

Oktoberfest deemed fun event

Janet Felderhoff
News Editor

Last weekend brought beautiful weather for the 2015 Oktoberfest celebration in Muenster. The two-day event was sponsored by the Muenster Chamber of Commerce. Muenster's Oktoberfest is geared to family fun and many families came out to enjoy the activities offered.

"The Muenster Chamber of Commerce was thrilled with the 3rd annual Oktoberfest with guests attending from as far away as Germany, North Carolina, and Nevada," remarked Chamber Board member Sandy Bayer. Bayer also served on the Oktoberfest committee.

Bayer noted that Mollie B from RFD-TV received rave reviews from the audience and they have requested her return. Dave Alexander and His Big Texas Swing Band were a big hit with the two-step and swing dancers. Matt and the Creek Side Drifters, Brothers Sharp, and Bois D'Arc's offered a unique and local flavor for the crowd.

Bayer added, "Everyone loved to dance to the German bands 3rd Generation and Alpine Village. The Sacred Heart Children's Choir performed beautiful songs with one sung in German. Also, the Whitney High School German folk dancers with 26 young dancers in Alpine costumes delighted the crowd with their folk dances."

This year, the Chamber decided to add two contests to the agenda. According to

Bayer, Best Dirndl and Lederhosen Alpine Costume in the adult and children categories brought out the best dressed this festival has ever seen.

Adult winners were Phyllis Gerstberger of Gainesville and David Loeffler from Fort Worth. Capturing the prize in the children's category were Ever Landers and

Wade Wilson from Copper Canyon.

Stein Hoisting Finals were held on Saturday evening with 11 competing for the title. Muenster native Ron Trubenbach, representing Doc's Bar and Grill, earned the Stein Hoisting Championship title. He held a beer-filled glass stein for seven minutes, nine seconds to

earn the title.

Many came to watch for Sunday's Weiner Dog Race. Ten dogs vied to take this year's trophy. Zoie, Toby, and Flash were in the final heat, with Toby taking home the Grand Trophy with an 11 second run.

"We look forward to adding more contests and additional

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Sandy Bayer photos

Muenster's Oktoberfest had several competitions including the Stein Hoisting Finals and Weiner Dog Races. Winner of the Stein Hoisting contest was Muenster resident Ron Trubenbach pictured in top photo, center, with Chamber of Commerce Director Lilly Palmer on left and Chamber President Neil Hesse on the right. Above, the crowd watches in anticipation of the Weiner Dog Race which is about to begin. Watch for more Oktoberfest pictures in next week's Enterprise.

MISD Board quizzes Rep. Springer

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Members of the Muenster ISD Board of Trustees had the opportunity at the Oct. 14 regular meeting to speak with State Rep. Drew Springer. There were a number of issues that Board members had questions or concerns about and Rep. Springer spent about an hour speaking with them.

Superintendent Steve Self commented on Rep. Springer's interaction with the Board, "I believe that Rep. Springer is working for rural Texas. When we discussed the issue of the reduced funding for small population districts with less than 300 square miles, he knew the impact on Muenster and Lindsay. Muenster's funding is reduced by about \$550,000 and Lindsay is reduced about \$510,000.

"I was pleased that he had fought for the elimination of the <300 Square Mile Penalty. With him being new to the Legislature, I don't know if he fully appreciates how much the funding cuts of 2011 hurt public education.

We are at our lowest funding level in the past 10 years in real dollars. I believe he understands that the situation is dire for all the small school districts in his District."

A review took place regarding a certified school safety audit conducted at Muenster ISD on May 15, 2014. Matt Chalmers conducted the audit. He is trained and certified by the Texas School Board Safety Center to conduct such audits.

Chalmers' audit included the campus' 11 buildings. Superintendent Self reported, "There were two recommendations from the audit: 1) security cameras for the secondary campus, field house, and gyms and 2) better located and temperature controlled chemical storage. Overall the report was very complimentary."

The purpose of a Safety and Security Audit is to identify safety and security practices, policies, and needs of a campus and to make any recommendations that would help the school create the safest possible environment for students. The audit commends what is good and identifies needed changes.

Chalmers reviewed documents such as plans for

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Superior Machining reveals aerospace expansion project

As part of their 20th anniversary, Superior Machining and Fabrication is announcing an expansion project focused on growing its services in the aerospace industry.

The Muenster-based manufacturing company has outlined three distinct phases of the project with the final stage slated for completion within three to four years.

"Our plans to expand into the aerospace industry would include a broad customer base and the ability to attract the difficult jobs that most shops cannot do," said Jeff Walterscheid, Superior Machining and Fabrication's Operations Manager.

"We want the jobs that involve hard, exotic metals and the kind of work that topline aerospace companies require," he said. "We want to be the 'go to' shop in the industry."

The initial phase has already begun and should be completed within the next three months. Stage one includes a 10,000 sq. ft. facility expansion that will allow room for new equipment and large aerospace parts, and could lead to 10 to 15 new machines and 10 to 15 new jobs.

With an expected completion in 12 to 18 months, stage two will see the company ex-

pand their engineering and equipment capabilities, including larger "monolithic" AeroStructures.

As part of stage two, Superior has upgraded their quality systems software and advanced engineering CAD/CAM software. The company is also in the process of collecting specs and quotes for 5-axis CNC high-speed milling machines and developing additional workforce programs for the potential of another 20-plus jobs.

Company officials expect the final stage to be completed within three to four years. Stage three will include continued customer growth in the aerospace industry and an increased capacity utilization to double in size.

Other objectives of the final stage include a 100,000 sq. ft. expansion to the existing 110,000 sq. ft. facility, an additional \$3-5 million of 5-axis CNC machines and support equipment, and the potential of 50 to 75-plus high wage advanced manufacturing jobs.

As part of their project announcement, the company will host an event at its facility in Muenster on Oct. 29.

"Superior has been a stalwart for the Muenster community and those that surround it for 20 years," said Neil Hesse, Muenster Chamber President.

"With three generations of family members employed at Superior, the degree of precision will remain with the company for many years to come," he said. "I commend Superior Machining for their future expansion projects and the past 20 years as a community-based business."

About Superior Machining and Fabrication

Visit their website at <http://superior-machining.net/>. Superior Machining and Fabrication is one of the largest and most comprehensive custom machining facilities in North Texas. The company's focus on quality and customer satisfaction has enabled them to build a company that services a

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Koelzer injured in crash

On Thursday, Oct. 15 at approximately 7:36 p.m., Department of Public Safety (DPS) troopers were called to investigate a two-vehicle crash in northern Cooke County.

According to information released by DPS Trooper Mark Tackett, Katrinka Bartush, age 47 of Muenster was driving west on F.M. 373 preparing to turn south onto F.M. 2382. As Bartush turned south, she collided with an east-bound motorcycle driven by Keith Koelzer, a 47 year old resident of Muenster.

Koelzer was flown to Harris Methodist in Fort Worth with major leg trauma.

SHCS Homecoming Queen crowned



Courtesy photo

Crowned as the 2015 Homecoming Queen for Sacred Heart Catholic School last Friday night was Katie Davidson, daughter of Barbara Davidson and Greg Davidson. She was escorted by Stephen Kessler, son of Stephen and Lisa Kessler. The Tigers overwhelmed their opponent for a Homecoming victory over the Kennedale Fellowship Academy Mustangs.

NCTC approves special equipment purchases

Darin Allred
NCTC Public Relations

Regents of the North Central Texas Community College (NCTC) District voted unanimously Monday to approve vendors for welding and CNC equipment for the new Industrial Technology Center that is under construction on the Gainesville campus.

