

Giving blood - the gift of life



Glen Cler of Muenster took time off on a hot Thursday afternoon to do something good for others. He donated a pint of blood at the Muenster Memorial Hospital blood drive. Cler is shown donating his 42nd pint of blood. He's donated more than five gallons over the years. Donors are eligible to donate blood every 56 days. MMH hopes to make blood drives a regular occurrence at the facility. It has been a number of years since the Hospital sponsored blood drives. Shown with Cler is Judy Barker, a member of Texoma Regional Blood Center's blood collection team.
Janet Felderhoff photo

County hits road bump with proposed salary increases

By Janet Felderhoff
Cooke County Commissioners Court could only agree on two things regarding salary increase in the 2011-12 proposed budget. That was that elected officials should not get an increase in their salaries and that, after two years of not experiencing an increase, employees should get one in some form.

County Judge Roane presented two proposed budgets. One included a 3% cost of living increase for employees and the other did not. "In putting this budget together, I think the vital important thing is not to raise taxes during this point in time in this County's history," he remarked. Both proposed budgets were more than the amount of the previous year, so Judge Roane recommended that anything above last year's budget total be taken out of contingency rather than be put on the backs of taxpayers.

Roane suggested giving a cost of living increase to employees, but none to elected officials. The three percent increase would cost the County around \$235,000 a year. Not giving an increase to elected officials would save the taxpayers about \$20,000 this year, he noted.

Precinct #3 Commissioner

Al Smith spoke on the importance of protecting the County's reserves or contingency fund. "We're a lot better off at a six month kind of rate than we are at 90 days," said Smith of the County's reserve fund. "Ninety days could cause huge tax increases for the County down the road. We could lose our bond rating, and on and on. We have a good course for that fund balance and we need to stay the course for that fund balance."

With the increasing cost of gas, food, and insurance,

Judge Roane felt it would be good to dole an increase out over a period of time. Smith added, "People at the low end of our pay schedules have had the same dollar amount of increase for many items that people at the high end have, but it is a much bigger percentage of their income. A tank of gas is really important to some of them to get to work."

Precinct #2 Commissioner B.C. Lemons said he preferred to see a fixed amount given rather than a percent.

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Fireworks banned in Cooke County

By Janet Felderhoff
Although the season to legally purchase fireworks has passed until December, their use is still legal. Apparently some people have stocked up on them and continue to use fireworks, many carelessly. Cooke County Fire Marshal Ray Fletcher reported to Commissioner Court during the Monday, July 25 meeting that there have been several fires caused by fireworks.

He said that there have not been a lot of fires and

the ones that occurred were mostly easy to control. Fletcher is hearing concerns about use of fireworks. Their use is not banned under the disaster ordinance now in place in Cooke County.

"We have had them used from vehicles that set fires along the side of the road," explained the Fire Marshal. "I know, as I hear, even around my house, they are being used especially in the evening."

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Rohmer dies in hit and run

According to DPS Trooper Mark Tackett, at approximately 3:53 a.m. on Saturday, July 23, DPS Troopers were called to work a hit and run crash on U.S. 82 at F.M. 1198. William "Billy" Rohmer, age 51 of Muenster, parked his Ford pickup behind his wife Laurie's Toyota on the shoulder of U.S. 82. Rohmer and his daughter Amanda Rohmer, age 23, were changing a flat tire on the Toyota. Both vehicles were off the roadway.

A white Dodge pickup was driving west on U.S. 82 towards Muenster approaching F.M. 1198. The white Dodge pickup veered off the

roadway and struck the side of Rohmer's vehicle. The Dodge continued west striking the Toyota as well as Billy and Amanda Rohmer.

The driver of the Dodge pickup fled the scene. When DPS Troopers arrived at the scene, they were able to track the suspect vehicle to a residence in Muenster. The driver of the white Dodge was found to be Gregory Knabe of Muenster. Knabe was booked into jail by DPS Troopers for Intoxication Manslaughter, Intoxication Assault X2, and Felony Fail to Stop and Render Aid.

Billy Rohmer was pronounced deceased at the

scene by Pct. 1 Justice of the Peace Dorothy Lewis. His body was taken to Clement-Keel in Gainesville. Amanda was transported to Harris Medical in Fort Worth in critical condition. Laurie was transported to North Texas Medical Center with non life threatening injuries.

As of Monday morning when Trooper Tackett checked on Amanda, she had improved a little and was listed in stable condition.

The investigation continues. Knabe remains in the Cooke County Jail with four bonds in the amounts of \$300,000, \$200,000, \$100,000, and \$100,000.

County carves out post census redistricting plan

By Janet Felderhoff
Every 10 years a census is done in the United States and after those numbers are tallied, redistricting takes place in government from the county level up to the federal level. Cooke County Commissioners Court met on Tuesday, July 19 to devise a plan that would meet the reapportioning requirements set out by a Constitutional-based obligation.

Attorney Robert Bass of Allison, Bass, and Associates attended the meeting to show the plan drawn up after his last meeting with Commissioners Court and to answer questions put forth by citizens during the Public Hearing.

The goal of redistricting is

to have each representative seat representing roughly the same number of people. After the County determines what changes it wishes to make, that change is sent to the Department of Justice for a preclearance. The Department of Justice will give an administrative legal analysis of the plan to determine if it will have the purpose or effect of weakening, diluting, or marginalizing minority voters in that district, said Bass. Cooke County's total population is now 38,437. Divided by the four representative seats (commissioners), the ideal number is determined.

Currently, Precinct #2 is overpopulated by 402 people (4.18%) and Precinct #3

by 317 (3.30%). Precinct #4 is underpopulated by 610 people (-6.35%) and Precinct #1 by 108 (-1.12%). The extreme ends of the deviation scale are added (6.35 + 4.18 = 10.53) and that range cannot exceed 10%.

It was noted that the population has grown marginally. Statistics indicate that the growth is in the Hispanic population while the Anglo and black population remained about the same. Bass said it follows the statewide trend of Hispanic population growing at a significantly higher rate. Precinct #4 has about 4% black and 22% Hispanic. Care should be taken to retain a minority district with a significant

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"Look what I caught!"



Wyatt Muller, center, inspects the fish he caught at the Kid Fish sponsored by Luttrull-McNatt earlier this week. Also shown are Wyatt's mother Yana and Shawn Ashcraft of Kid Fish.
Pat Springer photo

Get ready, get set, it's almost time to play football



Improvements to the Sacred Heart Tiger football field continue in preparation for the upcoming season. With the extreme heat and hard rationing, tanks of water are kept on site to allow sufficient watering of the newly installed grass. A hardy grass called Celebration was planted and, according to school officials, should be ready for the upcoming football season.
Janie Hartman photo

Msgr. Weinzapfel to be honored July 30

Submitted by Debbie Hutchison

When friends and parishioners of St. Pius X gather on Saturday, July 30, it might look like a giant family reunion. And, in a way, that's exactly what it is. This is because they come together as a family to celebrate two milestones in the life of a man who was pastor to them for 40 years, 1956-1996. Msgr. Thomas W. Weinzapfel will be turning 90 on Aug. 1 and has just celebrated his 65th year as a priest on Dec. 23, 2010.

Looking back on his initial encounter with the parish, which has served the Casa View area from its location at 3030 Gus Thomasson Road since 1954, Weinzapfel said, "I remember when I first arrived in 1956, I was driving down Shiloh Road and caught sight of the church. It was a little over two years old at that time and had already begun to demonstrate great potential. I said to myself, 'My dream has come true. Here is a vibrant parish where I can be a shepherd to the family of the Faith and live my life in God's work.'"

Under his pastorate, the parish welcomed and nurtured worshippers of all nationalities, including groups from Vietnam, the Philippine Islands, India, and Mexico. Countless ministries and outreach endeavors were begun with his support and are still flourishing. A grade school was established, staffed by the Sisters of the Holy Ghost and Mary Immaculate and dedicated lay teachers, and Bishop Lynch High School was established nearby with the help of parish leadership.

"I guess if I had any expertise," he said, "it was in encouraging people to accomplish the work of the Lord in our parish family. My only claim to fame was to step aside and let people do the things they aspired to. That was my great joy," Weinzapfel said. "By contributing their time, talent,

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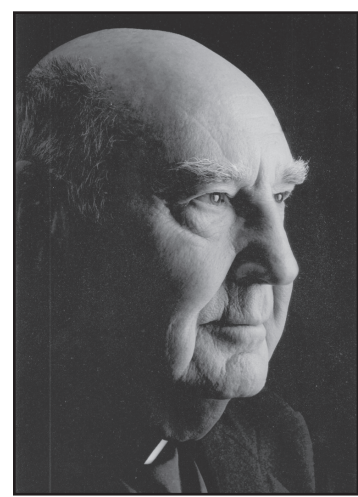
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and treasure, parishioners invested themselves in our parish. That was the secret to our success."

