

## RIG OVER MUENSTER



An oil rig went up this past week just south of town. The wildcat well is being drilled by Muenster Drilling Company, Inc. for a group of local investors. The permit allows the drilling of 2,000 feet. **Janie Hartman photo**

## MISD approves budget; taxpayers receive windfall

**By Janet Felderhoff**  
Oil and gas production within the Muenster Independent School District provided a welcome windfall for taxpayers in the District. Superintendent Clay Richerson made the announcement last Wednesday at a public hearing on the proposed tax rate and proposed budget. Superintendent Richerson said, "When we passed the bond last fall, INS for 2011-12 school year was 23¢. Projections that Southwest Securities proposed with those numbers show our INS this coming year would be 29¢. The value of the District increased approximately \$90 million due to the oil and gas. Everything went up according to appraisals, but the main thing was the oil and

gas. It was over a \$90 million increase in value. With that and the wind project paying 100% of the INS rate, it's going to take less than 23¢ for the INS tax rate to get the amount of the debt service needed to pay off what we have to pay this year." Richerson noted that the M&O (maintenance & operation) tax rate is \$1.04 and the INS is 21¢ per \$100 property valuation. A balanced budget was presented to the Board by Richerson. He noted that the numbers were estimates. They will not get the final numbers from Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD) until the end of July. Adjustments will be made then if necessary. The Board approved the

proposed budget with a total estimated revenue of \$6,090,534. Before the public hearing was closed, local resident Drew Springer spoke. He is a run-off candidate for the Republican nomination for Texas House District 68. Springer presented the Board with reasons he feels it would be beneficial to Muenster and Cooke County to have a local person serving in that position. He feels that there should be more local control and less from Austin and Washington. Marcus Johnson and electrical engineer Tim Karacostas of Energy Retrofit spoke to the Board regarding the use of LED lights versus fluorescent lights. Superintendent Richerson said, "See SCHOOL, pg. 7"

## Germanfest 2012 deemed one of its more successful

**By Janet Felderhoff**  
It was a beautiful weekend to be outdoors on April 27-29 and a lot of people took the opportunity to spend it in the Muenster Park at Germanfest. According to John Broyles, director of the Muenster Chamber of Commerce, there were well over

20,000 paid entrances to the Park for the annual event. That number doesn't include children and workers. "It was the second largest Germanfest in recent history," reported Broyles. "Saturday had the best attendance with over 10,000 paid entrances recorded. The largest ever was 2010." He added that all of the organizations that have booths or other fundraiser with Germanfest did well. He said he is happy that they will have money to fund their projects. This year, Germanfest had

two headliners. They made extra expenditures to have The Bellamy Brothers on Friday as well as Little Texas on Saturday, and Broyles said they had good response and it paid off. Broyles said that this year there were a few more German arts and crafts and more German food vendors, which he was pleased to see. It was a low key and uneventful 'Fest except for a falling tree limb. That incident occurred near the Texas Stage after most of the crowd had left. **See 'FEST, pg. 2**

## NCTC approves raises for employees

Regents of the North Central Texas Community College District unanimously approved a general pay increase for all full-time employees during Monday's regular Board meeting. The pay increase will be calculated at 3% of the midpoint for each pay group. The increase in salaries will cost the college \$395,000 this next year and has been included in the proposed 2012-13 operating budget. NCTC employees have not received a percentage raise

since 2009-10, although \$1,000 was given mid-year across the board in 2010-11 to help offset increased employee insurance expenses. In other action Monday night, regents voted to approve funding for technology improvements with current year funds in order to have labs and other instructional applications up and running prior to Fall 2012 classes. The total request was for \$380,178, but the school will apply a reimbursement of \$306,721 received from a

textbook publisher, leaving only \$73,557 needed from the current budget. The majority of the money will be spent on replacing and upgrading distance education equipment. Also on Monday night, regents approved the 2012-13 salary schedules that reflect a 1.5% change from the current pay grade schedules. They also authorized NCTC President Dr. Eddie Hadlock to employ contract personnel that need to be hired prior to the next scheduled Board

meeting, which will not take place until Aug. 20. Regents approved the 2012-13 catalog and voted to move forward with plans to execute a lease-purchase contract for property at 1200 Parker Square in Flower Mound. The College currently rents that building, which houses the NCTC Flower Mound campus. Before Monday's meeting, a budget workshop was held. Hadlock reported that the proposed 2012-13 budget is up 4.2% from the current year budget, which experienced a 4.3% reduction from the 2010-11 budget. College staff presented a balanced budget that does not include a tax rate increase. Total revenue budgeted for 2012-13 is \$46,887,300, up 4.2% from the budgeted 2011-12 revenue. The largest portion (40.12%) of that revenue (\$18,811,492) will come from tuition and fees, while 26.33% will come from federal funds and 25.28% will come from state funds. Only 4.48% or \$2,100,000 comes from local taxes in Cooke County, while another \$357,300 will come from a maintenance tax in Graham. Ad valorem taxes collected from the Graham ISD maintenance tax are spent only on the Graham campus. The expenditure side of the budget was developed using a zero-based, full-justification approach. Instructional costs (academic, technical, instructional administration, library, and special items) comprise slightly more than one-third of the total expenses. Additional employee positions are included in the budget to assist with the ever-changing workload due to the growth of the student population, but several of these positions represent no new dollars, as they are funded from savings generated by not refilling positions in their same format or area. Second, a raise of 3% for all full-time employees is captured in a lump sum of \$395,000. Proposed additional positions in the budget include an English faculty member (funded from retirement), a history faculty member (funded from retirement), a Student Life assistant in Corinth (part-time to full-time using current Fitness Center salary funds), a media specialist for Denton County (funded from retire-

## Bigger will be better



Work continues on Muenster's new waterline coming from the new 200,000 gallon storage tank. The new (blue) 12 inch line crosses under the old 6 inch line in the 200 block of South Main Street. The City is laying 8,700 feet of new pipe, connecting this line to the 12 inch line at Hwy. 82. **Janie Hartman photo**

## ALL-STATE HORNET



Muenster High School graduate Garrett Hanes was named to the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association's Class 1-A All-State Baseball Team. Hanes was picked as the 2nd Team 1st Baseman. In his senior year at Muenster, he had 26 runs and 21 runs batted in; had a batting average of .402; and the following percentages - on base - .520, slugging - .476, and fielding - 1.000. He was a member of the 2012 Hornets Baseball team who finished their playoff season 25-7-0. **Thomas Otto photo**

**Don't Forget**

**Muenster Swim Program Registration**  
**Sat., June 23, 9-11 am**  
**Muenster Pool**

**See NCTC, pg. 6**

Urban Flusche  
1921 - 2012



Urban Flusche

Urban Michael Flusche, 91, long-time resident of Dallas, died May 31, 2012 of complications from surgery. One of 12 children, he was born in Muenster on March 30, 1921 to Joseph and Mary Koelzer Flusche.

