

## Dr. George Zgourides excited about Muenster

**Janet Felderhoff**  
News Editor

"It's amazing what you can learn just by talking and listening. Listening is the key," remarked George Zgourides, M.D. as he spoke of the ways he likes to practice medicine. Muenster Memorial Hospital District welcomed Dr. Zgourides, to its medical staff this week. Dr. Z, as he said most people call him, is a Board Certified family physician. "I'm proud to be here," he said. "I think that folks in this community value prevention and value wellness, and value continuity care versus just hit or miss care."

Dr. Zgourides is in the process of moving to Muenster and is now seeing patients in the MMH Family Health Clinic. One reason he chose to practice in Muenster is his desire to spend more time with his patients.

Although Dr. Z originally felt a tug to pursue a career as a physician, he chose another path instead. He has two backgrounds, one in Psychology and one in Medicine and also a Music background. He became very fascinated with Psychology and followed that for a number of years. He attended Rice University and studied Psychology and Music.

After becoming a psychologist, he taught and practiced in that field for many years. In 2002, he went to medical school to be trained as a family physician. He attended the American University of the Caribbean. "I did that by choice, actually," he noted. "My wife and I wanted to travel, so we chose that. One of the reasons we chose that school is that they have the clinical program in Ireland. I really wanted to train in Europe as well. I did my Sciences down in St. Martin and was able to live in Ireland for over a year doing most of my clinical work. They lived in Waterford where the famous crystal is made.

"It was an absolutely exciting time to see how other doctors do things. It was really valuable there in terms of training. They actually still do a kind of old-fashioned medicine which is what I'm all about. In other words, they actually listen to your heart, and they actually talk to you versus just run tests and get a two minute and that's it.

"One of the things that's drawn me here to Muenster is I like the fact that the doctors have a little more time to visit with patients and get to know them as people in the community and not just a dollar sign or a number. I like medicine the way it used to be. I don't like all this pump-

ing numbers. Numbers are important, but people are more important to me."

For his residency, Dr. Z returned to Texas and the residency program at John Peter Smith Hospital (JPS) in Fort Worth. Following his residency, Dr. Zgourides stayed on at JPS as a faculty member for three years where he directed a family medicine clinic in Arlington.

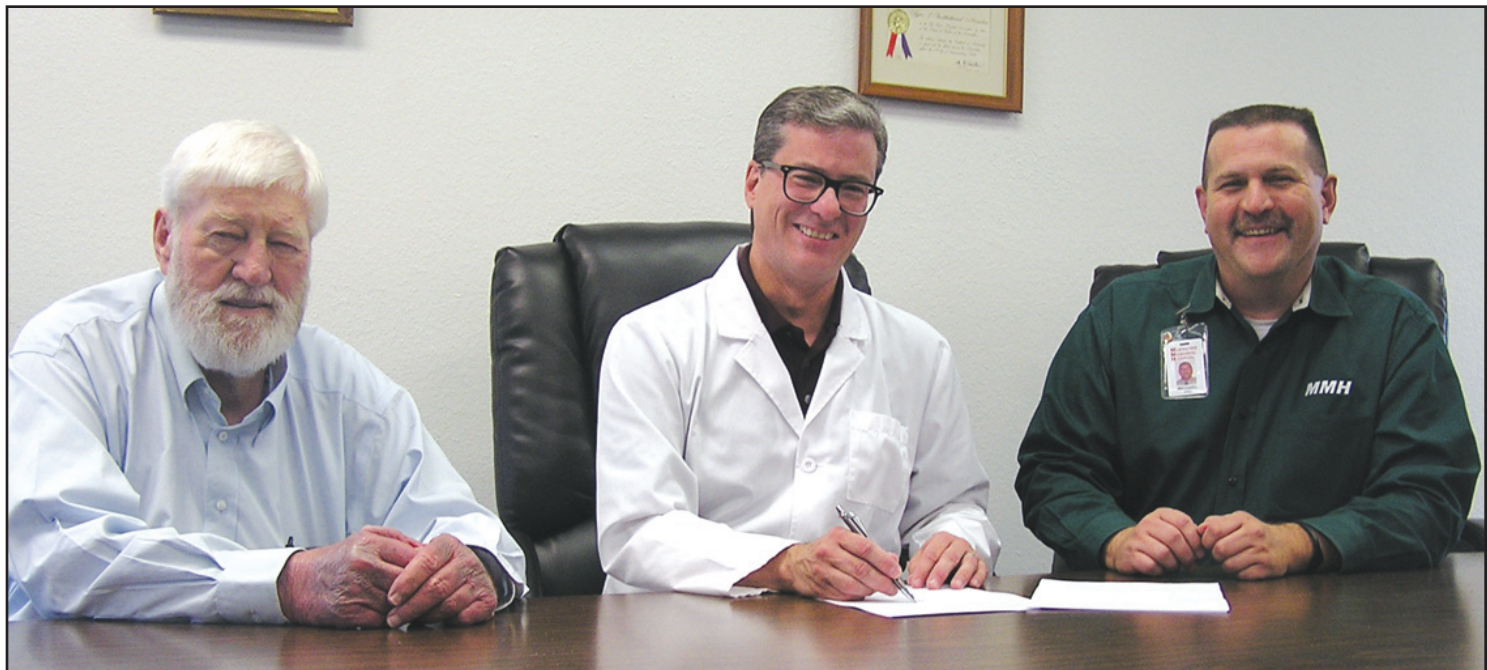
He added, "I am very proud of the whole residency. It is very, very difficult there. It is only one of two now, I think, in the United States that actually train doctors to go into rural communities like this where you've got multiple - outpatient, inpatient, and emergency room training."

