about \$8 million in surplus in the budget and he understood that normally a reserve should be about 15%.

Housing prisoners is one of the things that has pushed his budget up, not adding to the police force, he said. "The Cooke County Sheriff's office is the police department for over 20,000 people, patrolling over 800 square miles. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to look at this and recognize this, and it shouldn't have for the last seven or eight years. This problem has existed for a long time."

Judge Freeman said a deputy was added in the 2001-02 budget, a deputy was added in the 1999-2000 budget and two investigators added in the 1997-98 budget. He agreed the staff was needed, but said there is no \$8 million reserve and didn't know

where that figure came from. The reserve has a little over \$2 million in it, he noted.

Treasurer Judy Hunter said the Judge was correct as far as the general fund, there is \$2.8 million, but there are bills from August and September to be paid from that fund.

"The \$8 million is what is in total of the Treasurer's fund. It has other funds in it," said Hunter.

Kenneth Arterbury of Whitesboro stated, "I see the County plans to spend a lot on Courthouse restoration. We need a whole lot more protection out there than we need work on our courthouse right now." He suggested spending the money being assigned for the courthouse restoration on the Sheriff's department.

"Send the \$1.7 million back to Austin," ventured Arterbury. "Let's worry about our citizens out here and not this courthouse. You're fixin' to move out of the jail when you get the building built. Get the courthouse moved over to the jail. Spend some money on fixing that thing up instead of making a storage pile out of it. The jail probably has more square footage than the courthouse does."

Bill Newton of Callisburg accused the Judge and commissioners of having Mrs. Parrish (county auditor) do their work for the last 20 years and that is why they don't understand what is happening to the budget. He said, "To think that we can't give that Sheriff enough money to put a couple of extra deputies on there. I stood right here and said when he only has one deputy at night and he's on the west side, if I have an emergency, there's no way in the world that he can get there in time to help me."

Earl Russell of Gainesville offered his support for Compton and asked the Court to find the money to fund some of the assessments of his needs. He concluded, "This just has to happen and I ask you to please do that."

Wayne Dodson requested that the public hearings be postponed because of an error in the budget posted in the County Clerk's office. He said the Constable Precinct #4 budget showed \$12,500 for conference expense. It should have been \$1,200. The taxpayers had a right to see a correct budget, he said.

Also seeking a change in the County's proposed budget were the three County Extension Agents, Agriculture Agent Wayne Becker, 4-H Agent Phyllis

Griffin, and Family Consumer Sciences Agent Angel Walls. Since the State pays a portion of their salary, they were excluded from the raises given to other County employees last year and were not included in this year's proposed budget salary increases of five percent for all other County employees.

Speaking on their behalf Wayne Becker said perhaps there had been a misunderstanding. "We are County employees," he noted. "The Texas Cooperative Extension is an agreement between U.S.D.A., Texas A&M, and the county commissioner courts of Texas. We are part of the county employees' payroll. We feel like we've been singled out and just skipped over the past years." He said that before the recent restructuring of a few years ago, the counties paid a larger portion of assistant county agents' salaries and a small part of the county agents' salaries. There are no assistant agents since the restructuring.

According to Becker, the only thing that separates them from other county employees is that the State picks up benefits expenses. He said that they didn't request salary increases in their proposed budget because they weren't aware that raises were to be given. They did request that they be treated the same as any other County employees. This was because they had been passed over last year for the four percent increase.

The actual increase for a five percent salary increase is \$44.31 per agent per month. He said that isn't a lot, but over the course of several years, that could add up to a substantial amount, including retirement. Becker pointed out that the positions require Masters degree, which the other two have and he will have soon.

Precinct #2 Commissioner Bill Cox added his support and praise for the agents. Precinct #1 Commissioner Phil Young agreed.

Jackie Zimmerman, a 14-year volunteer parent of the 4-H program, said, "The quality of the program over the time that Phyllis was here and Wayne, and now Angel, has increased in magnitude from retaining five or six high school kids to having 12 apply for the six big slots. From the money that we spend on the Jail, the money that we spend on roads, a 150 bucks a month for this program is what I'm here in support of." She added that the men on the Commissioners Court

were great supporters of the 4-H program. She said the Agents spend 50 and 60 hours a week on their jobs and have pay that is less than a schoolteacher's.

Justice of the Peace Dorothy Lewis, who serves on the 4-H Council, urged Commissioners to grant the \$250 travel increase requested by Griffin. She said it bothered her greatly that the County spends so much money on criminals and the jail, and roads, but had not approved that request. Lewis offered to give her own travel expense for the purpose, if the money couldn't be found elsewhere in the Budget.

"I know how much that 4-H program means to the kids of this County," Lewis stated. "That's the beginning of keeping those kids out of trouble, off the roads, and everything else."

Debbie Sicking agreed, "I believe education is a great deterrent to bad situations and kids need places to go and things to do. My grandfather always said, 'Idle hands are the devil's workshop.' I ask that this Court look into what can be done as deterrents for crime, deterrents for juvenile delinquency, deterrents for truancy. I believe it would be cheaper in the long run than housing the criminals once the acts have been committed."

The Court voted to change the Precinct #4 Constable budget from \$12,500 to \$1,250.

Commissioner Bill Cox suggested addressing the raise for extension agents. Commissioner Jerry Lewis said to give them the same raise as the other employees. This was approved unanimously. The travel expense was also increased from \$2,000 to \$2,250.

Commissioner Young spoke of the need for more deputies to give better coverage of the county. Judge Freeman agreed, but continued to worry about the new jail and its required additional staffing for the 2005-06 budget year.

Commissioner Lewis added, "I know he needs it, but I also know that next year somebody will have a problem year." (This is Lewis' last budget session as he retires at the end of 2004.)

Young said the County is growing in population and more deputies will be needed. He made a motion to amend the Sheriff's budget to add one more deputy at a cost of about \$49,000 a year. The Sheriff said an additional car would be needed for him. Young

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Sunday, August 5, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Yosten family reunion, Noon, City Park	Monday, September 6, 2004 MISD early dismissal 3PM Rummage Sale donations accepted 3-7 PM at Community Center thru Friday NO SCHOOL	Tuesday, September 7, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Child Seat Belt Safety Class ABBA Center 6-7 PM MMH Aux. mtg. 7 PM	Wednesday, September 8, 2004 Master Garden Certification training COE Breakfast mtg. 7:30 AM at Rohmer's Rest.	Thursday, September 9, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, 1-4 PM	Friday, September 10, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4PM AARP Luncheon Mtg. Stanford House 11:30 AM	Saturday, September 11, 2004 Sacred Heart Parish Rummage and Bake Sale 8 AM Community Center	

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# DAYS GONE BY.....

by **Elfreda Fette**

## 65 YEARS AGO Aug. 25, 1939

Cooke County rejects legal beer vote by wide margin. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Endres of Sulphur Springs spend several days here, accompanied by Betty Hartman who had visited them in Sulphur Springs. W.G. Boyles, David Trachta, and Boss Pautler go to Vandalia, Illinois to work in oil field. Isabel Schmitz visits here with her sister Mrs. Jake Horn, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Seyler and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Meurer and families visit in Galveston. Mildred Walterscheid entertains with her accordion at Cooke County Fair. First bale of cotton is brought to Dieter Brothers cotton gin by William Fuhrmann.

## 50 YEARS AGO Aug. 27, 1954

Men In Service: Henry Weinzapfel and Alvin Noggler leave to enter Army; Pvt. Gilbert Bindel finishes basic training; Cpl. Julius Hess receives transfer. Marine Private Meinrad Yosten completes basic training; Pvt. and Mrs. Adam Wolf of Fort Bliss, El Paso visit local relatives.

PFC Charles Neu of Fort Knox, Kentucky visits his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe J. Neu. Bernice Henscheid and Marianne Luke graduate from School of Nursing at St. Paul's Hospital. New Arrivals: Bobby To Mrs. Mrs. Harry Scoggins; Marilyn to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Felderhoff; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. William Hermes. The Vincent Zimmerers and Ray Voths vacation in New Mexico and Arizona and visit the Emmet Fettes.

