

## County Commissioners submit Road Reports

**Janet Felderhoff**  
News Editor

Cooke County Commissioners have each written and filed their Annual Road Reports. The report included how many county road name and warning or caution signs each precinct had to replace. As in years past, the theft of, taking down, destruction, or defacement of county road signs and traffic signs continues to be a problem in all four precincts. Vicki Barnes, secretary to the commissioners, is charged with the task of making new signs to replace the missing and damaged signs. She said that each sign that must be replaced costs the County about \$28 to \$30. That is just the materials cost. It does not include her labor or the labor of the road crew tasked with replacing them.

This gets to be quite costly. In this year's Road Reports: Precinct #4 showed that 60 to 70 signs had been defaced or torn down; Precinct #3 had 28 road number signs and 20 traffic control signs; Precinct #2 reported approximately 42; and Precinct #1 noted that it varies daily and replacement of signs is ongoing.

Although the financial impact is noteworthy, the other potential consequences could prove much more devastating. Emergency responders such as EMS, fire departments, and law officers depend on county road signs to find the locations to which they are called. Minutes often matter at those times whether it be EMS going to assist a heart attack victim, firefighters going to a house fire, or the Sheriff's office responding to a life-threatening crime. Do you want to be the person responsible for delaying one of those de-

partments during an emergency?

Also, removing traffic control signs could endanger lives. Barnes reminds people that it could also cost lives such as when a driver doesn't realize there is a curve in the road because the sign was removed. This could be a felony offense.

Precinct #4 Commissioner Leon Klement knows of at least one time when a missing road sign caused delay in EMS reaching a local stroke victim.

Klement remarked, "We put them up and they take them down." The county road signs can't be easily removed from the bracket that holds them. Klement said removal requires a special tool. Consequently, the signs are either broken off or they pull the post holding it out of the ground. Some are just run or pushed down. Sometimes the sign is left lying in pieces where it stood. Other times, a pile of them are left in some public location where they will be found.

Who is vandalizing the signs and why is not often

known. Klement said he was told a few years ago that it was part of a game being played by teens. The goal was to be the one collecting the most signs in a designated amount of time.

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Commissioner Klement noted that repairs have been made to all roads as needed. New culverts have been installed on several roads including 405, 422, 401, and 442. Additional chip and seal are planned to be added to 409 and a new top will be placed on the bridge on 406. Klement indicated that they will be replacing the culvert on 421. Precinct #4 has re-rocked several roads and repairs will be made as needed throughout the year. Both CR 424 and CR 445 are scheduled to be re-surfaced this year at a probable cost of \$60,000 each.

The report said that the State has intentions of replacing a bridge on CR 411 as funds will allow. The County's portion of this replacement will be 10% of the total replacement cost.

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## Regents approve new positions

North Central Texas College Regents approved several new positions recommended by the administration at Monday's regular meeting.

Among the recommendations were nine instructional positions, four positions in student/administrative support, and two for the new campus police department.

The instructional positions include faculty members in

Speech, English, History, College Prep Math, College Prep English, two in Vocational Nursing, a Simulation Lab Technician, a Lifelong Learning Healthcare Coordinator, and a Lifelong Learning Grants Coordinator.

The positions in student/administrative support include a Classroom/Desktop Specialist (IS), a Departmental Assistant in Coun-

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## Preparing for a new school year stroke by stroke



Janie Hartman photo

Roger Taylor, above, is one of the many people volunteering time this summer to paint classrooms in Sacred Heart Elementary School. The building has been in use since 1924.

## Native plant preservation practiced at Thomsen Foundation

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Bob white calls break the quiet country silence. A doe and her tiny fawn slip softly through the meadow. Nearby, a curious young raccoon meanders across a footbridge on its way to some unknown adventure. Bluebirds tend to their young in nesting boxes. Various scents from wildflowers and native grasses waft through the fresh air. Tranquility envelopes the area. It's an ordinary day at the Thomsen Foundation, also known as the Wildflower Farm, in Montague County.

With the purpose of preserving vegetation native to this area, C.J. and Sissy Thomsen bought 220 acres of land and began gathering native plants in 1984. Their

purpose was for research and education involving native habitat. They were friends of Lady Bird Johnson who had done a great deal of work to preserve and promote the wildflowers of Texas. It took another five or six years before the couple felt the property had been developed enough to open it to the public.

Thomsen Foundation Director Dr. Lisa Bellows said that the couple, who had no children of their own, especially wanted to reach out to children. She remarked, "This was their way of giving to society and creating an environment for children to develop an appreciation for the natural world."

Since that time, Thomsen purchased more acreage to add to the Foundation plot,

making it a 600 acre operation. Improvements continued through the years under the watch of the late Pete Dunn who was the Foundation's caretaker for many years and Dr. Bellows. Dr. Bellows now oversees the land with the assistance of her son and another young man. Her duties range from hosting groups and individuals and coordinating events and maintenance and operations. This is in addition to her duties as an instructor at North Central Texas College (NCTC).

Texas Parks & Wildlife gives up to five Regional awards per year for land stewardship. Thomsen Foundation received the Cross Timbers Region Lone Star Land Steward Award this year.

Explaining the recent award bestowed on The Thomsen Foundation, Bellows said that the Foundation is really involved in habitat management and with that they do wildlife management, focus on native plants, and do a lot of educational outreach for school children, college students such as her students from NCTC, and adult education. She said that the adult education includes recently hosting Master Naturalists and are the Dark Night Sky for the Fort Worth Astronomical Society. "We are away from a lot of light pollution at this location, therefore we have dark skies at night, so the Fort Worth Astronomical Society uses our site for their observations," noted Dr. Bellows.

On the award, Bellows

commented, "We are really honored to have this award. Not so much an individual basis, but the Thomsens and what this place has meant to so many different people. That's the glory in this award."

At one time, many native plants were introduced into the Foundation grounds. Those are now established. Dr. Bellows said there is a garden in which they plant Bluebonnets and there is a cultivated area where a few flowers are still planted.

"We mow or burn this open area every year," explained Dr. Bellows. "We're looking at soil moisture, so if we don't have a lot of soil moisture, we do mowing. If there's an area we think would benefit from a burn, we'll burn. When we burn, we use the Forestburg VFD as a training site, so they train here. We manage the land rather than planting the plants anymore."

