



Janet Felderhoff photo

Taking the oath of office at Monday night's City Council meeting were, from left, Place 5 Jack Flusche, Mayor Tim Felderhoff, Place 3 Clifford Sicking, and Place 1 Steve Taylor.

City seats new Council

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News Editor

Muenster City Council experienced some changes at its regular meeting held on Monday, June 1. A new mayor was seated and two new aldermen sworn into office.

Tim Felderhoff took the oath of office for mayor under the direction of City Secretary Katrinka Bartush. He had served as Place 3 on the City Council. With Mayor Joey Anderson not seeking another term in office, Felderhoff agreed to take on the mayoral duties. Clifford Sicking agreed to take on the Place 3 Council seat and Jack Flusche agreed to another term as Place 5 alderman. None had an opponent, negating the need for an election. Flusche and Sicking were sworn into office by Bartush also.

Place 1 Alderman Pat Stelzer recently resigned from the City Council for personal reasons. His term does not expire until May 2016. Steve Taylor agreed to complete Stelzer's term in office. He was unanimously appointed by the Council to fill the vacancy and was sworn into office by Bartush.

Mayor Felderhoff then appointed Taylor as the Sewer and Sanitation commissioner, Flusche as the Police and Fire Commissioner, and Sicking as the Water Commissioner. Flusche had previously served as the Sewer and Sanitation commissioner and Stelzer as the Police and Fire Commissioner. Aldermen Greg Bohl and Jewel Otto continue in their Commissioner positions of Streets and Park, Library, and Museum, respectively.

Progressive Waste Solu-

tions Municipal Manager Norm Bulaich and Chris Henderson, of the Bowie office, thanked the community and City for their partnership with Progressive. They brought a new contract and service proposals. The current contract expires on Sept. 30.

They hope to convert from the current commercial collection, which is side load, to front load container service. They said this would provide the commercial customer with more options in regard to size of containers available.

If the City agrees to roll-off carts for residential customers, trash pick up would go from twice weekly to once weekly. The truck has an arm to pick up the containers and can reach four to six feet to grab and dump the

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County under Presidential Disaster Declaration

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Since Friday, May 29, Cooke County became one of the Texas counties granted a Presidential Disaster Declaration. That day, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott requested a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Texas counties due to damage sustained from the severe weather, tornadoes, and flooding. That evening, the President granted the request for funds that will aid Texas counties as they continue to recover and rebuild. This is in regard to damage sustained from the severe weather, tornadoes, and flooding that has occurred since May 4.

Cooke County was among the seven counties for which the Governor requested Public Assistance which is aid to state or local governments to pay part of the costs of rebuilding a community's damaged infrastructure, which may include debris removal, emergency protective measures and public services, repair of damaged public property, loans needed by communities for essential government functions, and grants for public schools. Generally, public assistance programs pay for 75% of the approved project costs.

In a press release on Monday, County Judge Jason Brinkley noted, "Recently, federal, state, and local officials conducted a preliminary damage assessment of the public damage in Cooke County. It was determined that Cooke County sustained \$5.2 million in public damage, primarily to road infrastructure. With several roads still underwater and

as more damage becomes apparent, it is probable that this damage amount will increase significantly. The Presidential Disaster Declaration will allow Cooke County to receive federal funds through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to repair damaged infrastructure.

"Evaluation of private individual damage is still ongoing. If your home or business has suffered damage, since the 4th of May, 2015, as a result of the recent severe weather and flooding, and you are uninsured or underinsured, please contact the Cooke County VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) thru the United

Way offices at 940-665-1793. This organization will be compiling a list to be used by Cooke County to apply for FEMA individual assistance if the county has incurred enough uninsured or underinsured individual loss."

Precinct #4 seemed to suffer the brunt of the damage to its roads. Precinct #4 Commissioner Leon Klement remarked, "We have been dealt severe circumstances by Mother Nature during the past several weeks. The majority of our roads in Precinct #4 have heavy damage, including gravel loss, culvert and bridge damage, and a portion of one road washed away completely. Several

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Disaster Declaration approved by City

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May has been a brutal month as far as rainfall and City streets. At their Monday, June 1 meeting, the Muenster City Council approved a Disaster Declaration. This is necessary in order for the City to apply and possibly get approval for FEMA money.

The Declaration noted that:

1. A state of disaster is declared for all of Cooke County, inclusive of the City of Muenster, pursuant to Texas Government Code 418.108(a).

2. The City's and the County's Emergency Management Plans have been implemented.

3. That this state of di-

saster shall continue until rescinded by the Muenster City Council.

4. That this order shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

The City had voted last month to budget up to \$200,000 for street repairs. City Administrator Stan Endres, noted, "Since then, with all the rain and everything else that's happened, we've got a whole lot more problems with our streets and \$200,000 won't even touch them."

On Friday, May 29, Governor Greg Abbott requested a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Texas counties due to damage sustained from the severe weather, tornadoes and flooding. A press release from the governor's office noted that he had requested Public Assistance for Cooke, Gaines, Grimes, Harris, Hays, Navarro, and Van Zandt counties. Public Assistance is aid to state or local governments to pay part of the costs of rebuilding a community's damaged infrastructure, which may include debris removal, emergency protective measures and public services, repair of damaged public property, loans needed by communities for essential government functions, and grants for public schools. Generally, public assistance programs pay for 75% of the approved project costs.

The same day Gov. Abbott made the request, President Barack Obama granted the

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Courtesy photo

College bound - Muenster High School honor seniors pose for the camera before graduation last Friday night. Pictured are, from left, back - Kristen Reiter, Caroline Gressett, Lyndon Cook, Lora Walterscheid; front - Kassie Dangelmayr, Morgan Flusche, Jaycie York, and Tara Gunnels.

MISD holds 2015 graduation

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Muenster ISD held commencement exercises for the Class of 2015 on Friday, May 29 at 7 p.m. in the Muenster Hornet Gymnasium. Graduates processed in to "Pomp and Circumstance."

Graduates were: Trey Anthony Anderle, Timothy Michael Anderson, Kevin Michael Barnes, Emily Marie Brogdon, Trevor Price Cheaney, Lyndon Tracy Cook, Kassie Ann Dangelmayr, Abigail Jordan Flaming, Morgan Renee Flusche, Jonathan Tyler Gregg, Caroline Elizabeth Gressett, Tara Brienne Gunnels, Rachel Nicole Hare, Brandon Joseph Hennigan, Chance Thomas Herr, Jeremy Hunter Hess, Ryan Parker Hoepfner, Tresa Emily Jones, Makayla Marianne Lamar, Mikayla Mary Moster, Collin Anthony Pagel, Kristen Marie

Reiter, Noel Roberto Rodriguez, Brianna Diann Rohmer, Zachary Garrett Stalder, Zayne Michel Styles, Georgia Deanne Taylor Saavedra, Zachary Joseph Trubenbach, Lora Lynn Walterscheid, Nathan Conrad Walterscheid, and Jaycie Renae York.

Kristen Reiter gave the invocation. High School Principal John York introduced members of the Board of Trustees and administration.

Caroline Gressett introduced Salutatorian Georgia Taylor Saavedra.

Georgia remarked on how strange it felt to be graduating and how different things turned out from the way she'd imagined them to be. She said, "What I'm trying to say is that, yeah, life is unpredictable. Life is short. There's a reason that phrase is so overused: because it's so true. I can't begin to tell you what will happen in 10

years, or 1 year, or even a day...What I can tell you is this: we all have the ability to make something of ourselves. Everyone in the class of 2015 is worth something in the world. I sincerely hope everyone graduating today realizes the significance they can achieve in life."

Georgia noted that being friends with one another was the class' coping mechanism to get through high school, and even before. "Unconditional love is a crucial part of our bond, because we all have some pretty strange characteristics; like the unhealthy number of times Abby Flaming bursts into hysterical laughter in one day, or the fact that Lyndon Cook can recite the entire Taco Bell menu from memory. This bond really is something I'm going to miss later on in life."

In conclusion, Georgia See GRADUATES, pg. 7

Council decrees reduced speed on portion of FM 373

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Those traveling on FM 373 will have to observe a lower speed limit soon. Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) sent a letter to the City of Muenster stating that it had conducted a speed zone study within the City of Muenster on FM 373 from the north city limits to .707 miles south.

TxDOT requested that the City Council pass an ordinance establishing concurrence with the speed of 45 mph from the north city limits at MP 13.053 to 13.760/0.707. This is from Ninth Street to just north of CR 492 for northbound traffic and from just north of CR 492 to Ninth Street for southbound traffic.

Alderman Jack Flusche wondered why that recommendation did not go a bit further and take in Northside Drive in the Sicking addition.

Mayor Tim Felderhoff suggested contacting TxDOT to see if they could include reducing the speed limit up to Northside Drive.

Chief of Police Tom Barr said, "I asked TxDOT to come do a speed survey on that road out there. It takes a while to get on the list because they have surveys going everywhere. They have to have an engineer come in and look everything over and then they have a whole line of people who have to look at it. And then they do the speed survey, which they did the first part of April or the

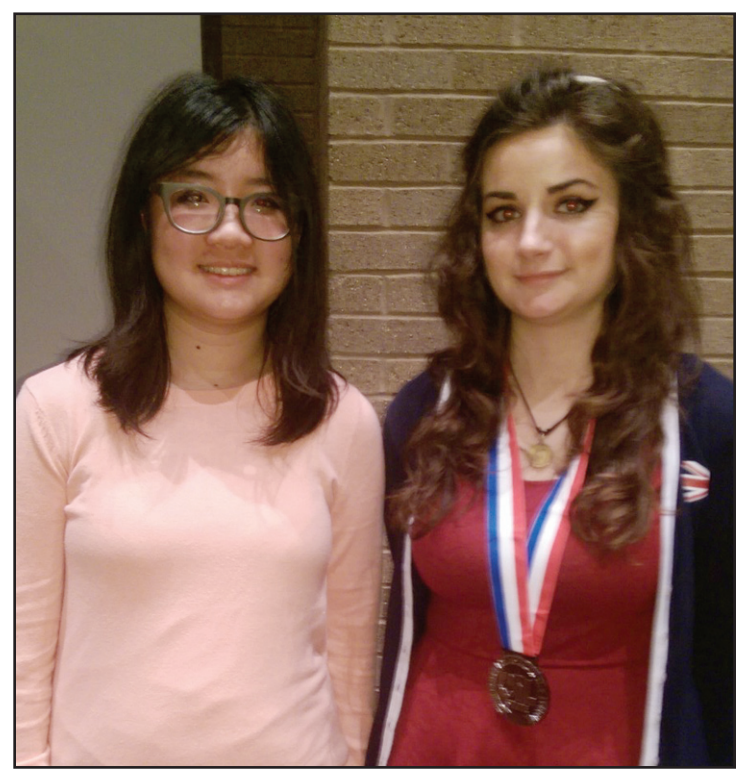
last part of March. This is their recommendation from what their engineers and their study showed."

