

Flooding continues through area



Heavy rains led to continued flooding in local areas around Muenster. (Pictured clockwise from top) FM 373 washed out south of Muenster this week. A broken culvert contributed to the wash out on FM 373. The Red River continues to rise and is currently out of its banks north of Muenster. Dirty water swirls around the pilings of the Taovayas Bridge on FM 677 north of Muenster.

Photos by John Yosten, Janet Felderhoff and Bob Baker

DPS reminds motorists

“Turn Around, Don’t Drown!”

If you see water running across a roadway, you should immediately turn around and not attempt to go through it, said the Texas Department of Public Safety.

“Many cars will float in only 12 inches of water, and two feet of rushing water will carry off pick-ups, SUVs, and most other vehicles,” said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS. “Six inches of water can be enough to stall a car or cause a loss of control over the vehicle.”

Each year, more people die in flash flooding than in any other type of thunderstorm-related hazard.

“You might think that you can easily get across a flooded roadway, but it’s not worth the risk. It’s impossible to tell the depth of the water or whether the road or bridge is damaged or missing. Don’t endanger yourself or the first responders who may try to rescue you,” Col. Davis said.

Bottom line: stay aware and cautious, especially at night, when recognizing dangers can be more difficult. Pay attention to the weather and the road conditions.

Remember: Turn Around, Don’t Drown.



Nortex to rebuild network in Muenster

By Janet Felderhoff

City Alderman Joey Anderson, who is an employee of Nortex Communications, and Mack Isaacs, who is in charge of outside and inside the plant operations, outlined what Nortex is planning to do in Muenster in the next several months. It is a major construction project planned for inside Muenster and also Valley View. It should begin in early August.

Anderson noted that in the last five years Nortex has been in the process of rebuilding their network here to do the things that they may want to do in the future. “In the last two years we’ve decided to rebuild the aerial coax - the cable TV system, and the aerial telephone system - the copper,” he explained. “Basically combine those two and put them underground using fiber-optics.”

This project will have individual fibers going from the Nortex office out to every home. He showed samples of the tiny lines that would be used.

Contractors will be used to do the boring for the cables. At each home a box will be attached where the service now connects to the house. The home wiring will be attached within the box. A battery pack will be placed inside the home, garage, or some other controlled environment. “In case of power outage, you will have your battery back up which will keep your telephone service going,” said Anderson.

The reason that the change is being made, according to Anderson, is that the existing system no longer supports the services that they need going into the future.

“Currently in the country there are less than two million fiber to the home customers reported, and that’s 1% to 2% of all households out there,” remarked Anderson. “Muenster will be joining that 1% and 2%. So here in the U.S., we have less than two million. In Japan, they already have seven million on fiber. We are playing catch up here.”

What it will give the customer is a better picture on regular TV stations, the ability to have more TV channels, and more services like video on demand or more HD channels.

They are planning to do 800 homes. Besides residents in Muenster, there are plans to bring the new system to residents on Picnic Grounds Road, to Southtown, and to the east. Major construction should be done in 128 days, he noted. Getting it installed into the homes may take longer. Businesses will also be getting the new systems. Isaacs noted that there will be some damaged sprinkler lines and sewer lines in the installation process. “We will fix it. We will take care of it,” he assured the Council.

More information will be given to the public in the next week or two via press releases and letters sent to customers.

Mayor John Pagel said, “Muenster can be thankful and proud that Nortex Communications has been on the cutting edge of technology and communications since they’ve been in existence. This is one more feather in our hat.”

Weeks of rain have made soggy conditions and standing water a constant state for North Texas this spring and early summer. Standing water is a breeding place for mosquitos, and mosquitos are just plain annoying. That has led to a number of requests by residents for the City to begin its fogging program in hopes of lowering the mosquito population.

Members of the City Council all agreed that there is a mosquito problem, but what, if anything, could or should be done about it was debated. Also, resident Dwayne Rohmer voiced his concerns about the chemicals used when fogging. He feels Muenster is doing its program upside down by spraying for mosquitos before it is determined that there is a danger from West Nile or some other mosquito borne illness. He would like to see Muenster adopt the guidelines used by the state where spraying is used as a last resort.

Rohmer claimed that the only mosquitos out currently are nuisance mosquitos that don’t pose any harm to people. He said that the state doesn’t spray for nuisance mosquitos because of the toxicity of the chemicals used to kill them.

Mayor John Pagel said he wasn’t sure that fogging did any good. The spray has to come in contact with the mosquitos to work. He didn’t know of any report of West Nile virus. “They’ll test your temper,” he said of the winged pests.

Anderson said that he doesn’t think spraying accomplishes much.

In Jewel Otto’s opinion, Off is worse than the fogging chemicals because of the deet in it. She is concerned about West Nile and said she heard of it being found in Arlington.

Mayor Pagel said that there is water standing everywhere and spraying would have to be done every three to four days. He feels that there may be more harm from spraying than benefit.

Jack Flusche said spraying needs to be done, but not now. It needs to be done a week or so after the rains quit. Bob Walterscheid agreed with Flusche and said he’s sure it helps to spray.

City Administrator Stan Endres reminded the Council that the City’s licensed employee is Gary Hacker who is in the National Guard and may be deployed at any time with very short notice. The City’s policy on fogging calls for certain weather conditions, a notice in the local newspaper and on Channel 2, and it must be done by a licensed person. Hacker could be called out before all of

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SBA prepared to assist storm victims

Steven Preston, administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), announced that low-interest disaster loans are now available to Texas residents and businesses. These disaster loans are available because of President Bush’s June 29 Federal disaster declaration.

The declaration covers Cooke, Coryell, Denton, Grayson, Lampasas, and Tarrant counties following the severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding that occurred June 16 through June 18.

“We look forward to working with the State of Texas to make our loans available to homeowners, renters, and businesses of all sizes affected by the severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding,” said Administrator Preston. “We will be swift in our efforts, along with our partners at the Fed-

eral Emergency Management Agency, to help Texas disaster victims rebuild their homes and businesses. Once we’ve identified local recovery facilities in the declared areas, SBA officials will provide one-on-one assistance to disaster loan applicants.”

Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.

Businesses of any size and private non-profit organizations may borrow up to \$1.5 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. SBA can also lend additional funds

to help with the cost of making improvements that protect, prevent, or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

For small businesses only, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage.

Interest rates can be as low as 2.875% for homeowners and renters, and 4% for businesses, with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by SBA and are based upon each applicant’s financial condition. To be considered for all forms of disaster assistance, victims must first call the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at (800) 621-3362.

America celebrates INDEPENDENCE DAY



Pictured above are multiple shots from the 2006 fireworks display in Muenster. Photos by Janet Felderhoff

OBITUARIES

Easter McKinney

1939 - 2007

Funeral services for Easter McKinney of Muenster were held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 5 at Rosston Baptist Church with Rev. Bill Black officiating. Burial followed in Rosston Cemetery.

Eugene and Doshia Mae Runyon Reid, Easter was a homemaker and lived in Cooke County for 50 years, the last four years having been in Muenster. Survivors are daughters and sons-in-law Gina Barrett, Margie and Harold Moughan, Debbie and Wayne Moser, and Susan Looze; son and daughter-in-law Jeff and Anne Balthrop; 17 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren; brother Ron Reid; sisters and brother-in-law Margaret and Newman Shorter and Betty Robinson.

Preceding her in death were her parents. Pallbearers were grandsons Jason Pierce, Arlus Pierce, Quentin Barrett, Jeffery Balthrop, Dylan Balthrop, and Richard Hiler. Honorary pallbearers were Hunter Moser and Jon Greving. Visitation was held at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, July 4.

Louis Stephenson

1925 - 2007

Services for Louis Stephenson of Gainesville were held at Whaley United Methodist Church at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 5. Rev. Rob Spencer officiated. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home. The family received friends at Whaley United Methodist Church immediately following the funeral service.

Louis died on Monday, July 2, 2007 in Arlington at the age of 81. Born Nov. 28, 1925 in Paris, Texas to Joe and Hettie Gibson Stephenson, Louis married Betty Monds in Bonham on Aug. 22, 1948. A veteran of World War II, he served in the U.S. Army's 103rd Division and was a prisoner of war from December 1944 until April 1945. He was a past president of the Gainesville Optimist Club and was also a member of the Christian Thinkers Class at Whaley United Methodist Church. Louis was active in the Muenster Chamber of Commerce for a number of years, and served as German-

fest chairman in the 1980s. Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law Sandra and Dr. Randy Walling of Arlington; son and daughter-in-law Stuart and Billie Stephenson of Arlington; five grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. Preceding him in death was his wife Betty on March 3, 1993. Pallbearers were Robert Boone, Van Knight, Roy Tyler, Keith King, Warren Smith, and Kim Austin. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Whaley United Methodist Church Youth Fund, or to Camp Sweeney.

