

Incumbent unseated in the Muenster ISD Board election

By Janet Felderhoff
Muenster ISD Board of Trustees will have two new faces after the election held Saturday, May 12. With 2,030 registered voters in the Muenster ISD voting pool, 655 turned out to cast their vote for the two places open on the Board. Incumbent Leon Klement lost his Place 1 seat to his opponent Neal Flusche. Flusche had 361

votes to Klement's 294. Place 2 is currently held by Wanda Flusche who did not seek another term. Ben Bindel and Mel Walterscheid signed up for that seat. It was won by Walterscheid who received 341 votes to Bindel's 304. Flusche and Walterscheid were sworn into office at the May 16 regular meeting of the Board after votes were

canvassed. Also before Texas voters was a proposed Constitutional Amendment to provide school tax relief to elderly or disabled taxpayers. It was approved by voters. In Cooke County 1,831 voted for it and 261 against. Locally, Precinct 17 had 133 votes in favor and 51 votes against, while Precinct 18 had 230 votes for it and 71 against.

County feels impact as prices climb for road materials

By Janet Felderhoff
As the price of oil goes up, so do the prices of related materials such as those needed to pave and maintain roads. That affects the budget of everyone, including those of county commissioners.

Cooke County Commissioners are again realizing the impact on their road and bridge budgets as they look over their budgets in anticipation of planning the fiscal year 2007-08 budget which begins Oct. 1. They are also in the process of rebidding for road materials such as hot mix/hot lay, hot mix/cold lay, and road oils.

At the May 14 meeting, all bids submitted for hot mix hot/cold lay were accepted. This will allow each precinct commissioner to use the bid most advantageous to his precinct since some are closer to the supplier and hauling costs would be less. Bids were from Overland, Jaego, and APAC. Also approved was advertising for bids on MC250, MC800, and MC3000 for a period starting June 18.

Precinct #4 Commissioner Virgil Hess commented on the situation, "It will definitely make a difference. The price of oil will dictate all of our prices. He noted that in recent bids returned for asphalt, all actual prices are linked to the changing price of oil in one way or another.

Asked about his road projects Hess said, "We will go until we run out of money." Last year road oil was \$2.05 a gallon. It had been bid at \$1.60. A fire at the refinery where it is produced caused it to be unavailable for several months. After that, the County was notified that the bid price couldn't be honored. Rebidding brought the price up to \$2.05.

Hess doesn't anticipate a price anywhere below \$2.60 a gallon this year and wonders if road oil will even be available. He said he heard of another refinery fire where it is produced. He does have some road oil bought at the end of last year, but said it won't go far. He likes to keep some on hand for unexpected road repairs.

Plans are to complete the paving begun in Muenster's Cler subdivision and another road near Lindsay. Those are Precinct 4's top priorities for paving this year, according to Hess. He will do others as funds allow. "Fuel cost is beginning to be a big, big factor in what we do," Hess said.

In Precinct #3, Commissioner Al Smith noted that the escalating prices mean that he is having a harder time with paving projects. His biggest concern at this time is the damage being done to roads in his precinct as heavy drilling progresses in the Barnett Shale in the Rosston area. The heavy equipment traveling those roads is wearing down the paved County roads. The cost of repairing with hot mix/hot lay is prohibitive, he said.

Smith said that he and Commissioner Hess have discussed alternatives that would be less expensive. In some damaged areas on those roads he had added fresh gravel and then put down a chip and seal coat as opposed to the hot mix hot lay surface. Another disappointment to

Smith this year is that there was no bid from J.R. Thompson. It means that he will have further (Denton or Ardmore) to go for road materials this year.

In the Muenster area, Smith said that he plans this year to pave a portion of CR 300 west of Muenster, a portion of CR 350, and possibly a portion of CR 388. Some residents have requested that he finish paving the road to the Reed Cemetery. Smith said that he would like to finish paving the roads in that area so the people would have paved roads all the way to the cemetery and also to Myra. He will do as much this year as the budget will allow. Needed repair of roads will take priority over new paving.

In anticipation of higher cost of materials, Smith said that he had held prices down in other areas to allow for the road work that needs to be done. This can be done for a year or so, but not on a regular basis, he noted.

Sacred Heart Catholic School students were honored for various achievements at the State level. These included Terapat Pulpanyawong winning the TAPPS 2A State Science Championship, Girls Cross Country team taking the TAPPS 2A State Championship, the Girls Basketball team earning their 13th TAPPS 2A State Championship, the Boys Golf team taking the TAPPS 2A State Championship, and the Boys Track team earning the TAPPS 2A State Championship title.

Commissioner Hess reported that the current restoration phase of the Courthouse is complete. A final punch list was assembled on May 3 and the items on it finished on May 10. Hess said, "It's been a long, drawn out affair, but we've finally accomplished what we set out to do."

Cooke County's Grievance Committee for 2007-08 was approved for selection from the pool of people who served on the County's Grand Juries last year. Contacts will be made until nine agree to serve. Names were drawn in this order: Joyce Manuel, Johnny Koonce, Mary Moore, Joe Roberts, Bridget Summers, Rickey Cheaney, Judy Secrest, Ken Arterburry, Robbie Carson, Claire Deem, Bill Dareing, Ann ?, Thomas Enderby, Velma Lorne, Tommy Zimmerer, Frank Sandmann, Joe Ward, Jr. Elizabeth Mendenhall, Randy Nickerson, Michael Stewart, Ed York, David Griggs, James Lewis, Derrick Campbell, Pat Dieter, Susie McDonald.

County Auditor Judy Hunter recommended awarding the bid for the County's depository contract to Landmark Bank. It had the best financial offer of the five banks bidding. Hunter noted that three of the five would pay the County to do business with them and the other two would charge. Landmark would pay interest at the rate of 4.27% and make about \$700 a month difference.

A basic service agreement was approved with AT&T for monthly service. This will put all of the County's telephone service on one bill and reduce

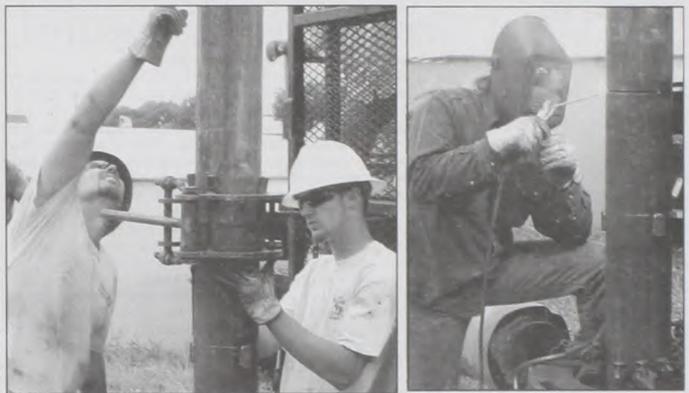
the monthly bill. It is a three year contract. County Judge Bill Freeman said that this is the result of the telephone system that is being installed by Nortex Communications. "The County has really needed this system...it will save money," he said.

Red River Co-op was awarded the bid for diesel fuel and gasoline for 12 months. Bids were opened at the prior meeting. Judge Freeman said that vehicles used by the deputies have been using mid level fuel rather than regular. This was recommended years ago. Now, said Freeman, they checked into it and it is no longer a requirement for the vehicles. This will save the County about 10 cents per gallon.

In other business, Commissioners Court:

- Approved monetary donation of \$500 from Faith Dulaney to the Cooke County Library for the purpose of purchasing adult fiction audio books.
- Approved continuance of Better Living for Texans Grant Program. It is a nutrition education program for those on food stamps or in danger of needing food stamps, and has been in place in Cooke County for 10 years.
- Approved interlocal agreement with the City of Highland Village to allow purchase of equipment without competitive bidding process.
- Approved purchase of 1994 Gradall G3WD for Precinct #3 from the City of Highland Village.
- Tabled action on report from John Gerk, chairman of the Lake Ray Roberts Planning and Zoning Commission. Further study was desired.
- Approved LETN training subscription renewal for Sheriff's office. It will be for law enforcement officers.
- Approved contract retaining services of Douglas Lewis, M.D. as Cooke County EMS Medical Director.
- Proclaimed May 19 as Scout Day in Cooke County. Members of area Boy Scout, Cub Scout, and Girl Scout troops attended the meeting to lead the opening pledge, hear the proclamation read, and introduce themselves to Commissioners Court.
- Set pay for substitute bailiffs who are not County employees at the rate of 1 1/2 times the regular pay of a County deputy. County employees will have the first opportunity to fill in when needed. The pay comes from Courthouse Security.
- Had no bids on concrete bridge located on Spring Creek Road in Precinct #2.
- Accepted insurance settlement of \$417.73 from insurance company of individual who backed into new Cooke County Sheriff's transport van in a parking lot.
- Appointed Precinct #1 Commissioner Gary Hollowell as the Cooke County representative to the TAPS Board of Directors.
- Approved the road in Marques Estates to be named County Road 177, and dedicated as a County maintained road. Also accepted the irrevocable letter of credit that is a construction bond, to be submitted as a maintenance

Repairs made to City water well



Muenster City Well #1 will soon be back in operation after workers put a steel liner inside the existing casing to eliminate a leak caused by a hole in the casing. The well has been shut down about a month. B&W Water Well Service pulled the well. In above photo, Corey Conrad and Rolan Jowell hook up a new joint. Below left, Jowell and Chad O'Dell line up the joints, so Jeff Solley of Reed's Welding (below right) can permanently attach the joints. Janie Hartman photos

Storm lights up oil tank



A lightning strike ignited a fire during a thunderstorm that passed through Cooke and Montague counties Monday evening. Shown burning is an oil tank located on the Field Ranch off FM 677 about three miles south of Saint Jo. Muenster Volunteer Fire Department was called in to assist Saint Jo Volunteer Fire Department with the fire. They were on the scene for about one and a half hours. MVFD photo

Lady Knights win UIL IA State Track and Field Meet



The Lindsay Lady Knights brought home the State Championship Track and Field trophy last weekend after winning the title. Team members are, from left, front - Charlotte Bartlett, Liz Neu, Brittany Anderle, Stephanie Neu, Shirley Hess; back - Amber Nortman, Karissa Reiter, Rose Hermes, and Chelsea Hermes. Not pictured is Autumn Murrill. See page 12 for Meet results. Janie Hartman photo

Rumber promotes Melville to Chief Operating Officer

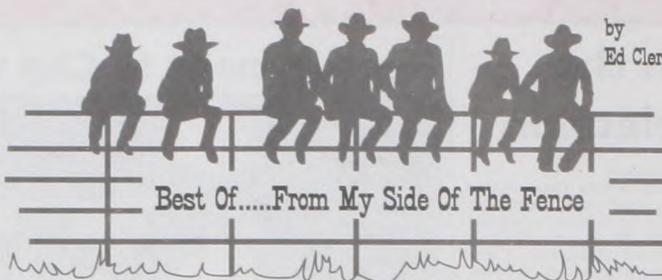
Rumber is pleased to announce the promotion of Keith Melville to Chief Operating Officer. Keith joined Rumber in 2001, and has been an integral part of the company's sales team since that time. He has extensive sales, marketing, and management experience, and will be responsible for managing the company's operations and growth. Keith is a graduate of the University of Utah with a degree in Management. Many of Rumber's customers have had previous contact with Keith in the past, and he looks forward to introducing himself to those customers and prospects that he has not met.