Although he officially retired at age 76 in 1996, Weinzapfel has continued to stay active. Assisting when needed in parishes, he is the longest-serving priest in the Diocese of Dallas. And during the week, he can be often found attending an Over 55 Club gathering or prayer group function. Weather permitting, he keeps fit by riding his bicycle or walking. Not quite as exciting as riding his motorcycle or flying his airplane in younger days, but he is still definitely a man on the go.

"Early on, I enjoyed organizational work. That was my forte," he said. "But now the administrative requirements and activities of my younger days are thankfully behind me and I find great joy in living, traveling, reminiscing, and staying in touch with friends. Over the years, I was fortunate to work side by side with many wonderful priests, deacons, nuns, and lay people," he concluded, "and I look forward to celebrating with them once again."

Weinzapfel would have been happy to take both his birthday and his anniversary as a priest in stride with little fanfare, the parishioners of St. Pius X and Fr. Michael Guadagnoli, the current pastor, felt otherwise. A special committee has worked for months to



Msgr. Thomas Weinzapfel

honor him with this special celebration entitled: 90 Years Living - 65 Years Giving.

The event will begin with Mass at 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 30 at St. Pius X, celebrated by Msgr. Weinzapfel. The Color Corps of the Fr. Abram J. Ryan Assembly of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus will be in attendance, and members of Weinzapfel's family will be participating in the liturgy. Several priests, deacons, and nuns who served the parish while he was pastor are also expected to attend, along with hundreds of his "friends of these many years."

After the Mass, there will be a reception in Communion Hall, with a variety of refreshments, and entertainment provided by a Mariachi band as well as a multimedia presentation and tributes from well wishers.

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Klement agreed that it was the only way he'd go along with giving a raise.

After more discussion, disagreement, and suggestions, a motion was made by Commissioner Lemons to give employees \$500 one time at the beginning of the fiscal year. Commissioner Hollowell made the second. Judge Roane and Commissioners Klement and Smith voted no. Judge Roane made a motion to do the same thing, but with the amount of \$750. This motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Smith then made a motion to give a salary increase of 30¢ an hour, excluding elected officials. Commissioner Klement made the second. Voting no were Commissioners Lemons and Hollowell. Yes votes came from Klement, Smith, and Roane. "It's not what I wanted, but it's a good second," said Judge Roane. He said he changed his vote for the benefit of the employees of Cooke County.

Commissioner Smith noted that this is not set in stone and can be amended up until the time they set the final budget. If the tax rates come in and they find it can't be afforded, then it can be withdrawn. Funding of a jailer and additional funding over what was given last year to Abigail's Arms (\$1,000), CASA (\$2,000), and Child Welfare (\$2,000) were questioned by Commissioner Hollowell. He felt it was making them more

Should Commissioners Court wish to ban the use of fireworks, it would take a vote of the Court that would be good for 60 hours. A request would be made to the Governor of Texas to approve the ban and extend it past the 60 hours.

It was Fletcher's recommendation that the Court request an extension of the ban of fireworks until a time when conditions improve enough to lift the disaster declaration.

Precinct #2 Commissioner B.C. Lemons noted, "We haven't had any bad fires, but there is a possibility to have one any day." Fletcher added that most sensible people aren't using fireworks right now, but the ones who do need to be reminded (of the danger).

The Court voted 5-0 to amend the disaster order to include the fireworks ban.

Fletcher reported that the KBDI (Keetch-Byram Drought Index) map for the area showed a low in the County of 574, the high is 740, and the mean is 683. "That's not good," he stated. The seasonal drought outlook showed drought to intensify. "There is no reason to believe it will get any better. Between August and January are our driest months in the year on average," observed Fletcher.

Cooke County holds a lien on property owned by the now late George Elkins. The County had to do clean up on the property years ago when it was deemed a public nuisance due to the many rodents attracted to clutter on the property.

Precinct #1 Commissioner Gary Hollowell explained, "After Mr. Elkins passed, what we have now is an affidavit of heirship from the potential heirs who waive any right to the property. We'll be out some expense to clean the property again because trash and materials have accumulated again." He said it has anything from clothing to dolls to trash.

The small lot is located on the edge of the Gainesville city limits and is described as a nice rectangular piece of property.

Hollowell was authorized to obtain the warranty deed for that property. The final disposition will be discussed at a future Court.

Fletcher explained options

for the County's radio tower located on Rice Avenue that was recently damaged. An engineer was asked to evaluate it and recommend whether it be replaced or repaired. It was felt that it could be repaired.

A repair estimate of \$37,750 was given by one company. Fletcher provided information on repair cost, performance expectations, and life expectancy for the current tower. He also presented estimates from two providers for a stronger, 80 foot taller tower that would increase the ability to add more things to the tower. The life expectancy was 40 to 50 years. The price was twice the price.

"For twice that amount we could improve our position for the next 40 or 50 years with the capability to put a lot more on it," he said.

Fletcher asked the Court to study it and make a decision at the next meeting.

In other business, Commissioners Court:

- Accepted the auction proceeds of \$15,301.65 from Commissioner Precinct #4's equipment and of \$6,588.25 from Sheriff's Office vehicles.

- Accepted sole bid for asphalt emulsions (road oil) for fiscal year 2011 to the sole bidder Southern Asphalt.

- Approved request by EOG Resources, Inc. to run a temporary water line within the right-of-way of CR 345, beginning at private property going NW 750' from private property entry onto CR 345.

- Approved request by John Helton to install 1,000' of PVC schedule 40, 2" water line in a 4" casing across CR 387 approximately 2,800' from the intersection of FM 922. The proposed water line will be to provide water service to 640 CR 387.

- Approved rate of 9.57% of all salaries for plan provision as recommended by the Texas County and District Retirement System 2012 plan.

- Accepted a donation of \$25 from Marlyn Ary to the Cooke County Library for research.

- Approved Memorandum of Understanding between the North Central Texas Council of Governments and the Cooke County Sheriff's Office.

Event

Second Saturday

One of Texas' foremost early naturalists, Dr. Gideon Lincecum, also known as Dr. Jerry Lincecum, will present the Second Saturday program at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge located at 6465 Refuge Road in Sherman. Dr. Lincecum will discuss the "flora, fauna, people, and cultures he found in Texas when he spent more than six months exploring the territory in 1835."

This free nature program is open to the public and is sponsored by Hagerman NWR & the Friends of Hagerman. It will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 13. For more information or to check on the youth program, call 903-786-2826 or go to www.friendsofhagerman.com

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MUENSTER----WAKE UP!

What is happening to our town? We pulled together after the storm. But what about now? These past few months there have been a rash of burglaries and theft going on in and around town. I have stood silent long enough!

I have been in business here for 3 1/2 years and not until this past May have I had any items stolen from my store front. Late this past Sunday night into Monday morning over \$500 dollars in merchandise was stolen and broken at my store front.

WHY? WHO? Who is watching? I am not the first one in the last several months. How many of you even know about these break-ins and/or thefts? A stolen truck, The Bird Nest, Doc's, Hennigan Auto Parts, Rohmers, Schilling Tire, Country Korner, Girl Friends, home burglaries, need I say more!

Turn in suspicious behavior or unknowns wandering around town. Better yet ask them who they are and if they need help. Make them feel welcome but let them know we care about OUR town. We do not have a large police force. They cannot be everywhere all the time but WE can help by keeping our eyes and ears open. Our police force needs to be more diligent on keeping the public aware of these violations. With our current chief retiring and a new one coming in, we need to work together and not push it off to the next guy or say OH Well!

We CAN make a difference together.
 Sincerely,
 Cindy Bartush,
 owner of The Bird Nest

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voting strength. "We try generally to leave the rural areas alone because you can make lots of territorial change out in the rural areas without having significant numbers of people affected," Bass explained. Less than 1%, about 1,000 people, will be affected by this change.

Population was taken from Precinct #2 and moved into Precinct #3. There are about 250 people in that area. Precinct #3 and #4 in Muenster revised precinct lines to include the newly built VFW Hall in Precinct #3. This was done to retain a polling place in that precinct.

With the plan proposed by

Bass, the total deviation top to bottom is 102 people as opposed to about 1,000 plus and the deviation is 1.06. The minority content of the precinct remains about the same.

Commissioners accepted a plan presented by Bass with slight amendments that included the moving of lines in Precincts #3 and #4 for the VFW Hall, and dividing voting Box 30 into two pieces, taking 250 people out of Precinct #2 and putting them in #3. The deviation will be about 2.1%.

Commissioners Court will, at a later meeting, address Justice of the Peace precincts and polling places.

