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Firemen cook up funds







TEA releases ratings - Muenster **Elementary and** Lindsay campuses named Exemplary

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) released their accountability ratings for Texas schools. Of the 18 schools in Cooke County, only three were ranked Exemplary Muenster Elementary, Lindsay Elementary, and Lindsay High School. Muenster High School received the second highest rating - Recognized.

Also getting Recognized were Valley View Elementary, Callisburg Elementary, and Era School.

The five Gainesville schools were all Academically Acceptable, along with Valley View High School and Middle School, Callisburg High School, Prairie Valley Elementary, and Sivells Bend Elementary. Walnut Bend Elementary School was Academically Unacceptable.

Prairie Valley High School was the only Exemplary campus in Montague County. Forestburg was Recognized, and both Saint Jo High School and Elementary were Acceptable.

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The TDA rates schools and districts using four criteria. Exemplary is the highest rating issued. In order to receive an Exemplary rating, a school must meet all four of the following: at least 90% of all students must pass the TAKS test overall; at least 90% of all students must pass the SDAA II tests; at least 95% must either have completed or are continuing their education four years after entering high school, and no more than 0.2% can drop out of school.

Recognized criteria is a 75% pass rate on TAKS and SDAA II, an 85% completion rate, and a 0.7% dropout rate.

rate. The criteria for Academically Acceptable is 65% on TAKS subsections Social Studies, Reading/ELA, and Writing, 45% on Mathematics, and 40% Science; 50% on SDAA II; 75% on completion rate; and 1.0% on drop-

out rate.

Academically Unacceptable is the worst possible rating. Any school not meeting all of the listed criteria for Acceptable will be Unacceptable. A district with two consecutive Unacceptable ratings can be closed by TEA.

Sacred Heart covered dish event to celebrate "a job well done"

The Unity and Fellowship Committee of Sacred Heart Parish is sponsoring a church dinner to celebrate a project well done. The special event will be an opportunity to view the completed renovations and improvements made to the Sacred Heart Community Center by the many volunteers who gave of their time, talent, and treasure.

It is a covered dish meal after the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Aug. 18. Make your favorite dish to share, and



Keep Muenster Beautiful presented both Sacred Heart Catholic School and Muenster ISD with a Keep Texas Beautiful flag and banner. Each school library along with Muenster Public Library were also given a Don't Mess With Texas book. Pictured are KMB President Elaine Schilling and MISD Elementary Principal Lou Heers.

Future cheerleaders enjoy lock-in



Tiger cheerleader Kara Felderhoff assists the Sacred Heart Junior High Cheerleaders at the Che Lock-in last weekend. Cub cheerers are, from left, Alyssa Moragues, Amelia McBride, Amanda Knet Kendall Reiter, Kelsey Reeves, and Karil Anderle. See more pictures on page 6. Janie Hartman pho

Keep Muenster Beautiful announces officers and chairs

Keep Muenster Beautiful (KMB) held

Keep Muenster Beautiful (KMB) held its annual membership meeting Aug. 9 at the Cooke County Electric Co-op meeting room. A slide show of Muenster and how it has changed over the years (1986-2007) due to the work of KMB greeted members.

President Elaine Schilling welcomed members. Anne Walterscheid and Melissa Cox were recipients of the 2007 Keep Muenster Beautiful Scholarships underwritten by Carl and MaryLee Alford. Carl presented each recipient with a check for \$500. Kay Hickey awarded appreciation certificates to some of the groups and individuals that helped KMB last year.

Officers were elected as follows: president – Elaine Schilling; secretary – Kay Hickey; treasurer – Janie Hennigan. Five youths were nominated to the Board: Caitlyn Barrett, Noel Barnhill, Heather Harrison, Stephen Davis, and Colby Richey. One of these youths will be elected as vice president at the next KMB Board meeting. KMB was the first Keep Texas Beautiful organization to have youth serve on the adult board of their organization.

KMB has seven standing committees, and the chair people for these positions are: Litter Prevention and Clean-up – Muenster State Bank; Public Awareness – Steve and Kay Broyles and Elaine Schilling; Education – Lisa Walterscheid

for Muenster Independent School District and Rhonda Walterscheid for Sacred Heart Schools; Beautification and Property Improvement – Gary Fisher; Litter Law and Illegal Dumping Enforcement – Police Chief Bob Stovall; Fundraising – Cindy Bartush. Solid Waste Management and Community Leadership and Coordination positions are still open.

