

One paint stroke at a time



Work IS progressing at Saint Peter's Church in Lindsay, inside and out. Clockwise, starting above, the massive back of the church; a new layer of plaster up high on the arches; plastic covers a finished wall; and an altar wall still in need of repair. Donations and fundraisers have greatly assisted in paying for the repairs of the historical building.

Janie Hartman photos



Band director resigns, another hired

By Janie Hartman

On May 26, the Muenster ISD Board hired Joshua Skipper as the Hornet Band director to replace Joshua Underwood. By the end of June, Skipper mailed in his resignation, noting that another school "offered me a position that I believe will be better for me and my family." On July 14, the Board hired Curtis Oakley for the position.

Oakley is a graduate of Abilene High School and UNT where he marched with the Band. He also performed with the Fort Worth Symphony. Oakley taught Band two years at Mann Middle School in Abilene, and last

year at Calvary Christian Academy in Fort Worth. In Muenster, he will direct the high school and junior high bands, grades 5 through 12.

In other business at the July 14 meeting, the Board: voted to endorse Charles Stafford for reelection to the TASB Board of Directors, Region II, Position A; approved the amended budget for \$8,640 to pay Ponderosa Pools for grass on the football field; and was told that a core sample drilling of the area west of the field-house showed that the site would be approved for a possible practice gym to be built there.

Reports given included:

- Elementary - Lou Heers reported that current enrollment at 250 is down four students from last year in grades Pre-K through 6. On Aug. 16, in-service for faculty and staff begins. On Wednesday, Aug. 19, the Elementary will be hosting "Howdy Night" for all grades at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria, and on Monday, Aug. 23, the school year begins.

- High School - Sharon Browning gave an enrollment of 224 in grades 7 through 12. She also reported that Muenster was in attendance at the State FFA Convention in Corpus Christi, and that the Stu-

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An "air raising" welcome



Residents, their family and friends, employees, and other visitors gathered last week Thursday to officially change the name of St. Richard's Villa to Muenster Health and Rehab. The celebration began with a balloon release, followed by refreshments. Every visitor was given a welcome goody bag.

Janie Hartman photo

Pawless produces pickin' perfection

By Janet Felderhoff

Vince Pawless works diligently trying to fill the many orders he has for his custom-made guitars. There are many guitars in various stages of production. He estimates that he's finished 60 to 70 guitars, but he has his 100th already sold. Currently, it takes anywhere from a year to 18 months to make one. He hopes to pare that down to under a year.

Pawless commented on his desire to build custom guitars, "What I really like about it is I'm not as much responsible for how the wood turns out, but I like to manipulate the wood somewhat and finish it into something that looks like that (beautifully finished guitar). Mother nature did a pretty good job too. It's almost like you're exploiting what's come out of nature into something that produces music."

The guitar maker is from Gainesville. He built his shop on the family farm east of Gainesville where he helps his father with farming. A Tom Thumb employee for 23 years, Pawless worked first in the Gainesville store. He relocated to Lewisville in the early '80s to work at a Tom Thumb there. In 2002, he returned to Gainesville to work full time at his business Pawless Guitars.

Pawless made his first guitar in 1995. An old man taught Pawless most of the basics of guitar making. The rest he learned from books and experience. First, he assembled a couple of guitar kits and went from there. "Most of what I learn now is from the players," Pawless admitted. He said he plays guitar a couple of times a week with Andy Serna of Muenster. They play at Miguelito's in Sanger on Thursdays and Fridays. Pawless said this keeps him in touch with the player's perspective. He's also played several times at Tony's with Mike Rickwa recently.

Pawless said he'd take the money he got from selling a guitar and make two more. He would give one to a musician. This helped get his name out to people who might want to purchase custom-made guitars.

Musicians who use one or more of Pawless' guitars include Jack Ingram, Billy Joe Shaver, Nashville songwriter Todd Snider, Will Kimbrough, and a number of Texas musicians. Not included as an owner of a Pawless Guitar is Vince himself. He said he made the first one for himself, but sold it and hasn't found the time since to make another for himself.

"I'm finding a lot of continuity between how a guitar looks and the way it sounds," remarked Pawless. "There's a lot of things like on the inside the bracing. It's kind of odd, but when the bracing looks good, it looks streamlined inside, it seems like it is a better sounding guitar."

When Pawless starts a new guitar, some of its appearance is influenced on what the buyer requests. He said, "Design inspiration depends on if I want the guitar to look like an older, traditional guitar or if I want it to look new, colors go well together, a lot of things as it develops if I have the freedom depending on the client." Of course he stressed that the design should not sacrifice the sound. Accomplishing sound and ap-

pearance can be a juggling act, he noted.

Some players request a certain thickness for their instrument. "That's one thing about what I do," Pawless commented. "There are a lot of builders that it's pretty much cookie cut. All their sides are made the same. With mine, everything is from scratch. They tell me how they want it and it doesn't cost them any extra because every one of them is built differently."

Besides having a one-of-a-kind guitar to treasure and enjoy playing, there may be other benefits. "When you play a handmade, I don't know if it is a mental thing or what. I remember reading an article one time about this lady who made guitars. She hit the nail on the head. She said the first time she picked up a hand-made guitar, she felt that she heard something different. She didn't know if it was mental or not, but it didn't matter because she felt like there was something different because she knew one person had done every step in putting that guitar together. Picking up one off the rack, maybe 250 or 300 had assembled it."

Making a guitar is a very involved and

time-consuming process. Pawless first selects the woods that will be used. For the top piece he selects a soft wood such as spruce, cedar, or redwood. The top must be slightly flexible to produce the sound. "It works like a speaker cone, said Pawless. The back sides are made of a hardwood such as mahogany. "That works as a reflective that takes that sound and the sound bounces off that and out the sound board," he explained. For the top, two book matched pieces of wood are used by gluing them together. "That's for the consistency of strength on both sides because it has to hold all that string pressure," Pawless continued. The sides are bent by heating them, soaking them in water, and doing the bending. Once the box pieces are completed, they are glued together. Next comes the neck which when complete Pawless glues on in the traditional method. "A lot of the builders now bolt the necks on with steel bolts. To me that steals a lot of the sound," he said. "I pretty much build them like they did in the '30s, like the Martin guitar and those people."

