

Tax Freeze decision deferred to county voters

By Janet Felderhoff
Cooke County Commissioners Court could not be convinced to approve a tax freeze on the homesteads of the disabled and those over 65 years of age. The majority of the approximately 70 people in attendance at the June 21 special meeting and hearing on the Proposition 13 amendment were older or disabled and would find it beneficial as soon as it became effective.

To allow all who wished to speak the opportunity to do so, Commissioners voted to change a rule for the meeting. Normally only 30 minutes of discussion is allowed per topic with each

speaker limited to five minutes. Cooke County Tax Appraiser Doug Smithson confirmed an audience question on when the tax freeze would become effective. It has to be approved by July 1, he said. That meant that the only way it would make a difference this year was if Commissioners Court voted to approve the tax freeze without an election.

Bob Day of Gainesville opened the comments from those who favored the tax freeze. He expressed his displeasure that the Court hadn't addressed the issue of the tax freeze as

requested in the past year. The petition would force action, he noted. He felt that the vote that approved Proposition 13 showed the voters favored the tax freeze.

"It would move basically \$100,000 from 65 and disabled to the other taxpayers," noted Day. "This figure was given from 2004-2005, but the County coffers would still be getting the same money. The 2005 budget was approximately \$16 million. Moving \$100,000 from people who really need relief is not nearly so serious as you make it out to be."

Bob Eggleston of

Gainesville said that many of those over 65 are retired and living on fixed incomes from Social Security, work-related pensions, and interest from savings. These rise slowly in comparison to taxes and expenses, he noted.

Eggleston pointed out that statistics show that 68% of Americans own their home. "By age 65 the income tax deduction may have vanished, the equity build up is complete, but the appreciation goes on forever," said Eggleston. He pointed out that property assessments have skyrocketed all over and that it is not the fault of appraisal districts.

"Revenue from taxes flowing into the County (is shown) to be 85% higher in 2005 than in 2000," Eggleston pointed out. "How many homeowners over 65 have seen their income increase over 85% over the same period?" He added more expenses to his case.

It was then stated by Eggleston that 57% of the voters age 65 and over go to the polls in primary elections. The tax freeze election would draw them all. He suggested that the County save the cost of an election and just approve the tax freeze.

Vera Holly of Rosston said she is 70, works, and helps feed her grandkids. So she needs the tax freeze, she said.

Larry Pool of Gainesville said he is disabled and on a fixed income. He complained that when Muenster and Gainesville were going to combine districts and build a new hospital, Muenster voted against it, but Gainesville built anyway. Voters said that they didn't want NCTC to build the performing arts building, but the college built it anyway. He wondered why residents in the County couldn't maintain their homes without incurring an increase in property value and thus taxes.

Pat Peale of Lake Kiowa said that her property values have increased tremendously. The seawall at their home needs continual repair, which costs thousands of dollars. She said her husband's medical bills are very large and they are also helping pay for a grandchild's medical care since his father is out of work.

Peale requested that Commissioners consider all

that the senior citizens give back to the County through volunteer work.

Rita McCreary of Gainesville noted that in 10 years she would have paid for her house again in property taxes. She has children buying a house who are being hindered by high taxes. McCreary put the blame of high taxes on illegal immigrants. When her children were in school, only 1% of the students were Hispanic, now it is 40%, she said. She encouraged Commissioners Court to put pressure on the government to do something about illegal immigrants.

William Newton of Callisburg encouraged Commissioners to step up to the plate and save money and problems by voting to approve the tax freeze. They would be heroes, he said.

Shirley Newton of Callisburg said that the money spent by seniors who had extra after the tax freeze would spur the local economy.

Robin Collord said that he'd researched Proposition 13 and found that California had passed it and it was so successful that those other very progressive states such as Colorado, Oregon, and Maine also passed it. He suggested Cooke County learn from those states.

Peggy Moore of Gainesville asked Commissioners to let the voters determine whether there should be a tax freeze. "I'm personally against the freeze," she stated. "Everyone uses the County

services just like I do whether you are 65 or younger. The 65 and disabled get more property tax relief than anybody else does. They get the option of paying their taxes out. I don't get that option. They get the option of doing a tax deferral and I don't have that option. They get many more privileges than I do. We have a lot of young folks in the County who are struggling to pay their taxes, buy homes that get no relief in property taxes at all."

Bradley Mitchell of Gainesville said that he and many others of his generation baled on Cooke County because there were no opportunities here for them. He moved home at his grandmother's request to help care for her.

Mitchell said he hadn't made up his mind on how he would vote on the tax freeze, as there were yet many questions to be answered. He reminded the Court that four of the five commissioners were near 65 years of age and he didn't feel that they should vote on it. To vote to approve the tax freeze would limit the opportunity for public debate, he said.

"These petitions were not gathered in places where the members of my generation had opportunities to voice and if they had, their names are clearly not on the petition because they didn't agree with the concept as it is worded now," noted Mitchell. "As much as it

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Wayne Becker, CEA-AG/NR, with Dairy Judging Team members from left, Joshua Zimmerer, Amber Fuhrmann, Cletus Fuhrmann, and Ben Wyrick who will be competing this fall at the World Dairy Expo in Wisconsin. Courtesy photo

Cooke County 4-H dairy judging team to represent Texas at national competition

On Wednesday, June 8, four Cooke County 4-H members, Amber Fuhrmann, Cletus Fuhrmann, Ben Wyrick, and Joshua Zimmerer competed in and took 1st place at the State 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest at College Station during Texas 4-H Roundup. There were 81 participants in the contest from all across Texas, and 19 teams. The contestants judged eight classes of four dairy cows.

These classes consisted of Brown Swiss, Holsteins, and Jerseys.

Then the individual judges gave oral reasons on three of the classes. Oral reasons consisted of individuals explaining why they placed the cows in the order they chose. Amber Fuhrmann placed First High Individual at the contest, with Ben Wyrick at 16th, Joshua Zimmerer at 25th, and Cletus Fuhrmann at 49th.

Winning the honor of the Number One State Dairy Judging Team in Texas gives these Cooke County youth the honor of representing the State of Texas at the National level. They will continue to study hard as they are looking forward to competing at the World Dairy Expo this October in Madison, Wisconsin with their coaches Wayne and Michael Becker.

Cub Scouts invade City Park



The annual Cub Scout Day Camp was held at the Muenster City Park last week. Games, crafts, hiking, shooting, and swimming were some of the activities for the young scouts. Pictured is Muenster Scout Zane Kemp taking his turn going off the board. See inside for more Camp pictures. Janie Hartman photo



Muenster ISD Assistant Principal David Freeman, wife Cassie, and daughter Callie. Janie Hartman photo

MISD preps for 05-06 year

By Janie Hartman
The Muenster ISD Board of Trustees was officially introduced to the District's new assistant principal, David Freeman, his wife Cassie, and daughter Callie at the June 15 regular monthly meeting. Mrs. Freeman was hired as an elementary teacher. The Freemans came from Keller ISD.

Superintendent David Manley reported to the Board a 2.75% increase for teachers' salaries. For retire/rehire teachers, the District or employee has to pay 12.4% of salary to Teachers Retirement System (TRS). The District or employee has to pay the difference between retiree health insurance and TRS Active Care member insurance, about \$5,000. Muenster ISD could be exempt if teachers are under contract on January 2005.

Lou Heers, elementary principal, reported current enrollment for next year for Grades Pre-K through 6th is at 288. Last year at this time, total enrollment was 270. "If history repeats itself, Pre-K will pick up eight or 10 students," noted Mr. Manley. "If we have them as Pre-K, we'll have them as 1st graders."

Textbooks and workbooks have been ordered, with rooms being "prepared" for the coming school year. Teachers have been and will be attending conferences and training throughout the summer. Of the 231 students, Grades 1 - 6, the sixth six-weeks named 90 on the "A" honor roll and 92 on the "A/B", or a total of 79% on the honor rolls. Fifteen students did not pass at least one class and four failed more than one during the sixth six-week period.

Curtis Eldridge, high school/junior high principal, reported that the textbooks for next school year are waiting on further State proceedings.

The Site Based Classroom Management team designed a behavior model that will allow teachers to write their personal classroom rules. The classroom procedures also included how offenses such as food, drink, gum, and tardiness, will be dealt with. Also minor classroom disruptions, for example excessive talking or horseplay, will begin with a verbal warning, followed by a student/teacher conference and the teacher contacting parents. There will be immediate discipline referral for major classroom

disruptions, including cheating, dress code violation, profanity, and prohibited items.

