

Hamric honored by Montague ISD

Dan Hamric was named to the Montague ISD Wall of Honor during the Montague ISD Junior High Awards Banquet held on Tuesday, May 19. The late Hamric served as superintendent of Montague ISD from 1986-96. He was a Muenster resident.

Montague ISD Superintendent Curtis Eldridge announced the honor for Hamric. He said, "When you talk with folks about Dan, the first subject to enter the conversation is school. He loved working in the education field no matter the position or grade level and always put forth remarkable effort toward helping students. Montague ISD is honored name Mr. Dan Hamric as the newest member of the Wall of Honor."

Eldridge said that during Hamric's career at Montague ISD, he is noted as being the originator of the North Texas Interscholastic League (NTIL). The NTIL, as it is known, is a district comprised of area schools comparable in size allowing for quality competition in athletic and academic events. A unique aspect of the NTIL is that it is made up of both public and private schools including Sacred Heart,

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Janie Hartman photo

Better late than never - Area farmers took full advantage of no rain and lots of sunshine that dried up most fields and pastures after weeks of record-setting rainfall. Harvested grain fields, rows of cut forage, and newly baled hay can be seen all around Muenster. Above, Brad Davis cuts a field northwest of town for his grandfather Victor Sicking.



Courtesy photo

Fay Hamric accepts award on behalf of her late husband Dan Hamric as it is presented by Montague ISD Superintendent Curtis Eldridge.

Disaster Declaration continued

Janet Felderhoff
News Editor

Cooke County Emergency Management Coordinator Ray Fletcher gave an update on damages from the recent rains at the June 8 meeting of Cooke County Commissioners Court. He said that there are now 94 counties in Texas that have requested or declared their own disasters. Cooke County was one of the original seven that requested and approved.

"As we continue to evaluate the damage throughout the County, we continue to find more and more damages," said Fletcher. "Paved roads, especially, are starting to show some underlying here and there that you might not have noticed before. The smaller communities, Valley View, Lindsay, Muenster, and Oak Ridge, have all noted road damage or infrastructure damage. In Lindsay, the sewer water treatment plant and park all sustained a pretty good amount of erosion that they are going to have to deal with. Especially the sewer water treatment plant."

An estimate of damages throughout the County that includes the smaller communities and County road and bridge infrastructures total around \$8 million said Fletcher. Another consequence of the extreme amount of rain is an abundance of mosquitoes. Fletcher stated that they are hoping to get the word out to people to protect themselves

from them. Although there is a limited amount of things that can be done, Fletcher reminds everyone to reduce the exposure to mosquitoes by emptying or draining standing water (where the eggs hatch) and protecting themselves by not going outdoors at dusk and dawn and dressing appropriately.

Fletcher encouraged everyone to keep assessing damages, keep track of costs, make photos and videos of the damages. "At some point, FEMA will come back in with a team for public assistance along with individuals from the state," Fletcher continued. "They will go out and reassess all the damages to that point, costs associated with immediate actions. We'll be moving through what is going to be a long process."

County Judge Jason Brinkley said the storms had passed as far as the weather was concerned and felt that perhaps there was no need to continue the County's Disaster Declaration. "I think it is important to note that the recovery process will take years to fully recover," he said.

Commissioner Gary Hollowell stated his concern that if the Disaster Declaration were stopped, the County could not get gravel from any vendor from which it is available. They would go back to having to stay to the approved bid vendors and may not be able to get the much needed gravel.

"Precinct #4 is still in Disaster mode," noted Commissioner Leon Klement. He said that there are many big holes in the roads. He is hesitant to fix them because FEMA is coming back to assess damages.

Precinct #3 Commissioner Al Smith added that he still has roads that are closed because lakes are flooding over their overflow and the water is coming down creeks, and low water crossing are still under water. Smith warned, "If we get another rain in the next 30 days of any significance at all, the lakes will rise and we will have more of the same occurring. Until I see some clearance of the flood water that's in these lakes, I think we are still in a disaster."

Klement said that the bank on the creek by CR 416 is still collapsing. He thought it would stop at the tree line, but the trees are now falling into the creek.

All members of the Court agreed to take no action and to let the County's Disaster Declaration continue.

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County earns unqualified audit report

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Ryan Rueel, senior auditor with Pattillo, Brown, & Hill, presented audit results at the June 8 regular meeting of Cooke County Commissioners Court. He reported that the County had received an unqualified opinion. This is a clean audit and the opinion that you want to receive, he said.

Commissioner Al Smith asked about the County maintaining an unassigned general fund balance of at least 25% of budgeted expenditures. He asked where the goal came from and if it were voted on. He felt that if it was not voted on perhaps it should be.

County Auditor Shelly Atteberry noted that the 25% is

typical of most entities because taxes do not really start coming in until after October, November, and December. It is a normal governmental standard, she said.

Smith said that as they looked at a number of things, the Court might decide that the 25% was less than they should be keeping in reserve. He said he felt that 25% was woefully short of what should be kept now.

County Judge Jason Brinkley said he was all for addressing that issue in the coming months.

Commissioner Leon Klement referred to a recently acquired responsibility given to counties by the government and wondered how to plan for that. Upkeep of detention dams on conservation lakes is now that of the counties.

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Team trains in Muenster for mission work

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News Editor

Drawn from places across the United States and beyond, a group of young men and women felt the call to do mission work. They spent the week of May 17 to 25 in Muenster training for a summer of mission work in which they would lead younger people on mission trips.

The group stayed with Laverne Nasche and her son and daughter-in-law Steven and Katie. Daily training sessions took place at Turtle Hill Conference Center. They began their days with Mass at Sacred Heart Church and ended them enjoying an evening meal and the hospitality of local families.

Catholic Mission Trips, Inc. (CMT), helps faithful Catholics fulfill their call to serve the poor. CMT originated 15 years ago. Inspired by Blessed Mother Theresa and St. Pope John Paul II, Steve Nasche, who was then a youth director for a Catholic parish, wanted to do a

mission trip to let American youth experience the culture and spirituality of Mexico, as well as assist the people by building homes, chapels, and schools.

CMT has since grown into a full service ministry that leads mission trips for young people all over the world.

Steve remarked, "Since I began Catholic Mission Trips, we have surpassed 100 mission trips for church groups in over seven different countries and eight different U.S. locations. We have had over 3,000 participants on our mission trips."

CMT's international trips have gone to Belize, Honduras, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Costa Rica, Cameroon, and India. Some of their domestic destinations are Moore, OK, Joplin, MO, New Orleans, Harlan, KY, San Juan, TX, Laredo, Eagle Pass, and Zuni, NM.

"We typically lead about 20 mission trips a year. Projects include building homes, schools, churches, renovating homes, disaster clean up,

and working with and for the people with the greatest needs," Nasche said.

Most of those present at the local training session were college students or recent college graduates. All felt a calling to help others and chose this avenue to respond to that call.

Nicole Wynn of Atlanta, GA said, "I have been inspired by Jesus. He called me to share my inspiration with others."

Emily Kelly of Tri-Cities, WA commented, "I came here because I am inspired and gifted by the Holy Spirit to help those in need - and I had a life-changing experience last summer with CMT."

