



## Vehicle stolen

**Janet Felderhoff**  
News Editor

Kimberly Gail Fitts, who resides at 903 N. Elm Street in Muenster, reported the theft of her car. The vehicle is a 2014 white Chevrolet Equinox.

Fitts reported the vehicle missing on Sunday, Aug. 23. Muenster Police Officer Madaline Chance responded to the call. Fitts told her that she got home about 9:30 p.m. Saturday evening. She discovered that the vehicle was gone Sunday morning about 9 a.m. when she went out to retrieve something from it.

It was parked under the carport. The keys were not left in it and she reportedly had locked it.

An individual contacted Fitts later on Aug. 23 to inform her that they had found some of her credit cards in rural Denton County.

Muenster Police Chief Tom Barr reported that the vehicle was found abandoned in Gainesville on Wednesday by the Gainesville Police Department. He said there are no suspects at this time, but they are processing the evidence.

## MISD approves T-TESS calendar

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In the regular meeting of the Muenster ISD Board of Trustees held on Wednesday, Aug. 19, approval was given to the T-TESS (Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System) calendar. Superintendent Steven Self noted that the T-TESS is the new State Teacher Appraisal System.

"We will be involved in the second year of the two-year pilot program," explained Superintendent Self. "Next year, it will replace the existing PDAS as the state's official evaluation system. We felt that it would be good to get in on the ground floor to let the Muenster teachers get used to the system before it actually is the approved state system."

"It will give us time to experiment with the whole process a little. Teachers will have to have one formal classroom observation and a series of classroom walkthroughs from their principal. They will set a goal for their professional growth and development for the year. This is something all of them do anyway, but this kind of formalizes it. It is a system that should help both teachers and administrators grow and become better at what they do."

The next Community Meeting will be held on Monday, Aug. 31 at 6:30 p.m. in the Muenster Elementary School Library. "This is a meeting of some selected community members to discuss the possibility of setting up a Foundation to support the school budget," said Self. "Like all meetings, it is open to the public. We don't have a lot of information right now. At the first meeting, we had Jan Peterson, president of the Highland Park Education Foundation, outline their foundation and how it functions. The community members in attendance showed a positive response, so we are having this second meeting to go into a little more detail. The foundation would support the school but could not be run by or through the school. It would take a great deal of support and dedication from the community"

The Board approved Campus Handbooks and Code of Conduct and the Teacher/Staff Handbooks. There were some minor changes in the dress code, but no major changes in either handbook.

### Reports

Technology Director Jeff Presnall said that he and Debra Sicking would lead MISD's Gifted & Talented training update during teacher in-service. They will also inform and prepare teachers for the impending move from the Hornet Server to Google Drive's unlimited cloud storage for education.

Presnall reported that Nortex had completed the connection from the High School/Junior High bell/intercom system to the Elementary building. Both campuses are now on one system instead of two stand-alone systems. The Wi-Fi connections to the Ag classrooms and shop were also finished by Nortex.

Elementary Principal Lou Heers gave an update on enrollment. Elementary enrollment as of Aug. 13 was Other 3, Pre-K 19, K 34, 1st 42, 2nd 38, 3rd 38, 4th 34, 5th 31, 6th 28, for a total of 267.

Heers noted that in-service for faculty and staff began that day and would continue through the week. The majority of the Elementary teachers have attended at least 10

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## Students welcomed to new school year



Janie Hartman photo

Muenster Elementary Principal Lou Heers welcomed students back to school Monday morning, including Austin (receiving the high five) and Clayton Spaeth.

## Update on old murder

Christopher Andrew Ax, 38, of Gainesville was indicted Wednesday, Aug. 19, by a Cooke County Grand Jury for Capital Murder in the 1997 slaying of 20 year old Shebaniah Sarah Dougherty.

Dougherty was reported missing March 28, 1997 after not arriving home from work the night before. Her body was discovered two days later on March 30 near the remains of an abandoned residence on what was then called Cooper's Crossing Road near County Road #218.

In January, after years of going unsolved, the case was re-activated by the Cooke County Sheriff Department CID Division. During months of re-investigating and interviews and a combined effort from the Texas

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## County supports judgeship legislation

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Cooke County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, Aug. 24. The Court unanimously adopted a resolution that requested the "United States Senators, working with appropriate Congressional Representatives of the Eastern District of Texas, to work for the prompt passage of the legislation recommended by the Administrative Office of the US Courts to authorize and establish as soon as possible two emergency judgeships for the Eastern District of Texas as a part of the efforts to meet the needs for adequate judicial infrastructure in the Eastern District of Texas and its 43 counties and 50,000 square miles of good, solid Texas residents who need reasonable access to the federal courts."

County Judge Jason Brinkley noted that he had attended an Eastern District of Texas Judicial Infrastructure Planning Conference held on Aug. 4 in Plano. He said, "Two startling facts stood out to me. The average case load of the Eastern Federal District, which we are under, is three times the national average. It is growing at a faster rate than the national average."

"There is an economic study that shows that if those two judgeships were

added and filled that would add 15 billion in economic production to the Sherman District, which is seven counties including Cooke County, over the next 15 years. And it would add 95,000 jobs to the areas. So this does have significant impact and shows that the judgeships are needed."

Fire Marshal Ray Fletcher recommended keeping the burn ban on for the re-

mainder of the month since there has been no significant rain. Commissioner Leon Klement reported that he'd received a phone call in regard to the burn ban. It was from someone with property along the Red River who has significant debris from damage caused by heavy rains and flooding.

"They're concerned about trees and brush," said Klement. "To get some of those

fields cleaned up, they are going to have to burn eventually. They've really got a mess out there and they hope that Commissioners Court will remember their problems as we deliberate this and get it off as quick as we can."

Commissioner Al Smith wondered if those people could get permits to burn. Fletcher said that there are

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## Dry grass spells fire danger



Janie Hartman photo

Muenster Volunteer Fire Department responded to a grass fire on John Dave Fleitman's property along North 373 Tuesday afternoon at 4:20. Firefighters Greyson Evans and John Knabe spray water on the blaze that burned about two acres. Twelve MVFD firefighters responded and it took about 40 minutes to extinguish the fire. Cooke County is under a burn ban on outdoor burning.

## Muenster experiences fender bender week



Janie Hartman photo

An accident involving a Cooke County EMS vehicle and pickup occurred last week at the intersection of Hwy. 82 and Walnut Street. It was one of four "fender benders" in Muenster in the week.

## Drew Springer seeks reelection

Republican Drew Springer is excited to announce he will run for reelection for State Representative of House District 68. Rep. Springer has represented the district since 2013, which contains a total of 22 counties in North Texas and if it were a state, would be 42nd largest in the union.

Rep. Drew Springer is a current member of the Ways and Means Committee that oversees taxing policy for the State of Texas, which allowed him this past session to vote for and help craft almost \$4 billion in tax relief, while still maintaining a balanced budget that increased funds for schools, roads, and securing the border. Rep. Springer, well-known as a defender of the 2nd Amendment, authored and passed bills that affirmed and protected the rights of Texans to carry and bear arms.

As a long-time pro-life supporter, Rep. Springer authored and passed a bill that now prevents doctors from euthanizing their patients by denying them food and water. In the typical rural, commonsense fashion that Rep. Springer has become known for, he also passed a law this session making the use of remote starters legal in Texas - an automobile feature offered since the 1980s and now found in almost 90% of vehicles sold in North America.

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From the Desk of  
**Steven Self**  
Muenster ISD superintendent

## 2016 Victory Roundup and Fish Fry to be held by CCRW

**By Stacie Wimmer**  
Staff Writer

Calling all Republicans! Cooke County Republican Women (CCRW) invite you to the Cooke County Republican Women Victory 2016 Roundup and Free Fish Fry with all the trimmings. The event will be held on Thursday, Sept. 3 beginning at 7 p.m., at the First Christian Church in Gainesville, 401 N. Dixon Street. Sen. Craig Estes, Senate District 30, will be the guest speaker helping to kickoff Victory 2016 and the 200 Republican Envelope Challenge.

Cooke County Republican Women was organized in 1991, and is a member of both the Texas and National Federation of Republican Women. The Club supports the Republican Party and conservative principles of government, and seeks to educate its members and the public about issues, candidates, and political process.

The Women Victory 2016 Roundup and Fish Fry event will be held in hopes to get everyone rounded up and motivated for the upcoming year.

The September meeting promises to be an exciting time, with food, fundraisers, speakers, and maybe a little patriotic music. All Republicans are invited - members and guests, young and old, those considering running on the Republican ticket, and their families, and all Republican supporters! Contact Lynn Switzer, (940) 665-6300 or Dorothy Lewis, (940) 736-5871 for more information.

