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Burned body identified as Dr. Deborah Houchin, PhD

By Janet Felderhoff
 Smoke spotted early Friday morning, July 22 led to the discovery of a woman's body. An employee of Wimmer's Diesel Service noticed smoke from the nearby Rohmer's Well Service building. He went to check on what he thought would be burning tires and found instead a woman's body. The report was called in to the Cooke County Sheriff's Department at 6:50 a.m.

Cooke County Sheriff's Department investigated and called for assistance from Denton County Crime Scene Search Unit. Photos of jewelry worn by the victim were shown on television in hopes that someone would recognize it and come forward to identify her. This proved fruitful as friends and co-workers of the victim recognized the pieces as belonging to a missing co-worker.

Deborah Houchin, PhD, age 56, of Arlington was reported missing by co-workers on Monday after she failed to show up for work. She normally doesn't work on Fridays. According to Judge Dorothy Lewis, who was called to the scene where the body was found, she was last seen leaving work on Thursday

evening. Dr. Houchin was a mental health therapist and counselor.

Cooke County Sheriff Mike Compton reported that when the Arlington Police Department did a welfare check on Houchin, they found her home disheveled, although she is a tidy person. Judge Lewis said that Houchin was not there, but her car, purse, and cell phone were at the home, and her dogs hadn't been cared for. After seeing the jewelry, her co-workers knew of her dentist and got the dental records to the medical investigator. Dental records were used to identify Deborah Houchin and the burned body as one and the same. The victim has a brother who lives in California.

Judge Lewis said that the cause of death is not being released, but it was definitely homicidal violence. When and where she was killed is still being investigated.

Wednesday morning Cooke County Sheriff's investigators Jerry Bacon, Greg Taylor, Texas Ranger Tracey Murphree, and Denton Crime Scene Investigator Larry Kish were on their way to Arlington. Sheriff Compton said that they would investigate the



(Above) - Larry Kish of the Denton Crime Scene Search Unit takes measurements outside Rohmer's Well Service after the discovery of a burning body last Friday while Jim Burke of the Cooke County Sheriff's Office takes notes. (Below) Judge Dorothy Lewis and Cooke County Sheriff Mike Compton discuss the murder case.

Photos by Scott Wood

murder victim's home in the search for answers to who killed Houchin, where she was killed, and the whys of many questions surrounding the case.

If anyone saw anything suspicious or has any information, Judge Lewis urges them to come forward with it. "The body hadn't been there very long," she noted. The body was found within yards of Hwy. 82 just east of

Muenster. At that time of the morning there is already quite a bit of traffic as people travel to work. Information can be given to the Sheriff's office or to Judge Lewis.

"We are fortunate that Sheriff Compton has a good working relationship with area agencies," noted Judge Lewis. "Denton's Crime Lab is working with Cooke County on this case. They have a lot of equipment that we don't have."



Opening new jail is a complicated matter

By Janet Felderhoff
 Moving from the current jail facility to the new jail will require hours of paperwork to ensure safety. To accomplish this, a Transition Committee will be appointed for the Cooke County Justice Center. Precinct #3 Commissioner Al Smith, Precinct #1 Commissioner Gary Hollowell, and Cooke County Sheriff Mike Compton attended transition training sessions that informed them of the best ways to prepare for prisoners and staff in a new jail facility.

A Transition Action Plan was formulated. The first step was to get Commissioners Court to approve the plan and provide financing for the additional staff and work hours that will be required to put the plan into action.

Sheriff Compton requested that he be allowed to hire four new correction officers now to allow time to train them so that four officers can be assigned the task of transition. He said that Judge Bill Freeman has arranged office space for them to work.

"If we hire four additional jailers at this time, it will impact the Sheriff's Budget with all benefits by \$26,282," said Judge Freeman. The

County's fiscal year ends on Sept. 30.

Commissioner Smith reported, "The idea here is that we're constructing a new jail, and to be complete, we have to construct all of the methods and procedures and work out all the details of the exact language of how the jail is going to run, and how we are going to logistically move into the new jail. There are some 200 different scenarios that they talked about in transition training that need to be documented in a procedure-like manner to make this transition work smoothly."

"He spoke to the fact that for each of the 200 scenarios, it takes in their experience, it would take 12 man hours per scenario to develop that scenario," said Cooke County Sheriff Mike Compton as he explained what professional jail analysis people had told him. "They create a hypothetical situation and then they create an answer to that hypothetical situation. Then the procedures for doing it are developed and then from those procedures the policies are developed for the jail."

Sheriff Compton noted that this was done when they moved into the old facility, only it didn't have a name and they did it "fly by night" as things came up. "This is done to make the jail a safe environment, not just for the inmates, but in order to make sure that we don't have any escapes from a new facility," said the Sheriff. "It is designed with public safety being upper most in the thoughts so that there is not an error that occurs that allows an inmate to escape."

Commissioner Smith said that there would be an opportunity for volunteers to be locked up for a day and to have the procedures practiced on them.

"This is a transition plan that I believe strongly in," Smith stated. "This is work to be accomplished so that we don't just move in there and try to fly by night. We need to have it well thought out and the procedures down." Most of this will be down with plans and spec books because there won't be access to the jail facility under construction.

Commissioners voted to hire the four additional officers and to make the

Hospital District proposes tax rate for '05

By Janet Felderhoff
 Despite a personal preference by several Board members to go lower, the Muenster Memorial Hospital Board of Directors unanimously agreed to propose a tax rate of .20998. That is just under 21¢ per \$100 of property valuation. It is an increase of 1.86% from 2004.

In recent years the tax base has grown considerably. The tax base in 2003 was \$190,837,442; in 2004 it was \$211,254,053, an increase of 10.70%; and in 2005 it grew to \$237,644,983, up 12.49% from the previous year.

"Our current tax rate is .2319 and it brought in \$489,000," said MMH Administrator Lynn Heller. "If we kept it the same tax rate it would bring in \$551,000 and that would be a 12.49% increase. That would get you a rollback election." He added that a 3% increase would bring in \$504,000, with a .2142 tax rate. An increase of 8% would likely bring about a rollback.

Dan Hamric noted that he liked staying below \$499,000 in collected operating taxes. Danny Walterscheid said that they would be in good shape if they could get the tax rate below 20¢, but collecting below \$499,000 would be about right.

John Aytes recalled that when he came on the Board the tax rate was just under 25¢. "I sure would like to see it (tax rate) under 20¢," he added.

Speculating centered on the potential repercussions of lowering the amount too much. "You'd lower your base," warned Heller. Dr. Walter Knight explained, "That means you'll be at a rollback rate quicker in the future if you need to go up. I'm talking about the following year. If we went down this year to 20 then we'd be up 8% just to get back to where we were if we hadn't lowered it this year."

Kenny Klement worried that a tax freeze for those 65 or older or disabled would set in a rate. "They hit that just right and they could live in a \$250-\$300,000 house and pay \$98 in taxes," he said. "You

can never tell how many of those are on the tax rolls. The Era School District is the best example in the world. It's all old people over there and they have hell with their money."

It was agreed to set a proposed rate of \$0.20998 with a tax base of \$237,644,983, that amount of taxes collected should be \$499,007, which would be an increase of 1.86%. If a public hearing is required, the notice will be printed in the *Muenster Enterprise* prior to its being held. The tax rate will be set at the Aug. 17 meeting.

Administrator Heller announced that the new physician, Henry Hewes, D.O. will start on Wednesday, Aug. 3. He is a Board Certified general surgeon. Dr. Hewes will see patients at the Family Health Clinic and take his turn at being on call for the MMH emergency room. More information will follow next week.

Estimates given by two sign companies were reviewed regarding a lighted emergency room sign. An exchange of ideas brought about the halt of placement of the sign. Its purpose was to make out of town patients aware of where the emergency room is located when they are seeking it, especially at night.

Lack of adequate parking and an appropriate area for the CareFlite helicopter to land are two of the reasons a study of the situation was called. Klement said that he watched as someone tried to load a wheelchair patient in front of the Hospital and it wasn't working because the curb was in the way.

"I wouldn't mind seeing the whole front part of that Hospital where the grass is, just knock that out completely and have it to where people can pull in there," noted Danny Walterscheid. "You've still got your fire lane where people could pull around." He suggested it be designated for patients only since there are many outpatients using the facility, some of whom can't walk a long distance.

