

Muenster proud of Olympians



Muenster Chamber of Commerce placed this banner along Hwy. 82 to welcome home the town's two Olympic participants. Dwayne Weger, at left, served as a team leader for the U.S. Olympic Shooting Team and Bret Erickson, at right, competed in the Trap Shooting. Watch next week's Muenster Enterprise for a story with their views of the event and some comments from their families. Courtesy photo

Myra VFD working for new equipment, fire station

By Janet Felderhoff
Myra Volunteer Fire Department's 30th Annual Barbecue Cookout with raffle and auction takes place this Saturday, Sept. 6 in the Myra City Park. Myra VFD is one of the volunteer fire departments that assists Muenster VFD at fires in the Muenster area when needed.

This year, the organization of Myra volunteer firefighters has several projects. They are in the process of constructing a new fire station to house their trucks and equipment. They bought a new Ford F450 cab and chassis and placed their main box on it. They also want to purchase a deuce and a half 6x6 which they plan to turn

into a grass rig.

Since Sept. 1, 2007, Myra VFD has responded to a total of 60 calls. Of those answered in Myra, six were wild land fires; three vehicle calls; three haz mat calls; and three structure fires. They assisted other departments with 38 wild land fires and seven structure fires.

Serving on the Myra Volunteer Fire Department are: Chad Bayer, Ronnie Bayer, Billy Felderhoff - fire chief, Jenna Felderhoff, Katie Felderhoff, Jerome Fuhrmann, Leon Fuhrmann, Sam Hess, Denise Jones, Robert Powell, Daniel Proffer, Randy Proffer, Robert Proffer, Daniel Saucedo, Bobby Sicking,

Kenneth Sicking, Scot Vogel, and James Whit.

The menu consists of barbecue beef, Tusie Qs, beans, trimmings, tea or Kool-Aid, and cakes and pies. Serving times are 5-9 p.m. Adult meal tickets are \$6 and children 12 years and under \$3. Auction time is 7 p.m. Raffle tickets are available at a cost of \$2 each or 11 for \$20.

Doug Martin & The Rustlers will provide live entertainment.

All are encouraged to attend and show support for this group of volunteers who offer their time freely, and at times put their lives in harm's way to protect the lives and property of their neighbors and friends.

Dillards operate large cranes

By Janet Felderhoff
Wyatt and Laurie Dillard met when their career paths crossed several years ago on a job site in Washington. Both are hoisting engineers. Wyatt claims 28 years of experience in the business and Laurie seven years. They are employed by Milco Constructors/WEC. Washington State is where they go home to when not out on a job.

Their most recent project was erection of the wind generators for Wolf Ridge Wind located north of Muenster. On Thursday afternoon, Aug. 28, they had just finished putting up number eight, the last of 75 wind generators.

Wyatt said of the crane he was operating, "It has 500,000 pounds of counter to keep the boom in the air." There is 330 feet of stick on the crane that measures 32 feet in width and weighs 440 tons and Wyatt describes as, "one of the smaller cranes." They have a 2,000 ton crane. While the big crane being operated to erect the wind generators has two crawlers on it, the 2,000 ton crane is equipped with eight crawlers.

A lot of training goes into becoming licensed as a hoisting engineer. They received their training through their local unions in Washington. According to Wyatt, it involves about 8,000 hours of training before one is prepared to take the federal exam.

Other projects that the Dillards have worked on include nuclear facilities, coal generating stations, bridges. "Nothing real small. I kind of jumped into the big stuff in the beginning," Laurie remarked.

The couple tries to follow the wind farms. "WEC and Milco Constructors were willing to give Laurie a chance on the bigger rigs to prove herself," noted Wyatt. "It's not easy for her, being a female."

Laurie explained that it's difficult for contractors to see women doing the job. Wyatt agreed that there is still that stigmatism. He said there is no reason that women shouldn't be able to do the job equal to a man. "It's all the male mentality, unfortunately," he reflected. "I've been in the seat for 28 years

and I'm not being biased, by any means. She finished top of her class in school. She has the hand-eye coordination - actually better hand-eye coordination. And, on top of that, she's more attuned to the machine and the maintenance. She saves the employer thousands of dollars. But, there are male people that are out there working

dumped over in latrines. She's put up with sexual harassment. My heart goes out to a female who is out in the field and trying to make a living for her family."

Laurie added, "In this profession, a woman needs to grow alligator skin. Once you get your alligator skin, you toughen up."

Wyatt did note that he



Fresh from the factory to Wolf Ridge, this \$3 million+ crane was first operated by Wyatt and Laurie Dillard. Janie Hartman photo

under her hook who has a real hard time with females. They do not like to see them there."

Wyatt said this a problem that any women face who try to enter what is called the man's world. "I've always been sympathetic toward Laurie, and the other females who try to make a living doing something else. My mother did it in the 70s and she faced a lot worse than what Laurie faced. She was a steel worker. She's been

has met some gentlemen out here who are extremely supportive of females on the job site. "There are guys out there who support and stand behind the females on the job and try to help them with whatever they can," Wyatt conceded.

On their job in the Muenster area, the Dillards assisted with the unloading of the generators pieces. Each wind generator consists of three pieces - the base sec-

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In Great-Grandpa's day...



Three members of the Cooke County Antique Tractor and Farm Machinery Club demonstrate an old hand-tie hay baler, just one of many activities that could be viewed at the Club's annual show held last weekend at Lindsay. The steam tractor running the belt driven baler is the prize property of the Club. See inside and watch next week for more show pictures. Janie Hartman photo

Take a glimpse into the past at Stepping Back In Time

By Janet Felderhoff
Members of the Muenster Historical Commission and the Muenster Hospital Auxiliary are collaborating on a fund raiser. They plan to show off clothing from different decades beginning with 1889 forward. Mixed in with the modeling of the clothing, they promise some good entertainment. The event is entitled Stepping Back In Time.

This event is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 18 beginning with a Happy Hour in the Muenster VFW Hall at 6 p.m. with wine and cheese served. The meal and show follow at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each. Tables can be reserved by purchasing tickets

for six or eight. Ticket sales are limited, so early purchase is recommended to assure getting an opportunity to see the show.

Clothing from the past is still being sought. If you have something that you would like to share, please contact Fay Hamric at 759-4056, Jewel Otto 759-4243, or Janet Felderhoff 759-4485 or 759-4311 (work). Clothing will be considered until Sept. 15. Any pieces used will be treated with great care so as not to be damaged. Things too fragile to model will be placed on display for viewing during the Happy Hour.

Proceeds will be split between the two nonprofit groups. The Auxiliary works

to purchase needed items for patient rooms or medical equipment, and the Historical Commission hopes to add another room on the Muenster Museum.

Tickets may be purchased at the Muenster Hospital, Muenster Museum, Muenster Enterprise, or from any member of these two organizations.

Don't forget:
Archery Shootout
Sat. Sept. 6
City Wide
Garage Sales
Sat. Sept. 13

United Way Kick-Off luncheon

Kathy Boone and Jim Colbert, Cooke County United Way 2009 Campaign cochairs, are preparing for the County wide campaign kicks off Friday, Sept. 5 with a Kick-Off Luncheon to be held at the Gainesville Civic Center.

Cooke County United Way is proud to announce this year's Pacesetter companies - Alan Ritchey Inc., Callisburg ISD, City of Gainesville, First State Bank, Gainesville ISD, Muenster State Bank, Nortex Communications, North Central Texas College, North Texas Medical Center, Petroflex/API, and Wal-Mart Super Center. The Pacesetter companies are currently conducting their employee campaigns and will announce their total pledges at the kick off luncheon. Kathy Boone comments "These companies play a vital role in our campaign as they literally set the pace for the upcoming community wide pledge drive. The employees and businesses become role models and their giving spirit should encourage others to give to the United Way campaign."

Jim Colbert noted "The 2009 Campaign goal is \$345,000 which is the same goal that had been set for the 2008 campaign. The Board decided not to raise the goal this year in view of the current economic conditions. Interestingly enough, the year that the community supported the Katrina shelter and last year in which the community suffered the devastating flood, the contributions received went well over the campaign goal!

This is truly a testimony to our community understanding the concept of neighbors helping neighbors."

"Your one gift made to United Way is an opportunity to support so many programs and services provided by the 19 partnering agencies. Each gift combined with others can do so much.

Together, we can make a difference! It's the United Way," noted Jack Thies, president Cooke County United Way. Last year, the United Way agencies assisted over 22,000 residents of Cooke and Montague counties.

This year, United Way has entered into partnership with 19 agencies with TAPS Public Transportation as the newest partnering agency. The partnering agencies are: Abigail's Arms Cooke County Family Crisis Center, Area Agency on Aging, American Red Cross, Boy Scouts of America, Boys & Girls Club, Boys Baseball, CASA, Child Welfare Board, Cooke Coun-

ty Youth Fair, Girl Scouts, Home Hospice of Cooke County, Meals on Wheels, Muenster Youth Council, Reading & Radio Resources, Substance Abuse Council, SW Diabetic/Camp Sweeney, TAPS Public Transportation, VIPS Special Olympics, and VISTO.

Angie Hare, executive director/Cooke County United Way, notes, "Cooke County United Way is one of over 1,400 independent United Way organizations and is managed by 27 local volunteer Board members. Funds raised here stay here and we are proud to say that out of every dollar contributed, 93% goes directly to the agencies. Last year, Cooke County United Way paid out \$400,900 in allocation funds and special grants benefiting Cooke and Montague county residents."

For more information, please contact Cooke County United Way - 940-665-1793 or cookeuw@ntin.net).



Kathy Boone and Jim Colbert

Obituaries

Albert Hoelker 1915 - 2008

Albert Hoelker of Lindsay died at the age of 92 on Saturday, Aug. 30, 2008 at River Valley Health & Rehabilitation Center in Gainesville. Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, Sept. 3 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lindsay with Rev. Ron Scheible, O.S.A. officiating. Burial followed in St. Peter's Cemetery under the direction of Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home.

Albert Hoelker was born in Anton, Oklahoma to Casper and Theresa Weiss Hoelker on Oct. 5, 1915. He attended St. Mary's School in Gainesville and was a veteran of WWII, serving in the Army of the United States in the Pacific Theater. He was the co-owner of Hoelker Grocery in Lindsay for 52 years. Albert was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, and the VFW, Hughes-Tune Post

in Gainesville. Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law Steve and Sue Hoelker of Gainesville; daughter and son-in-law Sharon and Jack Ridinger of Lewisville; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a number of cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents; sons Kenneth Hoelker (June 1968) and Jerry Warnick; one grandson; five sisters and four brothers, including Ewald "Turkey" Hoelker.

Pallbearers were David Baldvich, Walter Lutkenhaus, Chuck Bezner, Steve Metzler, Butch Hoelker, and J. Quincy Ridinger.

A Rosary was recited at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at St. Peter's Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lindsay.

Dianne Shumaker Peek 1948 - 2008

Dianne Shumaker Peek died at the age of 60 on Saturday, Aug. 30, 2008 at home. Born Jan. 28, 1948, a native of Jasper Co., Indiana, she was the daughter of the late Roy Neal Shumaker and Angeline Lutkenhaus and stepfather Arthur "Bobby" Lutkenhaus of Muenster. She was the wife of Robert "Bob" Peek of the home. Dianne was the former co-owner and operator of Peek's I-26 Truck Stop in Woodruff, and was presently employed with Spinx on Hwy. 14 at Greer.

In addition to her husband, mother and stepfather, she is survived by sons Keith Allen Koelzer of Muenster and Stephen Joseph Koelzer of Gainesville; daughter Tina Marie Marshall of Donalds,

South Carolina; brothers Robert, Jan, Troy, Donnie, and Duane Lutkenhaus, all of Muenster, and Harry and Dennis Shumaker of Sawyer, Michigan; sisters Janel Harding of Aubrey and Laurie Bailey of Sawyer; and six grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her daughter Melissa Koelzer and her sister Ruby Wimmer.

Services were held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 3, at The Stribling Funeral Home Chapel conducted by Rev. Fred Quidley and Rev. Jack Presnell. Interment was at the Perkins Family Cemetery in Wellford.

