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County budget includes EMS changes

By Janet Felderhoff
 "There were a few things added to the Budget this year that basically triggered the increase in taxes," commented County Judge Bill Freeman. He was speaking Monday, Aug. 25 prior to the Public Hearings on the Proposed Budget for 2003-04 and the Proposed Tax Rate. "Housing prisoners is one big item in this budget."
 Freeman explained that with the current tax rate and a 95% collection, one cent of the tax rate creates \$1,293.00 for the County. This housing prisoners is costing the County over \$145,000.00. Therefore it costs about one penny of the tax rate to house prisoners.
 "That could expand rather rapidly depending on how many people get put in jail," said Judge Freeman. "We are required by the State to house these prisoners.

That's not a luxury, it had to be done."
 Purchasing a new ambulance is also a must this year. That will cost \$80,000 or a half-cent of tax money. Establishing two additional EMS stations is in the plans for the next fiscal year. According to Judge Freeman, one would be east of Muenster; possibly near the Myra cutoff and the other to the east possibly near the Camp Sweeney cutoff south back toward Woodbine. He said these ambulance stations would cost about \$150,000.00 or another one cent of the tax rate.
 "A lot of people might ask why you need an ambulance station out there," remarked Freeman. "The rural residents of this county deserve access to ambulance service as well as the people who live inside the City (Gainesville). Two thirds of

our taxes come from rural residents and one third comes out of the city of Gainesville. I feel like if two-thirds of the income from the county taxes comes from the rural areas, then the rural areas deserve the same ambulance protection as the City does."
 Employees of EMS (22 EMTs and paramedics) are going to get a \$3,000 adjustment to their salaries. That would amount to \$66,000.00 per year or about another one-half cent on the tax rate. He said that Cooke County has been a training ground for the EMS facilities south of here and it is becoming a real problem. "We even lost one to Bowie, Texas. That shows where our pay scale is," said Freeman.
 The EMS salary adjustment, EMS stations, a new ambulance, and housing the prisoners is

probably more than the 2 1/2 cent increase, said Judge Freeman.
 Freeman also pointed out that according to information published in the Texas County Government magazine county tax data was published. "Out of the 254 counties, they grouped the taxes in 10 cent increments except for the first one which is 30 cents and below," Freeman explained. "There are only 15 counties in the State that are below 30 cents. In counties compared to ours 30 to 45 cents, there are 71 counties and from there it goes on up. There are 168 counties in the State with a higher county tax rate." He added that of all the taxes paid to the County Appraisal District, the County taxes are one of the smaller taxes.
 Precinct #4 Commissioner Virgil Hess remarked that

in a study he'd seen, Cooke County had one of the lowest tax rates in the north Texas area (along the Red River). "I'd like to see it even lower," he said.
 Hess cautioned of a surcharge on the point system that could cause an increase in the jail population. When a certain number of points is reached the driver's license will be taken away. A new Bill passed will put the driver's license on a point system. Every time a speeding ticket is issued that person is given a certain number of points. As an example he said if you reach 300 points, then in January of the next year you will be pay an automatic surcharge of \$300 and that will apply for three years. Anything related to alcohol is an automatic \$1500 surcharge for three years. Nonpayment will result in loss of license and

if arrested it means an automatic 120 days in jail.
 During the Public Hearing Nita Harlow inquired as to how much the County's tax valuation went up. She was told it was approximately \$60 million. Mrs. Harlow remarked that she felt the County should be able to live off the money generated by the increase in property values.
 Stephen Harlow commented on the money being allocated for four cars for the Sheriff's Department and the new ambulance. Even though the four Sheriff's cars have over 100,000 miles on them Harlow thinks they shouldn't be worn out. "With modern engineering and design a 100,000 miles still has a lot of life to it," said. He also suggested ways he felt that money could be saved on the See COUNTY BUDGET, PG. 13

\$1.5974 tax rate approved by Muenster ISD trustees

By Janet Felderhoff
 The tax rate for Muenster ISD was unanimously set at 1.5974. This is compared to \$1.527 last year. This year's rollback rate is 1.759300. That rate consists of \$1.42750 maintenance and Operating (M&O) and \$0.16990 interest and Sinking (I&S).
 "At the beginning of the summer when we talked about the Bond we thought we were going to be up

around \$1.60 to \$1.64 and its actually a lot better than we anticipated," Steelman recalled.
 A public hearing was held at Monday's meeting. There was nobody from the public present to express an opinion of the proposed budget or tax rate.
 Board members discussed the proposed budget. Ronnie Felderhoff remarked that he hoped something would be done about padding the

scorekeepers table at basketball games. "It's an accident waiting to happen," he said. It is located where players could run into the corners. Steelman noted that they had discussed the topic last year, but nothing had been done and he would look into it.
 Last year's expenditure budget was \$4,542,373.00. For 2003-2004, the estimated expenditure

budget is \$4,518,995.00. That's \$23,378.00 or -0.51% less than last year. Estimated expenditure for 2003-04 were shown in a pie chart by Steelman as follows: Capital Outlay 59%; Debt Service 8%; Fees/Dues/Other 10%; Supplies 5%; Contract Services 8%; and Salaries 10%.
 In explaining the Budget Revenue Steelman said, "I

used an amount that would maximize our Tier II. Even though we have 550 students, when you take out 21 preschool, you wind up about 530 some odd students and when you add a 95% attendance rate (even though we're running at a 97%) I'm being conservative in case we have a year of sickness or something it was based on a 500 ADA (average daily attendance).

The Superintendent noted that if they went above the maximum Tier II, it would only be bringing in local money.
 Steelman said that when the tax and budget process was first started in the summer they were looking at a \$1.45 M&O tax rate. "After all of the adjustments were looking at \$1.4275 is what I have calculated," he stated. "Fund 511 I&S taxes and interest - what's real interesting about this is when we were doing our Bond election we were anticipating a little over 19 cents. Right now we're at 16.990, a little over two cents below what we were talking about during our bond issue, which is great news."
 In other business the Board:

First classes held in remodeled Jr. High

By Janet Felderhoff
 A special called meeting of the Muenster ISD Board of Trustees was held at 6:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 25. James Price, construction manager, and Mark Plyler, project manager, with Plyler Construction Company conducted a tour of the junior high building. Work completed is now such that students can begin classes in the building. Completion work will be done around students' activities. The Board unanimously voted to allow students in for classes beginning Aug. 26.
 Some major remodeling projects include new water fountains; duct work over the classroom wing; HVAC system that includes a unit and thermostat in each

classroom and new wiring to accommodate the system; new lighting, dropped ceilings in classroom wing; new roof over classroom wing, band hall, and junior high gym; storage areas for the band; and a fire alarm system. Superintendent Clyde Steelman noted that there had not been a fire alarm system in the building previously. This system is very loud, said Mr. Steelman.
 Painting of the classrooms will be done locally, but not until next year. Painting in the hallways is about 60% complete. It will be finished by roping off work areas while the students are in school.
 Plyler Construction submitted a list of See PLYLER, PG. 2



Muenster ISD Board members, including from left, Nick Walterscheid, Clifford Sicking, Jim Endres, Neal Huchton, and Rudy Koesler, tour renovated Junior High building. The Board approved students attending class in the building on Tuesday. Janet Felderhoff photo

MM Hospital Board divided on .2443 tax rate decision

By Janet Felderhoff
 Muenster Memorial Hospital's Board of Directors met Tuesday, Aug. 19 and reluctantly proposed keeping the same tax rate for 2004 as last year. That rate should bring in \$468,546.00 tax levy which is \$39,899.00 more than last year's tax levy of \$428,648.00.
 The effective tax rate is 0.2301 and the rollback rate is 0.248500. To avoid a public hearing, the rate would have to set at 0.2237003 or less. The 0.2337003 rate would still bring in an additional \$13,239.00.
 One thing that the Board had to keep in mind was that they hope to extend the current \$400,000 line of credit to a \$750,000 line of credit at Muenster State Bank in the event it is needed. They were told that it would probably depend on the Board's willingness to increase the tax rate proportionately.
 When several expressed reluctance to increase the tax rate, Board member Dr. Walter Knight cautioned, "I think we're sending the wrong message if we lower the tax rate."
 John Aytes said, "By

leaving the tax rate exactly the same, that 0.244300 the same as last year, the tax dollars will increase 6.17% gained by valuation plus about half that amount again by taxing of new property that just now this year shows up. In other words, if we don't change the tax rate we are going to get more money. We're going to get very close to that eight percent that we're talking about overall." He estimated that to be about an additional \$40,000 which is what he said they told the bank they would do.
 Dr. Knight said, "I think you can make a good argument for that. Number one we're trying to turn this Hospital around and trying to do some good things here. It's a struggle right now. We can't afford to cut back on the taxes. But we're trying to tow the line. We're trying to keep them the same as last year with the idea that we might lower them in future years as our profits grow."
 Aytes said that last year nearly every taxing entity in the County went up on their tax rate. MMH did not.
 Kenny Klement remarked that Muenster and

Gainesville were the number one and number two highest (tax) cities in the State of Texas. The County is at 45 cents while every other county around is at 85 to \$1.25 because the County has been watching their stuff. The schools are capped out, he said.
 Nasche protested collecting more tax money. "If we're raising our taxes that's going to make people think we aren't going to be around very long," he said.
 Dr. Knight countered, "I think we're sending the wrong message if we lower the tax rate. We're saying we don't need your tax money, we're comfortable and we're not."
 Dan Hamric said he was with Angelo because they would still make an extra \$13,000.00 if they went to 0.2301. Gary Links reminded them of the banker's request and the possibility of not getting the extra credit line.
 Nasche said he thought they should go through this year and if they didn't achieve what they planned to then next year they'd have to ask people whether they wanted the Hospital and if so it will cost so much

in taxes. That already happened he was told.
 Nasche was asked what the big deal about a hearing was. He replied, "I marched out there for one year telling people that they didn't need 45 cents (tax rate) to operate this hospital." When he and others got on the Board they said they wouldn't do a .45-cent tax, but were outvoted. A Rollback Election was held and it was rolled back. He didn't want to have a Public Hearing for \$13,000.
 Aytes said that what it really boiled down to was not the additional tax money, but how value is that increased in the bank loan from \$400,00 to \$750,000.
 Links commented, "I don't want to go the eight percent. I'm the scallywag that did all that other stuff on the rollback, but I'll stand the .2444 because I get tired of every single month having to fight these dadgum dollars and stuff. I don't want to, but if your property went up you pay more. If it stayed the same you pay the same."
 Klement warned about the cost of borrowing money to do business. Aytes said See HOSPITAL TAX, PG. 2

Information announced on voting early and by ballot

According to the Cooke County Clerk's office early voting for the Sept. 13 Constitutional Amendment Election began Aug. 28 at the Cooke County Courthouse. It is held between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and will be offered on the following dates: Aug. 28 and 29; Sept. 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 9. Ruth Williams and Susie McDonald are early voting judges.
 Those who need to apply for a ballot by mail must do so soon. The deadline to accept the applications is Sept. 5. To apply call the County Clerk's office at 668-5420. Those eligible to vote by mail include 65 years and older, those with disabilities, in jail, or absent from county such as college students.

Myra VFD hosts 25th annual BBQ

The Myra Volunteer Fire Department will hold its 25th Annual Bar-B-Que and Auction on Saturday, Sept. 6 at the Myra City Park. Tender and flavorful sliced BBQ Beef Brisket will be served with Suzie Q fries, baked beans and all the trimmings along with tea, kool-aid, pies and cakes. Myra VFD has won many praises over the past years as serving the best tasting brisket this side of the state!

Please come out and help support the Myra Volunteer Fire Department with their primary fundraiser. Not only does Myra VFD answer fire and medical calls within the Myra Fire District, it provides regular backup assistance to Muenster, Lindsay, Era, and Moss Lake Fire Departments on structure and grass fires.
 Myra VFD has several projects underway for the See MYRA, PG. 12

Lindsay School Board approves 2003-04 budget

By Dave Fette
 During the public hearing which preceded Monday's school board meeting, the Lindsay ISD Board of Trustees listened to a brief recap of the budget process presented by Superintendent Jerry Metzler. On the expenditure side, he explained that the largest costs are personnel costs that are governed by steady staffing patterns. There are no major equipment or construction costs in this year's budget, but some increases are included for increased utility costs, maintenance, and contracted services.

The 2003-04 budget described by Metzler as "fairly conservative," includes a design fund balance of \$106,438.00 which is a contingency fund that could be available to apply toward a new gymnasium. The Lindsay School Board unanimously approved the 2003-04 budget of \$3,166,496.00. The Board also approved a property tax rate of \$1.36 per \$100.00 of taxable value. Metzler explained that the tax will cover expenditures while the tax level maximizes state education revenue. The 2002-03 tax rate was \$1.3511 and the budget bottom line was \$3,141,563.00. Metzler praised Business Manager Marilyn Cox for her talented work in preparing the budget.

To generate revenue for the budget, state funding is estimated, then appraised property values in the school district are used to determine local tax income. Finally federal funds and local revenue such as athletic ticket sales are estimated. Metzler said adjustments are considered along with variables like average daily attendance and a conservative estimate of state funding.

During the School Board meeting, Principal Larry Smith reported elementary school enrollment of 226, high school enrollment of 240, for a total of 466 students in Lindsay ISD. Smith also called attention to some approaching

calendar dates, especially the student vision screening on Sept. 3 sponsored by York Eye Associates at no charge. The first progress reports for the new school year are due Sept. 10. Smith said he was particularly impressed with the number of Advanced Placement classes in the high school.

Elementary Principal Monica Parkhill called attention to new release procedures which will make it safer for young children going home by checking who they are going with and ensuring safe street crossings.