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEETING DATE - AUGUST 1, 2011
 The following is the Agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, August 1, 2011.
 • Call meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
 • Opening prayer.
 • Approve minutes of the regular meeting on July 5, 2011 and Emergency Meeting on July 13, 2011.
 • Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
 • Consider any other business to come before the Council.
OLD BUSINESS
 • Discuss the City's Water System and the outdoor watering policy. Make any needed changes.
NEW BUSINESS:
 • Discuss repairs to the City swimming pool.
 • Act on approving the sale of alcohol in City Park during the Fireman's BBQ on Aug. 13, 2011.
 • Consider rescheduling the date of the September Council meeting.
 • Schedule budget workshop meeting.
 • Discuss and act on TML rerate for employee health insurance and approve the Continuation of Coverage Agreement.
 • Consider extending City's electricity contract with Green Mountain Energy.
 • Approve hiring contractor to remove dangerous tree limbs in City Park.
 • Receive status report on City Projects and Activities. Take any needed action.
 • Review and act on monthly bills.
 • Adjourn.
 Brenda Simpson, City Secretary

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Sunday, July 31, 2011	Monday, August 1, 2011	Tuesday, August 2, 2011	Wednesday, August 3, 2011	Thursday, August 4, 2011	Friday, August 5, 2011	Saturday, August 6, 2011
Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm	City Council mtg. 7:30 pm 	Library open 10am-6:30 pm First Baptist	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 AARP Board mtg. 10 am	Library open 10:30 am - 2:30 pm ABBA Second Chance Store Summer Sidewalk Sale starting at 8:30 am
Sunday, August 7, 2011	Monday, August 8, 2011	Tuesday, August 9, 2011	Wednesday, August 10, 2011	Thursday, August 11, 2011	Friday, August 12, 2011	Saturday, August 13, 2011
Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm	VFW mtg. 8 pm MMH Aux 5:30 pm	Library open 10am-6:30 pm	Library open 1:30-5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg. noon, Center Co-ed V'ball 7:30 MISD old gym	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Muenster Museum open 1-4pm M. Historical Comm. Mtg. Kiwanis Swim Night 7-9 SHCS Class begins SH Alumni & supporters mtg.7:30 C of C Luncheon Mtg	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m AARP membership lunch	Library open 10:30 am - 2:30 pm Muenster VFD BBQ and Auction

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Obituaries

Lois Mae Pinkston 1914 - 2011

Lois Pinkston, born in Voca, Texas, Sept. 23, 1914, went home to be with her Lord, Wednesday, July 20, 2011 in Muenster. Her parents, John and Ida Whiteley, preceded her in death. Mrs. Pinkston, the youngest and last surviving of five siblings, was preceded in death by her husbands, Tom Carroll (1983) and William Pinkston (2000).



Lois Pinkston

She is survived by her son Herman Carroll and his spouse Gwen, who live in Muenster; her son Jimmy Carroll and his spouse Carolyn, who live in Tyler; and her daughter Vicki Gillett and her spouse Michael, from Orlando, Florida. Mrs. Pinkston is also survived by 10 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Pinkston grew up in West Texas where she spent most of her adult life. She and her first husband were self-employed in Eldorado and Ozona. When she remarried, she eventually relocated to Muenster. She was an avid football fan, particularly the Dallas Cowboys, and enjoyed watching golf. She was a woman of many talents: an expert seamstress, builder of homes from the foundation up, business owner, and resourceful employer. She had an incredible work ethic and set a tremendous example for all. She was a woman of great wisdom who loved to tell stories about life. She never met a stranger and welcomed others into her home.

While Mrs. Pinkston did things on the spur of the moment, she also was a planner and planned her own funeral with her daughter. The funeral was held July

22 at First Baptist Church in Muenster and burial was held July 23 in Eldorado. Rev. Ralph Gourley, pastor of First Baptist Church of Muenster, was an incredible friend to Mrs. Pinkston. He officiated at her service and provided steady support for the family. Passages of scripture shared were the Lord's Prayer, Psalm 23, Isaiah 40:31, and Proverbs 31:10-31. Her son-in-law, Michael Gillett sang "Softly and Tenderly" and "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart," and Brenda Read and Vicki David, First Baptist Church Praise Team members, led the funeral attendees in "Blessed Assurance," "Amazing Grace," and "I'll Fly Away."

Arrangements were under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be made in memory of Lois Pinkston to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 581, Muenster, Texas 76252.

Laurie; children Daniel and Amanda; mother Marjorie Rohmer; brothers Steve, Kenny, and Terry Rohmer; and sister Renee Schniederjan.

Judith Ann Bear 1944 - 2011

Funeral for Judith Ann Bear of Saint Jo was held Tuesday, July 26 at McCoy Funeral Chapel in Saint Jo. Rev. Ralph Gourley, Rev. Jimmy Ogelsby, and Rev. John Sconce officiated. Visitation was held Monday evening. Services were directed by McCoy Funeral Home. Mrs. Bear died at the age of 67 on Saturday, July 23 in Denton.

Born April 13, 1944 in Grapevine to George Albert and Margie Louise Stroud, Judith was raised and attended school in Grapevine. She helped her mother at home and also worked as a "car-hop" while growing up. At age 16, she married Ronald R. Bear, on July 15, 1960 in Grapevine.

Judith was a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Grapevine. Most of her life was spent in Grapevine prior to moving to the country near Saint Jo where she and family lived for the past 10 years. In addition to being a

devoted wife and mother, Judith worked in school cafeterias for Grapevine ISD and South Lake ISD, and worked for a dry cleaners. She loved gardening, yard work, cooking and baking, and visiting the Lucky Leprechaun in Muenster and playing bingo. She was a member of the Ladies Friendship Club in Saint Jo.

Judith was a loving, caring wife and mother, not only caring for her sons, but her nieces and nephews, Lindsay Kay Shepherd, Tierra Lee, and Billy Rex Lee.

Survivors are her husband and the survivors; sons Wayne and Tim Bear of Saint Jo; sisters Carolyn Young of Grapevine and Debora Mimms of Grafard; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Pallbearers were John McConnell, Robert Ellis, Shelli McConnell, Dean McClellon, Steve Halbert, Jose Salas.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO

July 26, 1946

Mrs. Adolph Herr to open new store "The Charm Shop." Ed Pels, who has 10 years experience as a mechanic, has leased the shop department of the Kaiser-Meurer building, and will set up a repair business there. Wedding: Marcella Schmitz and Ray Wilde. New Arrivals: Donna to Aubrey and Fannie Tugle; a daughter to Charles and Billie Milburn; a daughter to Frank and Elizabeth Walterscheid. Muenster has first cattle artificial breeding association in Texas.

50 YEARS AGO

July 28, 1961

New post office site has been cleared for construction. Three from Muenster get nurse diploma: Miss Patsy Bayer, Miss Suzanne Hesse, and Miss Patsy Vogel. New Arrivals: Robert to David and Mildred Shenk; a daughter to the Eddie

Fettes; Cynthia to James and Sally Flusche; Kevin to Wilbert and Anna Mae Block. Wedding: Joan Herr and Eddy Dunham. Richard Herr, who went to Dallas for a visit with his sister and family last week, got a job and is remaining in Dallas. Hofbauer's Grocery advertises Libby's canned beef stew 49¢ and a jar of pickles 29¢; Fisher's has Hershey syrup 19¢ and giant Oxydol 59¢; Pagel's has box of crackers 23¢ and package of frozen spinach 17¢.

25 YEARS AGO

July 25, 1986

Homecoming and Sam Bass Day draw crowds to Rosston. Jack Endres earns Master of Laws degree at New York University School of Law. Weddings: Shelly Zimmerer and Christopher Hundt; Diane Luttmere and Carl Sicking. Obituaries: Anna Mae (Mrs. Lawrence) Flusche, 84; Herbert Hundt, 69. Sister Theresina Grob observes 60th jubilee. New Arrivals: Diana to Tommy and Becky Felderhoff; Chase to Chris and Jan Cain.

Kids: they dance before they learn there is anything that isn't music. ~ William Stafford

Simplified vehicle registration fee structure is announced

A new system that standardizes and simplifies registration fees for nearly every vehicle owner in Texas begins Sept. 1, 2011.

Currently, Texas has 1,745 fee categories for registration. That number is being reduced to nine weight classifications. The simplified structure makes it easier for Texans to know what they owe, and reduces administrative costs for the state, counties, and private businesses.

"Under this new fee structure, Texas' registration fees are among the lowest when compared to the country's 12 largest states," said Executive Director Ed Serna of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. "At the same time, this new, simplified fee structure will ensure the state does not lose any of its current registration revenue."

Registration fees contribute more than \$1 billion each year to the state highway fund, which is used to build and maintain Texas' roads and bridges. There are more than 21 million registered vehicles in Texas.

Car and truck owners whose vehicles weigh 6,000 pounds or less will pay a base vehicle registration fee of \$50.75. This is a slight reduction - about \$8 - from the previous registration fee for new vehicle owners, and a small increase - around \$10 - for those with older vehicles. "Whenever you make a fixed fee for everyone, you have to look at creating some kind of middle number," Serna said.

