

MISD buys land, sets proposed tax

By Janet Felderhoff
Muenster ISD acquired more property after its Board met in a special session last Wednesday, June 8. They agreed to purchase about 3.3 acres of land owned by Cooke County Precinct #4. It is the location of the old County precinct barn and is no longer used by Precinct #4.

Purchase price agreed on by the School District and Cooke County was \$30,000.

According to Superintendent Clay Richerson, "The old County barn and fenced area will be used as a secure transportation depot (bus barn, vehicle, tractor, mower storage) and secure construction material drop off. At times, we have had vandalism to the buses parked on the streets. This property

will allow us to lock buses in a secure area."

Members of the Board also set the proposed tax rate for 2012 to fund the proposed budget approved that evening. Proposed tax rates are \$1.04 per \$100 property valuation for Maintenance and Operation and \$0.23 per \$100 property valuation for Interest & Sinking for a total of \$1.27. Last year's tax rate was \$1.04 for Maintenance & Operation and \$0.0835 for Interest & Sinking for a total of \$1.1235. (See ad on page 7 for more details.)

Board members viewed information on the various delivery methods of new construction and what pros and cons of each might be. They tabled a decision until the
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An artist's rendition of the future Germanfest pavilion appears above, and at left, a rendition of the Germanfest Park's amphitheater.

Contract signed by Germanfest Inc. and Mages Construction

On Wednesday, June 15, Germanfest Inc. signed a contract with Mages Construction Company. Dirt work has already begun for the 64-acre park just west of downtown Muenster.

With a desire to develop facilities to house the growing Germanfest annual event and provide for future events, a board of directors was formed over four years ago to move forward with the multi-million dollar venue. The board began meeting to locate grounds and discuss how this venture would come to fruition. Local organizations, which make most of their annual budget at the Germanfest, were approached and informed of the plans. The event would allow for the local organizations to increase their benefits each year. The organizations then made donations to aid in the work. Muenster's Industrial Foundation Board agreed to assist with the purchase of the property. So, with individual donations and the Industrial Foundation, approximately 92 acres were purchased from J.H. Bayer and Sons. The Industrial Foundation secured 28 acres of the purchase and Germanfest Inc. kept the remaining 64 acres to develop the Germanfest Park.

Many meetings have been held over the last four years to develop a plan and to raise funds. The board hired an architectural company out of Fort Worth, Terry Hardin Architect Company, local John Bezner civil engineer, Michael Gehrig geotechnical engineer, and most recently entered into a contract with Muenster Drilling to build the pad for the pavilion.

Bids were sent to various companies for the 60,000 square foot pavilion. Dallas based with Gainesville association, Mages Construction was successful in winning the bid for the construction contract.

Take a look as you drive west on Hwy. 82. "Coming soon" signs mark the area. The property joins Superior Machining on the west side and is bound by Hwy. 82 on the south, Ash Street to the east and is bound on the north by the old railroad tracks and the Grewing property.

The support of the City of Muenster and of local businesses and individuals has made this part of Germanfest Inc.'s vision become reality. There is still more to be done and more funds to be raised before the final
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Overtime funding spurs ambulance discussion in Commissioners Court

By Janet Felderhoff
Cooke County EMS Director Kevin Grant requested additional money in the amount of \$54,000 be added to his payroll budget. Grant explained that when four paramedics quit, he had to hire and train paramedics, had to pay out significant

sick leave, and back-filled paying overtime.

"Each year, we've been experiencing an 8-10% increase in call volume," noted Grant. Last year, they hired a new billing agency and projected an increase in revenue.

Precinct #1 Commissioner Gary Hollowell suggested

that when EMS is two short on staff, they shut an ambulance down for that shift. He noted that the fourth ambulance was added in 2006, and there has been no population increase. Grant countered, "Your population is getting older, and with that your call volume increases."

He added that three or four times a month they are running at a Level 0, meaning there are no ambulances available. Grant said, "We have a really good bunch of paramedics and EMTs who work very hard to get to the hospital and get cleared, to ensure we have the coverage. To be honest, if we do shut down an ambulance, it's gonna be Muenster because it is the lowest call volume ambulance we have on average. That would have to be a Court decision. I think it would be a public safety issue."

Looking over the revenues and expense reports submitted by Grant, Precinct #3 Commissioner Al Smith said he did not favor shutting down the Muenster ambulance. He added, "We gave him a tight budget to start out with and we've had these unexpected things in personnel. I think we owe it to the director if we think he's doing a good job and running it the way we want it run, to tell him we're going to fund it through the rest of this year."

Precinct #4 Commissioner Leon Klement asked if, when budget gets tough, they plan to shut the western ambulance service down and tell
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Fun and excitement a VBS

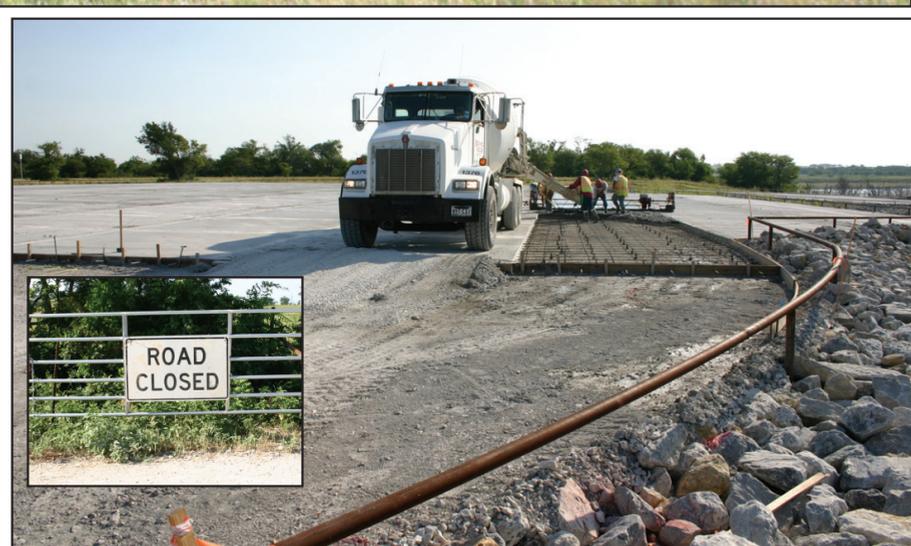


Members of the fifth grade class join Ashley Hartman in a motion sing-along at Sacred Heart's Vacation Bible School this week. See inside for more VBS pictures.
Janie Hartman photo

WESTERN SKIES SHINE ON MUENSTER'S BRIGHT FUTURE



Signs of the times west of Muenster - Above - the construction of the Superior building complex progresses; below - dirt work clears area for new Germanfest Pavilion; at right - the west entrance to Muenster Lake is temporarily closed as the paving of the parking lot nears completion.
Janie Hartman photos



Italy trip tops St. Peter's prize list

By Janet Felderhoff

St. Peter's Annual Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 26. The event begins with a turkey and dressing dinner with all the trimmings and dessert, and a silent auction in Centennial Hall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Following the dinner, activities move to the Lindsay Park where the afternoon can be spent taking part in a variety of activities including children's games, horseshoe tournament, high hand cards, and a live auction. Food and refreshments will be available.

There will be an opportunity to win a trip to Italy as well as other prizes. The trip will be part of a Lindsay Parish pilgrimage set for January. It includes air fare and hotel expenses. It will be in January and its estimated value is \$7,000. Those who are interested in an opportunity to win the Italy trip or other prizes can purchase tickets after every Sunday Mass at St. Peter's, including the day of the Picnic.

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regular Board meeting set for June 15.

Discussion took place on who should be responsible for delegation of authority to seek bids, seek proposals, rank bids and proposals, and negotiate for the selection of a contractor for all projects with the bond issue. Board President Steve Trubenbach said he asked Superintendent Richerson if he would be willing to take on the responsibility if the Board wished and he had agreed. A committee of Board members is not allowed. A meeting would have to be held to make the decisions. The Board agreed to charge Richerson with those responsibilities.

Discussion of the construction of a new concession stand occupied about 30 minutes as the Board pondered whether one could be completed before football season begins, if the current stand should be moved and rewired for use during football if the new one is not finished in sufficient time, and what steps should be taken.

A concession stand plan from last year was studied. Neal Flusche suggested hiring architect W.C. Ferrell to draw up a plan. It was noted that state law required that all new construction over \$100,000 or remodeling over \$50,000 requires the School District to hire an architect. The Board did not anticipate the cost of the new stand to exceed \$100,000, but decided to hire Ferrell. They will consult with PTO members on the design to be sure all needs are considered. Construction will be delayed until the conclusion of the football season.

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the people they'd have to wait 30 minutes or an hour.

Hollowell said he felt that shutting down a remote ambulance was not the answer. Gainesville has two within the City limits, he said.

Commissioner Smith spoke of the County EMS's need to make a strong commitment to both the Muenster and Gainesville hospital districts or open up other options for them to get ambulance service to the people.

Hollowell said budget time was approaching and what they can afford to pay for is what it will boil down to. Judge John Roane said he didn't want to get into future operations at this time. That could be discussed at budget time. He wondered if Grant would rather have the funds approved in smaller portions or in one larger amount. Grant said it would not change the way he did things as he always tries to do the best.

Commissioner Smith suggested approving up to \$50,000 from the Contingency Fund to fund the anticipated EMS overtime budget, and the vote was unanimous to do so.

County Clerk Rebecca Lawson requested approval to hire part-time staff to scan in criminal and probate records. The salary would be paid from her Records Management budget. Her goal is to scan as many records as possible prior to the office's move back into the Courthouse. This would cut down on the number of files that would have to be moved. The salary is \$8.27 per hour for part-time office help. Commissioners approved the request up to a maximum of 120 hours so as not to exceed the amount of money in that budget.

The Court re-appointed Commissioner Hollowell to the Texoma Area Paratransit System Board of Directors for a two-year term. Commissioner Smith commended Hollowell on the job he'd done on that Board. He said it was a Board in significant financial trouble when Hollowell and the current Board took over. It was noted that they were about \$1 million in the hole four years ago and are now operating in the black. "It wasn't an easy board to sit on and it made some good decisions that worked out well for us," observed Smith.