NCTC received \$206,366 in grant performance incentive funding from the Texas Workforce Commission based on the success of the General Electric Skills Development Fund Grant. This grant funding is designated to purchase additional equipment for the Industrial Technology programs.

On Monday, Regents approved a total of \$145,883.40 in equipment from three different vendors including Air-Gas of Graham, National Tooling Products of Lindsay, and HAAS Factory Outlet in Richardson.

That was the only action item on Monday's agenda, although the Board did hear several reports.

The Department of Education recently released the three-year 2012 financial aid cohort default rates. The 2012 cohort is the fourth for the three-year default rate calculation and

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Coleman arrested on drug charges

On Saturday evening Oct. 17, a patrol unit with the Cooke County Sheriff's Office attempted to stop a yellow motorcycle on a traffic violation in the 1600 block of West Hwy. 82 in Gainesville. The motorcycle driver refused to pull over and a pursuit ensued westbound on U.S. Hwy. 82 turning south on FM 3108 reaching speeds exceeding 100 mph.

The vehicle pulled over near the intersection of FM 3108 and FM 1630 where the driver was taken into custody without incident. Upon further investigation, it was determined that during the pursuit the driver had discarded a small bag that contained a large quantity of methamphetamine.

Donald Ray Coleman III, a 34 year old male resident of Muenster, was arrested and charged with multiple offenses including Manufacture/Delivery Controlled

Substance PG1>200G<400G for possessing 271 grams of methamphetamine with a street value of \$27,100. He was also charged with Poss CS PG3<28g (prescription pills), Tamper/Fabricate Physical Evidence w/intent

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Donald Coleman III

Obituary

Julius Hermes 1929 - 2015

Funeral services for Julius Bernard Hermes, Jr., age 86 of Lindsay, were held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 19 at St. Peter's Church in Lindsay with Fr. Philip Petta officiating. Interment followed at St. Peter's Cemetery. A Rosary service was held on Sunday, Oct. 18 at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home.

Julius died on Oct. 14, 2015 in Denton.

Julius was born March 14, 1929 in Lindsay to Julius and Cecilia Augusta Flusche Hermes. He attended school in Lindsay until the eighth grade, leaving school to help with the family farm. He worked on a harvesting crew, traveling to South Dakota. Julius returned to work as a roughneck in the oil field until he began his 32 year career with the National Supply Company in 1955. The family moved to Lindsay in 1959 where he served two terms as a city council alderman and on the Lindsay ISD Board. Julius enjoyed farming, both in a joint venture with his brother in Era and another farm west of Lindsay. He was an

avid sports fan, following the local teams wherever they played, especially when his children and grandchildren were participating.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Clara Flusche Hermes of Lindsay; sons Bob Hermes and wife Janet of Muenster, Kenneth Hermes and wife Paula of Lindsay, Stephen Hermes and Glenda of Gainesville; daughter Carol Hermes of Borger; grandchildren and spouses Scott and Kim Hermes of Cedar Park, Brad and G. Hermes of Manor, Kevin and Kim Hermes of El Paso, Robyn and Jay Eggemeyer of Little Elm, Jenna and Andrew Tilley of Denton, Matthew Hermes of Gainesville, Michael Hermes of The Colony; great-grandchildren Connor, Daegen, Cristof, Ridley, Tara, Hallie, and Caleb; brothers Richard (Edna) of Lindsay, Walter (Jo Ann) of Gainesville, Patrick (Carol) of Gainesville; sisters Marcella Zimmerer (Billy) of Lindsay, Patsy Fleitman (J.D.) of Muenster, Mary Ann Hess of Muenster; and sister-in-law Mary Evelyn Hermes of Hood.



Julius Hermes

Hermes was preceded in death by his parents; brother William; and grandson Chad Hermes.

Serving as pallbearers were grandsons Scott, Brad, Kevin, Matthew, and Michael Hermes; and nephew Dennis Hermes.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter's Church Restoration Fund.

Endres services set

Urban J. Endres, age 95 of Muenster, died on Monday, Oct. 21. A Rosary and Wake will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 22 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster. Mass of Christian Burial is set for 10 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 23 at Sacred Heart Church. Burial will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Notice

Brown Bag Book Review

On Thursday, Nov 5 at noon, there will be a Brown Bag Book Review in the NCTC Library Lyceum. Carolyn Martin will review her book *Miss Rose's House*. They hope to see you in November. Invite a friend!

The only tyrant I accept in this world is the still voice within.

-- Mahatma Gandhi

Zielinski seeks second term as County Attorney

Ed Zielinski is asking Cooke County voters to reelect him as their County Attorney.

Debi Miller McKenzie and Ed are married and between them they have six adult children; two daughters-in-law; and two grandchildren with one on the way. They are parishioners at St. Peter's in Lindsay and make their home near Callisburg. Zielinski remarked, "We care about the future of this community and its people."

While living in Cooke County; practicing law here and in North Texas since 1983, Ed has been involved in various things both in and out of his business, from coaching kids, co-founding the ABBA program, to teaching history as a re-enactor.

"In the course of my 36 years as a lawyer in both civil and criminal practice, Providence has guided me through many opportunities to learn in the course of my career, which has prepared me for the position I now hold," said Zielinski.

"When I was trained to be an Army officer, I learned that 'a boss demands performance, while a leader gets people to follow him and perform their tasks.'"

"I look forward to ever day that I can go to work to serve this community. I am pleased with the hard work that the office staff has put forth and have nothing but praise for the fine people who work in the County Attorney's Office."

"It humbles me that I have been given the opportunity to serve the good people of Cooke County. I have done the things I promised I would do when I first ran for this position."

Since January 2013, the County Attorney's office has doubled the number of cases filed in the County Court at Law and shortened the time that the cases are on the docket.

Zielinski noted, "Now confidence has been returned to

the law enforcement community that the County Attorney's Office will act diligently in cases; presentation of cases has increased by 30%.

"A winning record at trial has been established for this office; we now see results in the cases that are fair and practical for the State, the victims, the community and the defendant."

"As a result of these efforts, people who commit misdemeanor crimes have been held to account for their misbehavior by penalties, including fines and court costs, which have risen dramatically since January 2013."

"The Court and the Commissioners, as well as other County departments, regularly seek my legal advice, saving the costs of outside counsel."

"We will continue the progress that has been made in this office to improve the quality of this community; and I ask that the voters look at what has been accomplished and give me a second term to continue this process of improvement."

"I look forward to visiting with as many of the people that I serve as possible during this campaign and answering any questions that you have."



Ed Zielinski



The Texas Constitution can be amended when two-thirds of the members of both the Houses and Senate of the State Legislature vote to place an amendment on the ballot, after which the amendment is approved by a simple majority of the citizens in a general election. On Nov. 3, voters will have a chance to consider seven constitutional amendments proposed by the 84th Legislature – all seven of which I voted for.

Voter turnout in the Texas November odd-year elections tends to be quite low. In 2013, only 8.55% of registered voters showed up to vote on the nine proposed constitutional amendments on the Nov. 5, 2013 ballot. This means that 1,149,337 voters out of an overall population of roughly 27 million added nine constitutional amendments to the Texas Constitution. Which is why I am encouraging you to vote and have your voice heard on Nov. 3 or participate in early voting, which started Oct. 19.

Below is quick overview of the seven proposed constitutional amendments - by title, subject, and description.

