

Republicans dominate 2014 elections

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News Editor

Republicans across the United States of America had much to celebrate as election results rolled in Tuesday showing the GOP candidates victors in many races. When newly elected candidates take office in January, Republicans will be the majority in both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

In Cooke County, there were no contested races. All contested races were among Republicans and the winner of those elections had no Democratic or other opponent. Taking office or starting a re-elected term in January are Jason Brinkley as County Judge, County court At law Judge John Morris, District Clerk Susan Hughes, County Clerk Rebecca Lawson, County Treasurer Patty Brennan, Precinct #2 County Commissioner B.C. Lemons, Precinct #4 County Commissioner Leon Klement, Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 Dorthy Lewis, and Carroll L. Johnson as Justice of the Peace Pct. 4.

Delbert West was a write in candidate for County Surveyor, a position he has held for years. He was re-elected with 1,127 votes (431 early and 696 on election day).

In Cooke County, there are 23,986 registered voters. Of that number, 8,842 or 36.86% voted in this election. Many of the County's voters cast Straight Party ballots. Straight Party votes in Cooke County were as follows: Republican Party - 4,973 (89.36%); Democratic Party - 558 (10.03%); Libertarian Party - 28 (.50%); and Green Party - 6 (.11%).

Texas will have a new governor for the first time since December 2000 when Rick Perry was sworn into that office. Greg Abbott had an easy win over his Democratic opponent Wendy Davis. In Cooke County, Abbott got 7,391 votes to 1,270 for Davis.

Proposition 1 passed in Texas. Cooke County voters also favored it with 5,675 For votes and 1,460 Against votes. The proposition will bring billions in funding for Texas roads.

These results are unofficial until being canvassed and approved by Cooke County Commissioners Court.

Wind farm asks tax abatement from Hospital District

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Nathan Vajdos, developer for the Muenster Wind Farm, spoke to the Muenster Hospital Board at the Oct. 21 meeting seeking a tax abatement. He presented the information that he'd presented earlier to Cooke County Commissioners Court outlining reasons that this project was different than the Wolf Ridge Wind Farm put in by Florida Power & Light in 2008. This included that if the Muenster Wind Farm were built today with the same equipment, wind, and costs as Wolf Ridge, there would be 52% less revenue generated due to the decline in market prices. The project would still bear the same expenses. Muenster no longer has a transmission cost advantage.

Wolf Ridge did ask for but did not get a tax abatement from the Hospital District. It asked for, but did not get a tax abatement from the County. Vajdos expects that if they go ahead with the wind farm, they will install between 40 to 50 or 55 turbines. "There are still a lot of factors that we are working through with the FDA and the neighboring military bases," he noted.

Using a figure of 48 turbines and if taxed at the same rate as a project just completed in Archer County, Vajdos said he feels that the new wind farm would pay \$202,696 annually in taxes to the Hospital District with no tax abatement. He noted, "The reality is it would be excessively hard, even if the County helps us, if we are not able to get some tax relief from some of the other tax jurisdictions."

Cooke County Commissioners Court has not yet voted on the requested tax abatement for Muenster Wind Farm.

Vajdos said he has been working on the project for almost three years. They have leased almost 10,000 acres of land. The project runs from the southern edge of the existing wind farm to the northern edge of the city limits of Muenster. He said they do not plan to put turbines on all of that land, just on the highest, most exposed ground.

Director Kenny Klement asked about depreciation of the wind farm equipment. He said, "It's actually only going to generate money for this Hospital District in the first five to

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Veterans to be honored on Nov. 11

Clint Kelley and his Sacred Heart Elementary students will present a program of songs in anticipation of Veterans' Day on Monday, Nov. 10. The public is invited to attend the program which begins at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall.

On Tuesday, Nov. 11, Mass will be held at 8 a.m. Following Mass, everyone is invited to Sacred Heart Cemetery for the placing of the wreath by the VFW Ladies Auxiliary #6205.

City will return old account deposits

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Christmas may come early to some City residents who have deposits with the City of Muenster. At Monday's City Council meeting, City Administrator Stan Endres

got a nod of approval on his suggestion to return some deposits.

Endres explained that there are currently 167 accounts with water deposits that range from as low as \$5 to as high as \$600. Most are \$100, \$125, or \$150. One is from 1983. About 30 of those are from people who own their homes. "That means they've had them (deposits) for a pretty good while," noted Endres. "We haven't been charging anybody a deposit who owns a home for a pretty good while." The total of the ones he is aware of is \$1,395. Some of those are \$5 because that was the deposit charged at one time.

According to Endres, there is about \$2,400 in that account which earns no interest. He felt like there was no need for the account other than new water accounts. He said most places have a policy to refund the deposit after a certain period of paying the bills in a timely manner.

The deposit is \$150 and applies to those who rent a home and request that the water meter be turned on.

The Council felt that the deposits of accounts in good standing should be returned to the customer. This would be done by crediting their monthly bill.

Endres will write an ordinance that will be voted on at the December meeting.

Muenster Police officer Madeline Chance presented the monthly police report for Chief Tom Barr who is attending Police Chief School in Huntsville. See report on page 2.

Officer Chance said that the Police Department is working on an inventory sheet to give to citizens. They put the serial numbers of their guns, TVs, and other things of value. Then they will have the numbers in the event of a problem at their home or in case of a fire. Alderman Greg Bohl said he liked that idea.

Muenster VFD Chief Bert Walterscheid reported that October was Fire Prevention Month and the Muenster VFD held several activities. This included a Fire Safety Poster Contest. Sacred Heart's Pre-K and Kindergarten students visited the fire station, and the firemen went to Muenster Elementary's Pre-K through 6th grades. The firemen put on programs for both groups. They held an awards ceremony for about 250 parents and students from the poster contest.

Chief Walterscheid said that the Department's tanker is in the shop with exhaust problems due to emissions regulations. They expect it back soon. He told of some grants that they applied for and hope to receive money from. He also asked that fire codes and building codes be updated. That would help with the grants and insurance. It will be on next

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The spirit of the season



Janie Hartman photo

Muenster kindergarten student Eliza Anderson was one of many at MISD Elementary who got into the Halloween spirit last week. See page 13 for more fun photos.

Foundation crack in MMH administration wing discussed

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Shifting of the foundation on the north end of the Muenster Hospital Administration building created cracks and other problems. MMH Administrator Michael Kent told the Hospital's Board of Directors at the Tuesday, Oct. 21 meeting that there was a large crack on the inside of the building in the education room on the outside of the building, and large cracks in one of the hallways. Doors are getting harder to open and shut.

Two bids were received on repairing the foundation. Denton County Foundation Repair would use steel pillars and repair outside brick for \$8,100. ACCO Foundation Repair would use concrete pillars at a cost of \$7,362. Kent said the north end of the wing had sunk two to three inches.

Board President Ronnie Weinzapfel said that he'd looked at the exterior west wall of the administration wing and up at the top near the flashing, there is a two to three inch gap between the brick and the concrete in one

spot. The cracks have gotten progressively worse over the past several years.

Weinzapfel suggested accepting Denton County Foundation's bid since they would also reseal the brick. "My concern is to get it down before the weather turned icy. In case water would get in there and freeze, it would actually push the brick off the wall."

The Board was unanimous in awarding the bid to Denton County Foundation Repair.

Kent reported that the Hospital District is conducting training to be prepared in the event of an Ebola patient. Training is being done with staff on the use of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and new policies related to Ebola. He said that they are in contact with the CDC (Center for Disease Control) and DSHS (Department of State Health Services) updating policies as new measures are released.

