

## New business promises jobs, acquires County tax abatement

By Janet Felderhoff

New jobs and more coins in the tax coffers are always welcome in Cooke County. The local economy will soon receive a boost as Allied Production Solutions owned by JDS Equity (John Schmitz) is being setting up shop in Gainesville.

Kent Sharp, executive director of the Gainesville EDC, explained the Allied's purpose and plans to Commissioners Court during the July 9 regular meeting. It manufactures fiberglass and steel tanks, primarily storage tanks for

the oil and gas industry. The facility is currently located in Oklahoma. Schmitz wants to build two manufacturing plants in Gainesville, one to manufacture steel tanks and vessels, and the other to manufacture fiberglass tanks and vessels. He also plans to make Gainesville the corporate headquarters for Allied Production Solutions.

"We are projecting over 100 jobs for the Gainesville area at the manufacturing level, and then there will be around 30 on the executive and corporate side," remarked Sharp. "Very, very good jobs for Gainesville." He esti-

mated the salaries to be between \$45,000 to \$47,000 a year for some positions and over \$70,000 a year for corporate plus benefits.

Allied requested a six year tax abatement from all taxing entities in Cooke County with the exception of the school district. The City of Gainesville had already granted the abatement. North Texas Medical Center and North Central Texas College had not yet considered the request.

Sharp said that this manufacturing project anticipates in the first year to have about

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Black clouds moved in from the southeast Sunday evening, bringing a heavy downpour of rain that caused flash flooding in low areas in and around Muenster. Below, traffic was slowed down coming into town as Hwy. 82 was covered with water.

Janie Hartman photo

## Hospital constructing helipad



Concrete pours from a Walterscheid Construction and Redi-Mix truck on Wednesday morning as workers from Dangelmayr Construction, Inc. smooth out the wet mix. They are working on the helipad for medical helicopters to land. It is located south of Muenster Memorial Hospital. A sidewalk was also built to the site from the Hospital.

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## More storms slam Cooke County; costs to County mount

By Janet Felderhoff

Hopes of drying out from many days of rain vanished Sunday when a storm seemed to center on Cooke County, dumping more than three inches in some areas in a short period of time. The Lindsay area reportedly got the majority of the moisture.

At Monday's regular meeting of Cooke County Commissioners Court, Ray Fletcher, Cooke County emergency management coordinator, updated the Court on the on-going recovery from storms in late June. He reported 503 people registered with FEMA seeking assistance from this County. (See related story)

Fletcher urged commissioners and other County officials to continue to keep track of their dollars spent for repairs from storm damage and of materials lost. Commissioner Virgil Hess shared one of his previous storm experiences of replacing a culvert with a larger one than the one being replaced. He couldn't get reimbursement because of the size and cautioned them to be aware of such things.

Asked to report on roads closed in each County precinct, Commissioners gave the following:

- Gary Hollowell, Precinct #1, all open;
- Steve Key, Precinct #2, two closed;
- Al Smith, Precinct #3, four closed, three of which are under water, and FM 373 (ex-

pected to be opened this week);

Virgil Hess, Precinct #4, two closed.

Commissioner Smith remarked, "In our precinct we have had substantial damage to all of the infrastructure that we have, and with or without FEMA help, it is going to take us a period of time to bring the infrastructure back up to the level of service that we enjoyed prior to the June 18 flood. In some cases, people are having to drive much slower than they were earlier. The road might be 15 feet wide when it used to be 20 or 24 feet wide. In some cases there are dips. We just don't have the money in this

year's budget to make all that happen. That is the reality of things in our precinct.

"All of our roads will be made passable, and we are keeping the milk trucks running, and we keeping the oil trucks running, and people getting to and from their homes and in and out of their drive ways, but the infrastructure is damaged." Smith estimated that they lost in materials alone \$500,000 to \$700,000 worth. He said he thought Precinct #4 lost more. Hess agreed. The Red River came up over some of the roads. All agreed that all precincts had losses in that price range.

Hess said, "We've got a long road to go."

## FEMA offers flood disaster assistance

By Janet Felderhoff

Brad Craine, public information officer for FEMA Region VI, announced this week that FEMA has set up a Disaster Recovery Center for Cooke County in the Gainesville Factory Shops, suite 50, which faces west.

Home owners, renters, and businesses suffering damages to home, personal property, or business due to the recent flooding are urged to visit the Disaster Recovery Center or to call 1-800-621-FEMA

(3362) or (TTY 1-800-462-7585). The hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week. On line registration can be done at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

Home owners and renters are eligible for grants in the form of housing. Craine said that many from Cooke County have found apartments and some are staying in hotels and motels or with relatives. "Many times with FEMA, when people present us with receipts and they have registered for assistance, they are going to get reimbursed for those out of pocket expenses like hotels, motels, even home repairs," he noted. "Say their house wasn't completely washed away, but they got a little water in the house and had to call a cleaning company to come in and clean up the house, lots of times if they have receipts and have registered with FEMA, they could get reimbursement."

Craine said that six counties, including Cooke, have been declared for assistance that suffered damages June 16, 17, and continuing. He said that Cooke County has the most applications. Since President Bush signed the declaration on June 29, there has been a total of 1,970 applications in the six-county area. Of that total, 508 are from Cooke County, 479 from Grayson County, 152 Denton County, 318 from Tarrant County, 139 from Coryell, and 71 from Lampasas.

According to Craine, already in Cooke County for housing assistance such as

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## Muenster ISD Board's search for superintendent completed

By Janie Hartman

The Muenster ISD Board of Trustees have held several called meetings the last month, interviewing selected superintendent applicants.

Three candidates met with the Board on June 25. Six hours later, no action was taken. On June 27, two more were interviewed. After over seven hours in executive session, no action was taken.

On July 5, two finalists were present. Four hours in executive session ended with no action taken. The Board was planning to announce the finalist at their regular Board meeting Wednesday night.

The Board also met in a called meeting on June 29. A public hearing was held to discuss the 2007-08 Proposed Maintenance and Operations Budget and Tax Rate, and the Proposed Interest and Sinking Budget and Tax Rate.

After discussion, and the search for places to cut the budget, no action was taken. Paul McCollough of ACI Architectural discussed preliminary drawings of the cafeteria. The estimated finish date for the project will be the summer of 2008.

Action taken in executive session included the hiring of Dana Dittlinger as a teacher, and Aaron Klement as a teacher, coach, and trainer. Quentin Berend's contract was also extended another year, while the Board accepted the resignation of Melissa Zamzow.

## Thieves prowl Muenster



Muenster Swimming Pool Manager Shirley Hess, right, and lifeguard Kim Hess observe damages done late last Wednesday night or early Thursday morning when illegal access was made to the facility. A chained gate was yanked loose to gain access to the office area. Damage occurred to locked cabinets that were pried open and ransacked. The only cash kept there was lifeguard tips estimated at between \$50 and \$60. During that same time frame Doc's was also broken into. Muenster Police Chief Bob Stovall said that at 3 a.m., he discovered the rear glass door had been broken into. A search of the facility found nobody there. Only a bottle of whiskey was listed as missing. Chief Stovall said that he feels both burglaries had the same people involved. He also has an idea that some of the recent burglaries are alcohol related. Anyone with information is asked to contact him at 759-2236.

Janet Felderhoff photo

## Nortex assists in Diocese ordination

With the help of Nortex Communications on Saturday, July 7, almost 800 clergy, dignitaries, families, friends, and interested members of the Fort Worth Catholic Diocese were able to view the historic ordination of four priests at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in downtown Fort Worth. In

the past, it had cost the Diocese \$10,000 for SWB to televise the proceedings from the Cathedral to the convention center which is a block away. The Diocese did not have the funds available to televise the ordination ceremony to the convention center this year.

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## Muenster swim lessons in full stroke



The annual swim lessons at the Muenster Pool began this week. Amanda Knabe assists Maddie Thompson during the first week. Spaces are available in week two, July 16-20, for a late registration fee of \$10. Call Robin Neu at 940-231-6170 or register Monday. Times available: levels 1-5 at 10 and 11 a.m.; level 6 at 8:30-10 a.m.; and level 7 at 7-8:30 a.m.

Janie Hartman photo



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When the call came to Muenster's Darrell Walterscheid that the Fort Worth Diocese needed help for the large congregation to be able to view the event, he knew who to contact - Nortex Communications and Alvin Fuhrman.

Since the Saint Patrick's Cathedral sanctuary could not hold the large number who planned to attend the ordination, a room had been rented across the street at the Tarrant County Convention Center to house overflow guests. But, for the overflow to view the event was another problem. Fuhrman, who has been cable casting the Muenster Sacred Heart Sunday morning Mass on Nortex's local channel 2, knew what to do. Fuhrman, CEO and president of Nortex Communications, was willing to export his equipment to Fort Worth to transport the event across the street to the convention center.

Along with Walterscheid, Fuhrman enlisted the help of Nortex employees Floyd Truelsenbach, Willey Grove, and Chris McNamara, all of whom are involved in the telecommunications and Internet side of Nortex.

Truelsenbach operates the camera for the Sacred Heart Mass when Fuhrman is out of town and is the Nortex central office technician. Grove is the CATV head technician, and McNamara is Nortex's information technology coordinator.

Unlike the Sacred Heart's cablecast, the group decided this was a good opportunity to use the Slingbox technology which streams television on the Internet for this event. The ordination would be transported to the convention center across the street via the Internet.

On Tuesday, July 3, the group loaded up their equipment and made the trek to Fort Worth to set up their equipment and test the technology. The TV equipment was set up in the basement of the church, a camera operated by Truelsenbach was mounted in the choir loft similar to Sacred Heart's, and another camera to be operated by Walterscheid would be to the left front giving a two camera view for the audience across the street.

Monitors and camera control equipment were installed allowing Fuhrman to be able to switch camera views that would be seen at the convention center.

McNamara soon had the Internet programmed and began sending test images of the church sanctuary. Joey Anderson, VP of operations for Nortex, logged onto the Internet in Muenster and could clearly see the inside of the church. Equipment set up by Walterscheid in the convention center could not be

tested due to the lack of Internet service which was scheduled to be installed.

