

Sr. Rosemary tells of joy donations give young Sisters



SSMN photo

An Education Fund set up with proceeds raised during a fundraiser in Muenster is benefitting the young Sisters of St. Mary of Namur. Pictured are Sr. Rosemary Stanton, center, and some of the Sisters of SSMN who are nurses.

Janet Felderhoff
News Editor

Sr. Roberta Hesse of the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur (SSMN), a Muenster native and missionary in Africa for about 35 years, learned of a great need to finance the education of young Sisters in Africa and Belgium. She engaged the help of her family and the local community to hold a fundraiser for this cause. They decided on a fish fry and live and silent auctions. It took place, Saturday, March 7 in the Muenster VFW Hall.

The turnout surprised everyone as the serving line circled the entire VFW Hall and doubled back again. The support was wonderful, much more than anticipated. Sr. Roberta reported this week, "Truly, I feel the people of Muenster need to know that it has gone over the \$150,000 mark. We had hope for \$60,000. May the Lord bless all who have given, in kind, in money, and in service at that time and since then."

Sr. Rosemary Stanton brought news of the excitement created by this fundraiser and how the funds are being used. She is a Texan and for a number of years has been a teacher, mentor, religious education director, etc. at Nolan High School. At Nolan, she works with a campus ministry team. Nolan has an extensive retreat program. Sr. Roberta commented that Sr. Rosemary gives the best retreats, even if it is only for a few hours one evening.

Sr. Rosemary has been with SSMN for 47 years and for 34 of those years she lived in Africa and Brazil.

"I spent most of my life in our mission countries in the southern hemisphere," said Sr. Rosemary. "I have been back in the states for about 12 years working doing different ministries with the Sisters."

She is in the third year of a six-year term as a general counselor of the order. There is the general superior and four counselors from different countries. She is one of the four counselors. Counselors assist the general superior. Sometimes this is done by visiting the different countries. Three times a year, they have three weeks of meetings, usually held in Belgium. They coordinate the religious life and the ministries of the apostates of the Sisters throughout the world.

Sr. Rosemary also serves as a missionary to Africa and Brazil and is a member of the General Administration Team in Belgium. She is presently at Nolan, but will return to Belgium toward the end of September.

Sr. Rosemary spent June 13 to July 19 in Rwanda and Tanzania. It had been 29 years since she was in Rwanda. She remarked, "There has been a big change. And we have a lot more Sisters there, younger Sisters who are in their formation years of becoming a religious and also their professional formation of studies. Going to school to get prepared for some profession that they can do within the ministry of the Church."

"I was able to see a lot of things. Right now one of the things that we are working on with our Sisters in Congo, Rwanda, Tanzania, Cameroon, and Brazil is to help

them work towards a sort of financial independence so they themselves in the future can be able to, as much as possible, sustain themselves. For that, they greatly need education."

Some professions now held by the Sisters include principals, accountant, bookkeeper in the schools. Their education is minimal, so they are going back to university to get a certification or degree. They need salaried jobs to help them become more independent.

"That is a real big concern of ours to help them with their spiritual formation and also with their professional human development education so they can become more independent," said Sr. Rosemary. "They are growing in the southern provinces and they are aware that they have to make the life of the Church there their own too and the religious life there."

Sr. Roberta noted, "Everywhere Sr. Rosemary went, the Sisters asked about the Education Fund for young Sisters in Africa and Brazil. Their joy was so spontaneous, even unbelievable."

There are SSMN members in other countries who are RNs, a doctor, another beginning her training to be a doctor, and some training to become nurses.

"More and more our support is going to be from a distance," continued Sr. Rosemary. "That's why when the education fund that was started here in Muenster was absolutely a Godsend."

While visiting the communities in Rwanda, Sr. Rosemary would talk to the Sisters about becoming independent. She told the Sisters

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Muenster High to save energy

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News Editor

Muenster High School has been identified as using considerably more energy than other Muenster ISD facilities. Superintendent Steven Self reported that Business Manager Carol Klement had pointed out that the high school's energy use was high compared to the other buildings on campus.

Scott Richards of Ideal Impact, a company based out of Grapevine, spoke to the Muenster ISD Board of Trustees at their Sept. 9 meeting. He and his company had already done a free energy survey of the District campus and he revealed the results.

"What we found out is the High School represents about 26% of the whole size of the campus," said Richards. "The total kilowatt consumption for the last year was 1,026,000 kilowatt hours and the high school consumed a little over 500,000 of that or about half of the consumption."

Richards noted that they normally do not take on a project unless they can save 20% for the campus. He added, "Your campus is running very, very well. It is running very efficiently, but the high school is not running very efficiently. You're spending about \$114,000 a year in electric charges campus-wide and \$53,000 of that is

at the high school."

Besides actual consumption, Richards explained that there are two other components to the bill. Actual demand and bill demand. Demand is kilowatts measured in the highest 15 minutes usage on a meter for the month. Every month after that they charge a percentage of that peak demand even if it is not used. Ideal Impact's goal is to help manage that demand charge. Richards noted that about 43% of MISD's monthly bill is in the demand charges.

Impact's annual fee for a five-year contract with MISD would be \$10,000 and they believe that the net savings to the District over the next 15 years would be about \$270,000.

Richards assured the Board that what they would do to save energy would not cause discomfort to the staff or students. "We don't ask them to turn everything off. There are a bunch of different strategies plus the controls that we'll be implementing as far as how to operate the building and the units will be optimized for energy efficiency."

After listening to Richards' explanation, Walterscheid asked Superintendent Self if he were interested in the energy program. Self replied that he was and the amount of money they were predicted to save over 15 years was a good amount. He noted

that the company has a good track record.

The Board voted unanimously to contract for services with Ideal Impact for a five year period. The cost will be less than \$50,000 over five years. MISD will receive monthly reports on cost savings.

A dedication ceremony for the new Junior High was discussed. Since the Board had talked about holding the dedication on a day that they could also have another celebration, Self suggested doing it on Veteran's Day.

Self suggested holding a Veteran's Day celebration with Sacred Heart School as they have in the past and getting a speaker for the event. Trustee Kim Hess said that she felt many people would be unable to attend the dedication if it were during school hours. It was decided that holding it at the end of the school day would be best for attendance.

It was decided to hold a Veteran's Day program in the afternoon on Nov. 11 and to hold the dedication at the end of the school day.

Procuring a speaker for the 2016 High School graduation took place. The Board also approved changing the start of graduation from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Board discussed possible changes to Policy DEC (LOCAL), Leaves Absences Reimbursement for Leave Upon Retirement. They voted to approve it with a change in the maximum reimbursement to \$15,000 from \$12,500.

They formed a committee to update School Board Priorities. Kim Walterscheid, Mel Walterscheid, and Craig Stoffels will serve on it.

The Board discussed nominating candidates for the Cooke County Appraisal District (CAD) Board of Directors. There are several retiring directors. They were asked to bring suggestions to the October meeting.

During a review of the ACT College Readiness Information newsletter, Self remarked, "It is the highest it has been. The state stays fairly constant and we have

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Urgent need noted for CASA volunteers

CASA of North Texas, a local non-profit organization with the mission of providing advocacy for abused and neglected children in the foster care system, has announced its final new volunteer training academy of the year, set for mid-October. These classes, which will be held during office hours at the CASA office in Gainesville, will prepare volunteers to look out for the best interests of these most vulnerable children.

There is now an urgent need for volunteers. "Chances are, when folks read about a drug, prostitution, or gun bust, there are children involved," stated CASA Executive Director Vicki Robertson. "Many times, this lands the children in the foster care system and figuratively, on the courthouse steps, so to speak. We've seen a large number of children come into the system the last couple of months and especially this week. Today, we have 36 kids who do not have



SSMN photo

Two Sisters of St. Mary of Namur are pictured with a group of primary school students in Africa.

NCTC delays vote on tax rate

Darin Allred
NCTC Public Relations

The Board of Regents of the North Central Texas Community College District tabled any action on a resolution to adopt the ad valorem effective tax rates for 2015 at their regular meeting Monday night.

Since three board members were not in attendance, Board Chairman Karla Metzler asked to table the item until a special meeting could be called with all regents present. That meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the 100 Building, Room 131.

