

Wind turbine components arriving at Wolf Ridge Wind

By Janet Felderhoff
Legend has it that Pecos Bill lassooed the wind for useful purposes. That legend doesn't seem so farfetched these days. In the search for more environmentally friendly sources of energy, companies like Florida Power and Light are building facilities to harness wind power to generate electricity.

FPL Energy and Wolf Ridge Wind, L.L.C. hosted a tour Tuesday for County officials and media. They were excited to explain details of the work progressing on Wolf Ridge Wind Farm located north of Muenster. A total of 75 wind turbine generators are being constructed.

Included in those present to share information were David Tenan, construction manager for Wolf Ridge Wind, L.L.C., Ned Ross, director of regulatory affairs, Lindsey Hunt, public relations, and Rory Robinson, business manager.

Locally, we have many days when the wind blows, and that drew FPL Energy to the Muenster area. One of the first steps was to check for endangered species of plants and animals, and check topography and soil conditions.

Based on the criteria gathered, recommendations are made as to where silt fencing must be used, where roads and generators sites might be placed. That prevents erosion and upsetting of any endangered species.

"We do a lot of work to prevent any kind of environmental upset at this site," remarked Ross. "It doesn't make sense to build a wind farm and create an environmental hazard. We are very careful to build these sites in a way that is sensitive in the areas where we don't have our assets." After testing the feasibility of such an operation and getting positive data, the company leased land from various property owners north of Muenster.

Groundwork on the wind turbine generators has been in full swing for a couple of months. Gravel roads were built or existing roads improved to carry equipment to the generator locations. Large pits were dug to hold the tower bases, and construction of the generators' bases is ongoing.

County Judge Bill Freeman and Precinct #3 Commissioner Al Smith were the County officials taking the

tour. The company initiated base work in February and is moving along on schedule. According to David Tenan, they were slowed down for a time with rain, but worked weekends and are back on the set time frame.

On Monday, the first components for the generators arrived by truck. Turbine blades measuring 132 feet in length (124 feet is the usual length) were the first to arrive. They are coming from North Dakota. Tenan expects other parts to arrive next week. He said that once the pieces arrive, it is not long before they begin erecting the generators.

Each generator has three blades designed to catch the wind at optimum angles. Ned Ross explained that each blade is designed to rotate. "Just like an airplane wing, if you tilt the wing, the plane goes up - same affect on a wind turbine. Each blade is automated and each blade is designed to rotate as much as 90 degrees. It helps you optimize," said Ross. "Slower wind days you might have a bit more angle, higher wind days less angle. You can optimize it to perform and generate the most energy possible at all times."

It is also designed so that the blades can lie flat and wind will blow past them with no rotation. This is a necessity because winds faster than 55 m.p.h. can cause damage to the equipment. The blades being installed at Wolf Ridge will turn at speeds as low as 8 m.p.h. and up to 55 m.p.h. The optimum operating wind is 25 m.p.h., said the FPL staff. A computer built into each unit adjusts the blade according to the wind velocity and direction.

Each turbine is equipped with an anemometer or weather station. It picks up wind speed, temperature, and other vital statistics. "All that information is saved in an enormous data base," noted Ross.

According to Ross, each turbine is somewhat self-sufficient. If communications are cut off, the turbine is designed to take care of itself. Should the anemometer fail, the turbine automatically shuts down until a tech arrives to repair it.

On top of the tower is a box called a nacelle. It is about 40

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These 132 foot wind turbine blades made an impressive sight as they were trucked to their future home north of Muenster. Above, Al Smith, Precinct #3 Commissioner, checks out the tip of one of the huge 13,000 pound blades. At right, shown is the end of the blade that is attached to the nacelle hub. The door gives access to wind techs for maintenance purposes.



Warder wins County Republican District Attorney nomination

By Janet Felderhoff
Janice Warder faced incumbent Cindy Stormer in a runoff election on Tuesday for the Republican nomination as Cooke County District Attorney for the 235th District Court. Warder garnered 67.72% of the vote compared to Stormer's 32.28%. That was 2,058 votes for Warder

and 981 for Stormer. In Muenster's Precinct 17, Warder got 40 votes and Stormer 35, and in Precinct 18, Stormer had a majority 174 over Warder's 160.

In the Democratic runoff for Railroad Commissioner, Dale Henry got 34 votes and Mark Thompson 36 in Cooke County.

Death ruled suicide

By Janet Felderhoff
Cooke County Sheriff's deputies responded to a call at 3968 County Road 417 north of Muenster about 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 3.

According to Cooke County Sheriff Mike Compton, when the deputies arrived, they found the body of Allan Wayne Gunnels lying in the front yard of his residence. He

was deceased and had a gunshot wound to the head.

Gunnels' body was sent to the Medical Examiner for autopsy. According to Sheriff Compton, the Medical Examiner ruled the death self-inflicted. Justice of the Peace Dorothy Lewis concurred.

Gunnels was 41 years of age.

Buckaroos compete in Ranch Rodeo



Sara Davidson gets a shovel ride from Mikenzie Fleitman during competition at the Sacred Heart Buckaroo Rodeo. Courtesy photo

City takes stand on billboard signs in Muenster City limits

By Janet Felderhoff
Muenster City Council denied a request by Sylvan Walterscheid of Walterscheid Meat to place a billboard in the 100 block of West Division. "A billboard does not add to the beauty of your town," remarked City Administrator Stan Endres. "I don't care what gets advertised, unless they have a business that's on that piece of property, I would be against any kind of billboard in the City limits. Outside the City limits, we don't have anything to say about it."

Alderman Jewel Otto said she doesn't like to see billboards in town. She also felt the proposed location would appear very congested with another billboard. There are already two signs east of the proposed billboard, one for the DI One Stop and the other for Bob Bauer Graphics.

Alderman Greg Bohl commented that he doesn't feel billboards should be placed on a lot unless it is for a business operating there.

Two of the adjoining property owners, Melvin Schilling and Tom Herr, contacted the City to say that they preferred not to have a billboard placed there. Mayor John Pagel said that a member of Keep Muenster Beautiful had approached him about not allowing billboards to be placed in town and encouraged him to vote against this one.

Endres said that he received information on lighted signs recently approved by TxDOT that light up almost like giant TV screens. It said that cities have the right to block the use of that type of sign. At the Council's request, that will be on next month's agenda.

Steve Trubenbach of Universal Machining Industries, Inc. requested a building permit waiver so that they would not have to install a sprinkler system.

Trubenbach said that Universal is planning to expand their business by about 15,000 square feet for the manufacturing space and an attached office of 2,500 feet, which would make the total expansion space 17,500 feet. Veritas, Muenster's building

inspection firm, told him that under Muenster's current building code, an open floor space of more than 12,000 square feet would have to be sprinklered.

"We feel that with the type of business that we do, we don't deal with a lot of flammables," explained Trubenbach. "We do have some oils and things like that, but all of the cutting fluid we use is nonflammable, water soluble materials. It might be a detriment to our equipment if we do have a sprinkler system in the building and it were to go off on accident." Information from Universal's insurance company showed that the insurance savings would not make it cost effective since it would only give a savings of a little over \$200. The sprinkler system would cost around \$2.50 per square foot plus valves.

If the variance was denied, Trubenbach said they would either have to drop the size of the building to 12,000 feet or install a two-hour fire wall in the middle of the building at an undetermined expense.

Mayor Pagel said that the City's concern is safety. He also wondered about setting a precedent for future requests.

Alderman Jack Flusche remarked, "I feel like we ought to give a variance on this. Every building in Muenster is going to be different. There's nothing going to blow up. The machines are not going to start a fire."

"I think the difference between 12,000 and 15,000 is not a whole lot," said Bohls. He said he would be concerned if volatile materials were being used.

A unanimous 4-0 vote brought approval to Trubenbach's request and the variance was granted.

David Tenan, construction manager for Wolf Ridge Wind, L.L.C. being built north of Muenster, addressed the Council. He said that with the Wind Farm comes a lot turbine truck deliveries - seven to eight per turbine, and there are 75 turbines going up. The Texas Department of Transportation gives the turbine supplier a route to follow for delivery of the

turbine parts.

Tenan said that the original route designated used FM 373 coming right down Muenster's Main Street. "To eliminate all congestion and problems by bringing the trucks down Main Street Muenster, I chose to search for alternate routes to bring the components in," commented Tenan. The new route has the trucks turning off of Hwy. 82 west onto FM 2739 onto CR 428 skirting the outside of Muenster as they get back on to FM 373. He also asked the gravel and concrete trucks to use the alternate route.

A letter of guarantee was presented by Tenan, stating that any damages done on the one half mile (ball park to FM 373) of CR 428 owned by the City would be repaired and restored to its original condition. They have the same agreement with Cooke County.

According to Tenan, the trucks carrying the components do less damage than the gravel and cement trucks due to the many axles required that distribute the load.

"We are going to be here for the next 30 to 40 years," Tenan stated. "We are going to become active in the community. We are not going to go out and drop the ball. We're going to be right out there every day - our company, our name."

The City Council gave permission for use of its section of CR 428 and accepted the letter of guarantee.

Stephen Gilland presented the City's audit report for 2006-07, which was accepted by the Council. It was an unqualified or clean audit.

Gilland's report noted that Muenster has a history of right at 100% collection rate on its taxes. That is helpful at budget time and also keeps the tax rate from being inflated to collect enough to cover the budget.

No internal control weaknesses were found. Total revenues exceeded the budget by \$72,000. "It was a real healthy year for the City," said Gilland.

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OBITUARIES

Catherine Herr 1913 - 2008

Mass of Christian Burial was held for Catherine Herr of Muenster on Monday, April 7 at 10 a.m. Fr. Ken Robinson celebrated the Mass at Sacred Heart Church. Burial followed in Sacred Heart Cemetery under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster.