During World War II, Urban worked on B-24 bombers at Consolidated Aircraft Corporation in San Diego, California. He later farmed in Pilot Point until he and his family moved to Dallas in 1954.

Urban is preceded in death by his wife Theresa Mueller Flusche, his parents, and nine brothers and sisters.

Survivors are sisters Marie Flusche Zimmerer of Lindsay and Armella Flusche Lutkenhaus of Gainesville; children Sr. Anna Marie Flusche, O.P. of Houston, Gene Flusche of Dallas, and Julie Flusche Falkiewicz and husband Rick of Syracuse, New York; four grandsons and three great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Thursday, June 7 at Christ the King Catholic Church in Dallas. Burial was at Calvary Hill Cemetery in Dallas, where

Urban worked for 51 years. Urban never lost touch with his relatives and friends in Muenster, who remember his great sense of humor, bringing much fun to life. He had a fantastic memory and could tell stories with the finest details. He always had a smile on his face and showed his care and concern for those around him. His strong Catholic faith was the root of his daily life.

Franklin "Gene" Cummins  
1933 - 2012

Funeral for Franklin "Gene" Eugene Cummins, age 78 of Gainesville, was held Wednesday, June 20 at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Bennie Slack officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Mr. Cummins died June 16, 2012 in Denton. Born Dec. 8, 1933 in Myra

to Ernest W. and Elizabeth Louise Livingston Cummins, Gene married Janelle Conyers on Feb. 22, 1958 in Gainesville. He retired from Gainesville Memorial Hospital and Marler Ford.

Survivors his wife Janelle of Gainesville; son and daughter-in-law David and Teena Cummins of Gainesville; daughter and son-in-law Debbie and Jason Merritt of Argyle; his long-time companion Cricket; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters-in-law Pat and Jackie Cummins of Garland and Charles and Cindy Cummins of Marble Falls; and many nieces and nephews and friends and loved ones too numerous to mention.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents: Earnest Cummins; step-father and mother Roy and Louise Brown; son-in-law Ronnie Gunter; granddaughter Jamie Leigh Cummins.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Assoc., 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO  
June 20, 1947

Harvest causes drop in radio attendance; next show postponed. Lindsay celebration marks Rev. Joseph Fuhrmann's Silver Jubilee. Little Norma Jean Klement has tonsils removed. An old fashioned charivari by relatives and friends surprised the Maurice Pagels at their home; refreshments and a social hour were included. Rev. Keeling is new pastor at Marysville Methodist Church. Ray Hess is the owner of a new black Chevrolet sedan. The State has three times its normal number of whooping cough cases. Wilmer J. "Bill" Luke advertises "custom combining at prevailing prices."

50 YEARS AGO  
June 22, 1962

Steve Moser receives his 15 year award as weather observer. Frater Frowin Schoech graduates from Subiaco College in Arkan-

sas. Obituaries: Henry Sandmann, 19; Charlotte Bayer, 16 months. Harvest delayed again by record June rainfall. New Arrival: Philip to Denis and Della Walterscheid. Charlotte Wolf earns "Best in Texas" award at annual Texas 4-H Roundup. Weddings: Hattie Reiter and Charles Berend; Frances Lorerwald and Grover Johnson.

25 YEARS AGO  
June 19, 1987

Flash flood strikes Muenster; the deluge causes much damage to the City Park and the home of Dan Luke. Muenster gets minibus driving service; Victoria Greminger is first passenger driven by Pat Walterscheid. Sr. Cabrini Arami, O.S.B. becomes new prioress of Holy Angels Convent in Jonesboro. J.M. Weinzapfel celebrates 93rd birthday. College Graduate: Alice Gruber, Baylor University. Jean Pagel interns at Muenster Enterprise for the summer.

 **Police Notes**  
from Muenster Chief of Police  
**Mark Blankenship**

The Muenster Police Department has responded to 16 CALLS FOR SERVICE resulting in two persons being ARRESTED AND BOOKED into Cooke County Detention Center. Forty CITATIONS have been issued and four INCIDENT reports taken during the first half of June.

With school out and the NEW Muenster pool in operation as well as activities in the park, children related traffic has increased. Let's all be aware and make sure we observe and obey all traffic laws.

If there are any citizens interested in the Police Ride Along Program, we are still looking for your participation.

Now that the Muenster Lake is open, we encourage anyone observing illegal or disorderly conduct there to please report those issues.

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had dispersed last Saturday night. There were no serious injuries. Broyles' goal is to make Germanfest a family oriented event, especially during daylight hours.

The Lone Star Barbecue sanctioned Barbecue Cook Off had 96 participants and was well attended. It is one the largest such events in Texas. Champion Charles Cameron went on to participate in the invitational Kansas City Royal Cook Off.

Broyles stressed that the 2013 Germanfest will again be held in the City Park. The Heritage Park Event Center will not yet be ready for use at that time.

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Irene Woodrum  
1926 - 2012

Irene Mary McCloskey Woodrum, 86, long-time resident of Gainesville, died Friday, June 15, 2012. She was born Jan. 27, 1926 in Huntington, West Virginia, to William and Mathilda Scheibelhood McCloskey. She married Richard Lee Woodrum on July 16, 1949. They lived in Gainesville for 30 years and were owners/operators of James Boot and Shoe Repair from 1982 to 1999.

Irene was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by her children Bernard Woodrum, Anita Woodrum, Rita and husband Michael Phelps, Peggy Reuling, Bonnie and husband Steve Dektor, and Neil Woodrum; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; brother Forest and wife Susan McCloskey; sisters Annabelle and husband Richard Honnell, and Evelyn and husband Sam Collins.

Funeral Mass was held June 20 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster. Burial was in the Valley View Cemetery.

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Sunday, June 24, 2012	Monday, June 25, 2012	Tuesday, June 26, 2012	Wednesday, June 27, 2012	Thursday, June 28, 2012	Friday, June 29, 2012	Saturday, June 30, 2012
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm St. Peter's Parish Picnic, Lindsay 		Library open 10am-6:30 pm	Library open 1:30 -5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg. noon, Center	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Muenster Museum open 1-4pm	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm	Library open 10:30 - 2:30
		Sacred Heart Basketball Camp Hornet Mini Cheerleading Camp			G'ville Bass Club Tournament - High Port, Texoma	
Sunday, July 1, 2012	Monday, July 2, 2012	Tuesday, July 3, 2012	Wednesday, July 4, 2012	Thursday, July 5, 2012	Friday, July 6, 2012	Saturday, July 7, 2012
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm 	City Council mtg. 6:30 pm	Library open 10am-6:30 pm	<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b> 	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10am-6:30 pm	Muenster Museum open -1-4 AARP Board Mtg. 10 am	Library open 10:30-2:30 

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# LIFESTYLE

## Acuna and Snyder marry at First Baptist Church

Kerri Beth Acuna and Dan Snyder are happy to announce the joining of their hands in marriage. The couple's ceremony was held on Saturday, June 9, 2012 at First Baptist Church in Muenster. Joe Yosten officiated for the double ring vows.