That morning, Kent and Assistant Chief Nursing Officer Tiffany Lutkenhaus attended a meeting of Cooke County law enforcement, medical facilities, dispatch,

fire departments, etc. "The County has got a good handle on what if scenarios as far as if an Ebola patient presents even as far as dispatch if someone calls 9-1-1 and they are asking them questions," noted Kent.

Kent told the Board that they have designated an isolation area within the Hospital should a patient present with Ebola-like symptoms and have answered yes to the DSHS questions. They have the ability to install a portable anteroom sleeve in front of the doorway with a filter system. The CDC and DSHS will then be contacted for further instructions.

Duana Johns, privacy officer for the Muenster Hospital District, presented information to the Board of Directors on HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act). This training is mandatory once a year. She said it is to obtain support and conduct high level training for administration and single management. Members of the Board have an oversight role and must comply with HIPAA. The HIPAA law was designed to ensure

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CORVETTES, CONVERTIBLES, AND CHROME



Janie Hartman photos

The Muenster Open Car Show had 46 entries last Saturday. Participants took part in a drawing for prizes donated by Muenster merchants, a Merchants Scavenger Hunt, and a \$300 raffle where a chance ticket was "earned" for every \$5 spent in Muenster.



Police Notes

from Muenster Chief of Police
Tom Barr

October 2014 Activity

Calls for Service (CFS) - 99;
Incident/Offense reports generated - 12;
Arrests - 2;
Accidents Investigated - 1;
Citations issued for the month - 45;
Officers logged 746 hours on duty;
Patrol vehicles logged 3,791 miles for the month.
90 day stats: July - CFS 79, Incidents 3, Arrests 3, Citations 80; August - CFS 75, Incidents 5, Arrests 4, Citations 71; September - CFS 92, Incidents 5, Arrests 2, Citations 66.
Vehicle Stats - 14 Ford F150 - 1,441, #2 2011 Crown Vic - 46,499; #3 2010 Crown Vic - 50,842.
We were pleased to see the success of the Oktoberfest, with no problems during the weekend. MPD had a booth at the 'fest, encouraging people to not text while driving. Through generous sponsorship of local businesses, we were able to print up and give away many tee shirts and other items. Texting and distracted driving in general are rapidly surpassing even drunk driving in the number of crashes and people injured.

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month's agenda.
Endres updated the council on damages done by a wind storm on Oct.13. "We were lucky that we didn't have more damage done than we did," he noted. "Just a few houses had roof damage. There was quite a bit of damage done at Tony's Seed & Feed. They were went out of power, so the water and sewer plants were down for a little while, but it didn't take too long and they had them running again. We had trees knocked down at the Park and at the sewer plant. Luckily the one at the sewer plant, the limbs that fell did not fall into any of our equipment. A big tree fell on the fence on the north side of the Park. It knocked one of the cement pillars down completely and destroyed it. The fence was temporarily repaired, but needs the pillar replaced.
Decorative banners are in for Christmas and new lights ordered for the Park.

Painting of the parking stripes on Main Street hasn't been done yet. It should be done in about two weeks.

In other business, the City Council:
• Approved maintenance agreement with Dustin Office Machines for new printer for the City's office computers. It will cost \$590 per year and covers the cost of printer toner which costs \$93 each. They expect to replace toner four to five times a year.
• Approved payment of bills totaling \$184,192.22.
• Welcomed Boy Scouts Hudson and Tanner Eddlemen who were working on a badge.

Correction

The cutline for last week's Keep Muenster Beautiful Fall planting and trash pick up had an error. It said that some of the flowers were donated by Ace Hardware and Lora's Flowers. It should have said Ace Hardware and Stacie Miller. Our apologies to Stacie!

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patients' rights to have their health information kept private and secure.
After her presentation, Johns administered a written test to all Board members on what had been reviewed.
Following the financial report presented by Administrator Michael Kent, Board member Mary Del Olmo requested that the financials be presented in a more readable manner. If they can't be printed in such a manner that they can be easily read, then why not show them on an overhead screen, she asked. "It's been going on for a long time and it's hard to do our job when we can't read them," she stated. Other suggestions by Board members were made on improving presentation of the financials.
Board Secretary John Aytes remarked that the reason there are so many problems in putting together the financial reports was going to the Meditech system. Before then, all the figures for several months could be shown on one page.
In the absence of CNO Diane Neu who was attending a SANE conference, Kent gave her report. Neu said that she and assistant CNO Lutkenhaus had attended a Stroke and Neuroscience Symposium on Oct. 6. This

Honor the bravery, heritage, and tradition of America's heroes

By **Trey Appfel**

Our nation is founded on the principles of law and is proud of the military tradition it continues through the men and women who gallantly serve us. Every day, they put their lives on the line and fight with valor, tenacity, and loyalty to preserve the freedoms that we are accustomed to.
Yet, through their many sacrifices, these honorable members of our Armed Forces face many challenges. On a single night last year, researchers counted nearly 58,000 homeless veterans across our nation, including almost 4,000 in Texas. Veterans also face a lack of affordable housing options, suffer symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder, and experi-

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO Nov. 4, 1949

Contract due soon on blacktop road south of Muenster. Alvina Derichsweiler breaks leg at the ankle during basketball practice. Cecil Wolf breaks arm while playing football. Charles Meurer is hospitalized due to strep throat. New Arrivals: Ted to Roy and Elitha Endres; Gilbert to Albert and Agnes Hess; Rudolph to Vincent and Lu Ella Zimmerer; Mildred to the Dan Richardsons. Community's first frost seen Monday.

50 YEARS AGO Nov. 6, 1964

Golden Years Rest Home to have formal opening Sunday. Douglas Stoffels breaks arm at Halloween Carnival. New Arrivals: Alice to Robert and Marian Gruber; a son to the Wilfred Klements; Tony to the Gilbert Yostens. Earl

and Velma Fisher attend bankers' meeting in Florida. James Endres is Punt, Pass and Kick Zone winner. Hofbauer's advertises giant size Comet cleanser 2 for 45¢ and 1/2 gallon mellorine 3 for \$1.

25 YEARS AGO Nov. 3, 1989

Muenster Milling Co. is in the process of expanding their facility on North Main with Insta-Pro Extruders being added. Hornets and Lady Hornets both take District titles in Cross Country and are headed for Regional. Theresa Walterscheid is named November Teacher of the Month at Muenster Public School. Mrs. H.J. Fuhrman is feted on 95th birthday. New Arrivals: Rebecca to Mark and Carol Grewing; Craig to Jim and Diane Grewing.

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seven years. They'll depreciate its value on the decline, so the money you say we're getting is only going to be there for a few years." Vajdos said that was right unless natural gas prices went up. Klement said gas prices would not matter.
Director Paul Becker asked if the project was even worth the company doing if the cost was more and profit 52% less. He added that he knows from neighbors' comments that the profits on Wolf Ridge have dropped off.
Vajdos said, "It can get done, but it is a very different environment and it's really different than it was in 2008."
The Board did not vote on the abatement, wanting to take some time to study the situation.