The Solid Waste Management position is in charge of developing a community program that would address issues of recycling, waste reduction practices, recovery, reuse, composting, and landfills. The Community Leadership and Coordination chairperson would encourage businesses to do cleanups on their own properties, as well as to do planting and beautification projects, and to practice good solid waste management. Anyone interested in these positions should contact President Elaine Schilling.

Kay Broyles gave a power point presentation to explain what needs to be done in order to win the \$65,000 Governor's Community Achievement Award this year. Police Chief Bob Stovall gave a brief talk on the fines that can be given for littering and illegal dumping.

Door prizes were donated by Sonic, Fischer's Meat Market, Dale and Elaine Schilling, Bayer's and Dollar General.

OBITUARY

Marcie Klement-Pagel 1934 - 2007

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Mass of Christian Burial for Marcelene "Marcie" Klement-Pagel of Muenster was held Monday, Aug. 13 at 10:30; a.m. in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster, Rev. Ken Robinson celebrated the Mass. Burial followed in Sacred Heart Cemetery under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster.

Marcie died at the age of 73 on Thursday, Aug. 9, 2007 at 7:30 a.m. at her residence.

Born Feb. 25, 1934 on the family farm south of Muenster, Marcie was the eldest of the five children of Joe and Laverna Schmitz Wimmer and grew up in the Muenster area. She attended school at Sacred Heart School, then graduated from Muenster Public School in 1952. Marcie married Roman "Rody" Klement on Sept. 24, 1955 and they became the parents of five children. On Oct. 18, 1980, shortly after their 25th wedding anniversary, Rody passed away. Some 20 years later on Feb. 28, 2004, Marcie married lifelong friend and business partner Jerome Pagel.

Marcie took great pride in the performance of her job as a homemaker and mother. She also devoted many years as a volunteer at the Muenster Public Library. She was a lifetime member of Sacred Heart Parish and was a long-time member of the Catholic Daughters of America. She enjoyed singing at numerous church weddings and other functions in the area.

Survivors include her daughters and son-in-law Kitm and Mike Reilly of Algonquin, Illinois, and Tracey Klement of Dallassi stepdaughters and sons-in-law Kathy and Charles Ivers of Fort Worth, and Kay Pagel of Muenster; sons and daughters in-law Curties and Cindee Klement of Duston, and Tracey Klement of Dallassi stepdaughters and sons-in-law Kathy and Charles Ivers of Fort Worth, and Kay Pagel of Muenster; sons and daughters and sons-in-law Kathy and Charles Ivers of Fort Worth, and Kay Pagel of Muenster; sons and daughters and sons-in-law Kathy and Charles Ivers of Fort Worth, and Kay Pagel of Muenster; sons and daughters and sons-in-law Kathy and Charles Ivers of Fort Worth, and Kay Pagel of Muenster; sons and daughte

"Our cousin Shane Wimmer remembers learning from her that Mass and Church were a way of life. He says 'I said my first Rosary at Aunt Marcie's... (she) was responsible for planting seeds of faith that I would later harvest... served as a symbol of faith as she faced a great deal of adversity in her life... the daily struggle with pain that she fought constantly. She persevered through all this... I believe she felt blessed in spite of the painthrough her children and grandchildren."
"My mom brought along a book this weekend that Grandmother bought for her a few years ago... and one line in that book seems particularly appropriate today... "Mothers do not die, because they live in the hearts of their children."

Pallbearers were Josh

Mothers they live in the hearts of children."
Pallbearers were Josh Reilly, Griffin Klement, Ronnie Prescher, Tim Schneider, Joe Pagel, and Danny Waltersheid.

Joe Pagel, and Danny Walter-scheid.

A Rosary was held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, followed by a Vigil at 7 p.m. at McCoy Funeral Home. Both services were led by Father John Alphonso, family friend.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Diabetes Association, the Muenster Public Library, or to the charity of your choice.