Family received friends at the Stribling Funeral Home on Tuesday, Sept. 2.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO Sept. 3, 1943

Randolph Gruber, age 27, is Lindsay's first World War II casualty; he was killed in action somewhere in the Southwest Pacific war area on Aug. 6. New Arrivals: Kenneth to Andrew and Annie Hacker; Florene Christine to Mr. and Mrs. Jake Horn, Jr. Pvt. Ray Swirczynski is recovering from a broken leg sustained at Fort Warren, Wyoming.

50 YEARS AGO Sept. 5, 1958

Dr. T.S. Myrick completes 25 years of service in Muenster. Firemen Joe Fisher and Earl Fisher douse a series of grass fires set by diesel locomotives going through the area. Obituaries: Louis Steinberger, 88; Sister Mary Fides, 82. Wedding: Monica Fette and Gerald Hess. New Arrival: Milissa to Henry and Janie Weinzapfel. Mary Catherine Walterscheid joins staff at the Palace Cafe. Getting nursing degrees are Clara Fisher, LuRose Henschel, and Margaret Mary Hermes.

25 YEARS AGO Sept. 2, 1983

Leonard Yosten returns from vacation in Hawaii as a member of a tour group sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Obituaries: Clem Reiter, 85; R.J. Grill, 82; Rafael Escobar, 72; Ken Luke, 29, in an automobile accident; Anna (Mrs. John) Zimmerer, 79. Wedding: Traci Sawyer and Frankie Stoffels. New Arrival: Brandi to Michael and Carla Sicking.

Strong leaders have bigger ears than mouths.

Back in the good old days?



"Modern" kitchen appliances used by farm wives in years past were just a few "machinery" items in working order displayed at the Cooke County Antique Tractor and Farm Equipment Show last weekend in Lindsay. Janie Hartman photos

Margaret Kupper dies Sunday

Margaret Kupper of Muenster died at the age of 99 on Sunday, Aug. 31. Her funeral was held Wednesday morning in Sacred Heart Church. The complete obituary will be in next week's Muenster Enterprise.

Texas RRC monthly reports

July permits to drill
The Commission issued a total of 2,183 original drilling permits in July 2008 compared to 1,854 in July 2007. The July total included 1,934 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 66 to re-enter existing well bores, and 183 for re-completions. Permits issued in July 2008 included 412 oil, 480 gas, 1,254 oil and gas, 41 injection, three service, and two other permits.

June crude oil production
Texas preliminary June 2008 crude oil production averaged 880,380 barrels daily, up from the 872,514 barrels daily average of June 2007. The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for June 2008 is 26,411,409 barrels, an increase from 26,175,423 barrels reported during June 2007.



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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEETING DATE - SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

The following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, September 8, 2008.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
 2. Opening prayer.
 3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting on August 4, 2008.
 4. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
 5. Consider any other business to come before the Council.
- OLD BUSINESS**
1. None.
- NEW BUSINESS**
1. Consider and act on budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.
 2. Receive any citizen comments regarding proposed tax rate. Consider and act on effective property tax rate for year 2008, and approval of Ordinance #307.
 3. Consider and act on Park Board's recommendation to approve Kiwanis sponsor of Circus.
 4. Consider and act on Texas Municipal League's Board of Trustee Election.
 5. Consider and act on Cooke County Appraisal District's 2009 Appraisal Budget.
 6. Review and act on monthly bills.
 7. Consider and act on changes made to 2007 property tax roll by CCAD.
 8. Consider and act on removing unpaid water accounts from active status.
 9. Approve purchase of new computer for police department.
 10. Receive status report on city projects and activities. Take action as necessary on items of discussion.
 11. Adjourn.

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Best of Ed Cler

May 21, 1993

In the later twenties, as many of us will remember, oil was discovered near Muenster. The first well was brought in on the Hubert Felderhoff farm about 1 1/2 miles north of town. Some time later, more oil was found just west of Brushy Elm Creek, on the Mike Kleiss, Hacker, Koelzer, and Luke farms.

Needless to say, Muenster quickly became a small boom town. What was once a sleepy farming community, soon became a beehive of activity, as many people began moving in to try and cash in on the boom, one way or another. In a short time, new buildings were being thrown up to house a cafe, movie theater, and a rooming house. There was even a small house of "ill repute" a bit south of the railroad tracks, and it was this establishment that gave

our local pastor ammunition for some of his fiercest sermons, as he took up the fight against Satan's latest threat to the youth of our community.

Most of the people who moved in were good people. Some were "boomers" who would work a short time, always looking for an easy way to make a buck, and then move on. There were also the drunks and hangers-on who seemed to have a gift for making trouble wherever they were, and the place became pretty rowdy at times, so much so, that soon a Texas Ranger was sent in to keep the peace.

I was 12 or 13 at the time, but I remember the man. I believe his name was Price. He was a quiet lawman who kept to himself as much as he could, but he was always willing to talk to the kids, me included, who would come and sit beside him on one of the benches that used to be on the walk in front of some of the buildings. We were real proud to consider ourselves friends of a Texas Ranger, especially one who could keep the town as peaceful as he did.

Items wanted for Sacred Heart Friends Garage Sale SH Community Center Sat. Sept. 13 Call Lisa Schilling for more info.

A year or so later, after the stock market crash of '29 that marked the onset of the worst depression in the history of our country, the oil business, like everything else, came almost to a standstill, and did not revive again for several years.

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- Post - Stroke Therapy
- Pneumonia Recuperation
- Heart Problems

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

Sunday, Sept. 7, 2008	Monday, Sept. 8, 2008	Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2008	Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2008	Thursday, Sept. 11, 2008	Friday, Sept. 12, 2008	Saturday, Sept. 13, 2008
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 SHY Jr. Night, 7pm. Comm. Ctr.	City Council mtg., 7:30pm MMH Aux. mtg., 5:30pm VFW mtg., 8pm Jason Evert to speak to parents, 7:30pm	Muenster Public Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Muenster Public Library open 1:30 - 5:30 pm C of C mixer, MSB SH Alumni & Supporters mtg., 7:30pm, SNAP room Religious Ed., 7pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm Muenster Public Library open 10am - 6:30pm MMH Board Proposed Tax Rate hearing, 7pm Ad. Board rm. Historical Comm. mtg., 8am, Museum	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm AARP member luncheon, 11:30am, Stanford House	Muenster Public Library open 10:30 am - 2:30 pm City Wide Garage Sales Muenster Open Car Show, 11-3
Sunday, Sept. 14, 2008	Monday, Sept. 15, 2008	Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008	Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2008	Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008	Friday, Sept. 19, 2008	Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 Family Day in the Park	VFW Aux. Meeting - 7:30 pm	Muenster Public Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm MMH Board Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate - 7 p.m., Admin. office	Religious Ed., 7pm Fly Flags - Constitution Day	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm Muenster Public Library open 10am - 6:30pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm	Muenster Public Library open 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

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CRANE

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The crane operated by the Dillardards stands tall above the wind generators in the background. The tower to the right (#8) was the last to be installed at Wolf Ridge. Pictured lower right - Laurie Dillard sits at the controls looking up the long crane. Her view is shown in the upper picture.

Janie Hartman photos.

tion, mid section, and top section. There is also nacelle and rotor or blades. "We work with some extreme conditions for hoisting engineers," remarked Wyatt. "Unlevel ground and high winds are an extreme problem in this business. It is one of the more dangerous jobs in construction, I believe." The danger is to anybody working on the ground during the assembly of the generators.

At times, crane operation must be halted due to weather conditions. The wind must not be too strong for the crane being used. Laurie said that 20 to 25 m.p.h. wind is decent to make picks in for the generator erection. Wyatt said, "One of the things we've had to fight is the lightning." One of the cranes was struck by lightning when he wasn't there. It was down for a week while repairs were made to the crane's computers that were fried by the lightning strike. When lightning threatens, they get the cranes down as fast as possible.

A crane operator on average works a day consisting of 11 up to 16 hours and six or seven days a week.

The hoisting engineer must know what he or she is doing. "If you don't know how to do calculations and know your machine and the people underneath you, it is extremely dangerous," Wyatt said.

Laurie said that for people who are not hoisting engineers, the jobs appears quite simple. Just sitting in a cab and pulling levers is what many may think the job consists of. She said, "You are using both your hands and both of your feet and your eyes, and eyes in the back of your head. It's a very high stress position because we are ultimately responsible for anything and everything

that happens with that load in the air and the people in the vicinity." Wyatt said they depend on the people on the ground to see. "We are an extension of their hands," he commented. "Unless they are attuned and skilled, disaster is just waiting around the corner." He said Milco and Wind Energy have been very good about finding skilled people and are very safety conscious.

What do the Dillardards like about their jobs? Laurie said, "I love doing what I do. I love sitting in the seat. Being a crane operator, you've got the best seat in the house. You can see what's going on all around you (except behind you)."

Wyatt said, "I think more than anything else, the people. After all of these years in the seat, I still learn something every single job. It's the people and the different places I get to see."

Laurie said that the travel is something that she appreciates. "My Mom was very sheltering when we were kids. She didn't even want us to go down to the park at the end of the block. Traveling has been wonderful for me. I've seen more, done more, tasted more different foods than any of my family members, and get paid to do it."

Wyatt gave the reason that they especially like to work on the wind generators. He said, "I truly feel like this is just one piece of the equation for our kids and our grandchildren. Those wind farms aren't for us. I think they are for the kids." Laurie added that clean energy is the future. Laurie has a 15 year old daughter. Wyatt has two grown children, a son and a daughter, and grandchildren.

Laurie comes from a family of two boys and five girls. Her dad was a contractor in Washington State and their hometown of Dayton. She is the only one of the children who went into the construction business. She said he is proud that she did.

Her Dad's being employed in construction most of his life is one reason that Laurie chose the career she did. "It tickled my fancy, so I took

a two-year college degree in construction management," she noted. "I joined the Union and the Union was the best thing for me that I ever did. I have a vast amount of training on any piece of equipment. Every piece of equipment is different and every job is different. For me, it is so much nicer to sit in the seat and run the controls than to be out there breaking my back!"

Wyatt said running a crane is the closest thing he could get to flying. He would love to fly a helicopter even if it was just to hover a few feet above the ground. "We essentially have to do the same thing," he commented. "I'm not up in the sky, but we do have to balance our machines and our load with the wind."

Coming to this area had special meaning to Laurie since she is a Choctaw Indian. She said Durant is where Choctaws are from and she got to visit there. Her dad was originally from Hugo, Oklahoma.

Wyatt and Laurie's occupation requires them to travel many miles. When they are home it is in Dayton, Washington. The time they get to spend at home varies. "Being a crane operator, it's feast or famine," explained Laurie. "Some years will be banner years for jobs and they can't find enough crane operators around the country, and other times you can't find a job. You have to make sure that you have a little nest egg." The couple already know their next destination. It is to another wind farm in Mountain Air, New Mexico. They are not always so fortunate as to get to work at the same location. At times they are even states apart.

Of their time here in Texas Laurie remarked, "The Texas hospitality has been wonderful here. We've thoroughly enjoyed it. I'll tell you the sunrises and sunsets are spectacular." Wyatt agreed, "We don't get those in Dayton, Washington. We're pretty much surrounded by the mountains. As the sun goes down, you don't get that glow that you watch out here. That beautiful glow! It's huge on the horizon. It's gorgeous!"

TTC-35 map awaits FHWA approval

Special report by Sheila Cox

Criticisms continue to be voiced while speculation swirls that the TTC is dead, or is at least on its last leg, but as of now there are no funeral plans. The TTC-35 map has been submitted for review by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) according to Gabriela Garcia, Public Information officer with TxDOT in Austin. The blue area on the map dated June 26, 2008, depicts TxDOT's recommended narrowed study area for the Tier II phase of TTC-35. Ms. Garcia responded to questions about the map which were submitted to her by Cooke County resident Sheila Cox, who is a Corridor Advisory Committee member, serving with 17 other Texans who represent the I-35/TTC-35 area spanning from Laredo at the Texas / Mexico border and northward to the Red River in Cooke County.

Amadeo Saenz, executive director of TxDOT in Austin, commented in the April meeting of the Corridor Advisory Committee that TTC-35 would move from the Tier I phase into the Tier II phase by late summer this year. In Tier I, the exact route is not identified, construction of the corridor is not allowed, and FHWA approval is necessary to move into Tier II. In Tier II, the route is identified, additional environmental studies will be "likely", public review and comment will take

place, and FHWA approval will authorize construction. In response to a question posed by Ms. Cox about the status of TTC-35, Ms. Garcia explained that "TTC-35 is still in the Tier I phase. It can't move into Tier II until it is approved by the FHWA. Currently, FHWA is reviewing the final environmental impact statement and they have not issued a decision."

