

Tribute to Muenster Volunteer Fire Dept. inside



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County loses senior Commissioner Hess

By Janet Felderhoff
Cooke County lost a dedicated leader this week with the death of Virgil Hess, County commissioner for Precinct #4. Hess, age 63, died at his home Sunday morning after battling cancer for months.

Hess is a Muenster native. In the fall of 1990, running on the Democratic ticket, he won the position of County commissioner for Precinct #4. Hess took office in January 1991, and has served the County in that capacity since that time.

Among his colleagues and other County officials and employees, Hess was known for being very conservative, for his dedication, and his vast knowledge of the County's history. One of his major projects was overseeing the restoration of the County Courthouse. He spent many, many hours pouring over documents as he assembled material necessary for grant applications. The exterior work was completed and grant money awarded to restore the historic building's interior back to its original

design. Work on the interior has not yet begun and the project will have to be completed under the direction of another County official.

Another project Hess began, which hasn't yet been completed, is a new maintenance barn for Precinct #4. The exterior is finished and bids are being sought for its interior.

Many roads in Precinct #4 have been improved under Hess' management. He has gotten federal funding for the replacement of several bridges in Precinct #4.

Colleagues of Hess noted that they will miss his knowledge on various things addressed by Commissioners Court. He was always willing to share his knowledge with new commissioners.

County Judge Bill Freeman remarked, "Myself, as well as the Court, is saddened by the passing of Commissioner Hess. Commissioner Hess is the model commissioner, not only for this County, but for the State. I certainly appreciate the help

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Virgil Hess, Precinct #4 County Commissioner

Weather conditions command ban on outdoor burning

By Janet Felderhoff
As of Monday, July 28, outdoor burning in unincorporated areas of Cooke County is banned for the next 90 days unless terminated by a vote of Commissioners Court. Violation of this ban is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

Cooke County Emergency Management Coordinator Ray Fletcher reported on current conditions in the County that would warrant a ban on outdoor burning. The Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) is 604 overall with the high being 662 and the low being 474. "The only area in the County that is in 400 is that area north of Muenster that experienced a three to four inch rain a few weeks ago," noted Fletcher.

"August rainfall average is about an inch and a half and that's not going to be near enough to get us out of this. Rainfall for July so far has been about a third of what we should normally get. The rest of this week is predicted to be in the low 100s every day and the humidity 30% or lower. What little moisture we've got out there now is not going to be with us very long."

Fletcher told of a fire northwest of Muenster that burned 75 acres. It resulted from outdoor burning. On Sunday, in the area between Woodbine and Kiowa, a trash fire

jumped out and quickly got into the timber. Fletcher said normally when fire hits the timber it slows it down, but this time the timber had little impact on the blaze.

According to the Texas Palmer Drought Severity Index as of July 19, Cooke County is shown to be in a moderate drought. He said the County does meet the conditions required to implement a burn ban.

Muenster Fire Chief Herbie Knabe said he agreed with initiating the burn ban. Knabe voiced concern about the cost of fuel for the fire departments. Referring to the fire northwest of Muenster, he said that the Forest Service put in 10 hours at the fire. There were 15 pieces of fire equipment and 33 men fighting the blaze, he said. He estimated the cost of fighting the fire to be between \$30,000 and \$50,000. "It takes a lot of fuel to keep that many trucks going," he stated. Knabe added that the large number of trucks was required because they were 15 miles from the nearest town. "Once a wall of fire takes off, if you don't have control of it, you've lost it," he said.

According to Knabe, immediately north of Muenster isn't too dry, but more north and south to Rosston are very dry.

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Commissioners approve Proposed Budget and Proposed Tax Rate

By Janet Felderhoff
County Judge Bill Freeman opened the Monday, July 28 Commissioners Court meeting with a moment of silence in remembrance of Precinct #4 Commissioner Virgil Hess. Hess died the day before.

The Courthouse was closed from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Tuesday so that employees could attend the funeral.

After much debate, Commissioners Court approved a proposed budget for 2008-09. It includes a 5% cost of living salary increase and a 2% raise for County employees. Last year they received a 3% increase.

Also new to the 2008-09 Proposed Budget is funding for 2 1/2 employees. A full time IT (Information Technology) person will be hired. A tax office employee will go from part-time to full-time. An employee in the County Attorney's office will now be half funded by the County and half from the Hot Check fund. The salary was coming fully from the Hot Check Fund. Half-time salary for the County Court At Law bailiff will now be paid by the County.

According to County Auditor Shelly Saunders, the Proposed Budget shows an in-

crease to the General Fund of \$3,106,267.00 and an increase of \$950,274.00 to the Road and Bridge.

The County's effective tax rate for the coming tax year is .4311. Last year's tax rate was .4768. This year's proposed tax rate as approved Monday is .45.

The final budget will be considered at the Monday, Aug. 18 meeting, which starts at 10 a.m. That is also the time set for the first of two Public Hearings on the Proposed Tax Rate. The second hearing was set for Monday, Aug. 25 at 10 a.m.

Cooke County Election workers got a raise. County Clerk Rebecca Lawson reported that Grayson County pays \$10, Montague pays \$9, and Denton pays \$12, \$11, and \$10 for judge, alternate judge, and clerk respectively. She recommended that Cooke County raise the pay from \$7 to \$10. Judges receive compensation from the State for their additional hours. That request was approved 4-0.

Precinct #3 Commissioner Al Smith was charged with negotiating a renewal lease for the Texas Department of Public Safety Building. He asked for a 50% increase in the amount of rent being paid. The lease is for one year and takes effect on Oct. 1.

Commissioners Court approved the lease extension agreement.

Renewal of the medical insurance policy with Texas Association of Counties (TAC) was approved. According to County Auditor Shelly Saunders, this year's increase is 2%, which is very minimal. Last year it was 7%. This year's renewal credit is \$53,654.

Commissioner Smith remarked, "This is a tremendous insurance package at an incredibly competitive price."

Judge Freeman appointed Commissioner Smith the commissioner in charge of the restoration of the County Courthouse. The Court supported the appointment, with Smith abstaining from the vote.

Smith said, "On a very serious note, in the passing of Virgil, Virgil was dedicated with a tremendous passion to resurrect this Courthouse back to its original state, its original beauty. I admire still today the passion that he had for trying to make that happen. He spent hours and hours and hours of his time going through this and had the knowledge and history that none of the rest of us in this Court have."

Commissioner Hess had taken Commissioner Smith

to a restoration meeting in Austin and told him that he needed to learn things because he might have to pick it up some day. "It's the last thing I wanted to pick up. It is a job, we got the grant, that needs to be done," Smith said. "We will all have to pitch in together to work on this." He added that his heart was very heavy with the subject even coming up.

