

Will the proposed TTC affect you?

By Janet Felderhoff
One person's voice will likely not be heard, but the result of many voices making the same request can't be ignored. That is the reason that it is vital that as residents of Cooke County you become knowledgeable on the Trans Texas Corridor (TTC) that seems to have Cooke County targeted. The time is short to decide if it is something that would be good for the County or will diminish the quality of life as it is now.

A final meeting by TxDOT to gather public opinion is slated for July 10 in Gainesville. There are similar meetings scheduled across the State through Aug. 10. Soon after that, a decision will be made as to where the proposed TTC should be constructed.

Two meetings of concerned citizens have already been held at Woodbine. Now one is planned for Muenster to better enable residents of this area to participate. It is set for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27 in the Muenster ISD Auditorium.

There will be speakers to answer questions, giving as much information as possible, visuals to help show the areas that stand to be impacted, websites for gathering more info, and literature distributed.

Gov. Rick Perry has already contracted with a company from Spain to build the corridor.

Besides the TTC possibly going through the eastern part of the County, a large area of the County could become a warehouse area. As shown on the accompanying map, it could come within four or five miles of Muenster. The Imminent domain law could allow local land to be taken for these huge warehouses.

That area would probably be designated a duty free zone.

Already two entities in Cooke County have passed resolutions officially opposing the TTC being located in

Cooke County. Cooke County Commissioners Court did so on May 8, 2006, and Muenster Memorial Hospital's Board of Directors passed one at the June 20 meeting. The MMH Board felt that the TTC and proposed warehouse zone could decrease the District's tax base, adversely affect the welfare of the citizens of the District, and possibly result in the degradation of the community and the way of life of the citizens of the District.

Some feel there could be some positive results from the TTC being located in Cooke County. Do they outweigh the negatives? Come to the meeting and learn what you can, so that you are able to make an informed decision. Remember, time is short between now and July 10.

Muenster School Board attempts to fill vacant slots

The Muenster ISD Board of Trustees accepted the resignation of two more teachers at their regular meeting June 14. Leigh Hale and Kim Fleming, elementary teachers, both resigned. The Board then

hired Sabrina Trubenbach as an elementary teacher.

The Board continued discussion on the improvement plans. Architect James Kirkpatrick presented plans for a cafeteria. The ag barn and commons area were also discussed.

Reports presented to the Board included:

- Technology Director Jeff Presnall noted that the Schoolwires Web Training workshop was a success with 34 teachers participating. Also various end-of-year tasks were completed including grade verifications, report cards, records, etc.
- The replacement of 40 defective monitors has been completed and are ready to ship back to Dell.

- Athletic Director Monte Endres reported on the summer conditioning program with 58 athletes showing up. He also noted the improvement of the boys in the weight room.
- The current enrollment for next school year is 259 in elementary, reported Principal Lou Heers. Last year at this time 288 students were enrolled. The largest class is 5th grade, the smallest Pre-K. The sixth six weeks elementary honor roll listed 82 "A" and 86 "A-B" honor students. Only two students (grades 1-6) failed more than one class.
- Curtis Eldridge, junior high/high school principal, reported six students are signed up for summer school taught by Sharon Ledbetter. Counselor Kristi Schneider is reviewing student degree plans and confirming the teacher roster for the next school year. The student handbook and code of conduct are being updated according to State revisions.

Superintendent David Manley reported on the Texas Primary Reading Inventory results. Kindergarten is 85% developed with 15% still developing. The first grade is 100% developed and the second grade is 94% developed.

The Board met again June 21 in a called meeting. A report on the meeting will be in next week's paper.



Elizabeth Fette and Holocaust survivor Edgar Krasa.

Fette performs with group in Terezin

By Janet Felderhoff
Imagine watching your loved ones, family or friends, walk a path that will take them away and that you will likely never see them alive again. The reality of the suffering of the people living in the Nazi concentration camp Terezin hit Elizabeth Fette at the performance of "Defiant Requiem: Verdi at Terezin".

Elizabeth, a recent graduate of the Catholic University of America (CUA), was among 130 musicians from CUA's Benjamin T. Rome School of Music who performed in a concert in Terezin. Also featured in the concert were members of The Washington Chorus, the New York City Opera, and the Cathedral Choral Society, to make a total of 156 musicians.

They performed Music School Dean Murray Sidlin's "Defiant Requiem: Verdi at Terezin" at the 61st Annual Prague Spring International Music Festival. The performance took place at the former Nazi concentration camp in the Czech Republic that inspired Sidlin's award-winning concert/drama about Jewish prisoners who performed Verdi's "Requiem" as a way of secretly defying their captors.

Terezin was used by the Nazis for propaganda purposes. Many scholars and artists were kept there and allowed to pursue their creative work. The work was displayed for visiting dignitaries and even a Red Cross delegation to show the "humane" conditions of the concentration camps.

The May 21 performance took place in the Terezin camp northeast of Prague in a building once used by the Nazi for storage. It was the fulfillment of Sidlin's dream of presenting the concert where imprisoned conductor Raphael Schächter led a prisoner chorus in 16 performances of Verdi's score.

Elizabeth remarked that as the last notes of the Requiem died away, one instrument took up the notes of a traditional Jewish melody that was sung or hummed by Jewish prisoners during their daily activities. It was even chanted or hummed as they walked to the train station to be deported to their next destination.

Performers of the "Defiant Requiem" began to file out one after the other and walk from the performance hall to the location of the former train station. They hummed the haunting melody as they went. Elizabeth said that, as one of the last to leave the building, she was able to, "See my loved ones walk down the path." A memorial stands at the site of the former train station. Ten to 12 feet of track remain intact.

After stumbling on a book called "Music at Terezin" while in a bookstore in Minneapolis in 1994, Sidlin began research that eventually resulted in the "Defiant Requiem". "Defiant Requiem" tells the story of Schächter.

"This was definitely the most moving concert I've been a part of," Elizabeth said. "The music is powerful and moving in and of itself, but when you sing it in that context in the concentration camp where these people sang it to their captors, there was a whole new level of emotion and meaning."

Adding to the sentiment of the event was the presence of some of the survivors who had been imprisoned at Terezin. Edgar Krasa, now of Boston, was one of them. He is one of the prisoners who performed Verdi's Requiem under the direction of Raphael Schächter. Krasa actually roomed with Schächter at Terezin. Elizabeth had the privilege of meeting him while she was in Prague.

Schächter led singing, presented operas, and trained more than 150 vocalists to sing, from memory, Verdi's Requiem. He conducted 16 performances of the Requiem between 1943-44. The Latin text of the "Requiem", with its themes of God's justice and liberation, allowed the prisoners to express through song to the Nazis what they couldn't say to them.

Sidlin has a special interest in the history of the Nazi persecution of the Jewish people. His paternal grandmother was numbered among the multitude killed in the Holocaust.

The concert was first performed in April 2002.

"It is an extremely fascinating event," Elizabeth said.

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Lindsay ISD brings the UIL Lone Star Cup™ to Cooke County

According to their web-site, "the University Interscholastic League (UIL) has released the update for the 2006 Texas Dodge Dealers Lone Star Cup™. Honoring the best overall athletic and academic programs in Texas, the seventh annual Texas Dodge Dealers Lone Star Cup™ is open to all UIL participant high schools."

Upon hearing the news that Lindsay won the Lone Star Cup, High School Principal Larry Smith said, "I was extremely pleased to see that Lindsay High School has won the Lone Star Cup. We had been extremely close in past years, and I think that winning this year exemplifies the balance of academic and athletic talent that exists in our high school. I am very proud of our students, coaches, and sponsors. Their hard work and dedication has paid off. Our parents and other members of our community are so supportive of our extra-curricular programs."

parents, and staff remained focused on our goal of becoming the best. I am so proud of our students and staff for earning this award. We are well on our way to becoming the best school district in the State of Texas."

A summary of the point total for Lindsay High School includes:

1. Girls Cross Country - 4th at the State Meet - 4 points;
2. Football - Regional Quarter-Final Champions - 8 points;
3. Boy's Basketball - Regional Semi-Final Champions - 10 points;
4. Girl's Basketball - Bi-District Champions - 6 points;
5. Girls Track - Co-State Runner Up - 7 points;
6. Academic District Champions and State Runner up - 12 points;
7. One Act Play State Runner Up - 8 points;
8. Softball - Bi-District Champions - 4 points;
9. Total - 59 points.

"One school in each of the five UIL classifications (5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, and 1A) will claim the coveted Cup. High schools accumulated points based on their team performance in district and state championships. The winning schools in each classification will receive the Lone Star Cup™ trophy and a \$1,000 scholarship, also presented by the Texas Dodge Dealers."

