

New beginnings



Janie Hartman photo

Sacred Heart Catholic School held its first day of classes for the 2015-16 school year on Wednesday, Aug. 12. Students are shown exiting the Elementary building on their way to the opening prayer service in Sacred Heart Church.

Zoning change approved

Janet Felderhoff
News Editor

A public hearing took place during the Aug. 3 City Council meeting. It was in regard to V&T Enterprises and Universal Machining owner Steve Trubenbach's request for a zoning change on property his owns. The property is located in Block 55 around the intersection of South Hickory Street and U.S. Hwy. 82, including the old Center building and old Electric Co-op buildings and the Meinrad Yosten property.

City Administrator Stan Endres noted that the property is currently zoned R-1, (Single Family District) and B-2 (General Business District). Trubenbach asked that it be changed to I-1 (Light Industrial District). He plans to build another facility there for use by Universal Machining.

Notice of the public hearing was mailed to all adjoining neighbors and published in the *Muenster Enterprise*. Nobody voiced any opposition either at the hearing or to anyone from the City.

Trubenbach attended the meeting. He said that he did not have plans right now for that property, and did not want to start plans until the zone had actually been changed.

The Council approved the

Garbage will be picked up twice weekly until September. In September, that changes to once weekly. The pick up day will be Mondays then.

zoning change, Ordinance No. 371 with a vote of 4-0.

Endres told of a FEMA representative's visit to Muenster the previous Monday and Tuesday. She toured the damaged streets with Leo Lutkenhaus, viewing about half of the streets that were damaged. Endres said, "She agreed with some of the locations that were damaged by the flood and others she didn't think they were. We've got to put a report together for her for the ones that she didn't see giving the estimates and stuff like that."

The City will have to get a contractor's cost estimate to submit to FEMA for an answer as to how much, if any, damages will be covered.

The FEMA rep advised the City to move forward with repair of the streets that it had already planned

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5 make mission trip to Haiti

From July 3 - 11, five ladies from First Baptist Church Muenster went on a mission trip to share God's love by serving in Haiti.

On Jan. 12, 2010, a devastating 7.0 strength earthquake struck Haiti. The official death toll is not known, but approximately 275,000 people were killed and 1.5 million people became homeless. To this day, the country is still suffering the effects of the earthquake. For example, many are without permanent housing or suffer from physical injuries. More still are widowed or

orphaned and have a hard time making a living.

While on their trip, Sandy Gourley, Angelika Lamar, Tara Gunnels, Delaney Wright, and Mikaela Lamar partnered with Mission of Hope. As an organization following Jesus Christ to bring life transformation to every man, woman, and child in Haiti, Mission of Hope has been working to alleviate the effects of the earthquake. They strive for intentional Christ-centered relationships, the sharing of God's word to surrounding communities, building up fu-

ture Haitian leaders, pursuing God's plan for physical, mental, social, and spiritual well-being, and using all talents and resources available for God's glory.

While there, these ladies served in the village of Simonette. They served by planting various fruit trees to provide hope, shade, and food for the community. They also assisted with Vacation Bible School in this village by serving a meal and led the children from station to station where they learned bible stories, games, agricul-

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Court lifts Disaster Declaration with 2-1 vote

Janet Felderhoff
News Editor

Two members absent and a divided vote among members present brought an end to the Disaster Declaration. Commissioners B.C. Lemons and Leon Klement were absent. Being under the Disaster Declaration allows the commissioners to purchase materials needed for repairs of storm damaged roads, etc. from vendors other than those whose bids have been accepted. For instance, rock is difficult to get right now. If found in other locations other than current vendors, the commissioners are allowed to make that purchase.

County Judge Jason Brinkley asked if anyone had made rock or other material purchases. There was dis-

cussion on this topic.

Commissioner Al Smith said he felt that the Disaster Declaration should be left and he said he was sure Commissioner Klement would want it. Smith remarked, "We are getting some movement on terms that we are beginning to understand what we might have to do in Precinct #4 in terms of repairing that damage. We need to leave all of our options open as we approach that." He added that a vote should wait for Commissioner Klement's input.

Judge Brinkley said, "My preference would be to lift the Disaster Declaration. If we need it in the future for budgetary reasons, we've dealt with FEMA, we can always declare a fiscal emergency and address that at that time. This is too open

to abuse to leave this open-ended." He then called for a vote.

Hollowell asked Smith what he thought this would do. Smith replied that the guy with the biggest damages from the disaster wasn't present and he could not vote to lift the Disaster Declaration in respect for the disaster that they had in Precinct #4 and not knowing exactly how it would affect Klement and the disaster abilities.

Hollowell said he didn't want to hamper anybody but it could be weeks before there was a true assessment of damages. They then voted 2-1 to lift the Disaster Declaration.

Following the meeting, Commissioner Smith expressed his disappointment

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Courtesy photo

Making a mission trip to Haiti were First Baptist Church members, from left, Sandy Gourley, Angelika Lamar, Delaney Wright, Mikaela Lamar, and Tara Gunnels.

Stanford House invites seniors to come cultivate friendships

Janet Felderhoff
News Editor

There are many fun activities and educational talks offered at Stanford House located at 401 W. Garnett in Gainesville. It is there free for the use of those age 55 and older. You can come no matter where your residence is at.

Executive Director Kathi Kirby said that there have even been people visiting relatives here from out-of-state who used it and took advantage of one of the tours offered.

"Everything that we do is designed around a senior in mind," said Kathi. "Our average age of seniors who come here is about 78. We don't have very many of the younger 55-65 because they

are still working.

"This is such a wonderful program! It doesn't cost anybody anything and yet they can be in here having fun and spending time with their peers."

Stanford House has been open since 1992, but many people still have not heard of it or know what is offered there for seniors. Stanford House came to be because Mattie Bell Stanford left her estate to build a senior citizen center. It is not owned by the county or the city and raises funds to pay regular bills. The building is paid for.