Proposition 1 **Property Taxes** Changes the homestead exemption amount for school district property taxes from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

Proposition 2 **Property Taxes** Exempts property from taxation for surviving spouses of totally disabled veterans.

Proposition 3 **State Executive** Repeals the requirement that certain executive officials reside in the state capital, Austin, while in office.

Proposition 4 **Charities** Allows professional sports team charitable foundations to conduct charitable raffles.

Proposition 5 **Rural Transportation** Authorizes counties with 7,500 people or less to perform private road construction and maintenance.

Proposition 6 **Hunting and Fishing** Provides for a right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife.

Proposition 7 **Roads** Allocates a portion of sales and use tax revenue to the state highway fund through 2032.

Letter to the Editor

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, we will go to the polls to vote on seven Constitutional Amendments.

I want to remind everyone, especially the elderly and the disabled, that for this or for any other election, if you have difficulty walking or getting in and out of your vehicle, that we absolutely and legally can and will bring the ballot out to you inside of your vehicle so that you may vote! There is no need for you to struggle in pain to exercise your lawful ability to cast your vote; we will be happy to bring you your ballot curbside. This is the law!

Another way that you can make things easier on you and/or your elderly or disabled loved one, is to have them vote by mail (but remember to do this in a timely manner). Not every State allows this, but Texas does, so do take advantage of this alternative way to have your voice count!

To be eligible to vote early by mail in Texas, you must fall into at least one of these categories: 1) be 65 years or older; 2) be disabled; 3) be out of the county on election day and during the period for early voting by personal appearance; or 4) be confined in jail, but otherwise eligible.

You can go online to find all the information you need, and even find an ABBM (Application for Ballot By Mail) in PDF form that you can print at home and mail in; easy! You can also find all the rules, regulations, dates to mail by, and more by going online. One good source is VoteTexas.Gov.

Early voting for the Nov. 3, 2015 Constitutional Amendment Election runs Monday, Oct. 19 through Friday, Oct. 30, 2015. The last day to apply for ballot by mail (received; not postmarked), is Friday, Oct. 23, 2015.

Please remember this information next Spring, too, when it is time to vote in the Primary Election, which is just as important (if not more so!) than voting in the Presidential Election in the Fall, because it is the Primary Election that determines who will be on the ballot (for us to vote on) in the Fall.

One last thing, we have a very active and well-run Republican Women's group in Cooke County, that was organized in 1991. Meetings are the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m., at the First Christian Church in Gainesville. There are other clubs, too, such as the GOP Eagle Club, which meets on the last Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Wolf Den Restaurant in Gainesville at 1901 W. California Street. Led by our County Chairman, they discuss current political events and enjoy programs from local politicians and leaders. You can go early, about 6 p.m., to eat dinner with them before the meeting. There are no dues or other fees (but you do pay for your own dinner).

I think that now more than ever we need to get involved and (at the very least) stay up-to-date on what is going on in politics, State-wise and Federal-wise.

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** Editor's note: Janette Hess has worked as an Election Judge and an Election Clerk in the past, and is a member of the Cooke County Republican Women's group.*

I've often said there's nothing better for the inside of a man than the outside of a horse. - Ronald Reagan

United Way hits 63% on its way to goal

Cooke County United Way community thermometer moved to 63% at the conclusion of the Valley View Blitz Day. The Muenster Blitz Day the previous week moved the thermometer up to 55%.

The pledge totals include both Blitz days and received donations and pledges received by United Way to date. Cheryl Gomez, Cooke

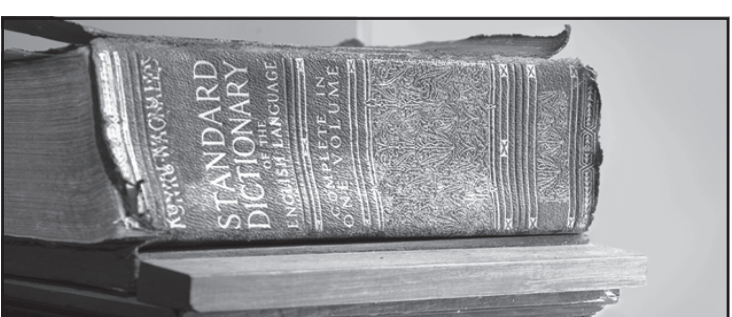
County United Way president said, "The thermometer is a great way to show the community how much progress we are making with the campaign. We are nearing the end of the campaign, but there is still work to be done. The agencies are depending on us all coming together for a common cause to help the residents of our community. If you haven't had the opportunity to give a donation yet there's still time."

"The number one reason that people don't give is that they weren't asked! Consider yourself asked! Please give to Cooke County United Way in the community spirit of neighbor helping neighbor. We've made it simple, you can now make a donation online on our website www.cookeuw.org! Take moment to view our campaign video to see what we ASPIRE for our community!"

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Pauline, Rene, Kristy & Family
Thanks to all of you.

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

Sunday, October 25, 2015	Monday, October 26, 2015	Tuesday, October 27, 2015	Wednesday, October 28, 2015	Thursday, October 29, 2015	Friday, October 30, 2015	Saturday, October 31, 2015
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm 		Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm HHospice Legacy Training 2-4 pm 	Library open 10-6:30 Religious Ed 6:45pm 	Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10-6:30 HHospice caregivers workshop 5:30-7 pm MMH Pumpkin contest judging 	Muenster Museum OPEN 1-4 KMB Scarecrow contest registration deadline 5 pm Hornets @ Celeste Tigers @ FW Calvary	Library open 10-2:30 Museum open 1-4 pm KMB Scarecrow Contest judging 1st Baptist Church Fall Festive 6-8 pm
Sunday, November 1, 2015 	Monday, November 2, 2015 City Council mtg. 6:30 pm	Tuesday, November 3, 2015 Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Election Day Don't forget to vote!	Wednesday, November 4, 2015 Library open 10-6:30 Religious Ed 6:45 pm Outreach open 5:30-7:30 pm	Thursday, November 5, 2015 Library open 10-6:30	Friday, November 6, 2015 Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm AARP board mtg. 10 am Hornets vs Era Tigers vs Lake Country	Saturday, November 7, 2015 Library open 10-2:30 Museum open 1-4 pm Hood Community Turkey Supper

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LIFESTYLE

Muenster's principals have a passion for education

Caitlin Beavers
Staff Writer

October is National Principal's Month, and in recognition of this we have sat down with Muenster's own principals to ask them about their experiences and decisions that have made them such wonderful leaders of our schools.

Dr. Rafael Rondon has been a principal for 10 years, six of those being at Sacred Heart Catholic School. In addition to being principal, he also teaches several classes at the high school. Dr. Rondon earned his Master's degree in Leadership

from the Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Tennessee, where he also earned his Master's degree in Catholic Study. To Dr. Rondon, the road of education had always been the correct path. He believes that everyone should be allowed to have an education, as the teachings of Christianity mean to treat everyone in equal measure and thus give them the same opportunities. He commented, "The mission of Catholic schools is the same wherever you go. To gather the people of God and bring them closer together." Sacred Heart School has had a very good year, seeing increased en-

rollment from last year. Due to the increased number of students, the school was able to hire more faculty and even establish a bus route for students in Gainesville and Denton for easier transportation to the school. He has said his experience at Sacred Heart has been wonderful. Dr. Rondon stated that he and his family have thrived in such a welcoming, accepting community.

