

Tuesday, May 29 set as Primary Elections date

By Janet Felderhoff
After much delay, the 2012 Primary Election in Texas will take place on Tuesday, May 29. The re-opened filing dates for candidates opened March 2 and closed on Friday, March 9. This was determined on March 1, by federal court order. The 2012 runoff election date has been set for July 31.

Other important dates are:
• Apply for ballot by mail - March 30 and request must be received by May 22;
• Last day to register to vote - April 30;
• Early voting - May 14-25.

There are several contest-

New pool design



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Muenster achieves its 10th Tree City USA® designation

By Janet Felderhoff
Members of the Muenster City Council were pleased to learn that for the 10th consecutive year, Muenster was named a Tree City USA® Community by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

Alderman Greg Bohl explained that each year,

ed positions in Cooke County on the Republican ballot. There are no contenders for County seats on the Democratic ballot.

According to Cooke County Republican Party Chairman Bob Eggleston, Republican candidates and their races are:

235th District Judge - Janelle Haverkamp of Lind-

Commissioner Precinct #1 - Gary Hollowell of Gainesville, incumbent, and Randy Garren of Gainesville;

Precinct #3 - Al Smith of Era, incumbent, and Alan Britain of Forestburg;

Constable Pct. 1 - Chris Watson of Gainesville and Carl Rickert, Jr. of Gainesville;

Constable Pct. 4 - R.M. "Dick" Roth of Valley View, incumbent, and Russ Harper of Era;

County Attorney - Tanya Davis of Lake Kiowa, incumbent and Ed Zielinski of Gainesville;

District Attorney - Janice

Warder of Gainesville, incumbent;

Tax Assessor-Collector - Billie Jean Knight of Gainesville;

Sheriff - Terry Sawyer of Gainesville, James Carter of Lake Kiowa, Ken Fogus of Collinsville, and Terry Wayne Gilbert of Gainesville.

With Rick Hardcastle stepping down from his District 68 State Representative position, the field opened up for a lot of competition. Several vying for Hardcastle's seat are from Cooke or Montague counties.

Candidates on the Republican ticket are Drew Springer of Muenster, David Isbell of Valley View, Paul Braswell of Forestburg, and Trent McKnight of Throckmorton.

The Democratic ballot has one contender for the District 68 State Representative seat - Lanhon Odom of Montague County who will face the Republican victor in November.

Muenster registers in hopes of earning the Tree City designation. He noted that they work hard to achieve the designation.

Bohl noted that getting this honor for 10 consecutive years is a significant honor.

This year, the City will again celebrate Arbor Day

with a tree planting ceremony in the City Park at the opening ceremony for Germanfest. At the ceremony for the last few years, tree seedlings were distributed. He said that this will be done again if the seedlings are available. The Muenster

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Area water sources refreshed by recent rainfalls



Spring seems to have arrived in north Texas. Lush green grass grows in area pastures, temperatures are warming up, and rainfall has been plentiful. This past weekend's rains were reported to be as much as three inches by many. Creeks and ponds are full and water still stands in some low areas. Pictured above are cattle south of Muenster enjoying the abundant grass and warm weather; and below, a pasture and bar ditch north of Muenster overflowing with rain water.

Janet Felderhoff photos



School's out, windows in

While Sacred Heart Catholic School Elementary students are out enjoying Spring Break, D&B Construction crew is installing new windows. They are replacing the tall windows that face the south, east, and west. Windows were last replaced in the mid '80s. While working, the crew was attacked by bees that had built hives inside the brick walls. When a beekeeper removed them, it was learned that one hive contained Africanized honeybees.

Janie Hartman photos

Land situations dominate Commissioners meeting

By Janet Felderhoff
Various circumstances involving land required the attention of Commissioners Court during the regular meeting held Monday, March 12. Attorney Chuck Bartush of Muenster researched and advised the Court on two of the matters.

The first was in regard to leasing the mineral rights on about one acre deeded to the County years ago. Bartush said that the Texas Natural Resource Code's section on counties defines the steps to follow when leasing a county's mineral rights. The first step is to bid out the leasing with publication in the paper once a week for three weeks. "It's very simple and it's spelled out in the Code as far as what has to be done," noted Bartush.

The Court voted unanimously to proceed with the bid process under the supervision of Bartush. Bids will be opened at the regular April 9 meeting.

Bartush also researched .115 acres of land in the E. Yeaman Survey located in Precinct #3. Bartush said it was an interesting situation. The property was involved in a condemnation when they put together FM 1630. He explained, "There was a whole series of condemnation actions that were had where all the people on the route were brought into court. Condemnation actions acquired the land to put 1630 in. As it turned out (for) this one particular tract of land, they never had a final judgment in court awarding the property to the county and the state for 1630."

A very small portion of this land is not being used in the right-of-way for 1630. The landowner of the adjoining property inquired what

could be done. Since the land was never made part of the County property, Bartush suggested keeping it simple by having the County quitclaim whatever right they have and move to have a final judgment made. This could then be taken to the County Court-At-Law for a final judgement for all the land and less the small strip that could be quitclaimed to the landowners.

Commissioners Court voted to give quitclaim deed from Cooke County to John Henley et al for the five foot strip of land in question.

Danny and Kim Sorenson of Whitesboro who own property in the Horseman's Ranch Phase 1 subdivision asked the Court's help. They said that the subdivision has bridal paths and without their knowledge the path location was changed, taking in part of their property. The subdivision change had been approved by Commissioners Court. Letters were sent out to all property owners notifying them of a hearing on the proposed changes. The Sorensons never received the letter. Instead, it went to the owner of the subdivision.

Following much explanation and discussion, they decided to seek outside advice on what could be done to amend the situation.

Staff Sergeant Robert Cates, U.S. Army Reserve, and his wife and two young sons were honored guests at the meeting. Cates, an employee of Cooke County EMS, is soon to be deployed for the third time in the past 12 years.

A proclamation was read and adopted honoring Cates. It said in part, "Cooke County recognizes the importance of our employees and

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In other business, Commissioners Court:

- Approved Commissioners Gary Hollowell and Leon Klement as project managers to negotiate a contract with Komatsu Architect for

the remodeling of the Courthouse Annex to house the Cooke County Tax Assessor Office.

- Approved Precinct #4 to surplus and sell by auction a 35' trailer, Bros. 9 wheel packer, Ingram 9 wheel roller packer, 6x6 military truck, 5 ton 6x6 Kaiser jeep, 1985 Mack truck, 1968 Dodge truck, and New Idea 522 sickle mower.
- Accepted Homeland Security grant in the amount of \$32,893.70.
- Authorized reserve deputy constable for Precinct 1; approved official bond for reserve deputy constable Precinct 1 Jeremy Scott Proffer.

- Approved official bonds for deputy sheriff Kincy Lloyd, deputy sheriff/jailer Laren Hudson, and jailers James Harper and Donald Tooley.
- Approved Cooke County employee health fair sponsored by NCTC Nursing Program, Texoma Wellness Center, Bynum Eye Care, and Angel's Care at a date to be determined.
- Approved EOG Resources, Inc.'s request to bore a disposal water transfer line under CR 334.
- Approved request by Woodbine Water Supply to perform five service line road bores along CR 219.