Catherine Ernestine Herr died at 4:18 a.m. on Thursday, April 3, 2008 in Muenster.

Born Dec. 19, 1913 in Muenster to Fred W. and Anna Huchton Herr, Catherine was a lifetime resident of Muenster and attended Sacred Heart School. She lived with her parents, and upon her mother's death, helped care for her younger siblings until they were grown and away from home. She then worked for a short while in a restaurant. Catherine became the owner/operator of the Palace Café in Muenster, operating this business for about 30 years.

After retiring, Catherine enjoyed fishing every chance she had, and also working in the yard, waving at people as they passed by and

honked. She really enjoyed her many friends. Catherine was also a longtime member of Muenster VFW Auxiliary #6205.

Survivors include two grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her daughter Anna Grace Scoggins; sisters Genevieve Jackabec, and Ernie Albers; and brothers Albert, Wilford, and Robert Herr.

During the funeral Mass, Fr. Ken was assisted by altar servers Alvin Hartman and Butch Fisher. Fr. Ken gave the Readings and the Gospel. Music ministers were Christy Hesse and Isaac Davis. Sacred songs included "How Great Thou Art," "Softly and Tenderly," "I Am the Bread of Life," "Songs of the Angels," and "For You Are My God."

A Rosary service and Vigil were held at McCoy Funeral Home on Sunday evening led by Fr. Ken.

Pallbearers were Bobby Scoggins, Willie Scoggins, Jeremy Scoggins, Chris Shurbet, Roy Gray, and Jay Evans.



Catherine Herr



Andrew Fleitman

Andrew Fleitman 2008 - 2008

Mass of Christian Burial for Andrew Blaise Fleitman, stillborn son of Cynthia and Wayne Fleitman of Lindsay, will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 12 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lindsay. Andrew died on April 8, 2008. He is now in heaven in the loving arms of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Survivors include his mother and father, Cynthia and Wayne Fleitman; brothers Dax and Dean; sisters Briley, Brenna, and Heidi; grandmother Annette Fleitman of Lindsay, and grandparents Elida and Israel Garza of Mercedes, Texas.

He was preceded in death by two miscarried siblings Max Kolbe and Holly Rose; and his grandfather Henry Fleitman.

Pallbearers will be his brothers Dax and Dean Fleitman.

Lois Bewley 1919 - 2008

Funeral services for Lois Bewley of Rosston were held Monday, April 7 at 2 p.m. in Rosston United Methodist Church with Rev. Ronnie Conyers of First Baptist Church of Rosston officiating. Services were under the direction of Clement-Keel Funeral Home. Lois died at the age of 88 on Friday, April 4, 2008 in St. Richard's Villa in Muenster.

She was born June 1, 1919 in Rosston to Tom and Lizzie Vess Bewley. A member of Rosston First Baptist Church, Lois was a homemaker.

She is survived by several cousins.

Preceding her in death were her parents; and brothers Clyde, Lonnie, and Z.T. Bewley.

Allan Gunnels 1966 - 2008

Allan Gunnels, age 41 of Muenster, died Thursday, April 3, 2008 at his residence. Graveside service and burial were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 8 at Fairview Cemetery with Rev. Ralph Gourley of First Baptist Church in Muenster officiating.

Born Nov. 15, 1966 in Gainesville to Edward and Lorene Gunter Gunnels, Allan married Laura Doughty on Sept. 4, 1987 in Gainesville. He was a member of the Baptist faith and worked for Peterbilt Truck Company in Denton.

Survivors include his wife

Laura of Muenster; son Zachary of Muenster; daughter Tara of Gainesville; brothers Edward "Butch" Gunnels, Jr. of Springtown, Garry Gunnels, and William Gunnels of Arlington; sister Gloria VanDeventer of Mesquite, Linda Dork of Grand Prairie, Brenda Crouch of Justin, and Deborah Jeter of Grand Prairie; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death was his mother.

Visitation was held on Monday, April 7 at Clement Keel Funeral Home.

Texas monthly oil and gas statistics

February permits to drill

The Commission issued a total of 1,926 original drilling permits in February 2008 compared to 1,400 in February 2007. The February total included 1,694 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 47 to re-enter existing well bores, and 185 for re-completions. Permits issued in 2008 included 316 oil, 501 gas, 1,046 oil and gas, 50 injection, two service, and 11 other permits.

January crude oil production

Texas preliminary January 2008 crude oil production averaged 889,697 barrels daily, up from the 876,817 barrels daily average of January 2007.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for 2008 is 27,580,620 barrels, an increase from 27,181,330 barrels reported during 2007.

February gas and oil completions

In February 2008, operators reported 400 oil, 785 gas, 46 injection, and one other completion compared to 429 oil, 681 gas, 31 injection, and seven other completions during February 2007.

Total well completions for 2008 year to date are 2,720, up from 2,599 recorded during the same period in 2007.

Operators reported 438 holes plugged and six dry holes in 2008 compared to 530 holes plugged and three dry holes in 2007.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Today, February 18, 2008, God broke many, many hearts to prove to us that He only takes the BEST! I was so saddened to learn that God had called Bart to come home; however, I know there was a joyous reunion in Heaven, as Bart and Virgil were reunited. Note: ONLY very special people are known to everyone by their first name, ie: Jesus, Pope Benedict, Mother Teresa; and, of course, Bart.

On one of my visits to Muenster to see Mother, it was raining "cats and dogs," and you couldn't see at all to drive, so I was just creeping down the street. Just as I got to Joe Fisher's house, a figure darted across in front of me. It was Bart, and when I told someone that he was going to church and it was raining "cats and dogs," they said to me that a little rain wasn't going to make Bart miss his daily Mass. He was such a wonderful inspiration to all of us! What a wonderful devoted and devout Catholic he was, and what a dedicated Tiger fan, as well. I am so happy to know that a lot of the kids called him, "Coach!" You gotta love it, and you know Bart did! I loved all the stories that were told by the young girl and Coach Nasche at the Rosary, because each of them touched your heart, but I think my nephew, Mark Hesse, summed it up best, when he said to me, "We were all blessed by Bart!" To know him was to love him, and he touched our lives in such a positive way. There will be a big void in all of our hearts, but his legacy will live on in each of our hearts forever. I

know, when he was born, the doctor told Joaline and Virgil that he wouldn't live but a little while. Praise the Lord that we were blessed with his presence among us for over 37 years! We will miss you, Bart, but we know that you and your dad are organizing a great "team" in Heaven! You go, Coach!

Sincerely,
Judy Cain Hartman

Judges needed for Germanfest cook off

If you enjoy barbecue, you might want to offer your services to the Muenster Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, April 26. Judges are needed at various times that morning for the Germanfest Barbecue Cook-Off.

This is a Lone Star Barbecue Society sanctioned event. Categories include chicken, pork spare ribs, brisket, and sausage.

Those willing to judge are asked to contact the Chamber of Commerce at 759-2227 or any member of the Chamber Board to volunteer. Sign up by Wednesday, April 23.

Just a thought

Perhaps imagination is only intelligence having fun.

Catherine Herr

Thanks for all the love, prayers, and kindness you all have shared with us in our time of sorrow.

Thanks to: St. Richard's Villa, the staff of Muenster Memorial Hospital, McCoy Funeral Home, Father Ken Robinson, and the Catholic Daughters.

We will never forget the kindness each one has shown to Catherine and our family. May God Bless each one of you.

Catherine Herr Family

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO

April 9, 1943
J.M. Weinzapfel is elected mayor; Andy Hofbauer and J.A. Fisher are re-elected aldermen; Henry Stelzer replaces L.A. Bernauer on the City Council. Dolores Walter, daughter of Al "Shorty" and Marie Walter, is 2nd prize winner in spelling bee at St. Mary's School in Gainesville, where she is a student. Leo Voth Horse and Mule Raisers advertises black percheron horse for \$10 insured. New Arrival: Frances to John and Christine Voth.

50 YEARS AGO

April 11, 1958
David Trachta, Jerome Pagel, and Norbert Klement are winners in MISD trustee election. New Arrivals: Robert to Robert and Mary Tuggle; a daughter to the

Lawrence Mosters; a daughter to the Melvin Herts; Lisa to Weldon and Rose Bezner. Ginny Schneider hosts the Tuesday Neters Club in her home. Hofbauer's advertises T-bone steak for 75¢ lb. and hamburger for 49¢ lb. Fisher's advertises three cans of black-eyed peas and bacon for 25¢.

25 YEARS AGO

April 8, 1983
Leon Klement and Lee Wolf represent local dairymen at San Antonio AMPI meeting. Obituary: Frances Metzler, 85. Mrs. J.S. Hogan honored on 94th birthday. Yard of the Month goes to Ray and Irene Klement. Lynn Joe Klement earns law degree. Amy Pagel is 1st place winner in North Central Texas Baby Pageant in Denton. New Arrival: Cheryl to Rex and Donna Simmons.

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Sunday, April 13, 2008	Monday, April 14, 2008	Tuesday, April 15, 2008	Wednesday, April 16, 2008	Thursday, April 17, 2008	Friday, April 18, 2008	Saturday, April 19, 2008
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 Jubilee celebration SH Church 2 p.m. Mass	VFW meet. 8 p.m	MMH Board Mtg. 7 p.m.	Religious Ed Class, 7pm MISD Board Mtg 7:30 p.m.	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm SHCS noon dismissal	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm	SHCS Jr. Sr. Prom
Week of the Young Child						
Sunday, April 20, 2008	Monday, April 21, 2008	Tuesday, April 22, 2008	Wednesday, April 23, 2008	Thursday, April 24, 2008	Friday, April 25, 2008	Saturday, April 26, 2008
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 SH First Communion	VFW Aux. mtg. 7:30 p.m.		Religious Ed Class, 7pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm	

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RRC production statistics and allowables for April

The Texas average rig count as of March 14 was 870, representing about 51% of all active land rigs in the United States. In the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 337 million barrels of oil and 6.5 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. Texas natural gas production represents approximately 29% of total U.S. natural gas demand. The Commission's estimated final production for January 2008 is 29,127,893 barrels of crude oil and 509,964,266 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas. The Commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary January production totals of 27,580,620 barrels of crude oil and 435,680,706 Mcf of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.0561 for crude oil and 1.1705 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casing-

head gas or condensate.) Texas natural gas storage reported by the Commission for February 2008 is 238,242,049 Mcf compared to 263,160,164 Mcf in February 2007. The March gas storage estimate is 218,692,850 Mcf.