After JPS, Dr. Zgourides opened his own private practice in Boerne and also worked in another practice in Fredricksburg for the past year.

On his reason for going on to become a family practice doctor, Dr. Z said, "When my wife was working as a practice manager in New Mexico with a pathology practice there, I got to know one of the physicians there. My interest was peaked again. At the same time, I became interested in things beyond just the psychology. I became very interested in adding to my skill base and adding to my repertoire. I decided that medicine was a really great way to pull together my interests in health, psychology, nutrition, exercise, all that stuff."

Dr. Z said that one of the things that he's about is integrating medicine and psychology. "Human beings are really body, mind, and spirit," stated Dr. Z. "So, I find all of those go together and I really like to help people work on the psy-

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Janet Felderhoff photo

George Zgourides, M.D., center, signed a contract with the Muenster Hospital District and is ready to see patients at the MMH Family Health Clinic. Also pictured are Hospital Board Vice President Kenny Klement, left, and MMH Administrator Michael Kent.

## Cooke County sets proposed 2015 budget, tax rate

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Cooke County Commissioners Court voted unanimously to approve the proposed 2015 budget during the regular meeting on Monday, July 28. According to County Auditor Shelly Atteberry, the proposed 2015 budget of \$20,859,729 is thus far \$826,848 more than last year's budget of \$20,032,881.

Precinct #3 Commissioner Al Smith remarked that a big chunk of that increase is employee related. If the third pod of the County Jail is opened, it will take 10 new employees to staff it. This action is reflected in the proposed budget as a \$1,400 per employee increase on base salary. Commissioner Leon Klement said, "So, \$385,000 of the \$826,000 we're over is insurance and raises."

County Judge John Roane noted, "Other than the extra personnel and the raises, we've got a budget that is very similar to previous budgets."

The Court then unanimously approved a proposed tax rate of \$0.4737 per \$100 of taxable valuation, which is lower than this year's rate. That is the effective tax rate and would generate about the same amount of revenue as last year.

A public hearing regarding the proposed budget was scheduled for Monday, Aug. 18 at 10 a.m. Also scheduled for that day and time is a public hearing on the proposed tax rate. The second hearing on the proposed tax rate was set for Monday, Aug. 25 at 10 a.m.

Commissioners Court declared August, September, and October as United Way months in Cooke County. Cooke County United Way will celebrate its 69th anniversary this year.

The Court then approved United Way's request to place the thermometer marking campaign donations to United Way on the Courthouse lawn.

United Way Executive Director Angie Hare commented that as she and her

husband travel through various small towns just after United Way's yearly campaign, they notice that few thermometers are full. "That goal sitting in our Courthouse square is a testament of this entire community, of the face of Cooke County. It is a testament of the will of the people responding to the neighbors helping neighbors."

Lynette Pettigrew with the City of Gainesville added that when new businesses come in, many inquire if there is a local United Way and if it makes its goal. "That tells the company looking at Cooke County that's a huge statement about Cooke County and we should all be very, very proud."

At the July 14 meeting, volunteer fire departments requested that the County consider purchasing new pagers since all departments were short and had members who did not have a pager. They were asked to meet and decide how many pagers they needed and bring that request back to Monday's

meeting. Speaking on behalf of the 11 volunteer fire departments in Cooke County, Muenster VFD member Herbie Knabe requested 88 pagers to be divided equally among the 11 departments. At a cost of \$460 per pager, that would cost the County \$40,480. He suggested that each year going forward, the County purchase three new pagers per department to keep from getting so far behind again.