"We believe Keith brings valuable skills and knowledge to his new position. We look forward to working with Keith," said Rumber President Harold Fischer.

Founded in 1991, Rumber Materials, Inc. is a manufacturer of a wide variety of strong and highly durable

products made out of recycled tires and scrap plastic through an exclusive, patented, environmentally-friendly process. These products are revolutionarily different from similar products made out of traditional materials such as wood and plastic, and they offer a cost-effective option to other materials such as wood and plastic, and they offer a cost-effective option to other materials, as they last longer and are easier to maintain.

The majority of the Company's products consist of boards which are produced in varying lengths. The Company also produces composite material in pellet form that can be used at full strength to create new products, or as an impact modifier additive to existing formulas. It has a wide variety of uses such as injection molding, pressing into shapes, and extruding into sheets.



by Ed Cler

Update on destroyed home in Myra

More information has become available on the house in Myra pictured on the front page of last week's *Enterprise* that was apparently struck by lightning during last week's storms. The structure was built in the mid 1800s in the town of Aldridge, now known as Myra. It was part of a dairy, and was later converted into a homestead. Clarence Matthews bought the property in 1943, and his family still had ownership at the time of the fire. The house was full of antiques, many of which were lost in the blaze.

The first automobile my father owned, if my memory is correct, was a Victory Chevrolet, circa 1916, built a year or so after I was born. I only remember the name because it was told to me at a later time. I do not remember what became of it. I believe it was sold at or about the time my dad moved to Muenster to be in the wholesale and retail gas and oil business about '19 or '20.

After that move, Dad had a truck, a Model T Ford, and the rear tires were solid rubber. After a couple years of thumping around on these, Dad traded for something really modern - pneumatic tires for the rear of the truck. I only remember they were much larger than the front ones, and he said they rode and handled much better than the old ones.

This old truck not only delivered fuel and oil, etc., to an area from Muenster to Rosston, Saint Jo, Marysville, Lindsay, Myra, and all points in between, but at times was all cleaned up and was the

lead vehicle bringing Bishop Lynch from the Katy Depot to the parish rectory.

I can still picture the old truck, loaded down with the local brass band; they just about covered it from end to end, and it was a real roovin' - tootin' sight as they slowly went up Main Street toward the rectory, with some of the local big-wigs and the Reverend Bishop all trying to look properly dignified, following behind.

In 1924, Dad sold his business to C.M. Walterscheid, who soon traded the venerable old truck off on a new one, a Chevy, I believe. Sometime before that, Dad bought a Model T roadster from Fr. Frown, who had just gotten a new car, I believe, a '23 Model T Coupe - all closed, with glasses that could be raised and lowered, really uptown!

The roadster soon had the turtle shell removed, and a box about 3 1/2' by 4' was put in its place, and a pickup was born. Well, almost. We called it the "Jitney," or "Hoopy." It served as a family car, sort of a pickup, and even pulled a wheeled trailer at times. I can well remember how, on Sundays, we went to church; Mom and Dad and the youngest child in front, and we boys sitting on a board laid across the front of the box - not a prize place to be on a cold or wet day.

I was taught to drive, almost cut my teeth, on a Model T. When I was about 12 or 13, Dad took me along to Dallas to get a new Aeromotor windmill head to replace the old Samson on the home place. He stopped in Myra, and had Mr. Harrison put a muffler on the T bone as it never had one. From there he had me drive, I thought for a short distance, but I drove all the way to Love Field where I pulled over and stopped. Love Field was a big prairie grass meadow with some roads and runways, but there were people cutting and raking hay with teams, all over the place.

There was no pavement there, or curbs. It was still out in the open, and we saw a few small planes and a Tri-motored Ford passenger plane that could carry about a dozen passengers, all wondrous sights to me.

Not wanting to admit I was afraid to drive in the big city, I asked Dad to drive from that point, as I didn't know where to go, but he just assured me I was doing fine and he would direct me to the place we were going to. I must admit I was uneasy, but the trip was uneventful and after the Aeromotor was loaded and secured, I was told to "take her home." What young kid, after making that trip wouldn't be just a little bit proud to tell the rest of the family, "I drove to Dallas."

OBITUARIES

Audrey Dill 2007-2007

Private graveside services for Audrey Rose Dill were held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 12 at St. Peter's Cemetery in Lindsay with the Rev. Ron Scheible officiating. Services were directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster.

Audrey was born and died at 8:24 a.m. on Friday, May

11, 2007 in a Denton hospital. Survivors include parents Kris and Marsha Dill, sisters Paige, Payton, Laura, Emily, and Grace Dill, and a brother John Dill all of Lindsay. Grandparents are Kent and Sharon Dill of Gainesville and Wayne and Cathy Luttmere of Muenster.

Richard Bezner 1952-2007

Mass of Christian Burial was offered for Richard Bezner on Tuesday, May 15 at 10 a.m. in St. Peter's Catholic Church of Lindsay with Rev. Ron Scheible, OSA, officiating. Burial followed in St. Peter's Cemetery under the direction of Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home.

Richard "Rick" Bezner died at the age of 54 on Friday, May 11, 2007 in John Peter Smith Hospital of Fort Worth.

He was born Aug. 11, 1952 to Rufus and Gladys Wilde Bezner in Gainesville. On March 11, 1980 he married Sharon Rosson in Gainesville. Rick graduated from Lindsay School in 1970.

Survivors include his wife Sharon of Lake Worth; his

mother Gladys Bezner of Lindsay; daughters Melissa Bezner and Amanda Bezner; son Rufus E. Bezner; brother John Rufus "Jay" Bezner of Lindsay; sisters and brothers-in-law Carol and Bruce Ravalette of St. Francisville, Illinois, and Mary Kay and Richard Fisher of Denton; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his father Rufus Bezner in May 1984; his brother Jeff Bezner; and his sister Sharol Bezner.

Rosary was recited at St. Peter's Catholic Church at 5 p.m. on Monday, May 14.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association.

Hugo Bengfort 1919-2007

Services for Hugo John Bengfort of Lindsay were held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 17 in St. Peter's Catholic Church. Rev. Ron Scheible, OSA, officiated for the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial followed in St. Peter's Cemetery in Lindsay under the direction of Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home.

Hugo Bengfort died at the age of 87 on Sunday, May 13, 2007 at North Texas Medical Center in Gainesville.

Born Dec. 11, 1919 in Lindsay to Ben and Clara Herr Bengfort, Hugo was a veteran of WWII, serving in the U.S. Army in the South Pacific, Hawaii, Australia, and New Guinea. After serving his country, he returned to work on the family farm, raising cattle, hogs, and grain crops for many years. He was a

cherished uncle to several generations of the Bengfort family, enjoying family get-togethers, holiday celebrations, and deer hunting trips with his brother Ed.

Survivors include his sisters Patricia Bezner of Gainesville, and Annabelle Kelting of Corona, California; sister-in-law Ruth Bengfort of Farmington, New Mexico; brother-in-law Joe Frank of Canyon; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and great-great-nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his sisters Louise Long, Angeline Fleitman, Ida Frank, and Margaret Bengfort; and brothers Raymond Bengfort and Ed Bengfort.

A Rosary was recited at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO

May 15, 1942
Parent Teacher Association is formed at Muenster Public School with Mrs. E.O. Teague as first president. Camp Howze is name chosen for Cooke County's army camp. Mary Lee, infant daughter of the Starling Lawsons, is recovering from measles; Pat Stelzer is also suffering from measles. The Bruno Fleitmans move into their new native rock home. State Theatre advertises *Tarzan's Secret Treasure* starring Johnny Weissmuller. Mrs. Al Walterscheid is elected grand regent of local CDA court.

50 YEARS AGO

May 17, 1957
Ernest Wolf injured in 30 foot fall from Red River Bridge; he suffered several fractured bones and internal injuries, but is showing marked improvement. Obituaries: Ed Schmitt, 83. New Arrivals: Robert to the Bill Fuhrmans; a son to Pete and Thelma Kathman Hawthorne; Monica to Ber-

nard and Christine Gieb; Robert to Charles and Betty Stoffels. Weddings: Dorothy Luttmere and Frank Krebs, Jr.; Anna Mae Dieter and Wilbert J. Block. Muenster High School seniors enjoy four day trip to New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and Houston.

25 YEARS AGO

May 14, 1982
Jill Walterscheid named Hornet Hustler at Muenster ISD Awards Banquet - the first time a girl has ever received the award. College Graduate: Terry Huchton from Texas A&M. Obituaries: Mary Elizabeth (Mrs. Val) Fuhrmann, 60; David Black, 73. Upper Elm Red Soil and Water Conservation District presents Tony Trubenbach with Zone 3 award. Hood celebrates 100th birthday. New Arrivals: Matthew to David and Janice Bayer; Leah to John and Diane Hermes; Adrienne to Walter and Celine Bartel; Jaclynn to John and Rose Henscheid; Jana to J.D. and Gloria Coker.

SENIOR CLASS OF 2007

Time is ticking!!! The REAL deadline is May 18 at 5 pm and the REAL date to be published is May 25! Sorry for the inconvenience, but it worked out.....

For those of you who thought you missed the deadline, you were actually early! So, there are a few days left to get your congrats ad in! DON'T WAIT~ You won't want to be left out... Call 759-4311 or come by the *Muenster Enterprise* and see what we're doing!!

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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!

Sunday, May 20, 2007	Monday, May 21, 2007	Tuesday, May 22, 2007	Wednesday, May 23, 2007	Thursday, May 24, 2007	Friday, May 25, 2007	Saturday, May 26, 2007
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 Spring Band Concert MHS Band Hall 3pm	VFW Aux. mtg. 7:30pm 3rd Annual MISD Elem. Talent Show 1-3pm Band Hall	SH Preschool Moving On ceremony 6:30pm Theater Arts Room SH Elementary MISD early dismissal 1pm	MISD early dismissal 1pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm MISD early dismissal 1pm and the LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm SHCS 8th grade promotion MHS Graduation 7pm gym	
Muenster Museum Open 1-4		SH school snow make up day noon dismissal	SHCS Advisory Council mtg. 7:30pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm LAST DAY OF MAY!	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm	
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bond on the road for 12 months.

• Approved request by the City of Callisburg, at its expense, to lay 40 feet of two inch PVC casing for a three-quarter inch water line at 5557 CR 106 approximately 1100 feet west of CR 103 in Precinct #1.

• Approved request by Woodbine Water Supply, at its expense, to install a four inch fresh water line running

west to east then south along the County right of way on CR 140 approximately one and two tenths miles east of the intersection of FM 678 to connect two four-inch dead end water lines in Precinct #1.

• Cimmarron Gathering, L.P.'s requests to install gathering lines in Precinct #3 were approved for 12 inch steel casing for six inch poly gas pipeline across CR 324 approximately 1621 feet

southwest of the intersection of CR 343 and CR 324; across CR 343 approximately 158 feet northwest of the intersection of CR 324 and CR 343; across CR 343 approximately 1.5 miles northwest of the intersection of CR 324 and CR 343.