The administration recommended a combined tax rate of 0.121300 for 2015, comprised of the Maintenance and Operations (M&O) tax rate of 0.0811 per \$100 valuation, and the Interest and

Sinking (I&S) tax rate to be set at 0.0402 per \$100 valuation.

The proposed tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. The M&O tax rate will effectively be raised by 4.93% and will raise taxes on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$5.70.

The I&S tax rate represents the rate required for the general obligation bond that was approved by voters in November 2013.

In other action, Regents approved Empirical Networks as the vendor for updating wireless equipment at a cost of \$99,649.80. The NCTC Information Technology department will perform the entire installation of the equipment.

Two candidates were approved for employment in-

cluding Serapio Pena as an Industrial Technology instructor, and Marlene Phillips as a Grant Writer.

The Board heard a Fall 2015 enrollment report. System-wide, enrollment is down 5.5% to 9,576 students. System-wide Hispanic percentage of total enrollment did increase two percentage points. Also, enrollment by Cooke County students increased from 995 in Fall 2014 to 1,075 in Fall 2015.

The Board Chairman announced the appointment of regents to subcommittees. Christy Morris, Karla Metzler, and Matt Chalmers will serve on the Finance Committee; Bill Ledbetter, Patsy Wilson, and Matt Chalmers will serve on the Student Success Committee; Jon Grime, Dick Haayen, and Patsy Wilson will serve on

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Ambassadors sought by Muenster C of C

Muenster Chamber of Commerce is actively seeking local citizens to act as ambassadors for the community. Muenster has a long history of citizens who have sacrificed their time and talent to build a safe and prosperous place to live. These citizens recognized a need and found a way to meet that need. Needs like a church, a bank, a general store, a hospital, suitable drinking water, a

city government, schools, a library, communication, and city-oriented organizations. As the Muenster Chamber of Commerce welcomes a new director, community support will be the backbone for a successful organization. A Chamber of Commerce ambassador is a frontline representative of the orga-

nization and the community. As an ambassador, you can promote Muenster, its businesses, its goods, its services, the schools and churches, and all the friendly folks.

Please call the Chamber office at (940) 759-2227 for more information and to volunteer a little of your time.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO Sept. 22, 1950

City of Muenster gets grader for street work. Wedding: Rose Sicking and Alois Rohmer. New Arrivals: Gloria to Walter and Lorine Morrison; Michael to Vince and Trudy Felderhoff; a son to the Albert Hoelkers; Anita to Bernard and Christine Gieb. Jacob Pagel advertises men's felt hats for only \$4.98. Relax Theatre advertises Walt Disney's *Treasure Island* starring Bobby Driscoll and Robert Newton. Dance at KC Hall with music by Johnny Lawhon for \$1.25 per couple or 75¢ per person.

50 YEARS AGO Sept. 24, 1965

A four-year perfect attendance record at school was shattered Tuesday when Shirley Becker had to miss classes on account of illness that kept her at home. Mrs.

Lambert Bezner is elected president of the Altar Society of St. Mary's Church in Gainesville. New Arrival: Anne to Joe and Ruth Felderhoff. Wedding: Jane Hess and Roy Monday. Mrs. Don Bayer joins the staff at Fisher's Market. State Theatre advertises *HELP!* starring the Beatles.

25 YEARS AGO Sept. 21, 1990

Alvin Fuhrman receives the Outstanding Achievement Award at the Texas Telephone Association annual convention. Obituaries: Willard Hartman, 56; Christine Horn Schad, 82. Lindsay is busy planning for Centennial year. New Arrivals: Kayla to Rickey and Donna Hess; Matthew to Neal and Susan Flusche; Kaitlyn to Scott and Sandy Felderhoff. Yard of the Month honors go to Ricky and Sherry Wimmer.

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went way up. The highest was the College English Composition. Last year, College Algebra was the highest. Social Science was next. It's not only that we are doing better than the state, but it's way, way better than the state."

Reports

Elementary Principal Lou Heers gave current enrollment total as 289, but noted that was up by two since they got a new student in second and third grade that day. Howdy Night on Aug. 19 was a success with 252 out of the 265 students enrolled in grades Pre-K through Sixth attending. That was a 95% attendance rate. Many students in grades 2-6 are trying out for various events. Muenster Elementary will host the Elementary UIL District Meet on Dec.

10. Dianne Endres is the UIL coordinator for Muenster Elementary.

Sept. 28 through Oct. 2 is the Scholastic Fall Book Fair. It features Donuts with Dads on Tuesday, Sept. 29 and Muffins with Moms at the Book Fair on Wednesday, Sept. 30. Both are at 7:30 a.m.

Junior High/High School Principal John York reported a current enrollment of 82 in Junior High and 135 in High School for a total of 217.

National Honor Society will hold an induction ceremony on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria.

The first six weeks ends on Oct. 2 and report cards go out on Oct. 9.

Athletic Director Brady Carney noted that there are 25 boys participating in Junior High football. Cross

Technology will be topic at Oct. 1 CCRW meeting

The next meeting of the Cooke County Republican Women (CCRW) will be Thursday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of the First Christian Church in Gainesville. The speaker will be Michelle Samuelson with the Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW). Michelle, who resides in Austin, is the TFRW's technology guru and social media expert. She will be sharing the impact of social media on past elections and on the upcoming 2016 election. All are invited.

Contact President Dorthy Lewis, 940-736-5871 or Vice President Programs Lynn Switzer, 940-665-6300 for more information.

To be nobody but yourself in a world that is doing its best to make you just like everybody else means to fight the greatest battle there is to fight and to never stop fighting.

— E. E. Cummings

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Country has four high school girls, 16 junior high girls, two junior high boys, and five high school boys participating.

Technology Director Jeff Presnall said that with the beginning of the school year, the new Dress Code Violation online form is getting a good beta testing. He feels that all the kinks have been worked out.

Deano Bayer of Nortex relocated the Ag Shop wireless internet connection dishes to the football stadium press box. An internet connection is now available there for radio, reporters, coaching film uploads, and track meet results, etc.

Teachers are now using technology more and more every day and are asking for more Chromebooks, laptops, and newer, faster computers. MISD's internet connection is fast, but is rapidly taking on more and more connected devices resulting in more congestion (much like I-35!).

In other business, the MISD Board:

- Gave the Superintendent permission to pursue a lease agreement with Government Capital for the Ideal Impact contract.
- Approved CCAD budget as presented.

Obituary

Curtis Lee Grewing 1963 - 2015

Funeral Mass for Curtis Lee Grewing, 52, of Dallas, was held Saturday, Sept. 19, at St. Peter's Catholic Church with Fr. Phil Petta officiating. Burial was in St. Peter's Cemetery. Rosary was Friday at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home.

Curtis died Sept. 16, 2015 in Dallas. He was born March 19, 1963 in Gainesville to Edward Joseph and Dorothy Marie Geray Grewing.

Curtis is survived by his parents of Lindsay; brothers and sisters-in-law Keith and Lori Grewing of Durant, OK and Jeff and Laura Grewing of Highland Village; four nephews, two nieces; and numerous aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Henry and Mary Mages Grewing and Al and Ann Dulock Geray.

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a CASA Advocate. Staff are serving them at this time, but that puts us at a real difficulty in that staff really aren't allowed to serve that many kids. We're supposed to serve ALL of our kids with volunteers and perhaps occasionally allow a staff member to look out for a case every now and then until we get a volunteer to work it. This is well beyond that scenario."

Robertson said that they are going to have to turn kids away now if they don't have folks step up for trainings that are coming in October.

In order to become a CASA volunteer, an individual must have a passion for the safety of our County's most vulnerable children, have

an average of 10 to 15 hours per month to dedicate for the children, pass background checks including CPS and criminal history checks (which must be clear), have good references, and be over the age of 21. Individuals must then complete 33 hours of training provided by CASA before they are approved to serve as advocates for a child.

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



CASA photo

The current CASA advocate training participants, from left, Kaitlyn Cantrell, Kim Hofbauer, CASA Volunteer Recruiter Jerry Metzler, Vicki Thurman, and Susie Holamon.