The Texas Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial April 2008 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 17,070,833 Mcf (thousand cubic feet). In setting the initial April 2008 allowables, the Commission used historical production figures from previous months, producers' demand forecasts for the coming month, and adjusted the figures based on well capability. These initial allowables will be adjusted after actual production for April is reported.

WIND

feet long and weighs about 180,000 pounds. The blades are mounted to a hub and the hub is mounted on the face of the nacelle. A giant axle is inside the nacelle. The unit also spins to pick up the direction of the wind. The blades are assembled to the nacelle on the ground and then the entire assembly is raised with a huge crane to install it on the tower. All units are connected with underground wires. All the generated energy is fed into a substation.

Safety is a major concern with FPL Energy. Only authorized persons are allowed in without an escort, and all are required to wear safety helmets, vests, and glasses. Safety meetings are held daily, with a weekly meeting

held that is more intensive. Ross said, "They go over not only what is going on on the site, but what is going on across the nation on every site. Often somebody will learn something either about construction or equipment that is valuable to others. They exchange this information and it sharpens them all up to do what is best."

Meteorologic towers are on site and will remain a part of the project. Data is collected 24 hours a day. "The value of the data base is this," said Ross. "You've got thousands of these turbines across the country. To be able to gather the information that says under these wind conditions, temperature conditions, and humidity conditions, this is how the turbines operate.

This is how much power they generate. It allows us to more carefully measure how the turbines are going to operate in the future, so when we have to dispatch our power to the power operators, we are able to more precisely tell how much they are going to produce on any given day." In Florida, this information is monitored 24 hours a day. They can pull up information on any turbine at any time.

Once the project is operational, five to six employees will be hired to keep the generators operational. People hired for these positions usually have either mechanical or electrical backgrounds. There are a lot of electronics involved in these turbines, trouble shooting require-

ments, and mechanical things like gear boxes and other stuff like that. An FPL representative said that they try to pair an electrical guy with a mechanical guy so that the two are working together to trouble shoot the components. Lindsey Hunt remarked, "In the end of 2006, we did a partnership with Texas State Technical College, which is located between Abilene and Sweetwater. We helped them create the curriculum for a two-year associates degree to become a wind tech." He said that they can work internships at the various FPL facilities around the state. He deemed it a very interesting field with opportunity for advancement.

Don't forget Trash Pick-up Saturday

CITY

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The Park Board recommended hiring Shirley Hess as pool manager. She was the only applicant and has held the position for several years. They also voted to raise her salary to \$8 an hour since minimum wage went up and the life guards are being paid more. Life guard wages are \$5.85 for beginning life guards, and on July 24 will be raised to \$6.55.

The sole bid submitted for 2008 paving projects was opened. It came from Bolen Construction Company for approximately 30,000 square feet. The company bid \$4.23 per square yard, a total of \$124,785.

Endres reported that Muenster has two new employees Howard Burk and Brian Rike, and a new officer Harold Pearson. Pearson joins James Elliott who was hired earlier to make up Muenster's police force of three officers.

Muenster's swimming pool is being readied for the summer. It is being patched and painted and should open around Memorial Day.

Dale Schilling resigned his position on the Muenster Lake Board after accepting the position of head football coach and athletic director at Sacred Heart School. A new member will be appointed at the May meeting.

In other business, the City Council:
 • Renewed one-year lease with Muenster ISD for use of Water Well 3.

• Agreed to purchase metal fence material for City Park fence through Community Lumber at cost of material. Community is a dealer for Master Helco. That company offered the best price for the fence, but would not sell directly to a municipality. This also saves sales tax being charged. The savings is about \$1,800.

• Approved payment of bills totaling \$79,309.48

• Canceled May 10 election since there is no contest. Jewel Otto and Greg Bohl retain their positions. Bob Walterscheid did not sign up for another term. Pat Stelzer filed for that position and will be installed at a future meeting.

• Approved sale of alcohol in the City Park for Germanfest, April 25-27.

• Approved closure of South Maple Street for Germanfest activities.

Correction

There was an error in last week's CCAD article regarding homestead exemptions. The text read, "If a homestead is located in a taxing entity which overlaps into two or more counties the homeowner must apply with each county appraisal district." It should have read: If a homestead is located in a taxing entity which overlaps into two or more counties the homeowner need only apply in Cooke County Appraisal District.

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Ronnie and Janet Hess of Fort Worth announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Stephanie Hess to Mike Gonzalez of Fort Worth. Parents of the future-groom are Michael and Cynthia Gonzalez of Fort Worth. The couple plans to be married on Saturday, July 5, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. at the Chapel of Beaver Creek in Beaver Creek, Colorado with Father Bob Kinkel officiating. Miss Hess is a 1999 graduate of Bridgeport High School and a 2003 graduate of Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. She is pursuing a Master's Degree in Physician Assistant Studies at the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth and plans to graduate in May. Mr. Gonzalez graduated from Nolan Catholic High School in 2000, and in 2004 graduated from DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana. He is a nurse in the Intensive Care Unit at Baylor All Saints Hospital in Fort Worth. Grandparents of the couple are Rufus and Betty Henschel and Lucille Hess, all of Muenster, and the late Ray Hess, and Manuel and Frances Gonzales, and Irwin Whistler, all of San Antonio, and the late Rose Marie Gonzales and the late Ann Whistler.

"Hats Off" to the Catholic Daughters

"Vintage Treasures" was the theme for the second annual Catholic Daughters Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show. The event was held at the country home of Mary Bartush. Eighty-seven ladies started the day with punch and coffee at the door. They stepped back in time to see tables adorned with memorabilia from the Muenster Antique Mall.

Guests were then invited to choose a hat from the collection of Cindy Bartush Del Olmo to wear for the day. Thomas Otto took complimentary photos of the women as they arrived.

After prayer, guests were served a meal of chilled strawberry soup, almond chicken crepes, spring fruit and lettuce salad with poppyseed dressing, onion cheddar muffins, and white chocolate lime mousse cake.

While enjoying lunch prepared by Debbie Schoppa, the door prizes were awarded. Cathy Bartush Otto and Mark Peniston worked to appraise a table full of treasures brought by guests.

After the meal, Dolette

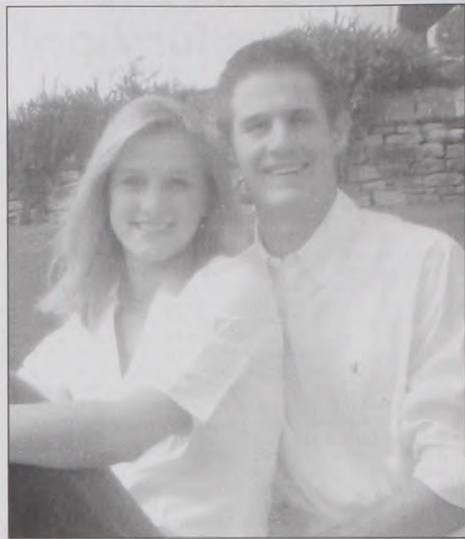
Fette of Waco presented her collection of hats from the early 1900s through the 1960s. Each decade was remembered with world events and the hats worn during that period. Models were Monica Hess, Della Hellman, and Juanita Bright.

Following the style show, tips on collectibles were given by Cathy Bartush Otto who is an accredited member of the International Society of Appraisers. Approximate values placed on items both surprised and delighted many owners.

Servers for the day were Lisa Miller, Kristin LeBrasseur, Sydney Hoedebeck, and Kaitlyn Felderhoff.

The event ended by awarding flowers on each table to a guest and thank you gifts to Dolette Fette, Debbie Schoppa, and Mary Bartush.

The Catholic Daughters plan to hold a luncheon the first Saturday after Easter each year. Money raised is used for various charitable works. The CDA donated \$500 of their proceeds to ABBA, a pro-life women's center.



Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Miller of Muenster announce the engagement of their daughter Dana Michelle Miller to Chris Fuhrmann, son of Mark and Linda Fuhrmann of Muenster. Dana is a graduate of Sacred Heart High School and a graduate of Texas Woman's University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Bio/Chem. She will graduate this May from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio with a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree. Chris is a graduate of Sacred Heart High School and a graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. He is employed by Ford Engineering in San Antonio. The couple plans to wed at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 7, 2008, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster with Father Kyle Walterscheid, uncle of the bride-elect, and Father Tom Kennedy, friend of the bride-elect, officiating. Afterwards, they will reside in San Antonio where Dana will continue her education specializing in prosthodontics.

My garden of flowers is also my garden of thoughts and dreams.

- Abram Linwood Urban



Servers, above, for the event were, from left - Lisa Miller, Kaitlyn Felderhoff, Kristin LeBrasseur, and Sydney Hoedebeck. Below - Cathy Otto shows a sick call set from the 1800s to Pat Wimmer and Peggy Gobble.



Dolette Fette presented a program on vintage hats and their history.