Superintendent Jerry Metzler reported that modifications to roof-top-mounted heating units will soon be done at a cost of about \$1,600.00. Previously, high winds could blow out pilot lights, resulting in a troublesome but not dangerous annoyance in certain classrooms. He also told Board members about an opportunity for them to attend the fall annual

See LINDSAY, PG. 12



Muenster Boy Scout John Crabtree, at right, works with other Troop 664 members, family and friends on his Eagle Scout project. The project includes the construction of three wooden picnic tables for the Tabernacle Baptist Church, re-finishing an existing fence and metal fire escape stairway and construction a recycling bin for aluminum cans. Courtesy photo

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they hoped to never need anything like \$750,000. "We are wanting to do some things," he said. "We want to spend some money to make some money. That's what we presented to the bank. We have some opportunities and we'll need some additional money that we won't generate through the operations of the Hospital."

Arnold reminded the members, "You're the Board that's paying taxes and the trying to collect taxes. You need to put your hat on as to whether you're a taxpayer sitting at this Board meeting or a Board member, as a taxpayer I'm going to talk about it as a taxpayer. It sends a message to the taxpayer that we are trying to hold the line on taxes by not going up on the rate. Due to the fact that the appreciation of property is increasing, we effectively will bring in six percent more which means we have to have the public hearing and explain that. I do think it is a good message and a good goal to try to keep taxes as low as possible."

After more discussion the majority of the Board agreed on a compromise. The first vote was on a

motion by Nasche and seconded by Hamric for a tax rate of 0.2337003. It failed with a vote of three for, five against. Paul Becker voted for it along with Nasche and Hamric. Voting nay were Aytes, Danny Walterscheid, Links, Knight, and James Walterscheid. Klement abstained.

Danny Walterscheid proposed that the tax rate be left as is at 0.2443 and Knight seconded the motion. The six voting for that rate were D. Walterscheid, Knight, James Walterscheid, Aytes, Links, and Klement. Nay votes were Becker, Nasche, and Hamric. A Public Hearing will be set and announced in the newspaper before the rate becomes final. Hearing will be at the next regular meeting on Sept. 16.

Administrator Arnold reported that the Scout project of painting patient rooms had been completed. Health Find takes place the weekend of Sept. 5-7. Aytes remarked, "We sure got our money's worth out of it last time. I think we should make a showing." It was agreed that MMH should be represented there again this year on a smaller

scale. It is a seminar where rural hospital seeking doctors are introduced to doctors seeking rural communities to set up their practice after medical school.

In other business the MMH Board:
 • Considered options in moving office and clinic space and whether it would be more beneficial to have one or two Rural Health Clinics. Approved leased space currently occupied by Dr. Angelika Lamar.
 • Heard report on St. Richard's Villa.

• Reviewed Medical Staff Reports and approved their recommendations to change Dr. Currier's staff privileges from active to courtesy and to approve ancillary staff privileges for Dan Cornelison, CRNA and Tommy Duncan, CRNA.
 • Amended Personal Policy to reflect change in employee insurance discounts. Now, when the insurance contract specifies a base deductible, the Hospital will offset that deductible for exempt and full-time employees as it applies to inpatient and outpatient services rendered at Muenster Memorial Hospital.

MISD Board hears report on school start

Muenster ISD principals gave beginning school reports to the School Board at the August 13 regular meeting. Elementary Principal Gwen Trubenbach reported that 293 students have enrolled in Grades Pre-K through 6. Phil Newton, high school principal, gave a count of 90 junior high and 164 high school students enrolled. Approximately 550 students attended the first day with 19 in Pre-K and 14 in Life Skills. The District also has 89 transfers, with 12 in Life Skills. "We had a smooth start without any major setback," noted Mr. Newton. A maintenance update stated that all areas of construction and the painting of the junior high building should have been

completed by August 18. In other reports, delinquent tax collection for June 2003 was \$4,284.07 and \$15,369.59 for July 2003.

The Muenster Board tabled their nomination to the Cooke County Appraisal District Board of Trustees until Sept. 1. Leon Klement will not seek re-election. Lindsay ISD nominated Jim Myrick, and Era ISD Michael Brown.

A proposed tax rate of 1.45 for 2003-04 was approved. The Board hired Kristi Schneider on a one-year contract as counselor and Jennifer (Mrs. Darrin) Walterscheid on a one-year probationary contract as the 5th/6th Grade Language Arts teacher.

Lindsay Events

Lindsay 4-H Community calendars can be purchased at Marilyn's Classy Cuts for \$5.00.

Residential trash pick-up in Lindsay will be changed to Thursdays beginning Sept. 4.

St. Peter's ROCK members will meet this Saturday, Aug. 30 to clean the grounds at the ABBA Women's Center in Gainesville.

The Lindsay Knights of Columbus will meet Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 7:45 p.m. in the Centennial Hall.

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substantial completion for each room. Steelman said it consists of about 70 items, all minor. They must be

completed in 30 days. Final payment is withheld until the work on the substantial list is completed.

IESI trash collection on schedule

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Sunday, August 31, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, September 1, 2003 LABOR DAY No School <i>FLY YOUR FLAG!</i>	Tuesday, September 2, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center SH Preschool parents meeting, 7PM MMH Auxiliary meeting, 7PM, Adm. Office	Wednesday, September 3, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center C of C Board meeting, 5:30PM Lindsay KoC meeting, 7:45PM, Centennial Hall	Thursday, September 4, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Tx Dept of Ag Town Hall meeting, 2:45 at Gainesville CoFC building	Friday, September 5, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM AARP Board meeting, 10 AM, Stanford House	Saturday, September 6, 2003 Myra Volunteer Fire Department BBQ, 5-9PM meal, Auction 7PM
Sunday, August 31, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, September 8, 2003 City Council meeting, 7:30PM VFW meeting, 8PM Home Hospice Grief Support meeting, 6PM Revitalizing Your Downtown seminar, 11:28AM-4PM, Nocona Community Center	Tuesday, September 9, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Wednesday, September 10, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center SH Alumni & Friends meeting, 7:30PM / C of C Breakfast meeting, 7:30AM, Rohmer's	Thursday, September 11, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Friday, September 12, 2003 AARP meeting & luncheon, 11:30 AM, Stanford House	Saturday, September 13, 2003

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Obituaries

Lawrence Bernard Wimmer 1918 - 2003

By Elfreda Fette

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, Aug. 25, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. for Lawrence Bernard "Red" Wimmer, officiated by Father John Ohner, OSA, pastor, and con-celebrated by Father Ron Scheible, OSA, of St. Peter's Church of Lindsay.

Lawrence B. Wimmer died at his home in Muenster, at age 85, on Aug. 22, 2003 at 9:15 p.m. of cancer.

He was born on July 5, 1918 in Calera, Oklahoma to Charles J. Wimmer and Anna Seith Wimmer. A lifelong resident of Muenster, he was a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He attended Sacred Heart School and Muenster Public High School. On April 15, 1941 he married Irene Catherine Walterscheid. He was a member of Sacred Heart Men's Choir, joining when he was age 19, and always loved to sing. He worked for AMPI in Muenster for 30+ years and for Weber Aircraft for 12 years. He particularly enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, and meeting friends at SNAP. Most of all he loved and cared for his family and delighted in his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors are his wife, Irene Wimmer of Muenster; two daughters Carol Gressett and husband Tom, and Laurie Valliere and husband Tom, all of Muenster; three sons Tim Wimmer and wife Eunice of Lindsay, Ray Wimmer and wife Kaye of Lindsay, and William Wimmer and wife Margie of Muenster; and extended family Frank and Dyan Hess of Muenster. There are 17 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren. Also four sisters, Hattie Berend of Hereford, Lucille Zimmerer and Billie Reinart both of Muenster, and Anna Grace Luke of Farmers Branch; and two brothers,



Lawrence Wimmer

Joe Wimmer and Charles Wimmer both of Muenster.

Preceding him in death were his parents; one daughter, Ruth Hess; three brothers Tony Wimmer, John Wimmer, and Andy Wimmer.

A Rosary service was held Sunday at 4:00 p.m. at McCoy Funeral Chapel led by Sister Mary Helen Fuhrmann and Vigil at 7:00 p.m. was led by Father John. Family Rosary Monday morning was led by Leslie Eddelman, a granddaughter.

Participating in the special liturgy of the Mass of Christian Burial with Father John and Father Ron were altar servers Alvin Hartman, Sylvan Walterscheid, and Butch Fisher.

First reading from the Old Testament was given by Jenny Corcoran, a granddaughter; second reading from the New Testament was given by granddaughter Sondra Zimmerman. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Jolanda Fleitman, granddaughter. Offertory gifts of bread and wine were presented at the altar by grandchildren Natalie, Steven, and Christopher Valliere.

Grandchildren also participating in the service were Gayle BaumBach,

Stephanie Wimmer, and Kelley Tackett.

Eucharistic Ministers were Sandy and Leon Fuhrmann, Sister Mary Helen Fuhrmann, Dorothy Endres, and Mary Hesse.

Music Ministers were Diane Grewing, Christi Klement, Linda Flusche, and Doug Yosten. Sacred songs included "On Eagles Wings", "The Lord Is My Shepherd", "Edelweiss Blessing", "Softly and Tenderly", "Just A Closer Walk With Thee", "How Great Thou Art", and "I'll Fly Away".

The eulogy and remarks of remembrance were given by Leslie Eddelman, granddaughter, who said, in part: "Lawrence received recognition for 55 years of service with the Sacred Heart Men's Choir and remained a member until they disbanded... There was no family gathering complete without lots of singing. Something he really enjoyed and fostered in his children. He taught all his grandchildren to dance."

"Gardening was a real love of his. When some one stopped by for a visit, no one left empty handed... And you never left without some quick wit, a humorous tale, or a well delivered joke to brighten your day."

"...Lawrence enjoyed playing many hands of Sheep Head with his SNAP friends. His winnings were always a fun topic of conversation. When he would win big, we would hear how he had to go to the bank to deposit his winnings - all 6 pennies!"

"But most of all, Lawrence left us a legacy greater than any material gift possible... the example of how he lived his life each day, with never ending devotion to his God, his church, and his family; honesty in all his affairs; honor and integrity in his community; humility and

unselfishness in his actions; dedication and hard work for a day's wages; and above all, a joy and thanksgiving for each day that the Lord gives us..."

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were grandsons Brad Wimmer, Jeff Wimmer, Shayne Wimmer, Jason Hess, Gregg Hess, David Gressett, and Michael Valliere.

Relatives and friends attending included Paul and Grace Luke, John and Cheryl Felderhoff, David and Eileen Endres, Mary Schroeder, Allen and Berta Schroeder, Candie Geiser, Donna Wagner, David Wimmer, Janelle Horton, and Kay Powell, all from cities in the Metroplex; and Liz Walterscheid, Vincent and Mary Walterscheid, Kenneth and Regina Walterscheid, all of Hereford; Ken and Mary Cain of Allen; Ted and Cindy Miller of Sherman; Tommy Reiter of Houston; Ernest and Lucille Uptmore of West; Harold and Priscella Tackett of Burkburnett; George and Ida Hoff, and Ernie and Jolene Prescher of Windthorst; Brenda Nix of Marietta, Oklahoma; and Robin Wimmer, and Tom and Suzanne Williams of Krum.

For those who have asked, the family has suggested memorials sent to the American Cancer Society.

Lillian K. Endres 1937 - 2003

Lillian K "Lilly" Endres, 66, a long-time resident of Albuquerque New Mexico, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2003. Lilly was born June 17, 1937, the daughter of James and Katherine Morgan in Raton, New Mexico.

Lilly graduated from Valley High School in 1953. She married Hugh "Cotton" Endres, formerly of Muenster, on June 13, 1959 and after Hugh graduated from UNM, they moved to southern California to make their home. Lilly and Hugh returned to Albuquerque in 1988 after Hugh retired. Lilly loved to play golf and was quite artistic; she loved to create oil paintings, make painted rocks, and to crochet various scarves and pot holders. Nearly every person she had contact with has a gift of a scarf, rock, or pot holder. Lilly enjoyed attending Lobo basketball games and stopping in Laughlin, Nevada when going to California to visit her two sons.

Lilly was a great mother, whose life revolved around her two children. She loved her family; she possessed an admirable quality of limitless, unconditional love for her husband, sons, grandson, father, brother, sister, and her friends.

Lilly is survived by her husband; two sons, Kelly

Endres of Tustin, California and Brian Endres and wife, Cindy of Lake Elsinore, California; grandson Logan Endres of Tustin; father James Morgan Sr. of Albuquerque; brother Jim Morgan and wife, Pat of Albuquerque; sister, Barbara Morgan of Fremantle, Australia; brothers-in-law David Endres of Garland, Texas and Gene LaGessee of Austin, Texas; sisters-in-law Rose Marie Hennigan of Albuquerque, Margie Endres of Fort Worth, Texas, Floradell LaGessee of Austin, Elitha Endres, Clara Endres, and Dorothy Endres of Muenster; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A visitation was held Friday, Aug. 22 from 4:00 p.m. to 8 p.m., with a Scripture Service beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Vista Verde Mortuary in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. In attendance in addition to the relatives listed above were many of the golfing and artist friends that Lilly had made as a member of the Rio Rancho Golf Club. Relatives attending were: David and Eileen Endres of Garland, Texas; Margie Endres and Mary Glade, both of Fort Worth; and Dorothy Endres and Jim Endres of Muenster.

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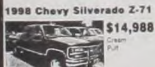
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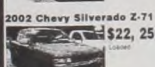
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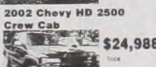
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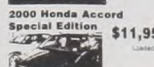
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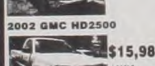
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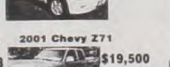
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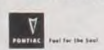


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Governor, local physicians urge support for Prop. 12

Speaking to local health care workers and medical students, Governor Rick Perry urged voters to pass Proposition 12, saying the measure will help keep health care affordable and accessible "from the delivery room to the emergency room."