He added that they would probably have to go through the whole process again to add any more.

Flusche said that he would like to keep on them to see if it can be done.

The Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance #369 reducing the speed limit to 45 mph.

MISD Students compete at State



MISD photo

Pictured are State Qualifiers Earn Vongsariyavanich, left, and Mahayla Bohl, both juniors at Muenster High School, who recently traveled to Austin for State Theatrical Design Competition. Mahayla took 2nd place in State for her designs. See story on page 6.

Another one bites the dust



Janie Hartman photo

Hubert Wilde built a new garage building on the southwest corner of Main and Hwy. 82 in 1939 for a Pontiac dealership. He soon changed to selling Minneapolis -Moline equipment. He operated it with his two sons Barney and Richard until he closed it and moved to Gainesville. In the summer of 1940, Tony Luke quit employment at Herr Motor Company to go into business for himself. He opened a garage and service station along with mechanical and body repair shop in the Wilde Building. In 1943, he was drafted into the Army. Bill Luke kept the station open for a short while before enlisting in the service. In the mid-1940s, the building was purchased by Farmers Marketing Association (FMA). In 1954, North Texas Producers Association (NTPA) took over FMA. In 1967, Milk Producers, Inc. (MPI) bought NTPA and in 1969, MPI became AMPI - American Milk Producers, Inc. So, for 50 years the Cheese Plant used the building for storage. After AMPI shut down, Flusche Enterprises purchased the warehouse. The microburst in June 2011 caused major damage to the structure. After this year's Memorial Day windstorm, the building became unsafe and was torn down last week.


The days a man spends fishing or spends hunting should not be deducted from the time that he's on earth. In other words, if I fish today, that should be added to the amount of time I get to live. That's the way I look at recreation. That's why I'll be a big conservation, environmental President, because I plan to fish and hunt as much as I possibly can.

~ George Bush, quoted in Los Angeles Times

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Police Notes

from Muenster Chief of Police
Tom Barr

May 2015 Activity

Calls for Service (CFS) - 108; Incident/Offense reports generated - 13; Arrests - 1; Accidents Investigated - 1; Citations issued for the month - 31; Officers worked 733 hours on duty.

Patrol vehicles logged 2,651 miles for the month.
 90 day stats: February - CFS 79, Incidents 4, Arrests 1, Citations 41. March - CFS 93, Incidents 7, Arrests 3, Citations 65. April - CFS 82, Incidents 4, Arrests 5, Citations 28.

Vehicle Stats - 2014 Ford F150 - 12,029, #2 2011 Crown Vic - 54,858, #3 2010 Crown Vic - 57,646.



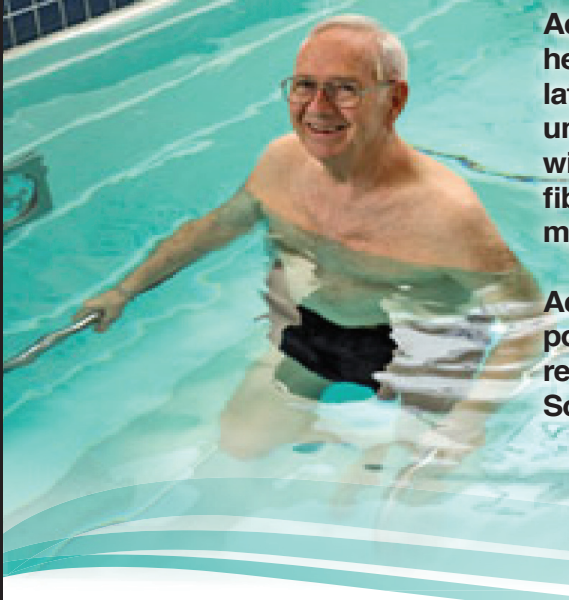
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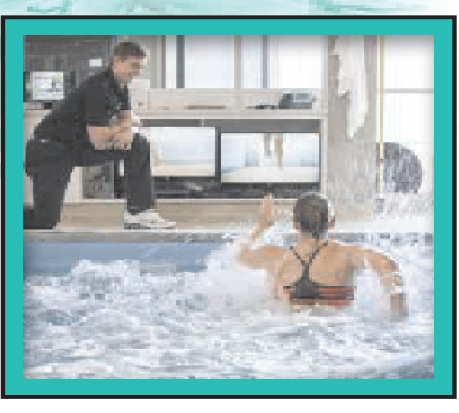
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container and place it back in the exact spot. This enables the trash truck to drive further from the curb doing less street damage. Trucks would be driving the streets only once a week rather than twice also.

Residential cost is currently \$15.45 a month. The once weekly service would be \$13.95 a home with a 96 gallon cart.

The Council unanimously approved Progressive's proposal pursuant to the contract being acceptable to the City's legal counsel.

City Administrator Stan Endres stated that he had a lot of people talk about mosquitoes and how bad the problem would be with all the moisture. They wondered if they City were going to fog for mosquitoes.

Although the City owns a fogging machine, they do not have anybody licensed to do the spraying nor anybody interested in being licensed.

The machine was bought in 1998 and has not been used in about eight years. The machine is like new and still ran when tested by City employees recently.

Rusty Saucer, a local exterminator, has interest in purchasing the machine from the City. He would like to pay for it by fogging for the City. He's willing to pay \$3,500 for the machine and backpack sprayer that goes with it. He'd like to take possession of it and reduce the balance for it each time he sprays for the City.

A company located in McKinney has done the fogging the last two years at a cost of \$550 each time and that included travel time. Saucer isn't sure of what he'd charge the City because he does not know how long it would take or how much chemicals are required.

The Council agreed to the deal. They will let people know when they plan to spray by putting a notice on Channel 2 and in the *Muenster Enterprise*. It could be as soon as next week. It will be done throughout the summer as often as is needed.

Flusche gave the monthly update on behalf of Muenster VFD Chief Bert Walterscheid. During May, the MVFD went to three vehicle accidents for 32 man hours; one medical call 4 hours; two structure fires, smoke investigations 11 hours; 3 public service for high waters 32 hours; two water rescues 22 hours; and three storm watches 99 hours. That was a total of 200 man hours for May, mainly because of the rains.

A letter of appreciation from the City of Lindsay to the Muenster VFD was acknowledged. It thanked them for assisting with the investigation of a structure fire on April 26.

Police Chief Tom Barr gave his monthly report. He said that the Department was pleased to participate with the Hospital's Health Fair this month. Numerous prescription medications were collected. "If anyone still has any medications to dispose of, just contact the Police Department and we'll take care of that."

Administrator Endres noted that the swimming pool opened on May 24 but was open a limited time due to the rain.

A wind storm came through town on May 25 knocking down a lot of trees and branches. City crews helped with clean up as much as possible.

In other business, the Council:

- Approved new rates for employee health insurance with TML. The rates will increase from \$494.60 to \$509.44 per month per employee.
- Approved contract with Attorney Jim Robertson for Delinquent Property Tax Collections. This is for the City and the Water District.
- Took no action on an interlocal agreement request from the City of Lindsay. The Council felt that the agreement would shift liability from Lindsay to Muenster.
- Approved payment of bills totaling \$111,527.07.

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request for federal funds that will aid Texas counties as they continue to recover and rebuild.





"Representatives from FEMA were out last Thursday with County Commissioner Leon Klement and they came and reviewed the street over by Steve and Dalana Chism (Southtown Drive). When you walk on it, it is like walking on a sponge." Water is seeping up through the pavement and the street was closed.

Representatives from two companies have looked at Muenster's streets and given their opinions on how to repair them. This included about 70 locations and did not include the block on Southtown Drive. One gave an estimate of \$620,000 and the other of \$500,000 plus.


After discussion on problems that included getting and hauling rock for street repairs and what might be done to alleviate the problem on Southtown Drive, the Council voted to table a decision on what to do about streets until they hear more from FEMA. Meanwhile, the City crews will do a dig test on Southtown Drive and if possible install a French drain as suggested by Leo Lutkenhaus.

The City is documenting the damage and sending information to the State hoping to get financial aid.


2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!

Sunday, June 7, 2015	Monday, June 8, 2015	Tuesday, June 9, 2015	Wednesday, June 10, 2015	Thursday, June 11, 2015	Friday, June 12, 2015	Saturday, June 13, 2015
Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm 	MMH Aux mtg. 5:30 pm K M B Mtg. 6:45 pm VFW mtg. 7:30 pm	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm PTO mtg. 5:30 pm	Library open 10-6:30 MISD Board mtg. 6:30 pm	Museum open 1 - 4 pm Library open 10- 6:30 M Historical Comm mtg. 8 am Kiwanis Swim Night 7-9 pm	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm MISD report cards AARP member lunch 11:30 am	Library open 10-2:30 
Sunday, June 14, 2015	Monday, June 15, 2015	Tuesday, June 16, 2015	Wednesday, June 17, 2015	Thursday, June 18, 2015	Friday, June 19, 2015	Saturday, June 20, 2015
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm  Henry & Mary Fleitman reunion FLAG DAY	VFW Aux mtg 7 pm	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm MMH Board mtg. 7 pm	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm SH Alumni & Supp. mtg 7:30 pm	Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10-6:30	Muenster Museum OPEN 1-4 pm	Library open 10-2:30 Muenster JC Golf Tournament 

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Geraldine Armstrong 1921 - 2015

Memorial Mass for Geraldine W. "Gerry" Armstrong, age 93 of Gainesville, is set for 10 a.m., Friday, June 5 at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Rosary with visitation was held from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, June 4 at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home.

