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Muenster residents to participate in 2008 Olympics

By Janet Felderhoff
Excitement abounds in Muenster as friends and relatives of Bret Erickson and Dwayne Weger anticipate watching the two in the opening ceremony of the 2008 Olympics. The opening ceremony takes place at 8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 8, Beijing, China time.

Bret Erickson aspires to win the gold as a competitor in the trap shooting. Those events take place beginning at 9 a.m. on Aug. 9 and 10. Dwayne Weger is the team leader for rifle, pistol, and shooting sports.

Erickson's wife Lisa noted that the trap shooting will be aired on NBC on Aug. 10 sometime during the regular Olympic airing.

This is not Bret's first time to compete in the Olympics. He first competed in 1992 in the Olympian Trap Shoot and placed 16th. In 1996 he placed 22nd in that event. In 2004 Bret competed in the Olympian Trap Shoot and

Double Trap, making it to 13th place in both events.

The most recent of Bret's accomplishments, besides making the 2008 Olympic team, include: 2008 Bronze Medal Beijing World Cup; 2007 Pan Am and World Championship Team Member; 2007 Silver medalist Pam Ams; 2006 U.S.A. Shooting Male Athlete of the Year.

Bret first took part in American trap shooting at age 10. His father introduced him to the sport.

The Olympian shooter is retired from the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit. Currently, he runs the Willawalla Creek Shooting Range. He trains and coaches there.

The two local families have joined Bret and Dwayne at the Olympics to watch the competitions. Lisa and children Mara and Cole, and Dwayne's wife Kellie and children Hannah and Reagan will be among the immense numbers watching the 2008 Olympics in person.



Dwayne Weger and Bret Erickson

Oncor seeks authority to change rates in City

By Janet Felderhoff
Sabrina Taylor, area manager of customer operations for Oncor Electric Delivery, spoke to the Muenster City Council at the Aug. 4 regular meeting. Oncor is requesting authority to change rates.

Taylor explained that when deregulation occurred, the distribution companies (such as Oncor) were separated from the retail companies (such as Reliant Energy, Green Mountain Power, etc.). She said while separating them, they also separated the charges. Oncor's portion of the bill is very small, she noted. "Right now, about two cents a kilowatt hour. That pays for the infrastructure that we have - the poles, the wires, the meters. Oncor owns all that equipment," she said.

Each month Oncor reads the meters and provides the meter reading to the retail company that services each home, Taylor noted. The retail company then generates the bill. The distribution charges are from Oncor.

According to Taylor, Oncor hasn't filed a full blown rate case since 1991. On June 27 of this year they did file a full blown rate case that looks at every component of the bill.

About 204 cities, including the City of Muenster, have the ability to set electric rates for its residents. Therefore, the City of Muenster can decline to pay the rate proposed by Oncor.

The City Council was asked to either suspend or deny the rate case if it didn't approve. The denials are taken before the Public Utility Commission of Texas. When all 204 cities have taken action, that action will be taken to the Commission for appeal. That will allow them to have one case for one rate rather than 204 different rates. Taylor said it will be for an increase of about 2.7%.

The Oncor area manager said that Oncor would still be the second lowest cost distribution transmission company rate in the State of Texas. The lowest would be Texas New Mexico and that company is in the process of filing a rate case now.

Taylor likened Oncor's service to that of Fed Ex delivering a package ordered from some company to your home. "We deliver the power that you buy from your retailer," she said.

If the Council decided to suspend the rate case at this time, the company would be back in 90 days asking again, said Taylor.

Muenster Mayor John Pangel remarked, "A City the size of Muenster has neither the skills nor the resources to do a rate case study. So they are pretty much at the mercy of whatever the Texas Commission is going to do. Whatever the Commission does, that is what these 204 cities are going to wind up with anyway. I see no course of action other than to vote tonight for denial and wait and see what the Commission comes up with."

The Council agreed voting 4-0 to deny the request.

A remark on differences in bills had Taylor suggesting that anyone wanting to check

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Hwy. 82 receives new surface through Muenster



TxDOT finally got around to the resurfacing of Hwy. 82 through town this week after two other paving attempts failed in the last year. Muenster residents have had to deal with humps, bumps, holes, and dust before this overlay of hot mix asphalt was put down, making a smooth driving surface. Janie Hartman photo

Sacred Heart teachers gear up for first day of school

Sacred Heart Catholic School opens its doors for the first day of the 2008-09 school year on Thursday, Aug. 14 when classes begin at 7:50 a.m. An Opening Mass at 8 a.m. will be followed by Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

On Friday, Aug. 15, Commissioning of Teachers is to take place at the 8 a.m. Mass.

A number of teachers have received further training in the use of technology in the classroom, implementation of Advanced Placement classes for high school students, and an academic enrichment program for elementary students.

All teachers will participate in a retreat with the faculties from St. Mary's in

Gainesville and Immaculate Conception in Denton on Monday, Aug. 11.

Principal Chad Riley remarked, "We are looking forward to a great year!"

Faculty/Staff
Cecilia Ashley: Art
Beth Bartush: P.E., Accounting
Katrinka Bartush: High School Science

Annette Bayer: Religion, History, 8th Grade.
Sister Jeanette Bayer, O.S.B.: Resource.
Pam Dangelmayr: Preschool.
Barbara Davidson: Montessori Primary.
Debbie Endres: Math, G/T coordinator, 6th Grade.
Jennifer Fuhrmann: Math.
Dolores Hofbauer: Library Manager.
Clint Kelley: Music.
Michele Knauf: 2nd Grade.
Barbara LaChance: 5th Grade.
Jeffrey Lawson: High School English.
Jon LeBrasseur: Athletic director, basketball, World History.
Richard Lewis: Technology director and teacher.
Glenda Mitchell: English, Literature, 7th Grade.
Chellie Mollenkopf: Counselor.
Susan Moody: High School Religion, Social Studies, AP World History.
Vincent Nguyen: Advanced Math.
Angela Proto: Spanish.
Katherine Putnam: Family and Consumer Science, yearbook.
Sister Lillian Marie Reiter, O.S.B.: Elementary Religion.
Dale Schilling: History, Dean, football coach.
Martha Sicking: 3rd Grade.
Rhonda Walterscheid: 4th Grade.
Jonathan Yosten: Computer Lab director, coach.
Janet Barnhill: Cafeteria worker.
Mary Bayer: Administrative assistant.
Kathy Berres: Preschool

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Music and song from around the world



A.J. Christopher follows a video of musicians from Brazil as he plays homemade maraccas at the First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School this week. Janie Hartman photo

School bells will be ringing



Sacred Heart Catholic School will open its doors and begin classes on Thursday, August 14. Teachers and other workers have been preparing the campus for the new school year. Pictured above is elementary teacher Michele Knauf getting her classroom ready for the first day. Janie Hartman photo

High spirited youth



Attempting to learn cheers and all the moves at the Sacred Heart Cheer Camp were, from left, Martie McCoy, Kayla Deweber, and Rachel Hesse. Janie Hartman photo

OBITUARIES

William "Bill" Freeman 1950 - 2008

William "Bill" Fredell Freeman, age 58 of Rosston passed away Tuesday, July 29, 2008 at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas. He was born Feb. 17, 1950 in Houston to Jesse Marion "Shorty" Freeman and Pearl Juanece Rucker Freeman. He married Jill Diane Pipes on Oct. 14, 2000. He was self employed as a horse trainer and was a member of the National Cutting Horse Association, NCHA Riders Hall of Fame, and Cowboy Church.

Survivors are his wife Jill Freeman of Rosston; daughters Christina Lee Freeman and husband Wade Ferguson of Lone Grove, Oklahoma, Erika Lynn Dugger and husband Charles Joseph Dugger of Clarksville, Tennessee, Kimberly Ann Freeman and husband Leo Merriam of Clarksville Tennessee, and Elayna Joleen Freeman of Rosston; sisters Sharon Gail Freeman Riddle and husband Terry of Wynnewood, Oklahoma; three grandchildren; two nieces and one nephew.

A memorial service was held Sunday, Aug. 3 at the Will Rogers Coliseum of Fort Worth at 10 a.m. with Joe Howard Williamson and Greg Depriest officiating.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association of Texas, P.O. Box 26460,

Austin, Texas 78755 or the NCHA Charities Foundation for the Bill Freeman Memorial Scholarship Fund, 260 Bailey Dr., Fort Worth, Texas 76107.



Bill Freeman

Margaret Ratliff dies

Margaret Helen Fette Ratliff died Aug. 2, 2008 at the age of 102 years. Her funeral will be held on Monday, Aug. 11 at 10 a.m. in Old St. Elizabeth Church, 2305 Main Street in Lubbock. Her complete obituary will be in next week's Muenster Enterprise.