According to the final results, Lindsay ISD is the Conference 1A winner of the Texas Lone Star Cup for the 2005-06 school year.

Muenster summer ball in full swing



Every evening the ball parks in Muenster are packed with all ages of Muenster youth participating in summer league ball. Above, Orange Team batter Devan Henry gets a hit.

Janie Hartman photo

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ing story and was a very moving trip," said Elizabeth of her experience.

Although the concert definitely stole the top billing of the trip, Elizabeth also enjoyed touring the city, an evening on a dinner boat, and visiting a Holocaust museum.

A news article indicated that Sidlin has produced "De-

fiant Requiem: Verdi at Terezin" that will be aired on 150 different public broadcasting stations across the country on Aug. 27.

Since returning to the U.S., Elizabeth is living in Washington, D.C. with four friends. Currently she performs in eight shows a week at Toby's Dinner Theater.

DAYS GONE BY.....

by **Elfreda Fette**

65 YEARS AGO
June 20, 1941

Past due harvesting further delayed by more showers. Obituary: Harry Wheelis, age 47. Anselma Kathman honored with party on her 7th birthday. Mrs. William Gehrig and her daughter Emma Lou have gone to Idaho to spend the summer with relatives. Morrison Milling Co. buys local grain elevator and places R.R. Endres in charge. Twenty-five ladies attended the Mission Sewing Circle and the usual amount of good work was done; Father Frown and Father Raymond visited briefly and commented on the activity. Jacob Pagel, Sr. observes 73rd birthday. Dispensation given by the Holy See American Bishops for Friday, July 4, excusing Catholics from the usual abstinence on that Friday.

50 YEARS AGO
June 22, 1956

Over 500 visitors attend open house at new REA Co-op building. Little League experiences problems with Dick Cain's team having

overabundance of talent over the other teams, beating one team 30-6 and another 41-6. City's water use sets new record with 360,000 gallons used in one day. Bobby Pels, 12 year old son of Ed and Genevieve Pels, underwent surgery. Sending greetings from Switzerland are Sisters Remiga, Leonarda, and Paula, who are there for a summer visit with their families.

25 YEARS AGO
June 19, 1981

Harvest proceeds slowly. Monte Endres signs with Cooke County College Lions for the 1981-82 basketball season. Stephen Beyer is new principal at Sacred Heart School. Sister Mary John Seyler OSB is named prioress at Holy Angels Convent. Obituary: Dennis Fuller, 20, in oilfield accident. Dr. Gerald Graham completes course in orthodontics. Weddings: Rose Felderhoff and John Henscheid; Myron Hess and Barbara Baggett. Birthdays: Darlene and Marlene Hess, 6; Jay Reed, 5; Vanessa Felderhoff, 3; Tony Klement, 60.

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John Cornyn

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A 'Phoney' Tax Bill
By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

Last month, we thought we got some great news from the U.S. Treasury. A federal "luxury" tax created to fund the Spanish-American War more than a century ago was being abolished, and most of us will get refunds for the past three years of payments. The more I looked at how this occurred, however, the less enthusiastic I got. It's a welcome development, but it's also yet another example of how poorly we do things in Washington.

The federal excise tax on long-distance telephone service was first established in 1898 as a one-cent levy on long-distance phone calls that rang up charges of more than 15 cents. The tax was designed to target the wealthy, those who could afford telephone service.

The long-distance excise tax has increased and has been revised over the years. But as often happens, the federal government failed to keep up with advances made in telecommunications, making the tax antiquated and more suitable for the horse and buggy age rather than the Internet age. Multiple lawsuits were filed.

Last month, after five appellate courts ruled against the government, the U. S. Treas-

ury finally announced it would terminate the tax on July 31, 2006. It also ordered the Internal Revenue Service to provide refunds, including interest, for excise taxes paid since March 2003.

Since 1982, we've all paid a 3% tax on long distance calls. If you spend \$50 a month, that could mean a \$1.50 per month refund for the past three years (or \$54).

Texans may ask for a refund of these taxes on their 2006 federal income tax returns. Taxpayers have been assured the refund process will be simple and actual receipts for taxes paid won't be required for a refund. Taxpayers will be reimbursed an estimated \$13 billion.

If you believe in truth in packaging, we should rejoice when an obsolete tax is killed. Of course, it should have been done by Congress, and not under pressure from a court order. But how did we get to this point?

The long distance excise tax originated at the start of the Spanish American War, shortly before Lt. Col. Teddy Roosevelt and his volunteer Rough Riders pulled out of training camp at San Antonio bound for eventual glory at San Juan Hill in Cuba.

The American government

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was having trouble paying for our military action. A Washington bureaucrat devised the long-distance phone tax as a new revenue stream to finance the war effort.

"We drew a great many recruits from Texas," wrote Roosevelt later, "and from nowhere did we get a higher average, for many of them had served in that famous body of frontier fighters, the Texas Rangers."

"Of course, these rangers needed no teaching. They were trained to obey and to take responsibility. They were splendid shots, horsemen, and trailers. They were accustomed to living in the open, to enduring great fatigue and hardship, and to encountering all kinds of danger."

After the four-month war on Spain, Congress continued to reauthorize the tax over the years. There was always a good reason—to help make ends meet for added expenses during World War I, the Great Depression, World War II, and Vietnam. And many years in between.

Texans believe in meeting their responsibilities...or doing more. Texans are always the first to extend a hand, do their part, or help resolve a problem. Like those Texan Rangers-turned-Rough Riders of 100 years ago, we step forward when a need arises.

Today, the federal government is spending far more than what it collects. We have not done an adequate job in Washington in keeping down federal spending, which continues to outpace inflation.

Ironically, this obsolete Spanish-American war excise tax is being put to rest at a time when we once again have an actual need to mobilize our collective resources. The war on terrorism is vital to our security; it will require diligence and effort for years to come.

All of us are willing to pay our share to keep America strong and preserve our liberties. But it should be done forthrightly, with full disclosure and consent of the governed—not through a hidden fee based on a wartime emergency that has long since come and gone.

As Thomas Jefferson so aptly put it: "We must not let our rulers lead us with perpetual debt." Now that a "cease fire" has been declared on a 108-year-old war tax, we should turn our attention to balancing our books and meeting our current obligations. Now is the time to hang up the telephone tax once and for all.

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

Sunday, June 25, 2006	Monday, June 26, 2006	Tuesday, June 27, 2006	Wednesday, June 28, 2006	Thursday, June 29, 2006	Friday, June 30, 2006	Saturday, July 1, 2006
Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm St. Peter's Parish Picnic Wind Turbine mtg. 7 pm	MHS Mini-Cheer Camp begins 9am-12pm thru Friday	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, SNAP Center	SHY Cook out, City park 7-9 pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm SHY Faith & Fun night 7-9:30 pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm SH Cheer Lock-In 3 pm Celebration of the Sacred Heart	Program at 9 am Lock-In ends at 10 am
MHS Mini-Cheerleading Camp						
Sunday, July 2, 2006	Monday, July 3, 2006	Tuesday, July 4, 2006	Wednesday, July 5, 2006	Thursday, July 6, 2006	Friday, July 7, 2006	Saturday, July 8, 2006
Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, SNAP Center <i>Celebrate Your Independence</i>	C of C Board mtg. 5:30 pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm Kiwanis Family Swim Night 7-9 pm Muenster Pool	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm AARP Board mtg. 10 am Stanford House	Ruth Hess Memorial Golf Tournament 2 pm Tuttle Hill

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Naomi Smith 1925 - 2006

Naomi Smith, 81, passed away Monday, June 12, 2006 in Lubbock. She was the sister of the late Eula Grace Cain and has many relatives in the Muenster area.

Naomi was born Feb. 21, 1925 in Hood to James and Edna McDonald Hogan. She married Otha Z. "Pete" Smith in Decatur on April 20, 1946. They lived in Muenster for a short time after their wedding.

Naomi is survived by her

husband; sons and daughter-in-law Keith and Betty Smith, and Jerry Don Smith of Lubbock; daughter Gaye Lynn Monk of Graham; a brother Jerry Hogan of Kingsland; a sister-in-law Katie Hogan of Saint Jo; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were held June 15 at the New Horizon Baptist Church and Resthaven Funeral Home in Lubbock.

Anna Prather 1911 - 2006



Anna Prather

Funeral services for Anna G. Prather, 95, of Saint Jo were held Saturday, June 17 at the First Baptist Church in Saint Jo, officiated by Terry Kite, son-in-law, and Terry Jones and Frank Fincher, nephews. Burial followed in Mountain Park Cemetery. Anna died June 12, 2006 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Anna Jones was born March 7, 1911 to James Harvey and Mattie Lou Clift Jones in Montague County. On Aug. 19, 1929 she married Gideon Prather in Waurika, Oklahoma.