Gerald Mayer

1951 - 2007

A nephew of Muenster resident Henry W. Yosten has passed away in Chicago, Illinois. Gerald Mayer died early Sunday morning, July 1, 2007, just one and half weeks before his 56th birthday. The son of Josephine Yosten Mayer and the late Nicholas Mayer, Gerald was born July 11, 1951 along with his twin brother Jerome Mayer.

Jerome passed away about five months ago, on Feb. 4, 2007. Gerald is survived by his wife Lois; children Kassi, Mandi, and Kirk; mother Josephine; sisters and brothers-in-law Mary Rose and Tom Donovan, Lorraine and Richard Dobson, Dorothy and Bill Osting, Christine and Curtis Shurbaji, and Suzanna

Mayer; brothers and sisters-in-law Kenneth and Ginger Mayer, and Michael and Lois Mayer; and many nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his father Nicholas Mayer, and his twin brother Jerome. Muenster residents who remember Josephine Yosten Mayer can send condolence cards to: Josephine Mayer, 11750 S. Homan Ave. Trlr 145, Merriquette PK, IL, 60803.

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those conditions are met. When it came to a vote, it was 3-1 to set things in motion to spray after the rain stops. Yes votes were cast by Otto, Walterscheid, and Flusche, while Anderson voted no. The mayor does not vote unless there is a tie needing to be broken. Muenster Police Chief Bob Stovall presented his quarterly police activities report. Mayor Pagel noted that with only three citations issued in three months, Muenster must have some well behaved citizens. Chief Stovall noted that tickets are not issued for burglaries and thefts. More enforcement of Main Street and Hwy. 82 was urged by City Council members who said that running the red light and speeding were a problem and they were concerned about safety. Chief Stovall announced that they had narrowed the applicants for police officer down to two. Those two were interviewed by himself, Alderman Walterscheid, and Administrator Endres. The name was not released since they had not yet been notified of their hiring. Stovall said that he would be filing the paperwork for the new officer and the new reserve officer this week. Alderman Flusche inquired as to the status of the threats issued against Muenster in April. Chief Stovall said that there are still reports being investigated. Some people feel that they recognize the voice. Stovall said that the dog situation is being addressed. There was a report of a child being chased by a pit bull. That dog has been moved from town. One person whose dogs had been causing a lot of reported problems had been keeping them in, but has gotten lax lately. Chief Stovall said he would be given a ticket the next day. A request was made to purchase a small cage that is portable and collapsible at a cost of about \$600. Stovall said that cost would be recovered from drug dog fees paid by the schools. In other business, the City Council:



Nortex Communications has a major technology project slated to begin in August. Joey Anderson displays one of the new boxes that will contain all cable and telephone lines into each house.

- Heard proposal by Pat Dillon of Southwest Consultants to administer grant application process for drainage work on Mesquite Street. Approved working with Dillon.
- Tabled decision on engagement letter from Stephen Gilland for audit of Fiscal Year 2007. His fees have increased a great deal and an explanation will be sought before a decision is made.
- Approved sale of alcohol by the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department for their annual barbecue on Aug. 11 in the City Park.
- Set Budget workshop meeting date for Tuesday, August 14 at 6 p.m.

Oldest living baby found alive and well in Muenster!



Happy Birthday "SPUT"

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO
July 3, 1942

Members of the Church choir honor Corp. Anthony Luke with a party while he was visiting with his family from Sunday to Tuesday. Paul Yosten receives promotion and is now a 5th Technician at Camp Normoyle in San Antonio. Lindsay observes 50 years with two-day festival. Greenbugs hit community; grain crop is considered worst in community's history. W. Lee Stock's victory garden turns out a potato almost four inches in diameter, and measures 12 inches around one way and 11 inches the other.

50 YEARS AGO
July 5, 1957

Tommy Hartman, age 12, is apparently unhurt when run over by a pickup loaded with about 40 bushels of wheat; a rear wheel rolled over his abdomen. Jerry Vernon, athletic coach at Sacred Heart resigns to take offer at Subiaco, Arkansas; he will be succeeded by George Petrus of Vernon. Obituary: Mary (Mrs. R.W.) Trew, 84. Aileen Hesse has tonsils removed. New Arrivals: Diane to Leonard and Frances Yosten; Randy to Raymond and Angie Barnhill; Connie to Larry and Helen

Yosten; Scott to Al and Sis Felderhoff.

25 YEARS AGO
July 2, 1982

Young Children's Learning Center introduced to Muenster and plans a fall opening. Eighty-Two Liquor ownership changes hands; John and Olivia Wimmer sell to Ray and Kaye Wimmer. Weddings: Shellie Walterscheid and Joe Hoedebeck; Robin McCress and Mike Bayer. New Arrivals: Leslie to Larry and Julie Schumacher; Jackie to Chris and Marla Sicking. Victor Hartman celebrates 79th birthday. Mrs. Ben Luke is 86.

Mystery Match entries are due by 5pm Monday, July 9th.

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Encyclicals are of course written to the universal Church, but we in America would not go wrong in thinking the Holy Father is addressing us when he notes that countries with laws that exclude classes of human beings from common protection are "perhaps even departing from basic principles of their Constitutions" (no. 4).

The American constitutional order is premised upon certain moral truths. The Declaration of Independence asserts, "We hold these truths to be self-evident," and goes on to affirm that human beings are endowed by the Creator with unalienable rights, including, most importantly, the right to life.

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Sunday, July 8, 2007	Monday, July 9, 2007	Tuesday, July 10, 2007	Wednesday, July 11, 2007	Thursday, July 12, 2007	Friday, July 13, 2007	Saturday, July 14, 2007
Muenster Museum Open 1-4	VFW mtg. 8pm Mystery Picture Contest entries due, Muenster Enterprise @ 5 pm	Unity & Fellowship committee mtg., 7:30 pm under Sacred Heart Pavilion	Cof C Board mtg. 5:30pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm Cof C luncheon mtg. noon @ Rohmer's Restaurant Muenster Hist. Comm. mtg. 8am @ museum	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm AARP membership luncheon 11:30am Stanford House	
	First week of swimming lessons					
Sunday, July 15, 2007	Monday, July 16, 2007	Tuesday, July 17, 2007	Wednesday, July 18, 2007	Thursday, July 19, 2007	Friday, July 20, 2007	Saturday, July 21, 2007
Muenster Museum Open 1-4	VFW Aux Mtg. 7:30 pm		Stewardship Comm. mtg. @ 7:15pm, Community Center Mtg. RM	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm Kiwanis Family Swim Night 7-9 pm @ Muenster Pool	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm	
	Second week of swimming lessons					

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NCTC reeling from governor Perry's funding veto

North Central Texas College officials said they are "stunned and outraged" not only by last week's line-item veto by Gov. Rick Perry of well over \$150 million in funding for Texas' public community colleges, but also by his accusations that these institutions "falsified their funding requests."

NCTC is one 50 public community colleges in Texas, and all are affected by the line-item veto, which eliminated one year's worth of health insurance funding in the two-year budget state lawmakers approved in May. At NCTC, the

cut amounts to a more than \$1.4 million loss. "We've been receiving this funding since the late 1980s," said Dr. Eddie Hadlock, NCTC president. "I'm at a loss right now as to how we're going to make up a cut of that magnitude over two years from other revenue sources. The governor has put us in one heck of a spot."

In a written statement, Perry explained his reasoning for the veto, saying a budget provision bars the spending of certain state funds on employee benefits if the employ-

ees' wages are paid from a source other than state funds. "Community colleges have violated this provision, using millions of state dollars annually to pay the benefits of non-state-paid employees," wrote Perry. "To get money for these employees, community colleges falsified their appropriations requests. As a result, their appropriation for fiscal years 2008-09 is approximately \$126 million too high."

NCTC and community college officials across the state were shocked and offended by the accusation they intention-

ally altered their funding requests. "It just flat isn't true," Dr. Hadlock said. "We completed our legislative appropriations request forms exactly the same way we have for years, following to the letter the instructions given us by the Legislative Budget Board and without any intention to mislead anybody or misrepresent anything."

Dr. Hadlock said it is extremely puzzling that no evidence or even a suggestion of falsification of requests surfaced during lengthy legisla-

tive hearings and debates on the budget. It's even more puzzling, he said, that the budget submitted to the 80th Legislature by the governor himself contained funding for employee health insurance.

"And yet, inexplicably, the governor chose to exercise this line-item veto of a health insurance appropriation that both the Legislature and his own office had recommended. Furthermore, he did it after the session was long over and all the lawmakers had left Austin to go back home."

The NCTC president commented that the dispute between Perry and college officials "obviously centers around how the governor's office views who should be responsible for covering the cost of fringe benefits" for certain college employees.

"Traditionally, and according to the Legislative Budget Board guidelines, state appropriations are only supposed to cover the costs of salaries and benefits of faculty, administrators, and others directly involved in the delivery of instruction and student services," Dr. Hadlock explained. "Other employees, including those paid by grants, auxiliary services personnel, and those paid from physical plant accounts, are not considered 'eligible' to have salaries or benefits paid from state funds."