Based on frequent questions people ask Ms. Cox, she asked Ms. Garcia, "What is the next step for TTC-35 and what is the anticipated time frame for that next step to be taken?" Stopping short of an exact answer about the time frame, Ms. Garcia replied, "The next steps and time frame for TTC-35 depend on an approval from the FHWA. Tier II environmental studies can only begin with their approval of the Tier I study."

New criticisms continue to surface as discovered by Cooke County residents Van and Marsha Adamson in their September issue of *National Geographic* which features an article about the world's most fertile soil regions. The article does not mention the planned corridor systems to cross the continents, but the article has maps depicting the most fertile soil regions in the various continents. Those maps depict one of the world's most fertile soil regions in an area near the border town of Laredo, Texas, and stretching northward toward the

border of the United States and Canada. That fertile soil region is the location that is planned for TTC-35 and for the other corridors that will connect to the overall TTC network when the Texas corridors exit Texas.

Therefore, the article opens the door for even stronger criticisms that especially TTC-35 (as well as the other corridors planned to cross Mexico, the United States, and Canada) will destroy much of the region which is identified as one of the world's most fertile soil regions for food production. Not only do the economies of Texas and the United States largely depend on the export of agricultural products from this fertile soil region, but also much of the world population depends on this region to export the food necessary to feed their families. The *National Geographic* article may be read at the Cooke County Library.

As long as TTC-35 is moving, it is not dead. It is now moving quickly and is much closer to the Tier II phase. However, the name "TTC" may be staggering and on its last leg because the name has become a lightning rod attracting thunderous criticisms across Texas, and beyond.

Perhaps in an effort to diffuse widespread criticism, a name change for TTC has been suggested by Amadeo Saenz, executive director of TxDOT. In committee

discussions about a name change for TTC, Ms. Cox has held the position that the name is not the problem, but the problem is unresolved issues and unanswered concerns voiced by the citizens of Texas.

However, it is apparent that the use of "I-35 Corridor" is beginning to replace the TTC-35 name, as evidenced by a shift in the committee name as the I-35 Corridor Advisory Committee, which began with the name of TTC-35 Corridor Advisory Committee. Chuck Deupree, a Cooke County resident, summed up his opinion of a name change for the TTC by saying, "If it looks like a skunk, smells like a skunk, and walks like a skunk, then it's probably a skunk."

CCRW to host local candidates Sept. 11

The Cooke County Republican Women will meet the SECOND Thursday, on Sept. 11, 7 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Gainesville for their fall kick-off meeting. Speakers for the evening will be Cooke County candidates on the November ballot. They include Sheriff Mike Compton, incumbent candidate for sheriff of Cooke County, R.M. "Dick"

Roth, candidate for constable Pct. #4, and Leon Klement of Muenster, candidate for Precinct #4 commissioner. Billie Jean Knight, Tax Assessor, will also be present to swear in voter registrars for the Republican Women Voter Registration Project.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting.



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Help offered for the mentally ill

"I am not the same person I was two years ago. If I can change my life, other people can change, too. I was a party girl with a fast-paced lifestyle when I was in high school. I began using marijuana at sixteen and progressed to hard street drugs including meth as I grew older. At 15 or 16, I was having behavioral problems and was evaluated and diagnosed with bi-polar disorder. Mental illness does run in my family, but I had no idea that I would get it. I did not understand until many years later that I was self-medicating my mental illness with illegal drugs," says Sally (not her real name).

Sally states that her parents gave her everything. She could do or have anything that she wanted. The family earned a good income, and she considered them to be upper middle class. They were a close, loving family while her parents supported her in everything. As a teen, she was involved in high school activities. Early in high school, she and her friends got into the party scene and partying was their main focus. She had a child at 19 and was expecting another baby less than three years later when the father of the children walked out on her.

"I was a single mother with two small children. I had to make a living with only a high school education. I worked in Dallas as an exotic dancer. The money was good, but I was still using drugs to help me lose weight. I got down to 98 pounds. My ex-husband discovered that I was leaving my children with a babysitter most of the time and got custody of our children. Because of my drug use, I was not allowed to see my children for a period of time. That woke me up some, and I straightened up for about sixteen months and was able to see them once a week in a supervised setting. Then I totally went wild doing drugs and reliving my youth. I began dating a gang member and joined a gang. My life was out of control," Sally continued.

Soon she felt like she had lost everything. Her family severed ties with her and lost trust in her. She did not see her children. She had nowhere to go and had to move in with friends. Drugs were still a part of her daily life. Her self-esteem had hit an all time low, and she was facing some jail time for unpaid traffic tickets and her driver's license had been suspended. It was at this period that she devised a suicide plan. She met with her Mental Health Mental Retardation Services of Texoma case manager and shared her plan.

With Sally's permission, the caseworker contacted her mother and persuaded her that Sally was serious. Since Sally was a danger to herself and needed supervision, she was placed in the Wood Group located in Sherman for a short time.

MHMR continued to work with her, and she began to improve.

After her time in the Wood Group, she entered the county jail to serve her sentence of 46 days. For 36 days, she was held in solitary confinement. She had no one to talk to, no television, and no radio. She did lots of soul searching and found what she describes as her faith. She knew that she had to make some changes. She had to choose a different group of friends.

Her family and MHMRST caseworker were very supportive of her when she was in jail. Her parents wrote her letters every day and offered to pay the fines, but she felt she needed to be in jail to pay for the mistakes she had made. Her caseworker helped her get a medication changed and a difference began to happen.

"I have been clean and sober for 15 months. I am happy with who I am now, and my self-esteem has improved immensely. My lifestyle is totally different. I have slowed down and enjoy the little pleasures in life. My family trusts me again and our relationships are mended. After leaving jail, I went back to school and have a certification that allows me to have a good job. As a teenager, I wanted to work in this field. I plan to be married in a few months to a good person who is supportive and is totally opposed to drugs. I am able to see my children again, and I am working hard to get them back," Sally ended.

This story has a happy ending, but Sally says that the first year is very hard and the temptation is always there to use drugs again. She knows now that she is strong enough to resist and that she has goals and reasons to stay clean, although, she lives with the memory of her past each day. She plans to be open with her own children as they grow older and not hide her past from them.

One goal that Sally would like to accomplish in the next few years is to speak to middle and high school kids about not experimenting with drugs. She has advice for them:

- Be yourself—not what someone else wants you to be.
- Be a strong person and believe in yourself.
- Choose your friends carefully and wisely.
- Friends come and go. Some of them will use you for what you have.
- Family is there to love, support, and help you.
- Drugs effect every part of your body—physically, emotionally, and mentally.
- You can overcome drugs if you are already involved in using them.

September is Destination Dignity Month and is a statewide effort by the Texas Council of Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Centers, Inc., a statewide

association of the 39 community MHMR centers that offer public services in every county in Texas. The campaign will focus on: 1. educating the general public about individuals with mental disabilities, 2. helping gain independence and dignity for the individuals they serve by reducing the stigma associated with mental disabilities, and 3. acquainting the public with the services available through local community MHMR centers.

The Annual Destination Dignity Celebration will be held Thursday, Sept. 18, 4:30-7 p.m. at the Sherman VFW located at Baker and Frisco Road. All persons with mental disabilities are invited to attend. Call 903-957-4865 for your free ticket to the event.

If you are experiencing a mental disability, contact the nearest MHMR location. MHMRST has provided services in Grayson, Cooke, and Fannin counties since 1974. The center provides a variety of services for people of all ages with mental illness, mental retardation, and developmental delays. Those who would like more information about obtaining services can contact:

Grayson Mental Health Center—903-957-4701, 315 West McLain, Sherman
Cooke Mental Health Center—940-665-3962, 301 West Broadway, Gainesville
Child & Adolescent Mental Health—903-957-4820, 315 West McLain, Sherman
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This horse or tractor drawn road grader appears to be a challenge to operate with its many wheels, gears, and clutches. It was on display last weekend in Lindsay at the Antique Tractor Show. Janie Hartman photo

Consumers warned to avoid cashing bogus checks

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) has learned about a new scam involving fake checks that resemble consumer refund checks issued under the OAG's settlement with EMO Corp. Mock checks and letters bearing the unrelated company names EMO Network Financial and EMO Logistics Marketing are promising sweepstakes winnings or secret shopper income opportunities. When the mock checks are not honored by the bank printed on the document face, the amounts cashed from these checks then are deducted from the recipients' bank accounts.

Consumers who receive these checks in the mail are urged to contact the Office of the Attorney General or

the U.S. Postal Service. Recipients should not cash or deposit these checks, or send money as directed by some of the accompanying correspondence.

The checks bear an EMO settlement administrator's account from Comerica Bank. These mock checks have been used in connection with a sweepstakes scheme, falsely informing recipients that they won \$86,000. Recipients were told to send \$2,860 in cash, which is covered by the enclosed check, to claim their prizes.

Similar checks also have been distributed with letters notifying recipients they were selected to be "secret shoppers." These recipients, who are instructed to wire \$2,486 to a "training agent," receive a mock check for \$2,890 that

purports to cover the training cost.

Under the state's EMO Corp. settlement, legitimate checks were written to return a portion of the funds lost by EMO Corp. account holders. EMO Corp. was an unlicensed online money services business that was placed into receivership by the state of Texas in March 2006. The account is subject to the court orders entered in the case numbered D-1-GV-06-000341 and styled State of Texas v. EMO Corp., et al. in the 201st District Court of Travis County.

Consumers who have received such checks may contact the Office of the Attorney General at (800) 252-8011 or access the agency's Website at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov

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Tony and Sis Klement honored on 65th

On Sunday, Aug. 24, Tony and Sis Klement celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary surrounded by their family at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Assisting Rev. Ken Robinson during Mass were altar servers Kalyn Dangelmayr, Cassie Dangelmayr, and Kendi Bayer, great-granddaughters.

Reading the commentary was DaLana Chism, granddaughter. Lectors were granddaughters Rhonda Pagel and Amy Binder. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Crystal Stoffels, granddaughter. Offertory gifts were presented by son and daughter-in-law Kevin and Terri Klement and their children Kyle, Kolby, and Whitley. Also carried to the altar was a large photo album, a gift from the family which was assembled by Alice Walterscheid, daughter, Jeannene Bayer, granddaughter, and Jayna Biffle. An embroidered tablecloth made by Sis, and a teddy bear made from Tony's well-worn overalls, were also presented.

Eucharistic ministers were Willie Fisher, son-in-law, Jeannene Bayer, nieces Shirley Vieth, Sharon Kuver, and Virgie Horn. Also Karla Jo Kintz, Annette Anderle, Carla Zwinggi, and Crystal Vogel.

Vocalists were Emily Klement, Doug Yosten, and Christy Hesse. Pianist was Isaac Davis. Songs included "Lift Up Your Hearts," "Only In God," "I Exalt Thee," "Prayer of St. Frances," and "Join In The Dance." Emily Klement sang "Ave Maria" as a solo.

A marriage blessing was performed in the presence of the entire Church family by Fr. Ken. Family photos were taken immediately after Mass by Cecil Cheshier and Charles Cummings.

A reception and meal for 325 family members and friends was prepared and hosted by the children and grandchildren in Sacred Heart Community Center. Invitations for the occasion were designed and printed by Jeannene Bayer.

The meal prayer was given by Lanette Frost, granddaughter. Guests were served

brisket and sausage with all the trimmings. The brisket was made by Robert and Roy Klement, sons, and Bubba Klement, grandson. The meal was prepared by sons Steve Klement, Gary Don Klement, and Pat Klement, daughters Diane Muller, Darlene Abney, and Marlene Walterscheid and her husband Giles, and Brandon Klement, grandson.

The guest book table held a then and now photo of the honored couple. The main table featured a beautiful floral arrangement made by daughters Patsy Dangelmayr and Janet Fisher. Also on the table were candleholders used on Tony and Sis's wedding day.

Guest tables held a centerpiece of fresh flowers arranged by Patsy and Janet. Guests received a picture of the couple of then and now (1943 and 2008) as a memento.