The Internet at the convention center was provided 8 a.m. the day of the ordination by Smart City, which has an exclusive contract for the convention center's communications. AT&T was scheduled to provide the Internet service to the rented room, but due to an error in the order, it was not installed. Walterscheid worked with the convention center to access their Internet service at the rate of \$500 for the day.

Nortex arrived at the church on Saturday morning, at 6:15 a.m. to begin the communications transportation not knowing that the church didn't unlock their doors until 7:30 a.m. Walterscheid had brought along his wife Sandra to tape the historical event for the Diocese and which will later be shown on Nortex Communications local channel 70.

Everyone took their stations; Fuhrman on the camera control switching system, Grove completed audio connections in the convention center, Truelsenbach at the helm of the choir loft camera, stationed between the trumpet player and the choir conductor, Walterscheid on camera two, and McNamara across the street at the convention center.

The Mass began promptly at 10 a.m. and ran until 12:08 p.m. The event ran very smoothly and all were pleased with the high quality sound system and the televised portion in the convention center. With the service wrapped up, equipment packed away, everyone headed back to Muenster to discuss the procedures they used and to get the equipment installed at Sacred Heart Church for the next morning's Mass.

The four persons ordained were Deacon Thomas Jerome Kennedy, who is a member of St. John the Apostle Parish in Fort Worth, Deacon Raymond Lamar McDaniel, Jr., who is a member of St. Mary the Virgin Parish in Arlington, Deacon Jonathan Wallis, a member of St. Peter the Apostle Parish in Fort Worth, and Deacon Isaac Orozco who is a member of St. Matthew Parish in Arlington.

Bishop Vann said, "We are blessed that God has called these four outstanding men of the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth to priesthood."

Nortex Communications is a community minded company and will always go the extra mile to help out a neighbor in need. Nortex services include telephone, cable television, Internet service, long distance and wireless communications in the areas of Muenster, Lindsay, Saint Jo, Valley View, Lake Kiowa, Collinsville, Forestburg, Myra, and Rosston.

**Sunday's flash flooding**



A fence post and wire hold their ground as rushing flash flood waters attempt to wash them away. Janie Hartman photo

**DAYS GONE BY.....**

**65 YEARS AGO**

**July 10, 1942**  
Muenster collects 35,000 pounds of rubber in drive. Obituary: Frank Lutkenhaus, 56. Wedding: Hilda Sicking and Pvt. Leo Prescher. Meinrad Stoffels is new employee at Jimmy's Service Station. New Arrivals: Mary to Bill and Mary Bierschenk; Stella to Ted and Agnes Neu. Delicate brain surgery saves life of Bud Hoehn after war injury.

**50 YEARS AGO**

**July 12, 1957**  
The Boze Anslays will succeed the John Hoeses on the teaching staff at public school. Old bank building will be moved to Walnut Street,

with Rollman's domino hall remaining in the building. Maggie Noggler joins Hofbauer's clerking staff. New Arrivals: Glenna to Glenn and Betty Hellman; Jeanette to Gregory and Mary Hundt. Flo Walterscheid hosts Tripoli Club in her home.

**25 YEARS AGO**

**July 9, 1982**  
Further setback of harvest caused by week's rains. Ben Fleitman, Jr. installed as grand knight of the Muenster Knights of Columbus. The Arnold and Imelda Rohmer home is awarded Yard of the Month. Peggy Winn won Miss Congeniality contest at Teenworld State Finals.

**Senate passes Estes bill creating groundwater conservation district**

The Texas Senate passed Senate Bill 1983 by State Senator Craig Estes (R-Wichita Falls) to create the Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District encompassing Hood, Montague, Parker, and Wise counties. "I very much appreciate the support of my colleagues in the Senate to pass legislation important to my Senate District," said Estes.

The creation of the groundwater conservation district is subject to approval by a majority vote of local residents, and would be financed by user fees. The conservation district would not have taxing authority and would be governed by locally appointed directors. Senate Bill 1983 also au-

thorizes the new Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District to require oil and gas, and other industrial users to report their annual water usage to the district to enable the district directors to effectively plan for future water needs.

"Without this reporting on water use, the conservation district cannot effectively plan for the future, he said.

Senate Bill 1983 will now go to the Texas House for consideration.

Senator Estes also is co-authoring Senate Bill 174 which would take the same reporting requirement in the Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District and apply it to all groundwater conservation districts.

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\$23 million that is fully sales taxable.

County Judge Bill Freeman committed, "It looks like a win-win situation for the taxpayers even though we're abating some ad valorem tax up front. We will get new employees and that money turns over several times within the County before it leaves the County."

Commissioners voted unanimously to grant the requested six year 70% tax abatement to Allied Production Solutions.

After more study of the three bids submitted on construction of the Precinct #4 maintenance facility, Precinct #4 Commissioner Virgil Hess recommended awarding the bid to PVP Building, Inc. of Decatur. Their bid of \$137,100 was the lowest of the three bids submitted.

Construction is expected to begin sometime in September depending on the weather.

Sealed bids for four fuel tanks to be sold individually "as is" from Precinct #1 were opened and all accepted. Billy Robinson of Pottsboro bid \$50 on a 500 gallon tank. Ronnie Robinson of Callisburg bid \$75 for a 1,000 gallon tank and \$55 for a 500 gallon tank.

In other business, Commissioners Court:

- Agreed to contract with Pinnacle for DOT screenings. It was discussed at the June 25 meeting, but tabled for more investigation.

- Approved Jennifer Johnson-Spence, director of

Cooke County Library, applying for Texas Library Association Flood Relief Program grant. This is ongoing. Already \$600 worth of damages have been done to Library property due to flood water. That is from three families and Johnson-Spence said she knows of five more families with loaned items who were affected by the flood, but hasn't been able to contact them.

- Approved Johnson-Spence applying for the Texas Commission on the Arts grant. This allows her to bring in outside entertainment for story hour and other events.

- Approved a speed limit of 45 m.p.h. on CR 167 in Precinct #1 for the entire length of the road (approximately two miles). Residents complained of excessive speed on the road.

- Approved final plat for Lone Star Estates (lots 1-6) located off of CR 156 in Precinct #1.

- Approved jailer bond for Gary Collwell for Precinct #2.
- Declared CSCD 2002 Buick Century as surplus and approved trade-in for the purchase of a new vehicle.

- Approved continuation of County Road and Bridge Registration Fee.

- Approved request by Woodbine Water Supply, at their expense, to install a four inch fresh water line running east and west on the north side of the intersection of CR 146 and 162 in Precinct #1.

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home repairs or rental assistance, motel bills, \$1,200,482.00 has been approved. In Grayson County it is \$447,732.00.

Some people qualify for assistance with things such as funerals, medical, dentures, transportation, and other serious disaster related needs not covered by insurance or other federal, state, and charitable aid programs.

Craine advises those applying to expect the process to take about 20 minutes. He said that having needed information such as Social Security numbers, insurance information, and a good land line telephone number to be

reached at, will expedite the process. Take pictures to document damages, and keep receipts to get reimbursement when qualified.

If you suffered loss in any flooding from June 16 on and have questions, go to the FEMA Disaster Center in Gainesville and sit down for a conversation with a FEMA representative who will answer your questions and help you get any FEMA grant money you are qualified to receive.

FEMA picks up 75% of the bill and the state splits the difference with the county at 12 1/2 - 12 1/2, or sometimes 20%, leaving 5% for the county, said Craine.

You are worthy of all the good that comes your way. How do we know? If you weren't worthy, it wouldn't come your way.

**An excerpt from The Church's Love Letter to the World by Rev. Richard John Neuhaus Part 9 of 12**

No Supreme Court, not even a majority of the people, can deny such rights without undermining the moral authority of the government. *Evangelium Vitae* quotes John XXIII's famous encyclical *Pacem in Terris*: "Authority is a postulate of the moral order and derives from God. Consequently, laws and decrees enacted in contravention of the moral order, and hence of the divine will, can have no binding force in conscience. . . ; indeed the passing of such laws undermines the very nature of authority and results in shameful abuse" (no. 72; quoting *Pacem in Terris*, no. 271).

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**As good as having the part in stock - airplane delivery**

Needing a radiator grille for a repair job, Shorty (Herr Motor Company) called Bowie and asked whether they could send one out right away. The answer was yes.

Only a few minutes later, it seemed, the garage attendants, along with other spectators around town, stepped outside to see the plane that was just skimming tree and building tops and heard the

pilot shout, "come out and get your grille." Then the plane headed for a landing in Fleitman's pasture and Shorty promptly rushed to get his part.

Feb. 17, 1939

**H-5 gets Westinghouse line**

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Feb. 24, 1939

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Sunday, July 15, 2007	Monday, July 16, 2007	Tuesday, July 17, 2007	Wednesday, July 18, 2007	Thursday, July 19, 2007	Friday, July 20, 2007	Saturday, July 21, 2007
Muenster Museum Open 1-4	VFW Aux Mtg. 7:30 pm	SHCS Uniform Store Open, 4-8pm, SH School Basement	Stewardship Comm. mtg. @ 7:15pm, Community Center Mtg. RM	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm Kiwanis Family Swim Night 7-9 pm @ Muenster Pool	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm	
	Second week of swimming lessons					
Sunday, July 22, 2007	Monday, July 23, 2007	Tuesday, July 24, 2007	Wednesday, July 25, 2007	Thursday, July 26, 2007	Friday, July 27, 2007	Saturday, July 28, 2007
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# OBITUARIES

## Bill Arend 1926 - 2007

Mass of Christian Burial for William J. "Bill" Arend was held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 11 at St. Mary's Catholic Church of Sherman, with Rev. Jeremy Myers officiating. Burial followed at St. Mary's Cemetery with members of the Knights of Columbus serving as pallbearers.

Bill Arend died Saturday, July 7, 2007 in Wilson N. Jones Medical Center at the age of 81.

Born May 26, 1926 in Calera, Oklahoma to Nicholas and Lena Rauschubler Arend, he was raised in Lindsay, Texas and was a graduate of Lindsay High School in 1944. He attended Midwestern University for two years. After serving in the U.S.