Zelma Moore 1928 - 2008

Funeral services for Zelma B. (Sewell) Moore, 79 of Saint Jo were held on Tuesday, Aug. 5 at the Landmark Missionary Baptist Church in Saint Jo with Rev. Ricky Kerr and Rev. Bill Pursley officiating. Burial was in Illinois Bend Cemetery. Zelma died at 10:20 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 1 at a Senior Care Center in Wichita Falls.

Born Dec. 26, 1928 in Illinois Bend, Zelma was one of the seven children of Lonnie and Lillie Hoover Sewell.

Survivors are husband Harold Moore of Saint Jo; daughter and son-in-law Peggy and Austin Clayton of Jacksboro; sons and daughters-in-law Billy and Marie

Moore of Wichita Falls, Hollis and Shona Moore of Brady, Texas, Tim and Brenda Moore of Lexington, Texas; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; sisters Marcia Groves of Petrolia, and Norene Anderson of Newton, Iowa; brothers Eugene Sewell of Saint Jo, John Sewell of Longview, and Donald Sewell of Jacksboro.

Preceding her in death were her parents Lonnie and Lillie Sewell, brother James Sewell, and grandson Benjamin Moore.

Pallbearers were Christopher Moore, Tim Clayton, Chase Moore, Jeremy Clayton, Jeffrey Clayton, and Edward Sewell.

TTC-35 Corridor Advisory Committee meeting report

summarized by Sheila Cox, member of the TTC-35 Corridor Advisory Committee

The July 23 meeting of the TTC-35 Corridor Advisory Committee in Austin revealed that there is no truth in the statement that recently has been made by various sources who say, "The Trans-Texas Corridor is dead." My following summary of that meeting includes various segments of discussions that occurred in that meeting which point to the fact that the TTC is still very much alive and continues as a threat to all Texans.

The meeting agenda included presentations by two corporations who are members in NASCO (North American Super Corridor Coalition). Those presentations were by Scott Braden, president of the Southwest and High Plains Divisions of McLane Trucking Company, and by Russell Laughlin, vice president of Alliance Texas which is headed by Ross Perot. Both of these presentations included emphasis on the need for the NAFTA Super Highway as a trade route from Mexico through the United States and into Canada. Also emphasized in these presentations was the importance of the role of the Trans-Texas Corridor in the implementation of this international highway system.

In the question and answer wrap-up of Mr. Braden's presentation which had highlighted the needs of major trucking firms, I asked what was the most cost-efficient miles per hour (mph) speed for trucks to travel. He replied that 62 mph had been proven to be the most cost-efficient speed and at that speed even the pollution levels were less than at higher speeds. He indicated that their trucks are required to not exceed 62 mph and he described his company's electronic monitoring system that allows each of their trucks to be monitored during their entire routes. I addressed the concern that the TTC corridors are proposed to have 80 mph speed limits for trucks and based on his comments that it would appear that the widespread non-attainment pollution control areas in Texas would only worsen with many trucks from other companies traveling at much higher speeds than 62 mph.

In the closing comments of the presentation made by Mr. Laughlin about Alliance Texas, he stated emphatically, "I've given you the plan and the development. Now you have the plan and the development, so get with the plan or get out of the way." In his question and answer wrap-up, I defined "synergism" as a process where the different parties function as a whole by working together to resolve differences so that there

are benefits to each party. I commented that in my opinion transportation issues involved the three major parties represented by government, corporations, and citizens. I asked Mr. Laughlin where is the interaction from the citizens in his closing comment that stated "so get with the plan or get out of the way." He was speechless and did not respond to my question and at that point the meeting facilitator moved the discussion to the next meeting agenda item.

Later, in the meeting agenda item for the discussion between the members serving on the TTC-35 Corridor Advisory Committee, we had several points of lively discussion. One of those lively discussions dealt with a comment made by committee member Lana Wolf who is the mayor of Arlington. Mayor Wolf made the comment that "the TTC needed to get moving faster from the talking stage to the doing stage." She added that "the only opponents to the TTC are coming from those farm people." I pointed out that opposition to the TTC was "not only from those farm people, but also from the two major political parties in Texas." I had with me a stack of copies of the Republican Party and Democratic Party political platforms which quoted their opposition to the TTC and abusive eminent domain in their 2008, 2006 and 2004 platforms. At that point I distributed those hand-outs to each committee member and even those from the public who were in the Delegation Room to observe our meeting, including Mr. Laughlin with Ross Perot's Alliance Texas who had stayed to hear our discussion. Mayor Wolf seemed shocked by the comments in the Republican and Democratic Platforms and she said that "it was just words on paper and no elected official would agree to a platform like that and they would leave the parties to become Independents." I mentioned that would be an option for them but that the Independent Texas Party and the Constitution Party of Texas had similar platforms also strongly stating opposition to the TTC, abusive eminent domain, and the Constitutional infringements of private property ownership. At that point, we moved into the next discussion item.

The next Austin meeting will be on Thursday, Aug. 21 and the public is allowed to attend the meetings, but is not allowed to speak or participate in any of the discussions. There are usually five to 10 people who are there to just listen to our meetings and encourage anyone who is interested to plan on attending. Jan Johnson of Cooke County has attended the last two Austin meetings.

Hospital Board reviews FY 07-08 ending finances

By Janet Felderhoff

Muenster Memorial Hospital District runs on a fiscal year beginning on July 1 and ending June 30. Board members heard the financial report at the regular meeting held Tuesday, July 22.

The report noted, "Revenue for the fiscal year was up \$1,200,000 and net income was down \$854,000. Primary factors were an increase of \$169,000 in salaries, an increase of \$181,000 in employee benefits, an increase in bad debts expense of \$162,000, and the accrual of \$404,000 in estimated Medicare."

During the fiscal year, the Hospital experienced a 65.79% occupancy rate. The combined (acute care and long term care or swing bed) average daily census was 11.84 with a combined average length of stay of 13.04.

There were 210 acute care patients in MMH during the fiscal year with an average length of stay of 4.78 days. Admissions to long term care were 116 for the fiscal year with an average length of stay of 27.73 days.

During the fiscal year, 1,222 visits were recorded in the Emergency Room, 4,334 outpatients; 7,190 patients visited the Family Health Clinic; and Home Health made 7,675 visits.

Employee health coverage was due for renewal on Aug. 1. With several major situations taking place, Administrator Lynn Heller explained possible repercussions from the reinsurance company that sometimes occur in high cost situations.

Board member John Aytes inquired into the wisdom of carrying reinsurance. Heller explained why the reinsurance was needed along with aggregate coverage to cap their expenditure exposure per year. It is needed for catastrophic cases, he noted.

Board member Walter Knight suggested becoming

educated so that next year they would better understand the situation and know what to look for.

Dr. Knight commented, "We can't affect the cost of health care and how much things go up every year. All we can do is decide how much percentage of that we are actually going to cover for our employees." Last year, that cost was 31% of the administration and reinsurance cost. From July 1 through June 30, total claims and administration cost paid by the Hospital was \$490,000 and the employees paid \$82,000.

The Board voted to accept the proposal that had a 20% cost increase. That will increase the cost for employee and children about \$90 a month. Employee only premiums will increase \$6 per employee a pay period. That keeps the premium cost funded 31% by the Hospital District and 69% by employees. The contract with Group Pension Administrators (GPA) was renewed unanimously and will continue to administrate the District's health plan and coordinate the purchase of the reinsurance.

Lancaster Pollard Financing Information was reviewed by the Board. According to Administrator Heller, the company did a nationwide study of the financial conditions of Critical Access Hospitals. They sought out MMH to inform them that it was on the top 10% of the 1200 Critical Access hospitals as far as the financial conditions.

Aytes suggested that each Board member study the information from Lancaster Pollard Financing and go through it at the next Executive Committee meeting.

In other business, the Board:

- Reviewed the Cooke County Appraisal District's budget and audit.
- Amended the Investment Policy.

- Heard that District will be taking part in HealthFind 2008 in Dallas. One plan is to promote Muenster as a great place to live and raise a family with very good schools, churches, etc. "If you get a physician who moves to Muenster because this is where they want to live, then chances are they are not going to pack up and move in a year or so," Heller noted.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO Aug. 6, 1943

Ice shortage is experienced here due to unusual demand in the County. Governor Stevenson urges Texans to return empty glass bottles so that the glass industry can concentrate on containers for the armed forces. Obituary: Mrs. Mathilda Hinzman, 71. New Arrival: Shirley to Alfons and Margaret Reiter; Clyde to Paul and Clara Walterscheid; Earl to Albert and Agnes Hess. Dan Luke has his tonsils removed. Relax Theatre advertises "Once

Upon A Honeymoon" starring Ginger Rogers and Cary Grant.