Kathi said she quizzed several participants on why they come. One lady told Kathi it was because it gave her an opportunity to get away from her husband and



Courtesy photo

Those interested in quilting gather at Stanford House each Tuesday between 8 a.m. and noon. They do quilting for the public, charging according to the size of the quilt. This money helps to keep Stanford House open.

do something that she enjoys doing. She asked one man who gave what Kathi feels is the most important reason. He said, "This place saved my life. My wife died and I didn't know what to do with myself. Someone suggested that I come down here." Kathi said he comes every day to be part of a community and around other people.

Kathi added, "Every morning, we have between eight and 15 people who come in and sit at one of the tables. They drink coffee and they just talk. We call it The Table of Knowledge." She said Stanford House is a place to form friendships. Many who attend will spend time playing cards or other games and then meet at Graumes for ice cream, said Kathi.

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"This is the IRS, Call 509.288.4550 immediately"

Another telephone scam has been circulating throughout the United States and has "hit home" here in Muenster. A female computer-generated message, claiming to be the IRS, informs you that this is the second time the IRS has called and that you are being sued by the IRS and need to return their call at 509.288.4650 immediately to avoid prosecution and/or there will be a warrant for your arrest. If you do return their call, an Officer Johnson (or other "American" name), who barely has command of the English language, will give you their badge number and threats. If you tell them you think this is a scam, they ask you to hold and hang up. If you think you are talking to the IRS and give them any personal information - you have been scammed! "This has all the signs of an IRS imposter scam. In fact, the IRS won't call out of the blue to ask for payment, won't demand a specific form of payment, and won't leave a message threatening to sue you if you don't pay right away," notes the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) web site. "Have you gotten a bogus IRS call like this? If you did, report the call to the FTC and to Texas Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) - include the phone number it came from, along with any details you have."

The crooks will give you a pretty convincing reason to wire money. They might tell you to use a money wiring service to add funds to a 16-digit account number they give you—they say it's your case number or account number, but it's not. Once the transfer goes through, the money's gone and you can't get it back.

Government agencies will never ask you to pay by wiring money. Neither will legitimate businesses. If someone insists you pay by wiring money, it's a scam. Don't do it. Report it to the Federal Trade Commission at ftc.gov/complaint or 1-877-FTC-HELP, or the TIGTA at treasury.gov/tigta/contact_report_scam.shtml

If you get illegal sales calls or robocalls, it's best to ignore them. Don't interact in any way. Don't press buttons to be taken off the call list or to talk to a live person or call back. That just leads to more calls. If you have useful details for a complaint, report your experience to the FTC.

Benefit Fund set for Green

A Benefit Fund has been established for John Green, age 44 of Muenster, at First State Bank - Muenster branch. John suffered a heart attack followed by congestive heart failure. According to his wife Rhonda Fleitman Green, the left front part of his heart is dead and the remainder of the heart has 30% working. She said there is hope that his heart will get stronger with time. John and Rhonda are the parents of Johnny, Michael, Christopher, and Brittany.

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in the Court's vote. "It was rude," he declared. With the majority of the flood damage taking place in Precinct #4, Smith felt that the vote should have been delayed until Commissioner Klement could be present for a decision.

Commissioner Klement visited the newspaper office Monday afternoon to offer his reason for missing the meeting. He said it was the first meeting he had missed. Klement was invited to speak about the federal surplus program that Precinct #4 has made purchases from on occasion. He spoke at the national convention of the National Association of State Agencies for Surplus Products.

Klement said that he had spoken with the Judge about the speech since it would fall on a Commissioners Court meeting day. He said the Judge encouraged him to accept the invitation and assured him that nothing of consequence would be decided at that meeting. Klement said that taking off the Disaster Declaration could have a great impact on getting things done in Precinct #4 in regard to storm damage.

A burn ban looms in the County's future. County Fire Marshal Ray Fletcher gave the current KBDI (Keetch-Byram Drought Index) of 619 as the mean across the County. He noted that 600 is typically pretty dry.

"Normally, our fire conditions are much worse than

they are right now," Fletcher said. "It's unusual because we're just not having those fires that we would anticipate at this point like fires on the side of the road, from welding. Our fire occurrences are somewhat minimal at this point."

Although Fletcher did not yet recommend a burn ban, he urged caution by the public in regard to fire.

Commissioner Smith said that he feels people in rural areas are mostly ready for a burn ban and saw no problem with putting a ban in place.

Commissioner Hollowell suggested putting it on the agenda for Monday, Aug. 17 since the Court would meet then for a special called tax and budget meeting.

Judge Brinkley said he realized the time for a burn ban was near unless it rained. No action was taken and it will be addressed on Monday.

August, September, and October were declared United Way months. A proclamation was approved. It said in part, "United Way has been involved in meeting the needs of people in Cooke County for 60 years. Cooke County United Way serves the people of Cooke County through its support of 16 organizations which seek to meet the needs of the people of our County."

"Cooke County Commissioners Court, on behalf of the people of Cooke County, expresses appreciation to the many volunteers on the Boards of directors of the Cooke County United Way and of the agencies it supports for their generous contributions of time and energy to these agencies which seek to enrich the lives of the people of this great County."

The Court approved a contract with Secure Tech Systems, Inc. for installation of a Wave Plus Control Panel and Duress Alarm System. Judge Brinkley noted that

there is money in this year's budget for this in the two JP offices. The Courthouse is not budgeted for the security systems until the 2016 budget. "It gives us a chance to try it out before we have additional expenditures on it," he added.

Approved was adding I-Ticket services to the Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1 and 4's Net Data contract. To fund this, the Court approved allowing the JPs' offices to charge a \$2 administrative fee as permitted by the Code of Criminal Procedure. Judge Brinkley explained that whenever a state trooper writes a ticket for a traffic violation, that information will be sent to the JP office rather than waiting for the state to send the informa-

tion to them. At times, it takes weeks to months to receive the tickets, he noted. With the new system, the information will come to them within hours. It will also cut down on the JP offices' workload.