Currently in bloom at the Wildflower Farm are show-

case flowers such as Coneflowers, Standing Cypress, and Indian Blankets (Gailardia). "Indian Blanket has had a tremendous year this year because we had a really cool Spring. They benefit from a cool Spring because there is not as much competition from some of the other plants that would come on early in the Spring. Didn't have as many Indian Paintbrushes because of the cool Spring. Indian Blanket is a later plant, so it took that showcase instead of the Indian Paintbrush this year."

There are some coreopsis at the Foundation, but not so many as can be seen along the roadsides and in pastures. According to Dr. Bellows, this is due to the fact that they prefer disturbed land of which Thomsen has little.

As one season folds into the next, a new color pallet spills across the landscape at the Thomsen Foundation. Visitors there in the Fall

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Janie Hartman photos

Dr. Lisa Bellows, director of the Thomsen Foundation, proudly displays the Lone Star Land Steward Award recently bestowed on the Foundation by Texas Parks & Wildlife. At left, a meadow at the Foundation filled with native grasses and wildflowers such as these Purple Coneflowers.



**DAYS GONE BY.....**

**NCTC announces change in summer hours**

Since Monday, June 3, all North Central Texas College campuses are operating under a new summer schedule. The College offers extended hours Monday through Thursday, but will be closed Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. On Mondays through Thursdays, NCTC offices

will open at 7:30 a.m. and will remain open until 5:30 p.m. According to NCTC administration, the College can expect to save a minimum of \$12,600 a year with the new summer hours due to decreased utility costs. The new summer hours run from June 3 to Aug. 2.

**New at Muenster Library**

**Fiction/Non-Fiction**  
*Once Upon a Time* by Debbie Macomber, *Triumph* by Janet Dailey, *12th of Never* by James Patterson, *Hit* by David Baldacci, *Best Kept Secret* by Jeffrey Archer, *Beautiful Ruins* by Jess Walter, *Divining* by Barbara Wood, *Woman of a Thousand Secrets* by Barbara Wood, *Wanderer* by Robyn Carr, *Deeply Odd* by Dean Koontz, *Zero Hour* by Clive Cussler, *And the Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini, *Dinner With the Smileys* by Sarah Smiley, *Son* by Philipp Meyer, *Burgess Boys* by Elizabeth Strout, *Storyteller* by Jodi Picoult, *Whiskey Beach* by Nora Roberts, *Midwife of Hope River* by Patricia Harman, *Taking Eve* by Iris Johansen, *Lost Gate* by Orson Scott Card, *City of Dragons* by Robin Hobb, *Step of Faith* by Richard Paul Evans, *Parents to the End* by Linda Herman, *Control* by Glenn Beck, *Life Code* by Phillip McGraw, *America the Beautiful* by Ben

Carson, *Jumpstart to Skinny* by Bob Harper.  
**Junior Fiction**  
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**Easy Picture Books**  
*Jangles: a Big Fish Story* by David Shannon, *Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs* by Mo Willems, *Following Grandfather* by Rosemary Wells, *Bramble and Maggie Give and Take* by Jessie Haas, *Lucky Ducklings* by Eva Moore, *Ol' Mama Squirrel* by David Ezra Stein, *Meanest Birthday Girl* by Josh Schneider

An amount of \$1,524,156 was given by Klement for the money necessary for the maintenance of roads during the 2013-14 fiscal year. Precinct #3 Al Smith indicated that each road, bridge, and culvert in Precinct #3 is in good condition with the exception of CR 328. A bridge on CR 328 was recently damaged by heavy loads and is now load restricted to 48,000 pounds. In his report, Smith stated, "With the exception of one bridge south of FM 922 on CR 328, all major bridges and culverts have been inspected by TxDOT Wichita Falls District and are in good condition. The aforementioned bridge is being considered for replacement under the federal match program." Smith noted that remaining budgeted dollars will be utilized for continual improvements of Precinct #3 that are damaged and in need of repair as traffic, weather, and hazards dictate. The amount of money he feels is needed for maintenance of Precinct #3 during the coming fiscal year is \$1,464,000. Precinct #2 Commissioner B.C. Lemons reported that most of the roads in his precinct are in good shape at this time. Numerous roads are being trimmed of brush and redone with crushed rock. Lemons puts the amount necessary for maintenance of the Precinct #2 roads during fiscal year 2013-14 as \$1,450,000. Precinct #1 Commissioner Gary Hollowell stated that the roads, bridges, culverts, and parts therein are in reasonably good condition. He feels that \$1.65 million will be necessary for the upkeep of roads in his precinct during FY 2013-14. Hollowell wrote that they plan to install two new culverts on CR 140 at a cost of \$20,000. Asphalt patching of the hard surface roads has begun and they will soon start re-coating some of the chip and seal roads. "As always, it will be costly and time consuming," said Commissioner Hollowell. None of the commissioners foresee the need to open any new roads in the County.

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seling/Testing at Flower Mound, a Transcript Evaluator for the Registrar's office, and a Senior Director of Human Resources. The police department positions include a director/ chief and officer(s). Regents also approved a 3.5% pay raise for all full-time employees and approved 2013-14 salary schedules. The new schedule reflects a 1.5% change from the current pay grade schedules. The rate for adjunct faculty will increase \$15 per load unit, while the part-time hourly rate will increase to \$9 per hour. The Board also approved the use of current-year funds to purchase technology items including 141 computers to replace those in student computer labs, two new Tandberg Educator unit, and a pair of new servers. In other items, Regents approved the 2013-14 online catalog, awarded a food service contract to Great Western Dining that will include a 4.5% increase on residential student dining rates, accepted a bid for the resale of property in Young County, and approved a name change for the Oil and Gas Technology program to Petroleum Technology. Final reading of the proposed CHA local Board policy on security was approved. The meeting started with a budget workshop as Regents were briefed on the proposed 2013-14 operating budget that is up 8.4% from the current-year budget.