"The problem is, there's never enough state money to cover the cost of all employee benefits—including health insurance—for all the clearly 'eligible' employees. So we end up having to cover these costs at the local level—mostly from tuition revenues. In other words, the state doesn't pay for these employees' benefits, we do."

As a result, Perry's office insists that since the state doesn't pay benefits for such employees, including health insurance coverage, these costs should be covered by the entity that pays for the majority of these employees' salaries, the same way employees at four-year colleges are treated.

It's a policy referred to as "proportionality" that the governor has tried to impose on the state's community colleges for some time. The Legislature,

however, "has studied the issue during the past two sessions and found it inappropriate to apply the revised definition of proportionality to community colleges," according to Steven Johnson, director of external affairs for the Texas Association of Community Colleges.

Dr. Hadlock said the outcry over the governor's action has been loud and vociferous all across the state. Other community college officials throughout Texas are expressing their shock, dismay, and outrage over the accusations of fraud, as well as their disappointment that they will have to scrimp to make up for the cut.

"It is a simple fact that our college faces enormous challenges in meeting the growing needs of our community and service area even at current levels of state funding," Dr. Hadlock said. "I want to assure our employees whose health care coverage was paid for by the state that we will do everything we can possibly do to assure that they do not lose this benefit."

"However, I think it's pretty certain that this college is going to have to do some very serious budget cutting and belt tightening, and make other budgetary adjustments that threaten to seriously limit our ability to maintain current levels of service to our students."

"Furthermore, whether we like it or not, the state funding cut puts back on the table the possibility of local tax increases or hiking tuition to make up for the loss. Those decisions will be up to the NCTC Board of Regents."

Dr. Hadlock said he and Dr. Bill Ledbetter, Board of Regents chairman, have written a letter of protest to Gov. Perry and made contact by letter and telephone with state representatives and senators whose districts include the NCTC service area.

"We urge all persons who recognize the enormous value of this college to write letters and make calls to the governor and other state leaders to express their concern over this unfair, unwarranted and totally unexpected cut in our state funding."

Submitted by Rodger Boyce

Rain falls abundantly in first half of '07

It has been a very wet year thus far in 2007. With the year half gone, official rain charts kept by Janette and Bob Hess show that Muenster has received as much so far this year as is often seen in an entire 12-month period. It has been a most unusual June with rain received at some point almost every day of the month. Plant growth is abundant, but the frequent rain and lack of sun is beginning to cause some things to get fungus or just not grow well.

Yr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
'50	2.25	2.45	.09	2.53	7.64	5.51	7.71	10.47	4.74	.02	.09	.03	43.53
'60	3.48	1.37	1.80	1.76	3.24	1.17	6.26	1.25	3.19	4.35	.29	3.54	31.70
'70	.36	3.83	2.57	4.83	4.05	1.09	1.09	.13	11.61	1.56	.52	.57	32.21
'80	1.58	1.71	.56	1.72	2.19	1.61	.26	.12	8.94	5.42	1.30	1.73	27.14
1946 to 1955													
10-yr. avg.	1.87	1.93	1.78	2.78	6.43	4.03	2.62	2.16	2.85	2.86	2.00	1.88	33.21
1956 to 1965													
10-yr. avg.	1.84	1.47	2.42	3.51	4.65	3.15	1.98	2.04	3.82	2.84	3.35	2.09	34.15
1966 to 1975													
10-yr. avg.	1.65	2.25	2.71	4.21	4.44	2.55	2.54	3.10	5.30	3.92	1.68	1.83	36.18
1976 to 1985													
10-yr. avg.	1.58	2.14	3.70	2.74	5.29	3.43	1.45	1.31	3.16	5.43	2.38	1.43	34.01
1986 to 1995													
10-yr. avg.	1.71	2.22	2.46	2.91	5.24	3.38	1.51	1.88	3.95	2.69	2.09	2.69	32.73
'90	3.30	3.55	6.63	11.79	6.46	3.45	2.46	3.25	2.31	1.97	3.97	1.38	50.52
'91	2.45	.89	1.99	1.29	4.36	2.54	1.87	3.21	5.30	7.16	1.47	7.36	39.89
'92	3.16	1.65	2.07	1.23	5.35	4.18	.77	.81	5.80	.70	4.45	4.25	34.42
'93	1.98	3.94	3.30	3.35	5.43	3.67	.05	2.11	6.12	7.14	.96	2.84	40.89
'94	1.20	3.49	3.63	5.77	3.59	1.06	4.02	1.10	5.49	5.65	5.20	2.17	42.37
'95	1.48	0.42	3.34	3.34	5.88	3.92	2.89	3.72	0.00	1.42	1.15	2.31	33.94
'96	.78	trace	3.30	3.65	.18	4.50	2.47	5.32	7.75	2.94	5.18	.18	36.25
'97	.49	7.44	2.69	5.31	8.48	3.32	.52	1.47	.97	4.29	1.26	4.91	41.15
'98	4.15	1.89	5.44	1.92	1.00	5.20	0.00	.87	1.82	3.17	2.42	2.67	30.55
'99	2.40	.24	3.62	2.80	6.94	4.41	0.00	0.16	0.99	1.76	0.81	2.49	26.62
'00	1.75	0.70	2.93	2.80	1.00	4.66	2.69	0.00	2.07	7.92	7.12	3.50	37.14
'01	3.78	7.93	4.32	2.15	4.41	1.75	2.23	0.69	3.98	1.61	1.34	2.95	37.14
'02	1.11	3.63	6.43	4.94	2.50	4.42	5.10	0.89	2.06	8.44	1.54	4.07	45.13
'03	.05	3.24	1.07	1.33	4.05	3.07	0.15	1.97	5.31	0.08	2.29	1.11	23.72
'04	1.77	3.87	2.13	5.51	3.16	12.15	5.30	1.85	1.51	6.34	6.82	.70	51.12
'05	1.92	1.79	0.70	0.33	2.48	2.86	3.54	5.53	.23	2.88	.42	.20	22.88
'06	1.41	2.22	3.90	4.98	2.42	1.36	0.48	3.79	3.27	2.75	.96	4.68	32.22
'07	2.86	0.59	5.57	0.80	9.37	13.27							32.46

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Secure borders and immigration reform without amnesty

By Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn

As your U.S. Senators, we have been heavily involved in the Congressional debate on immigration reform for several years. We have taken a leadership role on this issue because we represent a state that uniquely benefits from the contributions of legal immigrants, but is also uniquely vulnerable to the dangers of illegal immigration. Throughout this process, our principles have been clear and consistent: We must secure our borders, and we cannot encourage illegal behavior through amnesty.

On May 17, the Bush administration, along with a small group of Senators, announced a compromise immigration bill that would take a necessary first step in improving border security. We did not join in the announcement. While our efforts had a positive influence, we were not convinced the announced proposal guarantees repair of our current broken system. We are particularly concerned that we may be repeating the mistakes of the failed 1986 national amnesty. The bill promises some long-term positive changes, including significant border security measures, an end to chain migration, and a switch to green card distribution based on merit.

But many problems have not been satisfactorily addressed. For example, we must make certain that convicted criminals are not eligible for any legalization, and if these individuals attempt to stay here, that they are arrested and promptly deported.

We must ensure that only those who have played by the rules – and not those engaged in identity theft – receive Social Security benefits. This proposal would enable illegal immigrants to collect Social Security benefits for the time they were unlawfully in our country. At a time when we are already facing major shortfalls in our ability to pay benefits for future retirees, this represents an unfair burden on the American taxpayer. We must end the rampant document fraud that plagues our workplaces today, and do it in a way that is legally enforceable. Some of our colleagues, sensing the fragile nature of the proposed compromise, want to rush it through the Congress immediately. This would be a major mistake. It is too important and too complicated to rush. Major questions remain about details of the plan, and how it would work. We believe the bill – which was negotiated privately – deserves a full public airing. The legislation requires extended Senate debate, with full opportunity for public input and criticism, and an open process for amendments to strengthen its provisions.

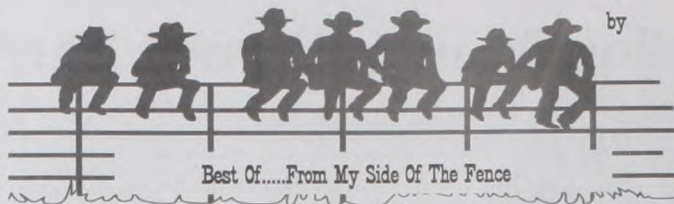
In 1986, the Congress approved a similar compromise plan that, in return for am-

nesty for most immigrants here illegally, promised an end to porous borders and disregard for our laws. Those promises were not honored. The amnesty legislation instead actually encouraged further disrespect for our laws, and led directly to the situation we face today.