## 25 YEARS AGO AUG. 24, 1979

Muenster Jaycees host fish fry, with Twilight Run. Beta Kappa of ESA sponsors swim-a-thon. Lindsay's St. Peter's Church is listed in National Register of Historic Places. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Endres have a 10 day vacation in Washington and Canada. Hazel Flusche is honored with surprise birthday party. Wedding: Laurie Hermes and Billy Rohmer. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Fuhrmann and Donna and Richard have trip to Texas A&M University, Houston, and Galveston. Obituary: Raymond Davidson, 80.

# Sacred Heart Parish to hold rummage and bake sale

Sacred Heart Parish to hold Rummage & Bake Sale Saturday, Sept. 11 beginning at 8 a.m. in the Community Center. Proceeds to benefit Sacred Heart School. In order to have a successful sale, they are seeking an abundance of quality items to sell. Chairperson Anna Braziel remarked, "We need your help! What do you have in your home, closets, garage, storage, that you no longer use and that is too good to throw away that you would like see go to a good cause? What do your family and friends have to donate? Tools? Furniture? Appliances? Electronics? Antiques? Collectibles? Equipment?"

For donation pick up, call 759-2511 extension 18 to schedule pick up.

For donation drop off, please bring donations to the Sacred Heart Community Center at 730 N Main, Muenster, between 3 and 7 p.m. from Sept. 6 thru 10; Volunteers are needed from Sept. 6 through Sept. 11.

# Local mail collection times to change

Mail collection times have changed at the Muenster Post Office. Mail will be picked up Monday through Friday at 2:55 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Express Mail cutoff time is now 2:30 p.m. Saturday collection times are 2:55 p.m. and 5 p.m. There are no Sunday collections.

# From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Clar

If my older sister was still with us she would be 97 years old. She passed away in 1991, at 84.

I remember my mother telling me of an incident that took place when Gertrude was between three and four. They then lived on the farm two miles east of Muenster. The Regi Bayers now own and occupy the place.

The nearest neighbors were the Wildes, about 200 yards north and less than a quarter mile west.

Joe (J.B.) Wilde was just a young man at the time, and mother stopped him on the road and told him that Gertrude and their small spotted dog had disappeared, and she was unable to find them. Well, Joe immediately declared himself a posse of one. He assured Mom Gertrude would be all right, and he would find her.

About a half hour later

Joe came to the house, told Mom Gertrude was fine, he had found her, asleep on a mound of washed dirt in the drainage ditch where it left the southeast corner of the Wilde farm. That was all fine, but there was a problem; every time he moved to pick the child up so he could carry her home, the dog stood over her and dared him to touch her.

Mom had to go along down and pick Gertrude up and hand her to Joe, who carried her home.

Well, thanks to Joe, there was a quick and happy ending to this scare. If you read some of my previous tales telling of Joe Wilde's rescues of myself for one, as a small kid, and again when I was grown, you might wonder how have I made it this far. Well, I later worked for J.B. and I must say, over the years our association was always pleasant.

# Letter To The Editor

To the Editor,

The Muenster Historical Commission is encouraged by the number of out-of-town visitors we are having at the Museum, and we would like to share a letter we received from Mr. and Mrs. Don Kucholtz of Grand Prairie who were in Muenster recently:

Aug. 1, 2004

*Muenster Museum,  
Just wanted to thank you for our visit to the Museum. We visited on Friday and the lady working that day was so lovely. We were looking for information on a Reverend. She was so helpful. Enjoyed her sharing the books on the work on the Museum. We really enjoyed our lunch, shopping, and the Museum was the best.*

*Thanks again, Ellen and Don Kucholtz  
If you have not had an opportunity to see the Museum, we encourage you to do so. We are proud of the progress that has been made. Due to the limited number of volunteers, the Museum is open only three afternoons a week.*

The Muenster Historical Commission

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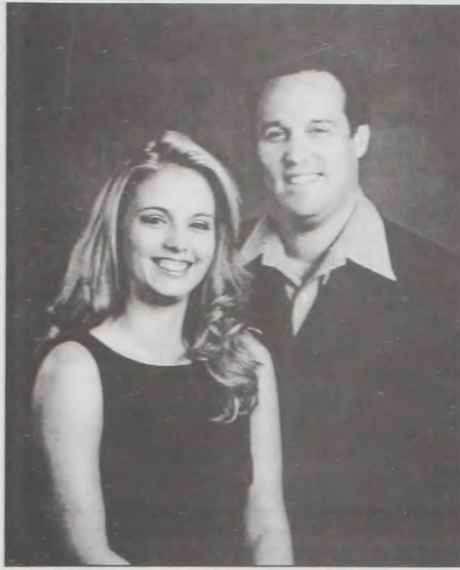
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# Lifestyle



Rachelle Patten and Shayne Wimmer, both of Muenster, have chosen Saturday, Sept. 18, 2004 as their wedding day. They will wed in Sacred Heart Church at 7 p.m. with Father John Ohner, O.S.A., officiating. The bride-elect is the daughter of Katherine Long of Gordonville and the late Elijah Patten and step-daughter of Gary Marshall of Gordonville. She is a graduate of Amarillo ISD and International Business School. The future groom is the son of William and Margie Wimmer of Muenster. He is a graduate of Muenster ISD and the Court Reporting Institute of Dallas. Shayne is a court reporter for LegaLink. Becky Castillo is maid of honor and Mike Gobble will serve as best man.

## In the Service

### Embry

Air Force Airman Michael R. Embry has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field

training exercises, and special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Embry is the son of Ellen R. Conner of Saint Jo. In 2003, the airman graduated from Saint Jo High School.

## Reilly admitted to Harvard

By Elfreda Fette  
Joshua Michael Reilly, known to all his relatives, friends, and classmates as "Josh", son of Mike and Kim Reilly of Algonquin, Illinois and grandson of the proud grandmother, Marcie Klement Pagel of Muenster, has been admitted to Harvard for his continued education in college. He is one of the 1650 applications who have been admitted, out of the 20,000 students who applied. His letter of admission stated that his unusual academic and extracurricular strengths, and exceptional character were strong points considered by the Committee on Admissions.

Josh Reilly is a 2004 June graduate of Harry D. Jacobs High School of Algonquin. "I have motivated myself to achieve the most possible in everything I have done, and everything that I will do," Reilly said. It was this attitude that caught the eye of his English teacher. Josh's steady A+ average, his strong writing skills and creativity solidified his image as a top notch student, said that teacher, who added, "I would rank him in the top one percent of those I have taught in the past 20 years."

Josh has a 4.0 grade point average on a 4.0 ratio, and

ranks one among the 491 seniors in his class. He also ranks strong in the music field, playing in the high school band, the jazz band, the marching band, the honors band, and he led a section of new band members, teaching them to march, to play as they march and to listen to commands. A list of awards and achievements in high school gathered by Josh Reilly includes Valedictorian, National Honor Society, French Honor Society, National Merit Finalist, Daily Herald All-Area Academic Team, Chicago Tribune All-State Academic Team Regional Finalist, Prairie State Achievement

## Health Fair hosted by Cooke County Electric Cooperative

On Wednesday, Aug. 11, Cooke County Electric Cooperative held a health fair for employees, retirees, and insured dependents. The health fair was held to promote medical plan participants to learn more about health care, make smart lifestyle changes, and develop healthy habits. Muenster Memorial Hospital provided the doctors, nurses, and technicians to check height, weight, body mass index, blood pressure, glucose levels, and cholesterol levels.

Texas State Hearing Aid Center performed basic hearing tests. Gainesville Memorial Hospital and Home Health Services, Plaza Home Care,

North Texas Dental Specialists, and the American Red Cross were present as vendors, and each generously offered a door prize drawing. Other vendors present included: Gainesville Home Hospice, Cooke County Health Department, Center for Psychological Development, and River Valley Health and Rehabilitation Center. Muenster Pharmacy, CareMark, and American Cancer Society participated by sending materials to be displayed.

