

PIPING THROUGH COOKE COUNTY



Construction continues on the Red River Gathering Line through Cooke County. The 95 mile natural gas pipeline will stretch from near Ardmore, Oklahoma to a Parker County processing facility, with its route mapped between Muenster and Lindsay. The picture above was taken looking south, where the line crosses under CR 438 east of Myra. The pipeline is scheduled to be operational by September. **Janie Hartman photo**

The Family Medical Clinic welcomes Denton surgeon

General surgeon Stephen P. Lester, MD, FACS has agreed to see patients at the Family Medical Clinic in Muenster.

Dr. Lester has a successful practice in Denton and wishes to reach out to the rural area of Muenster and help with surgical needs of the community. Dr. Lester attended college at the University of Texas at Austin, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Biology. He proceeded to the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) in Galveston, where he obtained his Doctor of Medicine degree. He remained at UTMB in Galveston to complete a general surgery residency.

Dr. Lester is board-certified by the American Board of Surgery to practice general surgery. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, Denton County Medical Society, Physician

Association of North Texas, Texas Medical Association, and the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES). He has a special interest in minimally invasive surgery.

Dr. Lester met his wife in Galveston and they have three children. He has been practicing with Surgery Associates of North Texas for four years. He looks forward to providing quality surgical care to the community.

Family Medical Clinic owner Amy Dangelmayr remarked, "I'm pleased to have a top notch general surgeon such as Dr. Lester. Dr. Lester is very compassionate with his patients and does an excellent job. We are glad to have the additional service of Dr. Lester available to our community and are working to bring more specialists in."

To make an appointment with Dr. Lester in the Muenster clinic, call (940) 387-7588.

City reports utilization good for municipal pool

By Janet Felderhoff

Good reviews are coming in on Muenster's new swimming pool. It has been a popular spot this summer. According to Muenster City Administrator Stan Endres, revenue is over twice what it was for the same period last year. At Monday's City Council meeting, he reported hearing only compliments concerning the pool.

City aldermen discussed how they would recognize those who donated to the pool. A plaque has been made to be hung at the pool. They felt that a ribbon cutting event might be the best time to present the plaque to the public.

Street paving is underway. The water system improvement project is moving along. Endres said that the 12" waterline is in place and the new storage tank is almost assembled. He anticipates the pumps being completed in several weeks.

Endres said, "So far, we have spent a little over \$552,000 on the project. Budgeted was \$1 million. We should be coming in approximately \$20,000 under that \$1 million," Endres stated. He told of two loops that were discussed, but not contracted for at the time. He is now seeking a bid from the contractor. This would save the City employees having to do the work.

Endres confirmed that the old house on Cross Street discussed at the June meeting had been demolished and removed.

Sales tax in June was up over \$14,000 from the same period last year. This sales tax was collected by Muenster merchants in April and paid by the State in May.

Ben Smith, contractor for the City Park trees, cut

down limbs he felt were an immediate danger at a cost of \$385. Endres said that Smith indicated more needs to be done and he will be back to do more. Some trimming will require a bucket truck to accomplish. Another company will be required for those trees.

City Mayor Joey Anderson brought up the previously discussed updating of the City's ordinance and codes. He reminded the Council that they had decided to do one at a time. Ordinances need to be with modern definitions and to be sure that they are still legally sound. In the next budget they will update all the codes.

Endres presented costs from three law firms. All were close in price. They voted to contract with Nichols, Jackson, Dillard, Hager, Smith of Dallas, the firm that had assisted with another legal matter last year. Alderman Greg Bohl noted that he liked the fact that the firm listed a maximum in their bid. He felt it indicated that they knew what they were doing. The cost is \$160 per hour with a maximum of 10 hours to review and possibly re-write the City Code.

A public hearing will take place prior to the Council adopting any changes.

Muenster Police Chief Mark Blankenship reported on June activities. This included 3,301 miles logged and 654.5 man hours.

Chief Blankenship remarked, "There have been a lot of complaints about dogs running loose. Mostly at the trailer parks, but elsewhere in the City as well." Several dogs have been impounded and citations issued. He promised to continue to monitor the situation. He stressed that dogs and cats

should have current rabies vaccinations.

A large number of solicitors have been reported in the City. They must obtain a permit from City Hall prior to selling anything. He asked that citizens inform City Hall if they observe any solicitors without a permit.

There are events being held at the old VFW Hall. Blankenship said that the party held there last weekend is thought to have resulted in some windows being broken out and metal products from Flusche Enterprises being dragged around. The VFW was contacted and Blankenship learned that three more similar events are scheduled there. He obtained the dates and plans to schedule more police staff for those events.

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Stephen Lester, M.D., welcomed by Amy Dangelmayr, FNP-C (middle) and Polly Klement, FNP-C to Muenster Family Medical Clinic. **Janie Hartman photo**

TPA awards won by Muenster Enterprise

The Muenster Enterprise received citations for honors won in two categories in the 2012 Texas Better Newspaper Contest presented by Texas Press Association at the TPA Newspaper Executives' Retreat June 23 in San Antonio.

Staff reporter Janet Felderhoff earned a second place for her Feature Stories "Rebekah's trip fulfills childhood dream" and "Valliere's a Peppertoo."

The Enterprise also was awarded a fourth place for their "Blue Moon Special Section" on Saint Peter's Church.

One hundred and sixty-nine newspapers submitted 1,703 entries in the contest, which is broken down into 10 divisions, in which newspapers compete against papers of similar circulation size.

Weeklies compete under a division system in which the total number of weekly entrants is divided into five divisions based on descending circulation. This year, 102 weeklies entered, so there were 20 papers in Division 9, in which the Enterprise competed.

Also in the winners' circle, Thomas Otto, sports writer

and photographer for the Whitesboro News Record, earned two first places, in the Sports Photo and Sports Coverage categories in Division 8.

Cindy Reiter Roller earned a first place in the Feature Writing category and a second for her Feature Photo in the Cooper Review. The Review was also in Division 9.

Mark the date!
Saturday,
Aug. 11 is the
Muenster VFD's
Annual BBQ and
Auction

Wound care clinic offered at the Muenster Hospital

Muenster Memorial Hospital is proud to announce the opening of its new outpatient wound care clinic. The wound care clinic is designed to treat patients with chronic or slow healing wounds that have shown little or no signs of healing over the course of a month or two. The clinic offers to the community advanced treatments where only traditional methods have previously been available.

wound care and bring a comprehensive range of services to the community. It is the goal of the wound clinic to significantly increase the wound healing rate of patients and help the patients avoid unnecessary amputation. The wound care team has had tremendous success with an average healing rate of 85% while decreasing the time to heal.