With 16 candidates running for president, it can be a very busy and important primary. Dorothy Lewis, 2015

CCRW president, notes, "I don't know how you feel, but right now I feel like we are on an out-of-control train heading for disaster. I heard people comment that there is no turning back, that we can never undo what has happened to this great nation. But, I really like that old saying, 'when the going gets tough, the tough get going.' How tough are we ladies? Are we going to sit back and wring our hands and say 'Oh, woe is me?' Or are we going to stand together, let our voices be heard, help get out the vote, and support conservative, principled candidates?"

## DWI Not So Fun House

As summer celebrations enter their final weeks, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is taking its "DWI Not So Fun House" to community events across the state as part of its "Drink, Drive, Go to Jail" campaign. The vintage-style interactive carnival trailer allows the public to experience the dangerous and potentially deadly effects of impaired driving.

"Don't turn your summer fun into a life-changing tragedy by being irresponsible when it comes to drinking and driving," said TxDOT Deputy Executive Director John Barton. "A safe and sober ride should be at the top of your list when making plans with family and friends. If not, you run the serious risk of being pulled over by law enforcement, being killed, or killing someone else. It's just not worth it."

The "DWI Not So Fun House" allows visitors to see and experience the simulated effects of alcohol on motor skills and driving. Participants wear vision-blurring "drunk goggles" and try to complete simple, eye-hand coordination tasks while being "impaired." The slowed reaction times and distorted perception are designed to remind Texans about the deadly risks of drinking and driving, and encourage them to always plan for a sober ride.

Last summer in Texas, 336 people were killed and 680 were seriously injured in alcohol-related crashes. Texas

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### But what about the Teachers?

In my last two articles, I discussed the state of school funding in Texas and the two tax rates (M & O and I & S) which support the public schools. The State of Texas has done little to improve the salary of teachers over the last decade. Texas is in the bottom half of states in teacher pay, spending per student, and almost every indicator of children's well-being. In Texas, 60.3% of students are economically disadvantaged, 25% live in poverty, and 27.3% live in food insecure households. Students who are low income are less likely to pass the state mandated exams. Because of the funding limitation discussed earlier, there are no additional monies in small, low-growth districts to pay teachers the salary they deserve. In many growing districts in Texas, a teacher's beginning pay is at what many Cooke County teachers retire at. This is a real dilemma. Many communities throughout the state have started foundations to support the public budgets of schools. These private/public partnerships are providing the needed revenue to provide competitive salaries for teachers and staff and enhanced opportunities for students in the arts and sciences. On the Highland Park Education Foundation website, it is stated, "for the first 10 years, Foundation projects were volunteer driven, and annual distributions were directed to student scholarships with occasional special gifts such as 'seed' funding to start the HPHS Alumni Association. In the early 1990s, the Texas State Legislature approved school finance laws mandating that the Highland Park ISD send a significant percentage of its tax revenue to other Texas communities. In 2004-05, the District (Highland Park) sent 70% of its property tax revenue to the state to be distributed to other Texas school districts. This "Robin Hood" legislation increased the reliance of HPISD on private funding and increased the role of the Education Foundation to one of greater significance. **No longer could the Foundation dollars be used for enhancements to education, but instead were needed to meet the budgetary bottom line.**"

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"My No. 1 priority is simply to continue to represent and support the solid Christian and conservative values of rural Texas, of which I am blessed to be a part. Rep.

Springer has been married to his wife Lydia for 24 years. They live in Muenster, the same small town where Lydia was born and raised. He and Lydia are excited that their three children get to enjoy the same small-town values and experiences they each did while growing up.

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some processes that could be done to allow burning and outlined them. Klement said he didn't feel that those concerned would be able to get any of the possible ways done in time this fall. Some need fields cleared to plant their crops this fall.

The Court proclaimed September 2015 as Recovery Awareness Month in Cooke County. The Court also urged citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to recommit the community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with substance use and mental health disorders.

The resolution adopted said in part, "Substance use disorders are real and prevalent in Cooke County. Behavioral health is an essential part to everyone's overall health and well-being; and, prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover from substance use and mental disorders. With early and effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; over 23 million Americans are in recovery from addiction to alcohol and other drugs."

Speaking during public comments were residents of CR 262 in Precinct #2 under the care of Commissioner B.C. Lemons. Nancy Carter said, "We have holes in our road that are eight inches deep and almost three or four

inches across. You're having to drive on the grass." She said something needed to be done because it was so dangerous. The road was bad before the floods and is now really in bad shape. She said she had spoken to her commissioner with no results.

Mary Wombaugh, also a resident of CR 262, reported, "I have lived here for approximately 32 years. It (road) is in the worst condition that it has ever been in since I've been here. You just cannot drive without hitting holes some place." She expressed concern for the school buses that must travel that road and said if she were a school bus driver she would refuse to go down that road.

Both ladies asked that the Court do what it could to get some repairs done to the road. Commissioner Lemons was absent from the meeting, but Judge Brinkley assured them that Commissioner Lemons would be notified.

Other business conducted during the meeting included:

- Approved the Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD) budget which included raises for employees.
- Approved using fund 035-516-501 for various Courthouse repairs and improvements including some windows. Should be less than \$14,000.
- Approved the award of the road oil, emulsions, and asphalt bid beginning Aug. 25 for a six month period with two, three month renewals to Cleveland Asphalt Products and Rooker Asphalt Company.

• Accepted the Victim's Coordinator and Liaison Grant for the County Attorney's Office.

• Approved consolidation of polling locations for the Constitutional Amendment Election on Nov. 3 as presented by County Clerk Rebecca Lawson.

• Approved appointment of the Central Counting Station manager and supervisors for the Constitutional Amendment Election.

• Approved Early Voting Ballot Board and election judges and alternate judges for the Constitutional Amendment Election.

Consent agenda items approved included:

- Reappointing Leon Klement, Precinct #4 Commissioner to the TAPS Board for a two year term.
- Closing the County Library on Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day weekend. Closing the Library at 5 p.m. on Nov. 25 and all day on Nov. 28 in observance of Thanksgiving weekend. Closing the Library at 3 p.m. on Dec. 23 and all day on Dec. 26 in observance of Christmas weekend. Closing the Library at 3 p.m. on Dec. 31 and all day on Jan. 2 in observance of New Year's Eve weekend.
- Contract renewal with Cooke County Appraisal District for assessment and collection services.
- Accepting Joshua Brinkley's resignation from the Lake Ray Roberts Planning and Zoning Commission, effective Dec. 31, 2015.
- Agreement between Cooke County and Dr. Douglas Lewis, M.D., to act as EMS Medical Director.

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Ranger Unsolved Crimes Investigation Team, the Cooke County District Attorney's Office, the Gainesville Police Department, and Cooke County Constable Precinct 1 Office, the Sheriff's Office and Texas Rangers were able

to obtain a confession from Ax. An arrest warrant for Capital Murder was issued Thursday, June 4. Ax was arrested on June 5 in Gainesville and is currently being held on a \$1,000,000 bond in the Cooke County Jail.

*Intelligence without ambition is a bird without wings.*  
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Sunday, August 30, 2015	Monday, August 31, 2015	Tuesday, September 1, 2015	Wednesday, September 2, 2015	Thursday, September 3, 2015	Friday, September 4, 2015	Saturday, September 5, 2015
Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm 		Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Library open 10-6:30 Religious Ed 6:45 pm	Museum open 1 - 4 pm Library open 10- 6:30	Muenster Museum OPEN 1-4 AARP mtg. 10 am  Hornets @ Nocona Tigers vs Howe	Library open 10-2:30  Antique Tractor Show Lindsay
Sunday, September 6, 2015	Monday, September 7, 2015 <b>LABOR DAY</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	Tuesday, September 8, 2015	Wednesday, September 9, 2015	Thursday, September 10, 2015	Friday, September 11, 2015	Saturday, September 12, 2015
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm Antique Tractor Show Lindsay		Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Religious Ed Homecoming Mass 7 pm	Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10-6:30	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm AARP member lunch 11:30  Tigers vs OPEN Hornets vs Callisburg HOMECOMING	Library open 10-2:30 <b>COMMUNITY WIDE GARAGE SALES</b>  <b>MYRA VFD BBQ</b>

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## Margaret Reiter Schmitt 1918 - 2015

Mass of Christian Burial for Margaret Reiter Schmitt was held at 10 a.m., Monday, Aug. 24 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster with Fr. Ken Robinson officiating. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery under the direction of Scott Funeral Home in Muenster. Rosary and Vigil were held at 4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 23 at the church.