"Proposition 12 is about keeping Texas medicine affordable and accessible, from the delivery room to the emergency room," Perry said. "It's about attracting and keeping qualified doctors and nurses to care for our families."

Proposition 12, one of the proposed constitutional amendments on the Sept. 13 statewide ballot, would limit non-economic damage awards in medical liability lawsuits to \$750,000. Real economic damages would continue to be awarded without limit.

Perry noted that soaring medical liability costs are causing licensed physicians to curtail their practices as well as discouraging medical students and aspiring health care professionals from pursuing certain medical specialties.

Perry made his remarks during a series of visits to area medical venues to discuss Proposition 12. "Anecdotal evidence indicates many medical students are steering clear of specialties with high malpractice premiums," Perry said. "And we know that only 2,038 physicians obtained their first medical license in the last year - the lowest number in a decade. Texans can vote for better health care, and a brighter future, by voting YES on 12."

Several leading physicians, hospital administrators and elected officials joined Perry for the rallies including Charles W. Bailey, MD, President of the Texas Medical Association; Robert Haley, MD, President of the Dallas County Medical Society; Kern Wildenthal, MD, President of the UT Southwestern Medical Center; Dr. Alfred Knight, C.E.O. of Scott and White Hospital; Mr. Lindsey Bradley, C.E.O. of Trinity Mother Frances Hospital; and Representative Dianne White Delisi (R-Temple).

"If proposition 12 fails, the legislation passed this session in an attempt to

control the skyrocketing insurance premiums may all be declared unconstitutional and be thrown out," remarked Muenster Memorial Hospital Administrator Richard Arnold. "Insurance premiums will continue to skyrocket, if the companies continue to even offer coverage in Texas."

"It will be extremely hard to get insurance companies to even write insurance, especially for Family Practice physicians like Dr. Cox and the others who would like to come to Muenster, especially if they want to deliver babies or offer other 'special' services."

"Many medical students tell me they would not even consider going into obstetrics and some of the high-risk specialties because they don't want to become a target for lawsuits as soon as they open their office doors," said Charles W. Bailey, Jr., MD, president of Texas Medical Association. "This is very ominous because we are going to have a short supply of physicians who are willing to go into these specialties."

"It's sad when a physician has to retire early, but it is unspeakable when a young doctor cannot choose some of the most exciting specialties medicine has to offer," said Bailey.

"We have a medical liability crisis in Texas and it's shaking the very foundation of our health care system," said Dr. Robert Haley, president of Dallas County Medical Society. "It affects many of the medical students here today as they decide where to practice and which specialty fields to enter. We have an opportunity and a responsibility to make our voices heard on this important issue, and improve health care for decades to come."

"Doctors, nurses, hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care providers come to our aid when we're hurt or sick," said State Representative Dianne White Delisi (R-Temple). "Now, through Proposition 12, Texans have the chance to return the favor and provide much-needed insurance relief for doctors, nurses, and hospitals."

Senator Estes Encourages Early Voting in Amendments Election

AUSTIN -- State Senator Craig Estes (R-Wichita Falls) is encouraging voters to take advantage of the convenience of early voting as the date draws near for an election on 22 proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution.

Early voting by personal appearance will be Aug. 28-Sept. 9, and polls on election day Sept. 13 will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

"It may be more convenient for many voters to cast their ballots before actual Election Day. People are very busy, and the early voting period provides voters with additional opportunities to make sure their voices are heard on these important issues. Information on early voting sites, as well as the locations of polls to be open on Election Day, may be obtained by calling the elections administrator or county clerk in your county," Estes said.

"Participation in early voting continues to grow as more and more people take advantage of this convenience, thus avoiding unanticipated scheduling obstacles that could surface on actual Election Day," Estes said.

Texas voters will be deciding a diversity of propositions posed by the 22 proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution.

"I would encourage all voters to utilize a variety of informational resources that are available to educate themselves on these issues before casting their ballots," Estes said.

For those with Internet online access, Estes recommends these two informative websites provided by the state:

The Secretary of the State's website -- www.sos.state.tx.us <<http://www.sos.state.tx.us>> -- provides actual ballot wording on each proposition in addition to a brief layman's explanation with references to enabling legislation.

The Texas Legislative Council's website -- www.tlc.state.tx.us/research/pubs <<http://www.tlc.state.tx.us/research/pubs>> -- provides an in-depth discussion of each proposition including analysis, background, and arguments for and against.

From My Side of the Fence by Ed Clor

Wars come and go. Thank heavens they do come to an end. The Iraqi fracas seemed to end quickly, but some of the die-hards are still more in favor of killing Americans than having them help the Iraqis rebuild their country, and put them back on a self sustaining basis, free of the tyrant, Saddam Hussein.

In a small magazine that was given to us, I read a story about some American Indians who gave considerable time and expertise to helping win World War II.

It seems the Allies were having trouble with the enemy decoding many of their messages.

A group of 29 Navajo Marines, after completion of their boot camp at Marine Depot in San Diego, California, were sent to Marine Air Corps Station Miramar, where they developed a code, based on the Navajo language. Eventually they had some 400 Navajo men trained as code talkers, relaying messages through the airwaves fast and accurately. At one time they transmitted over 800 error free messages in a 48 hour period.

The Japanese were never able to decipher the code, and it is credited as a major factor in helping the USA to victory.

Because of its great value to the Allies, the Navajos' code had to be kept secret even after the war was ended.

The "code talkers", as they became known, were all sworn to secrecy, so the Navajos and their accomplishments and successors weren't declassified until 1968.

It was not until the summer of 2001 that the original 29 code talkers who developed the code, were awarded the highest honor Congress can bestow on an American citizen, the Congressional Gold Medal. The rest of the code talkers, who also served well in the war, were awarded the Congressional Silver Medal in November of 2001, an award that hadn't been given in over 75 years. President George W. Bush made the presentations. I am only sorry that these brave men, or their families, had to wait so many years to receive the recognition and honors they so richly deserved.

Sons honor memory of Sallie Whitfield with NCTC scholarship

When Sallie Whitfield Bass was a depression-era widow with two sons finishing high school, she made personal sacrifices so they could attend college. She walked the five blocks between her house and the Cooke County Courthouse four times a day getting to and from her job as county treasurer and taking lunch at home.

Her efforts and the values she instilled made a big difference in the lives of her sons, James P. "Jim" Bass of McLean, Virginia and Thomas E. "Tom" Bass of Flower Mound. Both attended Gainesville Junior College, finished their education at the University of Texas at Austin and went on to lucrative business careers.

The brothers are now honoring their mother with creation of the Sallie Whitfield Bass Scholarship at North Central Texas College. Established with a permanent endowment, the scholarships will be awarded each year beginning this fall. The capital will be preserved

Whitfield. A 1907 graduate of Gainesville High School she attended North Texas Teachers College and Smith's Business College.

She married James Peter Bass in 1917. Mr. Bass died in 1935.

Mrs. Bass served as county treasurer from 1937-1941 and during her career also worked as a teacher and an assistant in a local justice of the peace office.

"She was a big believer in clean living, living by the Ten Commandments and



Sallie Whitfield Bass



Creating the Sallie Whitfield Bass Scholarship to NCTC were, from left, Dr. Ronnie Glasscock, Ashley Bass, Thomas E. Bass, James P. Bass, Thomas W. Bass, and Debbie Pounds.

and only investment income will be used for scholarship awards.

Students from Cooke County will be eligible for the scholarship. Award preference will be for students who are majoring in education and have demonstrated financial need.

Though they no longer live in Gainesville, Bass family members maintain strong community ties. Tom Bass is owner-operator of a large ranch near Walnut Bend. His daughter, Katherine Ashley Bass, is a student at NCTC. His son, Thomas Whitfield Bass, attended NCTC on Friends of Agriculture Scholarship and served as a Presidential Ambassador prior to transferring to Texas A&M University.

Mrs. Bass, born in Dexter in 1888, was the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. James

the Golden Rule," said Jim Bass. "She also believed in getting the best education you can."

James P. Bass worked three jobs while attending UT. He later worked at American Airlines for 39 years, holding executive positions in Dallas, San Antonio, Nashville, and Washington, D.C. He retired from the corporation in 1983 as vice president of government affairs.

Thomas E. Bass served in the U.S. Air Force, flying combat tours during World War II and the Korean conflict. He retired with the rank of colonel in 1965. He began another career as executive in the Washington office of Colt Industries. He retired in 1985 and returned to Texas. Since returning to Texas, he has served as an aviation consultant, invests in real estate, and is a collector of Western Art.

Senator Craig Estes attends first meeting of BRAC working group

State Senator Craig Estes (R-Wichita Falls) recently participated in the first meeting of the Base Realignment and Closure Working Group.

The objective of the group is to assist the state in preparing for the upcoming Base Realignment and Closure process which begins in 2005 and could lead to more bases closures in Texas.

"I view the BRAC process as an opportunity rather than a threat," said Estes. "It is an opportunity to bolster our current military infrastructure and attract new missions and defense industries to Texas."

"The passage of the Military Preparedness Act during the 78th Legislature was a milestone for the future support of the defense industry in Texas and our continued hard work will ensure that our Texas bases remain open and prosperous," Estes added.

The defense sector creates employment opportunities in both small and large communities throughout Texas. Texas is home to 113,000 active duty service members, which is approximately 11% of the total active force.

Senator Estes also noted, "Sheppard Air Force Base is very important to North Texas and I will work diligently to ensure it stays open and attracts additional missions."

Sheppard Air Force Base is home to the 82nd Training Wing and the 80th Flying Training Wing, which conduct the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training Program for the 13 member nations. Sheppard provides training in medical service, aircraft maintenance and other specialized technical fields.

Sheppard is the largest employer in the area. Permanent military personnel assigned to the base totaled 3,890 in January of 2003, while civilian employment was 1,465. There is an average of 8,000 students on the base. Total payroll and benefits to active military, retirees and reserves totaled over \$368 million in 1998. The annual estimated economic impact of the base on the community is \$609 million.



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Oil & Gas News

JULY PERMITS TO DRILL

The Commission issued a total of 1,115 original drilling permits in July 2003 compared to 859 in July 2002.

The July total included 893 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 26 to re-enter existing well bores, and 196 for re-completions. Permits issued in July 2003 included 229 oil, 393 gas, 445 oil and gas, 38 injection, three service and seven other permits.

JUNE CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION

Texas preliminary June 2003 crude oil production averaged 938,410 barrels daily, down from the 953,618 barrels daily average of June 2002.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for June 2003 is 28,183,273 barrels, a decrease from 28,608,526 barrels reported during June 2002.

JULY OIL AND GAS COMPLETIONS

In July 2003, operators reported 342 oil, 676 gas, 28 injection, and five other compared to 233 oil, 409 gas, and 38 injection permits during July 2002.

Total well completions for 2003 year to date are 5,832 up from 5,641 recorded during the same period in 2002.

Operators reported 634 holes plugged and 91 dry holes in July 2003 compared to 844 plugged and 104 dry holes in July 2002.

JUNE NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION

Texas oil and gas wells produced 440,614,973 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for June 2003, up from the June 2002 preliminary gas production total of 433,269,396 Mcf.

Texas production in June 2003 came from 141,361 oil and 60,966 gas wells.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Honor the flags

Starting this school year, students at Texas public schools will recite the Pledge of Allegiance to both the United States and the state of Texas.

Senate Bill 83, requires both pledges to be recited, but does allow parents to have their children excused from the practice.

The Texas Pledge of Allegiance reads as follows: "Honor the Texas flag. I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one and indivisible."

SB83 also provides a minute of silence following the pledges for students to reflect, pray, meditate, or engage in another silent activity that is not distracting to other students.

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us) and Texas Education Agency

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NCTC Regents adopt budget, set tax rate for 2003-04

Official adoption of the 2003-04 budget and setting of the new tax rate topped the agenda at the regular August meeting of the North Central Texas College board of regents.

The new \$23.8 million budget is up by some \$2.3 million over the current year for a 10.9 percent increase.

NCTC regents voted unanimously to set the college's 2003-04 tax rate at 11.023 cents per \$100 of assessed value. This represents a 7.93 percent increase — not over the existing tax rate of 10.428 cents but over the so-called "effective" rate. According to the Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD), the effective rate — due to increases in the countywide tax base — would have generated the same amount of revenues as current year.

Figures supplied by CCAD show that under the proposed new rate, taxes paid to the college on a residence valued at \$75,313 — the countywide average — would go up by \$10 for the year.

"Even with this increase, I consider our tax rate to be

remarkably low considering what we have out here and what this college means to the economy of Cooke County," said Karon Sullivan, regents vice chair. "The rate is still just slightly over half of the 20-cent ceiling."

Despite the additional \$126,000 to be generated by the tax increase, there will still be a net shortfall in 2003-04 of some \$20,000 between budgeted maintenance and operation costs for the Gainesville Campus and the portion of these costs that will be covered by local tax revenues.

"Covering maintenance and operation costs for our main campus is what local taxes were always supposed to do but rarely have," said Dr. Milton Dickson, board chair. "The cost of maintaining our physical plant will continue to rise, but it is absolutely imperative that we take care of the taxpayers' property."

At least \$104,000 of the increase for 2003-04 in maintenance and operation costs at the Gainesville Campus comes as a result of

the state legislature's decision not to fund the cost of medical and basic life insurance for maintenance staff. These costs must now be covered at the local level.

That's but one small part of the drastic overall reduction in state funding that NCTC is having to deal with, even in the face of continuing growth. Preliminary enrollment figures for the fall semester again show higher headcount numbers than a year ago, despite extensive efforts to hold the line on increases in student enrollment.

These included a freeze on adding class sections when the ones offered initially were filled, meaning that many students were unable to get all the classes they wanted or needed this fall and that average individual class sizes definitely will be significantly larger.