Army, he married Margaret "Peg" Tomlinson on Nov. 3, 1949 in Duncan, Oklahoma. He worked as a district supervisor for over 35 years for Halliburton, before retiring in 1986. Bill volunteered for Home Hospice, and was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Ombudsman, Knights of Columbus, American Legion, and VFW.

Bill is survived by his wife Peg of Sherman; two sons, William Arend, Jr. and wife Suzanne of Littleton, Colorado, and James Arend and wife Virginia of Topeka, Kansas; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brother Nicholas Arend and wife Fran of Gainesville; and sister Helen Yosten of Muenster. Preceding him in death



Bill Arend

were three brothers, Fred, John, and Max, and two sisters, Mary Frances Stobough and Florence Rauschubler.

A Rosary was recited at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Waldo Funeral Home in Sherman, with the family receiving friends following the Rosary. Memorials may be made to Home Hospice of Grayson County at 505 W. Center Street, or the St. Mary's Building Fund at 727 S. Travis, Sherman, TX 75090.

The register book can be signed on-line at [walfuneralhome.com](http://walfuneralhome.com)

## Richard Mecca 1922 - 2007

A private memorial service was held for Richard "Dick" LeRoy Mecca of Gainesville who died at his home Sunday, July 8, 2007 at the age of 84. Born Nov. 3, 1922 in St. Marys, Pennsylvania, he was the son of Paul and Inez Wonderly Mecca. He graduated in 1942 from St. Marys High School. He enjoyed hunting, fly fishing, and ice skating throughout his early years. He was a member of the Elks and the Eagles. Dick served in the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theater at the end of World War II.

Dick married Irene Roumaine Harps on April 3, 1950 in Knoxville, Tennessee in a double ceremony with his cousin Eddie Mecca and Gladys Gabor. Dick and Roumaine, along with their first two children, moved to Gainesville, Texas in 1954, where he changed jobs from the Pennsylvania Highway Department to the Texas State Department of Highways and Transportation. Retiring in 1985, he and Roumaine moved to 10 acres of "rocks and trees" in Woodbine, where he enjoyed the country life and tractor rides with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Two and one-half years ago, Dick and Roumaine moved back to Gainesville and took an inter-

est in their daughters' quilt making.

Dick is survived by his loving wife Roumaine of Gainesville, daughters and sons-in-law Debbie and Bobby Boaz of Woodbine, Dawn and Ralph Porter of Gainesville, Pam Albrecht of Denton, and René and Don Knauf of Lindsey; son and daughter-in-law Richard "Terry" and Nancy Milam Mecca of Woodbine; brother Bert Mecca of St. Marys; and sisters Joyce Romanic of Columbia, Pennsylvania and Lynne Elliott of The Village, Florida. Dick also leaves behind 11 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, one aunt, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, two infant siblings Pauline and George Bruce, brothers Paul, Gerald "Jerry," and Joseph "Bucky" Mecca, and sisters Dorothy (Mrs. William) Enderby and Nancy (Mrs. Alton) Taylor.

Final wishes are being handled by Geo. J. Carroll & Son of Gainesville. You may sign the on-line registry by visiting the website [www.geojcarroll.com](http://www.geojcarroll.com). Memorial contributions may be made to Home Hospice of Cooke County or First United Methodist Church of Gainesville.

## Preparation of soil for ornamental plant beds

Soil preparation is perhaps the most important aspect in maintaining seasonal color areas. This begins with the addition of large quantities of organic matter to obtain optimum aeration, drainage, and water holding characteristics.

In areas near our homes, soils are often a mix of construction debris, random trash, and (if you are lucky) a little topsoil. The pH levels can be out of whack from the dumping of concrete, dry wall, and paint. Necessary plant nutrients may be exhausted or unavailable to plants because of problems with the pH. Compaction is also a serious problem.

A good garden loam has 50% solids and 50% pore space for air and water. When soil is compacted, the pore space is lost. Without air and water, the roots cannot function properly and growth is stunted. Organic matter can solve all these problems by buffering against pH extremes; buffering against nutrient imbalance; improving water-holding capacity; improving nutrient-holding capacity; increasing air in the soil; improving texture of both sandy and clay soil. In addition, bed areas should be raised to a minimum of four-six inches to avoid "drowning" during wet, rainy weather.

Fertilize with a product where the ratio of N-P-K is 1:1:1 or 1:2:1 and apply according to label directions. Normal rate of application on new beds is generally one to two pounds per 100 square feet. On established beds, a soil test is highly recommended; normally, one pound per 100 square feet would be sufficient. Spade, rototill, or otherwise mix well until uniform, and level off.

To reduce weeding maintenance, rototill one of the commercially available soil sterilants, such as those containing glyphosate, into the soil about three weeks before planting. Then just before or immediately after planting, apply a pre-emergent herbicide labeled for ornamental use, and leave it undisturbed on the surface.

Other methods of weed prevention include the use of a physical barrier such as a film of black plastic which may be covered with a thin layer of decorative mulch. Be sure to punch numerous holes into the plastic with a garden rake to ensure adequate water penetration. Other weed barrier materials may also be used.

## Mary Hutson 1931 - 2007

Funeral services for Mary Hutson of Dallas, formerly of the Forestburg area, were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 7, 2007 at McCoy Funeral Chapel in Saint Jo. C.E. Cole officiated. Burial followed at Mountain Creek Cemetery in Montague County.

Mary Ruth Glass Hutson died at the age of 75 on Tuesday, July 3, 2007 at 11:53 p.m. Born Nov. 17, 1931 in Montague County to Lonnie and Ellie Cook Glass, Mary grew up in the Saint Jo area and attended school, graduating from Saint Jo High School. She married William C. Hutson on Sept. 29, 1948 in Saint Jo. They were together over 50 years until his death.

Mary will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She loved to

laugh, always had a smile on her face, and a "big" meal on the table. Even in her later days, while suffering with Alzheimer's, her personality would shine through.

Survivors include daughters and son-in-law Barbara and Tony Musik of Southlake, and Debbie Hutson of Sachse, Texas; son and daughter-in-law Larry and Jimmie Hutson of Decatur; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband William "Snooks" Hutson and her parents.

Pallbearers were Dan Rhoades, John Rhoades, Lance Hutson, Brad Hutson, Ricky Gaston, and Jerry Admire.

A visitation was held Friday evening at the funeral home.

## Dorothy Giffen 1929 - 2007

Dorothy Marie Giffen died on Tuesday, July 3, 2007 leaving a host of family and friends whom she loved, nurtured, and encouraged. Services were held Friday, July 6 at First United Methodist Church in Carrollton. Interment was at DFW National Cemetery. A visitation was held at Rhoton Funeral Home Thursday, July 5.

Born Feb. 28, 1929, Dor-

othy was the firstborn of James Aubra and Ruby Hazel Johns in Saint Jo, where she was raised. On July 29, 1949 she married James D. Giffen at First Baptist Church in Saint Jo. She was an honored employee of Sears & Roebuck from 1966 to 1979. She worked with her husband and son at Capital Solutions, Inc. from 1984 to 1999. During her life, Dor-

othy was a resident in seven states, from the San Francisco Bay area to the New York City Tri-State area. She returned to Texas in 1983, where she settled in Carrollton and became an active member of First United Methodist Church of Carrollton.

Dorothy had a servant's heart in all she did. She had a passion for sewing and quilting, and was an accomplished artist and seamstress. She shared hospitality with all whom she met, and served in the churches where she was a member.

Survivors are her husband James Giffen; son Doug Giffen and Carolyn; daughter Debbie Wiedeman and Stan; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; sisters Sue Lemons and Allen, and Doris Anita Johns; and brother James Albert Johns and Mary.

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# LIFESTYLE

## Golden Wedding celebrated by Schmidtkoefers

Joe and Viola Schmidtkoefers celebrated 50 years of marriage on Sunday, July 1. Their 50th anniversary is July 13, 2007.

They began the day with Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Peter's Catholic Church with Father Ron Scheible as celebrant. Fr. Ron also gave the couple a blessing afterwards. The church choir presented the music.

At noon, a catered meal was served to the honor couple, their family, and relatives in Conrad Hall in Lindsay. During the meal, Judy Krahl, their oldest daughter, gave a toast to the couple, honoring them with congratulations and remembrances of their life from marriage to the present, and wishing them many more happy years.

A reception for friends was held from 2 to 4 p.m. also in Conrad Hall. A two-tiered anniversary cake featured the bride and groom from the couple's wedding cake placed between the layers. On top of the cake was a golden 50 in a heart. The anniversary cake and chocolate sheet cakes inscribed with "Happy 75th

Birthday Joe" (which is later this month) were served with punch to the guests by Dea Carnes and Karen Cler.

Attendants at the celebration were Leroy Schmidtkoefers, brother of the groom, and Leroy Neu, cousin of the bride, both groomsmen, Rosina Schmidtkoefers, sister-in-law of the couple, and Evelyn Sicking, sister of the bride, both bridesmaids.

Other attendants for their wedding 50 years ago were Alice David, friend of the bride, bridesmaid, the late Lambert Hess, cousin of the groom, groomsmen, and the late James and Sally Flusche, brother and sister-in-law of the bride, best man and bridesmatron respectively.

Acolytes for their wedding were Charles Flusche, cousin of the bride, who attended the celebration, and the late Jerry Flusche, brother of the bride.

The golden weds' children and spouses are Judy and David Krahl, Stephen Schmidtkoefers, Janet and Jackie Moss, Victor Schmidtkoefers, Joan and David Deckard, and the late Joyce Knabe, and the late



Joe and Viola Schmidtkoefers

Julia Schmidtkoefers. Their grandchildren are Jon, Adam, Aaron, Lauren, Jessica, Emily, and Mark Krahl; Dea Cler-Carnes, Karen Cler, Amy (Deckard) and Josh Houser, Kristi (Moss) and Joe Foust. Great-grandchildren are Sidney and Audrey Carnes.

Securing names in the guest book were Jessica and Emily Krahl. Lauren Krahl handed out the family memento folders designed by Janet Moss, their daughter, who also made two special family albums that were presented to the honorees. These albums were displayed along with the tiara the bride wore and the flower holder she carried on her wedding day. Also on display was the bride's dress and shoes. Another table held framed pictures of the couple's wedding, the invitation to their wedding, and the wedding book.