**65 YEARS AGO**  
**June 18, 1948**  
 Fatima pilgrimage centers in Muenster during the visit of the Pilgrim Virgin statue which commemorates appearances of Mary in Fatima. Sudden death from heart attack claims G.A. "Stokes" Stelzer, 59. Herbert Miller is unhurt but shaken as "jack-knife" accident smashes Ed Rohmer's truck which Herbert was driving after delivering a load of wheat to Denton. Kay and Linda Fette have chicken pox. Gene Schmitz has tonsillectomy. New Arrival: a son to the Martin Hackers; Eddie to the M.A. Thetfords; Gloria to the J.J. Haverkamps; Mary to Norbert and Juanita Knabe. Al Walterscheid and Bernard "Beans" Schmitz start water well service. Clara Haverkamp, age 10, breaks arm in fall from truck.  
**50 YEARS AGO**  
**June 21, 1963**  
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Arthur Endres; the revolutionary new system of improved mail dispatch and delivery goes into effect nationally on July 1. New Arrivals: Gary Don to Tony and Sis Klement; a daughter to the Ronnie Herra; a boy to the Alvin Rauschubers. Obituary: Albert Schroeder, 75. State Theatre advertises *To Kill A Mockingbird* starring Gregory Peck.  
**25 YEARS AGO**  
**June 17, 1988**  
 Public meeting set for Red River Bridge project. Muenster police officers will be carrying an extra load and longer shifts the next several days due to an auto accident in which Officer David Boyd was injured; no broken bones, but extensive bruises. Wedding: Laura Griffin and Bart Pope. Stan and Rosabell Yosten celebrate 50th anniversary. College Graduates: Cheryl and John Pollard. New Arrivals: Jennifer to Jack and Mary Endres; Kimberly to Dana and Pam Bloedel.

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 from Muenster Chief of Police  
**Mark Blankenship**

June 1 thru June 15, the Police Department has recorded 29 CALLS FOR SERVICE with six INCIDENT REPORTS generated as a result of those calls. ONE ARREST made and 26 CITATIONS issued with no accidents reported. School is out for the summer, the heat is upon us, but there has been some moisture available. Drive safely on wet roads and watch for ponding along curb sides. Let's all keep an eye out for suspicious activity and report any concerns. The Department has added its 3rd reserve officer, Justin Stamps. Justin is a military veteran with two years civilian law enforcement experience. He is employed in the Denton area in the aerospace industry. As a reminder, DO NOT give personal information over the phone to anyone you don't know.

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Museum open 1-4 pm KC Breakfast 8-10 am		Library open 10 am-6:30 pm	Library open 10 am-5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg, noon	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Museum open 1-4 pm	Library open 10:00-2:30
	Hornet	Mini		Cheerleading	Camp	
Sunday, June 30, 2013	Monday, July 1, 2013	Tuesday, July 2, 2013	Wednesday, July 3, 2013	Thursday, July 4, 2013	Friday, July 5, 2013	Saturday, July 6, 2013
Muenster Museum Open 1-4	City Council mtg. 6:30 pm	Library open 10 am-6:30 pm	Library open 10 am-5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg, noon	Museum closed Library closed <i>Happy 4th of July</i>	Museum open 1-4 pm AARP Board mtg.	Library open 10:00-2:30

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**Kenneth Otto**  
1939 - 2013

Kenneth F. Otto died on June 15, 2013. Survivors are his wife Pat and a brother and two sisters who reside in various cities in Texas. Ken is preceded in death by his parents and one brother and one sister.  
Ken was born on Dec. 17, 1939 in Muenster. He was the fifth of six children of William and Anna (Reiter) Otto. Ken attended the Sacred Heart Schools in Muenster and graduated in 1957. He attended one semester at St. Mary's University in San Antonio. Ken joined the U.S. Navy in 1958 and served on board the USS Piedmont. He made two WESPAC cruises. He was discharged in April 1962.  
In November of 1962, Ken and Patricia A. Bayer married. They started their marriage in Irving. Ken worked at Texas Instruments in Richardson at

night and went to college at University of Texas at Arlington. Later, they moved to Arlington. Ken graduated in 1967. After graduation, Ken accepted a job with BP Corporation (formerly Pan American Petroleum Corporation, Standard Oil (Indiana) and Amoco Corporation) and began his career as a computer programmer. He retired in 1992 after 25 years.  
Ken enjoyed travel, especially in the Caribbean where he learned to sail and scuba. In retirement, he enjoyed cruising. He and Pat made at least eight cruises. Ken also enjoyed volunteer work. Some of his favorites were at Saint Francis Hospital, Philbrook Museum of Art, and tutoring 4th and 5th grade math. Ken was also a regular at the Health Zone where he worked out five days a week.

**Peggy Case Johns**  
1941 - 2013

Funeral for Peggy Case Johns, age 71 of Gainesville, was set for 10 a.m., Friday, June 21 at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Chapel with Rev. Don Yeager officiating and interment in Fairview Cemetery. The family received friends on Thursday, June 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.  
Ms. Johns died June 18, 2013 in Gainesville. She was born Dec. 12, 1941 in Taft, California.  
Peggy grew up in Gainesville and was a member of Gainesville High School's graduating class of 1960. She earned her Bachelor's degree at North Texas State

University. Ms. Johns was a well-known educator for Gainesville ISD, where she worked 30 years before retiring.  
Survivors are son Brady Johns and his wife Sherry Manning of Cedar Park; two grandchildren; brother Truman Case and his wife Sherree of Whitesboro; and many nieces and nephews.  
She was preceded in death by her parents H.L. and Sylvia Case; paternal father T.J. Trammell; and nephew Duane Case.  
In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Abigail's Arms.

**Jamie Cox**  
1963 - 2013

Graveside services for Jamie Lynn Cox, age 49 of Gainesville, were held Wednesday, June 19 at Rosston Cemetery in Rosston. Services were officiated by Rev. Bill Kimbley and directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Saint Jo.  
Mr. Cox died after a lengthy illness on Saturday, June 15, 2013 in Corinth.  
Born Oct. 15, 1963 in Littlefield, Texas, Jamie attended Bula school and graduated from Sudan High School in 1982. He graduated from West Texas State University in Canyon with a degree in Communication Graphics in 1987.  
Jamie moved to the Dallas area, becoming a member of Renaissance Care Center in Gainesville. He had worked for some time as a sign maker and was a great artist.