Cooke County working for you featuring Commissioners

By Janet Felderhoff

Cooke County is divided into four precincts with a commissioner elected by voters in that precinct in charge of the roads and bridges of the precinct. The commissioner also has a vote in Commissioners Court which is held on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Besides the four commissioners, the county judge (elected by the whole County) presides over Commissioners Court. All five have equal votes in the decisions made while conducting County business in Commissioners Court.



Cooke County Commissioners, from left, back - B.C. Lemons, Gary Hollowell, Leon Klement, and Al Smith; front - Vicki Barnes. Janet Felderhoff photo

Currently serving as Commissioners are Precinct #1 Gary Hollowell, Precinct #2 B. C. Lemons, Precinct #3 Al Smith, and Precinct #4 Leon Klement. Commissioners run for office every four years. Precinct #1 and #3 run one year and two years later Precinct #2 and #4 run.

Some of the duties entrusted to a commissioner are adopting the county budget, setting the county tax rate, establishing a courthouse and jail, safe keeping of land and citizen records, letting contracts in the name of the county, providing law enforcement through the county sheriff, administering the county's public welfare services and public health services, and performing numerous duties in regard to elections.

Asked what people usually contact their commissioner for assistance with, Commissioner Smith said, "The number one thing is information about County government - who could help me. That's followed by questions about roads, not just county roads, but State roads and what the projects are going to be on State roads and how can they get roadwork done."

Smith serves as the County's representative on the Cross Plains Council. The Council discusses and votes on priorities of how they are going to spend maintenance dollars on these projects. Every city and county has a vote on the Council. Smith said that he makes an effort to get to know the people well whom he must ask for votes to support projects needed in Cooke County such as FM 373 and the overpass on 678. This includes serving on the Chisholm Trail Board.

Smith currently serves as president of the Texoma Council of Government (TCOG) Board. County Judge John Roane is also a member of that Board. With Texas Association of Counties (TAC), Smith is on the Employee Benefits Board which controls the hospitalization insurance, workers comp, and casualty insurance.

Commissioner Hollowell serves on the TAPS Board. He recalled that when he first received that appointment, the Board was over a million dollars in debt. "Now we're about \$300,000 ahead," he noted of the Board turnaround.

Commissioners Klement and Hollowell serve on the Tri County Juvenile Detention Board.

In the last five to seven years, the Commissioners have been kept busy by numerous things besides their daily duties. Some of these include construction projects for the County such as renovation of the exterior and

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Boy Scouts have also planted trees the past two years.

According to the Arbor Day Foundation, Muenster has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA® community. The requirements are to have a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, a community forestry program with annual expenditures of at least \$2 per capita, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

a high priority on planting and caring for trees, one of our nation's most beautiful resources. We applaud Muenster's elected officials, volunteers, and citizens for providing vital care for its urban forest."

An Arbor Day Foundation press release said, "Communities that earn Tree City USA® recognition not only

have taken the time to meet the four standards, they know that trees:

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- Moderate climate, conserve water, and provide vital habitat for wildlife;
- Reduce energy use and increase property values.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO
March 14, 1947

Now rain bring much needed relief to community crops. Obituaries: Charles "Bud" Obenaus, 33; J.A. Bridges, 66. Arnold Rohmer injures foot in oil lease accident. New Arrival: Frances to Lawrence and Violet Moster. J.P. Flusche advertises: Scrap Iron wanted, 80¢ per 100 lb. (the all-time peak price for scrap iron). Muenster Livestock advertises: Only 3% commission; due to our increase in business and the high price of cattle and hogs, we have reduced our commission from 4% to 3%.

50 YEARS AGO
March 16, 1962

Old Sacred Heart convent and furnishings sold at public auction; total receipts were \$1,800. Obituaries: Phillip Pautler, 41; Melinda Pelzel, 14 months. Pagel's Store advertises double Green Stamps every Wednesday. New Arrivals: Renee to Ray and Marcy Wilde; Darlene to Fred and Ethel Hennigan; Janet to Joe and Viola Schmidkofer; Michael to the Burt Hamrics. State Theatre advertises "Ben Hur" starring Charlton Heston and Jack Hawkins; prices 50¢ for children, 75¢ for students, \$1 for adults on weekday afternoons.

25 YEARS AGO
March 13, 1987

Thefts continue to plague Muenster area; Chamber to offer \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of vandals. Obituaries: Tony Felderhoff, 84; Henry Huchton, 81; Alex Jordan, 4 months; Fred Cooke, 65. Franciscan Father Gary Swirczynski was ordained March 7. New Arrivals: Clayton to Allen and Carla Truebenbach; Brett to Paul and Mona Baird; Erin to Joel and Kathy Yosten. College Graduate: Sandy Taylor, TSTL.

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Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm KC Pancake Breakfast 8-10 am	VFW Aux. mtg. 7:30 pm MISD Flex Day	Library open 10am-6:30 pm	Library open 1:30 -5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg. noon, Center Reg. Ed Class MISD School Board mtg. Sacred Heart Food Pantry open 9-11 am	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Muenster Museum open 1-4pm MHS UIL District OAP	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m	Library open 10:30 - 2:30
Sunday, March 25, 2012	Monday, March 26, 2012	Tuesday, March 27, 2012	Wednesday, March 28, 2012	Thursday, March 29, 2012	Friday, March 30, 2012	Saturday, March 31, 2012
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm	Sacred Heart Jr. Hi Track meet	Library open 10am-6:30 pm MMH Board mtg. 7 pm	Library open 1:30-5:30 Kiwanis mtg. noon Center Rel. Ed Class 7 pm	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10am-6:30 pm Sacred Heart high school track meet	Muenster Museum open -1-4 KC Fish Fry 5:30 - 8:30 pm	Library open 10:30-2:30 G'ville Bass Club tourn. Arrowhead St. Park 7am-3pm

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Brother Louis Fuhrmann 1930 - 2012

Brother Louis Fuhrmann, OSB, age 81, monk of Subiaco Abbey, Arkansas died March 8, 2012. He was born in Lindsay on Nov. 24, 1930, and christened William Michael. He was the fourth child in a family of six children. He received his elementary education at St. Peter's in Lindsay and his secondary education at Subiaco Academy, Subiaco, Arkansas.

Following his freshman year at the Academy, William was at home for summer vacation when tragedy struck the family. His 12 year-old brother was killed in a tractor accident while working on the farm. William returned to Subiaco Academy, graduating with the class of 1948.

Wishing to devote his life in the service of the church, he followed in the footsteps of an uncle and six cousins who were monks of Subiaco Abbey. William Fuhrmann professed his vows as a Benedictine monk on March 19, 1950, receiving the name Louis, which was the baptismal name of the younger brother who died tragically.

In addition to his family and relatives who played an important role in his vocation, Br. Louis said that his pastor in Lindsay, Fr. Conrad Herda, OSB, had a definite influence on his decision to come to Subiaco. Another cousin, Paul Fuhrmann, also made profession with him, receiving the name Michael.