Lou Heers, the principal of Muenster ISD's elementary school, taught for 20 years before becoming a principal. Interestingly enough, she has taught every grade except for fourth. She received her Bachelor's and Master's degree from Stephen F. Austin State University, and finalized her certificate to become principal through Region 11. She, too, always knew that a career in education was the path she wished to take. Her transition from teacher to principal was brought about by her desire to have a greater impact not only in the classroom, but in all aspects of the school. Principal Heers noted that perhaps the biggest change from when she began her career in education is the introduction and advancement of technology, and the application of that in classrooms, offices, and even by the school board. The children, she says, have always remained the same hardworking, driven students from when she started teaching. Principal Heers is proud to say that, so far, this school year has been outstanding. She remarked, "I am truly blessed to have such a dedi-

cated staff of teachers and aides... And the kids are truly a picture of what our community is. I am proud to be a part of Muenster ISD."

John York is entering his second year as the junior high and high school principal of Muenster ISD. He earned his degrees at Tarleton State University. Previously, he has had three years of experience as an assistant principal, and 20 years of experience both teaching and coaching. He has taught a variety of high school history courses and has been the head coach for basketball, as well as the assistant coach for other sports. Principal York noted a few differences as a principal from being a teacher, such as the broader student base to reach out to, but in comparison to coaching he said it was quite similar. As a coach, you're able to work with your teammates in order to improve, inspire, and motivate them to be the best possible athletes they can be. To be a principal is to do exactly that, but on a much larger scale that includes not only students, but staff and faculty members as well. He described the change from teacher to principal as a natural progression brought about by experiences in both his life and career. Principal York was happy to state that last year was outstanding, and he is excited for the future of Muenster ISD. He said, "We had a great year last year. We're looking to build on our successes and have a much more successful year this year."

New Arrivals



Alyssa Hellinger

Hellinger

Garret Hellinger and Julia Fleitman of Murphy, TX announce with joy the birth of their daughter Alyssa Jules Hellinger on Friday, Aug. 28, 2015. Born at Baylor Medical Center in Frisco at 11:41 p.m., she weighed 7 lb. 14 oz. and measured 20.5 inches long. Proud siblings are Cecilia Clare and Adler James Hellinger. Grandparents are Clara Hellinger of Lindsay and the late James Hellinger and John David and Patsy Fleitman of Muenster.

Taylor

Adam and Lauren Taylor of Muenster joyfully announce the birth of their first child Creed Kyle Taylor. He was born on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015 at 3:03 p.m. in Denton Presbyterian Hospital. Creed weighed 7 lb. 4 oz. and measured 19 3/4 inches in length. Also welcoming Creed are his grandparents Steve and Doreen Taylor and Kevin and Kathy Creed, all of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Regina Pels and Tommy and Ruth Knabe, all of Muenster.

Charles

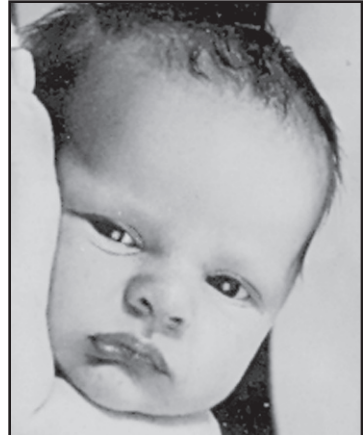
Proud to announce the birth of their daughter Juliana Mae Charles are Darrell and Trisha Charles of Muenster. Juliana was born on Monday, Sept. 14, 2015 at 8:16 a.m. in North Texas Medical Center. She weighed 7 lb. 11 oz. and measured 19 1/2 inches in length. Welcoming his new sister is big brother Drue Charles, age two. Grandparents are Earl and Donna Charles and Clinton and Debbie Endres, all of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Juliana Growing of Muenster and the late Steve Growing and Clara Endres of Muenster and the late Ed Endres.



Juliana Charles

Bayer

Jaxon, age four, and Stella, age two, are excited to announce the birth of their brother Beckett Thomas Bayer. Proud parents are Adam and Megan Bayer of Muenster. Beckett was born on Friday, Sept. 11, 2015 at 7 p.m. in Texas Health Presbyterian of Flower Mound. He weighed 7 lb. 10 oz. and measured 18 1/2 inches in length. Grandparents are Tom and Joyce Bayer of Muenster and James and Kim Huckaby of Myra. Great-grandparents are Sis Klement of Muenster and the late Tony Klement, the late Martin and Louise Bayer, Kenneth and Etta Boggs of Myra, and the late James and Joyce Huckaby.



Beckett Bayer

Fish fry to benefit Jenny Carney and family

A fish fry benefit is planned in honor of Jenny Carney and family of Gainesville. It will be held Friday, Oct. 30 at the Gainesville KC Hall. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with the serving of dinner. The live auction begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each with kids 5 and under free. There will also be live entertainment and a silent auction.

Jenny was diagnosed with Stage 4 Triple Negative breast Cancer in late 2014. The cancer has spread to her lymph nodes in her upper body, her bones including spine, pelvis, and ribs, and inside her chest cavity.

Before her illness, Jenny worked as an investigator with Child Protective Services in Cooke County. She was employed there until her sick time ran out. Her husband Aaron is an investigator for the Cooke County Sheriff's office. The couple has two daughters.

Any and all donations will help Jenny and her family meet everyday expenses and the endless medical bills. You can check out their Go Fund Me page for more details on the family and Jenny's current condition at <https://www.gofundme.com/ght8avdg.com>.

NCTC Cosmetology offering 'pink break' for women

During October, pink is a fashionable color for many reasons. One of the most important reasons people wear pink this month is for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

In order to honor those affected by breast cancer and women in general, the North Central Texas College Cosmetology Department is hosting a "Pink Break" for ladies of any age, giving them the opportunity to get pampered.

"We realize that a woman's job, motherhood, and life in general are all stressful to say the least," NCTC Cosmetology Program Coordinator Stephanie Lindsey said. "We are offering a break from reality for one morning during this intense season of life."

The Cosmetology Department will be offering an hour-long European facial, given by the Esthetics Department, and a relaxing pedicure, along with a shampoo and style of the client's choice, by the Cosmetology Department, for only \$40.

The services will begin at 8:30 a.m., and finish around lunch time. There are six dates available with only seven spots open each day. Dates of the "Pink Break" services will be Oct. 26, Oct. 28, Nov. 2, Nov. 4, Nov. 9 and Nov. 11.

To reserve a spot for the "Pink Break," just contact Lindsey by email at slindsey@nctc.edu. There is a form to complete and a \$40 payment must be made with reservation to ensure an appointment.

The NCTC Cosmetology and Esthetics Department has a full-service salon/spa offering services on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays during the Fall semester. They are open from 8:30 a.m., to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 a.m., to 3 p.m., on Fridays. They offer \$2 haircuts (\$6 with blow dry) on Tuesdays.

For more information about the NCTC Cosmetology Department, contact Lindsey by email or phone at 940-668-3314. You can also visit their webpage at www.nctc.edu/HealthSciences/Cosmetology.

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Women are invited to learn the importance of mammograms, Pap tests, and other forms of early detection and how to access financial resources and area services. Financial assistance for di-

County Library to host Halloween children's class

The Cooke County Library will celebrate ghouls and goblins with a special Halloween children's class on Friday, Oct. 30.