The \$2 cost is paid by the person being ticketed and is per offense. Someone being charged for one offense pays \$2, two offenses \$4, etc. It takes effect on Sept. 1.

In other business, the Court:

Approved Cooke County EMS to expend funds from line item 001-540-570 Vehicle Purchase in the amount of \$11,650 in order to match the Co-Serve Grant Funds.

- Accepted the Co-Serve Grant for \$12,500 for the purchase of a medical UTV.



Police Notes

from Muenster Chief of Police Tom Barr

July 2015 Activity

Calls for Service (CFS) - 101; Incident/Offense reports generated - 8; Arrests - 4; Accidents Investigated - 0; Citations issued for the month - 23; Officers worked 696 hours on duty.

Patrol vehicles logged 3,889 miles for the month. 90 day stats: April - CFS 82, Incidents 4, Arrests 5, Citations 28. May - CFS 108, Incidents 13, Arrests 1, Citations 31. June - CFS 123, Incidents 9, Arrests 5, Citations 41.

Vehicle Stats - 2014 Ford F150 - 15,125, #2 2011 Crown Vic - 56,832, #3 2010 Crown Vic - 60,568.

As we get into the hottest part of the summer, we want to encourage everyone to be sure your pets have water and shade. Please don't leave any children or pets in the car. A tragedy can be just a few moments away if we get distracted. Please also be mindful of any older neighbors that may be in distress in the heat.

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to do this year. Endres said the rep told him that this would show that the City does have good maintenance of its streets and would be favorable.

Endres noted, "The woman said she had been doing this for six years and she said as far as all the places she's been in any small town, she said we had better streets than other places that she's been. She definitely said that she would stand up for us. It made it sound like there was a pretty good possibility that we'd get some aid from them."

FEMA will pay 75% of any approved damages. There is an 18 month deadline on getting the repairs done. It is unclear when FEMA will make the determination of what it will pay.

Streets slated for paving this year are Sixth and Seventh and several other locations damaged by water leaks. Bolen Construction was contracted to do these repairs. Endres said it should cost between \$215,000 and

\$220,000. Those repairs were expected to begin within the week.

In his monthly report. Administrator Endres said that the County has put the first coat of oil and chip on East Ninth Street. The second coat will be done late in August.

Closing of the City swimming pool is set for Sunday, Aug. 16. Life guards go back to school and this is the reason it closes early.

There have been problems with opening the pool some days. The water tests safe, but is not clear and the deep water is so dark some days that it would be dangerous to have the pool open, explained Endres. Some days, the shallow end is open and the deep end roped off.

New garbage containers should be distributed to all residents this week, said Endres. Residents are to begin using them immediately. Progressive will continue to collect garbage twice weekly until September. In September, that changes to once weekly for residents. The pick up day will be Mondays then.

In other business conducted at the Aug. 3 meeting, the City Council:

- Rescheduled the date of the September meeting from Sept. 7 to Sept. 14 since the Labor Day holiday falls on Sept. 7.
- Set a budget workshop meeting for 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 17.
- Heard the monthly Police Report from Chief Tom Barr.
- Approved payment of bills totaling \$131,260.



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Fantastic Four (PG13)
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Mission Impossible (PG13)
11am, 1:30, 4:30, 7:00, 10:00

Minions in 2D (PG)
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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!

Sunday, August 16, 2015	Monday, August 17, 2015	Tuesday, August 18, 2015	Wednesday, August 19, 2015	Thursday, August 20, 2015	Friday, August 21, 2015	Saturday, August 22, 2015
Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm	VFW mtg. 7 pm	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Library open 10-6:30 MISD Jr Hi orientation 5 pm Howdy Night - PK-6th 6 pm School Board mtg. 7:30 pm SH Alumni & Supp mtg. 7:30 pm MISD in-service begins	Museum open 1 - 4 pm Library open 10- 6:30 Hornet football scrimmage	Muenster Museum OPEN 1-4 MISD teacher work day Tiger football scrimmage	Library open 10-2:30
Sunday, August 23, 2015	Monday, August 24, 2015	Tuesday, August 25, 2015	Wednesday, August 26, 2015	Thursday, August 27, 2015	Friday, August 28, 2015	Saturday, August 29, 2015
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm	Muenster ISD 1st Day of School	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm MMH Board mtg. 7 pm MMH new administrator reception 5:30-6:30 pm in foyer	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10-6:30	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm Hornets vs Valley View Tigers @ Collinsville	Library open 10-2:30

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**Steve Cone
1940 - 2015**

Services for Steve Cone, age 74 of Muenster, are set for 9 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 15 at Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Ricky Kerr officiating. Burial will follow in Marysville Cemetery in Marysville under the direction of Scott Funeral Home of Saint Jo. Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 14 at the funeral home in Saint Jo. Mr. Cone died Monday, Aug. 10, 2015.

Steven Scott Cone was born Oct. 16, 1940 in Jackson, Mississippi to Thaddeus Scott and Marilyn Leodora Williams Cone. He was one of their three children.

Steve attended college at Mississippi State, earning a degree in Engineering. While there, he served in the Civil Air Patrol and joined the Air Force through the R.O.T.C. His Air Force Service brought him to the Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth where he met his wife Carolyn. After leaving the Air Force, he continued his career in aviation engineering which eventually led to his own successful business as an Engineering Consultant.

After two and a half de-

acades, he and his wife realized their dream and moved to the country. He loved to do work on his tractor, hunt, and chase the neighbor's cattle out of his fields with his pickup truck. Unfortunately his hunting was cut short as his wife made pets of everything in the woods, especially the deer. Having a great sense of humor, which he passed on to his family, he took this disappointment in stride and even went to feeding raccoons for a while. That hobby ended when the mouths grew to dozens and they sought living quarters where they ought not.

Steve loved the Lord and God's word. He spent many years at First Baptist Church Dallas as a Sunday School teacher, a Sunday School Superintendent, and sung in the adult choir. After moving from the Dallas area, he spent many years both in the Gideons, and outside the Gideons handing out the Word of God, The King James Bible, to anyone willing to take it. He was a man frugal in his ways except for tithes and offerings to the Lord and the money he spent on Bibles to place in



Steve Cone

as many hands as he could. His final church home was Saint Jo Landmark Missionary Baptist Church in which he formed many cherishing friendships among the children of God.