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the Buildings Committee; and Patsy Wilson, Karla Metzler, and Dick Haayen will serve on the Institutional Excellence Committee.

Also at Monday's meeting, NCTC volleyball player Kelsey Potter was recognized for being named the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference Volleyball Player of the Week. Potter is a freshman from Glen Rose. In addition, representatives from TD Industries presented a plaque to NCTC President Dr. Brent Wallace and Roy Culberson, the Dean of Denton County Campuses.

Monday's meeting was held in the recently-renovated board room that was formerly the Little Theater on the Gainesville campus. Members of the NCTC Maintenance staff were recognized for their work in making the new board room a first-class facility.

Regents Jon Grime, Matt Chalmers, and Bill Ledbetter were unable to attend Monday's meeting.

The more often we see the things around us - even the beautiful and wonderful things - the more they become invisible to us. That is why we often take for granted the beauty of this world: the flowers, the trees, the birds, the clouds - even those we love. Because we see things so often, we see them less and less.

Joseph B. Wirthlin

Thank You

We are truly grateful for the many, many prayers and visits received while Norbert was in the hospital, rest home, and therapy during the last six months. Also for all the calls asking about him.

The family of Norbert Rohmer

A leaf fluttered in through the window this morning, as if supported by the rays of the sun, a bird settled on the fire escape, joy in the task of coffee, joy accompanied me as I walked.

- Anais Nin

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Sunday, September 27, 2015	Monday, September 28, 2015	Tuesday, September 29, 2015	Wednesday, September 30, 2015	Thursday, October 1, 2015	Friday, October 2, 2015	Saturday, October 3, 2015
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm		Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Home Hospice Aux. Tea Muenster Museum 3-5 pm	Library open 10-6:30 Religious Ed 6:45 pm MISD Book Fair	Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10-6:30	Muenster Museum OPEN 1-4 AARP board mtg. 10 am VFW Aux. Bake Sale @ Fischer's Hornets vs Cumby Tigers @ Temple	Library open 10-2:30
Sunday, October 4, 2015	Monday, October 5, 2015	Tuesday, October 6, 2015	Wednesday, October 7, 2015	Thursday, October 8, 2015	Friday, October 9, 2015	Saturday, October 10, 2015
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm Life Chain Sunday Lindsay Oktoberfest	City Council mtg. 6:30pm	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Library open 10-6:30 Religious Ed 6:45 pm	Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10-6:30 M Historical Comm. Mtg. 8 am	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm AARP lunch mtg. 11:30 am Tigers @ Lubbock Hornets OPEN	Library open 10-2:30

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ters the whole story of the big fundraising day held in Muenster and that there are still people contributing. She told them that the fund is only to be used for education.

Sr. Rosemary was in Belgium at a council meeting when the fundraiser took place. She received an email from another nun telling of the event. When Sr. Rosemary relayed the description to the others at the meeting, she said some of the Sisters got tears in their eyes.

"We know that the community in Muenster, Texas is quite extraordinary in terms of generosity and caring for other people," said Sr. Rosemary. The education fund will help to educate the Sisters for a number of years to come.

According to Sr. Rosemary, in Rwanda, the total number of Sisters is 67, and of the 67 there are 16 who are temporary professed which means they are in the years of a later formation. They have not made their final vows, but they have made temporary vows. There are six young women who are becoming postulants which means they are entering the first step. Some have had some training, but Sr. Rosemary said that none have had it on the university level yet. These Sisters will benefit from the education fund.

The Sisters are very determined to get their education. Sr. Rosemary told of some who work in the school all week and attend univer-

get up in the middle of the night to use the internet for their study work. When the computers come on in the middle of the night, they get out of bed to use them for their class work.

Where the Sisters attend school, it takes more than an hour to get from their homes to the university. They walk a while and catch a couple of buses to get there. The buses are overcrowded and it is hot. Then sometimes when they get home, there is no electricity so they can't do their homework.

The Sisters awaken very early to get their prayers and rosary done before they go to school or work.

Sr. Roberta remarked, "There is no way to express their courage. Walking in that heat and sometimes they have to bring their desk because there aren't enough desks. It is just a poor country."

The two Sisters said that franks and eros are about equal. They are worth more than the American dollar. "In dollars, what we give them goes a lot farther than it would here in the U.S. In Africa, there is no question," commented Sr. Rosemary. She said that for what it costs to educate one person here, 10 to 15 could be educated in Rwanda. "It goes a much longer way," she said. Sr. Roberta added that someone had figured out that it costs about \$3,000 a year which includes boarding to educate one student at the university in Rwanda.

were excited about the donations. "It meant that these young Sisters could go into schools," said Sr. Roberta. It had been a worry that the religious order would not be able to educate the young women.

"It gives them hope for a future when they are fearful because it is slowly being put all on their shoulders," said Sr. Rosemary. "Some of the older Sisters who we've known for a long time and who know Sr. Roberta, who've even been to the U.S. (they served on the Council), got teary eyed thinking thank you so much."

The donations, like ripples on water, will go on doing good. As the Sisters get their educations, they will work among the people doing good as teachers, nurses, doctors, and other professionals. The people they touch will benefit and the examples they set should continue to inspire others.

"Even \$5 would send a child to first grade," said Sr. Roberta.

For those who still wish to donate to the Sisters' education fund, the address where to send any new checks and how to make them designated to the Educational Fund of the young sisters is: write on check: Pay to the order of Sol. with Afr. SSMN, memo Ed. Fund SSMN. The mailing address is Solidarity Afr./ Br. Mission Fund, att: Sr. Charles Marie SSMN, 909 W. Shaw St., Fort Worth, TX 76110.



Janie Hartman photo

KEEP MUESTER BEAUTIFUL YARD OF THE MONTH HONORS FOR SEPTEMBER were awarded to Chris and Dana Fuhrmann who reside at 1025 Cherry Lane. Their front porch greets visitors with bright fall decor. Pots of sweet potato vines and topiary trees frame the steps leading to the front door. A few of the shrubs and flowers are Knock Out roses, boxwood shrubs, ornamental grasses, lantana, and cannas. A creek runs near the property. Many of the trees were damaged in a downburst that hit the area some time ago and the couple planted new trees to replace the ones lost from that storm.

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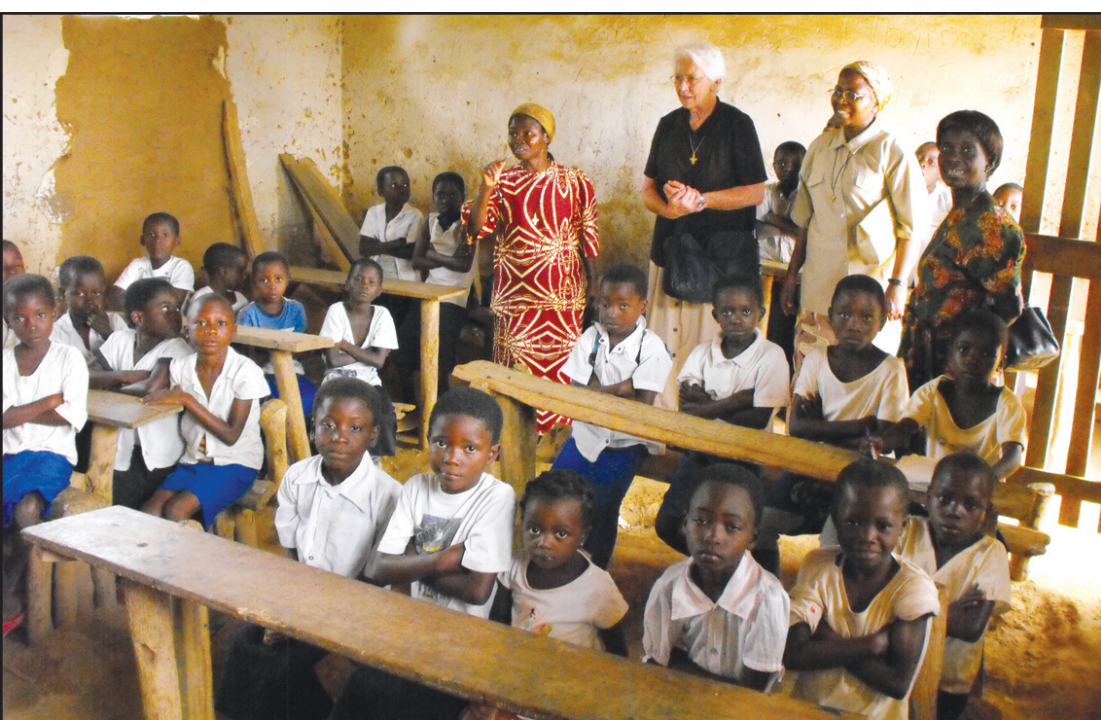
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Sr. Roberta Hesse visits a classroom in Congo where the Sisters of St. Mary Namur teach.

city classes on Friday night and Saturday and Sunday. The university there does not have all the equipment and amenities as the ones here in the States. Although most all of the Sisters have cell phones to stay in touch and for safety, computers are few and must be shared. Electricity goes off every few days there. The internet is sketchy, working sometimes and other times not.