Kerri is the daughter of Lee Roy "Buddy" Yosten of Muenster and the late Dorothy Mae Yosten. The bride graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1988. She attended Cooke County College, earning her Associate degree in Nursing in 1991, and Midwestern State University, earning her Bachelor's degree in Nursing in 2001. Kerri is employed at North Texas Medical Center in Gainesville, where she works as a clinical analyst.

Dan is the son of Dr. Roy and Ilene Snyder of Fort Worth. The groom graduated from Nolan Catholic High School in 1974. He attended Texas Tech University, earning his BBA in Accounting in 1977 and his JD at Texas Tech Law School in 1980. Dan is employed at Weaver LLP in Fort Worth, where he works as a senior manager in International Tax Services.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Attendants for the bride included her three children Kayla, Tyler, and Antonio (TJ) Acuna, Jr. Attendants for the groom included his three children Brendan, Christopher, and Owain Snyder.

The bouquets carried by the bride and Kayla, and the floral decorations used



Mr. and Mrs. Dan Snyder

to decorate the church were arranged by friend Susan Whitley.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the new VFW in Muenster. The hall was decorated in handmade decorations by the bride and family members. The bride's cake was a three-tiered, ivory wedding cake made by friend of the bride Michele Yosten. The cake topper was the one used in the bride's parents' wedding 58

years earlier (various family members have used the topper for wedding cakes). The groom's cake was a Black Forest Cake from the Swiss Pastry Shop in Fort Worth, a Snyder family favorite.

Following the wedding, the couple will enjoy a honeymoon to Rome and Central Italy including Florence, Tuscany, Naples, and Pompeii. They will then reside in Muenster.

## Muenster Library's book club to meet on July 14

Muenster Public Library will offer a book discussion club "Second Saturday Book Club" beginning Saturday, July 14 at 10 a.m. The first book will be the bestselling novel *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. The Second Saturday Book Club will be open to all adults who love to read, socialize, and discuss books. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Each participant should have read the book *The Help*

and bring two comments or questions about the book for great conversation.

Space is limited to 20 people, so call the library to register for the first meeting at 759-4291.

**Love is a fruit in season at all times, and within reach of every hand.**

Mother Teresa

## The summer reading challenge has begun!

Muenster Public Library's 2012 Summer Reading Club will be held June 5 through July 31.

Muenster Public Library is offering two reading programs for children and teens this summer: Get a Clue... at the Library for ages two through 12; and TSI: Realms of the Unknown for ages 13 and up. Children and teens can read (depending on their reading level) either 20 picture books or five chapter books to receive a free ice cream ticket from Sonic or Dairy Inn.

Muenster Public Library also offers a story and craft hour each Tuesday 10:30-11:30 a.m. for pre-school through early elementary age children.

For more information, call the library at 759-4291.

Muenster Public Library hours: 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.

Online catalog access: <http://muenstertx.booksy.net/opac/muenstertx/>

*When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us.*

- Alexander Graham Bell

## Republican Women honor outstanding members

Cooke County Republican Women (CCRW) nominated four members for recognition at the Texas Federation of Republican Women "Tribute to Women" Luncheon at the Fort Worth Omni on June 8. The luncheon was held in conjunction with the Republican Party of Texas State Convention, and the special guest of honor was retiring U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Honorees for 2012 from Cooke County are Lynne Compton, Sheila Cox, Marci Gilbert, and Christi Klement. All four are exception-

al members who have been consistent volunteers for a wide variety of CCRW offices, committees, and projects.

The luncheon program included biographical sketches detailing the accomplishments of the honorees. In addition to other activities, Compton chaired the Caring for America Committee in recent years, spearheading CCRW community service projects. Serving on the 2012 Executive Board, Cox, Gilbert, and Klement are the Club's legislative chairman, treasurer, and vice president of membership, respectively.



Cooke County Republican Women's President Susan Hughes is pictured at left with honorees, from left, Sheila Cox, Marci Gilbert, and Christi Klement. Not pictured is Lynne Compton. Courtesy photo

## Bible School attendees look to the "Sky"

Approximately 175 children, 30 adult volunteers, and 40 teen helpers were involved in the Vacation Bible School program at Sacred Heart Church from Monday, June 11 through Friday, June 15.

When the children gathered in the Main Hall on Monday morning, they saw an airplane and clouds with a blue sky in the background. The theme for the week was "Sky," as well as trusting in God.

During the opening assembly led by Kim Budish, the children sang and did the gestures for songs that went along with the theme such as, "Fly," "Counting on God," and "I'll Fly Away." Each child was also given a bracelet and asked to watch for "God Sightings" - places where they saw God in nature, in other people, or elsewhere. Each morning, some of the children gave examples of "God Sightings" that they had observed.

Bonnie Hess, one of the directors, asked the children to bring nonperishable food items, paper products, or toiletries for Sacred Heart Outreach on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The grade level that brought in the most items would get

a pizza party for their snack on Friday.

During the rest of the day, the adult guides and the teen helpers led the children through the various centers - crafts, games, Bible Lesson, and snacks. The adult guides were Karen Davis and Kim Hofbauer with kindergarten, Rose Ganzon and Tanya Fleitman with first grade, Christy Hesse and Karri Bindel with second grade, Misty Hartman and Tina Walterschied with third grade, and Amy Anderle and Yana Muller with fourth grade.

In crafts, Jennifer Flusche and the adult helpers had the children making airplanes and butterflies. In snacks, Tonya Hess and her helpers prepared snacks that related to the theme of the day. Debbie Cochran and Grace Bezner and teen helpers conducted the Bible lessons. Each session included a skit illustrating the Gospel story of the day and talking about the saint of the day. On Friday, they talked about the Sacred Heart of Jesus since it was the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

Iva Walterscheid led the children in games with a parachute the first day when they were outdoors. But be-

cause of rain, the games were moved to the gym the rest of the week. The children's favorite games were "Captain Midnight" and "Scarf Tag."

Shelley Zimmerer led the fifth graders in making their own rosaries. Nicole Hennigan, Laura Stoffels, and Katie Grewing took the preschool children and did their songs, Bible lessons, and crafts in the classroom. Kelly Gehrig and her teen helpers were in charge of the nursery for the children of the adult volunteers.

Each day there was a closing assembly during which the children watched a brief video and did several songs once more. On Monday, each child and volunteer were given t-shirts that they wore the rest of the week.