Steve is survived by his wife Carolyn Brooks Cone of Muenster; daughter Jeanette and husband Eddie Chastain of Georgia; son Darrin Cone of Marysville; brother James Cone of Jackson, MS; and sister Susan and husband Paul Rhinewalt of Jackson.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Pallbearers will be Dalton Lyons, Richard Reeves, Hank Reed, Eddie Jo Reeves, Johnny Maxwell, Cecil Pitman, and Adam Reed.

**Urban Schrage
1926 - 2015**

Urban A. Schrage, 89, died peacefully at home on Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015 surrounded by his loved ones. He was born in Elgin, NE on March 15, 1926.

During the Korean War, Urb served in the 45th Division. Upon discharge, he returned to Oklahoma State University to complete his degree in Agricultural Sciences, and finish his college football career.

Urb moved to Salinas, CA in 1955 with his bride Celine to start his career in agriculture, which continued for over 40 years in the Salinas Valley. He was a long-time parishioner of Sacred Heart Church and a member of Sons In Retirement (SIR).

He loved reading and later became a docent at the Steinbeck Center. Urb also enjoyed spending time with family and friends, telling stories and talking about history. His Saturdays in the fall were dedicated to Oklahoma State football. Urb was always ready to travel, especially if it was a trip to Reno or Big Sur.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Hubert, Clarence, Gilbert, Wilfred, Art, and Al; sister Phi-

lomena; and grandson Tyler Ambrosini.

He is survived by his wife Celine Felderhoff Schrage; children Greg (Linda), Linda (Ted) Wagner, Donna (Brian) Ambrosini; and two grandchildren.

Funeral Mass was held Thursday, Aug. 13 at Sacred Heart Church in Salinas. Burial with military honors followed at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Salinas.

Donations in Urb's name may be made to VNA and Hospice, 45 Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA 93901, or the UCSF Memory and Aging Center. For the UCSF Memory and Aging Center, please make checks payable to the UCSF Foundation, include MAC Fund B1871 in the memo line of the check, and mail it to UCSF Foundation, P.O. Box 45339, San Francisco, CA 94145.

**Truebenbach
dies**

Services for Giles Truebenbach with Muenster are pending with Scott Funeral Home of Muenster. Giles died at the age of 75 on Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2015.

**NCT Chorale
looks to add
singers**

The North Central Texas Chorale is looking to add more singers for the 2015 fall season.

Clint Kelley is the director. He has been the Junior High and High School Choir Director at Sacred Heart School for seven years. He received his Bachelor of Music from The University of Texas at Tyler. From 2006 to 2007, he worked with the University of Nevada Reno Community Chorus prior to coming to Texas.

The Chorale will be singing *Handel's Messiah*. The *Messiah* is exciting to sing and an audience favorite.

There is no audition required to sing with the Chorale. They do ask that singers have experience singing in choirs. The ability to read music and sing on pitch is also very important.

Rehearsals are on Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Choir Room at the First State Bank Center For The Performing Arts. Rehearsals will begin on Aug. 25.

With questions, contact the Chorale President Phil Schenk at 940-387-1886.

**Mary Reiter Black
1926 - 2015**

Mary Catherine Reiter Black, age 88 of Deer Park, TX, died Aug. 4, 2015. Born in Muenster, Sept. 25, 1926, she moved to Kerrville as a young child. She graduated from Kerrville Tivy High School, attended Schreiner Institute, and then earned a degree in Journalism from The University of Texas at Austin in 1947. Her marriage to William E. "Bill" Black on Aug. 27, 1948 continued until his death in 2005. Mary was deeply involved in her family, Church, and community.

She was a devoted mother and wife. She was a Cub Scout and Girl Scout leader and supported her husband who owned a Western Auto store from 1959 to 1983.

A founding member of St. Hyacinth Parish, Mary taught CCD classes, and was active in choir, Ladies Guild,

Altar and Rosary Society, and Catholic Daughters. She helped form and continued with Adoration Chapel to her last days. She managed the City of Deer Park Federal Credit Union from its founding in 1964 for 37 years. In her later years, she volunteered at Deer Park Food Pantry.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bill; parents Charles and Katherine Reiter; and brothers Charles Jr., Roderick, and Giles.

She is survived by children William and Deborah Black, Thomas and Susan Black, Robert and Gena Black, Mary and Kent Baxley, and David Black and Kevin Watson; several grandchildren and one step-great-grandson; brother Albert and Kathy Reiter and Marilyn Coker, Richard and Mary Al-

ice Black.

Funeral was Saturday, Aug. 8, at St. Hyacinth Catholic Church in Deer Park, with interment in Grand View Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Deer Park Food Bank payable to Interfaith Helping Hands at 902 Patricia, Deer Park, TX 77536.

**Hermes
services
pending**

Services for Randolph Hermes, age 59 of Houston, are pending with Meador Funeral Home of Gainesville. Hermes died Thursday, Aug. 6, 2015.



Bear, Lily, and Rex are 3 of the youngest members of the Easy Street Shelter family in Saint Jo. Saturday, August 15, the shelter is taking part in the national Clear The Shelter Day. From 8-11 a.m., adoption fees will be half price. For more info, contact Denise at 940-613-6865.

**The MMH Family Health Clinic
Welcomes**

**Peter W. Eaton, D.O.
to the Medical Staff**



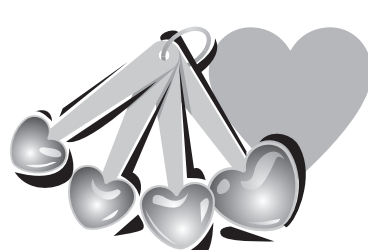
Doctor Eaton will join Edd Advincula, M.D., Yvonne Ambrose, NP, and Melissa Trubenbach, NP, in providing quality healthcare to our community.