Texas Wound Care Specialists, which has been in operation providing wound care services for over 10

years, manages the clinic. Among other services, the company provides a registered nurse board certified in wound care and has over 85 multi-specialty physicians affiliated with various outpatient clinics. The clinic at Muenster Memorial Hospital has Dr. Donald Simmons and Dr. James Stephen Jones as the treating physicians and is located in the Hospital.

To schedule an appointment, call Texas Wound Care Specialists at 1-877-295-2273.

Cheerleaders of the future



Alyssa Lutkenhaus, at right, and Landry Richardson watch as Haley Flusche does her best cheer jump at last week's annual Hornet Mini-Cheerleading Camp. See page 5 for more cheery pictures. **Janie Hartman photo**

NCTC given sound financial reports

North Central Texas College is financially solid according to four unique measures that indicate a school's financial standing. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board recently released their annual Financial Condition Report for the state's community colleges. Out of the 50 community college districts in the state, NCTC was one of just 23 that "met the threshold" for all 12 of the indicators tested, according to the report.

The financial condition of each of the state's public community college districts was assessed using data from published annual financial reports independently audited by accounting firms contracted by the districts.

Ratios referenced in the report are commonly used by external entities to measure the health of higher education institutions. A composite financial index (CFI) was calculated to provide one metric to more efficiently analyze the financial health of all the districts. Other ratios used in this analysis include an equity ratio, debt burden ratio, and leverage ratio, along with enrollment figures and qualitative factors.

The objective of the report is to identify institutions in which the potential for financial stress exists.

The report also highlighted each school's revenue diversity. For NCTC, 31% of revenue comes from federal sources, 30% comes from tuition and fees, 25% comes from the state, 5% comes from local taxes, and 2% comes from other sources. Only five of the 50 Texas public community college districts receive less revenue from local taxes than NCTC.

The local college district also recently received notification from the State Auditor's Office that NCTC is in full compliance with the Public Funds Investment Act and the corresponding higher education reporting requirements.

In addition, NCTC's bond rating was recently upgraded to A1.

"When we refinanced our revenue bonds a few months ago, it coincided with a scheduled review by Moody's of our bond rating," NCTC Vice-President of Financial Services Janie Neighbors said. "With the financial climate such that many entities were seeing their bond ratings downgraded, we were elated to receive an upgrade."

"According to Brian Grubbs of Southwest Securities, this was one of the factors that helped us achieve even greater savings than anticipated."

And finally, NCTC has received an unqualified audit, which is the best rating, for each of the past five years.

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ings. He suggested that the City consider an ordinance requiring that security be provided for such events. Jewel Otto suggested it should not be at the expense of the City.

Blankenship told of someone he knows who puts on those events in another county. He said that the problems usually occur when word of the event gets out and uninvited people come to it. Those are the ones who get rowdy or out of control, he said. "A good thing turns into a hectic thing sometimes," remarked the Police Chief.

Some area cities, including Gainesville, have forbidden the events be held there.

"We are not opposed to people having events or parties, but there needs to be some sort of control," stated Blankenship.

Blankenship said that the police department can handle it, but they need information such as when the events are scheduled and how many people are expected so that the proper preparations can be made. Mayor Anderson suggested that Endres check to see if there are ordinances or other means a City can adopt to control such situations.

In other business, the City Council:

- Approved payment of bills totalling \$331,353.21. This included \$96,864.30 on

the 2012 water project.

- Approved an interlocal agreement with Cooke County in regard to any projects the City and County do together to help one another. The County will be assisting with the paving of Ash Street later this summer. Alderman Jack Flusche noted, "They did a heck of a lot for us last year in that storm."

- Changed date of September Council meeting from Sept. 3 to Sept. 10 since Sept. 3 is Labor Day.

- Approved request by Muenster Volunteer Fire Department to use the City Park on Aug. 11 for its annual BBQ and Auction and to sell beer.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Discussions are underway on how to use the \$90,000 GCAA grant funds won from Keep Texas Beautiful. One discussion was to install a concrete walkway on the newly acquired land west of the creek from the old park.

Currently, there is no design or use plan for this area. My suggestion is to develop such a plan before plunking down tons of concrete, and later having to design everything else around that walkway, or worse yet, poorly design future things around a misplaced sidewalk.

We have a rare opportunity to catapult that area into something which future generations can be proud of. The GCAA funds availability is that rare opportunity. We need to slow down and develop a plan first before acting.

In Muenster, we rarely value outside professional opinions, and often we don't even know where to look to get those opinions. College starts in the Fall. Landscape Design graduate student groups at every university are required to work as teams on a real project in order to get a grade. The work they do becomes part of their resumes and may help them find jobs.

Graduate programs have students compete against private design and architecture firms on the same projects in most cases. Very often these student-teams present their designs at the same local meeting as the private design firms. Many times they are the most professional presentation, as well as the better design. These students are literally are working for their grade-lives. These students need these projects. We have the rare opportunity to benefit them, and ourselves, at no cost.

It was just last Wednesday that Joey Anderson and myself accepted the award in San Antonio. There is no reason to rush spending the funds. I suggest we contact every University with a graduate degree program and find one which has not yet selected a project. If we fail to find a program that will work with us, or we do not like their design plan, we can always build a concrete walkway.

Gary Fisher
Muenster, Texas 76252

Weather why

Q: Does cloudseeding really work?

A: The results have been somewhat disappointing, says McRoberts. "Silver iodide appears to be the most effective rainmaking substance, but there is considerable debate over the results," he explains. "We've learned that storms and clouds are complex, and efforts to produce rain have not been what we've hoped for. Only if a portion of a seeded cloud is cold enough will moisture tend to form. Most efforts today are aimed at squeezing more rain out of existing storms, especially in the western U.S. Cloudseeding has also been used to reduce hail in thunderstorms before it becomes too large to cause damage. Some studies have shown that cloudseeding only increases precipitation between 5 and 20%, which is not very promising considering the costs involved. So generally, cloudseeding efforts have not been very encouraging."