Christine Canizaro, a friend of the family, was the

photographer.

The tables were covered with white and gold tablecloths with net, ribbon, and beads, all gold colored, in the centers, gold rings scattered about, and clear swans held mints and nuts. The honorees' table and serving table held gold and crystal candle holders with gold taper candles and gold flowers in vases. A 50th anniversary plate and cup were displayed. The honor tables had crystal glasses for the after dinner toast.

Joe has farmed all of his married life and is retired from National Supply after 33 years. He also has had a dozer and backhoe business, and continues both occasionally. Viola worked for J.C. Penney, Co. 17 years until it closed, and for Dustin's Hallmark Shop. They reside in the home they helped build 46 years ago, in Lindsay.

Their parents are the late John C. and Catherine Schmidtkoefers, and Conrad Max and Regina Flusche.

## Jodie Lutkenhaus earns doctorate

Jodie Lee Lutkenhaus completed degree requirements at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She received a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Chemical Engineering with Polymer Materials concentration.

The graduation ceremony was held June 8 in Killian Court. The Investiture of Doctoral Degree Hoods was held June 7 at the Rockwell Building. Her parents James and Joan Lutkenhaus attended the ceremonies.

Her thesis in the field of Chemical Engineering was "Ion Transport and Structure of Layer-by-Layer Assemblies."

She has accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Chemical Engineering at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut starting July 2008. She is currently completing a Post Doctoral position in Polymeric Materials at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. She is relocating to Enfield, Connecticut.

Jodie is married to Dr. Benjamin Wilhite. She is the



Jodie Lutkenhaus

daughter of James and Joan Lutkenhaus of Bedford, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Mary Sicking of Gainesville, and the niece of Cliff Sicking and Rachel Hennigan of Muenster and Bryan Sicking and Bill Sicking of Myra.

### Grandparents

Grandma always made you feel she had been waiting to see just you all day and now the day was complete.

- Marcy DeMaree

## COLLEGE HONORS

### Baylor University

In recognition of the achievement of a grade point average of 3.7 or better of a possible 4.00 while enrolled in at least 12 semester hours, Stephen Adam Vinson was entered on the Dean's Academic Honor List for the Spring 2007 Semester at Baylor University. Adam is classified as a junior pre-med student majoring in forensics/anthropology. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Stephen L. Vinson of Forestburg. In addition to attending a summer college program in Fort Worth, he is also employed by Wise Regional Hospital in Decatur.

### University of North Texas

The University of North Texas has named its honor students for the Spring 2007 semester, recognizing students for academic performance. To make the Dean's

List a student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or better out of a possible 4.0 while completing at least 12 semester hours. Muenster student earning a place on the Dean's List is Bridgette Klement, majoring in Art Education. She is a 2004 MISD graduate and the daughter of Leon and Christi Klement of Muenster.

### University of North Texas

Kelly Endres has achieved a perfect grade point average for the Spring 2007 semester at the University of North Texas. She has been named to the President's List. In order to be named to the President's List, a student must carry a course load of 12 or more hours during the semester and earn a 4.0 grade point average. Kelly is the daughter of Phil Endres and Marlene Pagel.

## Saint Jo Opry to be held this Saturday

The Saint Jo Opry is scheduled for Saturday, July 14 in the Saint Jo school auditorium. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. with patriotic songs, plenty of good country classics, and just a little bit of rock and roll. Door prizes will be given during the show.

Special guests include Brant Carpenter of the Spanish Fort area, Rodney Garr-

son of Bowie, Bob Bolden of Gordonville, Doyle Smith of the Forestburg area, and Cody Cochran of Leonard.

Admission is \$2 for adults, with children 12 and under free. Donations from the opy are given to local area volunteer fire/EMS and other non-profit organizations. For more information contact David or Brenda at 995-2178.

## Hermes grandson snags 1st place



Tex Hermes, two year old son of Ron and Dr. Dana Hermes of Seguin took 1st place for most patriotic float in the Kiddie Parade at Seguin's Freedom Fiesta on June 30. Decorating his John Deere Gator was not only a family event, but also recruited neighborhood assistance. Children were encouraged to show their patriotism by decorating their bicycles, tricycles, wagons, and more. Tex is the grandson of Richard and Edna Hermes of Lindsay. Courtesy photo

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## Diana Bayer earns veterinarian degree

Diana Elizabeth Bayer, DVM, wife of Jeremy Bayer, graduated May 10 from Texas A&M University, College of Veterinary Medicine. She is the daughter of Don and Donna Schad of Lindsay and the granddaughter of Adeine Sicking of Muenster and Louise Schad of Lindsay.

Diana did her undergraduate work at Tarleton State University.

Many close family members and friends attended the graduation in College Station. A celebration party was held at the home of Ed and Bernadette Otto of Muenster. Her family also surprised her with a new porta vet box for her pickup.

Diana and Jeremy live east

of Muenster. Diana is practicing on large and small animals at Cactus Clinic in Saint Jo.



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# Ross and Sandmann exchange wedding vows in Saint Peter's Catholic Church

Jessica Leigh Ross of Keller and Robert Joseph Sandmann of Watauga exchanged vows in St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lindsay on June 9, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. The double ring ceremony was officiated by Father Ron Scheible, pastor.

The bride is the daughter of Joel and Jill Ross of Keller, and the granddaughter of Joe and Joan Ross of Ruston, Louisiana. She graduated from Keller High School, and earned her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education in 2005 from the University of Texas at Arlington. She is employed as a 4th grade teacher with Birdville ISD.

Parents of the groom are Frank and Lorine Sandmann of Lindsay. Groom's grandparents are the late John and Christine Voth and the late Frank and Marie Sandmann. He is a graduate of Lindsay High School, attending the University of North Texas and Tarleton State University, earning his Bachelor of

Science in Kinesiology in 1992 and his Masters in Education Administration in 2001. He is employed by Harris Methodist HEB Hospital of Bedford as manager of outpatient physical therapy.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attired in an ivory beaded lace gown with cap sleeves by LaCosta, and a custom made veil with scalloped edge and pearls. She carried a bouquet of mini callas, roses, and ivory orchids by Vines & Branches. For something borrowed, the bride wore the wedding rings belonging to the groom's late grandmother Marie Sandmann.

Daniele Clark of Richland Hills, friend of the bride, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Jan Fowler of Washington D.C., friend of the bride, Amy Whaley of Denison, sister of the groom, and Shannon Steed of Wilmore, Kentucky, friend of the bride. They wore gowns

of sage green shantung with A-line skirt and draped portrait collar, by Watters & Watters. The gowns featured a draped empire waist with a crystal brooch.

Flower girls were Gwendolyn and Victoria Zimmerer of Colleyville, cousins of the groom. Serving as ring bearers was Tyler Whaley of Denison, nephew of the groom.

Jeff Zimmerer of Colleyville, groom's cousin, served as best man. Groomsmen were Glenn Fuhrmann of Lindsay, friend of the groom, Steven Whaley of Denison, brother-in-law of the groom, and Leo Sandmann of Artesia, New Mexico, cousin of the groom.

Ushers were Bryan Ross and Stephen Ross, both brothers of the bride and both of Keller, Ryan Schon of Pilot Point and Nick Sandmann of Lindsay, both cousins of the groom.

Stephen Waschka of Fort Worth, Godchild of the groom,

and Elizabeth Zwinggi of Lindsay, cousin of the groom were altar servers.

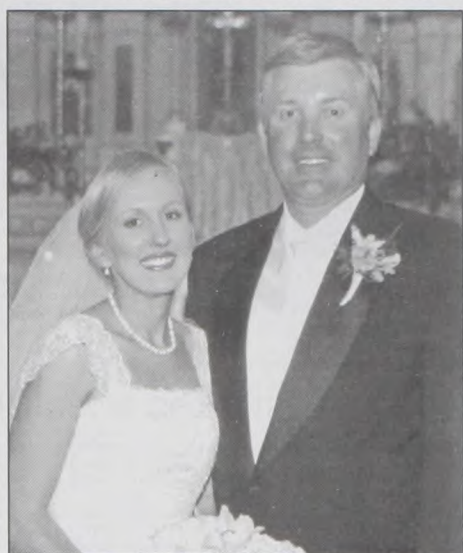
The church was adorned with bouquets of greenery. Stephanie Zwinggi of Lindsay, cousin of the groom, and Kathy Smith of Hurst, friend of the bride, handed out programs in church.

Music was provided by the Fossil Creek String Quartet of Keller. Kathy Smith of Hurst and Pam Zimmerer of Colleyville gave the readings during the ceremony.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in Centennial Hall in Lindsay. The bride's cake and the groom's chocolate cake were created by Roger Dieter.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents Frank and Lorine Sandmann at their home in Lindsay on Friday evening, June 8.

Following a wedding trip to El Dorado Royale Resort in Riviera Maya, Mexico, the couple is at home in Watauga.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sandmann ...nee Jessica Ross...

## BAPTISM

### Riley

Caryn and Chad Riley joyfully announce the birth of their son John "Jack" Thomas Riley. He was born May 16, 2007 at Presbyterian Hospital in Denton. He weighed 9 lb. 11 oz. and was 20 inches in length. He was welcomed by siblings Brendan Michael, age five, Anna Claire, age four, and Elizabeth Hope, age two. Jack is the grandson of Mike and Marilyn Riley and Carolyn and Gary Vogel, all of Denison, and the great-grandson of Velma and the late J.D. Hemperley of Denison, the late Robert and Eileen Riley, Mary Riley of

Clearwater, Florida, Ed and Wilma Goff of Denison, and Bill and Ruth Vogel of Denton.

Jack was baptized at Sacred Heart Parish on July 1, 2007 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass by Deacon Gary Vogel, Jack's grandfather. The Mass was celebrated by Rev. Ken Robinson and concelebrated by Rev. Patrick Serna of the Diocese of Corpus Christi. Fr. Patrick is Jack's Godfather.

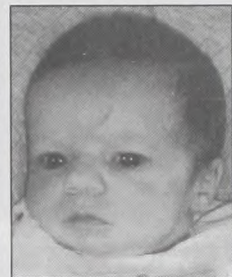
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- The present City Hall was built in 1953.