On Friday morning, parents, grandparents, and other family members were invited to a closing ceremony at 10:45. Fr. Ken led the opening prayer and talked about the Sacred Heart of Jesus. He then gave a blessing to the fifth graders and the rosaries that they had made. After that, Father was presented with a book of coloring sheets.

Friday was the "World Day of Prayer for Priests" and the children had done coloring


sheets to assure him of their prayers and love. Tiffany Felderhoff, one of the directors, acknowledged the leaders of each center and Kelly Gehrig for being in charge of the nursery. Barbara Rohmer presented directors Tiffany Felderhoff and Bonnie Hess with gifts.

Then, preschool children sang "In the Lord's Army" with motions. The kindergarten and the first graders sang "Fly" and did the gestures. This was followed by the second and third graders singing and doing motions to "You, You, You." The fourth and fifth graders sang and danced to "I'll Fly Away." Dan Aedo concluded with a slide show containing photos taken throughout the week.

Submitted by Barbara Rohmer


**I place no value on anything I have or may possess, except in relation to the kingdom of God. If anything will advance the interests of the kingdom, it shall be given away or kept, only as by giving or keeping it I shall most promote the glory of Him to whom I owe all my hopes in time or eternity.**

- David Livingstone



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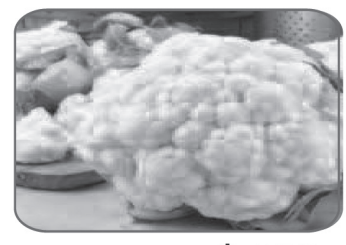
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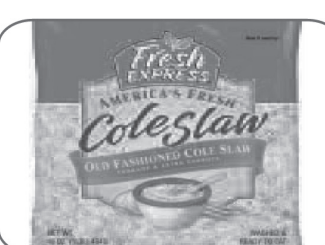
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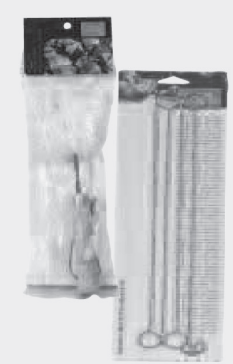


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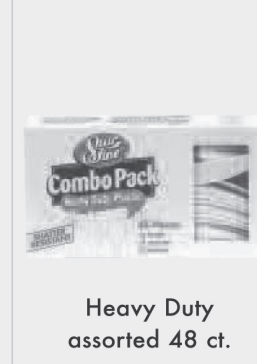
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# Kuykendall and Cain exchange wedding vows at Hopp Ranch

Kimberly Kay Kuykendall and Chisam John Cain, both of Muenster, were married March 10, 2012 at the Hopp Ranch in Muenster.

Kimberly is the daughter of Kenny and Laure Kuykendall of Valley View. Grandparents of the bride are Kenneth (Ott) and the late June Kuykendall of Valley View, and Curtis and Vi Dumas of Valley View.

Chisam is the son of Chris and Jan Cain of Muenster. Grandparents of the groom are Ray and Marcy Wilde of Muenster and the late Richard and Eula Grace Cain.

For her wedding, Kimberly chose a vintage teal-length, muted pink gown, previously worn by her late grandmother, June Kuyken-

dall on her wedding day in 1959. The gown was complimented by cowboy boots, and her mother's pearl necklace and earrings.

The bride carried a bouquet of eggplant and lavender hydrangeas stems covered in burlap, organza, and pearls.

Vows were exchanged under a floral and burlap decorated arch in the western dancehall on the historic Hopp Ranch in Muenster. Decorated in its original collection of western antiques and memorabilia, family were seated on hay bales covered in burlap and flowers. Long-time family friend of the groom Reverend Andy Cherry officiated.

The reception immediately

followed the ceremony at the new Muenster VFW. The bride and groom were then introduced and reenacted a brief ceremony for guests. Dinner was served buffet style and included brisket, ranch style beans, corn salad, and a variety of pickles.

Guests were seated at eggplant and burlap tables adorned with floral hydrangeas centerpieces and tea-lit Mason jars on doilies belonging to the bride and groom's grandmothers.

Desserts included peaches and cream cobblers and pecan pies served from family heirloom quilts.

The Colby Ray Band, cousins and friends of the groom, played country music

to which family and friends danced into the late hours of the night.

Kimberly is a 2004 graduate of Valley View High School and a 2007 graduate of Tarleton State University. She is employed in the business development department at Alan Ritchey, Inc. She is also a sales director with Mary Kay Cosmetics.

Chisam is a 2002 graduate of Muenster High School and 2008 graduate of Tarleton State University. He is employed as a production specialist at Peterbilt in Denton.

After a honeymoon in the historic stockyards of Fort Worth and a trip to Montana, the couple will make their home in Muenster.



Mr. and Mrs. Chisam John Cain ... 'nee Kimberly Kay Kuykendall ...



**KEEP MUEENSTER BEAUTIFUL YARD OF THE MONTH** honors for May were awarded to the Cole family who resides in one of Muenster's historic homes at 223 N. Oak Street. Pictured are Bo, Renda, James, and Rebekka Cole. They have taken a yard that had been neglected for a number of years and cultivated beauty into the small front yard. Flowers planted are Hollyhocks, gladioli, day lilies, plumbago, morning glories, verbena, dahlias, cannas, sunflowers, moon flowers, mint, basil, and rosemary. Renda noted that the soil is really nice in this yard, a little hard but nutrient rich and has been very fruitful for their vegetables behind the fence. They grow flowers on the street side of the fence and vegetables such as tomatoes and cucumbers on the opposite side. Bo and Renda enjoy their yard and have plans to make more improvements to it. Each of their children has their own flower that they planted and tend. To nominate someone for Yard of the Month, call the *Muenster Enterprise* at 759-4311 or contact any KMB member.

Janie Hartman photo

## Cowboys for CASA set for June 22

CASA of North Texas is set to host its 8th annual Cowboys for CASA fundraiser. The evening is set to kick off at 6 p.m. with a mixer followed by barbecue for dinner auctions (silent and live), and a concert by country singer Sonny Burgess and his band. A handful of tickets remain available at \$25 per person. They may be purchased at First State Bank, American Bank of Texas, and at the CASA office located at 309 S. Commerce, Gainesville.

There will be a drawing for the winners of VISA check cards in the amount of \$2,000, \$500, and \$200. Tickets for a chance to win are \$10 each, three for \$25, or 15 for \$100.

CASA, which stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates, is a non-profit agency that recruits, trains, supervises and gives support to a network of volunteers who act as advocates for the best interests of children who have been removed from their homes because of neglect and/or abuse.