After an executive session, Commissioners Court voted to have Judge Freeman and Commissioner Smith negotiate on behalf of the County with Prosperity Bank for the purchase of real property.

Also after the executive session, the Court approved the County Judge and County Auditor to negotiate a settlement with Marion Hall for an accident in Precinct #4.

In other business, Commissioners Court:

- Honored Sharlene Willis for her 31 years of service. She was employed as deputy clerk of the Cooke County Clerk's office on Aug. 16, 1977, and was appointed chief clerk in January 1995. Willis is retiring.
- Honored Carolyn Holmberg, who is retiring, for 19 years of service to the

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Muenster Lake claims first drowning victim

By Janet Felderhoff
Roy Junior Barrett, age 34 of Muenster, died at Muenster Lake on Saturday, July 26. Barrett and two friends were swimming in the boat ramp area (west end) of the Lake when he went down.

After the pair couldn't find Barrett, they went to a phone and called 9-1-1. According to Muenster Police Chief Bob Stovall, Muenster Police Officer James Elliott received a call at 4:56 p.m. on a possible drowning at Muenster Lake.

Officer Elliott contacted the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department for search and rescue assistance. Jim Lundberg, Texas Parks and Wildlife game warden, also reported to the scene. Four boats were used to search for the victim.

At 6:03 p.m., after about an hour of searching, Barrett's body was recovered. Chief Stovall said he was recovered about 50 feet from the shoreline in about 15 feet of water. Chief Stovall praised the

Muenster Fire Department for their swift response and efforts in recovering the body. Stovall stressed that there is no designated swimming area at Muenster Lake at this time. He said that the area where the body was recovered is brushy as is much of the Lake. An area may be cleared for swimming in the future, but when is not known.

John Roane, justice of the peace for Precinct #4, pronounced Barrett dead at 6:52 p.m. Barrett's body was sent for autopsy. Judge Roane said that the preliminary autopsy report was death by drowning. Chief Stovall reported that alcohol is a possible factor.

Judge Roane had advice for people using Muenster Lake. "Do not use Muenster Lake for swimming; there is no designated swimming area." Trees, fences, and other obstacles remained in the Lake when water filled it sooner than anticipated.

Muenster Volunteer Fire Department prepares for Aug. 9 fundraiser



The Muenster VFD will hold their annual BBQ and auction fundraiser on Sat., Aug. 9 in the City Park. Everyone is welcomed to join the fun and show support for our firemen. Janie Hartman photo

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor.

Keep Muenster Beautiful is encouraging recycling this year as its major project. We are very excited to have new and improved recycling options available to the City. If cardboard, newspapers, junk mail, plastics, glass, aluminum and steel cans are recycled, there is very little left for traditional trash pickup. Also, if organic materials are composted, trash can be reduced to almost nothing, leaving only hazardous waste and large item pick-up. Keep Muenster Beautiful often receives requests for a City recycling center and there seems to be a lot of local people concerned about our environment who want to recycle.

fills are full, and that they are producing toxic chemicals and gases. If we cannot become a part of the solution to this problem then we, as residents of Muenster will continue to be a part of the problem. Keep Muenster Beautiful would like to see one of the proposed IESI recycling programs implemented in our town. Please contact your City Council members to let them know that you are in support of a city wide recycling program.

Thank you,
Keep Muenster Beautiful Board

Letter to the Editor

Despite sharp differences between each of their political party platforms, the Re-

publican Party of Texas and the Texas Democratic Party agree in strong opposition to the Trans-Texas Corridor (TTC) and eminent domain. In recent years, both parties in their platforms have repeatedly and hotly criticized the TTC and eminent domain.

The Republican and Democratic parties in Texas create their individual political platforms by forming "planks" which represent the hot issues they believe are facing Texans. These "planks" are established by voters from across Texas who come together as delegates to their political party's state convention. The "planks" could be described as boards lined up side by side to build a platform which defines that particular political party. Ideally, an elected official would "take a stand" on their party's platform and then make their political decisions in line with the planks in that platform. Unfortunately in Texas politics, what could be the ideal is too often not the reality.

It is time for the TTC, along with abusive eminent domain, to melt in the furnace of focused and fiery statewide opposition. It is time for all Texas elected officials, who for the most part claim to be either Republican or Democrat, to take a sure-footed stand on the platform of the party they profess to represent. It is time for those honorable officials to make each of their political decisions within a plumbline of their party's platform. It is time for our Texas elected officials to repeal the legislation that has created the TTC and abusive eminent domain, even if the repealing process requires overriding a Governor's veto. It is time for voters to hold elected officials accountable to the party platforms those officials claim to represent.

At this time, our Texas Senators and Representatives are busily preparing for their legislative decisions they will be making in the upcoming session which begins in January 2009. Therefore, it is time for citizens to contact Texas elected officials

and to respectfully remind them what the Republican and Democratic platforms have had to say about the TTC and eminent domain.

The following are quotes from recent party platforms:

2008 Republican Party of Texas Platform:
"We emphatically oppose the Trans-Texas Corridor in any form or manner. We call for full investigation of any public officials authorizing any form of eminent domain for the Trans-Texas Corridor and foreign funding."

"We support limiting the definition of eminent domain to exclude seizing private property for public or private economic development or for increased tax revenues. Taking of property should result in immediate compensation to the owner."

"We reaffirm our belief in the constitutional concept of the right to own property without governmental interference."

2008 Texas Democratic Platform:

"We oppose development of the Trans-Texas Corridor. As proposed by Governor Perry, the TTC is little more than an attempt to transfer ownership of millions of acres throughout the state to a foreign corporation with close ties to him. The TTC could have a potentially devastating effect on rural areas, property owners, and communities. We support property rights protections that would prevent uncontrolled development along the corridor."

"We oppose the use of eminent domain and takings to deprive any property owner of the possession, use, or the ability to control their property for the pure purpose of economic development; without just compensation; in the absence of an obvious and compelling public need. We demand the closing of a legal loophole enacted last session (...) to use the power of eminent domain to acquire private property for a private water pipeline and power lines running from the Panhandle to the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex."

Texas Platform:
"Because there are issues of confiscation of private land, State and National sovereignty, and other similar concerns, we urge the repeal of the Trans-Texas Corridor legislation."