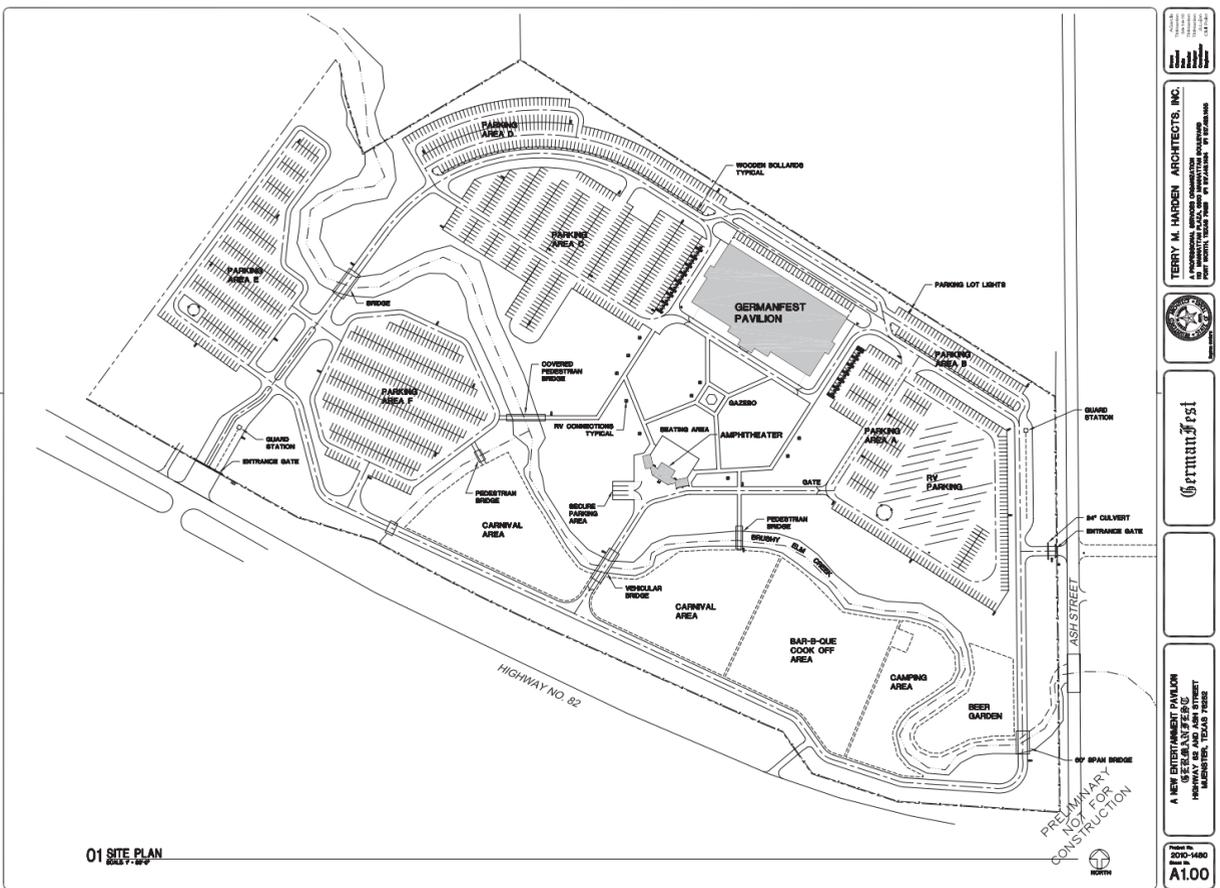
Commissioners urged County residents to be aware of the conditions that are becoming very dry, creating conditions conducive to high fire danger. Judge Roane asked residents to "Take all due caution in any type of outdoor burning, not just welding or fireworks." The burn ban will be a consideration on the next Court agenda.

In other business, Commissioners Court:

- Approved change orders for the Courthouse Restoration Project in the amount of \$2,990 for valves in the heating and cooling system and \$28,712 for computer drops and cables. They went from 91 drops 364 cables to 132 drops and 528 cables.
- Approved an anonymous \$50 donation in memory of Theresa Hermes to the Cooke County Library.
- Approved a \$10 donation from David McCain and a

\$10 donation from RoseMarie Herrmann to the Cooke County Library for research.

- Approved the County Library to apply for the NETLS CE scholarship grant.
- Ratified the County Judge's signature for the renewal of property coverage insurance through Texas Association of Counties (TAC).
- Accepted FY 2011 Texas Department of Health Grant in the amount of \$10,118 for the Cooke County EMS Department.
- Approved out-of-state travel for Extension Agents Wayne Becker to attend a conference in Overland Park, Kansas, Angel Neu to attend a conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Phyllis Griffin to chaperone four Cooke County 4-H members to Washington, D.C.
- Received and filed for record the placement agreements for Jimmy and Barbara Mosman located at CR 404 and CR 418 in Precinct #4 and for Steve Bailey located at 860 CR 189 in Precinct #1.
- Approved preliminary 2011-12 budget and set departmental budget hearings for June 27, 28, and 29.



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phases of the park are completed. The Germanfest Inc Board hopes that others will join them in financially investing in this tremendous opportunity for Muenster's future. Funds are still needed for parking lots, lighting, landscaping, fencing, and other expenses that will be incurred to complete the park. An amphitheater is

planned for the south end of the property. Donations have been received for the theater, however, the park will need bridges for pedestrians and vehicles to cross the Bushy Elm Creek that winds through the park. A children's area is planned as well as Carnival area, RV hook-ups, BBQ and camping

grounds. Donations may be sent to the Chamber or any of the board members. Board members include, Alvin Fuhrman, Chas Bayer, Carolyn McPherson, Kirk Klement, Matt Sicking, Stan Endres, Kathryn Koch, Margie Starke, and John Broyles.

Protect your hearing

Too much alcohol can contribute to permanent hearing loss. Recently, researchers found that drinking two beers in a half an hour can cause temporary hearing loss for up to 16 hours.



Members of the Germanfest, Inc. Board signed a contract with Mages Construction Co. on Wednesday as the building of the Germanfest Park draws closer. Courtesy photo

With grateful hearts, we want to thank each and everyone who in any way helped ease our sorrow and pain in the loss of our wife and mother Dorothy Mae Yosten on May 20, 2011.

For the following: the quick response of the Muenster Fire Department and ambulance; Fr. Ken Robinson and Bro. Ralph Gourley who was at her side before and after her death. Also the upmost care from Dr. Jones and Dr. Roa, and the nursing staff and rehab care while she was in the Muenster Hospital, and Hospice personnel.

The response of the Muenster community and out of town people was just awesome. The tremendous amount of food brought to our home and the noon meal and the donations for food at Fischer's; the phone calls; sympathy cards; donations in her name to the Trust Fund; for Holy Masses and more.

For all the people who attended the wake and funeral; the beautiful service; Doug's singing group; Eucharistic ministers; pallbearers; all the beautiful flowers given so generously; the Mass servers; the use of the KC Hall for the meal; and the food servers.

I apologize if I have failed to mention or left anyone out.

May God Bless all of you - The Bud Yosten family

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My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government.

Thomas Jefferson

2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!

Sunday, June 19, 2011	Monday, June 20, 2011	Tuesday, June 21, 2011	Wednesday, June 22, 2011	Thursday, June 23, 2011	Friday, June 24, 2011	Saturday, June 25, 2011
Muenster Museum CLOSED	VFW Aux. mtg. 7:30 pm	Library open 10am-6:30 pm MMH Board mtg. 7 pm	Library open 1:30 -5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg. noon, Center Co-ed V.ball 7:30 MISD old gym Investment seminar 7-9am Rohmer's	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Muenster Museum open 1-4pm Kiwanis Family Swim Night 7-9 pm	Muenster Museum open -1-4	Library open 10:30 am - 2:30 pm Muenster Swim Program Registration 9-11 am Pool Hammer Family Reunion
HAPPY FATHERS DAY		Cub Scout Sacred Heart	Day Camp Basketball Camp	City Park		
Sunday, June 26, 2011	Monday, June 27, 2011	Tuesday, June 28, 2011	Wednesday, June 29, 2011	Thursday, June 30, 2011	Friday, July 1, 2011	Saturday, July 4, 2011
Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm		Library open 10am-6:30 pm	Library open 1:30-5:30 Kiwanis mtg. noon Center Co-Ed V'ball M old gym 7:30	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m	Library open 10:30 am - 2:30 pm
		Hornet	Mini	Cheerleading		

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Obituaries

Clarence Erpelding 1920 - 2011

Funeral Mass for Clarence Peter Erpelding was held Friday, June 3 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Burial was in Saint Benedict's Cemetery at Benet Pines in Black Forest, Colorado. A Rosary was held Thursday evening, June 2.

Clarence died at the age of 91 on May 28, 2011. Born in Saint Joseph, Iowa to Peter Erpelding and Elizabeth Fuhrman Erpelding, Clarence grew up on his father's farm and attended grade school in Saint Joseph and high school in Algona, Iowa. After high school, he attended Holy Trinity College in Sioux City, Iowa for two years. During World War II, he received a farm worker's deferment to continue working with his father on the home farm just outside of Saint Joseph. In 1946, he married Catherine Swirczynski of Muenster. After the war, he bought a farm in Bode, Iowa, which he worked until 1954.

Clarence moved with his wife and young family to Colorado Springs in 1955. He purchased the Golden Lane Trailer Park and Campground on Colorado Springs' West Side and operated it until 1969. During that time, he also worked at several other occupations, including driving touring cars in the Pikes Peak area and distributing papers for the *Free Press* newspaper. In 1963, he began working for Benet Hill Academy, a private girls' high school. He was in charge of all physical plant operations and retired in 1986.

A long-time member of Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Clarence volunteered his woodworking skills and served as a Eucharistic minister, bringing the sacrament of Communion to the home-bound.

Survivors are his wife Catherine of Colorado Springs; daughters Linda Allegre of Lake Stevens, Washington and Diana Conrad of Snowmass, Colorado; sons Curtis Erpelding of Port Orchard, Washington, and Larry Erpelding and Robert Erpelding, both of Colorado Springs; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Edward Wolfe 1960 - 2011

Graveside services for Edward "Eddie" Delon Wolfe of Ardmore, Oklahoma were held Tuesday, June 14 in Fairview Cemetery with Rev. Clint Harrison officiating.

Eddie died at the age of 51 on Saturday, June 11, 2011 at his home in Ardmore.

Born May 1, 1960 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Edward E. and Geneva Waters Wolfe, Eddie was a master upholsterer for many years and was loved by his family.

Survivors are his son and daughter-in-law Brad and Jennifer Wolfe of Gainesville; daughter and son-in-law Kristi Wolfe-Perez and Tony Perez of Lubbock; mother Geneva Wolfe-Collins of Ardmore; sister Dolores McGuire of Ardmore; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father and by his daughter Nikki Wilmot.