Even though the cutbacks in state funding for the next biennial funding period haven't gone quite as deep as the "absolutely devastating" reductions initially expected, Dr. Glasscock said NCTC still suffered an extremely

severe blow — severe enough to cause, among other things, well over a dozen college employees to lose their jobs.

"And yet even though we have been forced to reduce personnel, we still have more students to accommodate on our campuses than ever before," said Dr. Steve Broyles, dean of administrative services. "So we continue to face the challenge of providing adequate facilities in which to serve them."

"That, in a nutshell, is why we must ask local taxpayers for additional support. It's becoming much harder, as we have in most previous years, to cover our maintenance and operation shortfall with tuition and fee revenues. Now, due to unfunded growth, we're having to stretch every available dollar of tuition and fee revenue to make up for losses in instructional support from the state."

Dr. Broyles explained that more students means more wear and tear on existing facilities, many of which on the Gainesville Campus are some 40 years old. In fact, major renovation of two

such buildings—the 400 (Science) and 500 (Business) Buildings is slated for the 2003-04 budget year at a cost of approximately \$950,000, the total amount of which will be covered by reserve funds.

"We're faced with rising utility costs as well, and our increasing student population also means a higher demand than ever before for things like adequate student parking," Dr. Broyles said. "Parking lots are one of a number of maintenance-related items that have been repeatedly deferred over the past several years, but Dr. Glasscock said that the point is finally reached when continuing to defer such items is just no longer an option."

The Gainesville Campus physical plant, in fact, was central to the first two items of new business on the regents' agenda, both concerning a choice of contracting methods for two renovation and repair projects. The first is completion of the second and final phase of a nearly \$300,000 remodeling of Bonner Hall, the college's

original student housing facility on campus.

This project which include a major renovation of two restroom/shower facilities, replacing some windows and doors and installation of new, decorative awnings at the main, rear, and side entrances.

The second project is repair of roofs damaged by recent hailstorms on several buildings around the Gainesville Campus. Insurance on the buildings carries a \$50,000 deductible for such damage.

Next up for consideration were bids received for hay and feed for college horses and other livestock. A low bid for hay of \$30 per bale for grass round bales and \$45 per bale for coastal bermuda round bales was awarded to RTG Enterprises of Pilot Point.

The low bid for square bales of coastal hay went to Ray Hoenig of Gainesville at \$4.25 per bale. The bid for horse ration was awarded to Red River Co-Op at a delivery price of \$204.90 per ton, and the bid for cattle receiving ration was awarded to Muenster Milling Co., at \$194.60 per ton.

Keep Muenster Beautiful - annual meeting minutes - August 14, 2003

Call to order 6:45 PM

Present:

- o aCarl Alford - 1st term 1999, 2000, 2001 - 2nd term 2002, 2003, 2004
- o aMaryLee Alford - 1st term 1999, 2000, 2001 - 2nd term 2002, 2003, 2004
- o aJuanita Bright - 2003, 2004, 2005
- o aKay Broyles - 1st term 2001, 2002, 2003 - 2nd term 2004, 2005, 2006
- o x Steve Broyles - 1st term 1999, 2000, 2001 - 2nd term 2002, 2003, 2004
- o aDeanna Hellman - Completed a term in 2003, 1st term 2004, 2005, 2006
- o x Rhonda Pagel - 1st term 2004, 2005, 2006
- o aScott Reed - 1st term 2004, 2005, 2006
- o aMargie Starke - 1st term 2004, 2005, 2006
- o Youth: (Seniors serve 1 year & Juniors serve 2 years)
 - o aStephen LaChance - SH - Junior
 - o aAndrea Bonin - SH - Senior
 - o aRobyn Hermes - MISD - Senior
 - o aChristian Koessler - MISD - Senior
 - o aSean Fuhrmann - MISD - Junior
- o Others present:
 - o aEnvironmental officer Deputy Laren Hudson

Nominations to Board

- (Years correspond to the date of the GCAA deadline date. We are currently working on the 2004 GCAA year.)
- o Deanna Hellman - 2004, 2005, 2006 (Margie nominated, Kay seconded, unanimous vote)
 - o Rhonda Pagel - 2004, 2005, 2006 (Juanita nominated, Andrea seconded, unanimous vote)
 - o Kay Broyles - 2004, 2005, 2006 (MaryLee nominated, Robyn seconded, unanimous vote)
 - o Margie Starke - 2004, 2005, 2006 (Kay nominated, Deanna seconded, unanimous vote)
 - o Scott Reed - 2004, 2005, 2006 (Sean nominated, Kristian seconded, unanimous vote)
 - o Youth Board:
 - o Stephen LaChance - SH - Junior
 - o Christina Weinzapfel - SH - Senior
 - o Andrea Bonin - SH - Senior
 - o Robyn Hermes - MISD - Senior
 - o Christian Koessler - MISD - Senior (Regan's sister)
 - o Sean Fuhrmann - MISD - Junior

2003-2004 Officers:

- President: Juanita Bright
- Vice President: Andrea Bonin
- 2nd Vice President: Robyn Hermes
- Treasurer: Steve Broyles
- Secretary: MaryLee Alford

2003-2004 Committee Chairmen:

- Schools & Education: Deanna Hellman
- Public Awareness: Margie Starke
- Litter Prevention & Cleanup: Sean Fuhrmann
- Illegal Dumping & Enforcement: Stephen LaChance
- Beautification & Property Improvement: Kay Broyles

All the Youth BOD members wanted to be VP. All Youth gave a plea as to why he/she would best for the position. The Youth were asked to leave the room for adult BOD deliberation. All Youth were extremely impressive and the KMB adult BOD expressed its pleasure in having such impressive Youth participating in KMB. The adult BOD decided that officer positions may be held by Youth BOD members who are Seniors and the Juniors will be groomed for the positions for the following year. The adult BOD also decided to have only 2 VP positions: VP & 2nd VP. Students successfully serving KMB will receive letters for college.

Deanna Hellman is going to ask Rhonda Walterscheid, a teacher at Sacred Heart, and Kate Sepanski, a student at Sacred Heart to join the KMB BOD.

Report from 2003 GCAA & KTB Conference:

- o We had 44 attendees at the KTB conference
- o Muenster won its 3rd Sustained Excellence Award (We've won the excellence award every year since 1999)
- o Juanita Bright won 2nd place for the O. P. Schnabel Senior Citizens Award
- o Muenster Enterprise won 1st place for the Media Award
- o Muenster Youth won the 1st place Ruthe Jackson Off Campus Youth Leadership Award
- o Tom Carson won the 2003 Individual Leadership Lifetime Achievement Award
- o Stick Lamar won the 1st place Ebby Halliday Maurice Acres Business & Industry Leadership Award (he beat out Ebby Halliday Realtors and SBCI)
- o Muenster score 95.85 on the 2003 GCAA - The report was reviewed with the Board

Monthly reports:

- o **Education** - Deanna Hellman
 - o Scott Reed (MISD agricultural teacher) will arrange for agricultural students provide a tree planting service for the tree sales. Money from the tree planting service work would allow MISD's KMB allotment to grow, and that it would greatly benefit his horticulture class.
 - o An environmental education kit was provided to Sacred Heart and MISD schools. The kit was sponsored by Rumber Material, Inc.
 - o One school recycling guide was purchased. It will be kept by the Education Chairman and shared or copied for the schools to implement.

Public Awareness Margie Starke Chairman (CSI = column square inches, ME = Muenster Enterprise, JNT = Journal of North Texas)

- 730.25 CSI in this report**
- o 1269 (Revised for 2003-2004) Beautification & Cleanup Tips brochures were mailed to every postal patron
 - o KTB information was included in Cooke County Master Gardener Xeriscaping presentation CD
 - o JNT - Don't litter photo w/ Elaine Schilling in N. TX Journal - 15 CSI
 - o JNT - Pat Green keeps the countryside green - 14 CSI
 - o ME - Gardening Tips & Techniques - 3.5 CSI
 - o ME - KTB award nominees are announced - 24 CSI
 - o ME - Locals among KTB award winners - 28+ CSI
 - o ME - Main Street plans continue - 24 CSI
 - o JNT - Illegal trash dumped - May 22, 03 - 60 CSI
 - o ME - Officer investigates illegally dumped trash - 48 CSI
 - o ME - July 4, 2003 - Butt litter is a serious problem & photo of Elaine Schilling w/ banner - 72 CSI
 - o JNT - June 19 - Cooke County winners to receive KTB awards - 36 CSI
 - o ME - June 13 - Cooke County winners to receive KTB awards - 28 CSI
 - o ME - KGAF ad - salutes MLA & KMB - 11 CSI
 - o ME - Master Gardener classes to start in Sept. 24 CSI
 - o ME - free KTB & Don't Mess With Texas logos published - 4 CSI
 - o JNT - KTB awards Cooke County - 96 CSI
 - o ME - front page - KTB showers volunteers with awards - 130 CSI
 - o ME - Thanks for the Help - from the ME - 42 CSI
 - o 8-13 Ad placed in MISD Booster Club sports programs
 - o YOM photos in paper and on channel 2 and awards presented to:
 - o Jerry & Monica Hess - 20 CSI
 - o Alvin & Joannie Hartman - 21 CSI
 - o Jim & Linda Vogal - 27 CSI
 - o Speeches: (scheduled)
 - o August 29 in Muenster (EDPAC Economic Development from 3 counties)
 - o September 3 in Wichita Falls
 - o September 6 in Sherman (KTB Training)

October 25 in Era

Litter Prevention & Cleanup - Sean Fuhrmann Chairman

- o Antilitter message was published in brochure mailed community wide
- o Annual ad was placed in the MISD Booster Club sports programs
- o Our last KMB "Litter Free" event sign was stolen. Elaine Schilling (dentist) donated another one but it was accidentally signed by Pat Green
- o Coke donated 4 new "Litter Free" event signs & wants to be included in the Willie Nelson concert if we have him.

Illegal Dumping and Enforcement - Stephen LaChance Chairman

- o Cooke County Environmental Law Enforcement officer Laren Hudson was introduced to the group and presented with a Citation of Merit from Keep Texas Beautiful. KMB presented him with a certificate of Appreciation in May. Deputy Hudson will continue to report his efforts to KMB.
- o Reading of letter from "A Muenster resident" - Action: The letter is to be given to the City to ensure the ordinances are enforced.

Beautification & Property Improvement - Kay Broyles Chairman

- o Fall flower planting day will be on October 11th at the same time the trees from the tree sale will be available for pick up at KMB Park. Flowers will be planted in KMB Park and in all planters provided through KMB & GCAA funds.

STATUS REPORT: Rectory renovation - Joe Bright

- o Total funds raised - \$233,000 (includes the \$15,000 from the Pat Green concert contribution), goal was \$240,000. Project status - asbestos abatement on garage completed. Garage will be demolished Monday or Tuesday of next week. Juanita Bright stated the remainder of the funds was donated by Muenster State Bank and the fundraising is complete.

STATUS REPORT: Willkommen to Muenster sign on 82/373 signs

- o Carl Alford volunteered to obtain written bids for the Board of Directors (BOD) review & report at the next meeting
- o Yard of the Month
 - o May - Jerry & Monica Hess
 - o June - Alvin & Joannie Hartman
 - o July - Jim & Linda Vogal

GCAA 2002 Sub-Committee - Kathryn Koch Hicks Chairman

- o Status report on 2002 GCAA project (Kathryn out of town & no report was available)

Solid Waste Management A chairman is needed for this committee

- o This was one of our weakest areas on the GCAA grade and we need improvement here

Fundraising & Finance Rhonda Pagel Chairman

- o **Membership dues for May 2003 - May 2004 are now due** Current members for 2003 - 2004 are:
 - o Carl & MaryLee Alford, Muenster State Bank, Glen & Connie Grewing, Wal-Mart Foundation, Curtis & Rhonda Pagel Family, Justin & Christi Hartman, Alvin & Gracie Fuhrman, Leonard & Christel Vogal, Herbert & Delores Miller, Claude & Nancy Walter, Arthur & Evelyn Felderhoff, Bertha Hamric, Stick & Angelika Lamar, Deanna Hellman, David & Juanita Bright, Steve & Kay Broyles
 - o Youth BOD members are honorary members
- o Gracie Fuhrman (Nortex Communications) will donate money toward the "Willkommen to Muenster" lettering on the walls at the intersection of 373 & 82
- o Wal-Mart is donating \$100 per quarter for 15 hours of volunteer time donated per quarter by Rhonda Pagel. Wal-Mart may also donate up to \$1000 to match other donations. Rhonda will provide us with more information.
- o Elaine Schilling is donating \$70.00 toward the banner
- o Tree sales will begin September 11 - October 1. Purchased trees are to be picked up at KMB Park on October 11th. Scott will provide some strong guys to help stick lift trees.
- o Kay suggested producing a calendar to sell with photos of KMB activities and Yard of the Month. Including all community activities on the calendar might make it more marketable. Kay will investigate the cost and report to the BOD. All agreed that the followers of the Top Tin Road show should select 12 yards for the calendar publication. Margie can inform the Top Tin organizers.

Treasurer's report Steve Broyles Treasurer (Treasurer's reports are filed for audit in October)

- o Reading of report for April, May, June, July 2003 (Reviewed by MaryLee in Steve's absence)
- o Steve (or Kay) will create a KMB BOD group and email the monthly financial reports to all Board members

New Business:

- o Margie Starke will become a signatory & Linda Webb will be removed as a signatory for the KMB bank account. All checks written on the KMB account must be signed by 2 Board members. Current signatories are Steve Broyles, MaryLee Alford and will include Margie Starke.