- The Muenster City Swimming Pool was opened in 1956 with L.B. Bruns the first manager.

- Muenster's first full time chief of police was Bill Pratt. Joyce Tucker Tempel was the first full time city secretary.

- The City purchased the clinic from the T.S. Myrick estate in 1981 for a library.



John "Jack" Riley



Pam Hoberer, left, and Annette Anderle welcome visitors to their new business, God's Grace, in Lindsay. Courtesy photo

## God's Grace offers selection of religious items and books

Two sisters, Annette Anderle and Pam Hoberer, opened a Catholic gift and bookstore on June 27. God's Grace is located at 117 Main Street in Lindsay.

Items offered for sale include inspirational literature, prayer books, Bibles, framed art, rosaries, medals, holy water fonts, crucifixes, greeting cards, and much more. There is new merchandise

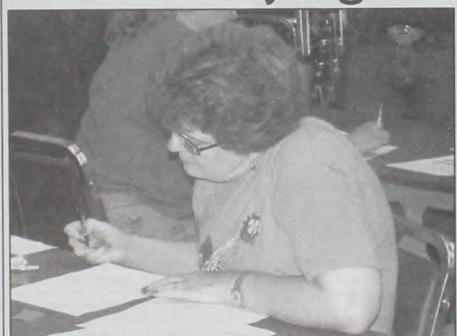
arriving daily. There are also garden items, and especially for children, the Little Lamb's Corner.

God's Grace also accepts items on consignment. Currently creations include stained glass by Mike Hellinger and framed art by Beverly Fuhrmann.

The business welcomes Christians of all denominations to stop by and browse. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. The phone number is 665-0030.

A grand opening event is planned for a later date.

## 4-H books judged



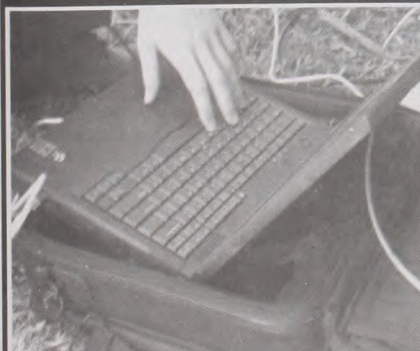
Phyllis Griffin, Cooke County Extension agent, helped judge the Cooke and Montague County 4-H record books last week at the Cooke County Electric Cooperative in Muenster. Twenty-one county winners advanced to District 4 competition.

## Lightning strikes

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Unless specifically designed to be lightning safe, small structures do little, if anything, to protect occupants from lightning. Many small open shelters on athletic fields, golf courses, parks, roadside picnic areas, schoolyards, and elsewhere are designed to protect people from rain and sun, but not lightning. A shelter that does not contain plumbing or wiring throughout, or some other mechanism for grounding from the roof to ground is not safe. Small wooden, vinyl, or metal sheds offer little or no protection from lightning and should be avoided during thunderstorms.

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On behalf of the Muenster Knights of Columbus Council 1459, Gary Endres and Kenneth Braziel presented vestments to each of the newly ordained priests at the reception in the Fort Worth Convention Center following the ordination. Pictured from left, Fr. Jonathan Wallace, Fr. Kyle Walterscheid, Bishop Kevin Vann, Fr. Robert Strittmatter, Fr. Thomas Kennedy, Kenneth Braziel, Fr. Isaac Orozco, Gary Endres, and Fr. Raymond McDaniel. Courtesy photo

## Don't let snakes sneak up on you

Summertime is the season when the majority of snake bites occur nationwide each year. About 8,000 people are bitten by venomous snakes annually in the U.S. Most of the bites occur between April and October, when outdoor activities are popular.

In Texas, about one to two people die each year from venomous snake bites. The most common type of venomous snake in Texas is the pit viper — a classification that includes the copperhead, cottonmouth, and rattlesnake. Of those, copperheads are blamed for most bites seen in Dallas-area emergency rooms, said Dr. Kurt Kleinschmidt, associate professor of emergency medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center. Luckily, the copperhead is the least dangerous of the pit vipers and many patients bitten by them may not need antivenin therapy.

Snakes will strike when threatened or surprised, but most will usually avoid the encounter. If you are moving through tall grass or weeds, poke at the ground in front of you with a long stick to scare away snakes. Watch where you step and where you sit when outdoors. When hiking, wear boots and long pants.

"If bitten, the most impor-

tant thing to remember is to seek immediate medical attention at your local emergency room," Dr. Kleinschmidt advised.

Before you reach the ER, Dr. Kleinschmidt suggests following these first aid rules:

- Stay calm.
- If you see the snake, try to remember what it looks like. Don't try to catch the reptile; it could bite you again.
- Quickly remove any jew-

## Drive aware - look for motorcycles

With summer vacations in full swing, DPS reminds drivers to always look for motorcycles. The most frequent cause of motorcycle crashes is the failure of motorists in other vehicles to detect motorcycles.

"More than half of motorcycle crashes occur because the driver of the other vehicle simply did not see the motorcycle coming," said DPS Director Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr. "Do your part as a motorist. Look, and then look again for motorcycles."

What can you do? Drive aware:

- Look for motorcycles. They're smaller and easy to overlook. Be aware at intersections.
- Anticipate a

elvy or tight clothing near the bite, before swelling starts.

• Wash the area with soap and water if possible, and keep the bitten limb below the heart.

• Do not make cuts over the snake bite or apply a tourniquet or constricting device.

• Do not apply a cold pack or ice to the bite area.

Lona Sandon, assistant professor of clinical nutrition at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

## Life preserver for drowning trees

Are your trees drowning? Wetter-than-normal spring in much of the country have left many trees sitting in soil saturated with water. Too much water sitting at the base of a tree can cause myriad problems. A traditional life preserver might not be the answer for these leafy giants, but a little knowledge — and knowing where to seek assistance — can help trees survive.

Too much water can be as bad for trees as too little water. While some trees are suited to survive occasional floods, most are not. In addition, as a tree becomes older, its ability to adapt to abrupt environmental changes decreases.

"Trees must maintain a proper water balance," said Tehukki Andersen, staff arborist with the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA). "Although most trees can withstand moisture conditions from very dry to very wet for short periods of time, continued extremes can cause serious problems, depending on the tree species," Andersen explains. Some species — such as some oaks, pines, and junipers — have adapted to survive drier conditions. Trees that grow along rivers (such as willows, poplars, cottonwoods, and sycamores) and trees that grow in or around swamps and ponds (such as red maples, gums, and pond cypress) can also grow in wet conditions.

Flood injury occurs when soil becomes saturated with water. There doesn't need to be an actual flood to cause flood injury.

When flood conditions are prolonged, root dieback occurs. During root dieback, soil is so saturated that there is not enough oxygen available to the tree roots. Without the proper balance of oxygen and carbon dioxide, roots can't survive. Eventually the tree is not able to absorb adequate moisture, despite the flood condition. The tree will exhibit symptoms similar to leaf scorch, where a tree's leaves turn brown and die due to a lack of moisture in the leaves.

Symptoms of flood injury, in the order that they develop on the foliage, are:

- slight wilting or drooping of the foliage;
- yellowing and browning (necrosis) of leaf edges;
- browning in the center of the leaf.

The symptoms usually start at the top of the tree or on the ends of branches, and spread throughout the entire crown. The symptoms are often more severe on the side of the tree facing the prevailing winds.

## What to do

The best prevention for this problem is to avoid planting flood-intolerant trees in areas that are frequently flooded. There are a variety of wetland trees and shrubs that can be planted instead.

There are not many practical short-term solutions other than improving drainage. Whenever changes in drainage are made, the impact to all the affected landscape and landscape plants needs to be considered. Avoid creating problems for flood-tolerant plants by providing drainage for intolerant plants.

Submitted by TCIA

## Keep Muenster Beautiful names July Yard of the Month winner



JULY KEEP MUENSTER BEAUTIFUL YARD OF THE MONTH was awarded to Lil and Frank Cardwell who reside at 916 North Main Street. Their front yard is filled with colorful eye-catching containers of impatiens, petunias, and moss roses. A leafy vine dominates one of the planters. It blooms red flowers and Lil said she saves a cutting each fall so that she can start it again the next spring. She and her husband built the flower boxes. There are also two half barrel planters and other flower filled containers. Lil said she enjoys working with the flowers and likes the containers because they cut back on weeding. Trees help block the west sun, allowing the impatiens to thrive there. To nominate a local yard for this award, contact any member of Keep Muenster Beautiful, or call either the Muenster Enterprise 759-4311 or the Chamber of Commerce 759-2227. Janie Hartman photo

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**Make-A-Wish trip**

Dakota Lamkin and family enjoyed a trip to Orlando, Florida compliments of the Make-A-Wish Foundation in late May. One stop was at Gatorland, where Dakota held a live alligator and python (as pictured). Dakota is in the maintains phase of his monthly treatments and takes chemo nightly at home. This will continue for possibly the next two years.

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## The Koesler family hair affair



The "Koesler girls," from left, Samantha, Cindy, and Stephanie, all got their hair cut to be donated to Locks-of-Love. The 10 inch strands of hair will be used to make wigs for cancer patients. Margie Wimmer of Mane Attractions did the cutting. Janie Hartman and Deborah Wood photos

## NEW ARRIVALS

### Vogel

Julie and Rodney Vogel of Saint Jo are happy to announce the birth of their daughter Cara Renée Vogel on Thursday, July 5, 2007 in North Texas Medical Center. She was born at 4:55 p.m. weighing 7 lb. 14 oz. and measuring 21 1/2 inches long. Welcoming her to the family are Carlee, age seven, Rachael, age five, and Joshua, age two. Grandparents are Carl and Marian Chappell of Saint Jo, and Larry and Kathy Vogel of Myra. Great-grandparents are James and Lorene Strain of Adrian, Missouri, and Bernice Sicking of Myra.

Proud grandparents are Brent and Trudy Cantrell of Pilot Point, and Randy and Phyllis Serna of Sanger. Great-grandparents are Larry and Sharon Garven of Denison, Jimmy and Bobbie Cantrell of Gainesville, and Fred and Lydia Serna of Robstown. The great-great-grandmother is Myrtle Main of Denison.