Board Member Ronnie Felderhoff questioned the dress code enforcement at school sponsored events, including the faculty. Manley noted that the problem has been brought to his attention.

Jim Robertson reported that \$29,216.63 in property taxes was paid in May 2005 to Muenster ISD.

While reviewing the monthly operating expenses and accounts payable for May, Board Member Neil Huchton questioned a payment of \$4,634.69 to Home Depot. "That's a lot of money going out of town. These items could not have been purchased locally? We need to show support of our local businesses."

"If they pay us taxes, we need to support them," said Manley. "We can take care of that."

Elementary Principal Lou Heers gave a report on the Texas Primary Reading Inventory (TPRI), end of the year screening, that tells a child's success in reading. "Overall I was very pleased with the students and the teachers," Heers said. The

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may determine the outcome of whether any of you maintain your seats in the next elections, the true measure of leadership, gentlemen, is to stand in the face of public opinion when there has been no clear and open public debate. The only opportunity for the members of my generation to speak to this question, the ones that will bear the tax burden for the next 35 years in this County, long after many of you have passed from this world, is to give those people an opportunity to speak."

"The younger people weren't present at the hearing because they were unable to take off work, he noted. He was taking a vacation day. He said shifting a burden would be a disincentive to new taxpayers to build new homes and to commercial investment, which also increases the burden. An election is the proper form for public debate, he stressed. "Send it to election to let the voice of the public be heard," Mitchell implored. He said he might vote in favor of it, but wanted all to have that possibility.

day to ensure our freedoms, national security, privileges, and rights. One of those rights is to participate in the election process to ensure the governing body implements the desires of the majority."

If held at the same time as the November Constitutional Election, Hollowell noted that an election on the proposed tax freeze wouldn't cost taxpayers any extra money. He speculated that the tax freeze would probably pass, but feels that voters should be allowed the opportunity to vote their conscience. He said if he should choose to vote yes, he knows there will be consequences.

"Supporters suggest it would cost the County \$181,000 in revenues; that equates to approximately four deputies, an ambulance crew, or two precincts' annual rock budget," said Hollowell. He promised to support the decision of the majority and to continue to perform to the best of his ability.

Hollowell added, "If the choice is to reduce revenues, this Court will be forced to further prioritize expenditures. I'm an

advocate of less government and think every elected official should strive to be a good steward of the taxpayers' money.

"However, I don't plan to support tax rate increases because any future tax increases will be absorbed by fewer people; it may very well cause a reduction or elimination of certain services to those that need them the most."

Some of the services he felt might be impacted include libraries, victims' services, CASA, Meals on Wheels, and MHMR. Ambulance service might be another place where cuts are made, causing a longer response time.

The Commissioner said he didn't feel that the five of them should be influenced by what might be the vocal minority to impose or reduce the tax burden on the County's citizens. He said he'd spoken with several people over 65 who feel that they aren't wealthy, but financially secure, who perceive the freeze as an entitlement program at someone else's expense. These people said that they'd rather contribute than burden someone less fortunate.

Hollowell stated, "If those over 65 and disabled represent 8.5% of the people, I would be doing a disservice to the other 91.5%. If the other 91.5% choose not to educate themselves, be actively involved at the polls, or vote to support the freeze, it will and should pass."

Hollowell asked those who favored the tax freeze to study their tax bill's three line items - Road & Bridge, County, and FM & Lateral. The total of the three is what you are currently paying in County taxes. Multiply that amount

together, said Hess. He added, "I would benefit from a tax freeze in five years because it is my 60th birthday today."

Judge Freeman noted that he doesn't like to take the voting right away from the people. "Because there are 50 or 80 of you out there and we decide that we are going to take away the rights of everybody else in this for their right to vote, I don't think we've done you all a service and I don't think we've done the other people a service. I think the right to vote is an inherent right for the citizens of this country." He added that he would applaud the decision from the election whether it for in favor or against the freeze.

"This is one of the rare opportunities we get to go to the people and ask them to tell us what to do," Freeman concluded. He complimented them on the fine job done on the petition.

Members of Commissioners Court were not unanimous in their decision to let the voters make the final decision on the tax freeze issue. Precinct #2 Commissioner Bill Cox made a motion to approve the tax freeze.

"Where are the young people at? If they were real concerned about their taxes, some of them would be here in support," said Cox. He said he felt that it would be voted in anyway so why not save the money and vote it in today.

There was no second to Cox's motion to approve the tax freeze and so the motion failed. There will be an election with the date to be made after more of the legalities are known.



COOKE COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER - Construction of the new County Jail facility is progressing on schedule. Most of the slab has been poured with the exception of the kitchen area that is being plumbed. Block walls are going up. Janie Hartman photo

Rally/Picnic planned for July for Cooke County Democrats

At the regular monthly meeting of the Democratic Club of Cooke County it was announced that John Sharp, former Texas State Comptroller and 2002 candidate for Texas Governor, would be the featured speaker at the Club's North Texas Democratic Rally for Change. The rally and a picnic are scheduled for July 29, 6-10 p.m. at the Leonard Park Pavilion in Gainesville.

Charles Soehching, Chairman of the Texas Democratic Party, will accompany Mr. Sharp.

The Cooke County Democratic Club sponsors the rally. Democratic Clubs in neighboring Grayson, Denton, and Montague counties have been invited to participate. All persons interested in a positive change in national, state, and local government are invited to attend the rally.

Ron Melugin, Cooke County Democratic Party Chairman presented the program for the evening, a documentary movie: "Outfoxed - Rupert Murdoch's War on Journalism". The film graphically demonstrated the Fox Network manipulation of 18.

news, turning it into propaganda for the benefit of the Republican Party and the Bush administration.

Linda Goeth presented extensive research and suggestions for the Club's web site. Preparations are underway for the Cooke County Democratic Club Internet web pages to go on line in the near future.

The meeting concluded with Sylvia Bayer, vice president, who presided at the meeting, reminding all members that they were invited to President Nathan Hansard's wedding on June 18.



The room was crowded Tuesday in the Cooke County Courthouse as residents came to voice their opinions on a freeze of County taxes for those who are 65 and older or disabled. Janet Felderhoff photo

Names of those who called in or faxed letters either for or against were read into the record.

During a question and answer session after the comments, it was learned that Cooke County gives an \$8,000 local option deduction (on the value of property) to those 65 and over. This is not state mandated. This is in addition to the \$15,000 homestead exemption. The taxpayer must apply for both.

As explained by County Judge Bill Freeman, the \$8,000 exemption in 2003 resulted in a loss to the County of \$135,721 and in 2004 it was \$144,340. He estimated that in 2005 it would amount to \$138,648.

Had the tax freeze been approved in 2003, the County would not have received \$1,272,829.93 from those whose taxes were frozen. In 2004 that total amount would have been \$1,525,495.97, and in 2005 it is estimated that it would total \$1,591,427.94.

Will a tax freeze amount to much to an over 65 or disabled taxpayer? According to figures presented by Judge Freeman with a 5% tax increase per year factored in, a person with a \$25,000 home would save \$6.30 in 2005, \$6.62 in 2006, and by 2010 the would save \$8.04. For a \$100,000 home, the savings in 2005 would be \$25.20, in 2006 it would be \$26.46, and by 2010 it would be \$32.16. A person with a \$500,000 home would save \$126 in 2005, \$132.30 in 2006, and in 2010 they would save \$160.81.

Gary Hollowell, Precinct #1 commissioner, shared his thoughts with the group present. He remarked, "We have soldiers dying every

Household appliance danger

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Sunday, July 3, 2005	Monday, July 4, 2005	Tuesday, July 5, 2005	Wednesday, July 6, 2005	Thursday, July 7, 2005	Friday, July 8, 2005	Saturday, July 9, 2005
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center NO MMH Auxiliary meeting	Chamber of Commerce Board meeting, 5:30 pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm AARP membership meeting, luncheon, 11:30 am, Stanford House, Gainesville	Muenster Jaycees Ruth Hess Memorial Golf Tournament, Turtle Hill

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The box office is open, and tickets are now on sale for "Lend Me A Tenor," a rollicking comedy scheduled for four performances that began June 17 on campus at North Central Texas College.