At times, Pawless carves the neck from a

solid piece of mahogany and other times, he chooses to do a laminate. With the laminate he might select maple and walnut laminates or even maple, mesquite, and walnut from which to carve the neck.

The fingerboard is built and frets put in it. The bridge is put on to hold the strings. He usually sprays most of the box with lacquer prior to putting the neck on it. He sprays the neck as he sprays the final coats on the rest of the guitar. This seals it.

Pointing to several guitars, Pawless noted the differences. Some are a lot more flashy or elaborate. One more flashy guitar in the process of being made had a lot of abalone inlays on the box. The neck had a bird's eye maple fingerboard and a mesquite binding.

Once the fingerboard and frets are on, he makes sure that the fingerboard is straight and the frets level with each other. If they aren't, there is a lot of buzzing as the strings hit frets. Tuners and strings are added.

Besides making guitars, Pawless does repairs on them, both ones he made and others brought to him. A 10 year old guitar that Pawless made for Jack Ingram awaits some tender loving care. The top has places where the stain and lacquer are worn away due to the guitar pick crossing there so many times. "It's had some rough times," Pawless said with a chuckle. "It's got a lot of stories. It's made out of mesquite and is the first guitar I made out of mesquite. Four or five years ago, they brought it in and it was in pieces. He was playing at Stubbs in Austin. He'll throw the guitar to his tech, but this time, he threw it to the wrong end of the stage and it landed on the concrete."

Pawless took the instrument apart and put in all new bracing on the top. He patched the missing pieces. At Ingram's request, the new pieces were not stained to match the older part.

Pawless harvests his own mesquite and has someone slice it up into plates. Pawless stacks these pieces outside with spacers set between the wood pieces to allow the air to flow and dry the wood. He allows it to cure for a year to be sure that it is no longer green. He also raises mussels in a tank on the farm to harvest pearl from, and breaks up abalone shells. He sands these into flat pieces that are used as inlays to decorate parts of the guitars such as the frets around the guitar box, or around the sound box. Some builders purchase what they use in strips. It takes Pawless about eight hours to trim the box of a guitar with approximately 300 pieces of abalone shell. Strips take only about 30 minutes. "I like the result because it is so colorful and being small pieces it is more faceted and it sparkles better in the light," he explained.

Vince's unregistered trademark is a diamond with a star. Jerry Jeff Walker helped him select it.

Of all the guitars Pawless has made, possibly most memorable is one that had a wonderful sound. He had an apprentice at the time and they were both taken by the instrument's sound. One day they strung the guitar, tuned it, and began to play it. "It had this heavenly, light, airy sound coming

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Above - Vince Pawless holds a guitar he made for Jack Ingram about 10 years ago. The guitar was dropped and broken and then repaired by Pawless. It is in his shop again to be repaired. The front shows abrasion where the pick abraded across it over the years. At right - Pawless shows a number of the guitars that he is in various stages of making.

Janie Hartman photos





Muenster Health and Rehab Administrator Melody Hatter (front and center) introduced department heads at the reception that followed the balloon send off last week. Personnel include, from left, Larry Gobble - maintenance, Kelli Ford - dietary, Betty Holloway - housekeeping, Hatter, Ann Darland - nursing, Sandy Garcia - nursing, Becky Newton - activities, and Billie Vandeventer - business office and resources.

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udent Code of Conduct, Student Handbooks, and Faculty Handbooks were ready for the Board's approval.

- Technology - Jeff Presnall noted that 60 new teacher computers from Dell should be shipped by the first of August; the McAfee VirusScan Enterprise software was installed to protect the District's systems for the next three years; Ag classroom computers were overhauled, repaired, and updated, and four more SMART Boards were received, giving MISD nine units.

- Athletic - Coach Carney reported on summer activities. In the summer work-

outs, an average of 25-30 boys, 15-20 girls, and 15-20 middle school students have attended. Nineteen high school girls and 15 middle school girls attended summer girls basketball camp, while only seven high school and nine junior high boys went to camp.

The Hornets summer baseball league went 10-3-1 while competing against area teams. The 7 on 7 football players competed at Celina in a state-qualifying 7 on 7 tournament. After tying for 1st in their pool, the Hornets lost out to Melissa, who won the tournament. Coach Carney also noted that football

two-a-days begin Aug. 2, 7 to 11 a.m.

- Delinquent tax collection for June was \$7,512.65.

On June 30, the Muenster ISD Board of Trustees had a called meeting and public hearing on the 2010-11 Proposed Tax Rate and Proposed Budget.

The Board approved the M&O Tax Rate at 1.04 per \$100 and the I&S Tax Rate at .0835 per \$100 for the upcoming school year. Also approved was the 2010-11 Proposed Budget.

Man charged with Cruelty to Animals

A Sadler man was arrested on Saturday, July 17 around 4:40 p.m. for Cruelty to Non-Livestock Animals. According to a press release from the Gainesville Police Department, the incident occurred in the Wal-Mart parking lot.

A 9-1-1 call made to the Gainesville Police Department reported that a Chihuahua had been left inside a black Ford pickup. The caller said the window was partially rolled down, but the dog appeared to be in distress due to the heat. A second call was also received about the dog being left in the vehicle.

An officer was sent to the call and located the vehicle and animal. At the time of this call, the temperature was 99° and the heat index was 103°. The dog was removed from the vehicle and placed into the air conditioned patrol car and given water.

The owner of the vehicle, Scottie Worthington, 29, was arrested for Cruelty to Non-Livestock Animals which is a Class A Misdemeanor offense. The dog recovered and was later released to Worthington's mother.

Heat inside vehicles is deadly not only to pets, but to children as well. The heat in a vehicle can rise very quickly, even with the windows partially opened. Pet owners and parents need to consider that anytime the temperature is above 80° outside, the temperature inside the vehicle can climb as high as 115° - 130° or more. Never leave your children or pets inside a vehicle during extreme heat. If you are a pet owner, it would be better to leave your pets at home, where they have shelter and water.

Faith

Without faith nothing is possible. With it, nothing is impossible.
Have faith in God and faith in yourself.

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out of it," recalled Pawless. "The whole next day we were looking into the guitar trying to figure what we did different. We learned some things from that guitar. It just had a killer sound. There was nothing harsh about the way that guitar sounded."

Pawless said that he is blessed to have met a lot of interesting people in his business. Some of those people contact him with stories about his guitars. One such story came from a musician playing a Pawless Guitar at the White Elephant. After his performance, a man told him his guitar had a sound that reminded him of a Pawless Guitar, which it was. "Sometimes they can recognize the sound. It's usually a deep, low-end sound," Pawless said.