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| Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm | MMH Aux mtg. 5:30 Muenster 4-H mtg 3:30 VFW SHCS Veterans Day Program | Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Celebrating VETERANS DAY November 11, 2014 | Library open 10 am - 5:30 pm Rel. Ed. class 6:45 pm Muenster ISD Board mtg | Museum open 1-4 Library open 10-6:30 M Historical Comm. mtg. 8am WORLD KINDNESS DAY November 13 | Museum open 1-4 pm AARP member luncheon 11:30 Football playoffs begin | Library open 10 - 2:30 AMERICA RECYCLES DAY NOVEMBER 15 |
| Sunday, November 16, 2014 | Monday, November 17, 2014 | Tuesday, November 18, 2014 | Wednesday, November 19, 2014 | Thursday, November 20, 2014 | Friday, November 21, 2014 | Saturday, November 22, 2014 |
| Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm | VFW Aux. Social 7 pm VFW Aux mtg. 7:30 pm | Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm MMH Board mtg. 7 pm | Library open 10 am - 5:30 pm Rel. Ed. class 6:45 pm SH Alumni & Supp mtg. 7:30 pm | Museum open 1-4 Library open 10-6:30 MISD Blood Drive 1-7 pm | Museum open 1-4 pm | Library open 10 - 2:30 |

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Obituaries

M.J. "Mac" McCoy 1934 - 2014



Mac McCoy

Funeral services for M.J. "Mac" McCoy, age 80 of Saint Jo, were held at 11 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 30 at First Baptist Church of Saint Jo with Rev. Sam Campbell and Rev. Jeff Roe officiating. Burial followed in the M.J. "Mac" McCoy Family Cemetery in Saint Jo under the direction of Scott Funeral Home. A visitation and a meal were held at the McCoy Trophy House also in Saint Jo. Mac died at his home in Saint Jo on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2014.

One of six children, Mac was born Sept. 12, 1934 to James Arthur and Luteenie Bass McCoy in Crosby County, TX. Mac spent many hours picking cotton with his siblings and parents. He often told the story of picking more cotton than anyone else except his mother.

After graduating from high school, Mac was offered an athletic scholarship but turned it down to join the Army where he quickly rose to the rank of captain while working with the Pentagon as a nuclear weapons analyst. While analyzing satellite data, Mac discovered a new Russian nuclear weapon. After presenting the data to the Secretary of State, he was given the honor of naming the missile GANEF. Mac served 11 years in the military, three years in Germany where he saw most all of Europe.

After his honorable discharge from the Army, Mac went on to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. He earned a mortuary degree and used that to work his way through

school. Mac worked as the Director of Maintenance at Bell Helicopter in Amarillo and Director of Plant Operations Maintenance at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, AL, but he always felt the pull to be his own boss and later moved back to Texas where his brothers Medford and Melvin helped him get into the funeral business. In 1979, Mac moved to Saint Jo and purchased the funeral home, and in 1983 he purchased the funeral home in Muenster. For many years, he ran the funeral home and an ambulance service for the community of Saint Jo.

Although Mac was a hard worker, he also enjoyed his time off hunting in many locations around the world, including Canada, Alaska, Mexico, New Zealand, and Africa. He had so many hunting trophies that he and his friend and business partner Les Scott built a trophy room next to his house. He also enjoyed going on trips with his longtime companion Annette. Saying she had never been out of Texas, Mac wanted her to see everything he had seen. They took trips every summer all over the United States and in the summer of 2014 they took a two week trip to Italy.

Mac loved Saint Jo and was proud to be a part of the community. He helped build the gazebo located on the town square without plans. Annette always called him a "Real Life John Wayne." To the outside observer, Mac was a big, rough old man. But to those who knew his heart, he was a giant teddy bear who would do anything

in his power to help - with or without you asking! He was a great man, father, grandfather (Pa Mac), great-grandfather (Pa Mac the Great), and friend.

Survivors are his longtime companion Annette Walterscheid of Muenster; daughters Peggy and husband James Thomas of Red Oak, Linda Currans of Fort Worth, Katherine McCoy of Arlington, and Karen and husband Hugh Hillebrand of Arlington; sons Michael McCoy of Farmers Branch, Dennis McCoy, Cameron McCoy, grandchildren Jennifer Connell, Jessica Thomas, Mathew McCoy, Haley Hillebrand, and Katie Beth Hillebrand; great-grandchildren Clara Connell and Maxwell Connell; sister Morelle and Jack Miller of Denton; and brother Pete and wife Joyce McCoy of Tuttle, OK.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister Mary Deal; and brothers McColvin McCoy and Medford McCoy. Pallbearers were Greg Hoenig, Floyd Haverkamp, Mathew McCoy, Mike McCoy, TJ Walterscheid, and Drew Springer.

Rounding up scholarships to benefit NCTC Ag students

This year's annual "Friends of Agriculture Round-Up" at North Central Texas College is set for Saturday, Nov. 15, and the goal remains the same as years before—to round up funds for scholarships to be awarded to NCTC Agriculture students.

This First State Bank-sponsored event will take place at the Gainesville Civic Center with the doors opening at 6 p.m. to allow folks an opportunity to look at more than 150 auction items. The Round-Up auction includes meal, cash bar, door prizes, and lots of fun bidding on various items while supporting both Agriculture and education. Silent auction items include a wide variety of merchandise, services, and even baked goods donated by area businesses and individuals. The meal will be served from 6:15 to 7 p.m. and this year is being catered by Rohmer's in Muenster and sponsored by Barthold Tire Company.

The night will kick off at 7 p.m., with the traditional raffle drawing. This year's raffle item is a Remington 1100 Sporting Series 12 gauge shotgun plus one case of shells. The raffle is being sponsored by Robert Smithers Realty. One does not have to be present to win the shotgun raffle.

The popular live auction under the gavel of auctioneer Herkie Biffle will include approximately 30 premium items including shop projects from supporting area FFA chapters. Anyone who may be interested in donating goods or services to support these Agriculture scholarships may contact NCTC Agriculture Department for

more information. This semester, 21 students were awarded more than \$19,000 in scholarship assistance to assist financially in their pursuit to learn, study, engage, and explore in various Agriculture subject areas. At NCTC, a \$1,000 scholarship will pay approximately one-third of the tuition and fees for an in-state student who is enrolled full-time. That kind of assistance can be a huge boost for many people to get started following their dreams.

"This scholarship made it possible for me to attend NCTC to study a subject I am interested in, instead of taking only what I could afford," said scholarship recipient Laney Burnett. "Without the help of the scholarship, I would not be able to pursue my dream of a career in agriculture."

Steve Keith, chair of the NCTC Agriculture Department, says there are many stories like the ones of Burnett and Smith whose lives have been positively impacted by this scholarship assistance.

"Many students have begun their academic career studying Agriculture at NCTC over the last 45 years since the program's incep-

tion," Keith said. "Some students broaden their knowledge base and then go to work full-time in the farming/ranching industry or may return home to join an existing family operation, but many students also narrow their agriculture field focus while studying freshman and sophomore-level Agriculture courses at NCTC. This is a huge benefit to students when they transfer to a university both by helping them narrow down their specific field of study but these courses they complete at NCTC will fulfill the prerequisites for most of the junior level courses they will want to enroll in when transferring."

The auction catalog, containing a complete list of all live and silent auction items, will be available the week of the auction. It can be seen online at www.nctc.edu/agriculture. A link will also be available on the Agriculture Department's Facebook page.

For more information about the auction or to inquire about purchasing tickets or donating items or services, contact the NCTC Agriculture Department at 940-668-4217.

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role in helping our veterans as they provide the legal assistance they need. Attorneys are always welcome to get involved in a legal clinic in their community. For a complete listing of upcoming legal clinics and other resources, visit texasbar.com/veterans.

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson declared Nov. 11 the first Armistice Day, commemorating the agreement between the Allied Nations and Germany that brought an end to fighting in World War I. Armistice Day became a legal holiday in 1938, and since 1954 we have known it as Veterans Day.

John F. Kennedy once

said, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." As we celebrate Veterans Day this year, let us honor the bravery, heritage, and tradition of America's heroes—the men and women who tirelessly risked their lives for our freedoms. We owe it to them to make a huge impact in their lives as they justly have in ours.

Trey Apffel is president of the State Bar of Texas and the founder and owner of Apffel Law Firm in League City. He may be reached via email at statebarpresident@texasbar.com.