• Approved preliminary plat for Butler Subdivision No. 3 (lots 1-2) located off of CR 336 and 321 in Precinct #3.

• Approved a scale variance from 1" = 200' to 1" = 50' for The Villas at Lake Kiowa located off of FM 902 in Precinct #2. This will be Cooke County's first townhomes.

• Approved the indigent burial of Stephanie D. Blaylock.

• Approved Sheriff's office bonds for Tom Stovers, deputy sheriff, and John C. Boyd, jailer.

MRI is a new tool in fight against breast cancer

The American Cancer Society recently recommended that women at high risk of developing breast cancer should get a magnetic resonance imaging - or MRI - each year in addition to a mammogram, beginning at age 30.

Together, these two tests can give doctors a better chance of finding breast cancer early, thus improving the woman's chance of survival," said Courtney Schoessow, Texas Cooperative Extension program specialist for Health Education and Development.

This year, more than 175,000 women in the U.S. are expected to be diagnosed with breast cancer; more than 40,000 will die. And more than 2 million women

living in this country have been treated for the disease. So says the Cancer Society, which goes on to state that a woman has a one in eight chance of contracting invasive breast cancer during her lifetime, and a one in 33 chance of dying from it. (<http://www.cancer.org/>)

However, the agency's information added, "Breast cancer rates are going down. This decline is probably the result of finding the cancer earlier and improved treatment."

MRI scans are more sensitive than mammograms, but are also more likely to show spots that may or may not be cancer, Schoessow said. MRIs are also expensive.

"You should check with your insurance company because it is much more expensive than the normal checks," Schoessow said.

MRIs are not recommended for everyone as a tool against breast cancer, she said, only women at high risk of developing the disease.

A woman should get an annual MRI screening if she has at least one of these conditions:

- BRCA1 or BRCA2 genetic mutation, which must be diagnosed by a medical professional.

- A parent, sibling, or child with this kind of genetic mutation.

- A lifetime risk of developing breast cancer that was

scored at 20% to 25% or more, based on family history and other risk factors.

- Radiation to the chest between the ages of 10 and 30.

- Li-Fraumeni syndrome, Cowden syndrome, or Bannayan-Riley-Ruvalcaba syndrome, or a close relative with any of these conditions.

But whether or not any of these conditions are factors, "all women should begin getting annual mammograms at age 40," Schoessow said. "You should also start getting a clinical breast exam as part of your periodic health exam at least every three years during your 20s and 30s and every year if you are over 40."

For more information go to <http://fcs.tamu.edu/>.

Sacred Heart

athletes honored

Cooke County Commissioners honored students of Sacred Heart Catholic High, including, (top to bottom) cross country, basketball, golf, and track teams. Janet Felderhoff photos



Secondhand smoke harms smoker's loved ones

In addition to harming their own health, smokers' habits harm the health of their loved ones, said Courtney Schoessow, Texas Cooperative Extension program specialist for health education and development.

"Did you know that if you smoke around others, especially children, you are being selfish?" she said. "Think about how smoking harms the people you care about."

Secondhand smoke occurs when cigarettes and other tobacco products are burned,

Schoessow said.

"This smoke can make you and your children sick - really sick!" she said. "Children who live in homes where people smoke get sick more often with coughs, breathing problems such as asthma, and ear infections."

Secondhand smoke is also bad for adults because it can cause such diseases as lung cancer and cardiovascular problems, she said.

"It can even cause death," Schoessow said. "If you are a husband who smokes, think

about your wife. Your smoking is causing harm to her."

Her advice: Protect your family by making your home and car smoke-free.

"Take your smoking outside and away from your loved ones," she said. "Poisons from smoke linger in the air for up to seven days.

When you smoke inside the house or in your vehicle, you are exposing people to dangerous poisons even if they are not present while you are smoking."

Although quitting isn't

easy, it can be done, Schoessow said. The first step is smoking outside away from loved ones.

"By making a smoke-free home and vehicle, you are showing your loved ones that you are not selfish," she said. "You are showing them that you care for them. By making a smoke-free home, you are making their health better."



An excerpt from The Church's Love Letter to the World by Rev. Richard John Neuhaus Part 1 of 12

Evangelium Vitae is a love letter to the whole world. At the same time, it is a prophetic indictment of what we human beings are increasingly doing to one another at the end of the twentieth century, at the threshold of the third millennium. Love and prophecy are not opposed to one another. On the contrary, true prophecy is always driven by love. And true love dares to speak the truth that is necessary for the welfare of the beloved. Love that deceives is neither truthful nor loving. The Apostle Paul tells us that we are to speak the truth in love (Eph 4:15). Evangelium Vitae is a powerful example of doing just that.

Assisting those who have sacrificed

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

Texans enthusiastically support the men and women who serve our country in the U.S. armed forces. So we were dismayed to hear news reports earlier this year of substandard facilities at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington used by wounded soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

The reports prompted numerous questions, even in Texas. Did those unacceptable conditions extend to other military health care sites? Are our injured soldiers given the best care? Is adequate assistance available as they navigate the complicated military/veterans health care and benefits system?

Early last month, I went over these questions with wounded servicemen and women, their families, veterans, administrators, medical personnel, and veterans' representatives at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio. Brooke is a modern facility treating an increasing number of those who are injured from the war against terrorism, including virtually all burn victims from Iraq.

What I learned was reassuring. The quality of medical care at Brooke is world-class. Its staff is both dedicated and skilled. The facility is considered the crown jewel of U.S. military medicine. Two commissions currently are reviewing care at Defense Department facilities around the globe, and I'm confident that Brooke will receive high marks.

Even so, in a roundtable with veterans' representatives, I heard numerous helpful suggestions for improving assistance for our wounded veterans and their families, particularly in reducing bureaucratic hurdles as they transition to civilian life. After this visit, I also talked with spouses of injured soldiers, who pointed out the unintended consequences of some regulations.

Recommendations from the review commissions will be published within a few months. But I wanted to ensure that Congress addressed any issues that could be identified and corrected immediately. Those who serve are the finest our nation has to offer, and we owe them no less.

So last week I introduced Senate legislation that would

provide immediate assistance to wounded service members and their families by correcting inequities and strengthening current law.

The bill would help burn victims obtain housing and automobile assistance, and ensure that other wounded service members, and veterans with specific needs receive housing and other grants. As the injured await their final Veterans Administration disability rating—a process that can take months—it would make certain they have suitable housing.

These adjustments are the direct result of my conversations with soldiers, family members and veterans support group volunteers. The bill has been greeted enthusiastically by key Senators. I'm optimistic it will become law soon.

The Walter Reed controversy, an unhappy episode, has reminded me of several important lessons. One is that scandal, if addressed in the proper spirit, can lead to needed reforms that might otherwise be overlooked.

Another reminder concerns the way those of us in public life receive information. In Washington, particularly, there are thousands of lobbyists, interest groups, trade associations, and other interested parties pressing a particular point of view.

Yet as is often the case, the best insights my staff and I received on this issue came from Texans who live and deal with these concerns every day. I especially learned from Christy Patton, a mother of five whose husband was severely burned in Iraq, and Rosie Babin, whose injured son will require her loving care for many years to come.

I also got invaluable help from the "thousand points of light," including volunteers from the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, American G.I. Forum, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Military Officers Association of America. I believe this legislation, while not a major departure from policy, will provide needed clarity and assistance for many wounded soldiers, veterans, and their families. It is a small step toward meeting our national obligation to those who have sacrificed to protect our freedoms.

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Cletus Fuhrmann places in State UIL

Cletus Fuhrmann placed 4th in Current Events and 5th statewide in Persuasive Speaking at State UIL competition in Austin on May 4 and 5. "This is a tremendous honor to advance to State, considering the number of students competing in these events," said Gynell Oppermann, Muenster High School UIL Coordinator. Cletus was coached in Current Events by Muenster High School teacher Becky Felderhoff, and in Persuasive Speaking by Keisha Cope.

Also attending State competition in Austin were Curtis Eldridge, Muenster High School principal, and students Michael Valliere, who competed in Prose Interpretation, and Evan Koesler competing in Science. "We are very proud of all of these stu-



Cletus Fuhrmann

dents for their outstanding achievements in UIL," noted the coordinator.



Jessica Walterscheid has been awarded the All American Scholar Award from Catholic Life Insurance. She is one of 25 graduating high school senior students selected to receive the scholarship award. The scholarship offsets tuition costs for Catholic Life members attending any accredited college or university, and recognizes students whose community service, leadership skills, and academic achievement sets them apart from others. Walterscheid, who will be attending Midwestern State University, is the daughter of Bernadette Otto and Phil Walterscheid.

Muenster Spanish III class creates books for children in Bolivia



As a project to reinforce the Muenster High School Spanish III students' language skills, the 4th period class designed, created, and illustrated children's books that were sent to Bolivia with Cindy Gehrig, who visited her son Jason and family. The books are being used as tutoring tools for children learning to read Spanish in the lower grades. Above are children in Bolivia using and enjoying the Muenster books. Below, students who participated in this project were, from left, Ricky Grewing, Colton Steelman, Andrew Yosten, Cassie Hale, Caitlyn Barrett, Rebecca Grewing, Lindsey Watson, Laura Heers, and Anne Walterscheid. MISD photo

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Mon. - Cook's choice.
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Wed. - Cook's choice.
Thurs. - Mexican casserole, rice, beans, apples.
Fri. - Ham sandwiches w/ trimmings, potatoes, fruit salad, carrot sticks.

MÜNSTER ISD
Mon. - Hot dogs w/chili and cheese, oven baked French fries, pinto beans, pineapple, graham crackers.
Tues. - Lasagna, lettuce salad w/dressing, green beans, peaches, hot rolls.
Wed. - Chicken patty sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, chips and salsa, oranges, cookies.
Thurs. - Pizza, lettuce salad w/dressing, fresh vegetables, applesauce, ice cream.
Fri. - No school.

LINDSAY ISD
Mon. - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, pineapple, bread.
Tues. - Grilled chicken melt w/mozzarella on a bun, baked beans, applesauce.
Wed. - Turkey sandwich w/ trimmings, potato chips, fresh fruit.
Thurs. - Pizza, corn, lettuce salad, pears.
Fri. - No school.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, sliced pears, hot roll.
Tues. - Chicken/chili crispito, pinto beans, tossed salad, strawberry applesauce, sugar cookie.
Wed. - Lasagna, green beans, tossed salad, sliced peaches, breadstick.
Thurs. - Manager's choice, assorted fruit, assorted vegetables, assorted cookies.
Fri. - Sub sandwich, potato chips, trimmings, pickle spears, ice cream.

Correction

Amanda Hess was among the Lindsay High School UIL State Academic Champions pictured in last week's *Muenster Enterprise*. Information the paper received incorrectly identified Amanda as Kaileigh Hess.

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Make seasonal sun block a daily habit

Popular outdoor activities, from riding bikes to boating and lying on beaches, can mean wrinkles and skin cancer down the road if you don't take time to put on sun block, dermatologists at UT Southwestern Medical Center warn.