Sr. Rosemary told of how some of the Sisters would

"I heard the Sisters say that they are so touched by the generosity of people who don't even know them personally," Sr. Rosemary shared. "They realize that these are people who have worked hard all of their lives and that they are willing to share the fruits of their hard work with them."

Sr. Roberta remarked that Sr. Immaculate and Sr. Justine from Democratic Republic of Congo who visited Muenster last November,

"Be the Church"

First Presbyterian Church has canceled their regular morning worship service on Sunday, Sept. 27. That doesn't mean that the Presbyterians are taking the day off. It means that Sept. 27 is "Faith In Action Sunday" and that the members of the church will be out in the community serving others. Our motto for the day is simple: "Don't Go To Church - Be The Church!"

This year's projects include serving an appreciation brunch to Gainesville's First Responders, providing quarters to folks at the local laundromats, collecting items for ABBA's layette baskets, and providing a brunch for NCTC's dorm students. The day will conclude at 4 p.m. with a free community concert at the church featuring such local favorites as Glenn Wilson and John Dill.

Bake sale set Oct. 2 by VFW Auxiliary

Friday, Oct. 2 is the day chosen for the annual bake sale of the Muenster Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary #6205. It will be held at Fischer's Meat Market. The proceeds are for their local cancer and relief funds. Lucille Hesse is chairman of the sale which will begin at 7:30 a.m. and continue until all the baked good are gone.

The bakers pride themselves on the homemade goodies that they supply and hope you will stop by and check them out! All donations are appreciated.

The Auxiliary also issues a reminder to the members that dues are payable. The Auxiliary is also seeking new members. Please contact Lucille Hesse or Frances Bayer.

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NCTC photo

Members of the Lake Kiowa Women's Club recently presented scholarships to three Cooke County students attending NCTC. Pictured are, from left, seated - Logan Knabe, Anne-Marie Alford, Morgan Flusche; back row - Lake Kiowa Women's Club members Rita Langley and Sharon Clements, NCTC President Dr. Brent Wallace, and NCTC Vice-President Debbie Sharp.

Lake Kiowa Women's Club awards scholarships to NCTC students

Three Cooke County students will have the opportunity to continue their education thanks to the generosity of the Lake Kiowa Women's Club.

The Lake Kiowa Women's Club has always been a strong supporter of North Central Texas College. In fact, for the last 33 years, the organization has provided scholarships to deserving students to attend NCTC.

This year, three area students are benefitting from the generosity of this group. Logan Knabe of Era, Anne-Marie Alford of Gainesville, and Morgan Flusche of Muenster, each received \$800 scholarships for the Fall 2015 semester.

The scholarship was established in 1982 and named in memory of Anice Rhodes, a former educator in the Metroplex who moved to Lake Kiowa with her husband in 1977. Lake Kiowa resident Jeanie Kelley, who was actually a former student of Rhodes, was the "keeper" of the scholarship fund for 14 years before re-

cently passing the baton to Sharon Clements.

Since 1982, the Anice Rhodes Scholarship Fund has assisted more than 80 NCTC students in receiving their education with more than \$61,000 given away in scholarships.

Clements, along with fellow Lake Kiowa Women's Club member Rita Langley, presented a \$2,400 check to the NCTC Foundation recently and had the chance to meet this year's recipients.

The Club has awarded \$500 scholarships in the past, but recently voted to increase their donation.

"We were delighted to have our general membership support the raising of all three of our scholarships that will be equal to the raise in the tuition of the school so we can cover everything they need in their scholarship," Langley said.

The scholarship is welcomed by the three recipients, who shared their future plans with the ladies from the Lake Kiowa Women's Club.

Alford is majoring in Humanitarian Aid and hopes to travel to developing countries to help people who are in need. "I am so very excited to be awarded this scholarship from Lake Kiowa Woman's Club," Alford said. "Without the help from these inspirational ladies, I would not be able to continue to pursue my dreams. I am beyond blessed to be given this opportunity to succeed. Thank you so much for helping me achieve my lifelong goal."

Knabe is finishing her second year at NCTC and plans to transfer to a four-year university and major in Nursing and one day become a neonatal nurse.

"I was very happy and appreciative to learn that I was a recipient of the Lake Kiowa Woman's Club Scholarship," she said. "It is so wonderful that these ladies have an organization like this that help support young women with their education."

For more information on scholarship opportunities at NCTC, contact the Institutional Advancement office at 940-668-4213.

MISD students attend UIL conference

Six Muenster ISD students started their Saturday, Sept. 19 at 4 a.m., all in hopes of strengthening their UIL skills and gaining more knowledge about their specific events.

Senior Alaina Reiter, sophomore Ethan Flaming, and freshmen Morgan Hennigan, Itzel Meza, Rut Rodriguez, and Mackenzie Sicking attended the UIL Student Activities Conference at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. The students attended sessions specific to the events they were interested in which were held by the UIL directors from Austin.

"I spent all of my time in the Journalism sessions," Reiter said. "Getting advice straight from the lady that

writes the prompts was very intriguing and will hopefully help me advance further in my events."

While Reiter wrote headlines with students all across the state, Flaming attended the Math, Science, and Social Studies sessions. The freshman girls joined together and attended the sessions that sparked their interest in pairs. Hennigan and Sicking attended the Prose and Poetry and Theatrical Design sessions.

"We listened to a prose and poetry state champion that was really good," Hennigan said. "The piece was about failure and she did an awesome job of showing her emotion."

Meza and Rodriguez had a very busy day while they attended the Spelling, Accounting, Science, Informa-

tive and Persuasive Speaking, and Lincoln Douglas Debate sessions.

"The spelling test was terrifying," Meza said.

Besides getting a glimpse into the reality of high school UIL as opposed to junior high, Meza and Rodriguez both agreed that the campus was pretty cool and that the library was their favorite part of campus.

After their morning of academic sessions wrapped up, the group ate lunch at Blue Sky and met up with former MHS students and UIL Academic participants Caroline Gressett, Eric Hellman, and Dustin Wimmer.

"This 15 hour trip was definitely one for the books," Reiter said. "But I would not have wanted to spend my Saturday any other way."

New Arrival



Harper Hess

Hess

Marianne Shirley and Brandon Hess of Richland Hills announce with joy the birth of their first child, a daughter, Harper June Hess, born June 21, 2015, on Father's Day, at Baylor Frisco Medical Center at 7:03 p.m., weighing 6 lb. 5.4 oz. and measuring 18 inches long. Proud first-time grandparents are Lisa and Darrell Hess of North Richland Hills, Christina and James Grintz of McKinney, and Darren Shirley of North Richland Hills. Proud first-time great-grandparents are Rachel Hennigan of Muenster and the late Arthur Hennigan, Sharilyn Wilson of Springtown and the late Chuck Wilson, and Trudy Baffic and David Shirley of White Bluff.



Courtesy photo

Attending the UIL Student Activities Conference at Texas Tech University in Lubbock were, from left, back - Alaina Reiter, Ethan Flaming, Morgan Hennigan; front - Itzel Meza, Mackenzie Sicking, Rut Rodriguez.

SH Robotics season kicks off

The robotics season kicked off Saturday, Sept. 12 for the CoCo BEST hub in McKinney. This year's game theme is called "Pay Dirt."