Eula Martin 1932 - 2014

Funeral for Eula Faye Martin, age 81 of Gainesville, is set for Saturday, Nov. 8 at 10 a.m. at Crossroads Baptist Church in Gainesville. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Friday, Nov. 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Geo J. Carroll and Son Funeral Home. Eula died Nov. 4 in Denton.

Eula Faye was born Dec. 30, 1932 in Bowles, OK to Rush Orum and Maggie Jeanette Kingston Caldwell. She was a member of Crossroads Baptist Church. She retired from Gainesville State School and above all

else loved taking care of her family.

Survivors are her sons and daughters-in-law Weldon and Tracy Martin, Royce and Cheryl Martin, Morris and Tracy Martin, and Tim and Kim Martin; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; sister Wanda Caldwell; and numerous extended family.

She was preceded in death by her husband Morris Weldon "Buddy" Martin; her parents; son William Earl Martin; brother Herman Caldwell; and sister Linda Garner.

Services set for Yosten

Rosary/wake service for Steven David Yosten, age 47 of Plano, is set for Friday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. at Scott Funeral Home in Muenster. Memorial Mass will be held at noon on Saturday, Nov.

8 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster. There will be a private burial. Steven is the son of David Yosten and the late Susie Bean Yosten.

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Century Club to hold taco dinner and bingo night

Saint Jo is a unique place, nearly a place that time forgot. Its character developed in years of growing together and never changing very much. It celebrates daily a tradition of community that grows out of a vigorous volunteer spirit! Volunteer Firemen and E.M.S., volunteer librarians and a volunteer library, volunteer museum, non-profit Civic Center, and a growing body of women, old-timers, and new-comers, who have served the community continuously since 1948, Saint Jo's Century Club.

It was gratifying for members to be able to share the enchantment of the Roosevelt visit with so many the other week. Elizabeth Roosevelt Kelly and Chandler Roosevelt Lindsley really lived up to many expect-

tations.

But, unable to keep the community going with memories alone, Century Club is cooking up a fun and tasty Taco Dinner & Bingo Game to entertain guests, tickle their palate, and raise a little money to support their awesome community volunteer organizations and their undertakings!

The Taco Dinner and Bingo Fundraiser will be warming up the Square on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. in the Saint Jo Civic Center. Each ticket includes tacos, rice, beans, dessert, tea, coffee or water, and two bingo cards. Adult tickets, \$10 for 11 and older, child tickets, \$7 for 10 and younger. Extra bingo cards, \$1 each. There will be five bingo games, cash prizes. Cash only, no credit cards.



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PANCAKES FOR GOOD - Steve Taylor of the Muenster Kiwanis Club, at left, presents a check to Adelia Wilson, representing the Muenster Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, from the proceeds of the Kiwanis Pancake Supper in October. The Auxiliary will use the donation for the benefit of patients at the local health facility.

Holiday grief is hard

The holiday season will be vastly different for anyone who has lost a loved one, and it can be a time when they most need to find hope, peace, and joy. The Hope Center, an outreach program of Home Hospice of Grayson, Cooke, and Fannin counties, is offering a workshop called Hope for the Holidays designed to provide specific ideas and tools for managing grief during the holiday season.

"Finding joy in the holiday season can be difficult for those who have experienced the death of a loved one," said Jolene Senek, Bereavement Coordinator for The Hope Center, LBSW, CT-GC-C. "This workshop will provide

you with some creative ways to cope with the challenges of the holiday season."

Hope for the Holidays is scheduled for Nov. 13 at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Home Hospice office, 316 S. Chestnut Street, Gainesville.

There is no fee to attend these workshops, but registration is requested by Nov. 10 so that adequate materials may be prepared. Call Jolene Senek at 940-665-9891 or e-mail her at jolene.senek@homehospice.org to register or if you have any questions. For more information about other support groups and workshops offered by The Hope Center, visit www.homehospice.org/hopecenter.

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Sacred Heart Parish celebrates All Saints

"After this, I saw a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations and tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and in sight of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands." (Revelation 7:9)

Oct. 31 is usually associated with little witches and goblins roaming the streets in search of candy. A very different scene filled Sacred Heart Catholic Church on that day. Friday evening, a multitude of saints streamed into the church as the congregation sang "Oh When the Saints Go Marching In." In celebration of All Saints' Day, children, and even a few brave adults, came to Mass dressed as the heroes of the faith, the saints. There was a diverse "cloud of witnesses" present, including children dressed as Sts. Joseph, Luke, and Nathaniel from the New Testament, as well as those from our current time, such as the recently canonized Pope St. John Paul II.

The Mass was offered by Fr. Ken Robinson. The reading from Revelation described "a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations and tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and in sight of the Lamb, clothed

with white robes, and palms in their hands." These are later described as, "the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." In the Gospel reading from Matthew, Jesus gave us the blueprint for becoming saints, the Beatitudes. Music was provided by the Children's Choir, all in saint attire.

Fr. Ken talked about the great example of not only the canonized saints, but also the holy men and women in our midst whose lives daily proclaim the Gospel of Jesus. He encouraged the congregation to lead lives of holiness so that we too will be able to join our brothers and sisters in the heavenly celebration.

"The saints are new Christian constellations, in which the richness of God's goodness is reflected. Their light, coming from God, enables us to know better the interior richness of God's great light... Nothing can bring us into close contact with the beauty of Christ Himself other than the world of beauty created by faith and light that shines out from the faces of the saints, through whom His own light becomes visible." Pope Benedict XVI

Meeting Notice

Gainesville Christian Women's Connection
The Gainesville Christian Women's Connection (GCWC) November Brunch will be Thursday, Nov. 20 at 401 W. Garnett, Gainesville. The event time is 10 to 11:30 a.m. and the cost is \$8 per person. Brunch will be catered by Lone Oak Ranch and Retreat.

The keynote speaker will be Kitty Kane, a singer, composer, and author. Kitty's theme is "Home to Hollywood and Back," which illustrates the often humorous struggles of her life.

The annual Stonecroft Fall Fundraiser will feature an auction. Some items at the auction will be a golf outing for four at Turtle Hill along

with a golf cart; one night stay at the Shady Lady with \$75 dining at Sara's; gift certificates to Fischer's Meats in Muenster; \$100 gift certificate to Hobie's of Noccona; Christmas centerpiece from Vine and Branches in Gainesville; and a variety of new designer purses such as two Vera Wang bags.

GCWC is a non-denominational organization affiliated with Stonecroft Ministries open to women of all ages. Whether you are new to the area or have lived here a long time; come join us. For reservations call Judy DeField at (940) 612-3130, Laura Patterson at (817) 366-4768, or email gcwcreservations@yahoo.com by Thursday, Nov. 13.

Saint Jo Doggie Walk slated

Easy Street Animal Shelter in Saint Jo is sponsoring their 3rd Annual Doggie Walk on Saturday, Nov. 15. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with the walk beginning at 10 a.m. on the Saint Jo Square. Registration fee is \$20. Entrants must bring proof of vaccinations and all dogs must be on a leash.

There will be a cake walk following the doggie walk.

For more information, contact Darla at 940-372-0457.

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Some of the winners in the State Fair Creative Arts Contest were, from left, sophomore Hudson Eddleman, freshmen Kate Springer, Samantha Muller, Roy Endres, Markus Shaw; 8th graders Ethan Muller and Ian Kintz.

SH students capture State Fair art awards

Sacred Heart Catholic School art students had some of their Art on display at the Texas State Fair this month. They could be viewed in the Creative Arts Building, next to the Embarcadero. A number of their pieces took top honors, receiving 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place ribbons or honorable mention.

SHCS Art Teacher Laura Marshall remarked, "There are thousands of entries in Creative Arts, so we are very pleased to have so many of our entries place."