If applying sun screen is only a seasonal habit for you during summer months, turn it into a daily habit, says Dr. Erin Welch, a UT Southwestern skin cancer specialist. "Since chronic sun damage adds up over our lifetimes, preventing every sunburn is important."

Pick a sun screen with at least a 30 SPF (sun protection factor) if you'll be outdoors more than 15 minutes. Make certain the sun screen protects against both UVA and UVB rays. Apply it at least 30 minutes before heading outdoors and remember to reapply after swimming or sweating a lot, or after more than a couple of hours outside. Also consider a lip balm that contains an SPF of 15 or higher.

May is Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month



Advice on shrub pruning

Most flowering shrubs bloom before the end of June and produce flowers on growth made in the previous year. This includes forsythia, viburnum, bridal wreath

spirea, and mockorange. After flowering, prune them by removing some of the old wood, that is more than two years old, close to the base of the plant. Thinning will allow

more light to reach the central shoots and encourage development of new vigorous branches.

Summer and fall blooming shrubs flower at the end of branches grown during the current year. These include hydrangea, spirea, false spirea, and smokebushes. Prune these shrubs early in the spring before growth begins. Remove last year's growth back to about two to four buds from the base. New growth from these buds will provide this season's flower shoots.

Tree-like shrubs such as lilacs form a third category. To care for them, first, remove any dead flower heads to prevent formation of seeds to retain the plant's energy. Then lightly thin out the shrub to allow air circulation and light penetration.

Grandparents

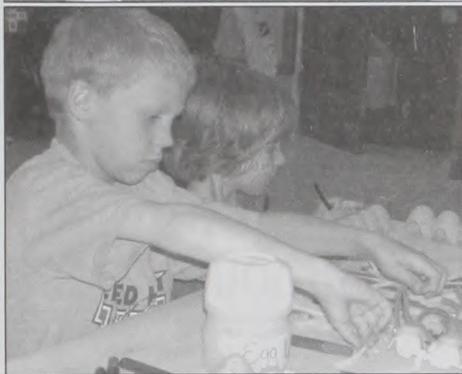
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Sacred Heart Art Fest celebrates children

Working on crafts are, clockwise, starting at left - Shane Sicking and Kacie Grewing making egg carton worms; Michael McCoy and Ashleigh Deweber put together rainbow hats; Madison Hesse and Kinzie Hess create their own designs; Victoria Endres help Lane Trubenbach and Zachary Sanders fuse beads; and Penny Fisher gives assistance to Chloe Hacker and Mary Fisher in the making of flower necklaces.

Janie Hartman photos



Muenster now has two new soccer goals. With pipe donated by R&R Pipe, the welding class at Muenster ISD built two soccer goals. The goals, which are the City's first, are currently in the City ballpark for use by local soccer players. Pictured are members of the class who worked on the project and a number of Muenster youths who play soccer.

Courtesy photo

Try gum for heartburn relief

If no antacids or other medications are available for unexpected heartburn, try a stick of gum. Chewing gum stimulates swallowing and the secretion of alkaline, which could provide some temporary relief,

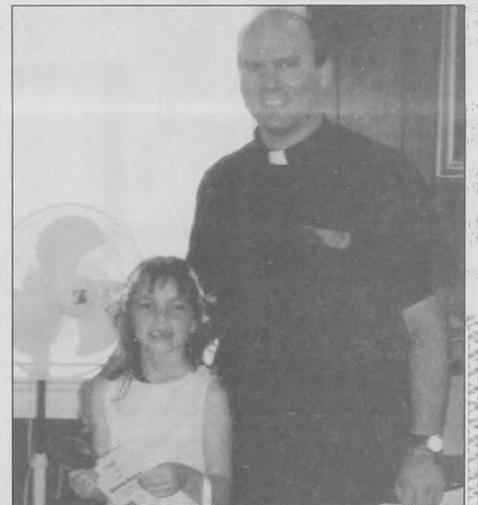
said Dr. Stuart Spechler, a gastroenterologist, UT Southwestern Medical Center. "Swallowing helps to clear acid from the esophagus, and the alkaline in saliva can neutralize acid that remains in the esophagus after swallowing," said Dr. Spechler. Heartburn is generally caused by naturally occurring acids splashing back up from the stomach.

Hermes awarded 1st place by Diocese

Savannah Hermes of Sacred Heart Parish was awarded 1st place in the First Grade Division of Serra Club poster contest sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth. The Serra Club promotes priestly and religious vocations. The poster theme was "Go into the world and proclaim the good news to all creatures." There were over 500 entries submitted throughout the Diocese from Grades 1 - 8.

On April 22, Father Kyle Walterscheid presented awards to the 1st through 3rd place winners at a ceremony held at St. Patrick's Parish in Fort Worth. First place winners received a \$100 savings bond. Second and 3rd place winners received ribbons and hand painted crosses. There were several other winners from Sacred Heart Parish as well.

Savannah is the daughter of Doug and Susan Hermes of Muenster.



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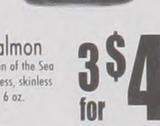
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Wagner and Walterscheid exchange vows in Sacred Heart Church

Iva Rebekah Wagner of Saint Jo and Joshua Lee Walterscheid of Muenster were united in holy matrimony on March 3, 2007 at 2 p.m. in Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Muenster. The traditional double ring ceremony was performed by Father Ken Robinson, assisted by Father Kyle Walterscheid.

The bride is the daughter of Mark and Connie Wagner of Saint Jo. She is a 2004 graduate of North Central Texas College and a 2005 graduate of Texas Woman's University. Iva is a registered dental hygienist employed by Excellent Dental in Decatur and Powell and Record D.D.S. in Gainesville.

The groom is the son of Bernadette and Ed Otto and Phil Walterscheid, all of Muenster. Josh is a 2000 graduate of Sacred Heart High School and attended the University of Oklahoma and North Central Texas College. He is currently serving in the Denton unit of the Army National Guard, and is co-owner/operator of Walterscheid Construction and Redmix in Muenster.

The ceremony began with Shannon Grewing, friend of the couple, escorted by the groom's father, lighting the spiral candelabra on both sides of the altar to "Minuet." The bride's grandparents J.D. and Sherry Wagner seated themselves, and Robbie Johnson was escorted by Michael Wagner, bride's brother. Next were the groom's grandparents Denis and Della Walterscheid and

Juanita Knabe escorted by the groom's cousin Heath Bayer. The groom's mother was then escorted by her husband, all to "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring."

ATTENDANTS

The bridal party entered to "Air." The groom processed in with Father Ken Robinson and father Kyle Walterscheid. Lauren Hayes of Flower Mound, friend of the bride, was escorted by Matthew Nasche of Muenster, friend of the groom. Jessica Walterscheid of Muenster, sister of the groom, was escorted by Jon Schilling of Saint Jo, brother-in-law of the bride. Trisha Charles of Muenster, friend of the bride, was escorted by Jeff Walterscheid of Muenster, brother of the groom. Maid of Honor Holly Hartman of Muenster, friend of the bride, was escorted by Waylan Hess of Muenster, friend of the groom. Matron of Honor Michelle Schilling of Saint Jo, sister of the bride, was escorted by Jeremy Bayer of Lindsay, cousin of the groom.

The bridesmaids wore sleeveless, strapless, floor-length gowns of plum crepe back satin with a wide champagne band at the top of the bust and low on the waist. They carried bouquets of pink and lavender fresh spring flowers and wore a pearl bracelet, earrings, and necklace made and given to them by the bride.

The bride entered to "Canon in D." Her gown was a sleeveless, strapless DaVinci with a heavily beaded bodice and full or-

ganza skirt that was heavily beaded at the hem and on the train. She wore a fingertip-length veil with applique flowers and beads and carried a large bouquet of pink and lavender spring flowers.

For tradition, Iva wore her mother's "old" blue garter

from her wedding, her grandmother's "blue" sapphire ring, her "new" pearl earrings, and "borrowed" the groom's grandmother's handkerchief that she carried at her wedding.

Readers for the Liturgy of the Word were Diana Bayer,

cousin of the groom, and Shauna Huchton, friend of the bride.

Ushers were Michael Wagner, brother of the bride, Haydan Stone, cousin of the bride, Heath Bayer, Arlie Bayer, Lucas Bayer, and John Knabe, cousins of the groom.

RECEPTION

All guests were then invited to attend a reception at the Sacred Heart Community Center which was decorated with a Tuscan theme. The guest book was on a tall glass table decorated with tall fresh floral arrangement and lighted candles. It was attended by Kerri Johnson of Saint Jo and Tonya Johnson of Wichita Falls, cousins of the bride.

Guests entered the hall under an iron archway decorated with lighted grapes and greenery. The tables were covered with white and had lavender and sage accents along with mirrored glasses, lighted candles, grapes, greenery, and fresh flowers. The main tables were decorated with strings of pearls, grapes, vases of fresh flowers, candelabras, and wine bottles.

Guests snacked on an elaborate snack table featuring numerous seafoods, fruits, vegetables, cheeses, and pastries by Deb Schoppa, groom's aunt. Reception assistants were the bride's aunts Kathy Eberhart and Judy Dunn, and the groom's aunts Donna Bayer and Kim Walterscheid. After a barbecue meal catered by The Block, guests were entertained by a

slide show with music featuring the couple, prepared by Thomas Otto. The D.J. for the night was The Entertainer.

The bride's cake was three separate layered cakes of pound cake with chocolate and Italian cream cake with cream cheese icing. The cakes were set up in a waterfall style topped with fresh flowers and tied with plum ribbons. The table was decorated with the bride's mother's wedding dress train and fabric matching the bridesmaids' dresses.

The groom's cake was a chocolate double layer with a Walterscheid Construction Redi-mix truck on top, which was a surprise to the groom and the groom's father.

After a honeymoon cruise to Cozumel and Progresso, the couple is residing south of Muenster.



Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Walterscheid ... 'nee Iva Wagner ...

AREA EVENT

Ranch Rodeo

A Ranch Rodeo to benefit the Montague Child Welfare Board will be held at the Saint Jo Riding Club Arena on Saturday, June 2 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, June 3 at 2 p.m. The Welfare Board provides financial assistance to the foster children in Montague County.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, and will be on sale from board members and at the Rodeo ticket office on both Saturday and Sunday.

Businesses or individuals interested in sponsoring events or placing an ad in the Rodeo program can contact either the Riding Club or the Child Welfare Board at 940-894-3999 or P.O. Box 343, Montague, TX 76251.

Homecoming hosted by Marysville

The annual homecoming celebration of the Marysville community was held Sunday, May 6 at the Marysville Baptist Church. The occasion, traditionally held the first Sunday of May, drew a crowd of approximately 150 former residents, friends, relatives, and neighbors.

The church service began at 10:30 a.m. with a welcome by Fred King. He asked for those who had special remembrances while living in the Marysville community to share them with the group. Several spoke of funny incidents, and others told of more serious ones.

Karol Ann Roy of Hollister, California was recognized and presented a gift for traveling the farthest distance. She is a relative of the M. Sapp and Holcombe families who were former residents. Raymond "Mutt" Young, a former resident and now of Tyler, was recognized and presented a gift for being the oldest man attending the service. He is 92 years old. Also, Thelma Holcombe Brake of Georgetown was presented a gift for being the oldest

woman attending the service. She was born and raised in Marysville and is 88 years old.