Doctor Eaton is a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Practice



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The family of Dorothy Fisher wishes to express our gratitude to the wonderful community of Muenster friends and relatives. We want to especially thank Father Ken for administering final rites and Father Kyle for saying Mass.



Special thanks to Dr. Zgourides, Muenster Memorial Hospital, Linda Walterscheid, and all the other Hospital personnel for their care; Home Health, especially Dale Reiter; FIT - Rose Ganzon you exceeded our gratitude.

Thanks also to the KCs for use of the Hall and CDAs for the awesome meal. Thanks to everyone who sent food, cards, and prayers our way. It truly takes a village to care for the Fisher clan and extended families.

Respectfully,

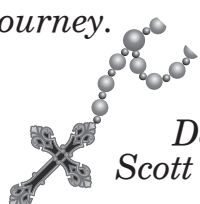
Helen Fisher Hughes, William Fisher, Lillian Fisher Hess, Betty Fisher Kleiss, Rita Fisher, Donnie Fisher, David Fisher, Linda Fisher Lev, Herbie Fisher, their spouses, children, and grandchildren

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all for every expression of love & sympathy shown to us upon the death of "T." Every kind word, every prayer offered, every hug given, along with cards, phone calls, texts, flowers, food, & visits have touched our hearts. It brings us great comfort knowing that Dad had touched so many lives.

Thanks to Fr. Phil Petta for the home visits & the beautiful funeral Mass. Thanks to music ministers Doug, Linda, Christi, Diane, & Jim - the music was beautiful. Thank you to the VFW Honor Guard. Thanks to the KCs for use of the Hall & a big thank you to the Catholic Daughters for the delicious meal preparation. Thank you to the Muenster Hospital staff for their gentle & loving care of Dad the past several months. Also Muenster Home Health, especially Dale Reiter, and Senior Care of North Texas.

We would also like to extend special thanks to Cooke County Home Hospice. You are a wonderful organization & greatly helped us all through this journey.

We pray for God's blessing upon each of you!



*Emilia Voth
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EARNING THE KEEP MUENSTER BEAUTIFUL YARD OF THE MONTH honors for July is the home of Craig and Mattie Hartman at 318 W. Sixth Street. Pictured from left are Parker, Mattie, Addison, and Craig Hartman. They have spent the summer adding improvements to their yard. Included in the front yard landscape are Indian Hawthorns, privet, Knock Out roses, marigolds, dianthus, and periwinkles. There is also a St. Francis statue that once belonged to Mattie's grandmother Joaline Henscheid and another of a guardian angel.

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ture, hygiene lessons, and exercise. During this time, the salvation message was shared and 30+ children accepted Christ.

Mikaela Lamar remarked, "It was so much fun just being able to be with the kids and love on them because something as simple as a hug can make them smile. One of the villagers during the week told us that he was so thankful to us for being with the kids because it takes the stress out of their lives for even a brief time, which is really important because even for a small child, life is hard. It was truly an incredible and life-changing experience and I'm pretty sure those kids blessed me just as much as we blessed them." Living our Mission of Hope's vision, the group of ladies and their team visited elderly members and other families in Simonette. They built intentional relationships with these people by learning about their lives, sharing scripture, and praying with them.

Gunnels shared, "One of the North American pastors encourages us to pray for God to break our heart for what breaks His. On our first day of Village time, I encountered one of the things that broke my heart. The village champions took us to the house of a lady named Angelise. This elderly lady lived alone, could barely see, and could barely walk. Every morning, she crawled outside and sat on her hands and knees on a mattress pad until her niece came and brought her food. In that moment, I realized just how different life in Haiti was than it is in America. By reading a scripture, encouraging her, and praying over her, I really felt like we could make an impact."

In Haiti, 80% of the population practices voodoo. Ten years ago, in the village of Simonette alone, there were 18 voodoo temples. As of today, none remain and 95% of the village follows Christ.

Wright said, "It was inspiring to see how strong of faith the Haitians were even though they have very little and life is infinitely harder for them than it is for us. On Sunday, we went to church on the Mission of Hope campus and the majority of the worship and sermon was in Creole, but it was evident how much passion the Haitians had for God. Even though we didn't know what they were saying, we could just tell through their voice, facial expressions, and body language."

If you would like to learn more about Mission of Hope in Haiti, go to www.mohhaiti.org

Cub Scouts enjoy swim party

Cub Scout Pack 664 held their Annual Pool Party on Aug. 10 at the Muenster Pool. After eating some delicious hot dogs, the kids had a fun evening of swimming.

The pool party was held to welcome families interested in joining Cub Scouts and also for current Scouts and their families to meet up after the long summer.

Sign up for the Cub Scouts will held Sept. 14, 6:30 p.m. at the VFW. For more information on joining the Cub Scout Pack in Muenster, call Christy Bezner at 940-736-4716.

Love is the most necessary of all virtues. Love in the person who preaches the word of God is like fire in a musket. If a person were to throw a bullet with his hands, he would hardly make a dent in anything; but if the person takes the same bullet and ignites some gunpowder behind it, it can kill. It is much the same with the word of God. If it is spoken by someone who is filled with the fire of charity- the fire of love of God and neighbor- it will work wonders.

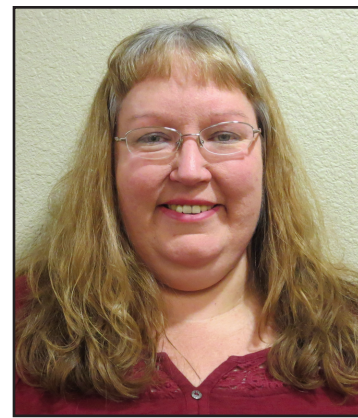
- St. Anthony Mary Claret

Lamkin returns to Home Hospice

Home Hospice of Grayson, Cooke, and Fannin counties announces that Kelly Lamkin, LBSW, has returned to their team as a social worker. Kelly worked for Home Hospice for 13 years before taking a break from social work in 2010.