Being awarded 1st place

were Sara Baker with a woven bowl, Keith Bezner with a Hand Modeling entry and a Scratch Built entry, and Samantha Muller with her Paper Mache Porcupine.

Second place honors went to Jared Dangelmayr for his Metal entry, Hudson Eddleman for his Sculpture/Metal entry, Rylee Reiter in Miniatures, and Marcus Shaw in Landscapes.

Receiving 3rd place ribbons were Melanie Bayer in Clay, Alison Becker in Hand Modeling, Hannah Corneli-

son in Photography, Roy Endres in Hand Modeling, and Kate Springer for an entry in Sculpture/Pottery and in Paper Mache.

Brooke Devers took 4th Place for her Photography entry.

Earning Honorable Mentions in Hand Modeling were Thomas Hennigan, Cole Hess, Sophia Jones, Ian Kintz; Landscapes - Julian Hesse; Stained Glass - Samantha Koesler; Sculpture/Pottery - Bennigan McCoy and Ethan Muller; and Cole Dangelmayr in Glaze.

Free heart screenings offered to youth

Living for Zachary is a nonprofit organization that raises awareness of sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) and save lives through community education and awareness events, promoting youth heart screenings, awarding student scholarships, and donating automated external defibrillators (AEDs) that can help save the life of someone who has collapsed due to sudden cardiac arrest.

A Muenster native, Zach Swirczynski, died from SCA on Feb. 9, 2009 while playing a game of pickup basketball at Austin College in Sherman. A private donor has given Living for Zachary the donation necessary to provide 50 FREE Living for Zachary Youth Heart Screenings (ages 12-22) in memory of Zach Swirczynski.

Living for Zachary Youth Heart Screenings include an echocardiogram, electrocardiogram, and blood pressure test. The FREE 50 screenings will be performed by The Heart Hospital Baylor Denton on Saturday, Nov. 15 at Sacred Heart High School. To register for a screening, call 1-855-530-0010.

Brian Burns - Once Upon a Time in Texas

Muenster schools welcomed Texas singer-songwriter Brian Burns for his school performance of Once Upon a Time in Texas. Students from both Muenster ISD and Sacred Heart School enjoyed the performance by one man and his guitar.

Brian Burns performed his educational music program about Texas history. Students enjoyed Burns' engaging performance that brought Texas history to life. His knowledge of history and ability to make learning fun created a new love of Texas history. Burns interacted with the students through questions and answers that helped not only in the area of history, but also promoted all subject areas.

Some of the favorite songs played were "I've Been Everywhere (In Texas)," "Crash at Crush," and "Ballad of the Alamo." The students and teachers thoroughly enjoyed the lively and entertaining performance.

Winter Wise

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Muenster FCCLA officer for 2014-15 are, from left, back - Morgan Flusche, Caroline Gressett, Allie Walterscheid, Katie Pagel, Alaina Kubis; front - Kristen Reiter, Claire Schneider, Noel Rodriguez, and Courtney Stevens.

FCCLA installs new officers

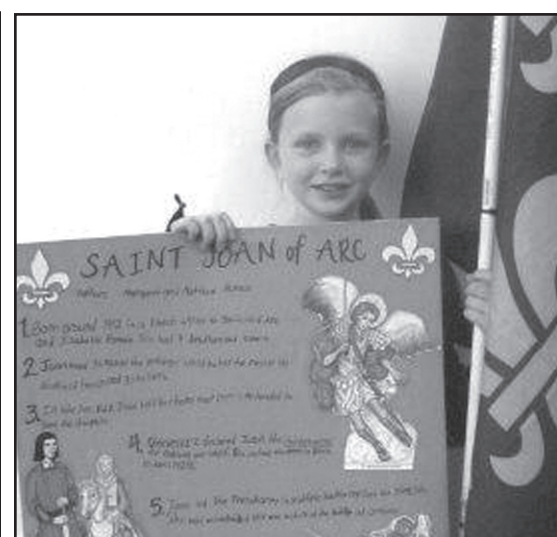
Sept. 26 marked the day that the 2014-15 Family, Career and Community Leaders officers for Muenster FCCLA were installed into their positions. The new officers are as follows: President Noel Rodriguez, VP of Programs Courtney Stevens, VP of Projects Claire Schneider, VP of Membership Kristen Reiter, VP of Public Relations Caroline Gressett, VP of Records Alaina Kubis, VP of Finance Morgan Flusche, VP of Parliamentary Law Allie Walterscheid, and Historian Katie Pagel.

The meeting started with all members, new and old, reciting the creed and ended with the traditional rose ceremony by the officers. This year's new members are Hannah Clure, Ashleigh Fisher, Morgan Hennigan, Jacob Hesse, Rut Rodriguez, Sadie Sandmann, MacKenzie Sicking, Lauren Trubebach, Brennan Binder, Matthew Porter, Papatsamon Vongsariyavanich, and Jaycie York.

The FCCLA September member of the month is senior Zachary Stalder.

They're very excited for this year's projects which are FACTS - It Can Wait, Backpack Buddies, and the Littlest Angels. These projects and this year's agenda were discussed at the meeting as well.

The packaging for a microwaveable "microwave" dinner is programmed for a shelf life of maybe six months, a cook time of two minutes and a landfill dead-time of centuries. ~ David Wann, Buzzworm, November 1990



SHCS photos

Know your saints

During the month of October, Sacred Heart Catholic School students in Martha Sicking's 3rd grade class had to do a book report on a biography of a saint. Each student chose and read their book, and then prepared a written and oral report, as well as a poster about their saint. They could choose to dress as their saint or bring an item that represented their saint when they gave their oral reports. The students really enjoyed the presentations and learned so much about these particular saints. They really made the saints come alive! Pictured are, clockwise, upper left - Trevor Walter - Pope John Paul II; Jolie Bryson - Joan of Arc; Matthew Spaeth - Saint Peter; Tyler Felderhoff - Saint Isaac; and Miriam Mar - Mother Teresa.

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SPORTS

Hornets give Celeste the blues

Another notch went under the W column last Friday when the Muenster Hornets defeated the Celeste Blue Devils 48-14 in District play.

After letting Celeste in the game the 1st half, the Hornets scored another 22 points while holding their visitors scoreless the 2nd half.

"Celeste came up with a couple of plays early, a screen and draw that gave them points," Coach Brady Carney commented. "We made adjustments and stopped their offense. Our defense responded well after that and settled down."

Carney also praised the special teams, noting Chance Herr's PATs and Trace Klement's stepping up as a punter. "Offensively we didn't connect on a couple of 3rd down plays, which we usually do perform."

Two early penalties forced the Devils to punt away the opening possession. Muenster gained 8 yards. A 4th and 2 play produced a 61 yard touchdown run by Chase Deeken. The PAT failed and Muenster had a 6-0 lead.

Three plays later, Bryce Herr intercepted a Celeste pass to put the Hornets 7 yards from paydirt. The next play with 5:48 on the clock, Kyle Klement scored. The PAT failed again for a 12-0 score.

The Devils got in a long run, then scored from 10 yards out to close the score to 12-8 with 3:49 remaining in the 1st period.

A 24 yard kick return by Trace Klement was followed three plays later with a 53 yard scoring run by Blayne Jones. Chance Herr booted the extra point for a 19-8 score with 2:46 on the clock.

The Blue Devils carried the ball into the next quarter, scoring their second

touchdown 2 minutes into the period. The PAT was blocked for a score of 19-14.

T. Klement returned Celeste's kick 26 yards to the Hornet 43. Six short runs moved the ball to the 34. A 4th and 1 run gained no ground and the Devil offense took the field. Three attempts gained no yards and Celeste punted. Deeken returned the punt 49 yards to the Devil 17 yard line. Three plays later, K. Klement scored from the 13. Herr added the extra kick for a 26-14 Muenster lead with 3:57 remaining in the 1st half.