Some Texans also will pay a new \$1 automation fee. This fee was assessed in Texas' largest 60 counties, but now applies statewide. The automation fee is used for improvements to the registration and titling computer system. Vehicle owners will continue to pay the \$1 Department of Public Safety fee for TexasSure, the electronic insurance verification program, and any local county fees.

"This creates consistency for every vehicle owner in the state," said Deborah Hunt, the Williamson County tax assessor-collector. "Vehicle owners will no longer have to contend with the fluctuations that were part of the previous fee schedule, and no matter which of the 254 counties you live in or move to in Texas, the base state registration fee is going to be the same."

Fees being eliminated in-

clude the annual 30-cent reflectorization fee (used to purchase the reflective license plate sheeting) that was on every registration renewal, and the \$5 charge for license plate transfers. Texans who transfer their plates when they sell or trade in their vehicle to the new one they buy are protected from anyone running up toll charges or committing criminal activity that traces back to their name.

Those with heavy vehicles (more than 6,000 pounds) where registration fees were previously calculated by 100-pound weight increments in 1,600 fee categories will now find their registration fees fall into seven weight classifications.

"This fee modification will save time and money, positively affecting the more than 15,000 trucking companies across the state as well as the hundreds of thousands of professional truck drivers who live and work in Texas," said John D. Esparza, president and chief executive officer of the Texas Motor Transportation Association.

Hunt said tax office customers also benefit. "To consolidate 1,600 fees down to seven helps business owners with fleets of trucks and auto dealerships as well as the average citizen," she said. "The fee structure was so complex that these businesses needed to depend on tax office personnel to assist them in calculating their annual projected business expenditures," Hunt added.

Anytime a service, whether fee simplification or on-line registration renewal, saves customers' time it also saves tax office resources, Hunt said. Fees also change for trailer owners. The 75 different trailer categories, which include travel trailers, are reduced to one annual fee. It will cost \$45 to register any trailer or travel trailer up to 6,000 pounds.

This fee simplification structure was passed by the state legislature two years ago. It represents the first change in Texas' base vehicle registration fee since 1985. The new law also standardizes the license plate replacement fee at \$6, and eliminates the fee for classic, cotton, forestry, volunteer firefighter, tow truck, and radio operator license plates.

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Chapman, Sparkman marry at Yosemite National Park

Bryanne "Breezy" Chapman and Larry "Shane" Sparkman were married, Saturday, July 16, 2011 at the Wawona Hotel in Yosemite National Park, California. Their vows were officiated by Rev. Carol Dewey.

Attendants for the couple were maid of honor Delaé Crabb; bridesmaids Melissa Duley and Krystle Greer; junior bridesmaid Allison

Sharp; flower girl Morgan Greer; best man Patrick Amoroso; groomsmen Zilla Lapp and Brendon Chapman; and ring bearer Kyle Greer.

Breezy is the daughter of Brad and Gwen Chapman of Dublin, California. Her grandparents are Beverly Masoner of California, Mike Chapman of California, the late Harvey Masoner, and the late Jim and Irene Cross.

Shane is the son of Larry and Retha Sparkman of Myra. He is the grandson of Sam Sparkman of Muenster and the late Inez Sparkman, and the late Ida Sutton.

A gathering of approximately 50 close friends and family were in attendance to share in the couple's blessed event in the great outdoors of Yosemite.

Those attending from

Muenster and Gainesville were Larry and Retha Sparkman; Chad, Krystle, Chad, Jr., Kyle, and Morgan Greer; Patrick and Raelyn Amoroso; Braedan Howard; George and Paula Garner; Jill and Jeremy Walterscheid; and Dobe Hendly.

After a road trip to Nevada and Utah, and a short stay in Colorado, the couple will reside in the Muenster area.



Mr. and Mrs. Larry "Shane" Sparkman ... 'nee Bryanne "Breezy" Chapman

Trip deepens teens' understanding of their faith

Sacred Heart Youth joined up with Holy Spirit Catholic Church from Duncanville, Texas to join 2,000 high school youth in Denver, Colorado for the annual Steubenville of The Rockies (SOTR). Dan Aedo, Sacred Heart Parish youth minister, and Neil Hesse, parent/chaperone, led the S.H.Y. youth group.

Aedo remarked, "We loaded up the 13 youth participants at 5 a.m. in the Parish parking lot and the rest of our journey was led by the Holy Spirit - and WOW it was amazing!"

The journey began in Muenster and along the way to Colorado Springs they stopped for noon Mass at the Cathedral in Amarillo - St. Mary's. They spent two days in Colorado Springs hiking, swimming, attended Mass at the cathedral in Colorado Springs, met an amazing priest Fr. Bill with the Missionaries of Mercy, visited the Air Force Academy Chapel, and drove through the Garden of the Gods to view the amazing rock formations. That was just the pre-trip journey which prepared

them for the Youth Conference.

Aedo explained, "The Steubenville Youth Conference theme for all 19 youth conferences throughout the country is ROOTED Colossians 2:6-7. Echoing the Church's theme for World Youth Day in 2011, this year's theme is: Rooted. We live in a culture that easily seeks identity in the things of this world, which are sending us messages of appealing, false half-truths and counterfeits that seem to promise joy in this life. With this year's theme, Rooted, we will emphasize that true identity is in Christ. To authentically live the abundant life that God calls us to, it is very important to remain 'rooted and built up in Him' as a daily journey of receiving God's Truth. The image of roots denotes strength, stability, and growth. The Sacraments and prayer are a living and effective source of strengthening our roots for the Christian journey ahead."

Muenster youth attending all seemed to agree that it was an enjoyable and inspir-

ing experience.

Sadie Stoffels said, "The best part of the conference was how moving and powerful adoration was. Also the awesome speakers that talked to us." Her greatest impression was how motivational the talks were.

"I've been to a similar camp - DCYC in Fort Worth, but I enjoyed this camp more because it was more meaningful and will stick with me through life," stated Sadie. "Something I'll carry with me through life. I would love to attend again. We made lots of new memories and friends. We took a train ride up to Pikes Peak and had a blast getting to know the other members from our church, as well as the Holy Spirit."

Lora Walterscheid best liked seeing all the various large churches they visited on the trip. During the conference they had adoration. Lora noted, "Instead of going to church and being like a routine, I think I learned that it's not a routine and you always have to think about what you are doing and get

out of the routine mode."

The trip was a good experience for Lora who stated. "It was great. I would probably go 10 times a year if I had the chance to."

Lora also attended the DCYC trip and found this one to be more in depth. She praised the speakers in Colorado.

Matt Hesse added, "I greatly enjoyed the trip. The best part was seeing all the sights around Colorado and the speakers at the conference. I think the thing that left the greatest impact on me were the speakers, who told us their life stories and how their lives were changed."

This was Matt's third time to attend a Steubenville conference. Hesse said, "It was all the same except this one had better speakers and went smoother than the other two. I would definitely go again, and encourage others to go, because it is a very powerful experience. It was also nice to get out of the heat while we were up in the mountains. It got down to 30 degrees while we were on top of Pikes Peak."

Bob Bartush also found the trip to be a good experience. "Eucharistic adoration had the greatest impact on me," he noted. Bartush attended Youth 2000. "I think this trip was more comfortable and enjoyable. The music there was better and the whole event was set up to run smoothly (which it did). I believe I would go again," he said. Bartush added his appreciation for Youth Minister Dan Aedo who was in charge of the group. "He's a great youth minister," Bartush stated.

College Honors

Stephen F. Austin State University

Named to the President's Honor Roll at Stephen F. Austin State University for the spring semester was Rebecca Lynn Grewing of Muenster.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must be enrolled in 12 or more semester hours and maintain a grade-point average of 4.0.



Teens and sponsors from SHY Youth group of Sacred Heart Parish and Holy Spirit Parish in Duncanville posed for a photo at the Steubenville of the Rockies Youth Conference recently. Members of Holy Spirit are not named, but identified as HS. Pictured are, from left, front - Destin Fleitman, Miranda Pagel, Omar Colmenero, HS, Darian Peters, HS, Margharita Galvani (from Italy!); middle - Jenny Lynn Pelzel, Lora Walterscheid, Sadie Stoffels, HS, HS; back - HS, Emily Austin, Bob Bartush, John Paul Hesse, Kaitlin Hesse, Matt Hesse, HS, Abbey Walterscheid, HS, and Neil Hesse. Not pictured is photographer Dan Aedo.

College Honors

NCTC

North Central Texas College announced its official listings of students recognized for outstanding academic achievement for the Spring 2011 semester.

Students named to the NCTC President's Honor List must achieve a perfect 4.0 grade point average (GPA) while enrolled in at least 12 semester credit hours. Lindsay students included on that list are Pamela Almon, Abby Anderle, Jessica Hermes, Kendra

Polizzo, Sarah Redder, and Ryan Zimmerman.