Br. Louis' first assignment as a candidate was to help pick cotton on the Abbey's farmland. Because he was acclimated to daily agricultural chores while growing up in Lindsay, he felt right at home as he commenced a 50-year commitment of

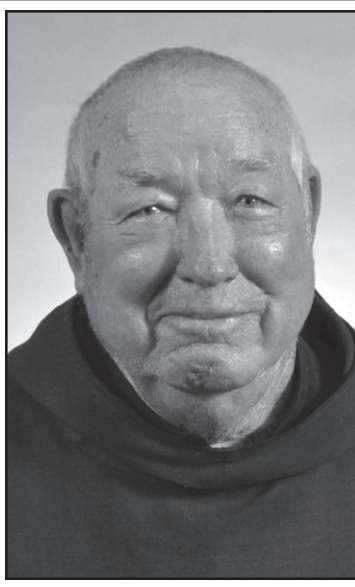
dedicated service to the community by faithfulness to daily chores on the Abbey farm. Baling hay, combining beans, cutting silage, feeding and milking cows were only a few of the routine responsibilities of farm life. He was often busy operating a backhoe, loader, bulldozer, or other farm machinery.

Affectionately known as Brother Louie, he was a beloved friend of many people in Logan County as well as Academy students and summer campers. He was a strong supporter of vocations to the religious life. "I like our young men and regret that I don't have time to do more for them," he said. "I want them to enjoy life here at Subiaco. I hope that some will like the life well enough to stay with us."

An avid outdoorsman, over the years, Br. Louie sponsored the student skeet-shooting club and assisted in football, basketball, and boxing activities. He drove a school bus to and from the games and led weekend excursions for outdoor activities such as fishing, hunting, and swimming.

Having been an Academy boarding student himself during the 1940s, Br. Louis empathized with the restlessness of teenagers living away from home by being a "big brother" to them, especially helping with weekend activities and taking time to assign farm jobs to students who would walk to the Abbey barns looking for outdoor work with the monks. During the summer, he assisted with activities for boys attending Camp Subiaco.

Although Br. Louie's left thumb had been severed in a farming accident, he never lost his sense of humor when



Br. Louis Fuhrmann

quizzed about it, especially when innocent little campers would gasp "What happened, Brother?" They were awestruck to learn that "a snake bit it off!"

An apostolate close to Br. Louie's heart was being a good neighbor to area residents by helping with manual labor, visiting the sick and shut-ins, or assisting those who were down on their luck.

Br. Louis expanded his horizons in the mid-1960s when he was assigned to missionary work on the continent of Africa. He and five other Subiaco monks worked under primitive conditions in establishing St. Mukasa Monastery in Nigeria, West Africa, where he was assigned to building and maintenance. However, a persistent kidney infection caused him to return to the United States in January 1967.

In 1990, he was appointed farm manager and fire chief. Although he was officially retired from the Abbey farm in 1999, he was "recycled" for other monastic projects, notably his "good Samaritan" role of caring for the health needs of his elderly cousin, Br. Henry Fuhrmann.

For several years, he assisted with the Abbey Peanut Brittle project, was in charge of the backhoe for digging graves in the Abbey cemetery, and as long as he was able, simply continued doing "whatever needed doing!"

Suffering with complications from diabetes, Br. Louis moved into the Abbey Health Center in January of 2009. Several days before his death, he suffered a fall, hitting his head on a cement step. He was treated and remained in an area hospital where he failed to respond and died.

Survivors are brother Darnold Fuhrmann of Gainesville; and sisters Sr. Catherine Henry Fuhrmann of San Antonio, Lucille Hess of Muenster, and LaVern Nortman of Lindsay.

A Christian wake service was held Friday, March 9 and the funeral was Saturday, March 10 at St. Benedict Church in Subiaco. Burial was in the Abbey Cemetery.

Mary "Girlie" Felderhoff 1933 - 2012



Mary "Girlie" Felderhoff

Funeral Mass for Mary "Girlie" Elizabeth Felderhoff, age 79 of Gainesville, was set for 10 a.m., Friday, March 16 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Fr. Victor Cruz officiating under the direction of Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home. Burial will follow at St. Peter's Cemetery in Lindsay. A Rosary, with remembrances of her life to follow, was held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 15 at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Mary "Girlie" Elizabeth was born Feb. 11, 1933 in Lindsay to Albert and Catherine Voth Kubis. She died Monday, March 12, 2012 in Denton.

Girlie was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. She

grew up on a farm in Lindsay and graduated from Lindsay High School. She married Anthony J. Felderhoff on Aug. 9, 1951 in Lindsay and they raised nine children on their farm in Gainesville. Upon AJ's death in 1985, she chose to pursue a nursing degree and graduated from Cooke County Junior College. She worked as a nurse until her retirement.

Girlie is survived by her children AJ, Jr. and Jan Felderhoff of Fort Worth, Steve and Donna Felderhoff of Prosper, Carol Zimmerer of Singapore, Ron and Patti Felderhoff of Hutto, Cindy and Terry Alford of San Marcos, and John Fiala of Hickory Creek, Cathy and Karl Metzler of Era, Jeff and Jennifer Felderhoff of New Braunfels, and Judie and Don Woodall of Aledo; grandchildren Aaron Wells, Jana Felderhoff, Kerri and Tim Rovi, Kelli and Ryan Amis, Jessica and Jack McCown, Russell and Jamie Zimmerer, Kristin Zimmerer, Anthony Felderhoff, James Felderhoff, T Madden and Katarina Alford, Seth and Megan Alford, Nicholas Alford, Tera Alford, Joe Fiala, Michelle Fiala, Matt Fiala, Melissa and Eric Felderhoff, Katie Metzler, RJ Metzler, Nathan Metzler, Jacob Metzler, Katelyn Felderhoff, Alex Felderhoff, Daniel Woodall, Daryl Woodall, and Donald Woodall; great-grandchildren Sloane McCown,

Gunnar Alford, and Kynlee Felderhoff; sister and brother-in-law Alma and Adam Wolf of Muenster; brother and sister-in-law Gilbert and Rosina Kubis of Lindsay; brother and sister-in-law Paul and Luann Kubis of Houston; sister and brother-in-law Janie and Kenneth Thurman of Lindsay; and brother Buster Kubis of Longview. She is also survived by sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law Joanie and Alvin Hartman and Theresa Mae and Sylvan Walterscheid, all of Muenster; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law Chuck and Bonnie Felderhoff of West.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, granddaughter Sheila Wells, grandson Brad Felderhoff, sister Theresia Kubis, mother-in-law and father-in-law Tony and Theresia Felderhoff, brother-in-law and sister-in-law Joe and Ruthie Felderhoff, and sister-in-law Mary Felderhoff.

Serving as pallbearers were eight grandchildren. Her Godchildren were honorary pallbearers. During Mass, readings, petitions, and presentation of the Offertory Gifts were done by grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that all memorial contributions be made to Subiaco Abbey for the continued education of priests or the parish of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Robert Gruber dies

Mass of Christian Burial for Robert S. Gruber of Lindsay was held Wednesday, March 14 in Lindsay. Robert died at the age of 98 on March 11. The complete obituary will be in next week's paper.

Edward Dill 1942 - 2012

Funeral services for Edward Arnold Dill, age 69 of Paradise, were Friday, March 9 at McCoy Funeral Home of Saint Jo. Burial was in Mountain Park Cemetery. Mr. Dill died Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at his home.

Born Sept. 10, 1942 in Wichita Falls, he was the only child of Maxie and Marguerite Huchton Dill. He was raised and attended school in Saint Jo. After graduation, he attended Cooke County College. He married Linda Flusche on Aug. 27, 1967.

Ed and Linda enjoyed camping. They lived 16 months in that trailer while their home was being built on the farm.