It was three plays and punt, a Celeste interception, followed by three more plays and punt before the halftime break.

The first play of the 3rd quarter was a 51 yard run by K. Klement. Two plays later, Deeken scored on a 12 yard run and Herr added the PAT for a 33-14 score.

Celeste drove down to the Hornet 20, but a Jones interception stopped any scoring threat.

After four punts and 13 seconds on the clock, K. Klement broke free for a 63 yard touchdown. Herr's point after cleared the uprights for a 40-14 score. The quarter ended when Sammy Saucer covered a loose ball on the Celeste 31. Four Hornet runs came up short with 9 yards, then Muenster's defense dropped the Devils 9 yards, forcing an end zone punt. The attempt was blocked, giving Muenster 2 points for a 42-14 score.

The Celeste kick was returned 31 yards by Deeken to the Devil 27. A T. Klement to B. Herr pass play for 22 yards helped move the ball to the 6. With 7 minutes remaining in the game, Ryan Hoepfner scored. The PAT

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Janie Hartman photo

Tiger team tackle - including Julian Hesse (72), Aaron Davis (50), Ethan Henry (2), Devin Sicking (60), and at least four other Tigers.

Tigers crush F.W. Calvary 39-8

The Calvary Christian Academy football team, with a handful of fans, came to Muenster last Friday night to tangle with the Tigers of Sacred Heart. The visitors were met by a tough Tiger defense that held Calvary to a total of 154 yards, which included a minus 37 yards rushing. Sacred Heart's offense on the other hand, passed for 308 yards and ran for 96 more to send the Conquerors home in defeat 39-8.

"We played good," said Coach Dale Schilling. "I was real pleased again with our offense. We started slow, but played good disciplined football."

The Tigers took the opening kick, but were intercepted the second play of the game. Calvary got in four plays and punted. The Tigers gained 6 yards and punted back.

Tackles by Hayden Schilling, Isac Walterscheid, and

Grant Springer dropped the Conquerors for 13 yards. The punt was tipped, giving Sacred Heart possession on the Calvary 41. Kason Reeves passes to Brady Endres and Zach Flusche gained 18 yards, with Will Boyd and Flusche running for 9 more to the 14 yard line. A Reeves to Schilling pass with 3:58 on the clock put the Tigers on the scoreboard. Sam Hesse added the point after for a 7-0 score.

A 49 yard kick return was stopped by Sam Hesse at the Tiger 36. The Sacred Heart defense, led by Schilling, Flusche, and Markus Shaw, stopped the Conquerors on the 30 yard line. A Reeves to Walterscheid pass play gained a quick 50 yards followed by another for 9 to the 11 yard line. A flag lost 10, then with 7 seconds on the clock, Reeves hit Endres for the touchdown. Hesse added the PAT for a 14-0 score.

Calvary's offense continued to struggle, with Aaron Davis, Daniel Hesse, Walterscheid, and Flusche forcing a 4th and 17 punt.

Ethan Henry picked up 12 yards and Boyd 2 to the Calvary 40. With 9:32 remaining in the 2nd period, Reeves and Walterscheid teamed up for another Sacred Heart touchdown. The PAT failed for a 20-0 Tiger lead.

The Conquerors got in a few good plays, but were shut down by D. Hesse, Darian Peters, and Stephen Kessler, punting on 4th and 24. Two plays later, a Reeves pass to Schilling turned into a 63 yard touchdown. S. Hesse's point after kick was good for a 27-0 Tiger lead with 5:05 still on the clock.

Each team got in eight plays before halftime.

Calvary's first drive of the 3rd quarter was shortened when Endres intercepted a Conqueror pass. The teams then exchanged punts, with the Tigers starting on their own 48. Runs by Schilling, Henry, and Boyd, and a completed pass to Boyd moved the ball to the 5. Henry carried the ball across the goal line for 6 points. The PAT failed for a 33-0 score with 3:56 on the clock.

After an exchange of punts, the 3rd quarter ended. Calvary punted again, placing the Tigers near midfield. Runs by Henry and Reeves took the Tigers to the 10 yard line. A holding call lost 10, but the next play, a Reeves to Schilling pass ended in the end zone. The PAT was unsuccessful for a 39-0

score with 7:50 remaining in the game.

Calvary's next drive got them on the scoreboard. Taking nine plays to cover 69 yards, the Conquerors scored with 5:34 remaining in the game.

An on-side kick was covered by Calvary, but two plays later, Endres picked off another pass. The Tigers got in three plays and punted. Too many incomplete passes turned the ball over to Sacred Heart. Three "knees" and the game ended.

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| C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |

Team Stats

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| SH | C | |
| 14 | 1st downs | 10 |
| 30/96 | Rushes/yds | 18/37 |
| 308 | Passing yds | 191 |
| 13/26/1 | Comp/att/int | 20/40/2 |
| 4/35 | Punts/avg | 8/29 |
| 0/0 | Fumbles/lost | 3/0 |
| 5/40 | Penalties/yds | 2/10 |

Individual Stats

RUSHERS: Ethan Henry, 8/44; Will Boyd, 11/17; Hayden Schilling, 3/16; Kason Reeves, 3/10; Zach Flusche, 1/7; Sam Hesse, 1/2. RECEIVERS: Hayden Schilling, 4/124; Isac Walterscheid, 5/121; Brady Endres, 2/34; Will Boyd, 1/24; Zach Flusche, 1/5. TACKLES: Aaron Davis, Isac Walterscheid, Zach Flusche, Hayden Schilling, Will Boyd, Daniel Hesse. INTERCEPTION: Brady Endres, 2.

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TAPPS Div. III, Dist. 1 Standings

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| Temple | 6 - 0 |
| Sacred Heart | 5 - 1 |
| Covenant | 4 - 2 |
| Lubbock | 3 - 3 |
| San Jacinto | 3 - 3 |
| Lake Country | 2 - 4 |
| Calvary | 0 - 6 |
| Fellowship | 0 - 6 |

Just a thought

In a past election, a voter was undecided which candidate he favored. He decided to make a test. He knocked on candidate A's door one night and said, "I need a little help. My car went dead. How about giving me a jump start?"

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The voter drove away, went to candidate B and repeated the plea for assistance.

"Sure," was the answer B gave. He rolled up his sleeves and headed for the car. The voter grinned and said, "You have my vote. I like to know that the man who's representing me takes things into his own hands!"



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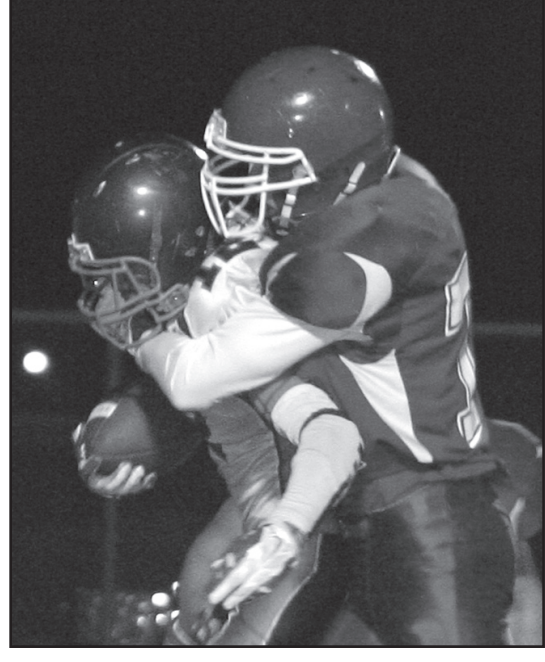
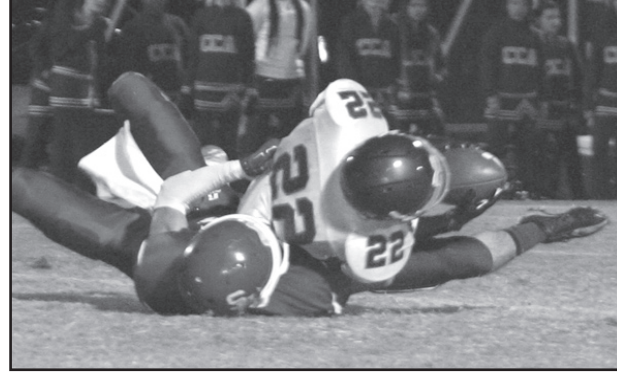
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15 year net loss exceeds one million acres Texas A&M reports new information about land losses in Texas

Texas experienced a net loss of nearly 1.1 million acres of privately owned farms, ranches, and forests from 1997 to 2012, continuing the trend of rural land conversion and fragmentation in Texas, according to Dr. Roel Lopez, director of the Texas A&M Institute of Renewable Natural Resources.