Weather Whys is a service of the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A&M

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO July 4, 1947

Nation experiences shortage of teachers; Muenster's teaching staff is three teachers short; teachers include John Hoffman, Mrs. Jess Mitchell, Mrs. W.B. Wylie, and Miss Elfreda Luke. Virginia Walterscheid has appendectomy. Obituary: Mrs. Angie Moon, 77. New Arrivals: Sonja to Bob and Hildegarde Swirczynski; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Endres. Edna Hartman replaces Betty Hartman at Louie's Cafe. Jewel Hoffman begins vacation from REA duties. Wedding: Alma Sandmann and Herman Stoffels.

50 YEARS AGO July 6, 1962

Two couples bring home 260 pounds of fish; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hess and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Medders go deep sea fishing at Port Isabel. Obituaries: John R. Wyatt, 73, and wife Julia, 66, die on same day - she from extended illness and he from heart attack some hours later; George Kuykendall,

95; Mrs. Daugherty Stevens, 49, car accident. New Arrivals: Kathleen to Charles and Betty Stoffels; Marlene to Bernard and Dolores Swirczynski; Terry to the Fred Knabes; Kenneth to Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dobbs. Leo Sicking and Ed Schneider attend Job Safety Training in Galveston for REA Co-op. Arthur and Florence Williams and son Randy are new residents of Muenster.

25 YEARS AGO July 3, 1987

Bronte Gonsalves is new principal at Sacred Heart High School. Feature by Jean Pagel focuses on World War II experiences of Ray Swirczynski. Allen Sicking is re-elected Grand Knight by Knights of Columbus. Mark Hess, investment counselor, is one of 17 selected to the "All-American Team" by American Funds Group. Wedding: Sara Kirkham and Billy Huchton. New Arrival: Amber to Melvin and Carol Fleitman. Marie and Paul Endres visit their son Clifford in Turkey for three weeks.

We cannot change the cards we are dealt, just how we play the hand.
- Randy Pausch



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		Week	One Swimming	Lessons		
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Obituaries

Mertise Hancock 1923 - 2012

Graveside services for Mertise Hancock, age 89 of San Augustine, Texas were held Saturday, June 30, at Hardy Cemetery with John Rivers officiating under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home of Saint Jo. Mrs. Hancock died June 27, 2012 at Hospice in the Pines, Lufkin. She was born June 4, 1923 in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Survivors include her children Nancy Stone and Pat Christensen and her siblings Ken Hancock and Ed Hancock.

Ethan Ryan Looye 2012 - 2012

A private graveside service for Ethan Ryan Looye of Myra was held at the Fairview Cemetery.

Ethan was born and passed away on June 28, 2012 in Gainesville.

He is survived by his parents Roger and Alicia Looye of Myra; brothers Roger Looye, Jr. and Lucas Wesley Looye of Myra; grandparents Jerry and Kim Conner of Gainesville and John and Dee Looye of Woodbine; great-grandparents Danny and Sue Samples of Nocona; aunts and uncles Sandy and Jason Ackerman of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Amanda and Jeremy Conner of Decatur, Linda and Derek McKesson of Whitesboro, Cynthia Hogan of California, and David Looye of Savannah, Georgia.

He was preceded in death by his brother Eli Logan Looye; grandfather Wesley Speights; and great-grandfather Jackie Underwood.

Just a Thought

The best way for a child to learn to pray is to live with a father and mother who know a life of friendship with God and who pray.

Texas Oil and Gas Production Reports from the Texas Railroad Commission



The Texas average rig count as of June 22 was 938, representing about 49% of all active land rigs in the United States. In the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 437 million barrels of oil and 7.2 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

The Commission's estimated final production for April 2012 is 41,711,182 barrels of crude oil and 491,644,000 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

The Commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary April production totals of 35,939,326 barrels of crude oil and 424,856,550 Mcf of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.1606 for crude oil and 1.1572 for gas well gas. These production totals do not include casing-

head gas or condensate.

Texas natural gas storage reported to the Commission for May 2012 was 397,325,849 Mcf compared to 395,952,262 Mcf in May 2011. The June gas storage estimate is 402,021,384 Mcf.

The Texas Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial July natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 10,530,548 Mcf. In setting the initial July allowables, the Commission used historical production figures from previous months, producers' demand forecasts for the coming month, and adjusted the figures based on well capability. These initial allowables will be adjusted after actual production for July 2012 is reported.

May permits to drill

The Commission issued a total of 2,530 original drilling permits in May 2012 compared to 2,306 in May 2011. The May total included 2,301 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 62 to re-enter existing well bores, and 167 for re-completions. Permits issued in May 2012 included 694 oil, 169 gas, 1,569 oil and gas, 68 injection, six service, and 24 other permits.

April crude oil production

Texas preliminary April 2012 crude oil production averaged 1,197,978 barrels daily, up from the 958,283 barrels daily average of April 2011.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for April 2012 is 35,939,326 barrels, up from 28,748,479 barrels reported during April 2011.

May oil and gas completions

In May 2012, operators reported 887 oil, 336 gas, 32 injection, and one other completion compared to 353 oil, 152 gas, 36 injection, and one other completion in May 2011.

Total well completions for 2012 year to date are 6,246, up from 3,575 recorded during the same period in 2011.

Operators reported 1,122 holes plugged and one dry hole in May 2012 compared to 516 holes plugged and one dry hole in May 2011.

April natural gas production

Texas oil and gas wells produced 505,775,608 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for April 2012, down from the April 2011 preliminary gas production total of 542,087,609 Mcf. Texas preliminary April total gas production averaged 16,859,187 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) a day.

Texas production in April 2012 came from 140,477 oil wells and 86,026 gas wells.

Did you know?

The town name of Riverside appears in all but four states - Hawaii, Alaska, Louisiana, and Oklahoma. Runner-up is Centerville in 45 states, Fairview in 43, Franklin in 42, Midway, Fairfield, Pleasant Valley and Troy each in 39 states.

In Texas there are 10 populated Fairfields, and a dozen or more locations where Fairfields have ceased to exist.



Police Notes

from Muenster Chief of Police
Mark Blankenship

During the month of June, the Muenster Police Department responded to 33 CALLS FOR SERVICE. Six INCIDENTS REPORTS were generated as a result of these calls. There were no vehicle accidents on public streets reported with one accident on private property. Sixty-seven CITATIONS were issued and three persons were ARRESTED AND BOOKED.