"Come prepared to laugh a lot," said Thom Talbott of the NCTC Drama Department, who is directing the show. "This madcap farce is fast-paced, high energy entertainment from the opening curtain, and audiences will have a really good time."

The show, scheduled for Friday and Saturday evening June 24-25, will be the first full-length play to be presented on the new First State Bank Center for the Performing Arts main stage. It will also be the first show produced jointly in the new facility by the NCTC Department of Drama and the Butterfield Stage Players (BSP) under a new collaborative agreement that will, in late July, also bring the beloved musical "Annie" to the FSB Center main stage.

Tickets for the upcoming show are priced at \$12 for adults and \$8 for youth (high school age and younger). NCTC students showing their ID cards can obtain tickets at no charge. BSP season tickets will be honored as well.

"All seats are reserved, however, so advance reservations are a must, even for college students and season ticket holders," Talbott stressed.

The number to call for reservations is 940-665-8152. Persons seeking additional information may call the FSB Center office at 940-668-3355.

Legislative update on school finance

The Texas Legislature convened on Jan. 11, with hopes of revising the school finance system, among other things.

They succeeded on some issues, but failed on some of the major ones.

School finance
On Oct. 1, a state district judge ruled that because the cost of meeting state education requirements exceeds available revenue, the school finance system fails to provide an adequate education as required under Article VII of the Texas Constitution.

Coupled with a public outcry over increasingly burdensome property taxes, the Legislature set out to reform the system.

As part of a plan to lower school property taxes while maintaining or increasing current levels of education spending, legislators had to consider revisions to the current tax system. Options considered included: expanding the franchise tax to encompass a greater number of businesses that currently do not pay, such as partnerships and sole proprietorships; closing the so-called "Delaware sub" loophole that allows corporations/partnerships to avoid the tax; a gross receipts tax; a payroll tax, and increases in various other taxes such as alcohol and tobacco taxes and the sales tax.

The education reform parts of the package were contained in HB 2 and the revenue-swap provisions were in HB 3. Despite the efforts of both the House and the Senate, they were never able to reach a compromise on the language contained in these bills.

It is unlikely that the governor will call a special session of the Legislature until after a ruling from the Texas Supreme Court on the constitutionality of the current education system, if at all.

- Texas-Southwestern Cattle Raisers Assoc.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,

As one of the persons involved in circulating the ad valorem residential homestead property tax freeze petition for the 65 & older and disabled, I want to make the public aware of certain misconceptions that have apparently occurred concerning this issue.

First: Out of an estimated 38,000 Cooke County residents, only 23,080 persons were currently registered to vote as of June 2, 2005 (figure obtained from Cooke County Tax

Assessor/Collector Billie Jean Knight). The remaining 15,000 residents of Cooke County are not registered, cannot participate in the election process, cannot decide whether this issue should be approved by Cooke County voters, and have no relevance to the number of signatures obtained as a percentage of registered voters. Those 15,000 persons who cannot vote include: (1) children too young to register or vote; (2) non-citizens who cannot

legally register or vote; and (3) persons who cannot vote because, for whatever reason, they have failed to register to vote.

Second - Facts concerning the 2,126 petition signatures. The property tax freeze amendment [Article VIII, Section 1-b(h)] requires that only 5% of Cooke County's registered voters sign the petition in order to place the issue on the ballot. In just three months the number of signatures (2,126 filed) doubled the 5% required by the Constitution. Because additional signatures would have no greater impact upon placing the issue on the ballot, it was determined that the petition should be filed immediately.

One additional point - based on May 9, 2005 figures furnished by Tax Appraiser Smithson, the 65 & over and disabled represent, in dollars, only 1.49% of the net taxable value of all 41,850 Cooke County properties and only 1% of the dollar value of Cooke County homestead properties. I want to clarify another misconception - that the tax freeze means the 65 & older and disabled will no longer pay property taxes. They will continue to pay property taxes. The only difference will be that their property taxes will be frozen at the amount they paid in the tax year affected by the tax freeze. The total taxes they pay after the frozen tax freeze cannot be increased, according to the constitution, when the appraised value increases as long as they do not add to or make taxable improvements on their residence homesteads.

I believe that persons who are so concerned about the tax freeze are missing the point that our state legislators made when they proposed the legislation that made this tax freeze possible. Spiraling property taxes shrink all incomes, but the effect of shrinkage on the fixed-income elderly and disabled can be devastating. Our state legislators recognized this fact and cared enough to do something about it! Do those who disagree with the ad valorem tax freeze believe that persons 65 & older should be denied the long-established school property tax freeze?

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June 21, 1940

The current harvest season will be long remembered as one of the wettest in the history of the community. A freak cloudburst fell Tuesday in a small area northwest of Muenster resulting in about four inches of rain in 30 minutes - without a drop in the rest of the community. Muenster's 10 restaurants and other businesses that handle food were inspected by the Cooke County Health Unit.

50 YEARS AGO
June 24, 1955

Excellent moisture condition prevails; crops are looking good. Men In Service: Marine PFC Jerry Hoening of Camp Pendleton, California is spending a leave with his parents the Joe Hoening; also on leave is Billy Stoffels; Pvt. David Owen is assigned to duty in the Hawaiian Islands; Corp. Dan Haverkamp received his separation papers from the Army; Pvt. John McGahey is nearing end of basic training in California. The Hubert Felderhoffs return from two-week trip with the sixth annual WFAA Farm Tour, sightseeing in 14 states and Bermuda. Rita Cain and Margaret Myrick enroll in John Sealy College of Nursing in Galveston. New Arrivals: a son for the Harold Lukes; Betty Kay to Nina Mae and Ray Lax; a son for the Carl Pelzels; a daughter for the Frank Hellingers. Wedding: Rosebell Haverkamp and Willard Zimmerman.

25 YEARS AGO
June 20, 1980

Urgent!!! Continued water rationing is urgently recommended. Muenster hosts 96 Cub Scouts for five day camp. As in Biblical Days, this community is having their "plague of locusts," more accurately described as grasshoppers. Weddings: Rita Sicking and Tony Molsenbocker; Lucy Hirsy and Mark Jaska. Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Schmitz are honored with party to observe their 25th wedding anniversary. New Arrivals: a daughter to the Glen A. Schoechs; a daughter to the Dan McCrimmons.

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reports included Kindergarten, First, and Second graders. The Kindergarten class showed 83% of the class had developed listening comprehension. The total reading comprehension for the First Grade was 100%, while the Second Grade was 97%. This included letter sound, word reading, phonemics, graphophonemic, reading comprehension accuracy and fluency, and story level. Heers noted that the special education students were also tested because the District wanted to see what every child could do.

The Board took a break and did a walk around campus to view summer projects and future

improvement projects. Top projects include enlarging the Life Skill's restroom to be ADA compliant and the walls and stalls in the boys' lockers in the gym.

Discussion continued on the water drainage problem near "tennis court" playground, and the air condition/roofing project. New projects include making the old high school office (in the junior high building) into the assistant principal's office - and building an awning between the high school and junior high. "Somewhere down the line we will have to get a new cafeteria," said Manley on the present 130 occupant lunchroom. "It is the smallest cafeteria I've seen

in a school our size."

Also, the elementary playground was torn up by heavy equipment and will have to be addressed before the upcoming school year.

The superintendent also reported that State finances and tax rates are still undecided. "There is no new money" is a comment from the State," Manley said. "The State penalizes you (the district) when you do a good job (financially)." Also discussed was the budget and the tax rate of 1.41, depending on what the State decides to do.

In executive session, the Board approved a teacher contract for Karissa Rohmer as a 5th-6th Grade Math teacher.

LIFESTYLE

John celebrates with two parties

John William Demcher, son of John and Carrie Demcher of Lewisville, celebrated his 1st birthday on Sunday, May 15 with family in Pennsylvania, and on Saturday, May 28 with family in Texas. His actual birthday is May 13.

For his Pennsylvania party, everyone enjoyed a spaghetti and meatball dinner made by grandparents John and Yolanda Demcher, followed by cake that went along

party, including his parents, were grandparents Virgil and Judith Hess. Uncles, aunts, and cousins attending were CA, Connie, and Benjamin Samford; Tyrel and Heather Warren; and Janet Hoenig. Family friends enjoying the excitement were Travis, Stephanie, and Cole Clark.



John Demcher

with the "barnyard 1st birthday" theme. After dinner, guests enjoyed watching John William open gifts.