Margaret Reiter Schmitt died in her sleep Monday afternoon, Aug. 17, 2015 at Holy Angels Convent in Jonesboro, AR. She was 96 years old.

Born Oct. 15, 1918, Margaret was the second oldest of 11 children born to Albert B. and Anna Knabe. She attended Sacred Heart School and helped her mother with her younger brothers and sisters, especially the twins. Margaret married her neighbor Alphonse Reiter and settled on a farm north of Muenster. They lived there until retirement, when they moved closer to town. Several years after Alphonse died, she married Al Schmitt. They had a few good years together before he became sick and died. Margaret then moved to town.

At the age of 95, Margaret fulfilled a childhood wish of going to the convent, where she prayed, attended daily Mass, and enjoyed a nightly game of skip-bo with the sisters. Margaret cherished the time spent with her children and grandchildren and her friends. She was a member of Sacred Heart Church, St. Ann's Society, and the V.F.W. #6205 Auxiliary.

Survivors are her children Sr. Lillian Marie Reiter, O.S.B. of Jonesboro, AR, Joyce Reed of Sulphur Springs, Larry Reiter and wife Stephanie of Dallas, and Gloria Sprencel and husband Mark of Burnet; son-in-law Paul Hess and wife Sis of Lindsay; honorary children Gloria Morley of Rockwall and Wayne Morrison of Sanger; stepchildren Wayne Schmitt and wife Myra of Amarillo, Harvey Schmitt of Muenster, Loretta Victor of Fort Worth, Thomas Schmitt of Austin, Joyce Hall and husband Jesse of Fort Worth, and Doris Penny and husband Jerry of The Woodlands; sisters Angie Lutkenhaus, and Sr. Anselma Knabe of Fort Worth; sister-in-law Aileen Knabe; brother-in-law Frank Cardwell of Muenster; 19 grandchildren; 50 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands Alphonse Reiter and Al Schmitt; brothers Adolph, Leonard, Arnold, Albert, and Gilbert; sisters Adeline Devers, Lorine Morrison, and Lillian Cardwell; children Gerald Reiter and wife Rosalie, and Shirley Hess; grandchildren David Hess, Steven Reed, and Leslie Hess; and great-grandchildren McKinley Hess and Khanh Ho Jr.

Assisting during the funeral Mass were altar servers Thomas Brown, Logan Hess, and Braeden Hess. Kathryn Reiter gave the First Reading. The Second Reading was given by Sherry Hess. Kim Bayer read the



Margaret Reiter Schmitt

Prayers of the Faithful. The Offertory gifts were brought up by Bonnie Mullahy and Susan Ho.

Music ministers were Christy Hesse, Diane Grewing, Doug Yosten, and Linda Flusche. The songs were "How Great Thou Art," "Whatsoever You Do," "I Am the Bread of Life," "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman," "Songs of the Angels," and Sing With All the Saints in Glory."

Emily Reiter gave the eulogy. She spoke of Margaret's life, saying, "She was always giving of her time... delivered meals on wheels for many years and she would help with the bingo games at St. Richard's... Margaret cherished the time spent with her children, grandchildren, friends, and the sisters at the convent.

"Education, religion, family, and hard work were priorities... Throughout her life, she has shown us the way by example how to live life faithfully and fully..."

Pallbearers were August Reiter, Philip Reiter, Anthony Reiter, Stacey Hess, Gary Hess, and Gerald Reed.

## Alfred Heim 1933 - 2015

Memorial Mass for Alfred "Al" J. Heim, age 81 of Saint Jo, was held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 22 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster with Fr. Ken Robinson officiating. Rosary and Vigil were held at 7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 21 at Scott Funeral Home in Muenster. Al died Monday, Aug. 3, 2015 at Baylor Medical Center in Grapevine after a lengthy illness.

Al, or "Bud" as he was known to many in his extended family, was born Aug. 5, 1933 on the family farm near Dresden, KS to John and Margaret Heim. Upon graduation from high school, Al attended technical school in Kansas City, MO, and, as a computer engineer, began a 40-year career in the fledgling computer industry before his retirement in 1998. He married Margaret Bicsak Heim on July 2, 1960. As their family grew to five children, Al and Marge moved around the country as required by his job. They lived in California, New York, Illinois, Oklahoma, and eventually Texas, where they settled in Grapevine in 1970. While living in Grapevine, he was an active member of St. Francis Catholic Church for over 28 years.

Upon retiring from University Computing Company in 1998, Al and Marge moved to a farm north of Saint Jo and Muenster, and became members of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and Al a member of Knights of Columbus Council 1459 in Muenster. He loved the German Catholic community of

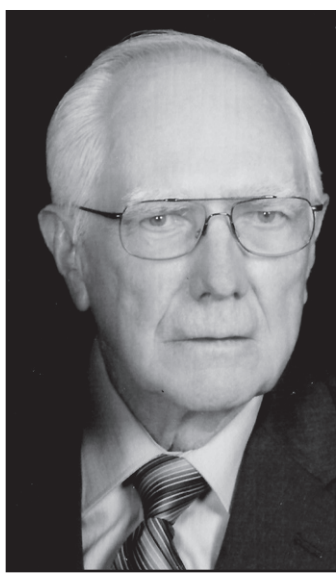
Muenster, as the town reminded him of his German Catholic roots growing up in Kansas. Both Al and Marge loved the fact that many in the community made them "one of their own." As a man of great and quiet faith, and love for his Lord Jesus, Al conveyed this faith through his life every day of his life. He loved his family and his many friends.

Before his illness, Al enjoyed playing horseshoes, and was a past Texas state horseshoe champion. He loved to Country and Western dance with Marge, and was a proficient "beer-can holding" line-dancer. He loved playing cards and dominoes, and taking walks on the land with his beloved dog "Jake." In earlier days, Al played softball, and enjoyed camping and canoeing with his family. He loved good-old-fashioned, "Germanic" humor as well. "Dad, you aren't gone, just sailing, in wait for us, over the horizon. We who are earthbound miss you—until we are reunited in Heaven."

Al is survived by his wife of 55 years Margaret of Saint Jo; daughters Susan and husband Denis Moody of Saint Jo, Lisa Wilderspin of Grapevine, Amy and husband Don Early of Bedford, and Jennifer Heim and spouse Tina Capps of Grapevine; seven grandchildren; sisters Millie and husband Jerry Green, and Lorene Reinert; brother Ray and wife Annie Heim; brother-in-law Allan Halle; and many nieces and nephews and their children, who will sorely miss "Uncle Bud" at the annual Heim reunions.

Al was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Fr. Cornelius, Julius, and Edwin; sisters Leona, Lillian, Irene, and Bernice; and by his only son Daniel David Heim.

During the Memorial Mass, Eryn Moody gave the First Reading. The Second Reading was given by Lisa Wilderspin. Christopher



Al Heim

Moody read the Prayers of the Faithful. Presenting the Offertory Gifts at the altar were grandchildren Christopher and Eryn Moody, Zeke and Zoe Wilderspin, Jaxon Heim-Capps, and Cira and Lincoln Early. Eucharistic ministers were Mary Bayer, Dolores Hofbauer, Carolyn Bayer, Ramona Felderhoff, and Theresa Mae Walterscheid. Altar server was Alvin Hartman.

Music ministers were Christi Klement, Linda Flusche, and Doug Yosten. Songs included "Only In God," "Psalm 25: To You, O Lord," "Prayer of St. Francis," "One Bread, One Body," "Hosea," and "Amazing Grace."

The eulogy was given by Al's daughter Susan Moody. She said, in part, "He showed his abiding love for all, and most importantly, the Lord, through living by three, simple words: Faith, Family, Friendship... Family life, centered on devotion and love for the Lord. This is the legacy that dad gave to us..."

"My dad was our quiet, steadfast rock because of his love of God and his faith in the Lord. Friendship is the last, but not least, of the elements in my dad's philosophy. Faith, Family Friendship..."

The family requests memorials to be made to: Sacred Heart School Trust Fund, P.O. Box 97, Muenster, TX 76265.

## Vongala "Gala" Pratt 1933 - 2015

Graveside service for Vongala "Gala" Christine Pratt, 81 of Gainesville, was held Tuesday, Aug. 25, at Fairview Cemetery in Gainesville. Visitation was held at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home on Aug. 24.

Gala was born Dec. 25, 1933 in Thackerville, OK, to James Covy and Margie Susann Bratcher Sims. She died Aug. 21, 2015 after a long battle with diabetes.