Ed worked for General Dynamics for a while then became a wood pattern maker for Volkswagen, serving some 20 years there. After that, Ed went to school, learning to be a mechanical designer. After retiring from Volkswagen, he started his own business, the 3 Bar Design. He also did contract labor, working for Peterbilt and then Mercruiser.

Ed then was ready to relax on the farm. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed feeding the cats in the neighborhood. Ed had a great sense of humor and was very quick-witted with his comments.

Survivors are wife Linda of Paradise; son Duane and wife Kathie Dill of West; one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Randall Flusche, Chris Burns, Billy Poyner, James Lynn Lucas, Bill Tom Meador, and Drew Paschall.

Walter Norwood 1927 - 2012

Walter Gerald Norwood of Gainesville died at age 84 on March 9, 2012 at NTMC. Born April 4, 1927 in Nona, he was in the U.S. Navy in WWII and most of his working career he was employed by Halliburton Oil Services in several northern states and Victor Equipment in Denton. On Dec. 22, 1946,

he married Betty Little.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Betty in 2002; and sister Rita Gault.

Survivors are son Gary W. Norwood and wife Trish of Gainesville; daughter Linda K. Ritcherson and husband Ed of Gainesville; two grandsons and spouses; and three great-grandchildren.

Donald Smith 1938 - 2012

Visitation celebrating the life of Donald Wayne Smith, age 73 of Gainesville, was held Thursday, March 15 at 6 p.m. at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home.

Donald was born June 7, 1938 in Waco. He died March 11, 2012 in Gainesville.

Don retired from Enderby Gas and was employed by Tierra Properties.

Survivors are wife Lee

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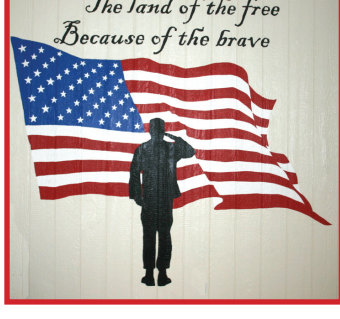


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Hermes' 60th anniversary celebrated

William and Mary Evelyn Hofbauer Hermes celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary with the family gathering at the Bartush cabin north of Muenster. William and Mary Evelyn were married on Feb. 13, 1952 at Sacred Heart Church in Muenster where they still attend today.

The anniversary celebration was held Sunday, Feb. 12. The gathering began with lots of picture taking, visiting, and reminiscing. Family members were asked

to bring something that reminded them of the anniversary couple. The couple's children each gave a toast to their parents, sang "Happy Birthday" to William, whose birthday is also on Feb. 13, and lunch was served. After lunch, the couple cut their anniversary cake.

William and Mary Evelyn live at Hood and have made that their home for 59 years. The first year of their marriage was spent in Fort Smith, Arkansas while William was in the Army

stationed at Fort Chaffee. William spent his life doing what he loved, farming and ranching. When the children were home, they helped with farming and housework. Mary Evelyn was always busy raising nine children and managing the household. Once the children were gone, Mary Evelyn became the farming partner.

William has served on various committees such as the Muenster Hospital Board, director of the FSA Office,

chairman of NRCS, usher at Sacred Heart Church, and president of the Hood Community Club. Mary Evelyn held the title of treasurer for the Hood Community Club for 50 years.

Children of William and Mary Evelyn are Debbie Bradshaw, Alyce Cler, Cheryl Martin, Denise West, Gary Hermes, Laurie Rohmer, Tim Hermes, Glenn Hermes, and Pam Sidwell. They are proud grandparents of 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.



Mary Evelyn and William Hermes

Muenster Health and Rehab one top-rated in the nation

U.S. News & World Report released its annual best Nursing Homes ratings on Feb. 7. The 2012 ratings recognize top-rated nursing homes in all 50 states, and included on the list is Muenster Health and Rehabilitation, which was noted for their outstanding five-star rating. The rating noted that the skilled nursing facility is a small home nestled in the trees at the top of a hill just outside of Muenster. Its home environment has a warm welcome to potential residents and visitors alike. The home employs an average of 40 staff members and is a part of Creative Solutions in Healthcare.

U.S. News's evaluation of nursing homes is based on data from Nursing Home Compare, a consumer website run by the Centers for Medicare or Medicaid Services. The government agency

sets and enforces standards for nursing homes (defined as facilities or portions of facilities enrolled in Medicare or Medicaid that provide 24-hour nursing care and other medical services).

Homes earn an overall rating of one to five stars, as well as up to five stars in each of three underlying categories: health inspections, nurse staffing, and quality of care. To earn a place on the 2012 list, a home had to receive perfect five-star ratings in 2011 in all categories for all four quarters.

"We also display factors like religious affiliation and proximity to family members, because these are important to many families as well," says Avery Comarow, Health Rankings editor. He notes that more than three million Americans will spend part of 2012 in a nursing home.



Amber Joy Fuhrmann of Lindsay, currently living in Lawton, Oklahoma, and Tyler Penn Harrison of Elk City, Oklahoma will exchange wedding vows in late April at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lindsay. Parents of the bride-elect are Arnold and Cecilia Fuhrmann of Gainesville. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Nicky and Kim Harrison of Elk City. The bride-elect graduated from Muenster High School in May 2007. In December 2010, she graduated magna cum laude from Cameron University of Lawton with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science and an Agriculture Business Management Option. She is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and is currently employed as a ranch manager at Mello-D Hereford Farms in Lawton. The prospective bridegroom graduated from Elk City High School in May 2003. He attended Ole Miss as a trainer and the University of Oklahoma before graduating magna cum laude from South Western Oklahoma State University in May 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts in Finance. He is a broker associate at Western Oklahoma Realty in Elk City. The couple plans to reside in Elk City.

Meeting Notices

Gainesville Christian Women's Connection
Gainesville Christian Women's Connection will hold its March luncheon meeting on Thursday, March 22 at 401 W. Garnett, Gainesville. The special event time is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the catered lunch is \$12. For reservations, call Carol at (940)368-4950 or e-mail her at cijacobsen@hotmail.com by Monday, March 19.

Keynote speaker will be Susan Brown. She's a teacher, international speaker, author, founder and president of Arising to Excellence Ministries, mother and grandmother, former pastor's wife;

Paul and Susan have been married and in full-time ministry for over 36 years. She will be speaking on "Excellence in High Heels" - using high heels to illustrate a balanced walk in Christ in an unbalanced world.

Special feature will be Johnny Leftwich. Music will be provided by Sharon Mit-cham.

Diabetes Support Group
The Diabetes Support Group will meet in the North Texas Medical Center Board Room on Tuesday, March 20 from 7-8 p.m. Diabetes and Eye Complications is the topic to be presented by Margie A. York, O.D.

A door prize will be provided by York Eye Associates, P.C.

Individuals with diabetes and family members are encouraged to attend this FREE program. For information, call (940) 768-8120.

St. Peter's Events

Restoration Lunch
On Sunday, April 15, The Saint Anne Society of St. Peter's Parish is hosting a Restoration Lunch benefit at Centennial Hall. It will include a dinner, silent auction, cake walk, and raffle.

The dinner featuring turkey, dressing, trimmings, and desserts will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for 12 and under.