Gerry was born Oct. 27, 1921 in Shawnee, OK to Lee and Margie Malone Bradberry Wilson. She died May 31, 2015 in Gainesville surrounded by her family. Gerry married Donald Armstrong on Dec. 3, 1949 in Longview. They moved to Gainesville in May 1963 when Donald was transferred with Sinclair Oil.

where she retired in March 1984. After retirement, she was very active at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Survivors are her daughters Dana Moss and husband Jim of Woodbine, Lola Britton of Santa Maria, CA, Nikki Eddleman and husband Matt of Valley View, and Patrice Henry and husband Jody of Lindsay; son Bob Allen and wife Dixie of Spring; 16 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Donald; one brother; and one sister.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Home Hospice of Cooke County, 316 S. Chestnut, Gainesville 76240; or St. Mary's Catholic Church, 825 N. Weaver, Gainesville 76240.

Leslie "Squint" Jones 1916 - 2015

Funeral for Leslie David "Squint" Jones, age 99 of Gainesville, was held Thursday, June 4 at 11:30 a.m. in the Geo. J. Carroll and Son Chapel. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery. The family received friends June 3 at the funeral home. Leslie died June 1, 2015 in Gainesville.

Leslie was born April 6, 1916 in Bosque County to Seaborn and Hattie Bernard Jones. He retired from the United Postal service, was a past Master, and District Deputy and received his 70 years of service to the Masonic Lodge

of Myra, Celina, and Fish Creek, and was a member of Tabernacle Baptist Church.

He is survived by sons Dan Jones and wife Vicki of Douglasville, GA., Jim Jones of Garland, and Leslie Jones and wife Janis of McCalla, AL, step-daughter Janna Clark, 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

Leslie was preceded in death by his parents, wife Sally, son John Jones, grandson Dennis Clark, and step-son Hugh Thomas "Tommy" Clark.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO June 2, 1950

Mike Fuhrmann sells first load of county wheat. Total moisture for May is 7.64 inches. Obituary: Jack Ritchey, 27. Wedding: Virginia Walterscheid and Ed Schneider. The Herb McDaniels are looking forward to lots of fishing and boat riding this summer with the arrival of their new 16 foot aluminum boat with a husky 12-horse outboard motor. Pauline Mages is valedictorian and Verena Henscheid is salutatorian at Sacred Heart High. Hubert Neu ordained subdeacon Saturday.

50 YEARS AGO June 4, 1965

Subiaco Academy graduates are Ricky Endres, Pat Hennigan, Jr., John Riggs, and Jerry Taylor. Debbie Sicking is bitten by copperhead snake. New arrivals: Richard and Walter and Mary Acker; a son to the Gary Durbins; Lonnie to Virgil and Joaline Henscheid; Joseph to Pat and Alice Hennigan; Elizabeth to the Seferino Sernas. Weddings: Kathleen Knabe and Charlie Hamilton; Cynthia Cain and Ronald Russell; Patricia Hermes and John D. Fleitman. Margaret Lawson is valedictorian and Joyce Rumley is salutatorian at Muenster High School. Obituary: Katherine (Mrs. Frank) Haverkamp, 61.

25 YEARS AGO June 1, 1990

Article tells of Dick and Kim Murphy's Turtle Hill Beefmasters operation and their plans for a future golf course. Sweeter Than Honey, singing duo of sisters Jenny Lynn and Kelley Jean Wimmer, is nominated for Duet of the Year. Debbie Schmitt is valedictorian and Amy Walterscheid is salutatorian at Sacred Heart High. Texaco Station closes. Weddings: Valerie Vogel and Lonnie Henscheid; Cheryl Bayer and William Russell. College Graduates: Laura Flusche, Paula Yosten, Susan Whitt, Dr. Theresa Whitt, John Nasche.

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roads remain closed and will be reopened as time allows. "I accompanied FEMA last week to assess infrastructure damages. Of the estimated \$5.2 million damage to Cooke County, \$4.8 million is in our Precinct #4 alone. These are preliminary numbers and will likely change in all four precincts.

"I feel fortunate in the face of this adversity to have understanding and patient residents in Precinct #4 and I certainly appreciate the dedication of my road foreman and crew. They have been working hard and have been on call since the rains began.

"Imagine the impact statewide when the agricultural losses are combined.

"You've heard the saying come hell or high water? Well, we've been through both and we will continue to take steps to restore conditions one day at a time."

Cities in Cooke County may also adopt a Disaster Declaration and apply for financial aid. Muenster did so on Monday, June 1.

Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers.
- Tennyson

Waiting for adoption Easy Street Shelter



Bobo and Pugsley, two of the great dogs located at the shelter in Saint Jo. They both love to play and get along well with others. They have both been at the shelter a long time, and are ready to go home. For more info on adopting or helping us keep our gates open, contact Denise at 940-613-6865.

Renew your license early or online

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is encouraging residents to get ahead of the summer rush at driver license offices across the state by renewing their license or identification card early or online. The summer months tend to be one of the busiest times at driver license offices, and many Texans are eligible to skip the trip to the office completely via online renewal of their license, identification card, or change of address at Texas.gov.

"Texas driver license offices are especially busy during the summer when students and families are on vacation," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "During these busy months, DPS encourages eligible customers to take advantage of our convenient options for online and phone renewal of driver licenses and identification cards or visit a DPS driver license mega center - if they are required to visit an office."

If a trip to a driver license office is necessary, customers in the major metro areas should consider visiting mega centers in their area. Located in the Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, and San Antonio metropolitan areas, driver license mega centers offer high-capacity facilities and technology designed to improve efficiency and customer service. Mega centers feature an innovative queuing system that offers customers the convenient option to reserve a spot in line before going to the office. Customers can virtually enter the line via cell phone, online, or using a land line telephone.

In addition, DPS encourages customers to take advantage of this same technology to get in line before arriving at an office, which is available at several other locations across

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William "Jack" Henderson 1930 - 2015

Funeral for William "Jack" Jackson Henderson was held June 1 at Rosston United Methodist Church with Rev. Doyle Henderson officiating and Rev. Ronnie Conyers assisting. Burial was in Rosston Cemetery. Visitation was held prior to the service.

Jack died at the age of 84 on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 in Denton due to undiagnosed complications following a previous illness. He was born May 30, 1930 in Rosston to Charles Cleveland and Essie Mae Henderson. He loved all sports, playing football, basketball, and running track while in Era High School. During summer, he enjoyed playing baseball. He was a 1947 graduate of Era High School.

Jack married Nina Mae Holland June 18, 1951 in Forestburg.

He served four years in the U.S. Navy. As a Naval Sea-bee he acquired a love and talent for welding. After his discharge, his love for welding enabled him to pursue a 35 year career becoming a Master welder with Dahlstrom Corporation in Buda. Jack retired from Dahlstrom in 1993.

In 2000, Jack and Nina moved to Rosston. He was

again living on the farm he loved. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, hunting, and taking walks along the creek. As he walked, he talked with God about his day and reminisced about his younger years. Due to a failing heart, his walks on earth ended far too soon; but were exchanged for walks with his Heavenly Father. Jack was a quiet man who carried a big stick.

Survivors are his wife Nina; daughter Janice and husband Jerry Wheatley of Pottsville; son Danny of Rosston; daughter-in-law Barbara Henderson of DeSoto; former son-in-law Danny Schulze and wife Mary of Sugarland; 11 grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and one step-great-grandchild; brother, Rev. Doyle Henderson and wife Lisa of Whitesboro; sisters Cleva Akin of Chandler, Jennie and husband Marshall Day of Rosston, and Fern and husband Donald Cloud of Rosston.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents; son Randy; daughter Sherry Schulze; brothers Roland and Carl; brother-in-law E.L. Akin; and sister-in-law Maria.

Jack was a member of the Rosston Baptist Church.

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Knabe and York exchange vows at St. Peter's Catholic Church

Cheryl Rae Knabe of San Diego, CA became the bride of Matthew Edward York of San Diego on Saturday, April 25, 2015 in St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lindsay. The nuptial Mass and double ring ceremony took place in the bride's hometown church at 3 p.m. with Rev. Phillip Petta and Rev. Oby Zummas officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Dominic and Collette Knabe of Lindsay. Her grandparents are Ray and Celie Hoenig, and the late Lawrence and Agnes Knabe.

Parents of the groom are Ed and Margie York of Myra. His grandparents are Thomas and Barbara Felderhoff, Lorine York, and the late John L. York.

Flowers in two shades of purple snapdragons and white spider mums with a cuff of lemon leaves and tree fern adorned the altar.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a Mikkaella re-embroidered lace and organza white wedding gown with scoop neckline and custom removable capped sleeves with scalloped lace and organza that correspond with the lace tunic bodice. The skirt was tiered ruffle organza with mohair edging. Covered buttons, loops over the zipper, and sweep train completed the attire. Her custom veil was one-tier, chapel-length, white tulle with scattered

lace and organza appliques along the edge that complimented the tunic bodice.

The bride carried a bouquet of purple-throated Picasso calla lilies, ivory Escimo roses, spray roses, and purple stock tied with double-faced satin ribbon, and for something borrowed, her maternal grandmother's rosary.

Music was provided by Andrew Kenney, organist, and vocalists Elizabeth Dieter, Emma Kenney, Sarah Fritcher, Trice Henry, Roger Dieter, Gene Yosten, Josiah Yosten, and Robert Traghi. Songs included "Trumpet Tune," "Prelude on Rhosymedre," "Canon in D," "Now Thank We All Our God," "O Perfect Love," "All Human Thought Transcending," and "Hornpipe" from *Water Music*.