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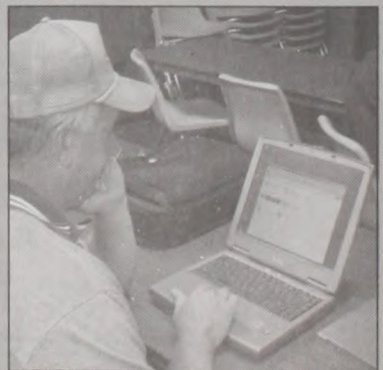
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Ranch and Buckaroo Rodeos entertain crowds at Circle A Arena last weekend

The 13th Annual Sacred Heart Alumni & Supporters Ranch Rodeo was held April 5 and 6 at the Circle A Arena, north of Muenster. With weather conditions favorable, many enjoyed the fun and competition of the rodeo.

The Buckaroo Rodeo kicked off on Saturday at 4 p.m. with the toddler age division. The teams all participated in timed, age-appropriate obstacle courses which included skills in wheel barrow racing, calf branding, grain scooping, horseshoe throwing, pony express, and goat milking. The winners of the toddlers group were "The Rodeo Queens," Anna Riley and Mary Fisher, followed by "D-Ranch," Kyle and Kevin Dangelmayr, and in 3rd place were "The Ranch Hands," Kaley Berkley and Dylan Huchton.

Kids ranging in age from Kindergarten to 3rd grade were in the 5 and 6 p.m. per-

formances. Winners of the 5 p.m. were "D&S Wranglers," Sawyer Sanders and Cody Dangelmayr. Second place went to "The Hot Pockets," Leah Knabe and Amanda Aldriedge, with "Blazing Boys," Sam Hesse and Julian Hesse finishing in 3rd. The 6 p.m. performance was won by "The Double F Cowboys," Michael Fleitman and Billy Felderhoff. "Texas Twisters," Garrett Trubenbach and Ethan Henry followed in 2nd, with 3rd going to "Hellman & Sons," Jeffery and Jake Hellman.

The 7 p.m. event showed the talents of adult/child combination teams. Taking 1st place in this division was "Bill and Bill" Felderhoff. Second place was awarded to "Texans," Richard Trubenbach and Halston Cox. Finishing in 3rd were "The Spring Dings," Kate and Drew Springer. Earning an Honorable Mention was the team of

Katy Bezner and Fr. Ken Robinson, "Holy Cow."

At 8 p.m., the highlight was the Junior Ranch Hands (4th-6th graders). First place winners were "Power Pals," Grant Springer and Jared Dangelmayr, followed by "Twisted Sisters," Mikayla and Mikenzie Fleitman for 2nd. Finishing 3rd were "Dangelmayr Brothers," James and Jared Dangelmayr.

Monogrammed t-shirts and cash prizes were given to the first three teams in each division, while all participants received a goody bag.

Cowboys rolled in Sunday afternoon for the Ranch Rodeo. They competed in team roping, team sorting, cow un-decorating, and double mugging. The team with the fastest time in each event was given a cash prize.

Winners in team roping were members of the Lazy B5 team; team sorting, J-J; cow

un-decorating, Moss Ranch; and double mugging, Stanfield Livestock. The overall fastest team was awarded hand crafted belt buckles and cash. Going home the winner was Morrison Cattle Co.

Also receiving cash prizes were: 2nd place, TNT; 3rd, Rockin' G; 4th place, River H. Brandon Williams managed to snag the ribbon from both calves in the calf scramble.

All proceeds from the rodeo will benefit Sacred Heart Catholic School.

The month before the rodeo, a class competition was held, encouraging students to sell the most advanced admission tickets. The students of Sacred Heart Catholic School 4th Grade won the race and will be awarded a trip to the Hop Ranch. The 2nd grade finished in 2nd place and will receive a class pizza party. The 3rd grade came in 3rd place and will get to enjoy an ice cream party.



Katy Bezner and Fr. Ken Robinson compete as the team "Holy Cow" in the adult/child division of Saturday's Buckaroo Rodeo. Courtesy photo

Children's applications sought for Lions Camp

The Texas Lions Camp was created in 1949 as a camp for children who had been crippled by the dreaded disease of polio. The Camp was called the Texas Lions Camp for Crippled Children. The Camp was designed, built, and staffed specifically for crippled children to enjoy a camp in the summer, a function denied to them. In the last half century with the eradication of polio, the Camp has since been expanded to include children, ages seven through 15, with nearly all physical disabilities to include diabetes (ages eight-15), the number one cause of blindness in the United States. Sight conservation is the primary goal of Lionism.

Camp is a misnomer. The Camp has a cafeteria that feeds 300 at a sitting, a larger than Olympic size swimming pool designed for the disabled, and is shaded to protect kids from the sun, something they are not accustomed to, cabins that look more like a motel, but with 500 acres of wooded land, an onsite medical staff with infirmary, etc. Resort would better describe the Camp.

During the five one-week sessions and two one-week sessions for diabetic children, the kids will ride horses, fish, swim, play sports, tell ghost stories around a campfire of an evening, and roast marshmallows, all the things the "other" campers do.

The cost of a week at the camp for the camper is zero dollars. Even the transportation to and from the Camp is provided by a special handicapped bus chartered by the Li-

ons Clubs. Sounds too good to be true? What's the catch? The only catch so far is: Mom, it is hard to cut the apron strings and let your baby go off to a camp with 200 other kids that are not "different" from your baby. Over 1500 kids enjoy this Camp in the seven sessions each summer. Your child will not be told that he/she has limitations, but actually expand their capabilities. Any child in Cooke County can apply through the school nurse or by calling Fred Rosenbaum (940) 612-2240.

NTMC Kiwanis to sponsor Blood Drive

The Texoma Regional Blood Center will be conducting a blood drive at North Texas Medical Center in Gainesville on Friday, April 18, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The drive is sponsored by NTMC and the Gainesville Kiwanis Club. The public is invited to participate.

For more information on the blood drive, contact Gayla Blanton, director of Community Relations at NTMC, 940-612-8373, or any Gainesville Kiwanis Club member.



PREPARING FOR PLANT SALE - Ashley Hartman, horticulture instructor at North Central Texas College, looks over some of the plants to be offered for public purchase in this year's annual Spring Plant Sale on April 19 from 10 a.m. to noon. Proceeds from the sale, organized by members of Hartman's greenhouse management class, will help finance a new demonstration plot near the college's Elnora Smith Greenhouse to showcase the use of native Texas plants in landscaping. Students in the class have propagated, grown, and tended all plants to be offered for sale, and they will be on hand to assist purchasers, provide plant care tips, and answer questions.

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NCTC sponsors plant sale

The annual Spring Plant Sale, traditionally heralding the onset of the season at North Central Texas College, is set for Saturday, April 19.

Sponsored by the College's horticulture program, the sale will take place at NCTC's Elnora Smith Greenhouse on Bonner Road just west of the campus proper. Proceeds will help fund a proposed new area near the greenhouse to demonstrate the use of native Texas plants in landscaping.

The sale will be open from 10 a.m. to noon, and will feature new and unique plants ranging from bedding plants and hanging baskets to houseplants and container gardens, and much more. Both annuals and perennials will be available.

"This is a student project," said horticulture program instructor Ashley Hartman. "They've been working hard all semester propagating, growing, and tending the plants to be sold. I'm very proud of the work they've done."

"Because students enrolled

in my greenhouse management course organize the sale, conduct it, and manage the marketing and promotion campaign, it provides some great hands-on experience, allowing them to put into actual practice some of what they're learning in class."

Students will be on hand during the sale to assist purchasers, provide plant care tips, and answer questions.

"We hope this event will also promote interest in the college's horticulture program, a really outstanding program led by a fine instructor," said Dr. Lee Ann Nutt, vice president of instruction. "It has something to offer not only those who are planning a career in the field, but also to those who just want to learn the finer points of landscaping and plant care to apply in their own yards and gardens."

For more information about the horticulture program at NCTC, contact Ashley Hartman at 940-668-7731 or email ahartman@nctc.edu.

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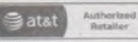
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Bauer explores Greece during January Term

This January, Jacqueline Bauer and 27 other Austin College students participated in a travel tour of Greece, featuring major sites and monuments of classical Greek myth and history. Students stayed in Athens, and from there visited such places as Corinth, Argos, Sparta, Olympia, Delphi, Thermopylae, Crete, and Marathon, as well as the churches of Mystra and the spectacular hanging monasteries of Meteora. Some of the students who had an under-

standing of the classic languages were also required to make use of their study of Greek or Latin. Austin College's four-week January Term, in which students take only one course, provides them the opportunity for in-depth study of one subject - often outside their regular area of study. Austin College is located in Sherman. Jacqueline is a graduate of Southside High School. Her parents are Bob and Kathy Bauer of Muenster.

Event and auction to benefit Denton ICCS

The Immaculate Conception Catholic School (ICCS) 14th Annual "Knights of the Caribbean" barbecue dinner, silent auction, raffle, and dance is set for 6 p.m. Saturday, April 19, in the ICCS gymnasium and school at 2301 North Bonnie Brae in Denton. The school's major fundraiser supports school operations, capital projects, and student financial aid. An online auction will continue through April 18 at www.iccs.us. Among live auction items are registered Alpacas, trips, dinners, and autographed memorabilia. Hundreds of silent auction items will be available, do-

nated by area businesses and ICCS supporters. The highlight of this year's Caribbean theme, Tommy-O and the Bamboo Boat Band will be featured live musical entertainment.

Admission tickets are \$27 per person in advance, \$25 each for four or more tickets, or \$30 at the door. To purchase tickets or for more information, call the school office at 381-1155. Immaculate Conception Catholic School has an enrollment of 276 students ages three through grade eight and serves Denton, Cooke, and the surrounding area.