"This dramatic loss and fragmentation of privately owned farms, ranches, and forests - also known as working lands - is affecting the state's rural economies. The conservation of water and other natural resources is also being affected, as is the nation's national and food security," said Lopez during a recent land and water forum in Austin.

"Privately owned farms, ranches, and forests account for 83% of the land in Texas and are increasingly threatened by suburbanization, rural development, and land fragmentation driven by rapid population growth," he said. "More than 54% of this land conversion was related to development associated with population expansion in the state's 25 highest growth rate counties. During this period, approximately 590,000 acres were lost from the agricultural land base in these counties."

Lopez presented these and other key findings from a new Texas Land Trends study at "No Land, No Water: Tools and Strategies for Conserving Land to Protect Water Resources," sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Land Trust.

changes in ownership size, land use, and property values of private farms, ranches, and forests in Texas from 1997 to 2012. Developed by the Institute, Texas Land Trends, <http://txlandtrends.org>, is an interactive website and database detailing current land use trends within the state. It also shows the impacts of rural land loss and fragmentation on water, agriculture, and other natural resources.

Todd Snelgrove, associate director of the Institute, said the goal of Texas Land Trends is to provide public and private decision-makers with information needed to plan for the conservation of Texas farms, ranches, and forests. "Texas Land Trends is a critically important data source for policy makers, conservation organizations, state agencies, and federal agencies in terms of looking at what is happening to our land base in Texas," he said.

Blair Fitzsimons, chief operating officer for the land trust, agreed. "Farms, ranches, and forests in Texas are undergoing a fundamental change, and Texas Land Trends provides a valuable source of information for anyone in the natural resources community," she said.

"Through Texas Land Trends, we have been able to raise awareness that 'Yes, we have a lot of land in Texas,' but we are losing it at a faster rate than most other states in the country, and that loss is having profound impacts on our agricultural base, our water resources, and our native wildlife habitat," Fitzsimons

said. Primary data sources for Texas Land Trends were the Texas State Comptroller of Public Accounts, which provided a 1997-2012 annual compilation of land use and land value data from 1,021 independent school districts, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service. Data from the U.S. Census Bureau, USDA National Resources Inventory, and the U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis-Regional Economic Information System were also used.

Lopez said the Institute will continue to release a series of reports based on current tax appraisals and USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service data. All reports will be available on the Texas Land Trends website at <http://txlandtrends.org> as they are published.



AGRICULTURE MARKET SUMMARY

For the week ending Nov. 1, 2014, feeder cattle prices quoted by Texas auctions were mostly steady to \$6 higher per hundredweight (cwt), with a few steady to \$4 lower. Texas direct feeder cattle sales were \$1 to \$4 higher. Fed cattle cash sales were down \$2 from the previous week's record high. Very tight cattle supplies continue to support markets, but higher grain prices pressured feeders and demand worries caused fed cattle prices to ease back from a record high. Wholesale beef values were higher. Beef export sales for the week were more than 2.5 times the previous week and nearly double the prior four-week average. Export shipments were down 11% from a week earlier and 8% lower than the average.

Wheat prices were unchanged as concerns about dry conditions in Australia and Eastern Europe were offset by good planting progress in the U.S. and weak ex-

port data. U.S. winter wheat seedings are 84% complete, equal to the average. In the first condition report of the season, 59% of the crop was rated in good to excellent condition, compared to 61% at this time last year. In Texas, wheat is 77% planted, one point ahead of the average, with 50% of the acreage rated as good to excellent. Wheat export sales were up 49% from the previous week, but down five percent from the prior four-week average. Exports were down 37% from a week earlier and 49% lower than the average.

Corn and grain sorghum prices were higher on news that China intends to increase its corn reserves, firmer crude oil and higher soybean prices. The advancing U.S. harvest and reports

of good planting weather in South America limited the gains. The U.S. corn harvest advanced to 46% complete, still well behind the 65% average for this date. Crop condition ratings were unchanged, with 74% of the acreage rated as good to excellent. The Texas corn harvest was 77% complete, compared to 93% on average, with 67% of the crop rated as good to excellent, also unchanged from last week. Texas grain sorghum is 76% harvested, slightly ahead of normal, and 58% of the crop is rated good to excellent. Corn export sales were down 53% from the previous week and 55% below the prior four-week average. Exports were up 23% from a week ago and four percent higher than the average.

Manure: Till into the ground to reduce odor

Ever heard someone say "smells like money," when referring to the smell of cow manure? Others may just crinkle their nose at the smell. U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists say the two different reactions are spurred by three main compounds that make up two-thirds of manure odors.

Two of the compounds, isovaleric acid and butyric acid, are volatile fatty acids produced during manure decomposition. The third is 4-methylphenol, an aromatic compound. The combination of the three can create a powerful punch, reports Drovers CattleNetwork.

Cattle feedlot operators' major concern is manure disposal and, fortunately, farmers may be the answer. Farmers can reduce their use of commercial fertilizer and production costs by using manure to fertilize their fields. ARS researchers found tilling manure into the ground and irrigating is the most effective way to reduce manure odors.

"Our results basically confirm that producers who want to use beef manure to improve soil quality can incorporate it into the soil to reduce odors and maintain nutrients," ARS agricultural engineer Bryan Woodbury says.

New Texas oil fields: Olive oil

There are new oil fields in Texas, but not the 'black gold' variety. Fields of olive trees are producing oil that is edible and healthy.

AgriLife Today reports olive trees, native to the Mediterranean region, have been documented on almost 800 acres in the state, and many affiliated with the new industry believe the acreage is closer to 2,000. In 2002, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's census had no record of olive production in Texas.

Since olives are a Mediterranean crop, Texas' severe weather with occasional freezes, bothersome weeds, and cotton root rot disease can all be problems for olive growers.



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With the world population expected to grow to nine billion people by 2050, the world will look to students to become educated, skilled, and passionate about agriculture to fight world hunger. Fortunately, more students have joined the Future Farmers of America (FFA), a national organization with memberships in the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.



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610,240 students, up from 579,678 in 2013, according to Agri-Pulse. Membership increased by more than 30,500 during the 2013-14 school year. The number of new, local FFA chapters throughout the country grew to 7,665.

The Texas FFA Association added more members than any other state, increasing by 8,364 members. Total FFA membership in the Lone Star State stands at 103,379 with 1,021 chapters. The country's second-largest state of FFA members is California, followed by Georgia, Missouri, and Oklahoma.

