

## Country Of Origin Label To Appear On Meat

The officers, directors and members of the Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas congratulate the House Agriculture Committee for passing the compromise agreement, which makes M-COOL one step closer to reality for U.S. beef producers and consumers.

ICA fully supports these changes, which are part of the 2007 Farm Bill.

"We applaud the work of the M-COOL Coalition and the House Agriculture Committee," said ICA

President H.A. "Peanut" Gilfillian of Stowell, Tx.

"The cow/calf producer soon will have the opportunity to have their U.S. beef products identified as 'born, raised and processed' in the United States.

"We have fought a long, hard battle to implement country-of-origin labeling, and we have struggled to maintain simple and workable methods to identify U.S. beef."

The 2007 Farm Bill will be voted on by the entire House in the near future, and the supporters of M-COOL continue to work hard to advance this legislation with the proposed changes to the M-COOL requirements.

Contrary to information released prior to the agreement, the proposed amendments to the existing M-COOL law allow the producer to utilize "existing normal course of business" records to designate the country-of-origin of their cattle.

According to the proposed rules, beef from cattle born, raised and processed in the U.S. will display a label stating "product of the United States."

Beef from animals born in foreign countries, then raised and processed in the U.S., will bear a label designating it as a product of the U.S. and the foreign country of origin.

All imported boxed beef will have a label stating it is a product of the foreign country of origin. Ground beef when containing beef from several countries, will display a label depicting all of the countries of origin.

ICA continues to work to keep these amendments as part of the 2007 Farm Bill.

Cattlemen are urged to contact their U.S. Representatives and Senators and to request that they vote to support the M-COOL amendments as passed by the House Agriculture Committee.



On Saturday, the Old Skool Organization Completed their fourth H.E.A.R.T. Project at the Debra Norris residence. Community members gathered at her home to help do yardwork and maintenance. Front row, from left, Charles Chapman Jr., Whitney Patterson, Kobe Winters, Laron Parker, Jordan Garner, Eylandia Parker, Tiffany Patterson, Deshannae Cotton, and John Wright. Second row, from left, Sonya Clayton holding Kayle Edwards, Dale Clayton, Ron McGrew Jr., Demarcus Tillman, Chelsea McGrew, James Garner, Debra Norris (Resident), Nikia Johnson, Jerrisa McAfee, Takeshia Hodge, Jontrell Pratt, and J'Markus Hodge. Back row, from left, Calandra McAfee, Jerome McAfee Jr., Chris Dorsey, Deon Dabney, Cory Farrow, Karlton Hurd, Kevin Earls Jr., and Tanya Earls.

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## Little Raiders Football Drills Aug. 4

On Saturday, August 4 the Little Raiders will hold a drill camp for the JV and Varsity players and also a cheerleaders camp. The Elementary School field on Tate Street will be the site for the event.

A Rookies drill camp was held on Saturday, July 28. The rookies and coaches thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Nick Shorter, president of the Little Raider League and the coaches appreciate everything the community has done.



Members of the Medic Three ambulance team checked on the driver of this vehicle who ended up in a field just outside the city limits. The accident occurred on Friday morning two miles east of Eagle Lake. From left to right are Melanie Marsalia, Carolyn Baird and Joe Lee Perez.

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## Munke, Laux, Oeding Reunion Held

The 2007 annual reunion of the Christian Munke/Margareta Laux Munke/Oeding family was held July 15 at the Swiss Alp Farm Bureau Hall.

Leo and Barbara Wick assisted by Barbara's brother Joe Fietsam of the Charles Munke branch and Roy and Imogene Williams assisted by daughter Jeanne Lee and grandson Beau Matthews of the John Munke branch were hosts for the event.

Approximately 55 members and guests attended. They came from Austin, Brenham, Cedar Creek, Columbus, Cypress, Fayetteville, Friendswood, Houston, Katy, La Grange, Oakwood, San Angelo, San Antonio, Schulenburg, Spring, and Weimar.

Attendance awards were pre-

sented to Jeff Wick who traveled from San Angelo with Ella, his wife, for traveling the farthest, David and Marjorie Kuhn for having been married the longest, Nancy and Chad Otto for being married most recently, Luke Herbrich for being the youngest person present.

Martha Botter was oldest member attending. Lydia Fietsam and Eva Kuhn were close runners-up for this title.