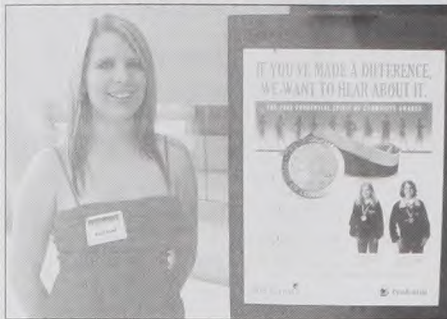
Art Attack 2008 set at Lavender Ridge Farms

Art Attack 2008 will be held on April 19 and 20 from 12-8 p.m. on Saturday, and on Sunday 12-5 p.m. at beautiful Lavender Ridge Farms just eight miles east of Gainesville in the heart of the eastern cross timbers. This event is FREE to everyone!

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Reed honored for volunteer work



Kelli Reed, member of the Lindsay 4-H Club and a student at Lindsay ISD, was presented the Prudential Spirit of Community Award at a reception on April 3 at The Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas. Kelli was honored for her participation and volunteering with a variety of groups, including recycling and trash pick-up in conjunction with Keep Lindsay Beautiful, adopting a retirement home, and Rusty Hands on the Farm, to name a few. She is the daughter of Rusty and Donna Reed. Also recognized were Taylor Horn of Lindsay, and Madison Pearse and Kristin Lamere of Era ISD. Courtesy photo

NCTC Art Show open for public

Area painters, sculptors, photographers, and other artists submitted their works for judging in this year's 43rd annual art show sponsored by North Central Texas College. Entries for the show were accepted April 11 and April 12. All entries will be on display to the public April 14-18 in the Student Center from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., with an awards ceremony scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on April 18 in the NCTC Little Theater. The

theme for the 2008 show is "Friends."

At the awards ceremony on April 18, all awards will be distributed for top entries in each division. Special awards will be given to the artwork that best portrayed the show theme, in addition to a "Best of Show" and "Peoples Choice" award.

Some of the art work will be available for sale to the public during the display.

NCTC gospel concerts will raise scholarship funds

"Raising the Spirits" is the theme of two special Southern gospel concerts coming up soon at two North Central Texas College campuses, but that theme could just as well be "raising scholarships for NCTC students" because that's where concert proceeds will go.

And the spirits of concert goers will no doubt be raised by the news that Crossway is returning to headline the show. The group literally had the audience standing, cheering, and wanting more at the conclusion of an NCTC-sponsored concert last year in Bowie.

They will perform again in Bowie, this year on April 19, beginning at 7 p.m., and the next day, April 20, they will be in Gainesville for a matinee performance beginning at 2 p.m.

The Bowie concert will take place again in the Bowie Junior High Auditorium, 501 E.

Tarrant Street, and is sponsored by the Montague County Board of the NCTC Foundation. In Gainesville, the venue is the main stage of the First State Bank Center for the Performing Arts (FSBCPA) on campus and the sponsor is the NCTC Foundation Board.

"I don't dislike gospel music, but normally I would not have devoted my time or the price of tickets to listen to it in a live concert setting," said NCTC administrative staffer Rodger Boyce, who reluctantly agreed to enceed last year's Bowie show. "But these young men who call themselves Crossway absolutely blew me away.

"Their vocal virtuosity, both as a group doing their amazing harmonies and as individual singers, was truly stunning. Whether you like gospel music or not, this is definitely a group you want

Donna Howell-Sickles' art work featured in exhibit

American Bank of Texas in Gainesville is proud to honor 2007 Cowgirl Hall of Fame Inductee Donna Howell-Sickles with an exhibition of her works during the month of April. The Howell-Sickles art exhibit will be open to the public at the Gainesville branch of American Bank of Texas from April 8 to 24 at 101 E. Broadway in Gainesville, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fridays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The National Cowgirl Museum & Hall of Fame recognized Howell-Sickles' work with imagery celebrating the cowgirl. A luncheon was held Nov. 9 at the National Cowgirl Museum & Hall of Fame.

In the Western art genre, Donna Howell-Sickles has taken the image and idea of the cowgirl beyond charcoal lines and into reality. Howell-Sickles has been exploring the layers beneath the cowgirl's engaging exterior for more than 30 years. A vintage postcard from the 1930s featuring a cowgirl with ruby red lips sitting atop her horse instilled in Howell-Sickles a lasting fascination with the

cowgirl spirit. The cowgirl in the postcard was at once both familiar and unreal. This dichotomy in the imagery has fueled Howell-Sickles' artwork, and inspired her to create images of women that are both real and myth. Howell-Sickles' artwork captures the quietness and timelessness of the cowgirl spirit.

"My fascination with the cowgirl image began in my last year of college. I received an old postcard from a friend in a typical art student trade. He brought over a large box of stuff including some of his own pottery. Near the bottom of the box were several old postcards, one of a cowgirl c. 1935 seated on a horse captioned 'Greetings from a Real Cowgirl from the Ole Southwest.' The image spoke to me and I had no idea why. Although I had grown up on a farming ranching operation in Texas, we never really thought of ourselves as Western. I surrendered to the attraction and I used the Cowgirl in my art and I slowly filled in the blanks about my fascination with the imagery," reflected Howell-Sickles.

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Students interested in applying for the Gene H. Fuhrman scholarship must be a graduating senior and receive their local telephone, cable television, Internet service from Nortex Communications, be accepted for enrollment in an accredited two-year or four-year college or university, or vocational-technical school and have at least a B grade point average. The applications request a 300 word essay to be prepared by the applicant discussing their professional and personal goals and objectives, a brief description of the applicant's plans after school, and a description of how the scholarship would be used to attain the goals and objectives. "We are happy to be able to aid students with training that will help companies like our own," said Alvin Fuhrman, President of Nortex Communications. "We hope that the students will return home to

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WEEK OF APRIL 14 - 18 SACRED HEART

Mon. - Hot dogs, potato rounds, carrot sticks, chocolate pudding.

Tues. - Oven fried chicken, potatoes, green peas, brown gravy, fruit salad, bread.

Wed. - Salisbury steak, broccoli and rice casserole, pears, wheat rolls.

Thurs. - Pork chops, potatoes, green salad, gravy, applesauce, bread.

Fri. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, French fries, fruit jello.

MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Corny dogs, oven baked French fries, pinto beans, pears, brownies.

Tues. - Chicken pot pie, lettuce salad w/dressing, fresh vegetables, peaches, hot rolls.

Wed. - Chicken patty sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, chips and salsa, oranges, cookies.

Thurs. - Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, pineapple, hot rolls.

Fri. - Hot pockets, lettuce salad w/dressing, pork and beans, fresh vegetables, applesauce, ice cream.

Week of the Young Child set for April 14 - 18

The Week of the Young Child (WOYC) is an annual celebration each April sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. This special week highlights the importance of families, early childhood professionals, and communities working together to support every child's healthy development and early learning.

The theme for this year's WOYC is "Bring Communities Together for Children - Children Bring Communities Together." Sacred Heart Catholic School has many exciting events planned during the week of April 14 - 18 to celebrate children and raise awareness of their needs.

Monday, April 14 begins with opening Mass and classroom visits. The 8 a.m. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Ken Robinson with Preschool, Kindergarten, First, and Eighth Grade students participating. The children will participate in the entrance procession while singing "This Little Light of Mine." The First Grade students, directed by Ms. Davidson, classroom teacher, and Sr. Lillian Marie, religion teacher, will serve as door greeters, lectors, and gift bearers. Following Mass, guests may visit the Preschool classroom and the Primary Montessori students may bring a parent, family member, or a special adult friend to their classroom to

visit until 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 15 is Career Day. Primary Montessori and Second Grade students may come to school dressed in the attire that represents the career they would like to choose. The Preschool will go on a field trip to the Bettie M. Luke Muenster Public Library where they will attend Story Hour led by Caryn Riley.

Wednesday, April 16 will be Sports Day and Artfest. This is a blue jean day for Preschool and all the elementary students. The Primary Montessori and Second Grade classes will have Sports Day with Mr. Yosten as the coordinator. Students will learn about cooperation and team work skills. This activity will take place between 9 and 10 a.m. The annual Artfest will be held under the Church pavilion from 1:30 - 3:15 p.m. This is a fun afternoon of crafts and games sponsored by the Preschool Parent Group. Students in Grades Eight and Seven will supervise activities under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Bayer, and Penny Fisher, event chairman. The cost of each activity and snack will be 25 to 50 cents. Students in grades Preschool through Six will have the opportunity to

participate. All are welcome to come join in the fun.

Thursday, April 17 will feature the Ice Cream Social. The Preschool children will meet and interact with former and future classmates in the Primary Montessori program. Together they will play board games, build puzzles, and work with a variety of manipulatives for a fun morning of cooperative play, socializing, and sharing. Ice cream with toppings will be served. School will dismiss at noon. The cafeteria will serve lunch, but extended day care will not be available.

Friday, April 18 is the closing Mass, Teddy Bear Tea Party, and Science Fair. The closing Mass will be led by Mrs. Knauf's Second Grade class. The Preschool children will bring their favorite teddy bears to school for the annual Teddy Bear Tea Party. The children may also bring dressup accessories to wear after Mass for a special morning of fun and good manners. Hostesses will be staff members Mrs. Dangelmayr, Mrs. Berres, and Mrs. Yosten. The First and Second Graders will present their science experiments in their respective classrooms using The Scientific Method.

Muenster students compete at Houston

Muenster ISD was represented at the 2008 Houston Livestock Show. Taking goats were Brandy Dangelmayr, Jordanne Hellman, and Kendra Walterscheid. Hog exhibitors were Jimmy Abner and Cole McAden, who exhibited for Jenni Luke who was involved in another school competition. All of these individuals put in many hours of hard work and dedication for their projects.

The FFA Dairy Judging team also went to Houston and placed fifth as a team.

Matthew Bain placed 33rd as an individual; Paul Crabtree placed 30th as an individual; Cletus Fuhrmann placed 20th as an individual; and Abe Fuhrmann placed 73rd as an individual out of 308. Cletus, Matthew, and Paul all had scores high enough to each earn a \$1,500 certificate to apply toward a scramble heifer. This is a yearlong project, where at the end the individuals return to Houston about this time again next year and show off their hard work and completed project.