Students on the Dean's Honor List must earn a GPA of 3.5 - 3.99 while taking 12 or more hours. Students included on the list are: Muenster - Shaun Batha, Eric Borowski, Lacey Craig, Jenna Felderhoff, Jacé Koelzer, Tami Pierce, Sara Walterscheid, Stephanie West, and Aaron Yosten; Lindsay - Sabrina Bezner, Rose Hermes, Ashley Hesse, Hunter Loch, Kyleigh Zimmerman.

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Felderhoff, Phillips exchange vows in Sacred Heart Church

Lisa Felderhoff of Tomball and David Phillips of Tomball were married at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 25, 2011 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Muenster. Fr. Ken Robinson officiated for the Mass and double ring vows. The parents of the bride are Tim and Ramona Felderhoff of Muenster. Her grandparents are Peggy Walterscheid of Muenster and the late Raymond Walterscheid, and Eleanor Felderhoff of Muenster and the late Frank Felderhoff. The bride graduated from Muenster High School in 2003 and was a 2008 graduate of Texas Woman's University. She is employed as a Math teacher at Magnolia High School.

dery and sparkling beads overlaid the bodice with waterfall draping onto the full skirt with an extra long chapel train. Her bouquet was of red Gerber daisies. Organist Isaac Davis and vocalist Christy Hesse provided music for the wedding. Selections included "Beginning Today," "Surely the Presence" for the seating of the grandmothers, and "Bridal Prayer" as the mothers were seated. Pachelbel's "Canon in D" was played for the entrance of the wedding party. The bridal march was Purcell's "Trumpet Voluntary." Offertory music was "Father, Make Us One," and for Communion was "How Beautiful" and "Like A Seal On Your Heart." The recessional was Clark's "Trumpet Tune."



Mrs. David Phillips ... 'nee Lisa Felderhoff ...

ATTENDANTS

Bride's sister Kelly Luke of Prosper was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were cousins of the bride Rebecca Grewing of Muenster, Leslie Dominic of Sachse, and Kris Anne McIntire of North Richland Hills, and friends of the bride Megan Lippe of Denton and Jennifer Smith of Saint Jo. Their grape chiffon dresses by Mori Lee had a ruffled, scooped neckline and a soft flowing skirt. Bridesmaids carried a smaller bouquet of red Gerber daisies.

Carson Phillips of Kemp served as his brother's best

man. Groomsmen were friends of the groom Jeremy Stolfa of Nacogdoches, Nolen Moss of Spring, Josh Skeeters of Flint, Chris Smith of Carthage, and Jesse Ballow of Nacogdoches. Ushers were Derek Felderhoff of Austin and Travis Felderhoff of Muenster, brothers of the bride, and Jesse Luke of Prosper, brother-in-law of the bride.

Mass servers were Morgan Eldridge and Allie Walterscheid, both of Muenster and cousins of the bride. Bride's cousin Melinda Cory of Dallas gave the First Reading. The Second Reading was given by the groom's father Keith Phillips. Taylor Felderhoff of Gruver, cousin of the bride, read the Prayers of the Faithful. Godparents of the bride John and Cheryl Felderhoff of Garland carried the Offertory Gifts. Eucharistic ministers were Peggy Walterscheid, grandmother of the bride, and friends of the bride Nancie Lippe and Tim and Kristi Schneider.

RECEPTION

A reception hosted by the bride's parents was held in Sacred Heart Community Center for 225 guests. Dinner was catered by Rohmer's Restaurant and music was provided by The Entertain-

er. Tables were covered with purple table cloths and held purple and red flower arrangements. Vine & Branches did the decorations. The wedding cakes were created by Betty Rose Walterscheid. Bride's cake was a three-tier white confection, with each layer adorned in purple ribbon and rhinestones. The top layer held a silver double heart embellished with rhinestones. A football was the top layer on the two-tier, chocolate groom's cake. Chocolate-covered strawberries were at the corners of the cake. Aunt of the bride Jean Walterscheid cut the groom's cake. Cake servers were Morgan Eldridge, Allie Walterscheid, Bayley Trevathan, and Taylor Felderhoff, bride's cousins. The bride's table was served by Carol Grewing, Vicki Eldridge, and April Walterscheid, bride's aunts.

Following a wedding trip to Sandals Resort in The Bahamas, the couple will reside in Tomball. A rehearsal dinner hosted by the groom's parents was held Friday, June 24 at T&R Ranch, the bride's family ranch. The meal was a barbeque dinner catered by Dieter's of Lindsay.

The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies. Gertrude Jekyll

How to repair storm-damaged trees

by G.P. David, RCABCMA

Mother Nature can really pack a punch, and she wasn't kidding-around when she left her calling card in Muenster last month. Broken and ruined trees litter the landscape, and the mountain of brush piled at City Park attests to the recent devastation.

Our trees will be dealing with the after-effects of the wind storm for years to come. Here are some basic tips about caring for storm-damaged trees:

1) Prune trees to make them as safe as possible. Large numbers of broken limbs and hanging branches can still be seen around town, and these will eventually fall and possibly hurt someone. Never prune near power lines! Even professional pruners need special training for that.

2) Repair split limbs. Splits either occur at a weak fork or along the grain of a branch. Splits can often be repaired

by cabling or bolting. Installing hardware, like bolts or lag screws, into the tree allows the tree to heal properly. Wrapping a cable or rope around a branch to support its weight is OK for a week or two, but the wrapped material will eventually girdle the branch if left for longer periods.

3) Closely check leaning trees, trees that are uprooting, trees with cracks, and trees where soil has heaved on one side of the trunk. These trees may be in danger of falling over.

4) Proper pruning cuts are extremely important to the long-term health of the tree. There are basically three types of pruning cuts: flush cuts, stub cuts, and collar cuts.

The best pruning cut, for most situations, is the collar cut. Collar cuts start near a branch fork and angle outward slightly - to a point just outside the branch collar. Collar cuts heal quickly and reduce the amount of

long-term decay within a tree.

Flush cuts are pruning cuts made close to the trunk that go straight through the branch collar. They result in large, oval wounds and increased decay within the tree.

Stub cuts occur when a cut is made across a branch. A topping cut is a stub cut. Stub cuts cause heavy sprouting, weakly-attached branches, extensive decay, and long-term cavities within the tree.

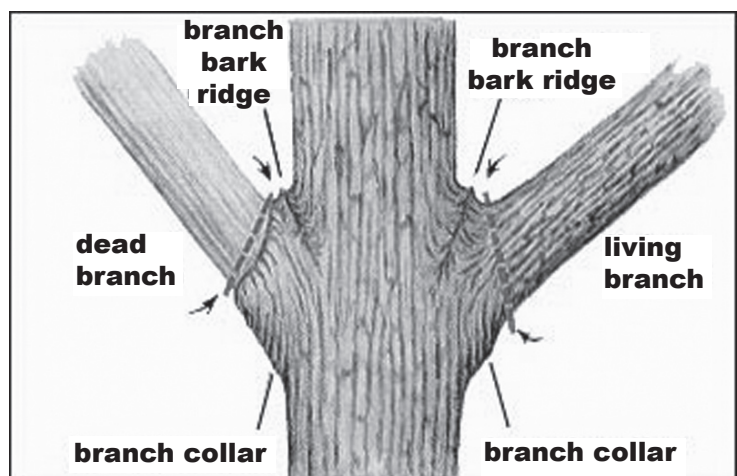
5) One of the unfortunate effects of storm damage is that the portion of the tree canopy left after the storm becomes prone to future damage due to poor weight distribution and sudden exposure to unusual wind loads. Once a tree is made safe after a storm, it is important to look at the tree from an overall canopy-balance perspective. Crown-reduction pruning is often used to help reduce end-weight on branches and to restore long-term canopy

balance.

6) Tree-trimming can be dangerous. Arborists use ropes and harnesses or bucket trucks to navigate their way through tree canopies. Trying to prune a tree from a ladder is usually an invitation for a trip to the hospital.

7) Consider hiring a certified arborist to work on your tree. Most professional arborists are certified by the International Society of Arboriculture. A searchable list of certified arborists can be found at <http://www.isa-arbor.com/faca/findArborist.aspx>

Although the storm is long-gone, the after-effects will plague our trees for years to come. Repairing storm damage can be time-consuming and difficult, and each tree



is unique, so no one-size-fits-all set of recommendations generally work very well. With effort though, most of the trees left standing after the storm can be made safe and healthy so that our community can be cool, well-shaded, and attractive over

the years to come. Greg David is a Registered Consulting Arborist and Board-Certified Master Arborist living in Muenster. He owns Tree-Consult, a firm that provides tree consultation services for corporations and municipalities throughout Texas and Oklahoma.