Survivors include mother and stepfather Linda and J.C. Maughan; father and spouse Jerry Lee and Patty Cox of Bula; sister Danene Dirickson of Forestburg; and one nephew.  
He was preceded in death by maternal grandparents: Morris and Gladys Phillips and paternal grandparents Cecil and Lorene Cox and Harvey Whittenburg.

**Lenard Green**  
1949 - 2013

Graveside services for Lenard Green, age 63 of Saint Jo, were held Monday, June 17 at Mountain Park Cemetery, Saint Jo. Services were officiated by Rev. Sam Campbell. Lenard died Friday, June 14, 2013 at his residence.  
Born Aug. 16, 1949 in Michigan City, Indiana, Lenard was one of the six children of Albert F. and Balbina Green. He married Alene Lee on Dec. 21, 1979 in Nocona. He lived most of his adult life in the Saint Jo area. Lenard loved to work on cars. He worked sev-

eral years as an auto body repairman in Nocona and then operated his own shop in Saint Jo. He always had family barbeques when the kids were young. Fourth of July was always a big event with fireworks shot off every year. Lenard loved to go fishing and going for Sunday drives, never knowing where they would wind up.  
Survivors are children Mickie Romer and fiancé Wayne Kenyon of Iowa Park, Kathy and Ricky Davenport of Justin, Kay and Kirk Kelly of Justin, Brenda Furgeson of Fort Worth, Denise Cooper, Terry and Allan Malonson, and Doug Romer, all of Katy; sisters and spouse Barbara Frazier of Indiana, and Debra and Ed Cook of Indiana; brothers and spouses Ray and Diane Green of Gainesville, and Al and Susan Green of Indiana; 13 grandchildren; and best friends James and Loretta Parmer of Saint Jo.  
He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, baby daughter April, and sister Mary Ann Green.

**Leonard "Spike" Yosten dies**

Leonard "Spike" Yosten of Muenster died at the age of 99 on Wednesday, June 19. Services are pending.

**Damon Douglas McConnell**  
1950 - 2013

Services for Doug McConnell, age 63 of Gainesville, are pending with the Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home.  
Doug was born March 7, 1950 in Gainesville to Damon and Janice Chitwood McConnell. He died June 10, 2013 in Gainesville.  
He is survived by son Dalton McConnell of Whitesboro; daughter Loran Mc-

Connell of Gainesville; and three grandchildren.  
He was preceded in death by his parents.



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**Oleta Schmitz dies**

Mass of Christian Burial for Oleta Schmitz, age 90 of Gainesville, is set for 10 a.m., Saturday, June 22 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with burial following at Fairview Cemetery. Rosary will be recited at 6:30 p.m., Friday, June 21, with visitation to follow at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home.  
Mrs. Schmitz died June 19, 2013 in Gainesville.

The family of Donna Bateman wishes to acknowledge with sincere appreciation everyone who sent flowers, food, cards, and memorials. If you held our hand while we cried, or prayed with us because we were hurting, just your presence means so very much. A special thanks to Allan Fuller Funeral Home, The Green House, Pleasant Union Baptist Church, City of Muenster, and Muenster Memorial Hospital. We must go on without her, but knowing how much she was loved by others helps to ease our grief.

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John and Dana Walterscheid of Muenster announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Anne Elizabeth Walterscheid of Wichita Falls to Zachary Andrew Skelton of Wichita Falls. Zachary is the son of Ty Skelton of Fort Worth and Teresa Skelton of Richardson. The couple has chosen Saturday, Aug. 17, 2013 as their wedding day. They will be married in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster at 2 p.m. with Fr. Ken Robinson officiating. The bride-to-be is completing studies in Sociology with a Business Minor at Midwestern State University. The future-groom is a graduate from Midwestern State University and is employed by Wichita Clutch. After their marriage, the couple will reside in Wichita Falls.

## Children Stand Strong at Vacation Bible School

Approximately 165 children, 35 adult volunteers, and 50 teen helpers were involved in the Vacation Bible School program at Sacred Heart Church from Monday, June 10 through Friday, June 14. When the children gathered on Monday morning, they saw a palace and a cross representing the theme of "Kingdom Rock." The message for the week was "Stand strong."

The opening assembly was led by Amy Anderle. She welcomed the children each day and talked about the Bible verse and the saint for the day. The children also sang and did the gestures for songs that went along with the theme. They were asked to bring nonperishable food items, paper products, or toiletries for Sacred Heart Outreach on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The grade level bringing in the most items got a pizza party for their snack on Friday.

Adult guides and the teen helpers led the children through the various centers - crafts, games, Bible lesson, music, and snacks. Adult guides were Jacque Schilling, Melissa Walter, and Shauna Huchton for kindergarten, Kristie Becker and Tina Walterscheid for 1st grade, Rose Ganzon and Misty Hartman for 2nd grade, Karri Bindel and Theresa Walterscheid for 3rd grade, Jennifer Flusche and Yana Muller for 4th grade, and Denise Dangelmayr and Shelley Zimmerer for 5th.

The children enjoyed going to the various centers. Music was led by Michelle Spaeth and Amy Anderle and their teen helpers. Kenny Holmes operated the DVD player and microphones. Alana Endres and Lora Walterscheid took photos for closing ceremony slide show. Devin Sicking and Kenny Holmes put the slide show together.

The children enjoyed doing a variety of crafts. Crafts were headed up by Diane Britain Grewing and Holly

Mullins assisted by Zonya Klement as well as some teens. Bible Lesson was led by Lilly Palmer, Jane Monday, and Laura Stoffels. Their teen helpers did a variety of tasks, such as dressing up like St. Patrick, Queen Esther, St. Joseph, the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Margaret of Scotland, and St. Jerome.

In snacks, Tonya Hess and her helpers prepared snacks that related to the theme of the day. Iva Walterschied and her teen helpers led the children in games outdoors. Sally Hacker filled in for Iva several days. Kathleen Muller and Kim Hofbauer and their teen helpers were in charge of the nursery for the children of the adult volunteers.

On Friday, parents, grandparents, and other family members were invited to a closing ceremony. Fr. Ken led the opening prayer and blessed the 5th graders and the rosaries that they had made. The various grades, came forward and did motions for one of the songs they learned at VBS. There was a slide show with photos of various activities during the week. Barbara Rohmer thanked all the adult and teen helpers, especially the directors Bonnie Hess and Katie Grewing.