Following the testing, breakfast was served and prizes were awarded. It is hoped that the health fair will promote the good health of all participants.



Muenster Memorial Lab tech Danny Lovelace draws blood from Co-op employee Garry Felderhoff. Courtesy photo

## Calling all Scouts!

There will be a special meeting of the Cub Scouts of Pack 664 at the VFW Hall in Muenster on Tuesday, Aug. 31 at 6 p.m. Boys who want to have fun, excitement, outdoor opportunities, and a chance to participate in a program in which they don't always have to win - with the emphasis on "Do your best" and how to be helpful to others - then the Cub Scouts has just the program they need.

Cub Scouting is a home- and neighborhood-centered program designed to support and encourage quality family involvement for boys in the first through fifth grades. Each Cub Scout learns to respect his home, country, and other people.

The program also helps boys this age to:

- Learn new physical skills through sports, crafts, and games.
- Learn how to get along with others through group activities.
- Develop new mental skills such as writing and calculating.
- Develop personal independence.
- Learn to make values-based decisions that assist them throughout their adult life.

Boys who wish to sign up for Cub Scouting are asked to bring a parent or guardian to the meeting on Aug. 31. For more information on how to join, contact Tina Weinzapfel at 940-759-2707.



Joshua Reilly

## ABBA to sponsor walk for life

ABBA Women's Center has announced their Walk for Life on Saturday, Sept. 25 at the Muenster City Park. The two-mile walk will be from 9 - 11 a.m. Walkers don't have to be there that day to participate. They can walk on their own within a week or so of the walkathon and then mail in the sponsor form.

Walkers will need to find

sponsors. Walkers who get the minimum amount of \$150 in sponsorship will receive a free t-shirt. Walkers aren't required to collect the money. They can turn in the sponsor form and ABBA will collect the money through the mail. For more information, call ABBA Women's Center at 940-668-6391. They are located at 414 Elm Street in Gainesville.

## Riley turns 2 with Elmo

Riley Matthew Stewart, son of Ray and Shirley Stewart, was the center of attention at a party in their home on Friday, Aug. 13, observing his second birthday. With the theme of Elmo, the meal featured hamburgers, hot dogs, birthday cake and ice cream.

Together for the party, with the honoree and his parents and his brother, Logan, were the grandparents Red and Carol Henscheid and Rick and Darlene Stewart all of Muenster, and George and Laura Gould of Denton; and great-grandmother, Evelyn Koesler. Also aunts, uncles, and cousins: Brenda and Jimmy Green, Colby and Tiffany Richey, Steve, Kyla, and Jordan Henscheid; Doris, Butch, Derek, and Dain Schmidkofer; Mike, Kim, and Jacob Hesse; Rhonda, Chance, and Lucas Rhodes, Sabrina and Jaxon Truebenbach; and Doris,



Riley Stewart

Chuck, Tony, and Kristina Koesler. Unable to attend, but sending greetings were Kody Truebenbach and Laura Costillo, Stephanie Henscheid, Randy Rhodes, and Johnny and Florence Rohmer.

## Dane rides into the big 04!

Dane Joseph Huchton, son of Tommy and Dyan Huchton of Lindsay, celebrated his fourth birthday on Sunday, Aug. 1 at his home. His actual birthday is Aug. 3. Dane had a bull riding theme party. Lunch was served and everyone enjoyed hot dogs, sausage and sauerkraut, chips and dips. Dane's cake was a bull-riding arena made by his mother. Presents were opened and pictures were taken. The children all tried to break the horse piñata. Those attending the party were his parents, little brother Dylan and little sister Debra; grandparents

Jack and Debbie Brittan, David and Helen Fisher, and David and Margie Huchton; great-grandmothers Trudy Felderhoff, Dorothy Fisher, and Billye Huchton. Also aunts, uncles, and cousins: Bradley and Brandy Fisher; Rachel, Sophie, and Emma Pentic; Brenda, Shelby, and Grant Simpson; Pat, Tammy, Sabrina, Kyle, and Brad Bezner; Troy, Amy, Ryan and Alyssa Huchton; Jennifer, Dustin, Sadie, and Ashlyn Huchton; Travis, Elizabeth, and Madison Huchton; Hank Huchton, Jenny Huchton, and Calvin Huchton. Also friends Lynn Daily and Margie Almazan; George, Bernice, and Geordan Spaeth.

Dane shared cookies made by his great grandmother Felderhoff

with his friends at Tender Loving Care on his actual birthday.



Dane Huchton

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# 4-H Achievement Banquet shows "Clovers in the Spotlight"

The Cooke County 4-H Achievement Banquet was held Aug. 14 at the K of C Hall in Gainesville with a "Clovers in the Spotlight" theme. There were 92 county 4-H members recognized for their achievements this year, including 17 from Lindsay 4-H and four from Muenster 4-H. The Gold Star was presented by County Court at Law Judge John Morris to Mark Brooks (Woodbine) and Jeff West (Woodbine).

Kevin Lutkenhaus (Lindsay) and Adam Zimmerer (Red River), 2003 Gold Star 4-Hers, were the masters of ceremony. After the dinner, Lisa Zoeller, administrative assistant 4-HYD & IT, presented a "Clovers in the Spotlight" slide show highlighting the 4-Hers. Phyllis Griffin, CEA-4HYD recognized the club managers and praised them for all their hard work.

Janelle Haverkamp, district attorney, recognized the District Recordbook Award winners. Lindsay 4-Hers recognized were Kevin Lutkenhaus, Kelli Reed, Randi Reed, Jeffrey Zimmerer, and Johnathan Zimmerer for their first place district recordbooks. The first place senior recordbooks advanced to State judging.

County commissioners presented all the individual

county awards. Those receiving awards from Lindsay and Muenster were: **Achievement** - Kevin Lutkenhaus (L); **Clothing & Textiles** - Megan Schumacher (L) and Rose Wyrick (L); **Dairy Cattle** - Crystal Fuhrmann (M) and Erin Wyrick (L); **Dairy Judging** - Cletus Fuhrmann (M) and John Wyrick (L); **Entomology** - Abe Fuhrmann (M); **Food & Nutrition** - Amber Fuhrmann (M), Caitlin Huston (L) and Kelly Laux (L); **Home Environment** - Mary Bayer (L); **Performing Arts** - Lucinda Krahl (L) and Kelli Reed (L); **Poultry** - Amelia Wyrick (L) and Ben Wyrick (L); **Public Speaking** - Randi Reed (L); **Rabbit** - Benjamin Zimmerer (L); **Shooting Sports** - Ryan Kendall (L) and Johnathan Zimmerer (L); **Wildlife & Fisheries** - Jeffrey Zimmerer (L).

Justice of the Peace John Roane presented the Outstanding Junior Award to Kelli Reed (L) and Stephen Wallace (Era). Judge Roane also presented the Outstanding Intermediate Award to Kelly Laux (L).

Several scholarships were awarded to 2005 graduates. Mary Wambaugh awarded Extension Education 4-H Scholarships to Randi Reed

(L), Jeffrey Zimmerer (L), Jeff West (W), and Allison Smith (E). The Randal Paclik Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Randi Reed (L) by Rudy Paclik, and the Yeatts & Rosenbaum Scholarship was awarded to Jeff West (W) by Donna Corcoran.

County Judge Bill Freeman presented the "I Dare You" Leadership Award to Johnathan Zimmerer (L), Laura Pitzinger (RR), and Garin Taylor (RR). The Farm Bureau Leadership Award was presented by Rudy Schumacher to Randi Reed (L) and Ryan Zimmerer (RR).

The evening was closed with the 4-H Prayer.