Raffle tickets are for sale for \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Prizes include a 46" flat screen TV, Mossberg 270 WSS barrel rifle and scope, a shell, a Kindle Fire, 5 \$100 Shell Gas Cards, two night stay at Lone Oak Ranch Guest House, and a Seiko wall clock. Drawing will be at 1:45 the day of the event.

The silent auction and cake walk will be open from 10:45 a.m. till 1:30 p.m.

To donate items for the

auction please call Kim Hess (612-1517), Trice Henry (736-7399), Becky Neu (665-5302), or Lillian Hess (665-9228).

St. Patrick's Day Seminary choir and potluck supper

The choir from Assumption Seminary in San Antonio will sing at all weekend Masses at St. Peter's Church in Lindsay on March 17-18.

All St. Peter's parishioners are invited to a potluck supper in Centennial Hall on Saturday, March 17 following the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

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For questions, please contact Claudia Zimmerer at 665-6004 or Toot Sandmann at 736-2318.



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Cash Luke



Valentine's Day held a special treat for the residents at Muenster Health & Rehab. The day was filled with parties and fun games. Crowned King and Queen of Muenster Health & Rehab were Claramae Schmitt and Norbert Flusche. Claramae, a resident for one year, loves to socialize and has made many good friends. Norbert has been a resident for many years. He loves playing games and never misses his morning newspaper!

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 Thurs. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, lettuce salad w/dressing, green beans, pineapple, rolls.
 Fri. - Fish sandwich, oven fries, pork and beans, apple sauce, graham crackers, ice cream.

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 Mon. - Soft tacos, refried beans, Spanish rice, apple crisp.
 Tues. - Chicken spaghetti, carrots, mixed fruit, batter bread.
 Wed. - Turkey, ham, and cheese sub sandwich w/trimmings, oranges, rice krispie.
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 Fri. - Fish sticks, macaroni and cheese, green beans, bread stick, fruit, ice cream.

MUENSTER ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S AWARD WINNERS FOR THE 4th SIX WEEKS are at right, from left, front - Whitney Newton, Abby Hendley, Leslie Rodriguez, Gregory Giles; row 2 - Nathan Hartman, Kayla Deweber, Marianne Tai, Rebecca Klement; row 3 - Victoria Zimmerer, Anthony Rodriguez, Alexa Bateman; row 4 - Seth Flusker, Mandy Hacker, Parker McGrew, and Maddie Lee. Not pictured is Elijah Bayer.



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A Vow to Honor: Muenster as Patron and Protector

The Catholic residents of Muenster have long looked to St. Joseph as the patron and guardian of their community and regard his feast day, March 19, as a local holy day. St. Joseph attained this distinction during the community's early years as the community faced hardships brought on by tornadoes, drought, and a debate over what to name the parish.

On Jan. 1, 1890, a group of Muenster residents gathered to hold a meeting to discuss the building of a church and school in the community. It was decided to first build a school, which would double as a temporary church until a rectory and permanent church could be built. The school was completed before the start of spring and had simple yet functional furniture—2 X 12 planks supported by beer kegs served as school benches.

In late 1891, parishioners began work on a \$6,000 frame church. The church was not quite finished when a December storm destroyed the building. Undaunted, the parishioners began work on a new church using much of the material from the previous building. The new church was completed by spring 1892 and was blessed the Bishop of Dallas, Right Reverend Thomas F. Brennan. The new church would not serve as a house of worship for long. On July 31, 1893, a tornado completely destroyed the year old church.

Luckily the parish carried an insurance policy. Using money from the insurance policy, a subscription collected from parishioners, and materials salvaged from the wrecked church, the parishioners built a new building which served as a church, school, and sisters' residence.

The makeshift multipurpose building would not serve as the parish's worship house for long. Parishioners began planning a gothic style brick church which was completed in 1898.

The first year in Muenster proved difficult for its pioneer residents. The early settlers got a late start plowing and planting their crops. Combined with a dry summer, the crop yield that first year was poor. Making problems more difficult was a shortage of drinking water. Joe Fisher, Sr., noted the difficulties caused by a shortage of water: We dug cisterns in the pasture and carried water on sleds to barrels. Sometimes the water would be very dirty and it had to be boiled to purify it. We had chills and fever quite often in the summer until we dug a deep well. Sometimes water was so scarce the whole family would wash in one pan.

In many cases, the only available water was from a stagnant creek which led to numerous cases of typhoid fever. That first summer amongst all died.

Even though the difficulties the early colonists faced, a debate emerged among them as to whom the parish should be dedicated. Muenster's Catholic parish was first dedicated to the Blessed Mother and was known as St. Mary's Parish. Rev. Bonaventure Binzegger, O.S.B., the parish pastor from 1893-1904, possessed a great devotion to St. Joseph and attempted to have the parish dedicated to the saint. Others in the parish suggested dedicating the parish to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

To solve the debate, a drawing was held. Equal numbers of red, yellow, and white slips of paper were placed in a box and each parishioner drew one slip. A red slip was a vote for St. Joseph, yellow a vote for the Sacred Heart, and a white slip was a vote for St. Mary. The yellow slips prevailed and hence Muenster's Catholic parish was dedicated to and became known as Sacred Heart.

Despite failing to have the parish dedicated to St. Joseph, Fr. Bonaventure was still determined to see the community honor the saint. He proposed that the St. Joseph's feast day be regarded as a local holy day. The townspeople vowed to celebrate the feast day of St. Joseph as a solemnity to obtain protection from powerful storms. A 1935 newspaper article noting Muenster's celebration of the saint's feast day wrote, "No matter how threatening the sky may look, they have confidence in St. Joseph." To this day, the Catholic residents of Muenster regard St. Joseph's feast as a local holy day and look to the saint for protection.

Sources: Thomas R. Moster, O.S.B., A Diamond Jubilee of the Sacred Heart Parish, Muenster Texas; Rosa Driever Scrap Book: Clippings from 1908-1945; Joe Fisher, Sr., Memories Taken from the Notes of Mr. Joe Fisher

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Fourth graders explore the secret of iron-fortified food

Sacred Heart Catholic School Fourth Graders had fun exploring the nutritional information in their breakfast cereal. They found that cereal contains much more than wheat and corn. In fact, they noticed that cereal contains sodium, calcium, and iron, yes iron! They found out that certain cereals do have a very high iron content. Finding the metallic iron in three different breakfast cereals proved to be quite interesting.

The students performed three different experiments. First they mined for iron. They crushed cereal and ran magnets over it to see if they could attract any metallic parts. In the second experiment, they floated flakes and held a magnet very close to a flake to see if the flake would move toward the magnet.

The last and most in-

teresting experiment was called "Iron Cereal Soup." In this experiment, students crushed cereal and mixed it with water in zipper-lock bags. Then they carefully sealed the bags but left air inside the bag so it looked like a pillow. After the mixture was completely dissolved, the students pulled the iron filings in the soup mixture to the surface of the zipper-lock bag with a strong magnet.

Another child made a cereal soup mixture in a bucket. After the cereal was well dissolved, he dropped a cow magnet down into the mixture. When he fished out the magnet, it was coated with iron filings. Finding the metallic iron in cereal was fun, but the children also learned why the iron is there in the first place.