Those attending the party included his parents and grandparents. Uncles, aunts, and cousins attending were Connie, Shannon, Casey, and James Brophy; Ronnie, Ann, Ryan, Kelsey, and Cole Weachock; Jeff, Christine, Hannah, and Lucas Rinaldo; and Father Mike Hutsko.

For his Texas party, everyone enjoyed a hamburger dinner. After dinner, guests were served a "#1" cake that was made by John's grandmother, Judith Hess.

Those attending the



Andy Truebenbach of Gainesville and Darlene Stewart of Muenster announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son, Kody Joe Truebenbach of Muenster, to Laura Michele Costilla of Southlake. She is the daughter of Marcos and Betty Costilla of Southlake. The couple plans to marry on July 23, 2005 at 1 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church in Keller.

NOTICE

Home Hospice Grief Support Seminar

Home Hospice will conduct a Grief Support and Guidance Seminar each Tuesday during July, beginning July 5. It will be held at the Home Hospice office at 1001 E. Broadway in Gainesville from 6-8 p.m.

NEW ARRIVALS

Meek

Justin and Samantha Meek of Forestburg are parents of their first child, a son, Jaden H. Robert Meek. He was born at North Texas Medical Center on Thursday, June 2, 2005 at 8:17 p.m., weighing 5 lb. 9 oz. and measuring 18 1/2 inches in length. His grandparents are Dale and Cathy Meek and Susan Looye, all of Forestburg. Great-grandparents are James and Billie Balthrop of Myra and Easter McKinney of Muenster.

Dulock

Greg and Mandy Dulock of Lindsay are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Rory Isabel Dulock. She was born Wednesday, June 15, 2005 at 8:12 p.m. in Presbyterian Hospital of Denton, weighing 8 lb. and measuring 19 1/2 inches in

length. Her grandparents are Bill and Diana Dulock of Lindsay, and Wayne Kennedy of Plano. Great-grandparents are Ruth Muller of Gainesville, Gene and Gladys Kennedy of Lindsay, Freddie and Marjorie Dulock of Gainesville, and Delton and Elaine Winters of Gainesville.

Endres

Jason and Dianne Endres of Muenster joyfully announce the birth of a daughter, Erica Ann Endres, on Tuesday, June 14, 2005 in North Texas Medical Center. She was born at 5:38 p.m., weighing 6 lb. 14 oz. and measuring 19 inches in length. Erica Ann joins a brother, Colby, age 3, at home. Their grandparents are John and JoAnn Pagel and Clinton and Debbie Endres, all of Muenster. Great-

grandmother is Clara Endres of Muenster.



Erica Endres

Greer

Chad and Krystle Greer of Callisburg are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Morgan Page Greer. Morgan was born Wednesday, June 15 at 10:55 a.m. at Wilson N. Jones Hospital in Sherman. She weighed 5 lb. 11 oz. and was 17 inches long. She joins two brothers, Chad Anthony Greer, Jr., age two years, and Kyle Lee Greer, age one year. Grandparents are Larry and Retha Sparkman of Myra, Johnny and Teresa Logue of Callisburg, and Tommy Greer of Gainesville. Great-grandparents are Sam and Inez Sparkman of Muenster, Melvin and Glenna Greer of Gainesville, Sam and Kaye Calabrese of Corinth, Barbara Zachary of Corinth, and Judy Logue of Callisburg.

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Three area students receive memorial scholarship

Recipients of the 2005 Patrick R. Harris Memorial Scholarship are Lindsey Andrews, James Fanning, and Rhea Williams. Before his death, Pat Harris had expressed the wish that, "in lieu of flowers, people make a contribution to the college scholarship fund at a school, church, service club or professional organization in which they have confidence. If that will get a kid who otherwise wouldn't attend college to give it a try for a semester, or help one stay in school one more year, I see it as money well spent." The Patrick R. Harris Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in June of 2004

to help fulfill that wish.

James Fanning graduated from Muenster High School. His interest is in geoscience and related fields. He plans to attend Texas Tech University.

Rhea Williams is a Lindsay High School graduate. She plans a career in medicine and will be attending Salem College in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Lindsey Andrews is a graduate of Saint Jo High School. She plans to work toward a career in law enforcement beginning at North Central Texas College in Gainesville.



James Fanning



Rhea Williams



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Piano students give recital

Eighty-eight keys were tickled and given a workout as 23 piano students of Rosemary Dankesreiter played renditions of classical, traditional, pop, American folk, and religious melodies. The piano recital was held June 5 in the Muenster Public School Auditorium at 3 p.m.

Mrs. Dankesreiter welcomed the large crowd of parents, grandparents, relatives, and friends. She then introduced each student and noted the number of years of piano study.

Completing one year of lessons are: Muenster students - Hannah Weger, Mikaela Lamar, Abby Walterscheid, and Christina Rohmer; Lindsay students - Sabrina and Savannah Stoffels, Jessica Martin, Nealie Sanchez, Ashton Reynolds, Vanessa Hess, Amelia Haverkamp, Christopher Klement, Kendall Neu, Bethani Eberhart, and Matthew Eberhart; Whitesboro student - Hunter Garrett. John Rohmer of Muenster completed his second year.

Four students had lessons for three years. They are Lucinda Krahl of Lindsay, Brooklyn Fatheree of Nocona, Jordan Brown of Era, and Brianna Klement of Muenster.

Mastering six years of

instruction are Sara Walterscheid of Muenster and Amy Nortman of Lindsay.

Sara Walterscheid led everyone in an opening prayer. Each student then played one, two, or three piano solos from the year's repertoire. Toes tapped as jazz selections were played and voices hummed along as the many well known selections were performed.

Following the performances, Mrs. Dankesreiter congratulated the class on the accomplishments achieved during the year, mentioning the skills and techniques required for a piano performance.

Recognition was given to Amy Nortman and Sara Walterscheid for their participation in the UIL piano competition held in Wichita Falls in February, where Amy received a I rating, a gold medal and was State qualifier eligible. Sara received a II rating at the competition. Amy went to the State UIL in Austin on May 30 and received a II rating and a silver medal.

Mrs. Dankesreiter then presented each student with a certificate of accomplishment and each was also awarded a statuette of a famous composer.

Trophies were awarded to

the winners in the "Perfection and Memorization" piano contest. Receiving first place with 98 points was Christopher Klement; second was Savannah Stoffels with 96 points; Lucinda Krahl with 93 points received the third place trophy. A special trophy was presented to Sara Walterscheid as "Most Improved Student" in 2005.

The stage was beautifully decorated with various greenery. The piano held a floral arrangement with crystal votives. Flanking the piano and adding elegance to the recital scene were pedestal tables adorned with large trailing ivy. Large potted ferns framed the stage. At the entrance to the auditorium, a table held a miniature grand piano, a beautiful floral arrangement of spring flowers, and the recital programs.

Following the recital all were invited for refreshments of punch and cookies.

Group pictures were taken.

Students completing the year of lessons, but not participating in the recital were Elizabeth Marshall, Chris Marshall, Steven Valliere, Rachel Hare, Aileen Colindas, Katie McAden, and Allison Metzler.



Birthday honorees, from left, Jacob Pagel, Jensen Pagel, Colby Endres, and Julia Pagel.

Birthday celebration shared by four

On Thursday, June 9, Colby Endres celebrated his third birthday, and Jacob, Julia, and Jensen Pagel celebrated their fourth. Colby is the son of Jason and Dianne Endres. The triplets are the children of Mike and Brenda Pagel.

They celebrated together at the home of Colby's grandparents, Clinton and Debbie Endres. Fried chicken with all the

trimmings was served, followed by a Madagascar cake with ice cream. Both the birthday boys and girls enjoyed opening their many presents. After presents were opened, the guests enjoyed splashing around in the Endres' swimming pool.

Many pictures and videos were made throughout the evening.

Attending the party were:

the triplets' sister Reece; grandparents Clinton and Debbie Endres and John and JoAnn Pagel; great-grandmother Clara Endres; also aunts, uncles, and cousins Laura, Allison, Abby, Katie, and Gavin Pagel; James, Angela, Morgan, and Kelsey Hennigan, Trisha Endres; and Darren, Karri, Garrett, and Devon Bindel.

Reece and Gavin Pagel celebrate 1st Birthdays!