Danny suggested placing the sign on the front of the

building near the emergency room with an arrow pointing towards its entrance. This brought about positive comments from Board members. The sign could be placed soon and there would be no worry about moving it if the proposed changes occur in parking areas. A one sided sign with a spotlight would also be less expensive.

Heller said that CareFlite has requested a better place to land and he would contact them for design assistance before considering a design and placement of a helipad.

A \$4,600 gift from the estate of Ida Hoenig was received. If the family agrees, it will be used to purchase a laser printer for the scope. The cost is estimated to be \$4,800.

An upgrade is being considered for the CSS system. It will be October before a new system can be installed. The system doesn't have long to go before it is non functional. The Board voted to give Heller permission to arrange financing for a new system and to purchase or finance it. Estimated cost to upgrade software is \$70,000. Heller suggested a payment of \$1,312.15 a month at a 5% payout over five years to upgrade the server and software.

CFO Dick Teter gave the financial reports for June. "It was a pretty good month for revenues - \$647,392 - one of the better months of the year," he noted. Total for the fiscal year was \$5,663,708. Net revenue was \$370,737 for

June. Expenses for June were \$472,921 leaving a net operating over expense revenue loss of \$102,183 and for the year \$50,448. After figuring in taxes collected and non-operating expenses, the June revenue showed a loss of \$99,062. The year's net income was \$433,937.

"If you go back to the net operating revenue, we had a net loss of \$50,000 for the year and then add our taxes in of \$484,000 to get to \$434,000 net profit for the year," Teter explained.

Heller listed the number of patients seen at the Family Health Clinic during June as follows: Dr. Advincula - 232; Dr. Cox - 133; Dr. Carter - 80; and FNP Trubenbach - 127; for a month's total of 572 patients. The total number of patients seen at the Family Health Clinic for the fiscal year was 8,179.

According to Heller's figures, in the Hospital, the average daily census during June was 2.07 and is 2.59 for the year. Swing Bed's average daily census for June was 4.03 and for the year 4.12. Home Health recorded 430 visits in June, with a total for the year of 5,124. Therapy had 504 patient visits in June, and a total of 4,873 for the year.

In other business the MMH Board of Directors:

- Approved appointment of Dr. Edd Advincula as Chief of Staff.

- Approved contract with Lynn Heller as MMH

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Muenster VFD logs 403 hours in 2nd quarter

By Janet Felderhoff
 Muenster Fire Chief Herbie Knabe reported on calls responded to during the second quarter of 2005. According to Knabe, during April, May, and June the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department was called to 40 times and logged 403 hours on the various 911 calls. An average of 10 firemen responded to each call.

The calls responded to were as follows: 14 medical assists; 13 grass fires; three trauma motor vehicle accidents (MVA); one CareFlite; two MVAs; one hay fire; two control burns; two false alarms; and two smoke investigations. Also there were three public service calls.

MISD School Board meets

By Janie Hartman
 The Muenster ISD Board of Trustees met in a called meeting Tuesday night in an attempt to take action on several items before the start of the school year.

The Board approved the hiring of Team Clean to do custodial work at \$245 per day. A team of four will clean the junior high and high school after school hours.

The completion of the drainage project by the library was approved, but no action was taken on the coaches' office in the new weight room, or the tennis court area renovation.

The school calendar for the 2005-06 year was also approved. The first day of classes will be Wednesday, Aug. 10. Holidays include Labor Day, Thanksgiving weekend, Christmas (Dec. 19 - Jan. 2), and Spring Break (March 13-17), with graduation scheduled for May 26. Bad weather days are March 3 (Stock Show) and May 12. There are 88 days the first semester and 89 the second.

OBITUARY

Earl Fisher 1918 - 2005

By **Elfreda Fette**

Mass of Christian Burial was held for Earl James Fisher on Tuesday, July 26 in Sacred Heart Church at 10 a.m., officiated by Father John Ohner, OSA, pastor.

Earl Fisher died Friday, July 22, 2005 in Gainesville at 2:38 p.m. He was born on Oct. 24, 1918 in Muenster to Joseph Fisher, Sr. and Emma Palte Fisher.

Survivors are his wife, Velma of Muenster; five daughters, Joan Demshock of Timonium, Maryland, Doris Fisher of Vancouver, Washington, Janice Kincy of Gainesville, Mary Cannon of Arlington, and Judy Newell, of Dallas; and four sons, Robert Fisher of Delton, Michigan, Gary Fisher of Muenster, Alan Fisher of Dalton, Georgia, and Glenn Fisher of Krum. There are 17 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild; a sister, Lorena Taylor of Muenster; and a brother, Father Harry Fisher of Fort Worth.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a daughter Donna Fisher; sisters Ida Fladung, Lillian Appel, Bertha Pick, and an infant sister, Leona Fisher; and five brothers, John Fisher, Joe Fisher, Charley Fisher, Pat Fisher, and Paul Fisher; and a son-in-law Nick Demshock.

Earl Fisher attended Sacred Heart School through the tenth grade, and then

Muenster Public High School to graduate. Later, he attended Cooke County College where he graduated and then attended Southwestern School of Banking at SMU where he earned his graduate degree.

In 1933, at the age of 14, Earl took leave of absence from school to serve as a "Page" in the Texas Legislature for Carroll F. Sullivan. This was during the "Ma Ferguson" governorship.

His responsibility as Page was to always know where "Sully" was at all times and to notify him when there was a roll-call vote on a bill.

He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII as a Yeoman 1st Class. He served in the Pacific aboard the USS Bennington as squadron administrator. He was attached to Air Group One, Bomber Squadron One. During his time in the service, he married Velma Frances Evers on Feb. 17, 1943 in Umbarger, Texas.

Earl joined the Muenster State Bank in 1937, as a bookkeeper and janitor, and enjoyed a long, successful career in banking. After his service in the military, he returned to the bank, and in 1980 became president of the bank. He retired in 1997 at age 78, with over 60 years of service to the bank and to the community.

He was also active in many civic organizations, serving 31 years as a member of the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department, and serving as mayor of Muenster from 1963 to 1970. He heavily supported both Sacred Heart School and Muenster Public School. He was a charter member of the Muenster Hospital Board; a lifetime member of the VFW; and a member of the Knights of Columbus since 1937.

He owned and operated FMW Insurance Agency. In 1983, he was joined in the agency by his son, Gary Fisher. Earl remained active in the agency management until his death.

The afternoon before the day of funeral, a Rosary Service was held at 4 p.m. in McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Vigil at 7 p.m. at the funeral home was led by Father John.

Participating in the special liturgy of the Mass of Christian Burial with Father John were altar servers Alvin Hartman, Sylvan Walterscheid, and Chuck Bartush, Jr.

Readings from the Old and New Testaments were given by Karl Fisher and Eric Fisher, grandsons. Offertory gifts were presented at the altar by grandchildren Staci Fisher, Ashley Cannon, Lana Fisher, and Stephanie Kincy. Offertory prayers included a special mention of soldiers in



Earl Fisher

dancer.

Eucharistic ministers were Lorena Taylor, Roger Taylor, Theresa Walterscheid, Anna and Ken Braziel, and Ed York.

Music ministers were Ruth Felderhoff, Emily Klement, Diane Grewing, and Linda Flusche. Clyde Fisher joined them in singing "How Great Thou Art". Other songs included "Amazing Grace", "Wherever You Go", "One Day At A Time", "God Bless America", and "Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory".

The Remarks of Remembrance were given by Gary Fisher, Janice Kincy, and Carla Zwinggi.

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster, including a special military salute. Pallbearers were Edward Pick, Steve Taylor, Butch Fisher, Mike Pagel, Mike Kincy, and Herbie Fisher.

CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA MEETING DATE - AUGUST 1, 2005

The following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7-30 pm in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, August 1, 2005.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 pm.
2. Opening prayer.
3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting on July 11, 2005, and special meeting on July 18, 2005.
4. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
5. Consider any other business to come before the Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discuss changing rates for water purchases. Take action as necessary.
2. Consider and act on solutions regarding water flow on West Ninth Street.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Receive update from Muenster Beautiful organization.
2. Consider and act on rate increase for trash collection by IESI TX Corporation.
3. Receive report from Aid. Anderson regarding long-term vision for water department.
4. Consider and act on rescheduling September council meeting.
5. Schedule budget workshop meeting.
6. Consider and act on employee health insurance rerate for fiscal year 2005-2006.
7. Review and act on monthly bills.
8. Receive status report on city projects and activities. Take action as necessary on items of discussion.
9. Adjourn.