Survivors are her husband of 65 years and 10 months, Billy R. "Bill" Pratt of Gainesville; sons James Paul Pratt of Gainesville and Billy Joe Pratt and his wife Jeanette of

Era; one granddaughter and her husband; several step-grandchildren and spouses; 18 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren; brothers James Sims of Wilson, OK, Louie Sims of Denton, Dewey Sims of Port St. Lucia, FL; sisters Betty Leise of Orlando, FL, Patty Fitzpatrick of Port Lavaca, Kay Rose of Waurika, OK, Carolyn Watkins and her husband Starriett of Hastings, OK, and Susie White of Stillwater, OK.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a sister Lanora Rohan.

## Randolph "Randy" Hermes 1955 - 2015

Mass of Christian Burial for Randolph "Randy" Joseph Hermes was held at 10 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 27 at St. Peter's Church in Lindsay with Fr. Philip Petta officiating. Interment was in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Randy died at his residence in Houston on Aug. 6, 2015. He was born Dec. 6, 1955 in Lindsay to Anthony "Tony" and Theresa Koessler Hermes. Randy worked as a machinist.

He is survived by son Jeffrey Anthony Hermes of Texas; daughter Loren Michael Bayer of Muenster; three grandchildren; sister

Rosemary Dankesreiter; and brothers Cecil Hermes, Mark Hermes, Ralph Hermes, and Francis Hermes.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Cyril Hermes.

To sign the online registry, go to [www.meadorfuneralhomes.com](http://www.meadorfuneralhomes.com).

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## VFW Auxiliary meets

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post #6205 held their regular meeting Monday evening, Aug. 17 in the Post Home with President Frances Bayer presiding.

The opening ritual was given by Conductress Linda Knabe, Chaplain Rose Marie Sicking, and Patriotic Instructor Hilda Sicking pro tem. Roll call and minutes were read by Secretary Ida Mae Bindel. Agnes Hesse read the treasurer's report for Treasurer Lucille Hesse. The report was accepted to audit.

President Bayer read the highlights of *Two Cents* magazine and reported on the District I meeting in Roanoke on Aug. 9 that she and husband Arthur attended. Also in attendance at the District I meeting was Commander Don Hess of VFW #6205.

Members signed seven cards, including sympathy, birthday, and get well for local families.

Conductress Linda Knabe draped the charter in memory of Flora Mae Knabe and Dorothy Fisher, members. A prayer was said and "Amazing Grace" was sung.

Lynn Hacker served refreshments to 10 members.

The next meeting will be held Monday, Oct. 19 in the Post Home at 7 p.m.

## New at Muenster Library

**Fiction/Non-Fiction**  
*Badlands* by C.J. Box, *After the Storm* by Linda Castillo, *Twice in a Lifetime* by Dorothy Garlock, *One Way or Another* by Elizabeth Adler, *Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George, *A New Hope* by Robyn Carr, *Precipice* by Paul Doiron, *Code of Conduct* by Brad Thor, *Darned if You Do* by Monica Ferris, *Death in Salem* by Eleanor Kuhns, *Double Fudge Brownie Murder* by Joanne Fluke, *English Spy* by Daniel Silva, *Insider Threat* by Brad Taylor, *Melody Lingers On* by Mary

Higgins Clark, *Nemesis* by Catherine Coulter, *President's Shadow* by Brad Meltze, *Scents and Sensibility* by Spencer Quinn, *Sevens* by Neal Stephenson, *Alert* by James Patterson, *Truth or Die* by James Patterson, *Wicked Charms* by Janet Evanovich, *Murder Past Due* by Miranda James, *Robert B. Parker's Kickback* by Ace Atkins, *Speaking in Bones* by Kathy Reichs, *Untamed* by Diana Palmer, *Who Let the Dog Out* by David Rosenfelt, *A Year on Ladybug Farm* by

See LIBRARY, pg. 5



**Brian "Bubba" and Melinda Klement of Muenster are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Brianna Klement of Muenster to James Rust of Era. James is the son of Lola and Frank Rust of Era. The couple will be married Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015 in St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lindsay. The bride-elect is a graduate of Muenster School and earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene from Midwestern State University. She is employed by Dr. Brent Simpson, DDS of Lubbock. The future-groom graduated from Era High School and is earning his Bachelor of Science degree in Agri-business from Texas Tech University. After their marriage, the couple will reside in Lubbock.**

## Master Gardeners to hold Fall Kickoff Program

Fall will soon be nestling its way into Cooke County, and the Cooke County Master Gardeners Program invites all to join them as they gear up for fall gardening and landscaping, as well

as resume meetings of the Master Gardeners of Cooke County.

The Fall Kickoff Program will be hosted at Neu Ranch House, Sept. 10 at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be followed by guest speaker Janet Lamnack, Horticulture Extension agent of the Denton County AgriLife Extension. The topic will be "Preparing for Fall." The meal will be sponsored by Cooke County Master Gardeners, but donations are also accepted.

For more information, contact Marty Morgan at 940-668-5412 or [marty.morgan@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:marty.morgan@ag.tamu.edu).

## Notice

### Brown Bag Book Review

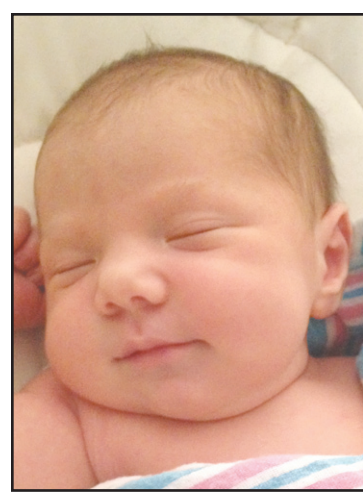
On Thursday, Sept. 3, there will be a Brown Bag Book Review at noon in the NCTC Library Lyceum. Shana Powell will review *On History's Trail* by Dr. Light T. Cummins.

They hope to see you as they start the new season. Invite a friend!

## New Arrivals

### Hom

Steven and Andrea Hom of Manassas, VA are overjoyed to announce the birth of their daughter Serena Gail. Serena was born June 1, 2015 at 9:05 a.m. She was a healthy 8 lb. 9 oz. and 20.25 inches. Serena was welcomed home by her proud big brother David. Her grandparents are David and Michele Hom of Blooming Grove, NY, Gail Hom of New Rochelle, NY, and John and Lanie Bartush of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Ida Martinez of Conroe, TX and David and Judy Schwartz of New Rochelle, NY.



Serena Hom

## Walk Across Texas registration has begun

Walk Across Texas! is having sign-ups for the free eight-week program designed to help Texans establish a regular habit of physical activity. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension is sponsoring the program which will begin Sept. 13.

Walk Across Texas is not a walk-a-thon or an event to raise money. While teams do compete to walk across the state first and/or accumulate the most miles during the eight weeks, the main point is to get moving and keep moving after the program ends.

Anyone and any age may enroll. Citizens may walk alone or walk in teams of eight organized through their church, organization, or employer. Teachers can organize student class teams with TEKS lesson plan included. One may track mileage online.

Program materials and registration are available online at <http://walkacrosstexas.tamu.edu/>

For more information or to sign up, contact Angel Neumann at 940-668-5412 or email her at [adneu@tamu.edu](mailto:adneu@tamu.edu).

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Mother Teresa

## DAYS GONE BY.....

### 65 YEARS AGO Aug. 25, 1950

Rev. Andrew Wewer, assistant pastor at Sacred Heart Church, is appointed pastor of an Arkansas parish. College Grad: Harold Luke, Texas Technological College. Della Rose Fette has tonsillectomy. Obituaries: Dorothy (Mrs. Sam) Richey, 76; Gerry (Mrs. Alex) Murrell, 48. Wedding: Betty Jeanne Carney and Werner Koelzer. New Arrivals: Alcuin to Carl and Rosalie Schilling; Jacob to Lambert and John and Beznar; Dorothy to the Lawrence Knabes; a son to the Martin Hackers. Wedding: Mary Louise Roy and Paul R. Nieball.

### 50 YEARS AGO Aug. 27, 1965

J.M. Weinzapfel is named honorary member of Soil Conservation Society of America. College Grad: Mrs. Gene Luke, North Texas State University. New Arrivals: Dave to Doug and Chubby Reiter; Amy to Claude and Nancy Walter; Douglas to Fritz and Charlotte Hermes; Scott to Robert and Jolene Fuhrmann; Sherri to Gilbert and Joyce Boydston; Christopher to the David Forgeys;

Kimberly to the Norbert Hoedebecks. Obituary: L.F. Bruns, 74. Wedding: Dolores Voht and Jimmy Zimmerer.