50 YEARS AGO Aug. 8, 1958

Burglars steal adding machine worth about \$450 from Community Lumber Co. Enrollment booms at Gainesville College. Mr. and Mrs. Nig Wilson host 42 party and barbecue supper. Appliance Sales & Service advertises a brand new record album of Benny Goodman favorites for only \$1.29. New Arrivals: Arnold to Buddy and Dorothy Mae Yosten. Parish ships 400 pounds of clothing to needy missions.

25 YEARS AGO Aug. 5, 1983

Phase 1 of lake project underway. City Council seeks replacement for Steve Moster who retired from City superintendent. Three men from Muenster selected as Outstanding Young Men of America: John Bartush, Ronnie Hess, and Ben Fleitman, Jr. Weddings: Brenda Henschel and Todd Richey; Ronald Hermes and Dana Fuentes. New Arrival: John to Henry and Florentine Knabe. Third annual Vacation Bible School ends.

Muenster Memorial Hospital Rehabilitation Program



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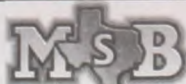
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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!

Sunday, Aug 10, 2008	Monday, Aug 11, 2008	Tuesday, Aug 12, 2008	Wednesday, Aug 13, 2008	Thursday, Aug 14, 2008	Friday, Aug 15, 2008	Saturday, Aug 16, 2008
Muenster Museum Open 1-4	VFW mtg 8 pm MMH Aux., mtg. 5:30 pm	Muenster Public Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm MHS Seniors register 9-noon & 1:30 - 4:30	Muenster Public Library open 1:30 - 5:30 pm SH Alumni & Supporters mtg. 7:30 pm SNAP room MHS Juniors register 9-noon & 1:30-4:30	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm Muenster Historical Comm. mtg 8 am @ Rohmer's C of C mtg noon, Rohmer's SHC School begins MHS Sophomores register 9-noon & 1:30 - 4:30	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm MHS Freshmen register 9-noon & 1:30 - 4:30	Muenster Public Library open 10:30 am - 2:30 pm Forestburg Watermelon Festival
					Tax free shopping	
Sunday, Aug 17, 2008	Monday, Aug 18, 2008	Tuesday, Aug 19, 2008	Wednesday, Aug 20, 2008	Thursday, Aug 21, 2008	Friday, Aug 22, 2008	Saturday, Aug 23, 2008
Muenster Museum Open 1-4	VFW Aux mtg. 7:30 pm MuensterISD 8th grade orientation 4:30 pm	Muenster Public Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm MMH Board mtg. 7 pm MISD grades 3-6 orientation 6 pm Band Hall Muenster ISD 7th grade orientation 4:30 pm	Muenster Public Library open 1:30 - 6:30 pm MISD PK-2 Howdy Night 6 pm Band Hall	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm Muenster Public Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Equine Seminar 6 pm NCTC MHS Meet the Coaches 6 pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm	Muenster Public Library open 10:30 am - 2:30 pm Muenster Players in Progress Camp 9-1 CC Beef Cattle Impr. Assoc. 6:30 pm G'ville Livestock Market
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2008 Property Tax Rates in MUENSTER HOSPITAL

This notice concerns 2008 property tax rates for MUENSTER HOSPITAL. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$621,606
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$621,606
Last year's tax base	\$329,066,333
Last year's total tax rate	0.188900/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$621,606
+This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$399,616,832
=This year's effective tax rate	0.155500/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$621,606
+This year's adjusted tax base	\$399,616,832
=This year's effective operating rate	0.155500/\$100
×1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.167900/\$100
+This year's debt rate	0.000000/\$100
=This year's rollback rate	0.167900/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If MUENSTER HOSPITAL adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.155500 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2007 taxes by \$ 9,177.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 201 N Dixon, Gainesville, TX 76240.
Name of person preparing this notice: Doug Smithson
Title: Chief Appraiser / Assessor / Collector
Date prepared: July 20, 2008

School building finally going up



More than just dirt work can be seen on the Muenster ISD campus, as the first pillars went up Tuesday morning in the District's cafetorium building project. Janie Hartman photo

Muenster ISD School Board fills Hornet coaching positions

By Janie Hartman
The resignation of boys basketball coach, Michael Sissney, and the hiring of his replacement were among business taken care of at the July 23 meeting of the Muenster ISD Board of Trustees. The Board hired Jeremy Jenkins, coming from China Springs ISD, a Class 3A school, where he was head boys basketball and junior high football coach. Also hired was Rhonda Boelen, teacher.

New laminated shingles will re-roof the ticket booth and restrooms at Hornet Stadium for a cost of \$2,448,666. No action was taken on the civil plan revision for a six inch water line from the hydrant to the new building. The course requirements for local credit of Life Skills were approved.

In-service for faculty and staff begins on Aug. 18.

Elementary report: Grades 3 through 6 will hold their annual student orientation on Tuesday, Aug. 19, starting at 6 p.m. in the Band

Hall/Auditorium. Pre-K through 2nd will have "Howdy Night" on Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 6 p.m. in the Band Hall/Auditorium.

High School report: Noted that summer school concluded July 3, and the Code of Conduct, Student Handbooks, and Teacher Handbooks are being updated.

Athletic report: Summer workouts ended. Trey Gray of Gainesville was hired as a new coach.

Jim Robertson sent the May and June monthly reports showing the ad valorem property taxes paid to Muenster ISD were for the amounts of \$15,031.34 and \$27,494.99.

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out different electric rates go to the website www.powertochoose.org to see what is offered. There are different terms and different rates depending on what is selected and the length of the contract.

City Manager Stan Endres presented the Council with a proposed rate increase due to the IESI solid waste disposal increase taking effect. "Even though the residential shows that it's going up, it's not," he remarked. "The fuel surcharge is going to change a whole lot." He said it was a \$1.75 a month increase for residential, but the fuel charge was dropping more, so residential customers wouldn't see a big increase. Commercial customers will. The Council accepted the rates as submitted.

Since recycling seems to be wanted by many in the community, a survey will be sent out to residents. It will ask questions to determine if recycling is an option, and if so, what type is wanted by the majority. Curbside and a rolloff bin are two options.

Approval has been given to the City to close in the sewer lagoons. They received proposals from two local companies to do the dozer work required to close them. Paul Becker submitted a bid for \$15,000 and Matt Sicking of Sicking Custom Digging for \$8,000. The Council accepted the low bid from Sicking.

Endres reported that building of the fence at the City Park is underway. Currently, the rock columns are being constructed. He expects that it may be finished by the September meeting.

Paving of City streets for

this year is completed. It was deemed worth the money and seemed to meet the approval of all present.

Another project completed is the trimming of trees in the City Park. Also, replacements have been ordered for damaged antique street lights.

Endres said that he received a letter from the State informing the City that it had received the \$125,000 grant for which it had applied. This is to replace culverts on Mesquite Street with larger ones to prevent flooding problems. Endres said it would soon be time to apply for another grant. This time they will seek grant money to replace old sewer lines.

It was noted by Endres that a comment in last week's paper was incorrect. It was that the Muenster Lake filled with water before the trees and fences could be removed. He said actually the NRCS forbid the removal of any trees from the future Lake area.

In other business, the City Council:

- Appointed Muenster Fire Chief Herbie Knabe, Police Officer James Elliott, and Alderman Pat Stelzer as Muenster's representatives to the Cooke County Community Mitigation Planning Team.

- Approved Stephen Gilland as auditor of Fiscal Year 2008 at a cost of \$16,600.

- Paid bills totaling \$257,771.04.

- Approved TML rerate for employee insurance with no change from previous year.

City Council members present were Pat Stelzer, Jewel Otto, Joey Anderson, Jack Flusche, and John Pa-gel.

Sales tax holiday brings relief to family budgets

With the rising cost of gasoline, groceries, and other goods, the annual clothing sales tax holiday will help families' back-to-school budgets go farther, Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said.

Combs announced that the 10th annual sales tax holiday will take place Aug. 15-17. During the tax holiday weekend, most clothing and shoes priced less than \$100 can be purchased tax free. The tax break applies to both children's and adults' apparel.

"We estimate shoppers will save about \$54 million in sales tax during the sales tax holiday, including approximately \$42.1 million in state sales tax and \$11.9 million in local sales taxes," Combs said.

The shoppers' gain is not expected to have a significant impact on sales tax collections.

"Though the national

economy has slowed, Texas sales tax revenue continues to grow at a healthy pace," Combs said. "Through June, state sales tax collections for fiscal 2008 were up 6.1% compared to the same point in fiscal 2007. Cities' and counties' calendar year-to-date sales tax revenues were up an average of 5.1%."

A list of items that will be tax exempt during the sales tax holiday is available on the Comptroller's Web site at http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx98_490/tx98_490.html.