2013 Sacred Heart Vacation Bible School



Janie Hartman photos



## New Arrival



Isabelle Snider

### Snider

Stephanie Jankiewicz and Joe Snider of Whitesboro announce the birth of a daughter Isabelle Renee Snider. Isabelle weighed 6 lb. 14 oz. and was 19 3/4 inches long when she arrived at 3:20 p.m. on May 21, 2013 at Texas Presbyterian Hospital in Denton. She is also welcomed by a brother Trevor, and grandparents Pat and Cindy Walterscheid of Muenster and Jody Snider and Tim Snider, both of Sanger.



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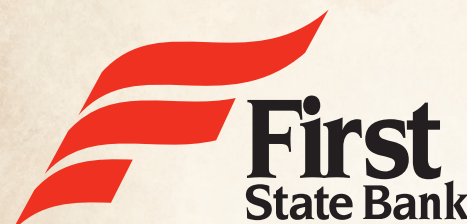


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Butterfly Weed

may be treated to meadows dotted with purples, yellows, and reds. From the deep royal purple of the eryngo (False Purple thistle) to the lavender liatris (Gay Feather) and the sunny yellows of Maximilian Sunflowers, Goldenrod, and Bird of Paradise, the Foundation meadows will offer a last hurrah before taking a Winter rest.

Other plants one might find in bloom in the Fall months are Purple Passionflower, Cardinal Flowers, magenta American Beauty Berry, deep sky blue Salvia Azurea, purple Prairie Verbena, white False Gaura, red and yellow Indian Blankets, and Autumn Sage. The late Pete Dunn held a great fascination for the many butterflies found there. In the Fall, many butterflies are busy around the Passionflower. During an interview in 2003, Dunn explained that there are two varieties of butterflies that lay their eggs on the Passionflower, the Swallowtail and the Blue Swallowtail. He noted that when the eggs hatch, it looks like a bed of little red worms.

Dr. Bellows shared her thoughts, "I think land has a story to tell us. We are here for such a short, brief time compared to the land, that really our very existence de-



Mushroom

pend on the land. I think it is my job, or the job of Thomsens, to allow people to interpret the story that the land has to tell."

There is a weather station located on Thomsen Foundation. It is used to collect long-term data on weather conditions. Dr. Bellows can access it remotely from her cell phone. "We can correlate plant cycles with weather cycles," she said. "This is a long-term thing out here. We've been here for a year or two. We've been here for many years and hope to be here for many more. In the future, people may be able to look at some of our data and deduce some information that is necessary for the future."

More recent changes to be seen at the Foundation include a structure utilizing reused materials for restrooms, office, and a bunk room. In explanation, Dr. Bellows said, "When we have kids here and we talk about the environment, they all know recycle, reduce, reuse. They know the three Rs and they don't mean to kids what they meant to us - we thought they meant reading, writing, and arithmetic. That's one of their envi-

ronmental concepts, so we try to betray our actions as supporting environmentally conscious actions."

C.J. Thomsen sent a letter to the *Muenster Enterprise* about 10 years ago. He wrote, "The Foundation site has been a pleasure during its nearly 20-year existence, particularly because it has been appreciated by children. In its earliest years, there were considerable chips of petrified wood to be found there, but several thousand youngsters did a good job of collecting them."

And that appreciation of nature at Thomsen continues today whether it is a group of school children on a field trip, college students in class, or individuals and groups who want to explore nature or get a taste of how this area once appeared.

Asked what she feels the Wildflower Farm has contributed to the area, Dr. Bellows replied, "I think from a social and cultural perspective, they have profoundly influenced individuals and groups in embracing land stewardship. From an educa-



Whitetail doe

tional perspective, we have hosted a lot of professional developments for teachers, and they take those science and environmental concepts to the classroom. From an environmental perspective, we've got 600 acres that we strive to have the healthiest



Janie Hartman photos

This young raccoon is one of the many varieties of wildlife that make their home on Thomsen Foundation land in Montague County.



Black-eyed Susan

environment that this region can sustain. We're not just looking at wildflowers, but we're looking at 400 species of plants, wildlife, and especially, the soil. We want our soil covered. We want the water that touches this place to penetrate the soil and replenish water supplies under the ground. We want our soil to be alive and healthy and microbially rich."

In reviewing what the Thomsen Foundation has achieved, Dr. Bellows comments, "I think that the physical property has enabled us to achieve the goals in the vision of the Thomsens. We accommodate about a thousand school children here a year. We don't want to open it up to extremely large groups and we don't ever charge for any of our services. They are both deceased at this time, but I think if they could take a walk with us today, they would certainly approve. They established a foundation and funded the Foundation so that we have funds sufficient to maintain the property and achieve our goals in perpetuity."

Dr. Bellows accompanies every group that visits the Wildflower Farm and shares her knowledge of the land and its many plants and animals. There are over 400 species of plants (300 species of forbs, 40 species of grasses, about 50 woody species, and a scattering of fern and sedges) and because of the diversity of the plants, there is a diversity of insects and wildlife. "We like to accom-

pany the visitors because of safety and we like to direct their attention to what's blooming, special features, and things of that nature," remarked the Director.

Lisa Bellows is a native of North Central Texas. She grew up in the Capps Corner/Illinois Bend area. She attended Saint Jo ISD and started her college career at NCTC. She earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees at Texas Woman's University in Biology and her PhD at TCU. Dr. Bellows noted, "I have a historical connection to the land. My dad was a farmer/rancher and my mom was a school teacher."

Bellows has taught at NCTC for 20 years. She said



Standing Cypress

of her career choice, "It's a really fun job. I try to make connections between all the things that I do from NCTC to this (Thomsen Foundation). My students feed into this and we write a lot of grants for teacher training. It all fits together. If you are going to multi-task, you have to have a web in which to put those tasks together." She also has a husband and son who both love the outdoors.

To schedule a tour or make inquiries email teachnature@me.com, call (940) 736-3996, or contact Bellows at NCTC.