"We are pleased that Kelly has rejoined our team and happy to have her expertise in our social work department. Her counseling skills and compassionate nature have been of great benefit to many in the community and we look forward to Kelly renewing personal and professional relationships as she begins her case work," said Tina L. Garner, executive director.

Kelly is a native of Muenster and still resides there, calling the community her family. She is a Licensed



Kelly Lamkin

Bachelor of Social Work, LBSW, with a Bachelor of Social Work degree from Texas Woman's University with a double minor in Sociology and Psychology. She has also earned Independent Practice Recognition, IPR, in counseling and social work. In her prior time with Home Hos-

pace, she worked out of the Cooke County office helping with social work, volunteers, and community support.

"I feel like I am where I belong. And I feel like I am home," said Kelly Lamkin regarding her return to Home Hospice. And based on the feedback, warm greetings, and huge hugs, so are many in the Gainesville and Muenster communities!

Home Hospice has been providing care, support, comfort, and healing to the Cooke County community for over 30 years and is the only local non-profit hospice serving the area. Their mission is to provide compassionate, quality end-of-life care, grief support, and hospice education.

For more information, call 940-665-9891 or visit www.homehospice.org.



Courtesy photos

CUB SCOUT SWIMMING FUN - Cub Scouts pictured from left, top photo, front: - Jackson Becker; second row - Hayden Fleitman, Colby Hess, Garrett Muller, Shooter Hess, Luke Gehrig; back - Eric Berres, Parker Hartman, Jackson Sicking. At right - Preston Kubis, JD Smith, and Owen Walterscheid.



DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO Aug. 11, 1950

City Council okays more street lights. Oscar Detten, age 45, dies in head-on crash. J.B. Wilde named local representative for GM Public Relations. New Arrivals: a daughter to Aubrey and Rita Jennings; Earline to Earl and Leona Lehnertz; a daughter to Townsend and Rita Miller; Karen to Dr. F.E. and Clara Seale. Edna Gremminger joins staff at The Shanty, replacing Mrs. Richard Grewing who resigned. Relax Theatre advertises *Twelve O'Clock High* starring Gregory Peck. Commerce Street Store advertises Tom Sawyer shirts

98¢ and up.

50 YEARS AGO Aug. 13, 1965

George Hess, 8 year old son of Joe and Beatrice Hess, has open heart surgery. W.B. Sullivant is named county attorney of Cooke County. College Graduates: Carol Wimmer, St. Paul Hospital School of Nursing; Mary Ann Hermes, St. Joseph's School of Vocational Nursing; Burt Hamric, University of Oklahoma. Wedding: Joyce Hacker and James Strittmatter. Parkview Superette in Lindsay plans formal opening and advertises green beans 2 cans for 29¢ and a quart of buttermilk on sale for 19¢.

25 YEARS AGO Aug. 10, 1990

Article tells that former Muenster native Rainard Walterscheid is being held hostage in Iraq; he was captured by Iraqi soldiers while working on an oil rig in Kuwait. Iceland student GuDmundur Thorvaldsson visits in Muenster this summer, staying with the Paul and Patsy Dangelmayr family. New Arrivals: Elean to Danny and Kathy Hoenig; Michaelle to Jim and Karen Pelzel. Frank and Lola Rust's heifer Stars Fandang is champion in the Gulf Coast Association's World Qualifying Show.

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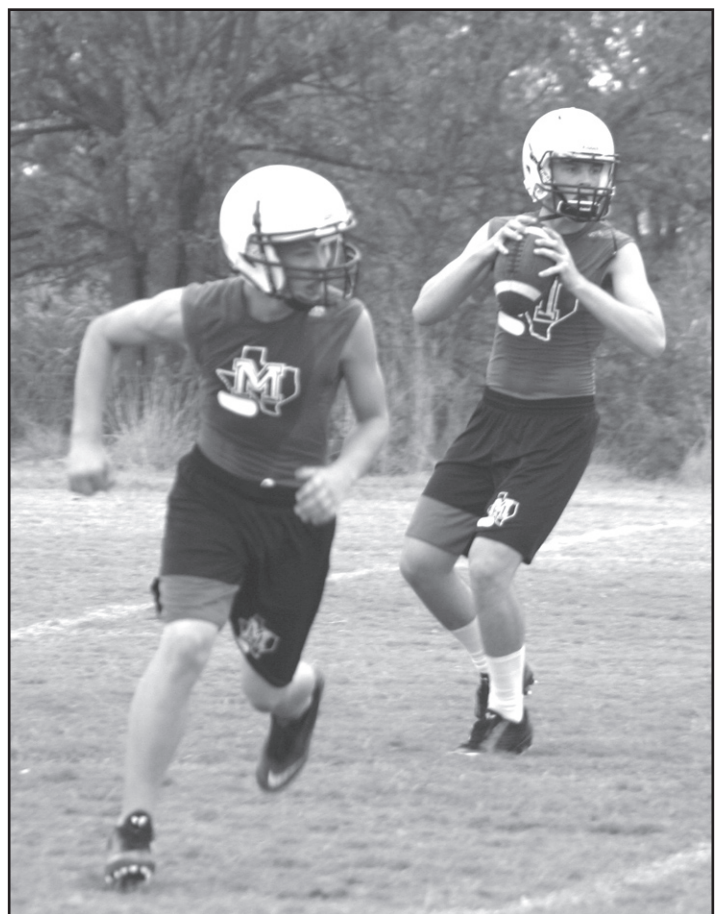
SPORTS



Janie Hartman photos



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The Sacred Heart Tigers (left) and the Muenster Hornets (right) prepare for their first scrimmages of the season. The Hornets host the S & S Rams, while the Tigers with the Pirates of Petrolia Friday evening.



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Will a **RED-HOT** cattle market cool any time soon?

The cattle market the last two years is like August weather in Texas. Red hot!

More than 1,680 beef cattle producers gathered at Texas A&M to hear the latest about the cattle market and future trends at the 61st Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course, held in College Station.