There have been numerous complaints about DOGS AT LARGE. Dogs should be restrained on a leash or within a fence or kennel. The City has impounded several animals this month and citations have been issued to the owners. It is also the animal owner's responsibility to care for and maintain a domestic animal in a humane manner. All dogs and cats within the City should have current rabies vaccinations, it's the LAW.

An unusual number of out-of-town solicitors have been reported in the City. These persons should have a permit issued by the City of Muenster before they pedal their goods. If you observe such activity, please inform City Hall.

Memories are made on vacations; tips for the road

Don't worry about record-breaking gas prices - the U.S. Energy Information Administration estimates prices to be \$3.79 a gallon this summer, less than in 2008.

That's good news for families considering reviving the tradition of a road trip vacation, one of the best experiences parents and kids can share, says Michael DiLorenzo, author of Adventures with Jonny: Road Trip to the Parks! (www.adventureswithjonny.com).

"This is a shared experience, and one that will be talked about during family gatherings for years to come," says DiLorenzo, a father of three. "For busy parents, this is a time to savor their children's youth. As moms and dads eventually find out, they grow up fast."

It's also a chance to get children outside and away from their computers, he says. Children today already have a deep-rooted interest in technology, which is why a road trip to a natural, outdoor destination is an opportunity to "give your child the gift of the outdoors, which is a gift for life," says DiLorenzo.

The journey to a national park in the United States or Canada - perhaps Yellowstone in Wyoming or Banff in Alberta - is as bonding an experience as whatever happens at the destination.

"And there are parks in every state," he notes. "If you don't have the time or money to go cross country, pick a park closer to home."

DiLorenzo offers these helpful tips for the road:

- Games, games, games! Yes, there is ample entertainment for both drivers and riders in cars these days. BUT, the goal is to bond with the family, so consider a fun, albeit off-color game like "Road Kill Round-Up." A point system

might break down like this: two points for the first to spot a poor critter; three for whoever first correctly identifies the species; two points subtracted for a false road-kill call; three points subtracted for misidentifying the kind.

- Beware of dairy drinks (and other smelly snacks): A spill in the backseat can eventually create quite a stink during a summer road trip. But do pack plenty of healthy snacks to save on pricey pit stops and avoid all the sugar and salt in junk food.

- Avoid big-city rush hours: When traveling through metropolitan areas, consider the busiest traffic periods. Whether you plan to stop and check out the city or simply zip through it, bumper-to-bumper traffic is something to avoid. A bit of consideration can save your family hours of grid-locked misery.

- Tech help: Various apps and websites can help drivers find the cheapest gas prices, food options, hotel rates, and travel routes. Also, don't forget a music mix that appeals to the entire family on one of these devices. (Remember, leave work at home - forget about work-related calls, texts, and emails! Use a non-work-related smartphone, if needed.)

- Schedule pit stops: Being in a hurry should be left for the morning commute; vacation should be different. When traveling across states and provinces, consider local culture. For example, barbecue in South Carolina is very different from Missouri's version. Enjoy diners and unique attractions, and don't be afraid to take notes.

"The greatest family memories are created in shared adventure," DiLorenzo says. "Outdoor recreation is filled with these memories just looking for a family to bring them home."

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Roger and Charlotte Wiley of Granbury announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Jacque Wiley of Fort Worth to John Flusche of Dallas, son of Jack and Linda Flusche of Muenster. The couple has chosen Saturday, Aug. 18, 2012 for their wedding day. The ceremony will take place at 6 p.m. at The Country Abbey in Justin with Pastor Buster Noah of Justin United Methodist Church officiating. Bridesmaids will be sisters of the bride Alison Vise and Rachel Linton, and sister of the groom Karen Flusche. Groomsmen will be Greg Flusche and Jared Flusche, brothers of the groom. The bride-elect earned her Bachelor of Finance degree at Texas A&M and her Masters of Business Administration at Texas Christian University. She is employed at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics as a product marketing analyst senior. The future-groom earned his Bachelor degree in Management at Texas A&M University and is a human resources information systems analyst senior at Lockheed Martin Missiles & Fire Control. The couple will reside in Fort Worth following their marriage.

New Arrival

Felderhoff

Mitch and Aubree Felderhoff are proud to announce the birth of their firstborn son. Nolan Jace arrived at 6:53 p.m. on June 12, 2012 at Texas Health South Hospital in Plano. He weighed 7 lb. 9 oz. and was 20 inches in length. Proud grandparents are Denis and Marcia Murray of Farmers Branch and Ronnie and Sharon Felderhoff of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Erma Murray of Farmer's Branch, Richard and Nordema Galen of Corpus Christi, Arthur and Evelyn Felderhoff of Muenster, and Raymond and Helen Metzler of Lindsay.



Nolan Felderhoff

A child can ask questions that a wise man cannot answer.



KEEP MUENSTER BEAUTIFUL YARD OF THE MONTH honors for June were awarded to Joe and Kristen Weinzapfel who reside at 514 N. Oak Street. The family shares in yard work chores. Joe noted that when they bought the house, there wasn't much of a yard. Last year, they hired a landscaper and put in shrubs and sodded the yard. The work was completed on June 16. Joe never saw the completed project since he had to go out of town. On June 18, before his return, the microburst hit Muenster, damaging their yard. Only weeks later, the City initiated water rationing and most of what remained of the new landscape shriveled and died. This March, they replanted, doing some of the work themselves and hiring a landscaper for others. Native plants were selected for their ability to thrive with less water. Plants chosen for color in the front include begonias, hibiscus, and periwinkles. These were placed in rock beds. Other plants are Indian hawthorne, nandina, crepe myrtle, and pampas grass. Joe believes in keeping the lawn well manicured with mowing, edging, and cleaning the curb. The lawn is St. Augustine which is only watered when it shows signs of wilting. Joe mows it high to help keep its water needs down.

Janie Hartman photo

Piano students participate in recital

The black and white keys danced rhythmically as waltzes, tarantellas, minuets, boogies, hoedowns, soft shoe rags, and Indian dances were played. Twenty-five students of Rosemary Dankesreiter presented their piano recital pieces and performed the dance tunes on

Sunday, May 27 at 3 p.m. in the Muenster First Baptist Church. Families and friends filled the church to its capacity to witness the progress of the students and enjoy an afternoon of piano entertainment.