"We support limiting the definition of eminent domain to exclude seizing private property for public or private economic development or for increased tax revenues. We urge Legislature to amend the Texas Property Code to protect the rights of private property owners by notification of their rights under law with regard to condemnation and to require the condemner to show the just need for the action by petitioning a court of jurisdiction with the significant due process of safeguards for the land owner. We believe that the taking of property should follow with immediate compensation to the property owner."

2006 Texas Democratic Party Platform:

"We oppose the proposed Trans-Texas Corridor, a proposal that is little more than an attempt to transfer ownership of a strip down the middle of the state to a foreign corporation with close ties to the Governor, which could have a potentially devastating effect on rural areas, property owners and communities."

"We also oppose the use of eminent domain to deprive any property owner of the possession, use, or the ability to control the use of their property, for the pure purpose of economic development; without just compensation; in the absence of an obvious and compelling public need."

2004 Republican Party of Texas Platform:

"Because there are issues of confiscation of private land, State and National sovereignty, and other similar concerns, the Party urges the repeal of HB 3588 authorizing the Trans-Texas Corridor. Further, we urge the removal of all authorization and powers granted the Texas Transportation Commission and the Texas Department of Transportation for the construction and operation of the Trans-Texas Corridor."

structure and operation of the Trans-Texas Corridor.

"The Party urges the Legislature to amend the Texas Property Code to protect the rights of private property owners by notification of their rights under law with regard to condemnation and to require the condemner to show the just need for the action by petitioning a court of jurisdiction."

2004 Texas Democratic Party Platform:
(In 2004, this platform did not mention the Trans-Texas Corridor nor eminent domain.)

Sheila Cox
Collinsville, Texas

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he's given me over the years in my office and appreciate having the opportunity to serve with him over the past 18 years."

Hess has served his country having enlisted in the U. S. Army. He served from December 1965 to November 1967. Some of that time was spent in Germany.

There are numerous ways that Hess served his community. He was an usher for many years at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He served as commander of VFW Post 6205 from June 1984 to May 1986 and again from June 2000 to May 2001. In recent years, Hess cooked and helped serve the evening meal for youths taking part in the youth hunt weekend held at Marysville.

The first meeting of Commissioners Court held since the death of Commissioner Hess took place Monday, July 28. A floral spray placed in his memory graced the chair where Hess sat during Court meetings. Business took place as usual, but participants had heavy hearts as they realized the loss of a respected member.

Just a thought
Find a way to serve others and your life will have meaning.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the many kindnesses shown to our family in our time of sorrow at the loss of our brother Wilfred Bengfort.

Special thanks to the entire staff at St. Richards Villa for the excellent care and concern they gave Wilfred while he resided there. Also thanks to Fr. Ron Scheible for the beautiful service, the Guardian Angel Choir, and everyone who took part in the service. To the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard, we say many thanks.

We appreciate so much the ladies of the Lindsay community for cooking and serving the meal after the funeral, and to all who brought food.

Our gratitude goes also to everyone for visiting Wilfred in the rest home and to those who brought Communion to him over the years; for all the Mass offerings, flowers, sympathy cards, and the kind words of sympathy which we will always cherish. May God bless all of you.

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DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO July 30, 1943

A community shower is set for the Bill Derichsweiler family, whose home and all furnishings were destroyed in a fire last Friday. Firemen relect R. L. McNeley as fire chief. Continuous hot, dry weather saps vitality of crops and folks. New Arrival: Virginia to Joe and Frances Vogel. John B. Herr is again confined to his bed since he fell in a chair accident; the setback is a great disappointment, since he recently was able to get out of his wheelchair after six years.

50 YEARS AGO Aug. 1, 1958

Parochial school uniform emblems, beanies, and hats have arrived. Mrs. Frank

Trubenbach is recovering from two-week illness of mumps; just before the yellow jackets, adding a few days of illness to the sick spell. New Arrivals: James to Bill and Eileen Luke; Mike to Henry and Doris Grewing. Gretchen Hellman gets nurses cap.

25 YEARS AGO July 29, 1983

Sr. Lillian Marie Reiter and Sr. Jeanette Bayer celebrate Silver Jubilees. VFW Auxiliary gets 11 awards at State convention. Wedding: Theresa Edmunds and Melvin Hess. Sister Georgia Felderhoff and Sister Amora Felderhoff have vacation in Muenster.

Precautions offered from the Texas Forest Service to homeowners

Wildfire can strike home if you have not taken some steps to protect your house and property. The actions and precautions listed below are designed to help you prepare your home and lessen the threat of wildland fire damage to you and your property.

1. LPG tanks should be far enough away from buildings for valves to be shut off in case of fire. Keep area around the tank clear of flammable vegetation.
2. Store gasoline in an approved safety can away from occupied buildings.
3. All combustibles such as firewood, wooden picnic tables, boats, stacked lumber, etc. should be kept away from structures.
4. Clear roof surfaces and gutters regularly to avoid build-up of flammable materials such as leaves and other debris.
5. Remove branches from trees to a height of 15 feet or more.
6. In rural areas, clear a fuel break of at least three times the fuel length around all structures.
7. Have fire tools handy such as: ladder long enough to reach your roof, shovel, rake, and a bucket or two for water.
8. Place connected garden hoses at all sides of your home for emergency use.
9. Assure that you and your family know all emergency exits from your home.
10. Assure that you and your family know all emergency exits from your neighborhood.

Also for those in a more rural area:

- Create a defensible space of at least 30 feet around your house and outbuildings; closely mow lawns, and trees should be pruned and spaced widely apart.
- Establish fuel breaks along roadways and between buildings and fields or woodlands.
- Keep mufflers and spark arresters on agricultural equipment in proper working order and watch out for rocks

and metal when bush hogging or mowing.

Monitor hay-baling operations closely; dry hay can ignite within the baler.

Watch out for sparks when using welding equipment to build fences or repair equipment.

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County. She has served as administrative assistant to the Texas AgriLife Service for more than 12 years.

- Approved a resolution agreeing to support the 2009 Hazardous Household Waste Collection Event. Since not enough grant money was received to fund the entire event, participating entities were asked to help. Cooke County agreed to give up to \$5,000 and the City of Gainesville is adding up to \$5,000. Each event costs \$30,000.
- Approved contract with Bates Architect, Inc. to do the electrical engineering and some bid specs for the electrical work and for the interior of the new Precinct #4 maintenance barn. The fee is \$5,500.