4-H members from Lindsay who were recognized at the Cooke County 4-H Achievement Banquet were (kneeling) Johnathan Zimmerer; (front row) Megan Schumacher, Benjamin Zimmerer, Rose Wyrick; (back row) Erin Wyrick, Kelli Reed, Kelly Laux, Randi Reed, Kevin Lutkenhaus, Jeffrey Zimmerer. Not pictured are John Wyrick, Caitlin Huston, Mary Bayer, Lucinda Krahl, Amelia Wyrick, Ben Wyrick, and Ryan Kendall. Courtesy photo



Rudy Schumacher presented the Farm Bureau Leadership Award to two outstanding senior 4-Hers in the county. They are Randi Reed from Lindsay 4-H and Ryan Zimmerer from Red River 4-H. Courtesy photo



Outstanding Junior 4-Hers received recognition from Justice of the Peace John Roane. They include Stephen Wallace from Era 4-H and Kelli Reed from Lindsay 4-H. Courtesy photo

## Classes offered by ABBA Women's Center

ABBA Women's Center is offering resource classes (in English) at Grand Avenue Baptist Church on Tuesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The classes include: Sept. 7, "Seat Belt Safety for Your Child", given by Gloria Burgen who is a defensive driving instructor; Sept. 14, "Immunizations and Your Child" presented by Tammy Puckett of the WIC Outreach Center; Sept. 21, "Dental and Tooth Care for Your Family" given by Dr. Elaine Schilling of North Texas Dental Office; Sept. 28, "Discipline and Your Child" with Angel Walls of

Texas Cooperative Extension as presenter; and Oct. 5, "Building Self Esteem and Your Child" given by Phyllis Griffin, a Cooke County 4-H leader.

These classes will also be held in Spanish on Tuesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Mount Moriah Iglesia Church at 945 Dixon with the same topics.

Also, every Wednesday an Eat Better to Live Better series will be taught by Dee Dee Martin from Texas Cooperative Extension at ABBA in Spanish from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. and in English from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.



Left to right: Sister Chon Marie Nguen, O.S.B., Victoria Endres, Mary Lin Knabe, Amanda Knabe, Chloe Schneider, Annette Bayer, and Susan Yosten. Courtesy photo

## Destination - Arkansas

Aug. 5 through Aug. 8, Annette Bayer, Mary Lin Knabe, and Susan Yosten, along with Victoria Endres, Amanda Knabe, and Chloe Schneider traveled to Jonesboro and Subiaco, Arkansas. While in Jonesboro they stayed at Holy Angels convent for the Holy Mass of Thanksgiving for the Profession of First Vows of their friend Sister Chon Marie Nguen, O.S.B., on Aug. 6, 2004. Officiating the Mass were Reverend Richard Cleary, O.S.B., Reverend John Marconi, Reverend Gregory Luyet, Reverend Quentin Kathol, and Reverend Paul Nguyen, C.Ss.R., brother of Sister Chon Marie. Also celebrating First Vows was Sister Deborah Coffey, O.S.B.

Following the Mass, a reception was held in the convent dining room. Sister Chon Marie and Sister Deborah enjoyed visiting with family, friends, and fellow Sisters. Photos were also taken. Also attending this celebration from Muenster were Sister Lillian Marie Reiter, O.S.B.

and Sister Jeanette Bayer, O.S.B.

On Saturday morning the group departed Jonesboro and headed toward Subiaco to visit the priests and brothers at Subiaco Abbey. They stayed the night at the Courty House, and enjoyed talking with Father Sebastian, Brother Louis Fuhrmann, and attended Saturday evening Mass celebrated by Father Victor Gillispie, O.S.B., former pastor at Sacred Heart.

A special treat for Chloe Schneider was meeting her cousin Philip Schneider and his wife Rose who live at Subiaco. The children enjoyed an evening of swimming at their home. Sunday morning before they departed for Muenster, Father Nicholas Fuhrmann, O.S.B., gave them a tour of Jewett Hall. This hall houses the priests and brothers and is presently being renovated.

Their trip to Arkansas was very enjoyable. Beautiful scenery, cool weather, and the joy of renewing friendships were all highlights.

## "September 11" patriotic country gospel concert dedicated to military

A special evening of Patriotic and Country Gospel Music on the third anniversary of "9-11", in honor of God and our Nation, will be held at the Gainesville Civic Center, 311 S. Weaver Street, Gainesville, Texas, at 7 p.m. The program, dedicated to the honor of our military serving around the world, will feature good Gospel Music - the roots of our country. The show will be a tribute to America - One Nation Under God.

Concert hosts Mike Culpepper of Mansfield and Mary Fay Jackson of Gainesville invite everyone to come dressed in their "red, white, and blue" to participate in the patriotic spirit of the event.

Entertainers include Justin Todd Herod who is a very talented musician, singer, and songwriter; The Herrin Family, a popular Bluegrass Gospel Group of musicians and vocalists voted Fellowship of Christian Music Association 1999 "Band of the Year"; Tommy Smith, DJ and host of his own radio program aired Sunday mornings on KKUS 104.1-The Ranch; songwriter Gina White; Rosie O'Toole who has produced four CD projects and has performed frequently in the North Texas area; and Gospel soloist Denise Little.


Tickets are \$10 per person at the door. Each ticket purchased will go into a drawing for door prizes.

including a \$100 DOOR PRIZE! Make plans to be present for this very special Patriotic and Country Gospel Music commemoration. Doors of the Gainesville Civic Center open at 6:15 p.m., concert begins at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11. For further information contact Mary Fay Jackson at 1-888-881-MARY (6279) or Mike Culpepper at 817-229-1853.

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The second "H" is for Heart. It can be tough growing up today. To sort out your thoughts, ideas, and feelings, you can talk with 4-H members and leaders about things that are important to you. You'll probably find that other people in 4-H feel the same way you do! In 4-H, you develop relationships with other kids and with caring adults. You'll build friendships and memories that will last a lifetime.

The third "H" is for Hands. In 4-H, you'll do fun things and learn skills you can use for the rest of your

life - on your job, at home, or with your friends. 4-Hers work to improve their communities, share their skills and ideas with others, and get hands-on experience for the future. You'll learn new skills and explore careers that interest you.

The fourth "H" is for Health. 4-H helps you learn to make healthy choices about exercise and eating. Being healthy means feeling good inside and outside, with school, friends, and family. In 4-H, you'll learn how to develop a healthy lifestyle, and you'll find out about the consequences of unhealthy decisions. Your physical and emotional well-being are important, and in 4-H you can achieve your fullest potential!

A "Welcome to 4-H" party will be held Sunday, Aug. 29 from 3-5 p.m. at the Cooke County Fairgrounds. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn more about Cooke County 4-H and what it has to offer!


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## Lunch Menus

### WEEK OF AUG. 30 - SEPT. 3

**MÜNSTER ISD**  
 Mon. - Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, beans, brownies w/walnuts, pears.  
 Tues. - Steak fingers, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, peaches, hot rolls.  
 Wed. - Pork rib patty, cheesy potatoes, black-eyed peas, apples, garlic biscuits.  
 Thurs. - Chicken tenders, creamed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, pineapple, hot rolls.  
 Fri. - Hamburgers w/cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, French fries, applesauce, ice cream.

**SACRED HEART**  
 Mon. - Cook's choice.  
 Tues. - Beef lasagna,

green beans, garlic bread, pears.  
 Wed. - Oven fried chicken, potatoes, gravy, corn, pudding cups, bread.  
 Thurs. - Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, peaches, crackers.  
 Fri. - No School.

**LINDSAY ISD**  
 Mon. - Crisptos, cheese sticks, pinto beans, Spanish rice, mixed fruit, bread.  
 Tues. - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, coleslaw, peaches, bread.  
 Wed. - Fiesta salad, corn, fresh fruit, chocolate cake, bread.  
 Thurs. - Lasagna, broccoli/carrots/cauliflower, lettuce salad, pears, bread.  
 Fri. - Hamburger

w/trimmings, oven fries, ice cream.

**ERA ISD**  
 Mon. - Chicken crisposito, corn, tossed salad, strawberry applesauce, chocolate chip cookie.  
 Tues. - Chicken fried steak or barbecue wieners, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, sliced pears, hot roll.  
 Wed. - Lasagna or fish sticks, green beans, tossed salad, sliced peaches, breadstick.  
 Thurs. - Baked potato w/ground beef, shredded cheese, tossed salad, fruit mix, cinnamon roll.  
 Fri. - Barbecue sandwich, tator tots, fresh apple, ice cream.

