

## County grants abatement

**Janet Felderhoff**  
News Editor

Cooke County Commissioners Court held a special called meeting on Thursday, March 19 to conduct a public hearing regarding consideration of the Muenster Wind Farm Tax Abatement. The hearing had a full audience, most of whom came at the request of OwnEnergy to support the abatement request. There were also a handful who objected to granting an abatement.

The public hearing opened with remarks from Muenster resident Doyle Klement who did not favor the abatement. He owns a small farm which is located right in the middle of the proposed wind farm. It is about 60 acres of the farm his parents owned. He said that walking through the fields, he imagines how his dad must have done the same thing not so many years ago. "Other than life itself, it is the greatest gift my parents ever gave me. Some day I hope to pass it on to my children," reflected Klement.

Klement said that he opposed the first wind farm that came to Muenster, but did not join the lawsuit against Florida Power and Light because he couldn't bring himself to tell people what they could or could not do with their own land.

"I'm not against wind energy. I just don't think you should give them the abatement they are asking for," stated Klement. He added that he had no bone to pick with OwnEnergy or the landowners. If wind energy is such a viable business, he said OwnEnergy should not be coming to the County with their hands out."

In reading news articles about other meetings where landowners and construction people came to convince the Court to grant the abatement. That was understandable because they all stand to make money if the wind farm is built.

He said if the County is covered in wind farms as one speaker said, Klement saw a County with many rental properties and empty houses where people used to live because who would want to build or buy a home under a 400 foot tall spinning turbine.

Nobody had brought the other view of Muenster people. Not all of them love

wind turbines or would want to live under them. He sat under one of his neighbors turbines for about two hours and came to the conclusion that he would probably have to move.

Klement said that there are some under the path of the OwnEnergy Wind Farm who don't want to spend the rest of their lives under a wind farm. He appealed the Court to put themselves in the shoes of those people before they voted and asked that the Court not make it easier on the wind farm by granting the abatement.

Commercial wind energy created by turbines has been in existence for decades said Klement who asked when we were going to quit coddling the industry and allow it to stand on its own or fade.

Arlene Loyd, economic development director for Gainesville, spoke in favor of the abatement. She recently moved to Gainesville from West Texas where wind is king. She has found the wind industry to be great community partners with good affects on some school districts.

Ronnie Felderhoff said it would be a service to the taxpayers to give the abatement. He said that he checked with Chief Appraiser Doug Smithson and oil values in the County are going down \$140 million this year. Where are you going to make up the tax base, he asked. He said it is the government's job to create a healthy business environment, not destroy it. He then warned the Court that if they did not give this abatement they'd better not give another in the County.

Alice Davidson lives northeast of Muenster on 240 acres that has been in her husband's family for more than 100 years. Her husband hoped the wind farm happened because it would help her stay on the farm. Also, she thinks it would help with jobs.

Ken Arterberry said he is pro business but does not support an abatement He never received an abatement in his years of business. "If these guys want to make money, let them do it on their own," he said.

The public hearing closed. Abatement proposal approved was a 20% abatement for years 6-10 (2022-2026), with a clawback provision stating that the project has to meet certain yearly tax

evaluations in order to qualify:

- Year 6: \$95M
- Year 7: \$90M
- Year 8: \$85M
- Year 9: \$80M
- Year 10: \$75M

This is basically what your (Muenster Wind Farm) values would be on a 5% depreciation per year. For any year they do not meet this benchmark, they pay full taxes for all abated years (or repay previous abated years).

Commissioner Leon Klement having signed a lease with OwnEnergy recused himself from the vote which passed 4-1.

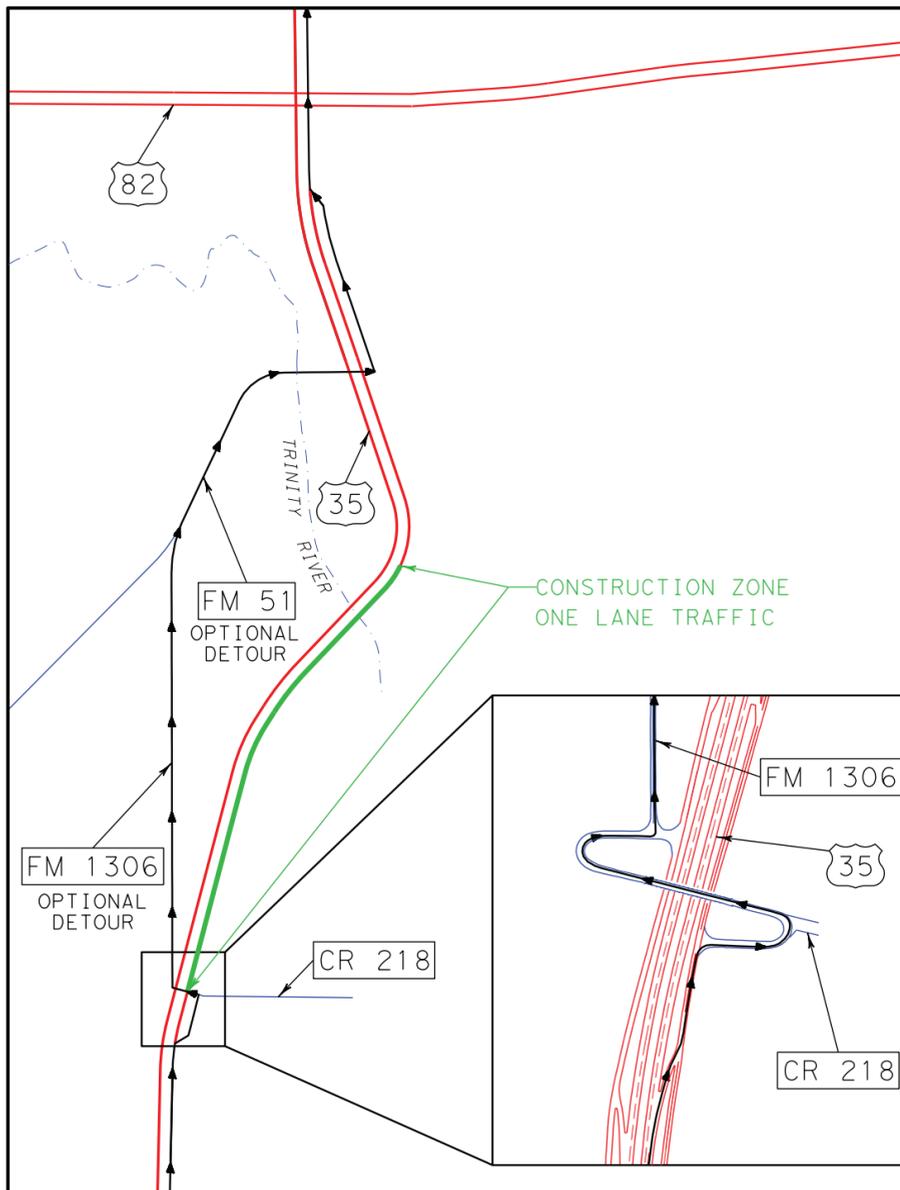
A resolution in support of a bill clarifying the County Judge duties brought much discussion among the Court. Judge Brinkley stated, "This is simply clarifying the duties of the County Judge to act as a magistrate. It is believed by most that the Cooke County Judge has those duties and this is just clarifying any confusion that there might be." The bill has the support of the District Judge, the County Court At Law Judge, both Justices of the Peace, the Sheriff and the Sheriff's Department, local State troopers, District Attorney, and the City of Gainesville.

"With some of the recent court rulings by the Supreme Court and the Texas Appellate Court, the number of police stops in which a search warrant may be needed has drastically increased in the last six months," explained Judge Brinkley.

"Therefore, more the number of magistrates we have that can handle this function, obviously, the better that helps the police agencies."

Commissioner Al Smith had several questions. He wondered if by passing the legislation, any person serving as the County Judge would have to be a licensed attorney. That is not a requirement at this time. He said that they have sought to have a separation of the

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## TxDOT announces bridge construction plans routes

The Northbound I-35 bridge over Elm Fork Trinity River will be rebuilt on a very aggressive schedule. Demolition work began Monday, March 23 on half of the structure. Motorists will be reduced to just one lane northbound over the bridge while crews work around the clock seven days a week to rebuild. Once one side is finished, traffic will be moved over to the new construction

and crews will remove and rebuild the second half of the bridge deck.

The northbound frontage road from FM 1306 will be open to local traffic only and will be completely closed at the bridge. The two on-ramps north of FM 1306 will also be closed. Northbound travelers who need to access the southbound frontage road or the Gainesville High School will have to use the 494

exit ramp to FM 1306.

Construction is expected to be complete by May 18, 2015 or the contractor will face substantial financial penalties. The cost of the project is \$1.47 million. Constant repairs have reached a point where a rebuild is more cost effective.

Speed limits in the construction zone will be reduced to 65 MPH. Law enforcement will be writing tickets for speeders.

## County Commissioners Court divided on permanent road closing policy

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Cooke County Commissioners Court met on Monday, March 23. One item that could not be decided on was a proposed revision in permanent road closing procedure.

Commissioner Gary Hollowell noted that he had some requests for road closings and he would like to revise the process. He said that currently the process is to pick up a package of eight pages with exhibits A-I. He said it is confusing. The person asking for the closing is given a petition for discontinuance that requires the signature of property owners and a notary to be present. The commissioner goes out and posts a notice on two spots on the road.

Commissioner Hollowell suggested that they go to a simpler method that would reduce the paperwork from eight pages to two pages, does not require a notary be present, and would then be posted for 20 days at the Courthouse. Those requesting the closure would be required to post the notice on two noticeable places on the road to be closed. "It would come back to the Court for commissioner evaluation or assessment. This document in no way grants closure, discontinuance, or anything else," said Hollowell. He noted that it just streamlines the process.