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- Approved County Cell Phone Policy.
- Approved professional liability insurance with TAC.
- Accepted insurance settlement on Cooke County Sheriff's Office 2007 Crown Victoria that was damaged when it hit a deer on June 18 on Hwy. 82.
- Approved Precinct #2 Commissioner's Annual Road Report.
- Approved election judges as submitted by the County Clerk for the November 2008 General Elections. Also the hiring of an additional early voting clerk, if needed.
- Approved contract for the scanning of 19 Commissioners Court Minute Books.
- Approved the Cooke County Community Mitigation Planning Team Memorandum of Understanding and appointed Ray Fletcher, emergency management coordinator and fire marshal, as the Cooke County representative.
- Approved cleaning of fence rows and shaping of ditches on CR 212 for John Garrett and on Neely Trail for Kirby Jordan.

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You might be a TRUE AMERICAN if: You respect your elders and expect your kids to do the same.

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Commissioners voted a unanimous 4-0 to order the

burn ban.

County Judge Freeman noted, "This is a burn ban. There is no disaster declaration in place to prohibit welding or other outdoor type burning that is associated with the work. If we have any fire associated with that, I will immediately issue a disaster declaration, and a burn ban for the welders will go into effect also."

Judge Freeman cautioned County residents to take all the precautions that they would if they were under a disaster declaration. "Take heed and protect everybody's property," he cautioned.

Fletcher asked welders to have water on hand, to clear the area where they are working, and to have a fire guard available.

Support your local Fire Departments

Muenster, Myra, Lindsay, Rosston, Saint Jo, Era, and others.

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEETING DATE - AUGUST 4, 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, August 4, 2008.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Opening prayer.
3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting on July 7, 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. Consider and act on Ordinance #305 amending rates and charges for sanitation service.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and act on Oncor Electric Delivery's request for authority to change rates.
2. Consider and act on proposal to hire dozer service to close sewer lagoons.
3. Consider and act on appointing Muenster's representative to the Cooke County Community Mitigation Planning Team.
4. Consider and act on engagement letter from Stephen Gilland regarding audit of Fiscal Year 2008.
5. Review and act on monthly bills.
6. Consider and act on TML rerate for employee insurance.
7. Receive status report on city projects and activities. Take action as necessary on items of discussion.
8. Adjourn.

Micallee Matson, City Secretary



Gaylon Thompson

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Tommie Sue and Earl Hess were born on the same day many, many years ago.

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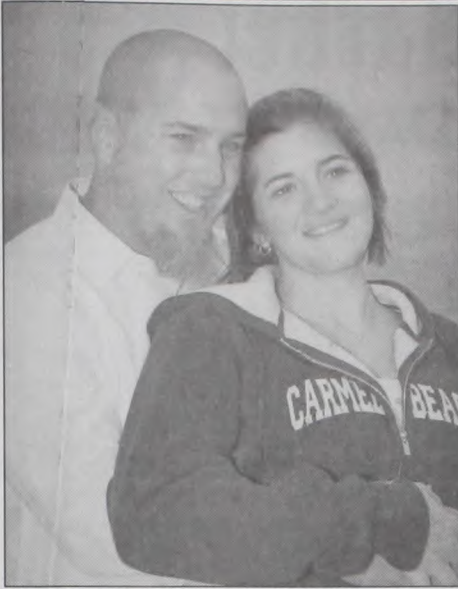
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LIFESTYLE



Bob and Karen Nagel of Grand Island, Nebraska, along with Steve and Dianna Klement of Muenster would like to announce the engagement of their children, Amanda Nagel to James Klement, both of Fresno, California. Amanda is a 2003 graduate of Northwest High School. James is a 1996 graduate of Muenster High School and 2001 graduate of Midwestern State University. He manages Prestige Gunite of Fresno. They plan to be united in marriage on Aug. 8, 2008 at The Radisson Hotel. The couple will reside in Fresno, California following their honeymoon to Hawaii.

Party set Aug. 2 for summer readers

This is the last week of the 2008 Summer Reading Club. All readers are requested to turn in their final reading logs at the library this week.

All participants are invited to a party at the library Saturday, Aug. 2 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. to celebrate summer reading achievement. Cookies and punch will be served, and readers will receive a certificate signed by the governor of Texas.

Raffle winners named for Abigail's Arms

Cooke County Friends of the Family, now known as Abigail's Arms - Cooke County Family Crisis Center, announces the winners of the 2008 raffle. The raffle raised more than \$24,000. All proceeds go to aid victims of violence.

Winners were: 1st - Caribbean Cruise - Jim Goldsworthy; 2nd - TV - Terry and Nicole Schertz (donated by Wal-Mart); 3rd - 500 gift card - Bonnie Felt (donated by First State Bank); 4th - \$250 Wal-Mart card - Debra Bishop (donated by Wal-Mart); 5th - \$100 gift card - Charlene Spence (donated by Muenster State Bank).

Wise \$\$\$ tips

If you are able to pay your bills, put any bonus or raise directly into your investment portfolio, even if that just means your savings account.

NEW ARRIVALS



Natalie Raschke

Raschke

Nathan and Jessica Raschke are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Natalie Jewel Raschke. She was born Monday, July 7, 2008 at 8:44 p.m. at Lewisville Medical Center. She weighed 9 lb. 14 oz. and was 21 3/4 inches long. Her grandparents are Debra Jewel Pippin of Muenster, Jim and Kathy Raschke of Whitesboro, and Jack and Debby Schoppa of Saint Jo. Great-grandparents are Henry Pippin of Jermyn, Texas and the late Peggy Pippin, Bob and Norma Volk of Henderson, Nevada, Dick Herbst of Chloride, Arizona and the late Joyce Herbst, R.L. and Flossie Schoppa of Saint Jo, and Dennis and Della Walterscheid of Muenster. Aunts are Chelby Schoppa of Jacksboro, Andrea Schoppa of Gainesville, Mindy Brown of Wichita Falls and uncle Jason and aunt Brooke of Joshua, Texas. Cousins are Bailey McCoy, Hunter Raschke, and David and Ethan Brown. Natalie was named after her grandmother Debra and great-aunt Jewel Mae Pippin of Jermyn.

Schad

Shannon and Teresa Schad of Lindsay proudly announce the arrival of their first child, a son, Donald Wade Schad. He was born Thursday, July 17, 2008 at 2:25 a.m. in North Texas Medical Center. Donald weighed 7 lb. 11 oz.

and measured 21 inches long. Grandparents are Sam and Angie Smith of Era and Don and Donna Schad of Lindsay. Great-grandparents are Louise Schad of Lindsay and the late Ed Schad, Adeline Sicking of Muenster and the late Bernard Sicking, Margerete Stammeyer of Iowa and the late Donald Stammeyer, and the late Haskell and June Smith.