## Brianna Klement graduates Summa Cum Laude at NCTC

Brianna Kristine Klement, daughter of Brian "Bubba" and Melinda Klement of Muenster, recently participated in the commencement exercises of North Central Texas College earning her Associate of Arts degree in the study of Humanities. She is a member of both Phi Theta Kappa and the NCTC Honors Program.

Brianna graduated with top honors in both programs as well as Summa Cum Laude, maintaining a 4.0 grade average. She plans to attend Midwestern State University School of Dental Hygiene this fall.

Attending Brianna's graduation were her parents, brother Zachary, friend James Rust and family.



Brianna Klement



On April 25, the local Little Flowers group helped Imelda Rohmer in the flower beds at Sacred Heart School. Pictured are, from left, front - Grace White, Jessica Dangelmayr, Jena Dangelmayr, Sarah Davis, Rachel Hesse, Elise Flusche, Abby Walterscheid, Emily Flusche; back - Denise Dangelmayr, Jennifer Flusche, and Imelda Rohmer.

Courtesy photo

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ment), a Foundation/Alumni Outreach Coordinator, a funded by the foundation), a history faculty member on the Bowie/Graham campuses, a Psychology faculty member, a Health Science Simulation faculty member, and a counselor on the Graham campus (part-time to full-time).

In his president's update, Hadlock reported that enrollment is up 3.8% so far for summer classes. Registration is still underway for the Summer II session.

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# SCHOOL

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tendent Richerson requested the comparison because an electrical engineer with W.C. Ferrell's architect firm indicated that the price of LED lights has come down significantly and that fluorescent lights would be obsolete in about five years. He said the light put out by LEDs is much improved over what they did a year ago.

Johnson presented material and installation costs of both types of lighting, usage cost, labor cost (replacing light bulbs, cleaning fixtures), and how many fixtures each of the new classrooms would require. His comparison indicated that the LEDs would be more expensive to install, but that would be recouped in 6.7 years through the less expensive cost of operation. The lights should be good for 100,000 hours of use or 20 years for the District.

No action was taken on this topic, but the Board seemed to feel that they would like to keep the lighting in the new buildings the same as what will be done in any upgrades to existing lights.

Robert Treese with Construction Management Agent Charlie Price's firm updated the Board on current construction. He said that 34 days were lost on construction of the practice gym due to the weather. The facility is now 95% complete inside.

At the last meeting, the Board approved a bid for what they thought was three rows of retractable bleachers. It was for fixed bleachers, so they voted unanimously to rescind that bid. The bleachers are to be set between the columns in the practice gym.

After discussing the pros and cons of manual operated and electric operated and three high versus five high, the Board voted to purchase five row manually operated retractable bleachers at a cost of \$26,420.

Treese reported that the concession stand is up and electrical and plumbing crews are working there now. Roof and trim repairs are planned for buildings with wind damage pending availability of work crews.

Architect W.C. Ferrell brought plans for the new elementary school for review and discussion.

The Board discussed LED lighting with Ferrell. He agreed to seek alternate bids for LED lighting along with fluorescent lighting.

As recommended the previous week by auditors, the Board amended the budget by transferring \$26,000 from Operation Fund to Cafeteria Fund, adding \$14,000 bond money into the budget since the bond had not passed prior to the last budget's approval, and added a \$1,400 adjustment to Interest & Sinking.

### REPORTS

JH/HS Principal Sharon Browning gave the 6th six weeks passing rate as 82% and the overall passing rate for the year as 92%. FCCLA will have students taking part in the STAR events at Nationals in Orlando, Florida this July. They are holding fundraisers for the trip. Brooke Walterscheid and FCCLA sponsor Joni Sturm plan to attend officer leadership training camp in Navasota.

A search is ongoing to find a new band director.

Results of the TAKS and STAAR tests were listed.

Athletic Director Brady Carney said summer conditioning begins June 18 with high school working out from 7-8:30 a.m. and junior high school from 8:30-9:30 a.m. High school has 45 signed up to participate and 25 for junior high.

Elementary Principal Heers told of the many end of the year activities.

There were 89 or 42% of the students in grades 1-6 on the A Honor Roll, 71 or 33% on the A/B Honor Roll, and 144 or 75% on either the A or A/B Honor Rolls.

For the 6th Six Weeks, out of the 213 students in grades 1-6, six or 3% did not pass at least one class; four or 3% of the 151 students in grades 3-6 did not pass at least one class; and three or 30% of the those 10 students in grades 1-6 failed more than one class.

In May, \$7,522.96 in back taxes was collected.



**Muenster ISD Kindergarten Class of 2011-12, from left, front - Jackson Sicking, Daultyn Dunn, Jacob Batha, Macy Hess, Luke Anderson, Taylor Reed, Maggie Hess, Whitney Newton, Lexie Walter, Dawson Voth, Reece Acayan; middle - Stormi Richardson, Joshua Barton, Abigail Hendley, J.D. Smith, Andie Schroeder, Sonny Wilson, Emily Muller, Halle Hess, Preston Kubis, Lainey Grewing, Trever Rains; back - Rosemary Hartman, Gabby Fleitman, Alyssa Lutkenhaus, Lenzie Sandmann, Braeden Hacker, Owen Walterscheid, Ty Hess, Seth Stoffels, Nathan Hutchins, Naomi Stevenson, and Gage Eberhart. MISD photo**

## St. Peter's picnic this Sunday

By Austin Lewter

The last Sunday in June signifies the tradition of the St. Peter's Parish Homecoming Picnic, a day of fun, games, and giving back that dates back over three decades, according to Parish member Kenny Bezner.

The event will kick off Sunday morning with lunch at 11 a.m. in Centennial Hall following 10 a.m. Mass.

"The lunch is home-cooked," Bezner said. "And we will have a cake walk and silent auction there with lunch."

Bezner said that all of the auction items included in the live auction later that afternoon will be on display during lunch.

J.M. Lindsay Park will open at 12 noon and kids' games are scheduled to start at 3 p.m.

Likewise, the kitchen at the park will open at noon with sandwiches and cold drinks available.

Games for kids of all ages will include bingo, face painting, duck pond, sports throw, going fishing, grab bag/bean bag toss, dino dig, and a bounce house.

"The picnic is open to the world, and we would love to see as many people show

up as possible," Bezner said. "The Parish has sent out post cards to former members and old friends as well... we are expecting a wonderful turnout."

Bezner said an invitation has also been extended to the Cooke County Antique and Classic Car Club. "They (the classic cars) will be set up in the south parking lot," he said.

The live auction will begin in the park at 5 p.m. and includes a car and 1966 model wine cabinet.

A drawing will be held for a trip for two people to Lourdes, France.

"This is going to be a nice prize," Bezner said. "And is about an \$8,000 value, but who ever wins it can really go anywhere they want as the company donating has agreed to exchange it for a trip to anywhere of equal value... in case the winner wants to go somewhere else." Tickets are \$50 and are currently available at Bezner Insurance, 123 East Main in Lindsay.