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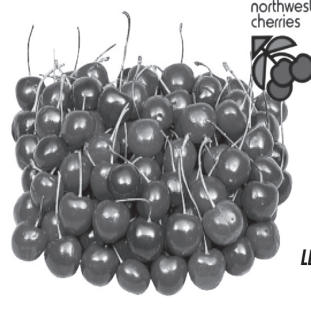


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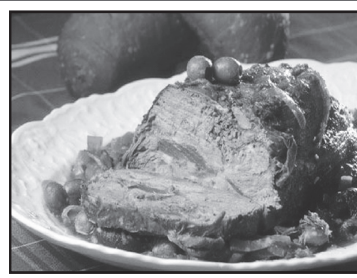
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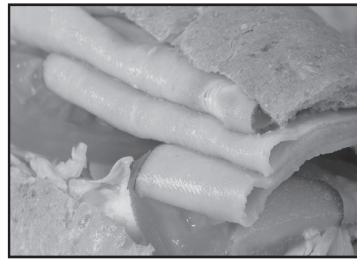
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Cooke County 4-H competes at State

The Texas 4-H State Round Up was held at Texas A & M campus in College Station. Members of 4-H, ages 14 to 18 from all over Texas competed in approximately 50 contests and quiz bowls for ribbons.

The Cooke County group enjoyed trips to the sites in College Station, tour of the campus, a dance and concert by Charla Corn above Kyle Field in the end zone, and attended District meetings.

On Tuesday, Cooke County members Aaron Fleitman, Paige Dill, and Madison Pearse competed in the Beef Quiz Bowl as the first from Cooke County to have a team. They finished in 8th place. They were coached by Beverly Fleitman.

Wednesday, Caitlyn Doughty, MaKayla Bridger, Loni and Ben Wilson competed on the Food Challenge team, drawing the recipe for a nutritional snack to create. Their coach was Phyllis Griffin.

The Consumer Decision Making team of Carson Norton, Jill Walker, Madison Pearse, and Aaron Fleitman judged eight classes of product and placed them according to the problem presented. They placed 10th. Volunteers Denise Pearse and Beverly Fleitman assisted in the contest.

Thursday, the following results were announced in Educational Presentations with each giving a speech and using props: Beef - Madison Pearse and Aaron Fleitman, 7th place; Horticulture - Carson Norton and MaKayla Bridger, 5th place; Food and Nutrition - Jill Walker, 1st place; Safety and Injury Prevention - Loni Wilson and Paige Dill, 10th place; Family Life - Lindsay Ritchey, 6th place.

Each county in Texas held a 4-H Photo contest and could send photos to State in 14 categories. Results for Cooke County are: Paige Dill, red; John Eastman, blue; Aaron Fleitman, two blue ribbons; Madison Pearse, two blue and four red ribbons; Luda Norwood, red ribbon; Allison Garner, blue ribbon; Tim Farr, blue ribbon; Jarrod Fletcher, blue ribbon.

Cooke County 4-H members were accompanied to Round Up by Phyllis Griffin, Denise Pearse, Beverly Fleitman, Jodi Doughty, Robin Ritchey, Patti Norton, and Kelli Walker.



Crystal Tuggle was one of many people who donated blood last Thursday at the Muenster Hospital blood drive. An employee of the Hospital, Crystal is donating for the fifth time. She is pictured with Lori Bevill, a member of Texoma Regional Janet Felderhoff photo

New Arrivals



Brooks Walterscheid

Walterscheid

Casey and Megan Walterscheid of Choctaw, Oklahoma proudly announce the arrival of their first child, son Brooks Michael Walterscheid. Brooks was born on July 11, which is not only his father's birthday, but his late great-grandfather Dr. Martin Kralicke's birthday as well. Brooks was born at 12:49 p.m. at OU Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz., and measured 21 inches long. First-time grandparents are Terry and Dianne Walterscheid and Mike and Janie Hennigan, all of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Willie and Queenie Walterscheid, Betty Kralicke, Alice Hennigan, and Trudy Felderhoff, all

of Muenster. Great-great grandmother is LaVerne Holmsley of Muenster.

Klement

Lucy Jane Klement would like to happily announce the arrival of her little baby sister, Holly Elise Klement, to proud parents Cody and Dana Klement of Muenster. Holly was born Thursday, July 7, 2011 at 1:42 p.m. at Texas Health Resources in Plano. She weighed 6.5 lb and measured 18 inches long. Grandparents are Dale and Charlotte Klement of Muenster, and Tom and Jackie Dittlinger of Dallas. Great-grandparents are Irene Klement of Muenster, Marie Sandmann of Lindsay, and Mary Daniels of Dallas.



Holly Klement

Zimmerer graduates Summa Cum Laude

Rachel Elaine Zimmerer, daughter of Rudy and Claudia Zimmerer, graduated from Texas A&M University on May 13, 2011. Rachel graduated Summa Cum Laude with a degree in Nutritional Sciences. She received a four year scholarship from the Terry Foundation and was an active member in the Terry Foundation Student Organization on campus. She served as secretary and president of the organization.

Rachel was also active in the Pre-dental Society, Big Event, Adopt-a-Highway, Project Smile and Sweet Smiles. In the summer of 2009, Rachel was selected for participation in the Summer Medical and Dental Education Program in Seattle, Washington.

She was a member of Gamma Sigma Delta, an agricultural honor society and was given the Outstanding Junior Award. She was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa honor society. She received the Thomas S. Gathwright Academic Excellence Award in the Spring of 2010.

Rachel participated in a study abroad program in the summer of 2010 in Barcelona, Spain. In 2011, Rachel was named one of 20 Senior Merit Scholars in the College of Agriculture and Life Science at Texas A&M. She worked as an Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry, and Biology tutor for Aggie Athletics in College Station. She will be attending Bay-



Rachel Zimmerer

lor College of Dentistry in Dallas in August of 2011.

Attending the graduation ceremonies at Reed Arena on the Texas A&M University campus were her parents, brothers Andy and Patrick, sisters and husbands, Julie and George Perez, Emily and Jeremy Rinner and children John and Audrey, and her sister Laura who graduated in the same ceremony.

Weather Ways

Department of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A&M University
We know it's not possible to rain cats and dogs, but sometimes you hear about frogs or fish coming down from the sky. Is this possible?
A: It is, and it's happened many times throughout history, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "There are reports of it raining frogs, fishes, and even snakes going back almost 2,000 years," McRoberts says. "In the past 300 years, many of these have been carefully documented and witnessed by dozens or even hundreds of people. Most of these have involved frogs and fish, but others have seen such

things as corn, snakes, flowers, and other materials. In 1873, parts of Kansas City were covered with tiny frogs that had dropped from the sky. In November 1996, a town in Tasmania woke up to find a strange white substance covering everything. It turned out to be either fish eggs or small jellyfish."

Q: What causes these things to fall from the sky?
A: The most generally accepted answer is that small creatures, such as fish or frogs, are sucked up high into the air by either very strong thunderstorms or tornadoes, McRoberts explains. "Over the ocean, a waterspout, a tornado that forms over water, can produce strong enough winds to carry small fish into the air, and this can also happen over large lakes. There are instances of some of these creatures being carried long distances because there was no water nearby. Maybe one of the strangest occurred in 1877 when *The New York Times* reported that several small alligators had fallen from the sky onto a South Carolina farm, and in August of 2001, the Wichita, Kansas, area experienced rain mixed with corn-husks, some 30 inches long."

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Painted Caves

by Jean M. Auel, *Dragon's Time* by Anne McCaffrey, *Seal Team 6* by Howard E. Wasdin, *Traveler's Gift* by Andy Andrews, *From This Moment On* by Shania Twain, *If You Ask Me* by Betty White, *Silver Girl* by Elin Hilderbrand, *Is it You, Me, or Adult ADD?* by Gina Pera, *Mourning Gloria* by Susan Wittig Albert, *Late*

Edition

by Fern Michaels, *Devil's Light* by Richard North Patterson, *Silent Girl* by Tess Gerritsen, *Against All Enemies* by Tom Clancy, *Heat Wave* by Nancy Thayer, *Game of Thrones* by George R. Martin, *Tigerlily's Orchids* by Ruth Rendell, *Devil Colony* by James Rollins, *One Summer* by David Baldacci.

Junior Fiction/Non-Fiction

Everlasting by Alyson Noel, *Theodore Boone: the Abduction* by John Grisham, *Entwined* by Heather Dixon, *False Princess* by Eilis O'Neal, *Once Upon a Crime* by Michael Buckley, *Fairy Tale Detectives* by Michael Buckley, *Young Freddie* by Cynthia Voigt, *Twisted* by Sara Shepard, *Spirits in the Stars* by Erin Hunter, *What Happened to Goodbye* by Sarah Dessen.