Krebs

Brent and Stephanie Krebs of Muenster joyfully announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Emma Grace Krebs. Emma was born Thursday, July 10, 2008 at 12:52 p.m. in Wilson N. Jones Hospital, weighing 10 lb. 1 oz. and measuring 19 inches in length. Grandparents are Kenneth and Marilyn Bier-schenk of Muenster and Milton and Patsy Krebs of Lindsay. Great-grandparents are Clara Walterscheid of Muenster and Catherine Arend of Gainesville.



Emma Krebs

Warren

Tyrel and Heather Hess Warren announce with joy the birth of their daughter Anna Elizabeth Warren. Anna is their first child. She was born in North Texas Medical Center on Friday, July 18, 2008 at 3:46 p.m. weighing 8 lb. 6 oz. and measuring 21 inches in length. Grandparents are Judy Hess of Muenster and the late Virgil Hess and Barry and Bobbie Warren of Pembroke, South Wales England. Great-grandparents are Doris McAlister of Odessa, Imogene Warren of Odessa, W.N. Warren of Oden, Arkansas, the late Albert and Agnes Hess, and the late Bill and Lucille Lutkenhaus.

AREA EVENT

Cruise Nights in Decatur

The Wise County Antique Auto Club and the Decatur Main Street program will host their third Cruise Nights on the Courthouse Square of the year on Saturday, Aug. 2. Registration is from 4 to 7 p.m., at which time judging will begin. Awards will be pre-

sented at 8 p.m. in 20 various classes. Downtown merchants and restaurants stay open late for the event. The Cruise Nights are every first Saturday May through October, excluding July. For more info, call 940-627-6158.

When you worry.....I can't go on

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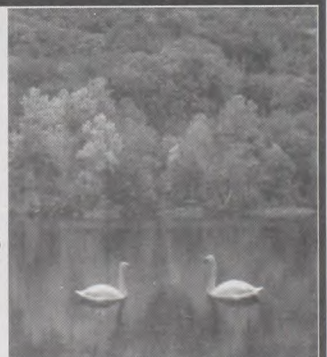
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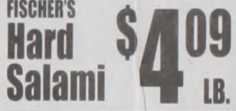
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Muenster delegates attend Convention

More than 600 Catholic Life Insurance members and their families met July 11-12 at the Crowne Plaza Riverwalk in San Antonio for the fraternal life insurer's 91st convention.

Stephen Hennigan, Rick Stewart, Phillip Flusche, Lonnie Henschel, Bert Walterscheid, and Ryan Bayer represented the 937 member Muenster Branch of Catholic Life Insurance as delegates to the convention.

During the two-day meeting, delegates heard reports given by the chairman of the board, the president, the treasurer, and the audit committee chairman reflecting the impressive growth of the organization since the last convention and reaffirming Catholic Life's financial strength.

"For more than 107 years, individuals, families, and businesses have looked to Catholic Life Insurance to secure their family's

future," said J. Michael Belz, president and chief executive officer. "We continue to meet their needs through solid life insurance, safe retirement products, superior service, and value-added living and fraternal benefits that enrich lives and strengthen communities."

In other action, delegates elected two individuals to serve on the eight-member Board of Directors. Gladys Haecker of Schertz and Tom Berger of Magnolia were both elected to a four-year term. They will join Mike Decker of San Angelo, Sixtus Laskowski of Stockdale, Tom Sladeczek of Jarrell, James Persyn of San Antonio, Lawrence Shimek of Nada, and Kenneth Littles of Palmer on the Board.

Following the convention, the Board of Directors met and elected Sladeczek as chairman; Kenneth Littles as vice chairman, and Michael Decker as secretary.

Sixty-five years later



Twin sisters Vanice of Olney and Janice of Holliday returned to their birth place of Muenster last week, eating out at Doc's, and touring the old clinic where they were born in 1943. They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Branch, who lived on a farm south of Gainesville before leaving the area when the girls were five years old. Courtesy photo

Better a poor man who walks in his integrity than he who is crooked in his ways and rich.

Without knowledge, even zeal is not good; and he who acts hastily, blunders.

Proverbs 19: 1-2

Stay cool during summer's dog days

As the mercury rises across the country, people should stay cool and hydrated if they are going to be outside. The parade of weekend warriors treated in emergency rooms for hot weather-related illnesses like heat stroke and heat exhaustion is increasing, physicians report.

"In the past, the typical people we saw were the ones who couldn't fend for themselves - the very young and the very old," said Dr. Paul Pepe, chairman of emergency medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center. "Now, young men and women who work in super-cool office environments and spend the weekends playing outdoors are getting into trouble be-

cause their bodies haven't had a chance to adapt to the hot weather."

If you're going to be outdoors during triple-digit days, Dr. Pepe offers these tips:

- Wear lightweight, loose-fitting, and light-colored clothing;
- Stay in a well-ventilated area, even if you're working indoors;
- Water, water, water. Too much sugar and caffeine is not good if you're outdoors;
- Avoid alcohol - a cool beverage might sound good but it only dehydrates you more and impairs your ability to recognize danger signs;
- Use a buddy system so that you can keep an eye on each other.

Make your home safer

The Home Safety Council & First Alert suggest the following easy-to-follow tips that can help keep family members and loved ones safe.

- Poison prevention**
 - Install carbon monoxide alarms on every level and outside each sleeping area
 - Never operate fossil-fuel burning appliances, such as a gas grill, indoors or in the garage - even with the garage door open
 - Inspect the pilot lights on natural gas appliances to ensure that the flame is blue. When a flame is mostly yellow in color, it is likely producing carbon monoxide.
 - Clean out the lint and debris that may build up in the

clothes dryer vent that leads to the outside of the house

- Never leave an automobile running in a garage, even with the garage door open
- Home security**
 - Keep doors and windows locked, and don't forget the garage and shed
 - Make sure locks are functioning properly and that everyone inside the home can open them
 - Keep bushes and shrubs trimmed under windows so burglars can't hide
 - Don't leave equipment, tools, bikes, or toys in the yard
 - Cancel mail and newspaper delivery while on vacation

Date set for Texoma Earth Conference

The 2008 Texoma Earth Conference is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 8 at the Grayson County College, Denison Campus. The conference is open to the public and is designed to provide information on environmental topics that impact our daily lives.

There will be demonstrations on rainwater harvesting and composting, and sessions on Texas waterways clean-up, recycling, agricultural diversification, and whitetail deer habitat management, to name a few. Speakers range from Texas A & M to Keep Texas Beautiful to the Texas Commission on Environmen-

tal Quality. Exhibitors will also be at the event with free information.