Hollowell added that the document being proposed was provided by Allison and Bass (a firm that does much of the County's legalities with roads).

Commissioner Al Smith remarked that anytime that he's been involved in road closures, there has been issue of whether they are being unbiased, are doing something under the table, and anything done to speed up the process would just add to that problem.

Commissioner Leon Klement asked County Attorney Ed Zielinski his thoughts on the proposed changes. Zielinski recommended taking the document to Allison and Bass before proceeding.

Much more discussion followed. The Court then voted on tabling the proposed revision to allow Commissioner Hollowell and the County Attorney to work with Allison and Bass before addressing it at the next meeting. The vote to table passed 4-1 with Commissioner Hollowell voting nay.

Health care providers from Cooke County Medical Center, one of North Texas Medical Center's rural health clinics,

spoke at the meeting. Crystal Bewley, a family nurse practitioner who cares for pediatric patients, told of the need for a larger clinic. She said it is an extremely busy place providing health care from pediatrics to the elderly. Bewley noted that they have outgrown the facility and would also like additional space to bring some specialties to the community.

Bewley noted that they see 2,100 patients a year and they continue to grow, with 150 to 200 new patients per month. She spoke of the crowded conditions including closets being turned into offices.

Jill Fuhrmann, a health care provider with the Clinic, said that if they built another building they would be able to try to attract specialists for their patients. The new facility would be built at the same location, 801 North Grand in Gainesville.

The Hospital District asked Commissioners Court for its support of legislation regarding their ability to gain funding for future projects that will assist the Hospital District in the implementation and the improvement of the medical buildings and services in this county.

NTMC CEO Randy Bacus said, "It is a proposed change to our enabling legislation which allows us to mortgage or pledge building or improvements as security for payment of the purchase price. In other words, it gives us another option for financing projects at the Hospital. Right now, we can only borrow money for up to five years according to our enabling legislation. Then, we have the option of issuing bonds. You have to have a tremendously large project of say \$15 to \$25 million to justify going to the bond market."

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve a proclamation supporting NTMC's HB 1307.

The Court approved allowing District Attorney Janice Warder to use forfeiture funds to make a donation in the amount of \$2,500 to Abigail's Arms Women's Shelter for the Child Advocacy Center. Judge Brinkley explained that in April they will start a campaign to raise funds for the Child Advocacy Center which is separate from the Shelter.

April 7 was declared as Service Recognition Day. The proclamation said in part, "Service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and local leaders are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy,

## Cook named to All-State Team



Clay Corbett photo

Muenster Hornet Lyndon Cook was named to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches 2A All-State Basketball Team. Cook this season had a total of 647 points, 564 rebounds and 114 blocked shots. See Sports, page 10, for more basketball reports.

# TxDOT advises caution for work zones

In support of National Work Zone Awareness Week, March 23-27, the Texas Department of Transportation will host a display to remember those people who died in work zones last year. The display is meant to show drivers the consequence of work zone accidents and remind people that orange is the color of caution on Texas roadways.

TxDOT reminds drivers to slow down and stay alert when traveling through work zones. Last year, 146 people were killed in work zone crashes on Texas roadways. Eighty-seven percent of those killed were motorists. Texas law requires drivers to move over and slow down when approaching roadside construction crews.

A special installation of

146 traffic cones representing the people who died in Texas work zones last year will spread across TxDOT's sloping lawn adjacent to Southwest Parkway in Wichita Falls. The two leading causes of crashes in work zones are drivers not paying attention and failure to control speed.

## Correction

There were several people whose names Rufus Henschel forgot to include with the list of people he has worked with at the lumberyard over his many years in business. Those names were Glenn Trachta, Wayne Trachta, Janet Hess, Michael Hermes, Darell Henschel, Danny Felderhoff, and Ernie Martin.

## Easy Street Animal Shelter



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## Information addition

Muenster resident Henry Starke stopped by the newspaper Monday to add a correction to last week's story on Rufus Henschel. Starke said that his father also came to Muenster from Germany and that Henschel was not the only Muenster person whose father immigrated to

Muenster from Germany. Starke said his father Joe Starke came to the United States by ship at the age of 16. The ship docked at Galveston and Starke traveled to Muenster by train.

## Our apology!

Bekki Jones' name was misspelled in last week's article about her taking over as director of VISTO. Please accept our apology Bekki.

**The more evolved you are the less you will agree or disagree with others, and the more you will gently sift through the fullness of what people are offering and gratefully take only what you need.**  
Bryant McGill

## JUDGE

magistrate responsibility with the budget officer. He felt it might provide the opportunity for some County judge to get into an abusive type relation with a citizen. He provided examples of his concern.

Smith suggested that the magistrate duties be limited to DUIs and that the County Judge not take any supplement money for the magistrate action.

Judge Brinkley answered that every county judge and mayor in the state of Texas is currently a magistrate and it does not state that they have to be an attorney. "I will continue to function as a magistrate as I have before and after, regardless of whether this goes through," said Judge Brinkley. "This is simply clarifying language. That is all that this does."

Smith asked why then were they stating it in the

## Beware of false unemployment benefits websites

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) warns Texans seeking unemployment benefits to be aware of third-party vendors offering assistance. Unemployment insurance (UI) claims should be filed through the TWC website or by phone, and never through a third-party.

Individuals in Texas have reported receiving emails soliciting personal information from a third-party vendor who is not affiliated with TWC called the Unemployment Advisory Department, with an email address support@us-benefits.org. Emails stated the claimant's initial benefits application was received, but not complete, and provided links to complete the filing process. TWC advises claimants to ignore these emails. TWC does not send these types of emails and would never require confidential information be shared with a third-party to obtain unemployment benefits.

Claimants should be wary of online third-party UI benefits resource centers who usually charge a fee for providing advice and job services to applicants in the U.S. Websites typically request personal identifiers and credit card information that could be used for identity theft. These websites are not associated with TWC or any other state workforce agency.

In a related incident, one Texas claimant was asked to purchase a credit report and to get a health insurance quote before filing a claim. TWC does not require individuals to purchase anything or pay a fee to file for unemployment benefits. These websites are selling information and services provided for free by TWC and other state agencies.

Individuals having attempted to apply for UI benefits using a third-party website need to contact TWC at 800-939-6631 or 512-463-2236 to submit their claim.

Confidential information given to a third-party website could be used for identity theft.

TWC administers UI benefits to workers who become unemployed through no fault of their own and are actively seeking work. To file a claim or to find out more about unemployment benefits go to [www.texasworkforce.org/unemploymentbenefits](http://www.texasworkforce.org/unemploymentbenefits).

To avoid becoming a victim of scams, visit the Texas Office of the Attorney General online at [www.oag.state.tx.us/consumer/scams.shtml](http://www.oag.state.tx.us/consumer/scams.shtml) or [www.onguardonline.gov](http://www.onguardonline.gov), managed by the Federal Trade Commission, for more information.

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to meet county needs.

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The Court encouraged residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in the County, to thank those who serve, and to find ways to give back to their communities.

In other business, Commissioners Court:

- Created a temporary County Facilities Committee and appointed Judge Brinkley, Commissioner Leon Klement, Sheriff Terry Gilbert, Maintenance Director Ricky Kerr, and Auditor Shelly Atteberry to serve on it. The purpose is to make recommendations to the Court on such things as how to better utilize County facilities.
- Approved Jefferies Service Company to conduct a lighting and energy audit of

County facilities beginning with the County Justice Center.

• Accepted proposal by Nortex Communications to provide fiber internet service to County buildings as presented by Chris MacNamera. The contract will be approved at a future date.

• Approved Joe Walter Lumber Company as the vendor for replacing the flooring in EMS station 2, 3 and 4 at a cost of \$14,662.50. The maintenance staff will do the painting. The money is budgeted.

• Approved contract with Denton Foundation Repair for repair of the Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4 office in Valley View. Cost is \$5,600 and will be taken from the Permanent Improvement Fund.

Consent agenda items approved by the Court included:

- Accepting the auction proceeds from the sale of Road and Bridge Precinct #2 equipment in the amount of \$17,998.46.
- Accepting the auction proceeds from the sale of seized vehicles awarded to the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$38,557.44.
- Allowing CASA of North Texas to use the Courthouse lawn for a display during the month of April for Child

Abuse Awareness Month.

• An interlocal agreement with North Central Texas Council of Governments for cooperative purchasing and actuarial services.

• Contract with Gabriel, Roeder, Smith, and Co., to perform Cooke County's actuarial evaluation per GASB 45.

• Transfer of a 2006 Ford Crown Victoria from the County Judge to the County Attorney's Office for use by the County Attorney's investigator.

• Cooperative purchasing agreement between Cooke County and National Joint Powers Alliance.

• Indigent cremation of Layla Rodriguez and of Basilio Gutierrez.

• Cooke County Library participating in the 2015 Interlibrary Loan Lending Reimbursement Program with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

• Permitting Plains Pipeline L.P. to construct a crude oil pipeline in Precincts 1 and 4.

• Approved renewal of property insurance with Texas Association of Counties.

• Authorizing the County Judge, Sheriff, District Attorney, and County Attorney to sign an MOU with Abigail's Arms Child Advocacy Center.

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bill. Brinkley replied it was because the County Attorney currently has concerns and he hoped to address his concerns by legislation.

Commissioner Klement expressed a number of concerns including that he knew nothing of the legislation until he heard about it Friday evening from local deputies. He then called Senator Estes' office to ask about the bill being considered before the Commissioners Court got to consider it. Klement said he was told by both Estes' office and Rep. Drew Springer's office that they were told that the Court was in full support of the bill.

Klement stated that he was unhappy that they did not try to fix the problem in the County prior to seeking state legislation to fix it.