### 25 YEARS AGO Aug. 24, 1990

Muenster Chamber encourages community to display yellow ribbons for Americans held hostage in the Iraq and Kuwait areas; Muenster native Rainard Walterscheid is among the hostages. Obituary: Angeles Juarez, 73. Lindsay closes landfill, provides garbage pickup. Weddings: Melinda Smith and Brian "Bubba" Klement; Linda Krahl and Randy Wimmer; Connie Lutkenhaus and Thomas Knapp; Renee Wilde and Tom Martin; Anita Pels and Paul Roberson; Sheri Newbill and Jack Garbo. College Grads: Donna Fuhrmann, TWU; Stephen Vogel, TAMU. Golden Jubilee: Sr. Alberta Krebs and Sr. Carmelita Myers. Diamond Jubilee: Sr. Amora Felderhoff. Article on Sacred Heart teacher Eric Gray tells that he is skilled silversmith. Yard of the Month honors go to Rick and Darlene Stewart. New Arrival: Richard to Scott and Claudia Stalder.



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# SCHOOL

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hours of staff development over the summer. Teachers are putting in much time preparing their classrooms for the upcoming school year. She added, "Their dedication is immeasurable!"

JH/HS principal John York presented enrollment numbers as follows: Junior High - 7th 42, 8th 40, for a total of 82; High School - 9th 33, 10th 26, and 12th, 38 for a total of 136; combined total 218.

Athletic Director Brady Carney said that the boys finished July with a strong showing at summer workouts. They combined Junior High and High School for the month and averaged 50 kids a day.

High School workouts began on Aug. 3. There are currently 44 boys playing football, more than any of Carney's years in Muenster. Junior High practice starts when school starts.

In other business, the Board:

- Heard that \$3,291.93 was collected in delinquent taxes during the month of June.
- Renewed the contract for delinquent tax collection services with Jim Robertson, attorney.
- Approved the Superintendent Evaluation Instrument and procedures.

## VISTO Food Bank in dire need of donations

The VISTO Food Bank in Gainesville, which supplies basic staple food to 130 families and 475 children in the Gainesville area, is in desperate need of donations. They are hosting a food drive for VISTO from Aug. 31 to Sept. 13.

Bekki Jones, executive director of VISTO, stated "This past May, due to heavy rains and flooding, the food drive was not as successful as in years past. This year, VISTO only received approximately 20% of last year's donations. VISTO appealed to the community and as expected, Cooke County responded with food and monetary donations that have allowed us to continue to feed people throughout the summer months. However, this has been a record breaking summer, and, due to excessive heat, VISTO has been super busy! In the months of June and July, we have reached approximately 900 people and disbursed about 7,500 pounds of food and toiletries.

"Even with the food and monetary donations received, our supplies are being depleted as we gear up

for school and the Backpack Buddy program. VISTO would greatly appreciate any donations and contributions."

Some of the most needed items are: macaroni & cheese (7.25 oz boxes), Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix, 10 oz. cans of soup, Spam/Treet, 14.5 oz. broth, 20 oz. jelly, 18.5 oz. cans of soup, any size bag of pinto beans/rice, small brown lunch bags, toilet paper, Hamburger Helper/Chicken Helper, mashed potatoes—packages.

These items can be delivered to either of these locations: Renaissance Care Center, 1400 Black Hill Dr, Gainesville, or River Valley Health and Rehab, 1907 Refinery Rd, Gainesville.

## County Library to host special children's class

Aargh Matey! The Cooke County Library will host a special children's class on Friday, Sept. 11 for National Talk Like a Pirate Day.

Children are invited to come celebrate National Talk Like a Pirate Day with fellow pirates. They'll speak and sing like pirates, read pirate stories, and make a craft.

This story hour is at 10:30 a.m. at the Library, 200 S. Weaver Street in Gainesville. If you have any questions about this children's class, call the library at 940-668-5530.

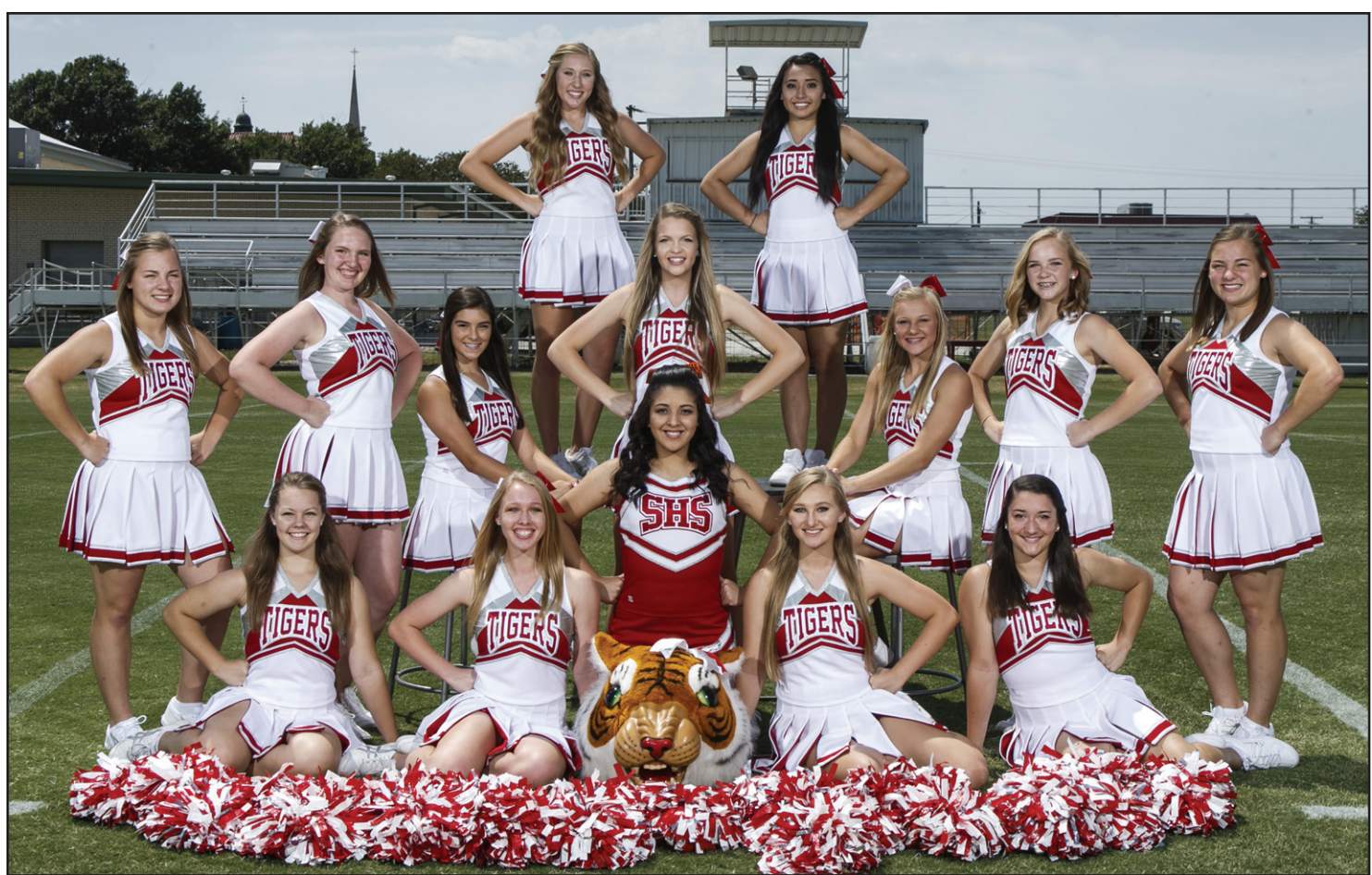


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Sacred Heart Catholic School Varsity cheerleaders for the 2015-16 school year include, from left - front - Stephanie Koesler, Alana Endres, Mascot Maria Mar, Katie Luttmmer, Jessica Kemna; middle - Megan Ploeger, Lydia Hennigan, Sophia Jones, Samantha Palmer, Leah Knabe, MacKenzie Mason, Emma Ploeger; back - Kate Springer and Guadalupe Salinas.

## Alzheimer's education classes offered

The Alzheimer's Association, Greater Dallas will be hosting free education classes at the Cooke County Library, 200 S. Weaver Street in Gainesville, from September through December.

The first class will be held Sept. 18 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. The subject will be Know the Ten Signs - Learn the warning signs that may

be symptoms of Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia. Understand the importance of visiting your doctor early to rule out treatable conditions that may be the cause of these symptoms. Early diagnosis helps with planning, treatment, the opportunity to participate in clinical trials, and access to support from the Alzheimer's Association.