Sacred Heart School began Thursday Watch your speed in the School Zones

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meant so much to Mom.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:
While the wind farm de-Letter to the Editor.
While the wind farm debates have seemingly quieted as of late I have been reading more and more interesting facts about the wind power industry from various sources. One thing I have learned is that you and I are getting fleeced by the industry and their lobbyists. At this point in time wind power is very expensive and it appears the only viable reason to build a wind farm is for the tax breaks - that and because it is politically correct.

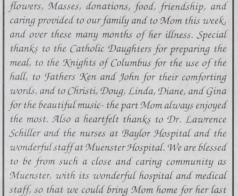
Germany is way ahead of us in wind power, yet Germany is finding more and more need to buy natural gas

from Russia to power its electric generating plants. Why?
Because wind power is too unreliable. As Europeans are realizing they were sold down the river by the wind power industry, more and more opposition groups are forming over there. Who can blame them when the true economic cost of electricity from wind power is very high and is not forecast to be competitive for at least 20 years.

As for us here in the United States, it should come as no surprise that our politicians have found another way to waste our tax dollars. Nuclear power is proving to be more efficient than any other source. With new technology, nuclear power plants are becoming cheaper to build and much safer. But nuclear power has a negative stigma from problems back 30 years ago, so don't expect any modern day politician to stand up for it. Wasting our money is far more politically expedient.

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God bless you all, The Family of Marcie Klement-Pagel

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO
Aug. 14, 1942
The first unit of troops arrives at Camp Howze. Lt.
M.J. Endres, Jr. killed in accident as U.S. Army plane
falls in Pablo Bay in California. Obituary: Patricia, infant
daughter of Gussie and Hilda
Reiter. New Arrival: Marie nia. Obituary: Patricia, infant daughter of Gussie and Hilda Reiter. New Arrival: Marie Annette to Albert and Wilda Stoffels. A large new barn is being built on the Arthur Hellman farm.

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50 YEARS AGO
Aug. 16, 1957
Two months of drought come to an end with 1.05 inch rain. Deputy Sheriff Buck Wilson asks parents to help check vandalism by their children, under the possibility of the prosecution of the parents whose children are caught destroying property. Scoutmaster Nick Miller appeals for more interest in Scouting.

New Arrivals: Robert to Alvin and Gertrude Loerwald; Leo to Gus and Armella Lutken-haus; Michael to Mr. and Mrs. George Petrus. Pearl Evans is recovering from surgery and expects to be back on the job at the Charm Shop in about a week.

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25 YEARS AGO
Aug. 13, 1982
Jaycees sponsor Twilight Trot. Yard of the Month honors go to the Bill Hamer home on Cherry Lane. Weddings: Margaret Stormer and Steven Cotter; Lori Allen and Mark Mollenkopf. New Arrival: Matthew to Bret and Karen Sicking Wiggins. David Windel of Laramie, Wyoming was a reluctant visitor in the community when his glider encountered a failure of air current and landed on the Wilfred Sicking farm.

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

MUENSTER WATER DISTRICT 2008 will hold a public hearing on a AUGUST 27, 2007 proposed tax rate for the tax year 2008 on AUGUS at MUENSTER CITY HALL COUNCIL MEETING ROOM

at MUENSTER CITY HALL COUNCIL MEETING ROOM. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: BOB BAUER, WAYNE GREWING, PAT STELZER MILTON KNAUF AGAINST the proposal: NONE

PRESENT and not voting: NONE ABSENT:

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

Total tax rate (per \$100 of value) Difference in rates per \$100 of value Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)
Average appraised value

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Tax on average residence homestead Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)

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

Sunday, August 19, 2007	Monday, August 20, 2007	Tuesday, August 21, 2007	Wednesday, August 22, 2007	Thursday, August 23, 2007	Friday, August 24, 2007	Saturday, August 25, 2007
Muenster Museum Open 1-4	VFW Aux. mtg. 7:30pm MISD 7th Grade Orientation, 4pm MISD 9th Grade Orientation, 6pm	MISD Student orientation grades 3-6 @ 6pm SHCS Open House 7pm MMH Board mtg. 8pm	MISD Pre-K-2nd Howdy Night, 6pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm	
Sunday, August 26, 2007	Monday, August 27, 2007	Tuesday, August 28, 2007	Wednesday, August 29, 2007	Thursday, August 30, 2007	Friday, August 31, 2007	Saturday, September 1, 2007
Muenster Museum Open 1-4	MISD 1st Day of School SHCS Senior Parent mtg., 6pm, School Library	SHCS Junior Parent mtg., 6pm, School Library		Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm	

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LIFESTYLE

Home Hospice seeks volunteers

Family Reunion

Arendt

The descendants of Paul and Susie Arendt will gather for an Arendt family reunion Sunday, Aug. 26 at Conrad

Hall in Lindsay. The day will begin with a noon meal, with an abundance of homecoked items brought by relatives. Family picture taking is planned.