Judge Brinkley responded that he filed the bill two weeks ago in an effort to

make a March 13 deadline. He added that in all the emails he sent to the offices of Estes and Springer, he stated that the resolution would be voted on at a future Commissioners Court meeting.

The vote to approve the resolution was 3-2 with Judge Brinkley and Commissioners Hollowell and Lemons voting for it and Commissioners Klement and Smith voting nay.

The Cooke County Sheriff and District Attorney were authorized to sign an MOU (Memorandum Of Understanding) for an application for the OVW (Office of Violence against Women) Fiscal Year 2015 Grants to Reduce Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking on Campus Program being applied for by North Central Texas College.

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Sunday, March 29, 2015	Monday, March 30, 2015	Tuesday, March 31, 2015	Wednesday, April 1, 2015	Thursday, April 2, 2015	Friday, April 3, 2015	Saturday, April 4, 2015
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm Buckaroo & SH Ranch Rodeo		Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Rel. Ed. Mass & Tenebrae 7 pm SH Paschal Meal SH NOON Dismissal	Museum open 1 - 4 pm Library open 10- 6:30 SHCS - NOON dismissal MHS Track Meet	Museum CLOSED SH - MISC NO School AARP Board mtg. 10 am	Library open 10 - 2:30 <b>EASTER EGG HUNTS</b> Easy St. - Saint Jo City Park 10 am MHS/JC - Muenster City Park 2 pm
Sunday, April 5, 2015	Monday, April 6, 2015	Tuesday, April 7, 2015	Wednesday, April 8, 2015	Thursday, April 9, 2015	Friday, April 10, 2015	Saturday, April 11, 2015
Muenster Museum CLOSED	City Council mtg. 6:30 pm	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm MISD Kindergarten Registration 3:30-5:30 Elem. Library	Library open 10-6:30 Rel. Ed. class 6:45 pm	Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10-6:30	Museum open 1 - 4 pm AARP member luncheon 11:30	Library open 10-2:30

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# Obituaries

## Frances Schroeder 1924 - 2015

Funeral Mass for Frances Schroeder was Saturday, March 21 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Gainesville with Fr. Gary Picou officiating. Burial was at New Rest Haven Cemetery. Family visitation with Liturgy of the Word and Rosary was March 20 at Geo. J. Carroll and Son Funeral Home.

Frances Marie Simmel was born Jan. 7, 1924 to Andrew and Evie Sparks Simmel in Tioga. She died Sunday, March 17, 2015 after a lengthy illness.

Frances worked as a cook at a Sherman hospital until her marriage and then for Weber Aircraft when it opened in Gainesville in 1968 until her retirement in 1984.

She married Lee Schroeder on Aug. 26, 1947 in Pilot Point at St. Thomas Catholic Church. They were married for 60 years at his death Sept. 24, 2007. They were members of St. Mary's Catholic Church, where Frances was an active member of the Altar Society, Parent Teacher Association, and the Quilting Club. A genteel southern

lady, she loved horse racing, penny slot machines, and playing 42 with family and friends.

She is survived by the five Schroeder girls and their husbands - Peggy and Gary Martin, Tricia and Steve Dodson, Donna and Ken Odell, all of Gainesville, Sandy and Mark Erwin of Pflugerville, and Lorie and Doug Morrison, also of Gainesville; 16 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren with two on the way; sisters Mary Neu of Lindsay and Margaret Schindler of Pilot Point; brother Bobby Simmel of Lindsay; and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers Andrew, Albert, and Wilbert Simmel.

Pallbearers were Scott Martin, Dennis Martin, Eric Martin, Wes Morrison, Joe Arensman, and Kyle Endres.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church Renovation Fund or to Cooke County Home Hospice.

## Anthony Harmon 1989 - 2015

Funeral for Gainesville resident Anthony Lee Harmon was held Wednesday, March 25 at Meador Funeral Home Chapel in Gainesville with family members Nathan Harmon and Travis Barkley officiating. Interment was in Mt. Zion Cemetery in Collinsville. Visitation was Tuesday at the funeral home. Jay Baldelerree, Justin Massey, David Watson, Wernerpaul Schaeferling, Duce Miller, Scooter Pitner, John Cowden, and Cody Sizemore were pallbearers.

Anthony Harmon, age 25, died Friday, March 20, 2015. He was born in Kittanning, PA on June 29, 1989, the son of Dale Harmon and Jeanie Tillery. He married Chan-

dra Toles Jan. 30, 2015 in Gainesville. Anthony was employed by HWH Drilling Company in Muenster.

Survivors include his wife Chandra of Gainesville; son Andrew Lee Harmon; father Dale Harmon of Sherman; mother Jeanie Tillery of Poyen, AR; sister Justina Lunsford and husband J.C. of Whitesboro; brother Nathan Harmon of Sherman; sister Whitney Watson and husband Clayton of Sheridan, AR; grandfather Edward Hunt, Sr. of Calhoun, MS; grandmother Joan Harmon of Butler, PA; two nieces and two nephews; father-in-law and mother-in-law Richie and Kimberly Hilliard; and sister-in-law, Briana Hilliard.

## Roumaine Mecca 1930 - 2015

Services for Roumaine Mecca are set for Sunday March 29 at 2 p.m. in the Geo. J. Carroll and Son Chapel with the Rev. Larry Kremling officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Sunday, March 29 from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Roumaine died March 25, 2015 in Gainesville.

Roumaine was born Dec. 26, 1930 in Johnsonburg, PA to Merle Harold and Genevieve O. Burg Harps. She married Richard "Dick" Mecca on April 3, 1950 in Knoxville, TN and they enjoyed over 57 years together. Roumaine worked for Lorch-Westway and later Bomber Bait Company. She loved to do counted cross stitch and

play card and board games with her family.

Survivors are her children Deborah Boaz and her husband Bobby, Dawn Porter and her husband Ralph, Pamela Albrecht of Bowie, Rene Knauf and her husband Don of Lindsay, and Richard Terrance Mecca and his wife Nancy of Woodbine; 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Grandsons will be pallbearers.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her sister Marilyn Parks.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cooks Children's Hospital, Home Hospice of Cooke County, or Texas Scottish Rites Hospital.

## DAYS GONE BY.....

### 65 YEARS AGO March 24, 1950

Time lost during bad weather delays opening of the new Relax Theatre until April 1 according to owner F.E. Schmitz. Alvin Hartman is absent from his usual job at the *Enterprise* due to injury received while operating a press last Friday; one bone of his left index finger was fractured when the finger got caught in the machine. New Arrival: Janie to the Jack Hoehns. The FMA Store advertises Heinz baby food 12 cans for \$1, and large Heinz ketchup for 30¢. Shamburger Lumber advertises 6 1/2 ft. steel posts for 75¢.

### 50 YEARS AGO March 26, 1965

Ed Schneider is new president of St. Joseph's Society. Joe Hartman of the Muenster FFA land judging team made the individual high score in a contest sponsored by the Upper Elm-Red Soil Conservation District. New Arrival: a son to Clifford and Nancy Truebenbach. Wedding: Charlotte McElreath and Donny Swirczynski. Ben Franklin store advertises handbags for \$2.99 and stretch gloves for \$1. Biffle Brothers in Gainesville advertises hay equipment: MF-32 mower for \$325 and MF baler, twine tie for \$1,600.

### 25 YEARS AGO March 23, 1990

City holds first tornado drill. Change of command ceremony held for brothers

Lt. Col. M.J. Fuhrmann and Lt. Col. R.J. Fuhrmann. Eric Dankesreiter earns D.C. intern appointment. Tisha Wang, Lindsay 6th grader, is Cooke County Spelling Bee champion; Jamie Hellman, Muenster 7th grader, is runner-up. New Arrivals: Evan to Tom and Suzan Schmitt; Chelsea to David and Melissa Hermes. Jenny Wimmer, Muenster High; Angela Endres, Sacred Heart High; and Karen Pope, Era high are named "Good Citizens" by DAR. Ted Heers, Jr. named South Texas Coach of the Year by the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*.

## Medicare strengthens rating system for nursing homes

By Bob Moos  
*Southwest public affairs officer, U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services*

You can now be more confident when looking for a nursing home for yourself or a loved one.

Medicare has just improved its Nursing Home Compare website so that the public can get a more precise and meaningful picture of the quality of care at 15,800 nursing homes nationwide.

Families must often search for a nursing home for a spouse or parent at a moment's notice, after some crisis or emergency. With no time to spare, many turn to Nursing Home Compare to begin their research. The website - at [medicare.gov/nursinghomecompare](http://medicare.gov/nursinghomecompare) - receives 1.4 million visits annually.

Nursing Home Compare provides details on recent health and safety inspections, nursing homes' staffing levels, and such quality measures as whether residents are in pain or losing weight.

The website uses a five-star rating system to help families understand the differences between nursing homes. Each facility receives a star rating for its overall performance and separate ratings for its recent inspections, staffing levels, and quality measures. One star means "poor." Five stars mean "excellent."

Nursing Home Compare already enjoys a solid reputation among consumers -

85% find what they're looking for. The latest revisions will make it even more trustworthy and user-friendly:

First, Medicare will rate nursing homes according to two new quality measures, both involving the use of antipsychotic medication. This is an outgrowth of an ongoing campaign to discourage nursing homes from using such powerful drugs simply to calm dementia patients who become unruly.

Next, Medicare will do more to verify the quality data and the staffing levels that nursing homes now report themselves. The government will inspect a sampling of nursing facilities and rely on payroll data to make sure operators aren't overstating the quality of their care and the number of their caregivers.

Finally, Medicare will raise the standards for nursing homes to achieve a high star rating. This will encourage nursing home operators to step up their quality improvement efforts, as well as make it easier for consumers to distinguish the best performing facilities from the lesser ones.