Amy Langford of Tokyo, Japan remarked, "To be servants of God and do His will through Christ's inspiration and mission." She has been living outside of the United States in England and Japan since 2009. She converted to Catholicism at age 10 and said that she has been loving her faith and spiritual experience ever since.

Jennifer Orson of Greenville, SC said, "Helping our nation and our world was once something I didn't think I could do. Being a part of

CMT shows that I can make a difference and I can spread the good word."

What does this week of training consist of? Stephen Kruzik of Lancaster, PA

said, "Our training is mainly to prepare us to be a conduit between Jesus Christ and His spirit and the teens who are going to be on the trips"

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Janet Felderhoff photo

Catholic Mission Trip missionaries in training are, from left, Alecia Winston, Emily Kelly, Nicole Wynn, Jennifer Olson, Augusta Daley, Kendra Wilhelm, Stephen Kruzik, Amy Langford, and leader Steve Nasche.

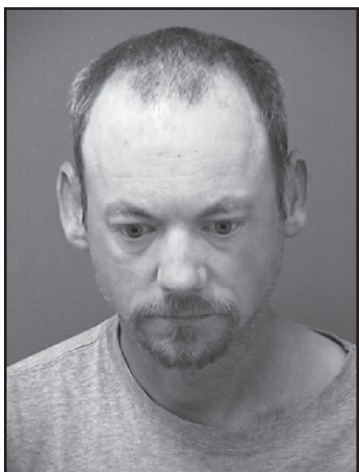
Arrest made in Cooke County cold case

Just over 18 years after a woman was found strangled to death just South of Gainesville, an arrest has been made in the case.

Christopher Andrew Ax, age 38 of Gainesville, was arrested Thursday, June 4 and charged with Capital Murder in the 1997 slaying of 20 year old Shebaniah Sarah Dougherty.

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

In January, after years of going unsolved, the case was re-activated by the Cooke County Sheriff Department CID Division. During months of re-investigating



Christopher Ax



Shebaniah Dougherty.

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

able to obtain a confession from Ax.

An arrest warrant for Capital Murder was issued Thursday, June 4. Ax was arrested in the 300 block of East 82 in Gainesville and placed in the Cooke County Jail. He is being held on a \$1,000,000 bond after being arraigned by Justice of the Peace Dorothy Lewis.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO June 9, 1950

Little Patsy Hartman, age 3, sustains broken collar bone in fall down the cellar steps at her home. Alvin Fuhrman is off duty at the telephone company due to a sprained right wrist received in a roller skating accident. Obituary: Mrs. Mary Jane Biffle, 85. Wedding: Emma Lutkenhaus and Alfonso Felderhoff. Bernice Reiter is on duty at Gainesville sanitarium as a nurses aid. New Arrivals: Curtis in the Emmitt Yoders; Lela to Tony and Martha Hacker; Sharon to Frank and Bernice Beyer; Stephen to Al and Dorothy Bierschenk.

50 YEARS AGO June 11, 1965

City Council asks for better driving from Muenster citizens; frequency of bad driving and parking practices is causing increased hazards. Obituaries: Rudolph Zipper, 68; Fr. Alphonse Mueller, former pastor, 78. New Arrivals: a son to Lt. Mike and Carol Simpson; a girl to

Keith and Edna Tompkins. College graduates: Ewald Hoelker, James Flusche, and Patricia Hermes. Larry Hofbauer is on bicycle trip, pedaling in Mexico. Hi Ho Drive In advertises Walt Disney's 3 Lives of Thomasina.

25 YEARS AGO June 8, 1990

Mark Fincher, cattle thief, is arrested at Muenster Sale Barn when he brought cattle to be sold at Thursday's sale. Sr. Carmelita Myers, OSB honored for 50 years as a nun. Wedding: Shawna Grewing and Darrell Herr; Katherine Schilling and Dennis O'Brien. College Graduates: Karla Jo Hartman, Connie Hermes, Jennifer Dixon. Obituaries: Ben Hur Jones, 74; Mrs. Ida Johnson, 105. State Twin advertises Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

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with us. It will be through speaking the word and just encountering Christ through music and adoration, Mass, and also being on the work sites with them. Working down in the trenches side by side to show them that everyone is called to do a little bit of everything."

To conduct a fulfilling mission trip, these individuals had to learn to function as a group, bonding with one another and growing closer to God. Augusta Daley of Dallas explained, "With this team, in order to really give to the teens that we are going to serve, we need to receive God and bond with one another. So, this week has been a lot of bonding, learning about each other through personality tests, and just learning about how we can motivate one another the best. If we are a strong unit for a strong team, then we will be able to serve others."

They will not always be together this summer. At times, they will go places as a whole group, but at times, especially on the international trips, they split into two teams of four.

While Emily and Nicole go to India for two weeks, most of the team will be serving in South or Central America.

Augusta added, "Emily and Nicole have done it (summer-long mission trips) before and they're awesome and have been really cool mentors. Just seeing them come back and continuing the work shows that Catholic Mission Trips is doing something great. The rest of us have not worked for a whole summer as missionaries yet. Some of us have gone on mission trips in the past."

What sort of trip they will be on varies. Often, it is some sort of manual labor on a project in the community that they are in. Building houses, painting, organizing thrift stores, and running vacation Bible schools are some of the service they will take part in. It just depends on what the needs of that community are.

Emily previously served in doing mission trips with her family and Nicole shared her impressions.

Emily recalled, "I knew I was going to be challenged in Haiti, but I was going to have to deal with that, but even working places around the States, there were so many people who just live in extreme poverty that nobody even knows about. The one thing that really struck me, and it's the reason that I'm back this summer, is how kind and how loving those people who live in extreme poverty were to us and to everybody around them. In some cases, they had nothing and they wanted to give us everything that they had. I just thought that was really incredible, especially in Haiti, they were just so gen-

erous. And these were people who literally had nothing. When we were in Kentucky, it was people who had no money and they were wanting to cook for us and give us everything that they had. They are incredibly loving and generous people even though they had nothing. It was really rewarding to be able to give something to them and to be able to help them."

Nicole said, "I've gotten to work with a lot of different missions trips. The reason why I wanted to come back and work with Catholic Mission Trips is that it's so evident how open Steve and Michelle are, which are our leaders, and they train us to be open to the Holy Spirit. We have a plan and we have an outline of what we are feeling is the right thing to do, but it is so clear when the Holy Spirit speaks we just do that instead. And things can change in an instant which is scary because we like to have control and we like to know what the plan is all the time. Sometimes, we don't have the best plan and the Holy Spirit will just rock our world. I enjoy how authentic that is being open to the Holy Spirit."

Each became interested in CMT for different reasons. Alecia Winston of Phoenix, AZ went on a mission trip over Spring Break and felt that the experience changed her life. "I really understood that I wanted to spend my life helping people, so I searched for different ways to help others and go on mission trips this summer," she said. "The CMT website came up and I looked at all the information and I really felt that was what I was being called to do."

Amy looked it up on the website and thought it would be fun, so she applied. She noted, "I didn't think that I was going to get it. There would be so many other people closer to the U.S. and more involved in their church that would end up getting it. I sent in my application to see what happened. God called me to be here and be one of the chosen ones."