On Mother's Day, cousins Reece Pagel and Gavin Pagel, celebrated their first birthdays. Reece is the daughter of Mike and Brenda Pagel and Gavin is the son of Joe and Laura Pagel.

They celebrated together at the home of Gavin's grandparents, Jerry and Monica Hess. Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and dip were served, followed with ice cream and cake served on Strawberry Shortcake and Spiderman plates.

Attending the party were grandparents John and JoAnn Pagel, Jerry and Monica Hess, and Monty and Cheri Rodgers; Gavin's great-grandmother Caroline Hess and great-grandparents Marie and Dutch Metzler; Reece's

great-grandfather Dulynt Butler; Reece's siblings Jacob, Julia and Jensen; Gavin's sisters Allison, Abby, and Katie. Also attending were many aunts, uncles and cousins.



Gavin Pagel



Reece Pagel



Piano recital pupils pictured after their recital.

Courtesy photo

COLLEGE NEWS

University of North Texas

Mitch Felderhoff has been named to the Dean's List at the University of North Texas for the Spring 2005 semester. He earned a grade point average of 3.67 while completing at least 12 semester hours.

Mitch is a kinesiology major, and works as a UNT student athletic trainer. He is a member of the Mean Green Student Sports Medicine Association. Mitch is the son of Ronnie and Sharon Felderhoff of Muenster.

Lori Kasperek has been named to the President's

List for the 2005 spring semester at the University of North Texas. She earned a grade point average of 4.0 with a course load of 12 or more hours during the semester. Lori is a 2004 graduate of Lindsay ISD. She is studying to be a Math teacher and coach.

Lori is the daughter of John and Peggy Kasperek.

University of Oklahoma

Christopher Fuhrmann has been named to the President's Honor Roll for the Spring 2005 semester at the University of Oklahoma in Norman. To be considered for this, a student must be full-time,

completing 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 4.0.

Christopher is a 2003 graduate of Sacred Heart High. He will be a junior this fall majoring in Civil Engineering. He is the son of Mark and Linda Fuhrmann.

Oklahoma State University

Clint Fuhrmann has been named to the President's Honor Roll for the Spring 2005 semester at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. Full-time undergraduate students who completed 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 4.0 were eligible.

Clint will be a junior in the fall, majoring in Accounting. He is the son of Mark and Linda Fuhrmann, and is a 2003 graduate of Sacred Heart High.

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IN THE SERVICE



Adam Koelzer

Adam R. Koelzer, son of Debbie and Kenny Koelzer of Gainesville, recently enlisted in the Texas Army National Guard. He enlisted under the delayed entry program in the Texas Army National Guard, recruiting out of Denton.

Koelzer reported for active duty to undergo basic training in Georgia at Fort Benning Military Reservation. He plans to return home in the fall to complete his senior year of high school at Lindsay ISD.



Reece Pagel

CASA announces training opportunity

Court Appointed Special Advocates, a non-profit volunteer agency will be training volunteers to become CASA Guardians Ad Litem for children in the care of the State of Texas due to abuse and/or neglect. Appointed by the District Judge, CASAs (Court Appointed Special Advocates) are trained volunteers who befriend the child and speak on his behalf in Court and within the foster care system.

In order to become a CASA volunteer, an individual must have a clean criminal history, a clean record with CPS, have good references, and be over the age of 21. Individuals must then complete 30 hours of training provided by CASA and be selected to be sworn as a Guardian Ad Litem for the children.

Training is scheduled to begin on July 11, and will continue through July 19.

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SUMMER BRIDAL DISPLAY - Summer is the time for weddings and the Muenster Museum now has on display bridal gowns, numerous bridal portraits and wedding photos, including the wedding photos of all August and Mary Reiter's 13 children dating from 1921 to 1949, shown above. More items for display are welcome and may be brought to the Museum during regular hours. Janie Hartman photo

Tim Block and Larry Schumacher win Keep Texas Beautiful awards

Keep Lindsay Beautiful, an affiliate of Keep Texas Beautiful, was proud to have two Lindsay citizens selected by Keep Texas Beautiful to receive awards for their efforts to enhance their community through litter prevention and cleanup, and for educating the citizens of the Lindsay community on environmental issues through their work and example.

Tim Block received the Individual Leadership Award. The Individual Leadership Award is a lifetime distinction award for a person who provides leadership in the areas of improving and enhancing the environment of Texas. Only one person is selected for this award in Texas annually. Tim has been picking up litter throughout the City of Lindsay since 1985. Anyone driving down Highway 82 or along FM 1199 any morning will spot Tim walking along the road collecting litter. After collecting the litter, Tim sorts and recycles what he

can. Items that cannot be recycled are disposed of. At one time Tim cleaned up the entire one square mile that was the city of Lindsay; today he limits himself to a designated strip near his home. Tim has never sought glory for what he did, but was concerned with the appearance of his town and shows that a single person can make a difference.

Larry Schumacher received 1st place in the Sadie Ray Graff Award for educators. Sadie Ray Graff Awards honor those in the education field who encourage or demonstrate efforts to promote the KTB mission through environmental education. Larry began his lifetime of recycling as he grew up on a farm and saw the result of people dumping furniture, tires, and garbage along the road of the farm.

Larry and his brothers regularly walked the ditches and roads and cleaned up the trash. Because of the awareness that this caused, Larry started a recycling program

at Lindsay ISD with his students, and taught them by word and deed the value and importance of keeping the environment clean. In just this past year, Larry's students have sold over 3500 pounds of scrap iron. Larry estimates that during the past three years over 1200 pounds of cans, and 10,500 pounds of paper have been saved from languishing in a landfill because of the efforts of his

students. Besides his efforts in recycling, Larry and his students are also responsible for most of the landscaping, picnic tables, and sidewalks around the school and community. Larry lives and teaches his students the FFA motto "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Learning to Live, Living to Serve".

Block and Schumacher will receive their awards at the 38th Annual Keep Texas Beautiful Conference in Houston on June 27.



Above, Hunter Klement takes aim at the BB range; at right, Dalton Bartel falls off the board; below, Scout Luke McAden and mother Lisa prepare for a skit.



Multiple Paul Harris Fellow Award recipient Kathy Bauer of the Gainesville Rotary Club with President Frank Stewart. Courtesy photo

Gainesville honors Bauer

The Gainesville Rotary Club is a civic organization with a motto of "Service Above Self". Muenster resident Kathy Bauer has been a very active member of the club for 10 years and takes the motto seriously. She has served as a director and in all officer positions including a year as its president. She thrives on this activity, dividing her time between her family job at NCTC, and honoring her Church commitments of substitute teacher of religion, duties as lector, and stewardship committee.

One of her Rotary side duties is delivering meals on wheels in Gainesville having served two routes, double duty, in the past. She works with the Rotary Youth Leadership training program serving as a counselor each summer. The last four years the program was conducted at TWU, her old stomping grounds. She also participates in the Literacy Program, packing and delivering books for various state family help programs in Cooke County to insure each child receives at least one book to take home. She has past experience at reading to kindergarten students at Edison School, and has a route placing flags on holidays in Gainesville as a Club fundraising effort, and participates in other areas as a helper.

Rotary International honors those members who portray the true meaning and purpose of Rotary by presenting them with the designation of "Paul Harris Fellow". Paul Harris was the founder of Rotary International. Members of any club as a peer group select those members who fit the criteria and contribute \$1,000 to the RI Trust Fund in the selected members name. Bauer has been selected not once, but twice, and was awarded the Multiple Paul Harris Fellow designation Wednesday at the regular Club meeting. There are 99 members in the Gainesville Club and Bauer has become the seventh multiple PHF member active in the club.

Cooke County well represented at The Texas State 4-H roundup

The Texas State 4-H Roundup was held in College Station, June 4-10. Thirty-seven local youth represented Cooke County at contests held throughout the week. Results were as follows:

CONSUMER DECISION MAKING: 5th place team - Kelly Schumacher, Stephanie Schumacher, Claudia Spears, Erin Wyrick.

DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING: 1st place High Individual - Amber Fuhrmann, 1st place team - Amber Fuhrmann, Cletus Fuhrmann, Ben Wyrick, Joshua Zimmerman.

FASHION SHOW: 9th place Specialty Buying - Crystal Fuhrmann.

NUTRITION QUIZ BOWL: 1st place team - Chris Aitchison, Mark Brooks, Kevin Lutkenhaus, Jeff West.

CLOTHING & TEXTILES: 2nd place - Kevin Lutkenhaus.