Combs reminds families that school backpacks and messenger bags costing less than \$100 are now included in the sales tax holiday, but school supplies are taxable.

Since 1999, the clothing sales tax holiday has saved shoppers more than \$388 million in state and local sales taxes.

LIFESTYLE

Fuhrmanns marks 100th anniversary

Approximately 1,000 people converged on Lindsay, for the 100th Anniversary Fuhrmann Reunion held on Saturday, July 26. The day began with registration and T-shirt distribution in the Centennial Hall. The reunion brought together descendants of Henry and Anna Maria Heiderscheidt Fuhrmann. They had 13 children, and the descendants of each of the 13 had t-shirts that were a different color.

Then everyone gathered for the Mass. Abbot Jerome Kodell from the Benedictine Monastery at Subiaco presided at the Mass and was joined at the altar by Rev. Richard Waltz, O.S.B., Rev. Bruno Fuhrmann, Rev. Vincent Flusche, and Deacon Jerry Caplinger. Father Nicholas Fuhrmann served

as commentator for the Mass. One of the original 13 descendants was Father Joseph Fuhrmann, O.S.B., the first person from Lindsay to be ordained a priest. As a result of his example, many nephews joined the Benedictine Monastery in Subiaco as priests and brothers and many nieces joined religious communities as Sisters.

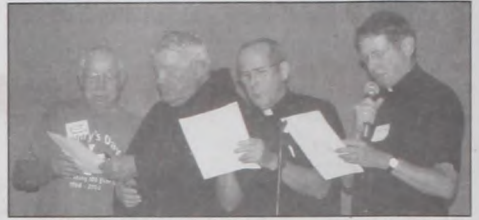
Father Nicholas began by giving an introduction to the Mass. The first Fuhrmann reunion occurred in 1908 when Henry Fuhrmann returned from a trip to Germany and the family came together to celebrate his return. Descendants of 13 children brought up items representing each one as a reader described the item and its significance. The 13 children

included Peter Fuhrmann who died at the age of 21, Mike Fuhrmann, Katherine Fuhrmann Mosman, Veronica Fuhrmann Flusche, Joe Fuhrmann, Anna Fuhrmann Flusche/Loerwald, Tony Fuhrmann, Matt Fuhrmann, Mary Fuhrmann Koesler, Paul (Father Joseph) Fuhrmann, Susie Fuhrmann Koesler, Willie Fuhrmann, and Henry S. Fuhrmann. Because of the overflowing crowd, Alvin Fuhrman set up a video feed into the cafeteria.

A "Fuhrmann choir" sang for the Mass accompanied by Isaac Davis on the keyboard and accordion, Laura Neusch on the accordion, and Diane Grewing and Don Rohmer on guitars. The highlight was the singing of "Holy God We Praise Thy Name" in both German and English. The First Reading was done by John Endres, the Responsorial Psalm was led by Barbara Fuhrmann Rohmer, and the Gospel was read by Abbot Jerome. He also gave the homily. Prayers of the Faith-

ful were read by Linus Fuhrmann. Offertory gifts and roses representing the living and deceased members of the family were brought up by First Communicants Natalie Dangelmayr, Kagen Dangelmayr, Patricia Neusch, Jenna Sicking, Kate Springer, Payton Savage, Jenna Tharp, Rae Ann Morris, Kathryn Dankesreiter, and Erin Struxness. Servers were Matthew Huston, Travis Krahl and Sarah Fuhrmann. Eucharistic ministers were the priests, Sister Mary Helen Fuhrmann, S.S.M.N., Sister Catherine Fuhrmann, C.D.P., Ted Fuhrmann, Leon Fuhrmann, and Diane Hermes.

Following the Mass, there was a meal in the Centennial Hall catered by Joanie Wyrick and her family members. After the meal, Father Nicholas Fuhrmann emceed a program in which family members of each of the original children recounted stories of their parents and grandparents. The day concluded with a blessing by Abbot Jerome.



Above, from left, Brother Louis Fuhrmann, Father Nicholas Fuhrmann, Father Richard Waltz, and Abbot Jerome Kodell from Subiaco Abbey joined the Fuhrmann family reunion celebration. Below, Theresa Hermes and Alfons Koesler, descendants of Mary Fuhrmann Koesler, sing German songs. Courtesy photos



Whitney Hultstrand is Baylor graduate

Whitney Joy Hultstrand graduated from Baylor University on May 17. The ceremony was held at the Ferrell Center on the Baylor University campus. Whitney received a Bachelor of Administration degree with a double major in Marketing and Real Estate. While at Baylor, Whitney was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha, serving on the committee for breast cancer awareness and research. She was also a member of Pi Sigma Epsilon, a sales and marketing fraternity, and was treasurer for the American Marketing Association at Baylor.

Those attending the graduation ceremony included Whitney's parents Bob and Diann Hultstrand; sisters Ashley Hultstrand and Lacy Wooley and her husband Shawn; friends Brittani Williams, Laura Remson, Brian Remson, and Tom Ruggles. A dinner and celebration

was hosted by Whitney's parents at KD's Smokehouse in West following the graduation ceremony.

Whitney is a granddaughter of Arthur and Evie Felderhoff of Muenster.



Whitney Hultstrand

Saint Jo Opry set

Everyone is invited to attend a night of family entertainment at the Saint Jo Opry on Saturday, Aug. 9 in the Saint Jo School Auditorium. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. with a little bit of rock and roll and plenty of country classics. Door prizes will be given during the show.

Special guests appearing include Gordy Lynch of Forestburg and his daughter Melody Hamilton of Bowie.

Admission will be \$2 for adults, with children 12 and under free. Groups are welcome. Donations from the Opry are given to local area volunteer fire/EMS and other nonprofit organizations. Concessions will be provided by the Forestburg United Methodist Church Youth Group.

For more information, contact David or Brenda at 940-995-2178.

Nutritional education and wellness planned for seniors

The Area Agency on Aging of Texoma and Always Better Care Home Health are sponsoring a Nutritional Education and Wellness for Seniors (N.E.W.S.) luncheon. The free luncheon will cater to diabetics on Tuesday, Aug. 12 at 11:30 a.m. at Pecan Creek Village Apartments, 1100 Lawrence Street in Gainesville. The featured speaker will be Dana Weaver, R.N.

and her topic will be complications of diabetes.

The luncheon is limited to the first 35 Cooke County seniors responding. Call 940-668-1858 to reserve your place (no children please).

Make your home safer

The Home Safety Council and First Alert suggest the following easy-to-follow tips that can help keep family members, friends, and loved ones safe this summer:

- Backyard & garage**
 - Designate the grilling area a "no play zone," keeping kids and pets well away until equipment is completely cool
 - Check grill connections, such as fuel lines, for leaks and never operate the grill closer than three feet from the home, trees, shrubs, or other objects
 - Keep children away from pools, ponds, or ditches
 - Tie-down outdoor furniture and equipment prior to severe storms to help prevent debris from taking flight.

Please, save this date!

Jason Evert will be at Sacred Heart Community Center in Muenster on Sept. 8. At 9 a.m. he will speak to high school students about "Romance Without Regret." His talk for the junior high students will begin at 1 p.m. on

the same topic. In the evening he will speak to anyone age 18 and up (not just for parents of teens) on "Raising Chaste Teens."

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Tony's Tavern hosts its first benefit cookoff on July 26

Tony and Barbara Arterburn, owners of Tony's Tavern in Muenster, hosted the first of what they hope to make an annual event. The First Annual Benefit for Charity drew about 20 entries as participants vied to have their brisket selected as the best. The event took place

Saturday, July 26 at Tony's Tavern. Besides cooking brisket, one could enter the bean cookoff. Chad Roller captured top honors with his brisket taking first place honors. Russell Hughes of Callisburg took second place, and John Mon-

day of Muenster was selected third place winner. As first place winner, Chad was asked to select the charity of his choice to receive the prize money. He selected the Sacred Heart Athletic Department as recipient of the \$500 check.

Tony explained that the money taken in from entry fees and t-shirt sales was divided, with 50% being awarded to the top three brisket winners and the other 50% going to the charity chosen by the first place winner.

Rodney Overholt of Moss Lake earned top honors as the jack pot bean winner. Friendship Camp honors went to Matt Muller of NPS Well Service.

Eleven judges shared the duty of selecting the winning entries. They included Chuck Bartush, Tim Schneider, Curtis Eldridge, Mitch Brockman, Sherwin Phillips, Nathan Bayer, Jeff Wilson, Sam Osborn, Cris Aston, Mike Crook, and Alan Light.