Augusta said that Steve (Nasche) was the first person to take her on a mission trip as a high school youth. She shared, "After graduating college, I actually wanted to grow closer to God and serve others in a way that I wasn't able to do while I was going to school. I looked up CMT again. I felt so called to be here and felt such a pull on my heart and so I'm here."

Kendra Wilhelm of Dumas was searching for different mission experiences. It was her mother who actually clued her into CMT. "My mom texted me that I should look up Catholic Mission Trips. I was reading through it getting so excited. I was more excited about that than I had been about anything in a while. I applied and got

in." Stephen said, "I'm 32 years old and working full time, a wife, a house, a dog, all that stuff. I just found that working the typical American life, it got you through the day but it just wasn't inspiring or really fruitful for me. My wife actually found this for me. We don't have any children yet and she said 'Now is the time to do it.' So here I am."

Asked if they have encountered any people or situations since beginning their missionary training, Augusta remarked, "Just the community of Muenster has been amazing. We've had several different families host us. They cooked food for us and gave so generously. It was delicious and just getting to be around the community like this, it's so focused on the Lord. It's really uplifting. And of course, Steve and Michelle, our leaders, are such inspiring people that we get to hang out with and learn from. That's been incredible."

Amy added, "One person who I thought was really inspiring, which is kind of funny because she's so young, is Steve's daughter Claire. She's so young but she is still so focused on the Lord and doing the right thing and wanting to do everything with us because she has a good time and she knows it is the right thing to do."

Emily commented, "As someone who has done this for two summers, I just really have to say that the community of Muenster astounds me. I think it is an amazing place to come and be able to do training. It's like a little haven, a little bubble, to get away and prepare ourselves for the work that we are going to be doing. It's not just us, it's the community coming in to support us. Steve and Katie, and Mrs. Nasche allowing us to stay in her house and use her kitchen. All of the people greet us at Mass and smile to us to say hello to us and the priests that want to pray over us. Everyone who I've encountered in Muenster both this summer and last summer has just been incredibly supportive of our work. I think that it is just indicative of the faith that is live in this town. That is really refreshing because a lot of us come from places where that faith community is not as strong and as cohesive as it is here. It is really nice to be able to come here and really be supported. I just want to say a big thank you to everyone in the Catholic community and the community at large in Muenster for holding us in prayer and holding us in service the whole time we're here because I don't think we could really do the work that we do throughout the summer without this seven-day kick start that we get to do here because of all the support we get from this community."

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

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 MISD called School Board mtg. 6:30 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 SWIM LESSONS REGISTRATION 9-11 am
Sunday, June 21, 2015 FATHER'S DAY Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm FIRST DAY OF SUMMER	Monday, June 22, 2015	Tuesday, June 23, 2015 Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Wednesday, June 24, 2015 Library open 10-6:30 MISD called School Board mtg. 6:30 pm	Thursday, June 25, 2015 Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10-6:30	Friday, June 26, 2015 Muenster Museum OPEN 1-4 pm parents' day	Saturday, June 27, 2015 Library open 10-2:30

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Obituaries

Dora Weinzapfel Jackson 1923 - 2015

Memorial service for Dora Weinzapfel Jackson of Arlington is set for Friday, June 12 at St. Matthew Catholic Church on the corner of New York Avenue and Pioneer Parkway. The service will begin at 10 a.m. Dora died at the age of 92 on Monday, June 8, 2015.

Dora was born in Scotland, TX on Jan. 17, 1923, one of eight children born to Joseph and Julia Weinzapfel. Her family moved to Muenster in June of 1923. She attended Sacred Heart Catholic School. At 15, she went to Holy Angels Academy in Jonesboro, AR to complete her high school studies. Dora then moved to Fort Worth to attend St. Joseph School of Nursing.

She married Hugh "Cotton" Jackson on June 11, 1941, in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster. They had nine children. Dora retired from the State of Texas Department of Human Services. She was a devout Catholic, devoted wife and mother. She maintained her spirit physically, mentally, and spiritually.

She enjoyed her family and her many hobbies. A talented seamstress, she made many of her family's clothes. She enjoyed gardening and her many indoor plants, which she donated to her church or shared with family and

friends. She wrote wonderful stories and articles.

Dora was active in organizations and ministries and supported and attended all of the parish and school functions she could. She was a member of the Holy Trinity Women's Guild, The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, and the Parker County Extension Society. She loved visits from children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and friends.

Dora was preceded in death by her husband Cotton on April 4, 2005; infant daughter Hester on Dec. 14, 1954; brothers Ensign Robert Weinzapfel, 1941; Rev. Fr. Joseph Weinzapfel, 1997; sister Agnes Hellman, 2011; and her parents.

Survivors include children Joe Jackson of Arkansas; Carmen and James Hoselton of Arlington; Jerry Jackson of Colorado; Anita and Raymond Cox of Fort Worth; Julie Estill of Arlington; Janie Jackson of North Richland Hills; Thomas and JoAnn Jackson of Azle; and Toni and Paul Trudgett of Euless; 15 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren; brothers Rev. Msgr. Thomas Weinzapfel and Henry and Janie Weinzapfel; sisters Juanita Bright and Mary Birden; and other loved ones and friends.

Dee Scribner 1947 - 2015

Dee Scribner, 67, died Tuesday morning, June 9, 2015 at her residence in Muenster. She was born July 21, 1947 in Wichita, KS, the daughter of Sonny and Ollie Barnes Thomison. Dee was a homemaker and of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include her husband Curtis Scribner of Muenster; son Tony Scribner of Muenster; son and daughter-in-law Jasper and Sarah Scribner of Henrietta; daughter Summer Scribner

of Fort Worth; grandchildren Leah and Cole Scribner; brother Oscar Thomison of Wichita, KA; and sisters Carol Thomison, Connie Carney, Nancy Thomison, and Stephanie Mayes.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Meador Funeral Home, Gainesville. No services are planned at this time.

To sign the online registry, go to www.meadorfuneralhomes.com.



Dora Jackson

Margaret Jo (King) Stark 1927 - 2015

Funeral for Margaret Jo (King) Stark, age 87 of Gainesville, was held Thursday, June 11 at 10 a.m. in the Geo. J. Carroll and Son Chapel with Rev. Mark Loewen officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery. Visitation was held at the chapel at 9:30 a.m., prior to the service.

Margaret Jo died June 8, 2015 at her residence surrounded by her family and friends.

Margaret was born to Tom and Jessie Grice Lynch on Nov. 3, 1927 in Gainesville.

After graduating from Gainesville High School, she performed in the Gainesville Community Circus, worked the ticket office at the State Theater, and was an executive secretary at Texas Power & Light. She even chauffeured John Wayne down California Street in a War Bond parade, during this time.

In 1953, she married Bill King, Sr. and together they had three sons: Bill, Jr., Keith, and Karl.

She later went back to school and completed her Bachelor of Science in Education to become a school teacher. She taught kindergarten and second grade at Edison Elementary for many years, before retiring in 1994.

Walterscheid services held

Mass of Christian Burial for Delanne Marie Walterscheid of Muenster was held Wednesday, June 10 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Rosary/Vigil was held in Sacred Heart Church Tuesday with visitation following in Sacred Heart Community Center. Delanne died at the age of 52 on Saturday, June 6, 2015. She is the wife of Bert Walterscheid. Her complete obituary will be in next week's *Muenster Enterprise*.