ATTENDANTS

Serving as her sister's maid of honor was Beverly Knabe of League City. Bridesmaids were friends of the bride Jessica Bezner of Lexington, KY, Rachel Gelber of Mansfield, Rianne Decker of Fort Collins, CO, Sarah Wilson of Lubbock, and Stefanie Cook of Dallas.

They were attired in one-shoulder plum dresses with corded lace bodice, ribbon belt at waist, and mesh skirt with corresponding satin wrap. Their nose-gays were white miniature calla lilies, purple stock, spray, and



Mr. and Mrs. Matthew York
... 'nee Cheryl Knabe ...

Escimo roses.

Claire York and Emma York, nieces of the groom, were flower girls.

Chris York of Irving was his brother's best man. Groomsmen were Alex York of Bryan, brother of the groom, and friends of the groom Josh Voydik of San Diego, Stephen Matthews of Addison, Eric Fisher of Fort Worth, and Corban Johnson of Addison.

Serving as ushers were Nick Bezner of Lindsay, cousin of the groom, Mitchell Hoenig of Plano, cousin of the bride, Billy Felderhoff of Muenster, cousin of the groom, and Damon Knabe of Forney, brother of the bride.

Altar servers were Julie Petrusek and Jill Petrusek, both of Garland and nieces of the bride, and Theresa Wyrick of Lindsay, bride's family friend.

Gift bearers during Mass were Rose Evans of Lindsay, aunt of the groom, and Gretchen Day of Fairview, aunt of the bride. Lauren York of Irving, sister-in-law of the groom, was lector.

RECEPTION

Following the couple's marriage, a reception was held in Centennial Hall in Lindsay. The hall was decorated in shades of purple with silver and gray accents. Gray pintuck taffeta linens and deep plum accent fabric

covered the tables. Arrangements of purple hydrangea, lilac, orchids, and calla lilies in glass and silver containers carried out the bride's colors.

The five-tier bride's cake with alternating layers of white and strawberry, was decorated in the bride's colors and topped with the couple's initials. The chocolate groom's cake held chocolate-covered strawberries and was decorated with a California theme. Both cakes were made by Roger Dieter.

Cake servers were Ashton, Payton, and Rylan Hoenig of Coppell and Lauren and Jordan Day of Fairview, all cousins of the bride.

The rehearsal dinner was held Friday, April 24 at Lake Kiowa Lodge.

The bride is a December 2009 graduate of Texas Tech University. She graduated from the A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences on May 2, 2014. She works as a veterinarian at Otay Pet Vets in Chula Vista, CA.

The groom graduated from Midwestern State University in May 2006. He is employed as a computer programmer at Sony Computer Entertainment in San Diego.

Following their honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple is at home in San Diego.

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the state. To find an office that offers this option, see <http://dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/onlineScheduling.aspx>.

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Visit the DPS website to make sure you have the proper paperwork (including documents needed for residency requirements) before making the trip to the office: <http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/ApplyforLicense.htm>.

Local library offers Summer Reading Programs

Muenster Public Library's Summer Reading Program began June 2 and continues through July 30. Parents, caregivers, and children can sign up any time during this time for the summer reading programs.

Muenster Public Library's 2015 Summer Reading Programs are: Every Hero Has a Story! for children ages 2-11; and Unmask! ages 12-18. Each child or teen turning in a completed reading log will receive a free ice cream coupon and other prizes. Join the fun! Beat the heat! Support your local library!

Muenster Public Library offers a children's story time every Tuesday morning at 10:30. This story time is intended for children preschool through early elementary.

Muenster Public Library is located at 418 N. Elm Street. The Library phone number is 759-4291.

Library hours: Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Wednesday 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Muenster Public Library online catalog: <http://muenstertx.booksys.net/opac/muenstertx/>

Muenster Public Library website: <http://netls.tsl.state.tx.us/muenster/>

Muenster Public Library has a Facebook page: "Like us" on Facebook!

KLB backyard garden tours are Saturday

Keep Lindsay Beautiful is once again sponsoring its annual Backyard Garden Tours. It will be Saturday, June 6, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Visitors may start at any address and buy the ticket there. One ticket tours all yards.

On the Backyard Garden Tour this year are: Dominic and Collette Knabe, 212 West Main St.; Lloyd and Mary Reiter, 199 CR 466; Clara Hellingner, 562 CR 306; Rudy and Claudia Zimmerer, 3188 CR 438; Joyce Zwinggi, 506 Henry St.; Janice Kinney, 503 Henry St.

Tickets are \$10 or two for \$15.

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Evelyn Felderhoff celebrates 90 years

A surprise 90th birthday party welcomed Evelyn Felderhoff into her 9th decade on Sunday, May 31. About 50 friends and family gathered to extend birthday wishes to the honoree. Numerous attendees told funny stories about incidents in which their lives intertwined with Evie's and how she had influenced their lives in one way or another. It was a great afternoon of reminiscing and celebrating. Evie's husband, Arthur, also celebrated a birthday on May 29, beginning his 91st year. Birthday greet-

ings were extended to Arthur at the gathering as well. One cute story told at the party was that while Evie's official birthday is on June 1, Evie's mother told her that she was born about midnight on the night of May 31 and that she could claim either May 31 or June 1 as her birthday. Evie used that to her advantage as a child when her siblings wanted to give her a birthday spanking by claiming June 1 on May 31, and then on June 1 claiming May 31. Smart thinking, Evie!



Evelyn Felderhoff

Forgive and you will be forgiven. Luke 6:37

Home Hospice remembers veteran patients

Home Hospice of Grayson, Cooke and Fannin counties placed flags in their Memory Garden, representing the 58 veterans they have served over the past 12 months. They are a proud member of We Honor Veterans, a national program to raise awareness of veteran issues and needs at end of life.

coordinator, shared, "It truly is an honor for us to be able to serve these men and women who served our country and us so well. Our patients and families tell us that our services and volunteers made a huge impact in the last stages of their lives."

Locally, Home Hospice offers the Vet to Vet volunteer program in which volunteers, who are veterans, are partnered with patients who are veterans. Jerry Pelzel, one of Home Hospice's Vet to Vet volunteers said, "Since receiving Vet to Vet training, I have had two hospice patients who were vets. They both enjoyed sharing their experiences in Vietnam with a fellow Vietnam vet. I think vets can share experiences with each other that they would not share with people who have not been there. We understand what other vets have been through and can relate and support each other."

If you are interested in being a volunteer, contact Cathy at 940-665-9891. For more information or to make a donation, visit on-line at www.homehospice.org.

Jim Bowie Days seeks parade entrants

Applicants are being accepted for the Jim Bowie Days parade on Saturday, June 27. They are looking for floats, riding clubs, etc. They encourage everyone to participate. Visit jimbowiedays.org for the application and rules and regulations or call 940 366-0073. Deadline for parade entries is June 19.

Arbor Day Foundation offers tree-care booklet

The Arbor Day Foundation is offering a handy tree-care booklet designed to help people plant and care for trees.

plant and prune trees. It also includes tips on using shade trees and windbreaks to save on energy costs, attract songbirds, and create a living snow fence.

Anyone can receive Conservation Trees, a user-friendly booklet featuring illustrations, colorful photos, and easily understood descriptions, by making a \$3 donation to the Foundation this month.

To receive a Conservation Trees booklet, send a \$3 check and your name and address to Conservation Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, or order online at arborday.org/conservationtrees.

The booklet provides details about the right way to

Walterscheid receives TTU Parents Association Award

Brooke Walterscheid, a Cell & Molecular Biology senior in the Department of Biological Sciences, received the Student Achievement Citizenship Award from the Texas Tech University Parents Association on March 28. The Student Achievement Citizenship Awards was established in 1974 and honors one student in each of the academic colleges for

superior achievement in both scholarship and service to the community. Brooke has made the Honors College President's List in Fall 2013 and 2014 and Spring 2014 and 2015. She is the daughter of Bret and Kim Walterscheid and a 2013 graduate of Muenster ISD. Her grandparents are Dennis and Kathy Hess and Della Walterscheid.



Brooke Walterscheid

Local men take stance against family violence

Local group Men of Action is hosting "Manifest Cooke County," an event on the Cooke County Courthouse steps on June 20 against the plagues of family and sexual violence in our community. The event will kick off Father's Day weekend at 8:30 a.m. with free donuts and coffee for the attendees following with impassioned words from the group's leaders at 9 a.m. Manifest Cooke County will also include a walk around the courthouse square to symbolically take back the community from the abuse so many face.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and show their support in these efforts to improve the culture of the community. 'Men of Action' aims for this event to make an investment in the future young men who, if they haven't already, will one day be faced with these issues and with strong male influence will know the right decisions to make. Prevention of domestic violence is the most effective deterrent and silence about the subject is its biggest enemy.

Men of Action works under the umbrella of services Abigail's Arms Cooke County Family Crisis Center provides as an all male task force uniting to prevent family and sexual violence by redefining, establishing, and promoting healthy manhood. They have already begun to be recognized in the state as one of the pioneers in forming male groups to speak out against domestic violence by TAASA (Texas Association Against Sexual Assault) and have inspired similar groups around the state.

"It's time to speak up and speak out against family and sexual violence. I know the pride our community has in its towns, and the good people of Cooke County have had enough. It's time we get out and do something about it," explained one Men of Action spokesperson.

Kim Cook, executive director of Abigail's Arms, remarked, "Men of Action is an excellent example of how a community can affect change. For years, the movement to end violence has needed the support of strong men who set a standard against domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse. Abigail's Arms continues to be progressive in its programming ideas to address the needs of Cooke County. We are so grateful to the Men of Action who help extend our reach and who represent the very best that our community offers!"

You can find out more information about this event and the Men of Action by visiting their Facebook page (www.facebook.com/MenOfActionCookeCounty) or AbigailArms.org.

They have sponsorship opportunities available, are in need of a few more items for the event, and would love to display your company as part of this event on banners, flyers, and all promotions. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, contact Kyle Van Deusen at 940-231-1051 or email menofaction.cookecounty@gmail.com.