Maxey Jae Johnson

### Serna

Danielle Cantrell of Pilot Point and Jared Serna of Sanger are pleased to announce the birth of their son James Cason Gage Serna. He was born on Friday, June 1, 2007 at 6:10 p.m. in Presbyterian Hospital of Denton. He weighed 8 lb. 1 oz. and measured 19 inches in length.



James Serna

### Johnson

Jace Johnson is proud to announce the birth of his sister Maxey Jae Johnson. Maxey Jae was born Friday, June 8, 2007 at 8:31 a.m. at Wilson N. Jones Hospital in Sherman. She weighed 8 lb. 3 oz. and measured 19 3/4 inches long. Maxey is the daughter of Heath and J.J. Johnson. Welcoming Maxey to the family are grandparents Denis and Norma Jean Hofbauer of Muenster, Floyd

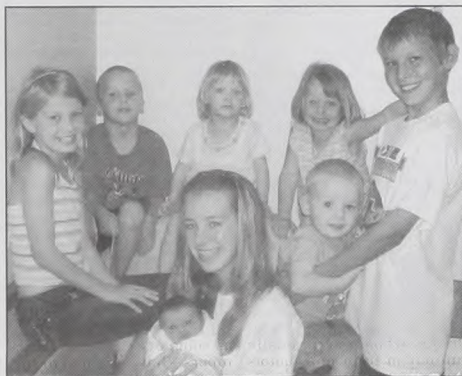
Johnson of Sanger, Jim and Judy Moore and Judy and Johnny Dowd of Saint Jo. Great-grandparents are Robbie Johnson of Gainesville and James and Norma Oldham of Nocona.

### Kahler

Kaidin Robert Lee Kahler was born to Rachel Roden and Darik Kahler of Valley View on Monday, July 2, 2007 at 1:34 p.m. He was born in North Texas Medical Center weighing 7 lb. 11 oz. and measuring 21 inches in length. Grandparents are Melinda Roden of Edgewood and husband Dwayne Johnson, and Steve Kahler of Valley View. Great-grandparents are Donny and Donna Bateman of Muenster.

### Hudson

Steve and Shannon Hudson of Muenster announce the arrival of their son Aiden Ryan Hudson, born Saturday, July 7, 2007 at 5:32 p.m. in North Texas Medical Center. He was born at 5:32 p.m. weighing 6 lb. 1 oz. and measuring 19 1/2 inches long. Aiden joins siblings Abbey, age 12, Alec, age 10, Ava, age eight, Adam, age five, Anna, age four, Andie, age two, and Abel, age one. Grandparents are Pat and Danny Lewis of Terrell, and Cheryl Hudson of Rockwall. Great-grandparents are Frances Hale of Paris and Carroll Lewis of Italy. The great-great-grandmother is Ethel White of Italy.



The Hudson children welcome their brother Aiden.

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## Sacred Heart Church begins religious ed and initiation classes

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Students from K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome. Classes are held each Wednesday from 7 - 8 p.m. Parents may enroll their children and teens by picking up a registration form at Sacred Heart Church or by coming to the business office (white brick building located north of the parish elementary school).

Sacred Heart Church also

invites anyone who might want to join the Catholic Church, or simply learn more about the Church, to attend Christian initiation classes. Children seven or older who have not been baptized are welcome to attend classes to prepare for baptism. Beginning on Aug. 26, participants meet each Sunday 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. in the Sacred Heart High School library. They are encouraged to read the Bible, study, and participate in Sunday Mass. Some of the topics are the Trinity, Jesus, Scripture, the Mass, and Mary. Catholic adults, teens, and children are welcome to attend as well.

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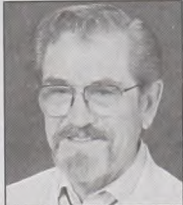
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# SCHOOL

## SHCS cheerleaders rack up cheer camp awards at UNT

This year the Sacred Heart Varsity Cheerleaders and Mascot returned from their annual summer cheerleading camp with many trophies, ribbons, and sore muscles. They went to the American Cheerleading Association (ACA) at the University of North Texas which started on June 13 and ended on June 16. The squad went to camp with their coach, Clarissa Hess, who stayed with the squad night and day for the duration of camp.

Starting in May, the weeks leading up to camp were filled with practices from the hard

working girls. They had to be prepared for the three days of learning five cheers, three dances, nine chants, and other material. They also worked on jumps and new stunts. Their last day of camp was a competition day. ACA not only teaches their campers cheerleading material, they also teach leadership skills such as positive attitude, team unity, good choices, and always having the right heart.

During the course of camp, the SH Cheerleaders were able to participate in various competitions. As a team they earned two 4-STAR ribbons and the highly esteemed 5-STAR. It was the 24<sup>th</sup> 5-STAR ever to be awarded by the ACA staff in 11 years. The SH cheerleaders are the second

squad to receive the 5-STAR ribbon two years in a row. They also earned ACA Star Chant Award, Most Creative Fun Jam Award, a spirit stick all four days, and a bid to compete at Nationals.

In the individual competitions, Rebekah Hesse was a Star Jumper nominee, Samantha Wimmer was a Star Tumbler nominee, and Kara Felderhoff, Kalyssa Pollard, Samantha Wimmer, Hayley Hess, and Rebekah Hesse were all named ACA Star Cheerleader Team. Mascot Jordan Henscheid was also awarded an individual spirit stick.

This year's camp was a great success and the SH Cheerleaders and Mascot are looking forward to the upcoming season.



Sacred Heart Tiger mascot  
Jordan Henscheid



Sacred Heart Catholic School cheerleaders, from left, front - Samantha Wimmer, Kalyssa Pollard, Natalie Endres; top - Kristin LeBrasseur, sponsor Clarissa Hess, Hayley Hess, Kara Felderhoff, Rebekah Hesse, and Lisa Miller. Courtesy photo

## Safe Shelters & Indoor Safety

### What is a safe shelter?

A house or other substantial building offers the best protection from lightning. In assessing the safety provided by a particular structure, it is more important to consider what happens if the structure gets struck by lightning, rather than whether the structure will be hit by lightning. For a shelter to provide protection from lightning, it must contain a mechanism for conducting the electrical current from the point of contact to the ground. These mechanisms may be on the outside of the structure, may be contained within the walls of the structure, or may be a combination of the two. On the outside, lightning can travel along the outer shell of the building or may follow metal gutters and downspouts to the ground. Inside a structure, lightning can follow conductors such as the electrical wiring, plumbing, and telephone lines to the ground.

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## Ensure food preparation safety during summer's grilling season

Memorial Day weekend starts the summer season of outdoor barbecue cookouts and picnics for many people, but unsafe food preparation or handling can spoil the fun, said Dr. Vickie Vaclavik, a registered dietitian at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Dr. Vaclavik suggests these tips for safe, healthy cookouts:

- Make sure grilled meats are cooked to at least 145 degrees and poultry to at least 160 degrees. Keep an inexpensive meat thermometer for your grill to monitor temperatures.

- Foods spoil fast when outdoor temperatures rise into the 80s, 90s, and 100s, so be sure to not leave out dairy products, cold cuts, and raw meat for longer than one hour.
- Pack plenty of ice in cool-

ers to store raw and/or leftover foods.

- Leftovers should be refrigerated within an hour of cooking during hot weather.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer after you've handled raw meat or food.

### How lightning enters a house or building

There are three main ways lightning enters homes and buildings: (1) a direct strike, (2) through wires or pipes that extend outside the structure, and (3) through the ground. Regardless of the method of entrance, once in a structure, the lightning can travel through the electrical, phone, plumbing, and radio/television reception systems. Lightning can also travel through any metal wires or bars in concrete walls or flooring.



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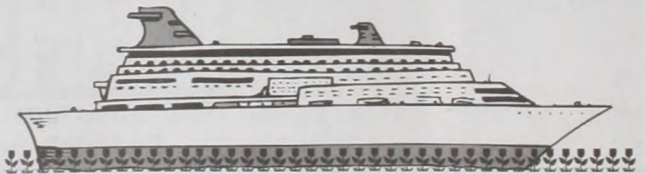
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# SPORTS

## World Horseshoe Pitching Championship to be held in Ardmore July 23 - Aug. 7

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All competition will be played indoors at the Hardy Murphy Coliseum on 50 regulation clay courts. Entries from 46 American states and five Canadian provinces will vie for the crown. Champions will be crowned in eight divisions: Men, Women, Senior Men, Senior Women, Elders (over 70 years of age), Junior Boys, Junior Girls, and Junior Cadets (nine and under). Pitching begins Monday, July 23 at 8 a.m. The boys

and girls championship is July 27, and the NHPA Convention and Hall of Fame Awards Banquet is scheduled for July 29. Adult championships will be Aug. 2-4.

Present men's champion Alan Francis of Ohio with a 89.9% ringer average will be present to seek his 13th world title, as will be Joan Elmore of Tennessee with an 84.9%

ringer average going for her second woman's championship. The youngest competitor is eight years old and the oldest is 87. Most participants will play three consecutive days with five games per day. The one with the most wins is declared that division's champion.

Admission is free to watch the pitching competition.

## Muenster Mavericks win National League



The Muenster Mavericks coach pitch team captured the National League Championship with an undefeated division record. Overall, the team of seven- and eight-year-olds got nine wins, six losses, and a tie. The coaches and six of the players were eligible to join the Cooke County National All-Star Team. The team members are, from left, front - Kagen Dangelmayr, Brandon Sicking, Owen Tolar, Sam Hesse, Seth Flusche; middle - Andrew Stoffels, Thomas Hennigan, Travis Dangelmayr, Matt Riley, and Tyler Walterscheid; back - coaches Chris Dangelmayr, Shawn Flusche, Carl Sicking, and Mike Dangelmayr. Not pictured, Stone Lamar.

### Just a thought

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Cooke County National All-Stars, from left, front - Blake Hoepfner, Brandon Sicking, Max Herr, Kagen Dangelmayr, Tanner DeBord; middle - Sam Hesse, Travis Dangelmayr, Ja'Haud Spencer, Nathan Graham, Tyler Walterscheid; back - coaches Chris Dangelmayr, Carl Sicking, and Mike Dangelmayr. Courtesy photo

## Cooke County All-Stars compete in tournaments

The Cooke County National All-Stars coach pitch team competed in the All-Star tournament in Pilot Point on June 22 and 23. The team suffered two tough losses, but the young coach pitch team still enjoyed the experience.