All of the items in the auctions and drawing have been donated and all of the proceeds from the picnic will benefit the Parish Restoration Fund.

## LISD Honor Roll

### "ALL A" HONOR ROLL

**6th six weeks**  
**12th Grade** - Lucinda Krahl, Taylor Krebs, Caitlin Huston, Drew Cooney, Taylor Pelzel, Amber Hess, Amelia Haverkamp, Taylor Stringfellow, Cole Hunter.

**11th Grade** - Megan Schumacher, Chisam Reiter, Darryl Block, Kassidy Gum, John Eastman, Shanahan Daymude, Jay Porter, Brianna Sandmann.

**10th Grade** - Shea Garner, Savannah Hall, Elizabeth Wallace, Kendall McLeod, Elizabeth Zwinger, Anna Rose Rohmer, Nicole Popp, Travis Krahl, Zach Mlinar.

**9th Grade** - Emily Otto, Lyndon Cook, Jessica Laster, Camdon Maydew, Sarah Dieter, Jessica Martin, Brandon Worth, Nicole Fleitman.

**8th Grade** - Caitlin Corcoran, Paisley Cornett, Alex Harrell.

**7th Grade** - Logan Cook, John Michael Fuhrmann, Bob Gomulak, Zach Hundt, Cohen Hunter, Caden Maydew, Luke Metzler, Sarah Otto, Roshan Patel, John Rohmer.

**6th Grade** - Sarah Corcoran, Brandon Craigie, William Inghish, Alaina Klement, Hayley Marion, Cameron Worth.

**5th Grade** - Brianna Craigie, Emily Davis, James Dennison, Kirsten Dennison, Makenzie Fleitman, Jacob Hellman, Olivia Hertel, Katelynn Huchton, Jillian Martin, Colby Metzler, Hannah Metzler, Macie Neu, Merrick Parkhill, Kyle Popp, Alex Sims, Trevor Sims, Taylor Karsyn.

**4th Grade** - Elizabeth Bradshaw, Alyssa Eason, John Gomulak, Cade Hellman, Matthew Hellman, Kade Hermes, Mia Hweidi, Lily Jones, Kate Jones, Maggie Krahl, Logan Martin, Grace Otto, Kaitlyn Popp, Casey Schumacher, Arian Yost.

**3rd Grade** - Gage Bezner, Lauren Colwell, Nash Dieter, Kylee Fleitman, Allison Hedrick, Parker Hillis, Avery Hughes, Lindsey King, Shelby Lawson, Rachel Metzler, Jack Popp, Damian Yosten.

**2nd Grade** - Alexis Butcher, Jacob Dulock, Anna Fleitman, Loren Freeman, Molly Fuhrmann, Shelby Grewing, Tyler Grewing, Makenna Hermes, Victoria Martinson, Sofia McPadden, Kameron Metzler, Kiratan Patel, Jessalyn Reiter, Madison Reiter, Matthew Sebamede, Henry Thurman, Trinity Williamson.

**1st Grade** - Ryder Bezner, Trenton Blount, Kalie Brandle, Cole Branson, Kade Branson, Ashlyn Brooks, Audrey Colwell, Claire Davy, Ella Dieter, Emma Dieter, Mary Doughty, Rory Dulock, Hayden Ellender, Tatum Fleitman, Caden Forson, Macey Hawkins, Abigail Hellman, Ryan Hellman, Ava Horner, Nathan Huchton, Ella Klement, Corey Metzler, Dayne Meurer, Yash Patel, Kortnie Reiter, Corinn Schully, Cassidy Tackett, Kyla Taylor, Kane Wolf, Travis Wolf.

*Editor's Note: The "A-B" Honor Roll will be in next week.*



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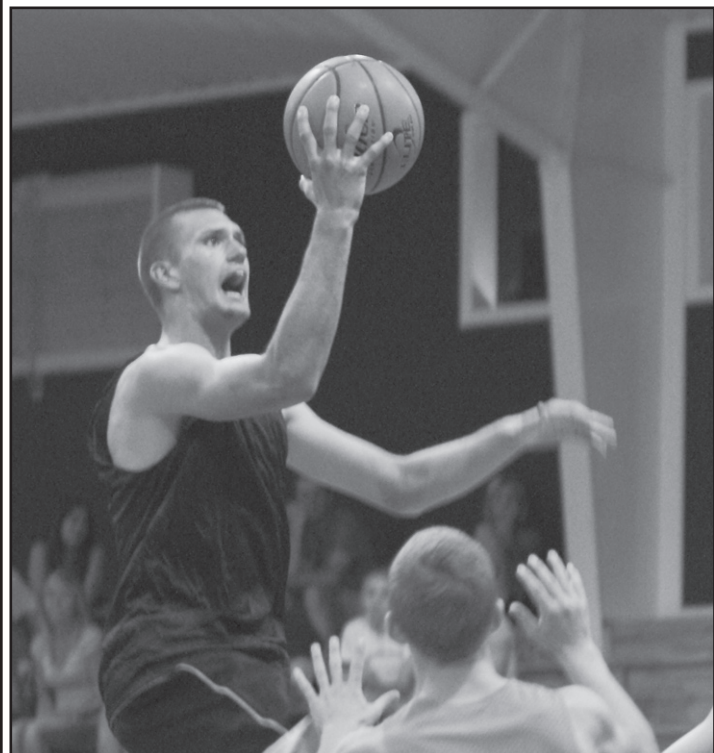
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# SPORTS

## Summer League Basketball finishes season this week



Clint Sidwell



Cole Walterscheid

## Sacred Heart Basketball Camp 2012

Coach Jon LeBrasseur has announced that June 25-28 will be dates for the 2012 Sacred Heart Basketball Camp. The camp is a fundamentals camp with a special emphasis on shooting. "Our primary purpose is to provide boys and girls the opportunity to improve their knowledge and enthusiasm for basketball," said Coach LeBrasseur.

The camp is open to all boys and girls who are entering grades 3-9 for the 2012 school year. The camp will begin each morning at 8:15 and conclude at 11:15. The fee for the camp is \$50 and enrollment will be limited and will be based on a first pay basis.

For more information on the camp, contact Coach Jon LeBrasseur at 940-759-4538 or 940-759-2511 x26.

## Scramble at Bowie Days

Jim Bowie Days Association is proud to announce the first Top O' the Lake Country Club/Jim Bowie Days Scramble on Monday, June 25. Shotgun starts at 1 p.m. There will be three flights. Lunch will be available prior to tee off. A maximum of 60 players will be allowed. For more info, contact Greg Underwood, 940 841-0520.