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Sacred Heart holds Promotion Ceremony

Friday, May 29, the eighth grade class from Sacred Heart Catholic School had their promotion ceremony in Sacred Heart Church following the 8 a.m. Mass. The class processed into Mass to the song "Praise to the Lord."

Fr. Ken Robinson celebrat-

ed the Mass. Martha Sicking read the First Reading from Sirach 44:1, 9-13. The response was sung by Brenda Flusche. Adria Flusche played the piano. The Gospel was taken from Mark 11:11-26.

Prayers of the Faithful were read by Cole Carson.

Coach Kristopher Creed and Coach Dale Schilling presented the gifts at the altar. Communion songs were "Where Charity and Love Prevail" and "Bread of Life." The sending forth song was "Faith of our Fathers."

The promotion ceremony began with a dedication to

their parents, teachers, and Fr. Ken. Jackson Carr read the dedication. Following the dedication, the students gave their parents a red rose in appreciation for all they had done for them.

Fr. Ken and Sacred Heart Principal Dr. Rafael Rondón presented each student with a certificate and followed with closing remarks. Fr. Ken then presented the new freshman class.

Following the ceremony, a class photo was taken and a reception was held in the Community Center Cafeteria for the class, their parents, family, and friends. On display were many of the academic and athletic trophies awarded the class during their junior high years.

Members of the class are Lane Baldwin, Isaiah Bayer, Jackson Carr, Ben Ganzon, Danielle Hess, Jeron Juntado, Ian Kintz, Collin Knabe, Stephanie Koesler, Madi Ladzinski, Virginia Mar, Michael McCoy, Ethan Muller, Emma Ploeger, Megan Ploeger, and Shane Sicking.



Courtesy photo

Haley Flusche submitted a poster on vocations for the Serra Club Poster contest last fall. Her poster won 1st place in the fifth grade level for the Diocese of Fort Worth and earned a \$50 prize. Pictured are, from left, Haley along with Fr. Ken Robinson and Barbara Rohmer, Director of Religious Education, who presented her with her prize. Haley is the daughter of Jeff and Jennifer Flusche of Muenster and attends religious formation classes at Sacred Heart Church.



SHCS photo

Sacred Heart 2015 8th Grade Class, from left, front - Megan Ploeger, Virginia Mar, Stephanie Koesler, Collin Knabe, Jeron Juntado; middle row - Danielle Hess, Emma Ploeger, Ben Ganzon, Shane Sicking, Ian Kintz; back - Madi Ladzinski, Ethan Muller, Michael McCoy, Isaiah Bayer, Jackson Carr, Lane Baldwin, and Fr. Ken Robinson, pastor.

Bohl takes 2nd at State competition

Muenster ISD juniors Earn Vongsariyavanich and Mahayla Bohl recently traveled to Austin as State Qualifiers for

the State Theatrical Design Competition. Mahayla earned 2nd place with her designs.

The competition includes Costume Design, Set Design, Publicity Design, and overall Group entries of each of the three areas for the prompt. Both ladies participated in Costume Design by submitting three hand-rendered costume designs from actors in the musical CATS by Andrew Lloyd Webber. The contest also included submitting an Inspiration board and a Justification paper explaining their choices of design. Out of over 100 entries in this division, both ladies were State Qualifiers for the contest. For competition, each had to complete an interview with the judge of the contest explaining their designs choices.

While in Austin, the ladies, their coach Gynell Oppermann, and Era ISD OAP coach Melitta Taylor were able to see several of the State One Act Plays.



Courtesy photo

Muenster ISD Kindergarten class graduation was held Wednesday, June 3 at 7 p.m. in the Muenster ISD cafetorium. Their teachers are Amy Huchton and Kristin McCoy. Pictured are, from left, front - Eliza Anderson, Emma Marshall, Austin Burkhart, Nevaeh Fleitman, Kaiden Moseley, Lucy Klement, Branson Voth, Carson Bindel, Kandyce Freeman, Angie Hermes, Taylor Sicking, Hayden Sicking, Brady Klement, Jack Lashley; middle - Adysen Carney, Emalynn Morgan, Carly McCoy, Jesus Samperio, Adam Hofbauer, Cooper Hartman, Tyler Smith, Carter Heller, Skyler Reed, Skylar Turner, Caitlyn McCann, Callaway Mofield, Cooper Graves, Liam Steinert, Christopher Hernandez, Jack Rosson; back - Eleanor Hartman, Ava Hacker, Della Walterscheid, Collin Otto, Colt Walterscheid, Dax Binder, Kylie Bailey, Douglas Hacker, Spencer Jarosz, Seth Paulin, Kale Cope, Brody Charles, and Cherokee Corcoran.

Nortex Communications announces scholarship recipients



Courtesy photo

From left, Trey Anderle, Aaron Davis, Alvin Fuhrman (Nortex president and CEO), Tara Gunnels, and Brianna Rohmer. Not pictured: Kaitlyn Lanier and Brady Endres.

Nortex Communications is proud to offer scholarship opportunities to help the youth of the Nortex service area advance in their scholastic endeavors. Six scholarships were awarded from Nortex to be applied towards the 2015-16 academic year.

With great pleasure, Nortex announces the recipients

of Gene Henry Fuhrman's scholarships as Aaron Davis of Sacred Heart for \$1,000, and Tara Gunnels of Muenster ISD for \$500.

Nortex also shows appreciation to four dedicated employees by supporting their families in awarding their graduates a \$500 scholarship as well. These recipients in-

clude: Kaitlyn Lanier of Saint. Jo ISD, Brady Endres of Sacred Heart, Trey Auerle and Brianna Rohmer of Muenster ISD. These students have chosen career paths ranging from business to education to engineering and even firefighter academy!

Nortex has always maintained that community in-

volvement and the advancement of its youth has been an important objective for the company. "Nortex is very happy to be a part of these students' future," said Alvin Fuhrman, president and CEO of Nortex Communications. "Congratulations seniors, and best wishes in the future!"

Those who follow the crowd are quickly lost in it.

Math stars recognized by Lutkenhaus

Another school year is ending at Muenster High School and many students are being recognized for their accomplishments. Outstanding students in Carolyn Lutkenhaus' math classes were treated to a spaghetti lunch on Tuesday. Students invited to attend were Dalton Bartel, Morgan Eldridge, Travis Dangelmayr, Alaina Kubis, Stone Lamar, Erin Schniederjan, Clay Stevens, Andrew Stoffels, Dean Walterscheid, and Sterling Walterscheid.

Students were encouraged to excel in math through the posting of "Math Stars"

with student names on the wall. The stars were awarded each six weeks to those with a 90 or above average, or to those who had raised their average five or more points. Forty-three students accomplished this, some every six weeks. Following are students and their number of stars. Six stars: Erin Schniederjan, Clay Stevens, Sterling Walterscheid, and Morgan Eldridge. Five stars: Amy Luttmer. Four stars: Travis Dangelmayr, Andrew Stoffels, and Dean Walterscheid. Three stars: Alaina Kubis, Haiden Shook, and Dalton Bartel. Two stars:

Kyle Grewing, Devon Hacker, McKenna Proffer, Natalie Dangelmayr, Max Herr, Katie Kresge, Stone Lamar, and John Weger. One star: Natalie Fangman, Sarah Hickman, Corwin Lang, Bailey Anderle, Kaden Fields, Zoe Klement, Megan Rohmer, Maddie Burnett, Dylan Gressett, Blake Hoepfner, Blayne Jones, Luke Markwardt, Carson Cheaney, Colton Dangelmayr, Bailey McCoy, Brooke Smiley, Seth Flusche, Brandon Sicking, Lee Ann West, Brennan Binder, Devon Brinkley, Bryce Herr, and Macie Pangel.



MISD photo

Math star recipients included, from left, Stone Lamar, Andrew Stoffels, Clay Stevens, Erin Schniederjan, Sterling Walterscheid, Dalton Bartel, Alaina Kubis, Dean Walterscheid, Travis Dangelmayr, and Morgan Eldridge.



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stated, "Find yourself, and remain yourself until the day you die. You won't make it any other way. In the words of Kurt Cobain, 'Wanting to be someone else is a waste of who you are.'"

Valedictorian Tara Gunnels was introduced by Rachel Hare.

Tara thanked her parents for helping them get to where they are, and their teachers and faculty for all of their hard work over the many years at Muenster ISD.

Examples were given by Tara of the class and the lessons they learned. One was of their obsession with food. When they stopped at places to eat, even though they were all focused on food, they noticed when some in the group did not have money to purchase food and shared with them, thus learning to help others in need.

Another was self confidence gained through class meetings. She told of decision making at first being left up to the girls. In their junior year, the boys began to participate and voice their opinions, usually the opposite of what the girls wanted.

Tara concluded, "I hope we may always remember to be giving, to fight for what we believe, to stay chill and respect each other, and to persevere through the difficult times. Also, remember a bit of what we learned each day in elementary and adapt it.... So have great future, or not, the choice is yours."

Principal York then introduced guest speaker Ralph Gourley, pastor of Muenster First Baptist Church. Rev. Gourley attended Park College where he earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Psychology in 1994. He went on to receive his Master of Arts Degree in Counseling in 1996 through Chapman University and is currently studying towards a Master's of Divinity through Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Gorley served for the U.S. Air Force from 1989-93 as the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician. He served during operation Desert Storm and Desert Shield. He worked as a psychiatric tech for the Palo Verde Mental Health Services in Tucson, and served as a counselor for the Arizona Baptist Children's Services. During this time, he was a program coordinator for the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Family Support Center, and served as the coordinator of the Adoption and Foster Care Program for the Arizona Baptist Children's Services.

Gourley told the Class of 2015 that graduation, "Is a milestone and rite of passage that says you are now an adult and have different responsibilities and expectations on you. You are here tonight to close a chapter in your life and begin writing the new ones. As you prepare for your life experiences to be the pen that inscribes the next chapters on the pages in the book of your life, let me offer you three encouragements and challenges."