Chamber of Fear

open to new actors

Most Americans are completely unaware of hospice services.

*Nearly 80% of Americans do not think of hospice as a choice for end-of-life care.

*Approximately 75% do not know that hospice provides pain relief for the terminally ill.

*90% don't know that Medicare pays for hospice.

*Many Americans are unwilling to talk about end of life and end-of-life care.

*25% of Americans say they are not likely to talk about impending death with terminally ill parents.

*Fewer than 25% have put in writing how they want to be cared for at the end of life.

*20% admit they have not chought about how they want to be cared for at the end of life, while another 15% say they have thought about their end-of-life care, but have end expressed their preferences.

Yet, the same national research results show that Americans want the kind of end-of-life care hospice provides. Americans say the following services are most important for a terminally ill loved one:

*Someone to ensure that the end of live of each of the patient's wishes;

*Deportunities for the patient to put his or her life in order;

*Spiritual support for the patient and family;

*End-of-life care provided without consideration of where the patient is living;

*A team of professionals, such as physicians, nurses, and counselors, and volunteers to care for the patient without consideration of afamily member or loved one.

*Care to be provided in the patient's home of a family member or loved one.

*Continuity of caregivers, no matter where the patient is staying.

In addition, 75% say that, if faced with care of a terminally ill patient, they would use an outside organization for support. The National Hospice Foundation.

In September, Home Hospice or of coke County will provide an extensive training for persons who would like to either become a volunteer or attain more knowledge about hospice services. Call Kathi at (940) 665-9891 to learn more.



Kevin annd Louise Brewer of Gainesville are delighed to announce the engagement and approaching wedding of their daughter, Alicia Louise Woodard of Gainesville, to Paul David Blevins II of Fort Worth, son of Paul and Nancy Blevins of Fort Worth, Miss Woodard is a graduate of Baylor University, Cooke County College, and Gainesville High School. The bride-elect has been the executive director of Cooke County Friends of the Family since 1992. Blevins is a graduate of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He attended Baylor University and graduated from South West High School. The future groom is employed by Vertex Engineering. The couple plans to wed on Sept. 1, 2007 at the First Baptist Church of Gainesville with Rev. Mike Faulk officiating. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall of the Church. The newlyweds will reside in Gainesville.

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mmunity members wanting to be actors. This year, we at three-part training ass available for them start on Thursday, Sept. 6 at 5 m. at the Haunted House," id Kim Brown, NCTC dictor of Student Life.

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Ebie, age two years, and his
brother Will, age eight years.
Eli was born Friday, Aug. 3,
2007 at 8:13 a.m. at Wise Regional Health System in Decatur. He weighed 9 lb. 2 oz.
and was 20 inches long.
Grandparents are Janet
Hoenig of Muenster, Gene
and Peggy Hoenig of Gainesville, Mary Lynn and Ned
Cheever of Texarkana, and
Roy Garris of Bismark, Arkansas. Great-grandparents
are Alleen Hoenig of Muenster, and H.L. and Mildred

Almerico

Almerico
Noni Marie Almerico was born Monday, July 2, 2007 to Sam and Jennie Almerico of The Woodlands, Texas. She has a big brother Rex, who is two years old. She weighed 9 lb. 3 oz. and was 21 3/4 inches in length. Noni is the fourth grandchild for Sam and Karen Endres of Moss Lake, and the sixth grandchild for Don and Joy Almerico of Louisiana.



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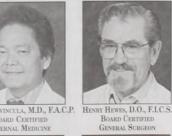
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cred Heart Catholic School teachers, from left, Michele Knauf,

Teachers prepare for the challenges of a new year

Teachers and other educa-tors from all over Texas re-cently had the opportunity to be students of the forest in-dustry when they partici-pated in the Texas Forestry Association's 18th Annual Teachers' Conservation Insti-tute

Teachers Conservation and tute.