Just three years ago, only 16% of nursing homes had scored five stars on quality measures. By this past January, 46% had reached that coveted rating. In fact, as many as 80% of nursing homes had scored four or five stars. One-star homes accounted for just 8%.

Though the higher scores may be partially the result

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**Here is the amazing thing about Easter; the Resurrection Sunday for Christians is this, that Christ in the dying moments on the cross gives us the greatest illustration of forgiveness possible.**

T. D. Jakes

*A note of thanks*

*Terri Krueger and myself Mark Krueger are relatively new to the Muenster community. Terri passed away on February 5, 2015 after a brave several year battle with breast cancer. We had an idea of the community that we called our new home but we never fully realized the depth and passion and open hearts of this community.*

*Please accept our heartfelt thank you for all of the kindness shown to us by your many visits, your gifts of food, cards, and generous gifts to Cooke County Home Hospice and to the Rosston United Methodist Church.*

*We cannot begin to tell all of you how wonderful that you made Terri and I feel during this difficult time.*

*God knew what was ahead of us and placed us in this community for reasons that have now become more clear. We have been blessed beyond measure through our family, friends, community, and church.*

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## Rohmer, Becker exchange wedding vows in Coppell

Nicole Erin Rohmer of Coppell became the bride of Ryan Keith Becker of Addison during a nuptial Mass at St. Ann Catholic Church in Coppell. Their double ring vows took place on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014 at 7 p.m. with Monsignor Henry Petter officiating.

Nicole is the daughter of Stephen and Kim Rohmer of Coppell. Her grandparents are Marjorie Rohmer and the late Tony Rohmer and the late Kenneth and Rose Zwinggi.

Parents of the groom are Norbert and Jane Becker of Victoria. He is the grandson of Dorothy Boehm and the late Albert Boehm and Charlotte McGregor and the late Norbert Becker, Sr.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was wearing an ivory Maggie Soterra A-line gown of Alencon lace adorned with sequins and crystal beading. An illusion halter neckline with scalloped edging drew attention to the bodice while an ivory satin ribbon sash and crystal brooch accented the waist. The bride's veil was scalloped lace with Swarovski beading.

The bridal bouquet consisted of ivory roses, peonies, and lilies. A Swarovski crystal rosary, gifted by the bride's grandmother Marjorie Rohmer, was entwined in her bouquet. For something old, the bride's late grandmother Rose Zwinggi's vintage crystal brooch was attached to the stem of her bouquet.

The unity candle and flower arrangements of ivory roses and peonies with accents of smaller white flowers and greenery adorned the main altar. Ivory taffeta bows graced the center aisle. The bride presented roses at the Virgin Mary's altar during the church service.

Music was provided by pianist Jim Vernowski, flutist Rena Gorman, and vocalist Sarah Meador. "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," "Canon in D," "I Have Loved You," and "Ave Maria" were presented by the musicians.

Kelly Zwinggi of Lindsay, uncle of the bride, was lector. Gift bearers were Renee Schniederjan and Laurie Carter. Erin Schniederjan and Blake Carter were program attendants.

### ATTENDANTS

Michelle Rohmer of Coppell served as her sister's maid of honor. Holley McConnell of Coppell and Denise Burrell

of Castroville, TX, friends of the bride, were bridesmaids. They wore identical floor-length gowns of purple chiffon. The gowns were rhinestone-studded at the empire waist and the neckline. The bridesmaids wore rhinestone ear-

rings, gift of the bride. Their bouquets were a smaller version of the bridal bouquet.

Casey Becker of Yoakum, TX, brother of the groom, was best man. Groomsmen were Billy Kasper of Port Lavaca, TX and Andy Lyons of Yoakum.

Ushers were friends of the groom Tyler Sifers, Adrian Gonzalez, Drew Liberia, and Goo Carranza.

### RECEPTION

A dinner reception hosted by the parents of the bride for 200 guests was held at Coyote Ridge Golf Club in Carrollton.

Upon entering the lobby of the reception, a table held engagement photos and bridal portraits. A separate table displayed wedding photos of the parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents of the bridal couple.

Tables at the reception were covered with purple linens, gold chargers, candelabras, and mercury glass candleholders. Each table was adorned with floral arrangements of various heights. The arrangements consisted of ivory and white roses, hydrangeas, peonies, draping greenery, and cascading crystals.

The bride's four-tier white grand marnier cake with quilted and scrolled frosting was created by Romano's Bakery. Ivory flowers served as the cake topping.

The groom's cake was a chocolate amaretto liquer cake in the shape of a pool table. It held the Texas State Bobcat emblem in the center. Gourmet cookies were also served as a special treat.

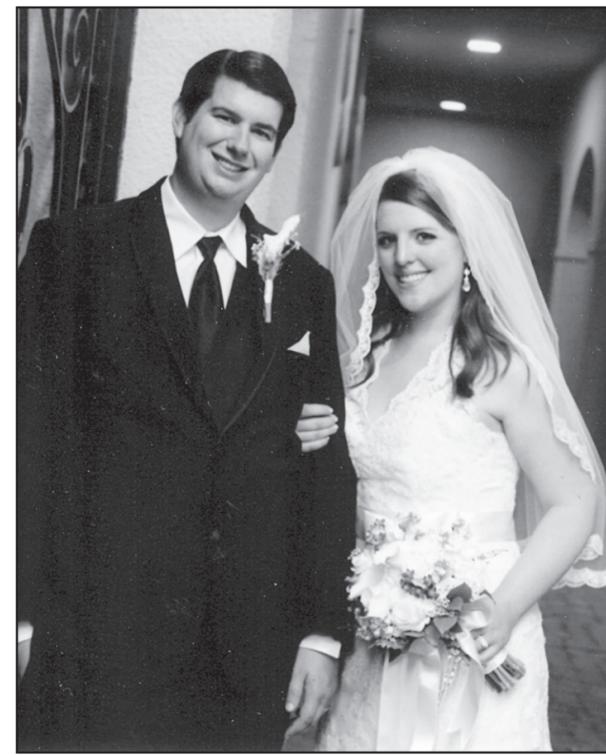
As a memorable father/daughter dance at the reception, the bride and her father danced to "Come Fly With Me."

The rehearsal dinner was held Friday evening, Sept. 19 at Michael's Italian Kitchen in Las Colinas.

The bride is a 2006 graduate of Coppell High School, and a 2010 graduate of Texas State University. She is operations manager for Informa Exhibitions, USA.

The groom graduated from Yoakum High School in 2005 and from Texas State University in 2010. He is employed by Ernst & Young as a senior accountant.

After their honeymoon in Honolulu, Hawaii, the couple is at home in Addison.



Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Becker  
... 'nee Nicole Rohmer ...

## Easter Bunny to visit Muenster Park

Muenster High School National Honor Society will host an Easter Egg Hunt at the Muenster Park on Saturday, April 4 at 2 p.m. In case of rain, the event will be moved to Sunday, April 5.

There will be three age groups: zero to two years, three to five, and six to 10.

The Easter Bunny plans to attend, so bring your cameras.

This event is funded by the Muenster Jaycees.

## Watch a movie and help kids

Kids Helping Kids... DMAX will have a special showing of the much anticipated movie *Home* on Saturday, March 28 at 10 a.m. All proceeds will go to the non-profit Hope for Hypothalamic Hamartomas (HH) to aid in medical care for children coping with brain tumors on the hypothalamus.

Tickets may be purchased March 28 at the door or from M-o-o-ving Thru' The Mud With Landon committee members Wendi Tipps, Kathi Kirby, Joe Conner, Cheryl Davis, Michelle Neu, Na-

dine Creswell, Jacob Wade, Rhonda Beam, or Kim Wise. Tickets are \$6.50 each; cash only please.

For more information, visit website [www.mudwithlandon.com](http://www.mudwithlandon.com) or visit their facebook page at M-o-o-ving Thru' The Mud With Landon.

**Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven.**

- St. Rose of Lima

## New Arrival



Isaiah Bengfort

**Bengfort**  
Jonathan and Lisa Beng-

fort of Fort Worth proudly announce the birth of a son. Isaiah Jonathan Bengfort arrived Feb. 7, 2015 at 3:06 a.m. at Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth. He weighed 7 lb. and 1 oz. and was 20.75 inches long. Welcoming a baby brother is Lucy Mai Bengfort; grandparents Michael and Joyce Bengfort of Lindsay and Long and Mai Vu of Fort Worth; and great-grandparents Charles and Mary Neu of Lindsay, Ann Bengfort of Lindsay, and Ann Vu of Fort Worth.

## Zyden celebrates with a Superman birthday!

Zyden Samuel Schilling celebrated his first birthday on his actual birthday, Feb. 7, with a Superman themed party in the Muenster Park. The children enjoyed playing on the playground and in the creek.

The special birthday cake was made by "Gonya" Peggy Sparkman and featured the Superman logo on a chocolate cake.

Guests included Zyden's parents Michael and Jo Schilling; and siblings Zade, Zec, and Zayley all of Muenster; and grandparents Sam and Peggy Sparkman of Lindsay and Jr. and Eileen Schilling of Muenster. Other guests were Larry and Retha Sparkman of Myra; Dianne LeClair of Saint Jo; John and Angela Sparkman of Gainesville; Sam B. Sparkman of Gainesville with Boston Davis of Gainesville;



Zyden Schilling

Leon Knauf of Muenster; and Lisa, Hank, Conrad, and AnnMarie Vestal of Fort Worth.

The celebration continued with a meal at Dieter's Bros. in Lindsay, where Nancy Barnes and Karen Brumley of Lindsay joined the party.