As the Senate considers this bill, our goal will be restoring the integrity of our borders, providing guest workers with opportunity, not amnesty, and preserving our social security for all who legally qualify. Our contributions to the debate will continue to be positive, and constructive.

Our country needs immigration reform. We must ensure that it's done, and done correctly.

Mystery Match entries are due by 5pm Monday, July 9th.



I have been a reader of *Reader's Digest* for quite a number of years and it often has a story, untitled, "My Most Unforgettable Character." This sometimes makes me think of a character I was associated with for a number of years in the early '30s. Not a human one, but a character just the same.

Fritz was his name - he was about 10 inches tall, kind of a reddish tan, slightly whiskered little dog that belonged to my good old aunt Lena Kleiss. He lived with her just across the street west of Sacred Heart Church. Fritz was confined to the house yard, which had a good fence and solid gates, and while he had a lot of room to exercise, he soon became bored with his surroundings and began fussing and barking at anyone walking outside the fence. It wasn't long before some of the boys passing by began teasing him and poking sticks through the fence.

Fritz was a fairly hot-tempered little mutt, and this about drove him up the wall - well, at least, up the fence. He would just put all four paws into the wires and use them for a ladder to get to the top, then he would jump out, and after the kids he would go.

First, he just chased them a ways, "bad mouthed" them

a lot, climbed back into the yard, and seemed real proud of himself. But the kids began throwing things at him and soon he didn't just "bad mouth" the boys, but actually nipped one or two, on the run.

My aunt soon decided Fritz had to go. She made arrangements for him to make his home with Al Vogel, who at that time lived southwest of Muenster on the farm now owned and occupied by Ben Voth. It wasn't long before Fritz had made himself at home with Al, and had appointed himself lookout for, and guardian of, all the farm and all of Al's possessions. He chased away all of the varmints that came around, including skunks on occasion, but he soon learned to keep some distance between himself and the latter, and just give them his loudest and most eloquent "bad mouthing."

Now, there was an oil pipeline running through the farm, and it ran just a hundred yards or so from the house. Nowadays, the pipeline owners use an airplane to fly over their lines, now

and then, to check for leaks, but in those times they used men to walk the lines. One such pipeline walker was a Mr. Dick McEntire. He would walk to Fort Worth once a week, and spend the next walking back to Oklahoma. During the course of time, everyone hereabouts learned to know Dick, and he in turn became acquainted with most of us along his route. Dick had his regular watering stops with people he knew and liked, and he often took on water when there was no one at home.

It seems Al Vogel was one of his regular stops, so one hot afternoon, Dick unwittingly walked into Fritz's domain, when all he wanted was to take on fresh water.

Needless to say, he had Fritz to reckon with and he soon made the mistake of running. This was just what the dog wanted as he chased after Dick who, for lack of better protection, entered the first building he came to. It was a well built but small structure with a good door which he quickly closed. After his eyes became accus-

tom to the darkness inside, Dick found the only light and ventilation came from a couple of diamond-shaped holes in the upper part of the building, and he realized he was in the family two-holer. The only way out was past Fritz, who valiantly stood guard a few feet from the door. It was late evening before Al came in from the field and rescued a sweating, thirsty, and angry pipeline walker, who at that time almost out "bad mouthed" Fritz.

It was soon decided by folks who knew and were interested in the little mutt that he needed to be with a family where there were young folks to romp with him and to keep him busy. That's why Fritz came to live with my family. He soon overcame his bad temper, but always was one to be reckoned with when people came into the yard alone, as the Highway 5 workers did when they needed water.

Fritz became a champion rat killer while with us. There was a regular rat plague at that time - most farms were overrun with them. We boys would try every means to find them and let Fritz do his thing. He always seemed so proud of himself when he did something to please his masters.

There are a lot of stories to tell about Fritz, some of them very funny, and they make good memories. I do not know what finally became of him, but I will not soon forget him.

Long ago - but not so far away...



John Meurer and John Wies are shown in J.W. Meurer's Hardware and Furniture Store located in the present Hess Furniture building. The picture was taken in 1920.

This feature was made possible by the Muenster Historical Commission. This historical Muenster image and countless others can be found at the Ben and Aggie Seyler Muenster Museum. The Museum is open 1-4 p.m., Thursdays, Fridays, and Sundays. Photos of Muenster's past are needed for a Muenster history book supplement. Please allow us to make copies to share. Bring pictures to Janie at the *Muenster Enterprise* or e-mail them to jhartman@ntn.net.

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LIFESTYLE

Trout, Felderhoff exchange vows in Our Lady of the Lake Church

Elizabeth Joanne Trout of Rockwall and Chad Alden Felderhoff of Muenster pledged their vows of holy matrimony on Saturday, May 26, 2007 at 2 p.m. The wedding was held in Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Rockwall, the bride's church since her childhood. Officiating for the traditional double ring ceremony were Rev. Msgr. Robert Coerver and Deacon Kory Killgo, groom's uncle.

The bride is the daughter of Norman and Margie Trout of Rockwall and the granddaughter of James and Jean Trout of Mesquite and the late Clarence and Rita Metzinger. She graduated from Rockwall High School in 2002 and from Texas Tech University in 2006. JRS Advertising in Dallas employs her as a media assistant.

Parents of the groom are Ronnie and Sharon Felderhoff of Muenster. His grandparents are Arthur and Evie Felderhoff of Muenster and Raymond and Helen Metzler of Lindsay. The groom graduated from Muenster High School in 1999. He earned a Bachelor's degree in 2003 and a Master's degree in 2007. He is employed by ConAgra Foods in Saginaw as a grain elevator location manager. Arrangements of white

gladiolus, snapdragons, and hydrangeas mixed with plum snapdragons, alstroemeria, tulips, and Cool Water roses adorned the altar.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore an elegant veil and strapless gown designed by Oleg Cassini that featured Alencon lace with hand-sewn pearls and crystals covering the bodice and scattered on the tulle overlay. She carried a bouquet of plum hydrangea, white roses, and white calla lilies. For sentiment and the traditional something old, the bride wore a crystal necklace belonging to her paternal great-grandmother.

ATTENDANTS

Stacie Gasser of Greenwood, friend of the bride, attended the bride as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Mary Krile Morris of Austin, Stephanie Russell Qualls of Arlington, and Katie McCann of Marshall, all friends of the bride. They wore floor-length gowns in plum and carried clutch bouquets of white and Cool Water roses with lavender stock.

Norman Herrera of Dallas, friend of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen were groom's friends, Joe Bergman of Dallas, and Eric Fisher of Tennessee and Kevin Johnson of Sherman.



Mrs. Chad Felderhoff ...nee Elizabeth Trout ...

Ushering guests were Matthew Trout of Rockwall, bride's brother, and Mitch Felderhoff and Dustin Felderhoff, both of Muenster and brothers of the groom.

Meridythe Metzler, Goddaughter and cousin of the groom, was flower girl. Colby Metzler, cousin of the groom, was ring bearer.

Musicians for the wedding service were Amanda Felderhoff, groom's sister as pianist, Ken Swinson, vocalist and cantor, and Maurice Thompson on the organ. Music included "Canon in D" by Pachelbel, "Sheep May Safely Graze", "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring", "Ave Maria" by Schubert, "Where Love Is Found", and "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee".

Eucharistic ministers were Karl and Kathy Metzler, Godparents of the groom and the Lector was Janie Metzinger, godmother of the bride.

Altar servers were Nathan

Metzler and Daniel Metzler, cousins of the groom.

RECEPTION

A dinner and dance reception hosted by parents of the couple was held in the Holy Family Center of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church. There were about 200 guests.

The bride's three-tiered wedding cake with strawberry filling was decorated with white scrolled designs. Initials of the newlyweds topped the creation.

For the groom, a chocolate cake iced with chocolate frosting was decorated with pecans and strawberries. Topping it was the Texas Tech double T logo.

Ronnie and Sharon Felderhoff hosted the rehearsal dinner on Friday, May 25 at 8 p.m. in Her Secret Garden in Rockwall.

After a wedding trip to Mayan Riviera, Mexico, they are making their home in Euless.

St. Anne's Society hears report on Baby Bag Project

Saint Anne's society met Sunday, July 1 at the Sacred Heart Community SNAP room. President Imelda Romher led prayers for all children and families. Minutes from the previous meeting were read by Nancy Nystrom, with Lanie Bartush giving the treasurer's report and reading thank you notes from the families of deceased Society members Agnes Walter and Caroline Hess.

Members then listened to Tina Walterscheid, who reported on the status of the Baby Bag Project. Tina said that over the past three months, 25 bags of baby clothing and baby products had been given out, with each bag representing a baby's life saved from abortion.

Unfortunately, the local flooding has damaged the bags that were available to be used. Tina requested donations of diapers, bibs, towel and wash cloth sets, one-piece outfits, any kind of baby products, or money. All clothing needs to be in neutral colors such as white, yellow, or pale green, since it needs to be suitable for either a girl or

boy. Tina can be contacted at 759-2999.