Michele Knauf, Janice Stalling, and Annette Bayer took time from their busy summer for professional development July 8 - 13 with 20 other teachers. The Teacher Conservation Institute (TCI) introduces teachers to forestry in east Texas from seed to harvest to product to reforestation.

to harvest to product to reforestation.

Volunteer foresters and other natural resource professionals offer a firsthand look at forestry with field trips to a nursery, seed orchard, logging operation, various mills, and the Texas Forestry Museum. Volunteer educators provide classroom-planning time devoted to correlating forestry content to state standards and incorporating forestry content to state stan-dards and incorporating Project WILD and Project Learning Tree activities into classroom use. A veteran teacher from Ennis ISD com-mented, "This is the best pro-fessional development expe-

Introducing a new teacher at S.H.C.S.

The Muenster Enterprise introduced some of Sacred Heart Catholic School's new teachers in last week's back to school story, but did not have information from all of them.

to school story, but did not have information from all of them.

Richard L. Lewis of Denton is the new Technology Coordinator, Computer Instructor. He remarked, "Tm not only new to Sacred Heart, but also new to the teaching."

TCI is held at the Piney Woods Conservation Center managed by Stephen F. Austin University's Arthur Temple College of Forestry. Registration is \$100 per teacher and covers all educational materials, accommodations, meals, and travel during the institute. For more information about TCI or to register for 2008 sessions, call 936-632-TREE. The Teachers' Conservation Institute is sponsored by The Cain Foundation, Murphy-Payne Charitable Trust, and Texas Forestry Association.

teaching in Denton ISD, teaching 7th grade Texas History, and 12th grade Government and Economics.

"Aside from teaching, which is my true passion, I also enjoy playing the organ and piano," said Lewis. "For nearly 10 years I was the organist for St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church in Burleson." Lewis said that his favorite composer is Bach. He enjoys playing the piano at home in his free time. He added that he's found playing music as well as computer video games to be very enjoyable.

"I'm very happy to be a part of the family at Sacred Heart Catholic School," said Lewis. "Although I'm very newly employed, I can already tell that the administration, students, and teachers are all topnotch, and more pleasant to work with as a whole than any other school I've been at. This, and working at a school where we all share our love in Christ Jesus our Lord, is what has attracted me to Sacred Heart Catholic School."

Cox and Walterscheid awarded KMB scholorships



Carl Alford presented KMB Scholarships to Melissa Cox (at left) and Anne Walterscheid at the KMB Awards and Membership meeting last week. Cox also was one of three Don't Mess With Texas \$1,000 scholarship winners which was awarded at graduation.

Janie Hartman photo

MISD Orientation announced for 7th and 9th graders

Orientation for students entering the 7th grade at Muenster ISD will be held Monday, Aug. 20 from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Band Hall. Parents are welcome to attend. Orientation for 9th grade students and their parents

General information about the school day will be given, with course requirements also being discussed.



Lauren Sepanski

So, you missed Early Registration.....

LUNCH MENU

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Mon. - Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, peaches, wheat crackers.

Tues. - Pork roast, potatoes, gravy, black-eyed peas, applesauce, rolls.

Wed. - Fiesta salad w/trimmings, salsa, chips, Mexican beans, pineapple tidbits, crackers.

Thurs. - Beef spaghetti.

crackers.
Thurs. - Beef spaghetti, green beans, mixed fruit, gar-lic bread.

lic bread.
Fri. - Ham/turkey sand-wich w/trimmings, potato rounds, oranges.

Lauren Sepanski participates in national leadership program

Lauren Sepanski, a senior at Sacred Heart High School in 2007-08, was selected to participate in the Economics for Leaders program conducted at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, from July 22-29. Lauren was one of the 33 students from

Permanent Cosmetics

"by Gina Wisdom" She will be in Muenster August 20th to 24th For Appointment Call Norma Jean at 940-759-2792

around the country who was honored by being accepted into the Foundation for Teaching Economics' Williamsburg Economics for Leaders program. All of the students were selected because they had demonstrated excellent leadership potential.

During the week-long Economics for Leaders program, students attained an understanding of economic reasoning principles and how to employ these concepts for successful and effective leadership. Additionally, participants achieved a heightened awareness of the impact their decisions have on others and the responsibility that awareness imposes.