The Cooke County National All-Star Team players are: Travis Dangelmayr, Seth Flusche, Ja'Haud Spencer, Tyler Walterscheid, Brandon Sicking, Blake Hoepfner, Kagen Dangelmayr, Nathan Graham, Cole Barnes, Doug Case, Sam Hesse, and Tanner DeBord. The coaches are Chris Dangelmayr, Shawn Flusche, Mike Dangelmayr, and Carl Sicking.

The players and coaches were not ready to end their season, so they decided to play in the Jim Bowie Classic Tournament in Bowie June 28 through July 1. It was the first time most of the players had seen a pitching machine instead of a live pitcher, but they adjusted to it quickly.

The team played five games over three days and won the championship title with four wins and one loss. In the championship game, the Cooke County All-Stars had to face the Chico Astros who had beaten them in a close game on a previous day. The Cooke County All-Stars pulled out the win with a score of 15-13, even after playing two other games that day, including a select team from Graham. The team really played together as a team with excellent defense. At the end of the game, the whole team celebrated by doing Ja'Haud's "Happy Dance."

## Hunters urged to enroll in courses

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is encouraging hunters in need of certification to enroll soon, as hunter education courses are filling up fast.

"It would be much better to enroll early and avoid the rush right at the beginning of hunting seasons," said Terry Erwin, coordinator for hunter education at TPWD. "If you wait, you might find that getting into a course will be more difficult."

Hunter education courses are conducted year-around all across the state of Texas by certified volunteers. Courses cost \$15 and students have three options: take the classroom study portion on-line plus a one day field component, complete the at-home study packet plus a one day field course, or take the traditional two-day course that averages 14 hours of instruction at a location near home.

Due to all the rain, wildlife habitats are in excellent condition and wildlife biologists are predicting an abundance of game animals. Erwin is hoping the forecast for good hunting will spark more people to enter the field this fall.

Anyone born after Sept. 1, 1971 is required to take the Hunter Education Training Course and the minimum age of certification is 12-years-old.

Hunters who are at least 17-years-old and have not completed the hunter education course can defer completion for one year. Hunters who opted for "deferral" last year must complete the hunter education course to hunt legally this year.

"The deferral is only available once. The license point-of-sale vendors are not allowed to sell a deferral once it has been purchased by an

individual," said Erwin. "The database keeps track of the sale, and will not allow a sale to occur with the same individual."

More than 30,000 aspiring hunters become certified every year in Texas and since 1972, more than 713,000 Texans have completed the hunter education course, which is mandatory in all 50 states and 10 Canadian provinces. Currently, hunter education courses are taught by 2,900 volunteers comprised of game wardens, professional educators, and volunteers at TPWD.

As a result of hunter education courses, hunting accident rates have steadily decreased since 1966 when 12 accidents per 100,000 hunters were reported and the last three years have seen the rate lowered to 2.9 accidents per 100,000 hunters.

## Law prohibits all hunting of wildlife from roads

With the passage of House Bill 12 by the 80th Texas Legislature, it is now unlawful to hunt any wild bird or animal on a public road or the right-of-way of a public road.

Prior to this year, it was unlawful to hunt game animals or game birds on a public road - meaning that non-game species such as snakes, turtles, frogs, and most mammals other than deer, bighorn sheep, javelina, and pronghorn antelope could be legally taken, provided that the take was not by firearm and did not occur from a vehicle.

For many years, the department has informed the public that a hunting license was not required to take or possess any animal other than terrestrial vertebrates,

such as insects. Although the new law could be construed to apply to the collection of invertebrates, the department will not enforce the provision as it relates to invertebrates at this time.

"The department strongly encourages all persons to avoid engaging in the collection of any animal life on public roads or the right-of-way of public roads," said Maj. David Sinclair, TPWD chief of wildlife enforcement.

The new law does not apply to licensed falconers trapping raptors (birds of prey) or persons engaged in activities under department permits for scientific, educational, or zoological collection if allowed under the conditions of the permit.

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## COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT

WAYNE BECKER  
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### How to reduce mosquito problems Eliminate breeding sites for larvae

Reduce standing water that provides breeding sites by eliminating containers such as old tires, buckets, cans, and bottles that collect and hold rainwater and become good breeding sites for mosquitoes. Drain water from flower pots, bird baths, rain gutters, rain barrels, pet dishes, livestock watering troughs, etc. at least once a week. Empty your plastic wading pool weekly and store it indoors when not in use.

Fill holes or depressions in trees with sand or mortar, or drain them after each rain by drilling holes into the tree, and repair leaky pipes and outside faucets.

### Reduce adult mosquito populations

Mow tall grass or reduce the amount of brush and other foliage in your area to reduce the resting sites for adult mosquitoes.

For temporary relief in yards or high traffic areas, use fog treatments or surface treatments of insecticides that are labeled for that use and apply them following directions on the product label.

### Avoid contact with mosquitoes

Use screening in your homes and pet kennels. Keep the screens in good repair and be sure that they seal around the frames of the door or window.

Schedule outdoor activities during times when mosquitoes are not active. Mosquito species that are active at

dusk and dawn can often be avoided. Species that bite throughout the day are more difficult to avoid.

Wear long, loose-fitting clothing to avoid mosquito bites. Use head nets when mosquitoes are very abundant and use repellents whenever in a mosquito infested location. Products that contain DEET have been shown to be the most reliable repellents.

For short-term relief in outdoor areas such as patios and picnic areas, use citronella candles or dunks as a deterrent. Protect your pets with drugs that eliminate heartworm.

### Treat larval breeding sites

Use mosquito fish or other fish species in permanent bodies of water whenever the water will support them. Mosquito fish can be found in other ponds, pet shops, or bait stores.

Use Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis (also known as "BT") products such as Mosquito Dunks® to treat permanent water bodies to eliminate larvae.

You can use oil treatments on the surface of standing water to kill larvae. Use commercial products according to the instructions on the product label. Be aware that other organisms in the water body may be affected by the treatment.

### Long-term control

To achieve effective long-term mosquito control, you need to use several management techniques. Mosquito control is often complex and expensive, requiring the cooperation of individual homeowners as well as such

groups as state agencies, local governmental agencies, industry, and agriculture. Mosquito control personnel may be needed on a permanent basis, and communities may wish to consider taking an area wide approach. Sometimes area wide programs are the only solution to a mosquito problem. The Texas Department of Health in Austin can provide information on how to establish a mosquito control district, which is a local group that handles area wide mosquito management.

### Cooke County Beef Cattle Improvement Association Meeting

A meeting has been planned for the Cooke County Beef Cattle Improvement Association. It is scheduled to take place on Aug. 14, at the Little Theatre on the North Central Texas College Campus. This meeting is of particular importance as election of directors is on the agenda. This year, nominees for the three open positions include: Jerry Waltersheid, Gary Lewis, and Tony Tolbert. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the meeting.

Other items on the agenda include a meal, a presentation on current beef issues by Dr. Buddy Faries, Extension program leader for veterinary medicine. CEUs will be offered for those with TDA pesticide licenses.

### Dates to remember:

July 14 - Progressive Farmer Safety Day Camp; Youth K-5th - Gainesville Civic Center.

July 19 - Summer Crop Field Day; 4 CEUs; 7:30 a.m. - Prosper Research Center.

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The Black Vulture has a featherless head, black feathers, large strong feet with toenails, and a strong hooked beak for tearing flesh. They have a body length of about 26 inches, weigh about five pounds, with a wingspread of about five feet. Known locally as a Mexican Buzzard, the bird has been known to feed on and kill young and downed livestock. Janie Hartman photo

## Cattlemen urge Congress to fix country-of-origin labeling

Congress is scheduled to intensify their discussions on Farm Bill issues in the coming weeks. A priority issue for NCBA members is country-of-origin labeling. NCBA is looking to work with Congress on an approach to remedy the mandatory country-of-origin labeling law.

"The mandatory law is on the books and set to be implemented next year," says NCBA's Executive Director of Legislative Affairs Colin Woodall. "But there's still time for Congress to fix the most damaging aspects of the law - and they'll only do so if they hear from enough of their constituents in the countryside."

NCBA is directing cattle-producer members to the Web site, www.beefusa.org, for more information on the soon-to-be-implemented MANDATORY country-of-origin labeling law. Here, individuals can also contact their members of Congress and urge them to fix the problems with the program before it is forced on cattle producers.

## COOL's paperwork burden makes the law unworkable

As livestock producers' concerns grow about the current mandatory law slated for implementation next September, the paperwork requirements - and the costs that go along with them - are emerging as one of the most problematic aspects of the new law.

Many agriculture groups agree that paperwork and documentation requirements in the current law are unclear. The current law could allow packers and retailers to demand impossibly complicated documentation. For example, the American Meat Institute is telling its members that they should demand the following from livestock producers:

- Documentation of where the livestock purchased were born and raised;
- Affidavit or declaration with each load of livestock purchases stating that there is a verifiable audit trail in place that identifies where the livestock in each load were born and raised;
- Access to records so that the packer can perform audits as necessary to satisfy retail customers, ensuring that an accurate record-keeping system exists and that it has been or is being verified by an acceptable third-party; and
- Indemnity for the packer for liability incurred from inaccurate information supplied by the producer.

Livestock producers will be responsible for maintaining an acceptable recordkeeping system, as well as bearing the costs of audits to ensure the accuracy of the information. Although the current law does not specify what kinds of records or documentation are required to comply with the law, self-certification will not satisfy the requirements.

## Crop acreage report important to U. S. livestock producers

The acreage report issued by USDA-NASS on June 29, may be the most important report for the U.S. livestock industry in some time. After the report was released, futures and cash corn prices moderated. The big surprise was that U.S. producers planted even more corn than indicated in March and well more than average pre-report estimates by industry market analysts. Statistics Canada also reported (June 26) more acre planted of barley and corn than a year ago.