Paula Patin

DAYS GONE BY..... by Elfreda Fette

65 YEARS AGO July 26, 1940

Parents urged to keep children away from the sewer construction job. "We have been having trouble from children, some of them too small to know the meaning of danger, and some old enough but too inquisitive." New Arrivals: Josephine to the Lawrence Flusches; Vivian to the Arnold Swirczynskis. Wedding: Ida Bengfort and Joseph J. Franks; Edgar Mosman and Eugenia Eckelkamp. Lambert Beizer, son of the Jake Beizers, begins work as a bookkeeper in the First State Bank of Gainesville.

50 YEARS AGO July 29, 1955

Muenster Phone Company buys Myra system and plans dial service. Two lines will connect Muenster and Myra. Wm. J. Miller buys Mayall Milk Trucks. He is also the owner and operator of the local Humble Station. Stroke after car crash is fatal to August Schmidkofer, 84. Men In Service: Pfc. Henry Weinzapfel visits here before reporting for duty in the Far East; Lt. Col. and Mrs. David Bright and family visit here before going to Alaska for two years; S. Sgt. and Mrs. Ralph Hellman are in Austin after service in England; Alvin Fleitman advanced to PFC in Germany. George Letson and L.B. Brunns earn Instructor's Certificates and Life Saving Certificates in

water safety class. The C.J. Kaisers take nine-day trip to Louisiana, Mississippi, and Galveston. Rev. Patrick Hannon returns from three-week vacation in California and Washington. Theresa Mae Felderhoff is new employee at Muenster State Bank. New Arrivals: Alice and Phyllis to Ed and Louise Schad; Judy to John and Elizabeth Hoberer.

25 YEARS AGO July 25, 1980

Muenster sets new heat



From My Side Of The Fence

by Ed Cler

A couple of weeks ago our Supreme Court stuck its neck out and declared the "law of Eminent Domain" could be used by individuals or a company, as well as a city or state to acquire a citizen's land to build tenements, a store, or any business building or public projects. The Court just keeps laying waste to one of our rights after another.

One of the last sentences in Amendment 5 to our Constitution states in part: "nor deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law, nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation."

In this case the Court decided in favor of private property going to another private ownership. The Court has messed up Amendment #1, aided and abetted by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). This seems to be an unhappy and dissatisfied group of people, who will not be satisfied until they and the Court have deprived the nation of every civil right that has helped make the U.S.A. the greatest country on the earth. The A.C.L.U. is upset over an idea put forth by George R. Plagenz, an ordained minister and veteran newsman. He thinks the great debate about evolution and creationism could be settled by using the word "tell", in place of "teach".

A good teacher finds ways to get a student to absorb and understand a lesson. People who tell about something, tell you all about it and then leave it to you.

The A.C.L.U. wants religion "out", just out. Evolution, to them, is fine. But there will never be agreement on this.

Personally, how anyone can believe a tremendous explosion could leave everything in "apple pie" order, the earth, people, and the animals and the birds, to each following its own pattern of reproduction, the earth sitting on nothing, rotating once every 24 hours for time unlimited. There has to be a "Mastermind" and a "Great Power" to come up with what we have.

Oh, I believe in evolution, to a point. In traveling over this country, I have seen where mountains and hills had gradually eroded, and flat grazing land, instead, lay before you. There are whales in the sea, and animals all over the earth that have changed from living in the sea, to being land bound.

Cattle and other animals can be changed by selective breeding. We have breeds of horned, or hornless cattle. Some horses have been bred to be larger or smaller, and we can find many such adaptations.

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Sunday, July 31, 2005	Monday, August 1, 2005	Tuesday, August 2, 2005	Wednesday, August 3, 2005	Thursday, August 4, 2005	Friday, August 5, 2005	Saturday, August 6, 2005
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	MISD Football and Cross Country workouts begin. Grief Support Group Mtg - 6 pm - Home Hospice Office - G'ville City Council Mtg - 7:30 p.m.	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30. S.N.A.P. Center MMH Aux. Mtg. - 7 p.m.	C of C Board Mtg. - 5:30 p.m. TDH Immunization Clinic - Cooke Cty Elec. Coop - 9-11 am	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30. S.N.A.P. Center	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM AARP Board Mtg. - 10 a.m. Stanford House - G'ville	Saint Jo Rodeo Parade - 6 p.m. MISD Orientation - Grade 3-6 - 9 a.m. Auditorium Hunters Expo - 9-5 pm G'ville Civic Center
Sunday, August 7, 2005	Monday, August 8, 2005	Tuesday, August 9, 2005	Wednesday, August 10, 2005	Thursday, August 11, 2005	Friday, August 12, 2005	Saturday, August 13, 2005
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Hunters Expo - 9-5 pm - G'ville Civic Center	Howdy Night - MISD Pre K - 2nd Grade - Auditorium - 6 pm	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30. S.N.A.P. Center	C of C Breakfast - Rohmer's - 7:30 a.m.	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30. S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Historical Mtg. - Museum - 8 a.m. Private Applicator Licensing & Tests - Courthouse - 8 am	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM AARP Membership Lunch. - 11:30 a.m. - Stanford House - G'ville	

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LIFESTYLE

Felderhoff, Behr exchange vows in Sacramento, California

On Tuesday, June 21, 2005, at three o'clock in the afternoon, Julia Marie Felderhoff of Irving, Texas and Steven Behr of Indian Harbor Beach, Florida were joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. The double ring ceremony was held at American Martyrs Catholic Church, Manhattan Beach, California with the Rev. Msgr. John F. Barry officiating. The couple chose American Martyrs Church for their marriage because the groom proposed there.

The bride is the daughter of August and Loretta Felderhoff of Muenster. Grandparents of the bride are the late Hubert and Marie Felderhoff and the late Henry and Dorine Droll of Muenster. The bride is a graduate of Sacred Heart Schools in Muenster and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Dallas and a Master of Science degree in Kinesiology with Athletic Administration from Texas Woman's University in Denton. She was a teacher and coach at Stephen F. Austin Middle School in Irving, Texas.

The groom is the son of Steven and Dolores Behr of Steilacoom, Washington. Grandparents are the late Arthur and Dolores Sutton and the late Paul and Katherine Behr of New York. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Washington State University and is employed as a corporate consultant by Results Seminars of Scottsdale, Arizona.

Maid of honor was the bride's sister Vanessa Felderhoff of Broussard, Louisiana. Mandy Walter of Arlington, Texas was the honorary matron-of-honor.

Bridesmaids were Laura Behr, sister of the groom, of Indian Harbor Beach, Florida, and Britt Felderhoff, sister-in-law of the bride, of Scottsdale, Arizona. The attendants were attired in azalea chiffon triple tier asymmetrical dresses. Each carried a presentation bouquet of flowers in the colors hot

pink, light pink, and orange with ginger leaves. Vanessa's bouquet was of mini calla lilies, Laura's was of gerbera daisies, and Britt's was of tulips.

Flower girl was Hannah Schoendorf, daughter of Amie and Tim Schoendorf of Ponder, Texas and granddaughter of Norbert Felderhoff of Gainesville and the late Marjorie Felderhoff. She carried a nosegay of mixed flowers. Michael Falter, son of a friend of the groom carried the white pillow with the rings.

Best man was David Behr, brother of the groom, of Redondo Beach, California. Groomsmen were friends of the groom, Chris Falter of Puyallup, Washington and Dan Umbdenstock of Denver, Colorado. Ushers were August H. Felderhoff of Scottsdale, Arizona and James Felderhoff of Muenster, Texas, brothers of the bride. Attire for the men consisted of Gray cutaway coats, striped pants with silver vests, and ascot style ties. Boutonnieres were of the flower to match the attendant. The groom's vest was gray. His boutonniere was of white stephanotis.