Anna was a loving and supportive wife and mother,

helping with her children's many activities. She was a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church in Saint Jo, and was active in the Bulcher Home Demonstration Club and Saint Jo Riding Club. She enjoyed visiting friends and neighbors.

The highlight of Anna's life was her work at the Charm Shop in Muenster. She loved wearing beautiful clothes, but even more, she loved working with old friends, meeting new people, making them feel good about themselves and about their purchases, as well as doing the alterations for their new purchases.

Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law Virginia and Glenn Wood of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, and Jo and Terry Kite of Malibu, California; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sisters Velda Moore of Waco and Elizabeth Chambers and husband Melvin of Sherman; and brother William Jones and wife Doris of Gainesville.

She was preceded in death by her husband; son Jimmie Prather; her parents; three sisters; five brothers; and a grandson.

Shirley Murdock 1942 - 2006



Shirley Murdock

Shirley Walden Murdock, 64, a former Muenster resident, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, June 15, 2006 in Ponder. She was born Jan. 1, 1942 in San Antonio.

A memorial service will be

held on Monday, June 26 at 12:30 p.m. at the Wildwood Chapel at Restland Funeral Home in Dallas.

Shirley was the wife of Jack Murdock, principal of Sacred Heart School from 1988-2003. She was a homemaker, an artist, a poet, and a gardener. She was a loving wife and mother, and a wonderful friend. Shirley overcame many obstacles in life and was an inspiration to all who knew her. Her words were wise, her perseverance amazing, and her faith unwavering.

Shirley is survived by her husband; children Kevin Murdock and wife Angie, Erin Wheeler and husband Scott, Alex Alexander and wife Dawn; two grandchildren; her parents Ray and Mary Ruth Walden; and a brother Tony.

Expressions of condolence can be sent to Jack Murdock, 532 Canterbury Parklane, Ponder, TX 76259.

Andrew Harpstrite 1989 - 2006

Andrew Keith Harpstrite, 17, of Cherryvale, Kansas, son of Kathryn Robertson of Forestburg, died accidentally while on a school function in Costa Rica. Services were held June 19 at the First Methodist Church in Saint Jo.

Born Feb. 8, 1989 in Denton, Andrew lived his first 15 years in Lake Dallas, moving to live with his father in Cherryvale, Kansas the last two years. He was an

outstanding artist and musician.

Survivors include his mother and her husband Eddie Robertson; father Kevin Harpstrite of Cherryvale, Kansas; sister Kristina Harpstrite of Forestburg; brother David Harpstrite of Cherryvale; grandparents, step-grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Henry Roewe 1930 - 2006



Henry Roewe

Henry John Roewe, 76, passed away Wednesday, June 7, 2006. He was born March 14, 1930 near Lindsay to Andrew and Agatha Roewe.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, June 13 at Our Lady's Cathedral in Oklahoma City.

When Henry was 10 years old, the family moved to a farm near Pilot Point. He attended Pilot Point schools and was the first in his family to graduate from high school. Henry served three years in the U.S. Coast Guard. Upon discharge from the military he moved to Windthorst, to join his brother in business.

Henry met Shirley Gallant in Massachusetts. They were married in 1955 and were the parents of six children. In 1969, the family moved to Oklahoma City, where Henry became a Knights of Columbus insurance agent. In 1977, the couple opened and operated Henry's - a convenience store - in downtown Concourse, until retirement in 2000.

He was a devoted Catholic, actively involved at Our Lady's Cathedral for the past 37 years. In 1999, Henry and Shirley were honored as Family of the Year. In August 2005, Henry humbly accepted the Venerable Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice, an honor bestowed by Pope John Paul II to recognize those who have been exemplary in the practice of their Catholic faith. He began service in the Knights of Columbus in 1955 and was a leader in various offices, including State Deputy.

Henry loved watching his grandchildren in their activities, enjoyed family gatherings, and never spoke a harsh word to or about anyone. He lived by two rules: Don't sweat the small stuff, and it's all small stuff.

Roewe is survived by his wife, and their children Monica and Matt Wenthold, David and Melani Roewe, Teresa Roewe Cole, Susan and David Long, Nancy and Steve Klabo, and Michael and Barbara Roewe; 12 grandchildren; brothers and sisters Andrew Roewe, Jr., Catherine Hamilton, Leonard and Alma Roewe, Frances Burks, Lawrence and Iris Roewe, Conrad and Betty Roewe, and sister-in-law Ruth Gallant.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Paul, and son-in-law Scott Lively.

Henry's father was the brother of Katie (Mrs. Joseph) Fleitman.

Memorials may be made to the Center of Family Love, P.O. Box 245, Okarche, OK 73762. Henry had served as a Board member for the Center.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To whom it may concern:

I was contacted recently by Daniel & Carolyn d'Entremont of Yarmouth County, Nova Scotia (Canada), to ask for my assistance explaining a variety of ailments they and their six children have been suffering over the past year—ever since 17 industrial wind turbines were built within a mile of their home (the nearest being 1000' away). (Incidentally, they found me by way of an article I published on the Internet a year ago on the health effects of wind turbines.)

The d'Entremonts and I had a lengthy phone conversation on Feb. 4, 2006, wherein they described a variety of ailments that I recognized as being associated with long-term exposure to industrial low frequency noise. I assured them that their symptoms are no fabrication or illusion; they are genuine and confirmed by clinical literature.

In the interest of helping the d'Entremonts get these turbines turned off and getting these good people back into their home (which they are about to abandon), and back to good health, I offered to do a formal telephone interview, but this time to tape record it. The enclosed CD contains the recording of that interview, made with the d'Entremonts' permission both to make the recording and distribute it widely. Toward the end of the interview I offer my clinical judgment on their ailments.

The second enclosed CD contains photographs of the d'Entremont home showing the industrial turbines nearby. This CD has, in addition, photographs of the Fenner (New York) and Tug Hill Plateau (Lewis County, New York) windplants, illustrating the same problem: turbines sited far too close to people's homes. I can virtually guarantee that people in Fenner and on the Tug Hill Plateau who live within 1.5 miles of these turbines will suffer (or are suffering) from identical health effects described herein by the d'Entremonts.

The medically irresponsible siting of turbines is not restricted to Nova Scotia, Fenner, and Tug Hill; it's a global problem.

I enclose, as well, a short report I did recently on the "Health effects of wind turbine noise" (2/4/06). This merely samples the literature on low frequency sound and strobing (from the propellers) impacting human health; I am happy to supply anyone, who wishes to see it, with further evidence from peer-reviewed scientific and clinical journals.

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Dear Editor,

If you or any of your readers have any knowledge of who stole the public litter barrel on CR 421, please let me know. It was a light blue 55 gallon drum and was taken during the night of June 8. It isn't much, a \$6.00 value, but quite a few people were using it. It has been replaced and the trash picked up. Remember, keep trash in its proper place!

Thank you,
Dan Hamric
Muenster, Texas

Letter to the editor,

The public is invited to a question and answer forum concerning Florida Power and Light's plan to place large industrial wind turbines in Cooke and Montague Counties. The event will be sponsored by the North Texas Wind Resistance Alliance.

The forum will meet on the 2 floor at Doc's Bar and Grill on Sunday, June 25 at 7:00 p.m. Doc's is located one block north of red light on Hwy. 82 in Muenster.

Some representatives will be there by about 6 p.m. to begin answering questions, with the main speaker to arrive around 7 p.m.

Meals will be "Dutch" treat.

In addition, North Texas Wind Resistance Alliance will be presenting comments to the Montague County Commissioners Court at the Montague County Courthouse in Montague on Monday, June 26, at 9 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend that as well.

Also, the Saint Jo City Council is holding a "Public Hearing" on Monday, June 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium to hear public comments regarding the proposed Muenster / Saint Jo Wind Farm. Just because it is in Saint Jo doesn't mean that Muenster folks can't attend. In fact, they would like to have as many as possible in attendance.

There will be representatives from FPL Energy at this meeting, as well as a representative of North Texas Wind Resistance Alliance. It should be quite informative and an excellent opportunity to learn more about this proposed project and the momentum that is building opposing it.

If anyone wants to learn more about this proposed project before the Public Hearing, I will be in my office on the square in Saint Jo most of the week, and I will be more than happy to share with you the information that I have compiled so far. Also, you may visit our website at www.northtexaswindresistance.com. You may join North Texas Wind Resistance Alliance simply by visiting the website. Meeting times and places are posted there.

Jack Schoppa

Letter to the editor:

We need to STOP THE WIND FARM!

Two months ago a power company began soliciting contracts with landowners in order to construct a massive industrial wind farm from Montague, Forestburg, and Nocona areas through Saint Jo, across north of Muenster and north of Moss Lake.