A beautifully decorated Italian cream cake made by Lisa Rohmer, and a German chocolate cake made by Joyce Bayer, daughter, were cut by Sharon Kuver, niece, and served to guests by grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

An open house for extended family and friends was attended by 150 people from 3 to 5 p.m. A table of assorted sweets was prepared by granddaughters and granddaughters-in-law, and was attended by daughters-in-law Carol Klement and Ruthie Klement. Punch and coffee were prepared and served by daughter-in-law Diana Klement. Bartender was Charlie Hermes, friend of the family, and attended by Neil and Peachie Huchton.

Pictures of the past and present, including the original wedding portrait and the bridal party, were displayed along with craft work and canned goods of the couple. An engraved hammer with the Klement name was also on display. A memorial table consisted of pictures of deceased members of the family.

Special guests included Harold and Clara Schmitz of Lindsay, Alfred and Anna Marie Bayer and Claire Kle-

ment of Muenster, Len and Juanita Buxkemper of Schu-lenburger, Laveta Schmitz of Dallas, Dr. Dan and Marlene McBride of Denton, Fr. Kyle Walterscheid of Fort Worth,

and numerous family and friends from out of town.

Unable to attend, but sending congratulations were grandchildren and great-grandchildren, James and Amanda Klement of Fresno, California, Lori and Rex, Ethan and Aiden Huchton of Brentwood, California, Jennifer and Chris, Brayden and Korriann Wright of Alvin, Texas, and Johnathan Otto of Greenville. Also Dr. and Mrs. Fritz Baumgartner, family friend, of Rancho Pollis Verdes, California.

The honored couple has been retired since 1987, but they still stay very active with wood working, gardening, and canning. They also enjoy their family, community, and church.

The couple's 15 children and their spouses include Patsy and Paul Dangelmayr, Pat and Ruthie Klement, Jim Klement (deceased 1968), Robert F. Klement, Joyce and Tom Bayer, Janet and Willie Fisher, Alice Walterscheid, Roy and Carol Klement, Steve and Diana Klement, Diane and Dave Muller, Darlene and Don Abney, Marlene and Giles Walterscheid, Peachie and Neil Huchton, Kevin and Terri Klement, and Gary Don Klement. There are also 43 grandchildren and 61

great-grandchildren.

Isabel Schmitz and Anthony Klement were married in St. Peter's Church on Thursday, Aug. 19, 1943 at 9 a.m. with Rev. Conrad Herda officiating.

The bride was lovely in a floor length gown of white fashioned with a long fitted bodice of satin and full net skirt, bracelet length sleeves, and sweetheart neckline. Her fingertip veil was held in place with a wreath of seed pearls and she carried an arm bouquet of white gladiolas. For "something borrowed," she wore a strand of pearls belonging to her sister-in-law, Mrs. Pat Schmitz of Gainesville.

Serving as maid of honor was sister of the groom, Anna Marie Klement. Harold Schmitz, brother of the bride, was best man.

After the services, breakfast was served to the bridal party, and at noon dinner was served to guests in the home of the bride's father. A reception in the community hall for about 200 guests began at 8 p.m., with a buffet supper and a dance.

The couple departed for South Carolina on Monday to make their home in Bucksport, where he was stationed in the service.



Tony and Sis Klement on their wedding day, Aug. 19, 1943

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William turns 4!

William Bezner turned four years old on Aug. 27. His parents, John and Grace Bezner of Muenster, threw a birthday party for him at their home on Aug. 30. It was a Spiderman-themed party, since Spiderman is his favorite superhero.

Many friends and family attended, and everyone enjoyed a hamburger dinner. A special treat for William was a Spiderman cake made by his mother.

After presents were opened, everyone was invited to go swimming at Danny and Debbie Cochran's, William's grandparents, house. It was an enjoyable time for all.



William Bezner

Items sought for SH Alumni Garage Sale

Sacred Heart Alumni is once again participating in the annual Community Wide Garage Sale, which is on Saturday, Sept. 13. You may drop off items at the Sacred Heart Community Center beginning on Tuesday the 9th in the afternoon. They are also in need of baked goods for the bake sale.

Pick up arrangements can be made. Please call Lisa Schilling at 940-736-5215 or Laura Marshall at 214-478-1192 for further inquiries.

AREA EVENTS

Alzheimer's Disease
Alzheimer's Disease and the Time Out Program will be presented by Nora Habol and Evelyn Yeatts on Thursday, Sept. 11. The program will begin at 10 a.m. at Muenster State Bank, 1601 U.S. Hwy. 82 in Gainesville. The program is hosted by Home Hospice of Cooke County. For more information, call 665-9891.

COLLEGE NEWS

Oklahoma State University

A total of 1,047 students were named to the 2008 summer honor rolls at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, including 544 students who received all "A" grades and were named to the President's Honor Roll.

Full-time undergraduate students who completed six or more hours with a grade point average of 4.00 were placed on the President's Honor Roll. Making the President's Honor Roll was Kelly Kathryn Oppermann of Muenster. She is a 2004 graduate of Ursuline Academy.

Benefit

Horseshoe Benefit

Don't forget the Horseshoe Tournament, a benefit for Krista Brewer and her medical expenses. The tournament is this Saturday, Sept. 6 in the Lindsay City Park. It begins at 1 p.m. For more information, call Steve Fuhrmann at 665-9369 or Pat Bezner at 665-6606.

Münster to celebrate another community wide Family Day in the Park on Sept. 14

Are you ready for a fun-filled day on Sunday, Sept. 14? The third annual Community Wide Family Day in the park will begin at noon and continue until everyone has had all the fun they can possibly have.

Just bring your favorite dish to the pavilion to share with your friends at the covered dish luncheon. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided for all the kids and also for some of the "big kids." The meal will be served under the pavilion in the Park.

After lunch there will be lots of things going on for your enjoyment. "Daisy and Star" the clowns will be there to entertain with balloons, small gifts for the kids, and some music. Herbie Schmidkofer will be there with train rides for the kids. There will again be an obstacle course, along with bungee run, slide, and bouncer for the kids to enjoy. Other activities include face painting and games, and a jar of jelly beans to guess how many it contains.

If you enjoy karaoke, be ready to perform if you like.

There will be snow cones, cotton candy, and Fred and Elaine Koesler's famous kettle corn will be free for all to enjoy.

Added this year for the old and young will be free BINGO with prizes.

If you haven't attended the first two community wide celebrations, make sure to come this year and see what you've been missing. Make this a fun-filled family day. Invite your family and friends from out of town or bring your grandchildren and watch

them have a great time.

The event is sponsored by the Unity and Fellowship Committee of Sacred Heart Parish. Members of Münster First Baptist Church will also be helping make this a great day.

Remember to bring lawn chairs if you like, but leave your money at home. Everything is FREE. Just bring a covered dish for lunch.

In case of rain, the Family Day will be moved to the Sacred Heart Community Center.



Olivia Trail and Heath Bayer, both of Münster, announce their engagement and approaching marriage. The bride-elect is the daughter of Rickey Barthold of Valley View and Tracye Barthold of Gainesville. She is employed at Münster State Bank. Mr. Bayer is the son of Clinton and Barbara Bayer of Münster. He is the owner of Phil-Co Sand and Blast Shop. The wedding is planned for 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008 at the Hopp Ranch with Bill Black officiating. Bride's attendants will be Joye Harrell, Leah Bayer, and Jenna Barthold. Groomsmen will be Jared Bayer, Welton Bayer, and Lucas Bayer.

Ribbon Cutting ceremony planned for Abigail's Arms

Abigail's Arms - Cooke County Family Crisis Center, located at 114 N. Dixon Street in Gainesville, will celebrate their name change with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday, Sept. 9 at 10 a.m. The agency, formerly known as Cooke County Friends of the Family, recently joined the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce, who will perform the ceremony.

"It is particularly fitting that we should join the Chamber at this time, as we are an employer and business within the County and City. With our plans for building a shelter and new offices, we are a growing business positively affecting the area's economic development," said Aaron Davis, executive director.

A study made by the League of Women Voters, Gainesville Chapter, in 1981, pointed to a need in Cooke County to help victims of violent crimes through utilizing a crisis hotline. On June 20, 1983, the telephone line was activated. In April 1988, a second telephone line was installed. From this initial project has grown Abigail's Arms - Cooke County Family Crisis Center. On June 28, 2008 the organization known as Cooke County Friends of the Family merged with Abigail's Arms - Cooke County Family Crisis Center. While Cooke County Friends of the Family was the surviving party in the merger, the organization took over the new name to better capture their

mission, as well as future development.

Abigail's Arms presently provides free, confidential services to residents of Cooke County, receives referrals from Montague County, and works collaboratively with Grayson and Denton counties. The primary types of victimizations dealt with include, but are not limited to: sexual assault, family violence, and aggravated assaults.

The name, Abigail's Arms, is taken from the story of Abigail in the Bible, 1 Samuel 25. Abigail's story showed her to be a wise woman of courage who felt called upon to risk her life in the defense and support of those who depended upon her in their vulnerability.

While not called upon to risk their lives, the staff, Board, and volunteers believe they are called upon to speak out against injustice and intercede for the oppressed. Abigail's Arms - Cooke County Family Crisis Center currently has a professional full time staff of seven, one part-time professional counselor, and over 30 active volunteers.

The Board of Directors is comprised of 21 members providing leadership in executive management and community capacity building. Together this team provides on-going support, information and referrals, as well as guidance through the difficult times incurred after victimizations.

Bluegrass Festival set in Mountain Springs

The Mountain Springs Annual Bluegrass Festival and Craft Sale is planned for Saturday, Sept. 13 at the Community Building in Mountain Springs located 12 miles south of Gainesville on F.M. 372. This will benefit the Valley View, Lake Kiowa, and North Shore Volunteer Fire Departments.

The craft sale will begin at 9 a.m., and music will begin at 1 p.m. A barbecue lunch, cold drinks, and desserts will be available. Twelve bands

are lined up to provide the music, as well as a group showing off their talents in square dancing. The Mountain Springs Quilters will have quilts on display as well as one for a drawing.

If you have crafts to sell, a booth can be obtained by contacting Donnie Nell Rich at 940-637-2617. There is no charge for a booth, but a donation is welcome.

This is an outdoor event and visitors are asked to bring lawn chairs.

Yard Games

Croquet - Although mention of the game may conjure images of Victorian-garbed Brits using wooden mallets to gently tap balls through wire hoops set in the ground, it's believed croquet actually originated in France.

Fun factor: Medium to high. Unlike some other yard games, croquet isn't easily adaptable to surfaces other than grass. While young kids may have difficulty maneuvering balls through the wickets, they'll probably have loads of fun trying.



Industrious youth sold lemonade to benefit Keep Münster Beautiful. Pictured are, from left, Austin Miller, KMB Treasurer Janie Hennigan, Tyler Walterscheid, Lauren Miller, Bailey Walterscheid, and Katie Bezner. Courtesy photo

Lemonade stand proceeds donated to KMB

Several Münster youths decided to have a lemonade stand and to donate the proceeds to benefit Keep Münster Beautiful. So, on Saturday, Aug. 9, Katie Bezner, Bailey Walterscheid, Lauren Miller, Tyler Walterscheid, and Austin Miller put up

their stand on the corner of First and Hickory streets at the home of Dale and Elaine Schilling. They also sold brownies to customers.

At the KMB August monthly meeting, the group presented over \$100 in proceeds to KMB Treasurer Janie Hennigan. These youths have been active for the past two years in helping with various KMB activities. They were happy to spend one of their last Saturdays before school began, in service to their community.

Losing extra weight gets to the heart of the matter

Recent medical research has linked belly fat with higher risk for cardiovascular disease. As it's difficult to specifically target belly fat, however, anyone trying to rid themselves of extra pounds around the middle should strive for overall weight loss, say physicians at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

"A key concept in weight loss is to ensure that you burn more than you eat, meaning your total calories have to end up negative for the day," said UT Southwestern cardiologist Dr. Amit Khera. "Reducing portion sizes, reading food labels, and making smart food choices can go a long way toward weight loss."

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Sarah Ratliff at the 2008 AQHYA World Show.

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Hunter under saddle champ is Sacred Heart freshman Ratliff

Sacred Heart freshmen, Shelby K. Ratliff, captured the World Champion Hunter Under Saddle title at the Ford American Quarter Horse Youth Association World Championship Show in Oklahoma City on Saturday, Aug. 9.

Ratliff showed her American Quarter Horse A Big Secret, who is a six-year-old brown gelding.