Billy Joe Shaver played a Pawless Guitar at the Grand Ole Opry. The guitar was ordered for him by his record company. It accidentally dropped and broke about a month later. Shaver had Pawless repair in time to play at the Opry. "It was pretty special," he said of seeing an instrument he made being used at the Opry.

Some of the guitars are bought for birthday or Christmas presents. People get really excited about them. "Some of them think it's that last guitar they'll ever own, which means a lot," remarked Pawless. "I try to keep that in perspective when I'm building them. I want them all to be special. I know about every one of them because I spend so much time with each one of them. They're like kids. It's kind of like you raised a kid and it's gone."

There are some things that Vince could do to speed up

production, but he is determined not to do them. "A lot of those changes are made to complete the guitars faster and make them more easily repaired by the builder, and I think they are sacrificing sound when they do that," he noted. For example, he said the necks on his guitars are glued to the body with

been a work-in-progress for four years. He noted that a lot of people like to call him a luthier, but he doesn't think that description fits. "I feel like a luthier is someone who can build just any stringed instrument. I kinda like to call myself a guitar maker," he remarked.

Pawless is the son of Mugg



Vince Pawless studies plans for the first classical guitar that he is attempting to make. The measurements were taken by the client who ordered the classical guitar.

a dovetail joint making it more like a one piece. Many are screwing the necks to the body.

Besides taking care of business for Pawless Guitar and helping his dad with their cattle, Vince likes to paint landscapes in acrylics. When the urge to paint hits him, Vince takes landscapes pictures and paints from them. He painted a Texas flag on the back of one guitar.

There are two new projects being tackled by Pawless. One is his first classical guitar and the other his first mandolin. The mandolin is all hand-carved and has

and Hattie Pawless. He has a daughter Donna, age 20, and a son Aaron, age 18. He can be contacted by calling 972-816-6139, or e-mailing him at vince@pawless.com.

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DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO July 20, 1945

The Muenster Hotel and Dining Room is opening under new management, with the installation of air conditioning for the bedrooms. Gerald Stelzer to open electric shop soon. New Arrivals: John to Leonard and Frances Yosten; Diana to Joe and Elsie Horn. Rufus Bezner breaks wrist in a fall from a grain drill.

50 YEARS AGO July 22, 1960

Nurse Clara Fisher is interviewed and photographed by the *Fort Worth Star Telegram* for feature story about the pros and cons of night work. Local post office adds 33 more lock boxes. New Arrivals: Billy to the Dan Haverkamps; a son to the Charlie Switzers; Gina to Francis and Clara Mae Wiese. Wedding: Theresa Mae Pels and Arnold Muller. Clifford Sicking's arm operation has helped him regain the use of his fingers after a severe cut in May left his fingers useless.

25 YEARS AGO July 19, 1985

Mobile home of David and Barbara Hacker knocked from its foundation and heavily damaged by drunken driver backing into it. Obituaries: Patricia Schmidtkofer, 22, in car accident; Archie Hess, 59; William Fleitman, 81. Wedding: Renee Wright and Kenneth Cihacek. New Arrival: Jessica to Janet and Curtis Pagel. Sister Helen Swirczynski observes Golden Jubilee. Al "Shorty" Walter honored on 80th birthday.

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Muenster Museum open- 1-4 pm		Library open 10am-6:30 pm Muenster Library story/craft hour 10:30 am	Library open 1:30 -5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg. noon, Center	Library open 10 am-6:30 pm Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m Kiwanis Swim Night 7-9 pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m	Library open 10:30 am-2:30 pm Muenster Library Summer Reading Program ends
		----- Muenster Hornet Football Camp -----		----	Muenster JV Cheer Camp	MISD Gyms----
Sunday, August 1, 2010	Monday, August 2, 2010	Tuesday, August 3, 2010	Wednesday, August 4, 2010	Thursday, August 5, 2010	Friday, August 6, 2010	Saturday, August 7, 2010
Muenster Museum open- 1-4 pm	Hornet and Tiger Football and Cross Country practice begins	Library open 10am-6:30 pm Muenster Library story/craft hour 10:30 am	Library open 1:30 -5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg. noon, Center	Library open 10 am-6:30 pm Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m	Library open 10:30 am-2:30 pm

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Lillian Pearl Tuggle 1925 - 2010

Funeral services for Lillian Pearl Whitt Tuggle, age 85 of Saint Jo, are scheduled for Saturday, July 24 at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Saint Jo. Rev. Jeff Roe and Rev. Ricky Kerr will officiate. Burial will be in Mountain Park Cemetery. Mrs. Tuggle died Monday, July 19 in Bowie. A visitation is scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, July 23 at the Funeral Home. Services are directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Saint Jo.

Born April 9, 1925 in Marysville, Mrs. Tuggle was primarily a homemaker throughout her adult life. She married Joe Ben "Jack" Tuggle on June 1, 1942 in Gainesville. They lived in Muenster when they first married, then north of Muenster, and had also lived in Gainesville and Saint Jo. Jack preceded her in death on Jan. 2, 1989.

Lillian (known as Pearl) was a homemaker and a wonderful mother (maybe just a little over-protective). She taught Brenda and Ricky honesty, good moral values, respect for others, the difference between right and wrong, and solid Godly principals to live by. She was a member of the First Baptist Church at Muenster, where she taught Sunday school and vacation bible school. After moving north of Muenster, she became a member of Marysville Baptist Church. In later life, she

loved attending First Baptist Church of Saint Jo where she was a member until her death. She also enjoyed visiting Landmark Missionary Baptist with Brenda and Eddie Joe.

One of her very favorite things was eating out, especially after church on Sundays. She was a great seamstress and made all of Brenda's clothes when she was growing up, making sure the patterns were in the latest styles. She enjoyed decorating her home, painting and re-arranging furniture, much to their Dad's dismay. He truly didn't know what corner he would be sleeping in!

She took special pride in her appearance and was a very modest lady. She insisted on going to the beauty shop every week and her hair had to be just so. Her clothes, shoes, purse, and jewelry had to match perfectly. Her favorite colors were purple and yellow. She enjoyed collecting and selling antiques, and there were never enough garage sales to shop. She had an antique store at several locations including one on the square in Saint Jo and some booths at the Muenster Antique Mall.