I'm hearing about wind

generators that are up to 400 feet tall and weigh up to 250 tons each (requiring up to 30-foot deep concrete slabs) with flashing lights and when the wind blows, producing vibrations and noise that will be able to be heard for up to 20 miles away.

The cost of the wind generators is funded by tax credits- Your tax dollars at work. They know how to work the system and they are looking to profit off of us. I get so aggravated when my own tax dollars are used against me.

They don't care that they will replace nature's quiet and beauty with industrial structures, vibrations, and noise because they plan to construct these wind farms in our back yard - not theirs.

Forget any debate on if you care how this affects the migration of Monarch butterflies or Whooping Cranes or nesting of black-capped vireos, or any effect on our wildlife - when a wind farm would diminish our quality of life, reduce our property values, and reduce our business opportunities.

One landowner north of Saint Jo who has seen the negative affects of wind farms elsewhere has declined to participate and has been re-approached many times with suggestions of large potential income. Many landowners have been pushed to sign a confidentiality agreement before they are given the full sales pitch. However, landowners are not given full information- only the greed factor. And the agreement has minimum guarantees- while playing up suggestions of large potential income. (Don't forget- They know what they are doing and they know how to manipulate you and work within and around their contracts.) Haven't you seen it? Landowners told if you don't sign up now, your neighbor will and we won't need you. Then, the neighbor who held out will be offered more than those who signed early- all under contract for confidentiality so they cannot discuss the variances in offers or the scary terms - such as clauses that specify the landowner is responsible for

maintenance and elsewhere that specifies if the landowner chooses to sell the land during the term of the agreement (20 years, up to 50 years with renewal options), the power company that owns the contract at that time will have first right of refusal to purchase your property.

The sales pitch does not reveal that the landowners in other parts of this state have received on average under \$300 per year. And since those landowners have signed confidentiality agreements- you can only find such information by pulling and comparing disclosure information in lawsuits.

The landowners who have already signed agreements will not be able to get out of those agreements unless the contracted company chooses to back out; which can happen if we show sufficient local support to stop it.

Landowners need to check out the lawsuits of other landowners against the companies behind wind farms and lawsuits of neighbors against landowners. Texas does have a nuisance law. But suing the landowner after the generator is installed will not bring back the quality of life.

In addition to the reduction in property values, the noise, vibrations, lights, etc, many of us are likely to be affected by the uncompensated easements across and access to our property with the transformers and power lines connecting the generator farm from Montague and/or Forestburg through Saint Jo, across north of Muenster to across north of Moss Lake.

All interested parties are invited to attend the City of Saint Jo's public hearing about the proposed industrial wind farm within the city limits and surrounding area on Monday the 26th at 7 pm at Saint Jo School Auditorium. Hilliard Energy will present their side.

The North Texas Wind Resistance Alliance has been formed (check out <http://www.northtexaswindresistance.com/>) and is presenting an informational meeting at Doc's Bar & Grill on Sunday

6/25 at 7 p.m. (meeting for a Dutch-Treat dinner at Doc's at 6 p.m.), information presented at 7 p.m.

Montague County Residents who are against the wind farm are asked to attend Montague County Commissioner's Court meeting on Monday, June 26 at 9 a.m. in support of the N TX Wind Alliance's request that the County do all it can to discourage the wind farm. Especially not to give any tax-abatements - as we expect they will only be involved as long as they get the tax credits and tax abatements.

I want to preserve the quality of life in this area and therefore I want to stop the wind farm. We need to take action ASAP if we are going to stop it. Please spread the word and get involved.

Anna Braziel

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Monday, July 3 at 5 p.m.

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The Saint Jo City Council will hold a Public Hearing to gather information before the Council determines whether or not to enact an Ordinance prohibiting the placement of Wind Turbines in the City Limits or the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.

All interested parties are invited to attend these public forums and learn more about Florida Power and Light's plans to place several hundred wind turbines in Montague and Cooke counties and to hear why the North Texas Wind Resistance Alliance is opposed to the FP&L plan.

The event will be sponsored by the North Texas Wind Resistance Alliance (www.NorthTexWindResistance.com).

7:00 PM
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Doc's Bar and Grill, 2nd floor
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7:00 P M
Monday, June 26, 2006
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LIFESTYLE

Vu and Bengfort pledge wedding vows in St. Peter's Catholic Church

Lisa Mai Vu of Fort Worth and Jonathan Michael Bengfort of Fort Worth married in St. Peter's Church of Lindsay on Saturday, April 29, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. Father Kyle Walterscheid officiated for the Nuptial Mass and double ring rites.

Parents of the bride are Long and Mai Vu of Fort Worth and grandparents are Ann Vu of Herndon, Virginia and the late Ngoc Duc Vu and the late Hand and Hoa Pham formerly of Saigon, Vietnam. The bride graduated in 2001 from Everman High School in Fort Worth and from the University of Texas at Arlington in 2004. She is currently employed as an assistant marketing manager for Ridgmar Mall in Fort Worth.

The groom is the son of Michael and Joyce Bengfort of Lindsay and the grandson of Charles and Mary Neu and Ann Bengfort, all of Lindsay, and the late Leonard Bengfort. He graduated from Lindsay High School in 2001 and from the University of Texas at Arlington in 2005. He is a civil engineer for Teague Nall and Perkins, Inc. in Fort Worth.

Presented at the altar by her father, the bride was wearing a simple ivory strapless silk chiffon gown. This sheath dress designed by Waters and Waters had a long, flowing sweep train. To complete her ensemble, the

bride carried a bouquet of white calla lilies.

For something old and something borrowed, the bride carried a rosary that was also carried by the groom's mother at her wedding. Mothers of the bride and groom wore traditional custom-made Vietnamese gowns.

ATTENDANTS

Sonya Loughran of Arlington, cousin of the bride, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Yen Ainsworth of Fort Worth, cousin of the bride, Angela Flanagan of Gainesville, and Jennifer Castañeda of Bedford, sisters of the groom.

All of the bride's attendants wore custom-made traditional Vietnamese gowns called áo dài. The gowns were in matching patterns in pastel shades of purple, blue, peach, and yellow. They carried bouquets of yellow calla lilies.

Matthew Loughran of Arlington, cousin of the bride, was best man. Groomsman were Fernando Castañeda of Bedford and Scott Flanagan of Gainesville, brothers-in-law of the groom, and Long Vu, Jr. of Fort Worth, brother of the bride.

Bride's nephew Vincent Vu was the ring bearer.

Ushers were Charlie Ainsworth of San Antonio, cousin of the bride, and Jordan Sparkman, cousin of the



Mrs. Jonathan Bengfort
...nee Lisa Mai Vu...

groom. Groom's cousins Cammi Neu and Brienne Sandmann of Lindsay served at Mass. Friends of the couple provided music. They were Kien Tran pianist, Eric Gray and Andrew Wolf guitarists, and Joan Grabowski vocalist.

Special wedding liturgy included Readings by Lister Pinto, Stephen Oliver, and Alicia Mireles, friends of the couple. Eucharistic ministers were Adrianna Sparkman and Renee Sandman, cousins of the groom, Josie Fitzgibbins, Lauren Goss, and Erica Johnson, friends of the couple.

RECEPTION

A reception in the Lindsay Centennial Hall followed the ceremony. The Road House catered a dinner for about 200 guests. Music and entertainment was provided by JenMartini Entertainment.

Betty Rose Walterscheid created the wedding cakes. The three-tiered bride's cake

resembled stacked gift boxes with yellow and pink bows. Chosen for the groom's cake was a two-tiered German chocolate cake.

To symbolize all the gifts they have been blessed with throughout their lives - primarily their family, friends, and each other - the couple chose a gifts theme for the reception décor. Wedding favors for each guest were packaged in small gift boxes and placed on all tables. Large decorated packages in various places in Centennial Hall enhanced the gift theme. Chosen colors were yellow, hot pink, and purple.

The couple took a wedding trip to Playa del Carmen, Mexico. They have returned and make their home in Fort Worth.

Due to tornadoes and power outages in Lindsay and Gainesville on Friday, April 28, the rehearsal dinner scheduled at the Smokehouse in Lindsay was cancelled.

Clara Fuhrmann celebrates 80th

Clara Fuhrmann celebrated her 80th birthday on Sunday, June 11, with her family. Her actual birthday is June 9. The celebration began with the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Peter's Church in Lindsay. Members of her family provided the music and led the singing at Mass. Isaac Davis, grandson, played the keyboard, and Don Rohmer, son-in-law, accompanied him on the guitar for several pieces. The gathering song was "Holy, Holy, Holy" and the preparation song was "You Are Mine." Communion songs were "Abba Father" and "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say." The commissioning song was "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name." Singing for the Mass were Barbara Rohmer, Martha Sicking, Karen Davis, and Laura Neusch, all Clara's daughters, and Don Rohmer and James Neusch, sons-in-law. Clara and her husband Erwin, and her son, Ted, brought up the offertory gifts.