Economics for Leaders is an unparalleled learning and the responsibility that awareness imposes.

Economics for Leaders is an unparalleled learning and I realized that just holding a leadership position and demonstrating real leadership skills can be two very different things. This program has taught me lessons that will last a lifetime."

Happy Birthday

Jon Forshee

Happy Birthday Jon Forshee



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Muenster Kiwanis scholar



ter High School graduate Michael Valliere was one of the Kiwanis \$500 scholarship winners. Pictured from left are Rohmer, Kevin Sebade, Michael Valliere, and Debbie Knabe. Courtesy photo

Back to school safety tips

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Saturday, August 25: 9:00 - 2:00
Friday, August 31: 3:00 - 6:00
Saturday, September 1: 9:00 - 12:00
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With the start of each new school year, students are once again rushing to be on time, parents are getting them on their way, and drivers are going about their business, but experts say all could heed some advice on safety. "This is a critical time of the year," noted Ray Palermo, director of public information for Teachers' Insurance Plan. "Drivers need to re-acclimate themselves to having children on and near the road, particularly at rush hours. And, both children and their parents need to get back into their good traffic safety habits."

He offered several tips from their Safety Information Center.

Tips for Walking or Biking to School

Walk with a friend.

Pay attention to all traffic signals and crossing guards. Never cross the street against a stop light.

Oross only at crosswalks, and never run into the street from between parked cars.

Look left, right, and over your shoulder for traffic before crossing a street, and continue to check each direction.

Make sure drivers see you by making eye contact with them.

If riding a bicycle, scooter, or skateboard to school, always wear a helmet and ride in the same direction as traffic. Walk your bike if crossing a street.

Luncheon set for Gainesville Women's Connection

A luncheon for the Gainesville Women's Connection will be held Thursday, Aug. 23 at 401 W. Garnett in Gainesville. The event will be held from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$10 (inclusive).

The program features Lorraine Barletta, owner of Stepin-Time Dance Company, and some of her students who will perform a variety of dances including ballet, tap, and hip hop. The musical performer will be Marie Hubbard of Valley View who will sing.

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For many children, back to school means back to sports. During the time off, many young athletes tend to forget the importance of drinking plenty of fluids during hot, long practices, said Dr. Luis Palacios, an expert in sports medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

He recommends sports participants drink four to eight ounces of water every 15 to 20 minutes if they have been working out for an hour or less, including warm-up sessions. For workouts longer than an hour, athletes should reach for the sports drinks to replenish carbohydrates and electrolytes such as sodium and potassium that are lost through sweating.

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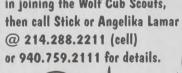




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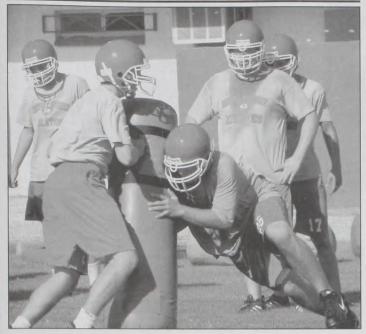
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SPORTS



Latest survey reveals Texas leads nation in hunting

According to preliminary state data from the new 2006 National Survey of Fishing. Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, Texas led the nation in 2006 with 1.1 million Texans going hunting at some point during the year, while Florida led the nation in total fishing participation with 2.8 million anglers, and California was the top wildlife-watching state with 6.2 million of its residents observing wildlife.

The Lone Star State was also among the national leaders in fishing participation at 2.5 million and wildlife viewing with 4.17 million Texans participating.

Texas also leads the nation in hunting-related expenditures, and the Lone Star State generates among the highest spending levels in the country for fishing and wildlife-watching. The survey showed hunters spent about \$2.3 billion in Texas, more than any other state. Angler spending in Texas was about \$3.2 billion, second only to Florida at \$4.5 billion, second only to Florida at \$4.5 billion. Texas ranked third nationally for expenditures by wildlife-watchers at about \$2.9 billion, with California first at \$4.6 billion, and Florida edging above Texas at close to \$3 billion. These figures reflect spending on food, lodging, transportation, equipment,

and other items.