Lanie Bartush and Ethel Hesse reported that the Second Chance store in Gainesville also needs help to sort donations. A group of ladies from Muenster goes to Second Chance on Tuesday mornings to help out. If anyone is interested in going with them, contact Lanie at 759-4215.

The Red Cross and the Salvation Army are also in need of volunteers. Those interested can call the Red Cross at 665-4347. The main contact for the Salvation Army is Lisa Bezner at 736-6330.

Special prayers were offered for all those affected by the flooding and for Joe Caserta. Members then enjoyed a short social.

The next Saint Anne's meeting will be Sept. 2 at 3 p.m. at the Community Center SNAP room.

A Muenster Moment in history from Muenster Historical Commission. Muenster's water system was installed in 1932 with 70 customers.

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Raney Bauer earns Bachelor's degree

"Raney has hated school since second grade. We are thrilled that she graduated and did it on time and in style," commented mother Kathy, with a smile.

Raney Bauer celebrated with about 25 family members and friends congratulating her on receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from Austin College (AC) in Sherman. The party was co-hosted by Bob and Kathy Bauer, and Scott and Mary Gerths', in Sherman. Swimming, basketball, volleyball, and of course eating, filled the afternoon and evening hours. The Bauer family, including parents, Bob and Kathy, sisters, Andrea Bauer, Jacqueline Bauer, and Melissa Quint were present with, grandmother Kathleen Raney, aunts, uncles, many cousins, and college friends from Raney's college years with the family. There were lots of laughs and a few embarrassing moments for the graduate!



Raney Bauer

Raney graduated on Mother's Day, May 13. She was among 285 candidates from the Class of 2007, the 158th academic year of the college. As the graduates crossed the stage, Austin College President Oscar C. Page presented diplomas. Raney's basketball coach, Deb Hunter said, "Raney began her career being a little sister, but that's where it stopped... I will miss her. I will miss her as a player, her leadership, but I will truly miss the essence of Raney."

In her last season as a Lady Roo at AC, Raney scored a total of 185 points, had 53 rebounds, 21 steals, and a free throw percentage of 82.1%. The Lady Roo team wrapped up its season with an appearance in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) in the program's first season as a member of the conference. The team finished 15-10 with an 8-6 record in the SCAC in a season highlighted by a 61-57 upset victory over DePauw, who went on to win the national championship. Raney led the team with 19 points in the DePauw game.

In addition to playing basketball for the Lady Roos for four years, she was also a member of the Black Expressions dance team. This team competed annually in the Masalla Competition and earned championship honors for three of four years. Black Expressions also competed in the annual homecoming dance competition and gathered top honors all four years. Raney acted as dance member and also assisted in choreography for the team. She participated in community service with the college and was also selected to serve as a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) camp counselor for three years by Rotary District 5790.



Brad Endres

Endres achieves Eagle Scout rank

Brad Endres, son of Jim and Shirley Endres, began his journey through the Scout ranks in 1996 when he joined Pack 664 as a Wolf Cub. He advanced through the ranks of Wolf, Bear, Webelo I and Webelo II. He earned the Arrow of Light, the highest Cub Scouting award, and the Catholic religious medal Parvuli Dei.

In February 2000, Brad bridged over to Boy Scout Troop 664. He advanced through ranks of Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and the highest rank of Eagle.

While a Boy Scout, Brad earned the Boy Scouts Catholic medal Ad Altare Dei, completed Junior Leading Training, and Longhorn Council Twin Arrows Leadership Camp, the highest leadership training in BSA for Scouts.

Brad served his troop with positions of Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and Troop Guide. He was chosen for induction into the Order of the Arrow (O.A.) in 2003.

In 2003, Brad was able to

be a part of a group of Scouts that took part in a backpacking expedition at Philmunt in New Mexico. He served as crew chief of this trek where they spent 12 days camping and hiking in the Rocky Mountains. He also went to San Isabel Scout Ranch in Colorado in 2005 for high adventure activities including river rafting and mountain hiking.

During his Scouting career, Brad earned 25 merit badges. For his Eagle project, Brad constructed, painted, and placed a picket fence to enclose a courtyard around the patient patio at Muenster Memorial Hospital. He hung a trellis to aid honeysuckle growth and a bird feeder to attract various types of birds. The fence allows patients to enjoy fresh outdoor air while ensuring their safety.



Brad Endres installed this fence between the MMH south parking lot and a courtyard of the patient patio. A locking gate allows for access with lawn equipment. Courtesy photo

Attention 1977 MHS and SHS graduates!

It's time for a class reunion! The reunion will be held Saturday, July 28 at Greg and Reneta Knabe's home located 3 1/2 miles south of Muenster at 185 CR 360.

The evening will begin with a blessing during the 5 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church. Social hour will be from 6 to 7:15 p.m. BYOB. A steak dinner will be served for \$20 per person. Music will be provided by Only in TexXas.

For questions, contact Doris Koessler at 736-4099 or Mary Hess at 759-4893.

Happy birthday U.S.A.!!!

Zachary turns two!

Zachary Christian Nervo was honored with a party for his second birthday on Sunday, April 15 at the home of his parents Donna and Nicolas Nervo of Arlington. His actual birth date is April 17.

Zachary was delighted to have a party theme of "Raggedy Ann and Andy." A large antique collection of these dolls was the focal point of the party's décor. The main table was covered with a bright red cloth with a white daisy pattern and blue jean bows at the edges. A large strawberry sheet cake with strawberry icing served as the table's centerpiece. "Zachary Is 2 and a Real Doll" was lettered in blue on the cake. A miniature Raggedy Andy stood on one corner and a "2" red and white candle was on the other corner. A matching banner hung behind the table stating "Zachary's 2 and Cute as a Doll."

Guests enjoyed a strawberry and apricot baked rib lunch with baked potato casserole and beans. Raggedy Ann and Andy gift boxes were given to the children. Videos commemorated the happy celebration, which included opening of gifts.

Special guests were Zachary's parents, older

brothers Alexander and Dominic, maternal grandmother Rachel Hennigan of Muenster, and a host of relatives, friends, and neighbors.



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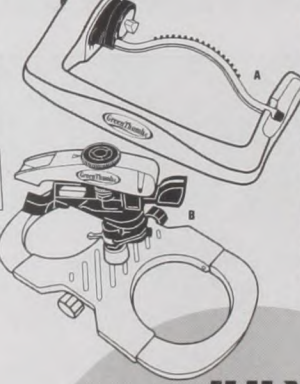
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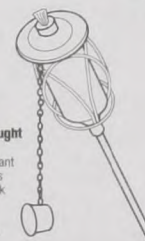
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Olivia Felderhoff celebrates third

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Olivia Felderhoff

In the evening, there was a family dinner party at Olivia's home followed by cake and ice cream. The three tiered strawberry cake was decorated with blue frosting and edible sea shells and topped with the little mermaid.

Attending were her parents Gus and Britt Felderhoff, uncle Troy and aunt Shawn Goll, and grandparents Greg and Jackie Cleveland, all of Scottsdale, and grandmother Loretta Felderhoff of Muenster.

Olivia received phone calls wishing her a happy birthday from her great uncle Gary Droll, uncle James Felderhoff, aunt Vanessa Felderhoff, and grandfather Gus Felderhoff, all of Muenster, as well as uncle Steve and aunt Julie Behr of Florida.

Grief Support and Guidance Seminars being offered in July

Home Hospice of Cooke County is offering help to heal hearts broken by the death of a loved one. The Grief Support and Guidance Seminar developed by Home Hospice will be offered on consecutive Tuesday evenings, July 10, 17, and 24, in two hour sessions at the Home Hospice office, 1001 E. Broadway in Gainesville. Participants are encouraged to attend each session, as each adds new and different information.

loved one, this seminar will be beneficial to you. Developed to be both informational and supportive in nature, the Grief Support & Guidance Seminar will be facilitated by Kelly Lamkin, LBSW, bereavement coordinator for Home Hospice. Lamkin has served as bereavement coordinator for 10 years.

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- 20 seconds after a flash..... 4 miles away
- 25 seconds after a flash..... 5 miles away
- 30 seconds after a flash..... 6 miles away
- 35 seconds after a flash..... 7 miles away
- 40 seconds after a flash..... 8 miles away

Get to a safe location if the time between the lightning flash and the rumble of thunder is 30 seconds or less.

NWS offers thoughts on weather radio use

The devastating flooding was a reminder of the value of weather radio. Our media partners across North Texas do an excellent job of broadcasting information to their viewers and listeners. Unfortunately, many people were asleep as the storms moved through and did not have their radios or televisions on. In a late night event, as we had Sunday night/Monday morning (June 17-18), a weather radio is an important device to own.