After Mass family members gathered for a meal



Clara Fuhrmann

at the home of Denise (another daughter) and Jack Dangelmayr.

Clara is married to Erwin Fuhrmann. Her children and their families are: Barbara and Don Rohmer; Joan and Ray Sedge, Stephanie and Brent, Elizabeth (Betty) and Philip Baker, John and Mary; Arnold and Cecilia Fuhrmann, Crystal, Amber, Cletus, and Abe; Diane and John Hermes, Leah, Kimberly, Rose, and Nathan; Martha and Allen Sicking, Quinn, Devin, and Shane; Karen and Kelly Davis, Joseph, Andy, Stephen, Isaac,

Michael, Aaron, Mark, Thomas, and Sarah; Denise and Jack Dangelmayr, Jessica and Jena; Alex and Kathleen Fuhrmann, Heather and Kyle; Laura and James Neusch, Jacob, Patricia, and Shawna; and Ted Fuhrmann.

Joining the immediate family were Clara's brother Charles Stoffels and his wife Betty, Imelda Rohmer, Clara Neusch, and Marie Fuhrmann.

After the meal, Diane Hermes presented her mother with a scrapbook of photos, cards, and letters from all the children and grandchildren that she and the family had prepared. She also presented her with a basket of cards, greetings, and e-mails from nieces, nephews, neighbors, and other relatives and friends. After sharing in birthday cake, the family recalled their memories of Clara and what it was like growing up on a dairy farm north of Lindsay.

Smart watering tip

Put a layer of mulch around your plants. Mulching helps to retain moisture and prevents evaporation. A generous amount of 3- to 5-inches is best. Toro

NEW ARRIVAL

Acayan

Aileen and Richard Acayan announce with joy the birth of their son Reece Nathaniel C. Acayan on Wednesday, June 7, 2006 in North Texas Medical Center. He was born at 7:16 p.m., weighing 7 lb. and measuring 21 inches in length. Reece is welcomed by his sister Althea Cassandra Acayan, age 11 months. Grandparents are Richard and Annie Acayan of The Woodlands, Texas.

Senior citizens to celebrate

Friday, June 30 is the slated date of the 2nd Annual Cooke County Senior Citizens Patriotic Celebration. It will be held from 1-2:30 p.m. at Pecan Creek Village, 1100 Lawrence Street in Gainesville. The public is invited to attend. All are encouraged to dress in red, white, blue, or military, or to wear a yellow ribbon to honor our country and our troops.

Veteran over 80 years of age are encouraged to share their military memories during the celebration. There will be an ice-cream and dessert bar and entertainment.

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Local youth compete at Texas 4-H Roundup

Fifteen Cooke County 4-Hers took part in Texas 4-H Roundup, held June 5-9 in College Station. The 2006 Texas 4-H & Youth Development Scholarships were also awarded at that time.

Ryan Zimmerer was selected 15th of 71 recipients for the Richard Wallrath Educational Foundation Scholarship. Each scholarship was in the amount of \$10,000. Ryan is the son of Albert and Jackie Zimmerer and a member of Red River 4-H.

Contest results were as follows: Speech - Kelly Laux, 1st in Family Life; Claudia Spears, 4th in Farm & Ranch Economics; also participating were Hal Ray Spears in Natural Resources and Erin Wyrick in Health.

Fashion Show - James Miller, 5th in Buying Casual; Ryan Zimmerer, 8th in Buying Dressy.

Share The Fun - Abby and Kara Purdy, Garin Taylor, and Josh and Ryan Zimmerer, 3rd in Drama.

CCFC seeks volunteers to train

Cooke County Friends of the Family (CCFC) needs volunteers! CCFC has numerous volunteer opportunities available to the community. One is being a crisis hotline advocate for the Cooke County area.

CCFC feels that it is important to offer its volunteers the best training possible, so this will be 40 hours. Other volunteer positions are available and require fewer hours. This summer they will be offering crisis hotline/direct services training during July and August. There will be evening training times, as well as Saturdays, to provide more flexibility for potential volunteers.

Through their training you will learn many aspects of what CCFC does and how important volunteers are to them. Some of the topics of the training include:

- * Crisis Intervention
- * Criminal Justice Procedures
- * Medical Procedures
- * Tours of the Courthouse, Gainesville Police Department, Cooke County Justice Center, and the NTMC Emergency Room
- * Survivor Stories
- * The Role of the Volunteer
- * Reporting and Documenting Abuse
- * Advocacy

Please consider being a part of this community support and training. If you are interested and want more information on volunteering you can call Sandra Callahan, CCFC volunteer coordinator, at 665-2873.

Lawnmower safety tip

Be sure the motor is turned off before inspecting or repairing lawn mower equipment. Never try to dislodge dirt or grass from the lawn mower blades while the machine is running. Use a stick or broom handle when removing debris; do not use your hands or feet.

4-H Council names officers

The 4-H County Council met at the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce on May 2. Stephen Wallace led the ice breaker. Garin Taylor called the meeting to order. Madison Pearce led the U.S. Pledge. Stephen Wallace said the Patriotic Inspiration. Josh Zimmerer led the Texas State Pledge, and Jill Walker led the 4-H motto and pledge. Amelia Haverkamp called the roll.

Club reports were given by Council delegates. Amelia Haverkamp read aloud the minutes and Alyssa Smithson gave the treasurer's report. Other reports included the Fashion Show, Consumer Decision Making, Livestock Judging, District Roundup,

Rifle - The Cooke County team placed 4th overall. Members were Johnathan Zimmerer, Justin Smithson, Abby Purdy, and Alek Matson. Johnathan Zimmerer placed 2nd high individual and Justin Smithson was 11th high individual.

Dairy Judging - Abe and Crystal Fuhrmann, Garin Taylor and Erin Wyrick, 1st. Garin Taylor placed 1st high individual and Crystal Fuhrmann was 8th high individual.



Cooke County 4-H State winners included, from left, front - Abby Purdy and Kara Purdy. Back - Garin Taylor, Ryan Zimmerer, and Josh Zimmerer. Courtesy photo

Geordan marks 4th with Disney

On Sunday, June 4 Geordan Nicole Spaeth celebrated her fourth birthday with a "Disney's Princesses" themed party held at her home in Gainesville. Geordan is the daughter of George and Bernice Spaeth.

A grilled hamburger and hot dog lunch with all the trimmings was served. Guests enjoyed the day visiting, and watching Geordan open her gifts. Afterwards, a beautiful

"Princess" cake made by Geordan's great-grandmother, Mickey Spaeth, and ice cream were served.

Later, the children had a good time taking their turn trying to pop a "Princess" piñata. It was fun to see the determination on their faces and the joy when all the goodies came spilling out! Each child received a special "Princess" goody bag as they left the party.

Video and pictures were taken to remember the special day.

Guests attending were Geordan's parents; her little brother Matthew; grandparents Walter and Celine Bartel and David and LouAnn Spaeth; and great-grandmother Mickey Spaeth. Uncles, aunts, and cousins included Lorene Dudley and Blair, Malyn and Tate; Terry Bartel and ShyAnn and Dalton; Jason and Juline Brogden and Emily and Eve; Adrienne Bartel and fiancée, Matt Bauer; Jessica Bartel; Jason and Brenda Clark and Sara and Collin; John and Michelle Spaeth and Clayton; great-aunt Patsy Henry; great-aunt Rosie Bartel and cousins Theresa Switzer and Mariah and Abby; Sherry May and Kaitlyn Landers. Special family friends attending were Cheryl Eddowes and Brittney, Diane Kaden and Suzanne and Helen Roberts.

Unable to attend, but sending birthday greetings were Aunt Marceline and Uncle Floyd Fardelhoff and Justin and Chelsea, Uncle Tim and Aunt Staci Bartel, and Uncle Jeff Dudley; family friends Larry and Tracy Allen, Donna Walterscheid and Ashley and Chad, and Casey and Kara Wilson and Landree.

Geordan's actual birthday was June 3. The family celebrated the day by visiting the Dallas Museum of Natural History and Science to see the dinosaur exhibits.



Geordan Spaeth

Home Hospice offers help for grieving

Home Hospice will conduct a Grief Support & Guidance Seminar on July 11, 18, and 25. The seminar will be held at the Home Hospice office at 1001 E. Broadway, Gainesville, from 6-8 p.m.

The sessions will address various topics involved in the grief process. The purpose of the seminar is to assist bereaved persons in getting through their grief and helping them to cope with this painful experience.