Guests arrived in the church which was decorated with bows and Circus, Macarena spray and hot pink spray roses on the pews, to the musical prelude "Come and Journey with Me". The groom's mother, wearing a cybindium orchid wrist corsage entered to the strains of "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee". The bride's mother entered to "Canon in D". Each mother carried a taper candle and together lit their candles and placed them on the altar representing each family. Attendant's professional was to "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring". The bride, escorted by her father, entered to "Trumpet Tune".

The bride wore a white v-neck halter dress connected at the top of the neck with a straight sheath adorned with all-over beaded lace in a floral pattern. The skirt was



Mr. and Mrs. Steve Behr ...nee Julie Felderhoff ...

Photo courtesy of John and Max Mills Photography

trumpet style and the train was bustled for the reception. She wore a jeweled tiara with a white veil accented with stephanotis. The bride carried a presentation style bouquet of white calla lilies, accented by mini Calla lilies in dark pink, light pink, and gold anchored with ginger leaves.

Vanessa Felderhoff gave her sister a sixpence for good fortune and something old for continuity. Something new - for optimism for the future - was the garter made by her great-aunt, Bertha Fleitman, who also made the garter for her mother, Loretta, when she married. Something blue for fidelity was a blue flowered crystal toe ring.

The first reading, Tobit 8: 4b-8 "Allow us to live together to a happy old age," was read by David Sutton, uncle of the groom. The Responsorial

Psalm 103: 1-2, 8 and 13, 17-18a "The Lord is Kind and Merciful" was sung. The second reading, 1 Corinthians: 12:31-13:8a "If I do not have love, I gain nothing", was read by Diane French, aunt of the groom. The Gospel acclamation, 1 John: 4:12, "If we love one another, God remains in us and his love is brought to perfection in us" was sung. The Gospel, John 15: 9-12 "Remain in my love," was read by Rev. Msgr. John Barry. Following the exchange of vows and blessing and exchange of rings, the bride and groom lit the unity candle to the strains of "With You". The petitions were presented by Erin Healey, friend of the bride. Gifts of bread and wine and a food basket were presented by Thomas and Barbara Felderhoff, godparents and aunt and uncle of the bride. The presentation song was "When Love is Found" and the communion song was "One Bread, One Body". The bride and groom proceeded to the Blessed Mother's altar with one white calla lily and their petitions to the words of "Ave Maria". Recessional music was "Rondeau" and "Water Music: Hornpipe".

The Reception
Following the ceremony the bride and groom were greeted with a shower of flower petals as they entered the La Venta Inn, Palos Verdes Estates, California. As they greeted guests, hors d'oeuvres were served. They were Ahi tuna lightly blackened on crisp wonton triangles topped with Japanese salsa and Wasabi sour cream, Caprese-pizza chip topped with fresh buffalo

mozzarella, roma tomatoes and basil, Caesar cups - shredded romaine, parmesan regiano, tossed with house Caesar and served in a crisp herbed garlic cup, and baby artichoke hearts filled with creamy boursin cheese, breaded and deep fried.

Fifty guests enjoyed dinner which began with choices of heirloom tomato soup, butternut squash soup, sweet corn and lobster bisque, Caesar salad, garden salad, and a salad of mixed field greens topped with feta cheese, apples, walnuts, and sweet potato straws with a Thai vinaigrette. Balsamic marinated breast of turkey was served with a traditional gravy and cranberry relish, and prime rib of beef was served au jus with a creamy horseradish sauce accompanied by garlic mashed potatoes and freshly baked rolls and butter. There was a seafood display of oysters served with sauce mignonette, Alaskan crab claws with Southwestern firecracker sauce, shrimp scampi - cooked to order, and house-smoked Pacific salmon with condiments, and house-baked sour dough rolls.

The bride and groom danced their first dance to "You Had Me From Hello". The bride and her father and the groom and his mother danced to "What a Wonderful World" and "Somewhere Over the Rainbow". Guests danced to popular and big band music selections throughout the evening. Special dedication songs for the grandparents were as follows: Hubert and Marie Felderhoff - "Edelweiss", Henry and Dorine Droll - "Let Me Call You Sweetheart", Arthur and Dolores Sutton - "Moonlight in Vermont", Paul and Katherine Behr - "Night and Day." The bride and groom's final dance was to "Last Dance".

The guest book, unity candle, and place cards were on a table with flower petal detail.

Dining tables held ivory linens with hot pink, light pink, orange, and yellow mini callas, roses, and tulips in clear vases. Chairs were accented with hot pink organza ties. Menu cards were placed at each napkin. Each guest received a remembrance of an organza bag containing dark and light pink M&M candies with the names of the bride and groom and the date. Guest tables, ledges, fireplace mantel, cocktail tables in the ballroom, and on the veranda were adorned with flower petals and flickering votive candles. The gazebo on the veranda overlooking the ocean held simple ivy, and flowers of pinks, and orange with yellow and violet for accent.

The bride and groom were seated at a sweetheart table decorated with sweetheart

roses, and vase enclosed petals and votives.

The cake table held the two-layer bride's cake of almond butter with milk chocolate mousse filling and white chocolate butter cream icing. It was adorned with triangle Swiss dots on the walls and beads at the bases. There were Circus, Macarena spray, and hot pink spray roses between the layers and on the top, with the Precious Moments "The Lord Bless and Keep You" cake topper. The groom's cake was citrus chiffon with lemon mousse filling and whipped cream icing with the Washington State University logo and Boyd's Bears "Doug and Jill" topper.

Toasts of health, wealth, and happiness were given to the couple by David Behr, the groom's brother and best man, and Vanessa Felderhoff, sister of the bride and maid of honor - for herself and Mandy Walter, honorary matron of honor.

The couple had a short wedding trip to Florida following the wedding. They will reside in Irving, Texas.

Guests included August and Loretta Felderhoff, James

Felderhoff, and Thomas and Barbara Felderhoff of Muenster, Amie and Hannah Schoendorf of Ponder, Gus, Britt, and Olivia Felderhoff of Scottsdale, Arizona, Vanessa Felderhoff of Broussard, Steve and Dolores Behr of Steilacoom, Laura Behr of Indian Harbor Beach, and David Behr of Redondo Beach. Other guests were from Irving, Fort Worth, San Antonio, and Lewisville, Texas and from the states of Florida, Minnesota, California, Washington, New York, Arizona, and Colorado.

The Rehearsal Dinner
The groom's parents hosted a dinner after the rehearsal on Monday, June 20. The dinner at the Union Cattle Company, Hermosa Beach, California was served on the rooftop garden with a sunset view of the Pacific Ocean.

Showers
On Sunday, May 22 a bridal shower was given for Julie at the home of John and Rose Henscheid in Muenster. Hostesses were Barbara Felderhoff, Rose Henscheid, Susie Bezner, and Becky Felderhoff. Guests played various bridal shower games and enjoyed a white cake decorated with pink roses and white doves and an ice cream punch. The table was decorated with pink accessories and flower petals. A small white lace basket held brightly colored mini candies.

On Sunday, June 5, Mandy Walter hosted a brunch at Birra Porretti's Italian Restaurant in Arlington, Texas. Guests from the Dallas area and California attended.

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Lutkenhaus, Wilhite marry in Stockyards Wedding Chapel

Jodie Lee Lutkenhaus became the bride of Benjamin Wilhite in a traditional double ring ceremony at the Stockyards Wedding Chapel in Fort Worth on July 9, 2005 at 7 p.m. The ceremony was officiated by Father James Grimes and Reverend Gordon Nelson.

The bride is the daughter of James and Joan Lutkenhaus of Bedford, and the granddaughter of Mary Sicking of Gainesville and Odelia Lutkenhaus of Saint Jo. She is a 2002 graduate of the University of Texas and received her degree in Chemical Engineering. She is a doctoral candidate in Chemical Engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The groom is the son of Doug and Marie Wilhite of Rolla, Missouri, and the grandson of Elmer Wilhite of Gulfport, Mississippi. He is a 1986 graduate of North Carolina State University where he received his degree in Chemical Engineering. He is a 2002 PhD Chemical Engineering graduate from Notre Dame in North Bend, Indiana. Currently

he is a post doctoral student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge. He has accepted a Chemical Engineering faculty position at the University of Connecticut in Storres, Connecticut.