The weather radio system performs as a smoke detector for severe weather. Weather radio is a 24-hour broadcast of information which originates from our forecast office in Fort Worth. When we issue a weather warning the system broadcasts special codes which activate alarms on the weather radio receivers. The newer weather radio models have a technology called SAME/ which enables listeners to program the counties for which the radio alarm activates.

Weather radio receivers can be purchased at electronics stores, some larger department stores, and home improvement stores, and over the Internet.

Portable hand-held radios cost around \$30 and desktop models cost between \$40 and \$70 depending on the features. When shopping for a weather radio, we recommend that the radio have the SAME/ technology, and we recommend that it have a battery backup.

Taken from National Weather Service, Fort Worth website.

American Red Cross moves service center

People affected by the recent floods can still get help from the Red Cross. The American Red Cross moved the service center first located at the Civic Center in Gainesville to Gainesville High School at 1201 Lindsay Street on Sunday, July 1. Any remaining people who've not met with a Red Cross caseworker can do so at this location from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Follow the Red Cross signs to enter the building.

Geordan celebrates 5th "at the beach"

Geordan Nicole Spaeth turned five years old on Sunday, June 3. Her parents George and Bernice Spaeth hosted a "Let's Hit The Beach" themed party in their daughter's honor at home in Gainesville.



Geordan Spaeth

A grilled hamburger and hot dog lunch with all the trimmings was served.

Guests watched Geordan as she opened her gifts. Afterwards, all gathered to sing a hearty "Happy Birthday" to Geordan. She received a surprise when the candles on her "beach ball" and "sun" cupcake cakes would not go out. With a puzzled look, she blew a little harder, but still the candles would not extinguish. Her great-grandmother Spaeth, showing her wit, had replaced the original birthday candles with "puff out proof" candles! Geordan eventually got them out, but not on the 1st, 2nd, or even 3rd try. It took a bit longer!

Later, the children enjoyed the outdoors and sunshine jumping on the trampoline and playing on the swing set. Silly string cans and water balloons were given out and the children (and some of the adults) had fun beating the heat with a water balloon fight. The children thought it especially funny when the marked target of an unsuspecting adult was hit. None will soon forget Uncle Terry's retaliation pictures!

Video and pictures were taken to remember the special day.

Guests attending were Geordan's parents; her little brother Matthew; grandparents Walter and Celine Bartel and David and LouAnn Spaeth; and great-grandmother Mickey Spaeth. Uncles, aunts, and cousins included Terry Bartel, ShyAnn and Dalton, Jason and Julie Brogden, Emily and Eve; Jessica Bartel; Jason and Brenda Clark, Sara and Collin; John and Michelle Spaeth, and Clayton; great-aunt Patsy Henry; great-aunt Rosie Bartel and cousins Kevin and Theresa Switzer and Mariah and Abby; Sherry May and Kaitlyn Landers. Special family friends attending were Cheryl Eddowes and Amanda; Kim Martin, Allie and Gus; Ronnie Prescher; Tori Hopkins; Dianne Kaden and Suzanne; Helen Roberts; and Jerry and Sandra Schumacher, Jerrad and Jaden.

Unable to attend, but sending birthday wishes were aunts, uncles, and cousins Marceline and Floyd Felderhoff, Justin and Chelsea, and Tim and Staci Bartel; and family friends Larry and Tracy Allen, and Donna

Walterscheid, Ashley and Chad.

On June 2, Geordan enjoyed a "tea party" with her classmates and friends at the Edelweiss Tea Haus in Gainesville. The party was complete with tea, peanut butter and jelly finger sandwiches, fresh fruit and fudge brownie sundaes for dessert.

Pictures and video were taken and gifts opened. When departing, each child was presented with a framed picture of themselves and the birthday girl, and a goody bag.

Guests included Geordan's mother Bernice Spaeth; great-grandmother Mickey Spaeth; great-aunt Patsy Henry; Lisa Wolf and Kendal; Casie Skipworth and Terah and Sierah; Taylor Pelzel; Kloe Copeland; Allison Garret; and Hunter Wolf.

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SCHOOL

Three Muenster High School graduates receive scholarships

Megan Felderhoff, the 2007 Muenster High School Valedictorian and daughter of David and Barbie Felderhoff, has received The Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship in the amount of \$6,000 over the next four years. This scholarship program promotes student excellence and achievement and recognizes exceptionally able students who show promise of continued excellence.

The program is offered through the Texas Higher Education Coordinating

Board and is highly competitive. The Coordinating Board received over 2,000 applications last year and were only able to award 590 students.

The Texas Interscholastic League Foundation announced last week that 696 applications for their scholarship program were received and approximately 377 new scholarships were awarded. Students become eligible for these scholarship opportunities by advancing to and competing in the UIL State Academic Meet at any point in his or her high school career.

Three graduates from MHS received awards from the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation. These graduates are Megan Felderhoff, daughter of David and Barbie Felderhoff, Evan Koesler, son of Fred and Elaine Koesler, and Michael Valliere, son of Tom and Laurie Valliere. At the UIL State Academic Meet, Megan competed in Spelling, Evan competed in Science, and Michael competed in Prose.



Megan Felderhoff



Evan Koesler



Michael Valliere

College & Career Corner

By Rose Rennekamp
Summer reading: a novel idea

My daughter asked me the other day if I'd read anything good lately. We discussed a few articles and books, and she promised to look up my recommendations. I don't know if she'll end up reading what I suggested, but I know she'll read something. My daughter is a lifelong reader. My son is, too. And nothing makes me happier.

Reading is a priceless gift.

In fact, honing one's reading skills is critical to success in school and the workforce. Unfortunately, many students tend to fall out of practice when it comes to reading in the summer.

Multiple studies and numerous researchers urge parents not to let their children take a summer vacation from reading. According to the authors of a November 2002 report from the John Hopkins Center for Summer Learning, students who don't read during

the summer will have to relearn some of their literary skills when school begins again. "A conservative estimate of lost instructional time is approximately two months or roughly 22% of the school year," the report states. Students of low-income families and those who are already struggling with reading are at greater risk.

However, the same research shows that students who read at least four books during summer vacation

maintain or even increase their skills. The only trick is getting students to read. Luckily, it isn't as difficult as one might think.

1. Set the proper tone. Turn off the TV and read a book you enjoy. Read the newspaper and discuss its articles with your teens. Subscribe to magazines and leave them throughout your home to encourage reading anywhere at anytime. When students see their parents reading for fun—not because they have to—they're more apt to read for pleasure, too.

2. Visit the library. Many public libraries offer summer reading programs for all ages. Some even offer them for adults. My local library offers prizes and parties for readers who meet set reading goals. If your library doesn't offer a program, check online for a library that does or create your own incentive program at home.

3. Expand your family library.

Studies show that students who have access to books read more than those who don't, so clear the knick knacks from your shelves and fill them with books instead. You don't have to invest a lot of money to add to your collection. My kids used to love to shop at yard sales for "new" books. I was more than happy to oblige. When they grew tired of or outgrew a book, we'd drop it off at the local Goodwill for another child to enjoy.

4. Read outside the box. Reading isn't simply a person and a book. It's a person and a possibility. Encourage your student to read cookbooks and try out the recipes that appeal to him. Check out this summer's movie releases to see which ones are adapted from books. Read the book, see the movie, and discuss the

differences between the two. Try reading an old favorite in a new language.

My kids learned some German in preschool and Spanish starting in grade school, so I ordered some of their favorite books in those languages. They were amazed that children half a world away enjoyed the same stories that they did.

5. Join the club. Young people are always looking for something to do during the summer months, so why not start a book club? Members can take turns choosing books and discuss their choices at each other's homes, the local library, or a favorite restaurant.

When it comes to summer reading, a little goes a long way. Encourage your student's reading habits this summer and enjoy a smooth transition when school resumes.

Dancing (and cheering) in the streets



Rainy weather couldn't dampen the spirit at the MHS Hornet Mini Cheerleading Camp last week. Wet conditions forced the camp out of the City Park into the MISD Gym and surrounding grounds. Above - the 3rd and 4th grades take over the Hornet Stadium entry; at right - the 5th and 6th grade group works out between buildings; and below - the younger kids follow the leadership of Cathy Aston and Alison Miller.



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Muenster books go to Mexico



The afternoon Spanish III students of Muenster High School, above, wrote, illustrated, and designed Spanish books for an orphanage in La Villita in Piedras Negras, Coahuila. The morning class bestowed their books to children in Bolivia. Students are, from left, standing - Matt Flusche, Tanner Herr, Cletus Fuhrmann, Mara Erikson, John Crabtree, Alison Miller, Jordanne Hellman, Craig Grewing, Brandy Dangelmayr, Alison Teafatiller, Emily Stoffels; front - Garrett Hennigan, Jared Flusche, and Paul Crabtree. In April, 2004, torrential floods destroyed the orphanage, causing many deaths and destruction in the area, then again this April, a tornado struck the orphanage and town. Many remain missing and homeless.