FARM & RANCH ECONOMICS: 4th place - Garin Taylor.

FOOD & NUTRITION: 4th place - Mark Brooks.

FOOD SHOW: 11th place - Katie Sutton.

HOUSING & THE HOME ENVIRONMENT: 8th place - Erin Wyrick.

PORK: 3rd place - Claudia Spears.

SAFETY & ACCIDENT PREVENTION: 3rd place

team - Bonnie & JoAnna Bulloch.

CHOREOGRAPHED ROUTINES: 2nd place team - Brielle Parker, Laura Pitzinger.

DRAMA: 2nd place team - Abby Purdy, Kara Purdy, Joshua Zimmerer, Ryan Zimmerman.

RIFLE MATCH: 3rd place team - Cody Matsler, Chrissy Sahliyah, Jeffrey Zimmerman, Johnathan Zimmerman.

8th High Individual - Johnathan Zimmerman; 10th High Individual - Chrissy Sahliyah.

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CONSUMER LIFE SKILLS: Participation - Randi Reed.

HEALTH: Participation - Chris Collins.

HORSE PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST: Participation - Chris Aitchison, James Miller.

CELEBRATING 4-H: Participation - Anna DeMent, Alex Eurich, Liz Klement, James Miller, Jennifer Pitzinger, Allison Smith, Justin Smithson, Megan Williams.

SWINE SKILL-A-THON: 4th place - Claudia Spears.

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1st Grade: Haley Cooper, Andy Dieter, Nicholas Fleitman, John Hess, Gustavo Medina, Sarah Snider, Molly Spivey.



Muenster Elementary First Graders completed their study on Earth's Land and Water. They concluded the unit with a hands-on field trip to Mrs. Miller's farm. The trip included taking a nature hike in the woods, collecting rocks, observing erosion, and making volcanoes. Pictured above, from left, Devon Hacker, Nicole Rains, Alaina Reiter, Colton Morris, Trace Klement, Claire Schneider. Below, from left, Kimber Walterscheid, Natalie Walterscheid, Trevor Lancaster, Dalton Bartel, Kelsie Hicking, Zachary Klement, Reagan Weger. Courtesy photos



Kids: Are you interested in a fun summer academic camp?

Brittany and Paige White are offering a three-day summer camp for students entering grades 1-6. Brittany and Paige put this camp together so that children can brush up on old material or learn new material for the coming school year. The subjects offered will be English, Reading, and Mathematics. Children will receive personal attention and instruction, therefore enrollment is limited. If you are interested in a fun academic experience for your child, please call Brittany or Paige White at 759-2007 by June 30 for enrollment. This camp is offered free of charge. The dates of the camp are July 5, 6, and 7. The camp will meet in Sacred Heart High School's library. Students entering 1st through 3rd grade will come from 9 to 11 a.m. and students entering 4th through 6th grade will come from 12 to 3 p.m.

Hot Dog - it's the Fourth of July fireworks

The Saint Jo Volunteer Fire Department will once again stage the fireworks display in Bogges City Park beginning at full dark (around 9 p.m.) on Saturday, July 2. Many other events are scheduled along with the fireworks. Donations for financial support for the fireworks celebration will be gratefully accepted. Saint Jo businesses have donation buckets displayed, or donations can be mailed or delivered to: Fireworks Account, c/o First National Bank, P.O. Box B, Saint Jo, TX 76265. All collected deposited funds are used to buy fireworks.

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A favorite spring science project this year for the students at Sacred Heart Preschool was a unit on butterflies. The children observed the stages of development from the larvae to the butterfly stage. They are pictured before the butterfly release. Pictured, from left, Kate Springer, Mackenzie Mason, Justin Sparks, Roy Endres, Samantha Muller, Tanner Eddieman, Ben Green, Andy Boles, Natalie Dangelmayr, Garrett Bindel, Jacob Hesse, Dean Walterscheid, Andrew Stoffels, Patricia Neusch, and Kolby Klement. Courtesy photo

Cheerleaders of the future learn the moves at camp



The Muenster Hornet Mini Cheerleading Camp was held this week at Muenster City Park. Above, cheerleader want-to-bes perform a dance routine. Campers pictured include, from left, Emma Wood, Kayla Acuna, Katie Hutton, Erin Hess, Shelby Klement, Bailey Klement, Sydney Huchton, Natalie Fangman, and Morgan Eldridge. Watch next week's paper for more pictures and a story. Janie Hartman photo

SPORTS

Muenster varsity cheerleaders attend SMU cheer camp

The Muenster Varsity Cheerleaders and Mascot attended a National Cheerleaders Association (NCA) camp May 29 through June 1 at Southern Methodist University.

Cheer and chant classes, along with jumps, stunting, and dance classes were offered to all cheer participants. Head cheerleader, Kelly Endres, attended a daily captain's class on responsibility and leadership within the squad.

The Hornet Cheerleaders performed cheers and chants at night evaluations, earning six superior ribbons and one excellent ribbon. The second day of camp, the squad from Muenster received the Stunt Smart Award. The squad's spirit, strong teamwork, and positive attitudes earned a spirit stick two separate nights at camp, as well as a spirit stick to take home on the final day of camp.

Twice the Varsity from Muenster competed for and won the Technical Excellence Award in Motions.

The MHS squad was also honored with four All-American nominees. They were Kelly Endres, Jessica Walterscheid, Melissa Cox, and Laura Heers.

On the final day of camp, the Muenster squad was nominated to compete for the Champion Chant Award. The Hornet Cheerleaders were the smallest squad competing in the small varsity division. The Varsity from Muenster proudly won the Champion Chant Trophy to bring home. Winning this award qualifies each of the squad members to perform in the Hula Bowl in Maui, Hawaii and the Orange Bowl in Miami, Florida.

The Hornet Cheerleaders were also recipients of the coveted National Championship Bid, allowing the squad to compete at Nationals in Dallas in December.

Michael Valliere, "Buzz" the Hornet Mascot, had a very successful camp attending mascot training classes. Not only was he an All-American Mascot, but he also received a blue superior ribbon for his evaluation.

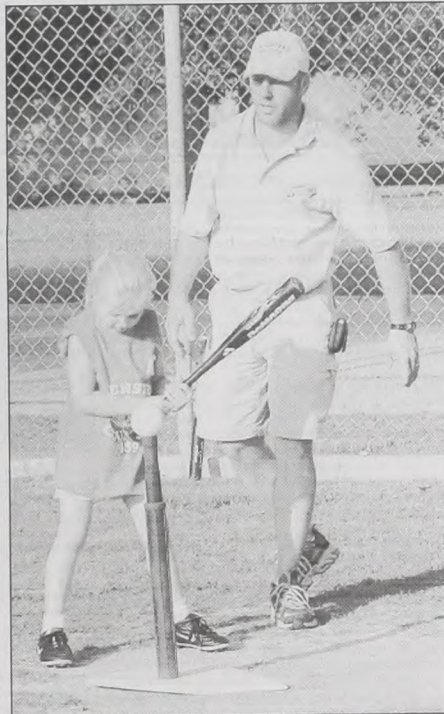
MHS Cheer Coach Lisa Pagel received her Coach's Certificate after attending coaching classes and

participating with the squad. Cheer Coach Jennifer Walterscheid was unable to attend the camp.

The coaches and squad agreed that the true measure of success for camp was not the number of awards received, but the friendship and unity that now bond the squad together.



Muenster Hornet Cheerleaders attending camp were, from left, back - Kelly Endres, Jessica Walterscheid, Lindsey Watson, Shelby Hess, Lydia Bezner; front - Melissa Cox, Alison Miller, Laura Heers, and Michael Valliere.



Leah Knabe gets ready to swing as Steven Knabe, Red Team coach, is ready to assist. Janie Hartman photo

GAME WARDEN REPORTS

Not Too Sharp

A Mitchell County game warden was traveling Interstate 20 when he observed a vehicle driving erratically. The vehicle crossed several lanes of the interstate and nearly struck some parked vehicles. After stopping the vehicle, the warden thought he was going to have to break the window to get the intoxicated man out of the vehicle. He was so disoriented that he couldn't find the door handle. Someone must have taken his keys, because a steak knife was inserted into the ignition to start the car. After refusing all tests, the subject was transported to jail.