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The lakes reached 50 years and at that point they become the responsibility of the county precinct in which the lake is located. Precinct #4 and #3 both have a number. Klement said two dams were damaged in the recent rains and NRCS told him that it would cost the County \$190,000 to repair them.

Smith remarked, "We are the generation that has just now been faced with the problem. The maturity of the dams has now passed out of the federal government's hands from the past 50 years and it has now moved into our responsibility."

Judge Freeman said that the issue with dams is one that the Court should consider soon.

The Court approved the audit report. Smith and the auditor praised Atteberry and her staff for the good job they did of keeping and preparing the financial records.

The purchase of a 2015 Chevy Tahoe and related equipment by the Sheriff's Office and funding the purchase in the amount of \$46,000 was approved. Sheriff Terry Gilbert explained that the Tahoe would replace a 2011 Crown Vic that had been damaged due to flooding.

Sheriff Gilbert commented, "This year during the budget process, we'll be asking for new equipment for the cars. We're going to be switching out equipment. All the equipment is outdated. We are using a radio that's not made anymore. The video cameras are out of warranty and it's nickel and dimeing us to death on those." The new Tahoe would come equipped with the radio and cameras.

He said that if approved it would reduce the number of new vehicles requested in the 2015-16 budget by one from five to four. The request was approved with funds to be taken from the Contingency Fund.

Judge Brinkley said that about two years ago, the transportation fee for George J. Carroll had been increased to \$400. Meador Funeral Home was not doing transports at the time, but began doing so again this year. They are only paid about \$200 and requested an increase to be the same as Carroll. This is for transport of a body from an inquest scene and transporting them to Dallas for an autopsy.

The Court approved the increase to \$400.

The Court approved a proclamation declaring June 15-21 Men of Action Week in Cooke County. The proclamation said in part, "Domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people from all walks of life and causes victims to suffer grievous and often irreparable physical, mental, and emotional trauma and is the single leading cause of injury to women in the United States. Victims of domestic violence need and appreciate the supportive embrace of family, friends, neighbors, employers, educators, civic leaders.

"Abigail's Arms Cooke County Family Crisis Center is dedicated to providing emergency shelter, crisis intervention, and aftercare to the women and children in Cooke County that are escaping from abusive relationships. Men of Action is a task force of local males working in conjunction with Abigail's that is taking action to change family violence and sexual assault in our community and are committed to the advancement of the movement against domestic violence and sexual assault in helping victims rebuild their lives by providing education and primary prevention programs for families and the community."

A unanimous vote gave Abigail's Arms permission to use the Courthouse grounds to hold the Manifest event on June 20, to hang a banner in the Courthouse, and put a display on the Courthouse lawn for the week of June 15-21.

Consent agenda items approved by the Court included:

- Re-appointment of Ron Sellman to the North Texas Groundwater Conservation District Board for a two year term.
- Entering into a contract with MSE (Precinct Tracker) for Road & Bridge Precinct #3.
- Donation in the amount of \$251.18 to the Cooke County Library from the Gainesville High Class of 1971.
- Donation of \$136.20 to the County Library from the Friends of the Cooke County Library.
- Accepting an insurance settlement for a Sheriff's Office 2014 Chevy Tahoe damaged during the May 8 flood.
- Salvage of a non-working shop vac and large ice chest from the Cooke County Sheriff's Office.
- Accepting insurance proceeds for 2011 Crown Vic that was totaled due to the flooding in May. Damaged during rescue of woman and child trapped on top of a car in high water.

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The number of children served by CASA in the last year in Cooke County has increased by more than 59%. Because of those increased numbers, there are currently local children not being served by a CASA volunteer.

A new training class for CASA advocates will begin at the end of June. In order to become a CASA volunteer, an individual must have a passion for the futures of our county's most defenseless children, have time to dedicate to the children they represent, pass background checks that include CPS and criminal history (which must be clear), have good references, and be over the age of 21. Individuals must complete 39 hours of training, provided by CASA, before they are approved to serve as an advocate for a child.

"The CASA volunteer is often the only consistent and concerned person in the lives of these vulnerable children. Having a CASA volunteer for each child in my Court is very important to me and is certainly what each one of these children deserve," said Judge Haverkamp.

For more information, call the local CASA office at 940-665-2244. Call to help change a child's life.



Laura Gayle Taylor of Fort Worth and Geoffrey Robert Scheid of Arlington will celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony on Saturday, July 18, 2015 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Fr. Ken Robinson officiating. Parents are Steve and Doreen Taylor of Muenster and Geoffrey and Susan Scheid of Arlington. Laura graduated from Sacred Heart Catholic School and then Texas Woman's University in 2010. She teaches Pre-K at Kirkpatrick Elementary in Fort Worth. Geoff graduated from Arlington High School, then University of Texas at Arlington in 2012. In December of 2015, he will receive a Masters in Structural Engineering from UTA. He works at JQ Engineering in Fort Worth. They will reside in Arlington after their marriage.

Swim lesson sign-up nears

Registration for the annual Muenster swim lessons at the Muenster pool will take place Saturday, June 20 from 9 to 11 a.m.

Those signing up are asked to bring their swimsuit to registration. Children must be at least 6 years of age and have gone through Kindergarten. Cost of the lessons is \$7. Late and over-the-phone registration fee is \$10.

Week 1 lessons will take place July 6 - 10. They will include levels 1-5 at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 11 a.m.

Week 2 lessons are scheduled for July 13-17. Levels 6 and 7 will be held at 8:30 a.m. Levels 1-5 will be held at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to help teach. If you have questions, call Miranda Pagel at 940-634-4620.

Gardening is cheaper than therapy and you get tomatoes.

~ Author Unknown

College Honors

University of North Texas

The University of North Texas has announced the names of students who made the Dean's List. To be named to the Dean's List, undergraduates must complete at least 12 academic hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9.

Named to the Dean's List for the 2015 Spring Semester from Muenster were Mikaela Bartush, Andrew Flusche, Trevor Hess, and Taylor Reiter.

North Central Texas College

North Central Texas College announced its official listings of students recognized for outstanding academic achievement during the recently concluded 2014 Spring Semester.

Students named to the NCTC President's Honor List are those who achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average (GPA) while enrolled in at least 12 semester credit hours. This included students from Muenster Hannah Bayer, Morgan Herr, Ethan Holman, and Renee

Ann Schniederjan.

The Dean's Honor List includes those students earning a GPA of 3.5-3.99 while taking 12 or more hours. Earning this distinction from Muenster were Terri Barrett and Kendi Bayer; from Myra Ashley Hammer; and from Lindsay Cade Early and Kelsey Hermes.

Midwestern State University

Midwestern State University recognized 916 honor students for the Spring 2015 semester. The Dean's Honor Roll included 339 students. A student who completes a semester schedule of at least 12 semester hours in one semester with a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.74 and no grade lower than C will be included on the Dean's Honor Roll. The student cannot have semester grades of I, WF or NC. Shelby Binford of Muenster was named to the Dean's Honor Roll.

Benedictine College

Benedictine College has recognized those students who have distinguished themselves academically during the last semester. Robert Bartush of Muenster was named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2015 semester, which ended in May. Bartush is the son of John and Lanie Bartush.