Presented at the altar by her father, the bride was wearing an elegant gown designed by Henry Roth of New York. It was an ivory silk satin strapless gown featuring jewel encrusted appliqué accents with

delicate beading and embroidery, with two chiffon sashes forming a train. She wore a cultured pearl necklace with matching earrings, a gift from her aunt, Lois Sicking, and a crystal bracelet from her grandmother, Mary Sicking. Her tiara was designed and handmade by her cousin, Megan Arendt. She carried the same baby pearl beaded shoulder length handbag that her mother carried at her wedding.

ATTENDANTS
 Jessica Winter of Newton, Massachusetts, the bride's sister, was matron of honor.
 Bridesmaids were Cara

Rhea of Hurst, friend of the bride; Holly Stanton of Washington, DC, friend of the bride; Megan Arendt of Houston, cousin of the bride.

Flower girl was Ali Winter of Newton niece of the bride.

Best man was Dan Bailey of Pepperil, Massachusetts, friend of the groom.

Groomsmen were Dr. Douglas Wilhite of Salisbury, Maryland, brother of the groom; Matt String of Wilhite of Raleigh, North Fort Worth.

The bride and groom left in a horse carriage decorated with bluebonnets and white bows on the pews.

The Stockyards Wedding chapel was decorated with bluebonnets and white bows on the pews.

RECEPTION

A reception followed in the Stockyards New Frontiers Ballroom for 80 guests. Centerpieces were Texas native flowers and displayed in cowboy boots. The Ballroom was decorated with a Texas theme, including candelabra, white lights and a garden trellis in the ballroom corner.

Wanda Pearl's Catering of Colleyville provided a Texas themed cuisine including a fajita bar. The bride's cake was a triple layer white cake filled with raspberry fruit sauce covered with marzipan frosting. The groom's cake was a double layer chocolate cake filled with grand marnier sauce and covered with chocolate drip frosting.

Chamber music was provided by The Gallery Quartet of the historic Stockyards Hotel.

The rehearsal dinner was held at the Cattleman's Steakhouse at the Fort Worth Stockyards. Local guests included her grandmother Mary Sicking of Gainesville.

Cliff and Kathy Sicking, Rachel Hennigan and Leon Hess, all of Muenster, and Bryan Sicking of Myra.

Following a honeymoon in Saint Lucia, the couple will reside in Cambridge, Massachusetts and Vernon, Connecticut.



Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Wilhite
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Happy Birthday, Jack Flusche!



John and Nancy Endres of Muenster announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Prairie Endres of Lubbock to Aaron Parnell of Lubbock. He is the son of Rev. Charles and Carol Parnell of McGregor. The couple has chosen Saturday, August 20, 2005 as their wedding day. They plan to wed at 7 p.m. in the Gage Hotel in Marathon, Texas with the Rev. David Dunson of the Era Methodist Church officiating. Miss Endres earned a BA in Theatre from Sul Ross State University and is currently working on an MFA in Theatre at Texas Tech. The future groom earned a BS in Computer Programming from Sul Ross State University. He is a computer programmer for Icon Corporation. After their marriage, the couple plans to make their home in Lubbock.

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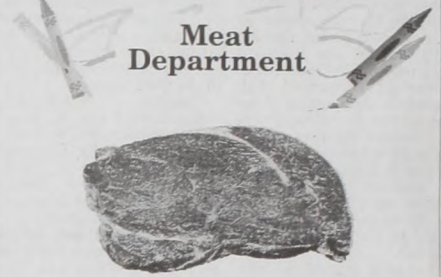
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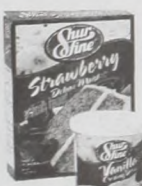
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Sr. Dorothy Zimmerer observes diamond jubilee

Sister Dorothy Theresa Zimmerer celebrated her diamond jubilee as a Sister of Divine Providence on Sunday, June 12 in San Antonio. The Eucharistic Celebration was held at 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart Conventual Chapel at Our Lady of the Lake Convent with Rev. Balty Janacek officiating.

Music was presented by the San Fernando Cathedral Classic Choir and Our Lady of the Lake Choir. A reception followed in the Chapel Auditorium. Sister Dorothy Theresa entered the convent in 1925, made her first vows in 1930, and final vows in 1934. Her first teaching assignment was in Texarkana, Texas. She also taught in Oklahoma, California, and various other schools in Texas. Now, in her retirement years, she lives

at the convent in San Antonio.

Attending the celebration were: Dorothy Zimmerer; Frances Zimmerer; Jim and Dolores Zimmerer; Tom and Marge Zimmerer; Janie Wilson; Donna Felderhoff; Wilfred and Virginia Hess; Pat and Truman Wolf; Len Zimmerer; Sam, Diane, Erin, Hannah, and Maddy

Zimmerer; Jeff Zimmerer and daughter Wendy; Jennifer Zimmerer; Eric, Tonia, Maggie, Tess, and Annie McGee; Jason, Andrea, and Harper Wolf; Adam Zimmerer; Ricky, Donna, Cody, and Kayla Hess; David, Sharon, and Amy Reed; Lisa, Terry, Delana, Clayton, and Brianna Rohmer; Liz, Randy, and Lauren Freeman; and Rob Sandmann.



Sr. Dorothy Zimmerer

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Cooke County Pro-Life
Cooke County Pro-Life will meet Tuesday, Aug. 2 at 7 p.m. in the Conrad Hall at Lindsay. On the agenda is: the *Gospel of Life* Weekend, Aug. 19-21, featuring Fr. Peter West, of Priests for Life, to be held at St. Peter's in Lindsay; the 2005 *Life Chain* and Cemetery of the Innocents; the purchase of pro-life yearbook ads; Abba Women's Center's upcoming *Walk for Life*; and current legislative alerts. For more information call Martha at 759-2907.

Grief Support Group
Compassion & Support: General Grief Support Group will meet Monday, Aug. 1 at 6 p.m. in the Home Hospice Office in Gainesville. Call Kelly at 940-665-9891 for more information.



MUESTER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PICNIC - On Thursday, July 21 Hospital employees, staff, and directors spent the evening in Muenster City Park where they enjoyed visiting, swimming, and a meal catered by Ginny Schneider. Muenster Memorial Hospital Auxiliary hosted the event. Courtesy photo

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Dustin Walterscheid graduates at TSTC
Dustin Walterscheid has completed his studies at Texas State Technical College in Waco. He received certification in Diesel Equipment Technology with an Agriculture Equipment Specialization. Dustin was named to the Dean's Honor Roll for maintaining a 3.5 grade point average.

While attending TSTC, Dustin studied four-stroke engine theory and was certified in Shop Safety and licensed for Fork Lift Operation. TSTC was established in 1963 and is the only state-supported technical college system in Texas. TSTC offers over 100 associate degrees on its four campuses.

Dustin is son of Kim and Lisa Walterscheid and a 2003 graduate of Muenster High School. He has accepted a position with the Texas Department of Transportation in Gainesville.

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Catching up with the Freemans

Jacob Freeman has been enjoying time with his family and friends while on summer break from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy after finishing his 11-month academic year. His rank is now Midshipman, 3rd Class. He completed 23 difficult college hours for his last trimester to complete requisites for the next class session, so that he would have more time in and around Muenster. With fewer hours, he would have been at the summer session in New York. He arrived June 21 and returned to begin classes, July 25.

Jacob will be assigned to four months sea duty in October on a US flagship merchant cargo vessel. He will return in March for his third trimester of the 3rd class year. His major is marine engineering and shipyard management. Jacob was awarded an Academic Star at a special Academy event by Asst. Academic Dean David J. Palmer for commendable academic performance maintaining above a 3.25 GPA.

USMMA is located in Kings Point, New York at their 82-acre waterside

campus on Long Island, North Shore, 20 miles east of New York City. Both Jake and his brother, Joshua Freeman, have received appointments from U.S. Congressman Ralph Hall. Enrollment at the Academy requires many personal sacrifices, but the goal is worthwhile. Students must be prepared for numerous demands on their time, a degree of stress, and some limitations on their personal freedom. In return, the Academy develops leaders and prepares its graduates for careers that are bounded only by their talents and desire. At the time they complete indoctrination and are accepted into the USMMA, they are also sworn into the Naval Reserve.