The loves of her life were her husband Jack, her son Ricky and daughter Brenda and their spouses Susan and Eddie Joe, her grandsons and their spouses, and her great-grandchildren. Like all



Pearl Tuggle

parents, she made mistakes, but if all mothers loved and cared for their families as she did, this world would be a much better place!

Survivors are daughter and son-in-law Brenda and Eddie Joe Reeves of Saint Jo; son and daughter-in-law Ricky Joe, Sr. and Susan Tuggle of Saint Jo; two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Joe Ben Tuggle; sisters Lottie Winchester and Dorothy Akins; brothers R.L. Whitt, Buford Whitt, and Travis Whitt.

Pallbearers will be Frank Tuggle, Dudley Sparkman, Quinton Conyers, Jimmy Blakely, Burton Wells, Gene Parker, Paul Giffen, Lector Phillips, Clint Thurman, Toby Thompson, Burton Wells, and Gene Parker.

Joseph E. Coleman 1989 - 2010

Funeral services for Joseph Coleman were held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 22 at the Gainesville Bible Church, 601 Radio Hill Road in Gainesville, with Pastor Joe Knox officiating. Visitation was held before the service. Services were directed of Myers-Chancellor Funeral Home.

Joseph Edward Coleman was born July 25, 1989 and was called home to be with the Lord July 16, 2010. He

died in a one car accident near Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Joe was the beloved son of Dana and Danny Knight and Edward Coleman. He is survived by his sister Katie Grewing, brother-in-law Kenneth Grewing, and niece Emma Grewing of Muenster, grandparents Bud and Bernice Wilder of Rockwall, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins, all of whom he dearly loved.



Joseph Coleman

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.

Psalm 19:1

Otis Pierce, Jr. 1952 - 2010

Memorial services were held for Otis James Pierce, Jr. on July 16 in Clement-Keel Funeral Home Chapel. Otis died Tuesday, July 13 at his residence in Gainesville.

Born April 16, 1952 in Thackerville, Oklahoma to Otis and Stella Pierce, he married Debra Smith on June 11, 1988 in Thackerville. He was a pipeline welder and was Baptist.

Survivors include his wife; sons and daughters-in-law Jason and Tami Pierce of Muenster, Robert and Tera Harper of Lake Kiowa, and Arlus Pierce of Gainesville; daughters and sons-in-law London Mahan of Gainesville, Tonya and Robert Winker of Corinth, Delisa Harper of Monahans, Janette and Jon Grewing of Muenster, and Gypsy Harper of Gainesville; brother and sister-in-law Melton and Joanie Pierce of Sadler; sisters and brother-in-law Brenda Pierce of Gainesville and Glenda and John South-

erland of Walnut Bend; and 16 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister Margaret Pierce.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

James Aston 1929 - 2010

Memorial services for James Monroe Aston, age 81 of Pottsboro, formerly of Saint Jo, will be scheduled at a later date. Mr. Aston died in Sherman at 11:15 a.m. on July 12, 2010. Services are under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home.

Born July 18, 1929 to Jewel and Sarah Aston in Hillsboro, he was the youngest of three. He graduated from high school in Cleburne. After graduation, James learned to fly, worked as an electrician, served in the National Guard of Texas, and became a flight instructor. After a few years, he became

a commercial pilot. On Oct. 7, 1954 he married Dorothy Muriel Parker. The couple lived in Fort Worth, later buying a ranch in Saint Jo where they lived for 42 years. After his retirement, they moved to Pottsboro, where he lived the rest of his life.

Survivors are his daughter Betty Austin of Fort Worth; sons Douglas Byron Aston of Livingston, and Cris Reed Aston of Muenster; and 13 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife; sons Jonas Wilson and James Rodney Aston; sisters Josie Aston Griffin and Marie Dixon.

Sue Long 1927 - 2010

Graveside services for Sue Emma Akers Long, age 82 of Drumright, Oklahoma were held July 22 at Mountain Park Cemetery in Saint Jo. Services were directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Saint Jo. She died at the Drumright Regional Hospital on July 17, 2010.

Born Dec. 21, 1927 in Burkburnett, Sue was the only child of Ernest Raymond "Jack" and Margaret Grace Akers. She married Hannah

D. Long on March 10, 1940 in Montague County.

Sue was a member of the First Christian Church in Perry. She was a long-time secretary for an accounting firm and had sub-taught in the Drumright schools. Her favorite pass time was dancing.

Survivors are her son Richard Long of Watauga, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

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DISTRICT JUDGE SWEARS IN CASA ADVOCATES
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of North Texas recently swore in a new class of volunteers. These volunteers completed the 33 hours of training required for **CASA Advocates**. District Judge Janelle Haverkamp swore in the new advocates Phillip Miller, Marilyn Miller, Lesia Tayes, and Kanina Hadel. They are now eligible for assignment as **CASA** guardians ad litem of children who have been brought into the foster care system due to abuse and neglect. Each volunteer took an oath to guard confidentiality in their cases and to represent the best interests of the child(ren) they are assigned. As advocates, the volunteers will get to know everyone in the children's lives and speak up for them in court, advocating for their best interests. Another training for advocates is slated for late summer or early fall. Anyone interested in becoming a **CASA** advocate may contact **CASA** Volunteer Coordinator Connie Lloyd at (940) 665-2244 or visit www.casant.org.

Gainesville congregation reaches out to abuse victims

On Wednesday, July 7, the congregation of First Christian Church of Gainesville, under the leadership of Rev. Mark Loewen, presented a check in the amount of \$13,282 to Abigail's Arms - Cooke County Family Crisis Center to support the building of the local emergency women's shelter.

The month of June had been declared "Arms of Action" for Cooke County to respond to the needs of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. People of faith were asked to become involved in the mission through prayer and financial support of the shelter.

First Christian Church embraced this by inviting members of the Abigail's Arms Speakers Bureau throughout the month to present "Moments of Mission." Of the congregation, 883% declared knowing someone affected by domestic violence. Offerings for the shelter was collected on the last two Sundays of the month. Below is Rev. Loewen's call to "Arms of Action" and is reprinted with his permission.

How Should People of Faith Respond to Domestic Violence?