In the hunter under saddle

competition, 142 entries competed for World Champion honors. Ratliff and A Big Secret received a prize package that included a custom-designed gold-tone trophy, Montana Silversmiths buckle, Cripple Creek leather jacket, Professional's Choice product, and a WeatherBeeta embroidered blanket.

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onship show. This is the pinnacle for youth around the world who must qualify for the event by earning a predetermined number of points to earn the right to compete in each of the 33 classes representing halter, English, and western disciplines. With 2,750 entries, this year's event is the largest on record. Competitors from the United States, Canada, Brazil, Germany, Israel, and Venezuela competed at this year's event, Aug. 1 - 9.

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Texas Health Matters

Free Marriage Education classes available statewide

A new state law, which took effect Sept. 1, encourages couples to attend free marriage education classes before taking the plunge. Couples who complete the skills-based course will also pay less for their marriage license.

House Bill 2685 increases the marriage license fee to \$60. However, the fee will be waived for couples who complete an eight-hour premarital class, and those couples can forgo the 72-hour waiting period to get married. Counties may continue to charge up to \$12 in local fees for a marriage license.

The state's healthy marriage initiative, called "Together in Texas," promotes free, skills-based marriage education classes, and provides couples - both married and those contemplating marriage - with the tools they need to manage the challenges inherent in relationships. Classes include eight hours of training focusing on communication skills, conflict resolution, and other elements of a healthy marriage.

"We hope to empower couples with a new skill set, a marriage skill set based on conflict resolution and communication," said Jeff Johnson of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, which is responsible for setting up a statewide network of marriage classes. "Many people rush into marriage, often overlooking basic necessities like housing arrangements, finances, and relationship counseling."

The free marriage classes are available across the state. Couples can find classes in their area that meet the qualifications for the marriage license discount at www.togetherintexas.com or by calling 2-1-1.

Once a couple completes the class, they will receive a certificate that they can take to their county clerk when they apply for their marriage license. The certificate is good for one year and serves as proof that the couple is eligible for the discounted marriage license fee.



Shelby Ratliff at the Ford American Quarter Horse Youth Association World Championship Show.

Courtesy photo

Ratliff wins Top Ten title

Sacred Heart senior Sarah D. Ratliff captured 8th place at the Ford American Quarter Horse Youth Association World Championship Show in Oklahoma City on Saturday, Aug. 9.

Ratliff showed her American Quarter Horse Design By Leaguer, who is a 15-year-old black gelding.

In the trail competition, 164 entries competed for World Champion honors.

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Local 4-H member excels at record keeping skills

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service 4-H and Youth Development Program teaches the importance of record keeping to 4-H members not just for their 4-H experiences, but for life. These skills were recently evaluated at the 2008 Texas 4-H Record Book competition. More than 335 senior 4-H members from across Texas participated in the competition. Local 4-H member Kelli Reed from the Lindsay 4-H Club was one of 40 youth winning first place in her category of Family Life.

"Record keeping and the record book competition is the method that 4-H members use to demonstrate the achievements they have had in a variety of 4-H experi-

ences over the past year," according to Dr. Toby Lepley, 4-H and youth development specialist.

Through this experience, 4-H members develop life skills in organization, record-keeping, and communication. It helps members express their creativity, while instilling in them the ability to know where money is being spent on projects, what great experiences they have participated in, and how they have helped their community by giving back.

The 40 winners of this year's competition will have the opportunity to participate in the Texas 4-H Leadership Conference in Washington

D.C. during the Thanksgiving holiday. This citizenship focused trip allows the youth to be recognized by exposing them to the nation's capitol and expanding their leadership on the national scale.

Texas 4-H is a one-hundred-year program of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service that develops young people between the ages of 9 (or 8 in and in the 3rd grade) to 18 into the future leaders of tomorrow. Through 4-H, youth gain valuable life skills through fun educational experiences and opportunities. For more information, contact the Cooke County AgriLife Extension office at 940-668-5416.

CASA seeks volunteers for children

At one time, this country used the motto "Uncle Sam Needs You" in efforts to recruit volunteers to join in military efforts. The military has gone on to use other recruitment logos. However, the motto could easily apply to a local agency. According to Vicki Robertson, director of the local Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program, "CASA's CHILDREN NEED YOU."

CASA of North Texas is a nonprofit organization with the responsibility of recruiting and training volunteers to serve as advocates for children who have suffered abuse and neglect and been taken (for their protection) into the child foster care system. "Each year, our agency is assigned to more than 100

Cooke County children who need someone to be there just to look out for what is best for them," said Robertson. "There is no way that we could meet this need with the small staff we have. We depend on volunteers who have the time to focus on the needs of each child involved in their case and their families. These volunteers act as 'eyes and ears' of the Court on the vulnerable children involved with CASA."

CASA is conducting new advocate training this fall, with the first training group to begin in September. Depending on the schedule of trainees, trainings will be held during the day or evenings. In order to become a CASA volunteer, an individual must have an average of

10 to 15 hours per month to dedicate for the children, pass background checks including CPS and criminal history checks (which must be clear), have good references, and be over the age of 21. Individuals must then complete 30 hours of training provided by CASA and be selected to be sworn as a Guardian Ad Litem for the children.

CASA of North Texas is supported by the Cooke County United Way, Victims of Crime Act, and Crime Victim's Compensation grant funds, the City of Gainesville, Cooke County, the Priddy Foundation, and through the generosity of churches, businesses, and individuals.

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Tues. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pears, hot rolls.

Wed. - Pork rib patty sandwich, macaroni and cheese, baby carrots, bananas, cookies.

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

Fri. - Pizza hot pockets, lettuce salad w/dressing, pork and beans, applesauce, ice cream.

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Mon. - Tacos w/trimmings, ranch style beans, pineapple tidbits.

Tues. - Salisbury steak, potatoes, gravy, carrots, pears.

Wed. - Fiesta salad, ranch style beans, corn chips, salsa, peaches.

Thurs. - Oven fried chicken, potatoes, pepper gravy, green peas, strawberries/bananas, bread.

Fri. - Ham and Turkey sandwich on wheat bread w/ trimmings, potato wedges,

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Chicken crispitos w/cheese sticks, pinto beans, Spanish rice, fresh fruit.

Tues. - Fiesta salad w/corn chips, ranch style beans, strawberries, chocolate cake, crackers.

Wed. - Fish strips, macaroni and cheese, black-eyed peas, applesauce, cinnamon roll.

Thurs. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, peaches, breadsticks.

Fri. - Chicken on a bun w/ trimmings, tator tots, ice cream.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Chicken sandwich, trimmings, chips, fruit mix, pickle spears.

Tues. - Salisbury steak, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, hot roll, strawberry applesauce.

Wed. - Pizza, corn, pears, wacky cake.

Thurs. - Crispy tacos, pinto beans, trimmings, pineapple.

Fri. - Chicken dumplings, green beans, breadstick, peaches, ice cream.

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Thurs. - Pizza or waffles, or cereal, toast, oatmeal, juice, fruit.

Fri. - Donuts or cereal, toast, oatmeal, fruit, juice.

For safety, be on the lookout for school children, school buses

As Texas school children prepare to head back to school, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) reminds all drivers to watch out for children walking to school or waiting for school buses, and to obey all traffic laws related to school buses. "DPS has zero tolerance for vehicles that pass

stopped school buses," said Col. Thomas A. Davis, Jr., director of the DPS. "Drivers must slow down, obey school zone speed limits, and stop for school buses to ensure the safety of Texas school children."

Drivers also need to slow down and pay attention in school zones. Children may not be looking for oncoming traffic when they step into the roadway, so drivers must remain alert. The most dangerous time of a student's journey on a school bus is when they are entering or exiting the bus, and state law requires that approaching drivers stop when a school bus is stopped and operating a visual signal (red flashing lights or a stop sign).

State law requirements
State law requires approaching drivers to stop when a school bus is stopped and operating a visual signal (red flashing lights or a stop sign). Drivers should not proceed until the school bus resumes motion; the driver is signaled by the bus driver to proceed; or the visual signal is no longer active.

A driver does not have to stop for a school bus if it is on a highway with roadways separated by an intervening space or physical barrier. (If a highway is divided only by a left-turning lane, the roadways are not separated, and drivers must stop for school buses.)

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At the August Keep Muenster Beautiful meeting, from left, Colby Richey, Stephen Davis, and Laura Heers, each received a \$250 scholarship from North Texas Dental Specialists to help with their upcoming college tuition or books. It was presented by Dale Schilling, at right. These young adults served as co-vice presidents for the past year and have been active with KMB for many years. KMB hopes that they will continue to use their leadership skills in Keeping Texas Beautiful. Courtesy photo

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SPORTS

Muenster rammed by S&S



Sacred Heart Tigers Nathan Berend (7) and Zach Zanchetta (14) team up to stop a Petrolia Pirate last Friday night in the Tiger's season opener victory. Janie Hartman photo

Looking at the stat box, Muenster beat S&S in 1st downs, had over 100 more yards on offense, lost no turnovers, and was even on penalties, so how did the Rams take a 21-13 victory from the Hornets last Friday night?

"Too many little mistakes," said Hornet Coach Allen Cross. "Their touchdowns were line-up mistakes by our defense. The big one that killed us was their only 1st down in the 2nd half (a 41 yard touchdown run). S&S made long yardage because of penalties and mistakes that we must eliminate."

Tanner Herr's opening 53 yard kick was returned to the Ram 23. Four plays later, Jason Luke intercepted a pass, placing the Hornets on their 35 yard line. Passes to Eric Hellman, Matt Flusche, Herr, and Garrett Walterscheid gained 31 yards, while Levi Trubenbach and Corey Reynolds picked up another 18 on the ground to the S&S 15 yard line. A 4th and 3 run failed and the drive ended.

The Rams got in a good run, but a fumble in the backfield caused by Aaron Flusche with Corey Reynolds getting the tackle for a loss of 18 forced a punt on 4th and 26.

Muenster's offense ran several plays to get inside the Ram 30, but they soon ran out of downs as the 1st quarter ended.

The teams exchanged punts, then the Rams began their first scoring drive, starting on their 15 A30 yard pass play and 20 yards of penalties helped get the Rams to the 9 yard line. With 6:25 on the clock, S&S put the first points on the board. The extra point

failed for a 6-0 score.

The Hornet offense gained only 7 and punted. From midfield it took the Rams six plays to find paydirt. With 2 minutes on the clock, the Hornets trailed 14-0.

Trubenbach ran for 14; but a flag lost 10. Paul Crabtree and Trubenbach gained back 11, then Herr punted as the 1st half came to a close.

After exchanging punts to start the 3rd quarter, the Hornets began a 14 play scoring drive. From the 37, Trubenbach hit two to Herr for 23 yards, with a penalty gaining 15 more. Another flag, this one on Muenster lost 10. Crabtree ran for 8, Trubenbach a yard, and a Trubenbach to Crabtree pass another 9. On 4th and 2, Crabtree gained 5 to the 17 yard line.

A short pass to Herr was followed by a flag. On 3rd and 11 on the 18 yard line, Hellman caught a pass from Trubenbach to the 2. With 1:26 on the clock, Crabtree found the end zone. The PAT kick failed for a 14-6 score.

The Hornet defense allowed no gain for the Rams, and the punt rolled to the Muenster 14. Muenster ran a few and punted as the final period got underway. Three plays later the Rams scored again, on a 41 yard run. The PAT gave the home team a 21-6 lead.

Muenster mixed runs and passing, moving from their 19 to the Ram 34 before running out of downs. The Hornet defense, including tackles by Flusche and Crabtree, allowed only 6 yards, and S&S punted.

Starting on the Muenster

41 yard line, Trubenbach picked up a quick 24 yards. Ten yards were lost the next play by a flag. A pass to Walterscheid gained 17 yards, with a flag adding 5. From the 24 yard line, Trubenbach connected with Hellman for 6 points. Herr's PAT was good for a 21-13 score with 1:09 remaining in the game. S&S wasted the clock and took the win.

"I was pleased with the boys' effort. We had our chances to win, but couldn't get the points," said Coach Cross. "The positive side of the game is, the team got the experience to be in a live game, and we have game film to help us evaluate the players and to make changes for hopefully less mistakes."