Easy Picture Books

Charlie, the Ranch Dog by Ree Drummond, *Fancy Nancy Stellar Stargazer* by Jane O'Connor, *Very Fairy Princess Takes the Stage* by Julie Andrews, *Tales for Very Picky Eaters* by Josh Schneider, *Tell Me the Day Backwards* by Albert Lamb.

CD Books

Folly Beach by Dorothea Benton Frank, *Sisterhood Everlasting* by Ann Brashares, *French Lessons* by Ellen Sussman.

Saint Jo hosts sixth annual Toast To Teachers Luncheon

As the 2011-12 school year approaches, you are invited to come be a part of the Sixth Annual Toast To Teachers Luncheon, honoring teachers and staff of the Saint Jo Independent School District.

The event will be a "Viva Italia" flair on Thursday, Aug. 18, from 12-1:30 p.m. in the SJISD Cafeteria. The Italian style meal is being catered by Debbie Schoppa and will cost \$10 for each person who is not a teacher, staff, or school board member.

A few meals will be available on a walk in basis, but to assure your plans, please call 995-2657 by Aug. 14 and mail your check, made out to the Chamber of Commerce and addressed to "Toast to Teachers", P.O. Box 442, Saint Jo, TX, 76265.

This year, donations are being solicited for the purpose of purchasing two new monitors for the School Cafeteria, part of a plan to enhance learning media in the school. This is in lieu of individual gifts for staff. Even if you cannot attend, consider contributing to this worthwhile project to benefit all.

Toast to Teachers is sponsored financially by the Saint Jo Chamber of Commerce and planned and supported by members of the Chamber, Saint Jo Parent Teachers Organization, Century Club, Garden Club, and local members of Texas Retired Teachers Association. Donations to continue this annual event are greatly appreciated and should be made to the Saint Jo Chamber of Commerce.

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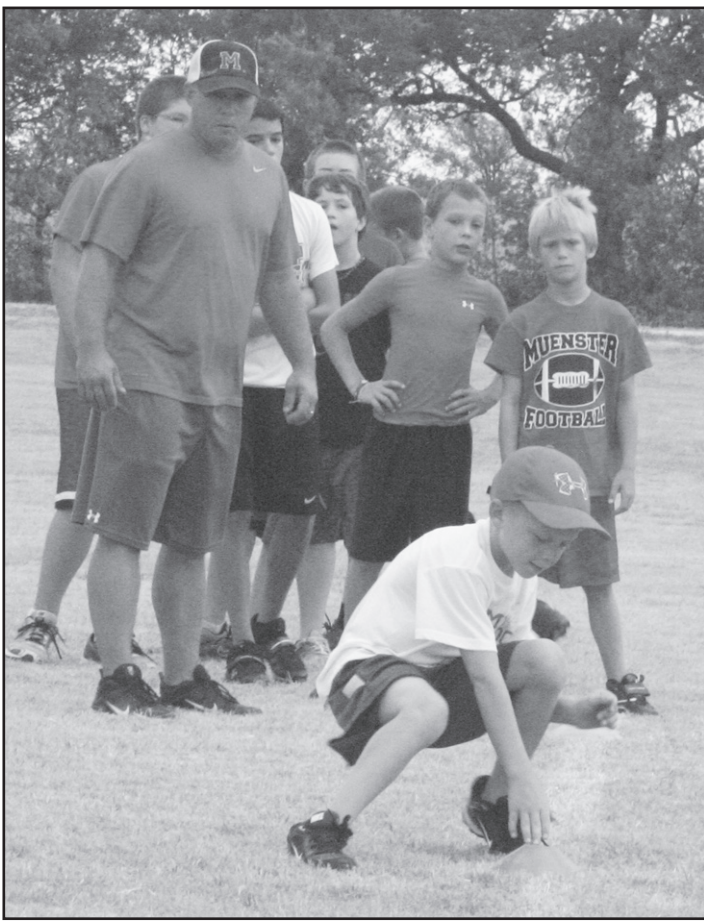
Above - showing off their prizes were, from left - Elizabeth Zimmerer and Victoria Zimmerer of Muenster, Lilly Jones and Karli Kuhn of Lindsay. Below - Shawn Ashcraft of Kid Fish helps Bailey Anderle of Muenster with her catch. Pat Springer photos



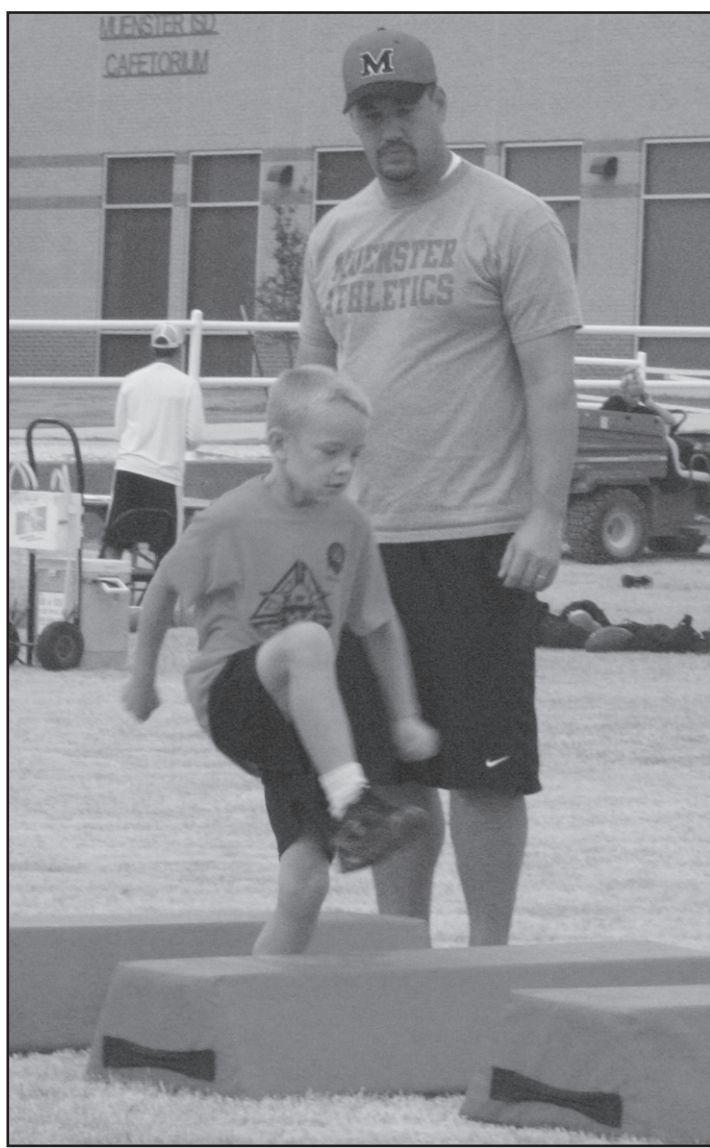
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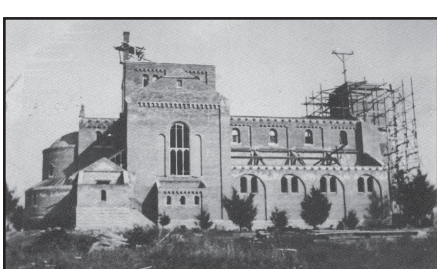
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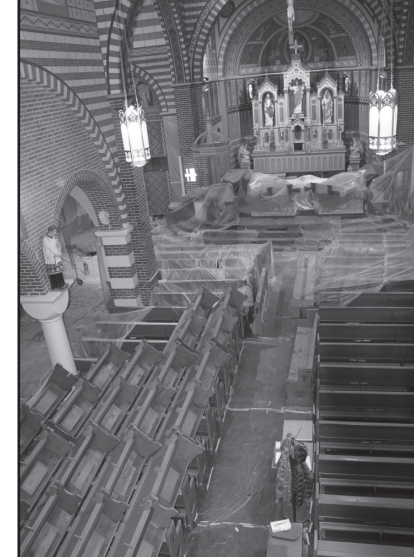
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County Agent's Report

TDA market recap

House votes to rein in EPA and the interior department

In a big win for ranchers in Texas and across the United States, the U.S. House of Representatives recently passed two bills that will help rein in over-regulation by federal agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Interior (DOI). Both agencies have proposed regulations that would allow the federal government to further regulate private property, a move that will severely harm the Texas ranching industry.

The House Appropriations Committee passed the fiscal year 2012 interior and environment appropriations bill. Included in the bill is language that would prevent the EPA from using 2012 funds to advance the regulation of rural dust on private property as well as language to stop attempts from EPA to expand the agency's authority over private waters through a guidance document.

TSCRA President Joe Parker Jr. says that ranchers have been strongly opposed to these proposed regulations by the EPA because they lack sound science and, in many instances, could subject ranchers to burdensome compliance costs, require them to obtain federal permits, and require them to hire engineers and attorneys to guide them through the permitting process and defend themselves against unnecessary federal regulation.