Registration begins at 8 a.m., and the keynote address starts at 9 a.m. Concurrent sessions on Keep Texas Beautiful, Municipal Solid Waste, and Eco-Resources and Marketing begin at 9:50 a.m. You may pick and choose what sessions you would like to attend.

Registration is \$20, and this includes lunch. Registration forms are available at www.texoma.cog.tx.us or call 903-813-3550 for more information.

Sausage offered at Montague County Sesquicentennial

The Montague County Historical Commission and its Cemetery Preservation Board will be serving up smoked sausage on a bun or on a stick to hungry patrons celebrating the County Sesquicentennial at Montague on Aug. 2, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Funds raised by this project will be used to support these organizations in their volunteer efforts to preserve the County's history and its historic abandoned cemeteries.

Come, follow your nose to an opportunity to support these efforts!

Why should you worry about retirement?

Most Americans today are ill-prepared for retirement tomorrow. While we dream of and look forward to an active, independent, and carefree retirement, the reality is that far too many Americans have saved little or nothing for their "golden years."

The Internet is filled with retirement calculators that will provide worksheets to help you know how much money you are going to need after you retire. Take some time to determine how you are going to pay for your retirement lifestyle.

Before you set a retirement date: Decide what you want your annual income to be after you retire.

Determine the average rate of return on your investments before and after you retire.

Determine the market value of all your investments. Obtain an estimate of your company's pension plan.

Obtain an estimate of your Social Security benefits. You should already receive an annual "Personal Earnings and Benefit Statement" from the Social Security Ad-

ministration. Be sure to review this statement for errors that might prevent you from receiving your full share of benefits.

One easy way to make sure that you will have some money to enjoy retirement is to participate in your employer's 401k program. Employers are now allowed to enroll their workers in a 401k program and workers need to specifically opt-out of the retirement plan. But why would you? This is your future! The 401k is another tool to help you diversify your investments so that you can lessen the financial burden when you do retire.

Try to contribute all you can to your workplace 401k program. Earnings are tax-deferred and many employers will add money to the plan as an extra incentive. Be sure to monitor your account and "rebalance" at least once a year due to market fluctuations.

Be sure to read your employer's 401k Summary Plan and review:

When are you eligible for the program?

What are the types of available investment options?

How often can you switch between options?

Are early withdrawals permitted for hardship or personal loans?

What are the available distribution options when you leave the company or retire?

How much will your employer contribute to your 401k?

A few months before you retire, it might be a good idea to sit down with a reputable financial advisor in retirement plan distributions and tax implications.

An expert may suggest you transfer your retirement funds to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). By taking this route, you will maintain your tax-deferred status of that sum and reduce your current tax burden. Keep in mind that IRAs are governed by a different set of rules than a 401k. If you're older than 59-1/2, you can withdraw as much money as you want at any time and still be subject to ordinary taxes on that income. But if you retire before that time, you may be facing penalties for early withdrawal of those funds. This is why it is advisable to consult a professional.

Compiled by Mae Beth Palone and provided as a public service by the Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT) and the IBAT Education Foundation.

Vintage clothing sought

Do you have interesting clothing from the years of 1889 to 1989? The Muenster Historical Commission and Muenster Hospital Auxiliary have a vintage clothing event planned. Please call Jewel Otto 769-4248 or Janet Felderhoff 769-4485.

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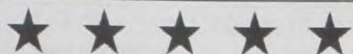
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Fun factor: Strong, since you can play as casually or as cut-throat as you prefer. Younger children, however, may find the racquets and fine motor skills required a bit too challenging. Check out www.usabadminton.org for more information and a window into the minds of serious competitors.

Congressman Mac Thornberry will have a member of his staff available in Muenster to assist area residents with questions or concerns related to federal issues.



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Muenster Scouts attend camp



Muenster Boy Scout Troop 664 attended the Hale Scout Ranch near Talihina, Oklahoma, June 29 - July 5. A total of 68 merit badges were completed by the scouts. Courtesy photo

COLLEGE CORNER - COLLEGE ROAD TRIP

By Rose Rennekamp

Donnie Osmond and Raven Symone are 30 years apart but they are both taking tours of college campuses. In the movie *College Road Trip*, they travel cross country with daughter and father, respectively, to visit potential schools. While the movie offers comedic scenes, it correctly suggests that students make campus visits to colleges before making a final decision.

Summer is a popular time to take a college campus tour with family or friends to learn more about the student's top choices. One of the first major decisions for a young person is selecting a college, and it shouldn't be made solely on information such as the school's reputation, a guidebook, or a website. Seeing the campus and all it has to offer in person adds to the experiences needed to make a good choice.

Like the kids in the movie, not all teenagers will want to share this experience with their parents. My son insisted he visit colleges on his own, saying it was his decision, not his father's or mine. My daughter, on the other hand, permitted me to tag along on half of her campus visits.

Whether students head out

on their own or with their parents, here are some helpful tips to get the most out of the college campus visit:

- Call ahead. Most colleges and universities prefer about two weeks' notice to set up a tour. Arrange for a meeting with an admissions counselor, with a professor or advisor in the major the student plans to study, and if possible, meet with a student with the same major.

- Visit while classes are in session. This can be difficult in the summer, but many schools have summer sessions. Observe how the faculty and students interact. Are the teachers engaging and interested in the students? Are students satisfied with their classes?

- Give yourself enough time and take notes. One or two campuses a day is enough. It's also a great idea for students to carry a note pad to write down comments, observations, and questions to help them make a decision later. Visit important places on campus. Tour a couple of dorms. Eat lunch in a dining hall. Visit the internship and job placement offices. Get a true feeling of how students live. A young woman I know was having a hard time convincing her parents that a university three states away

was right for her. But one visit to the hands-on journalism school, a talk with the advisor and a journalism student from her home state convinced everyone that she had found the right school—even though it meant a more expensive plane ticket home.

Find out what services are offered to students. Nearly four in 10 2008 ACT-tested graduates indicated that they needed help deciding their educational and occupational plans. Ask what kind of advising or career counseling services the college offers. Many also said they need help with study skills. Does the college offer tutoring or courses to help with this?

Talk to everyone you meet on campus. Stop and talk to as many students as you can. If you go along on the tour, encourage your teenager to walk around on his own a little and ask questions he really wants answered without a parent around. Most college students will be more than willing to tell a prospective student why they love (or hate) their college.

Of course, not every family has the time or money to visit distant colleges. To help students narrow down their choices, there are things students can do from home to get an in-depth look at a campus:

Take a "Virtual Tour." KnowHow2GO-U has added a virtual section and allows visitors to take a guided or self tour of a campus and its buildings. The website also offers college prep tips and games. Many colleges and universities now offer virtual tours of campus on their websites, including pictures or video. (Remember that the admissions offices design the tours, so they won't always show you a complete picture.)