He urged them to follow proven truth. "You must find proven truth and when you find it, follow it," advised Rev. Gourley. "My challenge is this, when you think you have found it, challenge it and make it prove itself enduring... When you find truth and order your life around it, then you will know perfect peace, contentment, and success."

He told the graduates to be lifelong learners. He remarked, "Find a wise mentor and seek counsel and guidance. Be a lifelong learner, read, observe, take classes, and if all else fails Google. Never ever tire of learning, it will make you and those around you better."

Finally, he encouraged them to be good citizens, to use their voice by making time to vote and doing so with an informed and prepared vote. He urged them "Give your time, give your resources, make where you 'hang your hat' better because you are there or have been there. Serve your city, county, state, and country."

Counselor Kristi Schneider conducted the presentation of awards. Principal York and Mel Walterscheid, president of the MISD Board of Trustees, presented diplomas.

Superintendent Steven Self then gave the official presentation of the Class of 2015.

Mikaela Lamar closed the evening with benediction

and the newly graduated class processed out to "Pomp and Circumstance."

Scholarships, grants, and future plans

Trey Anderle - participant in Texoma Regional Blood Center's Red Cord Honors Program; MISD Dual Credit \$210; NCTC Leo and Mabel Scott Dual Credit \$294; Nortex Communications Employee Appreciation Scholarship (Sch.) \$500; Kasey Allin Hacker Memorial Sch. \$750; Zachary Swirczynski Memorial Sch. \$545.00. Total - \$2,299. Plans to attend Collin County to pursue fire academy.

Kevin Barnes - MISD Dual Credit \$140.

Emily Brogdon - Leo and Mabel Scott Dual Credit \$294; MISD Dual Credit \$140; NCTC Mary Josephine Cox Sch. (MJC) \$200; NCTC David & LouAnn Spaeth Academic Sch. \$600. Total - \$1,234. Will attend NCTC.

Trevor Cheaney - participant in Red Cord Honors Program; Leo and Mabel Scott Dual Credit \$294; MISD Dual Credit \$210. Trevor was offered the Texas Complete Showcase Post Graduation Academy Academic Sch. for \$7,000. Total - \$7,504. He will be continuing his baseball career with NCTC next fall.

Lyndon Cook - participant in Red Cord Honors Program; Leo and Mabel Scott Dual Credit \$294; MISD Dual Credit \$280; St. Edwards Uni. Presidential Sch. \$20,000 per year for 4 years \$80,000; St. Edwards Uni. Athletic Sch. \$38,000 per year for 4 years \$153,000. Total - \$233,574. Will attend St. Edward's University.

Kassie Dangelmayr - participant in Red Cord Honors Program; Leo and Mabel Scott Dual Credit \$294; MISD Dual Credit \$350; MJC \$200; Cooke County Youth Fair Missy Dangelmayr Sch. \$500; Rednecks With Paychecks Sch. \$500; Muenster Kiwanis Club Sch. \$500; Muenster Knights of Columbus Sch. \$500; Edgar Dyer Memorial Sch. \$500; NCTC Lois Boaz Sch. \$600; Texas State Court of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Memorial Sch. \$750; Sacred Heart Pastor's Sch. \$1,000; Muenster Jaycees and the Claude Klement Memorial Sch. \$1,000. Total - \$6,694. To pursue nursing at NCTC.

Abigail Flaming - participant in Red Cord Honors Program; Leo and Mabel Scott Dual Credit \$294; MISD Dual Credit \$210; MJC \$200; NCTC Sallie Bass Sch. \$600; Cooke County Cooperative Sch. \$1,000; Marysville Baptist Church Sch. \$6,000. Total - \$8,304. Will attend NCTC.

Morgan Flusche - participant in Red Cord Honors Program; Leo and Mabel Scott Dual Credit \$294; MISD Dual Credit \$350; MJC \$200; Lois Boaz Sch. \$600. Total - \$1,444. Will attend NCTC.

JT Gregg - MISD Dual Credit \$280; Forestburg United Women \$200; Forestburg United Methodist Church \$300. Total - \$780. Plans to attend A&M.

Caroline Gressett - participant in the Red Cord Honors Program; Leo and Mabel Scott Dual Credit \$294; MISD Dual Credit \$210; Muenster High School NHS Sch. \$500; Gainesville Soroptimist Club Elizabeth Graham Award \$500; Muenster PTO Sch. \$1,000; Muenster Kiwanis Club Sch. \$1,000; Fort Worth Scottish Rite Sch. \$1,000; Texas Tech Uni. Presidential Sch. \$3000 for 4 years \$12,000. Total - \$16,504. She will attend Texas Tech.

Tara Gunnels - UIL Scholar Award for Excellence in Academic Competitions; Leo and Mabel Scott Dual Credit \$294; MISD Dual Credit \$280; Gene H Fuhrman Sch. \$500; Cooke County Cooperative Youth Tour Essay Contest \$1,000; Missy Dangelmayr Memorial Sch. \$1,500; Federal Work Study \$2,650; Federal Pell Grant \$3,025; Tuition Equalization Grant \$3,364; Baylor Need Based Sch. \$7,770; State of Texas Valedictorian Certificate valued at the first year's tuition at a public university \$9,000; offered John C Stevens Award at Abilene Christian Uni. for \$48,000; accepted the President's Gold Sch. from Baylor Uni. for \$58,000. Total - \$135,383. Plans to attend Baylor.

Rachel Hare - UIL Scholar Award for Excellence in Academic Competitions; Leo and Mabel Scott Dual Credit \$294; MISD Dual Credit \$280; Saint Jo Rodeo Sch. \$250; Law Office of Jim Robertson Sch. \$500; First State Bank Sch. \$500; Marysville Baptist Church Sch. \$6,000; Hardin Simmons University matching sch. \$6,000; Hardin Simmons Uni. President's Scholarship of \$12,000 for 4 years of \$48,000. Total - \$61,824. Plans to attend Hardin Simmons.



Courtesy photos

Above - caps fly after the Muenster High graduation ceremony; below left - Morgan Flusche, Abigail Flaming, and Kassie Dangelmayr exit; right - Chance Herr and Trey Anderle celebrate.



Brandon Hennigan - MJC \$200; NCTC Norman Luke Sch. \$600. Total - \$800. Will attend NCTC.

Chance Herr - Leo and Mabel Scott Dual Credit \$294; MISD Dual Credit \$280; Law Office of Jim Robertson Sch. \$500; Tank & Nancy Nelson Chicken Express Sch. \$250; Clayton Fangman Memorial Sch. provided by the Lindsay Community \$500; Ford Driving Dreams provided by Karl Klement Ford and Ford Motor Company \$2,000; Texas Tech Uni. Resident Grant \$3,000; TELACU Education Sch. of \$5,000 renewable for 4 years \$20,000. Total - \$26,824. Will attend Texas Tech.

Jeremy Hess - enlisted with the U.S. Army and will receive 100% tuition assistance and the Post 9/11 GI Bill while on active duty to \$72,000; qualifies for the Texas Hazelwood Act where once he is honorably discharged the State of Texas will pay for up to 150 semester hours of credit at any public university in Texas today worth \$45,000. Total - \$117,000.

Ryan Hoepfner - Leo and Mabel Scott Dual Credit \$294; MISD Dual Credit \$140; Clayton Fangman Memorial Sch. provided by the Muenster Community \$1,000; Deer Breeders Cooperative Sch. \$1,200. Total - \$2,634. Will attend Blinn.

Tressa Jones - John Spencer Frederick Jr. Memorial Sch. \$100. Plans to attend NCTC/Vernon.

Mikaela Lamar - Leo and Mabel Scott Dual Credit \$294; MISD Dual Credit \$280; Elm Creek Manor Employee Sch. \$100; Cooke County Cooperative Sch. \$1,000. Mikaela will be attending Stephen F. Austin University and receiving the Early Admissions Sch. for \$250 and the SFA Academic Sch. of \$1500 for 6 years \$12,000. Total - \$13,924.

Makayla Mosier - Leo and Mabel Scott Dual Credit \$294; MISD Dual Credit \$280; LB Bruns Memorial Sch. \$250; Muenster High School

Band Boosters Sch. \$250; Muenster State Bank Sch. \$750; Uni. of North Carolina Wilmington tuition offset grant for \$1,200. Total - \$3,024. Will attend Uni. North Carolina Wilmington.

Collin Pagel Collin - participant in Red Cord Honors Program; Leo and Mabel Scott Dual Credit \$294; MISD Dual Credit \$210; Law Office of Jim Robertson Sch. \$500; MJC \$200; Norman Luke Sch. \$600. Total - \$1,804. Will attend NCTC.

Kristen Reiter - participant in Red Cord Honors Program; Leo and Mabel Scott Dual Credit \$294; MISD Dual Credit \$280; Muenster Memorial Hospital David Bright Memorial Sch. \$2,000; Midwestern State Uni. Merit Sch. \$1,000; Midwestern State Uni. Gold Grant \$3,500. Total - \$7,074. Will attend MSU.

Noel Rodriguez - NCTC Tuition Waiver \$440; MJC \$200; NCTC Parker Jones Academic Sch. \$600; Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant \$400; Federal Work Study \$4,800; Federal Pell Grant \$5,767. Total - \$12,207. Will

attend NCTC.

Brianna Rohmer - Nortex Communications Employee Appreciation Sch. \$500. Will attend Blinn.

Zach Stalder - Leo and Mabel Scott Dual Credit \$294; MISD Dual Credit \$210; MJC \$200; Maggie Fisher and Stephanie Huchton Sch. \$600. Total - \$1,304. Plans to attend NCTC.

Zayne Styles - John Spencer Frederick, Jr. Memorial Sch. \$100. Will attend NCTC Machining.