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SPORTS

Tigers win TAPPS Regional golf

After winning the District Championships last week, the Sacred Heart Catholic School Tiger and Tigerette golf teams traveled to Allen on Monday to compete in the North Region TAPPS Golf Tournament.

The Sacred Heart Tigers brought home the gold, defeating Wichita Falls Notre Dame, Sherman Texoma Christian, and Full Armour Christian. The Tigers' winning score was 355, followed by 374, 401, and 405.

Individually for the Tigers, Ian Barnhill scored 85 and Kevin Kulle 86. Nolan Hartman finished with 90, Colby Richey 94, and Tyler Rohmer 95.

High score for the boys was 81. Barnhill was 2nd, Kulle 3rd, Hartman 6th, and Richey 9th.

The Tigerettes settled for 3rd place, scoring 452. Happy Hills took the championship with a score of 429, followed by Holy Cross with 450. Longview Trinity finished 4th with

a score of 481.

Lauren Creed was the lone Tigerette to make the top 10 individual finishers, coming in 5th with 99. The number 1 score was 73. Other Tigerettes and their scores were Raynee Hogan 117, Shelby Hess 118, Alexandra Popovich 118, and Sarah Ratliff 118.

Both the Tigers and Tigerettes advance to the TAPPS State Championship which will be held April 21 and 22 in Frisco.



The Sacred Heart Tiger and Tigerette golf teams both earned the title of District Champions. Members of the teams are, from left - Alexandra Popovich, Lauren Creed, Kevin Kulle, Sarah Ratliff, Colby Richey, Raynee Hogan, Nolan Hartman, Shelby Hess, Tyler Rohmer, and Ian Barnhill.

Courtesy photo

Sacred Heart golfers win District

The TAPPS District 1 Golf Tournament was held Wednesday, April 2 at Turtle Hill Golf Course. The Tigers and Tigerettes of Sacred Heart Catholic School won over all other teams to claim the District Championships.

Under cool 50°, mostly cloudy skies, the Tigers, led by Tournament Individual Champion Nolan Hartman,

finished with a score of 334. Wichita Falls Notre Dame followed with 371, then Sherman Texoma Christian 386.

Hartman hit a 79, followed by Colby Richey with an 81, Ian Barnhill 86, Tyler Rohmer 88, and Kevin Kulle 89.

In the girls division, the champion shot was 72. The Tigerettes were led by Sarah

Ratliff with 92. Lauren Creed scored 95, Alexandra Popovich 98, Raynee Hogan 101, and Shelby Hess 128.

Sacred Heart girls took the Championship with a score of 386. Amarillo Holy Cross followed with 426, and Granbury Happy Hill 455.

The top three teams advanced to the Regional Tournament Monday, April 7.

Lindsay teams take District Track & Field Championships

The Lindsay Knights and Lady Knights brought home the District 18-A Track and Field championships last week held at Wolfe City. The Muenster Lady Hornets finished 4th and the Hornets were in 6th place.

The top four District finishers in each event advanced to the Area meet held Tuesday in Alvarado.

Johnny Green was the lone Muenster participant to bring home a gold medal, winning the 3200m Run. Green also finished 2nd in the 1600m. Eric Hellman took the silver in the 110m Hurdles, with Alex York finishing 3rd in the Pole Vault.

Michelle Henscheid and Erin Endres led the Lady Hornets with silver finishes in the Triple Jump and 100m Hurdles. Henscheid also came in 3rd in the 300m Hurdles. The 4x200 Relay also finished 3rd. Advancing as 4th placers were Leaha Smith in the 3200m and Jackie Klement in the Triple Jump.

The Lindsay boys brought home 8 gold medals, 5 silver, and 7 bronze awards. The Lady Knights earned 11 gold, 12 silver, and 2 bronze.

First place winners, along with Muenster and Lindsay finishers are as follows:

GIRLS

High Jump: 1, Chelsea Hermes, L, 5' 0"; 5, Michelle Henscheid, M, 4' 4".

Triple Jump: 1, Jacy Steelman, Era (E), 32' 5"; 2, Michelle Henscheid, M, 30' 8.5"; 4, Jackie Klement, M, 29' 8.5"; 5, Amber Nortman, L, 29' 7".

Long Jump: 1, Blakely, Collinsville (C), 15' 5.5"; 5, Samantha Endres, M, 14' 5.25".

Discus: 1, Abby Barthold, Valley View (VV), 108' 2"; 2, Christina Eckart, L, 100' 11"; 5, Hillary Swirczynski, M, 95' 1"; 6, Alison Teafatiller, M, 90' 9".

Shot Put: 1, Christina Eckart, L, 33' 8"; 6, Hillary Swirczynski, M, 29' 9".

3200m: 1, Kelsey Hermes, L, 12:18.00; 2, Katelyn Brewer, L, 12:25.00; 4, Leaha Smith, M, 13:43.00; 6, Emily Stoffels, M, 16:16.00.

4x100m Relay: 1, E, Katie Sutton, Casey Hudson, Jacy Steelman, Julia Rust, 52:20; 2, L, Jessica Block, Bethani Eberhart, Katie Nortman, Jordan Heilman, 52:75; 6, M, Delana Sicking, Michelle Henscheid, Jackie Klement, Samantha Endres, 53:98.

800m: 1, Rose Hermes, L, 2:27.45; 3, Chelsea Hermes, L, 2:33.05; 4, Shirley Hess, L, 2:33.84.

100m Hurdles: 1, Kealey Gaffney, Wolfe City (WC), 17:32; 2, Erin Endres, M, 17:51; 3, Madisen Burrows, L, 17:56; 5, Kristin Martin, L, 18:33; 6, Elizabeth Martin, L, 18:33.

100m: 1, Kacie Rise, Sam Rayburn (SR), 13:06; 4, Jes-

sica Block, L, 13.88.

4x200m Relay: 1, L, Jessica Block, Bethani Eberhart, Katie Nortman, Stephanie Neu, 1:51.32; 3, M, Shaina Felderhoff, Michelle Henscheid, Jackie Klement, Samantha Endres, 1:54.24.

400m: 1, Rose Hermes, L, 1:02.48.

300m Hurdles: 1, Carlee Black, E, 49:07; 2, Kristin Martin, L, 50:28; 3, Michelle Henscheid, M, 50:67; 4, Madisen Burrows, L, 50:90.

200m: 1, Stephanie Neu, L, 27:56; 5, Katie Nortman, L, 29:58; 6, Samantha Endres, M, 29:68.

1600m: 1, Kelsey Hermes, L, 5:47.95; 2, Katelyn Brewer, L, 5:53.90; 4, Chelsea Hermes, L, 6:13.04; 5, Leaha Smith, M, 6:16.44.

4x400m Relay: 1, E, Carlee Black, Jacy Steelman, Julia Rust, Amanda Fangmeyer, 4:17.54; 2, L, Rose Hermes, Bethani Eberhart, Stephanie Neu, Shirley Hess, 4:18.72; 5, M, Shaina Felderhoff, Laura Heers, Anne Walterscheid, Leaha Smith, 4:32.32.

BOYS

Long Jump: 1, James King, WC, 19' 7"; 4, Preston Mendez, L, 18' 0.5"; 6, Robert Arend, L, 17' 11".

Shot Put: 1, Dillon Ott, L, 45' 1".

Triple Jump: 1, Ryan Haverkamp, L, 39' 3.75"; 5, Joey Block, L, 37' 11.5".

See TRACK, pg.9



Sacred Heart golfers in action include, clockwise starting at noon - Kevin Kulle, Colby Richey, Raynee Hogan, Tyler Rohmer, Alexandra Popovich, and Shelby Hess.



Photos courtesy of Sacred Heart Catholic School Yearbook staff

Muenster falls to Lady Pirates

The Lady Hornets softball team hosted the Lady Pirates of Collinsville Monday evening, coming up short 12-5.

After an even first two innings, Muenster led by 1 going into the 4th. After a 4-1

score in the 4th inning and nothing in the 5th, Collinsville scored 6 stretching their lead to 8. The Lady Hornets got 1 run in the 7th for the final score.

Jackie Klement and Hillary Swirczynski both got 2

runs, with Samantha Endres scoring 1. Klement, Swirczynski, Jadi Abner, Alison Teafatiller, and Endres all had hits.

Muenster pitcher Jenni Luke faced 40 batters, allowing 7 hits and 9 walks, with 2 strikeouts.

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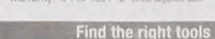


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Felderhoff competes in the Lone Star Triathlon fundraiser

Finishing fifth in her age division, Amanda Felderhoff completed the Lone Star Triathlon Half Iron Race in Galveston on March 30. Amanda competed as a member of The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training. The group raised more than \$260,000 in funds for this association, and Amanda raised \$3,000 through fundraisers and the help of friends and family, surpassing her fundraising goal of \$2,600.

There were 560 total finishers of the event held at the Moody Gardens Resort Complex in Galveston. Of the 177 females competing, Amanda ranked 73rd. She completed the Half Ironman in a total of 5:57:11. She finished the 1.2 mile swim in protected Offat's Bayou in a time of 47:49, the 56-mile scenic two-loop bike course along the Gulf Coast of Texas in 3:04:01, and the 13.1-mile run through Moody Gardens in 1:59:26.

The event included a Pre-race Lone Star Festival and expo with live entertainment, a Saturday Night Moody Gardens Pasta Dinner where loved ones with Leukemia and Lymphoma were honored, and a Victory Party after the race. Several of Amanda's friends made the



Amanda Felderhoff

trip to support her and took part in the festivities as well. Amanda began training for the Half Iron race in late August, logging at least 15 hours

each week. During her training, she swam more than 47 miles, biked 1700 miles, and ran over 475 miles. She also ran the Cowtown Half Marathon in Fort Worth in 1:41:24, placing 6th in her division, in preparation for the Half Iron contest.