## Take me out to the Ballpark



Ben Bindel from Luttrull-McNatt of Gainesville presented the Muenster Jaycees and Gainesville Baseball League each a \$500 check at the Ballpark in Arlington on May 19. Pictured in center with checks are Muenster Jaycees Jody Felderhoff and Josh Walterscheid, Bindel, and Mark Meece of Gainesville. They were among a number of organizations accepting donations that day from North Texas Chevrolet dealerships. Courtesy photo

## LADY KNIGHT SOFTBALL CAMP

## Catching a King catfish

When's the best time to catch a big catfish? If anyone knows, it's probably Phil King, a member of the U.S.A. Team. King was part of the 2011 World Catfish Classic that featured 45 teams from 16 different countries. King knows catfish.

Here's what King says, "During the summer, you'll most likely catch big catfish an hour or two after daylight with the secondary peak time from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m."

Several factors affect when and what catfish eat. The temperature of the water governs how actively catfish feed, because the enzyme action in a catfish's stomach doubles with each eight-degree increase in water temperature. The hotter the weather becomes, the more catfish feed. Since most catfish prefer a dark habitat, they also like to eat mostly at night during the hottest, sunniest weather.

"During July and August, I find that catfish tend to congregate below dams where there's often a fresh hatch of young shad minnows," King reports. "Besides feeding on these minnows, catfish eat quite a bit of shad that get ground-up as they come through the turbines."

"The third place where I find cats at this time of the year will be in deep holes. I

define a deep hole as any spot in a section of the river or creek that's deeper than the bottom in other areas of the stream. During extreme hot weather or very cold weather, the cats will get in these holes to find more-comfortable water temperatures. Also, the holes provide a good place to ambush bait that may be moving along the bottom."

*The Fishing Wire*

### Awards 2012 1st through 9th grades

#### FLY BALL CATCH

**1st and 2nd** - 1 Tatum Fleitman, 2 Corrin Schully, 3 Autumn Hedrick; **3rd & 4th** - 1 Rachel Metzler, 2 Kylee Fleitman, 3 Lindsay King; **5th** - 1 Mia Hweidi, 2 Hunter Wolf; 3 Emma Bounds; **6th & 7th** - 1 Brianna Craigie, 2 Hayley Marion, 3 Kayln Pulte; **8th & 9th** - 1 Erin Early, 2 Sarah Otto, 3 Sarah Snider.

#### BASE RUNNING

**1st & 2nd** - 1 Lexi Martin, 2 Corrin Schully, 3 Emily Metzler; **3rd & 4th** - 1 McKenzie Hess, 2 Storey Tatum, 3 Rachel Metzler; **5th** - 1 Kathern Worth, 2 Kate Jones, 3 Maggie Krahl; **6th & 7th** - 1 Sarah Turner, 2 Olivia Hertel, 3 Jenna Tharp; **8th & 9th** - 1 Erin Early, 2 Abby Haverkamp, 3 Sarah Otto.

**THROWING ACCURACY**  
**1st & 2nd** - 1 Corrin Schully, 2 Tatum Fleitman, 3 Kalie Brandle; **3rd & 4th** - 1 Allison Hedrick, 2 Kylee

Fleitman, 3 McKenzie Hess; **5th** - 1 Kate Jones, 2 Hunter Wolf, 3 Kaylee Colwell; **6th & 7th** - 1 Brianna Craigie, 2 Ashley Fleitman, 3 Maddie Myrick; **8th & 9th** - 1 Brenna Fleitman, 2 Erin Early, 3 Hope English.

**HOME RUN DERBY**  
**1st & 2nd** - 1 Ava Hughes, 2 Avery Johnson, 3 Tatum Fleitman; **3rd & 4th** - 1 Allison Hedrick, 2 Rachel Metzler, 3 Kylee Fleitman; **5th** - 1 Hunter Wolf, 2 Kloe Copeland, 3 Kaylee Colwell; **6th & 7th** - 1 Alaina Kle-

ment, 2 Brianna Craigie, 3 Kayln Pulte; **8th & 9th** - 1 Sarah Otto, 2 Sarah Snider, 3 Erin Early.

**MOST IMPROVED**  
**1st & 2nd** - Ella Klement; **3rd & 4th** - Madison Reiter; **5th** - Mikayla Johnson; **6th & 7th** - Jillian Martin; **8th & 9th** - Logan King.

**CAMPERS OF THE DAY**  
**Monday** - Rachel Metzler, Hayley Marion; **Tuesday** - Logan Martin, Karlye Case; **Wednesday** - Kate Jones, Olivia Hertel; **Thursday** - Mia Hweidi, Grace Dieter.



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# FARM & RANCH

## Dairy industry reducing phosphorus intake and output

Reducing phosphorus in dairy diets doesn't change a cow's productivity, but it does affect the environmental impact that cow might have, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

Phosphorus in dairy feed has been reduced over the years, according to Dr. Ellen Jordan, Texas AgriLife Extension Service dairy specialist in Dallas.

Dr. Jordan said she has long worked with nutrition consultants on reducing ration phosphorus so the phosphorus excretion is reduced, thereby protecting the environment. Too much phosphorus in runoff can cause algal blooms.

This long-term effort seems to be paying off, Jordan said. Working with other AgriLife Extension dairy personnel, their research has shown no production or animal well-being impact caused by the reduction of phosphorus.

In 1999, nutritionists in the region were surveyed regarding their ration formulation strategies, Jordan said. They

indicated the average formulated level of phosphorus for high-producing cows was 30% above recommended levels and for low-producing cows it was nearly 20% above what was needed.

The same question was asked of nutritionists at this year's Mid-South Ruminant Nutrition Conference in Grapevine. The average formulated levels for both high- and low-producing cows had declined to recommended levels, she said.

"This reduction not only protects the environment, but reduces the ration cost by decreasing phosphorus supplementation costs," Jordan said. "Because the fertilizer is lower in phosphorus, it could also decrease the cost required for agronomic application because it can be spread over fewer acres."

Since that initial survey, Jordan has been explaining at dairy cattle reproduction meetings that the ongoing research results from across the nation indicated there were no reproductive advantages to feeding more than the recommended levels of phosphorus.

Jordan also worked through the Texas Animal Nutrition Council to get the Council to draft a resolution stating

in part that "our members formulate rations for their clients' herds with the lowest level of phosphorus possible consistent with animal health and productivity. This is based on state and national research demonstrating that minimizing dietary phosphorus will reduce manure phosphorus excretion without being detrimental to animal health and production."

"One stumbling block in implementation of the reduced levels has been that when veterinarians are troubleshooting reproduction problems, they have run a metabolic profile on cows near calving," Jordan said. "When the cow's levels are on the low end of normal, veterinarians have expressed concern about ration phosphorus being too low."

This area - the metabolic profile of the dairy cow - is the subject of Kevin Lager's, AgriLife Extension associate in Canyon, doctorate work.