Report available for area sand facility

Muenster Public Library has a copy of the permit application and air quality report for the proposed bulk sand handling facility to be constructed near Saint Jo by EOG Resources, Inc.

This permit application and air quality report will be available for public review and copying at Muenster Public Library until June 27.

More information about the proposed facility is also available online at trinityaquifer.blogspot.com.

Muenster Public Library is located at 418 N. Elm St. The phone number is 759-4291.

Hours of operation: Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Wednesday 1:30-5:30 p.m., and Saturday 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

From the desk of Superintendent Clay Richerson

Bond and Construction Information

It has been a month since the bond election, and some may be wondering what is currently going on in the process. There are some decisions that the Board is making this week concerning the delivery method. There are several options of delivery method: competitive bid, competitive sealed proposals, construction manager at risk, construction manager agent, design/build, and bridging.

In determining a delivery method, the Board must decide what the "best value" for the District is. A delivery method selected will determine how the Board

proceeds in selecting an architect and contractor(s). As soon as an architect is hired, work will begin on the plans for the buildings.

On June 17, we meet with financial folks to determine bond ratings. June 30 is the date set to sell the bonds, and proceeds from the bonds are expected on July 28. As soon as the District realizes the proceeds of the bonds, then the District is able to pay for work completed. During this time frame, work will be in motion of the plans for the elementary building and bids will be asked for the practice gym.

Lost your Texas Highway Patrol-issued ticket? Look for it online

Drivers who received tickets from the Texas Highway Patrol and misplaced them before paying the ticket or making arrangements to contest it, can now look for the court information online, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Drivers can search for tickets issued by the Highway Patrol within the past 24 months from the current date. Drivers must provide

their driver license or identification card number, their date of birth, and their full name as listed on the driver license or ID to perform the search.

Once they perform the search, the driver will be provided with the name, address, and contact information for the court where the ticket was filed.

The web address is <https://www.txdps.state.tx.us/HighwayPatrol/Citations/>.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

This letter is to inform all pet owners of the importance of spaying or neutering your pet and the importance of keeping your pet on a leash or confined in your yard.

We chose not to spay our dog and to always make sure our dog was secure in our fenced yard. The thought of her being able to get pregnant from a stray dog never crossed our minds, at least not until recently.

A couple of months ago, we noticed that she was showing signs of being pregnant and we wondered how could this be, she has never been out of the fence and our only male dog had been neutered. Well to our surprise, we have since found out that a male dog will indeed climb a chain link fence to get to a female and that two dogs indeed can actually breed thru a chain link fence.

During the "breeding" time, we noticed only one visitor to our back fence. Someone had allowed their dog to run free and roam the neighborhood.

Our concern was first and foremost to our dog as she is 10 years old and had never been bred before.

This past Thursday night, our nightmare began as our dog went into labor and after several hours delivered a stillborn puppy, now knowing that she was carrying two puppies (being she had puppies to the vet that day and x-rayed to be sure of how many puppies to expect), we waited patiently for the second puppy to arrive, however after several hours of labor and still no puppy, a trip to the vet's office was necessary and an emergency C-section performed, also resulting in a stillborn puppy.

The cost of this ordeal has been to say the least very expensive and all could have been avoided. Yes, if she had been spayed, this would not have happened. But also we have to address the problem of pet owners allowing their dogs to roam free.

It may seem that no harm is done when you allow your pet to roam (even through Muenster does have leash laws), and this is mostly true for you, as the owner who allows their dog to roam, but has cost us a lot. Not to mention the night of no sleep while our dog suffered thru labor and the pain our dog has had to endure but also the expense of the ordeal.

Moral of the story: Spay or neuter your pets and be sure your pets are on a leash or securely within your yard.

Cindy Walterscheid
Muenster, TX

May 18, 2011

To the Editor,

I would like to clarify the discount policy approved by the Muenster Hospital District's Board of Directors at their last meeting. There are two major provisions of this policy: a prompt pay discount for uninsured patients, and a discount for patients who use our therapy pool.

The prompt pay discount is specifically meant for patients who have no insurance. We designed it to allow area residents to use our hospital at prices close to what insurance companies pay. The patient pays a price only slightly higher than Medicare rates, but must pay the hospital in full at the time they receive services. The only exception is for patients who visit the Emergency Room when the business office is closed. These patients may claim their full discount by calling the hospital during business hours within three days of their visit. Patients who do not pay at the time of service will receive a smaller discount based on how soon they pay their balance.

One very important point to remember - our insurance contracts obligate the hospital to collect 100% of deductibles and coinsurance. If a patient chooses to pay the hospital directly and file their own insurance, the hospital will extend them the courtesy of the prompt pay discount. However, if the hospital receives notice from a patient's insurance that more money is due, we must attempt collection.

The other discount program is designed for Aquatic Therapy alumni only. Patients must have a prescription for Aquatic Therapy, have used our pool, and have exhausted insurance benefits to qualify. Muenster Memorial Hospital will allow these patients to continue therapy in the pool while paying the same discounted price as their insurance company had paid. No further discounts will be offered. The Aquatic Therapy pool is currently limited to patient use due to reimbursement concerns.

Muenster Hospital District is committed to serving our community's needs through Muenster Memorial Hospital and its Rehab Department, the Family Health Clinic, and Muenster Home Care. These discount plans cannot be combined together or applied to patients' current balances and we do reserve the right to change them at any time in response to the changing face of health care. If you have any questions, please call the Hospital's Business Office at 759-2257 or me at 759-6139 during business hours.

Sincerely,
Jerry Pickett,
Chief Financial Officer

Public hearing set for Federal Title Programs

Saint Jo ISD will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 20 to present the Federal Title Programs for the 2011-12 school year. All students who attend Saint Jo ISD schools and all students who reside within the Saint Jo ISD boundaries and

attend private non-profit schools are eligible for these funds. The hearing will be held before the regular June school board meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Saint Jo ISD library located at 205 West Evans, Saint Jo.

MEMBERS NEEDED



The Muenster Historical Commission is seeking new members into its organization. The past & present group of members have successfully acquired housing for a museum with improvements and additions. The Museum displays an interesting collection from Muenster's past.



As time moves on, our membership grows older and fewer.

We need more members!!



If you are interested in the history of the Muenster community and can spare a few hours a month, we would like you to join our group in preserving our past for future generations. Just stop by the Museum (we are open 1-4 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays, and Sundays); contact any member; or join us at our breakfast meetings, the second Thursday of the month. Everyone is welcome.

Muenster Historical Commission

- Celine Dittfurth - Jewel Otto - Janie Hartman - Bernice Sicking - Betty Felderhoff - Alice Davidson - Kay Hickey - Mary Jean McElreath - Betty Kralicke - Phyllis Dittfurth - Lou Voth - Maryanne Fleitman - Charlene Cowan - Betty Blockus - Clara Endres - Cecilia Wimmer - Gladys Gieb - Mary Ann Arendt - Evelyn Walterscheid

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DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO June 21, 1946

Ordination of Rev. Leo Koesler, O.S.B. and Rev. David Flusche, O.S.B. took place June 15 in Little Rock, Arkansas. Thomas Walterscheid, age 14, sustains a broken arm and ribs in a pick-up accident. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Otto was air conditioned this week. Little Jimmy Gehrig is recovering normally after having his tonsils and adenoids removed. Mrs. Henry Voth sustains broken arm. Richard "Dick" Cain advertises

50 YEARS AGO June 23, 1961

Senior Red Cross Life Saving badges awarded to 14. Obituary: Mary Gobble, 87. New Arrivals: Janell to Harold and Caroline Neu; a daughter to the Leonard Reiters. Wedding: Marilyn Hess and Roy Swirczynski; Genell Kesner and Melvin Schoech. Birth certificate fee will go up to \$1.50 from \$1 beginning Sept. 1. Henning's Bar advertises music every Thursday beginning at

7:30. Dance in the VFW Hall will feature Jack Hogan and his Lone Star Playboys.

25 YEARS AGO June 20, 1986

Jon LeBrasseur named 1985-86 Coach of the Year by the Texas Christian Inter-scholastic League. Muenster hosts the Texas Sesquicentennial Wagon Train. Mrs. Hubert Neu celebrates 35th anniversary. Elise Hennigan honored on 86th birthday. Wedding: Collette Hoening and Keith Bayer. New Arrival: Scott to Rudy and JoAnn Schumacher. College grads: Susan Moster, Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery; Leroy Voth, TSTI; Steven Trubebach, TSTI; Ben Luke, SFA-SU.



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Pictured are the piano students of Rosemary Dankesreiter who performed in recital on Sunday, May 15 at First Baptist Church in Muenster. Courtesy photo

Piano students perform in recital

Twenty-three students of Rosemary Dankesreiter performed piano solos in a recital held May 15. Soft piano tunes floated through the air as relatives and friends entered the First Baptist Church to hear and witness the achievements made this year by the pianists. The stage was beautifully decorated with baskets of fresh flowers.

Due to the sudden illness of her mother, Mrs. Dankesreiter was unable to welcome those in attendance. Dana Walterscheid acted as the master of ceremonies in her place.

A special "thank you" was

given to Frances Ballenger for the purchase of the new baby grand piano in the First Baptist Church. Having been to recitals in years past, Ms. Ballenger wanted the students to have a beautiful piano to perform on and so she gifted the church.

Jenna Tharp began the program with a prayer.

The students played their memorized selections in order of length of time having lessons, beginning with four months through nine years. Students also performed their UIL contest pieces from Mozart, Chopin, and Rachmanoff. The audience showed their appre-

ciation with large rounds of applause.

Students performing included: Muenster students Savannah Bohl, Hannah Lamar, Stone Lamar, Owen Tolar, Savannah Hermes, James Dangelmayr, Alana Endres, Abby Walterscheid, and Catherine Cho; Era students Jackson Mitchell, Alexandra Hinshaw, Jordan Brown, and Gabbi Hellinger; Emily Dill of Myra; Margaret Krahl, Logan Martin, Alaina Klement, Rachel Dieter, Sarah Dieter, Stephanie Zwinggi, Jenna Tharp, Christopher Klement, and Lucinda Krahl of Lindsay.

Concluding the program, Mrs. Walterscheid presented each student with a certificate of achievement and a statuette of a famous composer.

A trophy was presented to Christopher Klement and Jordan Brown for completion of their senior year in high school. They will be going off to college. A trophy for Most Improved 2011 was presented to Alana Endres.

It was announced that Catherine Cho and Jordan Brown were scheduled to perform at the State Solo Competitions on May 28. Christopher Klement and Lucinda Krahl would perform May 30. Results of the competition were received. Cho and Brown received a 2 rating, and Klement and Krahl received a rating of 3 on a scale of 1-5.