M	0	0	6	7	13
S&S	0	14	0	7	21

Team Stats		S&S	
M	17	1st downs	10
	29/133	Rushes/yds	28/134
	19/31/0	Comp/att/int	4/8/1
	174	Passing yds	70
	5/33	Punts/avg	3/30
	1/0	Fumbles/lost	1/0
	8/65	Penalties/yds	7/61

Individual Stats
RUSHERS: Levi Trubenbach, 12/83; Paul Crabtree, 8/26; Corey Reynolds, 5/17.
RECEIVERS: Tanner Herr, 8/56; Eric Hellman, 2/39; Garrett Walterscheid, 3/33; Paul Crabtree, 3/26.
TACKLES: Paul Crabtree, Garrett Walterscheid, T.J. Acuna, Eric Hellman, and Dillon Bayer.
TURNOVER: Jason Luke, interception.

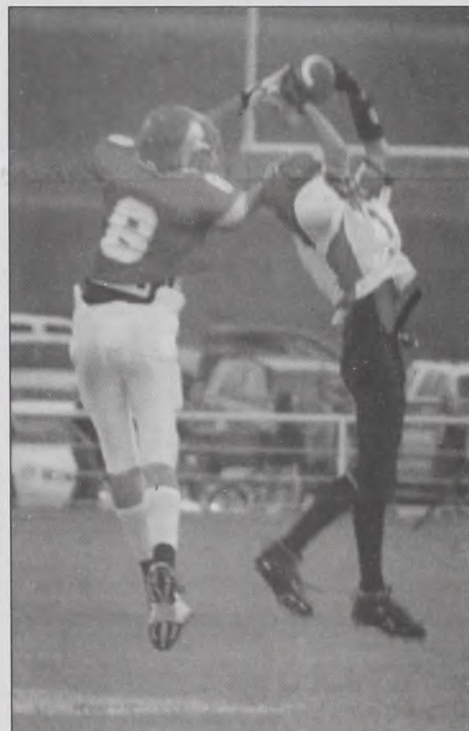
Next Action
 The Hornets have another away game this week, traveling to Nocona to take on the Indians. Nocona beat up on the Valley View Eagles last week with a 33-8 plucking, so the Indians are looking to continue their warpath with a scalping of the Hornets.

"Hopefully we'll be ready to go," said Coach Cross. "Offensively, the key is to move the ball and put points on the board. Defensively, we can't give up touchdowns because of mistakes."

Muenster has struggled some of the last years when facing Nocona. Going back six seasons, the Hornets won in 2006 (28-12) and 2003 (39-6), but lost in '07 (47-20), '05 (16-8), '04 (23-14), and '02 (42-7).

After four quarters on the field Friday night, hopefully the 2008 Hornets can get back on a winning track. Action begins at 7:30 p.m. in Nocona.

Note: Due to a few injuries, the Hornets did not have a JV game with Nocona Thursday night. Coach Cross noted that the JV schedule has NOT been cancelled, just one game at this time.



Muenster Hornet Jason Luke out-jumps a big Ram to steal a pass early in Muenster's game at S&S last Friday. Photo courtesy of MISD Yearbook

The Tigers' growl is mightier than the Pirates' sword

The first and last drives of the game were profitable for the Sacred Heart Tigers last Friday night, as the home team sent a sunken ship of Pirates back to Petrolia in defeat. The Tigers opened the 2008 season with a 14-0 victory.

"We started out good, scoring quickly. After that, we had the opportunities, but didn't capitalize on them because of big mistakes and penalties," commented Tiger Coach Dale Schilling.

The Tigers' running game dominated the playing field, outdistancing the Pirates 308 yards to 48. Sacred Heart completed only one pass, while picking off one pass and covering a fumble. The Tigers did manage to lose 112 yards to the yellow flag.

"Just like I thought, Petrolia was very physical up front. That gave us fits," Coach Schilling noted. "For the first game, our execution was fine, especially on defense."

The Tigers' first offensive possession began at their 33 yard line. Two runs by Sam Sparkman gained 9 yards, followed by a Matt Hesse quarterback keeper for 22. Hesse connected with Kyle Knabe for a 5 yard pass play. The next play, Sparkman went around the left tight-end for a 28 yard touchdown run. John Krawietz added the extra point for a 7-0 Tiger lead two minutes into the game.

Petrolia's first offensive attempt failed. Nick Popovich sacked the quarterback and the next play Hesse intercepted a pass.

The teams then exchanged possessions several times. Several good Sparkman runs got the Tigers inside the Pirate 20, but Sacred Heart couldn't get to the end zone.

Petrolia carried the ball into the 2nd quarter, but soon punted. A 70 yard run by Sparkman to the end zone was called back by a late flag, then the Tigers were forced to punt.

Two plays later, Dylan Flusche covered a loose ball on the Pirate 20. A holding call backed the ball 10 yards, and the next play, the Pirates covered a fumbled ball but couldn't make a gain and punted.

Runs by Hesse and Sparkman again put the Tigers in scoring range, but Sacred Heart couldn't get the points. The next play, Hesse intercepted the Petrolia pass, but an off-side flag gave the ball back to the Pirates. Petrolia got in a few good passes before the time ticked off the clock for the halftime break.

Tackles by Tommy Torcellini, Hesse, Seth Turczynski, Flusche, and Nathan Berend forced a Pirate punt as the 3rd period action took to the field. Several runs by Sparkman and Berend moved the Tigers from their 10 yard line to the Pirate 23 where the drive ended.

Petrolia picked up a couple of 1st downs as the teams exchanged punts. Sparkman ran for 21 and 13 yards to begin the final quarter, but the Tigers were shut down near midfield.

Tackles by Flusche, Turczynski, Sparkman, and Popovich forced another Pirate punt. The Tigers gained zero and punted. A good pass and a flag kept Petrolia's drive alive momentarily, but tackles and pass defense by Flusche, Popovich, Hesse, and Torcellini dropped the Pirates 5 yards.

After the punt, the Tigers, from their 21 yard line, paved the way for Sparkman to get to the Pirate 32 in five runs.

With 1:03 remaining in the game, quarterback Hesse went around the right end for a touchdown. Krawietz added the extra point and the Tigers led 14-0.

Petrolia threw four incomplete passes and the game ended.

SH	7	0	0	7	14
P	0	0	0	0	0

Team Stats		P	
SH	13	1st downs	8
	44/308	Rushes/yds	26/48
	5	Passing yds	63
	1/11/0	Comp/att/int	8/27/1
	4/40	Punts/avg	7/30
	2/1	Fumbles/lost	3/1
	12/112	Penalties/yds	6/52

Individual Stats
RUSHERS: Sam Sparkman, 30/239; Matt Hesse, 9/61.
RECEIVER: Kyle Knabe, 1/5.
TACKLES: Dylan Flusche, Nick Popovich, Nathan Berend, Seth Turczynski, Matt Hesse.
TURNOVERS: Matt Hesse, interception; Dylan Flusche, fumble recovery.

Next Action
 The Tigers take an early open week this Friday, and will host the Collinsville Pirates on Sept. 12. "We're healthy for the most part," said Schilling. "This week will give us a chance to fine tune things, work on mistakes, and get ready for a very well coached Collinsville team."

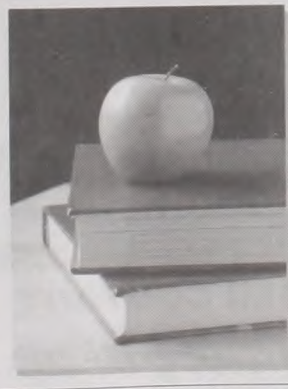
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The Muenster JV Hornets got a 14-12 victory over Sacred Heart Thursday night, despite a missed tackle (left) and an overthrown pass.

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JV Tigers win over Petrolia

The Junior Varsity Tigers of Sacred Heart traveled to Petrolia Thursday night to battle with the Pirates. The young Tigers brought home a 14-0 victory.

After the teams exchanged the ball a couple of times, Joseph Robertson covered a loose ball on the Tiger 35. The next play, Sacred Heart quarterback Bob Bartush broke away for a 65 yard touchdown run. Jae Im added the extra point for a 7-0 score with 2:05 remaining in the 1st quarter.

It was three plays and punt most of the 2nd period, with Mark Bartush getting in two good runs, and a B. Bartush to Im pass play for 26 yards to the 7 yard line. With 2:45 on the 1st half clock, B. Bartush found paydirt. Im's kick gave the Tigers a 14-0 lead. Ryan Henscheid cov-

ered a fumble, but the Tigers fumbled the ball away a few plays later as the halftime break ended play.

Petrolia opened the 3rd quarter, moving the ball against the Tigers. But tackles by Seth Turczynski, Quinn Sicking, and Alex Turner gave the ball to the Tigers on downs. A flag forced a Tiger punt. Tackles by Turner, Robertson, and Benjamin Yosten, and a fumbled punt attempt kept the ball at midfield with

Sacred Heart in charge.

The Tigers carried the ball into the final period, but quarterback sacks forced a punt.

Michael Davis, Garrett Berend, and Phillip Vogel got tackles to give the ball back to the Tigers. Runs by M. Bartush, B. Bartush, and Josh Biffle carried Sacred Heart to the 25, where taking a knee allowed the time to tick off the clock for a 14-0 Sacred Heart victory.

TEXAS GAME WARDEN REPORTS

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

Nope, he's not impaired — July 5, a Wise County game warden, while patrolling Lake Bridgeport, arrested a Chico man for BWI and for evading arrest or detention. The man screamed obscenities at the game warden and a deputy, who was riding on the TPWD patrol boat, after being stopped for no lights at night. The subject jumped from his boat into the lake while being towed to shore for standard field sobriety testing. The subject refused all tests and requested a blood sample draw. Cases pending.

Sometimes a day at the lake is no picnic — While patrolling Lake Meredith July 5, game wardens from Hutchinson, Moore, and Dallam counties responded to an assault call at Fritch Fortress Campground. A male had physically assaulted his wife and male friend. When the wife called 911, the male took off down a cliff. After a short manhunt by national park rangers and the wardens, the subject was spotted swimming across the lake to Horseshoe Island. The wardens got back in the boat, picked up the park rangers, and proceeded to Horseshoe Island. The subject was spotted among the crowd that was camping on the island and arrested by the rangers and wardens. The subject was placed in Hutchinson County Jail on charges of assault, public intoxication, and evading.

A regular pharmacy — During the 4th of July weekend, Denton and Callahan county game wardens arrested a Dallas man for possession of marijuana. In addition, eight grams of cocaine, five grams of methamphetamine, quart of GHB, numerous drug paraphernalia, and several hundred dollars were seized on the boat. After a two week investigation, in conjunction with the Denton County Narcotics Division, multiple narcotic dealers were identified and will be charged. Multiple felony cases are pending.

Only 11 days too soon — On Independence Day, Jefferson County game wardens were patrolling the Gulf of Mexico for illegal shrimping activity. At 9:30 p.m., the wardens made contact with a shrimp boat in the act of pulling four nets. The boat was seven miles offshore in Texas waters. The boat was boarded and taken to Sabine Pass and the captain arrested for shrimping in closed waters. The total catch of shrimp, 6,943 pounds, was

sold for \$10,414.

Another preventable tragedy — Also on July 4, Denton County game wardens received a call regarding the drowning of a three-year-old girl in the swim area of Little Elm Park at Lake Lewisville. The girl apparently drowned while her father, who had been drinking, walked away and left her unattended. A man walking in the water felt what he thought was a stick and discovered it was the little girl when he lifted it out of the water. The man and other witnesses began CPR. The child was pronounced dead at Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth.

Nice tarpon, but ... — San Patricio County game wardens came across some interesting violations one weekend in July. The wardens were checking fishermen on the Nueces River and discovered a subject with a 30-inch tarpon. As unusual as it was to find a tarpon in the river, things just got better. They noticed some marks on the tarpon's head and found the subject in possession of the undersized fish to be sitting on a bag with 75 feet of gill net. As the wardens finished that contact, another subject came walking down the bank and proudly showed off the catfish he had caught. The only problem was he caught them in a cast net. Shortly after that, the wardens waited for the last boat to come into the boat ramp. An oversized, untagged red fish was discovered in the boat.

Wrong tag, wrong year, wrong state: In late August, a Terrell County game warden was contacted by a local landowner who had discovered a whitetail buck that had been dumped on the side of the road. Upon investigation, the game warden found the deer with last year's mule deer tag connected to the antlers. The game warden contacted

the hunter, who was located in Arkansas, and had him explain why his deer was dumped in the bar ditch. After the phone interview, the game warden mailed a citation for improperly tagged whitetail deer and littering. The subject has since contacted the court and paid his fine.