"I think there is a lot to look forward to down the road," said Dr. Jason Cleere, conference coordinator and Texas A&M AgriLife beef cattle specialist.

Dr. Derrell Peel, Oklahoma State University livestock marketing economist, said the cattle market may have topped earlier this year, but don't expect a downward spiral in prices anytime soon. However, Peel said to "prepare for lower prices" according to decades of past charts and data.

"It's been fun on the way up; it's been easy to make money on the way up," Peel said. "There still will be some good times ahead, but you're going to have to manage costs in relation to the market. It all goes back to cost management. Now is a good time to invest some of those good returns you've had to help

manage costs over the next few years. That might be investing in (replacement) females or brush control. I'm still optimistic. The best cure for high prices is high prices."

According to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor, Peel said, drought conditions have improved dramatically and beef producers "have been able to switch from defense to offense" in building back herds.

"We are on the way back to seeing expansion," Peel

said.

U.S. cattle inventory was up 2.5% as of July 1, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service. Beef cow numbers totaled 30.5 million July 1 as compared to 29.7 million in 2014.

Other indicators include a 6.9% decline in cattle slaughter so far for 2015 as well as an 11.5% decline in heifer slaughter.

"That's pretty strong evidence we are expanding," Peel said.

TFB joins suit against the EPA

The battle over the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) overreach is headed to the courts. Agriculture and a number of business groups say the final rule greatly expands the EPA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' control over the "waters of the United States."

The flood of lawsuits followed shortly after the release of the rule in late June.

And Texas Farm Bureau (TFB), Matagorda County Farm Bureau, the American

Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF), and 11 other groups filed suit in the federal district court in Galveston. The complaint claims the new rule grants EPA and the Corps broad control over land use—far beyond what Congress authorized in the Clean Water Act.

The rule has faced opposition from states, businesses, and agriculture since it was first proposed in April 2014.

It claims to clarify what bodies of water the EPA can legally regulate under the Clean Water Act, extending protections to some two million acres of streams and 20 million acres of wetlands.

According to the complaint filed by the organizations, "the agencies are determined to exert jurisdiction over a staggering range of dry land and water features." The result is a rule that is "vague and uncertain."

And its effects on the Lone Star State and agriculture will be damaging.

EPA can apply federal jurisdiction over most anything—including farm ponds, ditches, and fields—as waters of the U.S. (WOTUS). That means the agency could vir-

What do I do with all those empty pesticide jugs?

Due to state budget cuts in previous years, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality no longer conducts collections for used agricultural pesticide containers.

During the recent legislative session, HB 2548, authored by Rep. Stephenson, failed. This legislation would have funded educational efforts about pesticide disposal and would have implemented a pesticide container collection program.

Currently, Texas pesticide applicators have two options to dispose of their empty pesticide containers.

The first option is to take the containers to a local land-

fill. Some landfills may refuse to accept pesticide containers, or charge a fee for disposal, so it is best to call before taking the containers to the landfill.

The other option is to recycle them. The Agricultural Recycling Council (ACRC), which is made up of chemical manufacturers, formulators, and packagers, supports programs to collect and recycle clean containers throughout the nation. The ACRC contracts with USAg Recycling

follows:

• Empty the remaining contents into application equipment or a mix tank and drain for 10 seconds after the



to conduct the collection and recycling of used containers in Texas. USAg Recycling may be contacted to set up a collection of at least 500 jugs or 50 drums in an area by calling 1-800-654-3145. To meet the number of container requirements from USAg Recycling, it is suggested that applicators coordinate with pesticide dealers and co-ops.

When disposing of used pesticide containers, both methods of disposal require that the containers are properly cleaned by using a triple rinse method before they can be accepted by the landfill or recycled. The triple rinse method can be completed as

flow begins to drip.

• Fill the container ¼ full with water and recap. Shake for 10 seconds.

• Pour the liquid into the application equipment or a mix tank.

• Drain the container for 10 seconds after the flow begins to drip.

• Repeat this procedure two more times to complete the triple rinse procedure.

• If the containers are non-refillable, they must also be made unusable by puncturing and crushing if disposed of at the landfill.

Remember: Open burning of pesticide containers is illegal in Texas.

Lone Star Ag Credit reports strong second quarter

Lone Star Ag Credit, a rural lending cooperative headquartered in Fort Worth, reported solid financial performance and increased earnings through June 30, 2015.

Net income for Jan. 1 through June 30 was \$14.37 million as compared to \$13.19 million at the end of the same period in 2014. Total assets as of June 30 were just under \$1.5 billion, an increase of \$100 million compared to June 30, 2014.

Credit quality of the loan portfolio was outstanding as of June 30, with 98.4% of total loans classified as acceptable or special mention.

In April, based on the results of 2014 operations, \$12.1 million in cash patronage dividend checks were mailed to eligible member-stockholders. This dividend payment effectively reduced borrowers' interest rates by an average of 1%.

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AG TALK

By Mike Barnett
Publication director

A super solution to protect Texas private property rights

Fighting for truth, justice, and the Texas way. Sounds like a job for Superman!

And the Man of Steel answered the call. But he wasn't wearing blue tights and a red cape. Adorned in jeans, boots, and a cowboy hat, this superhero took on a government juggernaut, mired in its rules and regulations, in a battle over private property rights. His name is Tommy Henderson.

Tommy didn't flex mighty muscles to win a battle over the rights to his land. He used a shrewd mind. A willingness to cooperate. And the tenacity of a bulldog to achieve his goal: reclaim 94 acres he lost to the federal government in the 1980s.

That land was awarded to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in a dispute between Tommy and an Oklahoma neighbor. The case revolved around changes in the course of the Red River and its boundaries. Thus ensued a three-decade-long battle to get the land back.

It involved legal skirmishes. Courtroom battles. Hard feelings. But then things changed. Texas Farm Bureau engaged. The BLM entered into meaningful negotiations. Solutions were explored. And a fix was found.

Henderson reclaimed his land through a process called "color of title." Land and tax payments he made in the past were counted as payments already made to determine the buyback of the disputed property.