Team in Training is the world's largest endurance training program and leading fundraising campaign of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Team in Training links the challenge of training and completing an endurance event with the challenge of fighting leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma, and Hodgkin's disease. Team in Training members meet regularly for group runs, walks, rides, and swims and fundraise knowing that 75% of what they raise goes to the mission of finding a cure for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's Disease, and myeloma, and to improve the quality of life of patients and their families. For more information about this program visit their website at <http://www.teamintraining.org/>

The Lone Star Half Iron Distance is an official qualifier for the USA Triathlon Halfmax National Championships in Las Vegas, Nevada, Oct. 18.



Trinity Otto

Otto earns NCAA mark in decathlon

Trinity Otto, a 2005 Lindsay High School graduate and current Texas A & M track and field athlete, recently earned a NCAA provisional qualifying mark in the decathlon at the 81st Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays held at the University of Texas in Austin.

Otto produced a point total of 7,082 for the Aggies which surpasses the mark of 6,900 needed to qualify for the NCAA Championships which will be held in June in Des Moines, Iowa. In setting a personal best for the decathlon, Otto bettered his previous high point total of 6,988. The two-day event consisted of Otto competing against 24 other decathletes in 100m dash, long jump, shot put, high jump, 400m dash, 110m hurdles, discus, pole vault, javelin, and concluding with the 1500m run.

Otto will next be competing in Los Angeles, California at

UCLA. The Big 12 Championships will be held in Boulder, Colorado May 16 - 18.

As a Lindsay Knight, Otto earned seven State gold medals and three sil, anchored the mile relay team that won three straight consecutive years in Austin, and in his senior year he was on the Lindsay track team that brought home the school's first State Championship track trophy.

Otto is currently a sophomore at A&M majoring in University Studies with a minor in Business and Tourism.

Trinity is the son of Mike and Sandy Otto of Lindsay, and the grandson of Evelyn Vogel Otto of Muenster and Dan and Ethel Tomblison of Denton, formerly of Gainesville.



Trinity Otto

Lady Hornets pull out non-district win

The Lady Hornets softball team hosted the team from Graford Tuesday, April 1, taking a come-from-behind 13-12 victory.

Graford scored 7 in the 2nd, with Muenster getting on the board in the 3rd. The Lady Hornets were behind 12-4 going into the 5th inning. Graford was held scoreless the next three innings, while Muenster scored 4-2-3 to take the win.

Scoring for Muenster were Jodi Abner and Jenni Luke 3 apiece, Taylor Klement and Anne Walterscheid 2 each, and 1 run apiece by Alison Teafattler, Hillary Swirczynski, and Laura Heers.

Jackie Klement and Tori Wright also got hits.

Luke pitched to 39 batters, allowing 10 hits, 6 walks, and 2 strikeouts.

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Knights split with Leopards

Last weekend, the JV Lindsay Knights baseball team played two games in Gainesville.

In the first game with the JV Leopards, Lindsay lost 6-1. "Todd Bezner pitched well, but we had several errors that hurt us," noted Coach Cody Bounds.

"In the second game, we came back, played well in the field, and hit the ball well," Coach Bounds said. Lindsay won over Gainesville 9-6. Blake Hunter and Travis Skinner both pitched in the game. Casey Shauf had 2 hits.

Monday afternoon, the JV Knights traveled to Valley View.

Lindsay District golf meet

The Lindsay golf teams competed at the District Golf Meet on March 31. The Knights shot a 354 and finished in 2nd place, only three strokes behind Muenster, qualifying the team for regional.

Josh Heilman shot an 84, with Hunter Loch an 85, Keith Hermes 88, and Blake Hunter 97. Heilman finished 3rd overall individually, Loch tied for 4th, and Hermes tied for 6th.

The Lady Knights finished 4th with a score of 492. Krystal Arend and Katie Dieter led the way, each with a 118. Danielle Hogan shot a 123, Kelsey Hermes 125, Anna Hogan 126, and Ashley Hess 129. Arend and Dieter tied for 9th overall.

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Pole Vault: 1, Daniel Kirby, E, 11' 6"; 2, Nathan Martin, L, 11' 0"; 3, Alex York, M, 10' 0"; 6, Blake Hunter, L, 8' 6".

Discus: 1, Broderick Scott, WC, 142' 6"; 6, Dillon Ott, L, 117' 10".

High Jump: 1, Ross Jones, L, 5' 10"; 3, Joey Block, L, 5' 8"; 4, Nathan Martin, L, 5' 6"; 6, Eric Hellman, M, 5' 6".

3200m: 1, Johnny Green, M, 10:44.00; 2, Matt Dieter, L, 11:33.00; 5, Tanner Silmon, M, 11:33.00.

4x100m Relay: 1, Wolfe City, 44.74; 2, L, Robert Arend, Keith Hermes, Ryan Haverkamp, Preston Mendez, 45.09; 4, M, Jason Luke, Garrett Walterscheid, Tanner Herr, Antonio Acuna, 48.64.

800m: 1, Josh York, VV, 2:04.20; 2, Dillon Ott, L, 2:11.43.

110m Hurdles: 1, A. J. Kassen, VV, 16.61; 2, Eric Hellman, M, 16.78; 3, Nathan Martin, L, 16.90; 6, Nick Bezner, L, 18.06.

100m: 1, Coby Ragsdale, C, 11.48; 2, Preston Mendez, L, 11.72.

4x200 Relay: 1, Collinsville, 1:32.86; 3, L, Robert Arend, Keith Hermes, Ross Jones, Ryan Haverkamp, 1:34.82; 6, M, Corey Reynolds, Paul Crabtree, Alex York, Antonio Acuna, 1:38.30.

400m: 1, Justin Smith, E, 52.82; 5, Ross Jones, L, 55.66.

300m Hurdles: 1, Robert Arend, L, 42.29; 2, Nathan Martin, L, 42.59; 5, Nick Bezner, L, 44.71.

200m: 1, Coby Ragsdale, C, 23.30; 5, Ryan Haverkamp, L, 25.01; 6, Corey Reynolds, M, 25.12.

1600m: 1, Josh York, VV, 4:57.64; 2, Johnny Green, M, 5:02.22; 3, Matt Dieter, L, 5:13.00; 5, Dillon Ott, L, 5:17.87; 6, Tanner Silmon, M, 5:20.62.

4x400m Relay: 1, L, Nathan Martin, Keith Hermes, Preston Mendez, Joey Block, 3:35.36; 5, M, Paul Crabtree, Corey Reynolds, Alex York, Antonio Acuna, 3:46.05.

TEAM STANDINGS

Girls: 1, Lindsay, 189; 2, Era, 152; 3, Valley View, 86; 4, Muenster, 60; 5, Collinsville, 44; 6, Wolfe City, 26; 7, Sam Rayburn, 24; 8, Celeste, 14; 9, Bland, 8; 10, Ector, 8; 11, Trenton, 6.

Boys: 1, Lindsay, 168; 2, Valley View, 144; 3, Collinsville, 87.5; 4, Era, 82; 5, Wolfe City, 77; 6, Muenster, 51.5; 7, Trenton, 8; 8, Bland, Celeste, Ector, Sam Rayburn 0.

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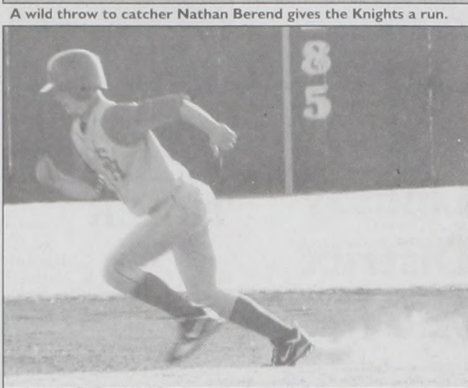
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Dylan Flusche slides safely to third.



A wild throw to catcher Nathan Berend gives the Knights a run.

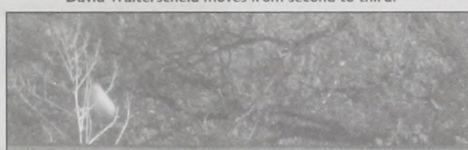


Matt Hesse takes off from first base.

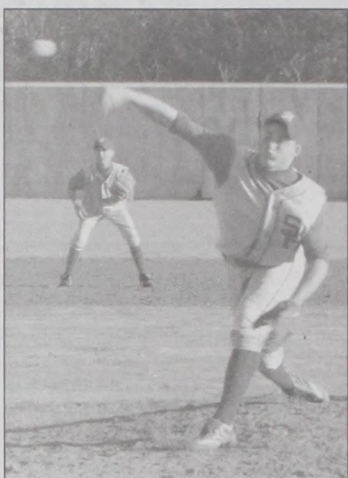
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David Walterscheid moves from second to third.



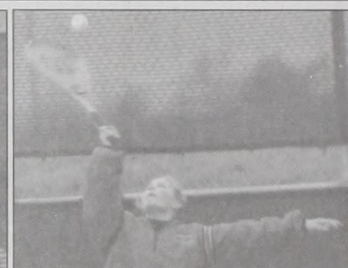
Stephen Davis makes the catch for an out.



At left -- Sam Sparkman at bat, and above - Sparkman at the mound.



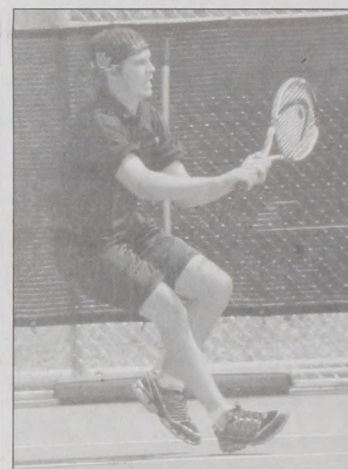
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Third place District medalist Muenster Hornets - Brandon Bindel (left), and Shane Presnall (above).