### School Safety Tips

Now that school has started, the Muenster VFW and Auxiliary would like to offer some school safety tips.

1. All cars **must stop** behind buses with **flashing red lights** when loading or unloading.
2. Obey all speed limits. Remember, speed limits are lower during school hours. They are reduced for everyone's safety.
3. Use pedestrian walkways when crossing street intersections - **Not** the middle of the street. Remember, pedestrians have the right of way.
4. Don't run behind vehicles - drivers cannot see you!
5. Stop and look **both** ways before crossing.
6. Cross on green lights only!
7. Walk bicycles across main intersections!
8. Walking with friends is always a good idea.
9. Don't accept rides from strangers. Just say "No" if anyone offers you a ride, then run to a safe house or group of friends. Tell mom, dad, a teacher, or the authorities as soon as possible.
10. Don't walk home during a lightning storm.
11. Have your parents walk your school route with you beforehand.
12. Don't leave with anyone (even if you know them) without calling parents first.

Above all, we urge caution! caution! caution! And watch out for the other guy!!

## New ACT website launched

ACT recently launched [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org), a new website for students taking the college admissions exam. The new site features information that changes according to the needs the student has during the school year.

ACT has organized the material on the website based on experience with students' website visits and knowledge of the questions they ask ACT staff. The information will change, anticipating students' needs as they register for the test, prepare for the test, and use the test scores after taking the test.

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## Students can grow into a good career through NCTC horticulture program

Persons interested in growing themselves into a high-demand career field can do so by learning to grow plants and flowers, thanks to a new certificate program in horticulture management starting up this fall at North Central Texas College.

"The job prospects in horticulture related businesses in the northern Texas region are virtually unlimited for people with good training," said T.J. Davidson, chairman of NCTC's Department of Agriculture, through which the new program will be offered.

Starting this fall semester, Davidson said, students can begin the 36-credit-hour program by enrolling in up to five of the total 11 individual courses required for the one-year certificate of completion. These fall courses include a general agriculture industry survey course, as well as courses in plant propagation, horticulture, environmental agriculture, and greenhouse/garden center management.

In the spring, courses will be offered in soil science, landscaping, landscape computer design, greenhouse crop production and turf installation, and management. "This turf class will include training in the installation and maintenance of sprinkler systems," Davidson pointed out. "This is a particularly good area of opportunity for trained professionals in our area, both in residential and commercial applications."

Following completion of the core courses during the fall and spring terms, students will complete the program with a summer internship or on-the-job learning experience in a commercial horticulture or landscape-related setting.

Davidson said that persons equipped with the training they will acquire in this program can pursue employment opportunities in a wide range of businesses ranging from nurseries and retail or wholesale garden centers to commercial greenhouses and landscaping companies. "Many graduates may be interested in preparing

themselves to open their own landscaping or other business," Davidson said. "This program will certainly give them the good, broad-based foundation of knowledge and skills they'll need to do that."

Principal instructor for the program will be Ashley Hartman, who earned her Masters in Horticulture from Texas A&M. For three years, she worked as a research associate at the University and taught undergraduate classes there in horticulture. Hartman has also been a state FFA horticulture contest coordinator and was chosen to serve an internship at Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Georgia, one of the most competitive and highly regarded horticulture intern programs in the nation. She was an active member of the Aggie Master Gardeners and holds

membership in the American Society for Horticultural Sciences.

Students in the program will use the recently opened Elnora Smith Greenhouse and adjacent horticulture facility at the NCTC Gainesville Campus heavily. "Having this great new facility in place was a key factor enabling us to develop and offer this program in horticulture management," Davidson said. "We are so very grateful to David and Elnora Smith and to all the generous donors who made this facility possible." Persons wishing to learn more about the new horticulture management certificate program at North Central Texas College may contact T.J. Davidson at 940-668-4217, or they may e-mail him at [tdavidson@nctc.edu](mailto:tdavidson@nctc.edu)

## NCTC to offer GED prep class

Persons seeking a General Equivalency Diploma (GED) can increase their confidence and improve their chances of scoring well by enrolling in a special GED preparation course to be offered by North Central Texas College. Classes will be taught from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Sept. 14 to Dec. 9 at the Gainesville Campus.

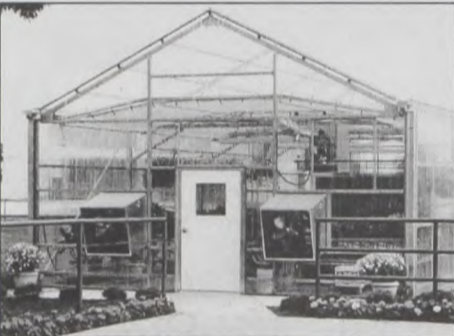
The cost of enrolling in the class is \$30, and it is open to both new students and those who may be continuing their quest to master the GED basic skills exam. Those taking the class normally must be at least age 18, but it is possible for 17-year-olds to enroll if they have written parent or guardian permission and official documentation of withdrawal from the last school attended.

Students in the class will concentrate on an individualized study of upper level reading, writing,

and mathematics to prepare for the GED exams pertaining to social studies. "This is an open enrollment course, allowing students to begin skill upgrade at any time during the semester," noted Djuna Forrester, director of NCTC's Division of Lifelong Learning. "They are encouraged to attend as frequently as possible, but they will not be expelled from the class due to absence as is the case with some other programs in the region." In addition, Forrester said, students are required to work only on those subject proficiencies required to master the GED exam, and they may enroll in this course every semester until prepared to tackle the exam.

To enroll in this course or for more information, call 940-668-4272 or visit the Lifelong Learning office in Room 350 on the NCTC Gainesville Campus.

Submitted by Rodger Boyce of NCTC



**HORTICULTURE LAB** - The recently opened Elnora Smith Greenhouse and adjacent horticulture laboratory and classroom facility on the NCTC Gainesville Campus will be the headquarters for the college's new horticulture management program set to begin this fall semester. Five courses will be offered this fall, and college officials say there is still time to get enrolled. Courtesy photo

## The art of growing things

### August Calendar for Gardeners

By Wayne Becker, CEA-ANR

Even though it is the hot "dog days of summer" there are still things that need to be done in the garden before fall is upon us.

\*Caladiums require plenty of water at this time of year if they are to remain lush and active until fall. Fertilize with 21-0-0 at the rate of one-third to one-half pound per 100 square feet of bed area, and water thoroughly.

\*Prune out dead or diseased wood from trees and shrubs. Hold off on major pruning from now until midwinter. Severe pruning at this time will only stimulate tender new growth prior to frost.

\*Sow seeds of snapdragons, dianthus, pansies, calendulas, and other cool-season flowers in flats, or in well-prepared areas of the garden, for planting outside during mid-to-late fall.

\*Plant bluebonnet and other spring wildflowers. They must germinate in late summer or early fall, develop good root systems, and be ready to grow in spring when the weather warms. Plant seed in well-prepared soil, one-half inch deep, and water thoroughly. Picking flowers frequently encourages most annuals and perennials to flower even more abundantly.

\*It is time to divide spring-flowering perennials, such as iris, Shasta daisy, oxeye, gaillardia, cannas, day lilies, violets, liriopse, and ajuga.

\*Make your selections and place orders for spring-flowering bulbs now so that they will arrive in time for planting in October and November.

\*Don't allow plants with green fruit or berries to suffer from lack of moisture.

\*A late-summer pruning of rosebushes can be beneficial. Prune out dead canes and any weak, brushy growth. Cut back tall, vigorous bushes to about 30 inches. After pruning, apply fertilizer, and water thoroughly. If a preventive disease-control program has been maintained, your rose bushes should be ready to provide an excellent crop of flowers this fall.

\*It is not too late to set out another planting of many warm-season annuals, such as marigolds, zinnias, and periwinkles. They will require extra attention for the first few weeks, but should provide color during late September, October, and November.

\*Establish a new compost pile to accommodate the fall leaf accumulation.