By Rev. Mark Loewen, Pastor, First Christian Church in Gainesville

One of our national hymns was written by Samuel Francis Adams in 1831. It goes, "My country, 'tis of Thee, sweet land of liberty." Another great

hymn of our nation goes, "This land is your land, this land is my land...this land was made for you and me." Martin Luther King, Jr. had a dream "where we allow freedom to ring and join our hands together and proclaim, 'free at last, free at last, thank God almighty, we are free at last.'" A man comes up to Jesus Christ and asks, "What must I do to be saved?"

In Cooke County Texas, victims of domestic violence don't think of this as a "sweet land of liberty." In Cooke County Texas, victims of domestic violence don't think this land was made for them. In Cooke County Texas, victims of domestic violence know that freedom is still only a dream. In Cooke County Texas victims of domestic violence are asking us, "What must I do to be saved?"

Here in Cooke County Texas, we force victims of domestic violence to give up their freedom, we force them into slavery, and in some cases, we force them to choose death, all because we do not have a domestic violence shelter.

Friends, let's quit talking about the need for a shelter. We need to quit railing about how much we detest domestic abusers. We just need to shut up and actually build a shelter. As people of faith, it's time to abandon our caution and pretense. We need to get the shelter built by any means possible. We owe it to the victims, we owe it to our community, and our faith calls us to complete it.

For more information on the shelter or how you can become involved, contact Betty Kay Schlesinger at 940-665-2873.

It's time to "Stuff the Bus!!"

Cooke County United Way is proud to announce that it's time to "Stuff the Bus!!" with a school supply drive benefiting students of Cooke County.

Collection locations include Fischer's Market in Muenster with drop-off during business hours on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 7 and 8. Donations will also be accepted at Wal-Mart Supercenter in Gainesville, with drop-off in front of the store from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 7 and 8.

Partnering organizations for this project are Boys & Girls Club of Cooke County

and Sacred Heart Outreach. Sponsors are Wal-Mart Supercenter and Hometown Radio 1580 KGAF with a live broadcast Saturday from 10 to noon.

School Supply Wish List: back packs, big pencils, colored pencils, coloring books, construction paper, crayons, erasers, flash cards, glue sticks, handwriting paper, kid's scissors, markers, multi subject theme spirals wide-rule notebooks, notebook paper, pencil boxes, pocket folders w/brads, rulers, scissors, water color paints.

Help United Way "Stuff the Bus!!"

New Arrival

Klement

Aaron and Polly Klement of Muenster are pleased to announce the arrival of their son Carson Lane Klement. Carson was born Saturday, May 22, 2010 at 10:58 a.m. in Denton Regional Hospital. He weighed 7 lb. 8 oz. and measured 20.5 inches in length. Welcoming Carson to the family is his brother, Caden, age three. Grandpar-



Carson Klement

Public invited to community breakfast at the KC Hall

A community breakfast is being sponsored by the Knights of Columbus at the KC Hall on Sunday, July 25 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. The bountiful breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, fruit salad, juice, and coffee all for the price of just \$5 per person. The Knights would like you to come and check out the downstairs remodel project and enjoy good fellowship.

ents are Claude and Deb Klement and Steve and Marla Fette, all of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Eleonore Klement and the late Walter Klement, Ed and Ginny Schneider, and Juliana Grewing and the late Steve Grewing, all of Muenster.



Laverne Homesley in 2009 with her great-great-granddaughter Kaitlyn McCann, daughter of Crystal and Toby McCann.

Card shower honors Homsley

Mrs. Laverne Homsley was honored on her 96th birthday on July 10 with a card shower. Mrs. Homsley

is a former Home Economics teacher who taught at Muenster Public School from 1954 to 1959. Her husband, H. Howard Homsley was superintendent at Muenster Public School and they enjoyed very much their tenure together there.

Mrs. Homsley is a revered mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother. She enjoyed many congratulatory cards from former students and loved hearing from each one.

Mrs. Laverne Homsley wishes to thank everyone for all their "well-wishes." All of you have a special place in her heart. Thank you again!



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Two Tate brothers earn college degrees

Jeff and Jeremy Tate were honored at a graduation party in the home of their parents Garland and Sharon Tate of Fort Worth on Sunday, May 23.

Jeff, a graduate of Texas Christian University, received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a double major in Finance and Accounting. He graduated Cum Laude with Departmental Honors in Finance on Saturday, May 8 at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The day before, he was part of the first graduating class of the John V. Roach Honors College. Jeff has accepted employment in the finance organization of Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company in Forth Worth as a cost

estimator on the F-35/Joint Strike Fighter Program. Jeff is a 2006 graduate of C.F. Brewer High School in Fort Worth.

Jeremy received his Associate of Applied Business degree in Golf Complex Operations and Management from The Golf Academy of America in Phoenix, Arizona on April 23. He also received certifications in teaching, club fitting and repair. He is an instructor and assistant golf pro at Lost Creek Golf Club and White Stone Golf Club in Forth Worth. Jeremy graduated from C.F. Brewer High in 2007.

Grandparents are Wayne and Kathy Tate of Ratliff City, Oklahoma and Lou Voth of Muenster and the late Ray Voth.

Events

St. Peter's Open House

On Sunday, Aug. 1, St. Peter's of Lindsay will host a parish-wide open house for the community to view the restored Rectory and Providence House. The event will be from 2 to 4 p.m.

Tioga's July Trade Day

The community of Tioga will be hosting their July Western Trade Day on Saturday, July 24. The day begins at 8 a.m. in downtown Tioga. Vendor booths, demonstrations, food, cold drinks, and history will be plentiful. Admission and parking are free.

VFW Auxiliary holds July meeting

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post #6205 met in the Post Home on Monday, July 19, with Frances Bayer presiding. She reported on a meeting she attended in McKinney July 11. She attended a school of instruction and relayed what she learned. She also brought home two awards, certificates for the Voice of Democracy and for Patriot's Pen.

Frances Bayer and Janet Barnhill helped with the safety swim lessons at the local pool for a total of 30 hours. The VFW and the Ladies Auxiliary each gave a donation to the program.

For the July Americanism Program, Frances visited the nursing home patients and office personnel, presenting each with a small American flag. The Auxiliary also donated 12 flags and 120 Buddy Poppies to the Catholic Daughters for care packages to be sent to the troops.

Members of the Auxiliary voted to give a donation to the Bingo ladies who do the Red Hat Bingo Party once a month at the nursing home.