The Team Machinators held several meetings throughout the weekend and weeks since to discuss the contest. The team is planning the game strategy, as well as prototype designs to accomplish the tasks required by this year's game theme.

The team consists of the design and build groups in charge of creating and building the robot. The Machinators team has decided to participate in the BEST competition this year which requires a presentation team and a display booth. The members of the teams are working on a display booth, and the other one is working on the presentation.

They are looking to have another successful year, hopefully adding a win in the BEST competition to their list of accomplishments.

Home Hospice offers Caregiver Workshop

Are you caring for a spouse, parent, or another person who is ill? Are you confused about what to do, what questions to ask, and where to get help? Being a caregiver can be a scary proposition to someone who has never cared for someone before. There are lots of questions and uncertainties. Caregivers often feel as if they have more things than they can handle and no time for themselves.

"From this workshop, caregivers will be better prepared to have conversations with their loved ones about care, needs, finances, and legal options. They will also be better prepared to take care of themselves. But the biggest thing they can gain from this workshop is learning that they are understood and supported - they are not alone. We want caregivers to realize that there are people who understand the difficulties of being in that role," said Home Hospice Director of Psychosocial Services Valerie Griffin, LMSW. "We are here to support them."

Those attending the workshop sessions will hear from professionals including physicians, nurses, social workers, and chaplains. They

will have the chance to learn about a wide range of topics, including physical care, care of the caregiver, emotional concerns, and questions to ask their physician. This workshop is open to anyone in the community who is caring for a loved one.

"The thing that caregivers are most frightened of is the unknown," said Dr. Ronald Van Buskirk, medical director of Home Hospice. "They long to be prepared for what is going to happen; the more information, guidance, and support we can give them, the less anxiety and stress

they will be burdened with in their role as a caregiver."

The Caregiver Workshop will be offered on four consecutive Thursdays, Oct. 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Community Room at Muenster State Bank in Gainesville, located at 1601 Hwy. 82 W.

There is no charge to attend the workshop.

To register by Oct. 2, call Paula Britain at (940) 665-9891 or by email paula.britain@homehospice.org.

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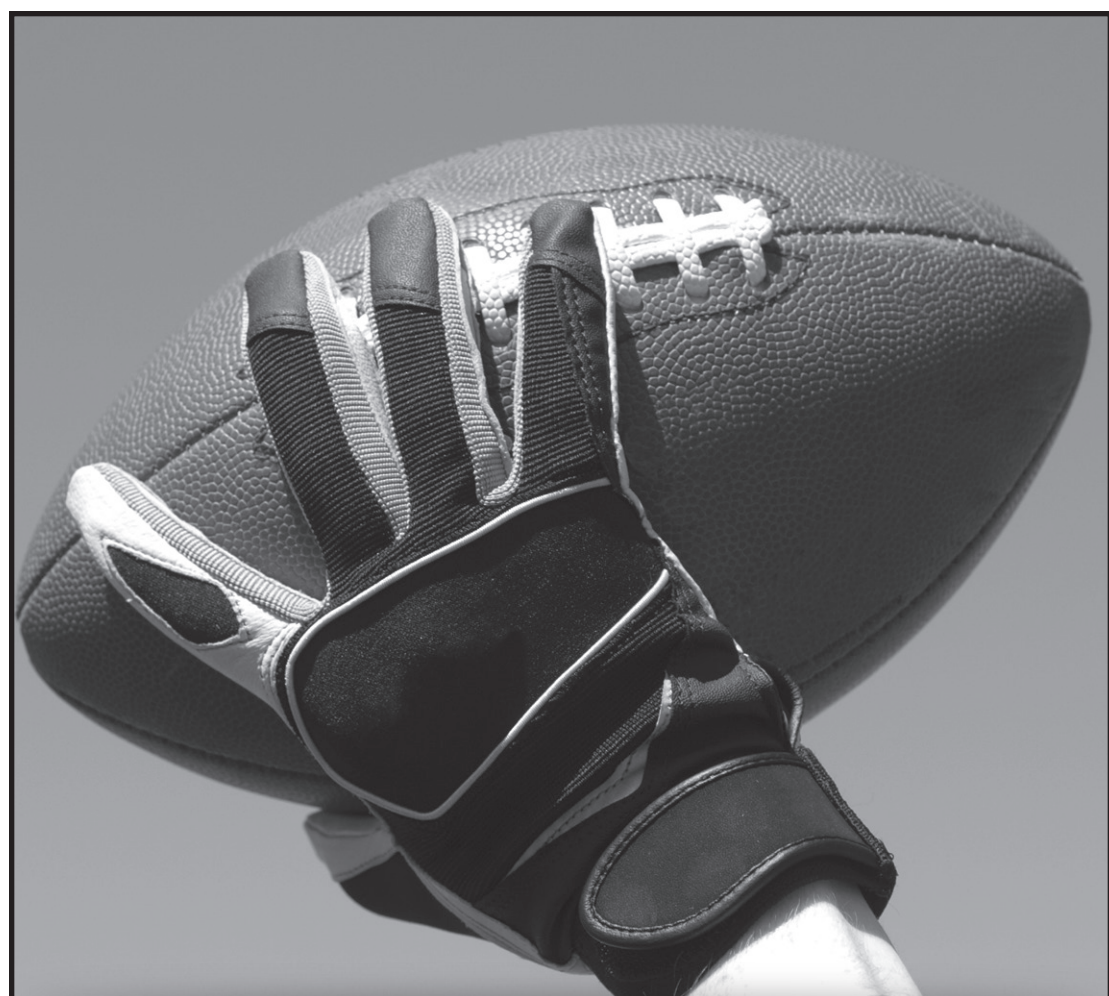
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SPORTS

Tiger defense holds Hornets scoreless

After having a week to recuperate from injuries, the Tigers of Sacred Heart hosted the Hornets of Era last Friday night. The Tiger defense held the Hornets scoreless in a 20-0 Sacred Heart victory.

"Anytime you pitch a shut-out on defense, you have to be happy. But Era's defensive and offensive lines made us work for everything we got," noted Tiger Coach Dale Schilling. "Defensively, we had a very good game plan and our linebackers played a very solid football game."

The teams exchanged punts as the Tiger defense led by Nick Tice, Stephen Kessler, Daniel Hesse, and Garrett Truebenbach held Era to 1 yard in two possessions.

Starting drive two on the 24 yard line, the Tigers moved the ball quickly to the Hornet 30 with a Kason Reeves to Markus Shaw pass play and an Ethan Henry run. Reeves and Shaw connected a second time for a Tiger touchdown. The PAT failed for a 6-0 score with 3:29 remaining in the 1st quarter.

Era moved the ball into the next period but was stopped by the Tiger defense of Kessler and Mark Davis. Sacred Heart earned two 1st downs to Era's three before the 1st half ended.

Mitch Studebaker and Truebenbach stopped Era's first drive, with Tyler Spruill ending their second attempt with a covered fumble on the Hornet 6 yard line. A flag called back one end zone play, but three plays later, Spruill got the touchdown from 2

yards out. Reeves booted the extra point to give Sacred Heart a 13-0 lead with 5:32 on the 3rd quarter clock.

The defensive battle continued into the final period, with Sam Hesse stealing an interception on the Hornet 32 yard line. Two Reeves to Wyatt West passes moved the ball to the 19. A flag lost 10, and Henry picked up 11. Another Reeves to West pass was good for 6 points. With 5:51 on the clock, Reeves added the extra point for a 20-0 score.

Era got in nine plays before running out of downs with 25 seconds on the clock. A knee by the Tigers ended the game.

M	6	0	7	7	20
E	0	0	0	0	0

Team Stats		
SH		E
8	1st downs	8
26/72	Rushes/yds	46/129
150	Passing yds	24
10/23/0	Comp/att/int	3/10/1
7/36.9	Punts/avg	8/35.6
0/0	Fumbles/lost	1/1
6/40	Penalties/yds	6/50

Individual Stats
TACKLES: Daniel Hesse, Mitch Studebaker, Thomas Hennigan, Nick Tice. **TURN-OVERS:** *Interception* - Sam Hesse. *Fumble Recovery* - Tyler Spruill. **RUSHERS:** Ethan Henry, 9/64; Tyler Spruill, 9/6; Kason Reeves, 8/2. **RECEIVERS:** Markus Shaw, 4/68; Wyatt West, 4/37; Thomas Hennigan, 1/33; Zane Schoppa, 1/12.