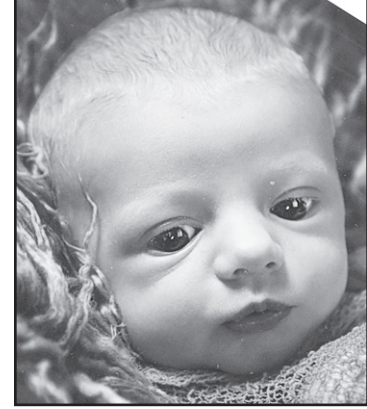
Children are invited to come celebrate with their friends and make new ones. There will be stories, games, and a craft, as well treats! Children are welcome to come in costume.

This special children's class is free and will begin at 10:30 a.m. at 200 S. Weaver Street.

agnostic tests is available. Don't Get Spooked, Get Screened will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the First State Bank Conference Center in Gainesville.

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Jem & the Holograms (PG)
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Mon-Thurs 1:50, 4:40, 7:30

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Monday, October 26	Wednesday, November 4
Wednesday, October 28	Monday, November 9
Monday, November 2	Wednesday, November 11

Reserve a Spot TODAY!

Contact Stephanie Lindsey by email: slindsey@nctc.edu. Complete a form and a \$40 payment must be made with reservation to ensure an appointment. For more information, call 940-668-3314



Time to be PAMPERED LADIES!

SCHOOL



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MUENSTER ELEMENTARY "110% AWARD" WINNERS FOR THE 1st SIX WEEKS are, from left, row 1 - Jesus Samperio, Douglas Hacker, Deegan Neu, Mason Bayer, Adam Burrows, Levi Fuhrmann; row 2 - Colt Haverkamp, Siya Patel, Von Tai, Owen Hofbauer, Anna Kay Hennigan; row 3 - Emily Collins, Kaci Ford, Briannah Keeling, Hillary Klement, and Devon Bindel.



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MUENSTER ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S AWARD WINNERS FOR THE 1st SIX WEEKS are, row 1 - Harley Oliver, Katie Walterscheid, Austin Burkhart, Ziek Spapleton, Sage Rosson; row 2 - Chase Bullock, Ben Cox, Katilyn Burkhart, Ryder Gann, Angie Hermes; row 3 Ava - Almaraz, Alexis Hofbauer, Clayton Spaeth, Zoe Hicke, Natalie McMinn, and Kohl Taylor.

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1st Six Weeks

ALL "A" HONOR ROLL

Grade 7: Mikaley Berkley, Abigail Cox, Mary Fisher, Lance Smith, Rallen Marie Tai.

Grade 8: Major Eldridge, Colby Endres, Jenna Hudspeth, Hannah Lamar, Roger Loooye, Daniel Luttmmer, Alexis Markwardt, Anna Proffer, Zachary Sanders, Riley Stewart, Lane Trubenbach, Abby Walterscheid.

Grade 9: Thomas Davis, Ashleigh Fisher, Nathan Hacker, Morgan Hennigan, Rut Rodriguez, Rudy Saucer.

Grade 10: Bailey Anderle, Zwaine Lamar, Stetson McGrew, Erin Schniederjan, Andrew Stoffels, Dean Walterscheid, Sterling Walterscheid.

Grade 11: Logan Cook, Morgan Eldridge, Amy Luttmmer, Lea Tarnowski.

Grade 12: Jordan Buddy, Karli Mouring, Alaina Reiter, Claire Schneider, Allie Walterscheid, Kimber Walterscheid.

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Grade 7: Makenna Aldriedge, Alec Becker, Shae Budish, Sarah Davis, Libby Duncan, Kyla Fields, Makenna Forshee, Bryce Hacker, Chloe Hacker, Cooper Harrison, Kelsey Hennigan, Erin Hesse, Rebekkah Hill, Alyssa Huchton, Paden Jarosz, Audrey Kubis, James McMinn, Sarah Monday, Bayley Otto, Daniel Rodriguez, Wade Trubenbach, Jaxon Truebenbach, Alexa Waneck.

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Smith, Brenton Wilson.

Grade 9: Garrett Bindel, Ryan Huchton, Sadie Sandmann, Joshua Tamplin, Lauren Trubenbach, Kody Walterscheid, Blair Waneck.

Grade 10: Natalie Dangelmayr, Travis Dangelmayr, Kaden Fields, Ethan Flaming, Seth Flusche, Savannah Hermes, Max Herr, Zoe Klement, Alaina Kubis, Bailey McCoy, Michael Moseley, Megan Rohmer, Paige Saucer, Jenna Sicking, Clay Stevens, Carson Trubenbach, John Weger, John York.

Grade 11: Brennan Binder, Sonja Eichenhofer, Bryce Herr, Bailey Klement, Macie Pagel, Mathew Porter, Sawyer Sanders, Haiden Shook.

Grade 12: Dalton Bartel, Dalton Hess, Kyle Klement, Trevor Lancaster, Abby Luttmmer, Nicole Rains, Courtney Stevens.

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Grade 3: Krista Bayer, Benjamin Cox, Logan Flusche, Carter Sicking, Zachary Smith, Emma Walterscheid.

Grade 4: Reece Acayan, Rosemary Hartman, Abigail Hendley, Halle Hess, Maggie Hess, Alexis Hofbauer, Jackson Hofbauer, Addison Huchton, Preston Kubis, Matthew McPherson, Emily Muller, Whitney Newton, Stormi Richardson, Lenzie Sandmann, Jonathan Smith, Dawson Voth.

Grade 5: Althea Acayan, Marcus Anderle, Michael Berkley, Devon Bindel, Derek Cox, Erica Endres, Madeleine Fisher, Kaci Ford, Debra Huch-

ton, Keith Huchton, Samantha Lockhart, Bradley Lutkenhaus, Caleb Newton, Hunter Peel, Connor Walterscheid, Meadow Walterscheid.

Grade 6: Andrew Flaming, Haley Flusche, Nate Hesse, Cade Huchton, Timothy Luttmmer, Martie McCoy, Landri Richardson, Logan Stewart, Luke Walterscheid.

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Grade 2: Aeden Anderson, Ethan Bevers, Ace Boggs, Makayla Broyles, Katilyn Burkhart, Baylie Busby, William Cox, Jake Fisher, Ryder Gann, Emma Grewing, Ellie Hacker, Colt Haverkamp, Allie Stoffels, Ella Walterscheid, Kalyn Walterscheid, Rhett Walterscheid, Anna Warren.

Grade 3: Gavin Doughty, Jasmine Hacker, Karissa Harrison, Della Hartman, Parker Hartman, Brisan Hermes, Owen Hofbauer, Caden Klement, William Rocha, Faith Sicking, Austin Spaeth, Von Khemer Tai, Kelan Williams, Raegan Wolf.

Grade 4: Ava Almaraz, Lilly Brock, Daultyn Dunn, Gage Eberhart, Gabriella Fleitman, Macy Hess, Landry Huchton, Alyssa Lutkenhaus, Taylor Reed, Andie Schroeder, Jackson Sicking, Lexie Walter, Owen Walterscheid.

Grade 5: Brooklyn Duncan, Rebecca Klement, Whitley Klement, Victoria Rodriguez, Sean Sicking, Jordan Taylor, Isaac Wolf.

Grade 6: Andrew Christopher, Gracy Fields, Levi Griffith, Makayla Hacker, Emily Harrison, Nathan Hartman, Zoe Hicke, Briannah Keeling, Hillary Klement, Gavin Pagel, Ty Sanders, Eli Saucer, Kennedy Schroeder, Landon Williams.

Correction

In last week's story about the 2015 installation of Muenster FCCLA officers, it incorrectly noted the number of years that Muenster FHA/FCCLA had held installation as 56 years. It should have said 66 years.