"The National Survey is an important tool that measures in economic and participatory terms the value that wildlife has in Americans' hearts and to the nation's economy. Wildlife related recreation rejuvenates our spirit, connects us with nature, and gets us outside pursuing healthy activities," said U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director H. Dale Hall.

In 2006, more than 87 million Americans, or 38% of the United States population age 16 and older hunted, fished, or watched wildlife. They spent \$120 billion that year pursuing those activities. Further broken down by category, 30 million or 13% fished and spent a total of \$41 billion on their activities, 12.5 million or 5% hunted and spent a total of \$23 billion, and 71 million or 31% observed wildlife and spent a total of \$45 billion.

The National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation has been conducted every five years since 1955 and is one of the nation's most important wildlife recreation databases. It is considered to be the definitive source of information concerning participation and expenditures associated with hunting, fishing, and other forms of wildlife-

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The Survey is conducted at the request of State fish and wildlife agencies and is funded by grants from the Wildlife and Sportfish Restoration Acts' Multistate Conservation Grant Program. A wide range of individuals and groups depend on the Survey to analyze participation rates, economic impacts of expenditures, demographic characteristics, and trends in participation and activities. It is important to note that the National Survey counts only participants who actually went hunting, fishing, or observed wildlife in 2006, and does not represent the total number of anglers, hunters, and wildlife watchers in the U.S. Many people who consider themselves hunters, anglers or wildlife watchers do not participate every year. For example, examination of survey data shows that over the five year period from 2002 to 2006, a cumulative total of 44.4 million people fished and 18.6 million hunted.

This 2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation State Overview report, as well as previous surveys and reports, can be found at http:// federalaid.fvs.gov/surveys.stml. The Service expects to publish the final national report

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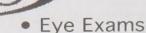
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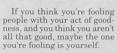
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Hot weather bass fishing

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The heat of summer can bring some of the toughest bass fishing of the year. But, according to many experts, much of that toughness is caused by anglers themselves. That's because far too many believe that all the bass are deep. They aren't. Many fish, in some cases the biggest ones, head for the heavy weeds and vegetative growth of July, August, and September. Such places offer high dissolved oxygen levels, shade, and protection from the sun. At the same time they are darn near perfect for ambushing prey. That's alla bass needs to be happy.

Fishing vegetation can be tough, however. To do it effectively we need a plan. A day on the water observing professional angler Kevin Wirth fish lily pad fields helps us develop such a plan.

"That's the thing most anglers miss, the pattern within the pattern," says Wirth as he lips his fish and heads to-

Bass fishing in the night



There is likely a good night bass fishing spot just a short drive from your house. Smaller lakes are the easiest to fish for a shore-bound angler at night. Subdivision lakes are excellent places as are community park lakes. Some golf courses allow fishing on their lakes - and these lakes hold surprising numbers of fat largemouth bass. Workers usually mow the banks of golf course lakes, making these lakes easy to fish from the bank in the darkness. Farm ponds that hold largemouth bass are hard to beat at night.

You can fit all of the lures you need for night fishing in a small tackle box, a soft sided pouch, or a small paperbag. What should you use? Try four-to-six inch lizards in black, pumpkin or watermelon, seven-to-10 inch plastic worms colored black, purple, or wine, a blue and black jig-and-pig combination, and a black spinnerbait.

Scout the lakes you plan to cate in a few predictable areas in a small lake at night. Weedlines, brush, rip-rap cupment to locate them.

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Weedlines, brush, rip-rap work on the dam, and fallen trees all hold bass at night. A black spinnerbait thumping alsatic worm worked painfully slow in brush or amongst fallen tree branches is often rewarded with a sharp thump on the end of your line.

A 1/8-ounce black and blue ig-and-pig crawled along the dam face among rip-rap rocks could produce a trophy large-them way also works well.

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Agricultural land values continue to rise across the United States

Farm real estate values, a measurement of the value of all land and buildings on farms, averaged \$2,160 per acre on Jan. 1, 2007, up 14% from 2006. The \$2,160 per acre is a record high and \$260 more than a year earlier.

Both cropland and pasture values for 2007 are record highs. Cropland values rose by 13% to \$2,700 per acre, up from the previous high of \$2,390 in 2006. Pasture value rose by 16% to \$1,160 per acre.

acre.
The increase in farm real estate values continues to be driven by a combination of many factors, which include strong commodity prices and

farm programs, outside investments, favorable interest rates and tax incentives, and continued commercial and residential development. Livestock prices and recreational use remain the predominant influences that increase pasture land values.