Pollard to attend medical school

Cathy and Kevin Pollard of Denver, Colorado are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter Courtney Kiersten Pollard, from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Grandparents are Don and Betty Flusche of Muenster, and Chris and Rose Pollard of Fort Pierce, Florida.

Kiersten earned her Bachelor of Science in 2009 in Brain and Cognitive Science with a minor in Biology. For her outstanding work as an undergraduate she received the MIT Walle J. H. Nauta undergraduate research award. She worked as a researcher in the Schulz Laboratory studying how babies and young children learn and in the Gabrieli Laboratory studying fluid intelligence in young adults.

As an undergraduate, Kiersten co-hosted a radio show on WMBR at MIT for two years and served on the executive committee for the MIT Lecture Series Committee (LSC). She was also active in multiple service organizations including Alpha Phi Omega and the



Kiersten Pollard

MIT Medlink program. As a Medlink, Kiersten acted as a liaison between the students in her dorm and MIT medical. She created a campus-wide helmet program to educate students about head injuries and to encourage her peers to wear helmets while biking in Boston. This project included free and/or reduced price bicycle hel-



Kiersten Pollard in Egypt

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After graduation, Kiersten continued to work in the Gabrieli Lab. Dr. Gabrieli is known for his extensive research in functional MRI (fMRI) studies. He lectures globally, and recently made an appearance on CNN to talk about the fluid intelligence project at MIT. Kiersten worked extensively on this project and was author on a poster presenting preliminary findings at the Vision Sciences Society in Naples, Florida this year.

Kiersten had an opportunity to explore the world before getting down to serious work. She traveled to Egypt where she visited mosques and ancient churches as well as many beaches along the Red Sea. Kiersten snorkeled at Sharm el-Sheik, toured the pyramids by camel back, and visited the Cairo Museum. She really enjoyed the sense of humor and friendliness of the people she encountered on her journey.

In Denver, Kiersten interned for four years with Intermountain Neurosurgery and plans to put her passion for helping people and studying brains to good use. This fall, Kiersten will be attending medical school back home in Colorado and plans to become a surgeon.

Weather is a great metaphor for life - sometimes it's good, sometimes it's bad, and there's nothing much you can do about it but carry an umbrella.
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Muenster High graduates receive college scholarships

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Lia will be attending Texas Tech University in the Fall and majoring in business.

The Cooke County A & M Club has awarded its 2010 Scholarship to Levi Truben-

bach. Levi is the son of Karl and Beth Trubenbach. Levi has been offered the scholarship in the amount of \$4,000 over the next four years. The Cooke County A & M Club is made up of a group of residents in Cooke County who have attended Texas A & M University. Their first scholarship was awarded in 1953 and has successfully continued each year. The Cooke County A & M Club Scholarship promotes academic merit with a strong emphasis on leadership. President of the organization is Damian Krah and secretary/treasurer is Van Knight, Jr.

Levi will be attending Texas A & M this fall and majoring in Wildlife Science with an emphasis in Animal Science with Production and Industry Concentration.



Austin Reiter has been named a recipient of the Knights of Columbus State Council's Educational Scholarship for 2010. Competition is on a statewide basis. Selection of recipients is based upon academic merit as well as leadership and service in the student's church and community. Austin is the son of Lloyd and Mary Reiter of Lindsay and will be attending Texas Tech University as a business major this fall.

My joy burns brighter when I tend to the glowing hearth fires of home.

Thomas Kinkade



Levi Trubenbach



Lia Heers



The Cooke County Arts Council has announced the recipient of its \$500 scholarship. He is Domanick Hubbard, Gainesville High School graduate. Domanick excelled in academics and the arts, earning many awards and performing in 26 drama shows, all while also participating in athletics. The honor graduate plans to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant this fall where he will pursue his degree in Musical Theatre and a minor in Dance Choreography. Domanick was presented the scholarship by Janet Morris, Arts Council president, on Thursday, July 15 at the First State Bank Conference Center in Gainesville. Pictured are, from left, Janet Morris, Linda Coursey, Domanick Hubbard, Kevin Beall, Dean Patterson, Phil Schenk, and Sharon Chapman. Courtesy photo

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Tasting Party to set the tone for the 2010 Watermelon Festival

In anticipation of the Forestburg Watermelon Festival theme "Down Home Cookin'," a Tasting Party will be held on Saturday, July 24 at 6 p.m. in the Forestburg Community Center. There will be a \$5 charge. Children 10 and under will be admitted free.

Cooks of all ages are encouraged to bring a favorite dish of any type for others to sample. Forestburg and the

surrounding communities have some great cooks. The evening will give the opportunity to taste some of the dishes, including desserts, cookies, breads, meats, salads, vegetables, and appetizers.

As a fun part of the evening, the food items brought to the Tasting Party will be judged by those attending. A 1st place ribbon will be awarded in the Adult Division

and in the Youth Division.

Participants are asked to bring a copy of the recipe they prepared. Any recipes that are not in the current Forestburg Cookbook will be printed later so they can be added to the cookbook.

As a treat for people bringing food to sample, there will be a special float for participants to ride on at the Watermelon Festival.

Children's entertainment benefits ECI

The Volunteer Services Council of Mental Health Mental Retardation Services of Texoma is holding a fundraiser called Kids Entertaining Kids to be held on Saturday, July 31, Sherman Municipal Ballroom, 405 North Rusk, Sherman, 2-4:30 p.m. The event is ready to create an afternoon of excitement and pleasure for kids of all ages and will benefit Early Childhood Intervention-Texoma (ECI). Tickets are on sale at the door on the day of the event for \$1 for children 12 and

under and \$2 for adults.

Performances at the event will include Children's Chorus of Greater North Texas, Theatricks, Gracie Brown, Cooke County Ballet Academy, Arnold's Martial Arts, Musical Hands, and more. Refreshments will be served.

"A silent auction will be held during the event. So many businesses, individuals, and organizations have contributed to make the silent auction pretty spectacular. We have donations from the Dallas Stars, Mavericks,

Dallas Cowboys, Texas Rangers, restaurants, and much more. BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse) will be special guests. Their motorcycles will be parked at the top of the hill for children and parents to view and make pictures," states Linda Horton, ECI Program Manager.

"We will use the funds from this event to provide maintenance of effort to support our services and help the families we serve with needs that cannot be found in other community services."