Judge Roane said he'd rather see the departments come back each year to request the number of pagers they need at that time.

Commissioner Klement stated that he would like to see the situation settled so that they would not have to go through requests each year. "You would be responsible for your pagers and the County would get out of the pager business," said Klement. He said that funding could be added to the departments' yearly funding from the County and the departments would use that to repair their pagers.

Commissioner Smith said he felt that it would not be right to commit future Courts to a certain amount of money. It can't be done in other departments.

Commissioner Gary Hollowell agreed that there should not be a dollar amount committed to for future years.

Commissioners voted to purchase the 88 pagers from this year's Contingency Fund. They said they would vote on a possible amount to use on keeping the pagers in good repair. This could not be voted on until the budget was discussed. Before it came to that agenda items and a vote, the firefighters said that they were happy with the 88 pagers and would talk about another solution.

Justice of the Peace Pct. #1 Dorothy Lewis spoke to the Court regarding comments made by Commissioner Smith during budget hearings for her department. She asked that because of his comments, Smith recuse himself from voting on the budget for her Justice of the Peace Court. No action was taken.

Following an executive session, the Court approved the purchase and installation of security devices in the Cooke County Library.

In other business conducted at the July 28 meeting, Commissioners Court:

- Without discussion, took no action on a resolution regarding the illegal immigration of unaccompanied minors and expenses associated with them.
- Approved optional fees for motor vehicle registration. There is no change from last year.
- Approved EMS transferring \$10,000 from full-time salary line to part-time/extra help line to cover part-time employees' salaries.
- Approved installation of new cabling in the Cooke County Justice Center at an estimated cost of \$5,000 to \$6,000. This will allow installation of computers in the Jail's break room to give sergeants use of a computer and to allow prisoners to be booked in there when there

is a long waiting line.

Consent items approved by the Court included:

- Aruba Petroleum, Inc. for the installation of temporary water transfer lines on CR 345.
- Consider and possibly approve an interlocal agreement between Cooke County and the Cooke County Fair Association.
- Indigent cremation of Billy Don Baugh.
- Annual renewal of the Cooke County District

Clerk's copy machine maintenance agreement with Dustin's Office Machines for a one-year term beginning July 15 and ending July 15, 2015.

- Consider and possibly approve the annual renewal of the Cooke County Commissioners' Office copy machine maintenance agreement with Dustin's Office Machines for a one-year term beginning July 15 and ending July 15, 2015.

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## Child abuse reports up as school starts

As summer vacation winds down, the month of August brings the coming of a new school year for many children. Unfortunately, the start of a new academic year can also lead to more child abuse or neglect reports as teachers, staff, and other parents notice signs of harm that children suffered over the summer.

Out of more than 160,000 completed reports of child abuse or neglect last year, schools were the second most common source. The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services completed 33,146 investigations as a result of reports from school officials, falling just behind reports from medical personnel.

"It's not unusual for there to be a spike in suspected abuse or neglect reports when the school year resumes," said Vicki Robertson, executive director of CASA of North Texas. "In the summer, children interact with fewer adults outside of their families who would see and report signs of maltreatment."

This increase in reports translates to more children entering the foster care system and a greater need for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteers to represent these children.

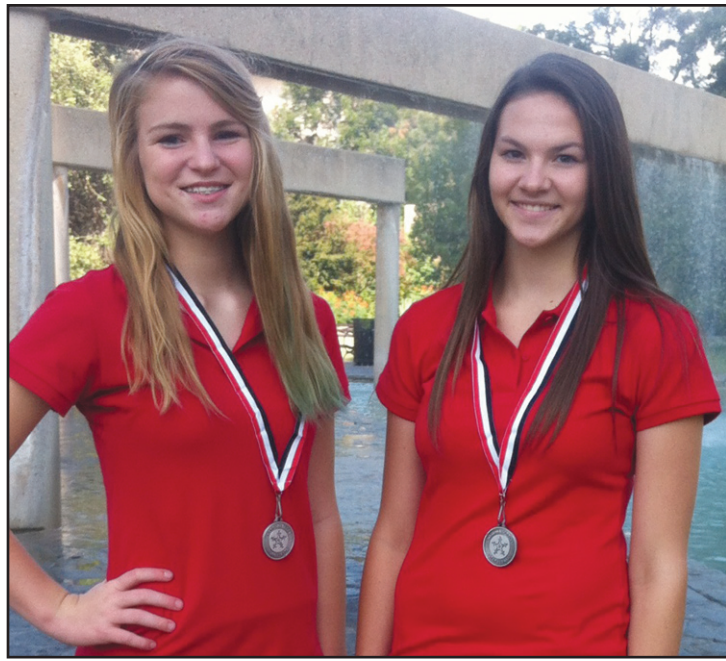
CASA volunteers are everyday community members who receive training and then are appointed by judges to advocate for children in court. CASA volunteers get to know a child or sibling group and any relevant contacts in the children's lives. They gather information about their physical, emotional, and educational needs and strive to help the children move out of the temporary foster care system.