Indian Blankets

## Honor

### Austin College

Austin College's Dean's List has been announced for Spring Term 2013. It recognizes the top 20% of students taking a minimum of three graded, full-credit courses each term based on the grade point average for that term. The Dean's List recognized 225 individuals who earned a semester grade point average of at least 3.775 on a 4.0 scale. Earning that honor is Quinn Sicking, son of Allen and Martha Sicking of Muenster.

# Reunion attended by Henry Fleitman family

There were 146 in attendance at the Henry and Mary Hessel Fleitman Family Reunion held under the pavilion in the Muenster City Park. They enjoyed a delicious, covered-dish noon meal and many desserts.

After lunch, the younger members headed over to the pool, some played 42, and others spent the time visiting and catching up on all the relatives and updating the Family History Book started by Hilda Fleitman Self more than 35 years ago.

Five deaths were reported: Gilbert Bindel, Rupert Hoenig, Martin Tamec, Joyce Bindel, and Leonard Bindel.

There were four weddings and 21 births, including the 13th set of twins in the family. The youngest family member arrived June 6, little Lawson Wade Bewley, son of Jansen and Krystal Bewley, and great-grandson of Harold and Sug Bindel.

Also noted was the 60th anniversary of Leon and Eileen Fleitman Krebs and the 50th anniversary of Leon and Betty Fleitman.

Oldest family member present was Gertie Braindel Wimmer and the youngest was four-month-old Braelyn Moore, great-granddaughter of the late Gilbert Braindel.

Family members came from Pflugerville, Texas and Durant, Oklahoma.

# VFW Ladies Auxiliary holds June meeting

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post #6205 held their regular meeting Monday, June 17 in the Post Home with President Frances Bayer presiding. The opening ritual was given by Conductress Linda Knabe, Chaplain Rose Hudspeth, and Patriotic Instructor Hilda Sicking. Roll call and minutes of the previous meeting were read by Ida Mae Bindel, secretary. Lucille Hesse's treasurer's report was read by Agnes Hesse. The group received a thank you note from Home Hospice which was also read to members.

It was reported that the Memorial Day Buddy Poppy sales were good and the service at the cemetery was very impressive.

Frances Bayer reported on the State Convention that she and her husband Arthur attended. It was held June 13 through 16 in Corpus Christi.

The Charter was draped by Linda Knabe in memory of Gerrie Walterscheid. Members sang "Amazing Grace" and said a prayer. Members voted to send a donation to the Cancer Aide and Research Fund in Gerrie's memory.

Linda Knabe served refreshments following the meeting.

## Area Event

### Jim Bowie Days

During the last week of June, Bowie will come alive with the festivities of the 47th Annual Jim Bowie Days Festival and Rodeo. On Sunday, June 23, the 11th annual Jim Bowie Bass Tournament will take place on Amon Carter Lake.

The nightly rodeo is one of the largest amateur rodeos in Texas. Daytime activities will include parades, games for young and old, Indian Artifact Show, food, and music.

Saturday's rodeo will include the special treat of the Texas Tech Masked Rider who will attend and ride in the arena. This year's mascot is Corey Waggoner of Lubbock who is a member of the American Association of Sheriff's Poses and Riding Club District 31 of Bowie. Cory will be the first Masked Rider to officially ride the program's new horse "Fearless Champion."

For more information, visit the website [www.jimbowedays.org](http://www.jimbowedays.org).

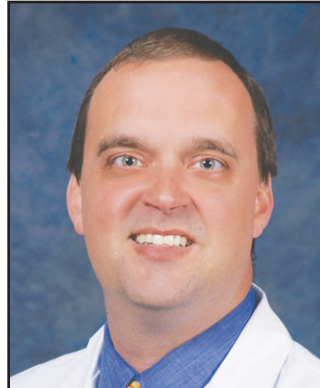
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### 2013-14 PROPOSED BUDGET

#### GENERAL FUND, FOOD SERVICE FUND, DEBT SERVICE FUND

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Instruction	\$ 2,684,737	\$ 5,712	\$ 2,829,658	\$ 5,957
Instructional Support	\$ 445,820	\$ 949	\$ 477,617	\$ 1,005
Central Administration	\$ 342,390	\$ 728	\$ 350,298	\$ 737
Debt Service	\$ 924,591	\$ 1,967	\$ 1,261,369	\$ 4,587
Food Service	\$ 205,835	\$ 438	\$ 185,315	\$ 390
	\$ 4,603,373	\$ 9,794	\$ 5,104,257	\$ 12,676

This information has been updated to reflect in the 2013-14 budgetary status as of June 11, 2013 Board of Trustees Budget Workshop. It also reflects budgetary status that will be presented at the Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate to be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, June 26 at the Muenster ISD Administration Building.



2013 Cub Scout Day Camp  
June 10 -14  
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2012-13 Student Council members: from left, back row - Chance Herr, Kimber Walterscheid, Erin Hess, Austin Creswell, Lauren Rohmer, Kristen Reiter, Payton Sanders; middle - Claire Schneider, Brittany Pagel, Sydney Huchton, Jori Magee, Tori Dyess, Shelby Klement, Kendi Bayer, Caroline Gressett; front - Alaina Reiter, Sammy Saucer, Paige Herr, Hannah Bayer, Adrien Rohmer, Brooke Walterscheid.

## SHCS Honor Roll

**3RD SEMESTER**  
**Principal's**  
**4th Grade** - Kaley Berkeley, Lily Haley, Lexi Rivers, Jessica Dangelmayr.  
**5th Grade** - Keith Bezner, Cole Hess.  
**6th Grade** - Benjamin Ganzon.  
**7th Grade** - Julian Hesse.  
**8th Grade** - Tyler Walterscheid.  
**Freshman** - Alana Endres.  
**Sophomore** - Aaron Davis, Madison Hesse.  
**Junior** - Bailey Walterscheid, Kylie Hess, Michelle Zimmerer, Morgan Hesse.  
**Senior** - Christina Rohmer, Devan Henry, Isaac Barnhill, John Paul Hesse, Mikaela Bartush, Elizabeth Turner, Kaitlin Hesse, Mark Whitecotton, Michael Weinzapfel, Sarah Miller, Stephanie Johnson.  
**"A" HONOR ROLL**  
**4th Grade** - Jianne Juntado, Nolan Vogel, Mary Fisher, Prestin VanBriggle.  
**5th Grade** - Madi Ladzinski, Jacob Walterscheid.  
**6th Grade** - Danielle Hess, Ian Kintz, Shane Sickling.  
**7th Grade** - Roy Endres, Sophia Jones, Harper Crisp, Robert Hanson, Tanner Edleman.  
**8th Grade** - Devin Sickling, Mark Davis, Nicholas Turner, Avery Truebenbach, Leah Knabe.  
**Freshman** - Kason Reeves, Kathryn Davidson.  
**Sophomore** - Aaron Col-