Mrs. Dankesreiter welcomed the students and audience. Jenna Tharp led the opening prayer.

Students performing and the length of their piano instructions follows.

Muenster: five months - Reece Acayan, Trevor Walter, Cassidy Acayan, Madison Ladzinski; nine months - Ruth Ann Eddleman; two years - Savannah Bohl, Hannah Lamar; three years - Stone Lamar; four years - Savannah Hermes, Owen Tolar; six years - Alana Endres.

Lindsay: nine months - Rory Dulock, Kristen Denison, Nathan Dieter, Louis Krahl; two years - Emily Dill, Margaret Krahl, Haegen Hess, Rachel Dieter, Sarah Dieter; five years - Jenna Tharp.

Era: five months - Braedon Mitchell; two years - Jackson Mitchell; three years - Alexandra Hinshaw; six years - Gabbi Hellinger.

The presentation of certificates and awards was given by Mrs. Dankesreiter following the performances. Students were praised for their accomplishments and encouraged to continue practice during the summer months.

After group pictures were taken, everyone enjoyed refreshments served in the Fellowship Hall.

CASA announces winners of drawing



CASA of North Texas held its 8th annual Cowboys for CASA event on June 22. Along with barbeque and country music, the event featured a drawing for winners of more than \$2,500 in prizes. More than 300 people were in attendance when Sonny Burgess, the entertainer at the event, drew the winning tickets. Winners were as follows: Lee Russell - \$2,000 VISA gift card; Ona Wright - 2nd prize \$500 gift card; John Sloane - 3rd prize \$200 gift card. More than \$46,000 was raised at the event to benefit abused and neglected children within the child welfare system.

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College Honors

SMU

Pooja Patel of Lindsay, a junior at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, is listed on the honor roll with high distinction. To be listed on the SMU honor roll with high distinction, students must be in the top 5% of their school of record.

NCTC

North Central Texas College announced its official listings of students recognized for outstanding academic achievement during the 2012 spring semester.

Students named to the NCTC President's Honor List are those who achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average (GPA) while enrolled in at least 12 semester credit hours. Area students named to this list include: Muenster - Joan Brockett, Brianna Klement, Matthew Meade, Melissa Patterson; Lindsay - Kirk Allen, Jessica Block, Ashley Johnson. The Dean's Honor List in-

cludes those students earning a GPA of 3.5 to 3.99 while taking 12 or more hours. Area students named to the Dean's List include: Muenster - Tyler Acuna, Shaun Batha, Bonnie Cox, Tami Pierce; Lindsay - Mitchell Dieter, Matthew Eberhart, Josiah Flaming.

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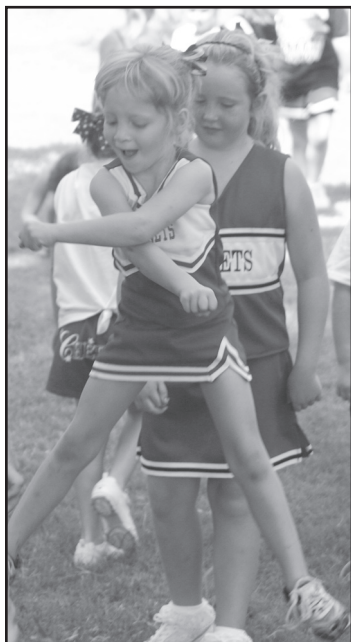
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Jon Hess at the archery range.



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Iron Man Award



Nick Turner, Troop chaplain aide, leads grace before lunch.



Troop 664 retrieving the flag before supper.



Muenster Troop in Iron Man competition. Troop 664 came in 1st over all other troops in the week-long camp.



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SCHOOL

Muenster ISD announces its Teachers of the Year

At Muenster ISD's end-of-year faculty and staff breakfast on June 1, campus principals announced their 2011-12 teachers of the year. Jill Reiter received the award for "Elementary Teacher of the Year" and Stephen Blassingame received the "High School Teacher of the Year" award.

Jill Reiter has 23 years of teaching experience. She started her teaching career for Nocona ISD where she taught seven years in kindergarten. Her last 16 years have been at Muenster ISD where Jill has taught Pre-K (12 years) and 1st grade for the last four years. Her peers state that Jill is highly organized and very patient, has a positive attitude, is compassionate, strives to help all her students be successful, and has her students' best interest at heart. Lou Heers, elementary principal, noted "Jill is truly dedicated toward

her students and to MISD. Teaching is her passion! She teaches 100% all of the time! She deserves this special award!"

Stephen Blassingame has four years of teaching experience. He started his teaching career at Cooper ISD where he taught one year. Coach Blassingame taught for Muenster ISD the past three years as junior high social studies teacher and head baseball coach. During his time at Muenster, he has worked diligently to help his students be successful in the classroom and on the playing field. This year's Hornet baseball team finished the season with a record of 25 wins and seven losses. Their season ended with a loss to Dodd City in the regional quarter finals. Coach Blassingame will begin the 2012-13 school year as head baseball coach for Tom Bean High School.



Muenster ISD Teachers of the Year Stephen Blassingame and Jill Reiter. MISD photo

When is it time to water?

About one inch of water per week (including precipitation) is adequate for maintaining a healthy lawn. Use a can or rain gauge to help determine the amount of water applied by the sprinkling system or rainfall.

Don't use a fixed schedule for lawn watering. Apply water only when it is needed. Over-watering can promote diseases and affect the lawn's health.

A test for determining if grass needs water is to walk on it and if you leave footprints, it may be time to water the lawn.

Using a spade or gardening tool to check soil conditions two to six inches below the surface can provide information on soil moisture and the need to water. A good soaking once or twice a week is better than watering every day. Allowing the soil to dry between watering will allow the roots to grow to greater depths and help make turf more drought tolerant.

Two Harris scholarship winners are announced

Recipients of the Patrick R. Harris Scholarship for the fall of 2012 are Luke Crabtree and Colby Ward.

Crabtree, son of Allison and Doug Crabtree, is a 2012 graduate of Muenster High School. He plans to attend Texas Tech University and

major in Mechanical Engineering. Ward is a 2012 graduate of Saint Jo High School. His parents are Kimberly and Tracy Ward. He also will be attending Texas Tech University with plans to major in English to prepare for a career in teaching.