Next Action
 The Tigers travel to Colleyville this Friday night to take on the Cougars of Covenant in their District opener. The Cougars had last week

off, losing to Legacy Christian Academy 24-14 the week before after a 45-31 win over Shelton. Covenant opened the season with a 36-35 loss to First Baptist.

"Covenant's quarterback is the key to their team," commented Coach Schilling. "He can hurt you just as bad with his arm or his legs." Schilling also noted that the Cougars have five skilled players who are a threat to score every time they are on the field. "They are the most explosive team we've faced this year. We have to play very disciplined football to bring home a win," the coach concluded.

The game will be played at Fort Worth Christian, starting at 7:30 p.m.



Amy Binder photo

Bryce Herr (7) holds off an Alvord Bulldog as Blayne Jones (2) finds the opening made by Hornet linemen, including Ethan Flaming (72) and Dean Walterscheid (50).

Hornets fly by Alvord 54-7

Four hundred and eighty-one yards total offense, 22 1st downs, and 54 points. That was Muenster Hornet football last Friday night in Alvord, with the Hornets taking a non-conference 54-7 victory over the Bulldogs.

"Offensively, we came out a little slow - that goes back to our loss to Callisburg," noted Coach Brady Carney. "The offense did a good job bouncing back after a slow start."

Coach credited the defense with an "overall really good game," with a couple of early turnovers. Carney also noted the kickoff coverage was much better than last week and the kick and punt re-

turns put Muenster in good starting position.

It was a defensive battle most of the 1st quarter. Alvord's first offensive possession ended when Parker McGrew intercepted a Bulldog pass. Four plays later, Alvord picked off a Hornet pass. The teams punted away the next three drive attempts before Muenster began their first point making drive on their own 32 yard line. Runs by Clay Stevens, Blayne Jones, and Dalton Bartel, and a Jones to Bartel pass play placed Muenster on the Alvord 4 yard line. With 1:50 on the clock, Stevens put the first points on the board. Bryce Herr add-

ed the point after for a 7-0 score.

McGrew's air defense struck again when he intercepted another Bulldog pass. From their 41, it took just two plays, a Jones to Kagen Dangelmayr pass play and a 38 yard run by McGrew to reach the Alvord 4 yard line. McGrew finished the drive. The PAT failed for a 13-0 score with 46 seconds remaining in the 1st period.

Alvord carried the ball into the 2nd period before running out of downs. The Hornets drove 58 yards in 10 plays with Trace Klement scoring from the 2. Jones ran in the 2-point conversion for a 21-0 score 4 minutes into the quarter.

The Bulldogs got their only touchdown of the night with 5:12 on the clock - 21-7.

Muenster fumbled the next drive, held the Bulldogs to four plays, then scored on a 76 yard Bartel run. Herr added the PAT for a 28-7 Hornet lead with 3:11 on the 1st half clock.

Muenster's defense held Alvord to 7 yards and a punt. Six plays later, Klement found the end zone on a 1 yard run. The PAT failed for a 34-7 score with 31 seconds on the clock before the halftime break.

Muenster's three drives in the 3rd quarter all ended with touchdowns. The first had runs by Brennan Binder, Stevens, Jones, and Klement, and completed passes to Binder and Klement. The final run was from 5 yards out by Stevens. The PAT failed for a 40-7 score.

An interception by Stevens started drive two on the Muenster 44. Seth Flusche, Klement, Jones, and Binder got in runs, with a Jones to Binder pass play adding 5 yards to the Alvord 2 yard line. Flusche then scored with Herr adding the point after for a 47-7 score.

A 4th down Bulldog punt was returned 65 yards by Stevens for Muenster's final TD of the game. Herr's PAT

made the score 54-7 with 2 minutes remaining in the 3rd quarter.

Things slowed down the final period, with Muenster allowing time to tick off the clock, ending the game 54-7.

M	13	21	20	0	54
A	0	7	0	0	7

Team Stats		
M		A
22	1st downs	7
44/360	Rushes/yds	27/72
121	Passing yds	70
10/20/1	Comp/att/int	9/23/3
1/34	Punts/avg	6/32
1/1	Fumbles/lost	1/0
3/20	Penalties/yds	6/33

Individual Stats
TACKLES: Travis Vogel, Logan Pagel, Carson Trubebach, Carson Cheaney, Sammy Saucer, Clay Stevens, Kagen Dangelmayr, Dalton Bartel, Zane Kemp, Nolan Bayer. **TURN-OVERS:** *Interceptions* - Parker McGrew (2), Clay Stevens. **RUSHERS:** Dalton Bartel, 8/133; Brennan Binder, 6/48; Parker McGrew, 3/46; Seth Flusche, 7/40; Clay Stevens, 7/36; Blayne Jones, 9/32; Trace Klement, 4/25. **RECEIVERS:** Kagen Dangelmayr, 2/43; Dalton Bartel, 2/35; Trace Klement, 1/16; Brennan Binder, 2/15; Bryce Herr, 1/7; Clay Stevens, 2/5.

Next Action
 The Hornets open District play this Friday night at Lindsay. The Knights were off last week, preparing for District action. Lindsay started the season with wins over Tom Bean 22-19 and Valley View 20-7, before losing to Howe 40-14.

"The scariest thing about Lindsay is their size up front - their offensive and defensive lines," Coach Carney noted. "They have experienced offensive linemen that average 250 pounds across the front." Carney added that the Knights' strength lies in their defense.

"To win, we'll have to minimize our turnovers and continue to do a good job on special teams," Carney concluded.

Game time is 7:30 p.m.



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Sacred Heart quarterback Kason Reeves (10) is given plenty of time in the backfield to get the pass away. Providing protection includes Garrett Truebenbach (62), Nick Tice (63), Mark Davis (52), Stephen Kessler (56), and Tyler Spruill (21).

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Anderle and Kubis in CC Meet

Lady Hornets Bailey Anderle and Alaina Kubis both ran in the UTA Gerald Richey Cross Country Invitational Meet last Saturday in Grand Prairie at the Regional meet site - Lynn Creek Park.

"Times were good in this big meet!" noted Cross Country Coach Amy Binder.

Anderle finished the race at 13:33 and Kubis 14:23 against runners from Kaufman, Whitesboro, Van Alstyne, Paris North Lamar, Pilot Point, and Sanger, to name a few.

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JV Tigers overtake Knights

The Sacred Heart Tigers and Lindsay Knights junior varsity squads got in some play time last week in Lindsay with the Tigers ending the contest with a 30-12 victory.

The Tigers took the opening kick. A Roy Endres pass to Hunter Hess quickly moved the ball to the Lindsay 9 yard line. Two more plays and Sacred Heart was on the scoreboard with an Endres run. Endres also ran in the extra points for the 8-0 score.

Tackles by Jake Kemna, Julian Hesse, and Sam Hesse gave Lindsay no gain. The teams exchanged punts, with the Knights finding paydirt for an 8-6 score.

The next play, another Endres to Hess pass play was good for a 60 yard touchdown. An Endres to Zane Schoppa pass added 2 more

points for a Tiger lead of 16-6.

There was no scoring in the 2nd quarter, with the Knights getting an interception and a fumble recovery.

Lindsay's opening 2nd half drive was shortened when S. Hesse picked off a pass and returned it to the Knight 42 yard line. Next play, Endres found S. Hesse open for 6 points. An Endres to Schoppa pass extended Sacred Heart's lead to 24-6 with 6:42 on the 3rd quarter clock.

The Knights threatened to score early in the 4th, but defensive plays by Kemna, Gus Ovalle, Michael McCoy, Schoppa, and Jeron Juntado stopped the drive on the Tiger 21. A quarterback keeper saw Endres race 79 yards for a Tiger TD, increasing Sacred Heart's lead to 30-6.

Lindsay got in eight plays and found the end zone for a final 30-12 score.