Music was directed by Fred King, song leader, and Lorna Goin, pianist. Aubrey Spiers, pastor, delivered the homecoming message. He told the group this was his 41st year

to speak at the homecoming (1966-2007).

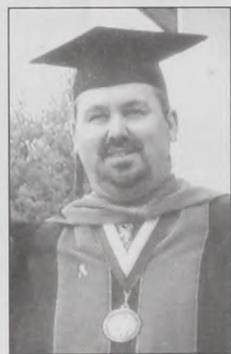
Following the church service, a covered dish lunch was enjoyed, followed by visiting in the afternoon. Visitors attended from several states, including Oklahoma, California, Idaho, Arizona, Florida, and many Texas cities.

Sirman graduates from Texas A&M

Bart Sirman graduated cum laude from Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine on May 10. Bart was a 1989 graduate of Forestburg High School and a 1993 graduate of Abilene Christian University.

Bart, his wife Laura, sons Tyler and Seth, will make their home in Tolar. He is now in practice at Equine Medical Center in Granbury.

Bart is the son of L.D. and Sue Sirman of Forestburg. His in-laws are Winfred and Joan Morgan of Decatur.



Bart Sirman

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These photos are of garden scenes featured on the Cooke County Master Gardeners Parade of Gardens held last Sunday in Gainesville. Courtesy photos



7th Annual Parade of Gardens spotlights Gainesville gardens

The Cooke County Master Gardeners Association (CCMGA) recently held its 7th annual Parade of Gardens. This year featured gardens from the City of Gainesville. There were six gardens on the tour, plus the Earth Kind Rose Trial and Horticultural Demonstrations at Heritage Park.

A mother's eating habits and body image affects daughter's

A mother who has unhealthy eating habits and a poor body image can negatively impact her daughter's perspective on eating and weight, which can cause low self-esteem or endanger the health of a young girl, says Lona Sandon, registered dietitian at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Studies have long linked a mother's and daughter's food preferences, said Sandon.

For instance, if a mother drinks milk and eats a healthy diet, her daughter's eating habits often will follow. If a mother obsesses about calories, dieting, and losing weight, so will her daughter.

"A mother who openly expresses dissatisfaction with her own weight and body image is putting her daughter at risk for disordered eating habits, such as not eating

when hungry," said Sandon. Tips to promote healthy eating and body image:

Be a positive role model for your daughter by "doing" rather than "telling." Parents who eat more fruits, vegetables, and whole grains have children who eat them. Parents who don't eat those foods but tell their children to do so often generate the opposite effect.

Set aside time for family mealtime. Do not discuss weight at the dinner table.

Exercise, together and separately.

Avoid using food as a punishment or reward.

Keep negative thoughts about food, your body, and your child's body to yourself. Discuss concerns privately with your doctor or dietitian.

Compliment daughters on qualities other than their appearance.

incorporates three separate lots and is a lovely formal garden. What was once a wild plum thicket is now a shaded patio area that can be used for dining and/or entertaining. Fragrant honeysuckle covers the fence and screens adjacent buildings from view. Many varieties of plants can be seen on a stroll through the garden. Roses are everywhere and the fragrance is delightful.

In the heart of Gainesville's historic district, Miss Olivia's Bed and Breakfast offers a wide array of design features, plants, shrubs, and trees. She has well over 100 varieties of plants. Native plants surround the pool and spa area in bright tropical colors. The butterfly and hummingbird garden features plants that are beneficial to the butterflies and their larvae. A desert willow, bird of paradise, and a Chinese pistachio tree provide interesting accents.

The Earth Kind Rose trial is sponsored by the CCMGA and is located near the depot in the Heritage Park area. Earth Kind uses research-proven techniques to provide maximum gardening and landscape enjoyment while preserving and protecting our environment.

NCTC offered demonstrations on Landscape Techniques; Attracting Butterflies; and Maintaining a Vermicomposting System.

Two years ago, James and Barbara Barnett purchased a cottage next door to their historic home on Church Street. They have incorporated large pieces of limestone that were on the property into the rock garden. Terraced river rock and an Austin stone walkway highlight the rock garden. Texas heat tolerant plants are used throughout and are all perennials. Knockout roses have been added, as well as Little Gem magnolias. The Rosie Harris garden

dren being locked in closets while their parents seek drugs, to the baby who was given cocaine to silence her cries, and the infants whose cribs are in the same room as the methamphetamine labs.

Methamphetamine presents a unique danger to children since the drug can be manufactured at home fairly easily. Small domestic labs are common in many rural areas, and children found near these labs are often contaminated with chemicals used in the manufacture of the drug or show exposure to the drug itself. In recent years, the number of children found to have been exposed to meth lab chemicals has increased four-fold.

According to the National Association of Counties, in 58% of the counties in the U.S., law enforcement personnel state that meth is their largest drug problem. Child welfare officials stated that out of home placements increased 40% in 2004 due to meth abuse.

For information see www.stopaddiction.com.

May is National Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month - it's beatable, treatable

Fifty percent of woman and 25% of men over the age of 50 will suffer an osteoporosis related fracture at some point in their lives. "It is so crucial for individuals to build and maintain strong bones throughout all stages of life," according to Yvonne Ambrose, nurse practitioner of the Family Health Clinic in

Muenster. "Osteoporosis and resultant fractures like hip fractures and compression fractures of the spine are the single most debilitating medical problem after the age of 50."

The good news is that osteoporosis is a disease that largely can be prevented, and bone loss can be slowed with treatment. Medicare's bone mass measurement benefit can aid in the early detection of osteoporosis before fractures occur, provide a precursor to future fractures, and determine rate of bone loss.

For information on osteoporosis prevention, or if you think you may have osteoporosis, talk to your health care provider about taking full advantage of Medicare's bone mass measurement benefit.

Bone density studies are available at Muenster Memorial Hospital.

NEW ARRIVAL

Fleitman

Jody Paul and Tanya Renee Knauf Fleitman of Saint Jo joyfully announce the birth of their son Hayden John Knauf Fleitman. Hayden was born in North Texas Medical Center on Thursday, May 10, 2007 at 3:02 p.m. weighing 7 lb. 6 oz. and measuring 20 inches in length. His sister Alisha "Ali" Marie Knauf Fleitman, age 17 months, welcomes him to the family. Grandparents are James and Nita Fleitman of Saint Jo, formerly of Muenster, and Robert "Bob" and Michele Knauf of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Ed and Louise Knauf of Muenster, Augusta Walterscheid of Muenster and the late Alphonse Walterscheid, Joan Bauer Huffline of LaFeria and the late Albert Bauer, and the late John and Anna Fleitman.

Families observe First Communions

Sacred Heart Parish held First Communion on Sunday, April 22 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Family gatherings were held to honor these children. Some of the celebrations follow:

Bartush

John and Lanie Bartush celebrated their daughter Alane's First Communion with a family party held in their home. Following the First Communion Mass, guests were served a lunch of brisket with trimmings. Alane had a special cake in the shape of a cross. It was baked and decorated by Mary Cochran. Special activities included playing Sequence and trying to get a pack rat out of Tom Otto's car. Guests included grandmothers Mary J. Bartush and Helen Yosten; Godparents Charles and Ann Boles and family; and Alane's brothers and sisters, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Alane wore the same veil that was

worn by each of her seven sisters on their First Communion Day.

Klement

Bailey Elizabeth Klement, daughter of Mark and Carol Klement, was honored with a party in the home of her parents. She is the granddaughter of Walt and Eleanor Klement and Frank and Angela Haverkamp. Guests were served a meal of turkey, baked ham, salads, Party Potatoes, and Bailey's special cake made by Betty Rose Walterscheid. In the late afternoon, the party moved to Ron and Judy Trubenbach's house for swimming. Other family and friends attending included Sammy, Diane, Erin, Hannah, and Madalyn Zimmerer; Janelle Haverkamp and Katherine; Donna Hertel and Olivia; Greg, Amy, Haley, Amelia, and Ben Haverkamp; Judy Trubenbach, Alley, Zach, and Carson.

Rehabilitating alcoholics and drug abusers break chain of child abuse

The link between substance abuse and child abuse is so clear and the problem is so pervasive that many states have established agencies that specifically deal with drug endangered children. More than 30 states have passed laws creating stiff penalties for those who possess or abuse drugs around children, or who allow children to be present around the manufacture or trafficking of drugs.

Ryan Thorpe, admissions director of Narconon Arrowhead, one of the country's leading drug and alcohol rehabilitation centers stated, "Children are our greatest treasures. They are our future. That future will be as good or bad as our children are treated well or abused. By saving addicts, you improve the worlds in which so many children live. Rehabilitating addicts breaks the chain of abuse that commonly reaches from one generation to the next."

For information see www.stopaddiction.com.

I would like to say "Thank You" to all who supported me in the MISD Trustee election. This is an important position and I promise you I will do my best to uphold the tradition of success at MISD.

Thanks! Neal Flusche

I would like to thank everyone who took the time to vote in the MISD School Board election this past Saturday. This community has two fine schools in it and we need to work together to support them.

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Mel Walterscheid

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Thank you for your support on the MISD Trustee Election.
Ben Bindel

I would like to express my appreciation to everyone who helped & supported me during and since this past election. I'm very thankful for the fine Board members I served with. I had everyone's best interests at heart and we were able to accomplish much. I'm proud I ran my campaign on the truth and on the issues. Thanks again!

Sincerely,
Leon Klement

Landri celebrates 3!

Landri Nicole Richardson, daughter of Rusty and Brandi Richardson, celebrated her third birthday on Sunday, March 25 (her actual birthday) with family and friends at the Richardson's lake cabin in Nocona. Landri chose a Strawberry Shortcake theme for her party, complete with balloons, streamers, table decorations, and a strawberry piñata.



Landri Richardson

Landri enjoyed her own personal strawberry shortcake cake, made by Betty Rose Walterscheid, while guests enjoyed their choice of cake, one made by Betty Rose Walterscheid and the other made by Landri's mother. Cake and ice cream were enjoyed by all.

Guests watched Landri and friends bust the piñata, and everyone enjoyed watching Landri open gifts. She handed out Strawberry Shortcake party favors to all her friends to thank them for coming to her party.

Guests included Landri's parents; little sister Stormi Richardson; grandparents Herman and Shirley Grewing and Johnny and Frances Ri-

chardson; aunts, uncles, and cousins Amber Parsons, Susan, Tim, and Tyler Richardson, Brad, Kim, Austin and Nolan Richardson. Also Julie and Bodie Davis; Chad, Sherry, Karlee, Raylee, and Jackson Brown; and Catherine and Madeline Woodbury.

Unable to attend, but sending birthday wishes were Uncle Jeff Parsons.

Stormi turns One!

Stormi Grace Richardson, daughter of Rusty and Brandi Richardson, celebrated her first birthday on Saturday, Dec. 30, 2006 with family at the Richardson's lake cabin in Nocona. Stormi's actual birthday was Dec. 28. Her party had a One is Fun theme, complete with balloons, streamers, table decorations, and two cakes made by Betty Rose Walterscheid. Stormi enjoyed digging into her own personal first birthday cake.

chardson, and Brad Richardson; cousins Tyler and Nolan Richardson; great-aunt Patty Pounds and Jake.