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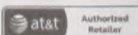


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Summer League basketball action

Sacred Heart Tiger Kevin Kulle (in white) guards the Hornets of Münster, including, at right, Shane Presnall, and below Levi Trubenbach (15), Eric Hellman, and Corey Reynolds (with ball). Red River Summer League Basketball ended play the last of June.

Janie Hartman photos



A common problem in bass lakes - overcrowding

By David Rainer

When Arlie Fortner took over the management of quail operations and fishing lakes at Old Spring Hill Plantation in Barbour County almost four years ago, he realized quickly the main 85-acre lake needed to be put on intensive care.

Catching bass wasn't the problem. It was the size of those bass that indicated the need for significant action.

"When we got the lake, you were going to catch plenty of 14-inch fish but no big ones," Fortner said. "There was no available bait - no mosquito minnows. You couldn't see any small bream around. It was so overpopulated by bass that anything that moved was being eaten. Unless you were a mature bream, you were in trouble in that lake. If you were a bream, thousands of bass were wanting you for dinner."

After having an electroshocking survey done, the results showed a significant overpopulation of bass with an imbalance in the size of the fish, as well.

"The first thing we did was put in 30,000 threadfin shad," said Fortner, who teams up with plantation manager Phil Anderson on the management decisions. "What that did, it gave the bass an alternate source of food without eating every little minnow or bream that was hatched. It gave bass something else to concentrate on. Shad spawn every 28-30 days, so you've got new ones coming on all the time."

"This allowed the small bream to grow and it brought the mosquito minnows back. We ended up with mosquito minnows against the bank that the smaller bream and bass could eat. The regular-sized bass were gorging on the shad."

The second step involved significantly thinning the bass population.

"The first year we took 2,000 bass out and the second year we took 1,500 out and then 1,000," Fortner said. "Now we are able to maintain with 800 bass from 13 to 14 inches being taken out of the lake. After we started, we didn't catch a single big fish that first year. The second year we had a couple. In our third year, we started catching eight, nine, and 10-pounders."

"Now instead of catching 100 to 120 fish with no size,

we're catching 60-70 fish with the average of two pounds and having three to 10-pounders in the mix. Just about every time I've been out with customers this year, they've had a chance to catch a nine pounder or better. Hook-ups on those fish are getting more frequent. They all go back into the lake. That allows that big sow to continue to put her offspring in the lake. We've already caught a dozen fish over 10 pounds this year."

With the forage pressure shifted to the shad, the bream have also made a comeback to the point to where they now need management.

"Our bream are back so strong, we're taking some out now," Fortner said. "We take 600-700 males out each year. We return the females to spawn. Plus, we feed them twice a day. That keeps them fat and happy. The bass are also aware of it. It's not uncommon to see a 10-pound bass come up and pick off a bream or two during the feeding."

Fortner said lake owners need to get a fisheries biologist to check the lake to ensure the management plan is working.

"The biggest mistake people make is they build a lake and it's their baby," he said. "They don't take any fish out. To have a thriving lake, you've got to take a certain number of bass and bream out of the lake. It has to be managed aggressively."

Ken Weathers, District VI supervising fisheries biologist for the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, agrees wholeheartedly with Fortner's last statement.

"If you don't harvest bass, the lake will get crowded with one pound bass," said Weathers, who is based in Enterprise. "We do pond checks in June and September each year, about 200 ponds a year. For 75% of them, the problem is not taking out enough bass."

"You need to take 25 pounds of bass per acre per year to keep the bass from getting crowded. Go to 30 pounds per acre if you're going for bigger bass."

The basic recommendation of the Conservation Department fisheries biologists is to stock the lake or pond with bream, both bluegills and shellcrackers (redeer), for forage and add enough bass as

the predator species to keep the bream population in check.

Weathers said the addition of threadfin shad should be done carefully and is probably counterproductive on smaller bodies of water.

"When you throw in threadfin shad, they are filter feeders and can out-compete the bream for food," he said. "When you have a good plankton bloom, shad are sucking out the plankton and small invertebrates that bream eat. Shad are notorious about spawning early in the spring, so the fry are not available for bass fingerlings. That is the reason you don't get much bass recruitment with just shad. You have to have bream, as well. When the water temperature gets to 75, the bluegills and shellcrackers will start spawning and their fry will give the small bass something to feed on."

Weathers said the only shad the Department recommends is the threadfin because the gizzard shad grows too fast for the bass to utilize. And threadfins are better suited for the larger lakes.

"With threadfin shad, the maximum size is seven to eight inches long," Weathers said. "That's fine for forage. If you've already got a bass-crowded pond smaller than 10 acres, shad will just be expensive forage. If you've got a bigger lake, you can knock the bass population back and then put threadfin in there and get them established. Everybody I know who has put them in there is catching five and six pound bass."

"If you're going to make a commitment to threadfins, you've got to be committed to a fertilizer program. You've got to get that algae bloom. To do well, you've got to keep that pond green during the warm months."

If you're looking for trophy-sized bass, it takes more than shad, according to Weathers.

"For a bass to get eight to 10 pounds, they've got to have big bream to eat," he said. "They need to eat something a third of its length to grow that big. They can eat shad more efficiently, but to really grow out the bass, you've got to have something more than shad. Usually the lakes with big bass have good bream populations, as well as golden shiners. For those situations, it's best to have feeders on the pier to keep the bream healthy."

"For smaller lakes, five acres and smaller, you can put some golden shiners in and have big bass. Shiners are not as bad to take over like threadfins. The shiners are a good shape for the bass to eat and if you can get shiners established, you can grow some nice bass."

Yet, lake owners still have to have fish fries on a regular basis.

"You still need to harvest bass," Weathers said. "Anything less than 16 inches, take them out when you catch them. If you catch three to four pounders throw them back and they will make the bigger ones. But, if you don't take but 12-15 pounds per acre per year, you're going to end up with stunted bass."

NOTE: The above comes from The Fishing Wire through the Alabama Department of Fish & Wildlife's David Rainer. We feel the story is applicable to many with lakes where the fish simply aren't measuring up to expectations.

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 TO: LUIS F. DOMINGUEZ
 You are hereby commanded to appear and answer before the Honorable 235TH DISTRICT COURT, COOKE County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said county in GAINESVILLE, Texas at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of this service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Petitioner filed in said Court on 06/29/2007 against LUIS F. DOMINGUEZ, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 07-259 on the docket of said 235TH DISTRICT COURT, and entitled:
IN THE INTEREST OF LUIS FELIPE DOMINGUEZ, JR. AND ALEX MIGUEL DOMINGUEZ, CHILDREN, A CHILD
 The suit is requesting: COURT TO GRANT AN ORDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ALLEGATIONS OF THIS PETITION

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's best interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship.
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 Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at GAINESVILLE, Texas this the 29th day of June, 2007.

PAT PAYNE, District Clerk
 235TH DISTRICT COURT
 COOKE County, Texas
 By: /s/ Susan Hughes, Deputy

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 THE STATE OF TEXAS
 TO: KEVIN GOHEN
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IN THE INTEREST OF MIKAYLA GRACE HESSE, A CHILD
 The suit is requesting: PETITIONERS PRAY THAT THE COURT ENTER ITS ORDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ALLEGATIONS OF THIS PETITION

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Cooke County Farm Service Committee nominations open

Nominations for candidates to run for the Farm Service Agency county committee election representing producers in Local Administrative Area (LAA) 2 will be accepted through Aug. 1, 2007. Producers who reside in the LAA, participate or cooperate in an FSA program, and are of legal voting age may be nominated to serve on the county committee. Individuals may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Also, organizations representing socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers may also nominate candidates.

member whose three-year term will expire. Cooke County will be holding an election for a person to represent LAA 2. That position is currently held by Frank Sandmann whose three consecutive term limit will expire this December. LAA 2 includes the towns of Lindsay, Sivells Bend, Moss Lake Area, Gainesville, Callisburg, Walnut Bend, and Dexter. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by Nov. 2, and must be returned to the FSA county office or postmarked by Dec. 3.

State's animal cruelty law revised

The Texas legislature has approved a bill, HB 2328, making major modifications to the law governing the treatment of animals. Significant improvements and modernizations were made protecting the ability of livestock producers to manage their operations without fear of persecution from animal activists.

All farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural producers are encouraged to participate. The county committee provides local input on com-

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Livestock animals, along with pets, have long been "protected" by the state's Animal Cruelty law. One of the most significant improvements was to separate and treat differently livestock animals from the other "warm and fuzzy" animals such as pets.

Some of the other improvements made include: recognizing livestock do not necessarily need or use shelter; clarifying the right to protect against depredation from animals such as feral hogs; strengthening the protections for hunting and wildlife control activities; and specifically prohibiting individuals or groups such as PETA from gaming the law for civil suits to put producers out of business and finance their campaigns.