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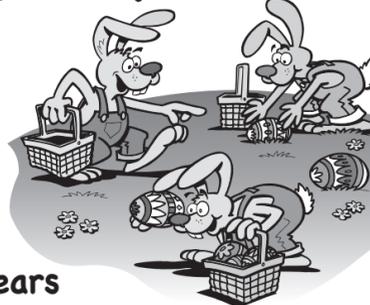
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# Cooke County Electric Charitable Foundation accepting applications

The Cooke County Electric Charitable Foundation is now accepting organization grant applications. Grants are also available for individuals and are reviewed and awarded as needed throughout the year.

These applications are being accepted now through June 1.

Please access the application information and forms at [www.cceca.com](http://www.cceca.com) or by stopping in the Cooke County Electric Cooperative Association (CCECA) business office and requesting an application form.

The Cooke County Electric Charitable Foundation (CCECF) was formed as a

catalyst to distribute funds generated from the CCECA Operation Round Up® program. The accumulated "rounded up" pennies from our members' monthly bills are used to carry out the mission of CCECF, which is to accumulate and disburse funds for charitable purposes to benefit the members in the service area of CCECA.

With its initial 2014 distribution of funds, CCECF made a \$10,000 donation to the Nocona Carpenter's Shop ([www.noconacarpentersshop.com](http://www.noconacarpentersshop.com)), along with \$4,639.81 to CASA of North Texas ([www.casant.org](http://www.casant.org)) and \$2,000 to the Bettie M. Luke Muen-

ster Public Library ([www.muensterlibrary.com](http://www.muensterlibrary.com)). These organizations not only met the criteria, but exemplified the mission statement of the Cooke County Electric Charitable Foundation.

CCECF is an independent, non-profit organization. An independent board of directors, made up of your community leaders, governs CCECF and oversees the distribution of funds to individuals and organizations for public safety, health needs, self-sufficiency, basic human needs, and the cultural environment. Each of these Board members provides their time and resources free of charge.



Courtesy photo

The Gainesville Soroptimist Club honored three Soroptimist Girls at their meeting on March 23. The senior girls honored are, from left, Nereida Puente from Gainesville High School; Minkinzie Hess from Sacred Heart High School; Bailey Sharp from Gainesville High School.

## Improve your money skills with Dollars and Sense

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension is offering a six week challenge to help you improve your money management skills. The Dollars and Sense program runs April 1 through May 6. You may register at <http://cooke.agrilife.org> or call 940-668-5412.

You will receive a weekly email newsletter with a money management lesson. The program is free to any adult with an email address. There will be drawings held during the event for those who actively respond to survey questions and submit by the deadline. Plus, a grand prize will be awarded at the program completion. All participants are eligible to win.

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Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran status.

## Retired teachers team up to offer scholarship

Former Cooke County educators continue to help students at North Central Texas College with their education through a scholarship.

In 2014, the Cooke County Retired School Personnel made a donation to the NCTC Foundation to establish a scholarship to assist second-year students at NCTC in their completion of a certificate or Associate's degree. The group recently presented another check to NCTC Vice-President of Institutional Advancement Debbie Sharp to offer the scholarship for a second year.

The scholarship is given annually to a graduate of a Cooke County high school who has successfully completed two semesters as a full-time student at NCTC.

Patrick Hermes, president of the Cooke County Retired School Personnel, said, "We've depended on education all our lives," he said. "We've worked in education and we want to help anyone that we can. We know this is just a small token but we enjoy doing it."

The deadline to apply for scholarships for the Summer 2015 semesters is March 31.

The deadline for the Fall 2015 semester is April 15. Anyone interested in applying for a scholarship can go to the College's website at [www.nctc.edu](http://www.nctc.edu) and click on the scholarship link at the bottom. There are two separate applications that students need to complete; one for Fall and one for the Summer.

For more information on the scholarship or the NCTC Foundation, contact Sharp at (940) 668-4213 or by email at [dsharp@nctc.edu](mailto:dsharp@nctc.edu).

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## Sponsorships sought for M-o-o-ving Thru' The Mud With Landon

Muddy Sponsorships are available for the fourth annual M-o-o-ving Thru' The Mud With Landon children's mud run! Named in honor of Landon Tipps, the mud run is designed for children ages 4-15 and is a non-competitive event, allowing children to enjoy the mud and obstacles to their muddy heart's content! Circle N Dairy will once again be the site for this exciting muddy adventure which will be held on Saturday, May 16.

This unique Mud Run makes a difference in the lives of families coping with Hypothalamic Hamartomas (HH), benefiting the non-

profit Hope for HH. Funds raised from the mud run will make a huge difference in the lives of families facing brain surgery and the daily challenges of living with Hypothalamic Hamartomas. Unlike more familiar diseases such as cancer or heart disease, Hypothalamic Hamartomas are not well known and needed research is not supported by large scale fund raising events. Yet Hypothalamic Hamartomas affects our communities, and the support of our sponsors is noticed and will amplify current research.

Several levels of sponsorship are available, with "Pit Boss" being the highest lev-

el. A limited number of Pit Boss sponsorships are remaining. The group would love to see your name on that list or on one of their other muddy sponsor lists!

Anyone wishing to be a sponsor for the M-o-o-ving Thru' The Mud With Landon mud run may contact Michelle Neu at (940) 372-0343. The Friends of Landon committee will work diligently to insure that all sponsors are given proper and deserved recognition for their level of sponsorship. Please check out the website at [www.mudwithlandon.com](http://www.mudwithlandon.com) or their Facebook page for more details.



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**MUENSTER FCCLA STAR EVENT TEAMS PREPARE FOR STATE** - Muenster FCCLA was recently represented at the Region II Leadership Conference in Waco with five STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) Event teams. Each team presented a project they developed to judges, using a display, portfolio, or Prezi demonstration. Pictured, from left, in the back are Karli Mouring and Devon Hacker (Chapter Service Project Display), Noel Rodriguez (3rd place - Chapter Service Project Portfolio), Alaina Kubis and not pictured Zoe Klement (1st place - Sports Nutrition). Front row - Ashleigh Fisher, Rut Rodriguez, and Morgan Hennigan (1st place - Life Event Planning), Bailey Anderle, Erin Schiederjan, and Paige Saucer (2nd place - Focus on Children). The four teams that placed will compete at the State FCCLA Leadership Conference in Corpus Christi April 9-11.

## Abigail's Arms to host carnival and softball tournament

Abigail's Arms Cooke County Family Crisis Center is currently seeking certification as a Child Advocacy Center (CAC). Part of the process for applying is setting up yearly fundraisers to help support the CAC. April is Child Abuse / Child Sexual Assault Awareness Month. With that in mind, the CAC Taskforce has decided to have a softball tournament on April 18 at Edison Park. In addition, they will host the Country Carnival at the same time and have one combined event. It will be called the First Annual Adult Co-ed Softball Tournament and Carnival benefiting the Child Advocacy Center of Cooke County.

Abigail's Arms is creating this family-friendly event for Cooke County to raise awareness by empowering others in the community to take action against child sexual abuse. Abigail's Arms will have an information booth, a stage with live mu-

sic, activity booths for children, raffles, and lots of food and fun!

The softball tournament will be played at the same time as the carnival. There will be eight teams playing in a single elimination tournament. Game times will be between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., and there will be a homerun derby at 11:30 a.m. as well.

If you would like more information about the carnival, the softball game, or the Child Advocacy Center, email Kfiorewatson@abigail-sarms.org, check out their facebook page or call (940) 665-2873 ask for Kelly.

Country Carnival times are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A Child Advocacy Center, CAC, is a safe place for children who are victims of sexual assault, trauma, and violent crime to help begin the healing process. As a CAC they will be able to conduct forensic interviews on site. Currently, this requires a trip to Lewisville for the

child and is the first step in the investigative process. They will offer case management, counseling, and support to the child and their family to help them heal and move forward from the devastating event. (For more information on what a CAC does, use this link <http://www.cactx.org/> where there is a short video on the home page as well as many other resources.)

One in 10 children are sexually abused. Over 90% of them know their abuser. On average, more than five children die each day as a result of child abuse or neglect in the United States. There are over 6.2 million reports made of child abuse and neglect each year. Over 15 million children witness violence in their homes each year. See more at: <http://www.joyfulheartfoundation.org/learn/child-abuse-and-neglect#sthash.alzpemSh.dpuf>.

## CDA announces local contest winners

Catholic Daughters Court Saint Mary #249 conducted their local 2015 Education Contest, with the theme "Love Your Neighbor as Yourself" or "Be a Good Neighbor." Locally, students were given the opportunity to enter in different divisions from grades 4 - 12.

The following students placed with their entries, first place in each category was sent on to State competition.

**Division 1 Grades 4-5**  
Poetry - First, Emily Flusche;  
Essay - First, Lauren Miller; Second, Emma Bayer; Third, Ryenne Reiter;  
Art - First, Timothy Luttmeyer.

**Division 2 Grades 6-8**  
Poetry - First, Lily Haley Second, Jessica Dangelmayr  
Third, Jianne Juntado;  
Essay - First, Lily Haley;

Second, Lexi Rivers; Third, Rachel Hesse.  
Computer Art - First, Lexi Rivers;  
Music - First, Lexi Rivers;  
Photography - First - Lexi Rivers.

**Division 3 Grades 9-12**  
Poetry - First, Elizabeth Weinzapfel;  
Essay - First, Aaron Colemenero; Second, Kinzie Hess; Third - James Dangelmayr.



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Winners of the Catholic Daughters 2015 Educational Contest show their award certificates. Also pictured is Sacred Heart Parish Pastor Fr. Ken Robinson.

## NCTC represented at rural community college event in Washington, DC

North Central Texas College Associate Vice-President Dr. Emily Klement traveled to the nation's capitol recently for a Rural Community College Association (RCCA) event in Washington, DC.

During the course of two days, Dr. Klement shared information on NCTC programs and the College's needs with officials from Congressional offices, several government departments, and even White House officials.