Jacob's brother, Joshua Freeman, is completing his second and final sea duty assignment with eight months at sea. He is now ranked Midshipman 1st Class and will graduate in June 2006. The first five months sea duty was with the U.S.S. Spica, a U.S. Navy diesel-fueled, supply ship, sailing into the Persian Gulf. The cargo was

unloaded at sea to other vessels with supplies for the U.S. military in Iraq. They were then unloaded in Kuwait to be transported by land. Joshua was able to call home from Dubai, United Arab Emirates and Bahrain. He had a layover in Sicily, took pictures on board the Spica of the Suez Canal and the Red Sea before rounding Africa and into the Persian Gulf. He wrote of several major mishaps, losing the anchor, a serious fuel leak that bathed him in diesel, and a damaging collision with a ship being refueled.

His current sea assignment is with the Lurline, a Hawaiian cargo ship, with runs from Oakland to Hawaii. The sea project requires extensive study and thesis report for completion. However, his phone calls and e-mails indicate some respite with sightseeing and beach time. Joshua flew from Hawaii to Kings Point to begin this July 25 class session.

The cadets are sons of Jamai Freeman of Moss Lake, and the late Ken Freeman. Grandparents are J.E. and Barbara Pybas of Sivells Bend.

BAPTISM

Endres

Erica Ann Endres, daughter of Jason and Dianne Endres, was baptized on July 17, 2005 in Sacred Heart Church by Father John Ohner. Godparents are her aunt and uncle, David and Jean Yaeger. Erica wore a baptismal gown made by her great-grandmother, Gertie Fisher, which was also worn by her mother and brother during their baptisms.

Following the ceremony, everyone gathered at the honoree's home for lunch, visiting and picture-taking. Erica is the granddaughter of John and JoAnn Pagel and Debbie and Clinton Endres.

AREA EVENT

Illinois Bend Cemetery Association annual meeting

The Illinois Bend Cemetery Association will have their annual meeting Aug. 6 at the cemetery. The meeting will begin at 11 a.m. and will be followed by lunch at noon. All who are interested in the cemetery are encouraged to attend. Everyone should bring food, a hearty appetite, good will, and good ideas.

NEW ARRIVALS



Ethan J. Huchton

Huchton
Ethan Joseph Huchton was born June 27, 2005 at 12 p.m. to Lori and Rex Huchton of Brentwood, California. He weighed 7 lb. 4 oz. and measured 19 1/2 inches long. Ethan is the grandchild of Steve and Dianna Klement, and Theresa Huchton, all of Muenster, and the late A.J. Huchton.

Hesse

Bert and Christy Hesse of Muenster are proud to announce the birth of their son, Nathan Frederick Hesse. Nathan was born Thursday, July 21, 2005 at 2:09 p.m. in North Texas Medical Center, weighing 8 lb. and measuring 20 inches in length. Welcoming him are his siblings Joe, Rebekah, John Paul, Daniel, Julian, and Rachel. Grandparents are Ruth Felderhoff of Muenster and the late Joe Felderhoff, and Ethel Hesse of Muenster and the late Leo Hesse.

Schumacher

Jerry and Sandra Schumacher of Gainesville are happy to announce the birth of their son, Jaden James Schumacher, on Wednesday, July 6, 2005 at 5:39 a.m. at Presbyterian Hospital in Denton. He

weighed 9 lb. 8 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches in length. He joins a brother, Jerrad John, age 2. Grandparents are Marcella Hess of Lindsay and the late John L. Hess, and Melvin and Patsy Schumacher of Gainesville. Great-grandparents are the late William and Anna Sandmann, the late John J. and Edna Hess, the late Ted and Katie Gremminger, and the late Henry and Elizabeth Schumacher.

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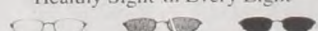
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Hornet Band summer '05 practice schedule announced

The schedule for the dates and times of summer practice for the Hornet Band have been announced by Mike Garrett and Melissa Zamzow, band directors.

Practices Monday, Aug. 1 through Wednesday, Aug. 3 are as follows: 8 - 10 a.m., marching fundamental practice led by the drum majors and the directors; 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., woodwinds rehearsal; 1 - 2:30 p.m., brass rehearsal; 2:30 - 4 p.m., percussion rehearsal and flag practice.

Thursday, Aug. 4 an all band rehearsal will be held from 3 - 5 p.m. A uniform check out will be held Friday, Aug. 5 from 3 - 5 p.m.

The Monday, Aug. 8 schedule is as follows: 3 - 5 Plans announced for Sacred Heart Religious Ed Classes

Religious education classes for public school students in grades K through 12 will begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 24 at Sacred Heart Church. Parents should accompany their children and sit as a family. After parents and students sign contracts, students will be dismissed for classes until 8 p.m.

Parents who have not registered their children should do so as soon as possible.

Registration and consent forms are in the vestibules of church or at the business office. Forms and the registration fee may be placed in the collection basket or mailed to Sacred Heart Business Office, Attn: Barbara Rohmer, 714 N. Main, Muenster, TX 76252.

Mark your calendar for the Saint Jo Parade and Rodeo

The 48th Annual Saint Jo Parade and Rodeo will be held Aug. 5 and 6, with the UPRA sanctioned rodeo beginning at 8:30 p.m. at the Riding Club Arena near Saint Jo. In conjunction with the rodeo, a parade will be held on Saturday, Aug. 6, beginning at 6 p.m. Prior to the parade, at 5:30 p.m., the Nocona Wildwest Players will present a "gunfight" on the town square. Featured in the parade, along with the riding clubs and floats, will be the Weatherford Cowgirl Chicks, who will also perform at the Saturday night rodeo.

The Saint Jo Masonic Lodge will serve a barbecue dinner on the square following the parade. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. All proceeds benefit their scholarship program for high school graduates.

Once again, the rodeo is produced by the Big L Rodeo Co. of Rubottom, Oklahoma. Books open Aug. 1 from 2-6 p.m. for Rough Stock and 6-10 p.m. for Timed Events. The rodeo will feature Bare Back and Saddle Bronc Riding, Barrel Racing, Calf Roping, and Bull Riding. Special events include Ranch Bronc Riding, Team Roping, and Wild Cow Milking. There will also be a kids' calf scramble, a mechanical bull, and a donkey race.

Admission to the rodeo is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children six-12 years of age. Children under six are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Advance tickets can be purchased for \$5 from rodeo queen contestants.

Prevent accidents

On a stepladder, ensure that the spreaders, the devices that hold the front and back sections in an open position, are completely open and locked before you put any weight on the ladder.

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NOTICE

Any new students who plan to ride the Muenster ISD buses for the 2005-06 school year need to call Susie Fleitman at 940-759-2282, ext. 631.

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New immunization requirements take effect Sept. 1 with new law

A new law effective Sept. 1 requires that children attending child-care centers and enrolled in early childhood programs be vaccinated against invasive pneumococcal and hepatitis A diseases, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

Pneumococcal disease is caused by a bacteria that often leads to middle ear infections, pneumonia, blood stream infections, sinus infections, and meningitis. The vaccine is required for all children age 2 months through 59 months attending child-care facilities and pre-kindergarten programs.

Hepatitis A is a liver disease that is spread from person to person, often by putting objects in the mouth that have been contaminated with the stool of a person with hepatitis A. Children in child-care centers and pre-kindergarten programs who are two years old or older will need two doses of hepatitis A vaccine given six to 18 months apart.

To attend child-care facilities and pre-kindergarten programs, a child also must be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, varicella (chicken pox), and *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib) at the appropriate age. If children do not have at least the first dose of the required vaccines by Sept. 1, they may be excluded from child-care facilities and pre-kindergarten programs.

New this year for schoolchildren are expanded requirements for hepatitis B and varicella immunizations. Students in kindergarten through 11th grade must have received hepatitis B vaccine. Those in kindergarten through fifth and seventh through 11th grades must have received the varicella vaccine before the start of school.

"Parents should be sure their children are in compliance with all school-enrollment vaccination requirements prior to the start of school," said Monica Gamez of the DSHS Immunization Branch. State rules require that school students be vaccinated against nine illnesses: diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, and varicella.

Specific vaccination requirements for school attendance are available from schools, physicians' offices, and local public health departments. The information also is available online at www.immunize.texas.com or by calling DSHS toll free at 1-800-252-9152.