Call Kelly at Home Hospice to register for the seminar or if you have questions, 665-9891.

Home Hospice also offers support groups for ongoing bereavement care. Compassion & Support; General Grief Support Group meets the first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Home Hospice office. The Caring Hearts Luncheon is held the last Wednesday of the month at noon at the Home Hospice office. The Eating Meeting Support Group meets the first Thursday at 5:30 p.m. Call the office for the location or for other information needed. There is no charge for any of the services.

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Alexander receives First Communion

Alexander Nicolas Nervo received his First Holy Communion during the 12:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday, May 7 at Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Arlington. Alexander wore a black tuxedo suit and tie. He carried a black and gold rosary and a Mass book, gifts from his parents Donna and Nicolas Nervo.

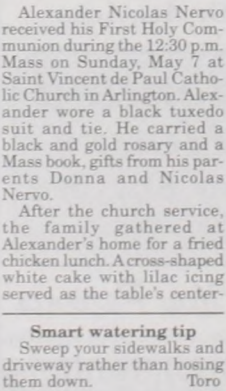
After the church service, the family gathered at Alexander's home for a fried chicken lunch. A cross-shaped white cake with lilac icing served as the table's centerpiece.

Smart watering tip
Sweep your sidewalks and driveway rather than hosing them down.

Toro

piece. White candles with iridescent glitter spelling "First Communion" were on top of the cake. A ceramic chalice and a kneeling boy were on either side of the cake. A white crocheted over a purple cloth covered the table. A basket filled with grapes, wheat, and a bread baguette, and a large antique silver cross served as a reminder of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Gifts were opened and pictures were taken. Guests attending included Alexander's grandmother Rachel Hennigan of Muenster, his younger brothers Dominic Xavier and Zachary Christian, Leon Hess, Alfred and Paige Hennigan and family, and Darrell and Lisa Hess and family.



Alexander Nervo

COLLEGE HONORS

Texas A&M University
Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the Spring 2006 Semester, recognizing students for academic performance. The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours who have maintained at least a 3.75 grade point ratio (GPR) out of a possible 4.0 during the most recent grading period.

Muenster students earning a place on the Dean's Honor Roll include Karl Fisher, majoring in Environmental Design, and Christopher York, majoring in Biomedical Engineering.

Midwestern State University

Midwestern State University recognized honor students for the Spring 2006 semester. To make the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must complete a semester of at least 12 hours with a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.74 and no grade lower than a C. Danny Evans of Lindsay has earned the Dean's Honor Roll designation.



The Cooke County 4-H Dairy Judging team won the State contest. Members are, from left - Coach Wayne Becker, Garin Taylor, Crystal Fuhrmann, Erin Wyrick, and Abe Fuhrmann. Not pictured is Coach Michael Becker. Courtesy photo

4-H Dairy Judging Team advancing to National competition

For the second year in a row, a Cooke County 4-H team won the State Dairy Judging Contest held at Texas 4-H Roundup. This is an outstanding accomplishment for Cooke County, with all new team members. Once a 4-H member wins at State level, they can no longer compete in that event.

Team members traveling to College Station for the competition on June 7 were Abe Fuhrmann, Crystal Fuhrmann, Garin Taylor, and Erin Wyrick. Placing in the top 10 were Garin Taylor at 1st high individual and Crystal Fuhrmann at 8th high individual.

The contestants judged eight classes of four dairy cows by giving placings and oral reasons for placings. There is a great deal of time and effort involved in learn-

ing and teaching the skills necessary to make a good presentation and identify the better qualities of a cow.

The team will now prepare to compete in the national contest, held at the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin the first week of October. Their coaches are Wayne and Michael Becker.

Smart watering tip

Don't fertilize during hot, dry weather. Applying fertilizer can actually enhance drought problems. When you do feed your lawn and garden use a slow release fertilizer. Raise the blade on your lawn mower. Closely cropped grass requires more water. Toro

COLLEGE GRADUATES



Joanna Gehrig

Joanna Gehrig is graduate of University of Texas in Austin

Joanna Marie Gehrig graduated in May from the University of Texas in Austin with a degree in Geography and a minor in Biology from the College of Liberal Arts.

During college, she studied abroad in England and did internships at the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park in Maryland and at the Redwood National Park in California.

Her parents, Jim and Cindy Gehrig, hosted a large graduation and farewell party in their home for Joanna before she left in May to work at Glacier National Park in Montana as a forestry technician.

Joanna is a graduate of Sacred Heart Catholic

School. She is the granddaughter of Josephine Schilling and the late George Gehrig and the late Arnold Schilling, and Herman Stoffels and the late Alma Stoffels.

Joshua Freeman earns degree from U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

Joshua Freeman graduated Monday, June 19 from the United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA), Kings Point, New York with a Bachelor of Science in Maritime Systems Engineering. He is a 2001 graduate of Muenster ISD and was nominated to attend the USMMA by Congressman Ralph Hall. He is the son of Jamai Freeman of Moss Lake Estates and the late Ken Freeman. Jamai and daughter Bonnie Freeman, attended the ceremony, as well as brother Jacob Freeman who is finishing his second year at the Academy.

Joshua has completed the US Coast Guard Engine License Examination and requirements for Marine engineers. His Midshipmen Class 2006 was commended by Dr. David Palmer, Academic Dean, USMMA, for the highest scoring since the Academy was formed, with every member passing the exam before graduation. He is currently in the Naval



Joshua Freeman

Reserve and will be in an approved Marine engineering occupation for four years.

He completed his sea duty during his second and his final years on commercial container ships. The first duty took him to Dutch Harbor, Alaska, Yokohama and Tokyo, Japan, Hong Kong and Tianan, China, and Taiwan. The latter tour was aboard the U.S. Spica, a US Navy diesel-fueled supply ship for five months in the Persian Gulf area. The cargo was transferred by helicopter to smaller ships for Kuwait to be transported by land to the military in Iraq. He was on land in the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain. The second period of the last sea duty was with the Lurline, a Hawaiian cargo ship, sending cargo from Oakland.

Graduation from USMMA requires extensive study and thesis report in engineering for completion. He is now given the rank of Midshipman, First Class.

His grandparents are J.E. and Barbara Pybas, Sivells Bend.



Justen Nasura



Above - Darrell Hermes; below right - Ethan Henry.

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Cub Scout Day Camp



Above Eland Green. At right, Daniel Hesse



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SCHOOL

Four area students receive Patrick Harris scholarships

Recipients of the 2006 Patrick R. Harris Memorial Scholarships are Zachary Brown, Danielle Bindel, Malcom Martin, and Michelle Rauschuber. 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.

Zachary Brown is a graduate of Saint Jo High School. He plans to attend Angelo State University in San Angelo and major in business with a possible emphasis on real estate. He is the son of Sharon Brown and the late Bill Brown.

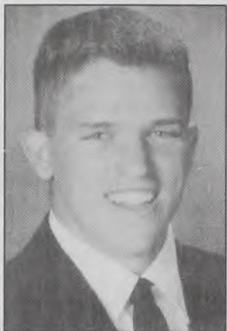
Danielle Bindel graduated from Muenster High School. She plans to start on the path to becoming a dentist with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene from Texas Woman's University. She then hopes to continue her education at the Baylor College of Dentistry. Her parents are Ben and Tina Bindel.

Malcom Martin is a Lindsay High School graduate. He plans to attend Texas Tech University. His interest in how technological innovations can improve the quality of life of people has led him to decide on a major in chemical engineering. His parents are Gordon and Cindy Martin.

Michelle Rauschuber, a graduate of Lindsay High School, plans to attend the University of Texas at Dallas with a major in biology and a minor in Spanish. After completing her work there, she hopes to continue her education with the goal of becoming a physician. She is the daughter of Steven and Doris Rauschuber.



Danielle Bindel



Malcom Martin



Michelle Rauschuber



Zachary Brown

Saint Jo plans for July 4th

The Saint Jo Volunteer Fire Department will once again stage the fireworks display in Bogges City Park on Tuesday, July 4 beginning at full dark, around 9 p.m.

The Patriotic Children's Parade will start at 7:30 p.m. on the Saint Jo Square. All children under age 14 are welcome and they do not need to register. Prizes will be awarded for the best patriotic costume. Bicycles and small wagons are allowed and there will even be a stroller section. Not motorized vehicles are permitted. If you have questions, call Paula Foust at 759-2486.

There will also be a Freeze-Off, with teams invited to prepare homemade ice cream. Prize winners will be selected by popular vote, with a grand prize of \$300, 2nd place of \$200, and 3rd place of \$100. For questions or to register call 995-9447.