menero, Elizabeth Weinzapfel, Hayden Schilling, James Cochran.  
**Junior** - Brooke Henry, Karleigh Reeves.  
**Senior** - Lindsay Miller, Madeline Hanson, Madison Dugger, Nicholas Zimmerer.  
**"B" HONOR ROLL**  
**4th Grade** - Makenna Forshee, Rachel Hesse, Rafael Rondon.  
**5th Grade** - Koby Hogan.  
**6th Grade** - Jeron Juntado, Isaiah Bayer.  
**7th Grade** - Mason VanBriggle, Samuel Hesse, Samantha Muller, Katherine Springer, Kendra Flusche.  
**8th Grade** - Amanda Aldriedge, Rylee Reiter, Alane Bartush, Hudson Edleman.  
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**Senior** - Austin Aldriedge, Juan Salinas, Luke Cochran, Viviana Iglesias.

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2013-14 officers for Muenster ISD Student Council are, from left, Hannah Bayer, Sydney Huchton, Austin Creswell, Kendi Bayer, Caroline Gressett.

## Muenster High Student Council wraps up school year

This Spring, the Muenster High School Student Council wrapped up its 2012-13 year. They hosted fundraisers for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and for West ISD. At the beginning of April, students put together ideas to raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The Student Council members had approved for students to pay \$3 to wear windpants. The student body raised \$376,

with Mrs. Hess's first period class raising the most money and earning a pizza party. Following the disaster in West, Texas, the Student Council held a bake sale to benefit West ISD. The student body sent \$400 to West ISD from this project. In addition to fundraisers, Student Council members created a personal service project which will go toward the service hours needed to

be a member for the 2013-14 school year. Finally, to wrap up the year, the Student Council held elections for next year's officers. New officers are President Austin Creswell, Vice President Kendi Bayer, Secretary Sydney Huchton, Treasurer Hannah Bayer, and Reporter Caroline Gressett. The Student Council had a very successful year and looks forward to the year to come.



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# SPORTS

## SEND A LIMIT campaign program aimed at tornado relief in Moore

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Mark Jeffreys, founder of The BASS ZONE, has spent over half of his life living in Moore. Today, he lives in Moore, where The BASS ZONE headquarters are located. While his home and office were unaffected by the EF5 tornado that ripped through Moore on May 20, Jeffreys saw the devastation first hand.

"These families have lost everything," said Jeffreys. "The outpouring of support for Moore, Oklahoma has been incredible, but there's still a huge need for certain donations. When I saw the opportunity for The BASS ZONE and the bass fishing community to get involved and help in a small but very important way, it was a no-brainer."

Of the thousands of families just beginning the rebuilding process, conservative estimates are that 30% of those who lost everything in the tornado did not have any homeowners insurance.

The concept behind the "Send A Limit" campaign is simple. Donate a limit (five items - or five fish in bass competition terms) to The BASS ZONE headquarters by June 30, and The BASS ZONE will load up a truck and hand deliver the donations to the Catholic Charities of Oklahoma in Moore. The biggest need is for nonperishable canned food items, but monetary donations will also be accepted.

"Five canned goods, five pieces of clothing, five toys, or five dollars, the Send a Limit donations will make a difference for the families of Moore," said Jeffreys. "Catholic Charities of Oklahoma has done such a great job helping families providing a source for so many things we take for granted. Families are able to shop for everything from food to furniture. My family has spent time helping at the Catholic Charities location and your heart goes out for what the families are going through after the storms."

Please send your limit of nonperishable canned goods, cash, or other items by June 30 to: The BASS ZONE/Z3 MEDIA 3613 Park Glenn Drive Moore, Oklahoma 73160

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Inquiries may be made online at [www.OldJosFirecracker5k.com](http://www.OldJosFirecracker5k.com) or by calling Howard Davies, race chairman, at (214) 908-9055, or Amy Sterling, race co-chair, at (214) 536-6330.

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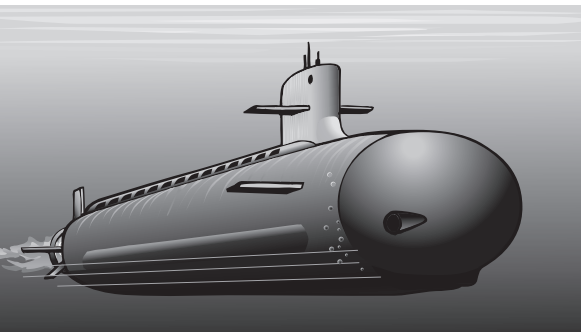
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# FARM & RANCH

## USDA notes weather concerns as it raises prices

USDA tightened the U.S. supply-and-demand outlook for both old- and new-crop corn but left the soybean numbers pretty much unchanged in its June World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE). The report provided a brief diversion in what has become a major weather market. "The numbers will be looked at as neutral, maybe a little negative, and the trade will now go back to trading weather," says Randy Martinson, *Progressive Ag*. Martinson was the commentator on a post-report conference call hosted by MGEX, Minneapolis. USDA raised the season-average farm price for corn by 10 cents per bushel to \$4.40 to \$5.20 and lowered corn production by 135 million bushels to 14 billion. The department also decreased the average corn yield by 1.5 bushels to 156.5 bushels per

acre due to excessively wet conditions, a move that was largely anticipated. "It's too early to tell exactly what yields are going to be. The market will be focused like a laser beam on weather—as it has been—going forward," says Greg Wagner, president of GWX Ag Advisors, Riverside, Illinois, who was a commentator on a pre-report CME Group press briefing. "A shortage of precipitation in July will have a greater negative impact on corn prices than excess precipitation." USDA also reduced the estimated new-crop carryout by 55 million bushels to 1.949 billion bushels, well above the average trade estimate of 1.795 billion bushels. Projected planted corn acreage was left unchanged at 97.3 million acres. The lower than expected decrease in new-crop ending stocks sent corn prices

sharply lower following the release of the report, but prices began to recover after the brief sell-off. "Despite rapid planting progress during mid-May across the Corn Belt, rains and cool temperatures since have delayed the completion of planting in parts of the western Corn Belt and raised the likelihood that seasonally warmer temperatures and drier conditions in late July will adversely affect pollination and kernel set in a larger share of this year's crop," writes USDA in its latest WASDE report. Due to corn's reduced production prospects, USDA also lowered projected U.S. new-crop corn demand by 70 million bushels. The Department lowered projected feed and residual disappearance 125 million bushels. At the same time, corn used in ethanol production, however, was raised 50 million bushels.