Old Business:

Schedule of Events - 2003 - 2004

- o **2003:**
 - o August 18, 2003 Keep America Beautiful annual report due
 - o September 6 - Alford teaching KTB Basic Training to N. TX communities in Sherman
 - o September 11 through October 1 - KMB Tree sales pre-orders
 - o September 11 - KMB Annual Training & BOD meeting @ 6:45 @ Muenster Chamber of Commerce
 - o September 13 - Annual Muenster Recycles Day - Community wide garage sale
 - o September 24 - November 19th - Master Gardener classes every Wednesday - call 668-5412 to register and for more information
 - o October 9 - KMB meeting @ 6:45 PM @ Muenster Chamber of Commerce office
 - o October 11 - 7:30 AM to 11:00 AM - Trees from sale distributed at KMB Park on Main Street. Carl, Scott & MISD ag students will help stick at the Park
 - o October 11 - 8:00 AM until finished - Fall flower planting
 - o October 11 - Keep America Beautiful state leaders meeting in D/FW area
 - o October 18 - KMB KAB Litter Index study
 - o October 25 - Fall "Make A Difference Day" community wide cleanup
 - o October 26 - 27 - Governor's Volunteer Leadership Conference in Houston
 - o October - KMB Financial Audit due the end of every October
 - o November 8 - Top Tin Road Show - a Litter Free Event
 - o November 29 - Christmas Parade
 - o **Note:** There will be no KMB meetings in November, December and January however, please report all KMB activities to the Secretary of KMB - MaryLee's email: maryleex@starband.net
- o **2004:**
 - o February 12 - KMB BOD meeting @ 6:45 PM @ Muenster Chamber of Commerce
 - o March 11 - KMB BOD meeting @ 6:45 PM @ Muenster Chamber of Commerce
 - o April 3 - DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS Trash-off - Community wide cleanup
 - o April 15 - All information for GCAA & KTB Individual Awards nominations due to KMB Secretary
 - o April 23 - Arbor Day tree planting
 - o April 23, 24, 25 - Germanfest - a Litter Free Event
 - o May 1 New membership dues are due for 2004-2005 KMB year - Membership drive
 - o May 7th - 2003-2004 GCAA application must be in KTB office no later than 5:00 PM
 - o May 14th - KTB Individual Award nominations must be in Austin no later than 5:00 PM
 - o June 15 - 18, 2003 - Keep Texas Beautiful convention in Austin. Call 1-800-CLEAN TX or visit www.ktb.org for more information.
 - o **Note:** There are no April, May, June and July KMB BOD meetings
 - o August 12, 2004 - KMB Annual Membership meeting - 2004-2005 is a GCAA Year & Muenster is eligible to win another \$65,000.
 - o September 9, 2004 - KMB Annual Training meeting

Adjourned at 8:15



Tony and Sis Klement

Tony Klements celebrate 60th wedding anniversary

Tony and Sis Klement celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 17, 2003 in the Sacred Heart Community Center. The anniversary couple were chauffeured in a 1930 Model "A" Ford, belonging to Steve and Dianna Klement.

A noon buffet was prepared and served to around 200 family members by their children and spouses. After the meal the couple cut a decorated cake resembling the original cake of 60 years ago. Great-grandchildren served the cake.

Special guests at the celebration included Harold and Clara Schmitz, Alfred and Anna Marie Bayer, Clara Klement, Leonard and Juanita Buxkemper,

and Father Kyle Walterscheid. Guest book was attended by Connie Klement Stoffels and Emily Stoffels, oldest granddaughter and great-granddaughter of the couple.

Group pictures were taken by Cindy Roller. Pictures of past and present were displayed.

An Open House followed from 3-5 p.m. with a buffet of homemade goodies, punch and coffee, prepared and served by the couple's grandchildren and spouses to about 300 family members, relatives, and friends.

Anthony J. Klement, son of Frank and Margaret Hartman Klement, and Isabel "Sis" Schmitz,

daughter of Theodore and Pauline Loerwald Schmitz, were married on Thursday, Aug. 19, 1943. Father Conrad Herda OSB officiated the marriage in St. Peter's Catholic Church of Lindsay. Attendants were Anna Marie Klement Bayer and Harold "Runt" Schmitz.

Tony and Sis are the parents of 15 children: Patsy Dangelmayr, Pat Klement, Jim Klement (deceased), Robert Klement, Joyce Bayer, Janet Fisher, Alice Walterscheid, Roy Klement, Steve Klement, Diane Muller, Darlene Abney, Marlene Walterscheid, Peachie Huchton, Kevin Klement, and Gary Don Klement. They have 42 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren.

Baptism

Hudspeth

Zachary James Hudspeth, six month old son of James and Christine Hudspeth of Arlington, Texas, was baptized on Aug. 17, 2003 at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church of Arlington officiated by Father Joe Scantlin. Godparents were John and Sharla Hudspeth, uncle and aunt of Zachary.

Following the Baptism the families and friends gathered at the home of James and Christine Hudspeth for lunch.

Zachary's grandparents are Daniel P. and Paulette Hudspeth, of Dallas and Margaret Faith of Richardson, Texas and the late Carl Tingley.

Great-grandparents are Clara Walterscheid of Muenster, Frances Hudspeth of Gainesville, and Frank Batchelor of Hants, England.

VFW Auxiliary State President McGowan attends local meeting

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 6205 held their regular meeting on Aug. 18, 2003 in the Post Home. Peggy McGowan, Auxiliary State President, was a special guest at the meeting and was escorted in by the colors. President Frances Bayer presided. Chaplain Hilda Sicking, Conductress Linda Knabe, and Juanita Knabe, patriotic instructor, gave the opening ritual.

Roll call and minutes of the previous meeting were given by Ida Bindel, secretary. Ethel Hesse, treasurer, gave her report.

Gardening health tips

The Fruits of Your Labor: The best part of gardening may be the edible rewards. A summer's bounty of fruits and vegetables contains fiber that may reduce your risk for colon cancer, as well as antioxidants and phytochemicals that may reduce your risk for heart disease and some cancers. Fruits and vegetables are also low in fat, which can help with weight loss. The American Dietetic Association recommends that adults get at least three to five servings of vegetables, and two to four servings of fruits each day. *Source: National Gardening Association. (Compliments of ARA)

The Voice of Democracy essay contest is being taken to the schools. Members turned in hours of volunteering for the swim program and registering people for the Church directory.

Frances Bayer reported on the District I meeting in Bonham on Aug. 1. They attended a POW-MIA Program, visited the VA hospital, and handed out American flags.

Armella Cler served lunch to 12 members. Linda Knabe won the door prize.

Meeting Notice

Compassion and Support: General Grief Support Group will meet Monday, Sept. 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the Home Hospice Office, 1001 E. Broadway in Gainesville. Call Kelly at 940-665-9891 for more information.



Allie Walterscheid

Allie celebrates five

Allie Rae Walterscheid, daughter of Mel and April Walterscheid, celebrated her fifth birthday with a swim party at the home of Mike Gobble on Saturday, Aug. 9. Allie's actual birthday is Aug. 13. Theme of the swim party was Care Bears. Pizza was served for lunch, followed by a Care Bear cake for dessert.

Those attending the party were: her parents; brothers Cole and Kody; sister Amber; grandparents Peggy Walterscheid, and Carla and Danny Zwinggi; Jana and Clayton Truebenbach;

JesseRay Harris; Katrina and Leah Knabe; Lisa and Macy Pangel; Charla and Allison Haubold; Barbara and Hope English; Marshal Smith; Janelle Hellinger; Mike Gobble; Bud and Mindy Graham; Christopher Klement; Darren Voth; Cody Smith; Ray, Shirley, and Riley Stewart; and Maurus, Sally, Nathan, and Chloe Hacker.

Allie also celebrated with her Kindergarten class and teachers, Annette Bayer and Laneta Martin on her first day of school.


Omni presents: Lewis & Clark, Great Journey West

For 20 years, the Omni Theater at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History has enabled millions of visitors to explore new worlds on the giant screen. Beginning Sept. 15 the Omni will transport audiences back 200 years to explore the new world of the American West in National Geographic's *Lewis & Clark: Great Journey West*. The film is the first project in a series of major events scheduled over the next several years to commemorate the bicentennial of the legendary expedition.

Lewis & Clark: Great Journey West brings to life one of the greatest adventures in American history. A National Geographic production, the film dramatizes the remarkable and perilous

journey undertaken by Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery 200 years ago. It was the first overland expedition to the Pacific Ocean and back. The film tells the story of the team's arduous expedition from 1803 to 1806, the spectacular wildlife they encountered, the punishing winters they endured, the diverse Native American tribes they met, and the breathtaking vistas the explorers experienced on their legendary journey into uncharted territory.

Lewis & Clark: Great Journey West will show daily at the Omni Theater Sept. 15 through Dec. 31. For show times, information, and advance tickets, call 817-255-9300; 888-255-9300, or go to www.fortworthmuseum.org.

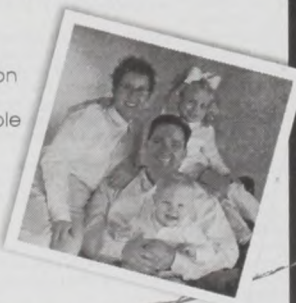


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Ashleigh and Mary celebrate birthdays with a Luau party

A hauoli la hanau (happy birthday!) was celebrated by Ashleigh Margaret Fisher and Mary Elizabeth Fisher, daughters of Steven and Penny Fisher, with a luau party on Aug. 16. The party was held in the home of grandparents Butch and Eileen Fisher.

A pig was prepared luau style by their dad. The trimmings of pasta and fruit salad were prepared by Eileen. Corn on the cob was also served. Penny prepared desserts of pineapple upside down cake and a cake decorated with a beach scene.

The yard was decorated with tiki torches and the tables were decorated with large sea shells. The guests made their own flower leis and grass skirts.

Those attending were their parents; grandparents Butch and Eileen Fisher, and Roy and Connie Purcell; aunts, uncles and cousins Tiffany Purcell, Tonya and Stanley Hess, Kaileigh, Tyler, and Mandy; Gail and Scott Killian, Austin, Allie, Ross, and Luke; Janie Fisher; great-aunt and uncle Sally and Ken Combs; and cousins Heather and Travis Purcell. Friends of the family included Jon Reed; Traci Sherbet; Lindsay McCutcheon; Carl and Diane Sicking, Delana, Michelle, and Brandon; Kenneth and Anna Braziel, and Brian; Jennifer Hesse and Erin; and Nancie Lippe and Megan.

Ashleigh's actual birthday is Aug. 23 and Mary's is Aug. 9.



Five generations are pictured with infant Breanna Mae Yosten. At right, great-great grandparents Ben and Gertrude Voth. Great grandmother, Carol Ann Voth Koessler, deceased, is shown in framed photo, with grandparents Jim and Susan Koessler Yosten at left. Breanna's parents, Nicholas and Telisha Yosten are seated. Courtesy photo

New Arrivals

Yosten

Nicholas and Telisha Yosten of Lewisville announce with pride and joy the birth of a daughter, Breanna Mae Yosten on Wednesday, July 2, 2003, weighing 8 lb. 15 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length. She was born in Wilson N. Jones Hospital of Sherman. Grandparents for the first time are James and Susan Yosten and Rusty and Monnie Reid, all of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Lavonne and Peggy Reid of Muenster, Leon and Merylene Arrington of Gainesville, and Frances Yosten of Muenster, with Alfons and Mary Ann Koessler of Muenster as first-time great-grandparents. Great-great-grandparents are Anise Whitetail of Gainesville, with Ben and Gertrude Voth of Muenster as great-great-grandparents for the first time.

Gates

Joey and Angela Gates of Muenster proudly announce

the birth of their daughter Nicole Jolene Gates. Nicole was born on Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2003 at 2:26 p.m. in Denton Community Hospital. She weighed 7 lb. 10 oz. and was 18 inches long. She is the sister of Alex Gates, age 17 months. Grandparents are Phillip and Roxie Russell of Muenster, and Doyle and Renee Gates of Forestburg. Great-grandparents are Weldon and Peggy Reid of Muenster, Guy and Catherine Gates of Torrence, California, and Thelma Russell of Woodbine and the late Joe Russell.

TXU Energy Safety Tips: During a storm

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Nocona to host seminar: "Revitalizing Your Downtown" Sept. 8

What is your dream for your downtown? Does it need improvement or enhanced? Are you satisfied with parking or do you have parking challenges? Do you have all the shopping traffic you need or would you like more? Do you have a variety of shops or can you visualize additional ones?

"Revitalizing Your Downtown," seminar will answer these questions and many more when Nocona hosts its first revitalization seminar. The program begins Monday, Sept. 8, at the Nocona Community Center on Hwy. 82 West from 11:28 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at the Nocona Chamber of Commerce: members \$7, non-members \$10; the price includes the seminar and a spaghetti dinner.

Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving." This seminar is one step in the right direction.

The program of speakers include: Vickie DeRouen, Economic Development Specialist from the Dallas/Fort Worth District Office of the Small Business Administration; Cathy Keeler, Director of the Small Business Development Center at

North Central Texas College; Carlos Vigil, Gainesville Community Development Director; Susan Campbell, Economic Development Coordinator/Main Street Director; Lynne McGrew, owner of Diamond Cut Jeans and new Main Street Coordinator for Nocona and Keynote speaker, Mike Hughes of Mike Hughes Farms, former President of the Sanger Chamber of Commerce.

The Dallas/Fort Worth District Office, Small Business Administration, in partnership with the North Central Texas College Small Business Development Center will be presenting information on the programs and services that are available to assist the small business community.

The SBA's employees and its resource partners, such as the SBDC, are eager to help. There will be free one-on-one business counseling and training programs available to start and/or manage your business as it grows. Through SBA's loan guaranty programs, you can obtain money to start a business or expand one. If you are ready to start or expand an existing business, there is a lot you can learn about these resources.

Energy saving measures

Wash clothes in cold water using cold-water detergents when possible.



Mary Fisher



Ashleigh Fisher

Happy birthday boy, Jerrad, celebrates one

Jerrad John Schumacher, son of Jerry and Sandra Schumacher of Gainesville, was the honored "Happy First Birthday Boy" at a party hosted by his parents on Aug. 17, 2003 in their home. His birthday was on Aug. 15.