"Imagine how frightening it is for these children to be taken out of their homes and placed sometimes far away from their families," said Robertson. "CASA of North Texas wants to ensure that they do not get stuck moving from placement to placement in the system and are instead placed with safe, loving families."

"In Cooke County, there are currently 90 children in the foster care system," said Robertson. "We are serving all these children but we're at our capacity to do so. Unless we have more volunteers step forward soon, we won't be able to give them a CASA Advocate. As the new school year approaches, please consider stepping up to be a voice for children in need by becoming a CASA volunteer."

For more information, visit [www.casant.org](http://www.casant.org) and [www.BecomeACASA.org](http://www.BecomeACASA.org) or call 940.665.2244. The next training session begins Aug. 4.

## Muenster FCCLA wins Silver



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Muenster FCCLA members Jenna Sicking, left, and Alaina Kubis brought home Silver medals from the State Leadership Conference in San Antonio. They won with their Chapter Service Project Portfolio. Their fundraising project focused on helping provide clean water and sanitation to people in need around the world. See story on page 5.



# Enterprise receives awards in NETPA contest

Muenster Enterprise and staff were recipients of recognition in several categories in the North East Texas Press Association contest. Janet Felderhoff was named Journalist of the Year in Division 5 Weeklies. The judges comments, "Writing a good lead can trip even experienced, seasoned journalists, but Janet does it great every time." Muenster Enterprise also took second place in News Writing for Division 5 Week-

lies. The judges liked the news story on the Dan Wilde family's home being hit by a tornado. The judges' comment, "Nice ending to a natural disaster - something not commonly heard." In Headline Writing, the Enterprise took third in the Division 5 Weeklies. Headlines submitted were: Muenster Milling Monday morning mishap; Tigers hit Hornets for Homecoming honey; and Tigers walk-off with Watauga.

# United Way announces largest goal set in history

The Cooke County United Way Board of Directors announced the 2015 Campaign goal of \$435,000 and theme "United Way...listening...working...making a difference!" This is the largest goal set in the organization's history. Cooke County United Way is celebrating its 60th anniversary with the 2015 Campaign. The public is invited to attend a "Pep Rally" Open

House on Friday, Aug. 1. The event will begin at 7:30 a.m. with coffee and donuts. Refreshments will be served all day till 5:30 p.m. There will be hourly drawings for United Way promotional gifts. United Way is located at 114 E. Main Street in downtown Gainesville on the corner of E. Main and S. Rusk streets. For more information, please call 940-665-1793.

# Get ready for the Forestburg Watermelon Festival

Forestburgers are getting ready for their 34th annual Forestburg Watermelon Festival scheduled for Aug. 8 and 9. The Festival will start Friday night with an 8 p.m.

rodeo at the Forestburg Riding Club Arena. This year's theme is Creative Country, celebrating the artisans of the community. See FESTIVAL, pg. 4

# DAYS GONE BY.....

## 65 YEARS AGO

July 29, 1949

Nocona cops nab thieves who took 12 storage batteries from J.P. Flusche's junk yard; the batteries were valued at \$2 each. Injuries received in crash are fatal to Paul Himmels, 54. Jake Horn and "Cotton" Schmitz open Watermelon Garden on the corner of the highway and Main: "Come and get 'em by the slice or whole melon, will open Saturday July 30 (unless it snows)."