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# Sports

## Hornets open against Panthers

The Muenster Hornets traveled to Aubrey Thursday (Aug. 26), challenged by the Bells Panthers of District 15AA. "They're a good size, real tough, but we don't know much about them," Muenster Coach Monte Endres said. The Panthers' strength should be their offensive line, but they have only one experienced running back. Last year Bells allowed only 143 points in their 5-5 season. Their defense is led by Jacob Orr and Brad Williams.

Muenster has 40 players on the team, with nine seniors. Coach Endres noted that the scrimmage went well. The first was a typically first scrimmage

with the Hornets looking rusty. "We looked better at Aubrey. The boys executed well and I can't wait to get the games started," said Endres. Muenster will start the season without Chase Cain, who is presently sidelined after surgery.

The Hornets' strength is that all the backs and receivers returned from last year's District Championship team. Their weakness - the linemen, with six starters to replace on defense. "The lines have to prove they can do the job."

Hornet seniors are Chase Cain (#6), Derek Felderhoff (#7), Clint Miller (#16), Sean Fuhrmann (#25), Daniel McGrew (#50), Justin Wolf (#51), Matthew

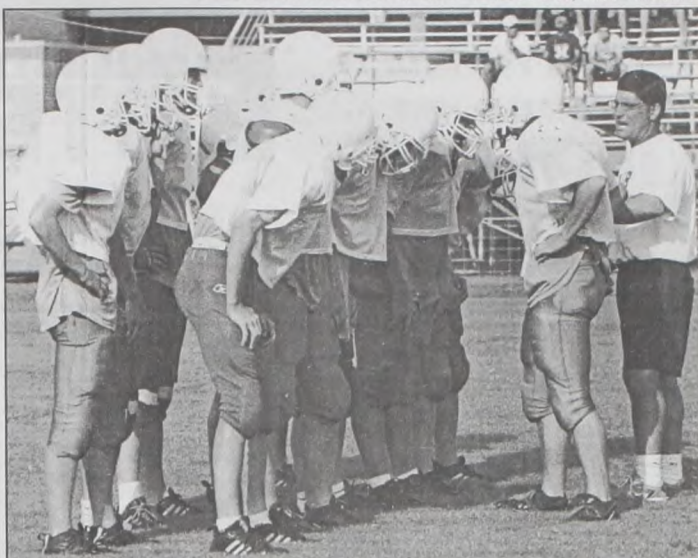
Yosten (#66), Dustin Felderhoff (#72), and John Fredrick (#88).

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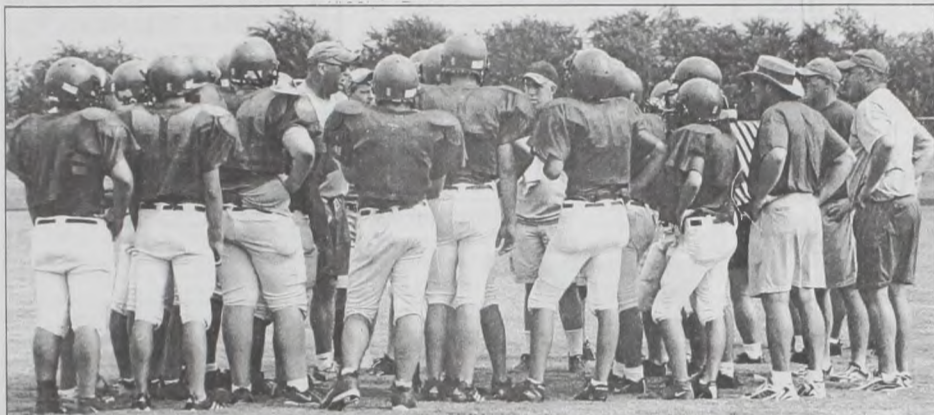
#### Hornet Fans

The start of the Muenster Hornets' Thursday (Aug. 26) game with the Bells Panthers was changed to 8 p.m. at Aubrey. There is a \$2 parking fee and a \$4 admittance charge to get into the stadium.

Also - pre game ticket sales will be available for all remaining Hornet games.



Sacred Heart Coach Charles Boles on the field with the Tigers during a scrimmage. Janie Hartman photo



Hornet Coach Monte Endres, surrounded by Muenster players and coaching staff, take a break from scrimmage.

## Tigers take on Hornets

The Sacred Heart Tigers tangled with the Hornets of Era Thursday (Aug. 26) in the season's opening game.

Era returned most of their starters, and under a new head coach changed their playing technique from last year. "They look like a very good team," commented Sacred Heart Coach Charles Boles earlier in the week. "They'll be tough to beat, nothing like last year." Last season the Tigers trampled Era 53-6. Era finished the year 2-8.

The Hornets are led offensively by Billy Kyle Johnson, "one of the best running backs in the area," and have senior leadership at nearly every position.

The Tigers start the season with 20 players, including five letterman

seniors. "We played extremely well in both scrimmages," said Coach Boles, noting that the Tiger defense shined and the offense was sharp. "We are where we need to be for this time of the year, a little banged up, but ready to play."

Coach Boles noted that the Tigers' strength is their experience, coming off a play-off season. Also, their skill positions are back on offense. Their weakness - tackling. "We missed a lot of tackles in both scrimmages. We'll have to get better if we want to be champions."

The Tiger seniors are Chris Hoedebeck (#2), Paul T. Bartsch (#10), Andy Davis (#50), Clayton Truelsen (#72), and Stephen LaChance (#89).

## Tomcats come to Lindsay

The Tom Bean Tomcats, District 15AA 2003 Area Finalist, will invade Knight Field this Friday night in Lindsay's opening game.

"Tom Bean is a top ranked 2-A school," said Lindsay Coach John Erwin. "This will be a good challenge to see how tough we can get." The Cats lost their top rusher from last year's 11-1 season, but the Al-Khatib boys are ready to take charge of the backfield. They also have two All-State players and three All-District returnees.

"They have more speed, they'll be super tough," Erwin noted. "On the offensive side, they are big. If we can play close with this team, I'll feel really good with our chances to make the playoffs."

"Offensively we are finally coming around," the coach

added, "With a new quarterback, things are a little different from last year, but it's starting to look good." Erwin was disappointed in the Knight defense in their first scrimmage, but by the second scrimmage, the defense was playing like he expected, with nine starters returning. The Knights' weakness is their overall size. Their strength is their depth. "We finally got enough people, as long as everyone stays healthy," added Erwin.

Of the Knights' 48 players, 15 are seniors. They are: Ryan Dickerson (#7), Bradley Anderle (#14), Jonathan Rohmer (#20), Garrett Alfrey (#21), Trinity Otto (#44), Garrett Jones (#50), Brian Howard (#54), Scott Neu (#62), Ryan Zimmerer (#66), Jacob

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The Knights offensive blockers keep the visiting players from the Lindsay ball carrier for a good scrimmage run. Janie Hartman photo

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BASE BID: 18.4 Acres Clearing and Grubbing; 35 Acres Sprigging; 257,806 C.Y. Excavation, Unclassified; 894,400 C.Y. Earthfill; 18,887 C.Y. Drainfill; 55,635 S.Y. Topsoiling; 708.8 C.Y. Concrete; 70,886 Lbs. Reinforcing Steel; 982 Feet Concrete Pressure Pipe; 1,205 L.F. PVC 6 inch plastic pipe; 528 Ton Rock Riprap; 400 S.Y. Geotextile, Structure Removal, Pollution Control; Removal of Water; Diversions; Water Control Gates, Fencing, Contractor Quality Control and Construction Surveys. The solicitation will also include OPTION BID ITEMS (quantities are approximate). 6002 C.Y. Concrete; 9,071 Lbs. Reinforcing Steel; 1 Job CSP Drain; 24,272 Ton Rock Riprap; 23,600 S.Y. Geotextile; 3 Ea. Water Control Gates 3' x 3'; 1 Job Catwalk; Metalwork and Barbed Wire Fencing.  
One award for the aggregate for all bid items (Base Bid plus selected Option Bid Items) will be made. Performance time for the Base Bid is 499 calendar days. Additional performance time for Option Bid Items will be stated in the IFB. MWD has the right to accept or reject any and all bids. A 5-percent bid guarantee is required. The successful bidder will be required to furnish performance and payment bonds.  
IFB NO. MWD-EF19I-2004-02 documents will be available beginning August 30, 2004, and may be requested from Muenster City Hall, 400 North Main Street, Muenster, Texas 76252 (Attn: Micallee Matson) or may be picked up at this address (phone 940-759-2236; FAX 940-759-2250). There is no charge for these documents to prospective bidders. Others may purchase a copy by contacting Micallee Matson at the address above or establish a time to view the documents at the same location.  
Bids will be received at the above address until 10:00 a.m. local time, Tuesday, September 21, 2004. A pre-bid conference and site showing will be held at 9:00 a.m. local time on Thursday, September 9, 2004 beginning at the Muenster City Hall.