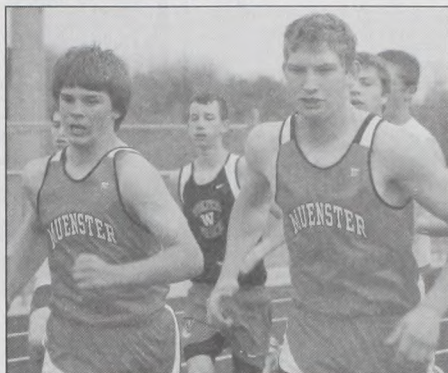
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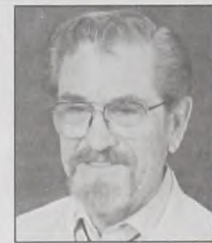
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Study shows no health benefit to keeping just-weaned calves

A study by Kansas State University researchers indicated that calves shipped just after separation from their dams grew and stayed as healthy as calves that were kept on the ranch for varying amounts of time up to 60 days.

In the study, summer-weaned beef calves (Angus crosses, weighing 400 pounds) were separated by age, said K-State Research and Extension animal nutritionist K.C. Olson. They were assigned to one of five weaning periods that corresponded to the length of time (60, 45, 30, 15, and 0 days) between separation from dams and shipment to an auction market.

Olson and graduate student Justin Bolte conducted the study.

All calves were fed the same diet-free choice throughout the trial and were monitored twice daily for

symptoms of respiratory disease. They were vaccinated against common diseases 14 days before separation from dams and again on the day of separation.

On a common shipping date (day 0, Aug. 24, 2007), the calves were transported three hours to a commercial auction market, where they were held for 14 hours. Then they were moved to a feedlot an hour away.

The body condition of the dams was assessed 60 days before and 60 days after the shipping.

"The bottom line," Olson said, "is that under the conditions of our study, ranch-of-origin weaning periods of between 15 and 60 days did not

improve calf health or growth performance, relative to shipping calves immediately after maternal separation."

More information about the study is available by contacting K.C. Olson at 785-532-1254 or kcolson@ksu.edu or K-State animal science researcher Twig Marston at 785-532-5428 or twig@ksu.edu.

USDA expects corn acres to drop, as soybean, wheat gain ground

On the heels of last year's record-high corn production, U.S. farmers intend to plant 8% fewer corn acres in 2008, according to the Prospective Plantings report released Monday by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Producers plan to plant 86 million acres of corn this year. While 7.6 million acres less than 2007, this would still be the second-largest area since 1949.

The outlook for corn prices

remains strong, thanks to increasing ethanol production and other factors. Still, favorable prices for other crops, along with crop rotation considerations and high corn input costs, are motivating some farmers to switch from corn. Iowa is expected to see the largest decrease in corn acreage, down 1 million acres from last year's record, to 13.2 million acres. Both Indiana and Minnesota are expected to drop 800,000 acres from their record highs of last year.

Nationwide, soybean acreage is expected to jump 18%, to 74.8 million acres. This is an increase of 11.2 million acres from 2007 and is just 1% below 2006's record high. Acreage increases are expected in nearly every state, with the largest growth in Iowa, up 1.25 million acres, and Nebraska, up 1.2 million. Increases of at least 800,000 acres are anticipated in Indiana, Minnesota, and South Dakota, while Kansas, New York, and Pennsylvania are expected to plant their largest

soybean crops in history. Wheat acreage is also expected to rise in 2008, up 6% to 63.8 million acres. Winter wheat planted area, at 46.8 million acres, is up 4% from last year. Expected acreage of durum wheat is up 22%, to 2.63 million acres.

NASS estimates 2008 cotton plantings at 9.39 million acres, 13% below last year. Upland cotton acreage is expected to total 9.19 million, the lowest level since 1983 and down 13% from last year. The largest acreage declines are expected in Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Texas.

The Prospective Plantings report provides the first official estimate of U.S. farmers' planting intentions for 2008. NASS's acreage estimates are based on surveys conducted during the first two weeks of March from a sample of approximately 86,000 farm operators across the United States. Prospective Plantings and all NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

Annual report recaps beef demand-building programs

The Texas Beef Council (TBC) recently published the 2007 Annual Report highlighting key state and national programs of research, communication, and promotion that Texas producers helped fund with checkoff dollars.

"Each year the annual report allows Texas producers to learn more about how their checkoff dollars were invested in various beef demand-building projects and programs throughout the previous year," said Sugie Sartwelle, chair of the TBC board of directors.

The Beef Checkoff Program was established as a part of the 1985 Farm Bill and assesses \$1-per-head on the sale of live domestic and imported cattle, in addition to a comparable assessment on imported beef and beef products. By law, 50 cents of each dollar collected goes to national beef checkoff programs and the other half is administered by the state beef council. TBC collected approximately \$11.15 million dollars in 2007 and sent over \$5.57 million for national programs through the Cattlemen's Beef Board.

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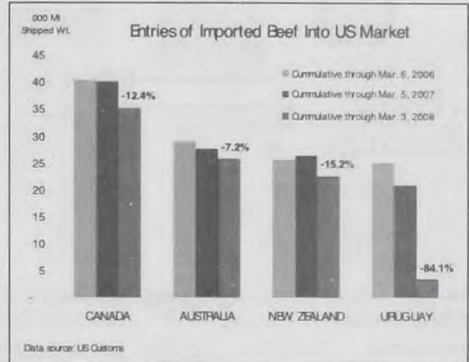
The TBC board of directors, consisting entirely of Texas beef producers, sent an additional \$2.31 million to further support national checkoff programs. In total, the TBC board used about \$4.46 million dollars to fund in-state programs.

The report includes a chart indicating the percentage breakdown of investments in each program area and the additional national investments. Programs were directed to target audiences including consumers, retailers, restaurant operators, health professionals, educators, and media.

The report's reverse side summarizes similar information on national programs approved by the Cattlemen's Beef Board and contracted through organizations such as the National Cattlemen's Federation of State Beef Councils and U.S. Meat Export Federation.

"We have over 149,000 beef producers here in Texas and I strongly encourage every one of them to learn and read about the checkoff-funded programs taking place on their behalf," said Sartwelle. "It is important for producers to recognize that through these programs, TBC is working towards the industry's aggressive long range plan goal of increasing beef demand 10% by 2010."

Producers can request copies of the annual report summary or a more detailed audited 2007 financial report by emailing beef@txbeef.org or calling toll-free 1-800-846-4113. The annual report also can be viewed online at www.texasbeef.org.



Course combats disaster in the face of animal emergencies

Natural disasters, disease outbreaks, agroterrorism, and other emergencies all pose threats to livestock production, but according to one Purdue University expert, the key to minimizing the damage is proper security and emergency management.

For these reasons the Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN), with support from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is offering the "Animal Agrosecurity and Emergency Management" course. The free online course is available to anyone who wants to learn more about agrosecurity. It teaches participants how to protect animals and livestock and

ensure a safe food and fiber supply.

The course will teach participants how to work with several agencies and prepare them to keep farms safe or to respond to an emergency.

The online course uses a multimedia format with Adobe Flash questions, movies, and other features, and takes a total of approximately eight hours to complete.

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Feeder Steers (per lb.)
 200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.30-1.47;
 Nos. 2 & 3, 1.10-1.30; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.15-1.38; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.05-1.15; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.09-1.24; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.01-1.09; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 1.10-1.18; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.05; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 1.00-1.06; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.00; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 84-90; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-84.

Feeder Heifers (per lb.)
 200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.01-1.15;
 Nos. 2 & 3, 1.05-1.10; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.05-1.14; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.05; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 98-1.08; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-98; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 91-1.02; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-91; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 80-85; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-80.

Slaughter Cattle (per lb.)
 Slaughter Bulls Yield Grade #1-2, 1.200-2.050 lbs., 60-73; Slaughter Cows, #1-3, 52-58; Cutter, 31-52.

Stocker Cows (per head)
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Barrows & Gilts (per lb.)
 US #1, 230-270; 30-34; US #2, 220-280; 27-30.

Feeders (per head):
 25-30 lbs.: \$12.50-\$25; 30-34 lbs.: \$15-18; Heavy wt.: 60-85; 15-18.

Sows (per lb.)
 Feeder, 400 or less: 15-25; Light wt., 400-500: 15-18; Med wt., 500-600: 15-18; Heavy wt., 600+: 15-18.

Bears (per lb.)
 300 lb. up: 03; 200-300 lbs.: 07-10; Light wt.: 10-15.

Sheep (per lb.)
 Feeder Lambs: 40-60 lbs.: 1.00-1.15; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs.: 90-105; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs.: 70-85.

Ewes (per lb.)
 Stocker 40-44: Thin: 25-35; Fat: 35-38.

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

Barbados (per head)
 Lamb: \$30-\$50; Ewes: \$25-\$50; Bucks: \$45-\$85.

Goats (per head)
 Kids 20-35 lbs.: \$20-\$45; 35-55 lbs.: \$30-\$60; 55-75 lbs.: \$45-\$75.

Yearlings (per head)
 75-120 lbs.: \$70-\$95.

Nannies (per head)
 Stocker \$40-\$90; Milk Type: \$35-\$50; Slaughter: \$55-\$80; Thin: \$15-\$45.

Billies (per head)
 120 lbs. up: Breeders: \$90-\$110; Slaughter: \$65-\$100.

Boer Goats (per head)
 1/2 Nanny: NT; 3/4 Nanny: NT; Full Nanny: \$55-\$105; 1/2 Billy: NT; 3/4 Billy: NT; Billy: \$60-\$120.

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