To achieve the honor, a student must carry a minimum of 12 credit hours and a grade point average of 3.5 or above per semester. Of the 1,854 students on campus for the 2014-15 academic year, 504 made the Dean's List for the Spring 2015 semester.

If we are, in fact, now occupied in good deeds, we should not attribute the strength with which we are doing them to ourselves. We must not count on ourselves, because even if we know what kind of person we are today, we do not know what we will be tomorrow.

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CDA winners are, from left, Kassie Dangelmayr, scholarship, and Lexi Rivers, Lauren Miller, and Aaron Colmenero, State Education Contest.

Muenster CDA announces winners

Recently, the Catholic Mary #249 (CDA) was notified of scholarship awards and State Education Contest winners.

Kassie Dangelmayr, 2015 MISD graduate, was award-

ed the Texas Memorial Scholarship for \$750.

Winners at the state level in the Education Contest are:

Division III - Essay - 1st Place, Aaron Coleman - 2015 MISD graduate - \$45.

Division II - Essay - 2nd Place, Lauren Miller, grade 5 - \$35.

Computer Art - 2nd Place, Lexi Rivers, grade 6 - \$35.

Music - 2nd Place, Lexi Rivers, grade 6 - \$35.

Tadpoles grow in the classroom

Since March, Sacred Heart Catholic School fourth graders have been observing the life cycle of the frog. Ali Fleitman brought very small tadpoles to school just after Spring Break. From that time until the end of the school year, students watched the tadpoles grow larger and larger. Then in May, they started growing back legs, and finally near the end of school, they had front legs. However, they still had their tails.

The first problem the class had to overcome at the very beginning was what to feed the small creatures. An internet search said that cooked lettuce would be the perfect food, not raw lettuce because it floats. Cooked lettuce sinks to the bottom of the tank so they like it much better. Therefore, we cooked lettuce, froze it, and fed it to the tadpoles in small amounts. The tank water also had to be changed every few days with fresh pond water. The tadpoles were quite a bit of work, but they were fun to watch and observe.



SHCS photos

Pictured with the tadpoles are, from left, Mara Jungado, Mary Richter, Elise Flusche, and Charlotte Rondon.

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey® clowns take reading seriously at Cooke County Library

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He is no class clown, but is certain to add amusement

to a special 30-minute circus storytime, which will encourage children not only to read, but also to discover, dream, and learn! The Library event is free and open to the public. For more information on the additional libraries the clowns plan to visit, go to www.ReadingwithRingling.com.

Kelly, the Ambassador of Laughter, will be in town to help kick-off "Reading with

Ringling Bros.!" The Library reading program is easy and fun for kids to participate. The best part is that kids can earn a free circus ticket by simply doing their library reading! Children from ages 2-12 enroll with the librarian, who will give kids everything to start their library reading.

For more information, visit www.ReadingwithRingling.com.



MISD photos

Some of the students of Family and Community Services class pictured above are, from left, Natalie Walterscheid, Jenna Sicking, Karli Mouring, Courtney Stevens, Bailey Klement, and Allie Walterscheid. Other students not shown in the photo are Natalie Fangman, Devon Hacker, Kyle Klement, Alison Morris, Katie Pagel, and Matthew Porter. Pictured at right, is Coach Lynn Cook.



Muenster FCCLA shows teacher appreciation

For their final assignment in Family and Community Services class, students planned, prepared, and served a Teacher Appreciation snack buffet to all staff at Muenster ISD. The event was planned as a surprise to show appreciation for all the

support they received this year for various community projects that involved participation of students.

The members wanted to express their appreciation of all the encouragement and support they received this year which helped to make

the year for Muenster FCCLA so successful. Some of the projects this year were VISTO Backpack Buddies, ABBA, Anchored in Health program, "Ready, Set Read!" and various fundraisers.



SHCS photos

Sacred Heart Catholic School's 4th Grade students with the baby chicks that they hatched.

Students hatch eggs of different hues

Once again, Sacred Heart Catholic School Fourth Grade hatched baby chicks in an incubator. The first time they had all white eggs from White Leghorn chickens, and all the chicks were white. However, this time,

they had a mixture of brown eggs and green eggs. The chicks from the green eggs were light brown and white. The brown eggs produced chicks that were either gray and white or mostly black.

The students enjoyed see-

ing that different breeds of chickens produce different colors of eggs and learning about the many different breeds of chickens.

Fertilized eggs were provided by Jody Fleitman and family.

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- Anthony Douglas Williams

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RWP awards scholarships

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Derrick Morse, the coordinator for the Saint Jo-based 'Rednecks with Paychecks' organization offers the scholarship funds to assist with defraying a portion of the cost of a higher education to

area students and to market the importance for students to return to their home base as leaders in their chosen field of education.

This year's recipients are: Mason Murphey, a graduate of Nocona, will be attending Tarleton State University while majoring in Engineering; Hayden Schilling, a graduate of Sacred Heart, will be attending Austin Community College while majoring in Biology; Alley Hilton, a graduate of Prairie Valley, will be attending Texas Tech University while majoring in Nursing; Delaney Wright, a graduate of Forestburg, will be attending Dallas Baptist University while majoring in Elementary Education; Cami Brimer, a graduate of Saint Jo will be attending Texas

A&M University-Commerce while majoring in Criminal Justice; Laken Jesseph, a graduate of Bowie, will be attending Tarleton State University while majoring in English; Hance Winingham, a graduate of Gold-burg, will be attending Texas A&M University while majoring in Political Science/Law; Mackenzie Myrick, a graduate of Lindsay, will be attending Austin Community College while majoring in Psychology; Kassie Dangelmayr, a graduate of Muenster, will be attending North Central Texas College while majoring in Nursing.

Candidates for the scholarship award were chosen from a pool of 204 applicants with one chosen from each of the nine participating school districts.

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The Roaring 20s - At right - Muenster Public School students in 1924. Can you tell the town kids from the farm kids? Below - The school band the same year. From right - Harold Trachta, unknown, Fred Hennigan, Angeline Trachta, Clarence Hellman, band director John Cosgrove, Leonard Endres, unknown, Virgil Hellman, Anna Marie Trachta, Rosabell Stock, Raymond Hellman.