## Congressman

make up the majority of the activity. A local rancher inquired about beef exports and was told that help with the export markets could soon be on the way.  
According to Thornberry, beef export markets may soon open up in the Far East with Japan, Korea and others making positive moves. Markets in Europe, however, remain restricted with little apparent change on the horizon.  
The animal ID project could play a role. The Congressman indicated that tracking could help to open export markets but must be watched closely so that the bureaucrats don't create a high cost, overly burdensome system.  
Joe Bright brought up a local concern over the Muenster Lake. He indicated that the project has taken 30 years and is still not finished. With cost rising, he asked if there was anything that could be done to fully fund the project, indicating that he and many others would be very appreciative.  
Thornberry indicated that Muenster is not alone in this problem, as water rights have become a significant issue around Texas and the entire nation. He indicated that another town in the district has been working on their project for over 40 years.  
While help from Washington may be slow at best, Thornberry said he would "look into" the project.  
Having voiced his concerns in a private meeting earlier, Cooke County Judge Bill Freeman took time to praise the Congressman for his work on the homeland security committee.  
Freeman said Cooke County has already received over \$200,000 to improve communication for first responders and police departments.  
Congressman Thornberry ended by thanking those present for voicing their views on the issues and reminding everyone that his office in Wichita Falls is ready and waiting to help constituents at all times.  
**Cleaning tips**  
Get organized: Fill a bucket or tote with cleaning supplies to carry from room to room. You will need: clothes, paper towels, furniture polish, an all-purpose glass and counter cleaner and two garbage bags.  
From ARA Content

## Tornado safety

Portable buildings or classrooms, even if tied down, are poor shelters from tornadoes and should be abandoned.  
Hawkins told the Board of Regents that the Boosters Club, which had already made a donation of \$30,000 toward the building's construction, is prepared to contribute additional funds up to \$35,000 to see that it is completed. Primarily the Club's annual Danny Darwin Celebrity Open Golf Tournament will generate the funds. Hawkins' announcement was greeted with applause and cheers from the approximately 50 guests in the audience.  
"We are so grateful to the Boosters for their incredibly generous support," said Dr. Eddie Hadlock, interim president. "They have already done so much for NCTC athletics, including raising well over \$350,000 to fund endowed scholarships as well as helping pay for needed facilities and equipment."  
The balance of the funds needed to finish the athletic workout building were offset by lapsed salaries and other fund balances made possible by cost-cutting and deferral of purchases from the various athletics budgets.  
The Regents voted against proceeding with completion of final architectural plans and drawings for the proposed Henry Spaeth Agricultural and Equine Center, a project put on indefinite hold last month. A majority of regents felt it would be wiser to wait until the project is reactivated, due to possible code issues and other variables that could cause the plans to be redrawn anyway at a later time.  
Turning to personnel matters, the NCTC governing board accepted Administration recommendations to extend employment contracts to: Keya Gayden, temporary full-time assignment as associate dean of instruction and assistant to the president; Brenda Ware, ADN nursing program instructor; Judith Rodgers, surgical technology program coordinator;  
Jeff Weber, farm and ranch management instructor; Aleasha Ricketson, equine science instructor; Mark Allen, assistant baseball coach and physical education instructor; Ann Norcross, psychology instructor; and Bryanna Hill, assistant softball coach and physical education instructor.

## NCTC Budget

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In other business, the Regents:  
• Tabled consideration of an offer to lease Corinth Campus property mineral rights.  
• Voted to make arrangements to hold future board meetings in the Board Conference Room, with an audio and video feed of the proceedings set up in the Faculty Lounge across the hall to accommodate visitor overflow.  
Once the new Performing Arts Center is open for use, hopefully in mid-March, board meetings may be moved back to the Little Theater when necessary without displacing NCTC Monday Night Jazz Band classes and rehearsals.  
• Set Sept. 23 at 9 a.m. as the time and date for a system-wide tour of campus facilities by members of the Board.  
• Awarded hay and feed bids for the NCTC Equine Center and Beef Cattle Evaluation Center to Bluestem Environmental Technologies of Pilot Point; Muenster Milling Co. of Muenster; and Barnes Brothers Feed Store of Gainesville.  
Submitted by Roger Boyce of NCTC



# Farm & Ranch

## County Agent's Report

Wayne Becker  
CEA - AG/NR

### Program is expanded

The Conservation Reserve Program is being expanded with two new initiatives for northern bobwhite quail and wetlands restoration. In addition, early re-enrollment and contract extensions are being offered for acres that begin expiring in 2007.

The goal is to bring the full enrollment of CRP up to 39.2 million acres. CRP participants voluntarily remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production by

entering into long-term contracts for 10 to 15 years. In exchange, participants receive annual rental payments and a payment of up to 50 percent of the cost of establishing conservation practices.

General sign-up for CRP will begin Aug. 30 and run through Sept. 24. The bobwhite quail initiative will create 250,000 acres of habitat for the valuable birds. Initially, enrollment is being targeted to the Midwest and Southeast,

which have the greatest potential to restore bobwhite quail habitat. The other initiative will create 250,000 acres of wetlands and play lakes in non-floodplain areas. This is vital habitat for species such as upland ducks, pheasants, and sandhill crane.

Program sign-up for both new initiatives will begin Oct. 1 at Local Farm Service Agency offices and will run on a continuous basis until the total acreage has been enrolled or Dec. 31, 2007, whichever comes first.

For more information, contact your local FSA office or log on to FSA's Web site at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

—Farm Service Agency

### Export subsidies to be eliminated

The WTO has agreed to eliminate export subsidies, an important step in completing the framework for revamping rules for global trade. Talks among the 147 members of the World Trade Organization fell part last year, primarily over the \$300 billion in agriculture subsidies given to producers in the world's wealthiest nations.

Since then, the European Union has announced that it is eliminating its \$3 billion in export subsidies. During the recent talks in Geneva, the United States agreed to make a 20 percent cut in some of the \$19 billion in subsidies it pays each year. The World Bank, the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund, and numerous private charities all consider subsidies one of the worst injustices in the global economic system. They say subsidies allow rich countries to flood the global market with inexpensive food and commodities that make it impossible for largely rural, poor countries to trade their way out of poverty, much less improve the livelihoods of their own producers.

Richard Fritz, trade development vice president

for the U.S. Meat Export Federation, said, "This agreement sets the framework for additional market access for U.S. beef and beef variety meats." The next step is to agree upon how fast and how far to reduce tariffs. Many of these details will be worked out during negotiations in 2005, and an agreement could be operational as soon as 2006.

—The New York Times

### Physicians learn about beef and weight loss

More than 350 physicians attended the Texas Academy of Family Physicians annual meeting July 17 in Houston to study how lean beef fits a weight loss program. Dr. Tim Gorksi from Arlington, and Shalene McNeill from the Texas Beef Council presented the seminar entitled "Find the Right Weight Loss Program for Your Patients." Landmark research recently showed that a moderately high protein diet that includes foods such as lean beef may be the best plan for losing weight.

### TB testing deadline extended

USDA has decided it will continue funding for testing Texas cattle herds for TB through the end of 2004.