## 50 YEARS AGO

July 31, 1964

Headline reads "Cloud was a Dud, Rainfall Only .04." Siblings Shirley and Paul Becker have tonsillectomies. Roy Metzler, age 4, breaks leg. Obituary: Joe Fuhrmann, 80. New Arrivals: Fred to Gene and Elsie Hoedebeck; Daveta to David and Dolly Gilley; a son to the Ronnie Herra; a son to the Fred Knabes. Wedding: Agnes Noggler and John David Meurer; Agnes Eckart and Bernard Hesse. Wolf's Barber Shop and Tommy's

*Of all the questions which can come before this nation, short of the actual preservation of its existence in a great war, there is none which compares in importance with the great central task of leaving this land even a better land for our descendants than it is for us. - Theodore Roosevelt*

Barber Shop advertise "Due to circumstances beyond our control (every cotton-picking thing is going up), we are increasing our price for haircuts" - regular haircut \$1.25 and flat-top haircut \$1.50.

## 25 YEARS AGO

July 28, 1989

County joins feasibility study. Obituary: Aloys Kleiss, 76. Wedding: Karen Mershon and James Pelzel. New Arrivals: Amanda to Bill and Laurie Rohmer; Jessica to Walter and Celine Bartel. Sr. Aloysia Kleiss feted for the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee Profession of 60 years. Brian Strother joins the coaching staff at Muenster High School.

# DPS inspects 8,714 commercial vehicles during roadcheck

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) inspected 8,714 commercial motor vehicles during a three-day inspection effort last month as part of Roadcheck 2014. DPS Commercial Vehicle Enforcement troopers, specially trained Highway Patrol troopers, and civilian inspectors joined forces from June 3 - 5 during the annual inspection initiative aimed at enhancing commercial motor vehicle safety.

Approximately 21% (1,858) of the 18-wheelers, buses, and other commercial vehicles inspected were placed out of service for a variety of safety violations until appropriate repairs can be made. Issues with brakes and de-

fective vehicle lighting were among the most common infractions that led to out-of-service violations.

Additionally, drivers were checked for compliance with state and federal laws, and 263 drivers were placed out of service. Among the violations were improper logging of duty time, driving over the maximum number of hours, and failing to have the proper type of driver license for the vehicle being driven. In all, DPS issued 2,715 citations and more than 24,943 warnings.

The annual Roadcheck program is designed to reduce commercial vehicle highway fatalities through increased vehicle and driver safety, education, and law enforcement activities throughout.

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chology, on the thinking and behaviors that they can apply to their lives to be healthier and happier. A lot of what I do is not just typical medicine. I reject the pill for every ill approach and instead I focus on what thoughts, emotions, and behaviors we can change to bring about desired outcomes and in a physician's practice, that's desired health outcomes. I'm all about helping people become happier and healthier."

Writing is one of Dr. Z's hobbies. "I've written a number of books over the years," he said. "I've just finished three revisions, three second editions, this past year, and these are books that are again integrating medicine and psychology. I also do a lot of radio shows and I've done some TV commercials and things. I enjoy doing that. As a matter of fact, I got so many calls in the last few months that I had to tell people I can't do the shows right now. Once we get settled here we'll pick it back up. It's good PR for wherever I'm practicing. It's a lot of fun. I did a Canadian show and they were boasting by the time they syndicated and on the internet about 190 million listeners. That's quite intimidating in many respects, but also quite exciting." He and his wife have also enjoyed remodeling houses. He also plays the Scottish Highland bagpipes and is learning to play a harmonica.

"I am very excited to be here and looking forward to being able to contribute to the community as a family physician," remarked Dr. Z.

Dr. Z said he is married to the most wonderful woman in the world Christie, and they are the proud parents of a four-legged chihuahua named Andre. Both of Dr. Z's parents live in Kerrville, Texas. He has a sister in San Antonio and a brother in Corpus. His mother-in-law lives in Oregon. He grew up in Houston, but his parents moved to Kerrville. "The Hill Country has been home for 35 years now," he said.

The name Zgourides is Greek, but he has Scotch Irish relatives on the maternal side. While in Ireland, Dr. Z enjoyed tracing some places that his family came from.

MMH Administer Michael Kent said, "I'm very excited to welcome Dr. Z and his wife Christie to our Hospital and to our community." He said that there will be an open house in the near future to allow the community to meet MMH's newest physician.



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**AGENDA MEETING DATE - August 4, 2014**

The following is the Agenda for a regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, August 4, 2014.

1. Call meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Opening prayer.
3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting held on July 7, 2014.
4. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
5. Consider any other business to come before the Council.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. n/a

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Hold Public Hearing to consider approving "Specific Use Permit" for a microbrewery to be located at 100 N. Main in Muenster.
2. Take action on request for "Specific Use Permit".
3. Set Date for Budget Workshop.
4. Reschedule September Meeting because of Labor Day Holiday.
5. Receive monthly update on Police Department from Chief Barr.
6. Receive status report on City Projects and Activities. Take any needed action.
7. Review and act on monthly bills.
8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Council may enter into closed or executive session to discuss the following: Texas Local Government Code: 551.074 - **PERSONNEL**.
9. Return to regular session. Take any needed action.
10. Adjourn.