Lady Hornets at the start of the Slidell Junior High Cross Country Meet

Amy Binder photo

Junior High Lady Hornets win Slidell Meet

Thirteen junior high girls cross country teams participated in the Slidell Junior High Cross Country Invitational on Sept. 16. The Muenster girls brought home the championship, taking 1st place with 45 points,

10 points less than 2nd place Era. The Bowie 8th grade finished in 3rd with 86 team points.

Abby Walterscheid was the #1 finisher in the race with a time of 14:12.61. Five Muenster girls finished in the top 20. Hannah Lamar was 8th and Chloe Hacker 9th with times of 15:46.94 and 15:56.96. Bailey Otto's time of 16:02.32 placed her in at #11, with Lexi Markwardt coming 16 and Audrey Kubis 20 with 16:16.67 and 16:34.57 clockings.

Other runners from Muenster and their places and times were: 28, Makenna Aldridge, 17:10.54; 29, Alec Becker, 17:11.07; 36, Annie Anderle, 17:23.64; 42, Kaley Berkley, 17:35.63; 43, Ashleigh Deweber, 17:37.94; 53, Sarah Monday, 18:03.65; 54,

Jada Binder, 18:09.57; 72, Alexa Waneck, 19:09.35; 92, Shae Budish, 20:01.88; 94, Mary Fisher, 20:02.62; 107, Kelsey Hennigan, 21:33.53. Paradise, Slidell, and Ar-

gyle were the top boys teams. Muenster had two runners. Brenton Wilson clocked in at 16:34.58, with Cole McMinn finishing at 18:25.09. The winning time was 12:53.37.

Cubs stung by Era

The Sacred Heart Cubs met a heavily populated Era Stinger team last week and were handed a 36-14 loss.

Cole Carson returned the opening kickoff to midfield. Runs by Carson and completed passes from Rhett Sprouse to Hunter Hennigan moved the ball to the 15. With 2:50 on the clock, Carson scored for a 6-0 Cub lead.

Era scored on their first offensive snap for an 8-6 score.

Sacred Heart carried the ball into the 2nd quarter. Runs by Hennigan and Sprouse took the Cubs to the 3. Sprouse scored, then added the extra run to give the Cubs a 14-8 lead.

Four plays later, Era scored again for a 16-14 half-time score.

The 2nd half was all Stinger, with Era scoring on an 85 yard run, blocking a Cub punt, a 55 yard TD run, recovering a fumble, and an 11 yard scoring run for a 36-14 final score.

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9.18-2

Public Announcement

North Central Texas College wishes to announce that it will host a site review for continuing accreditation of its Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

You are invited to meet the site visit team and share your comments about the program in person at a meeting scheduled at 4:30pm on September 30, 2015 at North Central Texas College in the Little Theater - in the 100 building.

Written comments are also welcome and should be submitted directly to: Dr. Marsal Stoll, Chief Executive Officer Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850 Atlanta, GA 30326 Or e-mail: mstoll@acenursing.org All written comments should be received by the ACEN by September 23, 2015.

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Bid Announcement for CNC Equipment/ Mill and Lathe/ Lincoln Invertec

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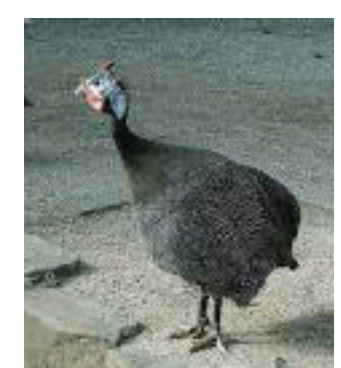
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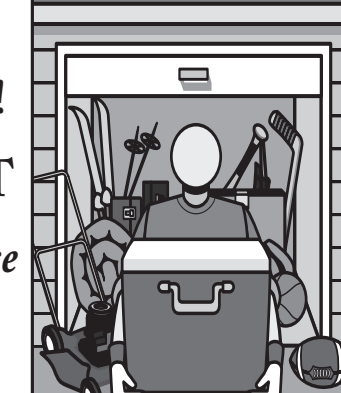
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FARM & RANCH

New laws could affect Texas farmers and ranchers

By Jessica Domel

Texas Farm Bureau - Field Editor
Sept. 1 may not have marked the beginning of a new calendar year. But it did mark a new beginning for many Texas laws.

On that day, laws enacted by the legislature that were not vetoed by the governor or enacted took effect.

For farmers and ranchers, that means a few changes thanks to legislation like HB 200 by Rep. Jim Keffer and Sen. Charles Perry, which allows farmers to appeal water restrictions set by a groundwater conservation district.

"It's going to make sure that any restrictions placed on the use of groundwater are based upon the best available science to justify the restrictions," Billy Howe, Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) state legislative director, said.

The bill allows anyone affected by a water decision to appeal the adoption of a groundwater conservation district's Desired Future Condition (DFC) and whether or not that DFC places a reasonable limit on groundwater production in the area.

"It ensures the landowner or groundwater user a process to challenge whether or not the DFC is reasonable. That's very important because the DFC basically sets the regulatory goals for the local groundwater district,"

Howe said.

Water is a private property right. As such, protecting groundwater is one of the goals of a groundwater conservation district, according to the bill.

"If you want to have a say in how restricted you are and how much you can pump, you need to be able to have that opportunity to be involved in the DFC process and even appeal it," Howe said.

Texas farmers will soon save money thanks to SB 140 by Sen. Perry and Rep. Tom Craddick. The law creates a sales tax exemption for GPS systems used for farming and ranching.

"They will no longer have the data service providers trying to access the sales tax. It lowers the tax burden for ag producers who use those services," Howe said.

Changes were also made to the state Grain Producer Indemnity Board. Under SB 1099 by Sen. Craig Estes and Rep. Larry Phillips, the board can now purchase reinsurance as a risk management tool.

It also changes the number of votes required to create a grain indemnity fund from a two-thirds vote to a simple majority.

"That will give grain producers who would like to create a grain indemnity fund, a better chance to be able to create it," Howe said.

Farmers who have grain at an elevator when it goes out of business will have additional protections thanks to another law that was brought to the chambers by Sen. Perry and Reps. Kyle Kacal and Dustin Burrows.

The law allows a farmer to have a lien that protects his/her crop when first delivered to a buyer. The farmer is still required to file a legal form protecting the lien.

Farmers and ranchers who use their land for businesses like hay mazes, pumpkin patches, and other forms of agritourism will receive additional liability protection through a law originally presented by Sen. Perry and Rep. Andrew Murr.

These bills were passed with the help and support of TFB.

Each year, TFB's state board sets priorities based on the policy that is set forth by members at the Annual Meeting. These priorities are then worked on and carried out by TFB staff like Howe.

The Board looks at the policy issues that they think could have the biggest impact on agriculture on a statewide basis. Those things tend to be prioritized first.

"After those big, statewide issues, they prioritize the issues that our volunteer leaders have brought forward that are important to them," Howe said.

Farm bill safety net deadlines approach

It's time to finalize your farm bill safety net program choice.

The deadline to sign a contract and enroll in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC), Price Loss Coverage (PLC), and the Margin Protection Program for Dairy (MPP-Dairy) is Wednesday, Sept. 30.

Most farmers have already made their ARC or PLC choice. Now is simply the time for them to sign their contract and enroll in the program officially for the 2014 and 2015 crop years.

For dairymen, the selection will cover 2016. More than half of American dairymen are expected to participate in the safety net program.

More than 1.7 million farmers are expected to sign contracts for ARC and PLC this year. The programs cover the following commodities: barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crumb, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long and medium grain rice, safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed, and wheat.

The elections made this year will continue through 2018. Ownership and shares may be adjusted during annual enrollment.

For more information, visit your local FSA office or www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc.



Why Ranchers Hate The EPA

Public relations doesn't seem to be EPA's strong suit. They failed miserably with their WOTUS rollout, and now they've singled out Wyoming rancher Andy Johnson in what amounts to a David and Goliath battle. EPA claims Johnson owes more than \$16 million in fines over a small stock pond he built, and the amount is growing by \$37,000 a day. Johnson disputes EPA's claim and has filed a lawsuit challenging what is called EPA "overreach." The quarrel began when Johnson built a stock pond on his property near Fort Bridger, Wyo. He obtained the necessary permits and received state approval. But the EPA slapped Johnson with a compliance order that specified he had to return his property to conditions before the stock pond was built. He refused to comply, and that's when the \$37,000 per day fines were levied.