Refreshments of hamburgers, hot dogs and bountiful trimmings were served. Guests were served a decorated birthday cake, and Jerrad had a cake for himself made by his grandmother, Patsy Schumacher.

The children enjoyed rides on the Gator. Pictures were made and gifts were opened and displayed. Children received goodie bags and balloons upon departure.

The guest list included: Jerrad's parents; grandparents Marcella Hess, and Melvin and Patsy Schumacher; Uncle and Aunt Bob and Deborah Bixby, Joe Bixby, Joe and Kathy Earhart, Emma Earhart, Turner Pazoureck, Uncle and Aunt Jim and Janice Gilbreath, Bart Terry, Amanda and Riley Hall, Gregory Gilbreath, Jori Gilbreath, Uncle and Aunt Danny and Robin Hess, Heidi and Cade Hess, Uncle and Aunt Randy and Teresa Hess, Cassey Hess, Sarah and Dusty Reed, Uncle and Aunt Stanley and Tonya Hess, Kaileigh, Tyler and Mandy Hess, Uncle and Aunt Dale and Dianna Schumacher, Uncle Kenny Schumacher, Uncle Ronnie Schumacher, Uncle and Aunt Dennis and Diana Schumacher, Haley Schumacher, Uncle and

Aunt Sonny and Karen Privett, Ashlie and Kaylee Privett; and friends Sonya, Cody and Caleb Ford, James, Holli, Bradley, and Hattie Henderson, Jeff and Lorene Dudley, Juline, Emily and Eve Brogdon, and Rheta and Elizabeth Gilmer.



Jerrad Schumacher

New Arrival

Presher

Ted and Joy Presher of Muenster are parents of their first child, a son, Tayden Blain Presher, born on Friday, Aug. 8, 2003 at 5:38 a.m., weighing 9 lb. 10 oz. and measuring 22 inches in length. His grandparents are Linda and Victor Presher of Boyd, Texas and Terri and Conway Bevans of Gainesville. Great-grandparents are Marilyn Presher of Roanoke, Texas, Lavell Lanier of Boyd, Joy and Keith Bevans of Cardston, Alberta, Canada, and Gorgene and Speed Craven of Sacramento, California.

The family of Clara Fleitman wishes to express their sincere thanks to all for the prayers, Mass Offerings, cards and memorial donations in memory of our sister. The floral tributes were beautiful. Special thanks to Father Ron, St. Cecilia's Choir, St. Ann's Society and Home Hospice. Your kindness did not go unnoticed.

Sincerely,
Mildred Lindemann
Margie Reeves
Virginia Krahl
Annette Fleitman

*"Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep
I am a thousand winds that blow;
I am the diamond glints on the snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain;
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
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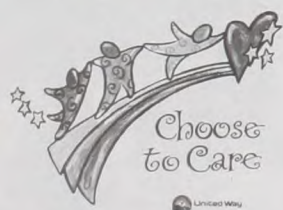
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Machinator coach Angie Smith guides the engineer team through 3D modeling with Pro/Desktop Software on a new computer donated to Sacred Heart Robotics. Shown with Ms. Smith are, from top, Thomas Otto, Jon Ambrose and David Walterscheid. Courtesy photo

We're back and we're ready!!

The 2003-2004 Sacred Heart Robotics Team is eagerly awaiting this year's Texas BEST Robotics Competition. Though the kickoff day, held at the University of North Texas, in Denton, isn't until Saturday, Sept. 13, they are already making necessary decisions. Asking who, what, when, and how doesn't begin to describe the anticipation of the season.

Texas Boosting Engineering, Science, and Technology was formed by educational institutions that wish to inspire and motivate prospective students toward future careers in engineering, science, and technology. Some of these institutions include Boeing and Texas Instruments.

Coming from area high schools, student teams and guiding sponsors design, build, and compete a radio-controlled robot. The robot

has to perform a certain level of tasks to continue throughout the competition. Each team develops their robot with the same limited materials and restricted weight limits and heights, though no two robots look alike.

The BEST Competition is designed to create a real-world business right in the classroom. Not only the presentation team but also the engineers, cheering, and documentation teams are taught the every-day action of business to consumer markets, building and selling their ideas far and wide.

"We are ready and willing," says Machinator's Coach Angela Smith. "We won the Founder's Award for Most Creative Design, Most Photogenic, two Third Place Awards, and one First Place Award. We hope to

receive those awards again." Can a genie appear and grant the team their wishes? Not highly likely, though a major influence in success is accounted for. "The support of the community is critical," says Vice President and Business Manager Christine Fetsch. "Our personal experience has proved that the teams with more enthusiasm and support from local communities increase the teams' chances of winning by a large margin."

With the kick-off day just a few weekends away, area teams are busily preparing for the new season. "We want to win again," says Smith. The heart and soul of the Machinators goes into their robot and every aspect of their team. Ask any member and they wouldn't have it any other way.

Submitted by Christine Fetsch

Era School starts year with 370 students

Era ISD began the 2003-04 school year on Monday, Aug. 18 at 8:00 a.m. with 370 students. Welcoming students and parents back to freshly painted halls and shining floors were Principals Timmons and Thompson. The principals reported classes went smoothly and reported numbers up from the spring semester.

Era welcomed new teachers and staff as follows: Courtney Beckham as Special Ed aide who is attending college to be a Special Education teacher; Matthew Davenport, a graduate of Collinsville High School, who will be coaching and teaching math; Nancy Endres in her fifth year of teaching, comes to Era from Krum Middle School. She will be teaching secondary ESL and junior high reading and English; DeAnna Harris from Gainesville will be the secondary secretary and PEIMS coordinator.

Also Billy and Lee Ann Huse come to Era from Shallowater. Billy will be teaching Vocational Agriculture and Lee Ann will be the elementary reading specialist and will serve Title I, Dyslexic and ESL students; Andrea

Luster, a graduate of Lindsay High School and Texas A&M at Commerce, will teach her first year at Era; Dan Pennington will serve as counselor in Grades K-12. He will serve in this position part-time.

Monday night, the Era School Board meeting was called to order by Alan Spears, president, and the invocation was given by Jeremy Thompson.

In new business the following action was taken:

- Approved renewing Worker's Compensation administration contract with Claims, Administrative Services.
- Approved resolution designating BDA Administrators as third party Administrators.
- No action was taken on approval of Cooke County Appraisal District 2003-04 budget.
- Approved contract with CCAD for appraisal and tax collection services.
- Submitted no nomination for the CCAD Board of Directors.
- Approved Dan Pennington as a part-time counselor.
- Approved 10 transfer students.

Submitted by Denise Pearce

Lunch Menus

WEEK OF SEPT. 1 - 5 SACRED HEART

- Mon. - No school.
- Tues. - Chicken and dumplings, green peas, pineapple chunks, bread.
- Wed. - Mexican spaghetti, mixed vegetables, green salad, pears, bread.
- Thurs. - Beef stew, cornbread, cheese, tomato wedges, strawberry cups.
- Fri. - Turkey/ham hoagies w/trimmings, chips, fruit cocktail.

MUENSTER ISD

- Mon. - No school.
- Tues. - Hot dogs w/chili, potato wedges, beans, peaches, cake.
- Wed. - Ham and cheese sub sandwich, nachos, lettuce and tomatoes, apples, cookies.
- Thurs. - Flame broiled beef patty, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn pineapple, hot rolls.
- Fri. - Barbecue sandwich, pickles and onions, French fries, pork and beans,

applesauce, ice cream. LINDSAY ISD

- Mon. - No school.
- Tues. - Crispito, pinto beans, salad, peach cobbler.
- Wed. - Burritos, refried beans, lettuce salad, pineapple, applesauce, bread.
- Thurs. - Lasagna, peas, salad, mixed fruit, bread.
- Fri. - Chicken sandwich, French fries, lettuce, pickle, ice cream.

ERA ISD

- Mon. - No school.
- Tues. - Burritos, corn, tossed salad, strawberry applesauce, sopapilla.
- Wed. - Lasagna or egg roll, green beans, tossed salad, peas, breadstick.
- Thurs. - Baked potato w/ground beef, shredded cheese, tossed salad, fruit mix, cinnamon roll.
- Fri. - Grilled ham and cheese sandwich, potato chips, orange half, pickle spears, ice cream.

Registration deadline is Sept. 19 for October ACT

College-bound high school students who want to take the ACT Assessment on the Oct. 25 national test date should register by the postmark deadline of Sept. 19. The late registration

deadline is Oct. 3 (an additional fee is required for late registration). Students can get registration materials from their school counselor or register online at www.act.org.

Sacred Heart students surpass ACT averages

Information sent by the National Coordinating Board to Principal Jon LeBrasseur shows that the average ACT scores of the 2003 graduating class of Sacred Heart High School were higher than the average scores of students at both the state and national level. While the average composite score at the state level was 20.1 and at the national level 20.8, the average composite score for this year's graduates of Sacred Heart was 21.6.

"We are very proud of our 2002-2003 graduates. That these students excelled is shown by the fact that their average ACT scores exceeded those of students at both the state and national level. These results are especially significant when you realize that through the years Sacred Heart has had each of its seniors take the test, while many school systems have only those students take it who are going off to four-year universities, which require these scores for admission. Also significant is the fact that our seniors' average score has exceeded the average state and

national score not only this year, but does so year after year," explained School Counselor Cassie Lee.

"I would like to congratulate all our graduates on achieving such high standards," remarked Principal Jon LeBrasseur. They have chosen to go off to some excellent universities, both in and out of state. Speaking on behalf of all the faculty, I can say with assurance that, as our tracking data has shown, they have all the tools and preparation they will need to continue to succeed at the same level at the university of their choice."

Submitted by SHS PR staff

Notice

Muenster ISD classes will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29. Early dismissal will allow students and faculty to attend the Hornet football game in Throckmorton. The pep rally will be held at 1:30 in the gym.

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AWANA Clubs Begins

Where: First Baptist Church, Muenster

When: September 7, 2003

Time: 5:10 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Who: Kids {pre-school - 12th Grade}

{AWANA Clubs is a kids' club to help kids meet Jesus and memorize His Word.}

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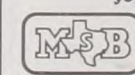


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Sports

High School football begins!

Area high school football teams will begin their 2003 seasons this Friday night as Muenster and Lindsay travel west and Sacred Heart stays home.

The Muenster Hornets will make the long journey to Throckmorton to take on the Greyhounds of district 12-A. The Hounds had six wins and four losses last year, including a 21-13 loss to Muenster. Throckmorton lost 11 players to graduation, so the team should be young. Monty Scrogum will be the Hounds' leading threat.

"Throckmorton has good speed, good size and their main running back from last year, so we will have to play extra hard to beat them," noted Muenster coach Monte Endres. "Everyone's healthy and we're excited about the season. The boys are motivated and ready to play."

Senior Hornets include Kyle Endres, Kirk Hartman, Jared Ledbetter, Daniel Russell, Nathan Sicking, John Sturm, Cameron Walterscheid and Micah Webster.

Sean Fuhrmann will be starting quarterback, with Derek Endres, Clint Miller and Russell in the backfield, and Justin Wolf at tight end. The offensively line-up includes Sturm, K. Endres, Daniel McGrew, Justin Britian and Ledbetter with Chase Cain, John Fredrick and Webster also on offense.

Endres said defensively Hartman and Walterscheid will be standouts, with Sicking, Derek Felderhoff and Mathew Yosten backing up both sides of the line.

Sacred Heart will host the Era Hornets this week. The Tigers took a big 40-7 victory from Era last year,

rushing for 265 yards, while holding the Hornets to only 7 yards on the ground.

Billy Johnson, a transfer from Oklahoma, will lead the Era offense. Chance Huddleston will call the signals, with Jon Jarrell anchoring the defense.

"Era is now playing their coaches' type of football, so they are much improved," noted Sacred Heart coach Charles Boles.

The Tigers backfield will be led by quarterback Paul Bartush, along with Aaron Krahl, Chris Hoedebeck and Andy Davis. Coach Boles believes Sacred Heart's defense is still making too many mistakes, getting better, but have room for improvement. "We're pretty strong, pretty physical and playing hard."

This year's seniors on the Tiger team are Adam Krahl, Tony Moster, Adam Taylor, Kevin Walterscheid, Wes Zimmer and Jared Zimmerer.

The Knights will tangle with the Dragons in Chico to begin their season. Last year, Lindsay defeated Chico 36-13. The Dragons brought back most of their team from last season, including four starters on the offensive line. The team struggled in 2002, winning only one game and finishing last in their district, winless.

"Chico is an offensively improved team. Our defense will have to show up and play," noted Lindsay coach John Erwin. "They switched their offense, running 90% of the time, so they will be more of a challenge than last year."

The Knights have only four seniors this season, Matt Brennan, Keith Dieter, Sam Hellinger and Clinton Kyle, and will rely on several young sophomores.

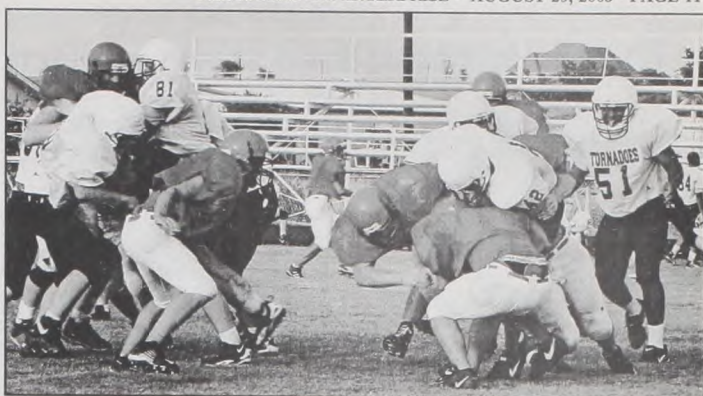
starters. Offensively, Lindsay's backfield will be led by quarterback Hellingier, with Dieter and Alan Trammell running the ball. Defensively, Erwin sees improvement, but the three sophomores starters on the line will have to come through. "We had a tough scrimmage against Sacred Heart and found problems we hopefully have corrected. We should open the season on a good note."