The seven and eight year old boys baseball team from Muenster won their division in the Cooke County Cooke Pitch League. Their record was 13-2. Pictured are, from left, front - Zane Styles, Dalton Hess, Trey Anderle, Brady Endres, Sammy Saucer, Zane Kemp, Isaac Walterscheid; middle - Kason Reeves, Chance Herr, Zach Pollard, Brandon Hennigan, Hayden Schilling, Carson Heady, Brennan Fortune; back - Coaches Chris Styles and Brian Herr. Not pictured, assistant coaches Kevin Heady and Danny Walterscheid. Courtesy photo

U.S. Military personnel get hunting benefits

The 79th Texas Legislature passed HB 1076, which directs the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission to waive all fees for hunting and fishing licenses for Texas residents currently on active duty as members of the military.

The new Texas Resident Active Duty Military "Super Combo" Hunting and All-Water Fishing Package (Type 510), which is free, will be available to any Texas resident who is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty, including members of the Reserves or National Guard on active duty. The package includes all five state stamp endorsements (archery, freshwater fishing, and migratory game bird, saltwater fishing with a red drum tag, and upland game bird). The Federal Waterfowl (duck) Stamp is not included.

For a member of the military to qualify for a free "Super Combo," he or she must have continuously resided in Texas for more than six months before obtaining the license. See the Outdoor Annual on page 21 for more specifics.

A member of the military who does not qualify as a Texas resident for the purpose of obtaining a military "Super Combo" Texas may purchase any resident hunting and fishing license. For more information, call (512) 389-4846.

JUST A THOUGHT

A lie may take care of the present, but it has no future.

Among true friends there are no secrets, even when there are no words.



The Cooke County Rockets finished their spring basketball season entering Prime Time Sports Summer Hoops Tour tournament at Plano the weekend of June 10. They finished the tournament in third place. The team played in the USA/TSS BCI Basketball League with a successful 2nd place season and a 9-3 record. Members are, from left, back - Coach Ted Heers, Allison Pagel, Paige Hennigan, Demi Koelzer, Lana Heers; front - Shelby Dangelmayr, Taylor Klement, Andi Feiderhoff. Not pictured, Tiffany Teafatiller.

GAME WARDEN REPORTS

Covert Work on Catfish Case Ends

The termination of a two-month covert investigation into the unlawful sale of fish from Lake Fork Reservoir in Northeast Texas ended May 10 with the arrest of an Emory man. Gene Henderson pleaded guilty before Rains County Justice of the Peace Don Smith to charges of selling and offering to sell protected game and finfish. The charges alleged that Henderson sold Flathead,

Blue and Channel catfish taken from Lake Fork to covert investigators on three separate occasions. Prior to the arrest, the subject displayed and offered to sell 800 pounds of catfish being held in wire cages tied to piers near his waterfront residence. After the arrest, game wardens released twenty flathead catfish, the largest weighing 65 pounds, as well as 49 channel and blue catfish. Henderson's fines total \$6,750.

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The building will be located at 115West Second Street in the Muenster City yard. Plans can be seen at City Hall, 400 N. Main in Muenster. Construction should begin as soon as possible. Any questions should be directed to Chris Yosten or Stan Endres at 940-759-2236. Sealed bids should be delivered to City Hall PO Box 208, 400 N. Main Muenster, TX 76252. Envelopes should be marked **"VEHICLE UTILITY SHED"**. Bids will be opened at the next City Council meeting at 7:30 P.M. on July 11, 2005 in the Council Chambers at 400 N. Main, Muenster.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JERRY WAYNE GIBSON, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that the original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of Jerry Wayne Gibson were issued on June 13, 2005, in Cause No. 15956 pending in the Probate Court of Cooke County, Texas, to Gina Waynett Faircloth who resides in Denton County, Texas, and whose mailing address is: Gina Waynett Faircloth, 8117 Crestview Road, Sanger, Texas 76266.

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

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

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Legislative news from the Texas

Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association

Purchase of development rights
SB 1273, filed and passed by Sen. Mike Jackson (R-Pasadena) and Rep. Charlie Geren (R-Fort Worth), creates a Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program to assist in the preservation of agriculture property.

Through PDR programs, a cash payment is made to a landowner for the value of the development rights associated with a parcel of land.

The owner continues to own the land, and is compensated for relinquishing the right to develop it commercially. Agriculture and other use of the land continue.

In Texas, 2.3 million acres of productive farmland was lost to development between 1982 and 1997. Farmers and ranchers in Texas today are faced with escalating land

costs, extreme weather such as drought and flooding, shrinking commodity costs and encroaching developments.

Many landowners are finding that their property is worth much more to developers for residential or commercial use.

SB 1273 establishes the structure of the PDR program but does not provide a funding mechanism.

It does, however, establish a PDR account with the comptroller so that private funds may be deposited and future funds may be leveraged, including federal sources such as the Forest Legacy Program, the North American Wetland Conservation Program, and the USDA Farmland Protection Program. It also provides some checks and balances to ensure property rights for the landowner.

Annexation of agricultural property
During 2004, TSCRA attorney Ed Small worked with numerous landowners and farmers near New Braunfels, Texas, who were the subject of annexation attempts by the City of New Braunfels. Ultimately, Small convinced the City to enter into a development agreement with landowners that would allow them to continue their agriculture operations and not be annexed.

These efforts translated into legislation filed by Rep. Carter Casteel (R-New Braunfels) that would require a city to offer a landowner whose land is appraised for agricultural or open space use an opportunity to enter into a development agreement that would prevent annexation and taxation while subjecting the

landowner to some regulations.

Despite opposition from the Texas Municipal League, the legislation ultimately passed as part of HB 1772 by Rep. Sid Miller (R-Stephenville).

Hunting on annexed agricultural land

Another noteworthy piece of legislation passed this session was SB 734 by Sen. Tommy Williams (R-The Woodlands) and sponsored in the House by Rep. Anna Mowery (R-Fort Worth). This legislation resulted from a situation near Fort Worth, where TSCRA member John Merrill had been prevented from hunting on parts of his ranch that had recently been annexed by the City of Fort Worth.

SB 734 states that wildlife management (including hunting) is an agricultural operation protected by the Agriculture Protection Act. The bill places significant limitations on a city's ability to prevent the discharge of firearms on agriculture or open space land annexed after 1981.

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NEWS FROM AUSTIN

TEXAS FARM BUREAU

Veterinarian practices HB 1767 by Robby Cook of Eagle Lake has passed the House and Senate and was sent to the Governor. All language regarding breeding soundness and pregnancy testing, as well as alternative therapies for horses, was removed from the bill. Chairman Kenneth Armbrister of the Senate Natural Resources Committee made final improvements to the bill before final consideration in the Senate.

Bill limiting exempt governmental actions fails HB 2833 by Representative Robby Cook (D) of Eagle Lake failed on a procedural point of order. The point of order prevented the bill being considered before time ran out on the session.

This bill amended the Private Real Property Rights act by placing certain city regulations under the act. These regulations could be considered a taking of private property and result in damages being awarded to the landowner for loss of value.

Legislature approves surface water conservation bill

HB 1225 by Representative Robert Puente (D) of San Antonio passed the House and Senate and has been sent to the Governor. This bill, as reported, prevents the cancellation of a surface water right for non-use, if the non-use results from the implementation of water conservation strategies.

The holder of the water permit must submit conservation implementation reports to prove water conservation measures were implemented.

Current law allows TCEQ to cancel a water right if it has not been used for 10 years.

Legislature approves bill protecting water rights for CRP land

HB 2423 by Robert Puente (D) of San Antonio has passed and been sent to the Governor. This bill, as reported, would prohibit a Groundwater Conservation District from discriminating against a landowner whose land is enrolled in a federal conservation program. Some districts are denying permits to landowners because they are not currently pumping groundwater. This bill requires that landowners be treated fairly.

Legislature approves farm program to save farm and ranch land

SB 1273 by Senator Mike Jackson of La Porte and Representative Charlie Geren of Fort Worth has passed and was sent to the Governor.

The bill creates the Texas Farm and Ranch Lands Conservation Council. The Council will develop a program to award grants for purchasing the development rights on farm and ranch land. By purchasing these development rights, a landowner can receive the development value of their property while continuing to use the land for agricultural production.

The grant program is completely voluntary. The Council will not solicit the purchase of development rights. The program provides matching grants to a landowner and land trust who wish to enter into a voluntary purchase of development rights agreement.