E-mail a student or faculty member. Most admissions counselors would be happy to put prospective students in touch with a faculty member or students in their major. Don't stop there. To get a true picture, contact someone independent of the admissions office. Look for names in an online version of the campus newspaper, or check out the web pages of student clubs or groups.

College road trips can be fun, and movies are an entertaining way to think about college visits - but they're probably not as realistic as your own campus tour. If you can spend the time and money to do so, your road trip is a good way to determine your own college number one hit.

Rose Rennekamp is the vice president of communications for ACT.

THE BEST OF ED CLER

March 26, 1993

In a telephone conversation a week or so ago, I was asked if I remembered the prices of commodities people bought and sold during the Depression of the '30s. Surely, any farmer that sold the products of his labor during that time would never forget, but today there are more people living that didn't go through those trying times than did.

The lady said she was trying to help some school children who were trying to write a paper about that sort of thing.

Well, it wasn't hard to recall selling wheat for 30 cents per bushel, oats for nine cents, a five gallon can of cream would fetch about \$1.50, eggs 11 cents per dozen, milk 20 cents a gallon, and other things at equally depressed prices.

I will never forget helping my dad load a man's semi-trailer truck with cows and calves for a flat price of \$365. I don't know how many animals were in the load, the rig was much smaller than

present day rigs, but it held enough to give one a bad taste in his mouth to let them go for so little money.

Cars sold for \$600-750, a sack of good flour went for about \$1.25, and canned vegetables nine to 10 cents per can. Meat sold anywhere from seven cents for a pound of dry salt bacon to 35 cents for the better cuts of steaks.

The caller also asked about wages paid then. At the time, people worked for whatever they could get. A mechanic would draw \$30 to \$45 per month, some more experienced a bit more. I remember one carpenter my dad paid \$5 per day to work on a house.

People from all around the area would work on farms for 50 cents to \$1 a day plus room and board.

Most farmers would up the pay to \$1.50 through the long summer days of shocking, threshing, and baling. Many men were fortunate to find work in the oil fields, where the pay was better, but did not include any extras.

One winter, I worked for

J.P. Flusche for two months for \$15 per month, plus keep. I had a warm bed, and Hazel was a good cook, so I enjoyed that part a lot. I didn't earn much money, but neither did I have any unpaid bills.

When the Electric Co-op was being built, most day labor was paid at 30 cents an hour, while foremen and linemen drew more.

All this sounds pretty drab, but we had good times as well. Admission to movies was from 20 to 40 cents and Sunday night was always good for two or three house parties somewhere in the area, and one could have a pretty good time there for 15 or 20 cents thrown in the hat for the three or four musicians who played for dancing.

One young man told me he would never work for the money we did. I told him I hoped he would never be asked to, but if he were ever faced with the same problems we were, he would find out just what he would or wouldn't do.

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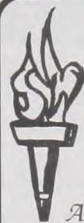


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Teachers prepare for the challenge of a new school year

Two teachers from North Texas recently had the opportunity to return as students of the forest industry when they participated in the Texas Forestry Association's Phase II of the Teachers' Conservation Institute.

Michele Knauf of Muenster and Janice Stalling of Celina attended June 22-27 with 12 other teachers from around the state. Michele teaches at Sacred Heart School and Janice teaches at Prosper ISD.

This week-long session gives educators a first-hand working knowledge of Texas forests, the forestry profession, and sustainable management of forest resources. Along with this, participants were certified as Project Learning Tree facilitators. Training in Project Learning Tree, an interdisciplinary environmental education program, enables the participants to conduct workshops for other teachers. The hands-on activities are fun,

give teachers lots of ideas for teaching students outdoors, and are correlated to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Math, Science, Social Studies, and Language Arts.

"We're pleased to offer this program to teachers from all over Texas," said Ron Hufford, executive vice president of the Texas Forestry Association. "Teachers can take information they have learned about our forest resources back to their classrooms."

Volunteer foresters and other natural resource professionals offered a first-hand look at the forest management. Field trips to different forest types, wildlife management areas, archeological sites, and recreational areas, provided insight into the history and multiple use of forests in East Texas.

For information on attending Teachers' Conservation Institute in 2009, please call 936/632-TREE.



Michele Knauf and Janice Stalling

Did you know?

- Peel a banana from the bottom and you won't have to pick the little 'stringy things' off of it. That's how the primates do it.
- Take your bananas apart when you get home from the store. If you leave them connected at the stem, they ripen faster.
- Store your opened chunks of cheese in aluminum foil. It will stay fresh much longer and not mold!
- Peppers with three bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating. Peppers with four bumps on the bottom are firmer and better for cooking.
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Activities with kids

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The Cain's became owners of this unique boutique in November, 2007 and have made great strides to meet the needs of all of their customers.

A friendly staff provides assistance picking out the perfect decor for your home and carefully chooses all the inventory with their customers in mind.

Merchandise at the B-Hive is constantly maintained and changed to offer the best quality and the most up-to-date styles. Among the assortment of selections are stained glass pieces, ranch style westerns, Tuscan, lodge, and a large variety of choices to fit any personality.

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Inside the B-Hive is a baby boutique with an array of ideas for baby showers or newborn gifts. Also, a wide variety of children's apparel and decor are available and a must see!

This distinctive store also carries bridal selections available on site with new inventory arriving on a regular basis. Bachelorette gifts are also on hand, as well as a bridal registry offering many choices from dinner ware to home decor.

If you are looking for jewelry, the B-Hive has custom made jewelry with many pieces to choose from, along with purses from American West. Brighton jewelry is now available.

The Cain's invite everyone to come in, share a cappuccino, browse and buy.

The store is open Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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SPORTS

TPWD finalizes dove, teal seasons

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department finalized the early season migratory game bird regulations, which includes dove and teal seasons for 2008-09. Texas hunters will see a 16-day September teal season and no changes to the South Dove Zone segments.

The North Zone runs Sept. 1-Oct. 30, with a 15-bird bag and not more than two white-tipped dove; the Central Zone is Sept. 1-Oct. 30 and reopens Dec. 26-Jan. 4, with a 12-bird bag and not more than two white-tipped dove. Possession limit is twice the daily bag.