MISD Honor Rolls

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Grade 1 - Sarah Ashcraft, Casen Carney, Emma Grewing, Shawn Henderson, Anna Hennigan, Garrett Hess, Emma Krebs, Bailey Newton, Danni Paulin, Nolan Peel, Addison Snuggs, Kalyn Walterscheid, Lillian Wimmer.
Grade 2 - Krista Bayer, Logan Flusche, Parker Hartman, Carter Sicking, Zachary Smith, Von Khemer Tai, Emma Walterscheid.
Grade 3 - Joshua Castruita, Rosemary Hartman, Maggie Hess, Stormi Richardson, Lenzie Sandmann, Jonathon Smith.
Grade 4 - Althea Acayan, Devon Bindel, Erica Endres, Samantha Lockhart, Connor Walterscheid, Meadow Walterscheid.
Grade 5 - Haley Flusche, Cade Huchton, Martie McCoy, Landri Richardson, Luke Walterscheid.
Grade 6 - Trent Anderle, Mikaley Berkley, Sarah Davis, Mary Fisher, Chloe Hacker, Erin Hesse, Wade Trubenbach.
"A-B" HONOR ROLL
Grade 1 - Aeden Anderson, Ethan Bevers, Baylie Busby, William Cox, Ellie Hacker, Paityn Price, John Richardson, Donald Schad, Allie Stoffels, Brady Walterscheid, Ella Walterscheid, Rhett Walterscheid, Anna Warren.
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Gavin Doughty, Gregory Giles, Jasmine Hacker, Della Hartman, Ava Henley, Brisan Hermes, Owen Hofbauer, Caden Klement, Faith Sicking, Marlee Walterscheid.
Grade 3 - Reece Acayan, Mary Ashcraft, Lilly Brock, Daultyn Dunn, Lainey Grewing, Abigail Hendley, Halle Hess, Alexis Hofbauer, Jakson Hofbauer, Addison Huchton, Landry Huchton, Preston Kubis, Emily Muller, Whitney Newton, Taylor Reed, Seth Stoffels, Dawson Voth, Lexie Walter, Owen Walterscheid.
Grade 4 - Marcus Anderle, Michael Berkley, Annaliese Cisneros, Derek Cox, Brooklyn Duncan, Madeleine Fisher, Kaci Ford, Josey Grewing, Debra Huchton, Keith Huchton, Rebecca Klement,

Whitley Klement, Bradley Lutkenhaus, Caleb Newton, Hunter Peel, Victoria Rodriguez, Jordan Taylor, Isaac Wolf.
Grade 5 - Andrew Christopher, Gracyn Fields, Andrew Flaming, Makayla Hacker, Emily Harrison, Nathan Hartman, Nate Hesse, Hillary Klement, Timothy Luttmir, Ty Sanders, Eli Saucer, Clayton Spaeth, Logan Stewart.
Grade 6 - Annie Anderle, Jada Binder, Shae Budish, Libby Duncan, Makenna Forshee, Kelsey Hennigan, Rebekkah Hill, Alyssa Huchton, Paden Jarosz, Katherine Klement, Matthew Klement, Sarah Monday, Bayley Otto, Lance Smith, Cade Stevens, Rallen Marie Tai, Jaxon Truembach, Prestin VanBriggle.



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Cooke County Library children's classes schedule

Children's summer classes at Cooke County Library are as follows:
June Classes
 June 15 - 4 p.m. Little Theater @ NCTC, Kelly from Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus, all ages.
 June 16 - 10:30 a.m., Little Theater @ NCTC, Storytime Theater presents "The True Story of Jack and the Beanstalk," all ages.
 June 23 - 10:30 a.m., Cooke County Library (CCL), Lightning Storm, ages 0-5 years; Ms. Sadhvik, ages 6 years and up.
 June 30 - 10:30 a.m., CCL, Superman in Flight, ages 0-5 years; Hero Aircraft, ages 6 years and up.

July 21 - 10:30 a.m., Jill Linnell, ages 0-5 years; Heroes in Disguise, ages 6 years and up.
 July 28 - 10:30 a.m., CCL Heroes with Ms. Irma, ages 0-5 years; TBA, ages 6 years and up.
August Classes
 Aug. 4 - 10:30 a.m., CCL, Heroes of the Mesozoic, ages 0-5 years; TBA, ages 6 years and up.
 Aug. 11 - 10:30 a.m., CCL, Pat Crawford and her therapy dogs, all ages.

Ah, summer, what power you have to make us suffer and like it.
 ~ Russel Baker

Some people walk in the rain, others just get wet.
 ~ Roger Miller

No one but Night, with tears on her dark face, Watches beside me in this windy place.
 ~ Edna St. Vincent Millay

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Also noted by Eldridge was that Dan graduated from Muenster High School as Valedictorian in 1958. He went to the University of Oklahoma for football and band scholarship to play the trumpet, but he redshirted both. Dan and his wife Fay were married in 1962 and recently celebrated their 52 year wedding anniversary. During Hamric's career, he worked as a teacher, coach, assistant principal, principal, and superintendent. Even after retirement in 1996, Dan could be found subbing math classes throughout school districts in the area and also coaching high school golf. Eldridge noted, "Mr. Hamric's dedication to education was passed on to his children as all three are currently working or have worked in area school districts."

Dan's family attended the banquet. Those present were his wife Fay, their children and grandchildren Bob Hamric, Brian, Danna, Erin, and Halle Hess, Marcus, Lisa, and Dayne Sadler, and his brother and sister-in-law Burt and Peggy Hamric.

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Tomorrowland (PG)
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Pitch Perfect 2 (PG13)
 Friday-Thurs
 11am, 2:00, 4:45, 7:35, 10:10

SPORTS

Ya Gotta Have Heart camp winners announced

Sacred Heart School was the site of the 2015 "Ya Gotta Have Heart" basketball camp. "The camp was designed to give students the opportunity to improve their basketball skills and their enthusiasm for the game," said Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "I was impressed with the improvement of skills of the campers."

A special segment of the camp was devoted to the techniques of shooting and of course the fundamentals of the game.

Award Winners; Addison Blanton - Top Teammate, Gage Campbell - Hot Shot, Hayden Fleitman - Most Improved, Ryder Hillard - Hustle, Kameron Knabe - Week's Free Throw Champ, Hayden Sprouse - Hustle Award, Garrett Muller - Top Teammate

Award, Andy Bayer - Week's Free Throw Award, Ali Fleitman - Most Improved Award, Gus Ganzon - Top Teammate Award, Bryce Hays - Hot Shot, Shooter Hess - Top Gun, Luke Sprouse - Top Teammate, Isaac White - Top Ball-Handler, Elise Flusche - Most Improved Free Throw, Laney Haley - Top Gun All-Around Camper, Trinity Hess - Hot Shot Winner, Nathan Hesse - Top Hoop-D-Doer, Jackson Knabe - Top Ball-Handler, Michael Koesler - Most Improved, Charlotte Rondon - Top Free Throw Shooter, Isaac Schilling - Top Teammate, Vincent Simmons - Top Teammate, Emily Flusche - All-Around Most Improved, Max Ganzon - Hustle Award, Lauren Miller - Most Improved, Natalie Putnam - Top Team-

mate, Ryenne Reiter - Overall Camp Free Throw Champion, Weslee Sprouse - Hot Shot, Emily Campbell - Most Improved, Jake Campbell - Hot Shot Award, Lily Haley - Co-Camp Top Defensive Player, Rachale Hesse - Co-Camp Top Defensive Player, Lexi Rivers - The Heart Award for Most Improved, Rafael Rondon - Rebounder Award, Bert White - Week's Free Throw Champion, Cole Carson - Camp's Top Shot-Blocker, Cole Hess - Top Gun, Logan Muller - Top Camp Hustle, Norman Palmer - Hot Shot Champion, Stephanie Koesler - Hot Shot Champion, Ben Ganzon - Camp's Top Ball-Handler, Collin Knabe - 1st Round Draft Selection, Madi Ladzinski - 1st Round Draft Selection, Jeron Juatado - Camp MVP.

Texas Game Warden Reports

Dude, where's my deer head?

Two Jasper County game wardens went to a local deer processing plant and began inspections, during which the owner of the plant became very uncooperative, telling the wardens they had no right to look at his business. The wardens stepped out of the plant to discuss the several class C violations they found at the plant, and upon their return to the plant, they noticed a deer head in question with undersized antlers was missing. The wardens filed felony charges for tampering with evidence and the undersized buck was eventually found.