Sacred Heart students experiment with iron

Clockwise - Meredith Knabe and Mattie Ladzinski; Jared Walterscheid and Koby Hogan; Brenton Wilson; and Erik Bayer. SHCS photos



Sacred Heart Catholic School placed 2nd in the Immaculate Conception Inter-school Chess Tournament. Katherine Fleitman took 1st place for grades 4-8 and Rafael Rondon, Jr. 3rd place for grades 1-3. Pictured are, from left, front - Katherine Fleitman, Coach Barbara LaChance, Rafael Rondon, Jr.; back - Principal Rafael Rondon and S.H. Pastor Fr. Ken Robinson. Courtesy photo

Let us not be satisfied with just giving money. Money is not enough, money can be got, but they need your hearts to love them. So, spread your love everywhere you go. Mother Teresa

Homeschoolers take 2 learning field trips

Muenster homeschoolers enjoyed a field trip and educational day at two Muenster sites on Monday, March 5.

First, parents and 19 students were given a tour of the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department. Fire Chief Herbie Knabe and firefighters Doug Hennigan and Drew Springer taught the students about fire safety including: how to make a "911" call; what to do in an emergency; what the firefighters will look like and why they wear all the protective gear; how the firemen assist at the windmill towers; information about fire extinguishers, the firetrucks, hydrants, and water hoses.

The children also viewed a safety video and had the most fun taking turns holding the large, spraying water hoses! Chief Herbie commented, "It is important for children to know what a firefighter looks like when he's

all decked out in the gear. Some kids get scared and try to hide. We want everyone to be prepared and aware of what to do in an emergency situation."

After the tour of the Fire Department, the students of the "Holy Family Catholic Homeschool Group" walked a block north up Main Street to the Muenster Museum where Jewel Otto was waiting to share about the history of Muenster. The recently expanded museum has so many wonderful displays about the background of Muenster, and many family heirlooms have been donated or loaned to the Museum for the benefit of both locals and visitors alike.

It was a great day for area homeschool students to see how some local organizations benefit the community and a chance to encourage future participation when our youth are grown.

The strength of a nation derives from the integrity of the home. Confucius



Holy Family Catholic Homeschool Group students listen to Muenster Fire Chief Herbie Knabe, left, as he teaches them fire safety. Courtesy photo

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Lady Hornet basketball honors

Members of Muenster's Lady Hornets Basketball Team have received more honors recently. Lana Heers, Demi Koelzer, and Allison Pagel were selected for the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) All-Region Team. Heers and Koelzer were also named to the TABC All-State team.

Another honor for Koelzer was being chosen as an alternate on the Texas Girls Coaches Association All-Star Team.



ALLISON PAGEL



Lady Hornet golfers, from left - Erin Hess, Kassie Dangelmayr, and Miranda Pagel keep their spirits up during a rain delay at the Muenster Invitational Golf Tournament last Thursday at Turtle Hill. The rain, wind, and cold hampered the tournament, causing a shortened round. Pat Springer photo

Lady Hornets win Sacred Heart meet

Sacred Heart was host for an Invitational Golf Tournament Monday at Turtle Hill Golf Course. Due to Spring Break, team numbers were

down. Conditions on the course were wet, but the sunny 70° weather made for a great day of golfing. The Muenster Lady Hor-

nets finished in 1st place with a score of 373. Erin Hess led the team with a 73. Payton Sanders scored a 98, Miranda Pagel 100, Chloe Schneider 102, and Andi Hess 103. Also playing from Muenster were Kassie Dangelmayr who scored a 103 and Brianna Bayer 107.

The Hornet team finished in 2nd place with a team total of 366. Darrell Hermes, Blake Grewing, and Clayton Rohmer all scored 91. Landon Presnall hit 93, with Sean Chism and Rishi Patel each scoring 95.

The Sacred Heart Tigers finished in 5th place. Austin Miller led with 98. Michael Davis scored 99, Isaac Barnhill 102, and Cooper Eddleman 104.

Sacred Heart will host Invitational II on Monday, March 19.

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there should be plenty of two-year-old birds out there," said Jason Hardin, TPWD turkey program leader. "Last year, Texas hunters harvested the fewest birds on record, which can be attributed mainly to the drought. That also means greater carryover of mature birds."

Hardin expects hunters this spring will get plenty of gobbling activity from the 2010 year class, and barring any late wet cold fronts, productivity and survival prospects are favorable this spring.

"Our biggest concern is having wet cold fronts once the hens are on the nest," he explained. "If we can get poults on the ground and then in the trees, survival increases dramatically."

Hardin said he's not concerned about the overall health of turkey populations going into the spring hunting season thanks to some timely winter rainfall.

"Parts of the state are greening up with a lot of forbs, so the birds should be in good condition going into the breeding season," he noted. "If we can stay green for a couple more weeks we'll be in good shape."

Hunters are reminded several regulation changes take effect for the 2012 season.

Just a Thought

If Jesus was Jewish, how come he has a Mexican name?

OUTLOOK PROMISING FOR SPRING TURKEY HUNTING

Despite lingering dry conditions in some parts of Texas, prospects for this year's spring turkey season remain promising, thanks to a carryover of mature gobblers,

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Rio Grande spring turkey hunting season in the 54-county South Zone runs

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With the signing of the pool contract earlier this month, the City of Muenster gave its go ahead to begin the construction of a new public swimming pool in the City Park. The pool will be located at the site of the old pool. Work was delayed this past week due to wet conditions.



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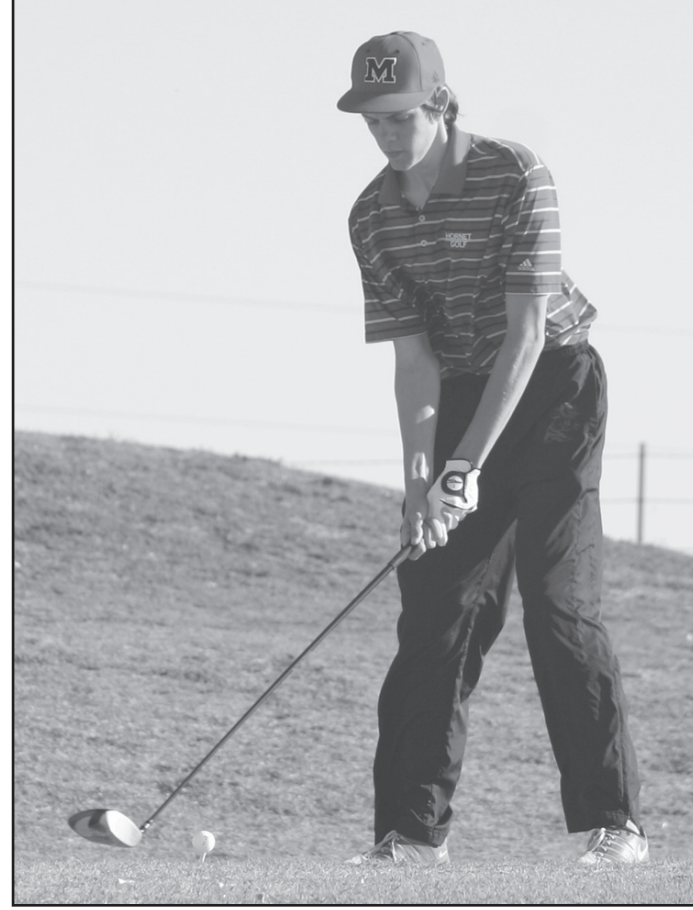
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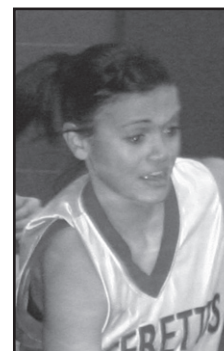
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CORRECTION

When listing senior members of the Regional Finalist Muenster Lady Hornets Basketball team in an article in the March 2 issue of the *Muenster Enterprise*, senior Shelby Dangelmayr was mistakenly left off.