Thanks was given to all students for their hard work and to parents for their part in the musical education of the boys and girls.

Group pictures were taken and refreshments were served in the Fellowship Hall.



Piano students of Rosemary Dankesreiter performed at State solo competitions in May. Pictured are, from left, front - Lucinda Krahl and Catherine Cho; back - Jordan Brown and Christopher Klement. Courtesy photo

Program offers dietary approach to children's behavior problems

Amy Dangelmayr, RN, FNP-C of Muenster Family Medical Clinic invited anyone interested in learning about a dietary approach to help children with behavior problems, learning problems, food addictions, or poor impulse control to attend a free program that was held on Thursday, June 16 at 6:30 p.m. It was held in her clinic located at 1345 Mesquite Street in Muenster.

The dietary information was presented by Feingold

Association of the United States. Speaker was Tamera Broyles, an approved speaker for that organization. She has been a Feingold parent for three years. The program was one to one and one-half hours long.

Problems that it might possibly help were listed as ADD, hives, eczema, asthma, headaches, dyslexia, irritability, autism, PDD, and ear infections.

For more information, call (940) 759-2502 or (940) 634-0078.

Wine tasting to benefit Hospice office renovation

On June 23, Home Hospice will host a wine tasting event at the Santa Fe Depot in Gainesville. Between 6 and 8 p.m., several wines from Weinhof Winery and Brushy Creek Vineyards will be available for tasting and paired with appetizers that complement each wine. A wine-tasting themed silent auction will also be a part of this wonderful evening. Tickets are \$20 per person and available at the Home Hospice office, 1001 E. Broadway, the Lindsay House, Dustin Office Machines, all in Gainesville; and First State Bank in Muenster. This event benefits the renovation project for Home Hospice's newly donated office space located at 316 S. Chestnut in Gainesville.

Recently, a local citizen generously donated the building to the organization to be used as office space from which to provide care throughout the Cooke County area. "This is truly a wonderful and much needed donation," stated Sherry Little, executive director of the organization. "The office space we have used since 1988 is beginning to deteriorate and is much too small. This will give our staff a fresh, peaceful environment in which to

work and position us to increase programming and services in the coming years."

In May, a capital campaign was initiated to fund needed renovations on the building. A leadership group was chosen, headed by Honorary Co-Chairs Rusty and Margaret Duncan and Larry and Kathy Sears, and Chair Debbie Fleitman. With a goal of \$60,000 including the cost of landscaping and furnishings, this group has initiated the effort to raise the funds. A little over \$40,000 has been received from organizational leadership, staff, community groups and businesses, Cooke County United Way, individuals, and memorials for Rusty Duncan. Additionally, Keith Clegg of Joe Walter Lumber donated his services to draw the plans for the renovation and Sherian Dyer will be serving as contractor for the project.

There are additional naming opportunities available for the project and there are bricks that can be imprinted with a donor's name or in memory or honor of someone special that will be used in the future landscape. For information, contact Kathi Kirby at (940)665-9891 or email kathi.kirby@homehospice.org.

Notice

Kiwanis announces Family Swim Nights

Muenster Kiwanis Club once again will hold Family Swim Nights during the summer. Dates set for these Thursday evenings of family fun are June 23, July 14, and Aug. 11 from 7-9 p.m. at the Muenster City pool. There is no admission charge.

Children must be accompanied by a parent!

Families celebrate

Dylan Huchton

Dylan Thomas Huchton received the sacrament of Holy Communion on May 7. He is the son of Tommy and Dyan Huchton. He celebrated with his choice of spaghetti and meatballs and a German sweet chocolate cake. Guest enjoyed visiting. Dylan received many keepsake gifts to commemorate this joyous occasion. Guests included his parents; brother Dane; sister Debra; grandparents Jack and Debbie Brittan, David and Helen Fisher, David and Margie Huchton; great-grandmothers Trudy Felderhoff and Billye Huchton; aunts, uncles, and cousins Bradley, Brandy, and Brittan Fisher, Greg Fisher, Al, Rachel, Sophie, Emma, and Jackson Pentico, Janie Hennigan, Carol Klement, Kimberly, Brody, and Caroline Charles, Brenda Simpson, Tammy and Bradley Bezner, Tracy, Sadie, and Ashlyn Huchton, and Hank and Liam Huchton. Unable to attend but sending wishes were Great-grandma Dorothy Fisher; aunts, uncles, and cousins Troy, Amy, Ryan, Alyssa, and Keith Huchton, and Travis, Elizabeth, Madison, Nathan, and Landrie Huchton.

It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.

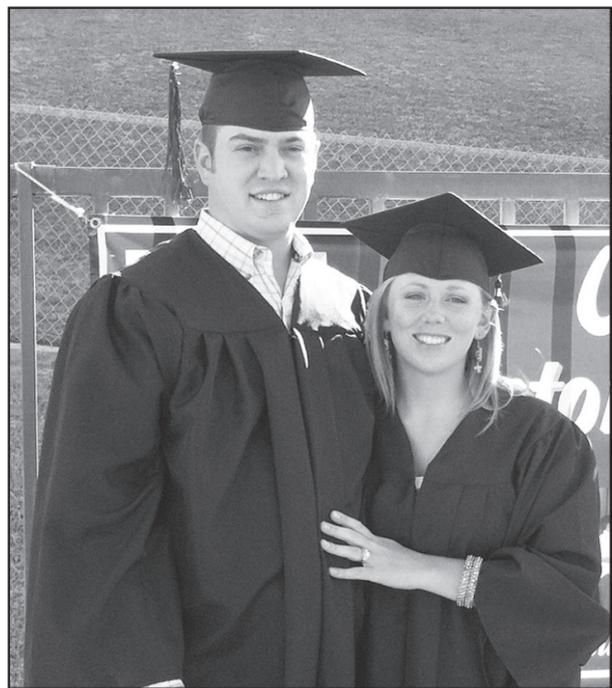
~ Frederick Douglass

Wolfs graduate from Tarleton

Paul and Delaney Wolf participated in commencement exercises on Saturday, May 14 at 7 p.m. in Tarleton Memorial Stadium in Stephenville as they graduated from Tarleton State University.

Paul earned a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Agricultural Services and Development with a teaching certificate and a minor in Animal Science. Paul did his student teaching at Mineral Wells High School in Mineral Wells. He is a 2005 graduate of Krum High School and earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He is the son of Kent and Lori Wolf of Denton and the grandson of Ernest and Bea Wolf.

Delaney graduated with a Bachelor of Science with a major in Animal Industries. She is a 2006 graduate of Ponder High School. Delaney is the daughter of Lee-ane Munger of Ponder.



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Muenster FCCLA continues tradition

Muenster High School's Chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America ended a productive year with their annual Parent/Member Banquet. Keeping with a local tradition of honoring their mothers, members planned and prepared for the banquet, showcasing the skills acquired in Family and Consumer Sciences classes on Tuesday evening, May 17.

The banquet theme, "Wild About FCCLA" was the theme used throughout the school year for promotion of all projects. Held in the MISD Cafetorium, decorations emphasized the year-long theme with tables covered in brown tablecloths, cheetah print runner, embellished with green, brown and turquoise paper strips and gold star confetti. Place settings consisted of zebra stripe napkins and orange program covers.

Hannah Weger, president, performed emcee duties throughout the evening. The menu consisted of a barbecue beef main dish served with cheesy potatoes, cole slaw, homemade dinner rolls, dill pickle spears, and a hot cherry and pineapple cob-

bler with ice cream for dessert. The menu was planned by the FCCLA officers. Family and Consumer Sciences students prepared all of the side dishes and dessert. Anita Luttmner and Jill Swirzynski put the final finishing touches on the meal at serving time.

Following the meal, Michelle Henscheid and Brooke Walterscheid gave the annual report detailing a large variety of events carried out by the membership. Entertainment was provided by students of Principles of Human Services and Fashion Design

classes. Clothing projects for the Cooke County Youth Fair were modeled as well as clothing from Girlfriends and Sisters. The style show was choreographed and emceed by Brianna Bindel and Brianna Klement.

Following the style show, Cooke County Youth Fair Class Champions as well as Grand and Reserve Champions were recognized. STAR Event competitors for Region and State were commended for their efforts and seniors were presented a fresh red rose by Muenster FCCLA Advisor Joni Sturm



MISD Fashion Design class, from left - Michelle Sickling, Sadie Stoffels, Llogan Cheaney, Catherine Cho, Nicole Pagel, Hannah Weger, and Rishi Patel. MISD photo



Muenster ISD Human Services class, from left, back - Kendi Bayer, Erin Hess, Sydney Huchton, Shelby Klement, Mariah Rocha, Adrien Rohmer, David Hutson, Jay Patel; middle row - Hannah Bayer, Madison Knabe, Makayla Pumphrey, Rachel Mouring, Abby Pagel, Jori Magee, Shelbi Sicking, Jamie Mandrell; front - Destin Fleitman, Juan Orocio, Alyssa Schinigo, and Jami Magee. MISD photo

At right - Muenster FCCLA Girlfriends/Sisters models, from left, Paige Herr, Brooklyn Jones, Demi Koelzer, Emily Hellman, Allison Pagel, Andi Hess, and Chloe Schuessler. MISD photo



Muenster ISD Honor Rolls

6th Six Weeks A HONOR ROLL

1st Grade - A.J. Christopher, Preston Drebes, Andrew Flaming, Haley Flusche, Emily Harrison, Nathan Hartman, Yadira Ibarra, Hillary Klement, Timothy Luttmner, Martie McCoy, Lilly Muller, Landri Richardson, Eli Saucer, Clayton Spaeth, Logan Stewart, Luke Walterscheid.

2nd Grade - Jessica Dangelmayr, Owen David, Sarah Davis, Chloe Hacker, Erin Hesse, Alyssa Huchton, Paden Jarosz, Audrey Kubis, Sarah Monday, Bayley Otto, Lance Smith, Wade Trubenbach.

3rd Grade - Colt Bartling, Katie Batha, Erik Bayer, Savannah Bohl, Alexandra Deeken, Major Eldridge, Colby Endres, Dayton Gressett, Brett Hammer, Hunter Haverkamp, Kaitlin Hennigan, Jenna Hudspeth, Roger Loooye, Daniel Luttmner, Estefana Rodriguez, Riley Stewart, Lane Trubenbach, Abby Walterscheid, Victoria Zimmerman.

4th Grade - Garrett Bindel, Tom Davis, Nathan Hacker, Morgan Hennigan, Rut Rodriguez, Rudy Saucer, Lauren Trubenbach, Kody Walterscheid, Blair Waneck.