Everyone pitches in: Aug. 19, residents and business owners of Burkburnett, Iowa Park, and City View got an early wake-up call around 12:30 a.m. with flash flood warnings. Game wardens from Clay County, Montague County, Archer County, and Wichita County, along with volunteer firefighters, the area fire department, the sheriff's offices, police department, and even local businesses that had buses for transportation were involved in rescuing people from their homes. Many areas that had never flooded before were affected. An estimated 100 people and numerous pets were rescued.

More flooding: Aug. 18, Starr County received in excess of 16 inches of rain in an 18-hour period. It is estimated that 1,400 houses received flood damage and some 400 people were at least temporarily displaced by the flooding. Game wardens were called out early and assigned a deputy to ride along and assist in rescue by walking-in and via four-wheel-drive truck. As the water rose, game wardens were requested to bring the river boats from the state park and from Zapata. Rescues were continued by boat until the water receded and vehicles could again be utilized. It was a combined effort with Starr County Sheriff's Department, all county fire departments, state game wardens, DPS troopers, Roma PD, and Border Patrol agents to make the necessary rescues and see that everyone went home safely. The low

point of the day was when a house caught fire and fire units were unable to reach it due to high water and had to watch it burn from a mile away. The next day was spent with local game wardens assisting local law enforcement in patrolling the affected areas to keep out looters.

Warden talks suspect out of water: On Aug. 18, a Shelby County game warden entered a camp in the Sabine National Forest to check for reported hunting violations. When the game warden was spotted, one of the subjects at the camp who had been fishing jumped into Toledo Bend Lake. The game warden finally talked the subject out of the water and placed him under arrest for outstanding warrants. Another subject from the camp was also arrested for outstanding warrants.

Man throws wife in lake, everyone goes to jail: Aug. 17, a Grayson County game warden received a call from dispatch in reference to a domestic disturbance at Juniper Point on Lake Texoma. The dispatcher advised that a male subject had thrown his wife out of the boat during an argument. The game warden arrived at the scene just after sheriff's deputies had arrived. There were three subjects, one female and two males. All were highly intoxicated. A witness was present and had observed all that took place. One subject was arrested for boating while intoxicated and the other two for public intoxication.

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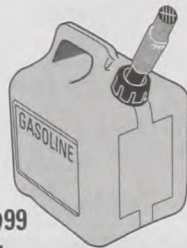
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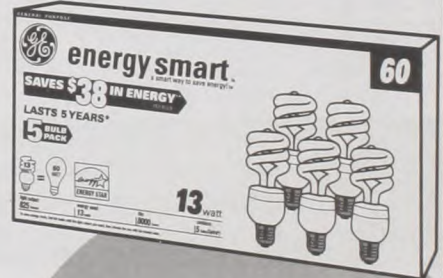
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Tom Bean Tomcats take turnovers to defeat Knights

Three interceptions and four lost fumbles assisted the Tom Bean Tomcats in a 28-18 victory over the Lindsay Knights Friday evening.

"We didn't play very good. We should have played better," commented Coach Cody Bounds. "We came back and played hard the 2nd half, but had dug a hole we couldn't get out of."

The Knights had more 1st downs, a dozen less yards, less penalties, only one punt, but also three interceptions and four lost fumbles.

Action began with Colton Hermes returning the opening kick to the Knight 36 yard line. Runs by Nick Bezner, Ryan Haverkamp, Frankie Cornett, and Josh Mueller moved the ball to the 'Cat 37. Lindsay's first turnover ended the drive.

Tom Bean got in three good runs before fumbled plays defended by Ross Jones and Austin Reiter forced a Tomcat punt.

The Lindsay offense struggled. An attempted punt on 4th and 6 was fumbled, picked up by Tom Bean on the 5 yard line, and carried into the end zone for 6 points. The PAT gave the 'Cats a 7-0 lead with 3:01 on the clock.

The Knights picked up a 1st down, then punted, allowing their host team to carry the ball into the 2nd quarter. It took six runs for the 'Cats to find the end zone and increase their lead to 14-0 with 10:06 remaining in the 1st half.

An inside kick was covered by Tom Bean, but tackles by Casey Shauf, Jones, Jeremy Perry, and Dax Fleitman allowed only 7 yards, and the ball was returned to the Knights on their 31 yard line.

Runs by Mueller, Bezner, and Jones, and passes to Jones and Cornett took the Knights to the 9 yard line. On 4th and 7, Ross Jones put Lindsay on the score board with a field goal with 1:32 remaining on the clock.

The Knight defense forced a Tom Bean punt, but a fumble on the return gave the ball back to the 'Cats. A scoring threat ended when Jones intercepted the ball in the end zone to end the 1st half of play.

Mueller, Jones, and Blake Hunter got in tackles that forced a Tomcat punt from midfield. A penalty assisted the Knights to their 38 yard line. After losing 2 yards, Bezner picked up 6, then completed a pass to Cornett to the 49. Haverkamp added 9 yards on two runs followed by a 40 yard keeper by Bezner for 6 points. Jones added the point after and Lindsay closed the point spread to 14-10 with 7 minutes on the clock.

Again the Knight defense, led by Matt Dieter, Reiter, Mueller, Perry, and Bezner, held the 'Cats to under 10 yards. Lindsay took the punt on their 38, but three plays later, Tom Bean intercepted a pass. Six runs later and the 'Cats were on top 21-10.

Lindsay carried the ball into the 4th quarter, but the drive ended with another interception. Hunter, Reiter, and Shauf got in tackles, then Tom Bean gave Lindsay the ball on downs.

Mueller and John Block picked up 12 yards. A pass to Jones gained 25 to the 5 yard line. Mueller gained a yard, but a flag cost the Knights 5. Bezner kept the ball, getting to the 1. On 3rd and goal, Nick Bezner found paydirt for the 6 points. Mueller ran in the extra points and the Knights closed the point spread to 3 with a 21-18 score with 6:50 on the clock.

The Knight kick placed the 'Cats on their 20 yard line. Three plays later, they were near midfield. A pass play turned into a 59 yard touchdown with 4:45 remaining in the game. The PAT gave Tom Bean a 28-18 lead.

A 30 yard kick return by Jones set the Knights at midfield. Short runs got a 1st down, but the drive ended when Tom Bean picked off an

other Lindsay pass. The 'Cat quarterback ran four plays to kill the clock, sending the Knights home with a season opening loss.

"We're going to stick with our plan. These first six games are to get ready for the last four," said Coach Bounds. "I hope it works in our favor."

L	0	3	7	8	18
TB	7	7	7	7	28

Team Stats	
L	TB
12	1st downs
39/178	Rushes/yds
59	Passing yds
4/13/3	Comp/att/int
1/31	Punts/avg
4/4	Fumbles/lost
6/40	Penalties/yds

Individual Stats
RUSHER: Nick Bezner, 13/93. **RECEIVERS:** Frankie Cornett, 2/30; Ross Jones, 2/29. **TACKLES:** Ross Jones, Blake Hunter, Matt Dieter. **TURNOVERS:** Ross Jones, interception.

Next Action
 The Knights hit the road again this Friday night, going west to take on the Windthorst Trojans.

"They are a powerhouse, traditionally successful, great coaches. They do it and they do it well," said Coach Bounds on the Trojan team. "It will be a good test. These tough games will help us down the road. Our boys know how to play against a good team."

Game time is 7:30 p.m. at Windthorst.



Knights in action - above - Nick Bezner (2) prepares to make the hand off; below - Colton Hermes makes the catch; at right - Lindsay makes the stop. Jay Anderie photos



LADY KNIGHTS VOLLEYBALL

Lady Knights have 6-1 weekend

The Lindsay Lady Knights competed in the Class "A" Showdown Labor Day Weekend Tournament. The tournament began with pool play on Friday morning. In pool play, Lindsay defeated Water Valley (ranked 15th by TGCA, Texas Girls Coaches Association) by scores of 21-25, 29-27, 25-20. In the second pool play match, Lindsay defeated Plains (ranked 8th by TGCA) by scores of 25-14, 25-8. In the 3rd Pool Play match Lindsay defeated Kopperl (ranked 13th by TGCA) by scores of 25-20,

25-20. Lindsay finished 1st in their pool.

On Saturday, bracket play began with Lindsay defeating Fort Davis by scores of 25-9, 25-12. In the 2nd round, Lindsay defeated Bronte (ranked 14th by TGCA) by scores of 25-11, 25-15. In the semifinal round, Lindsay suffered its only loss of the weekend to Leakey by scores of 18-25, 14-25. In the 3rd place match, Lindsay defeated Wink (ranked 4th by TGCA) by scores of 26-24, 25-27, 25-20.

Lindsay finished the weekend 6-1, and has improved their record to 17-9 overall. Junior Kristin Martin was named to the All-Tournament Team.

Cumulative stats for the tournament were: Brenna Mlinar, 12 digs (D), 11 aces (AC), 119 assists (A); Alyx Ethington, 31 D, 9 AC; Kristin Martin, 85 kills (K), 47 blocks (B), 34 D, 9 AC; Taylor

Loch, 19 D, 8 AC; Cammi Neu, 18 D, 5 AC; Kaylee Murphree, 76 K, 14 B, 20 D, 5 AC; Rose Hermes, 8 K, 17 D.

On Tuesday, the Lady Knights were defeated by Bowie by scores of 11-25, 20-25, 25-22, 17-25. Stats for the matches were: Brenna Mlinar, 5 D, 21 A; Alyx Ethington, 7 D; Kristin Martin, 14 K, 12 B, 4 D; Cammi Neu, 5 D; Kaylee Murphree, 3 AC, 15 K, 4 B.

Lindsay will open up District play next Friday, Sept. 12 with Collinsville at home.

Freshman

The Freshman Lady Knight volleyball team defeated Ponder on Aug. 29 in two games, 25-12, 25-19. "The girls started off playing very well in game 1," noted Coach Don Neu. "In game 2 we fell behind, but were able to battle back for the win."

Junior Varsity

The JV Lady Knights won over Ponder 25-22, 25-20. "It was a hard fought win. We hit the ball well at times, but Ponder did a good job of keeping the ball in play," Coach Don Neu commented. "Ponder was a great challenge for our girls."

8th Grade

The 8th Grade Lady Squires opened their 2008 volleyball season on Aug. 28 against Savoy, winning the match in three games, 25-23, 14-25, 25-22. "It was a typical first match. We were a little confused on some things, but these girls will figure it out and be fine," Coach Don Neu noted.

Junior Varsity

The Lindsay JV Lady Knights dropped a match to Bowie on Tuesday. It puts their record for the year at 8-7. The scores to the games were 25-11, 23-25, 24-26. "The girls served the ball well. Our passing and little mistakes is what cost us the match," noted Coach Robin Neu. Katie Nortman was 19 of 19 serving with 3 aces.

Freshman

The Freshman Lady Knights dropped a close match to Bowie on Tuesday night in three games, 25-18, 24-26, 23-25. "It was a hard fought game, but unfortunately, we came up a little short. We made crucial mistakes at the wrong times and could never get much momentum," said Coach Neu. Taylor Atkins was 24 of 27 serving and Erin Copeland had 7 assists.

AMERICAN WILDLIFE

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The first public hearing will be held on September 11, 2008 at 7:00 PM at Muenster Hospital Board Rm, Muenster TX.

The second public hearing will be held on September 16, 2008 at 7:00 PM at Muenster Hospital Board Rm, Muenster TX.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

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Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

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Corey Reynolds (3) catches the pass.



Tanner Herr (7) dodges S&S defenders.



Muenster's "D" line makes the stop.



Taylor McGrew (55) gets the tackle.



Taylor McGrew (55) puts pressure on the Ram quarterback.



Paul Crabtree (25) looks for an opening in the line. Also pictured are Dillon Bayer (54) and Tanner Herr (7).