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Texas Game Warden Reports

Case of the disappearing shotgun
 Travis County Game Warden Christy Vales was approaching a dove field on Sept. 5 when she saw several hunters together and one hunter walking across the field with a shotgun. Once Warden Vales entered the field, that same hunter was still walking in the field, but without his shotgun. She made contact with him and asked if he had been hunting. He said he had just been going to the bathroom and hanging out with his friends. Warden Vales continued checking all the hunters, issuing citations for unplugged shotgun and no hunter education. Warden Vales eventually came back to the male subject. She explained to him that she was going to drive the dove field until she found his shotgun. When asked again if he had been hunting, he said yes and that he just got

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Never know when you'll see a game warden
 Travis County Game Wardens Chad West and Braxton Harris were checking an area of the county less known for dove hunting. The two wardens followed the sound of shotguns and found a resident who seemed surprised to see them. When the wardens asked to see his license, the hunter said he thought if you owned your own land you didn't need a license. The wardens informed the hunter of the law and he finally said the reason he didn't buy a license was because he hadn't seen a game warden in 10 years. Cases pending.

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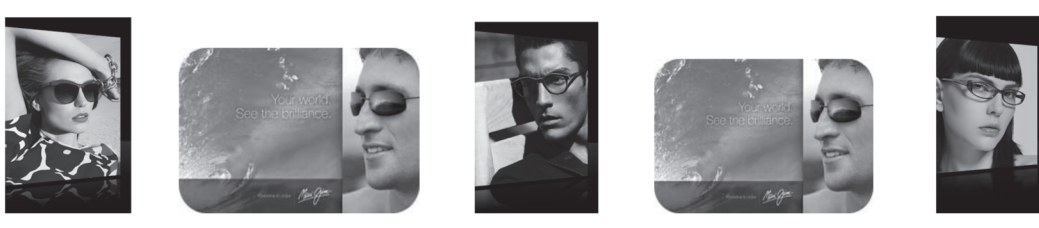


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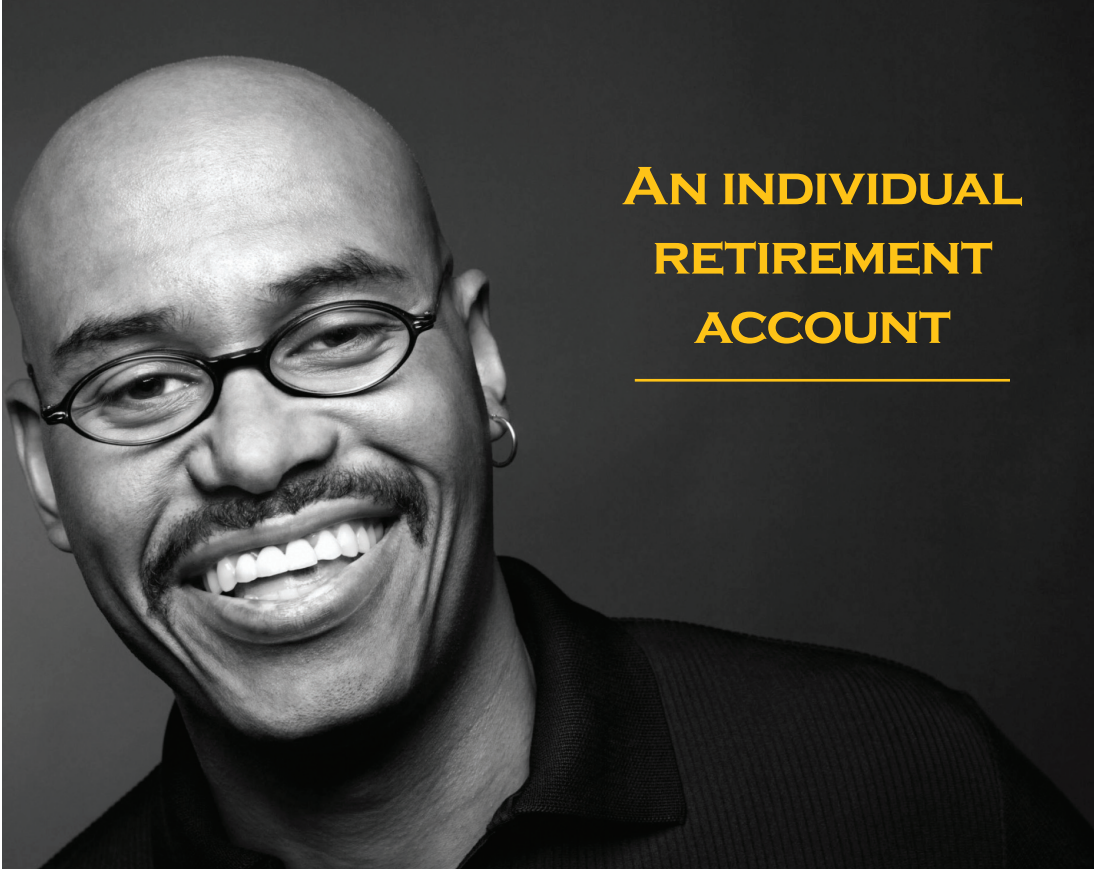
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County Agent's Report

What a mild winter and early spring means for Texas peaches and other fruits

Typically, tiny green leaves and small buds emerging on peach trees are an encouraging sign to farmers. Those little pink blossoms usually indicate that fruit's not far behind. There's one caveat, though. That process needs to happen in spring. Not winter.

The business of growing fruits like peaches and berries in North Texas comes with plenty of challenges. Drought, extreme heat, late freezes, spring storms, and high winds have made sport of botching local fruit farmers' efforts.

Charles Kessler owns Duck Creek Blackberry Farm near Sanger, and during summers, when the weather cooperates, they allow families to pick vine-fresh berries at their place. They also have pecan, apricot, peach, plum, and pear trees.

"The exceptional drought, which we went through in 2011," said Kessler, "not only reduced crops to zero here, but also killed many of my blackberry bushes and some peach trees."

And while recent rains and a mild winter may seem like a stroke of luck for growers, they're actually not. Kessler's peach trees are already starting to show signs of life, which even after last year's bad crop has him worried.

"Peach trees blooming in the later part of February are in danger of late frosts and freezes, which will kill the bloom or young peach," said Kessler. "Last year, we saw a late freeze in early April wipe out all of the apricots and peaches here in north Denton County, as well as killing about 85% of the berry

blooms." Kessler explains that the last "killing frost" in his area is usually around March 20, so the risk to mid-February blooms is high.

According to the Texas A&M Horticulture Extension, there are more than one million peach trees across the state and annual production typically exceeds one million bushels. And spring frost is listed as the "single greatest factor limiting orchard profitability."

"How damaging a frost event is depends on how advanced the buds are and the low temperature experienced," says Monte Nesbitt of the Texas AgriLife Extension. "All of the buds on a tree commence their growth over a span of days or weeks. If we can get additional cold temperatures, some of the bud

activity may be slowed which would be beneficial."