9.1.15

Antidote supplies dwindle

So you won't run out of things to worry about, medical officials fear that snake bite antidote supplies could be depleted by as early as next year. Agencies such as the World Health Organization estimate there are 5 million snake bites per year, which cause about 100,000 deaths. They fear the death toll will increase substantially unless governments and pharmaceutical companies are encouraged to increase production of the antidote.

9.8.15

Cattle Market Warnings

Last week was a tough one for cattle markets with both live and feeder cattle futures establishing new contract lows. Jerry Gulke, president of The Gulke Group, says it was a correction waiting in the wings. "We've been warning about feeder cattle and live cattle for quite some time: This thing looks like an exit waiting to happen," Gulke said Friday on Weekend Market Report about the heavy losses incurred in the cattle.

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Lamar County man arrested for stealing 10 head of cattle

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Two of the stolen heifers were found running loose on the roadway with abrasions and cuts, suggesting they possibly escaped from a moving trailer a short distance from the rancher's pens.

The investigation revealed that two of the stolen cattle had been checked into the Hugo Livestock Market, Inc. sale barn in Hugo, OK on Sept. 11 under Fleming's name. The victim identified the heifers with his brand and photographs of the cattle. The remaining six head of stolen heifers were located and recovered. The suspect will be charged with restitution for the 10 head of stolen heifers.

Fleming is currently being held in the Lamar County Jail on a \$50,000 bond. This is an ongoing investigation and additional charges are possible.

"This case is a perfect example of how important it is for ranchers to brand their cattle," said the investigator. "All 10 of the stolen heifers were identified and located because they had a brand on their hip. I encourage all ranchers to follow this precaution and keep a close watch on their cattle, especially when they are being held in a pen."

Fourth man arrested in Rusk County cattle theft case

A fourth suspect was arrested and charged with theft of livestock on Sept. 11 after working with three other suspects to steal four cows from Pct. 3 Justice of the Peace Jackie Risinger of Mt. Enterprise, Texas.

The suspect Christian Rhuns Collins, 27, along with the other suspects, Gwivonna Long Jr., Charlie Divonne Long, and Jovante Duran Fields were involved in the cattle theft that occurred in Oct. 2014. Collins was arrested Friday, Sept. 11 and the other suspects were arrested earlier this year.

Risinger left his pasture and locked the gate late on Oct. 23, and he arrived the following morning to find the gate chain had been cut. He immediately realized that four grown cows were missing and one calf remained in the pasture.

TSCRA Special Rangers and market inspectors were able to locate the four stolen heifers at the Athens Livestock barn.

The investigation revealed that the four suspects delivered the cattle to the livestock barn and they sold the next day. The check was cashed for \$7,647.20, and it was divided among the four suspects.

Authorities were able to identify the cattle sold indeed belonged to Risinger by visual inspection and by bringing the orphaned calf to the cattle where it immediately began nursing one of the stolen cows.

Collins and Fields are both being held at the Rusk County Jail on two \$75,000 bonds. Gwivonna Long pled guilty and was sentenced to two years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ). Charlie Long is out on a \$75,000 bond.



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OR CLASSIC BLENDS
Shurfine Frozen Vegetables
32 OZ. PKG.

2 \$4

SHURFINE MINI EARS
Corn on the Cob
12 CT. PKG.

\$2.99

FRESH
Large Avocados

5 FOR \$5

fresh produce

GOLDEN DELICIOUS
OR FUJI
Premium Apples 4 LBS.

4 \$5

FRESH
D'Anjou Pears 4 LBS.

4 \$5

CARAMEL, CINNAMON CARAMEL,
OR WACKY
Happy Apples 4 FOR

4 \$5

ASSORTED VARIETIES
Seneca Apple Chips 2.5 OZ. PKG.

2 FOR \$5

Fresh
Kiwifruit 4 FOR

4 \$1

SNOW WHITE
CAULIFLOWER 2 FOR

2 \$5

RED OR GREEN
Seedless Grapes LB.

\$1.99

SHURFINE
Cottage Cheese 12 OZ. TUB

\$1.19

SHURFINE
Sour Cream 8 OZ. TUB

89¢

SHUR SAVING SELECT VARIETIES
Dry Seasonings 3.1-5.25 OZ. JAR

88¢

SHUR SAVING DISTILLED
White Vinegar GALLON

\$1.69

SHUR SAVING ALL PURPOSE
Bleached Flour 25 LB. BAG.

\$5.99

SHUR SAVING GROUND
Black Pepper 2.5 OZ. JAR

\$1.59

SHUR SAVING
Salad Olives 10 OZ. JAR

\$1.59

LARGE GREEN
Bell Pepper 2 FOR

2 \$1

PEELED
Baby Carrots 1 LB. PKG.

99¢

FRESH BUNCH
Green Onions 2 FOR

2 \$1

TENDER GARDEN, BABY KALE,
VEGGIE SPRING,
OR BABY SPINACH
Fresh Express 5-7 OZ. PKG.

\$2.99

CELLO PACK
Whole Mushrooms 1 LB. PKG.

\$2.99

48% VEGETABLE OIL
Shurfine Spread 45 OZ. TUB

\$1.99

SHUR SAVING ASSORTED FLAVORS
Sandwich Cookies 32 OZ. PKG.

2 FOR \$4

SHUR SAVING
Flavored Syrup 24 OZ. BTL.

\$1.89

SHUR SAVING GROUND
Black Pepper 2.5 OZ. JAR

\$1.59

SHUR SAVING
Salad Olives 10 OZ. JAR

\$1.59

SHUR SAVING
Wide Noodles 16 OZ. PKG.

2 \$4

SHUR SAVING WHOLE OR DICED
Canned Tomatoes 14.5 OZ. CAN

59¢

WHITE OR GOLDEN
Shur Saving Hominy 15.5 OZ. CAN

59¢

SHUR SAVING PINTO OR
MEXICAN STYLE CHILI
Canned Beans 15 OZ. CAN

69¢

SHUR SAVING
Tomato Sauce 15 OZ. CAN

59¢

PANCAKE AND WAFFLE
Shur Saving Syrup 24 OZ. BTL.

\$1.69

SHUR SAVING MACARONI DINNER
Shells & Cheese 12 OZ. BOX

2 \$3

SHUR SAVING
Vienna Sausage 4.75 OZ. CAN

2 FOR \$1

SHUR SAVING CHUNK
White Chicken 5 OZ. CAN

99¢

SHUR SAVING CREAMY
Peanut Butter 40 OZ. JAR

\$2.99

SHUR SAVING INSTANT
Mashed Potatoes 16 OZ. BAG

\$1.99

SHUR SAVING DINNER
Macaroni & Cheese 6.25 OZ. BOX

3 \$1

SHUR SAVING CHUNK
White Chicken 5 OZ. CAN

99¢

SELECT VARIETIES
Western Family Toothpaste 6.4 & 2 OZ. TUBE

99¢

SHUR SAVING
Storage Bags 99¢

SHUR SAVING
Facial Tissue 88¢

SHUR SAVING
Paper Towels \$2.99

SHURFINE
Instant Light Charcoal 6.2 LB. BAG

\$4.99

SHUR SAVING SMALL ANGLE BROOM,
CORN BROOM, DECK MOP,
OR SPONGE MOP
Cleaning Tools YOUR CHOICE - EACH

\$3.99

SHUR SAVING
Liquid Bleach 1 GALLON JUG

\$1.29

SHUR SAVING
Bathroom Tissue 3 \$3.99

SHUR SAVING
Performance Batteries 2 \$2.4

WESTERN FAMILY
2 Hour Firelog 2 FOR \$5

24-PACK CANS
Milwaukee's Best Light

\$14

24-PACK CANS
Natural Light

\$20

SHUR SAVING ASSORTED COLORS
Paper Napkins 160 CT. PKG.

99¢

SHUR SAVING
Paper Plates 100 CT. PKG.

\$1.99