This solution sets a precedent for others along the Red River with similar stories. BLM's Steve Tryon encourages landowners to visit their office before they file an application. BLM will lay out the steps, the timing, and the calendaring, and make sure assigned staff is there to help.

There are other options as well. Texas Farm Bureau and Congressman Mac Thornberry's office are working on a Congressional fix for other landowners affected by land disputes on the Red River. The legislation will affirm property rights and ensure other landowners don't have to endure Tommy's problems.

It's all immense satisfaction for this Red River farmer and rancher. He reclaimed land his family originally settled in the 1860s. He's putting that land to good use. And he's plowed ground for other landowners with clouded title issues to do the same.

He saw a sea of change in the attitude of a government agency he had been at odds with for years. A spirit of cooperation. A willingness to find solutions. And a fix for his land.

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16 Cooke County children need a CASA volunteer today

Today, there are 16 Cooke County children who have entered the Child Welfare system who do not have the protective advocacy of a CASA volunteer. These vulnerable children are living in foster care through no fault of their own due to abuse or neglect. CASA has seen an increase in the number of children coming into foster care for the past three years continuing at an unexpectedly higher number this summer.

According to CASA's Director Vicki Robertson, "Before long, without additional volunteers stepping up, CASA will, for only the second time in its more than 15 years of operation, be forced to turn children away."

According to CASA's Volunteer Recruiter Jerry Metzler, these children have been taken from everything they've known into a system that can be overwhelming to the child. He said, "State workers are very dedicated and professional but extremely overloaded and cannot focus what is needed for every child under their watch at all times. "CASA volunteers are people who get involved with only one case. Because they have only one case, they can take the time to get to know the child and his or her individual needs. This knowledge allows the CASA volunteer to speak up for what is best for the child, particularly when CASA reports these findings back to the District Judge, who has the tremendous responsibility of making decisions that affect the very lives of these vulnerable little ones."

CASA is conducting new advocate training which is set to start on Aug. 24. To become a CASA volunteer, one must have a passion for the futures of our County's most vulnerable children, have an average of 10 to 15 hours per month to dedicate for the children, pass background checks including CPS and criminal history checks, have good references, and be over the age of 21. Individuals must then complete 33 hours of training provided by CASA before they are approved to serve as advocates for a child.

If you are interested in working for CASA's children, contact the CASA office at 309 S. Commerce, Gainesville, by telephone at 665-2244 or check CASA websites at www.casant.org or www.becomeacasa.org. You may also contact the office by e-mail at jmetzler@casant.org.

Muenster Elementary announces "Howdy Night"

On Wednesday, Aug. 19, Muenster Elementary will be hosting "Howdy Night" for ALL grades (PK-6) at 6 p.m. in the MISD Cafetorium. At this time, the teachers will go over their classroom expectations and handout other useful information for the 2015-16 school year.

After the assembly is over, parents and students are free to go to their child's classroom to put away school supplies. Students in grades

1-6 will receive their locker assignment, be able to cover books, and get their locker ready for the first day of school.

This is also a good time to turn in "updated" shot records to the office.

Please keep in mind that students enrolling for the first time at MISD must have a copy of their social security card, birth certificate, and shot record on file before the first day of school.

"We never charge any type of membership fee," noted Kathi. Each Wednesday morning, Stanford House holds a breakfast and BINGO. There is a \$2 charge for the breakfast. After breakfast and BINGO, there is yoga. Gail Knight, a certified instructor, teaches yoga. There is a suggested donation of \$2 for the yoga session. Those are the only fees charged.

She said they there is a form that those signing into use the facility are asked to complete. It asks questions such as medical problems, medications, physician, and emergency contact. This is so that in the event of a medical emergency, people's medical information is on hand and can be given to EMS staff immediately.

There is an open house planned for Friday, Aug. 21 at Stanford House. That is National Senior Citizen Day. From 3-7 p.m., there will be a variety of things taking place. Many of them are activities that take place on a regular basis at Stanford House.

The event opens with piano music by Ramona Osburn. Every 30 minutes there will be another activity featured such as exercise at 3:30, then line dancing, yoga exercise, line dancing, Chris Stevens who does a comedy routine about getting older, and music with Paul King ends the activities. "This is to give people a better idea of what we actually do here versus just seeing an empty building," Kathi explained. "We are hoping that people will learn more about it. We're really trying to get as much information out there as possible so we have a lot of people come."

Their largest fundraiser takes place on Oct. 24. It is a car raffle giving away a 2015 Ford Focus. This will be the 16th year for the raffle fundraiser. That same day, there is a garage sale and a cake walk.

Five days a week, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday and 8 a.m. to noon on Tuesday and Friday, there is Walk for Fun. People are allowed to walk indoors at Stanford House in a safe, climate controlled environment with no danger from cars.

Games offered include dominoes and 42, ladies table games, pegs and jokers, sand bag baseball, canasta, and bridge. There is quilting, line dancing, a movie day, a birthday brunch on the 3rd Tuesday of the month and on the second Monday, local experts discuss a variety of topics.

Special tours are offered. For instance from Nov. 2-6, they will be a trip offered to Branson for \$549 and next June a trip to Niagara Falls and Toronto will cost \$819 per person.

Another special event on Wednesdays is Time Out sponsored by the Soroptimist of Gainesville. Time Out is for people with dementia and Alzheimer's. From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., people can bring their loved ones to be cared for while they, the caregivers, run errands or do whatever they need to do. From 9-10 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month, there is a meeting of the Alzheimer's Support Group at Stanford house. It is taught by a social worker who helps caregivers deal with caring for their loved ones.

Stanford House also has a large room that it rents out for \$40 an hour with a minimum of four hours (\$160). It includes use of a kitchen. Funds are also raised through a small gift shop located there and the quilters will quilt for the public charging according to the quilt size.

"It is just a good opportunity for people who are seniors to have some place to go where they will feel safe and loved and part of," remarked Kathi on Stanford House Activity Center.

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