The Texas Animal Health Commission receives funding from USDA to pay qualified private accredited veterinarians to test herds. Initially, the funding agreement was slated to end Aug. 31, 2004, but USDA is granting the extension so producers can work cattle in cooler weather.

Under the Texas TB Plan developed in 2002 to regain the state's TB-free status, at least 2,400 of Texas' beef seedstock herds and all 800+ dairies must be tested.

As of Aug. 1, more than 700 dairies had been tested; TB infection was found in one herd in Hamilton County. However, only 250 beef herds had been tested. Producers will not have the freedom to move breeding cattle interstate without a TB test or move feeder cattle interstate without a test and/or official identification.

Call TAHC at 1 (800) 550-8242 for a list of qualified practitioners.

### New Variety of Aphid found in County

Asian Hackberry woolly aphids first appeared in Florida in 1997 and have now made their way across the Southern United States. This aphid is a pest because its copious honeydew excretions create a sticky mess and promote the growth of blackish sooty mold on surfaces beneath infested trees. These aphids secrete pale bluish or white wax over their bodies and appear as fuzzy blobs on leaves, each about 1/10 inch or less in diameter. This waxy covering usually obscures the insect's gray, green, or yellow body. Winged forms have distinct black borders along the forewing veins. Their antennae have alternating dark and light bands.

Hackberry woolly aphid adults, either winged or wingless, give live birth to young aphids during most of the season when hackberry leaves are present. Spring and summer adults are all reproductive females. In fall, winged males are produced, aphids mate, and females lay eggs that over winter on branch terminals. Eggs hatch in spring after hackberries produce leaves. The insect has many generations per year, so aphids can be very abundant by summer. This species of aphids appear to only occur only on hackberry trees.

No long-term or serious damage to hackberry trees has been found after several years of infestations by this aphid in the southeastern United States.

Therefore, insecticides apparently are not warranted to protect the health or survival of infested hackberry but may be justified when honeydew excretions are intolerable to people.

Excess nitrogen has been shown to increase aphid numbers on certain other plant species. A forceful stream of water will dislodge and kill some aphids and wash away honeydew on plants that are small enough for hosing to be practical. Limit any foliar spraying to short-persistent, low-toxicity materials such as insecticidal soap or oil. However, soaps and oils will give only partial control because it is difficult to obtain the required

thorough spray coverage of aphids on the undersides of leaves, especially on large trees. The aphid's woolly wax also protects it from sprays. Applications may need to be repeated because these materials provide no residual control.

Thorough application of horticultural oil to twig terminals during the dormant or delayed dormant season (after buds swell, but before leaves open) may be effective for killing some overwintering eggs on twigs; however, delayed dormant sprays are unlikely to give complete control of aphids. Dormant oil sprays are an effective treatment for controlling citricola scale, and aphid reduction could be a side benefit.

A soil application of systemic insecticide may be effective, based on information from other situations. The systemic insecticide imidacloprid (Bayer Advanced Garden Tree & Shrub, Merit) is available to both homeowners and professional applicators. The home-use product is measured into a bucket, diluted with water, and poured onto soil near the base of the tree trunk, as directed on the label. Late winter to early spring (when the new leaves flush) is believed to be the most effective time for a soil treatment in California. Summer application may be less effective or an ineffective time to make a soil application of systemic insecticide. No treatments should be conducted during fall, because hackberry leaves will soon drop naturally.

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### Producer Funded Dairy Herd Retirement And Export Assistance Programs To Continue

Cooperatives Working Together (CWT) approved funding for a second year of dairy herd retirement and export assistance programs. That's in response to rapidly declining milk prices, as well as recent increases in both the number of cows in the national herd and overall milk production. CWT committee members voted to allocate 80% of this year's funds to the Herd Retirement Program and 20% to the Export Assistance Program in addition to utilizing the remaining monies left over from the previous year.

The CWT committee agreed that a request for bids for the Herd Retirement Program would not be announced before October. Consequently, a final decision ratifying both an Oct. 1 commencement date and the details for implementation of the Herd Retirement Program will be made in mid-September.

The CWT Export Assistance program will continue to receive bids for both cheese and butter at the target price levels of \$1.40/lb and \$1.30/lb, respectively.

CWT is being funded by dairy cooperatives and individual dairy farmers who are contributing 5 cents per hundredweight of milk produced from July 2003 through June 2004. The money raised is being apportioned among three supply reduction programs to improve the national all-milk price.

For more on CWT's activities, visit web site [www.cwt.coop](http://www.cwt.coop).

**Dates to Remember:** Aug. 28 - Equine Farm Tour, begins at NCTC 1:00 p.m. ends in Tioga at McQuay Stables at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Sept. 1 - Deadline to register for the Cooke/Grayson County 2004 Master Gardener Training Class.

Sept. 8 - Master Gardener Training Class begins, Grayson Co. Courthouse, 9 a.m.

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600-700 lbs.: \$124 to \$130;  
700-800 lbs.: \$1171 to \$124.
- HEIFERS**  
300-400 lbs.: \$140 to \$160;  
400-500 lbs.: \$130 to \$140;  
500-600 lbs.: \$118 to \$130;  
600-700 lbs.: \$113 to \$118;  
700-800 lbs.: \$107 to \$113.
- PACKER COWS**  
Utility Boning: \$55 to \$59;  
Canner/Cutter: \$52 to \$57;  
Bulls: \$69 to \$74
- BRED COWS**  
Choice: \$900 to \$950;  
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Tuesday, Aug. 24, the Market conducted the sale of 397 goats, 187 sheep, and 132 hogs. The numbers from last week were 351 goats, 168 sheep, and 117 hogs respectively.

Feeder Steers (per lb.)	Stockers Cows (per head)	Ewes (per lb.)
200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.45-1.65; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.30-1.45; 400-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.32-1.52; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.15-1.32; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.22-1.51; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.22; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 1.12-1.25; Nos. 2 & 3, 85¢-1.12; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 1.09-1.24; Nos. 2 & 3, 85¢-1.09; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 1.02-1.16; Nos. 2 & 3, 80¢-1.02.	Pregnancy-tested, 3 to 9-year-olds - Large Frame: \$850-\$1010; Medium Frame: \$600-\$850. Cow/Calf Pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - Large Frame: \$1000-\$1300; Medium Frame: \$710-\$1000. Holstein Baby Calves: \$70-\$110. Crossbreeds: \$150-\$260. Barrows & Gilts (per lb.) US #1: 230-270: 50-53; US #2: 220-280: 45-50. Feeders (per head): 100-175 lbs. \$50-\$85; 175-300 lbs. \$30-\$45. Sows (per lb.) Feeder: 400 or less: 25-45; Light wt.: 400-500: 30-45; Med. wt.: 500-600: 30-45; Heavy wt.: 600+: 40-45. Boars (per lb.) 300 lb. up: 0.35-1.0; 200-300 lbs.: 10-20; Light wt.: 15-45. Sheep (per lb.) Grade 1-2, 1,200-2,050 lbs.: 63-73; Slaughter \$1.00-\$1.32; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs.: .95-\$1.10; Fat Cows: #1-3, 55-6150; Cutter: 37-55. Lambs: 90-120 lbs.: 60-51.10	Stocker 60-90; Thin: 35-55; Fat: 55-72. Bucks (per lb.) Thin: 50-75; Fat: 50-65. Barbados (per head) Lambs: \$30-\$45; Ewes: \$30-\$62; Bucks: \$50-\$170. Kids: 20-35 lbs.: \$20-\$40; 35-55 lbs.: \$35-\$60; 55-75 lbs.: \$50-\$85. Yearlings (per head) 75-120 lbs.: \$75-\$120. Nannies (per head) Stocker: \$75-\$100; Milk Type: \$45-\$100; Slaughter: Thin: \$30-\$55; Fat: \$50-\$85. Billies (per head) 120 lbs-up Breeders: \$75-\$100; Slaughter: \$50-\$100. Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny: NT; 3/4 Nanny: \$65-\$100; Full Nanny: \$85-\$200. Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Billy: NT, 3/4 Billy: NT; Full Billy: \$50-\$220.

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