Chad Roller (left) presents Sacred Heart Athletic Director Jon LeBrasseur with the Charity Cook-Off donation. Janie Hartman photo

Local student graduates from Northern Illinois University

Stephanie McElreath Wiese of Gainesville graduated with a Masters of Science in Education in Community Counseling from Northern Illinois University (NIU) with a 4.0 GPA during spring commencement ceremonies May 17 in De Kalb, Illinois.

Stephanie graduated Gainesville High School in 1998 and is a 2005 alumni of Texas Tech University where she earned two Bachelor of Arts degrees in Spanish and English.

While at NIU, Stephanie was a member of Chi Sigma Iota which is an international Counseling Academic and



Stephanie Wiese

Professional Honor Society. Additionally, Stephanie was a volunteer graduate counselor assisting NIU students and community members after the tragic Feb. 14 shootings at the NIU campus. Stephanie completed her internship at Breaking Free, Inc. as a drug and alcohol counselor. She is employed by Stenzel Clinical Services, LTD in Wheaton, Illinois and Breaking Free, Inc. in Aurora, Illinois.

In 2005, Stephanie married Brian Wiese, 1998 GHS graduate and 2004 and 2005 alumni of Texas Tech who is currently employed by Chicago Bridge & Iron as a civil engineer. The couple has resided in Naperville, Illinois since 2005.

Parents of the graduate are Steve and Rosa McElreath of Gainesville, and in-laws Don and Kim Wiese of Gainesville. Grandparents are Rosario Sanchez of Palma de Mallorca, Spain, Wilfred Reiter of Muenster, and Clara Mae Wiese of Gainesville.

Medication note

Be careful when taking common over-the-counter medicines such as ibuprofen. These non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) can cause ulcers in patients who take more than the recommended dosage for longer than the recommended time.

NSAIDs are one of the most common medicines used worldwide and can also be found in dietary supplements. Some people take low doses daily to protect against heart attack. Patients who are older than 60, have had previous gastrointestinal ulcers or bleeding, and who also take blood thinners or steroids should be extra vigilant to follow labels.

"NSAIDs are generally safe and beneficial," Dr. Byron Cryer, a gastroenterologist at UT Southwestern Medical Center/Cryer says. "But patients should tell doctors of all nontraditional supplements they take and follow exact dosage instructions."

Vacation Bible School students are "Trading Places" at the First Baptist Church



"No matter where you are in the world, Jesus makes a world of difference" is the message at VBS this week. Pictured above left - Ben Hellman; above - Raegan Morris; and below - Bill Felderhoff playing "sheep."

Janie Hartman photos



Join the community in supporting the Muenster VFD this Saturday at their Annual BBQ and Auction!

Advice for older adults on staying safe in hot weather

Hyperthermia is the name given to a variety of heat-related illnesses that can include heat stroke, heat fatigue, heat syncope (sudden dizziness after exercising in the heat), heat cramps, and heat exhaustion. Older adults are particularly at risk for developing heat-related illness because the ability to adequately respond to summer heat can become less effective with age. The National Institute on Aging (NIA) has some advice for helping older people avoid heat problems.

A person's risk for hyperthermia is not based only on the outside temperature—it includes the general health and lifestyle of the individual. Health factors that may increase risk include:

- Age-related changes to the skin such as poor blood circulation and inefficient sweat glands.
- Heart, lung, and kidney diseases, as well as any illness that causes general weakness or fever.
- High blood pressure or other conditions that require changes in diet. For example, people on salt-restricted diets may increase their risk. However, salt pills should not be used without first consulting a doctor.
- The inability to perspire caused by medications in-

cluding diuretics, sedatives, tranquilizers, and certain heart and blood pressure drugs.

• Taking several drugs for various conditions. It is important, however, to continue to take prescribed medication and discuss possible problems with a physician.

• Being substantially overweight or underweight.

• Drinking alcoholic beverages.

• Being dehydrated.

Lifestyle factors can also increase risk, including extremely hot living quarters, lack of transportation, over-dressing, visiting overcrowded places, and not understanding weather conditions. Older people, particularly those at special risk, should stay indoors on particularly hot and humid days, especially when there is an air pollution alert in effect. People without fans or air conditioners should go to places such as shopping malls, movie houses, and libraries. Friends or relatives might be asked to supply transportation on particularly hot days.

Heat stroke is an advanced form of hyperthermia that occurs when the body is overwhelmed by heat and unable to control its temperature. As a person's body tem-

perature rises rapidly, the body loses its ability to sweat and cool itself down. Heat stroke is especially dangerous for older people and requires emergency medical attention. A person with a body temperature above 104 is likely suffering from heat stroke and may have symptoms of confusion, combativeness, strong rapid pulse, lack of sweating, dry flushed skin, faintness, staggering, possible delirium, or coma. A person with any of these symptoms, especially an older adult, should seek immediate medical attention.

Here are a few tips on what to do if you suspect someone is suffering from a heat-related illness:

- Get the person out of the sun and into an air-conditioned or other cool place.
- Offer fluids such as water, fruit and vegetable juices, but avoid alcohol and caffeine.
- Encourage the individual to shower, bathe, or sponge off with cool water.
- Apply a cold, wet cloth to the wrists and/or neck, places where arterial blood passes close to the surface and the cold cloths can help cool the blood.
- Urge the person to lie down and rest, preferably in a cool place.

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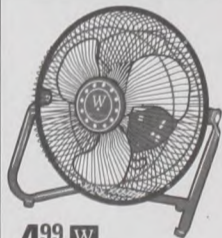
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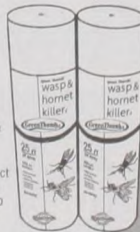


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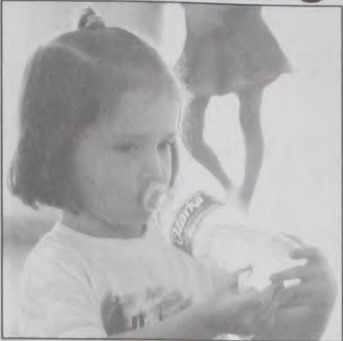
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Learning all the right moves were, above Madeleine Fisher (on break); right - Kate Springer; and below - Alana Endres and Hope English.



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Blood Drive is set for Aug. 15

The Texoma Regional Blood Center will be conducting a blood drive at North Texas Medical Center (NTMC) in Gainesville on Friday, Aug. 15, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

"Blood donors are America's 'everyday' heroes," said Gayla Blanton, director of marketing at NTMC and blood drive coordinator. "Every participant has the ability to save three lives by donating just one pint of blood! And you get a t-shirt and a cookie to boot!"

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

Did you know?

To really make scrambled eggs or omelets rich, add a couple of spoonfuls of sour cream, cream cheese, or heavy cream in and then beat them up.

For a cool brownie treat, make brownies as directed. Melt Andes mints in double broiler and pour over warm brownies. Let set for a wonderful minty frosting.

Add garlic immediately to a recipe if you want a light taste of garlic and at the end of the recipe if you want a stronger taste of garlic.

Left-over Snickers bars from Halloween make a delicious dessert. Simply chop them up with the food chopper. Peel, core and slice a few apples. Place them in a baking dish and sprinkle the chopped candy bars over the apples. Bake at 350 for 15 minutes!!! Serve alone or with vanilla ice cream. Yummm!

Future cheerleaders attend camp



The Sacred Heart varsity cheerleaders held a cheering camp this week at City Park. Above left - Leah Knabe and Amanda Aldridge take lessons from Lisa Miller. At right - Anna Hudson, Anna Riley, and Lily Haley learn the moves. Below - the junior high squad learns a new dance.

Janie Hartman photo



Justin Felderhoff graduates

Justin W. Felderhoff graduated from Montgomery High School on June 7 at 2:30 p.m. in Reed Arena on the A&M University campus in College Station. Justin is the son of Floyd and Marceline Felderhoff of Montgomery, and the grandson of Henry and Betty Felderhoff and Walter and Celine Bartel, all of Muenster.

Justin was a member of the W. Bryant Shoner Chapter of the National Honor Society and also a member of the National High School Scholars Society.

During his high school career, Justin participated in band, art club, and sports. He played on the varsity basketball, track, football, and soccer teams, lettering in all sports and receiving Honorable Mention, All-State 4A District 18 All Academic for varsity football 2007 - 2008.

Justin has actively participated in Boy Scouts since Tiger Cubs, and obtained the rank of Eagle Scout in March 2007. He has been a volunteer with the MHS National Honor Society, Boy Scouts Troop 472, St. Mary's Men's Club, St. Mary's Youth Group, and Project Graduation fundraisers for Classes of 2008 and 2010.

On Senior Scholars Night, Justin received the W. Bryant Shoner National Honor Society Scholarship, Montgomery



Justin Felderhoff

High School Bear Backer Scholarship, St. Mary's Men's Club Scholarship, the Brandon Smitherton Scholarship awarded by Steven Rosen of Sugarland, the Texas Tech Academic Scholarship for Scholars, and the A&M Corp Eagle Scholarship.