On Feb. 10, Klement met with aides from Senator John Cornyn's office and shared information on NCTC's workforce training programs, specifically the Petroleum Technology program and the impact a Department of Labor grant has had on the College's ability to offer workforce training.

The next day, Klement was invited to the White House to meet with James Kvaal, the Deputy Assistant to the President on Domestic Policy. There, Dr. Klement presented testimonies on rural community college challenges. She also presented information on a pilot program through Catholic Charities of Fort Worth. Catholic Charities has teamed up with Tarrant County College

just about money. It is about helping them and mentoring people who have never been to college before, they have stopped and started again and they want to finish and get their family out of poverty. So the Fort Worth Diocese came to Graham and asked us to be the model for the rural intervention program."

The program on the NCTC Graham campus will start with 30 students beginning in Fall 2015.

"Catholic Charities has hired a person and she is in training right now," Klement added. "Our part of the partnership is to work on student identification, and we provide office space. They pay for the case worker, but we work in that partnership

to help them through this. It attaches these at-risk students to the services we already have, but maybe they were afraid to ask."

Dr. Klement says that NCTC officials hope to take the program to the College's other campuses in the future.

She also presented testimony to the Department of Education on NCTC's pathway program with the University of North Texas to assist with completion of technical degrees.

Dr. Klement also met with officials from the Department of Agriculture, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Science Foundation, and the National Rural Electric Cooperatives..

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of the nursing homes' self-reporting, they're also an indication of real improvements in patient care. As just one example, more attentive care of bed-ridden nursing home patients has reduced the prevalence of pressure ulcers in recent years.

As welcome as those caregiving reforms are, Medicare thinks more progress can and should be made. Quality improvement needs to be a continuous process. The new, more demanding thresholds for star ratings on the quality of care will challenge nursing homes to redouble their efforts.

A higher bar will lead to even better patient care.

The improved Nursing Home Compare website and the increased public scrutiny will help nursing home leaders pinpoint problems in their facilities and promptly

correct them. Owners who don't will be left to explain to a prospective resident why their nursing home compares so poorly against other facilities.

Still, the star ratings aren't meant to be the final word on a nursing home's quality of care. They're simply a screening tool that lets families focus on a few facilities that interest them. The families can then have an informed conversation with a nursing home's staff when they visit.

Even under the best circumstances, choosing a nursing home can be trying. There are always many emotions at work. But if you do both your homework and your legwork and take it one step at a time, you'll be able to make an informed decision.



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**MUENSTER ELEMENTARY "CAUGHT WITH GOOD CHARACTER" WINNERS FOR THE 4th SIX WEEKS** are, from left, front - Tyler Smith, Adam Hofbauer, Lorelei Pumphrey; row 2 - Stormi Richardson, Gregory Giles, Anna Warren, Brady Walterscheid; row 3 - Landon Hacker, Meadow Walterscheid, Brooklyn Duncan, Gabby Fleitman; row 4 - Kayla Deweber, Mary Fisher, Jada Binder, and Eli Saucer. Not pictured is Garrison Anderle.



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**MUENSTER ELEMENTARY "110% AWARD" WINNERS FOR THE 4th SIX WEEKS** are, from left, front - Jack Lashley, Addison Snuggs, Keisha Holman, Haley McCasland; row 2 - Anna Kay Hennigan, Faith Sicking, Von Tai, Dax Binder; row 3 - Alexis Hofbauer, Shae Budish, Landri Richardson, and Abby Hendley; row 4 - Wade Trubenbach, Owen Bayer, Cade Huchton, and Wyatt Moster.

**What do you possess if you possess not God? - St. Augustine**



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**MUENSTER ELEMENTARY TERRIFIC KIDS FOR THE 4th SIX WEEKS** sponsored by the Muenster Kiwanis Club included: PreK - Noah Eberhart, River Reinecker, Bristol Roof, Ryan Krebs, Collin Grewing, Molly Fisher; K - Caitlyn McCann, Callaway Mofield, Emalynn Morgan, Jack Rosson, Kylie Bailey, Cherokee Corcoran, Douglas Hacker, Christopher Hernandez; 1st - Colt Haverkamp, Garrett Hess, Bailey Newton, Seger Richardson, Shelbie Hofbauer, Nolan Peel, Calyn Walterscheid; 2nd - Raegan Wolf, Kellan Williams, Emily West, Marlee Walterscheid, Gavin Doughty, Kaden Klement, Carter Sicking, Emma Walterscheid; 3rd - Daultyn Dunn, Drake Harris, Alyssa Lutkenhaus, Andie Schroeder, Emily Muller, Emily Collins, Rosemary Hartman, Preston Kubis, Taylor Reed, Addison Huchton; 4th - Josey Grewing, Hunter Peel, Connor Walterscheid, Kohl Taylor, Whitley Klement, Elijah Bayer, Kylie Clure; 5th - Haley Flusche, Emily Harrison, Levi Griffith, Kennedy Schroeder, Logan Stewart; 6th - Rebekkah Hill, Prestin VanBriggle, Trent Anderle, Alex Pierce, Jaxon Truebenbach, Cole McMinn, and Dylan Huchton. Not pictured are River Reinecker, Bristol Roof, Andie Schroeder, Kennedy Schroeder, and Jaxon Truebenbach

**Course helps teachers incorporate ag concepts**

Food, fiber, and fuel aren't just topics for agricultural science courses. Math, social studies, and language arts teachers can also incorporate agricultural concepts in their curriculum. Teachers can learn how at Texas Farm Bureau's Summer Agricultural Institute at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

"Today, our students are several generations removed from the farm and ranch,"

said Cooke County President Robert Klement. "They may not fully understand how their food is grown or where it comes from. We'd like to change that."

The goal of the Summer Agricultural Institute, according to Klement, is to help teachers integrate lessons about agriculture into their curriculum, bridging the gap for their students.

Teachers who attend the weeklong course, which will

be held June 8-12, are eligible for 45 hours of professional development.

Klement noted teachers will take home a tool box of fun and engaging resources, including lesson plans, to use in their classrooms.

"We value our teachers and want to help them in any way possible," Klement said. "So, we're offering scholarships to help send them to the Summer Agricultural Institute. We encourage any

teacher who is interested to apply as soon as possible."

Applications for the Summer Agricultural Institute can be found on [texasfarm-bureau.org](http://texasfarm-bureau.org) under the "Youth & Education" tab. The deadline to apply is April 30.

***We should not forget that it will be just as important to our descendants to be prosperous in their time as it is to us to be prosperous in our time.***

**- Theodore Roosevelt**

**PRE-KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Pre-Kindergarten registration for Muenster ISD will be April 6 - 10, 2015. Registration folders may be picked up at the elementary office. Children must be four years old by September 1, 2015. A copy of the child's immunization records, social security card and birth certificate must be filed with the school secretary, Terri Barrett, prior to school starting.

Parents who wish to transfer their children into the Muenster Independent School District must complete a transfer request in addition to the registration card. The MISD School Board must approve all transfer requests. For more information about transfer requests call Lou Heers, Principal, at 759-2281, extension 620.

El Registro de Pre-Kindergarten para Muenster ISD sera abril 6 - 10, 2015. Las carpetas del registro se pueden recoger en la oficina elementaria. Los niños deben cumplir cuatro años ante de septiembre 1, 2015. Una copia de los registros de la inmunización: tarjeta social de seguro y certificado de nacimiento oficial se deben presentar a la secretaria de la escuela, Terri Barrett, antes de que los estudiantes empiesen la escuela.

Los padres que desean transferir sus niños en el Muenster Distrito Independiente de Escuela debe completar una petición de la transferencia ademas de la tarjeta de matricula. El Comité Ejecutivo de la Escuela de MISD debe aprobar todas transferencias solicitadas. Para mas informacion acerca de la transferencia solicitada llame Lou Heers, la Directora en 759-2281, la Extension 620.



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**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION MISD**

Kindergarten registration for MISD will be held on Tuesday, April 7, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Muenster Elementary.

Parents registering children for the 2015-2016 school year must complete a registration card. A copy of the child's immunization records, social security card and birth certificate must be filed with the school secretary, Terri Barrett, prior to school starting.

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Muenster Elementary's full day kindergarten, a child centered program, develops pre-academic skills. The kindergarten teachers use a combination of centers, discovery and direct instruction in a language-rich environment to maximize each child's potential. Students discover the fun of learning as they prepare for future academic and social success. The teachers will be on hand at registration to answer questions.

We look forward to seeing you. If you are unable to attend on April 7, please contact the school for a convenient time to register.

La MATRICULA del JARDIN DE LA INFANCIA MISD  
La matricula del jardin de la infancia kinder para MISD sera martes, el 7 de abril a las 3:30 p.m. hasta las 5:30 p.m. en el edificio elementaria.

Los padres que registran sus niños para el 2015-2016 año escolar deben completar una tarjeta de matricula. Una copia de los registros de la inmunización: tarjeta social de seguro y certificado de nacimiento oficial se deben presentar a la secretaria de la escuela, Terri Barrett, antes de que los estudiantes empiesen la escuela.

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El Kinder de Muenster Elementaria es para el dia entero para desarrollar las destrezas necesarias para entrar en el primer grado. Las maestras de Kinder usan muchas diferentes estrategias para sacar el maximo desarrollo del niño. Los niños desubren el gozo de aprendizaje mientras preparan para su futuro educacional. Las maestras de Kinder estaran dispuestos a contestar cualquiera pregunta.

Esperamos con ansia verlo. Si usted es incapaz de asistir en el 7 de abril avisa por favor llame la escuela para un tiempo conveniente para el registro.