USDA estimated corn plantings for all purposes at 92.9 million acres, up 19% from a year ago and up 3%

from the March intentions. Despite some weather related planting delays, farmers reported 99% of their intended corn acres had been planted at the time of the USDA survey, which was slightly ahead of the average for the past 10 years. As expected, U.S. soybean acreage declined compared to a year ago.

U.S. producers expect to harvest more hay in 2007 than in 2006. Nationwide, almost all of the increase will be in other hay, as expected harvest of alfalfa and alfalfa hay mixtures will be about unchanged, according to USDA. In 2007, all hay harvest is expected to be about 61.8 million acres, up 2% from 2006's. Overall, acres of all hay harvested are expected to be up from a year ago in 24 states, with declines in 20 states. South Dakota is expected to have the largest yearly increase in hay acres harvested.

In Canada, feed grain production is expected to increase in 2007. According to Statistics Canada, barley acreage will exceed 10.8 million acres, up over 19% from a year ago. Corn acreage for grain in Canada is expected to be 2.7 million acres, up over 28% from 2006.

Overall, increased acreage planted to major feed grains will help keep costs in-check for livestock producers. With a normal corn yield this year, most of the increase in U.S. corn production will be absorbed by ethanol. In many states, more hay production in 2007 only means some replenishment of stocks, and maybe only rather modest declines in hay costs. So, livestock producers still need to pay close attention to the feedstuff markets.

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**Ranch Style Beans**

15 OZ. 2 FOR \$1

ASSORTED VARIETIES MICROWAVE CUPS

**Kid's Kitchen**

7.5 OZ. 10 FOR \$10

30 GAL TRASH, TALL KITCHEN BAGS, OR ULTRA FLEX

**Hefty Trash Bags**

16-45 CT. \$6.99

SHURFINE DECORATED 2 PLY

**Paper Towels**

3 ROLL 2 FOR \$4

ASSORTED SPRAY CLEANER - BONUS BOTTLE

**Windex**

32.5 OZ. \$2.99

WESTERN FAMILY ASSTD.

**Long Cuff Latex Gloves**

PAIR 2 FOR \$3

WESTERN FAMILY 60 WATT

**Mini Twist Fluorescent**

1 CT. 2 FOR \$5

SMUCKER'S SELECT GROUP

**Jams or Preserves**

18 OZ. 2 FOR \$5

MJB OR SELECT GRINDS

**Hills Bros. Coffee**

11.5-13 OZ. 2 FOR \$5

SELECT GROUP FACIAL TISSUE

**Kleenex**

85-200 CT. 2 FOR \$3

ASSORTED SCENTS AIR SANITIZER

**Oust**

10 OZ. \$2.99

LIBBY'S

**Cut Green Beans**

15.5 OZ. 2 FOR \$1

LIBBY'S WHOLE KERNEL OR

**Cream Style Corn**

15.5 OZ. 2 FOR \$1

LIBBY'S FRENCH STYLE

**Green Beans**

15.5 OZ. 2 FOR \$1

SHURFINE

**Tomato Sauce**

8 OZ. 6 FOR \$1

SHURFINE

**Chili**

19 OZ. 99¢

SHURFINE

**Cranberry Sauce**

16 OZ. 2 FOR \$1

CAMPBELL'S CREAM OF CHICKEN

**Healthy Request Soup**

10.5 OZ. \$1.05

SHURFINE

**Apple Pie Filling**

21 OZ. \$1.39

SHURFINE ASSORTED

**Pineapple**

15.5 OZ. 89¢

SHURFINE

**Cranberry Cocktail**

64 OZ. \$1.99

24 PACK - 12 OZ. CANS

**Coca Cola**

**\$6.49**



24 PACK, 12 OZ.  
**Coors or  
Coors Light**  
**\$18.99**

## Fischer's Quality Meats

HEAVY BEEF

**Sirloin  
Steaks**

**\$3.69**  
LB.



FISCHER'S  
1 & 2 LB. FROZEN  
**Hamburger  
Meat**

**\$1.69**  
LB.

PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS  
**Sirloin  
Pork  
Chops**

**\$1.99**  
LB.



- SHURFINE LEMON FLAVORED Iced Tea Mix 26.5 OZ. 2 FOR \$4
- SELECT GROUP QandQ Pasta 5-7 OZ. 4 FOR \$1
- INDOOR OR GOURMET - PRE-PRICED \$6.99 Cat Café Cat Food 14-15 LB. \$5.99
- SHURFINE VALUE Bathroom Tissue 24 ROLL \$4.99
- PILLSBURY ASSORTED FLAVORS Cake Mix 18.25 OZ. 99¢
- PILLSBURY ASSORTED FLAVORS Cake Frosting 16 OZ. 3 FOR \$5
- SHURFINE SQUEEZE BOTTLE Tomato Ketchup 24 OZ. 99¢
- ASSTD. SHREDDED WHEAT OR RAISIN BRAN Post Cereal 16-20 OZ. 2 FOR \$5
- NESTLE PURIFIED - 1/2 LITERS Pure Life Water 24 PACK \$3.99
- SHURFINE APPLE Organic Juice 64 OZ. 2 FOR \$5
- VAN CAMP'S PORK AND BEANS OR ASSORTED Ranch Style Beans 15 OZ. 2 FOR \$1
- ASSORTED VARIETIES MICROWAVE CUPS Kid's Kitchen 7.5 OZ. 10 FOR \$10
- 30 GAL TRASH, TALL KITCHEN BAGS, OR ULTRA FLEX Hefty Trash Bags 16-45 CT. \$6.99
- SHURFINE DECORATED 2 PLY Paper Towels 3 ROLL 2 FOR \$4
- ASSORTED SPRAY CLEANER - BONUS BOTTLE Windex 32.5 OZ. \$2.99
- WESTERN FAMILY ASSTD. Long Cuff Latex Gloves PAIR 2 FOR \$3
- WESTERN FAMILY 60 WATT Mini Twist Fluorescent 1 CT. 2 FOR \$5
- SMUCKER'S SELECT GROUP Jams or Preserves 18 OZ. 2 FOR \$5
- MJB OR SELECT GRINDS Hills Bros. Coffee 11.5-13 OZ. 2 FOR \$5
- SELECT GROUP FACIAL TISSUE Kleenex 85-200 CT. 2 FOR \$3
- ASSORTED SCENTS AIR SANITIZER Oust 10 OZ. \$2.99
- LIBBY'S Cut Green Beans 15.5 OZ. 2 FOR \$1
- LIBBY'S WHOLE KERNEL OR Cream Style Corn 15.5 OZ. 2 FOR \$1
- LIBBY'S FRENCH STYLE Green Beans 15.5 OZ. 2 FOR \$1
- SHURFINE Tomato Sauce 8 OZ. 6 FOR \$1
- SHURFINE Chili 19 OZ. 99¢
- SHURFINE Cranberry Sauce 16 OZ. 2 FOR \$1
- CAMPBELL'S CREAM OF CHICKEN Healthy Request Soup 10.5 OZ. \$1.05
- SHURFINE Apple Pie Filling 21 OZ. \$1.39
- SHURFINE ASSORTED Pineapple 15.5 OZ. 89¢
- SHURFINE Cranberry Cocktail 64 OZ. \$1.99

## Fresh Produce



**Red  
Ripe  
Tomatoes** **79¢**  
LB.

- SPICY PEPPERS Jalapeños 3 LBS. \$1
- FRESH RED RIPE Roma Tomatoes 10 FOR \$1
- PREMIUM CELLO WRAPPED Iceberg Lettuce 79¢ EACH
- RED, BLACK OR GREEN Plums 79¢ LB.
- TENDER FRESH Asparagus 2 FOR \$2.99
- FARM FRESH Cantaloupes 2 FOR \$3
- FRESH Honeydew Melons 39¢ LB.
- SPICY HOT Serrano Peppers 99¢ LB.
- FRESH Jumbo Garlic 4 FOR \$1
- TROPICAL Kiwifruit 4 FOR \$1
- FRESH GREEN Broccoli Crowns 99¢ LB.
- FRESH Green Onions 2 FOR \$1
- CELLO PACK PEELLED Baby Carrots 99¢ LB.
- CELLO PACK SLICED Mushrooms 1.99 8 OZ.
- LARGE GREEN Bell Peppers 2 FOR \$1
- RED OR GREEN Seedless Grapes 2 LBS. \$3
- RAW, ROASTED, OR ROASTED AND SALTED Peanuts 2 FOR \$3 1 LB.
- FRESH JUICY Valencia Oranges 5 FOR \$1
- ASSORTED VARIETIES Pompeii Juices 99¢ 4 OZ.
- GREENER SELECTION, ROMAINE, OR JUST LETTUCE Dole Classic Salads 2 FOR \$3 10-12 OZ.
- BREAKFAST SIZE Grapefruit 2 FOR \$1
- RED RIPE Strawberries 2 FOR \$5 1 LB.

## Health & Beauty Care

ALBERTO VOS ASSORTED  
**Shampoo or  
Conditioner**

15 OZ. BTL.  
**\$1**



ASSORTED FORMULAS  
**Tylenol Allergy/Sinus** 24 CT. \$4.89

WESTERN FAMILY ASSORTED  
**Eye Care Drops** .5 OZ. 2 FOR \$3

WESTERN FAMILY  
**Saline Solution** 12 OZ. 2 FOR \$3

THE CHAMPI CONES, ASSORTED,  
ICE CREAM SANDWICHES,  
OR SWEET FREEDOM  
NO SUGAR ADDED  
VANILLA SUNDAE CONES

**Blue Bunny  
Novelties**  
6 CT. PKG.  
**\$3.99**



WEIGHT WATCHERS SELECT GROUP  
**Smart Ones** 6-10 OZ. 2 FOR \$5

ASSORTED FLAVORS  
**Jeno's Pizza** 7.2-7.8 OZ. 10 FOR \$10

PLAINS ORIGINAL OR NON-FAT  
**Sour Cream** 16 OZ. 2 FOR \$3

SHURFINE ASSORTED  
**Jumbos Biscuits** 8 CT. 4 FOR \$5

SPREAD QUARTERS  
**Blue Bonnet** 16 OZ. 4 FOR \$3