Justin plans to attend Texas Tech in Lubbock in the fall of 2008. He will be majoring in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in business and petroleum. He has been working as a summer intern in the Drilling Simulator Lab at Baker-Hughes in The Woodlands.

A celebration the evening of

graduation included dinner at Del Pueblo's, then he participated in a Project Graduation Lock-In at Main Event in The Woodlands for the MHS Class of 2008.

A backyard pool party was held on June 8 hosted by his parents and his sister Chelsea Felderhoff. The lunch menu was smoked brisket and all the trimmings prepared by his parents. Dessert was a special cake designed by Flower and Cake World of Conroe. The afternoon was spent visiting and swimming with family and friends.

Guests for the weekend included Henry and Betty Felderhoff and Celine Bartel of Muenster, and George, Bernice, Geordan, and Matthew Spaeth of Gainesville. Others attending were Madeline and Anthony Vernuccia, Jean Lahue, Edwin and Leesa Hoff, Brock Moss, Jared Davis, Cindy, Karl Weitz, LeAnn Burns, Max Giddings, Patrice Walter, Sandra and Greg Hineman, all of Montgomery, Art, Angie, Monee, and Renata of Conroe, Mark, Mariela, and Matthew Anderson of The Woodlands, Jim and Jasie Jordan of Willis, Wanda, Emma, and Maddie O'Brein of Dobbin, and Yolanda and Mark Marse of Spring. Sending special congratulations was Mrs. Lucille Brooks of Midland.

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and tool box.

- When driving in hot weather, it is particularly important to keep an eye on the lights and gauges. If your temperature gauge moves up, turn off your air conditioner and turn on the heater to its highest and hottest setting. It will be uncomfortable, but it will help draw some of the heat away from the engine.

- If you are stopped in traffic, put the car in "park" and lightly step on the gas to help circulate coolant.

- If the temperature light goes on or if the gauge enters the red zone, immediately

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SCHOOL

Orientation set for Muenster Junior High students

Muenster Junior High students are asked to attend orientation in the Band Hall on either Aug. 18 or 19 depending on their grade level. The time is 4:30 p.m. for both days. Eighth grade students are to attend on Monday Aug. 18 and seventh grade on Tuesday Aug. 19.

LUNCH MENU

WEEK OF AUG. 14 - 15 SACRED HEART
 Thurs. - Fiesta salad, pinto beans, corn chips, pineapple tidbits, crackers.
 Fri. - Ham and Turkey sandwich w/trimmings, potato wedges, oranges.

Muenster High announces registration times

The 2008-09 scheduling/registration times have been set by Muenster High School. Date are listed by grade level to approve 2008-09 class schedules. Students are asked to go to the Counselor's office during the following times on their designated day: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 12 - Seniors; Aug. 13 - Juniors; Aug. 14 - Sophomores; and Aug. 15 - Freshmen.

SCHOOL..... cont. from pg. 1
 aide.
 Gladys Gieb: Cafeteria worker.
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 Kendal Sellers: Primary Montessori aide.
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Back at school.....



Rhonda Walterscheid, left, and Martha Sicking go through new books for the classroom in preparation for the first day of school at Sacred Heart - Thursday, August 14. Janie Hartman photo

Lindsay ISD registration times announced

Lindsay ISD registration dates and times are as follows:
Wednesday, Aug. 13 in the high school - 9 a.m. seniors; 10 a.m. juniors; 11 a.m. sophomores; 1:30 p.m. freshmen.
Wednesday, Aug. 20 in the high school - 7th and 8th grade orientation from 6 to 6:45 p.m. At 6 p.m. will be the

principal's address in the commons, with visiting the classrooms immediately following.
Friday, Aug. 22 - K through 6th grades, back-to-school from 6 to 7 p.m. At 6 p.m. will be the principal's address in the cafeteria, with visiting the classrooms immediately following.
 The school supply list for K-

12th grade is on the Lindsay ISD website: www.lindsayisd.org

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Amigo (2 tamales, chz taco, & rice)	\$6.95
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SPORTS

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The Tigers of Sacred Heart Catholic School began practice Monday morning. Above - the defense breaks from the huddle. Below - the offensive line blocks for a Tiger ball carrier. Janie Hartman photos



Morning workouts for the Hornets were heated, as temperatures reached in the 90s before noon. Above - the quarterback looks for a receiver. Below Coach, Allen Cross makes sure the linemen are in possession before the snap. Janie Hartman photo



A high pitch is out of reach as the Tigers work on their plays. Janie Hartman photo

Just a thought

Joy is not in things - it's in people.

You can't do everything at once, but you can always be doing something.

One can tackle all their problems - one day at a time.

Finding fault is easy. It's improving that's hard.

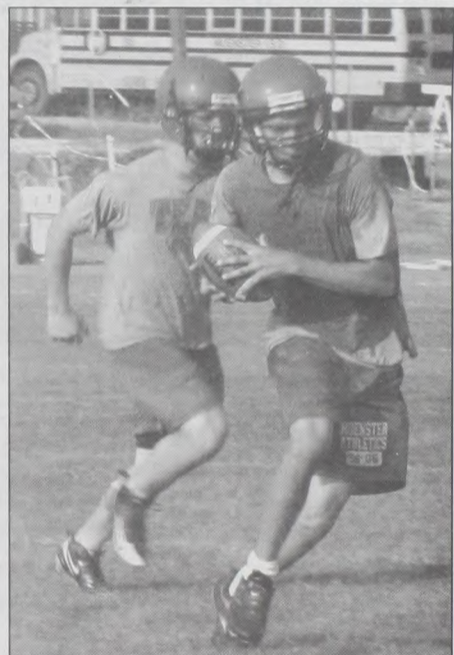
Few joys are greater than friendship.

If you believe you can win, you already have.

You might not be a shining star, but you don't need to be a dark cloud either.

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A Hornet catches a pass at practice. Janie Hartman photo

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August Special #3

- 4.5 lb. Stuffed Chicken Breast Combo - \$18⁰⁰**
 1.5 lb. Cordon Bleu (4x6 oz.)
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Into the Deep

Come After Me.... Matthew 4:19

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Bret Erickson competing in the 2008 Olympics. See related story on page 1.

GAME WARDEN REPORTS

The bandit wasn't the one in the cage — July 16, a Grayson County game warden followed-up on a complaint about a feed store in Van Alstyne that had a baby raccoon in a cage. The game warden went to the business and was able to locate the animal. The suspect, who had held the animal for two months, was cited for possession of a fur-bearing animal without a permit.

Any age the right age for first fish — Also July 16, a game warden hosted a fishing event at Heritage Park City Lake for five residents from Pittsburg Assisted Living. An 88-year-old woman was sitting in her wheel chair on oxygen when she caught the very first fish of her life. A 79-year-old woman also caught her very first fish. The next day, the game warden hosted another fishing event at the lake for four residents of Mt. Pleasant Assisted Living. A man with a disability caught his first fish in many years. Many fish were caught and a good time was had by all.

Jumping the gun — During a day patrol July 14, Galveston County game wardens filed on a commercial Gulf shrimp boat captain for a violation of the Gulf closure. The boat was caught dragging a trawl approximately six miles off of the Jefferson and Galveston County shoreline. During the early morning of July 15, while patrolling aboard the *Captain Murchison*, Galveston County game wardens filed on a second shrimp boat captain for the same violation. Some 2,546 pounds of shrimp were seized from the second vessel and sold for \$5,092. Cases pending.

Efficient, maybe; legal — not really — July 13, a Brazoria County game warden filed on two individuals for taking fish by illegal means and methods. The two men had set a gill net along the south shoreline of Christmas Bay. A wade fisherman ran across the net while he was fishing and reported it to the game wardens. The two suspects were located relaxing in a nearby duck blind, and were in possession of an ice chest full of fish, including several redbreast and speckled trout, already taken from the net. Cases pending.

Just a thought

It's not your fault if everything isn't right and everyone isn't happy.

Balance your working time with play.