Luke Crabtree



Colby Ward

Lindsay ISD Honor Roll

"A-B" Honor Roll
12th Grade - Katie Arndt, D.J. Buffington, Max Eberhart, Dean Fleitman, Alicia Hellingner, Mandy Hess, Rebekah Manon, McKenzie Neu, Matt Reed, Ashton Reynolds, Tyler Schofield, Ben Zimmerer, Hannah Zimmerer.
11th Grade - Emily Ambuehl, Chris Bell, Travis Block, Trevor DeBord, Cade Early, Bryan Fortune, Rachel Fuhrmann, Megan Holt, Dylan Hughes, Jacob Kessler, Tanner Kuhn, Katelyn Neu, Ben Redder, Neely Rose, Taylor Springs, Emily Tamplin, Caylee Turner, Claire Williams.
10th Grade - Jalyn Anderle, Sara Clark, Kyleigh Duke, Briley Fleitman, Lauren Gibbs, Madison Green, John Haverkamp, Matthew Huston, Suzanne Kaden, Gus Martin, Dalton Metzler, Chance O'Shel, Kimberly Page, Conner Polk, Caleb Rains, Hayley Skinner, Sa-

brina Stoffels, Philicia Vogel.
9th Grade - Caleb Anderle, Tara Atkins, Bradley Bezner, Matthew Block, Jack Butcher, Rachael Dieter, Neal Fleitman, James Fuller, Ben Haverkamp, Jeffrey Hellman, Ryan Hoepfner, Kailei Klement, Elle Lurry, Mason Morrow, Mackenzie Myrick, Sydney Ott, Keleigh Pearson, Connor Pelzel, Maddie Zimmerer.
8th Grade - Douglas Case, Collin Clark, Hannah Davis, Kaleigh Eason, Hunter Ellender, Alison Gunderson, Alexis Hamel, Hope English, Karli Jones, Garrett Martin, Jessica Metzler, Jacob Neusch, Mariah Noggler, Sarah Snider, Scout Tatum.
7th Grade - Cole Barnes, Jonathon Bell, Tanner DeBord, Brenna Fleitman, Lindsey Gibbs, Reed Harrison, Abby Haverkamp, Ashley Hedrick, Elizabeth Hellman, Logan King, Rebecca Laster, Molly Myrick, Ashtyn Polk, Austin Schully, Sean Stoffels, Logan Wann, Campbell Williams.
6th Grade - Natalie Alcalá, Stetson Duke, Dawson Fogle, Jocelyn Grewing, Michael Hellman, Kate Henley, Kody Hermes, Cameron Hughes, Caleb English, Parker Jones, Caleb Martin, Luke Meece, Garrett Morrow, Alyssa Noggler, Chase Otto, Bhavin Patel, Kayln Pulte, Jenna Tharp, Laura Womack.
5th Grade - Emily Da-

vis, Alaina Dennison, Aaron Fleitman, Ashley Fleitman, Emilee Krahl, Madeline Myrick, Skyler Neu, Kyle Ott, Forrest Russell, Raegan Schofield, Kyle Zwinggi.
4th Grade - Amanda Almon, Daniel Bell, Emma Bounds, Rose Butcher, Kaylee Colwell, Kloe Copeland, Jonathon Dowell, Nicholas Fisher, Cassidy Grewing, Lauren Henley, Madison Huchton, Madison McCage, Collin Metzler, Jake Metzler, Ryan Neu, Payton Orr, Elizabeth Otto, Casey Pounds, Caden Rains, Terah Skipworth, Skylar Tatum, Rileigh Turbeville, Hunter Wolf, Hanah Womack, Mary Worth.
3rd Grade - Riley Anderle, Braxton Craigie, Lily Dieter, Anthony Ellender, Heidi Fleitman, George Goumulak, Mackenzie Hess, Marshall Jones, Brooke Martinson, Mya Meece, Macey Ott, Derek Parsons, Andrew Schully, Dylan Sprouse, Tyler Yancey.
2nd Grade - Zachary Bell, C.J. Corbell, Clay Fuhrmann, Stephen Fuhrmann, Andrew Goldsmith, Elizabeth Hacker, Natalie Hellman, Emily Hunter, Jesse Medina, Reese Mills, Diesel Perryman, Colton Popp, Ivan Reyes, Kyleigh Sandmann, Sierah Skipworth, Garrett Tackett, Story Tatum, Landon Williams.
1st Grade - Logan Brooks, Coltan Hanks, Chris Jackson, Jenna Parkhill.

Nervo graduates with honors from junior high

Alexander Nicolas Nervo graduated with honors from Young Junior High School on May 31.

Alexander was recognized for several accomplishments at his awards ceremony. He undertook Gifted and Talented Pre-Advanced Placement classes and was consistently on the honor roll. He was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. Last year, Alexander received the "Shining Star" award of excellence by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas for having placed second in a yearly essay contest. He competed with schools from Arlington, Kennedale, Keller, and Mansfield.

He participated in the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness testing program in Algebra I and scored second in his class. He represented his school in University Interscholastic League (UIL) competition in the subjects of Math, Science, Number Sense, and garnered fourth place in Calculator Applications. He was accepted into the Gateway to Technology class, which implements a curriculum that incorporates science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to solve real life problems. He has also

volunteered at Mission Arlington.

Alexander is currently attending an advanced summer class, Introduction to Engineering and Design, which provides college credit.

Alexander enjoyed many extracurricular activities which included track and soccer. He was a member of the Step Team which is a performing dance group. He belonged to the Builders Club, a Kiwanis-sponsored service organization, which emphasized participation in projects that benefit the local community. He actively took part in the Eagles for Christ Club. He was also a member of the choir.

Alexander was honored with a party that commemorated his achievements. The celebration was held at the home of his parents Donna and Nicolas Nervo. A white iced cake trimmed in red and black was the centerpiece of the main table and stated, "The Tassel is Worth the Hassle." A "Congratulations Grad!" banner was displayed above the main table. Black graduation caps and rainbow decor completed the theme.

Special guests included maternal grandmother Rachel Hennigan of Muenster and younger brothers Dominic and Zachary.