Regional increases in the average value of farm real estate ranged from 9% in the Southeast region to 18% in the Mountain region. The highest farm real estate values remained in the Northeast region, where development pressure continued to push the average value to \$5,000 per acre. The Northern Plains region had the lowest farm real estate value, at \$1.00 per acre. The Northern Plains region had the lowest farm real estate value, at \$2.00 per acre. The Northern Plains region had the lowest farm real estate value, at \$2.00 per acre. The Northern Plains region had the lowest farm real estate value, at \$2.00 per acre. The Northern Plains region had the lowest farm real estate value, at \$2.00 per acre. The Northern Plains region had the lowest farm real estate value, at \$2.00 per acre. The Northern Plains region had the lowest farm real estate value and 18%, respectively.

Rain, flooding, and mud stress cattle

Recent rains and flooding, have been hard on livestock, but producers can help them weather the unusually well summer. The following tips from Dr. Joe Paschal, Texas Cooperative Extension livestock specialist, were written for cattle, but could apply to sheep and goats in most cases.

Cattle can tolerate rain fairly well, but hard rains tend to make them walk in the opposite direction the rain is coming from, and rising water will confuse them unless a leader finds a raised carea.

What has recently stressed cattle more has been that the rain has come every day in some areas—not always hard or all day, but just enough to keep them from grazing as stetling down. This increases stress, especially in younger cattle and calves.

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History of the development of wheat in the United States

from the 1921 USDA yearbook
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United States began on the
Atlantic Coast, at least as
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The first great westward shift took place in the period 1783 to 1840. The implements of production in this period were crude and not adapted to wheat growing on a large scale. Much of the seeding still was done by hand. The sickle and the cradle were used for harvesting and the flail for thrashing. The cradle left the wheat in a windrow for the binders. The reaper was developed about 1830. The grain was raked from the platform by hand.

In 1839, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Ohio produced 60% of the Nation's wheat. Ten years later, production increased very little, with the above remaining the leading producing states.

The next great shift in wheat production occurred by 1859 with Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin becoming the leading states. California and Texas began to have large

rops. A network of railroads now covered the central western states, drawing wheat from these states.

By the 1869 census, wheat production doubled, though the frontier advanced but a little. The first transcontinental railway was completed, with other roads extended into Kansas and Minnesota.

Production continued to increase greatly in states east of the Mississippi River in 1879, as the wheat belt moved steadily westward. Dryland production increased in the far west.

The 10 year period of 1870-79 saw both acreage and production nearly double, due in part to the policy of homestead settlement of public land, the close of the Civil War, and the development of machinery.

By 1889, the wheat belt shifted into the Great Plains as a slight decline could be seen in the East.

The Red River Valley, Kansas-Nebraska Belt, and Oklahoma produced larger crops in 1899. By 1909, the Wheat Belt shifted a little farther west. Crops in Kansas, Nebraska, and the Dakotas had more than doubled, with large increases in Montana, Idaho, and eastern Oregon-Washington district.

The full effect of World War

Idaho, and eastern Oregon-Washington district. In 1919, a small acreage The full effect of World War farm spent 27.4 man hours

art in the United States
and 61.6 horse hours harvesting an acre of wheat. Rates
for man hours were 25-35c
per hour for seedbed preparation and seeding and 6080¢ for harvesting and marketing. Together, man and
horse labor made up nearly
35% of the total cost per acre.

"Materials" needed for a
wheat crop included seed,
twine, manure and straw,
green manure, commercial
fertilizer, and poison for
grasshopper control.

In 1912-13 crops were good
and wheat prices were between 75¢ and \$1 per bushel.
In 1917, the President fixed
the minimum price at \$2.20
per bushel. By spring 1918,
wheat was raised to \$2.26,
and \$2.31 in spring 1919, but
declined under pressure of
large production to \$2.10 by.
October 1919. At the end of
1921, the price stood near
90¢. Market prices differed
with grades of wheat.

Most of the wheat crop in
the U.S. was consumed annually within the country, as
small percentage for seed
some exported, and the remainder held in country as
carry-over from year to year.
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