"We are finding in the research project that cows within three weeks of calving appear to be at the lower end of normal for their phosphorus levels," Jordan said. "Thus, we are working on better defining what the 'normal' range is for cows within three weeks of calving."

## U.S. farmland prices increased in Q1 2012

U.S. farmland prices increased during the first quarter of 2012, indicating a healthy agricultural sector, according to surveys by two Federal Reserve banks as reported in a May 15 Reuters article.

"It's a very hot market. We've sold just over \$400 million worth of land in the last seven months—and people are still interested," Jim Farrell, CEO of Farmers National Company in Omaha, told Reuters.

The Plains and Midwest Corn Belt experienced the most growth. The Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank noted a 25% increase in the value of non-irrigated cropland in the Plains and a 32% increase in irrigated farmland prices from a year ago. Farmland prices in the Midwest Corn Belt rose 19% during the same period, according to the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) expects U.S. net farm assets to reach \$2.2 trillion this year. U.S. farmland prices are monitored as a barometer of the health of the agricultural sector, as farmland often is the primary collateral offered for farm loans.

## County Agent's Report

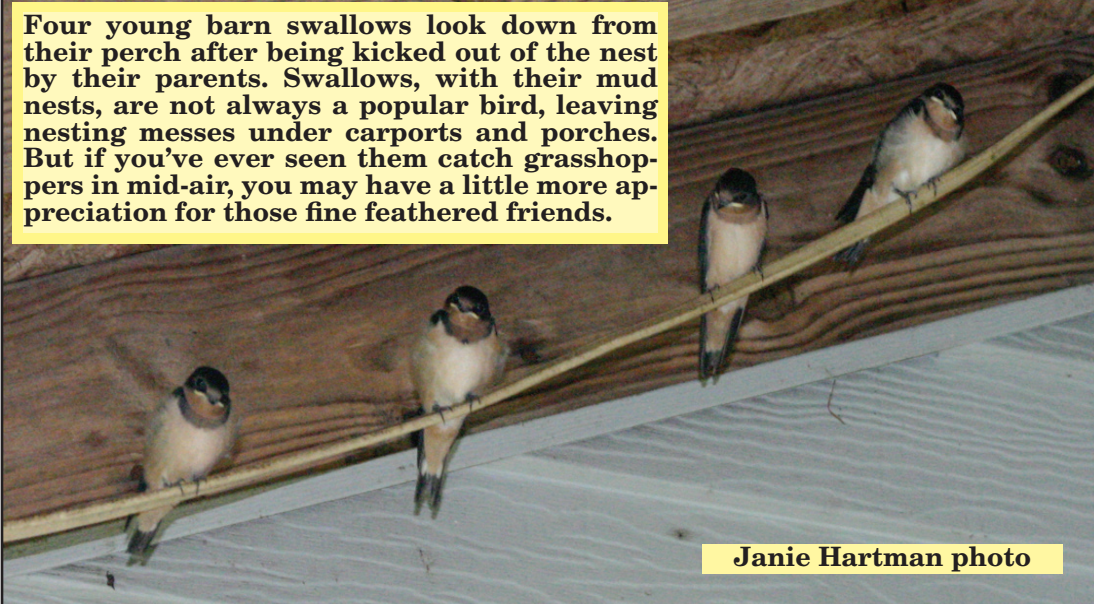
### Save heifers, buy bred heifers or cows, or keep open cows?

Because of last year's drought, it is likely that most cattle producers in Cooke County have fewer cattle than they generally would have. The recent rains may have producers thinking about restocking. As such the following study from the University of Nebraska (2012 Beef Cattle Report p. 35) gives good insight into which method of restocking would be most profitable:

An analysis was conducted to determine economics of: 1) retaining heifers, 2) purchasing bred heifers, 3) purchasing bred cows, or 4) keeping open cows. Prices assumed were those prevailing in the fall/winter of 2010-11. A range of cull cow values and open cow percentages was included in the analysis. In all cases, keeping heifers had the highest five-year discounted cash flow value. Purchasing bred cows ranked next except when cull cow value was low and percentage of open cows was high; under those conditions, keeping open cows ranked second. However, at 25% or less open cows, there was little difference among those three options. Purchasing heifers always ranked last, and generally by

a large margin, except when cull cow value was high and percentage of open cows was also high in which case this option ranked third. The authors noted that a different set of prices could result in different results, but automatically culling of open cows is not always the most profitable approach. As with many questions in the cow/calf business, there is often no one best answer.

**Dates to remember**  
June 25 - Session 1 of Beef 706 Program; Gainesville Livestock Market, 6-9 p.m. Please RSVP 940.668.5412.



Four young barn swallows look down from their perch after being kicked out of the nest by their parents. Swallows, with their mud nests, are not always a popular bird, leaving nesting messes under carports and porches. But if you've ever seen them catch grasshoppers in mid-air, you may have a little more appreciation for those fine feathered friends.

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In addition, an increasing proportion of government benefits now go to pay for those same basic expenses of low-income Americans.

The study shows that an ever-increasing amount of taxpayer money has gone into government programs that subsidize or pay for essential household goods. Cash and voucher benefits now pay for over a third of basic household expenses, up from less than 1% in 1929 and less than 20% in the early 1970s.

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# Where's the water?

- Why did the water usage disappear from EOG's revised permit application?
- Does EOG need more water than previously stated?
- Will the additional procedures to comply with air quality regulations require even more water than the 3,700 gallons a minute on the original application?
- What other changes are in the EOG's revised permit application?
- What would have happened if YOU had not attended the Public Meeting in Muenster last August?
- What will happen if YOU don't request a second Public Meeting to discuss significant changes in the revised permit application?

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LIST EVERY MATERIAL INVOLVED IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GROUPS	Point No. from Flow Diagram	Process Rate (lbs/hr or scfm) standard conditions: 70 °F 14.7 psia. Check appropriate column at right for each process.	Measurement	Estimation	Calculation
1. Raw Materials - Input					
Raw Sand		500 tons/hr @ portable hopper		X	
Water		3700 gpm @ flood hopper (water is recycled w/make-up from pond or well)		X	

**BEFORE**

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		???			

**AFTER**

See the entire draft permit at <http://trinityaquifer.blogspot.com>

## How can you request a Public Meeting?

Write to the TCEQ **AND** our legislators:

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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
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A Sample Letter:  
"I would like to request a second Public Meeting to discuss the revised Air Quality Permit Application 95412 for EOG Resources' Industrial Sand Processing Plant. The public should be given the opportunity to discuss all the changes to the original permit before the Preliminary Hearing to be held July 12<sup>th</sup> in Gainesville."

**Sen. Craig Estes**  
craig.estes@senate.state.tx.us  
Denton office: 940-898-0331

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