5th Grade - Bailey Anderle, Lexi Blassingame, Natalie Dangelmayr, Travis Dangelmayr, Seth Flusche, Norma Rodriguez, Megan Rohmer, Erin Schniederjan, Jenna Sicking, Andrew Stoffels, Carson Trubenbach, Dean Walterscheid, Sterling Walterscheid.

6th Grade - Brennan Binder, Mark Davis, Morgan Eldridge, Amy Luttmner, Macie Pagel.

A-B HONOR ROLL

1st Grade - Robert Batha, Jena Dangelmayr, Makayla Hacker, Nate Hesse, Gavin Pagel, Mariela Rodriguez, Ty Sanders, Kennedy Schroeder.

2nd Grade - Annie Anderle, Trent Anderle, Alexis

Bateman, Jada Binder, Shae Budish, Audrey Carnes, Abigail Cox, Kelsey Hennigan, Dylan Huchton, Katherine Klement, Matthew Klement, James McMinn, Alexander Pierce, Marriene Tai, Ty Trubebach, Jaxon Trubebach, Alexa Waneck.

3rd Grade - Eve Brogdon, Noah Clure, Tanner Corcoran, Brittany Green, Gavin Grewing, Brooke Hammer, Kenadie Hess, Hannah Lamar, Bernardo Meza, Anna Proffer, Zachary Sanders, Jon Schinigo, Warren Williams.

4th Grade - Corbin Bayer, Isaiah Bayer, Joshua Brinkley, Allison Henscheid, Dane Huchton, Ryan Huchton, Christopher Kresge, Parker McGrew, Zachary Mills, Hayden Otto, Sadie Sandmann, MacKenzie Sicking, Jaden Walterscheid, Elizabeth Zimmerer.

5th Grade - Alexis Batha, Sidney Carnes, Carson Cheaney, Natalie Chism, Colton Dangelmayr, Mandy Hacker, Savannah Hermes, Max Herr, Alaina Kubis, Stone Lamar, Erin Osborn, Paige Saucer, Brandon Sicking, LeeAnn West.

6th Grade - Devon Brinkley, Allison Haubold, Bradley Henscheid, Bryce Herr, Katie Hutson, Blaine Jones, Bailey Klement, Katie Kresge, Mathew Porter, Sawyer Sanders, Haiden Shook, Emma Wood.

"A" HONOR ROLL

7th Grade - Jordan Buddy, Mason Davis, Abby Luttmner, Alison Morris, Alaina Reiter, Samuel Saucer, Claire Schneider, Kimber Walterscheid, Reagan Weger.

8th Grade - Kassie Dangelmayr, Morgan Flusche, Caroline Gressett, Tara Gunnels, Rachel Hare, Kalee Hennigan, Mikaela Lamar, Makayla Moster, Kristen Reiter, Georgia Taylor Saavedra, Lora Walterscheid.

9th Grade - Hannah Bayer, Austin Creswell, Clayton Hess, Sydney Huchton.

10th Grade - Jeonglim Cho, Brooke Walterscheid.

11th Grade - Lana Heers, Emily Hellman, Andrea Hess, Rishi Patel, Landon Presnall.

12th Grade - Michelle Henscheid, Lacey Trubebach, Calvin Wimmer.

"A/B" HONOR ROLL

7th Grade - Mahayla Bohl, Chase Deeken, Dalton Hess, Cassandra Horsman, Zane Kemp, Trace Klement, James Lee, Nicole Rains, Kelsie Sicking, Allie Walterscheid.

8th Grade - Trey Anderle, Emily Brogdon, Trevor Cheaney, Jonathan Cooley, Aaron Davis, Kyla Haverkamp, Chance Herr, Noel Rodriguez, Zachary Stalder, Zachary Trubenbach.

9th Grade - ShyAnn Bartel, Kendi Bayer, Mason

Binder, Jared Endres, Erin Hess, Shelby Klement, Jami Magee, Jori Magee, Garrett Miller, Jaisal Patel, Mariah Rocha, Adrien Rohmer, Shelbi Sicking, Audrey Taylor Saavedra.

10th Grade - Steven Flusche, Trevor Hess, Hunter Klement, Brittany Pagel, Miranda Pagel, Lauren Rohmer.

11th Grade - Luke Crabtree, Andi Felderhoff, Daniel Fleitman, David Fleitman, William Hanes, Paige Hennigan, Angela Morgan, Allison Pagel.

12th Grade - Catherine Aston, Briana Bindel, Llogan Cheaney, Brianna Klement, Taylor Klement, Ronald Nelson, Shane Presnall, Danielle Sicking, Tiffany Teafattler, Alexis Trubenbach, Garrett Walterscheid, Hannah Weger.

New items at Muenster Public Library May 2011

Fiction/Non-Fiction

Buried Prey by John Sanford, *10th Anniversary* by James Patterson, *Blindness of the Heart* by Julia Frankel, *Knitting Diaries* by Debbie Macomber, *Turn in the Road* by Debbie Macomber, *Once Upon a Time, There was You* by Elizabeth Berg, *Throw the Devil Off the Train* by Stephen Bly, *Creede of Old Montana* by Stephen Bly, *Cowboy for a Rainy Afternoon* by Stephen Bly, *Chili Queen* by Sandra Dallas, *Whiter than Snow* by Danna Whiter, *Kid-Friendly ADHD & Autism Cookbook* by Pamela J. Compart, *My Lucky Life In and Out of Show Business* by Dick Van Dyke, *Jefferson Key* by Steve Berry, *Ape House* by Sara Gruen, *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese, *Dilemma: a Priest's Struggle with Faith* by Albert Cutie, *Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot, *Memory Palace* by Mira Bartok, *Reversal* by Michael Connelly, *Art of Racing*

in the Rain by Garth Stein.

Junior Fiction/Non-Fiction

What Happened to Goodbye by Sarah Dessen, *Throne of Fire* by Rick Riordan, *How to Talk to an Autistic Kid* by Daniel Steffanski, *What the Moon Saw* by Laura Resau, *Indigo Notebook* by Laura Resau, *Witch and Wizard* by James Patterson, *Gift by James Patterson*, *Emperor of Nihon Ja* by John Flanagan, *Eona: the Last Dragoneye* by

Alison Goodman, Gemini Bites

by Patrick Ryan.

Easy Picture Books

Llama, Llama Red Pajama by Anna Dewdney, *My Very First Book of Animal Sounds* by Eric Carle, *From Head to Toe* by Eric Carle.

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10th Anniversary by James Patterson, *Soul Surfer* by Bethany Hamilton, *Stopping Stress Before It Stops You* by Kevin Leman, *Voyage of the Dawn Treader*.

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Service pins presented at Muenster ISD

Clay Richerson, superintendent of Muenster ISD, awarded employees for their years of service to the district at a luncheon on June 3. Presented with five-year pins were Tina Bindel, Special Education aide; Carmen Reiter, Spanish teacher; Gynell Oppermann, Art teacher;

Sabrina Truebenbach, Kindergarten teacher; Lisa Walterscheid, Business teacher; Cicily Waneck, 5th/6th Social Studies teacher; and Dan Waneck, Ag teacher. Receiving 10-year pins were Amy Binder, Health teacher and coach; Deanna Hellman, 5th/6th Math teacher; and

Jill Swirczynski, cafeteria worker. Those receiving 15-year pins were Becky Felderhoff, Social Studies teacher; Marlene Fisher, nurse; and Jill Reiter, First Grade teacher. Presented with 20-year pins were Joyce Boydston, secretary; and Danna Hess, Math teacher.



Muenster ISD service pin recipients, from left, front - Danna Hess; 2nd row - Carmen Reiter, Joyce Boydston, Cicily Waneck; 3rd row - Lisa Walterscheid, Becky Felderhoff, Gynell Oppermann, Jill Reiter; 4th row - Deanna Hellman, Sabrina Truebenbach, Marlene Fisher, Amy Binder, and Dan Waneck. Not pictured are Tina Bindel and Jill Swirczynski. MISD photo

Muenster Bakers-R-Us raises \$150

Muenster Junior High Career Portals class developed an entrepreneurship project to finalize their year in the Family and Consumer Sciences class taught by Joni Sturm. The name of their "business" was Bakers-R-Us. The students scheduled and organized several bake

sales held in the foyer of the Cafetorium after lunch was served.

Student customers were able to purchase chances for a large cookie cake made in the Food Science lab for the final bake sale. Winner of the decorated cookie cake

was Dalton Koelzer. The profit from all the bake sales and chances sold was used for a lunch at The Rainforest Cafe' at Grapevine Mills Outlet Mall on May 19. A remaining profit of \$150 is being donated to the charity of their choice, ABBA.

Muenster High School honors students at awards banquet

On Thursday, May 26, Muenster ISD honored its students for their achievements in academics and athletics. The Spring Recognition and Awards Banquet sponsored by the Muenster PTO was held at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Opening remarks were given by Sharon Browning, high school principal. Emily Hellman, Student Council president, gave the invocation.

National Honor Society, UIL academics and One Act Play, TMSCA, Student Council, Yearbook, and Band highlights and awards were made by the sponsors of each academic organization.

Athletic honors and highlights in Powerlifting, Basketball, Track, Softball, Baseball, Tennis, and Golf were presented by the coaches.

All Year Perfect Attendance was awarded to Shelby Klement, Jay Patel, Rishi Patel, Aaron Grewing, and Zach Gunnels.

All Year "A" Honor Roll recipients were Jeonglim Cho, Brooke Walterscheid, Lana Heers, and Landon Presnall.

Recipients of the All Year "A/B" Honor Roll were Hannah Bayer, Mason Binder, Jared Endres, Clayton Hess, Sydney Huchton, Shelby

Klement, Jori Magee, Garrett Miller, Jay Patel, Adrienne Rohmer, Shelbi Sicking, Austin Hennigan, Hunter Klement, Lauren Rohmer, Payton Sanders, Luke Crabtree, Daniel Fleitman, David Fleitman, Paige Hennigan, Cole McCaden, Allison Pagel, Rishi Patel, Briana Bindel, Llogan Cheaney, Michelle Henscheid, Ronald Nelson, Shane Presnall, Alley Trubenbach, Lacey Trubenbach, Garrett Walterscheid, and Calvin Wimmer.

The following are the nominees and winners (in bold) of the Who's Who awards:

ACCOUNTING: **Cathy Aston**, Garrett Walterscheid, Lauren Rohmer.

AGRICULTURE: **Kendra Walterscheid**, **Cole McAden**, Tori Dyess

ART: Caitlin Beavers, Kayla Acuna, **Brooke Walterscheid**.