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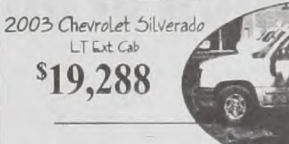
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"In a hole in the ground there lived a Hobbit." So begins the charming prequel to J.R.R. Tolkien's classic *Lord of the Rings* saga, and so will begin "The Hobbit" as it comes to life on stage at North Central Texas College beginning Aug. 5.

The show is a joint production of the NCTC Drama Department and Butterfield Stage and will take place at the First State Bank Center for the Performing Arts. There will be three performances of Patricia Gray's popular stage adaptation of the adventures of Bilbo Baggins and all the dwarves, elves, trolls, and other characters

including Gandalf the wizard and, of course, Gollum. Curtain for the Aug. 5 and 6 (Friday-Saturday) shows are 7:30 p.m.

The Aug. 7 (Sunday) performance is a matinee beginning at 2:30 p.m. Box office for "The Hobbit" opens July 25. Special ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$6 for youth. Tickets are free to NCTC students with ID.

All seats are reserved, and the number to call for tickets is 940-665-8152.

"This is definitely a show that families can enjoy together - a timeless story that has captured the imaginations of the young

and young at heart for generations," said Arturo Garcia, director.

For those few who may be unfamiliar with the story, "The Hobbit" revolves around central character Bilbo Baggins, prominent citizen of the Shire, a community of hobbits in the fantasy realm of Middle Earth, an extraordinary land where elves, dwarves, wizards, dragons, and mankind co-exist.

The tale begins with a visit to Bilbo's hole-in-the-ground home by wizard Gandalf who brings along Thorin Oakenshield and his band of dwarves. They trick Bilbo into coming with them on an "adventure" to steal

back treasure from the dragon Smaug.

A reluctant and unlikely hero, Bilbo prefers his snug, comfy hole in the ground and has no interest whatever in adventures, saying they just "make you late for dinner."

But go with them he does against his better judgment. Along the way, Bilbo finds himself forced to clash with giant spiders, menacing trolls, and the creature Gollum. In Gollum's cave, Bilbo finds the "One True Ring," which makes him invisible when he wears it. Finally, there's the epic battle with Smaug, the great dragon.

"With all the wonderful

characters, the costumes and the sets, the play presents a fast paced story full of fantasy and wonder," said Garcia. "The experience of the play will encourage young people to face the unknown, accept new challenges, and learn to believe in themselves. But it's not just a show for children. Adults will be delighted by the adventure as well."

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Likewise, a bullet designed to blast a small rodent might explode on a big buck's shoulder and not penetrate the vital areas. Lighter bullets, in a given caliber, are usually designed for lighter game. A 100-grain 6mm bullet is a "deer" bullet while a 100-grain .270 bullet is best for pests. In the .30/06, bullets from 150 to 180 grains work well.

Spitzer bullets retain velocity better for long-range shooting. Very long-range shooting demands high velocity and bullets that expand reliably out where velocity has dropped off. This same combination

can cause bullet blow-up on short-range shots. Except for this situation or when asking a small bullet (.25 or less) to do a big job, the super-tough "premium" bullets aren't needed for deer hunting.



Of scents and non-scents

There are many good cover and lure scent products but none of them is as important as reducing your human scent first. Bathing and washing your

hunting clothes in a "no-scent" soap product is a good start and should be practiced regularly during the hunting season.

The new activated-carbon suits and boots lined with a scent-trapping

and soft and hard mast in season. Add agriculture or a food plot and deer turn their taste for succulence on legumes and grains. Whatever it is, deer want it fresh, juicy, palatable and nutritious. Deer apparently

membrane are excellent for controlling human scent while hunting. Non-scent, spray-on deodorant products can be used during the day.

Keeping all your hunting clothes (including your boots) in an airtight plastic bag with pine or cedar boughs will help them absorb a natural scent. It is best not to dress until you are in the woods and ready to go hunting. This keeps your clothes from picking up foreign odors on the way.

On your way to go hunting, avoid areas where tobacco smoke, food smells and other "non-woods" scents are concentrated. Always gas the vehicle the day before, because standing around a gas station adds the unwanted scent of gasoline.

Focus on food

Deer are where they eat. Food sources are important to deer for nutritional nourishment but they have a social significance as well.

In the woods, deer are browsers, munching on forbs, buds, succulent leaves

can "taste" nutrition and will selectively feed on the best available wild food and on well-fertilized domestic plants and crops.

Food plots and fields are usually late-evening meccas for deer but are not heavily used in the mornings. During deer season, most deer seen in the open are does.

TARGETING SUMMER BASS

Some anglers will tell you, and most believe, that the summertime is not the best time to catch big bass. The hotter the sun gets, the better sitting in front of the air conditioner begins to sound. So most anglers will pack it in during the hottest parts of the year, resigning themselves to sipping iced tea instead of going after the fish of their dreams.

I fish for a living, nearly year round, so calling it a day when it gets hot simply is not an option. I have to know how to catch bass in the wind, rain, sleet, snow - and yes, even the heat. I disagree with the common theory that big fish aren't catchable on long, hot summer days. In fact, I really like to catch big fish during the summer. When it's hot and sunny, bass - like a lot of anglers - like to get in under the edge of a shade line and will feed looking out. The fish will suspend under cover, so what I like to do is get up close and pitch right down the edges, letting the bait free fall.

In the heat, I will target both structure - be it a dock, a parked barge, riprap, lock wall, heavy timber, thick

grass - and vegetation. In these environments, I like to pitch a Berkley 4-inch Power Flippin' Tube, a bait I helped design specifically for these situations, or a Berkley Classic Power Jig. In heavy wood, I might go with a 10-inch Berkley Power Worm with a big half-ounce sinker. The big weight is critical at this time to help sink the bait pretty fast, which can go a long way towards making a sometimes sluggish summer bass excited enough to strike.

When targeting summer bass with these finesse presentations, make sure to keep an eye on your line. When you pitch a big worm and a sinker into heavy cover, you have to watch the line, because when it stops, you want to immediately lift up on it and see if there's tension or weight. The perfect line for this is Vanish Transition because it changes color in the sunlight, which allows anglers to see it better and detect the subtlest movements. And because it has little or no stretch, you can strong-arm that big bass out of its shady hangout more easily.

There's no sure-fire way to catch big bass. Different presentations work in different places at different times, whether it's summer, winter, or any time in between. But being on the water is the first step towards a successful and memorable summer fishing trip. So if you're out there, find the cover and have the gear you need to be able to rip them out of it.

Larry Nixon is a former Bassmaster Classic winner.

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Pre-enrollment is required, and it is recommended that women be in their third trimester of pregnancy.

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The applicant proposes to inject of oil and gas waste into the Gatewood Sand formation Trubenbach, Martin Lease.
Well Number 16. The proposed injection well is located 7.5 miles South of Muenster, Texas in the Cooke County Regular Field, in Cooke County.

Fluid waste will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 1,158 to 1,171 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

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Sibling class scheduled at NTMC

North Texas Medical Center will be offering a sibling class for soon-to-be big brothers and sisters beginning in October. The first session is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, in the classrooms at North Texas Medical Center. Enrollment is limited.
The one-hour class will feature fun, interactive activities to prepare children for the new addition to their family.
Children 3 - 11 years of age may be registered for the class by calling 612-8600 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Cost is \$10 per child.

FARM & RANCH

TSCRA wants more producer input on National Animal ID

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) believes that producer perspective on plans for a National Animal Identification System (NAIS) is not being adequately heard.

In written comments early this month, TSCRA urged the U.S. Department of Agriculture to do a better job of seeking producer input, and requested that more "mainstream producers" be added to the NAIS Steering Committee.

TSCRA pointed to a statement in the NAIS strategic plan, which acknowledges that "collecting and recording animal movements is the greatest challenge ahead."

There are three major reasons this is important, TSCRA said:

1. Currently accepted radio frequency identification (RFID) technology is not sufficient to scan tags in a majority of livestock handling facilities without creating significant financial hardship for individual producers.

2. Many beef cattle will experience significant stress and injury if scanning technology cannot adapt to current facility designs that will require long read ranges.