"I didn't think you would be home"

A Comanche County game warden had come home for lunch and parked his truck in the driveway when a knock came at the front door. His wife answered the door to find a young man asking if she knew where he could hunt hogs. She said she didn't know and sent him on his way. The warden got to the

door just as the man was getting into his white truck to leave. He felt there was something off about the encounter, so he moved his patrol truck behind his house and set up where he could watch the oat field just across the highway. At dusk, he saw a white truck driving slowly on the highway and stop at the edge of the oat field. He then saw the man get out, remove a rifle from the backseat, sneak up to the fence, and fire four shots into a herd of deer. Another car was coming down the road and spooked the man, so he ran back to his truck and made a U-turn just as the warden arrived at the scene. The warden proceeded to handcuff, search, and read Miranda rights to the man before asking him, "What were you thinking?" The young man said, "I didn't think you would be home." The warden then searched the field but did not find a deer or any blood. The man said he had just bought the .243 rifle and had not bothered to sight-in the scope. The man was charged with

hunting from a public road and hunting in a closed area. His new rifle was seized.

Five of a kind

While a Starr County game warden was on patrol, he came across an open gate leading to a ranch and decided to investigate. Upon entering the ranch, the warden spotted two vehicles and five people dressed in camouflage, standing around a hunting blind. At first the individuals said they were working on the ranch, but, after some questioning, admitted they were hunting. The warden followed the hunters down to where one of the hunters had shot an eight-point buck and helped the hunter load the deer. After further inspection, however, it was found that the hunter had marked the deer with a tag that expired in 2012 and also did not have a valid hunting license. The buck was seized and the meat was donated to a local family.

A perfect match

One evening, a La Salle County game warden set up on a back road near Los Angeles, Texas, where poaching activity was known to take place. Around 8:30 p.m., a slow moving truck made its way past the warden while shining a bright light. After following the vehicle for a short distance, the warden initiated a traffic stop. The two people in the car had a loaded rifle lying across their laps. A set of fresh deer antlers was also discovered in the bed of the truck. The two occupants were taken to jail for several Class A violations. A few days later, a deer carcass was discovered on a nearby ranch. The deer antlers from the truck bed matched perfectly. It was also discovered that one subject was a convicted felon.

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Displaced wildlife show up as flood waters recede

Things that live on the ground typically aren't adept at treading water for long. In the aftermath of flood events that have hammered much of the state recently, biologists with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department say encounters with various wildlife will not be uncommon.

According to the National Weather Service, during the month of May, Texas received 35 trillion gallons of rain, enough to cover the entire state in eight inches of water.

"It is not uncommon for wildlife encounters to increase after flood events," says Andy Gluesenkamp, a herpetologist with TPWD. "People should be aware that snakes and other wildlife, including skunks and raccoons, may approach or enter yards and houses where they do not normally occur. Over time, displaced wildlife will return to their usual habitats."

Common sense precautions should be practiced; be aware that snakes and other animals may seek shelter in debris piles and caution should be used during cleanup efforts.

"A snake in the yard is not a cause for panic," he says. "They don't want to be there, either, and if left alone will usually leave on their own."

You're more likely to come upon a skunk, a mound of fire ants, or a wasp nest in a brushpile than a venomous snake. If you do have an encounter with a problem snake, seek help from local animal control or licensed snake removal experts."

Recent storms also coincided with the time of year when newborn wildlife start showing up on the landscape. As flood waters recede, wildlife officials anticipate seeing more young wild animals unnecessarily being picked up by the general public and referred to game wardens or wildlife rehabilitators for treatment and rearing.

The most commonly referred animals are baby birds and deer fawns. Recent flooding will likely increase the temporary displacement of these and other wildlife. The compulsion to help or investigate an animal that looks abandoned can be overwhelming, but interference could harm its chances of rejoining its caretaker. While most of these animals are picked up by well-meaning persons, it is important to realize that many such human-animal encounters are unnecessary and can even be detrimental to the wildlife concerned.

Tips and precautions about encounters with wildlife are

available online at <http://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/rehab/orphan/>.

Flooding will cause some immediate impacts to nesting efforts of grassland bird species such as bobwhite quail and turkeys. But biologists indicate those species will still have time to re-nest and the species will capitalize on the overall improved health of the grasslands.

The good news, say wildlife officials, is that recent excessive rainfall is being viewed as a "drought buster" event that is going to be fantastic for the health of many ecosystems and habitat-types across Texas. For instance, the state's bottomland hardwood forests will receive flood waters deep across the alluvial plains that deposit rich nutrients for lots of native vegetation. Coastal estuaries will get a much-needed flush of fresh water, soil, and nutrients, which will help sport fisheries.

TPWD wildlife biologists remind private landowners across the state of federal farm program benefits through the Texas Farm Service Agency that may be available to help eligible ranchers and farmers recover from recent heavy rains and flooding. For more information on disaster assistance programs and loans, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/ or contact your local FSA Office.

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 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.
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Watershed dams saved Texans estimated \$40 million in flood damage costs

The month of May was one for the Texas record books. It will go down in history as the wettest May on record, shattering all previous records. Rainfall totals of 15 to 20 inches were documented across the state with many areas receiving more than their average annual rainfall in May alone.

According to the National Weather Service in Fort Worth, over 35 trillion gallons of rain fell across Texas in May, which is enough water to cover the entire state of Texas in eight inches of water.

While the rains did bring much needed drought relief across the state, it fell in such torrential downpours in many instances that roads and bridges were washed out, stranding motorists and sadly costing the lives of a reported 27 Texans.

The story that hasn't been told is about the damage that didn't happen thanks to 2,041 watershed dams across the state that quietly functioned as they were designed to do.

"The more than 2,000 dam sites across the state that were affected by the rainfall provided at least \$40 million in estimated damage reduction benefits from storms throughout the month of May," says NRCS Landscape Conservation and Planning Leader Lori Ziehr. "Savings include road and bridge damage reduction, reduced loss of crops and livestock, and damages to homes."

Additionally, the structures also provide improved recreation, water supplies, and wildlife habitat. Texas watershed dams annually provide over \$140 million in benefits to the state.

According to Ziehr, in addition to the existing 2,041 watershed dam sites, the state would have realized an additional \$20 million in damage reduction savings if the 266 planned dams awaiting funding had been constructed.

These watershed dams often appear to be very large stock ponds or fishing and recreation sites scattered across the countryside, but in a heavy rainfall event their specific design and function is critical. They capture raging floodwaters and hold it, releasing it slowly downstream. Slowing the water's velocity greatly reduces flood damage.

In the 1950s, the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service worked with local Soil and Water Conservation Districts and other sponsors through the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act to construct these watershed dams, or flood control structures, in an effort to protect homes and property during flooding events.

"These structures continue to reduce the impacts of flooding, and they are complimented by conservation practices within the watershed that reduce erosion and improve water quality," says John Mueller, NRCS State Conservation engineer. "These watershed dams are an important part of our state's infrastructure - millions of people depend on them for protection from

floods and for providing clean drinking water."