Also included in the funding bill was a provision to limit new listings under the Endangered Species Act

(ESA). There are currently 50 species in Texas waiting to be listed, including the dunes sagebrush lizard.

Parker says that this is a major issue for Texas ranchers because if many of these species are listed, much of the private ranching land within the habitat ranges will be off limits to cattle and brush control, which he said would not only harm the Texas beef industry, but also increase the chances for wildfires. "Ranchers work to protect the environment, but we can't continue to do this if our land is controlled by someone else. And that seems to be the goal of the federal government. First our water, then our air, and now our land through unscientific and inconclusive regulatory decisions made by those who believe the federal government should have control over everything we own," Parker said.

The House also approved H.R. 2018, a bill that would prevent the EPA from overruling state decisions on water quality. Under the Clean Water Act, states have the responsibility for protecting waterways after the EPA signs off on their plans, but the EPA continues to reverse its decision by proposing burdensome and unscientific regulations that end up hurting the states economically. TSCRA along with other industries sent a letter to the entire U.S. House asking them to support H.R. 2018, outlining the negative effects it would have on the state's economy.

"EPA continues to push their own agenda by disregarding the rules set out by Congress," Parker said. "Thankfully, the U.S. House is holding their feet to the fire and working to put an end to regulations based on little more than opinions. We applaud the House and look forward to working with the Senate to make sure these bills remain intact," concluded Parker.

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is a 134-year-old trade organization. As the largest and oldest livestock association in Texas, TSCRA represents more than 15,000 beef cattle producers, ranching families, and businesses who manage approximately four million head of cattle on 75.9 million acres of range and pasture land, primarily in Texas and Oklahoma. TSCRA provides law enforcement and livestock inspection services, legislative and regulatory advocacy, industry news and information, insurance services, and educational opportunities for its members and the industry.

Killer Heat Waves

The worst U.S. heat wave occurred in 1980. During that summer, an estimated 10,000 people were killed nationwide and heat damages totaled \$50 billion. The 1980 summer death toll far exceeded the annual national average of 175 deaths that are attributed to heat.

In 1988, an estimated 5,000 to 10,000 people died from a summer heat wave in the central and eastern United States, and in 1995 more than 700 people died in Chicago. In 1999, a heat wave that gripped most of the U.S. killed more than 500 people. In 2003, one of history's worst heat waves occurred in Europe when more than 35,000 people died. France was especially hit hard, and more than 14,000 French deaths were reported during the month of August.

Cicada Killer wasps
It seems that 2011 may be an unusually good year for the Cicada Killer wasp. Numerous reports of wasps hovering around houses, flower beds, playgrounds, and other outdoor areas are coming in.

Even though they may be seen in large numbers, Cicada Killers are a solitary wasp that reaches up to 1-1/2 inches in length. They are black or rusty in color with yellow bands. Fortunately they are also very docile; females are capable of stinging, but rarely do. All solitary wasps lack the aggressive nature of the social wasps and bees.

Like all bees and wasps, Cicada Killers are predatory insects. The adults emerge from the ground in the summer. They feed, mate, and produce new nesting burrows. The female lays eggs in the burrows and provides each cell in the burrow with one or more paralyzed cicada for food. The larva hatch, grow, and then pupate where they stay during the winter, emerging the following summer.

Dr. Mike Merchant, Extension urban entomologist, suggests that homeowners peacefully co-exist with this wasp, as it is not harmful.

Cicadas

On a related topic, the Cicadas have also been plentiful in Cooke County this year. The cicadas that we are seeing here in Cooke County are sometimes called locusts. They emerge from the ground every year, appearing in late summer and have life cycles of two to five years.

The adults do not feed, but they can cause minor damage to some trees. Female cicadas insert clusters of eggs into the twigs and small branches using a saw-like egg laying structure (ovipositor). Because of this activity, it is common to observe "flagging" on trees. Flagging is the observance of small, dead clusters of leaves and usually warrants no action by the tree's caretaker.

In six to seven weeks, small nymphs hatch from the eggs and drop to the ground. They burrow into the soil, seeking tree roots. As they molt through several growth stages (instars), they may burrow several feet down, where they feed on sap from tree roots and develop until they are ready to emerge as adults.

Dates to remember

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Light wt., 400-500: .50-.54;
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Heavy wt., 600+: N.T.

Boars (per lb.)
300 lbs. up: - .N.T.; 200-300 lbs.: N.T.; Light wt.: N.T.

Sheep (per lb.)
Feeder lambs: N.T.; Light lambs: 1.10-1.25; Fat lambs: 1.40-1.45.

Ewes (per lb.)
Stocker: N.T. Thin: N.T.; Fat: N.T.

Bucks (per lb)
Thin: N.T; Fat: N.T

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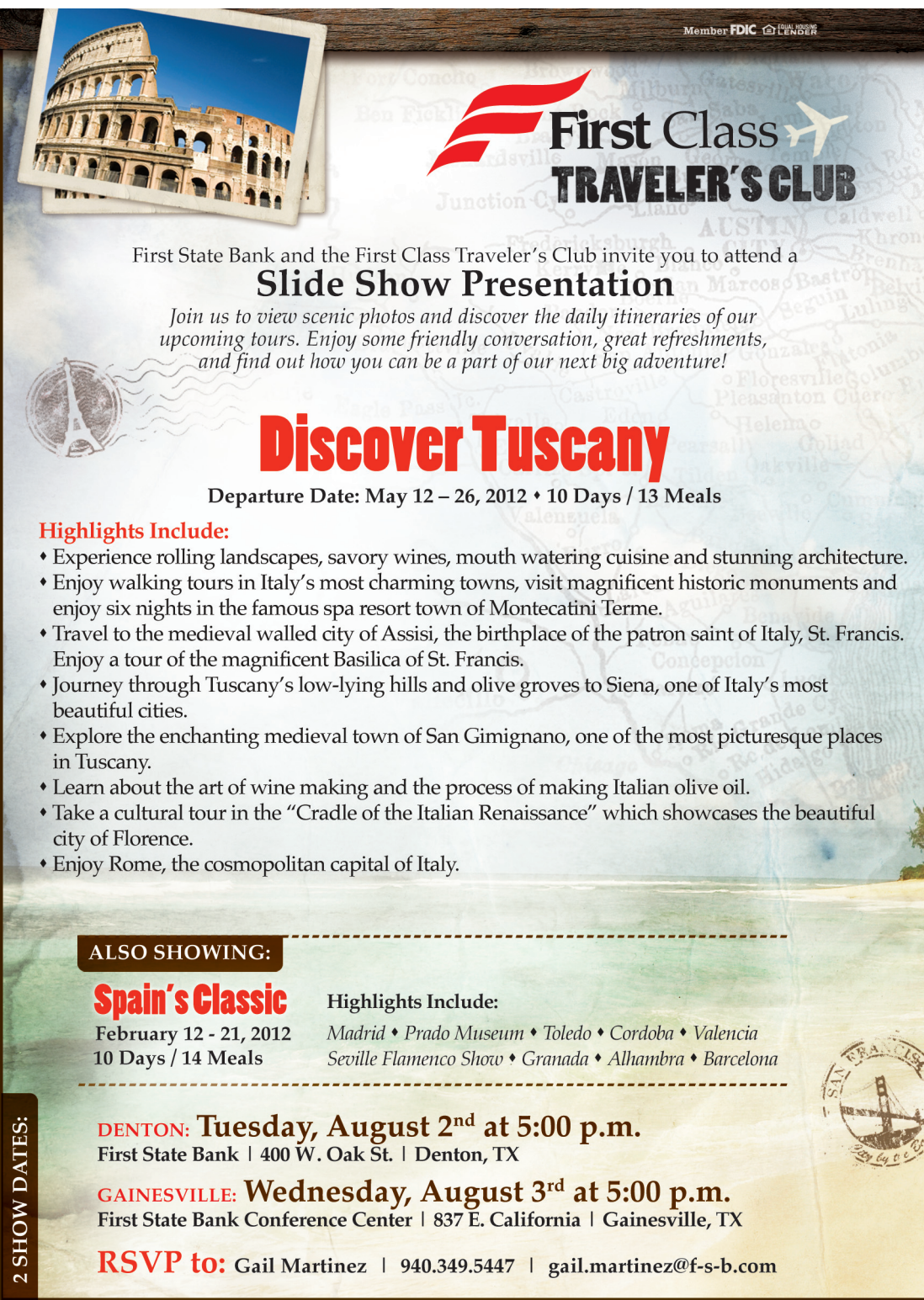
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Qualified meat processors are needed to process deer donations for the 2011-12 season. Hunters for the Hungry provides everything needed to package donations, including a list of agencies to call when donations are available. Interested processors and hunters may call 1-800-992-9767, ext. 506, or visit www.tacaa.org/hunters-for-the-hungry to find out more.



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