Alexander Nervo

In the garden, I tend to drop my thoughts here and there. To the flowers I whisper the secrets I keep and the hopes I breathe. I know they are there to eavesdrop for the angels.
 ~ Dodinsky

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.
 Mother Teresa

Scientists identify causes for concern

Continuing a decline that started in the early 1990s, the overall mortality rate from all cancers in the U.S. has decreased over the past decade. The 25th observance of National Cancer Survivors Day on June 3 provided a celebratory pause to contemplate how far medicine and medical research have advanced in the battle against all forms of the disease.

Among patients in most racial and ethnic groups, death rates have decreased steadily since 1999. For most types of cancer, including the four most common - lung, colorectal, breast, and prostate - the incidence rates also have decreased.

Some cancers are on the rise, however.

According to the National Cancer Institute, breast-cancer incidence decreased from 1999 to 2004, but has held steady in the eight years since. Diagnosed cases actually increased for several cancers, including pancreas, kidney, and adenocarcinoma of the esophagus, all of

which generally are associated with excess weight.

Dr. David Gerber, a medical oncologist at UT Southwestern Medical Center, is treating an unprecedented number of lung cancers in patients who have never smoked.

"Cancer in never-smokers now represents about 15% of lung-cancer cases, and when you figure that there are more than 200,000 cases a year of lung cancer diagnosed in the United States, that's over 30,000 cases of never-smoker lung cancer," Dr. Gerber says. "Part of the reason - and this is actually good news - is that health care providers are diagnosing more of it due to improvements in scanning practices and the use of new technologies."

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SPORTS



“Ya Gotta Have Heart” Hoop camp results

The four day camp was led in instruction by Sacred Heart basketball coach Jon LeBrasseur. Campers from around the area were drilled on fundamentals with a special emphasis on shooting. Fundamentals started the day, with hoop games to close out the day.

“We had a great camp with a great bunch of young hoopsters. I was very impressed with their improvement and their work ethic,” commented Coach Jon.

Camp winners included:
Will Bezner - Most Improved
Connor Vogel - Top defensive player
Rynn Reiter - Grade 3 Hot Shot Champ
Natalie Putnam - Top Gun
Madeline Fisher -

Heart Award
Maddie Brown - Ball Handler Award
Charlotte Rondon - Gr. 2 Free Throw champ
Briannah Keeling - Gr. 3 Free Throw champ
Nolan Vogel - Hot Shot Champ
JT Kupper - Lower grade MVP
Jonathan Grime - Top Gun
RJ Rondon - Heart Award
Kaley Berkley - Lower grade Ball-handling champ
Lexi Rivers - Most improved
Mary Fisher - Gr 4 Free Throw Champ
Major Eldridge - Hot shot award and Camp Knock-out Champion
Colby Endres -

Grade 5 Free Throw champ
Norman Palmer - Captain's Award
Madison Ladzinski - Top Gun Award
Rylen Childress - Heart Award
Jeron Juntado - Most Improved
Jackson Carr - Heart Award
Cody Cloud - Gr 6 Free Throw champ and Camp Free Throw Champion
Collin Knabe - Top Gun
Sam Hesse - Top All-Around Camper and Camp Hot Shot Champion
Roy Endres - Camp Captain
Leadership Award and Camp in-the-Box Champion
Tyler Walterscheid - Veteran MVP

Hornet Basketball Camp participants



Grades 1 - 3



Grades 4 - 6



Grades 7 - 9

All Stars sportsmen



The Boys Club of Cooke County, National League All Stars, recently competed in the Dixie League 8U District Baseball Tournament in Sherman. The team brought home the sportsmanship trophy. The All Stars won against Tom Bean before losing to Pottsboro and Bells. The team consists of, from left, front - Nathan Hartman, Devon Bindel, Ryan Wolf, Harrison Dempsey, Kane Wolf, Gredan Wolf; middle - Dawson Foster, Nate Hesse, Kyler Henegar, Sebastian Neave, Sam Flack, Grant Hess; back - Coaches Brandon Henegar, Greg Wolf, Nathan Dempsey, Scott Wolf.

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BAN ON LEAD AMMUNITION LAWSUITS CONTINUES

The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) has filed a motion to intervene in yet another lawsuit seeking a ban on lead in ammunition and fishing tackle manufactured in the United States. This latest suit, brought by the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) and six other groups, seeks to force the Environmental Protection Agency to ban traditional ammunition containing lead

components. Twice previously the EPA has rejected petitions brought by the Center, saying the agency lacks the legal authority to regulate ammunition under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). This lawsuit's goal is to force the EPA to regulate lead ammunition under the TSCA.

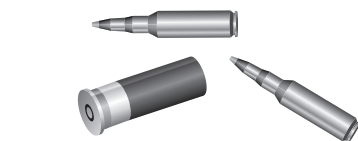
NSSF senior Vice President and General Counsel Larry Keane summed the lawsuit

up to me in a single sentence: “The CBD’s knows full well its latest lawsuit, like its endless petitions and its prior lawsuit which was dismissed, lacks any merit. It is really an exercise in fundraising by them.”

The idea of such a lawsuit succeeding is a nightmare to ammo makers. Today, 95% of all ammunition contains lead bullets or shot and the costs to replace lead would be one passed on directly to - you guessed - consumers. Although it's only an estimate, the NSSF says ammo costs could increase as much as 190%.

Additionally, U.S. manufacturers would be negatively impacted because foreign ammunition would not be subject to the EPA regulation. That could mean ammunition makers would move manufacturing offshore to work around the regulations and preserve their market positions. In addition to the negative impact on employment, a ruling against lead in ammunition would also negatively impact wildlife.

Continued at right



How? Should ammunition not be made in this country, or manufacturing be seriously curtailed, the 11% excise tax collected on ammunition would be lost. Those funds are entirely directed to conservation funding. Despite your position on hunting, the excise taxes voluntarily paid by the firearms and ammunition industry provide a large portion of the federal dollars directed to wildlife resource management.

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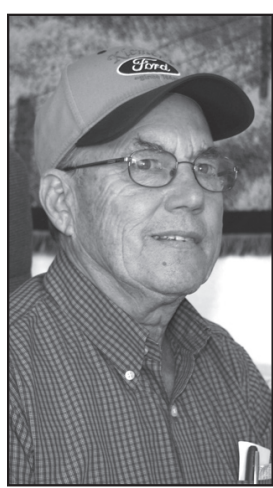
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FARM & RANCH

Grass that killed cows not genetically modified

Wow, what a feeding frenzy on the Internet. News reports and the Internet pop culture echo chamber condemned a "genetically modified" grass—a Bermuda hybrid called Tifton-85—for producing cyanide that killed some cattle in Elgin, east of Austin. What a boon for anti-GMO activists! Only one problem, though. Tifton-85 is not "genetically modified" as we've come to understand the term. Oops. Tifton-85 is a hybrid, produced by another Tifton product and an African grass. It was developed the old fashioned way, by more conventional, plant breeding techniques.