All of the NRCS assisted flood control dams are inspected on a regular basis to ensure they are operating as designed. As dams approach their designed life expectancy, they are evaluated and rehabilitation repairs and upgrades are implemented as funding is made available.

In addition to the Federal government, the State of Texas recognizes the importance of these structures and has made great efforts to help maintain them for the safety of all Texans. In 2010, the Texas Legislature approved funding for the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) to assist these watershed dam sponsors in caring for the structures.

"Since then, the TSSWCB Flood Control Program has provided local watershed sponsors \$8 million for maintenance, and \$22 million for repair and rehabilitation of the watershed program dams," states John Foster, TSSWCB program officer. "The State Flood Control Program has played an important role to ensure that the dams function properly during extreme conditions, such as those we have recently experienced."

"It is important to remember, that while all of our sites functioned as designed during the recent heavy rainfall, historic events will result in flood flows through the auxiliary spillways of the flood control structure," Mueller adds. "Extreme caution should always be taken in

flood zones."

In addition to the structures, private landowners across the state also played a part in the network of conservation systems designed to reduce flood damage during rain events like Texas just experienced.

For example, Texas landowners have more than 8 million acres of the state voluntarily applying a conservation plan with the NRCS. Most of these plans include implementing conservation practices that reduce areas of bare soil by increasing the amount of grass and plants that cover the ground. During flooding events, the ground cover serves to slow the water down and trap sediment and debris before entering waterways. Terraces, buffer strips, and grassed waterways are also effective conservation or management practices that reduce erosion, improve water conservation, and create wildlife habitat.

"It is in these historic rainfall events that we can really value the benefit of these flood control structures," says Mueller. "Combined with the conservation practices landowners have established, damage to infrastructure such as roads, bridges, and railroad tracks is greatly reduced."

For more information on the NRCS watershed program, or for information on installing conservation practices on your land to help prevent erosion and reduce flooding, contact your local NRCS office located in the USDA Service Center, or learn more at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov



This Upper Elm-Red Soil Conservation District photo of the detention reservoir five miles west of Muenster on the Elm Fork was taken in the early 1960's. Just one of over 2000 watershed dam sites still doing what they were built to do, this one for over 50 years.

After the Rain ...

Most corn should fare well as fields dry out

The Texas corn crop should fare well, even with some yellowing from an abundance of rain, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife) agronomist.

"But it's difficult to make broad generalizations about the crop because earlier wet weather delayed planting and fields are in various stages of maturity," said Dr. Ronnie Schnell, AgriLife Extension state cropping systems specialist.

Farmers will likely lose younger plants that are submerged, but mature corn can endure overly wet soils. The more mature plants are likely to have good yields if fields dry out.

The yellowing is caused by the wet root system not being able to take up nitrogen well, Schnell said, which gives the plant the appearance of having nitrogen deficiency.

May was Texas' wettest month on record

The month of May has been the wettest month ever in Texas history, says the Texas A&M University's Office of the State Climatologist in Texas A&M.

The previous record of 6.66 inches of rainfall was recorded in June 2004. This May's rainfall averaged 7.54 inches. The wettest parts of the state were from the Dallas-Fort Worth area to the Red River, with some areas receiving more than 20 inches of rain.

Three factors contributed to record: a jet stream dipping into Texas, spearheaded by El Niño; a steady flow of moist air from the south undercutting the jet stream; and a persistent weather pattern.

It has been one continuous storm after another... in several regions of the state. It has rained so much that the ground just can't soak any more moisture into it, and many creeks and rivers are above flood stage.

Texas floods mean greener pastures

The recent floods could help Texas cattle ranchers rebuild their herds and lower beef prices for consumers, according to *The Dallas Morning News*.

While rebuilding cattle herds can take more than two years, renewing Texas pasture land with moisture and nutrients is a key step.

Texas is the largest cattle-raising state and the amount of pasture land now in good or excellent condition has doubled since the start of March.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) data, good or excellent pasture land in Texas is at 71% as of May 24. That is the best weekly rating since 2007 and more than the national average of 60%.

The USDA data also estimates U.S. beef output will stop dropping in 2015 and see an increase in 2016, which should bring meat costs down.

Local ranching event scheduled June 16 in Thackerville

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) will host a ranch gathering Tuesday, June 16 at the River Ridge Restaurant in Thackerville, OK. Registration will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by a complimentary beef dinner.

The ranch gathering is free and open to the public.

TSCRA Special Ranger John Cummings will provide a law enforcement update and offer ranchers information on how they can keep their livestock and equipment safe

and secure. Additionally, TSCRA staff will update cattle raisers on important legislative issues.

Please RSVP to 800-242-7820, ext. 192, or rvsp@tscra.org.

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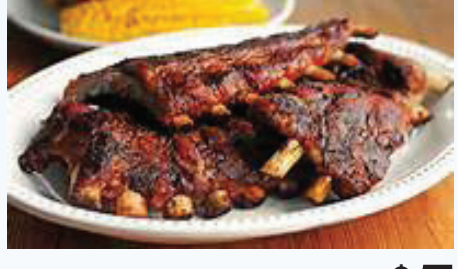


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OSCAR MAYER Beef Salami 8 OZ. **\$3.49**

FROZEN Chicken Livers LB. **99¢**

Fresh Produce



FARM FRESH Cantaloupe Melons

4 for \$5



NORTHWEST Cherries LB. **\$2.99**

WHITE FLESH Nectarines 2 LBS. **\$3**

NORTHWEST Rainier Cherries LB. **\$5.99**

BLACK VELVET Apricots LB. **\$3.99**

FRESH Sweet Potatoes LB. **99¢**

GREEN OR ROMAINE Leaf Lettuce 2 FOR **\$3**

FRESH CRISP Broccoli LB. **\$1.99**

RED OR YELLOW HOTHOUSE Bell Peppers EACH **99¢**

BULK FRESH Garlic 3 FOR **\$1**

GREAT ALONE OR IN SALADS Kiwifruit 3 FOR **\$1**

Dairy & Frozen Foods



ASSORTED FLAVORS FAT FREE Blue Bunny Sherbet 56 OZ. CTN. **\$3.99**



SHURFINE Sour Cream 8 OZ. CTN. **79¢**

MARIE CALLENDER'S SELECT VARIETIES Dessert Pies 28-42 OZ. **\$6.99**

MARIE CALLENDER'S SELECT VARIETIES Dinners or Pot Pies 13-19 OZ. 2 FOR **\$5**

BIRDS EYE SELECT VARIETIES Chicken Voila! 21 OZ. **\$3.99**

TOTINO'S ASSORTED BOLD ROLLS OR Pizza Rolls 17.4-19.8 OZ. **\$3.49**

PRE-PRICED \$2.99 - SELECT FLAVORS Borden Singles 10.6-12 OZ. 2 FOR **\$5**

PILLSBURY 6 CT. CINNAMON ROLLS OR ASSTD. Grands! Jr Biscuits 12 OZ. 5 FOR **\$5**

SHURFINE SALTED OR UNSALTED Butter Quarters 16 OZ. **\$1.99**

Health & Beauty Care

PHILLIP'S 24 CT. CAPLETS OR ASSTD. Milk of Magnesia 12 OZ. **\$2.99**

WESTERN FAMILY SELECT VARIETIES Bandages 8-60 CT. **\$1.49**