Tax on light duty vehicles

HB 809 by Rep. Harvey Hilderbran of Kerrville exempts individuals who own and operate cars or light trucks from rendering the vehicles for taxation. Current law requires a person to render, for taxation, all tangible personal property used for the production of income. An individual who fails to render property is subject to a penalty of 10% of the value of annual taxes imposed on the property by taxing districts.

The bill would take effect Jan. 1, 2006, and would apply only to the rendition of property for a tax year beginning on or after that date.

Rollback tax bill fails

HB 1006 by Rep. Carl Isett, Lubbock, in the House and Senator Kyle Janek, Houston, lowered the maintenance and operation (M&O) rollback rate from 8% to 3% above the effective tax rate and required an automatic rollback election for any increase above the rollback rate. The bill also required all taxing units, except school districts, to publish any increase above the effective tax rate.

The bill would have required taxing units that levy property taxes in excess of \$5 million to hold a public hearing on any proposed increase beyond the effective rate of 3%. If a taxing unit failed to hold the required tax increase hearing, the tax rate would revert to the current tax rate. After the hearing, the taxing unit would be required to issue another public notice on the time

and date of the taxing unit's subsequent vote on the tax rate.

The bill passed both the House and Senate, but a compromise was not reached in the two versions during the conference committee process.

Implements of husbandry tax exemptions

Sen. Todd Staples of Palestine passed **SB 1652** to address several issues with the Property Tax Code. One issue relates to the definition and disposition of implements of husbandry.

The bill states equipment items (implements of husbandry) that are used in the production of farm or ranch products or of timber, regardless of their primary design, are considered to be implements of husbandry and are exempt from ad valorem taxation. This legislation clears up an ambiguity that has occurred for many years in the law.

TEXAS FACTS

World's first rodeo was in Pecos... July 4, 1883.

Jalapeno (hot pepper) jelly originated in Lake Jackson in 1978.

The worst natural disaster in U.S. history was in 1900 caused by a hurricane in which over 8000 lives were lost on Galveston Island.

The first word spoken from the moon, July 20, 1969, was "Houston."

King Ranch is larger than Rhode Island.

Texas is the only state to enter the U.S. by TREATY, instead of by annexation. (This allows the Texas flag to fly at the same height as the U.S. flag.)

A Live Oak tree near Fulton is estimated to be 1500 years old.

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Tejas is not Spanish for Texas.

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COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT

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Insect Control for the Summer

such as zoysiagrass, centipedegrass, and bermudagrass.

These grass-sucking insects seem to prefer hot and dry areas of your lawn and may be a lawn problem from late spring through fall. The adults will be 1/6 to 1/5 of an inch long with black bodies and white wings - each wing having a triangular black mark. Each life cycle lasts seven to eight weeks and there can be up to five generations per year in Texas. Damage to St. Augustine begins with expanding, irregular patches of yellow-stunted grass that may become 'dead grass' if the population of feeding chinch bugs is above the threshold level.

To know if chinch bugs are causing damage to your lawn, hammer an empty coffee can (open at both ends) one-inch into the soil beneath stunted areas and add water. The chinch bugs should float to the top. Another method is to spray water mixed with a small amount of liquid dishwashing detergent onto the infested sites - the chinch bugs (and some other insects as well) should come to the top of the canopy. The best method is to just get on your hands and knees and search into the canopy of the lawn. To locate them, search sites that immediately border the infested areas. Once you have determined that chinch bugs are the culprits, use an insecticide for control and always remember to "read the label and follow label directions for application". Remember, diazinon and chlorpyrifos are no longer available.

Fire Ants

According to Dr. Charles Barr, Texas Cooperative Extension is adding a new type of fire ant bait to their recommended list of fire ant baits. Advion, like all baits, works like a Trojan horse. The worker ants carry it into the mound, and distribute it throughout the colony. The advantage to Advion is it works much faster, often within a week. Advion is the name sold to professional pest managers. A home version is also available. Extension specialists have been testing the product, and recommend it for a quick fix. However, a single application won't solve the problem forever, and should be used as part of a fire ant prevention program.

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Flies on Livestock

Summer is when fly populations explode. If flies are irritating cattle, there are several ways to keep populations down. The immature flies can be destroyed by dragging a chain or post through manure with a tractor, or predator wasp pupae can be purchased and applied to the location. Insecticides, ear tags, and dust bags can be used to kill adult flies. REMEMBER TO ROTATE PRODUCTS WITH DIFFERENT ACTIVE INGREDIENTS YEARLY TO PREVENT THE FLIES FROM DEVELOPING RESISTANCE. Sanitation helps control house flies and biting stable flies. Clean up spilt feed and extra hay around barns and pens. Also, Insect Growth Regulator (IGR) can be fed through the mineral.

Chinch Bugs

Chinch bugs, although a very small insect pest, can infest a lawn in great numbers and cause serious damage if not controlled. St. Augustine grass is the primary victim, but chinch bugs have been known to affect other lawn grasses

insecticides containing bifenthrin, cyfluthrin, or permethrin seem to work well.

White Grubs

Areas of the lawn that can be lifted by hand or be rolled up from the ground like a carpet are the first signs of white grub damage. While the beetle stage of their life cycle feed on ornamental plants, the larval stage that develops from the eggs laid in the soil is what causes the lawn damage. Larva is also referred to as the "white grub" stage of the May or June beetles. These root-feeding "grubs" are creamy-white and C-shaped with three pairs of legs, and their damage normally occurs during the summer and fall time period. They feed on grass root systems, and damaged areas begin as weakened or dying grass in irregular shapes. Eventually, if the population and damage is severe, these areas in your lawn will die.

To locate these larva, dig into the infested sites with a spade or shovel to a depth of at least four inches. Finding white grubs in numbers of three to five per square foot suggests insecticide treatment is needed. Products of choice are insecticides containing imidacloprid or halofenozide. If grub damage already exists, use products such as carbaryl or trichlorfon.

To learn more about white grubs or chinch bugs and recommended insecticides, go to the Aggri-Turf web site at <http://aggri-turf.tamu.edu> and click on "Turf Tips" for the supporting document.


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Feeder Steers (per lb.)
200-300 lbs. No. 1 1.42-1.57; Nos. 2 & 3 1.20-1.42; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.30-1.55; Nos. 2 & 3 1.15-1.30; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.29-1.43; Nos. 2 & 3 1.00-1.29; 500-600 lbs. No. 1 1.16-1.37; Nos. 2 & 3 95-1.16; 600-700 lbs. No. 1 1.07-1.19; Nos. 2 & 3 90-1.07; 700-800 lbs. No. 1 1.04-1.10; Nos. 2 & 3 80-1.04.
Feeder Heifers (per lb.)
200-300 lbs. No. 1 1.30-1.48; Nos. 2 & 3 1.15-1.19; 300-400 lbs. No. 1 1.23-1.47; Nos. 2 & 3 1.04-1.09; Nos. 2 & 3 85-1.03; 700-800 lbs. No. 1 95-1.06; Nos. 2 & 3 80-95.
Slaughter Cattle (per lb.)
Slaughter Bulls, Field Grade #1-2 1.200-1.500 lbs. 65-79.50 Slaughter Cows; #1-3 54-62; Cutter 30-54.
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Barrows & Gilts (per lb.)
US #1 2.00-2.70 55-62; US #2 2.20-2.80 50-55; Feeder (per head): 100-128 lbs. \$50-90; 150-175 lbs. \$15-50; 250-300 lbs. \$15-50.
Sows (per lb.)
Feeder 400 lbs. less 40-50; 300 lbs. up 05; Light 400-500 40-42; Med wt 500-600 40-42; Heavy wt 600+ 40-42.
Boars (per lb.)
Feeder 400 lbs. less 40-50; 300 lbs. up 05; Light 300-300 lbs. NT; Light wt 30-35; Sheep (per lb.)
Feeder lambs 40-40 lbs. 85-95; Fat lambs 90-120 lbs. 70-85.
Ewes (per lb.)
Stocker 40-55; Thin 10-35; Fat 30-45.
Bucks (per lb.)
Thin 40-42; Fat 30-40.
Barbados (per head)
Lambs \$20-\$55; Ewe \$30-\$75; Bucks \$50-\$95.
Goats (per head)
Kids 20-25 lbs. \$30-\$65; 35-55 lbs. \$30-\$75; 55-75 lbs. \$45-\$85.
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