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A triathlon summer adventure



City of Muenster pool lifeguards Karissa Reiter (left) and Lauren Sepanski competed in the Rogue Women's Triathlon held in New Braunfels on July 27. Lauren came in fifth in her age group with a time of 1hr:19min. Karissa came in sixth place with a time of 1hr:20min. The sprint race consisted of a 300 meter swim, 11 mile bike ride, and two mile run. Working together for the first time last summer, the two lifeguards discovered a number of common interests. They decided to be "adventure buddies," with the goal of doing something special and exciting together each year. Last year, they kicked off their adventures with an 11,000 ft. freefall skydive. Karissa is a sophomore at Texas State University. Lauren will be a freshman at Fordham University in Bronx, New York. Courtesy photo

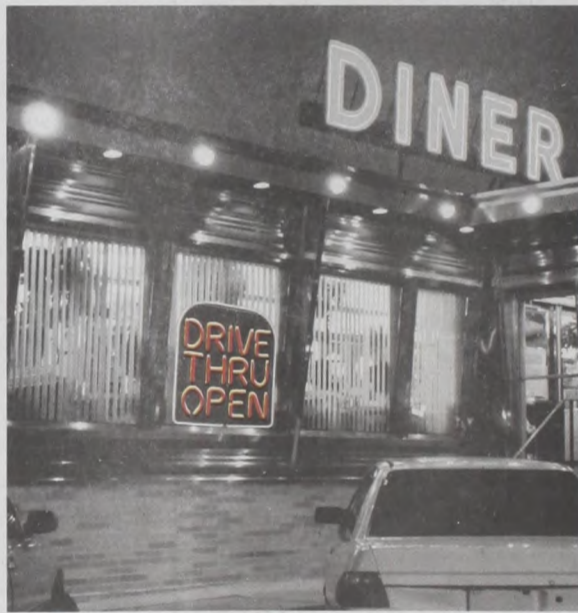
AMERICAN WILDLIFE

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Hornet Basketball Campers - grades 1-4 MISD photo



Hornet Basketball Campers - grades 5-6 MISD photo

Hornet Basketball Camp awards

Muenster held their annual Hornet Basketball Camp last week. Over 85 participated in the three different age groups. Awards were given in the 4-6th and 7-9th grade divisions.

Awards in the 4-6 group were as follows:
 Girl MVP - Kassie Dangelmayr, boy MVP - Trevor Cheaney.

All-Camp: *First Team* - 1) Claire Schneider, 2) Brandon Hennigan, 3) Trey Anderle, 4) Brennan Binder, and 5) Kyla Haverkamp. *Second Team* - 1) Rachel Hare, 2) Katie Pagel, 3) Maddie Green, 4) Zach Klement, and 5) Cooper Peavey. *Honorable Mention* - 1) Allie Walterscheid, 2) Alaina Reiter, 3) Makayla Moster, 4) Zane Kemp, and 5) Sawyer Sanders.

Dribble Tag Champions: girl - Katie Pagel, boy - Brandon Hennigan.

Knock Out Champions: girl - Kassie Dangelmayr, boy - Brandon Hennigan.

Lay-Ups Champions: girl - Kassie Dangelmayr, boy - Trevor Cheaney.

Free Throws Champions: girls - Kassie Dangelmayr, boy - Zachary Klement.

Camper of the Day: M - Makayla Moster and Sawyer Sanders; T - Kyla Haverkamp and Brennan Binder; W - Natalie Fangman and Trey Anderle; TH - Mahayla Bohl and Zane Kemp.

Hornet Heart: girl - Natalie Fangman, boy - Dalton Hess.

Hustle Award: girl - Rachel Hare, boy - Zachary Klement.

Most Improved: girl - Jordan Buddy and boy - Cooper Peavey.

Awards given to the 7th-9th participants:
 Girl MVP - Lana Heers and boy MVP - Tyler Anderle.

All camp: *1st Team* - 1) Demi Koelzer, 2) Allison Pagel, 3) Shelby Dangelmayr, 4) Blake Grewing, and 5) Hunter Klement. *2nd Team* - 1) Sydney Huchton, 2) Paige Hennigan, 3) Cole Walterscheid, 4) Mason Binder, and 5) Clint Sidwell. *Honorable Mention* - 1) Kalyan Dangelmayr, 2) Chloe Schneider, 3) Michelle Sicking, 4) Sean Chism, and 5) Austin Hennigan.

Dribble Tag Champions: G - Lana Heers, B - Trevor Hess.

Knock Out Champions: G - Payton Sanders, B - Mason Binder.

Lay-Up Champions: G - Allison Pagel, B - Hunter

Klement.
 Free Throw Champions: G - Payton Sanders, B - Blake Grewing.

Camper of the Day: M - Destin Fleitman and Hunter Klement; T - Sydney Huchton and Blake Grewing; W - Hannah Bayer; TH - Shelby Dangelmayr and Darrell Hermes.
 5 on 5 Champions: Tyler

Anderle, Olivia Haverkamp, Destin Fleitman, Trevor Hess, Sadie Stoffels, and Darrell Hermes.

Hornet Heart: G - Abby Pagel and B - Jared Endres.
 Hustle Awards: G - Hannah Bayer, B - Blake Voth.
 Money Basket Champions: Tyler Anderle, Mason Binder, Abby Pagel, and Austin Hennigan.



Hornet Basketball Campers - grades 7-9 MISD photo

AMERICAN WILDLIFE

The bison live on plains, prairies, and river valleys, grazing on a diet of mostly grasses and sedges. Bison appear slow, but can run as fast as 35 miles per hour. At birth, a bison can weigh up to 65 pounds. They do not see well, but have excellent hearing and sense of smell.

Smallmouth bass mature at age three or four and live to be 10 to 12 years old.

A large bird of prey, with a white head and tail, the bald eagle can weigh seven to 15 pounds and have a wing span of eight feet. The immature bald eagle is brown speckled with white until age four.

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Cattle numbers decrease, prices rise

It is somewhat surprising that beef cow numbers did not decrease even more, given the 5% higher cow slaughter rates in the first half of the year. Producers indicate they will continue to modestly decrease the size of the beef cow herd in the last half of 2008 as beef heifer replacements are down 2%. In addition, the rate of heifer slaughter outpaced steer slaughter in the first half of 2008, indicating a greater tendency to send heifers to slaughter this year compared to last year. The 2008 calf crop is estimated to be down slightly, so that the number of calves weighing less than 500 pounds are also down slightly. There is more optimism in the dairy sector. Milk cow numbers were up 1% and replacement heifer numbers were unchanged from last year at this time.

The high corn prices in June helped cattle feedlot managers elect to reduce placements, which were down 9%. The number of cattle on feed is 4% below year previous levels. Small placements in the months of March to June will cause beef supplies to drop sharply in the September to December period this fall.

Beef production in the first half of the year was up almost 3%, with prices below year-previous levels. Finished cattle prices averaged \$91 in the first half, \$1 lower than a year earlier. Prices for 500 to 550 pound steer calves at Oklahoma City averaged \$121 in the first half compared to \$124 a year earlier, as surging feed prices made calves less desirable this year.

Cattle prices would have been lower in the first half of 2008 if not for improvements in trade. The low value of the

U.S. dollar is discouraging imports and encouraging U.S. beef exports. During the January to May period, beef imports dropped by 22% and beef exports surged by 34%. These are dramatic changes and account for about 3% of U.S. production. Even though beef production in the U.S. has been up this year, improved trade has taken all of that increase with continued population growth, per capita availability moved below year ago levels in the second quarter of 2008 and will move even lower in late 2008 and 2009. This means higher cattle prices are likely on the way.

Given the expected continued weakness of the U.S. dollar, it is likely that USDA will have to revise the current forecasts of beef trade for 2008. USDA currently expects exports to rise by only 18% for the year compared with a 34% actual increase in the first five months. USDA forecasts 2008 imports to be down by 12% for the year compared with a 22% reduction in the first five months.

Where do cattle prices head? The answer is higher, but how much? Futures markets are well aware of the anticipated decreasing per capita supplies that U.S. beef consumers will face for the next two to three years. Futures prices got ahead of the actual supply reductions in June as Midwest flooding drove corn prices to record highs. Improving crop production prospects have helped temper cattle futures prices as well. As an example, August live cattle futures have dropped \$8 from June 20 and cash prices of finished cattle have dropped about \$5, to the mid-\$90s.

Generally, finished cattle prices make their summer lows late in the summer and begin to move higher in late August or September. This year, beef supplies are expected to be about 2% higher in the summer quarter, and then drop by 5% in the final quarter. This is when cash cattle prices will have strong fundamentals to establish record high prices. Assuming third quarter prices average about \$97 and the fourth quarter is near \$100, then 2008 choice steers will average about \$95, which is \$3 above the 2007 record. We can expect to see new record high cattle prices in 2008, 2009, and 2010.

Calf prices will improve as well. Last fall, 500-550 pound steer calves averaged \$120 per hundredweight at Oklahoma City. This fall, with stronger feed cattle prices and with somewhat more moderate feed prices, steer calves will probably be in the \$120 to \$130 range. In the Eastern Corn Belt, calves tend to be about \$3 to \$5 lower.