3. Many situations where livestock are commingled (small fairs, small lot private treaty transactions, livestock used for recreational purposes) are not conducive to collecting and recording movement data.

Prioritizing implementation

TSCRA suggested a process that prioritizes implementation of the ID system based on how important it is to record movement of livestock in certain situations.

"For example, it makes sense that record of cattle movements at all state and federally inspected slaughter facilities should be a critical first step for the NAIS," TSCRA said.

"Obviously, a location scenario involving thousands of commingled animals carries a higher risk to the nation's herd than a private treaty transaction involving two cattle belonging to two neighbors."

TSCRA also maintained that the best approach for addressing financial concerns, confidentiality, flexibility, and liability for stakeholders is to create a public/private sector partnership that would use the strengths of both.

A major strength of the private sector would be the ability to build an animal data management system with multiple applications that would allow producers to enhance their management and marketing opportunities.

TSCRA also believes that a producer's private business information would be better protected by a private sector system. Court interpretation could conflict with the intent of any legislation passed to protect confidential information from public access.

TSCRA also expressed concern that state brand inspection authorities have not been included as stakeholders and active participants in implementing stage one of the plan.

Since brand inspectors already conduct physical inspections of all animals within their jurisdictions, it makes sense that they also verify that all animals are tagged and that their movement at a premises is recorded in the system.

In addition, most state animal health agencies operate on limited budgets that likely will not provide sufficient resources to hire additional employees to perform these duties.

Other NAIS proposals addressed by TSCRA included:

The January 2009 mandatory implementation deadline.

TSCRA said, "The system envisioned by some at APHIS that would record every single movement where cattle are commingled with animals from another premises is unworkable by January 2009."

"Arbitrary dates are meaningless until workable solutions can be developed for the dilemmas of tagging, movement scanning, and recording."

Offsite tagging locations.

Because many producers don't have the facilities for tagging their own animals, the NAIS plan proposes authorized tagging sites that would apply the individual animal identification number tags for them.

TSCRA pointed out that the most economical location for such tagging is auction markets. A separate tagging location would mean an extra stop on the way to market, which add more stress on the cattle and more costs for the products. However, auction markets will face considerable expenses to add the additional alleys, pens, employees, equipment, hardware and

software needed for the tagging process.

Some markets will not be able to expand because of the limitations of their physical location. This will create a considerable competitive disadvantage.

State animal health agencies will be faced with similar expenses. TSCRA urged that federal funding be used to provide these important components of the National Animal Identification System.

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Landscaping Maintenance Practices Save Water

Douglas F. Welsh, Ph.D., Professor and Extension Horticulturist at Texas A&M University, says that proper maintenance is a key principle in reducing irrigation requirements in the landscape.

Maintenance practices, such as mulching, mowing, and fertilizing greatly impact the water efficiency of any landscape, as well as the landscape's ability to survive a drought.

Research at Texas A&M University has shown that un-mulched soil may lose twice as much water to evaporation as mulched soil. Mulch is a layer of material covering the soil surface around plants. Mulches can be organic materials, such as shredded bark, compost, and wood chips; or inorganic materials, such as lava rock, limestone, and woven plastic.

Use a mulch wherever possible. A good mulch prevents soil moisture, preserves soil compaction, keeps soil temperatures more moderate, and reduces weed populations. In case weeds do get a start, they are much easier to pull if a mulch has been used.

Organic mulches will decompose and sometimes wash away, so make checks regularly and replacements when necessary.

In addition to mulching, other maintenance practices help save water in the landscape. Raising the mowing height on turfgrasses helps lawns survive drought conditions. For example, raise the mowing height on St. Augustine grass to 3 1/2 to 4 inches during drought. The typical mowing height is 2-2 1/2 inches.

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Department of Agriculture

Crop disaster assistance program deadline announced

Producers who suffered crop loss from damaging weather in 2003, 2004, and certain 2005 crop losses are eligible for assistance. The Farm Service Agency announced that eligible producers may sign up for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP) until close of business on Sept. 9, 2005 for the 2003 and 2004 crop years. Sign up for the 2005 year is close of business Dec. 16, 2005.

"We are pleased to be able to provide these benefits to producers as quickly as possible," said Chance Fenoglio, County Executive Director for Cooke County FSA. "Drought, floods, and hurricanes are

unpredictable weather events that put farmers and ranchers at risk in producing a dependable and affordable national food supply. Sign up for this program opened on March 14 of this year."

Producers suffering a greater than 35% production loss and/or more than a 20% quality loss are eligible. The payment rate for CDP has been increased to 65% of the established commodity price for insured crops and noninsured crops, and 60% of the price for uninsured commodities. Previous disaster assistance provided payments of 50% of the established commodity price for

insured and non-insurable crops, and 45% for uninsured crops.

Producers may apply for CDP for any crops that are eligible for coverage under the Federal Crop Insurance or the Noninsured Assistance Program.

For more information on these issues, visit USDA's website at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>

Johanns urges China to lift ban

In his first visit to China as Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Johanns took part July 11 in a bilateral forum for resolving trade issues. Also attending were U.S. Trade Representative Rob Portman and Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez. Leading the delegation for China was Vice Premier Wu Yi. Johanns urged Chinese officials to send a technical team to the United States to help facilitate the timely reopening of their market to U.S. beef.

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Barbados (per head)
Lamb: \$10-\$35.
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
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Light Weight Steers - \$1 to \$3 LOWER. Light Weight Heifers - STEADY. Feeder Steers - \$1 to \$2 LOWER. Feeder Heifers - STEADY. Packer Cows & Bulls - STEADY. Pairs & Bred Cows - \$10 to \$20 LOWER. Sold at Friday's sale were 787 compared to 966 head of cattle the previous week. Tuesday, July 26, the Market conducted the sale of 455 goats, 107 sheep, and 68 hogs. The numbers from last week were 488 goats, 153 sheep, and 102 hogs respectively. Results of both sales follow:

FEEDER STEERS (per lb)
200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.36-1.43;
Nos. 2 & 3, 1.15-1.26; 300-400
lbs. No. 1, 1.20-1.38; Nos. 2 &
& 3, 1.15-1.20; 400-500 lbs.
No. 1, 1.10-1.36; Nos. 2 & 3,
1.00-1.10; 500-600 lbs. No. 1,
1.04-1.22; Nos. 2 & 3, .85-
1.04; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 1.01-
1.10; Nos. 2 & 3, .80-1.00;
700-800 lbs. No. 1, .95-1.03;
Nos. 2 & 3, .80-95.

FEEDER HEIFERS (per lb)
200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.28-1.40;
Nos. 2 & 3, 1.10-1.28; 300-400
lbs. No. 1, 1.19-1.32; Nos. 2 &
& 3, 1.10-1.19; 400-500 lbs.
No. 1, 1.10-1.20; Nos. 2 & 3,
1.05-1.10; 500-600 lbs. No. 1,
1.05-1.12; Nos. 2 & 3, .90-
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1.07; Nos. 2 & 3, .85-94; 700-
800 lbs. No. 1, .89-1.01; Nos.
2 & 3, .70-.89.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE (per lb)
Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade
Light, rt. 25-35;
#1-2, 1,200-1,500 lbs., 62-
74.50; Slaughter Cows: #1-3,
51-58; Cutter, 38-51.

FEEDER COWS (per head)
Pregnancy-tested, 3 to 9-
year-olds - Large Frame
\$800-\$900; Medium Frame
\$550-\$800.
Cow/Calf Pairs w/calves
under 250 lbs. - Large Frame
\$1,050-\$1,190; Medium
Frame: \$750-\$1050.
Baby Calves: Holstein \$80-
\$105; Crossbreds \$170-\$275.
Barrows & Gilts (per lb.)
US #1, 200-270, 60-63,
\$45-\$70.
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100-175 lbs. \$45-\$90;
25-90 lbs. \$20-\$50.
Sows (per lb.)
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FEEDER: 400 or less: 35-42;
Light wt., 400-500: 35-40;
Med. wt., 500-600: 37-40;
Heavy wt., 600+: 37-40.
BOARS (per lb.)
300 lb. up to 65;
200-300 lbs. NT.
Light wt., 25-35:
Sheep (per lb.)
Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs., 85-
100; Light lambs: 20-90 lbs.,
85-100; Fat lambs: 90-120
lbs., 80-97.

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