On Oct. 16, from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Healthy Habits for a Healthier You will be presented. Join them to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity, and social engagement, and use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. This class briefly reviews what Alzheimer's Disease is and how incorporating healthy habits can decrease your risks of getting dementia.

The class on Nov. 20 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. will present Tips for the Holidays - Holidays can be very stressful for someone with Alzheimer's Disease. Learn about common problems caregivers face with loved ones who have Alzheimer's or a related dementia during the holidays. Learn to set boundaries, evaluate one's own situation, and plan ahead, and identify concrete ways to provide self-care during the holidays.

On Dec. 18 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., the class will focus on caregiver Stress - Being a caregiver of someone with dementia can take it's toll and become very overwhelming. Come to learn about the 10 main caregiver stresses and the top 10 things to do to be a healthy caregiver for your loved one.

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Donna Ball, *Neverwhere* by Neil Gaiman, *A Paris Affair* by Tatiana de Rosnay.

**Junior Fiction**  
*All the Rage* by Courtney Summers, *Saint Anything* by Sarah Dessen, *Orpheus in the Underworld* by Yvan Pommaux, *Curious World of Calpurnia Tate* by Jacqueline Kelly, *Fort* by Cynthia C. DeFelice, *Jumbies* by Tracey Baptiste, *True Son* by Lana Krumwiede, *Beyond the Kingdoms* by Chris Colfer, *Stolen Magic* by Gail Carson Levine, *RealM Beyond* by Donita K. Paul, *Renegade Realms* by Donita K. Paul, *Adrift* by Paul Griffin, *Crown of Three* by J.D. Rinehart, *Goodbye Stranger* by Rebecca Stead, *Isle of the Lost* by Melissa de la Cruz, *Finding Aubrey* by Sophie Kinsella, *Pip Bartlett's Guide to Magical Creatures* by Jackson Pearce and Maggie Stiefvater, *A School for Brides* by Patrice Kindl.

**Easy Books**  
*In a Village by the Sea* by Donna Ball, *Neverwhere* by Neil Gaiman, *A Paris Affair* by Tatiana de Rosnay.

Muon Van, *Ask Me* by Bernard Waber, *Out of the Woods* by Rebecca Bond, *Dory and the Real True Friend* by Abby Hanlon, *Charlie Goes to School* by Ree Drummond, *Charlie Plays Ball* by Ree Drummond, *Sheep Go to Sleep* by Nancy Z by Anita Lobel, *Sky is Falling* by Mark Teague, *What to Do When You're Sent to Your Room* by Ann Stott.

**CD Books**  
*Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee, *Country* by Danielle Steel, *Rumor* by Elin Hilderbrand, *Drunken Fireworks* by Stephen King, *Suddenly One Summer* by Julie James, *After the Storm* by Linda Castillo.

**DVDs**  
*American Girl: Saige Paints the Sky*, *American Girl: Grace Stirs up Success*, *Hope Bridge, Longest Ride*, *Poldark, 42: Jackie Robinson Story*, *Wild, Old Fashioned*, *Despicable Me 2*.



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Brandi Richardson escorted her children (from left) Seger, Stormi, and Landri to the Muenster Elementary building, Spang/Treet morning for a first day of school group picture.

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# SPORTS

## Ray Roberts remains closed State Parks recovering after torrential floods

After flooding left more than 50 Texas state parks drenched over the Memorial Day weekend, communities and park staff statewide have banded together to clean up, restore, and reopen most of the damaged sites. Thanks to their efforts, only four parks remain closed; Cedar Hill, Lake Somerville, Lake Whitney, and Ray Roberts Lake State Park (all units).

"Our first and greatest priority is to ensure that parks are safe for public use before re-opening," said Brent Leisure, director of the State Parks Division at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "Beyond that, we are currently assessing damages that require capital repair. We intend to move on

those repairs as quickly as possible and get Texans back into those parks."

Currently, state park recovery projects are estimated to cost about \$16 million dollars.

To date, the most costly known infrastructure damage was sustained at Bastrop State Park with the loss of the park lake dam, said Jessica Davisson, director of the Infrastructure Division at TPWD. A section of Park Road 1A was also washed away when the dam breached and preliminary estimates for reconstruction at Bastrop are in excess of \$6 million.

"Not all sites have been assessed for infrastructure damage yet; several parks remain closed due to stand-

ing water and inaccessibility," said Davisson. "Park staff continues to diligently respond to debris and silt removal, facility and site cleanup, and minor repairs."

Recovery would not have occurred as quickly as it has at many locations without the help of more than 300 volunteers who dedicated about 6,500 hours towards cleanup efforts. Others even loaned equipment to park staff to help with debris. Among the many contributions received by parks around the state, Volunteer Flood Day events at Ray Roberts Lake State Park helped the park clean and remove debris. More than 90 volunteers dedicated an unbelievable 1,180 hours towards restoration efforts.



Tiger tackled in Sacred Heart's first scrimmage of the season.

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Friday,  
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Sacred Heart  
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At left - Muenster's defense brings down a Gunter runner.



## Hunters and conservationists unite in response to Chronic Wasting Disease finding in captive deer herd

Texans for Saving Our Hunting Heritage has joined with The Texas Wildlife Association, the Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society, the Boone & Crockett Club, Quality Deer Management Association, the National Wild Turkey Federation, Borderlands Research Institute, Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, Texas State Rifle Association, and Texas Wildlife and Fisheries Management Council to support implementation of prudent regulatory protocols in response to Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), which was first discovered in a cap-

tive deer breeding facility in Medina County in late June 2015. The groups were all signatories to a recent resolution initiated by the Texas Wildlife Association.

"It is important to all of us that the conservation, hunting, and land steward community is galvanized in response to the finding of CWD in Medina County," Jenny Sanders, executive director of Texans for Saving Our Hunting Heritage, said. "We need to ensure that our actions are guided by science, caution, and a sense of utmost concern for our wild deer herds, hunting mar-

kets, and rural economies."

CWD, an always-fatal, infectious brain disease that affects members of the deer family (Cervids, including white tailed and mule deer, elk, reindeer, red deer, and sika) has been a known threat for many years, with documented cases in 21 states and two Canadian Provinces, including West Texas mule deer in 2012. Captive deer—purposefully confined in high concentrations, potentially shipped to and through multiple deer breeding facilities and then liberated to co-mingle with wild deer—could greatly amplify the speed, volume, and geographic distribution of CWD.

Texas Mountain Ranch, where a diseased buck was first detected in June, has shipped 825 deer to 147 properties in the last five years, potentially exposing 66 Texas counties to this deadly disease.

Texas Parks and Wildlife

Department officials are now reporting that preliminary tests on two additional deer from this facility have come back positive for CWD. These samples have been sent to a national diagnostic laboratory in Ames, IA for confirmation.

As the investigation develops, and if other CWD-positive animals are discovered—primarily through post-mortem inspections of brain tissue—the impacts of CWD could grow exponentially.

"This issue transcends the captive deer breeding industry alone," David Yeates, CEO of the Texas Wildlife Association, said in a statement on July 16 to the TPWD Commission. "It is imperative that state agencies respond to this issue with decisiveness and transparency, establishing and preserving public faith in the health and safety of captive and native free-range deer herds in Texas."

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## Tigerette volleyball returns to the Tiger Den

The Sacred Heart Tigerette volleyball teams had their first home matches in 30 years Tuesday night, hosting Fort Worth Temple Christian. "We had improvements from our last matches," Coach Emily Harrington noted, which included a stronger serve/pass game. "We started out strong, but did not keep up our serve in the first game. Each subsequent game saw better serving with longer point earning streaks. Samantha Koesler, junior, contributed consistent volleyball early in the match. One of their stronger servers got us in a passing rut in each game, but the girls showed tenacity by forcing a time-out in the final points of the third game."

Middle blockers, Kathryn Dunlop and Samantha Palmer kept on Temple's 6'4" middle effectively. Palmer enjoyed at least four successful solo blocks.

"Our offense is learning a new rotation and proper approach for attacking the ball, which by the second game improved," Harrington added. "Overall, the team did what we asked of them and are on a sharp learning curve for this year. They are taking what they are learning and doing a great job of putting into practice what we preach," the Coach concluded.

The varsity lost 0-3 and the junior varsity came up short 1-2.

The Tigerettes host Notre Dame Thursday.

## Lady Cubs defeat the Red River Rattlers

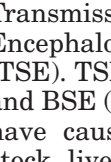
On Monday Aug. 24, the Sacred Heart Junior High Lady Cubs volleyball team hosted the Red River Rattlers in Sacred Heart's first home volleyball game in 30 years.