J.T. Koenig of Houston talked about his recent trip to Germany during which his detective efforts showed that our Munke ancestor's complete name was Heinrich Christian Friedrich Ludwig Munke.

Further, though his grave marker states he was born on

March 25, 1825, he was actually born on March 24, 1824, and his birth records show he was born in Pattensen, Kingdom of Hannover of the German Confederation and not in Battensen.

Rodney Koenig talked about the Sons of the Republic of Texas and urged men to join.

The only requirement is to be able to trace family residence in Texas to the time that Texas was a Republic. Rodney displayed a book about Elz, a town he visited during a trip to Germany.

A silent auction of 14 items included a basket of shallots, a large basket of assorted snack and miscellaneous "goodie" items, a basket containing two jars of fig preserves, a pair of beautiful hand-embroidered pillow cases, a mini vacuum cleaner, a jar each of home-canned pickles and sauerkraut, a Texas plate, a green candy dish with candy, a leather billfold containing money, a set of two water-proof survival flash lights, and a tube of white chocolate and orange shower gel.

The white elephant exchange included more than 25 items such as a platter, pottery pie plate, numerous stuffed animals, and other items.

Jo Helen Posas guessed closest to the number of Hershey's peanut butter kisses in a jar, and Diana Thomas guess closest to the number of pennies in a jar. Diana declined accepting and donated the jar of pennies to be used (with modifications) next year.

The noon meal consisted of barbecued brisket, fried fish, enchiladas, chicken nuggets, many delicious casseroles and salads, and a wonderfully sinful assortment of desserts.

Assorted beverages including tea, coffee, and home-canned grape juice were enjoyed throughout the meeting.

A free-will collection for the Williams Creek Cemetery was held and money collected and is being sent to the association.

The 2008 reunion will be held again on the third Sunday of July at the Swiss Alp Farm Bureau Hall.

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The salaries, expenses, or allowances of Colorado County elected officials will be set at a public meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m. on **August 13, 2007** in the County Courtroom located on the first floor of the Colorado County Courthouse, Columbus, Texas.

The salaries and allowances for the elected officials of Colorado County are proposed to be increased to the following in the 2008 Budget:

ELECTED OFFICIALS	SALARY-2007	PROPOSED-2008	INCREASE
County Judge	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 46,350.00	\$ 1,350.00
*Note (1)			
County Commissioner – each	\$ 42,936.00	\$ 44,232.00	\$ 1,296.00
County Clerk	\$ 40,104.00	\$ 41,304.00	\$ 1,200.00
District Clerk	\$ 40,104.00	\$ 41,304.00	\$ 1,200.00
County Tax Assessor/Collector	\$ 40,104.00	\$ 41,304.00	\$ 1,200.00
County Treasurer	\$ 40,104.00	\$ 41,304.00	\$ 1,200.00
Sheriff	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 46,350.00	\$ 1,350.00
Justices of the Peace			
Precinct No. 1	\$ 25,584.00	\$ 26,400.00	\$ 816.00
Precinct No. 2	\$ 25,584.00	\$ 26,400.00	\$ 816.00
Precinct No. 3	\$ 25,584.00	\$ 26,400.00	\$ 816.00
Precinct No. 4	\$ 25,584.00	\$ 26,400.00	\$ 816.00
*Note (2)			
Constable			
Precinct No. 1	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,270.00	\$ 270.00
Precinct No. 2	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,270.00	\$ 270.00
Precinct No. 3	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,270.00	\$ 270.00
Precinct No. 4	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,270.00	\$ 270.00
*Note (3)			

\*Note (1) The County Judge's proposed increase does not include juvenile board salary of \$4,800 annually and state salary supplements of \$15,000 annually.

\*Note (2) In addition to the proposed increase, Justices of the Peace who handle weekend magistrations receive an additional salary of \$200 for each weekend worked and \$100 for each Holiday worked.

\*Note (3) In addition to the proposed increase, Constables who serve as court bailiffs receive a minimum allowance of \$75 per court session.

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8	5	6	4	9	7	3	2	1
7	8	2	9	3	1	8	4	6
2	7	3	8	5	6	9	7	4
1	4	7	4	1	2	8	6	3
9	4	7	1	2	8	5	6	3
6	8	1	6	4	7	2	3	9
3	1	8	1	2	9	5	9	4
8	6	5	4	3	1	6	2	7
3	1	2	8	7	6	4	9	5

**ANSWER:**