Unable to attend, but sending birthday wishes were aunt Kim Richardson and cousin Austin Richardson.



Stormi Richardson

Guests were served pizza, cake, and ice cream. Everyone enjoyed watching Stormi open her gifts with some help from her big sister Landri.

Those attending included Stormi's parents; big sister Landri Richardson; grandparents Herman and Shirley Grewing and Johnny and Frances Richardson; aunts and uncles Jeff and Amber Parsons, Tim and Susan Ri-

COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT

WAYNE BECKER CEA - AG/NR

Factors contributing to major problems in St. Augustinegrass lawns

Dr. James A. McAfee, Extension turfgrass specialist at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center at Dallas, has received an unusually high number of calls from agents and homeowners with concerns about St. Augustine grass this spring.

Loss of St. Augustinegrass in lawns throughout Texas was observed during the summer and fall months of 2006, with the problems continuing into the spring months of 2007.

While other turfgrasses growing in home lawns have also been affected during this same time period, the St. Augustinegrass lawns appear to have been hit the hardest.

Listed below are some of the major problems we are currently observing in the St. Augustinegrass lawns (spring 2007).

1) Dead areas of St. Augustinegrass. These areas can be anywhere from small, irregular dead spots to the entire lawn area.

2) Yellow St. Augustinegrass. Application of iron in most cases does not correct the problem of chlorosis (yellowing) in the lawn.

3) Brown patch. Normally this disease is a problem in the fall months. However, this disease has been reported in St. Augustinegrass lawns throughout Texas this spring.

4) Slow spring transition. Due to cooler than normal temperatures (especially nighttime temperatures) and cloudy days, the warm season turfgrasses have been very slow to transition from dormant state (brown) to green, actively growing turfgrass. Once the weather warms up and there is more sunshine, many of these affected areas in the lawn should start growing and form a dense stand of turfgrass.

5) Heavy infestation of winter weeds. Due to the drought conditions of 2006, many of the lawns, including St. Augustinegrass, were thinned out going into the winter months. Then, the above average rainfall

throughout fall, winter, and spring months encouraged the germination and growth of many winter annual weeds. Weeds such as rescuegrass, poa annua, and winter annual thistle have especially been a problem.

These ailments may or may not have been preventable. It is common for people who take excellent care of their St. Augustinegrass to experience difficulties from time to time. Following recommendations for cultural disease management practices can help homeowners to eliminate problems before they arise. Dr. McAfee has suggested the use of best management practices to prevent stress to lawns.

Remember, many of the problems associated with loss of turfgrass in St. Augustinegrass lawns in 2006 - 07 were associated with stress to the lawns. While we can't do anything about the weather, managing the St. Augustinegrass lawn properly will help to reduce the loss of turfgrass plants during weather related stress conditions.

Fertilization Program
The recommended rate of nitrogen for St. Augustinegrass growing in full sun is three to four pounds of actual nitrogen per 1,000 sq. ft. per year. For shade areas, the recommended rate of nitrogen is one to two pounds of actual nitrogen per 1,000 sq. ft. per year. The rate of phosphorus and potassium should be determined by soil testing.

Apply the first fertilizer application after the lawn has been mowed a couple of times in the spring. Then for St. Augustinegrass growing in full sun, fertilize once in the summer and again in the fall. For St. Augustinegrass lawns growing in the shade, fertilize once in the spring and once in the fall for best results.

For more detailed information on fertilization of all warm season turfgrasses, refer to bulletin E-437: Lawn Fertilization for Texas Warm Season Grasses. This bulletin can be located at the TCE

book store: <http://tcebookstore.org/tmppdfs/11787454-2254.pdf>

Mowing Program
For St. Augustinegrass growing in full sun, mow at a 2.5 to 3.5 inch mowing height. For shade lawns, mow at a 3.0 to 3.5 inch mowing height. Mow often enough so that you never remove more than 30 to 40% of the St. Augustinegrass leaf blade. Keep mower blades sharpened to prevent shredding or tearing of leaf tips. Grass clippings should be returned to the soil and not bagged.

Irrigation Program
A general recommendation is to apply approximately one inch of supplemental irrigation water per week in the spring and fall months when adequate rainfall does not occur. In the heat of summer, apply approximately 1.5 to 1.75 inches of supplemental irrigation per week if adequate rainfall does not occur. Note, St. Augustinegrass can actually survive on less than this amount of irrigation, but will not be as dense and green a stand of turfgrass.

Water conservation is a major problem in most areas of Texas. Make sure only the required amount of water is being applied to the lawn. Note, even with the drought conditions, many homeowners still continue to over water their lawns, thus not only wasting water, but causing some of the major disease problems such as brown patch. Homeowners should conduct an irrigation audit of their irrigation system to make sure water is being applied as uniformly as possible.

Herbicide Program
St. Augustinegrass is not as tolerant to herbicides as most of the other warm season turfgrasses. Over application or misapplication of herbicides to the St. Augustinegrass lawn can cause stress to the lawn, thus making it more susceptible to problems such as TARR.

Preemergent Herbicides
1) I generally recommend to skip the spring application of preemergent herbicides. While a healthy St. Augustinegrass lawn can tol-

erate this application, in many springs the St. Augustinegrass has been injured by freezing temperatures and/or disease problems. If the St. Augustinegrass has been weakened, then the application of a spring preemergent application can cause injury or loss of grass in St. Augustinegrass lawns. The fall application of a preemergent herbicide should not cause a problem and is generally recommended.

2) Avoid the application of an herbicide in shade areas of St. Augustinegrass lawns.

3) Use postemergent herbicides with caution on St. Augustinegrass lawns. One of the most critical times to use postemergent herbicides with caution is in the spring transition period. The St. Augustinegrass is generally most susceptible to herbicide injury at this time of the year.

Dates to remember
June 23, 2007 - Progressive Agriculture Safety Day, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Learn & have fun at the same time. Registration is extended to May 21. Open to all youth grades Kindergarten thru 5th. Spaces still available. Registration forms and additional information are available in the Extension office, 940.668.5412.

Wildlife challenge

Save trees: Spring cleaning is in the air, but this is the worst time to cut down hollow trees because squirrels, raccoons, woodpeckers, flying squirrels, and others are nesting in them. "Dead" trees are anything but; they are thriving habitats for insects and animals who can benefit people and other wildlife. Keep them standing if possible.

Scrap the trap: If you capture and relocate a "nuisance" wild animal this time of year, it is likely to be a mom, which means helpless young will be left behind to starve. Instead, use eviction strategies (tips at www.wildneighbors.org) to solve wildlife conflicts.

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SPORTS

Lady Knights win State Track

Chiggers are here!

As spring temperatures rise, so do chiggers, up the legs of unsuspecting humans who serve as accidental hosts for the tiny parasites that can leave itchy welts, an expert says.

But there are ways to avoid and treat the wrath of chiggers without avoiding the outdoors, said Dr. Boris Castro, a Texas Cooperative Extension entomologist in Weslaco.

"Chiggers are not insects," Castro said. "They are mites, and when they are in the larval, or baby stage of their lives, they are parasitic. And humans are actually accidental hosts. Chiggers prefer rodents, birds, toads or livestock. But if a human happens along, in lawns or maybe hiking in tall weeds, they'll hop on a human leg for the ride."

In their larval stage, chiggers crawl to the end of vegetation, including weeds and blades of grass, lying in wait for a host, Castro said. When a human walks by, they will latch on and crawl up the leg of their new host until they come to a fold in the skin or an area where clothes bind the skin.

"They feel protected in these areas, which would be where the elastic of a sock or underwear binds the skin, or in folds of skin like behind the knee, in the crotch or in the armpit," he said.

Once chiggers find their human resting place, they begin to do their damage.

"Contrary to popular belief, chiggers do not burrow into the skin or suck blood," Castro said. "Instead, they insert their claw-like mouth parts into the skin and release a digestive enzyme in their saliva which actually liquefies the skin. The liquefied skin, enzyme, and saliva then harden into a sort of feeding tube from which the chigger draws nutrients. They feed on the digested skin cell material."

Left unmolested, the chigger, which is so small as to be invisible to the naked eye, will continue feeding for about three days.

"Usually we'll scratch the chigger off, or knock it off while bathing, but the enzyme is left behind and that's what causes the allergic reaction, the itching, and the red welts," Castro said.

Medical treatment is not usually necessary unless the chigger bites are so numerous as to be alarming, or if the allergic reaction is severe, he said.

Avoidance would include keeping lawns mowed and vegetation trimmed since manicured lawns are less preferred by chiggers, Castro said.

Hornet finishes career with the Yellow Jackets



Cody Cory, Muenster High Class of 2003, completed his 4th year of college on May 12 when he graduated from Howard Payne University in Brownwood. Cory earned a Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Sports Science. He was an offensive starter last season and a Captain on the team, who helped lead the Yellow Jackets in nine straight wins. He also stepped in and played on the defensive line due to team injuries. Cory graduated with honors, completing the five year course in four years. He is the son of Diana Cory. Pictured above is "Senior Cody Cory (1)... getting win over East Texas Baptist." Cory is now seeking a coaching position.

Photo courtesy of Brownwood Bulletin

The Lady Knights Track and Field team of Lindsay brought home the UIL State Championship last weekend from Austin. The Lindsay ladies earned major points with a gold finish in the 800m relay, silvers in the 1600m relay and 1600m run, and a bronze in the 800m. The triple jump, 400m, and 800m also gave the Lady Knights points. Lindsay totaled 57 points to outscore the Vega Lady Longhorns who took 2nd with 44 points.

The 800m relay team of Autumn Murrill, Karissa Reiter, Brittany Anderle, and Stephanie Neu earned State gold medals with a winning

time of 1:47.37. Vega finished in 2nd.

The 1600m relay came up short behind the Vega team for 2nd place. Rose Hermes, Karissa Reiter, Chelsea Hermes, and Stephanie Neu ran the race at 4:03.39.

Chelsea Hermes also medaled in the 1600m and 800m runs, taking 2nd in the 1600m with a finish of 5:14.71 and 3rd in the 800m, clocking in at 2:19.16. Hermes settled for a 4th place, leap-

ing 36" 0.50" in the triple jump.

Rose Hermes finished 5th in the 400m and 800m races, clocking in at 1:01.40 and 2:20.85.

Liz Neu rounded out the Lady Knights' State competitors, throwing the shot put 35' 8.50" for a 7th place finish.

The Lady Knights, earlier this year, captured the Cross Country State title and the State Basketball Championship.

Zimmerer joins Tennessee shooters



Johnathan Zimmerer, Lindsay High School senior, recently signed a letter of intent to attend Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville, Tennessee. He will be a member of the University's rifle team. Pictured sitting with Johnathan is his mother Donna Zimmerer. Behind him is Cody Bounds, Lindsay athletic director, and his rifle coach and father Michael Zimmerer. Courtesy photo

Garland signs with Texas Tech

Kelsy Garland of Lubbock recently signed a letter of intent to play tennis for Texas Tech on full scholarship. She also won her second consecutive State title in Doubles 5A Tennis in Austin last week. She will graduate from Coronado High School in Lubbock later this month.