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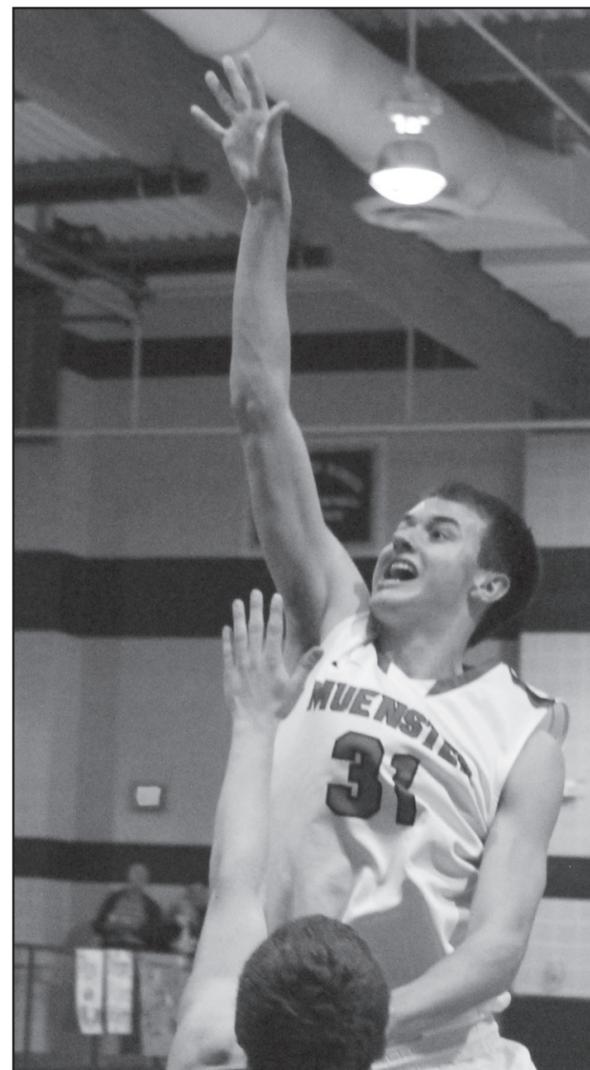
## THREE FROM MUENSTER MAKE ALL-REGION TEAM



Logan Cook



Mady Burnett



Lyndon Cook

For the second year in a row, Lyndon and Logan Cook have been named to the TABC 2A - Region 2 All-Region Team. The pair helped lead the Hornets to a 32-4 overall record and an appearance in the Regional Championship game.

Logan, a 6'6" sophomore guard, averaged 9.1 points per game (317 total), second

most on the team; grabbed 6.5 rebounds per game (228 total), second most on the team; averaged 4.8 assists per game (167 total), most on the team; and had 2.1 steals per game (75 total), to lead the team.

Lyndon, a 6'7" senior forward, scored 18.0 points per game (647 total); pulled down

15.7 rebounds per game (564 total); averaged 3.6 assists per game (128 total), second most on the team; had 1.9 steals per game (69 total), second most on the team; and blocked 3.2 shots per game (114 total).

In addition, Lyndon was invited to play in the TABC All-Star game on Friday, May 22 at Trinity Univer-

sity in San Antonio. He will play in the 1A, 2A, 3A, and 4A game.

In his career, Lyndon scored 1,973 points, had 1,791 rebounds, 370 blocks, and averaged 3.1 assists and 2.2 steals per game. He started 97 games in high school and had a double-double in 94 of those.

Besides his All-Region

honor, Lyndon was also selected to the 2A All-State team once again.

Lady Hornet Mady Burnett, a 5'6" junior guard, was also named to the All-Region Team. Mady averaged 14.2 points per game, with 2.9 assists, 3.8 rebounds, 3.1 steals, and 4.3 turnovers per game. She hit 61% of her

free throws this past season, connected 46% of her 2-pointers, and was 24% from the 3-point range.

Also out of Muenster's District, Poolville had three make the team - Monarchs Taylor King and Coy O'Boyle and Lady Monarch Tracy Johnson. Alvord had Lady Bulldogs Katie Claborn and Brianna Ponder named.

## Texas Game Warden field notes

### The duping deer dumper

A McCulloch County game warden received a call that a deer carcass had been dumped in the middle of a street in downtown Brady. A police officer removed the deer from the street and relayed to the dispatch attached to the deer. Before the warden arrived, a bystander reported

that someone jumped out of a dark-colored sedan, removed the tag, and drove off, leaving the deer at the curb. Using the name that was reported, the warden traced the deer to a local property owner who informed the warden that he had donated the deer. The following morning, the warden went to the suspect's place of employment. The individual

admitted to dumping the deer and then returning later to remove the tag.

### Girl's got a gun

A game warden in Angelina County was on patrol when he heard two shots fired. The warden soon found a suburban subject in the road and a subject walking with a flashlight. Inside the suburban were two males,

two females, and a toddler. A second warden came to assist and received confirmation from each person that the male used the flashlight had shot a doe with a pistol belonging to one of the females. During the investigation, the warden also found that one of the females had an outstanding theft by check warrant from 1997.

### Trail of clues

Two Tyler County game wardens received information that a felon with a firearm killed several deer. The wardens found an all-terrain vehicle trail in the woods behind the subject's residence and followed the trail onto another piece of property. There, they observed a corn pile and a feeder. The wardens then followed the trail to a game cleaning pole directly behind the subject's house, where they found a freshly cleaned carcass and a nearby cooler of meat. After a brief investigation, the resident said that the deer was his. The wardens also discovered an eight-point buck head near an outbuilding that the subject claimed as well. The man could not produce a hunting license and was arrested for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, drug paraphernalia, possession of illegally taken whitetail deer, and given several warnings.

### Locked (in) and loaded

After a Gregg County game warden received a call about a suspicious gunshot and wounded buck, he arrived at the scene and received assistance from the landowner, rancher, and neighbors to confirm whether or not the suspect was the landowner's former employee. When the warden located the subject, he confessed to shooting the deer from the roadway and leaving the wounded buck in the field after he saw the neighbor approaching and couldn't get the gate open. A firearm was seized and the following charges were filed: hunting deer from public

roadway; discharging firearm from public roadway; failing to retrieve; untagged deer; and no hunter education certification.

### If it looks like a duck...

An Angelina County game warden received a call that a six-point buck had been dumped in a ditch. After receiving a vehicle description of the suspected violator and where he hunted, the warden went to check the area. There, he made contact with a subject who was holding a rifle and dressed in camouflage. The warden asked to see the subject's hunting license, but the subject said he wasn't hunting—he was scouting. The subject was filed on for hunting without a license and no proof of hunter education.

### Don't tell Mom

Two wardens in Harris County responded to a call for assistance from the Harris County Sheriff's Office about a group of people trespassing with a bow and pellet gun on private property. When the wardens arrived on scene, they interviewed the subjects who said that they were just taking the kids to target shoot. After searching the area, the wardens discovered a shotgun, additional pellet gun, rifle, and ammo hidden amongst pine needles. The wardens also found a freshly killed six-point buck nearby. The suspects admitted to hunting without landowner consent and criminal trespassing.

### That's what friends are for

An anonymous tip was given to a Grimes County game warden regarding a group of individuals who placed a photo of two illegally taken deer on a social media site. The warden followed up on the lead and eventually tracked down one of the individuals involved. After a short interview, the warden secured a statement from the individual who shot the two deer and also received the names of the other people in

the vehicle. The warden was able to recover meat from the two deer and the firearms used in the offense. He was also able to get statements from four other individuals involved.

### In the spotlight

A Real County resident called the local game warden to report hunters who were riding around in a pasture and shining a spotlight into homes of the neighboring subdivision. When the warden arrived on scene and made contact with four individuals, he found three whitetail doe in the bed of the truck. When asked if the deer had been shot after legal hunting hours, all individuals stated that the deer were shot around 5 p.m. The warden confirmed with the caller that no shots were heard after legal hunting hours. When asked why they were shining a spotlight into people's homes, all four said that they were looking for a wounded deer. The warden then asked why the gutted deer hadn't been tagged, to which both subjects replied that they didn't have time or something to tag them with. Both subjects were cited for possession of untagged whitetail deer.

### Possum high

A Smith County game warden was sitting on a night set watching two pastures. After a while, a car drove by, slammed on the brakes, swerved into the bar ditch, and turned around quickly. The car sped up for a short distance before swerving into the bar ditch and turning around again. The warden watched the vehicle do this two more times before catching up with it and making a stop. When the warden asked the driver what he was doing, the driver replied he was trying to run over an opossum that was trying to cross the road. The warden could smell a heavy odor of marijuana coming from the driver, who admitted to possessing a small amount.

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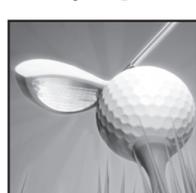
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**OWNER:** North Central Texas College  
 1525 West California Street  
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 Representative: David Isbell  
**PROJECT:** A New Health Sciences Center  
**PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE:** Thursday, April 7, 2015; 2:00 PM: Location- Little Theater (100 Building) Representatives of the Architect, Owner, and Consulting Engineers will be present at this meeting. All Offerors are encouraged to attend.  
**PROPOSAL DATE AND TIME:** April 21, 2015 at 3:00 PM  
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## New Texas Crops Newsletter offered by AgriLife Extension

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is now offering a monthly *Texas Crops Newsletter* to provide timely and multi-discipline crop management information to Texas producers, consultants, and allied industries.

The inaugural newsletter was distributed Feb. 13, and each of the following newsletters will be distributed electronically, said Dr. Gaylon Morgan, AgriLife Extension state cotton specialist in College Station.

Anyone who would like to get the newsletter via email can subscribe by going to <http://agrilife.org/texasrow-crops/> or contacting their local AgriLife Extension agent. Back issues will also be stored at this site.