Pre-show entertainment and all other events begin at 7 p.m. The Chamber of Commerce will provide free watermelon all evening. Hot dogs, chips, and other refreshments will be available for purchase.

Donations can be mailed or delivered to: Fireworks Account, c/o First National Bank, P.O. Box B, Saint Jo, TX 76265.

Smart watering tip
If you use a hose and portable sprinkler, buy a hose end timer to regulate your watering time. *Toro*



Sacred Heart cheerleaders, from left, back - Lisa Miller, Kristin LeBrasseur, Kara Felderhoff, Kalyssa Pollard, sponsor Clarissa Hess, Kristina Koesler, Ginger Bartush. Front - Kristen Miller, Taylor Torcellini, two camp instructors, and Samantha Wimmer. Courtesy photo

Cheerleaders bring home a 5

The 2006 Sacred Heart Cheerleaders recently attended the American Cheerleaders Association Camp at UNT. Bringing home awards such as Achievement Award, Top Squad Jump Award, Camp Champ Finalist, All Star Chant Finalist, and the

Spirit Stick Award each day, the cheerleaders performed very well.

On the third night, the cheerleaders received a 5 Star on their performance, being the only 5 Star at camp and making it the 5th for the summer. On the last day, Kalyssa Pollard, Samantha Wimmer, Kara Felderhoff,

and Taylor Torcellini were named All Star Cheerleaders.

Kalyssa Pollard was awarded All Star Tumbler Finalist and Kara Felderhoff was named the All Star Jumper. Taylor Torcellini was given an application to join the ACA staff. The squad also received a bid to nationals this January in Fort Worth.



Mark Gehrig accepts a \$1000 scholarship from Alvin Fuhrman. See related story in June 7, Muenster Enterprise, page 7.

19th Annual Ruth Hess Memorial Golf Tournament
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Kim Patel accepted to UNT s TAMS program

Kinal Kim Patel, a student at Muenster High School, has been accepted to the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science (TAMS). She is the daughter of Sudha Patel of Muenster.

TAMS is a two-year residential program at the University of North Texas that allows talented students to complete their freshman and sophomore years of college while earning their high school diplomas.

Patel will enter TAMS this

fall, live in a UNT residence hall, and attend UNT classes with college students. She plans to graduate in May 2008 with 60 hours of college credit and the equivalent of a high school diploma.

The academy admits up to 200 new students each year. Selection is based on Scholastic test, a student essay, demonstrated interest in science and mathematics, teacher recommendations, a personal interview, and parental support and commitment.

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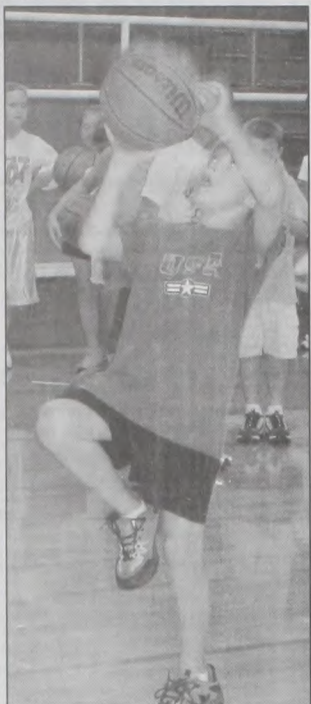
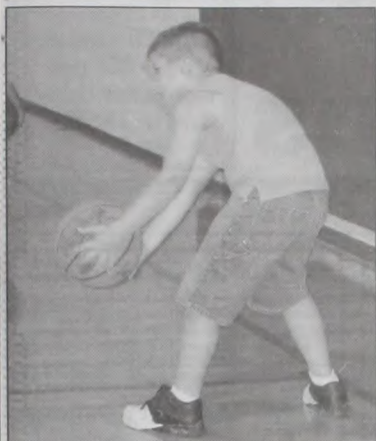
These skills must be applied in new ways as children age and your relationship shifts from that of caregiver and child to that of two adults. The move to adult-to-adult interaction is sometimes quite challenging. To smooth the transition, some tactics that might be applicable are:

1. Communicating.
 - Speaking for yourself is equally important as actively listening to one another.
 - Avoid criticism, belittling, or insulting the other.
 - Stay focused on the present, turn loose of the past offenses.
2. Be Assertive.
 - Use statements that you have thought through to offer several ways to address a recurring problem.
 - Say what you mean, such as "Yes" if your answer is yes and "No" if your answer is no.
3. Build trust by being accountable and open. Each person must believe the other has no intent on causing harm to them.
4. Set boundaries on adult offspring only if they directly affect the parents. Be an advisor rather than an authority figure.
5. Allow family members to make choices and experience the consequences. Don't act as a cushion when they haven't accepted the responsibility for their actions.
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SPORTS



Campers at the Sacred Heart Basketball Camp this week included, clockwise, above left - Dalton Hess; Grant Springer; Andy Flusche and Lauren Rohmer; Adrian Rohmer; and Karleigh Reeves and Katie Page.

Janie Hartman photos



UNDERWATER TACTICS with Ken Cook

The importance of fresh line

Fishing experiences can range from both the pleasure that comes from catching a fish to the pain and frustration that comes when "the big one" gets away. For every successful fish story you might hear at the boat ramp, there are probably many more tales anglers left in disbelief as the fish of their dreams breaks their line — never to be seen again.

For those of you fishing for fun, the heartbreak is usually temporary. For those of us who fish for a living, that same heartbreak can also break the bank. One missed fish can be the difference between cashing a paycheck and going broke. That's why professionals — myself included — make every effort to minimize the chances of this happening to us. First and foremost, we start with our fishing line.

Your fishing line is the only connection between you and the fish. Fishing line, as it ages, comes into contact with many things that all work to break it down and make it weaker. The repeated stress and strain of fighting big fish, rubbing on rocks and timber, sunlight, water, even a fish's teeth can cause your line to become weak and more likely to break the next time you're fighting that big fish.

The best approach is a proactive approach. That's why I respool my reels after each day of competition. It takes some time and costs some money, but it's better to spend a few dollars on fishing line than those several thousand because I lost a fish. For those of you who aren't fishing every day, the best thing to do is carefully examine your line before each trip, look for cuts and abrasions. If your reels have been sitting in the garage for a long time or if they spend a lot of time in the sun, take the time to respool them. If you use colored line, check the colorfastness. If the color has faded, chances are that it is time to respool.

Just a thought
The difficulties of life are intended to make us better, not bitter.

I prefer to keep bulk spools for respooling because it helps me save money and time. I keep them closed in a cabinet in a cool, dry place with the date of purchase written on each spool. It is important to store the line away from sunlight and moisture.

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fluorocarbon line like Berkley Vanish and superlines like Berkley Fireline, tools that give anglers the strong, manageable line they need to land big fish. But even the best line can wear down after prolonged use. Whether you fish for fun or for a paycheck, it's better to be safe than sorry. Respool often and avoid the heartbreak of a lost fish.



Red team member Ryan Huchton takes a swing.



Zoe Klement gets a hit for the Yellow team.



Summer ball



Clockwise, starting above left, Joyana Zamzow, Purple team; Alley Trubenbach, pitcher for the Red Team; Tressa Jones tags 1st base for the Purple team; Loren Rohmer heads to 1st with a hit for the Green Team.

Janie Hartman photos



Don't forget Party in the Park - Saturday

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Muenster Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:30p on June 29, 2006 (in Muenster ISD Administration Building, 139 E. 7th Street Muenster, TX 76252)

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.29	/ \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax		
Approved by Local Voters	\$.138	/ \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	6.2	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Debt service		% increase	or	10.4	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	5.2	% increase	or		% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 185,230,519	\$ 196,135,597
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 1,391,603	\$ 5,280,171
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 163,309,439	\$ 175,427,949
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,386,904	\$ 5,219,722

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 2,314,974

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.4100	\$.1342	\$ 1.5442	\$ 4,156.20	\$ 3,475.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.3589	\$.1293	\$ 1.4882	\$ 4,073.11	\$ 3,491.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.2900	\$.1380	\$ 1.4280	\$ 3,908.35	\$ 3,491.00

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.5442	\$ 1.428
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 1,312.57	\$ 1,213.80
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (98.77)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.290247. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.290247.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 500,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 49,743.75

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 June 13, 2006
 /s/ Stan Endres, City Administrator**

FARM & RANCH

Amnesty and guest worker program: not the same thing

Kenneth Dierschke, president
Texas Farm Bureau

Texas agriculture has an acute need for a dependable supply of labor. A study of the current labor supply and recent history suggest that many of the tasks that must be performed on farms and ranches will not be done by most citizens of the United States.