Kelsy is the daughter of Greg and Michele Garland of Lubbock and the granddaughter of Emmet Walterscheid of Muenster and the late Eva Walterscheid.

Knights - Golf State medalists



The Lindsay Knights Golf team finished 3rd at the State Tournament. Team members are, from left, Brian Sandmann, Keith Hermes, Hunter Loch, Josh Heilman, Chris Dieter, and Coach Dan Hamric.

"Consider treating lawns with pesticides labeled for such use," he said. "Insecticide sprays, such as those containing bifenthrin, cyfluthrin, esfenvalerate, or permethrin can reduce chigger populations. Use of hose-end spray applicators may be the best way to apply liquid insecticide sprays to large lawn areas. Make sure to follow label directions carefully when using insecticides, and pets should not be allowed in treated areas until the spray residue is dry. Retreat every three weeks as needed."

Protection would include wearing boots outdoors and tucking pant cuffs into your socks to prevent entry. Also, spray your footwear, lower pant legs or exposed leg areas with mosquito repellent that contains DEET, and re-

apply every three hours. Using sulfur powder is an option, but that can be smelly, Castro advised.

"And immediately after being outdoors, bathe or shower in warm water, scrubbing your skin with a wash cloth. Wash clothes in warm water separate from bed linens, and treat any chigger welts with a topical, over-the-counter itch relief cream that contains an antibacterial. It will take the body a week to 10 days to repair the skin damage. Scratching will open a wound that could provide opportunity for a secondary infection of some other bacteria," he said.

Chiggers are not active in cool weather, but once temperatures warm up, eggs hatch and chiggers begin looking for hosts. In North Texas, chiggers may be a problem only for a couple of generations that last 40 to 70 days.

R. Bauer earns athletic award

The Austin College coaches and team members honored more than 40 student-athletes, including the Austin College male and female athletes of the year, in its annual Athletics Convocation recently in Ida Green Theater on the Austin College campus.

Among the students honored was Raney Bauer who was awarded the Brittany Simpson Award for women's basketball. Raney is a graduate of Sacred Heart High School, and the daughter of Bob and Kathy Bauer of Muenster.

GAME WARDEN REPORTS

The following are excerpts from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

Frustrated captain catches extra citation

On April 1, game wardens from Harris and Galveston counties worked between the Galveston jetties and Galveston Bay looking for fishing violations. Several citations were issued, including two citations issued to oyster boats for having undersized catch. After returning his oysters to the reef, one captain began venting his frustration by throwing plastic jugs and burlap oyster sacks overboard as well. The wardens re-boarded the boat and cited the captain for littering.

A 'campful' of violations

An Irion County game warden was checking turkey hunters April 1 when he located a camp containing several violations but no hunters. Before anyone returned, a Tom Green County warden was called in for assistance, and when the hunters got back to camp, they were greeted with 15 citations and 15 warning citations.

Warden wins bid on frozen animals

A Coleman County game warden got a call in early April about someone selling a frozen bobcat and grey fox on eBay. The game warden registered on eBay and sent a few messages to the seller. The seller replied gave, the warden his name, and phone number. A brief meeting revealed the seller had a valid hunting license but no trapper's license.

Complacent campers get caught

On March 15, a Young County game warden

received a call regarding suspicious individuals on the Brazos River. Wildcatter Ranch owners were giving paid tours of the Brazos and offered to escort the warden for free on their airboat. A few miles down river, two individuals and a jon boat were located near a cave. The subjects, apparently camping on the river, assumed the airboat was just conducting another tour. They failed to realize that the "tourist" was a game warden. When approached, illegal drugs were still in plain sight.

Bothersome hog no match for game warden

A Goliad County game warden responded to a call from a residential area mid-March. A wild hog had been rooting up small trees, flowers, plants, and fighting with neighborhood pets. The warden successfully tracked down the feral hog, and after a little wrestling, captured and relocated it to a ranch in Goliad County.

Make sure someone knows you're gone

A Lamar County game warden received a call March 11 concerning a group of hunters who had not returned home. The caller was worried the hunters would get caught in an impending storm. The warden located the subjects unharmed. Their truck had gotten stuck in the mud, and their cell phone was dead. By the time the tow truck arrived, it had to pull the vehicle out several times until reaching the end of the very muddy road.

Shallow water isn't for speeding

A McLennan County game warden and a Coryell County game warden were called to investigate a boating accident on Lake Waco March 2. Two men were operating their bass boat at a high rate of speed in a shallow, stumpy part of the lake. Inevitably, they struck a log and the boat overturned. One passenger was ejected from the boat, but both occupants escaped without any serious injuries.

Lucky boaters get water safety reminder

A Hood County game warden was contacted in late February by the county sheriff's office about a boat on Lake Granbury that was in danger of capsizing in nearly 60 mph winds. The warden and a Brazos River Authority lake ranger responded to assist. The officers found four teenagers in a 12-foot Jon boat with only paddles as well as a man and two small children in a paddleboat. Everyone was returned safely to shore, where they received a water safety lesson from the warden.

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Feral hogs no longer just a rural concern in Texas

Problems with exotic, invasive plants and animals—species that did not evolve in Texas and don't belong here—continue to worsen statewide. One escalating issue involves feral hogs, which have been a problem for decades on rural ranch land, but in recent years have begun to cause damage in cities.

Some urban parks and preserves, including Armand Bayou Nature Center near Houston and the Forth Worth Nature Center and Refuge, have had to trap and remove feral hogs. Some residential areas are also reporting hog problems. This winter, animal control workers were called to the LakeRidge neighborhood in southwest Lubbock after residents complained of a wild hog strolling through the golf course.

Hog problems have declined in recent years at Armand Bayou in Pasadena, probably because nature center fencing helps keep new hogs from coming in, and because they've trapped problem pigs in past years. But just outside the nature center fence, it's a different story.

"We've had a tremendous development boom in the area around us, with new houses, buildings, and industry," said Mark Kramer, Armand Bayou stewardship coordinator. "As a result, a lot of wildlife habitat loss is taking place around the nature center. We have a six foot chain link fence around the perimeter, which helps limit hog immigration to our site. However, surrounding neighborhoods in the past few years have made the six o'clock news because of hog damage in the yards of expensive new homes."

The Fort Worth Nature Center's hog management program was highlighted at a recent urban wildlife conference in Dallas, where it was hailed as a national model for building consensus and controlling nuisance wildlife effectively and humanely. The 3,621-acre refuge, said to be largest city-owned nature center in the nation, includes forest, prairie, and Trinity River bottomland habitat, all inside the city limits.

"Feral hogs can root several feet into soft soil, eating invertebrates and the bulbs and rhizomes of plants, so they're having negative effect on the plant community as well as wildlife," said Rob Denkhous, natural resource manager for the city-operated Fort Worth Nature Center.

"They can be predators on some wildlife species such as ground-nesting birds, reptiles and amphibians, and the like," Denkhous said. "So their impact is far-reaching, and all negative."

Rick Taylor, a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department wildlife biologist in Uvalde and author of the booklet "The Feral Hog in Texas," would agree.

"Feral hog activity can destabilize wetland areas, springs, and creeks by excessive rooting for food, trampling and wallowing," Taylor said. "In addition to wetland habitat destruction and alteration, hogs can damage trees. While not active predators, wild hogs may prey on fawns, young lambs, and kid goats. If the opportunity arises, they may also destroy or consume eggs of ground nesting birds, such as turkeys and quail."

Taylor says early Spanish explorers probably were the first to introduce feral hogs (*Sus scrofa*) in Texas more than 300 years ago. In the 1930s, European wild hogs or "Russian boars" were first

introduced to Texas by ranchers and sportsmen for sport hunting. Most of these eventually escaped from game ranches and began free ranging and breeding with feral hogs. Because of this crossbreeding, there are very few, if any, true European hogs remaining in Texas.

A mature feral hog may reach a shoulder height of 36 inches and weigh from 100 to more than 400 pounds. Feral hogs are true pigs, but native javelinas belong to a separate family of mammals. Javelinas are smaller, have an unnoticeable tail, a grizzled-grayish coat with a white band of hair around the shoulder or "collar," and are more social or herd-like animals. Although feral hogs and javelinas inhabit the same range, they are not compatible. No exact numbers exist, but wildlife biologists estimate there are more than 1.5 million feral hogs in Texas.

Feral hogs are unprotected, exotic, non-game animals which may be taken by any means or methods at any time of year. There are no seasons or bag limits. The only requirements to hunt them are a valid Texas hunting license and landowner permission. In most cities, local ordinances make it illegal to discharge firearms, and public attitudes and safety concerns make hog control more complicated.

Such was the case at the Fort Worth Nature Center, which began noticing a growing hog problem around the year 2000.

"When we first saw rooting in sandy soil, we thought it was coyotes following pocket gopher burrows," Denkhous said. "But eventually we started seeing hogs every day, including a couple of troubling encounters between people and hogs. We saw more and more environmental damage, particularly in wetland and bottomland hardwood areas."

The nature center staff and supporters realized something had to be done. But an urban nature center is not like a rural ranch. The idea of trapping and killing hogs generated some controversy. Denkhous and a team of others went through a long process that ended up taking two years, but eventually they developed an approach that all stakeholders could live with.

"Hog control is not rocket science," Denkhous said. "It means lethally removing hogs from the area. We wanted to do it in the most humane way possible that would allow the animal welfare community to accept it, and we also wanted it done safely."

Pigs are nocturnal, so they usually get into nature center traps overnight, and the staff checks them at first light, minimizing the time animals spend in the live traps. To minimize stress on the animals, from the moment workers approach them, Denkhous says it takes an average of just four minutes to dispatch all animals in the trap.

Disposing of the carcasses turned out to be another issue. Many people would have loved to see the meat go to needy organizations such as homeless shelters, but the nature center ultimately chose to leave the carcasses

on site.

"The pigs, as uninvited visitors to the refuge, have been using the natural resources since they got there," Denkhous said. "So we're putting the natural resources back into the natural system, and we're also avoiding potential problems and liability for the city with disease transmission from the meat. They decay on site, which means we're feeding our scavengers, our decomposer groups, we're building new soil through the nutrients going through, and you can even see some changes in the plant community there. It'd be similar probably to the time when herds of bison came through and you had a one ton bison dropping and decomposing in place."

Since the program began, Denkhous says environmental damage at the refuge has decreased significantly, proof that the hog control program is working.

The Fort Worth story illustrates what is believed to be a growing problem.

"I have other communities calling, asking how we did it, which tells me other people are having the same problem," Denkhous said. "Feral hogs are spreading just as the human population is spreading, so it's only natural that the two populations are going to collide. Anywhere you have a river bottom type corridor coming into a city, you're going to have the opportunity for pigs to be following it right into town."

Taylor's booklet "The Feral Hog in Texas" is geared primarily to rural settings, but it features a wealth of general information describing feral hogs and control practices, including specifications for building and deploying traps. An online version of the booklet resides on the TPWD Web site, where it can be viewed as HTML Web pages or downloaded and printed in pdf format.

Quotes

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Same tillage method year after year can cause soil problems

Using the same tillage method year after year creates soil problems that can seriously reduce crop yields, says a Montana State University soil scientist. Continuous use of no-till systems over many years can result in even greater adverse effects upon the soil than rigid tillage systems, says James Bauder, Extension soil scientist.