The information in the newsletter will be provided by crop and soil scientists, pathologists, and entomologists with AgriLife Extension, Texas A&M AgriLife Research, and Texas A&M University, and will be based on the relevant research from across Texas and the nation, Morgan said.

Each issue will contain multiple articles about crops

### Wet weather stalls corn planting

The recent ice and snow storms and rains—not the drought—have kept farmer John Paul Dineen from planting his corn crop, reports CBSDFW.com.

The Waxahachie farmer says he's waiting for the rain to stop long enough to let his soggy, muddy fields dry up so he can start planting.

"You don't want to tear up your field you spent six months to get it in shape and ready to run this planter."

The tough season gives Dineen, a first generation farmer, and his family, a time for reflection.

"God has blessed us to be able to do this, and he's always taken care of us in the past, but it is concerning when you aren't able to pencil out that it's going to be there at the end of the season."

He says this is one of the toughest growing seasons he has endured during his 21 years as a farmer.

across the state, including cotton, corn, sorghum, wheat, and other row crops, he said. As appropriate, regional management articles will also be included.

"We want to help producers across the state address the issues they are seeing in the field on a timely basis," said Dr. Clark Neely, AgriLife Extension state small grains/

oilseeds specialist, College Station.

Topics and authors included in the first edition are:

– Early Rust Pressure in Texas Wheat, Neely.

– Grain Sorghum and Resistance to Sugarcane Aphids, Dr. Ronnie Schnell, AgriLife Extension state cropping systems specialist, College Station.



### Too much or not enough?

By Gene Hall

Too much rain.

It's something you seldom hear from farmers and ranchers.

Yet that's the case for some in South and Central Texas this year.

Ample rains have kept many completely out of the fields. Just about everything has been delayed in Deep South Texas because of boggy ground. Corn planting is three weeks to a month behind in parts of Central Texas.

Late planting causes lots of problems. Greater potential for insects. Summer's heat can hurt crop yields and the bottom line. Then there are planting deadlines and the potential problems they bring.

Yet farmers and ranchers in other parts of the state are begging for moisture. Just goes to show how big and diverse the Lone Star State is. And how 50 or 100 miles can make a huge difference.

Still, after many years of drought, you don't hear too many complaints.

Most are thanking the Good Lord for the rain. Some are just asking him to spread it out a bit.

### Deworm cattle for overwintering parasites

Even during the coldest of winters, resilient parasites have proven to survive by simply overwintering in cattle or pastures, according *Drovers CattleNetwork*.

"It is important for producers from all geographies to implement a spring deworming program to help give cows a chance to rebound from the tough winter, be productive during calving and, ultimately, be ready for the next breeding season," said Dr. Gary Sides, Zoetis Cattle Technical Services.

It's estimated that internal parasites cost the cattle

industry about \$3 billion each year in lost weight gains from suppressed appetites, poor feed conversion, and increased diseases.

"Fighting parasites that have overwintered on pastures is a simple, low-cost process and something every cow-calf producer should take advantage of during branding or turnout," Sides said. "By combining effective products with the expertise of their local veterinarians, producers can easily develop an effective parasite control program that best suits their herd and geography."

## Foreign persons must report U.S. agricultural land holdings

The executive director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Cooke County, Robert H. Darwin III, reminds foreign persons with an interest in agricultural lands in the United



### Too wet conditions create risk issues for Texas farmers

A deadline for crop insurance eligibility must be extended so farmers can make critical decisions affecting their livelihoods, said the president of the Texas Farm Bureau (TFB).

"Wet weather has precipitated a risk management crisis for many Texas farmers," said TFB President Russell Boening. "Many farmers are having serious difficulty getting crops planted. Without extending the deadlines, many could face the crop year with no risk protection."

Farmers have been unable to plant their crops because a very wet winter and spring have kept them out of the fields, he said. Though that remains true in many parts of the state, it's a particular problem in large swaths of Central and South Texas, where even more rain is predicted.

States that they are required to report their holdings and any transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

"Any foreign person who acquires, transfers, or holds any interest, other than a security interest, including leaseholds of 10 years or more, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction," said Darwin.

Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) reports with the FSA county office that maintains reports for the county where the land is located.

"Failure to file a report, filing a late report, or filing an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25% of the fair market value of the agricultural land," said Darwin.

For AFIDA purposes, agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming,

ranching, or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more.

Disclosure reports are also required when there are changes in land use. For example, reports are required when land use changes from nonagricultural to agricultural or from agricultural to nonagricultural. Foreign investors must also file a report when there is a change in the status of ownership such as the owner changes from foreign to non-foreign, from non-foreign to foreign, or from foreign to foreign.

Data gained from these disclosures is used to prepare an annual report to the President and Congress concerning the effect of such holdings upon family farms and rural communities in the United States.

For more information regarding AFIDA and FSA programs, contact the Cooke County FSA office at (940) 668-7794 or visit the USDA website at <http://www.usda.gov>.

### Exclusion tactics is best preparation for the surge of springtime bugs

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife) entomologist Wizzie Brown suggests 'exclusion' as the best means of early control of a bug boom now that spring is in the air, according to *AgriLife Today*.

Brown said that exclusion tactics entail excluding the pests through removing potential sheltering and breeding areas and securing houses and buildings from their approach.

Prune overhanging trees and shrubs and move firewood, bricks, stone, landscaping materials, and yard debris away from homes and other structures. Install or replace weather stripping around loose-fitting doors and windows and repair or replace brown window screens.

Seal weep holes in outside walls and clean gutters of any debris.

Fire ants will be one of the pests that will soon once again bother residents.

Spring is also when mosquitoes reappear, Brown said, so it would be a good idea to remove or secure anything that can capture water and provide mosquitoes with an attractive breeding site.

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On Friday, Feb. 20, Sacred Heart Montessori students had a rip-roarin' good time at the Stephen Fite concert held at the TWU campus in Denton. Pictured above are cowgirls Rylee Hess and Addison Firtman; below - Clay Dangelmayr visits with Stephen Fite.



## Eight MISD students advance to State TMSCA

Muenster ISD Texas Math and Science Coaches Association (TMSCA) students have been attending after-school practice and Saturday meets since January, competing in Number Sense, Calculator, Mathematics, and Science.

The 5th - 8th graders most recently attended a meet in Azle. Students in grades 6th - 8th compete to qualify for the State Meet which will be held in April in San Antonio. Fifth graders are unable to compete at the State level, but do compete against other 5th graders in North Texas.

Students earned 2nd place Team, 2A, in Number Sense, Mathematics, and Science, and 3rd Place Sweepstakes. Students came home with many ribbons and four trophies.

Eight Muenster students will advance to State in the areas of Number Sense, Mathematics, and Science.

## Building Texas through Youth Leadership Conference

A strong Texas demands high leadership standards. That's where Texas Farm Bureau's (TFB) Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) comes into play.

For 52 years, the program has equipped students with leadership skills and economic knowledge, as well as boosted their confidence with goal-setting activities.

"Every year, hundreds of students from across Texas - including Cooke County - are encouraged and inspired after attending YLC," said Cooke County Farm Bureau President Robert Klement.

The weeklong conference, which will be held June 15-19 at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, is for students entering their junior or senior year of high school.

YLC participants hear from motivational speakers, learn about the free enterprise system, and engage in hands-on activities that build character and leadership abilities.

"The conference is free for students, because Cooke County Farm Bureau provides scholarships," Klement said. "We encourage any interested high school juniors and seniors to apply at the county office."

College scholarships are also available to students who attend the conference.

Applications can be found at the Cooke County Farm Bureau office and online under the "Youth & Education" tab on [texasfarmbureau.org](http://texasfarmbureau.org). They must be submitted to the county office by May 1.



TMSCA State qualifiers are, from left, front - Preston Smith, Ixel Meza, MacKenzie Sicking, Colby Endres; back - Blair Waneck, Nathan Hacker, Tom Davis, Sadie Sandmann.



7th and 8th grade TMSCA participants, from left, front - Hannah Clure, Ixel Meza, MacKenzie Sicking, Colby Endres, Noah Clure; back - Blair Waneck, Nathan Hacker, Tom Davis, Sadie Sandmann, Chris Kresge, and Kyle Wolf.



5th and 6th grade TMSCA participants, from left, front - Chanel Grohman, Gracyn Field, Landri Richardson, Haley Flusche, Logan Stewart, Ty Sanders, Kayla Deweber, Lilly Muller; middle row - Jada Binder, Kelsey Hennigan, Preston Smith, Chole Hacker, Annie Anderle, Alexa Waneck, Bayley Otto; back - Mary Fisher, Alyssa Huchton, Audrey Kubis, Erin Hesse, Sarah Davis, and Katherine Klement.

## State Rep. Drew Springer visits with SHCS Fourth Grade students

On Monday, March 23, Representative Drew Springer surprised the Sacred Heart Catholic School Fourth Grade by showing up to speak to the class. He explained that he is one of 150 representatives in Texas and that there is one representative for approximately every 165,000 people in Texas. He described his district as covering 22 counties and extended from Cooke County west to the edge of Lubbock and north up into the pan-

handle. Rep. Springer also told the class that the legislature is in session every two years so he works in Austin about six months and is home working the remaining 18 months. He holds town hall meetings to meet his constituents and get to understand their needs.

Rep. Springer explained that the two committees he serves on are the Agriculture/Livestock Committee and the Ways and Means

Committee which deals with taxes. He also talked about the bills that he is working on to help the people of Texas. He said his main priorities this session will help volunteer fire departments, education, prolife for the elderly, vineyards, and incentives for companies to move to Texas from other areas of the country.

The children were very attentive to what he had to say, and they were full of questions for him to answer.



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Sacred Heart Catholic School Fourth Grade students enjoyed a surprise visit from State Rep. Drew Springer.

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