Game time is 7:30pm for all three teams.

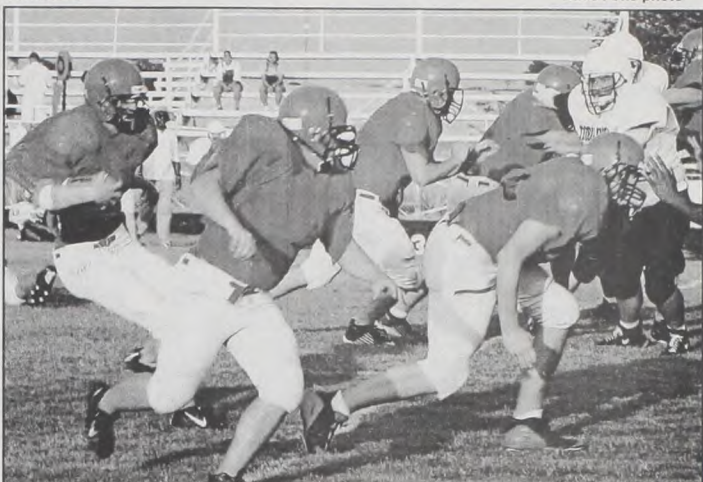
GAME WARDEN NOTES

"Flattery Will Get You Nowhere" — Recently, a Tarrant County game warden received a tip about someone hunting doves in closed season near Haslet in northern Tarrant County. The warden located one man equipped with shotgun, hunting vest and a bird dog. The man was in possession of one dove. The person said he just wanted to see how his new dog would work out. One citation for hunting doves in closed season was issued. As the person was receiving his citation, he stated, "I know this is probably a bad time, but could you give me some advice on becoming a game warden?"

Collier Sharp Football Report This Friday's Pick
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Clint Miller, left, cuts a tight turn behind his Hornet blockers and carries the football from mid-field down the right side to the ten-yard line in scrimmage against the Gainesville State School Tornados. Dave Fette photo



Muenster Hornet defense stops this Gainesville State School runner for no gain immediately after he took the hand off during scrimmage action last Friday. Dave Fette photo



Sacred Heart quarterback, Paul Bartush has plenty of protection to throw a complete pass during scrimmage Friday in Lindsay. Dave Fette photo



The Tiger defense forced Brad Anderle to throw this pass high and incomplete at scrimmage Friday in Lindsay. Dave Fette photo

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Hunting prospects for both mourning dove and white-winged dove should be good to excellent this fall, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. While the mourning dove breeding population index in May 2003 showed no change from the previous year, Jay Roberson, dove program leader for TPWD, says large concentrations have already been noted in South Texas. "This may indicate earlier or larger production of young this year," he noted. "We expect at least a 10 percent improvement in hunter success this year."

As most ardent dove hunters know, success depends largely upon habitat conditions and weather. Heading into the season, conditions are starting to look ripe. Soil moisture conditions improved in June or July throughout most of the state especially in the mid-Gulf Coast and West Texas as a result of hurricane Claudette. Wild grass and forb seed production has been good throughout most of the state but may decline in August in northern Texas unless additional precipitation falls soon.

Biologists indicate an abundance of wild dove

feed available including pigweed, Croton, and sunflower in most of the best dove hunting areas of the state. Surface water and feed conditions for doves, of course, can vary considerably over just a few miles depending upon frequency and intensity of local thunderstorms. "Stock tanks may be the best locations for hunting if August is dryer than normal," said Roberson. "However, weather fronts during the last week of August can move doves out of localized areas so we recommend scouting as late as possible."

Dove season in the North Zone will run Sept. 1-Oct. 30 with a 15-bird daily bag limit. In the Central Zone, the season will run Sept. 1-Oct. 30 and Dec. 26-Jan. 4 with a 12-bird daily bag limit. The South Zone is set for Sept. 20-Nov. 5 and Dec. 20-Jan. 11 with a 12-bird daily bag limit.

"The same rainfall and range conditions that produced good quail and turkey hatches provided an abundance of seed producing plants (i.e. sunflower, ragweed, croton, etc.) beneficial to both mourning and white-winged doves," said Joe Herrera, TPWD wildlife biologist in Pleasanton. "If weather conditions hold, hunters should expect exceptional dove hunting this fall."

In the Special White-winged Dove Area in the south zone, the season will run Sept. 6, 7, 13, 14 then Sept. 20-Nov. 5 and Dec. 20-Jan. 7. During the first two

weekends of the season in the special white-winged dove area, the bag limit would be 10 in the aggregate, no more than 5 mourning doves or 2 white-tipped doves. The bag limit for the remainder of this season would be the same as the rest of the South Zone.

"In the Lower Rio Grande Valley, we have had good production during the summer with minimal weather-related events to disrupt nesting," offered Steve Benn, Las Palomas Wildlife Management Area manager. "It continues to be very dry and hot, but food is available in the form of irrigated sorghum, non-irrigated sorghum that received rain, Croton in irrigated cotton and other agricultural crops, and native food resources. As I tell hunters, there are a lot of birds around, it's a matter of scouting to know where they are, how they are feeding, where they are watering, and how they are flying back to roost...that will make a successful hunt."

White-winged doves have distributed themselves throughout most of the western three-quarters of the state. More than a million white-wings have been taken by hunters across the state each of the last two years. White-wings are so named because of the obvious white stripe or epilate on the wings. They are slightly larger than mourning doves and have a blunt tail instead of a pointed tail. They are most

prevalent near urban areas. Hunters are cautioned that a hunting license, HIP certification and a white-winged dove stamp are required to hunt white-winged doves in Texas. The stamps may be purchased anywhere hunting licenses are sold and cost \$7 if purchased separately from the resident hunting license. Funds generated from the stamp are used exclusively for white-winged dove habitat acquisition, development, management and research.

Eurasian collared doves are also expanding their range in Texas. They are so named from origin in Asia and Europe and the black or charcoal half-crescent on the backside of their neck. Eurasian collared doves are larger than white-winged doves but without the white wing stripes. They are an invasive exotic like the rock dove or domestic pigeon and are not protected by state or federal law. There are no restrictions on when, how many or means and methods for taking them except a hunting license is required if you are hunting them with firearms. Hunters are encouraged to retain a fully-feathered wing on all the doves in their bag if they take some of these birds.

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Chad Walterscheid

Chad wins hunting trophies

Chad Walterscheid had the privilege of competing in two white-tail deer competitions this summer. He is the ten year old son of Donna and Craig Walterscheid. Chad took his first deer in Cooke County on opening day of deer season in 2002.

The first competition was sponsored by the Texas Big Game Awards Association held on Saturday, July 26. Chad's entry earned him tenth place out of 208 entries. He competed against all entries from Region 3 of Texas which consists of 43 counties. He received a plaque and certificate for this being his

First Lifetime Harvest and a certificate for Tenth Place. Accompanying Chad were his parents, grandmothers, Evelyn Walterscheid and Betty Ann Flusche, and cousin, River Stewart.

The second competition was held the weekend of August 15 - 17. It was sponsored by the Texas Trophy Hunter's Association. Chad placed first in the 9-17 year-old division. He received a First Place plaque and a First Place certificate. He was accompanied to the show by his parents.

Both competitions were held at the Amon Carter Exhibit Hall in Fort Worth.



Knight quarterback Brad Anderle gives the ball to Dustin Hughes who broke away from the Sacred Heart Tiger defense

for a ten-yard gain last Friday at scrimmage in Lindsay. Dave Fette photo

Myra VFD BBQ.....

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year. It is in the final stages of changing out its 1953 model all wheel drive tanker to a newer all wheel drive tanker-pumper combination with foam capabilities. It plans to add on a third truck bay to its existing firehouse. Over the next year, the fire department would like to purchase new bunker gear to replace marginal gear currently in use and provide continued fire and medical training to its volunteer firemen.

The Myra VFD welcomes donations for the auction, which begins at 7:00 p.m. If you have an item you would like to donate, please contact any Myra fireman or

call the chief at (940) 736-3586 or assistant chief at (940) 736-4922.

Food for the barbecue will be served from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 years and under. Raffle items include a Weber outdoor grill, a Remington 870 Express shotgun, several savings bonds, gift certificates, and various other cash prizes. Tickets are available at many local businesses and Myra VFD firemen. Please plan to attend their annual Myra VFD fundraiser. In case of rain, the Bar-B-Que will be moved to the old school building.

Lindsay School Board.....

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convention of the Texas Association of School Boards, Sept. 19 through 22 at the Dallas Convention Center. Metzler will attend and some of the trustees indicated interest.

Other action taken by the trustees included approval of a \$2,686.00 contract with the Education Service Center for 2003-04 services and a \$16,928.00 contract for Management Information Systems Software and Support Service from the ESC. Also, the 2002-03 school budget

was amended to reflect the \$80,000 contract buyout and legal expenses of \$8,900.00 connected with Superintendent Travis Winn's termination. Marilyn Cox explained that other budget adjustments were made by transferring funds from one function having surplus to another that needed extra. The Board approved the 2002-03 budget amendments.

The School Board next held a closed session meeting. No action was taken afterward.

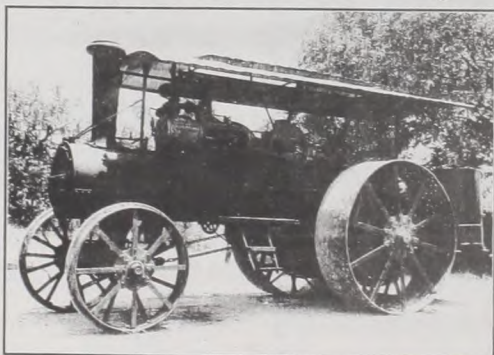
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County budget

ambulance. Harlow also noted that many people in the county weren't getting cost of living raises and suggested that the elected and appointed officials keep their salaries the same. Harlow saw getting an ambulance in the Muenster area as a favorable action. Bill Underhill of Gainesville complained that the valuation of his property had gone up \$10,000 for the last three years. It is now valued at a little over double what it cost to build, he said. Judge Freeman informed Underhill that Commissioners Court had no control over what property is valued at. The Cooke County Appraisal District does that. This year the rollback rate is .4732. The tax rate proposed for this year is 47 cents compared to last year's 44.5 cents. Commissioners voted to hold the Final Budget and

Tax Rate vote at the Sept. 8 regular meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom. **Aug. 25 regular meeting** Sgt. Ray Sappington of the Texas Department of Public Safety demonstrated a hand-held laser device he hoped the County would purchase for the Texas Department of Public Safety. It is used to measure speed and distance. Radar guns currently used cannot tell which car is speeding and isn't very effective in high traffic situations. Besides being used to target speeders, the device also would be used at accident scenes to accurately measure distances. The cost is \$2,550 per unit and Sappington requested two. Judge Freeman suggested taking the funds out of the Defensive Driving Fund. He volunteered to meet with JPs Dorothy Lewis and John Roane to discuss to the

possible purchase. A decision was tabled until that time. Commissioner Hess suggested Bob Knauf of Muenster as a nominee to the Cooke County Appraisal District Board of Directors and the nomination was unanimous. Nominations are being taken from entities to find a representative to replace Leon Klement who will not seek another term. Commissioners approved an additional \$15 fee on all divorce or annulment cases filed in Cooke County. There are about 200 to 230 cases per year in the County. The proceeds will be used for education and prevention of family violence, etc. In discussing the proposed budget Judge Freeman said that he had changed his mind about taking out funds for a fourth car for the Sheriff's Department. Four of the

Department's vehicles have over 100,000 miles. He was increasing from \$60,000 to \$80,000 the amount allocated for new vehicles. Sheriff Mike Compton requested a realignment plan for the jail. He wants to dissolve the jail sergeant position and replace them with shift leaders. They will be on 40-hour weeks and could cause some changes in salary. Commissioners approved this change. In other business Commissioners Court: • Approved change of Precinct #11's election judge to Roger White. • Approved County Clerk Rebecca Lawson's request to implement a \$5 Records Archive fee. It will be charged on civil and real estate cases, etc. beginning Sept. 1. • Approved lease between the Texas department of Public Safety and Cooke County for property located at 200 West California

Street. Both the County and the State use it. The County will pay the utility bills and the State will pay the lease. • Approved Cooke County Appraisal District Budget for 2004. • Approved Precinct #3 placing a 1980 GMC dump truck and a 578 John Deere motor grader in the Southwest Auction at Howe on Sept. 10. • Approved Interlocal agreement between City of Callisburg and Cooke County. • Approved budget line item change for District Clerk's office. • Approved Indemnity contract for installation of a fresh water line across CR

115 for T&L Land Company. • Approved minutes of August 2003 Lake Ray Roberts Planning and Zoning Board. • Approved request of Southwestern Bell to install a buried telephone cable on the north side of CR 147 for approximately 120 feet. • Tabled discussion of consequences for theft of crushed rock/and or road materials belonging to the County. • Approved bonds for Deputy Constable Tony Weir, Precinct #4, Kenneth Eisenman, Precinct #1, and Bill Dixon and John Powell of Sheriff's Department.

Did you know?

The Texas Department of Transportation sows more than 30,000 pounds of wildflower seeds each year along Texas roadways. This is part of the TxDOT vegetation management program.

Farm & Ranch

FB: ESA reform could help farmers and endangered species

The Endangered Species Act should be reformed to encourage farmers and ranchers to help protect endangered and threatened species, rather than punish them for conducting routine farming practices, according to Missouri farmer and Farm Bureau member Tom Waters.