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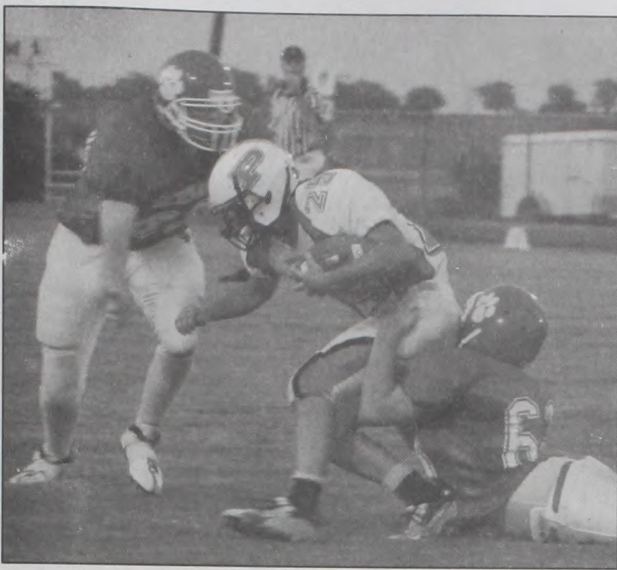
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Nathan Berend (7) gains six behind blockers Tommy Torcellini (55) and Dylan Flusche (52).



John Krawietz (17) loses control of a pass.



Nick Popovich (2) gets a sack.



Zach Zanchetta, Nick Popovich (2), and Nathan Berend (7) team up for the tackle.



Sam Sparkman (20), behind Tiger blockers Seth Turczynski (72) and Dylan Flusche (52) takes off for a long run.

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The Agriculture Department recently announced an updated quarterly forecast for U.S. agricultural exports, which are expected to reach a record \$108.5 billion for fiscal year 2008. The upward revision is a \$7.5 billion increase from February's previous record forecast and \$26.5 billion above the final 2007 exports. Grains and animal products account for two-thirds of the export gains.

Higher export volumes in bulk commodities including corn, other animal feeds, and soybeans make agriculture "the bright spot in the overall balance of trade," according to Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer. U.S. producers are on track to export a record 63 million tons of corn in 2008. New export volume and value records for pork also are expected. In addition, export volumes and values are up for many horticultural products, with sales growth to Canada and the European

Union proving exceptionally strong.

Asia continues to be an important growth market for U.S. agricultural commodities. U.S. exports to China are forecast to reach a record \$10.5 billion, up almost \$3.4 billion from 2007 levels. Canada and Mexico remain the United States' top markets worldwide with exports forecast to reach \$30.5 billion in 2008 - some \$5 billion above 2007.

Farming in the past



It's like stepping back in time at the annual Antique Tractor and Farm Machinery Show, held last weekend in Lindsay. Above Jerome Fuhrmann and his crew (in trailer) shuck and shell corn. Below an older model plow and tractor, all in working order.

Janie Hartman photos

COUNTY AGENT REPORT

Online maps and soil information

There is a tremendous amount of information that is available on-line relating to soils and soil profiles of your farm. This information is valuable if you are going to lease or purchase a farm.

Two web sites that complement each other: Google Earth, HYPERLINK <http://earth.google.com> and Web Soil Survey, <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/>.

Google Earth helps producers get latitude and longitude coordinates. This information will make it easier to search with Web Soil Survey. You can also search this site by county and address. Users "define an area," which means that they choose the boundaries of their property. Then by choosing the Soil Map tab, a soil series map will be overlaid on the defined area. Users receive information on the acres and percent of area of each soil series within the defined area. This can be very useful when planning for land usage and deciding which crop to plant.

Overseeded Hairy Vetch and Austrian Winter Pea instead of clovers

Hairy Vetch and Austrian Winter Pea are two legumes that have the potential to help minimize the need for nitrogen fertilizer in grazing situations. Both have the potential to produce large

amounts of high-quality forage. They have slightly larger seed than most clovers, which helps them establish more readily. This may give them an advantage in Cooke County.

Hairy Vetch is a hardy, viney, annual or biennial legume, attaining a height of 24 inches if planted alone and higher when planted with a tall companion crop that provides structural support for climbing. Despite its name, stems and leaves can be hairy or smooth. Hairy Vetch has a taproot that extends one to three feet deep. Hairy Vetch is hard seeded and has the potential to re-seed. It can be grown in soils with pH ranging from 4.9 to 8.2, but does best when pH is from 6.0 to 7.0.

Austrian Winter Pea is a low-growing, viney legume that has been shown to fix over 200 pounds of nitrogen per acre per year under good conditions in Idaho. It has hollow, slender and succulent stems, two to four feet long. The foliage is pale green, and the flowers are usually purple, pink, or reddish. The leaf consists of one to three pairs of leaflets and terminal branched tendrils. Pods are 1.5 to 2.5 inches long with three to five round, dark-colored seeds. Seed color is commonly gray with purple or brown mottles. Seed size is fairly large with test weights of 55 to 60 pounds per bushel.

Hairy Vetch and Austrian Winter Pea offer excellent spring weed suppression

and grow well in mixtures with cereal grains that can provide cool-weather weed suppression, erosion control, and fall N-scavenging.

To increase winter hardiness, plant between mid-September and mid-October, about four to six weeks before the first frost.

Recommended seeding rates vary from 25-60 lb/acre. Use lower rates when drilling and higher rates when broadcasting, drilling into a rough seedbed, or relay interplanting. Drill seed into a firm seedbed from 3/4 to 1 1/2 inches deep depending on soil moisture. If broadcasting, follow with a harrow to increase soil-seed contact.

Hairy Vetch and Austrian Winter Pea roots need to be colonized by an appropriate strain of rhizobia bacteria to be able to convert atmospheric nitrogen into plant-available forms.

For pictures of the plants and further information visit: HYPERLINK <http://stephenville.tamu.edu/forages.html> <http://stephenville.tamu.edu/forages.html>

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TDA market recap

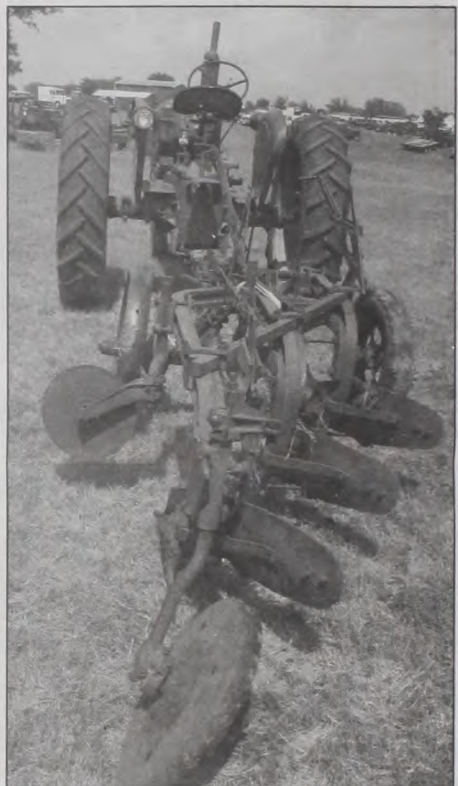
For the week ending Aug. 30, feeder cattle price trends at Texas auctions were mixed, with the average price for feeders under 600 pounds down \$1 per hundredweight and heavier weights up by as much as \$8. Fed cattle cash prices were steady with the previous week.

Cotton markets ended the week higher as Hurricane Gustav threatened the crop in the Southeast. Corn prices declined as beneficial rains fell in the Midwest, and wheat markets continued to fall on prospects for a large global crop.

As for futures markets, feeder cattle, finished cattle, wheat, corn, and lumber ended the week lower, while cotton was higher.

Scattered thunderstorms occurred over much of the state, with rains from Hurricane Gustav reported in portions of East Texas.

Cotton harvest progressed to 12% complete, equal to the normal pace, and 89% of the acreage is setting bolls. Corn harvest was 62% complete with the crop reported in mostly good to fair condition. Grain sorghum is 60% harvested statewide and rice harvest is 80% complete. Reports on pasture conditions are mostly fair.



Ag briefs

Small farms are getting bigger. There are 177,000 farms with more than 1,000 acres, and 743,000 with 50 acres or less.

When volunteer grasses appear in pastures, allow them to go to seed. Cattle will move seeds from one pasture to another.

If a pasture has cool-season grass, apply fertilizer in late summer to early fall to encourage warm-season volunteer grasses.

When working cattle, keep the noise down. No hollering or talking loudly. Cattle respond better to quiet.

Ag briefs

Texas is the top pecan producer in the U.S. In 2007, cash receipts for Texas pecans totaled more than \$108 million. Texas produced 47 million pounds of pecans in 2006.

Texas is home to more than two million feral hogs, the largest feral hog population in the U.S. Feral hogs create an estimated annual \$52

million in statewide economic damage. There are nearly 170 million acres in Texas, with about 130 million in agricultural production.

During the school year, Texas schools serve around two million free or reduced rate lunches a day, and more than 350,000 free lunches a day in nutrition programs.

Record net farm income and record expenses for 2008

USDA says net farm income this year will be a record \$96 billion, \$9 billion above last year. Ag Department economist Larry Salathe says crop receipts are up \$15 billion and livestock receipts are up \$7 billion from February. He says there are several contributing factors, "Very strong exports, very strong domestic demand of course supported by ethanol." Add in concerns about the crops in the U.S. and the world wheat crop, and you have the answer. Unfortunately, production costs are also projected to be a record high, \$300 billion. Salathe says that is a \$40 billion increase over last year and comes on top of a \$20 billion jump in 2007. Fertilizer expenses are up 58%, fuel expenses are

39% higher, and feed prices increased too.

Bottom line, increases in crop receipts are well ahead of the increase in expenses, but livestock producers are being squeezed.

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Dear Farm Bureau Members,

The Cooke County Farm Bureau invites you to attend the Annual County Convention on Monday, September 15, 2008 starting at 6:30pm at The Center Restaurant in Muenster, Texas. All County Farm Bureau members are invited to attend this meeting.

Due to limited seating availability, you are asked to call the Gainesville office at 940-665-1763 or our Muenster office at 940-759-4052 prior to noon on Friday, September 12 to confirm that you will be attending.

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<p>Feeder Steers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.37; 1.54; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.10-1.37; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.17; 1.53; Nos. 2 & 3, 95-117; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.09; 1.30; Nos. 2 & 3, 95-109; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 1.04; 1.20; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-104; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 1.03; 1.11; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-103; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 1.04; 1.10; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-1.04; Feeder Heifers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.23- 1.50; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-123; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.08- 1.22; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-108; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.00- 1.11; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-100; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 1.00- 1.07; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-100; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 98-105; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-98; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 93-1.04; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-93; Slaughter Cattle (per lb.) Slaughter Bulls, Yield Grade #1-2, 1,200-2,050 lbs., 66- 74; Slaughter Cows, #1-3, 53-52; Culler, 34-52; Stocker Cows (per head)</p>	<p>Pregnancy-tested, 3 to 9-year-olds - Large Frame: \$750-\$830; Medium Frame: \$500-\$750; Cow/Calf Pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - Large Frame: \$900-\$1160; Medium Frame: \$600-\$900; Baby Calves: Holstein NT Cross Breds: \$125-\$265; Barrows & Gilts (per lb.) US #1, 230-270: 55-59; US #2, 220-280: 50-55; Feeders (per head): 100-175 lbs.: \$55-\$100; 25-50 lbs.: \$25-\$45; Sows (per lb.) Feeder, 400 or less: 30-50; Light wt. 400-500: 40-43; Med. wt. 500-600: 40-43; Heavy wt. 600+: 40-43; Boars (per lb.) 300 lb. up: NT: 200-300 lbs. NT; Light wt.: 40-50; Sheep (per lb.) Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs., 65-75; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs., 65-75; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs., NT; Ewes (per lb.)</p>	<p>Stocker: 45-55; Thin: 10-20; Fat: 20-40; Bucks (per lb.) Thin: 30-40; Fat: 35-40 Barbados (per head) Lambs: \$30-\$40; Ewes: \$20-\$80; Bucks: \$60-\$100; Goats (per head) Kids: 20-35 lbs.: \$15-\$45; 35-55 lbs.: \$30-\$60; 65-75 lbs.: \$50-\$90; Yearlings (per head) 75-120 lbs.: \$60-\$115; Nannies (per head) Stocker: \$30-\$75; Milk Type: \$20-\$50; Slaughter: \$45-\$80; Thin: \$10-\$30; Billies (per head) 120 lbs-up Breeders: \$110-\$125; Slaughter: \$85-\$100; Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny: NT: \$4 Nanny: NT; Full Nanny: NT 1/2 Billy: NT; 3/4 Billy: NT; Full Billy: NT</p>
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