BAND: **Kendra Walterscheid**, Audrey Taylor

Saavedra, Paige Morgan.

ECONOMICS/GOVERNMENT: Aaron Grewing, **Llogan Cheaney**, Devon Kubis.

ENGLISH: Zach Gunnels, **Shane Presnall**, Alley Trubenbach.

FAMILY/CONSUMER SCIENCES: Llogan Cheaney, Michelle Henscheid, **Hannah Weger**.

HISTORY: Andi Hess, Landon Presnall, **Emily Hellman**.

MATH: **Shane Presnall**, Garrett Walterscheid, Josiah Flaming, Cathy Aston.

SCIENCE: Rishi Patel, Landon Presnall, **Shane Presnall**.

SPANISH: Andi Hess, **Emily Hellman**, Landon Presnall, Lana Heers.

TECHNOLOGY: Jaimie Mandrell, Jay Patel, **Audrey Taylor Saavedra**.

YEARBOOK: **Danielle Sicking**, Llogan Cheaney, Lacey Trubenbach.

MOST ATHLETIC GIRL: Taylor Klement, Lana Heers, Emily Hellman, **Demi Koelzer**.

MOST ATHLETIC BOY: **Jason Luke**, Andy Flusche, Blake Voth.

LADY HUSTLING HORNET: Lana Heers, Emily Hellman, **Taylor Klement**.

HUSTLING HORNET: Dillon Bayer, **Garrett Walterscheid**, Scott Porter.

ALL AROUND GIRL: Emily Hellman, Michelle Henscheid, **Taylor Klement**, Cathy Aston.

ALL AROUND BOY: **Shane Presnall**, Josiah Flaming, Garrett Walterscheid.

National Honor Society President Shane Presnall concluded the program with the benediction.



Sacred Heart Catholic School's Eighth Grade Class went on a field trip to the Fort Worth Zoo. After enjoying a day at the Zoo, they went to Cheddar's to eat lunch. They stopped in at Braums on the way home for an ice cream. Pictured, from left, are Jacob Miller, Hayden Schilling, Jason Knabe, Brady Endres, Isaac Walterscheid, Dariab Peters, James Dangelmayr, Mckinzie Hess, Madison Hesse, Elizabeth Weinzapfel, sponsor Marilen Juntado, and parent Lisa Schilling. Attending, but not pictured, were James and Cathy Dangelmayr. Courtesy photo



Muenster ISD Career Portals class, from left, back - Kristen Reiter, Morgan Flusche, Kassie Dangelmayr, Aaron Davis, Collin Pagel, Chance Herr; bottom - Caroline Gressett, Mikaela Lamar, and Kevin Barnes. MISD photo

MHMR receives name change

On April 27, Trustees of what has been named Mental Health/Mental Retardation Services of Texoma (or MHMR Services of Texoma) determined that the Center will change its name to Texoma Community Center.

Executive Director Tony Maddox said, "This action

shows the earnest desire of Trustees to follow federal and numerous state governments' recognition that the term 'retardation' has taken on negative derivative connotation in our society. Referring to people as 'retards' has become common in the entertainment world, and in

everyday 'school yard-like' language, and it is demeaning to people who have the same desire for respect and personal self-sufficiency as others. It is time to begin using language that conveys dignity and respect for people who have no choice about having a disability. The local organization now being called Texoma Community Center chooses to be a leader in attempting to create an important cultural change."

"In deciding on the new name," Mr. Maddox said, "the Board of Trustees recognized that most public organizations providing services to individuals with mental health and intellectual disabilities are already simply referred to as 'community centers,' and that using the selected new name will allow future opportunities for expanding services to different populations without being tied to any particular diagnostic group."

Maddox said that internal use of the new name for the Center will begin immediately and be reflected in revised policies and procedures. It will take several months for a legal name change to be made, and for more personalized notice to be given to the Center's many stakeholders. He expects that a formal ceremony in August will provide broad community recognition for the name change.

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Alexander Nervo becomes a teenager

Alexander Nicolas Nervo celebrated his milestone 13th birthday with fanfare and fun on Sunday, Feb. 20. His actual birth date is Feb. 22. His parents Donna and Nicolas Nervo of Arlington hosted the celebration at

their home. A host of family and friends were happy to share Alexander's joyous day.

The theme focused on the number "13" and Alexander wore a "Happy 13th Birthday" button. The party room was brightly decorated with rainbow-colored stars and stripes. Cutouts and banners further emphasized the party theme. Two gigantic balloons shaped like the number 13 were floating behind the main table.

A yellow cake with lemon icing served as the table's main centerpiece. The cake was adorned with 13 striped candles and a rainbow of colored sugars. Guests enjoyed a lunch of assorted grilled meats and vegetables. Cake and ice cream was served for dessert.

Special guests included Alexander's younger brothers Dominic and Zachary and his maternal grandmother Rachel Hennigan of Muenster.



Alexander Nervo



Janie Hartman photos



Tyler turns two

Tyler James Smith, son of Peyton Reiter and Cecelia Hellinger; and great-aunt and uncle Janice and Steve Yosten.

Unable to attend, but sending birthday wishes, was aunt Michelle Smith of Austin.

Grandpa Hellinger prepared smoked chicken and ribs for lunch, and all the trimmings were made by his mom and grandma Hellinger.

After lunch was served, gifts were opened, and cake and ice cream were enjoyed by all. The cake was made by his Godmother Amanda Bonner. A train and airplanes decorated the two-layer yellow and chocolate cake.

Guests included his parents; big brother Zach; grandparents Chuck and Mary Smith and James and Clara Hellinger; aunts and uncles Felicia and Alan Foster, Garret and Julia Hellinger, Amanda and Tommy Bonner, and Sam Hellinger; cousins Taylor, Kendall, and



Tyler Smith

Sacred Heart Parish's Vacation Bible School is in full swing this week. Students are learning from the Bible, singing, and enjoying games.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Muenster Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 PM, June 29, 2011 in Muenster ISD Administration Building, 1354 E 7th Street Muenster, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.04 / \$100	(Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ 0.23 / \$100	(proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	5.82 %	(decrease)
Debt service	63.7 %	(decrease)
Total expenditures	7.64 %	(decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 458,857,675	\$ 460,241,773
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 1,395,351	\$ 3,937,880
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 439,966,241	\$ 440,883,002
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,385,595	\$ 3,900,358

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 19,850,000

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04	\$ 0.0835 *	\$ 1.1235	\$ 6,742	\$ 2,698
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 0.94886	\$ 0.31452 *	\$ 1.26338	\$ 7,697	\$ 271
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04	\$ 0.2300 *	\$ 1.2700	\$ 6,815	\$ 2,552

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 100,453	\$ 101,228
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 85,453	\$ 86,228
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.1235	\$ 1.2700
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 960	\$ 1095
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 135

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.04. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.04.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 4,291,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 643,693

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SPORTS



Muenster girls in summer league

Thomas Otto photos



Low lakes increasing risk of deadly boat crashes

The worsening Texas drought is not only taking a toll on yards, crops, and wildlife – it can be deadly for boaters.

Lack of rain and abnormally high, dry winds have led to significant water level drops in many Texas lakes and waterways. And shallow water can mean trouble for recreational boaters.

During the last protracted dry spell, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department records show that Texas saw a high incidence of boating-related accidents. Most of those accidents were due to boaters grounding or hitting submerged objects because of very low lake levels across the state.

“Looking at the three-year time frame (2007, 2008, and 2009) we responded to 148 boating accidents that were caused by grounding, hitting submerged objects, or hitting fixed objects,” said Jeff Parrish, TPWD’s assistant chief for Marine Law Enforcement. “Of these 148 accidents, 15 resulted in death and 123 caused injuries requiring treatment beyond first aid.” Parrish said the most common factor resulting in injury or death was the operator or passengers being ejected from the vessel upon impact.

The best precaution to take is also the most simple: pay attention to where you’re going and beware that with low water, dangerous rocks, tree stumps, or other normally submerged objects could be right below the surface. “As we are rapidly entering another year of low lake levels, it is critically important for boaters to be aware of their surroundings,” Parrish said. “Some river authorities will provide buoys marking un-

derwater hazards and dangerous obstacles, but this is not always the case. Low lake levels provide many inherent dangers and boaters need to be respectful of these.”

Other activities such as pulling tubers and water skiers should also be undertaken with the utmost care on lakes with low lake levels, he said.

“With so many of our lakes way lower than normal,” Parrish continued, “this summer it’s even more critical to have personal flotation devices for everyone on your boat and to make sure all children under the age of 13 are wearing one. And don’t risk going to jail by operating a boat if you’ve been drinking.”

The excitement of T-Ball on the Muenster Field



Janie Hartman photos



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Catfishing the right way made simple

There are a few basic methods that are effective in catching catfish. Bear in mind that specific methods are applicable to specific kinds of waters. That is because techniques and baiting mixtures are formulated for specific targets.

The following methods are simple, yet they have proven to be quite successful when used:

1) Rigging method - Depending on the bait used, loop the bait holder or the treble hook from a line to a preferred distance to the end. Bait movement is not suggested; therefore, a weight must be used to allow the rig to be still. A good distance shall be about 18” to 24”.

Same as the first method, using the Slipweight to make the bait stable is also effective. The weight does not matter as long as it can slide in the line. The fish will not feel any weight and it will be late until they realize that the bait is fake.

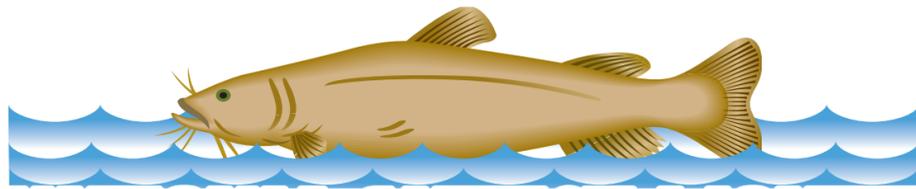
Multibait technique allows multiple catches at once. Simply place three-way swivel along the line. As it draws more strikes, it makes a great choice for catching more catfish at the same time.

2) Bait - Experts opt for chicken livers or medium sized shrimp from groceries. The shrimp’s tail and skin must be removed and body should be big enough to slide up in a number 6 hook. This is simpler than the chicken which necessitates the use of pantyhose. A diameter of a quarter is wrapped in a piece of pantyhose, leaving a tag

3) Chumming - Fishermen catch more catfish with this method. This is simply throwing balls of mixtures of natural recipes in the fishing area. This attracts more catfish; the trick is that the mixture should be right enough for the catfish to feed heavily. The hook that will be used to fish normally must have the same recipe for the

should be about 6 feet long with a spinning reel. Choose heavier lines to allow more battle between the fisherman and the catfish. It doesn’t necessarily have to be expensive. The experience you get from a cheaper tackle is no different from an expensive one.