## FSA county committee nominations began Monday

Cooke County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Scott Tiemann announced that county committee election nominations began June 17. Farmers, ranchers, and landowners are encouraged to nominate farmer and rancher candidates to serve on their local FSA county committee by the Aug. 1 deadline. The area holding an election this year is the northwest part of Cooke County. Elected county committee members serve a three-year term and are responsible for making decisions on FSA disaster, conservation, commodity, and price support programs, as well as other important federal farm program issues. "County committee members are a valuable asset because they are local producers who participate in FSA programs themselves and have a direct connection to farmers and ranchers in the community," said Tiemann. "I would like to see a high level of participation in this year's nomination and election process," he said. Producers may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Organizations that represent minority and women farmers and ranchers may also nominate candidates. Nominees must participate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election, and reside in the local administrative area (LAA) in which the person is a candidate. To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign form FSA-669A. The form and more information about county committee elections are available online at [www.fsa.usda.gov/elections](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections). "It is important that the county committee reflects the demographics and agricultural interests of the community these individuals represent," Tiemann said. "I strongly encourage all producers, including women, minority, and beginning farmers and ranchers to participate in the nomination and election process," he said. County committees are comprised of three to five members elected by local producers. All newly elected county committee members and alternates will take office Jan. 1, 2014. Nomination forms must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 1. For more information about county committees, please contact the Cooke County FSA office at 940-668-7794 or visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).



## When Roosters Crowed

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### Threshing machines

There were lots of threshing machines in the area when Cooke was a strong farming county. The threshers were pulled by steam engines. It was exciting to see it coming down the road, puffing away.

Wood was hauled to heat the steamers and one man hauled water. He had a tank wagon with a hand pump on top. He pumped water from shallow wells, ponds, and creeks.

Some farmers owned their own machines, so they could thresh when they wanted. With a crew of 10-15 farmers, one would not have to stack and could haul directly from the field to the threshing location.

Threshing was a neighbor harvest. The work was divided up—the farmers with a good wagon bed hauled the grain, while the man with a good hay rake hauled the bundles. The farmers without the best equipment did the pitching in the fields.

The bundles were pitched onto the wagon, loaded, and hauled to the thresher. A good pitcher pitched the bundles with the heads toward the man on the load. The loader picked the bundle up with a fork, near the head, and laid the butts to the outside. The next row lapped about halfway so they lay like shingles and wouldn't shake off on the way to the thrasher.

Getting the horses to pull the wagon load of bundles parallel to the thrasher was sometimes difficult. The moving parts and the noise of the machine made the horses nervous. Horses have been known to get their tails in a pulley while switching at flies.

Bundles were fed into both sides of the threshing machine, though slow enough not to plug the machine. The bundles were fed head first to thresh the oats off as soon as they hit the cylinder. One was considered a poor worker if he threw the bundles in just any way, plugging the cylinder.

The oats were hauled away in wagons and shoveled into the bins. That was always hard work. Men in good physical condition could scoop the entire load without resting.

The first crew job a farm boy would get was the water boy for the threshers. It paid a dollar a day. Jugs wrapped in burlap sacks would be filled with cool well water. The wet sacks kept the water cool. Usually two jugs would hang from the horn of his saddle, keeping the boys legs wet at all times. He watered the men in the field, around the thrasher, and the barn all day.

## Cattlemen, the flies are coming

By: University News Release

One of the best ways to keep cattle healthy and gaining pounds in hot weather is to control flies, a Purdue Extension beef specialist says. Heavy populations of flies can cause stress in cattle herds and spread disease. Both stress and disease can reduce milk production and calf gain.

"We're into June, so producers should start looking for the fly populations, and they need to knock those fly populations down soon," Ron Lemenager said.

There are two main fly species that cattle producers need to worry about: the horn fly and the face fly.

The horn fly is a small, blood-sucking insect that feeds mainly on the backs, sides, shoulders, and underlines of cattle. They reduce weight gain and make animals more prone to stay in the shade instead of going out in the sun to graze, Lemenager said.

Horn flies are usually easier to control than face flies because they don't travel far. "Horn flies typically stay with the animal, only leaving to deposit eggs in manure,"

Lemenager said. Face flies are known to travel more from animal to animal and from farm to farm.

"If neighbors aren't controlling face fly populations, you will get more flies bothering your herd," Lemenager said.

Non-biting face flies are about twice the size of horn flies and similar in size to houseflies.



injury to the eye. Dust, seed heads, pollen, fescue leaves, or sharp points on grass can all irritate an animal's eye. So in addition to fly control, farmers should knock down or clip pastures before turning the herd into a new pasture or paddock.

Producers have a few options for controlling flies in their herds. One option, a newer technology, is to use insecticide-impregnated ear tags. The tags contain the pyrethroid or organophosphate class of insecticides and are effective in reducing face fly populations for several months.

Lemenager recommended rotating pyrethroid and organophosphate products so flies don't build up resistance.


Farmers also can control fly populations for several weeks by using insecticides in dust bags, oilers, pour-ons, and sprays. Feed-through larvicides in a mineral supplement form also have efficacy in disrupting fly life cycles.




Face flies feed on the secretions around the eyes and heads of cattle. In addition to irritating the skin, they can spread pink eye, Lemenager said.

Pink eye, also known as conjunctivitis, can rapidly spread through a herd and reduce weight gain and milk production. But the face fly spreading the *Moraxella* family of bacteria isn't the only contributing factor of the infection.


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