The Lady Cubs were able to shut down the Rattlers in only two games to win the match with scores of 25 to 9 and 25 to 23.

Angela Villa and Carmen Settle led the team to victory with several hits the Rattlers were unable to return. Rylene Reiter led the team in serving with 10 serves in a row in game one, three of which were aces.

The Lady Cubs will take on Walnut Bend and St. Mary's in a double header on Aug. 31 starting at 5:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart's gym.

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## Spring rains lead to high hay yields

Years of dry, barren summers are a not-so-distant memory. But the green fields across Texas bring renewed optimism, reminding farmers and ranchers just how much rain can change things.

And it's welcome. Even if it brings a different set of challenges.

"We're busy, and it's been a challenge to keep up with the workload," Miles rancher Chad Halfmann said. "But we prefer to manage for excessive rainfall over managing our pastures for excessive drought."

It's something they haven't dealt with in the last five years.

Although the ground is drying quickly, the baler keeps rolling. So far, their hay crop has been nearly double what it was during the drought. Making an average of four round bales to the acre.

The Halfmanns, who manage their pastures to continue grazing through the winter, will store the hay to be used as a supplement or when they have large numbers of cattle in the pens.

"We're cautiously optimistic," he said. "But we aren't buying more cows and stocking heavier. We have forage and we want to manage that as best we can to have it in shape for a future drought."

And Central Texas pastures took a similar route to those in West Texas.

"We were about two weeks late getting to our first cutting because of all the rain," Westphalia farmer Keith Lee said.

But square bales and round bales still dot his fields. Although the rain delay caused the quality of hay to suffer some in the first cutting. And rapid growth didn't allow the forages to get the proper nutrients.

Lee has had two good cut-

tings, already harvesting as much hay this year as he did last year. And, with more rains in early fall, he can make a third cutting.

And Lee isn't the only one keeping up with a busy hay season. Ranchers in South and East Texas are, too.

"We've already baled more hay this year than we did all of last year," Live Oak County Farm Bureau president and farmer Dane Elliott said.

What looked like barren ground last year came back green after 30 inches of rain.

"It's amazing what rain can do," he said. "Forage that we thought would never survive three, four, five years of drought did. And it brought back our optimism, too."

But it's starting to dry up. And more rain is needed for Elliott and other South Texas farmers to make three cuttings.

Over in East Texas, hay is stacking up.

John Griffith, Cherokee County Farm Bureau president and farmer, was also late getting in the field. But he and other East Texas farmers are on track for another good hay harvest.

"Last year was an exceptional year for us," Griffith said.

Although after a few weeks of hot, dry temperatures in late July, the pastures are starting to turn brown.

"We're counting on the moisture that's in the forecast for the fall and winter from El Niño to have another strong hay year," he said. "But that extra moisture could bring an outbreak of army worms."

And the same holds true for North Texas.

Dairyman Tom Hoff is no stranger to hot, dry Texas summers. But after above-average rainfall this spring, he's still seeing green in his

pastures. All the way into late summer.

"We made a good crop of wheat hay, but the quality is low due to the rainfall," the Archer County Farm Bureau president said. "But it's better than the past. At least we have some."

Even though some spots are browning, his forages have bounced back and are holding strong.

"I haven't cut coastal in four years, and I've made two cuttings this year already," Hoff said. "Everybody's making hay right now."

And that leads to a soft hay market. Lee, who grows about 25,000 square bales each year, said demand has dropped.

"It's backed off right now because a lot of people have grass in their pastures for a change," he said.

But he's confident demand will increase as winter approaches and folks look for higher quality hay.

Griffith agrees. "In our area, there was a lot of carryover from last year. Our repeat customers will continue to buy from us, but the demand throughout East Texas is definitely down right now," Griffith said.

## Ice cream is cool again

Just weeks before the sale of Blue Bell is set to resume in the Lone Star State comes news that Americans are once again enjoying higher-fat dairy products like ice cream.

According to *Bloomberg News*, surging demand for ice cream and other dairy fats is tightening supply of cream and butter.

"Americans are finally falling in love with dairy fat again," Ted Galloway, vice president of Galloway Co., the nation's largest producer of sweetened condensed milk, said.

U.S. consumption of ice cream has been on the decline for decades, according to *Bloomberg*. In 2011, consumption was 12.8 pounds per person. That's the lowest ice cream consumption has been since 1940.

The return of ice cream love is good for Texas dairymen who provide milk for creameries like Blue Bell's in Brenham.



## Hot. Hot. Hot.

Temperatures are soaring and cattle are stressing.

Although there have been no reports of large death losses, the heat reduces feed efficiency and daily gains, both on pastures and feedlots.

"The really high temperatures we've had the last several weeks have caused cattle to undergo a lot of heat stress," said Dr. Joe Paschal, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist, Corpus Christi. "Typically, cattle are going to shade up a lot more, particularly if they are black-hided rather than if they are of Bos indicus or Brahman influence."

Paschal said in addition to staying in the shade much of the day rather than grazing, cattle are going to look for ways to cool off, such as standing in ponds or stock-water tanks.

If these measures aren't enough, then they will start showing physiological signs of heat stress, he said. Cattle mainly cool themselves by panting. Bringing in cool, moist air will allow them to lower their core temperature, and in turn, their outer body by increasing the amount of blood to their hides.

"If they can bring cool air into their lungs, that's fine, but they can't now," Paschal said. "They are bringing in air that's at 100 degrees and at very low humidity, and it's making them even hotter. This affects their entire metabolic process. It's even harder on feedlot cattle as they're fatter."

Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife

Extension beef cattle specialist, Amarillo, said it is true that feedlot cattle are more susceptible to heat stress. This is because they are generally fatter or "fleshier," and the fat acts as an insulator, making it harder for them to dispel heat by convection.

However, he hasn't heard that many reports on death loss this summer, he said.

Of the 120 or so feedlots that finish cattle in Texas, Oklahoma, and eastern New Mexico, most are in the Texas Panhandle, McCollum said. And one of the several reasons that most confined cattle feeding units are there is because of the climate.

The cooler nighttime air means cattle in Panhandle feedyards have the chance to "unload" that heat at night.

This isn't to say that some cattle in Panhandle feedyards haven't suffered health problems during the past several weeks, but to his knowledge there haven't been any large-scale problems, he said.

Some performance losses have occurred because of reduced feed consumption during the hot weather. Digestive processes generate body heat. So in response to hot ambient temperatures, cattle will often reduce feed intake in an effort to reduce their heat load, he said.

## AG TALK

By Gene Hall  
Public relations director

## Remembering a celebration of science and technology

When I was in the eighth grade, my father loaned me his copy of The 1949 Yearbook of Agriculture—"Trees"—to prepare for a 4-H forestry judging contest. It helped our team win third place. When published by the Department of Agriculture, the yearbook devoted a substantial volume to a single subject of research or agricultural science.

When I left for a job with the Texas Farm Bureau in 1977, Dad gifted me his entire collection of USDA yearbooks. I've added to it over the years and received some gifts of hard-to-find volumes. I now own every year from 1932 until publication ceased in 1992. There are also volumes from 1896, 1918, and 1919. I'll continue to collect them. Everyone has to have a hobby.

The thing that strikes me in leafing through those old volumes is the sense of national pride in our burgeoning capability to grow food. It was very much a celebration of a capacity that few other nations in the world could match. Farmers were proud of what they could do, but their rewards did not match their contributions until modern agricultural technology was born. They learned to do more with less.

When the yearbook was discontinued in 1992, it was a budget problem. But I believe America was also over the celebration. Then, and now, we take the availability of food for granted. That's also a good thing. In many nations, the search for food is constant and the price high. Here, we don't even worry about it most of the time.

My books describe a history that tracked an arc of time from hunger to bounty; from a time when every hand was needed on the plow, trailing mules down long rows, to a time of when one farmer feeds more than 150 people—a time of great plenty.

That journey was an American triumph—a source of national pride. So should it still be.

## To wean or not to wean?

Like many decisions on the ranch, the decision to wean a calf early or not depends upon a host of variables that may change from year to year.

For some, the decision is easy. Wean early and reap the benefits of a more efficient calf, provided it has a high-quality diet.

"By early weaning, you

can reduce the forage needed by 28% when you consider nutrient requirements and feed intake for the cow plus forage the calf would have consumed," Dr. Bob Judd said.

But there are drawbacks. Young calves weigh less and can bring fewer dollars to the ranch.

"You also have to find buyers who want to buy and feed lightweight calves as not every cattle feeder is set up for younger calves," Dr. Judd said.