Make sure the grip is secure and hooks are removed by pliers after catching the



end, then attach it through the treble hook. Blood worms, minnows, catfish paste, night crawlers, snails, living or dead small fish, and dough baits are also good choices of baits. Remember that the best baits are always those that nature produced.

bait. Adding a good smelling flavor into the pasty mixture attracts catfish more.

4) Tackling - Although the technique involved in this method is by far effective, it’s still the bait that attracts and brings the catfish in. As simple as it is, the tackle

fish. Avoid being stuck with the fins as some are poisonous. Just simply sliding the hand up to its belly from tail, placing the fingers behind one side and thumb behind the other can remove the catfish from the hook without any harm.

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Hornet Basketball Camp 2011 awards announced

SESSION 1 Grades 4 - 6

Lay-up Champ - Alaina Kubis, Carson Trubenbach; *Free Throw Champ* - Kubis, Major Eldridge; *Hot Shot Champ* - Megan Rohmer, Brandon Sicking; *Knock Out Champ* - Kubis, Trubenbach; *Dribble Tag Champ* - Kubis, Sicking; *Money Basket Champs* - Kubis, Eldridge, Brenton Wilson; *Monday Camper of the Day* - Caitlyn Reamy, Trubenbach; *Tuesday Camper of the Day* - Kate Springer, Colby Endres; *Wednesday Camper of the Day* - Savannah Bohl, Jared Walterscheid; *Thursday Camper of the Day* - Ashleigh Deweber, Joseph Cochran; *Most Improved* - Eve Brogdon, Zachary Sanders; *Hornet Hustler* - Kaitlyn Hennigan, Nolan Bayer; *Ball Handling* - Reamy, Trubenbach; *Defense* - Megan Rohmer, Riley Stewart; *Sweet Shot* - Erin Schniederjan, Parker McGrew; *Team Players* - Brenton Wilson Merrett Jones, Jack Broyle, Jacob Walterscheid; *Second Team All Camp* - Morgan Hennigan, Lexi Blassingame, Caden Christenson, Major Eldridge, Kody Walterscheid; *First Team All Camp* - Megan Rohmer, Kate Springer, Sterling Walterscheid, Carson Trubenbach, Stetson McGrew; *Most Valuable Player* - Alaina Kubis, Brandon Sicking.

SESSION 2 Grades 7 - 9

Lay-up Champ - Natalie Fangman, Chance Herr; *Free Throw Champ* - Bailey Klement, Blayne Jones; *Hot Shot Champ* - Kristen Reiter, Herr; *Knock Out Champ* - Morgan Eldridge, Jones; *Dribble Tag Champ* - Kristen Reiter, Herr; *Money Basket Champs* - Claire Schneider, Billy Felderhoff; *Monday Camper of the Day* - Amy Luttmir, Dalton Blassingame; *Tuesday Camper of the Day* - Lora Walterscheid, Trace Klement; *Wednesday Camper of the Day* - Alaina Reiter, Felderhoff; *Thursday Camper of the Day* - Hannah Miller, Grant Simpson; *Most Improved* - Allison Morris, Felderhoff; *Hornet Hustler* - Walterscheid, Brennan Binder; *Ball Handling* - Macie Pagel, Blassingame; *Defense* - Haiden Shook, Zach Trubenbach; *Sweet Shot* - Eldridge, Bryce Herr; *Team Player* - James Cochran. *Second Team All Camp* - Trey Anderle, Trace Klement, Bailey Klement, Natalie Fangman, Allie Walterscheid; *First Team All Camp* - Dalton Blassingame, Brandon Hennigan, Blayne Jones, Claire Schneider, Katie Pagel, *Most Valuable Player* - Kristen Reiter, Chance Herr.

SESSION 3 Grades 1 - 3

Fireman Passing - Audrey Kubis, Erin Hesse, Jonathon Grime, Nate Hesse, Ty Sanders; *Dribble Relay* - Jada Binder, Kathrine Klement, Aaron Cochran, Caleb Newton, Connor Walterscheid, Nathan Hartman; *Dribble Tag Champ* - Alex Broyles; *Camper of the Day* - Andie Schroeder; *Most Improved* - Whitley Klement, Keith Huchton; *Hustling Hornet* - Samantha Lockhart, Matthew Klement; *Ball Handling* - Audrey Kubis, Gavin Pagel; *Defense* - Kaci Ford, Alex Broyles; *Sweet Shot* - Josey Grewing, Trent Anderle; *Team Players* - Kennedy Schroeder, Rebecca Klement; *Most Valuable Player* - Audrey Kubis, Trent Anderle.



Texas Game Warden Reports

A very expensive buck

Dimmit County game warden Gene Fernandez wrapped up on March 5 a six-day investigation on a case involving an out-of-state oil field worker who shot a big 9-point buck at an RV park on the Nueces River in January. The man not only shot the buck at night with a light without landowner consent, he used a .17-caliber HMR rim fire rifle, had no valid Texas hunting license, and tagged it with a tag he "got from a friend."

After speaking with several people who saw the deer just after it got shot, the warden received a phone call from someone else who told him the head had been taken to a taxidermist in Louisiana, but that one of the subject's family members was going to pick it up and destroy it. Before that could happen, Fernandez contacted a Louisiana Fish and Game agent who found the head and cape.

The same day, Fernandez received a call from the suspect, who said he was on his way down from North Texas to meet with him. With help from a Laredo-based U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service agent, the subject was interviewed and gave a statement. Fernandez and the Dimmit county attorney filed two Class A misdemeanors: hunting at night and hunting with a light; and two Class C charges of hunting without a valid license and illegal means and methods.

The case was also referred to USFWS for a possible felony Lacey Act violation. The violator pled guilty to all the charges on March 17, had his .17-caliber HMR scoped rifle forfeited to the state, as well as having his hunting license denied for the next five years in Texas and all the other Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact states. He also will be making restitution for a buck that scored 132 5/8. The incident will end up costing the violator roughly \$10,000.

Javelina heads-up

Webb County game warden Colt Gauden filed 39 cases including hunting javelina without a license, waste of game, and over limit on javelina March 25. Earlier, warden Gauden entered a camp and found a cache of hidden javelina heads while the hunters were gone. Warden Gauden later contacted the hunters, who denied hunting javelinas until Gauden reminded them of the javelina heads he had found hidden in the brush 30 yards behind their camp.

SPORTS TRIVIA

The Oilers was the first team name to be retired in NFL history when the Tennessee Oilers (nee Houston) decided to change their name to Titans.

Baseball's "doubleheader" is derived from railroad jargon for a train with two engines.

The Harlem Globetrotters, founded in 1926, originated in Chicago as the "Savoy Five." They played some 9,500 games before appearing in Harlem in 1969.

Firecracker 5K

The fourth Annual Old Jo's Firecracker 5K race will be held Monday, July 4 beginning on the square in Saint Jo. The certified course will run in and around historic Saint Jo. Entry fee is \$20 until June 24, and \$25 after that date. Check-in and late registration begins at 7 a.m. on the square. Official entry forms are available at First State Bank in Saint Jo or online at ArcheWines.com/OldJosFirecracker5K or request by email at StJo@SaintJoChamber.com

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 CV11-00302

To: AUGUSTA BIER, ELISE BIER, MARIE OERTLE, AND HILDA NEWMAN AND THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS
 NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. YOU MAY EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY. IF YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER WITH THE CLERK WHO ISSUED THIS CITATION BY 10:00 A.M. ON THE MONDAY NEXT FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF TWENTY DAYS AFTER YOU WERE SERVED THIS CITATION AND PETITION, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU.

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the petition of plaintiff at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of service of this citation before the Honorable 235TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, Cooke County, Texas, at the courthouse in the city of Gainesville, Texas.

Said petition was filed in said court, on the 3rd day of June, 2011 in cause number CV11-00302 on the docket of said court and styled: GREGORY BOHL vs AUGUSTA BIER, ELISE BIER, MARIE OERTLE, AND HILDA NEWMAN AND THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS

The nature of this cause is for the suit to be heard and judgement be granted for appointment of a receiver to execute oil and gas leases on the said 40 acres of land in the W.T. Gibbons Survey, Abstract A-434, Cooke County, Texas and for such other and further orders as the Court deems advisable.

The officer executing this citation shall promptly served the same according to requirements of law, and mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court at Gainesville, Cooke County, Texas this the 3rd day of June, 2011.

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
 DERRELL L. COMER
 109 EAST CALIFORNIA ST. P.O. BOX 973
 GAINESVILLE, TX 76241

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Protect livestock from high wind damage debris

In the midst of tornado season, Texas livestock owners should take note of ways to protect their cattle during dangerous storms. Eldon Cole, a University of Missouri (MU) Extension livestock specialist, recently provided the following tips to livestock owners in a *CattleNetwork* article:

DEBRIS - There is an increased risk of hoof injuries from metal debris scattered over area pastures and hay fields.

"Insulation is scattered everywhere, too, but the impact of that is uncertain. Hopefully, cattle won't find insulation very palatable," said Cole.

TREES - Another consideration for producers is the loss of trees in pastures, which means less shade and more heat stress on cattle.

"Portable shades might prove worthwhile," Cole said. Stocker cattle at the MU Southwest Research Center gained more when given shade during the summer. Breeding females also maintained a higher percentage of pregnancies when given shade, he said.

Trees also make great windbreaks during the winter. According to Cole, some fields may need temporary windbreaks before the long-term process of growing trees begins.

HAY BALES - High wind and hail from storms can leave holes in plastic-wrapped hay bales, allowing air to enter the bale and resulting in mold and forage deterioration. The spoilage can occur rapidly when the plastic is punctured because the forage has a moisture content of 50 to 60%.

According to Bob Schultheis, natural resource engineering specialist with MU Extension, if the plastic has only a few holes, those holes should be taped shut as soon as possible using polyethylene tape.

"If the bales will be fed within three weeks, plastic or masking tape could be used instead. If the plastic is shredded, it should be removed and the bale re-

wrapped or fed as soon as possible," said Schultheis.

REBUILDING - Losing fence after a storm can be a challenge for many livestock producers, but it may also be an opportunity to make some suitable changes.

"If you must replace fences, corrals, or barns, ask yourself if you really want them back in the same place," Cole said. "Just because a gate or fence was in a certain place since grandpa put it there in the 1940s doesn't mean it's best to put it back there in 2011."