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The camp is open to all youngsters in grades 1 through 9 to learn the fundamentals of football, including passing, running, receiving, kicking, and defense.

Check the Muenster ISD website or call Coach Carney at 903-814-7583 for more information.

NOTICE

Football and Cross Country workouts begin Monday, August 2.



From the mound - Top - Emily Fette, Green Team pitcher, and above, for the Yellow Team, Zina Haverkamp. Janie Hartman photos

Tips for cranking in summertime bass

The crankbait is a sure thing in hot summer weather, which can be favorite fishing season, because it's the best time of the year to find schools of bass where one can catch them on every cast with a deep diving crankbait.

"Bass have a tendency to congregate in big schools after they move out of the tributaries in spring," explains Cliff Pace, "and when they do, they begin feeding heavily on shad. A big crankbait imitates this type of forage very effectively, and also gets to the depth the bass are using. It's also a lure you can cast a long distance and reel back to the boat quickly, so you can cover a lot of water."

The lures Pace is describing are made by many different manufacturers; he suggests choosing one that will dive at least 15 feet deep. He prefers a silver shad color, and he usually uses 12 pound fluorocarbon line to get the best action from the lure.

Covering water is important in this type of fishing because even though the bass may be in large schools, they're frequently in a very small area, sometimes only

a few feet across. The more water you can cover, the better your chances for finding that small area. Pace suggests anglers start by fishing either river ledges or long points when they're looking for schools of summer bass, and contrary to how many anglers fish, he recommends fishing fast and not spending a lot of time in one place.

"Many summertime bass fishermen I see really do stay a long time in one spot, almost as if they're waiting for fish to come to them," says the Yamaha Pro. "What I want to do is fish as much water as I can, because I know from years of experience that once I do locate a school of fish, they're going to bite, and I'll catch them as fast as I can cast."

When fishing a ledge, such as the edge of a main river channel in a lake, Pace often positions himself on the shallow side rather than over the channel itself. This gives him the opportunity to cast not only over the edge of the channel into deep water, but also to cast parallel to that edge on the shallow side where bass often locate. Then, he makes a third cast back across the shallow side. He continues this zig-zag routine as he moves down the lake.

"On many lakes, bass frequently concentrate over mussel shell beds, rather than suspend out over the channel itself," he explains, "so that's why I keep casting the shallow side of the break. Frequently, those shell beds, or other bare, rocky spots common on most lakes, are along the very edge of the

channel, and of course, a lot of fishermen find them.

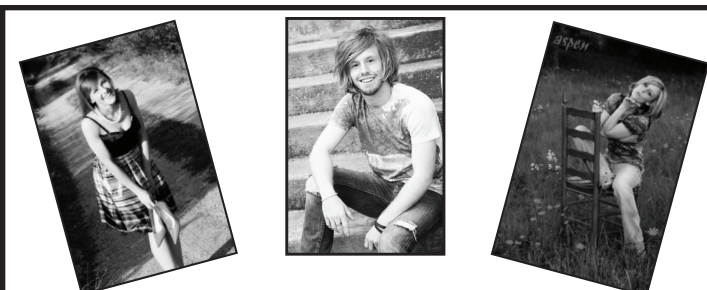
"My casts further back across the shallow side are to locate hard bottom spots other fishermen usually overlook. They may be only 10 feet deep, but they can be just as productive."

When he's fishing points for summertime bass, Pace often goes against the norm again, primarily by positioning his boat up on the point in the shallower water and casting deeper. He'll gradually ease out until he's in 25 feet of water.

"I change retrieves on nearly every cast, too," continues Pace, "until I find something the bass respond to. I want my crankbait making contact with the bottom, and if I catch two or three fish, it's usually enough to tell me the general depth range the bass are using. If, on the other hand, I work that point all the way out to 25 feet and don't get a fish, I leave and find another point."

Probably the most important aspect of fishing this way, he emphasizes, is realizing that it may take several hours of fruitless casting and searching before finding a school of fish. Pace has literally fished miles of channel ledges without catching a single fish before finally locating a school.

"Then," he concludes, "when you do find them, they're not hard to catch. You really can catch them on every cast, and if they suddenly stop biting, you can usually change your position and cast from a slightly different angle, and start catching them all over again."



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Sunday was the greatest of sacrifices. We all left our air-conditioned homes to work and play in the heat index of 110°!! The conditions were terrible, but everyone made the best of it, because of the cause!!

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Texas budget woes cause AgriLife Extension Service job losses

Officials have completed the difficult task of notifying employees whose jobs with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service will end between now and Oct. 31. To date, Cooke County agents were not included in the cut-back.

The personnel layoff affects 94 jobs – 31 vacant positions that will not be filled and 63 occupied positions that will be eliminated agency wide. The downsizing results from a 5% state budget reduction, according to Dr. Ed Smith, AgriLife Extension director.

Leaders of the state agency, which has offices in 250 Texas counties, said their decisions were based on maintaining core programs statewide.

AgriLife Extension is part of a national community-based adult and youth education system.

“We delayed restructuring as long as we could, because we hoped that economic conditions would improve,” said Smith. “But that has not happened and we regret that we have to take these steps.” One-fourth of the staffing cut is at the agency’s College Station headquarters. The rest is throughout Texas.

“To keep positions strategically distributed, we will refill some vacancies,” said Kyle Smith, AgriLife Extension executive associate director. “So displaced personnel may find other internal job opportunities.”

He stressed that the agency has long maintained a presence in each county. That will continue.

“Counties currently being served by a single extension agent or through a shared position will not be impacted by the new staffing plan,” said Darrell Dromgoole,

AgriLife Extension associate director for county programs. “We looked most closely at counties where we had three or more positions, especially if more than one employee supported the same subject matter,” said Dromgoole.

Dromgoole said all county Extension personnel contribute to 4-H, AgriLife Extension’s youth program, and will share full responsibility for that program where needed.

“Youth programming remains a strong emphasis of our agency,” he said.

TDA market recap

For the week ending July 17, feeder cattle prices at Texas auctions were mostly steady to \$5 higher per hundredweight, with a few locations as much as \$9 higher. A shrinking supply of feeders and fed cattle prices that averaged \$1.65 per hundredweight higher than a week ago supported the market.

Wheat prices increased amid concerns that hot dry weather in Europe would reduce world production and thus increase demand for U.S. wheat. Corn and grain sorghum followed wheat higher with additional support from a weaker dollar and higher crude oil prices.