Those cow-calf producers who have held on until now should see the fruits of their patience. In 2009, there may be more acres return to crop production from the CRP. Hopefully, more haying and grazing will be allowed from CRP acres as well. The massive surge in corn ethanol demand will begin to level off, especially for the 2009 corn crop. World grain production may move higher and beef trade should continue to improve dramatically. Cattle prices should be trending higher over the next several years, with some potential for relief from extreme feed prices.

Source: Chris Hurt, Extension economist, Purdue University

All about agriculture



It was all agriculture talk at the North Central Texas College booth during the Texas State 4-H Horse Show in Abilene, July 21-26. Here new NCTC Agriculture Department Chair Steve Keith stopped in to visit with high school students Chyna Tynney and McKenzie Boone along with NCTC Equine Science program coordinator Shelly Switzer (background). Also contributing to the recruiting effort was NCTC horticulture instructor Ashley Hartman (second from right) and second year NCTC agriculture student Sara Saltzman (third from right). NCTC photo

Fuel prices dig into farmers' pockets

Practically no one can escape the price squeezing between rising food cost and skyrocketing fuel prices.

There seems no relief in sight, and things could get much worse before they get better, said Cooke County Farm Bureau President Robert Klement.

Indeed, food prices for the consumer have increased in recent months, Klement said, but they are still a bargain. As a percentage of disposable income, Americans still enjoy the lowest food prices of any country on the planet.

To think farmers are getting rich off these rising grocery prices is simply not true, Klement said. In fact, he added, those same rising costs consumers face have many in agriculture wondering what the coming year may hold, even during a time of record crop prices.

The main reason food prices have gone up is the

soaring price of oil, and in that respect, consumers and farmers are left holding the bag," Klement said. "The problem is particularly bad for our county's farmers because most everything we do, from filling up the tractor with diesel to applying fertilizers, which are directly tied to fossil fuel prices, has more than doubled in the last year. "Prices of petroleum-driven

crop inputs have blown through the roof," he added. "And if prices keep going up the way analysts say they will, we won't be able to afford to plant another crop, even with today's record commodity prices. We're already forced into some serious decisions about the amount we can produce, and further cutbacks will only lead to higher prices for consumers."

Most Americans believe meat is safe

Ninety percent of consumers believe the meat, poultry, and fish their grocers sell is safe, according to a survey by the grocery industry. The same survey shows nearly 80% of consumers trust the Agriculture Department to ensure food safety, and 76% said they hold that view of the

Food & Drug Administration. Some 71% said their views of the economy compel them to eat at home more, and 67% said they are buying fewer luxury foods. Sixty percent said they are buying more store brands, and 58% said they are eating more leftovers. Source: AFBF

Be careful! Fires easily sparked in current conditions



Muenster and Myra Volunteer Fire Departments assisted Era VFD in battling a hay field fire Tuesday afternoon on Hwy. 1630. Approximately 20 acres burned. Don't forget the Muenster VFD fundraiser this Saturday at the City Park. Also mark your calendars for the annual Myra VFD BBQ Cook-out on Sept. 5. Janie Hartman photo

Don't overlook johnsongrass in pastures

Livestock producers in the southern Great Plains should not overlook johnsongrass in their pastures. For one thing, under certain conditions it can kill your cattle. Another reason not to overlook johnsongrass is that it is excellent forage - if you can get over the fact that it can kill your cattle!

Positive aspects of johnsongrass

As far as nutritive value is concerned, johnsongrass is tough to beat. One study conducted at the Noble Foundation from the summer of 1999 to the fall of 2001 showed that the quality, expressed as percent crude protein (% CP), and digestibility, expressed as percent total digestible nutrients (% TDN), of johnsongrass is as good as any of the forages tested. In this study, bermudagrass was neck and neck with johnsongrass in terms of % CP and % TDN. The bermudagrass was a managed stand and was fertilized with 50 to 100 pounds per acre of actual nitrogen. The johnsongrass was unfertilized and unmanaged.

In another Noble Foundation study that was initiated in the summer of 2007 and is ongoing in 2008, the palatability of several warm-season grasses is being evaluated by forage connoisseurs - yearling steers. In the study, three yearling steers have access to plots containing pure stands of 14 different warm-season perennial grasses (both native and introduced). We count the bites of each steer during their morning grazing to deter-

mine their preference for a particular grass or grasses.

After one year of data collection consisting of two grazing cycles conducted during the summer of 2007, johnsongrass came out near the top in this study. Alamo switchgrass was the only other grass in the study that had more bites taken of it than johnsongrass in year one (9,262 versus 6,062, respectively). Preliminary data from the first grazing cycle in 2008 show that johnsongrass

is the second most preferred grass in the study this year - second to bermudagrass (5,084 vs. 4,625, respectively). A testament to the preference for johnsongrass by livestock can be seen while driving down the road; pastures that are continually grazed generally won't have any johnsongrass, but you will see it all along the roadside - out of reach of the fenced-in cattle.

Negative aspects of johnsongrass

Johnsongrass is on the noxious weed list in several U.S. states (including Oklahoma) and has even made the list of the 10 most noxious weeds in the world. Johnsongrass can accumulate nitrates during the summer if exposed to several dry, cloudy days in a row. It can also produce prussic acid (hydrogen cyanide) after stressful conditions such as drought, freezing weather, or exposure to a herbicide that kills grasses. If your johnsongrass is subjected to any of these conditions, keep cattle away for about a week to allow the prussic acid to dissipate.

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 All Beef Sausage LB. **\$2.99**
FISCHER'S MARKET SLICED
 Corned Beef LB. **\$3.79**
MARKET CUT
 Wilson Hard Salami LB. **\$2.79**
MARKET SLICED
 American Cheese LB. **\$2.99**
BAR S REGULAR
 Sliced Bacon 12 OZ. **\$1.59**

PILGRIM'S PRIDE GRADE "A" WHOLE Cut-Up Fryers **99¢** LB.



LEAN & TENDER Pork Cutlets **\$2.99** LB.

JENNIE-O BONELESS
 Turkey Hams LB. **\$1.99**
LAND-O-FROST SLICED
 Premium Lunch Meats 1 LB. **\$2.59**
MAMA ROSA'S ALL VARIETIES
 Mini Mama's Pizzas 4 CT. **2\$5** for
OSCAR MAYER SELECTED VARIETIES
 Meat Wieners 1 LB. **2\$3** for
FARM RAISED
 Catfish Nuggets LB. **\$1.39**

Fresh Produce



FARM FRESH Cantaloupe EACH **99¢**

RED, BLACK, OR GREEN
 Fresh Plums LB. **99¢**
FRESH
 Honeydew Melons EACH **\$1.99**
TANGY JUICY
 Lemons 5 FOR **\$1**
FRESH
 New Red Potatoes LB. **79¢**
FRESH
 Green Beans LB. **\$1.69**
NO. 1
 Sweet Potatoes LB. **79¢**

PEELED
 Baby Carrots 1 LB. **99¢**
AMERICAN OR ITALIAN BLEND
 Dole Salads 10 OZ. **2\$5** for
LARGE GREEN
 Bell Peppers 2 FOR **\$1**
FRESH
 Red Bell Peppers EACH **79¢**
ROMAINE OR GREEN
 Leaf Lettuce EACH **99¢**
FRESH GREEN
 Broccoli LB. **99¢**
FRESH BUNCH
 Cilantro 3 FOR **\$1**

Dairy & Frozen Foods

BLUE BUNNY
 SELECTED VARIETIES
 FROZEN YOGURT OR
 Premium Ice Cream
 56 OZ. OVALS **\$3.99**

THE CHAMPI CONES-VANILLA, STRAWBERRY, OR COMBO, OR SWEET FREEDOM VANILLA SUNDAE COME OR VANILLA ICE CREAM SANDWICH
 Blue Bunny Novelties 6 CT. **\$3.99**
ASSORTED VARIETIES
 Banquet Meals 6.7-12 OZ. **4\$5** for
STOFFER'S LASAGNA OR STUFFED PEPPERS
 Large Entrées 15.5-21 OZ. **\$3.49**

SELECTED VARIETIES ORIGINAL, LEAN, TWISTED STIX, CROISSANT, CALZONE OR BREAKFAST
 Hot Pockets 8.5-10 OZ. **\$2.79**
GREEN GIANT SELECTED VARIETIES
 Frozen Vegetables 7-10 OZ. **2\$3** for
DAISY ORIGINAL, LIGHT, UR NO FAT
 Sour Cream 16 OZ. **2\$4** for
PLAINS ASSORTED FLAVORS
 Fruit Drinks GAL. **89¢**
GROWER'S PRIDE SELECTED VARIETIES
 Chilled Orange Juice 64 OZ. **\$2.79**
PILLSBURY SELECTED VARIETIES
 Golden Biscuits 12 OZ. **4\$5** for
IMPERIAL
 Spread Quarters 16 OZ. **4\$5** for