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Muenster Memorial Hospital Cast of Characters

The Muenster Memorial Hospital staff got into the spirit of Halloween last Friday with Spooktacular Treats, Halloween attire, and trick or trunk activities at Muenster Public and Sacred Heart schools. Pictured are, from left, Randi Lewis, Lorraine Casipong, Richard Acayan, Aileen Acayan, Steve Fowler, Rosemarie Tai, Jenni Studebaker, Duana Johns, Kathy McColly, Cindy McPherson, Anna McCourry, Julie Ness, Carol Winchester, Tiffany Lutkenhaus, and Christi Rickman; kneeling, Patti Hostetter; and reclining, front, Debbie Neu.

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Muenster Memorial Hospital Pumpkin Contest

Halloween At Muenster Elementary



THE GRAND PUMPKINS - On photo at left, from left, Rhett, Ella, and Owen Walterscheid of Muenster took Grand Prize honors with their Ninja Turtle and Princess pumpkins in Muenster Memorial Hospital's Pumpkin Decorating Contest last week. Parents of the children are Blaine and Brandon Walterscheid. The siblings, who attend Muenster ISD, received passes to Six Flags from Hometown Radio KGAF 1580 AM for their efforts. Nineteen entries were received for this first-time event. Below left, judging the contest are Muenster Hospital volunteers Bernice Sicking, left, and Willie Fisher.

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From left - Kayla Deweber, Gracyn Fields, Logan Stewart, Holly Mullins, Danni Paulin, Levi Griffith, Colt McCasland, Luke Walterscheid, Kennedy Schroeder, and Lilly Muller.



Carly McCoy



Above - Cooper Graves
At left - Carson Bindel



From left - Della Walterscheid, Adam Hofbauer, and Spencer Jarosz



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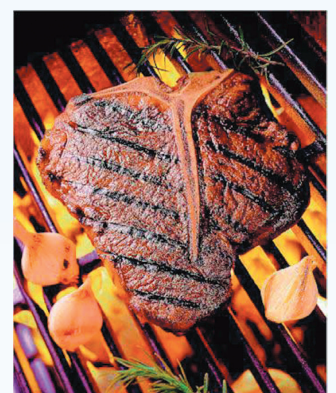
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- SHURFINE HEAVY DUTY 10 INCH Paper Plates 25 CT. 2 FOR \$4
- SELECT VARIETIES TALL KITCHEN OR LARGE Glad Trash Bags 14-35 CT. \$4.79
- SHURFINE PRE-PRICED \$3.99 - ASSTD. Liquid Detergent GAL. \$3.49
- SELECT MULTI-SURFACE OR LEMON CLEAN FURNITURE SPRAY Pledge 9.7 OZ. \$3.99
- WESTERN FAMILY SELECT VARIETIES Coffee Filters 40-200 CT. \$1.29
- WESTERN FAMILY 2 PACK 4 OZ. OR 2 CUP TWIST OPEN Food Storage Containers EACH \$2.49
- WESTERN FAMILY WIND RESISTANT OR FLEX REACH Utility Lighter EACH \$2.59
- SELECT VARIETIES PAM Cooking Spray 5-6 OZ. \$2.99
- SHURFINE PLAIN OR ITALIAN STYLE Bread Crumbs 15 OZ. 99¢
- SEAFOOD COCKTAIL OR CHILI Shurfine Sauces 12 OZ. \$1.29
- SHURFINE SELECT VARIETIES Hot Cocoa Mix 10 CT. 2 FOR \$3
- LEMON JUICE ReaLemon 8 OZ. \$1.19
- BEEF OR CHICKEN, INSTANT OR CUBES Shurfine Bouillon 4 OZ. OR 25 CT. 2 FOR \$3
- SHURFINE ASSORTED VARIETIES Containers 2-6 CT. 2 FOR \$5
- AEROSOL FRESH SCENT Scrubbing Bubbles 22 OZ. \$3.29

- PILGRIM'S FAMILY PACK Drumsticks or Thighs LB. 99¢
- PILGRIM'S SMALL PACK Drumsticks or Thighs LB. \$1.39
- PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS BEEF Chuck Roast LB. \$4.49
- PREFERRED TRIM T-Bone Steak LB. \$6.99
- BONELESS BEEF Stew Meat LB. \$4.19
- BONELESS PORK Tenderloin LB. \$4.29
- PRAIRIE FRESH ASSTD. FLAVORS MARINATED Pork Tenderloins LB. \$5.29
- ASSORTED VARIETIES Cook's Ham Steaks LB. \$2.99
- WESTERN GRILLERS - 5 VARIETIES Stuffed Jalapeños 7-8 OZ. 2 FOR \$6
- Bar S Franks 12 OZ. 88¢
- SHURFINE 71/90 COUNT, P&D, TAIL ON Cooked Shrimp 1 LB. \$9.99

- SEA BEST Tilapia Fillets 1 LB. \$3.99
- SEA BEST BREADED OR COCONUT Jumbo Shrimp 9-10 OZ. \$4.19
- APPROX. 6 LB. LOAF Muenster Cheese LB. \$3.39
- FOSTER FARMS Gluten Free Corn Dogs 32.04 OZ. \$6.49
- FOSTER FARMS Jalapeño Corn Dogs 37.38 OZ. \$6.49
- JOHN MORRELL 12 OZ. ROLL OR 7 OZ. LINKS Breakfast Sausage EACH \$1.49
- SMITHFIELD STACK PACK Premium Bacon 20 OZ. \$5.99
- MARKET SLICED Muenster Cheese LB. \$3.89
- OVEN ROASTED Turkey Breast \$4.49
- REESER'S Potato or Macaroni Salad LB. \$1.39
- SHURFINE Whole Hog Sausage 2 FOR \$5

Fresh Produce



FRESH Large Avocados

5 for \$5



HALOS Bagged Mandarins 2 LB. BAG \$2.99

- BAGGED Mixed Fruit 3 LB. \$2.99
- ORGANIC Red Pears LB. \$1.49
- CELLO PACK - IN SHELL Mixed Nuts 1 LB. \$4.99

- FRESH Cranberries 12 OZ. 2 FOR \$5
- FRESH BUNCH Cilantro 2 FOR \$1

24-PACK CANS OR BOTTLES Bud & Bud Light \$21

20-PACK CANS ASSTD. FLAVORS \$5.99

Health & Beauty Care

- WESTERN FAMILY NON-COATED Aspirin 500 CT. \$2.99
- WESTERN FAMILY SELECT VARIETIES Dandruff Shampoo . 14.2 OZ. \$2.99
- WESTERN FAMILY IBUPROFEN INFANT DROPS .5 OZ. OR ASSORTED VARIETIES LIQUID Children's Pain Relief ... 4 OZ. \$4.29
- SELECT VARIETIES FOAMING HAND SOAP Dial Complete 7.5 OZ. \$2.49

Dairy & Frozen Foods



SHURFINE ULTRA PASTEURIZED Whipping Cream HALF PINT OR Half & Half PINT

4 for \$5

- PET RITZ ORIGINAL OR DEEP DISH Pie Crusts 2 PACK \$1.99
- AUNT JEMIMA SELECT VARIETIES Waffles 14 CT. 2 FOR \$4
- MINI BEEF/CHEESE TACOS OR ASST. TAQUITOS José Olé Entrées... 20-22.5 OZ. \$4.79
- PILLSBURY REFRIGERATED Pie Crust 14.1 OZ. 2 FOR \$5

- SELECT VAR. BREAD/ROLLS/PIZZA CRUST Pillsbury Dough ... 8-13.8 OZ. 2 FOR \$4
- SHURFINE Sour Cream 16 OZ. \$1.99
- ORIGINAL OR EXTRA CREAMY Reddi-Wip 6.5 OZ. 2 FOR \$4
- PILLSBURY SELECT VARIETIES Sweet Rolls 12.4-13.9 OZ. 2 FOR \$4

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