MISD photo

Students and teachers for the month of September were announced at Muenster ISD. They are, from left, front - 5th Grader Cassy Acayan, Pre-K Student Charli Hager; back row - Elementary Principal Lou Heers, Elementary Computer Teacher Carol Cook, Freshman Tom Davis, High School Physics and Chemistry Teacher Afton Vieth, and JH/HS Principal John York.

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Holidays after a loss

The holiday season will be different for anyone who has lost a loved one. It can be a time when they most need help and support to cope during the busy time. Hope for the Holidays is a grief sharing workshop. This workshop is designed to provide specific ideas and tools for managing the holiday season, as well as ways to discover new hope, peace, and joy.

"Finding joy in the holiday season can be difficult for those who have experienced the death of a loved one," said Jerry Hudgins, Spiritual Counselor for Home Hospice. "This workshop will provide you with some creative ways to cope with the challenges of the holiday season. Grief affects us in many ways and having the opportunity to share is an effective way to start the holiday season this year."

Hope for the Holidays is scheduled for Nov. 2, 5:30-6:30

p.m., at the Home Hospice office located at 316 S. Chestnut, Gainesville.

There is no fee to attend the workshop, but registration is requested by Oct. 30. Call Paula Britain at (940) 665-9891 or e-mail at paula.britain@homehospice.org to register or if you have any questions. For more information about other support groups and workshops, visit www.homehospice.org.

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Who Can Enter: This contest is open to everyone! Tell your friends and neighbors!!

Prize: Winners will be announced on Facebook and our website on October 29, 2015. Winner will also be contacted directly and a time will be arranged to pick up the prize.

Contest Rules:

1. You may submit as many pumpkins as you choose. Teams may enter, but only one prize will be awarded.
2. Entrants may decorate and/or carve their pumpkins.
3. Pumpkins will be voted on and a winner will be chosen by independent judges.
4. By entering the contest, entrants agree to allow Muenster Hospital District to use images of the pumpkins for publicity and/or promotion.
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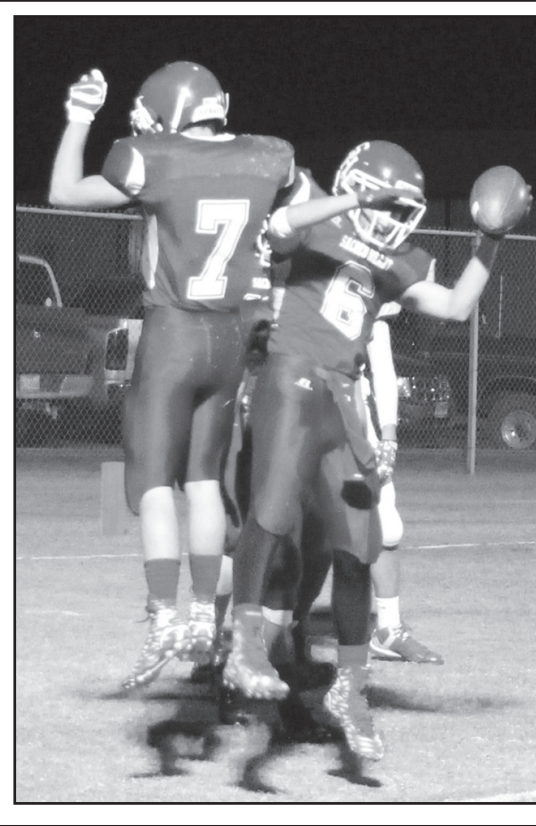
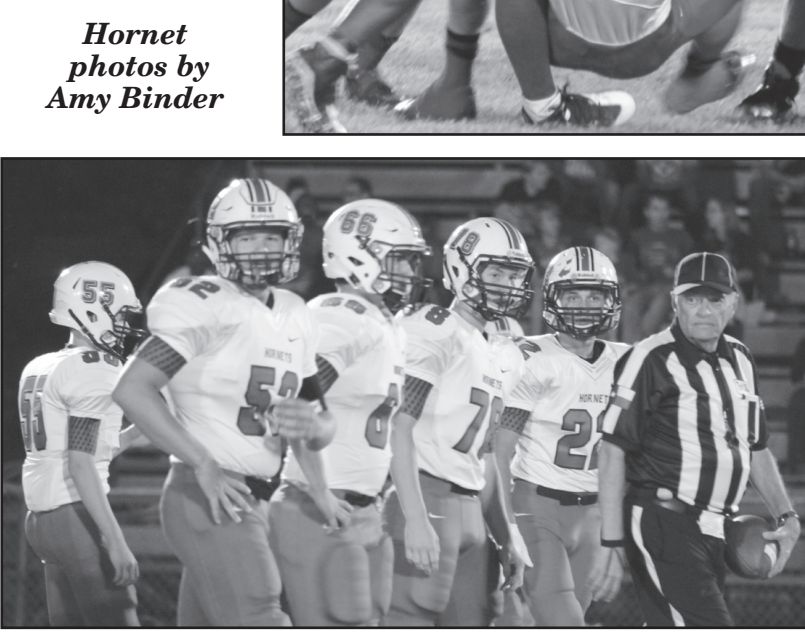
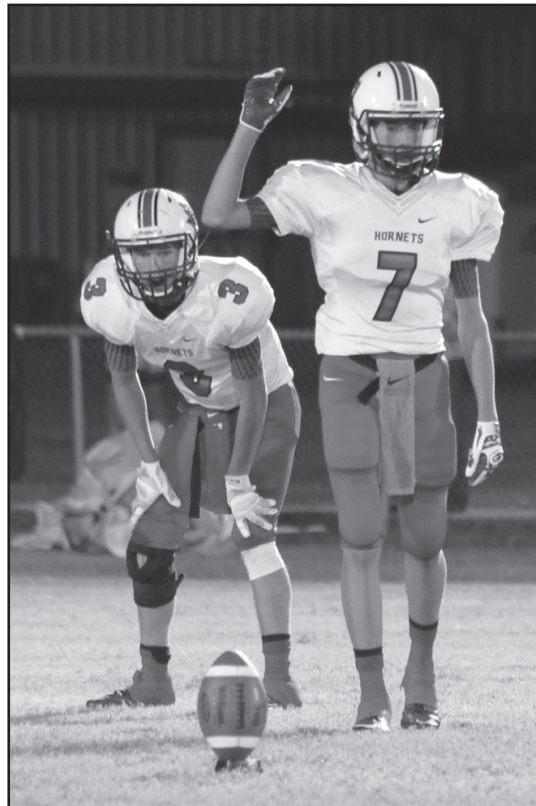
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DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO Oct. 20, 1950

Kenneth Otto, age 12, breaks left leg. Obituaries: Louis Nieball, 29; Joseph Kupper, 76. Wedding: Brooksie Windle and Lee Voth. New Arrivals: Diane to Francis and Clara Wiess; Paul to Mr. and Mrs. O.G. Rennels. Dance in the KC Hall features The Harmony Boys. Wilde Chevrolet advertises 6:00x16 tires at \$13.60 plus tax. Jacob Pagel advertises men's blue overalls \$2.79 and blue chambray shirts \$1.39.