Another round of chilly temperatures is expected at the end of the week, with lows in the upper-30s. Hopefully, it'll be chilly enough to stave off the blooms.

"We don't need all the buds and flowers to survive to produce a good peach crop," Nesbitt concedes. "In fact, approximately 60% of the blooms or fruit will be thinned off anyway. Each year is different, but no doubt, spring weather creates a great deal of anxiety for peach growers in Texas."

No matter how badly we're ready to pack away the parkas, for the sake of delicious Texas peaches and blackberries this summer, let's collectively hope those blooms hide from the cold a little bit longer.

USDA rural development home repair program available

The USDA Rural Development Decatur office has announced funding available for the purpose of repairing homes in eligible rural areas. The funds are available through Rural Development's 504 Home Repair loan and grant program.

The program is available to low income recipients to make essential repairs to modernize, and repair homes, and to remove health and safety hazards. Most repairs completed under the program are for roof, window, and door replacements, as well as electrical, plumbing, and air conditioning upgrades as well as other repairs needed

to increase the home's energy efficiency and overall comfort and quality. Renovations to make a home wheelchair or handicap accessible are also considered.

To qualify for the program, applicants must own their home, and fall within Rural Development's income guidelines. Homeowners, at least 62 years old, may qualify for a grant. Grant funding is limited and many times repairs will be funded with a combination of loan and grant. One percent loans will be on a repayment term of up to 20 years and will require low monthly payments.

Further information on the program is available by visiting USDA's web site at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/TX_SFH.html or by contacting the Decatur Rural Development office by calling 940-627-3531 ext. 4.

For the week ending March 10, feeder cattle prices at Texas auctions covered by USDA Market News were steady to \$2 lower per hundredweight (cwt) at Panhandle locations, and firm to \$2 higher at San Angelo. Tulia noted a larger volume of heavier cattle coming off wheat pastures. Texas feeder sales direct to feedlots were steady to weak, while Oklahoma City was steady to \$3 higher on feeder cattle, and \$1 to \$8 higher on calves. Fed cattle cash prices were down by more than \$3 per cwt from the previous week's record high following a drop in Choice beef values.

Corn and grain sorghum prices were lower mostly because of a stronger dollar, concerns about the broader economy, and higher production in Brazil. Wheat prices declined due to improved weather in U.S. growing areas, ample world supplies, and higher production in Australia.

As for futures markets, cotton and lumber were higher while feeder cattle, fed cattle, wheat, and corn were lower.

Most of the state recorded precipitation during the week except for the Trans-Pecos, parts of South Texas, and the southwestern Panhandle. The heaviest amounts of rain fell in an area between Fort Worth and Wichita Falls.

Winter wheat remained in mostly good to poor condition with much of the High Plains crop stressed by a lack of moisture. Corn and grain sorghum planting continued, though wet fields caused delays in East Texas and the Blacklands. Some corn has emerged in South Texas. Field preparations continued statewide. Winter vegetable harvest progressed in South Texas. Pastures have benefitted from recent rains and warmer temperatures, but still need additional moisture, especially in West Texas. Overall, pastures statewide remain in good to very poor condition.

Insects and diseases can cause problems in peaches, plums, nectarines, and pecans. Homeowners who grow these fruit trees can more easily identify the problems and select the proper control methods if they are familiar with insect pests and diseases, their life cycles, and the damage they cause.

Plant diseases are most severe in periods of frequent rain or dew and mild temperatures (75 to 85 degrees F). Early-maturing peach varieties are more likely to be affected by brown rot than are late-maturing varieties; late varieties are often damaged more by peach scab.

Insect infestations are not as dependent on weather as are diseases. Most insect pests are monitored by visually inspecting trees for insects or their damage. Traps baited with pheromones can be used to monitor activity of the pecan.

Healthy plants can survive some insect and disease damage better than can stressed plants. Trees grow best if you select adapted disease-resistant varieties, plant them in a suitable site, follow a well-balanced fertility program, and irrigate and prune as needed. It's important to clean up and dispose of plant residue to reduce the damage from peach scab, plum curculio, hickory shuckworm, and brown rot of peach. Diseased material that is properly composted can be recycled as mulch or organic material.

For infection to occur, most plant diseases require that the leaf, fruit, or nut remain wet for a certain period. The following precautions reduce the length of time the plant is wet after dew or rainfall:

- Prune the trees to allow sunlight to penetrate the leaf canopy.
- Space the trees to allow for air circulation.
- Plant the trees in an area that will receive early-morning sun and where air circulation is not blocked by buildings or other plants.
- Avoid wetting trees during irrigation.

Select varieties that are naturally resistant to the major diseases of your area. Resistance does not mean that the plants are immune to infections. Fungicide applications are usually more effective on plants with some resistance.

Finally, if you have a history of insect or disease problems with one of these varieties of fruit or nuts, or if you want to know when to look for select pests (insects and diseases) and you want to know how to best control them, consult Texas AgriLife Extension Service Publication E-145, "Homeowner's Guide to Pests of Peaches, Plums and Pecans". This is available free, online through the Texas AgriLife Extension Service bookstore at: <https://agrilifebookstore.org/>, or you can ask us for it at the office.

Dates to remember

March 27 – Marketing Club Meeting; Gainesville Farm Bureau, 7 p.m.

New report from Texas Comptroller outlines drought impact

Texans have fought dry weather and wildfire for over a year with little relief and now an updated report suggests the long term impact of the drought may be worse than thought.

The 12-page report gives an updated look at the drought conditions still plaguing Texas farmers and ranchers. "The Impact of the 2011 Drought and Beyond" contains few new figures for drought losses but does indicate that losses, previously totaling about \$5 billion, could increase by \$3.5 billion.

With 95% of Texas still categorized under a severe drought, the report has a gloomy forecast if weather conditions do not improve. *The Texas Tribune* outlined

the following points from the official report's worst case scenario projections:

1. Texas agriculture would change dramatically and might end in some areas. Drip irrigation and other techniques pioneered in desert areas would become essential.
2. Remaining agriculture could become dependent on "water markets," in which the rights to draw groundwater are bought and sold.
3. Food prices would increase significantly.
4. Turf grass lawns and all outside watering might be banned.
5. Low-flow water appliances would become mandatory.
6. Wastewater would become quite valuable and would be reclaimed for reuse in irrigation and perhaps treated to make it suitable for human consumption.
7. Desalination of brackish (salty) groundwater and seawater would become common, at first for industrial and agricultural uses and then for drinking water.
8. Utility rates could be expected to dramatically increase due to the increased expense of water obtained through desalination or reuse, and the higher costs faced by energy plants that rely on water for cooling.

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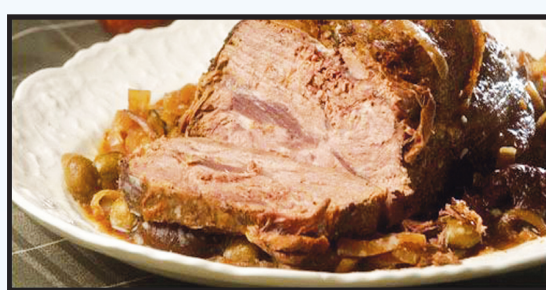
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