Dr. Judd further explores the pros and cons of weaning beef calves early on Texas Vet News on the TFB Radio Network: <http://bit.ly/1MxQj4g>.

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5# FROZEN  
**Country Style  
Pork Ribs  
99¢  
LB.**

FAMILY PACK FRESH  
Pork Steaks  
LB. **\$1.19**

FISCHER'S FULLY  
COOKED SMOKED  
**German  
Sausage  
379¢  
LB.**

KRAFT SELECT VARIETIES  
Miracle Whip  
or Mayo  
30 OZ. JAR  
**\$2.88**

FRESH  
**Beef  
Brisket  
269¢  
LB.**



- KRAFT ASSORTED FLAVORS Salad Dressing 16 OZ. **\$1.87**
- VAN CAMP'S Pork and Beans 15 OZ. **2 FOR \$1**
- SHURFINE ORIGINAL OR MESQUITE Charcoal Briquets 7.7 LB. **\$1.99**
- TOSTITOS® Queso Dip 15 OZ. **2 FOR \$6**
- PRE-PRICED \$6.99-SELECT FLAVORS Kraft Velveeta 32 OZ. **\$5.99**
- ASSTD. VARIETIES - DICED, WITH CHILES Ro★Tel Tomatoes 10 OZ. **99¢**
- SHURFINE Grill Cooking Spray 5 OZ. **2 FOR \$3**
- 20 OZ. UPSIDE-DOWN OR 24 OZ. UPRIGHT Shurfine Ketchup EACH **79¢**
- SHURFINE Yellow Mustard 14 OZ. **79¢**
- SHURFINE SELECT VARIETIES Barbecue Sauce 18 OZ. **99¢**
- SHURFINE HAMBURGER Dill Chips 32 OZ. **\$1.49**
- SHURFINE Sweet Relish 10 OZ. **99¢**
- SHURFINE PRE-PRICED 2/\$4 - ASSORTED Potato Chips 11 OZ. **2 FOR \$3**
- ON THE BORDER ASSORTED VARIETIES Tortilla Chips 8.25-12 OZ. **2 FOR \$5**
- ON THE BORDER ASSORTED VARIETIES Salsa 16 OZ. **2 FOR \$5**
- HEFTY SELECT VARIETIES Foam Plates 24-50 CT. **2 FOR \$4**
- ASSORTED VARIETIES Morrison's Mixes 6 OZ. **2 FOR 89¢**
- KEEBLER ASSORTED VARIETIES 9 INCH Ready Pie Crusts 6 OZ. **2 FOR \$4**
- CLAUDE'S BARBECUE SAUCE OR ASSTD. Marinades 16 OZ. **2 FOR \$5**
- CLASSIC ROAST Folger's Coffee 30.5 OZ. **\$7.99**

- FAMILY SIZE, ORIGINAL OR GREEN Luzianne Tea Bags 24 CT. **\$2.39**
- LIBBY'S SELECT VARIETIES Canned Vegetables 11-15.2 OZ. **79¢**
- ASSORTED VARIETIES Ranch Style Beans 15 OZ. **79¢**
- SHURFINE DINNER Mac & Cheese 7.25 OZ. **2 FOR 89¢**
- SELECT VARIETIES WITH OR WITHOUT BEANS Wolf Brand Chili 15 OZ. **2 FOR \$4**
- WESTERN FAMILY BIG ROLL Bathroom Tissue 24 ROLL **\$5.99**
- WESTERN FAMILY Paper Towels 6 ROLL **\$2.99**
- LA COSTEÑA Whole Jalapeños 26 OZ. **99¢**
- WHERE AVAILABLE: GOOD COOK Large Chip Clip EACH **\$1.69**
- GOOD COOK PLASTIC Ice Cream Scoop EACH **\$1.99**
- WESTERN FAMILY SELECT VARIETIES Utility Lighters EACH **\$2.49**
- HUNT'S ASSORTED PUDDING OR GEL CUPS Snack Pack 4 CT. **5 FOR \$5**
- SELECT FLAVORS Hi-C Drinks 10 PACK **\$1.99**
- DOLE ASSORTED VARIETIES Fruit Bowls 4 PACK **\$2.99**
- SUNMAID 1 OZ. BOXES Raisins 6 PACK **\$1.79**
- TOMATO OR CHICKEN NOODLE Shurfine Soup 10.5-10.75 OZ. **2 FOR \$1**
- MCCORMICK ASSTD. SEASONINGS OR RUBS Grill Mates 7.1-2.25 OZ. **99¢**
- SHURFINE Sloppy Joe Sauce 15 OZ. **79¢**
- WATER 1/2 LITER BOTTLES Dasani 24 PACK **\$4.49**

- GREAT ON THE GRILL Baby Back Pork Ribs LB. **\$3.49**
- FRESH MARKET TRIMMED BOSTON BUTT Pork Roast LB. **\$1.19**
- PREFERRED TRIM BNLS. BEEF Ribeye Steaks LB. **\$7.99**
- PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS BEEF Chuck Roast LB. **\$4.29**
- 10 LB. BAG FROZEN Fryer Leg Quarters LB. **29¢**
- Bar S Franks 12 OZ. **2 FOR \$1**
- Bar S Bologna 12 OZ. **5 FOR \$5**
- BAR S BEEF Franks 12 OZ. **\$2.99**
- BAR S REGULAR Sliced Bacon 12 OZ. **2 FOR \$6**
- WESTERN GRILLERS BLAZIN' SHRIMP OR CHICKEN TICKLERS Stuffed Jalapeños EACH **\$5.99**
- PRICE'S PIMIENTO Cheese Spread 12 OZ. **\$3.49**

- MARKET SLICED Chopped Ham LB. **\$3.19**
- MARKET SLICED Muenster Cheese LB. **\$3.19**
- SHURFINE Raw Shrimp LB. **\$6.99**
- SEABEST Salmon Fillets LB. **\$7.99**
- OSCAR MAYER Bacon LB. **\$5.49**
- 10 LB. BAG FROZEN Fryer Leg Quarters LB. **29¢**
- RESER'S POTATO, MACARONI, OR COLE SLAW American Classics Salads 44-48 OZ. **\$3.99**
- SHURFINE Cooked Shrimp LB. **\$9.99**
- FISCHER'S JALAPENO & CHEESE Summer Sausage LB. **\$4.39**
- ECKRICH GRILLERS, JALAP. & CHEESE Sausage & Smok-y Links 14 OZ. **2 FOR \$4**

## Fresh Produce



FANCY  
**Colorado  
Corn  
5 for \$1**



FARM FRESH  
Cantaloupe  
EACH  
**99¢**

- SEEDLESS Watermelons EACH **\$3.99**
- EXTRA LARGE RED OR GREEN Seedless Grapes 2 LBS. **\$3**
- FANCY Lemons 3 FOR **\$1**
- JUICY Limes 6 FOR **\$1**
- SWEET Yellow Onions LB. **99¢**
- MPK FOODS Onion Ring Batter 1 OZ. **99¢**

- ROMAINE OR GREEN Leaf Lettuce EACH **99¢**
- FRESH EXPRESS SALAD Iceberg Garden 12 OZ. **99¢**
- PEELED Baby Carrots 1 LB. **99¢**
- FARM FRESH Honeydew Melons LB. **89¢**
- LARGE GREEN Bell Peppers 2 FOR **\$1**
- NEW CROP PREMIUM Honeycrisp Apples LB. **\$2.99**



ASSORTED FLAVORS  
20-PACK CANS  
**Coca-Cola  
\$5.99**

## Dairy & Frozen Foods



ASSORTED FLAVORS  
FAMILY SIZE  
Shurfine  
Ice Cream  
144 OZ. PAIL  
**\$3.99**



SWEET, UNSWEET,  
OR SPLENDA SWEET  
Red Diamond  
Iced Tea  
GALLON  
**\$1.98**

SARA LEE ASSORTED Cheese Cake 17-19 OZ. **\$4.99**

SELECT VARIETIES SANDWICHES OR Stouffer's Entrées 6-12 OZ. **2 FOR \$5**

TATERS, CRINKLES, OR FRENCH FRIED Shurfine Potatoes 32 OZ. **\$1.99**

SHURFINE ASSORTED FLAVORS Jumbos Biscuits 8 CT. **2 FOR \$3**

## Health & Beauty Care

WESTERN FAMILY ASSTD. IBUPROFEN LIQUID OR ACETAMINOPHEN LIQUID Children's Pain Relief 4 OZ. **\$3.99**

WESTERN FAMILY Hydrogen Peroxide 16 OZ. **59¢**

ASSORTED SHAMPOO OR CONDITIONER Alberto VO5 12.5 OZ. **88¢**