50 YEARS AGO Oct. 22, 1965

Peggy Hellman is crowned Homecoming Queen for Muenster High. New Arrival: Linus to Billy and Marge Fuhrmann. Miss Muenster Patsy Hartman represents Muenster at German Day festivities at State Fair in Dallas. Tonsillectomies: Mary Pels, and Dolores (Mrs. Dan) Luke and her sons

Ramon and Damien Luke. Wedding: Cathy Derichsweiler and Dale Hess. Bobby Bezner breaks collar bone in football practice. Hofbauer's advertises Velveeta cheese 2 lb. for 89¢ and Oxydol detergent giant size 71¢.

25 YEARS AGO Oct. 19, 1990

Cooke County's 1990 Gold Star 4-H winners are Sherilyn Sicking and Clifford Lutkenhaus. Angie Endres is crowned Homecoming Queen for Sacred Heart High School. Obituaries: Margaret Moster, 98; Thomas Parks, 75; Enid Justin, 96, founder of Nocona Boot Company. New Arrivals: Mackenzie to Darrell and Shawna Herr; Samantha to Wayne and Tammy Wimmer. Ten-year-old Isaac Zimmerer takes 1st place in State archery competition, second year in a row. Yard of the Month honors go to Emmett and Eva Walterscheid.

New items at Muenster Public Library - October

Adult Fiction/Non-Fiction

Man Who Fell from the Sky by Margaret Coel, *Darling Dahlias and the Eleven O'Clock Lady* by Susan Wittig Albert, *Dishing the Dirt* by M.C. Beaton, *Photograph* by Beverly Lewis, *Last Midwife* by Sandra Dallas, *End Game* by Catherine Coulter, *Hypnotist's Love Story* by Liane Moriarty, *Last Anniversary* by Liane Moriarty, *Come Rain or Come Shine* by Jan Karon, *Dashing Through the Snow* by Debbie Macomber, *Big Magic: Creative Living* by Elizabeth Gilbert, *Girl in the Spider's Web* by David Lagercrantz, *Killing Reagan* by Bill O'Reilly, *Murder House* by James Patterson, *Survivor* by Vince Flynn, *Saturn Run* by John Sandford, *Touching Heaven* by Crandall, Chauncey, Dr., *We Never Asked for Wings* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh.

Junior Fiction

Tonight the Streets are

Ours by Leila Sales, *Sword of Summer* by Rick Riordan, *Until I Find Julian* by Patricia Reilly Giff, *Walk On Earth a Stranger* by Rae Carson, *Crenshaw* by Katherine Applegate, *Hired Girl* by Laura Amy Schlitz, *Marvels* by Brian Selznick, *Old Wolf* by Avi, *Switch* by Ingrid Law, *Hunter* by Mercedes Lackey, *Little Robot* by Ben Hatke.

Easy Books

Beep Beep Go to Sleep by Todd Tarpley, *Carl's Halloween* by Alexandra Day, *Fire Engine No. 9* by Mike Austin, *Thank You and Good Night* by Patrick McDonnell, *Mice* by Sergio Ruzzier, *Waiting* by Kevin Henkes, *When Sophie Gets Angry - Really Really Angry* by Molly Bang, *Full Moon at the Napping House* by Audrey Wood, *Francine Poulet Meets the Ghost Raccoon* by Kate DiCamillo.

CD Books

This is Your Life, Harriet by Jonathan Evison, *Make Me: a Jack Reacher Novel* by Lee Child, *Star Wars: Aftermath* by Chuck Wendig

Home Hospice Legacy Training on Oct. 27 and 29

Home Hospice of Cooke County is offering a two-part training class to become a Legacy volunteer. The training will be held Oct. 27 and 29 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Home Hospice office located at 316 S. Chestnut in Gainesville. Registration is required by Oct. 23. All materials will be provided.

As a volunteer, you will have the opportunity to hear and capture a special time in someone's life.

The training is offered at no cost and is open to the community. Contact Cathy Kinsella at (940) 665-9891 or cathy.kinsella@homehospice.org to register or if you have any questions.

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Emergency Operations, School Evacuation, Building Floor Plans, District Site Plan, Student Code of Conduct, Visitor Policies, and Campus Improvement Plans. He did a visual inspection of building exteriors and grounds and building interiors.

It was decided that Muenster ISD will hold a dedication ceremony for its new buildings on Wednesday, Nov. 11. They are planning a joint Veterans Day Celebration Ceremony with Sacred Heart School at 2 p.m. That program will be followed by Dedication Ceremonies first at the front of the Elementary School and then another brief ceremony to dedicate the Junior High Building and Ag Building.

House Bill (HB) 2610 was passed by the 84th Texas Legislature amending the Texas Education Code by striking language requiring 180 days of instruction and replacing this language with language requiring districts to provide at least 75,600 minutes of instruction, including intermissions and recess. It also allows school districts to add minutes as necessary to compensate for minutes of instruction lost due to school closures caused by disaster, flood, extreme weather conditions, fuel curtailment, or another calamity.

HB 2610 took effect immediately and impacts the 2015-16 school year.

The Board discussed how this might impact MISD. Superintendent Self said, "I wanted the Board to know that the required hours (75,600) are exceeded by the current calendar by several days (9). That will give us some leeway in the spring with sports and bad weather. No formal decisions have been made in regards to actually changing the calendar at this time. The law does not impact teacher/coach/administrator contracts."

In other business, the Board:

- Approved the MISD Financial Procedures Manual.
- Adopted the updated School Board Priorities.
- Approved lease agreement with Government Capital.
- Added no nominees as candidates for the Cooke County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

District President meets with VFW Auxiliary

At the Oct. 19 regular meeting of VFW Auxiliary Post #6205, District President Rosemary Wells of Denton #2205 and Historian District I Pat Anderton of West Tawakani #2559 made an official visit. Members discussed plans for Veteran's Day on Nov. 11. They will make the traditional visit to Sacred Heart Cemetery to offer prayers and remember all veterans. The community is encouraged to attend.

The group again decided to pursue their annual project

In Lieu of Christmas Cards. Instead of sending Christmas cards, people send a \$10 or more donation to the VFW Auxiliary to have their name listed on a Christmas ad in the *Muenster Enterprise*. Chairmen are Frances Bayer and Lucille Hesse. Proceeds go to the Auxiliary's special children and charity programs.

A bake sale was held last month. All who baked, worked, or purchased items are appreciated by the organization since it helped make the project a success. Proceeds go to the Local Relief and Cancer Fund.

President Frances Bayer said that 105 labels were sent to the National Home for Children.

Meeting hostess Lynn Hacker served fried chicken, salad, and cake.

The next meeting is on Nov. 16 in the Post Home beginning with a meal served at 6:30 p.m.

He that is good for making excuses is seldom good for anything else.
- Benjamin Franklin

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to impair, evading arrest, and DWLI. Also, \$1912 in cash was seized as evidence.

Coleman is currently being held in the Cooke County Jail where Justice of the Peace Dorothy Lewis set bonds totaling \$217,000.

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children's activities to next year's Oktoberfest," said Bayer. She expressed the Chamber's appreciation for all the volunteers who contributed much time and positive energy. Dave Alexander served as master of ceremonies for the event. Bayer commented, "His passion for music and the Muenster people greatly contributed to making this event memorable for all. We are looking forward Oktoberfest 2016."

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is based on defaults as of Sept. 30, 2014. NCTC's default rate of 17.6% remains below the national rate of 19.1% for public community colleges. The College's total number in repay also went up from 1,197 in 2011 to 1,562 in 2012.

Regents also heard a report on Lifelong Learning enrollment numbers, a report from NCTC Chief of Police James Fitch on the school's adherence to the Clery Act, and a report from Dr. Rochelle Gregory on the NCTC Honors program that included testimonies from several students in the Honors program.