This year, the South Zone dove season is Sept. 20-Nov. 9, reopening Dec. 26-Jan. 13 with a 12 bird bag and not more than two white-tipped dove. Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

The Special White-winged Dove Area, which now encompasses land west of I-35 and south of U.S. Highway 90, opens to white-winged dove afternoon-only (noon to sunset) hunting Sept. 6-7 and 13-14 and reopens Sept. 20-Nov. 9 and again from Dec. 26-Jan. 9. The daily bag limit during the first two weekend splits is 12 birds, not more than four mourning dove and two white-tipped dove. The daily bag limit during the remainder of the Special White-winged Dove Area is 12 birds, not more than two (2) white-tipped dove. Possession limit is twice the daily bag.

Teal season is Sept. 13-28 with a daily bag limit of four birds. Possession limit is twice the daily bag.

Hunters should note the dove and teal season dates and bag limits are not included in this year's Outdoor Annual of hunting and fish-

ing regulations. Information will be available in the Early Season Migratory Game Bird Digest supplement, available Aug. 15 on the TPWD Web site and wherever hunting and fishing licenses are sold.

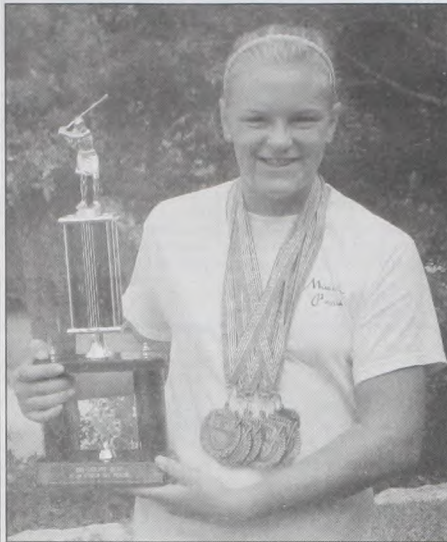
A proposed dove season rule that would have removed one week of hunting opportunity from the end of the first season segment in the South Dove Zone and added it to the end of the second season segment was not approved. Although public comment was supportive of the proposed amendment, the Department has decided to retain the traditional structure because of other considerations resulting from public comment.

In keeping with hunter and landowner preferences, dove seasons have traditionally been opened on the earliest day legally allowed under frameworks established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, irrespective of which day of the week the date fell. Under federal law, dove hunting in the United States cannot begin before Sept. 1.

Sept. 1, as opening day of dove hunting in Texas, has been part of the state's hunting tradition ever since the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 was signed. Treaties with Canada and Mexico established the framework for the taking of all migratory game birds, including dove.

A map booklet detailing locations and additional information about the 143 public dove hunting units is included with the Annual Public Hunting Permit and will be available on the TPWD Web site beginning Aug. 15. A permit is not required to access the map booklet information online.

Hess competes in junior golf league



Erin Hess recently completed her summer league junior golf as a member of the Tri-County Junior Golf Association. Over the summer, she traveled to eight different courses throughout Cooke, Grayson, and Fannin counties. Erin was 11 years old for all tournaments. Her age group (10-12 girls) only played nine holes, therefore she declared up to the 13-15 girls division where she could play a full round of 18 holes each week. This division plays from the women's tees, they play the ball down, and follow all of the USGA rules. Erin took home the first place trophy for overall points in this division. Points are earned in each tournament by where you place in the group. Erin is the daughter of Brian and Danna Hess, and will be a seventh grader at Muenster Junior High this fall. Courtesy photo



Red Team first baseman Brandon Sicking tags Blue runner Parker out. Janie Hartman photo



Aly Schinogoi waits for the word from her coach, her mother Stacie Schinogoi, when to run for home. Janie Hartman photo

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| 30. 2 gas motor oil changes - Bob Baker Automotive | |
| 31. \$100 worth of stocking fish - Pond King | |
| 32. \$500 Savings bond - Prosperity Bank | |
| 33. 18 volt cordless "DeWalt" drill - Fleitman Backhoe | |
| 34. 8 yards "Redi-Mix" concrete - Walterscheid Construction | |
| 35. Insulate one deer blind - Josh Walterscheid | |
| 36. Queen size handmade quilt - Ida Mae Bindel | |
| 37. Handmade baby quilt - Ida Mae Bindel | |
| 38. 7 pc. Kitchen tool set - a friend | |
| 39. wood & glass curio cabinet - a friend | |
| 40. 5 pc. Storage jar set - friend | |
| 41. 9 pc. Bake ware set - a friend | |
| 42. 6 yard lights - Jim Jones | |
| 43. 25 - 1" choice rib eyes - Walterscheid Meat | |
| 44. 10 - 1" choice rib eyes - D&B Construction | |
| 45. Hand-painted bluebonnet picture - Henry & Margie Starke | |
| 46. Mossberg shotgun - Klement Ford | |
| 47. 1 pair sunglasses - York & Associates | |
| 48. 5 gallons hydraulic oil - M&W Oil Field Supply | |
| 49. 3 gallon water can - M&W Oil Field Supply | |
| 50. 2 hours of karaoke - Eager Beaver Karaoke (Mike & Debbie) | |
| 51. 5 bicycles - Dennis Schwalbe | |
| 52. 1 month gymnastics - Rose Henscheid | |
| 53. 10 pizzas - DI One Stop | |
| 54. 500# steer feed - Tony's Seed & Feed | |
| 55. "Rigid" electric drill - Cooke County Co-op | |

MVFD RAFFLE 2008

- \$1,000 Cash - Muenster State Bank
- 32" Flat Screen TV - First State Bank (Muenster)
- \$500 Savings Bond - FMW Insurance (Gary Fisher)
- \$250 Trade @ Walterscheid Meat - MVFD
- \$250 Trade @ Fischer's Meat - MVFD
- \$100 Cash - Germania Insurance (Bob Hermes)
- \$100 Cash - Farm Bureau Ins. (John Bartush)
- \$100 Gas - Kountry Korner
- \$50 Cash - Catholic Life Ins. - Muenster
- \$50 Trade - Pecan Shop - Bob & Eileen Vogel
- \$25 Gift Certificate - Doc's Bar & Grill
- 5 Gallon Water Can - Bell Supply

CASH DONATIONS

- \$300 - Larry & Nancy Wassell
- \$100 - Bob & Linda Walterscheid
- \$750 - V&H Oil Company
- \$500 - Triple G Well Service
- \$300 - Nortex Communications
- \$250 - Gerrie Walterscheid
- \$200 - Sprouse Automotive
- \$150 - Paul & Brenda Becker
- \$100 - Schilling Fina
- \$100 - Billy & Debbie Hogan
- \$100 - Knight Insurance
- \$500 - Muenster Drilling
- \$750 - WFW Oil

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