Georgia Taylor Saavedra - UIL Scholar Award for Excellence in Academic Competitions; MISD Dual Credit \$70; several offers of scholarship... Uni. of Arizona \$40,000 per year for \$160,000, Arizona State Uni. \$25,000 per year for \$100,000, Uni. of New Mexico \$30,000 per year for \$120,000. Georgia has decided to stay in Texas and has accepted the Uni. of Texas Presidential Sch. for \$5000 per year at \$20,000; the UT Hutchinson International Sch. \$4,000; Federal Pell Grant at \$5,775 per year at \$23,100; and a state sch. for \$5000 per year for \$20,000. Total

- \$67,100.

Zach Trubenbach - participant in Red Cord Honors Program; Leo and Mabel Scott Dual Credit \$294; MISD Dual Credit \$280; Cooke County Cooperative Sch. \$1,000; Uni. of North Texas renewable Norman and Evelyn Luke Sch. of \$1,250 for 4 years at \$5,000. Total - \$6,574. Plans to attend UNT.

Lora Walterscheid - participant in Red Cord Honors Program; Leo and Mabel Scott Dual Credit \$294; MISD Dual Credit \$280; Muenster High School Band Booster Sch. \$250; Elm Creek Manor Sch. \$300; Muenster Knights of Columbus Sch. \$500; Sacred Heart Pastor's Sch. \$500; MJC \$200; Muenster State Bank Sch. \$600. Total - \$2,924. Plans to attend NCTC.

Nathan Walterscheid - MJC \$200; NCTC Carl Zimmerer Sch. \$600. Total \$800. Will attend NCTC.

Jaycie York - participant in Red Cord Honors Program; Leo and Mabel Scott Dual Credit \$294; MISD Dual Credit \$280. Total - \$574. Will attend Texas Tech.

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SPORTS

Hornets named to All-District team

Muenster's baseball season sunk by one point losses to Pirates

The Muenster Hornets advanced to the Semi-Regional round of the 2A baseball playoffs and met the Crawford Pirates last week. Game one started in Bowie Thursday evening. The score was 6-3 Muenster in the bottom of the 3rd when

the game was called due to rain. The game resumed at noon on Friday in Glen Rose. The Hornets strengthened their lead with a run in the 5th inning, but gave up 4 in the 6th for a tied ball game. Crawford scored the winning run in the 7th for the final

8-7 Hornet loss. Clay Stevens, Brennan Binder, and Trevor Cheaney each scored 2 runs. CT Trubenbach and Carson Cheaney were both 1 for 3.

Trevor Cheaney pitched the first 3 innings on Thursday, giving up 3 runs on 3 hits, 4 walks, and striking out 4 batters. Seth Flusche pitched on Friday for 2 2/3 innings. He gave up 4 runs on 6 hits. Sawyer Sanders pitched the final 1 1/3 inning, giving up 1 run.

Game two Saturday was also played at Glen Rose. Crawford scored first in the 2nd inning, with Muenster tying the game 1-1 in the 6th. The Pirates won the series 2 games to 0 with a run in the 7th. Crawford will advance to the Regional Finals and play Reisel, the team that knocked Lindsay out of the playoffs.

Binder pitched 6 2/3 innings, giving up only 1 earned run on 5 hits, 2 walks, and 2 strike outs. Blayne Jones was 1 for 2 at the plate, with a run scored and a stolen base. Binder was 1 for 3 at the plate.

The Hornets ended the season with a 22-6 record and as Regional Semi-Finalist Champions.

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Sammy Saucer, M
Clay Stevens, M
Carson Trubenbach, M
 Doug Case, L
 James Fuller, L
 Brandon Worth, L
Key: M - Muenster, L - Lindsay, C - Collinsville, SR - Sam Rayburn, S - Savoy, E - Ector, B - Bells, VV - Valley View, T - Tioga

RWP will be cruisin' in Muenster June 27

Rednecks with Paychecks (RWP) Outreach will be Cruisin' For a Cause with an 80 mile poker run on Saturday, June 27.

The event will start and end at the Muenster City Park. The ride starts at 11:30 a.m. Poker run stops include Turtle Hill Golf Course, Blue Ostrich Winery, Weinhof Winery, Lazy Heart Grill, and Horton Classic Car Museum. Entry fee is \$20 per vehicle.

After the Run there will be a Cruisers, Crawlers, and Scooters Car Show in the Park. Also swimming, sand volleyball, corn hole and washer tournaments, a raffle, and food and drink vendors.

Live music entertainment will be performed by Billy Hogan and the Clear Creek Band, Tanner Fenoglio, and The Mullet Boyz.

Proceeds from the Cause will benefit Children's Medical Center and Montague County Child Welfare Board.

Admittance to this event is \$10 for adults and \$5 for 12 and under. No coolers will be allowed in the Park.



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Muenster Hornet Blayne Jones completes a double play against Crawford.

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CORRECTION!

Muenster Hornet Lyndon Cook was mistakenly named leading basketball scorer in Muenster Hornet history. Cook's total points of over 1900 included his years in Lindsay. In his two years at Muenster, Lyndon scored 647 and 620 points, for a total of 1267.

Brian Hess, a 1988 Muenster graduate, scored more than 1400 points in his years as a Hornet.

1st Team Middle Infield
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 Dalton Russell, SR
1st Team 1st Base
 James Fuller, L
1st Team 3rd Base
 Andy Dieter, L
1st Team Outfield
Chase Deeken, M
Trace Klement, M
 Alex Cole, C
1st Team Catcher
 Trent Jones, E
 Seth Stephens, SR
1st Team Pitchers
Brennan Binder, M
 Klayton Keeton, SR
1st Team Utility
Carson Trubenbach, M
 Sam Jenkins, C
2nd Team Middle Infield
 Tyler Vance, B
 Trevor Crane, SR
 Ian Ryon, S
 Rusty Shell, VV
2nd Team 1st Base
Sawyer Sanders, M
2nd Team 3rd Base
 Colton Lester, SR
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2nd Team Outfield
 Doug Case, L
 Kent Sanders, SR
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Carson Cheaney, M
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The TPW Commission in 2009 adopted a daily bag limit of one alligator gar per person to protect adult fish, allow limited harvest, and ensure population stability.

Facts about the Alligator Gar

Description

Gars are easily distinguished from other freshwater species by their long, slender, cylindrical bodies, long snouts, and diamond-shaped interlocking (ganoid) scales. The tail fin is rounded. Dorsal and anal fins are placed well back on the body and nearly opposite each other. Alligator gar is the largest of the gar species. It can grow up to 8 feet long and weigh more than 300 pounds. Adults have two rows of large teeth on either side of the upper jaw. Coloration is generally brown or olive above and lighter underneath. The species name spatula is Latin for "spoon," referring to the creature's broad snout.

Life history

Alligator gar can live for many decades. They grow very fast when young, but growth slows with age. In general, for every additional foot the fish grows, its age doubles. A 3-foot gar is typically about 2.5 years old; a 4-foot gar about 5, and a 7-foot trophy catch might be 40 years old. Alligator gar are slow to mature; they usually don't spawn until they are about 10 years old. Spawning typically takes place in shallow areas of flooded vegetation when springtime water temperatures exceed 68 degrees. In Texas, this generally occurs in April and May. Eggs hatch within a couple of days. Young fish feed on larval fishes and insects. Adults will eat whatever they can catch, consuming primarily fish, but occasionally taking birds, mammals and other animals.

Distribution

In Texas, alligator gar may be found in large rivers and reservoirs, as well as in coastal bays. Recent surveys indicate the species is declining or has disappeared in many areas of the southeastern United States. Texas populations are still strong.

Threats and reasons for decline

Good conditions for spawning don't happen every year, and there may be years when alligator gar produce few if any offspring. The long life span of this species has no doubt enabled it to survive periods of drought and low river flows; however, it also means that populations could take decades to recover from effects of over fishing.

Other

The Texas state record is 302 pounds, caught on a trotline in 1953. Bow fishers and rod and reel anglers have landed several specimens in excess of 200 pounds. Historically considered a "rough fish," the alligator gar has recently gained popularity as a sport fish, attracting national and international attention after being featured on several television shows. Texas has one of the best remaining fisheries for this unusual freshwater fish.