Waters testified at a congressional hearing on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation about the need for ESA reform. He called for a new ESA that will result in a more appropriate balance between the needs of plants and animals and the needs of people. The Rural Enterprise, Agriculture and Technology Subcommittee of the House Small Business Committee held the hearing on July 17.

Privately owned lands provide habitat for approximately 76 percent of all species listed under the ESA, and more than one-third of all listed species occur exclusively on privately owned lands. Therefore, farmers and ranchers play a key role in protecting endangered and threatened species, Waters said, and the federal government should treat landowners as partners, not adversaries, in achieving the goal of species recovery.

Waters said the ESA should include voluntary incentives for landowners, take the economic impacts of ESA-related decisions into account, require that species listings and critical habitat designations be science-based and peer reviewed and allow landowners to participate in developing species recovery plans and other decisions.

that could affect their livelihoods.

A cost-benefit analysis should be conducted prior to the listing of a species, Waters said, and if the cost to the landowner is greater than the benefits the species will receive from the designation of critical habitat, then the farm or ranch land should not be included in the habitat designation. "The Act must recognize that costs to recover species should not be borne by landowners, but by the public," Waters said.

Waters also stressed the need for a habitat mitigation program for small businesses, including farms and ranches, similar to the existing Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) program. HCP allows a landowner to proceed with a project on his land as long as he mitigates any impacts to a listed species. However, the time and money it takes to complete the necessary scientific studies and paperwork to develop an HCP kept that tool outside the reach of most small businesses, he said.

Because ESA decisions can have adverse impacts on people's livelihoods,

Waters said the government should make every effort to ensure that those decisions are accurate. "Agencies are not required to prove the basis for their determinations, which puts the burden of proof on the public," Waters said. "As decisions made under the ESA affect many people, it is essential that verifiable scientific evidence be used. We believe an independent scientific peer review panel should be used to validate the conclusions of agency scientists."

The ESA authorizes the Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries to place restrictions on how farmers and other landowners can use their land. Those restrictions often cause problems for farmers and ranchers, Waters said, and can even lead to fines or imprisonment for conducting basic farming practices. The ESA must be amended or updated to accommodate the needs of both listed species and people, with respect for private property rights, he said.

County Agent's Report

Wayne Becker
CEA - AG/NR

Soil Testing

Depending on the type of soil on your farm and your desired yield goals, you will need to apply different amounts of fertilizer. The best way to know what your crop will need to ensure proper fertilization is to take a soil sample. With small grains planting right around the corner it is time to take those samples. Knowing what nutrients are already in your soil could help you to save on your yearly fertilizer bill.

Below are some charts that indicate required fertilization rates for wheat pasture. You can view these and charts and charts for other forages at <http://soiltesting.tamu.edu/files/soilres/forage.html>.

What about "Swarmers"!

According to Dr. Michael E. Merchant, Extension Urban Entomologist, quite a few calls have been coming in pertaining to swarming insects. Unless the swarm is indoors and remains for several days he says there is usually no cause for alarm. Most of the time swarmers in the house are a result of a colony nearby and not a nest within the home itself. He gives a brief explanation for this activity. "Ants and termites are social insects with highly developed social organizations. Social insect societies are organized according to various castes, groups of physically distinct

individuals with unique functions. The worker caste usually makes up the largest part of a social insect colony. Worker ants are those ants we see most often feeding at our tables and foraging outdoors for food for the colony. Worker termites are the small white insects we see when we break open a piece of decaying wood. All workers are female in the social insect world.

Another important caste for social insects is the reproductive caste. The reproductive caste consists of both males and females. At certain seasons of the year ant and termite colonies produce many such reproductives. These include the "kings" and "queens" of future colonies. Unmated insects are called pre-reproductives and usually possess wings prior to leaving the colony. Pre-reproductives remain inside the nest for varying periods of times--sometimes for several months--waiting for the proper signals to leave the nest in search of new mates. When they emerge from the nest in large numbers they are said to swarm. The pre-reproductives are called swarmers at this time.

Nature provides this behavior to termites and ants to allow better genetic mixing between colonies. Genetic mixing helps the

species remain strong and better able to adapt to changing environmental conditions.

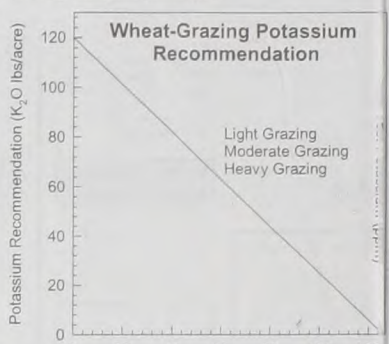
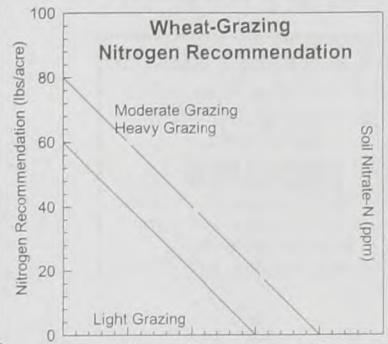
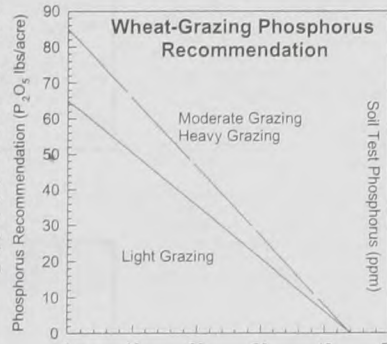
Fortunately termite and ant swarmers are relatively easy to identify. Termites are recognized by their dark, straight sided bodies and long, equal-length wings. Ant swarmers have distinctly pinched waists (the joint between thorax and abdomen) and the forewings are unequal in length (two long and two relatively short). Ant antennae also bend sharply in the middle, whereas termite antennae are flexible throughout their length. Both ants and termites are relatively small, from 3/16 inch for the smaller ants and termites to 3/8 inch for the larger ants. Ant swarmers are usually larger than the worker ants from the same colony.

Both ants and termites can lose their wings shortly after emergence, so it is common to find reproductive ants and termites without wings.

Dates To Remember
9/02 - Farm Bureau Directors Meeting 7:30 p.m., Farm Bureau Building, Gainesville.

9/04 - Town Hall Meeting with State Agricultural Commissioner Susan Combs, 2:45 p.m., Civic Center, Gainesville.

9/04 - Ranchers Gathering 5:30 p.m., Decatur Civic Center.



It's a Stat

MILK PRODUCTION

Texas milk production totaled 446 million pounds during July, up 7 percent from last year's production of 416 million pounds. June 2003 production totaled 471 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during July averaged 312,000 head, up 5,000 head from last year and unchanged from June 2003. Production per cow averaged 1,430 pounds during July, up 6 percent from last year but down 5 percent from the 1,510 pounds during June 2003.

WHEAT

The 2003 Texas winter wheat crop is forecast at 100.8 million bushels, 29 percent higher than last year but 7 percent lower than 2001. This estimate is down 3 percent from the July forecast.

According to an Aug. 1 survey, statewide yield is expected to average 28 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from both last year and the July forecast. Harvested acreage, at 3.6 million acres, is up 33 percent from 2002.

DON'T FORGET

Town Hall Meeting with Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs Thursday, September 4, 2:45 pm Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce The meeting is free and open to the public

END quarantines eliminated, reduced

Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman said USDA has eliminated the remaining areas quarantined for exotic Newcastle disease in Arizona, Nevada and Texas and reduced the quarantined area in California.

Veneman said the approach by federal and state officials to manage the disease was "an example of what the state and federal

partnership can accomplish in animal disease eradication."

One of the most infectious poultry diseases in the world, Newcastle disease was first discovered in the United States in a backyard poultry flock in southern California in October 2002 and in commercial poultry that December. It also was detected in Nevada, Arizona and Texas this year.

More than 70% of the calcium in the U.S. food supply comes from the dairy.

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Sale Date: August 21, 2003
Market Steady on All Classes of Calves & Yearlings. Cows Steady.
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400-500 lb. \$100 to \$110;
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Heifers: 300-400 lb. \$100 to \$110;
400-500 lb. \$90 to \$95;
500-600 lb. \$83 to \$89.50;
600-700 lb. \$80 to \$85.50;
700-800 lb. \$78 to \$82.50;
Packer Cows: Utility Boning, \$48 to \$52.50; Canner/Cutter, \$40 to \$46;
Bulls, \$52 to \$58.50.
Bred Cows: Choice, \$750 to \$850;
Med.-Good, \$600 to \$650;
Med.-Poor, \$350 to \$450.
Cow-Calf Pairs: Choice, \$850-\$925;
Medium-Good, \$700-\$800;
Medium-Poor, \$500-\$600.

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Light Weight Steers & Heifers -- STEADY. Feeder Steers & Heifers -- \$2.00 to \$5.00. HIGHER. Packer Cows & Bulls -- \$2.00 to \$3.00. LOWER. Pairs & Bred Cows -- \$20 to \$50. LOWER. Sold on Friday's sale were 1,338 compared to 1,326 head of cattle the previous week. Tuesday, August 26, the market conducted the sale of 324 Cows, 201 Sheep, and 97 Hogs. The numbers from last week were 225 Cows, 106 Sheep, and 88 Hogs respectively. Results of both sales follow:
Feeder Steers (per lb.)
200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.09-1.20; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.10; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.05-1.19; Nos. 2 & 3, .90-.98; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, .98-1.15; Nos. 2 & 3, .85-.98; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, .92-1.00; Nos. 2 & 3, .80-.82; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, .90-1.00; Nos. 2 & 3, .78-.84; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, .84-.94; Nos. 2 & 3, .75-.84.
Feeder Heifers (per lb.)
200-300 lbs.: No. 1, .95-1.03; Nos. 2 & 3, .80-.95; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, .95-1.06; Nos. 2 & 3, .80-.95; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, .90-.97; Nos. 2 & 3, .75-.90; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, .88-.95; Nos. 2 & 3, .70-.88; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, .84-.90; Nos. 2 & 3, .65-.84; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, .75-.88; Nos. 2 & 3, .55-.75.
Slaughter Cattle (per lb.)
Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2, 1.200-2.050 lbs., 40-5550. Slaughter Cows: #1-3, 41-52; Cutter, 22-41.
Stocker Cows (per head)
Pregnancy-tested, 3 to 9-year-olds - Large Frame, \$650-\$740; Medium Frame, \$500-\$650.
Cow/Calf Pairs/walves under 250 lbs. - Large Frame, \$800-\$940; Medium Frame, \$600-\$800.
Holstein Baby Calves, \$35-\$95; Crossbreeds, \$120-\$220.
Barrows & Gilts (per lb.)
US #1, 230-270, 50-56; US #2, 220-280, 40-50.
Feeders (per head):
100-175 lbs., \$50-\$75; 25-90 lbs., \$15-\$35.
Sows (per lb.)
Feeder, 400 or less, 20-40; Light wt., 400-500, 28-32; Med. wt., 500-600, 28-32; Heavy wt., 600-up, 28-32.
Boars (per lb.)
300 lb. up, 01-05; 200-300 lbs., 10-25; Light wt., 20-25.
Sheep (per lb.)
Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs., 80-95; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs., 80-95; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs., 70-90.
Ewes (per lb.)
Stocker, 45-50; Thin, 15-35; Fat, 40-50.
Bucks (per lb.)
Thin: 25-35; Fat: 35-45.
Barbados (per head)
Lambs: \$20-\$40. Ewes: \$20-\$60. Bucks: \$50-\$150.
Goats (per head)
Kids: 20-35 lbs., \$25-\$40; 35-55 lbs., \$30-\$50; 55-75 lbs., \$45-\$65; Yearlings: 75-120 lbs., \$80-\$110.
Nannies (per head)
Stocker, \$45-\$75; Milk Type: \$35-\$65; Slaughter: Thin, \$20-\$45; Fat, \$60-\$85.
Breeder's (per head)
1/2 Nanny, NT, 3/4 Nanny, NT; Full Nanny, \$65-\$125.
Boer Goats (per head)
1/2 Billy, NT, 3/4 Billy, NT; Full Billy, \$50-\$120.
(940) 665-4367

Texas Farmer's Union launches "Keep Cool Campaign"

Texas Farmers Union has focused its efforts this summer on "Keeping Cool". However it's not the 100-degree temperatures keeping the family farm organization hot under the collar, but the recent attacks on mandatory country-of-origin labeling (COOL).

During the August congressional recess, Farmers Union launched a (letter-writing and educational campaign, on COOL,) with the goal of urging Congress to "keep COOL by protecting the integrity of the mandatory country-of-origin food labeling law passed in the 2002 farm bill," said Texas Farmers Union (TFU)

President Wes Sims. "Farmers Union has long supported mandatory country-of-origin labeling of agricultural commodities and products as a way to provide consumers with the knowledge to make more informed choices about the products they purchase and

to serve as a beneficial marketing tool for U.S. Producers," said Sims.

Farmers Union will take up the heat September 7-11, when about 200 farmers and ranchers are expected to carry their COOL message to Washington, D.C., including several from Texas.

Attend Your County Convention Sept. 8, 2003

Dear Farm Bureau Members,

The Cooke County Farm Bureau invites you to attend the Annual County Convention on Monday, September 8, 2003 starting at 7:00 p.m. at The Dutchman in Lindsay, Texas.

All county Farm Bureau members are invited to attend this meeting.

Due to limited seating availability, you are asked to contact either the Gainesville office at 940-665-1763 or the Muenster office at 940-759-4052 prior to Noon on Friday, September 5th to confirm that you will be attending.

Cooke County Farm Bureau Board of Directors

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All You Can Eat MENU includes: BBQ Beef, Susie Q's, Beans and Trimmings, Tea and Kool-Aid, Pies and Cakes
Serving 5:00 - 9:00 P.M. Adults \$6.00 Children 12 Yrs. & Under \$3.00
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