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Senators propose reinstating estate tax

Two senators, a Democrat and a Republican, have reintroduced a proposal to reinstate the estate tax, which lapsed this year amid a row among lawmakers over taxing the wealthy when they die.

Democratic Senator Blanche Lincoln and Republican Senator Jon Kyl reintroduced a plan to tax estates over \$5 million at a rate of 35%.

The estate tax that expired last year had taxed estates at a rate of 45%, above an exemption of \$3.5 million for individuals and above \$7 million for couples.

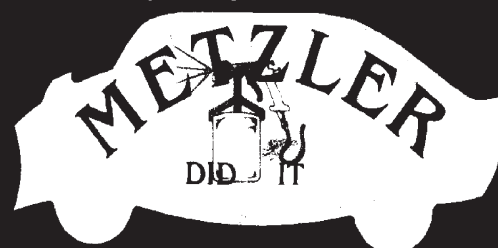
There is no estate tax in 2010 because lawmakers last year failed to reach a deal to extend the tax. The House of Representatives last year had passed an extension of the 2009 rates, but senators clashed over the level of the tax.

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County Agent's Report

Beef Cattle Improvement Meeting

The Cooke County Beef Cattle Improvement Association will be hosting its annual meeting July 31, in Gainesville, at the First State Bank's Community Building on California Street. This year's meeting will feature several items that will be of interest to those working in the cattle industry.

The program will begin at 5:30 p.m. Producers will be treated to appetizers and have the opportunity to socialize and interact with industry representatives at informational booths. Next, a meal will be served.

Following the meal, Tim Niedecken of the Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Association will present an entertaining, yet important talk about your role in beef advocacy. Finally, Texas State Representative Rick Hardcastle, who is chairman of the Texas Congressional Agricultural Committee, will give an update about agricultural legislation. He will discuss the triumphs and trials facing agriculture and especially those facing cattlemen in the coming months.

The Cooke County Beef Cattle Improvement Association is a group of area cattlemen and industry professionals who work with Texas AgriLife Extension Service. The Association is interested in improving the beef industry by providing opportunities to learn more about beef cattle management practices. They are also interested in enhancing animal performance, promoting industry communication, and ultimately helping producers add to the value of their finished product.

The annual meeting is an opportunity for the Association to report to membership, and to recruit new members. Attendees will be asked to contribute \$10 which will include annual membership to the Cooke County Beef Cattle Association dues, and will cover the cost of the meal. Please RSVP to 940.668.5412 if you wish to attend.

Grass Nutrients

Most grass producers and homeowners with lawns understand the basic three nutrients needed for grass production are nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), and potassium (K). These nutrients are essential for the health of the plant, and fertilizers generally list the percentage of each nutrient present in the mix, such as a 17-17-17; which would mean that there is 17% N, 17% P, and 17% K (always listed in that order).

Nitrogen is the most often applied nutrient. This is probably because it provides grass with the ability to produce large amount of leaf growth. It will also be the most limiting in many situations because it is prone to leaching, and atmospheric volatilization. Therefore, most N applied in one year, will not be available for future growth, regardless of if the plant was able to use it when it was applied.

In pasture settings, P and K are often not applied when a producer is seeking a way to save money. Homeowners, on the other hand, often over-apply these nutrients. Proper application has serious implications. Under-applying these nutrients will not always be noticed immediately.

Phosphorus stimulates early growth and root formation, improves moisture and nutrient uptake, and promotes optimum forage growth and quality. It will not leach or volatilize, but will remain in the soil when it is applied until it is taken up by the grass and harvested.

Potassium will improve plant performance in a drought, increase disease resistance, and improve cold hardiness. It is not commonly deficient in heavy soils, since it will only leach in light soils and it will not volatilize.

Over time, deficiencies in P and K will lead to a grass stand decline, winter kill, disease susceptibility, and inefficient water usage. Over-application of these nutrients can lead to increased amounts of nutrients being found in area streams, rivers, and lakes. Even though they are not likely to leach or volatilize, when heavy loads of P or K are in the soil, they are likely to wash away. High phosphorus levels are one of the major water quality issues for most lakes in Texas.

Therefore, it is always advisable to use a soil sample to determine the proper amount of each nutrient to apply to your grass. Making fertilizer applications in accordance with recommendations will lead to improved grass performance and reduced instances of water pollution.

Dates to Remember:

July 31 – Cooke County Beef Cattle Improvement Association Annual Meeting; First State Bank Community Building; 5:30 p.m. (RSVP 940.668.5412);

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Roma Tomatoes..... 8 FOR **1\$1**

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Avocados..... 3 FOR **1\$1**

MPK FOODS MILD OR SPICY
Guacamole Mix..... 1 OZ. **69¢**

FRESH BUNCH
Cilantro..... 3 FOR **1\$1**

FRESH
Honeydew Melons..... 3 LBS. **2\$2**

TROPICAL
Kiwifruit..... 5 FOR **1\$1**

NORTHWEST
Bing Cherries..... LB. **4\$4**

FRESH
Red Plums..... LB. **2\$2**

FRESH
Baking Potatoes..... 2 LBS. **1\$1**

TENDER GREEN
Asparagus..... LB. **3\$3**

YELLOW, ZUCCHINI, OR MEXICAN GREY
Fresh Squash..... 2 LBS. **3\$3**

CELLO PACK
Radishes..... 1 LB. **2\$3**

Dairy & Frozen Foods

ASSORTED
FLAVORS
**Shurfine
Ice Cream**
144 OZ. FAMILY SIZE

\$5



BIG STAR OR ORANGE DREAM BARS
Blue Bunny Novelties..... 20 CT. **5\$5**

WEIGHT WATCHERS SELECTED VARIETIES
Smart Ones Entrées 5.26-11.5 OZ. **2\$4**

SHURFINE SELECTED VARIETIES
Frozen Vegetables..... 32 OZ. **2\$4**

DAISY
ORIGINAL OR LIGHT
**Sour
Cream**
16 OZ. CTN.

3\$5
FOR



PLAINS ASSORTED VARIETIES
Cottage Cheese..... 24 OZ. **3\$3**

SHURFINE ASSORTED VARIETIES
Texas Style Biscuits..... 10 CT. **1\$1**

ORIGINAL OR LIGHT
Blue Bonnet Spread.... 15 OZ. **5\$4**