RESTOCKING - For producers who had cattle killed or injured, Cole recommends not rushing out and restocking to the same level.

"I would encourage livestock owners to be observant in the coming months," Cole said. "Look for abnormal behavior, cows that keep coming in heat, bulls that aren't getting cows settled, and unusual health problems. If you see something, don't hesitate to call your veterinarian."

County Agent's Report

Grasshoppers: always a problem!

Grasshoppers are among the most widespread and damaging pests in Texas. Dry weather increases the survival of nymphs and adults. Warm autumns allow grasshoppers more time to feed and lay eggs. Because of this, we certainly need to be on the look-out for outbreaks of these pests. In fact, we have already begun to notice outbreaks of juvenile grasshoppers in some areas. More outbreaks are still possible, as eggs begin hatching in late April or early May and continue until late June.

There are many options to control grasshoppers. Tillage and weed control are some of the best. However, the time to implement these "cultural" practices is past.

The point of this article is that grasshoppers are better controlled when they are juveniles; right now! If you have grasshoppers in large numbers, chances are very good that they will continue to grow, cause damage, and become more expensive to control.

When grasshoppers are noticed in and around your house, it is very important to consider the source of these grasshoppers. Very likely it is the roadside ditch or a neighboring pasture. Depending on where your house is located, the use of chickens or guineas is actually a fair method of control. Chemical methods can also be applied. In these cases a residual insecticide applied around the perimeter of your property will help to control grasshoppers as they move in. Additional applications should be made to the areas of your landscape that you want to protect the most.

When grasshoppers are noticed in rangeland and pasture, improved pastures and similar areas used for production of forage plants primarily for livestock grazing or mechanical harvest, then the use of an insect growth regulator should be considered. These products work by inhibiting the ability of grasshopper nymphs to develop into adults. This means that to take advantage of the growth regulators, a producer needs to use them early in the season. For optimum results, applications should be made when the majority of the nymphs have reached the 2nd to 3rd instar stage of development.

When grasshoppers have matured other control options should be utilized. A Texas AgriLife Extension Service publication titled, Grasshoppers and Their Control, publication number E-209, is available at <https://agrilifebookstore.org/> and will give you some useful information.

TDA Market Recap

For the week ending June 11, feeder cattle price trends at Texas auctions were mixed, from \$5 lower to \$5 higher per hundredweight. The hot, dry weather, poor pasture conditions, tight cattle supplies, modestly higher fed cattle markets, and fluctuating grain prices were again the primary influences on markets. Fed cattle prices were \$1 higher as sellers were able to capture some of the recent increase in packer margins.

Wheat prices declined as harvest of this year's crop increased supplies. Corn prices were higher after USDA released projections for tighter-than-expected carryover from the 2011 crop.

Very little rainfall was recorded in the state last week with amounts mostly less than one-half inch reported in parts of East Texas and the Low Plains. Topsoil moisture was reported to be in mostly short to very short supply statewide. Wheat harvest progressed to 46% complete, well ahead of the normal 35% with the crop rated in mostly very poor to poor condition. Corn planting was completed and 51% of the acreage is silking. Grain sorghum was 86% planted and 66% of the crop is headed. Most crops were rated in fair to very poor condition with condition indexes well below where they were at this time last year. Pastures remain in mostly very poor to poor condition as supplemental feeding and reductions of livestock herds continue.

China steps up pork imports from U.S.

China is stepping up pork imports from the United States to fill a supply gap at home.

In the eight months to February, the U.S. had exported 192,500 tons of pork to mainland China, while U.S. pork exports to Hong Kong hit 63,600 tons, most of which was later transported to the mainland, according to a recent report by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The report projected that, due to a shortage of supply in China, pork exports from the U.S. to China would keep increasing until after this summer, or even until next year.

In March 2010, China agreed to resume pork imports from the U.S. after a ban was put in place following an H1N1 virus scare



CATTLEMAN'S COLUMN

Joe Parker, Jr.
President of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association

Private property rights silver lining to a tough session

Without a doubt this legislative session was predicted to be one of the worst sessions in history, and I think many would tell you that it was.

Even though Texas has fared far better than some states, the national economic slump hasn't left our state unscathed. Lawmakers faced a budget shortfall to the tune of \$20 billion. And while thankfully the Texas Constitution requires the Legislature to balance the state budget, the shortfall meant trimming back state funding for education, health and human services, and a plethora of other programs.

State agencies including the Texas Department of Agriculture, the Texas Animal Health Commission and the Texas AgriLife Extension Service weathered cuts of anywhere between 30 and 50%. Programs important to the entire agriculture industry will be eliminated altogether.

It was no picnic at the state capitol, but despite all the rough patches, Texas did come away with a balanced budget along with some very historic and positive things that happened for landowners.

After a decade of hard work from legislators and landowner groups including TSCRA, SB 18, the eminent domain bill, passed and was finally signed into law.

SB 18 strengthens private property rights by requiring condemning entities to make a bona fide offer in writing, and if they fail to do this, SB 18 requires the entity to pay the landowner's expenses and attorney fees. It also requires a condemning entity to compensate landowners for loss of access to their property.

SB 18 goes further to require condemning entities to take a public and record vote to initiate any eminent domain proceedings, keeping them more accountable.

Additionally, SB 18 gives landowners the right to repurchase their condemned land at the original price if it is not used within 10 years. SB 18 also puts in statute that eminent domain can be used only to acquire property for public use, and that use has to be put in writing before the condemnation process can begin.

Groundwater ownership rights were also strengthened during this session, putting to rest any question of who owns the groundwater below the surface of a landowner's land. SB 332 clarifies that landowners own the groundwater below their land as real property clarifying that it is subject to the same legal protections as other private property like land. SB 332 also recognizes that groundwater may continue to be produced and conserved while ensuring fair and impartial regulation of landowners' groundwater ownership rights.

HB 1201 also passed. This bill repeals the remaining provisions for the Trans-Texas Corridor, bringing an official end to the plan.

There is still work to be done on protecting private rights, but we made significant strides this legislative session.

It was, indeed, a tough session in many senses, but I have to take my hat off to the Legislature for what I could argue was the best session Texas has ever had regarding private property rights.

Who funds citizen suits?

Many of the legal fees incurred by activist groups who file court cases against federal agencies apparently are paid by the American taxpayer.

Decisions - or settlement agreements - in those cases have had profound effects on implementation of the Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act, and other public policies. Those lawsuits are a well-known problem, and the scope of the financing issue was articulated at a recent House Agriculture Committee hearing by Rep. Glenn "GT" Thompson (R.-Pa.).

In an interview with *Feedstuffs*, Thompson, chair of the House subcommittee on conservation, energy, and forestry, explained that the court decisions or settlement agreements give federal agencies the legal cover to expand their guidance or rule-making on sensitive issues, many of which have profound economic effects.

Federal reimbursement for legal fees in successful citizen suits comes from a fund authorized in the 1980 Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), which Thompson said began with good intentions, but in recent years, has suffered from a lack of transparency.

Source: AFBF

Only one word can describe the wheat crop: DRY!

In the recently completed Wheat Quality Council Hard Winter Wheat Tour in Kansas, the record turnout of more than 70 crop scouts were taken aback by the dry conditions leading into the most critical time for wheat development.

Completed May 5, the tour's calculated average for the Kansas wheat crop was 37.4 bushels per acre compared to 40.7 bushels on the same routes in 2010. The crop scouts are invited to join a pool to estimate a production total for the Kansas crop, basing their estimates on expected yield and acres to be harvested. This year, 54 participants joined the pool, offering an average estimate of 256.7 million bushels.

In contrast, the Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service on May 11 pegged the crop forecast at 261.8 million bushels based on conditions as of May 1. This is down 27% from the 2010 crop. If realized, this would be the lowest production since 1996.

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<p>Feeder Steers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.40-1.85; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.15-1.35; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.40-1.60; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.15-1.30; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 1.30-1.40; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.15-1.25; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 1.20-1.30; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.10; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 1.15-1.30; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.10; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 1.20-1.25; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.05.</p> <p>Feeder Heifers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.40-1.70; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.15-1.25; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.35-1.45; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.10-1.20; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 1.20-1.05-1.35; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.05-1.20; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 1.15-1.25; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.10; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 1.10-1.20; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.10; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 1.05-1.18; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.05.</p> <p>Slaughter Cattle (per lb.) Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade #1-2, 1.20-2.050 lbs., .82-.98; Slaughter Cows: #1&3, .65-.77; Cutter: .55-.62.</p>	<p>Stocker Cows (per head) Pregnancy-tested, 3 to 9-year-olds - Large Frame: \$850-\$1150; Medium Frame: \$800-\$900. Cow/Calf Pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - Large Frame: \$1050-\$1400; Medium Frame: \$850-\$1050. Baby Calves: Holstein: N/T; Cross Breeds: \$125-\$250.</p> <p>Barrows & Gilts (per lb.) US #1, 230-270: 65-70; US #2, 220-280: 60-65. Feeders (per head): 100-175 lbs.: 60-130; 25-90 lbs.: 20-60. Sows (per lb.) Feeder, 400 or less: .35-.50; Light wt., 400-500: 42-45; Med. wt., 500-600: 42-45; Heavy wt., 600+: 42-45. Boars (per lb.) 300 lb. up: -.02-.05; 200-300 lbs.: .7-.20; Light wt.: .20-.35.</p> <p>Sheep (per lb.) Feeder lambs: 1.30-1.45; Light lambs: 1.40-1.45; Fat lambs: 1.00-1.45. Ewes (per lb.)</p>	<p>Stocker: .30-.44 Thin: NT; Fat: NT.</p> <p>Bucks (per lb) Thin: .30; Fat: .35</p> <p>Barbardo (per head) Lambs: \$20-\$50; Ewes: \$30-\$65; Bucks: \$55-\$150.</p> <p>Goats (per head) Kids: 20-40 lbs., \$30-\$60; 30-65 lbs., \$50-\$90; 55-75 lbs., \$70-\$125.</p> <p>Yearlings (per head) 75-120 lbs., \$70-\$125.</p> <p>Nannies (per head) Stocker: \$60-\$85; Milk Type: NT-NT; Slaughter: \$90-\$115; Thin: \$40-\$60.</p> <p>Billies (per head) 120 lbs-up Breeders: \$130-\$185. Slaughter: \$80-\$120.</p> <p>Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny: NT; 3/4 Nanny: NT; Full Nanny: NT, 1/2 Billy: NT; 3/4 Billy: NT; Full Billy: NT.</p>
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