Not only is this important in present day enforcement, but it is also helpful to be under a section separate from kittens and puppies in the event of future campaigns by animal rights activists.

It also contains enhanced protections for normal hunting and agricultural practices and additional ex-

ceptions for wildlife management and depredation control.

Senate passes energy bill

The Senate passed an energy bill which calls for a Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) of 8.5 billion gallons of ethanol in 2008 ramping up to 36 billion gallons in 2022. For 2008, this increases the RFS established in the Energy Policy Act of 2005 by 3.1 billion gallons.

According to the Renewable Fuels Association, the U.S. already has 6.3 billion gallons of ethanol production capacity with another 6.2 billion gallons under construction. Starting in 2016, the bill calls for three billion gallons of advanced biofuels production and this volume increases to 21 billion gallons by 2022. Advanced biofuels was defined as fuel derived from renewable biomass other than corn starch. This definition makes room not only for grain sorghum, but also sweet sorghum and sorghum biomass.

The bill also calls for a feasibility study regarding an ethanol pipeline, research to optimize flexible fuel vehicles (FFVs) to run more efficiently on E-85, and an examination of the impacts of moving by 10% ethanol blends. Also included in the bill is a provision setting the corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) of 35 miles per gallon by 2020.

"The strong consensus of the American public is that our nation must move faster and go farther to secure its energy future," said Senator Jeff Bingaman, chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. "This bill responds to the deeply held view of most Americans that we can - and should - lead the world, when it comes to developing the new technologies that will produce clean, alternative energy and help address the threat of global warming."

Ranking Member Senator Pete Domenici said, "I voted for this bill because it

Cattle producers should prepare for mandatory COOL

The long-delayed mandatory Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) law appears to be likely to take effect on or before the scheduled date of Sept. 30, 2008. Although nothing is final yet, full implementation may affect some or all of the 2007 calf crop and certainly will affect the 2008 calf crop. USDA has reopened the comment period to allow interested parties to have input into the final rule for COOL implementation.

Producers have until Aug. 20, 2007 to submit comments on the proposed final rule for COOL.

Producers should also start thinking about how they will comply with the law. Some details may change with the final rule, but the general requirements of the law are clear. The proposed final rule states "Any person in the business of supplying a covered commodity to a retailer, whether directly or indirectly, must maintain records to establish and identify the immediate previous source (if applicable) and immediate subsequent recipient of a covered commodity, in such a way that identifies the product unique to that transaction by means of lot number or other unique identifier, for a period of one year from the date of the transaction." Producers should think about whether they have records that will meet these requirements, whether new records are needed, and how those records must be organized and maintained to be available as required.

It is likely that many cow-calf producers already have the majority of records needed to prove the origin of the calves they sell, although some reorganization of those records may be needed. Stocker producers, however, face a greater challenge to be able to trace animals from a variety of purchasing sources to subsequent marketing groups after the commingling that is so typical and necessary for stocker production. Some sort of individual animal ID, although not mandated by this law, is likely to be the only feasible way for many stocker operations to be able to maintain records of animal origin. Feedlots and packing plants will likewise need detailed records to maintain a complete chain of identification through the marketing system, especially during meat fabrication when pieces of animals are commingled in boxes of beef. Although the details are not finalized yet, it is time for producers to begin planning for implementation of mandatory COOL.

Source: Derrell S. Peel, OSU Extension Livestock Marketing

AG BRIEFS

A total of 63.1 million acres will harvest all types of hay.

Do not use growth implants with newborn calves, on replacement heifers, with sick calves, and at weaning.

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COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT

WAYNE BECKER
CEA - AG/NR

Sprouted wheat for feeding cattle

The moist conditions and delayed harvest have caused some sprouting in the head. Generally, sprouted grain is unsuitable for use in the milling, brewing, and food industries. However, sprouted grain can be fed to livestock.

The germination process produces heat, carbon dioxide, and moisture, and hence might slightly reduce the energy density of the sprouted grain. However, animal feeding trials indicate that the feeding value of the grain is not reduced. In some instances, it appears that sprouting may slightly improve the feeding value. Substantial sprouting will involve some reduction in energy available per kernel, with slight to moderate sprouting showing smaller effects on the feeding value of sprouted grains. Storage to prevent further deterioration and loss is necessary.

Dr. Ted McCollum, Extension Beef Cattle Specialist with Texas Cooperative Extension in Amarillo, has provided some points to consider if you have sprouted wheat and will be feeding it to cattle this year:

1. Sprouting causes only slight, if any, reduction in feeding value. Bushel weight may be used as a rough indicator of feeding value, but in most cases the value of the sprouted grain is similar to sound grain. Test weights below 50 lbs are a better indicator of reduced feeding value.
2. Sprouted wheat should

be processed similar to non-sprouted wheat. Wheat grain should be cracked, rolled, or flaked prior to feeding.

3. Follow feeding recommendations (maximum levels, etc.) normally used for feeding wheat.

4. Check for mold. If there is any question about the presence of molds or toxins, have the grain screened by the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory or another analytical laboratory.

5. Sprouted grains may have a higher moisture content which can lead to spoilage and mold growth during storage. Check the moisture before storage. Moisture tests off the field can be misleading, and moisture can vary depending on the degree of sprouting. North Dakota State University research suggested that 1-1.5% moisture should be added to actual moisture reading of sprouted grain. Take steps to reduce the moisture level prior to storage or store the sprouted grain in a way that will limit spoilage.

Water Well Purification

How do I clean and disinfect my well after a flood?

After a flood, it is important to take every precaution to ensure the safety of your well water. First, it is necessary to inspect and clean the well and pump before using them. You may want to have your water well driller or contractor check out the well before using it.

- Do not turn on the pump until an electrician or well contractor has checked the

wiring. There is a risk of electrical shock! After the proper inspections have taken place, run the pump and discard the water until the well water runs clear.

• Most important, after a flood, you should disinfect the well. This can be accomplished by following the procedures outlined below; however, it is advisable to hire a well contractor to disinfect the well for you.

• Pump the well for several hours to reduce the cloudiness and contaminant levels in the water.

• Pour four gallons of a chlorine bleach solution into the well. Chlorine bleach solution consists of one gallon of bleach with three gallons of clean water. Open every faucet and pump the water until the water coming out of the faucet smells like chlorine, and then turn off each faucet. If you do not smell chlorine at the faucet, add a little more chlorine solution until the smell is detected.

• Let the system sit for 24 hours.

• Open the faucets and run the water until the chlorine smell disappears.

• Have the water sampled and tested. The water IS NOT safe for drinking until lab results show no indication of total coliform bacteria. You can discuss the final lab results with the lab or local parish health unit. It is important to remember that disinfection will not remove chemicals which may have contaminated your well during a flood.

Dates to Remember:

July 14 - Progressive Farmer Safety Day Camp; Youth K-5th - Gainesville Civic Center.

July 19 - Summer Crop Field Day; 4 CEUs; 7:30 a.m. - Prosper Research Center.

Aug 6-8 - Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course at College Station.

Aug 14 - Cooke County Beef Cattle Improvement Association Meeting.

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200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.25-1.40; No. 2 & 3, 1.22-1.35; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.23-1.30; No. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.23; 400-500 lbs. \$650-\$800
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Feeder Heifers (per lb.)
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Sows (per lb.)
Feeder, 400 or less: 20-37; Light wt. 400-500: 30-36; Med. wt. 500-600: 30-36; Heavy wt. 600+: 30-36

Boars (per lb.)
300 lb. up: 0750-11, 200-300 lbs.: 10-20; Light wt.: 20-25

Sheep (per lb.)
Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs., 60-85; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs., 60-85; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs., 50-75

Ewes (per lb.)
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- DOUBLE FUDGE BAR, GOIN' BANANAS BARS,
OR SWEET FREEDOM SUGAR FREE POPS ASSTD.
Blue Bunny Novelties 12 PACK **2 FOR \$5**
- BREAST TENDERS OR NUGGETS
Banquet Chicken..... 14-16.2 OZ. **2 FOR \$5**
- PATIO ASSORTED
Burritos..... 5 OZ. **2 FOR 89¢**

- GREEN GIANT NIBBLERS-ORIGINAL OR EX. SWEET
Corn on the Cob..... 12 CT. **2 FOR \$5**
- PLAINS ORIGINAL, SLIM & TRIM, OR FAT FREE
Cottage Cheese..... 24 OZ. **2 FOR \$5**
- SHURFINE WHIPPED, OR ASSTD. FLAVORS SOFT
Cream Cheese..... 8 OZ. **2 FOR \$3**
- KRAFT
American Singles..... 12 OZ. **\$1.99**
- RUBY RED GRAFFRUIT JUICE OR ASSTD. ORANGE JUICE
Florida's Natural..... 64 OZ. **\$2.99**
- ORIGINAL OR LIGHT
Blue Bonnet Spread..... 16 OZ. **99¢**