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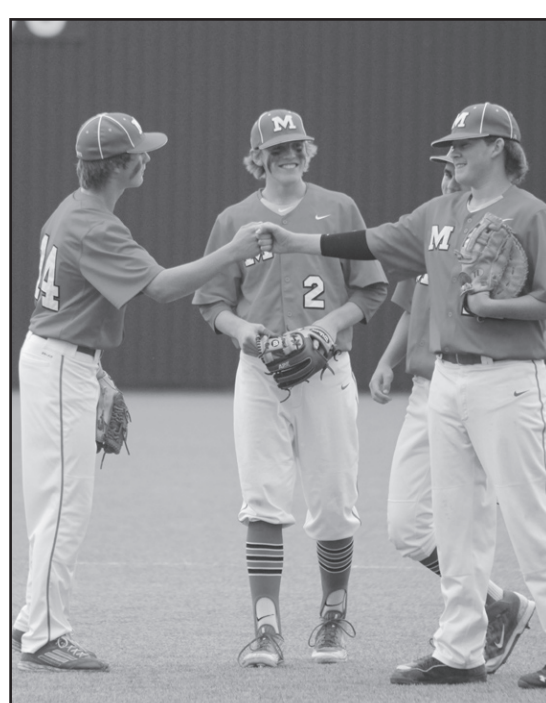
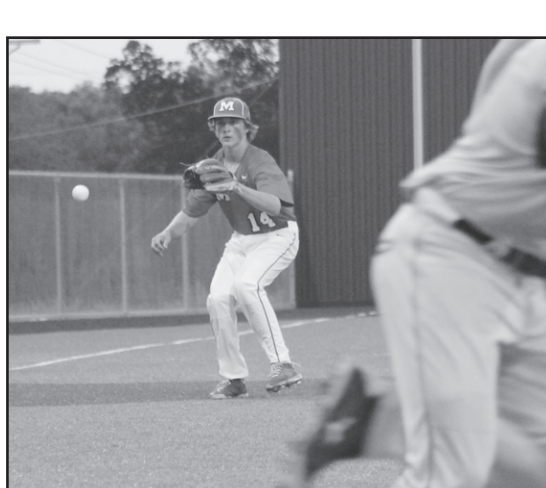
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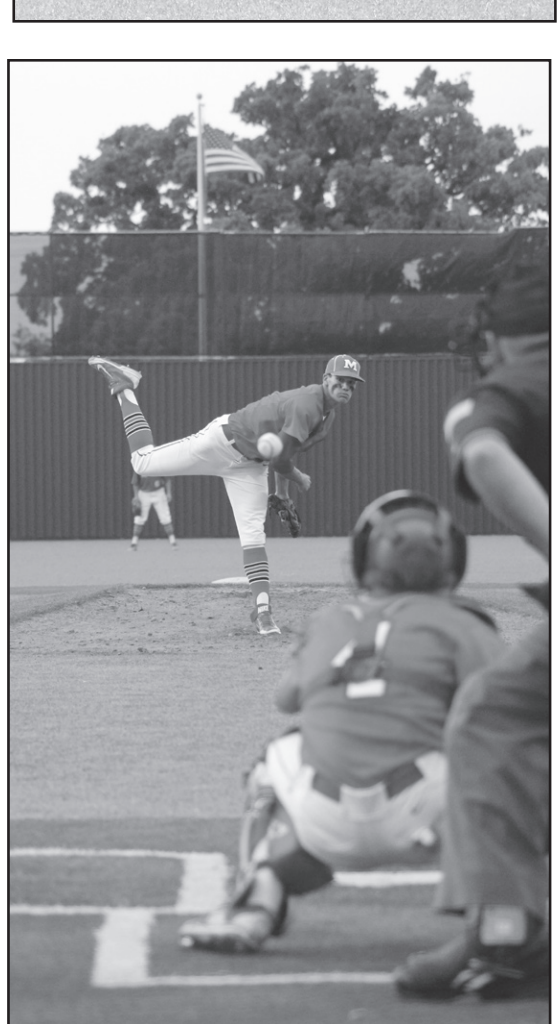
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LEGAL NOTICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
 The City of Muenster is seeking sealed proposals from Bonded Paving Contractors to do major street repairs. The project will include paving entire City blocks as well as repairing smaller areas throughout town. There will be some base work required including removal of old base and adding new base. There will be some mixing of existing asphalt with new asphalt materials and finally covering with 2 inches of new surface Hot Mix Asphalt. The exact amount of street to be repaired hasn't been determined yet. Any other needed information can be obtained from Muenster City Administrator, Stan Endres (940-759-2236). Sealed Bids must be received at City Hall 400 N. Main, PO BOX 208, Muenster, TX 76252 by 5:00 pm on June 26, 2015. Bids will be opened Monday June 29 at City Hall.
 6.5-2

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
 CV15-00026
 STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF COOKE
 TO: ORALIA MUNOZ
"YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. YOU MAY EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY. IF YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER WITH THE CLERK WHO ISSUED THIS CITATION BY 10:00 A.M. ON THE MONDAY NEXT FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF 20 DAYS AFTER YOU WERE SERVED THIS CITATION AND PETITION, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU."
 The Original Petition for Divorce of RAMON BUSTOS, Petitioner, was filed in the 235th JUDICIAL DISTRICT of Cooke County, Texas on January 22nd, 2015 against ORALIA MUNOZ, Respondent, in cause numbered CV15-00026 and entitled "IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF RAMON BUSTOS and ORALIA MUNOZ" The suit requests:
PETITION FOR DIVORCE
"THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS SUIT TO ENTER ANY JUDGMENT OR DECREE DISSOLVING THE MARRIAGE & PROVIDING FOR THE PROPERTY WHICH WILL BE BINDING ON YOU" ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of said Court in GAINESVILLE, Texas, the May 27th, 2015.
 SUSAN HUGHES, DISTRICT CLERK
 235TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT 101 SOUTH DIXON, ROOM 207 GAINESVILLE, TEXAS 76240
 /s/ Janice Brewer Deputy Clerk
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Guardianship for the Person and Estate of Joseph Bohl, An Incapacitated Person, were issued on May 26, 2015, in Cause No. G15-00159, pending in the County Court-at-Law Cooke County, Texas, to: Gregory Bohl.
 The residence of the Guardian is Muenster, Cooke County, TX; the post office address is:
c/o: WM. B. SULLIVANT Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1517 Gainesville, Texas 76241
 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
DATED the 27 day of May, 2015.
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 Wm. B. Sullivant Attorney for the Estate
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FARM & RANCH

WOTUS rule troubles Texas farmers & ranchers

A final rule by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would expand its authority under the Clean Water Act and could leave Texas agriculture mired in regulation, according to a Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) news release.

TFB President Russell Boening said the state's largest farm organization is still

analyzing the 88-page rule, released May 27.

"Texas farmers and ranchers are clearly troubled," Boening said. "An initial examination of the rule shows that under broad interpretations, EPA can still subject most anything—including farm ponds, ditches, and fields—as Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS). This could allow

EPA to virtually dictate land-use decisions and farming practices."

Farmers' and ranchers' ability to remain in production often depends on being able to use farming practices that would be prohibited if EPA denies a permit for them. Activities such as fertilizer and pesticide applications could be affected.

Those concerns were expressed by thousands of farmers and ranchers across the nation during the comment period on the proposed rule. More than 1,200 comments were sent to the EPA from TFB members alone.

"It looks as if our concerns may have fallen on deaf ears. It seems that agriculture is back to square one when you consider the potential impact for farmers and ranchers," Boening said. "We already have safeguards to protect our water resources. We don't need EPA to pile on more."

He said agriculture is still supporting legislation in the Senate that would stop EPA from implementing the rule. "The House has passed similar legislation. The Supreme Court has ruled twice against EPA's expansion of the Clean Water Act," Boening said. "Yet, in a classic example of regulatory overreach, EPA continues to muddy the water on this very important issue."



Area grain fields have enjoyed the past several days of sunshine, but more days without rain are needed before farmers may be able to harvest their crops.

TFB supports COOL repeal for beef, pork & poultry

Legislation that would save U.S. agricultural exports from punitive trade retaliation has received support from Texas' largest farm organization, according to Texas Farm Bureau (TFB).

The TFB Board of Directors voted unanimously May 21 to support HR 2393 by House Agriculture Committee Chairman and Texas

Congressman Mike Conaway. That legislation seeks to avoid economic retaliation from Canada and Mexico by repealing the beef, pork, and poultry requirements of the mandatory Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) law.

"Chairman Conaway's legislation is a good fix," said TFB President Russell Boening. "It simply removes the offending provisions on beef, pork, and poultry. Problem solved."

Country of origin labels say where livestock are born, raised, and slaughtered. Conaway's legislation focuses on a World Trade Organization (WTO) dispute brought by Canada and Mexico.

WTO dispute settlement panels have repeatedly found that U.S. COOL regulations violate WTO rules by unfairly discriminating against imported meat products. Canada and Mexico have threatened to impose retaliation

tariffs on a wide range of U.S. food products if the U.S. does not bring the measure into compliance of WTO rules.

"Even though we supported COOL in the past, we can't sit by and allow a now-tainted provision—that has offered little measurable benefit to producers—threaten other commodities grown by Texas farmers and ranchers," Boening said.

"If the provisions are not repealed, Texas producers will be hit hard," he added. "Retaliation would also target a number of other agricultural products grown throughout the state and nation."

Some experts say marketing demands for COOL could be met under a voluntary program administered by USDA. Conaway's bill, recently passed by the House Agriculture Committee, is also supported by the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Texas ranks top in U.S. cattle inventory

All cattle and calves in the United States as of Jan. 1, totaled 89.8 million head, 1% above the 88.5 million as of Jan. 1, 2014, according to *Drovers CattleNetwork*.

Prior to 2014, the U.S. cattle inventory had not been under 90 million head for 60 plus years (since 1952). The U.S. cattle inventory was greater than 100 million head as recently as 1997.

Texas has the most cattle in the United States followed by Nebraska and Kansas. The cattle inventory in Texas is 11.8 million head, roughly 13% of all the cattle in the United States. Nebraska has 6.3 million head of cattle, slightly more than Kansas at 6 million head.

Texas has 369 times as many cattle as Rhode Island, Alaska, and Delaware combined.

Sustainability should not be incorporated in dietary guidelines

While farmers and ranchers strongly support work on agricultural sustainability, there is no scientific basis for incorporating sustainability concepts in federal dietary guidelines, according to the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF).

In comments regarding the scientific report of the 2015 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee, AFBF noted the government's dietary guidelines strongly influence policy development, program administration and delivery, and the educational message directed toward American consumers with respect to food and nutrition issues. That makes it imperative that the Health and Human Services Department (HHS) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) base the guidelines on well-established, widely accepted scientific evidence.

"Unfortunately, the scientific report of the advisory

committee goes well beyond its designated scope of work, delivering a report that strongly suggests the committee would base dietary guidelines on more than health and nutrition considerations. The report includes an extensive section on the topic of sustainability, citing a need 'to have alignment and consistency in dietary guidance that promotes both health and sustainability,'" Farm Bureau said, quoting directly from the report.

Not only is the concept of sustainability too vague to merit inclusion in the work of a committee that has explicitly been directed to be concerned with the concrete issues of human nutrition, the committee's reliance on highly flawed reports and research—like the United Nations' 2006 report, *Livestock's Long Shadow*—is not a sound basis for a fair and objective discussion of the issue.

U.S. sorghum exports on the rise

According to the U.S. Grains Council, sorghum is the world's fifth-largest grain by output, reports *Southwest Farm Press*.

Sorghum's growing popularity is due to in part that grain sorghum is relatively inexpensive to plant, drought-tolerant, and global demand is growing.

China's farmers are using sorghum as a hog and chicken feed. China also uses grain sorghum in the production of a whiskey-like liquor called baijiu, a traditional drink often referred to as Chinese moonshine.

Baijiu, in fact, is the most consumed alcoholic beverage in the modern world. It's so popular that even a Texas-based distiller is making baijiu to sell to the growing number of Chinese nationals living in the United States.

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