"With conventional tillage, you get a reduction in organic matter in the soil. No-till increases the organic matter, but there's more potential for disease, pest, and soil fertility problems," says Bauder. These problems can be even more severe when the same crop variety or rotation is used year after year, he says.

The key is to consider and integrate diversity and flexibility into the system, he says. "With continuous use of any system, you run the potential for problems down the road. If you're using no-till, you should break the pattern with occasional tillage," says Bauder.

Bauder cited a study in which single practices—moldboard plowing, chisel plowing, disking, and no-till planting—were continued for 10 consecutive years on clay-loam soils.

The least severe soil problems resulted from chisel plowing in the fall to a depth of eight to 10 inches, combined with cultivation in the spring to smooth the soil surface. Chisel plowing resulted in the least problem with soil firmness, the best porosity, and the driest soil in the top eight to 10 inches. Although the rough surface left by chisel plowing traps snow and moisture from rainfall, it also tends to dry out faster in the spring.

The other tillage systems—spring disking and moldboard plowing to a depth of seven to 10 inches in the fall, plus cultivation in the spring—both caused more problems than chisel plowing, but less than continuous no-tillage. With no-till, there's an increased potential for soil compaction.

Harvesting provides a sub-

stantial load on the soil, which is not always dissipated by freezing and thawing, wetting and drying. Occasional tillage will help reduce those shallow compaction zones near the soil surface, says Bauder. "No-till is not very forgiving," says Bauder. In years with good moisture, there's higher potential for disease problems.

Producers need to plan ahead and be very management oriented. Producers who use no-till should use disease resistant crop varieties and pay attention to the soil's nutrient needs, he says.

"With other types of tillage methods, you can work the soil and plant when the time is right.

"Later if needed, you can fertilize. But with no-till, there's only a limited opportunity to provide nutrients, and that's during planting," he says. "No-till does limit your flexibility," he adds, but it has plenty of advantages too. Though no-till requires special equipment, less tillage means lower fuel costs. There's also a reduced potential for erosion and an increase in the efficiency of moisture storage.

Farmers adapt to low prices

You can call it seeing the glass half full instead of half empty. Many farmers affected by the poor farm economy are aggressively looking at ways to remain competitive in production agriculture, says a University of Minnesota Extension Service educator.

"There are no magic answers, but I see many farmers being proactive," says Erin Weness, a farm management educator at Worthington. Here's an outline of what Weness says some are doing:

- * Getting jobs off the farm. This may be one of the best options to help ride the current price squeeze out.

- * Getting an education in another field; learning another trade.

- * Expanding acres or expanding livestock - many times through contracts to lessen risk.

- * Culling out unprofitable enterprises.

- * Examining and cutting costs in every aspect of the business and household.

- * Investing in value-added enterprises in an effort to capture profits further up the food chain.

- * Networking and joint ventures in livestock and machinery.

- * Establishing off-farm business ventures such as construction, trucking, and retail sales.

- * Contracting farm work done after selling machinery, or providing these production services to others.

- * And, Weness says other farmers are opting for retirement and Social Security. The important thing, he says, is to plan ahead so you have some options.

Eminent Domain Reform passes House

The Eminent Domain Reform Bill, HB 2006 by Representative Beverly Woolley (R-Houston), has passed in the Texas House and been sent to the Senate.

Key elements of concern to property owners in the legislation address good faith negotiation, attorney's fees, and adequate compensation.

Texas agricultural groups are pressing for the legislation to pass out of the Senate by Friday, May 18, as the end of the session is rapidly approaching.

Weekly markets open slowly

International agriculture commodity markets opened weekly trading on a relatively slow note, with little fresh business reported over the weekend.

Friday's Commitment of Traders report with options showed corn in a positive setup, say analysts at the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT). But the selling trend of the fund trader was seen as a short term negative force.

Non-reportable traders hold a net short position of nearly 74,000 contracts, while the new supplemental report which excludes index funds showed trend following funds net long 139,602 contracts, not the net long of 179,369 contracts posted in the traditional report.

The Commitment of Traders report showed wheat in a positive setup, but the selling trend of the fund trader was seen as a short term negative force, CBOT analysts said.

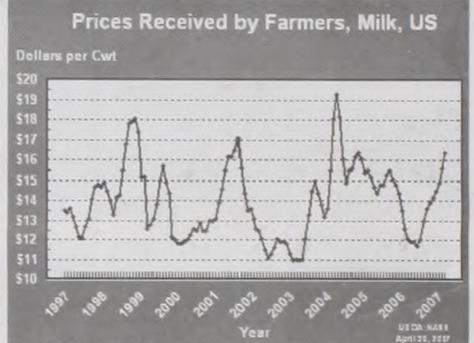
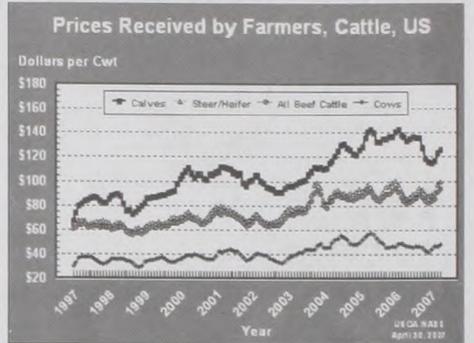
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funds showed trend following funds net short 8,282 contracts, not the net long of 18,103 contracts posted in the traditional report. This leaves futures vulnerable to short covering from funds and small specs if resistance is violated.

For soybeans, CBOT analysts said the Commitment of Traders report showed the market in a positive setup, but the selling trend of the fund trader was seen as a

short-term negative force. Non-reportable traders hold a net short position of over 32,000 contracts.

The new supplemental report, which excludes index funds, showed trend following funds net long 45,261 contracts, not the net long of 60,172 contracts posted in the traditional report. Oil continues to look a bit overbought with speculators holding a net long of over 85,000 contracts.



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Sale Date: May 12, 2007
Cattle sold this week 565

SLAUGHTER CATTLE
Young Heifer Type Cows 55-80
Utility & Commercial Cows 50-58
Canner & Cutter Cows 35-50 • Ch. Bulls 62-70, Md. • Gd. Bulls 55-62

STOCKER & FEEDER YARBLINGS
Gd. Ch. Steers 1,00-1,10, Md. Gd. Steers 90-100, Gd. Ch. Heifers 95-105, Md. Gd. Heifers 85-95

STOCKER COWS
PREG. TESTED 3-9 YR. OLDS
Large Frame \$800-\$1050, Medium Frame \$600-\$800, Crg. Calf
Lg. Frame \$1200-\$1350, Fair Calves Med. Frame, Under 250 \$850-\$1000

BABy CALVES \$200-\$300

STEER CALVES
200-300 lbs. Gd. Choice 1.40-1.50, Med. Gd. 1.30-1.40, 300-400 lbs. Gd. Choice 1.20-1.30, Med. Gd. 1.10-1.20, 400-500 lbs. Gd. Choice 1.10-1.25, Med. Gd. 1.00-1.10, 500-520 lbs. Gd. Choice 1.05-1.20, Med. Gd. 95-105

HEIFER CALVES
200-300 lbs. Gd. Choice 1.30-1.40, Med. Gd. 1.15-1.30, 300-400 lbs. Gd. Choice 1.15-1.25, Med. Gd. 1.05-1.15, 400-500 lbs. Gd. Choice 1.10-1.15, Med. Gd. 1.00-1.10, 500-600 lbs. Gd. Choice 1.00-1.10, Med. Gd. 90-100

HOLSTEIN STEER CALVES
200-400 lbs. 85-100, 400-500 lbs. 75-85

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Feeder Steers (per lb.)
200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.70-1.80; No. 2 & 3, 1.50-1.70; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.35-1.50; No. 2 & 3, 1.27-1.35; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.22-1.32; No. 2 & 3, 90-125; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 1.15-1.26; No. 2 & 3, 90-115; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 1.08-1.15; No. 2 & 3, 90-108; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 1.01-1.09; No. 2 & 3, 89-101

Feeder Heifers (per lb.)
200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.29-1.33; No. 2 & 3, 1.20-1.29; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.25-1.31; No. 2 & 3, 1.10-1.25; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.14-1.28; No. 2 & 3, 90-114; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 1.05-1.17; No. 2 & 3, 85-105; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 1.07-1.20; No. 2 & 3, 90-107; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 92-105; No. 2 & 3, 89-92

Slaughter Cattle (per lb.)
Slaughter Bulls Yield Grade #1-2, 200-250 lbs. 92-78; Slaughter Cows #1-3, 34-6150; Canner, 38-54

Sheep (per lb.)
Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs. 90-100; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs. 90-100; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs. 70-95

Barrows & Gilts (per lb.)
US #1, 220-270: 50-58; US #2, 220-280: 48-55

Feeders (per head):
100-175 lbs. \$80-\$85; 25-90 lbs. \$10-\$45

Sows (per lb.)
Feeder 400 or less: 27-45; Light wt. 400-500: 32-34; Med. wt. 500-520: 32-34; Heavy wt. 500+: 32-34

Boars (per lb.)
300 lb. up: 05-075; 200-300 lbs. 15-25; Light wt. NT

Ewes (per lb.)
Stock: 50-80; Thin: 25-45; Fat: 35-45

Bucks (per lb.)
Thin: 32-45; Fat: 32-45; Barbados (per head): Lambs: \$25-\$50; Ewes: \$55-\$70; Bucks: \$50-\$55

Goats (per head)
Kids: 20-35 lbs. \$15-\$50; 35 lbs. \$30-\$55; 55-75 lbs. \$45-\$70

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

Nannies (per head)
Stock: \$50-\$110; Milk: \$65-\$85; Thin: \$20-\$50; Fat: \$60-\$85

Billies (per head)
120 lbs-up
Breeders: NT; Slaughter: NT

Boer Goats (per head)
1/2 Nanny: \$50-\$85; 3/4 Nanny: \$60-\$85; Full Nanny: \$75-\$110
1/2 Billy: NT; 3/4 Billy: NT; Full Billy: \$55-\$140

Boer Goats (per head)
1/2 Nanny: \$50-\$85; 3/4 Nanny: \$60-\$85; Full Nanny: \$75-\$110
1/2 Billy: NT; 3/4 Billy: NT; Full Billy: \$55-\$140

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500-600 lb.: \$110 to \$120;
600-700 lb.: \$100 to \$110;
700-800 lb.: \$100 to \$105.

HEIFERS
300-400 lb.: \$115 to \$125;
400-500 lb.: \$110 to \$125;
500-600 lb.: \$100 to \$110;
600-700 lb.: \$90 to \$105;
700-800 lb.: \$90 to \$95.

PACKER COWS
Utility Bunch: \$52 to \$58.50;
Canner/Cutter: \$40 to \$56;
Bulls: \$60 to \$73.

BRED COWS
Choice: \$750 to \$875;
Medium-Good: \$650 to \$800;
Medium-Poor: \$550 to \$650.

COW-CALF PAIRS
Choice: \$1150 to \$1275;
Medium-Good: \$900 to \$1100;
Medium-Poor: \$750 to \$900.

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