Technically, all plant breeding is genetic modification. Corn itself is a modification of native grasses produced by selective breeding over thousands of years. The much vilified GMO process—also proven techniques—is not a factor in this story, though the reporting seems to be clueless of this.

Here's the rest of the story. Many grasses, including Johnsongrass and the common weed silver leaf nightshade, will produce cyanide, especially under stress. The hot and dry conditions we have now are very stressful. The African Starr grass, from which the Tifton-85 was produced, can also develop cyanide.

No one knows for sure what happened to the cows in Elgin, but that has led to no apparent restraint in some self-appointed experts.

I want to make it clear that I am not a plant scientist or a rancher, but I've talked to a bunch of them. There is no panacea in restricting plant breeding to more conventional means. Genetic modification is a process, not a product, and it has no bearing on the unfortunate dead cows in Elgin.

We used to depend on the media to get these kinds of basic facts right. If they don't, they are no different than the activist blogger with an ax to grind.

Gene Hall
Texas Farm Bureau

Keeping hunting (and ranch) dogs healthy in summer

While summer heat is searing much of America, hunting (& ranch) dog owners everywhere are encouraged to be certain that their dogs are properly cared for, and prepared for, the "dog days" ahead. Heat can take a toll on animals that are outside—even for a brief period of time when air temperatures soar. No hunter (or rancher) wants to lose a great companion to heat or heat-caused stress.

First, if your dog has long thick hair, keep it brushed, clean and free of burrs and

matted areas. Keeping a dog's coat clean reduces the stress on the animal. Possibly consider having long hair groomed and clipped to help the dog stay cooler.

When exercising your dog during summer days (recommended for all hunting dogs as fall seasons approach), select time periods that are cooler and when humidity levels are lower. Carefully selecting the time outdoors, and controlling the amount of exercise your dog receives, can help it avoid possible heat

stroke problems. Learn and stay alert to overheating and its impact on your dog. Don't push exercise if your dog is panting heavily and develops white foam around the gums. Heat stressed dogs also often move into, and lie in shade, or crawl up under vehicles.

If your dog is kept in an outdoors kennel, always provide a shaded area so your dog can move out of the sun. If necessary, wrap the top and sides of the kennel with a shade screen. Provide plenty of fresh water on summer's hot days. When possible, consider taking your dog for a swim in a lake or other body of water.

Be vigilant to parasites that can rob your dog of energy or create irritations. Fleas and ticks can also cause your dog stress during the summer heat. Consult your veterinarian if you cannot keep these pests under control or if you have questions about your dog's health.

In addition to feeding as scheduled, be certain your dog has plenty of clean, cool water to drink. Change the water daily and often during the day when possible. Stagnant water can lead to other dog health issues caused by mosquitoes. Another source of water can work to help keep your dog cool and happy - ice. You can also offer ice cubes or crushed ice as treats, as many dogs love these.

The dog days of summer do not have to be deadly days for hunting (and/or ranch) dogs. Learn the sign of heat stress in dogs and take proper precautions.

—Michael D. Faw
U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance

The Return of the Grasshoppers



The dry, 100 degree plus temperatures last week have helped feed the invasion of grasshoppers in the area. The green in this corn field east of Myra is under attack and will soon be conquered. The army will then invade the next available food source.

Janie Hartman
Photos

County Agent's Report

Native grass pastures: Much more than just grass for cows

Because of the quality and quantity of local native grass prairie, Cooke County has been identified as a priority area for its conservation. Many people recognize that tall grass prairies are a diminishing natural resource. In Texas, there was once 20 million acres of Texas tall grass prairie. Now, because of 150 years of suburban sprawl, plowing, brush en-

croachment, and overgrazing, less than 1% remains.

The loss of this resource has caused sustainability and management of tall grass prairies to become a focal point for educators, conservationists, and ranchers alike. These grasslands provide us with many benefits which include: valuable forage source for livestock production; protection of surface water quality and quantity; conservation of Texas heritage; habitat for birds insects and other native wildlife; protection of native plant species; carbon storage to reduce global warming; and a place to provide educational opportunities, open space, and nature exposure for all Texans (children and adults).

USDA debunks myth that healthy food costs more

A recent study by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Economic Research Service (ERS) challenged the myth that healthy food costs more than junk food, according to an article in *USA Today*.

In fact, the study found that many healthy food items—including carrots, pinto beans, mashed potatoes, and orange juice—cost less per serving than junk foods like ice cream, chocolate candy, and French fries.

The ERS report assessed food prices of more than 4,000 grocery items and determined the price per serving size. In previous reports, food prices were calculated per calorie, which Carlson said is an inaccurate measure based on how much a person eats.

The price of potato chips is nearly twice as expensive as the price of carrots by portion size.

(16617 FM 455, Forestburg, TX 76239). The program should conclude by 2 p.m. Three TDA Pesticide Applicator CEUs will be offered. Cost is \$15. Highlights from the program include: "Quail and Grassland Bird Habitat Management in Texas" by John Hayes, OPJV, TPWD

• "Range Management Without Livestock" (Tour & Discussion of Tomsen Foundation Sites) by Lisa Bellows, North Central Texas College Biology and Ag Science professor;

• "Range Management With Livestock" (Tour & Discussion of Dixon Water Foundation Sites) by Lisa Bellows, North Central Texas College Biology and Ag Science Professor;

• "Benefits and Incentives of Conservation Easements" by Dalmara Bayne, executive director, NPAT;

• "Identifying Local Ranch Management Practices Leading to Profit and Land Health" by Wayne Becker, AgriLife Extension Service.

Breakfast pastries and coffee will be provided at the beginning of the presentation. We will also provide sandwiches and water for those who RSVP for the event. For transportation during tours, two vans will be provided by North Central Texas College in Gainesville. Attendees can leave their vehicles at the Forestburg Community Center and carpool in the vans to the two presentation locations.

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