The knee-jerk reaction of many is to say, "Pay Americans more and they'll do those jobs." Reality destroys that argument. Profit margins in agriculture are so thin, that while there are many jobs at \$9 per hour, there are few at \$15 or \$20 per hour.

A guest worker program is essential. Amnesty, however, is a huge mistake, and the two are not the same. While it may be possible for some industries to pay a much higher wage and obtain labor on a short term basis, those industries are far more likely to simply move to other parts of the world where the labor supply is more plentiful. That solution is simply not feasible for agriculture, especially if Americans want to maintain a domestic supply of food and fiber. The American Farm Bureau Federation conducted an economic study of the issue and concluded the price tag of losing this labor supply

would be about \$9 billion.

The House bill would eliminate the supply of workers our industry so desperately needs. The Senate bill would allow many of those workers already here to achieve citizenship. If that happens, most of these new citizens would leave the farm and pursue employment in urban areas.

Of course, these large numbers of new citizens could further strain the social services system already under siege in the U.S. Moreover, amnesty would have the unfortunate effect of rewarding those that willingly broke our immigration laws and encourage future illegal immigration.

A new immigration policy should meet a few simple objectives. We must secure the border to know who is coming into our country and why. Any policy must include a functional guest worker program. Amnesty should be rejected outright.

Texas Farm Bureau supports the legislation sponsored by our U.S. Senators from Texas, Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn. Their amendments accomplish all these objectives. They and others have offered a plan of immigration policy that will

allow for the supply of labor to flow freely from one country to another, particularly Canada, Mexico, and the United States. This plan also calls for the combined border security so necessary in a post 9-11 world. It would provide agriculture with a fair wage, called the prevailing wage according to the local pay scale. Texas farmers and ranchers are firmly behind this responsible immigration policy.

Unfortunately, it will probably be some time before the rhetoric subsides from either camp in this debate. We need the solutions produced by statesmanship. This is no time to govern by sound bites.

USDA releases database info on large farms

The Agriculture Department released information to the public from its database of information on farmers who receive farm program payments. USDA released the information in response to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from the Environmental Working Group (EWG) and three news organizations. The information released by USDA includes the names, addresses, and business relationships of farmers receiving farm program or conservation payments. This so-called "entity file" is used on a routine basis by USDA

and county committees to determine if farmers are eligible for program payments.

The massive file released recently by USDA does not include information on individual payments made to farmers who belong to cooperatives. That information, which is part of USDA's "1614 file" mandated by the 2002 farm bill, will be released to the public in August, also in response to a FOIA request from EWG and the news organizations. Information on payments made to individuals since 2002 will be released.

AG BRIEFS

USDA cut its estimate of U.S. soybean exports by 40 million bushels from January.

The projected price range for old crop corn is \$1.75 to \$2.05 a bushel. Soybeans, \$5.20 to \$5.80.

Cow slaughter in 2005 was the smallest in 40 years.

Natural gas accounts for 90% of the cost of making anhydrous ammonia.

Natural gas costs more in the U.S. at \$5 per MMBtu. Russia gas costs 70¢, Middle East 60¢, Venezuela 60¢, and North Africa 40¢ per MMBtu.

U.S. ammonia (fertilizer) production has dropped over the past several years, while nitrogen imports continue to increase.

Natural gas is the main stock for most anhydrous ammonia production plants, but coal and crude oil can also be used.

Ag Briefs

Locate the creep feeder in a place frequently visited by the herd, near water or minerals, so the calves can easily find it.

The U.S. ranks 28th in prostate cancer death rates, improving from 13th in 2005. Uganda, Norway, and Sweden are the top three nations.

COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT

WAYNE BECKER
CEA - AG/NR

Nitrate poisoning a possibility with some drought stressed forages

Besides the effect of reduced production due to lack of moisture, drought also creates other negative aspects for cattle and hay producers. Warm-season annual grasses, such as sorghum hybrids (haygrazer types), and the various millets can also accumulate nitrates to a level that is toxic to cattle during periods of dry weather. Typical nitrate accumulation occurs with excessive N fertilization followed by a period of drought, although toxic levels of nitrates have been observed in warm-season annual grasses with as little as 50 lbs of N/ac under drought conditions. While aboveground plant growth is reduced, nitrate uptake continues to occur and concentrates in the forage tissue. Ruminants are affected because microbes in the rumen are able to convert nitrate to nitrite. Nitrite is then absorbed into the bloodstream where it converts hemoglobin, which carries oxygen throughout the bloodstream, into methemoglobin, which does not carry oxygen. Cattle death is due to asphyxiation.

The total level of nitrate in forage will determine whether or not the forage is safe to feed. Remember: Nitrate levels in hay do not diminish with time! Nitrate levels, however, in silage, may be reduced by 50% or more, but may still be excessive for safe feeding. Only a forage analysis for NITRATE (currently \$5.00 at the Texas A&M University Soil Testing Lab) will determine whether or not the fresh forage, hay, or silage is safe to feed to livestock. Nitrate levels of 5,000 ppm or greater may be dangerous to feed to animals and greater than 15,000 ppm are toxic to most classes of livestock. The official Texas A&M University advisory is to not feed forages that contain greater than 10,000 ppm nitrate. The more conservative number of 5,000 ppm, however, may be a

much safer number to use in actual practice.

Producers using warm-season annual forages or johnsongrass should have their hay crops tested prior to harvesting. Look at the forages carefully. If the forage to be harvested for hay has been under drought stress, there is a good likelihood that it is high in nitrates. If a good precipitation event occurs and plant growth is reinitiated (good green color, no droopy leaves), then the forage may be safe to feed, but a forage analysis for nitrate would still be advisable. DO NOT HARVEST the forage and then test! To do so could wind up costing you time, effort, and money, and result in a hay crop that you will not be able to feed. Likewise, cattle should not be pastured on warm-season annual grasses or johnsongrass if conditions are such that nitrate levels could be elevated to a toxic level. Again, only a forage analysis can determine if the forage is safe to graze.

If nitrate toxicity was not enough to worry about, there is also the issue of prussic acid (hydrogen cyanide) poisoning. Forages belonging to the genus Sorghum can produce prussic acid following light frosts or drought. In well-cured hay crops, prussic acid is not a concern since volatilization of the compound into the atmosphere occurs during the field curing process. Cattle, however, may succumb to prussic acid poisoning while grazing if plants have been subjected to drought stress. Again, do not turn cattle into

pastures of drought-stressed sorghums or johnsongrass. Wait until better growing conditions before pasturing cattle on any stressed warm-season annual plant or johnsongrass. Millets, while still capable of accumulating nitrates to a toxic level, do not produce prussic acid.

As cattle producers, it is bad enough that dry weather conditions have reduced forage production, and in some cases, surface water supplies. Not paying attention to the weather conditions and the forages that can cause the death of animals due to nitrate accumulation and prussic acid poisoning, can only make matters worse. If you are in doubt, or have additional questions, please contact your local county extension agent.

Dates to Remember:
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August 7-9 - 52nd Annual TAMU Beef Cattle Short Course, College Station
August 9-10 - Ranch Estate Planning Seminar, College Station

Consider seed source for next year's wheat crop

The low wheat grain yields throughout much of Texas and Oklahoma will likely result in a shortage of quality wheat seed this August and September, a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist said.

Often farmers choose to save some of their harvested wheat grain each year to use for planting their next wheat crop, said Dr. Brent Bean, Extension agronomist.

"Since many farmers did not harvest any wheat due to drought, disease, and greenbugs, more farmers than usual will be looking to purchase seed this fall," Bean said.

"It is important for farmers to remember that a good wheat crop starts with quality seed," he said. "This is just as important, if not more so, for fall and winter forage production as it is for optimizing grain yield."

Test weight is generally considered a good measurement of seed quality, Bean said, adding only wheat seed with a test weight of 58 pounds per bushel or higher should be considered for planting.

Also, do not forget to check the purity of the seed. Surveys show non-certified seed is more likely to be contaminated with weed seed, making it even more important for producers to know where the seed was produced.

All of the new higher-producing wheat varieties can only be sold as certified, registered, or foundation seed. An emergency wheat recertification program was put into place this year to help alleviate the potential problem of not having enough seed for planting this fall.

This program temporarily relaxed the qualifications for certifying wheat seed, he said. But it did not modify the Plant Variety Protection Law that prevents farmers or other individuals from selling protected varieties.

Most new varieties fall under this law and can only be sold by authorized dealers.

In buying wheat seed for the next crop, Bean suggested booking wheat seed early from authorized dealers. Producers can check with Extension offices for the latest recommendations on wheat varieties.

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Great Pyrenees Pup

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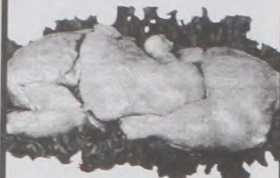
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