At the start of the meeting, members of the NCTC Equestrian teams were recognized.

All Regents were present for Monday's meeting.

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FARM & RANCH

EPA proposes new pesticide application certification requirements

By Julie Tomascik
TFB Associate Editor
 Time is a limited commodity, and farmers could lose more of it with proposed changes by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). After more than 40 years of current training and certification standards, the federal agency is recommending stronger standards for those who apply restricted use pesticides (RUPs).

The goal, according to the EPA, is to ensure a consistent level of protection across all states and reduce misapplication of RUPs.

But Texas has had a robust training program in place for more than 20 years, said Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) Associate Director of Commodity and Regulatory Activities Jay Bragg.

In order to purchase or apply RUPs, Texans are required by law to pass a test to receive their private and/or commercial pesticide applicator license. To maintain it, they must obtain a required number of continuing education units (CEUs) every five years.

EPA's proposed rule would change that, increasing the number of CEUs required to maintain the license and shortening the recertification timeframe.

Under the new rule, private applicators would be responsible for six general CEUs and three additional CEUs for each application category every three years.

One CEU is 50 minutes of active training time.

"That equates to more hours of continuing education for Texas private pesticide applicators," said Brant Wilbourn, TFB associate director of Commodity and Regulatory Activities.

If a private applicator wants to stay certified in 10 categories, they would be mandated to receive 36 CEUs over a period of three years compared to 15 CEUs over five years under the current

program. Commercial applicator standards would increase to six general CEUs and six CEUs per applicator category.

That means a commercial applicator with 10 categories would be required to have 66 CEUs, Wilbourn said.

But there's one other caveat.

"You have to have half of the CEUs 18 months prior to the expiration of your license," Bragg said.

And the increased training comes at a cost.

"AgriLife Extension estimates up to \$8 per CEU," Bragg said.

But the real cost is time and lost productivity in an already busy schedule.

Requiring category specific trainings will also put a strain on AgriLife Extension.

Missing a local training could mean traveling to the next county or several counties over to cover the same material.

"Some training is necessary. However, what's been proposed is excessive," Bragg said. "For the past two decades, Texas has been a leader in pesticide training and safety."

The proposed changes also outline a nationwide minimum age requirement for the first time. All persons using RUPs must be at least 18 years old.

"Time spent in a classroom is time away from the farm. Cumulatively, this regulation may cost Texas farmers and ranchers more than \$10 million annually," Bragg said.

EPA is seeking public comments on the proposed rule until Nov. 23.

USDA says farm exports to drop

First, farm income projections took a dip. Now, it's farm exports.

USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS) and Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) are predicting 2016 agricul-

tural exports at \$138.5 billion, down \$1 billion from the revised \$139.5 billion forecast for fiscal 2015.

According to the report issued Aug. 27, the decline is primarily due to lower than

expected soybean and soybean meal prices and reduced export volumes.

Highlights for the forecast for 2016 include:

- Soybean and soybean meal prices, down \$4.4 billion;
- Grain and feed exports, up \$1.1 billion, due to higher than expected wheat shipments;
- Cotton - down \$400 million due to a smaller U.S. crop;
- Exports of livestock, poultry, and dairy products, up \$600 million as higher export volumes in the number of livestock products offsets a decline in prices.

U.S. agricultural imports for 2016 are forecast at a record \$122.5 billion, \$7 billion higher than fiscal 2015. The U.S. agricultural trade surplus is expected to fall by \$8 billion in fiscal 2016 to \$16 billion—the smallest surplus since 2007.

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AG TALK

By Gene Hall
Public relations director

Cow burps: The rest of the story

I'm a little miffed by a recent opinion video on CNN, "Why Beef is the New SUV." It's very fashionable to attack beef—all livestock really—and the reasons are not always transparent. But, give me the freedom to cherry pick the data I want to use, and I can spin a pretty good yarn.

According to the EPA, about 1.5% of greenhouse gasses are attributable to cows burping and, well, expending gas. That means that if you were to launch every cow in the world into high orbit around the sun, you'd be left with essentially the same greenhouse gas problem that you have in the first place.

To get to the high greenhouse gas number used in this piece, you have to count the fuel and fertilizer to grow corn used to feed cattle. Fair enough. Never mind that it's very likely some kind of fossil fuel burning crop is going to be grown there.

Just what ARE we going to grow on the grasslands where cattle are raised if we suddenly stop eating beef? Often forgotten in the rush to condemn beef is that ALL cattle eat grass most of their lives. They are only finished out on corn. Unless, of course, grass-fed beef is your preference.

Does anyone think we are going to drop a handful of kale seeds on these natural grasslands and presto, a veggie miracle and no greenhouse gases? Whatever we grow there is going to require an expenditure of fossil fuels and some kind of fertilizer. The fact is, on much of this land, grass is the ONLY thing that will grow. With cattle, we have a means to harvest that grass for human consumption. That's why a lot of ranchers refer to themselves as "grass farmers."

There's an old story about a group of police chasing a well-known criminal. They cornered him in an abandoned building. Not having the resources to surround such a large building, they decided to surround the building next door.

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"Despite refineries going offline to conduct scheduled maintenance, there should still be more than enough gasoline to meet demand because people tend to drive less this time of year," the report said.

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- SELECT VARIETIES ENTRÉES **Lean Cuisine** 7.5-12 OZ. **2 FOR \$5**
- VEGETABLE SPRING ROLLS OR ASSTD. **Chung's Egg Rolls** 10-12 OZ. **\$2.88**
- SELECT VARIETIES RISING CRUST **DiGiorno Pizza** 27.5-31.5 OZ. **\$5.48**
- PLAINS **Egg Nog** QUART **\$2.19**

- SHURFINE REGULAR **Chocolate Milk** HALF GALLON **2 for \$5**
- DAISY 2% OR 4%, SMALL CURD **Cottage Cheese** 24 OZ. **2 FOR \$5**
- ASSORTED FLAVORS **Dean's Dips** 12-16 OZ. **3 FOR \$5**
- ASSORTED CHUNK OR SHREDDED **Shurfine Cheese** 8 OZ. **\$1.79**

Halloween Candy

- FUN SIZE CANDY BAG **Snickers** 11.24 OZ. **2 FOR \$7**
- PEANUT FUN SIZE CANDY BAG **M&M's** 11.23 OZ. **2 FOR \$7**
- MINI SIZE **Butterfinger** 11.5 OZ. **2 FOR \$7**
- MIXED MINATURES **Mars** 10.5 OZ. **\$3.89**
- FUN SIZE **Baby Ruth** 11.5 OZ. **2 FOR \$7**
- FUN SIZE **Three Musketeer** 11 OZ. **2 FOR \$7**
- FUN SIZE HERSHEY **Almond Joy** 11.3 OZ. **2 FOR \$5**

- FUN SIZE HERSHEY **Kit Kat** 10.78 OZ. **2 FOR \$7**
- SNACK SIZE **Pay Day** 11.6 OZ. **2 FOR \$7**
- FUN SIZE **Nestle Crunch** 11 OZ. **2 FOR \$7**
- SNACK SIZE HERSHEY REESE'S **Peanut Butter Cups** .10. 50Z. **2 FOR \$7**
- FUN SIZE **Twix Carmel** 11.4 OZ. **2 FOR \$7**
- MIDGEES BAG **Tootsie Rolls** 12 OZ. **\$2.39**
- ORIGINAL **Starburst** 14 OZ. **\$2.79**