Brenda Simpson, City Secretary

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- Trade-in and upgrade (lease or purchase) of the Xerox copier located in the Treasurer's Office, and the maintenance agreement between Cooke County and Xerox for a one-year term beginning Aug. 1 through July 20, 2015 with four one-year renewals.

- Trade-in and upgrade (lease or purchase) of the Xerox copier located in the Tax Assessor Collector's Office, and the maintenance agreement between Cooke County and Xerox for a one-year term beginning Aug. 1 through July 20, 2015 with four one year renewals.

- Trade-in and upgrade (lease or purchase) of the Xerox copier located in the County Clerk's Office, and the maintenance agreement between Cooke County and Xerox for a one-year term beginning Aug. 1 through July 20, 2015 with four one year renewals.

- Salvage of two unrepairable Homelite chainsaws from Road and Bridge Precinct #1.

- Salvage of an unrepairable DVR from Road and Bridge Pct. 1.

- Accepting auction proceeds from the sale of Road and Bridge Precinct #1's 1995 Ford Truck in the amount of \$1,710.95.

- Transfer of four Samsung Galaxy Tablets from EMS inventory to IT's inventory.

- Road oil bid specs for MC-250, MC-800, and MC-3000 for a six month period beginning Aug. 25 and advertisement of the same.

- Accepting an insurance settlement on a Cooke County Sheriff's Office 2011 Ford Crown Victoria that was involved in an accident in the amount of \$6,975.00.

- Donation in the amount of \$150 to the Cooke County Library from Donald Tayloe for research.

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Sunday, August 3, 2014	Monday, August 4, 2014	Tuesday, August 5, 2014	Wednesday, August 6, 2014	Thursday, August 7, 2014	Friday, August 8, 2014	Saturday, August 9, 2014
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm	City Council mtg. 6:30 pm	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Library open 10 am - 5:30 pm	Museum open 1-4 Library open 10-6:30 Kiwanis Swim Night 7-9 pm Montessori Parents orientation 6:30 pm SH Teacher In-Service Sacred	Museum open 1-4 pm AARP Member luncheon 11:30 am	Library open 10 - 2:30 Forestburg Watermelon Festival <b>MVFD BBQ</b> Camp
Sunday, August 10, 2014	Monday, August 11, 2014	Tuesday, August 12, 2014	Wednesday, August 13, 2014	Thursday, August 14, 2014	Friday, August 15, 2014	Saturday, August 16, 2014
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm	MMH Aux mtg. 5:30 pm VFW mtg. 7:30 pm	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Library open 10 am - 5:30 pm	Museum open 1-4 Library open 10-6:30 M Historical Comm. mtg. 8 am VJ Day - FLY FLAGS	Museum open 1-4 pm SHCS -noon dismissal	Library open 10 - 2:30 4-H Achievement Banquet 6 pm

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## Paty Boyle 1921 - 2014

Graveside services for Paty Spearman Boyle, age 93 of Muenster, are set for 1 p.m., Friday, Aug. 1 at Restland Cemetery in Dallas with Rev. Ken Robinson officiating and under the direction of Scott Funeral Home of Muenster. Mrs. Boyle died at her home on Monday, July 28, 2014.

One of two children, Paty was born on March 2, 1921 in Fairfield, AL to Braxton R. and Grace P. Sain Spearman. On March 23, 1946, she married John Hartford Boyle in Chattanooga, TN. They raised their five children, one daughter and four sons, in Allen, TX.

Paty's favorite things were reading books and needlework. She especially

loved to travel to London, Paris, and Ireland. Paty was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster. She will be missed by all those who knew her.

Survivors are her daughter Sharon Boyle Rivers and husband Jon of Forestburg; sons John Michael Boyle and wife Pam of Huntington Beach, CA, Robert Hartford Boyle and wife Debby of Corpus Christi, Patrick Joseph Boyle and wife Penny of Plano, and Timothy Richard Boyle and wife Mary of Honey Grove, TX; and nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, and her husband



Paty Boyle

John Hartford Boyle.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Scottish Rite Children's Hospital or a charity of your choice.

## Wayne Tate 1936 - 2014

Wayne E. Tate, a retired cross country truck driver, went to be with our Lord Sunday, July 27, 2014 in Bridgeport.

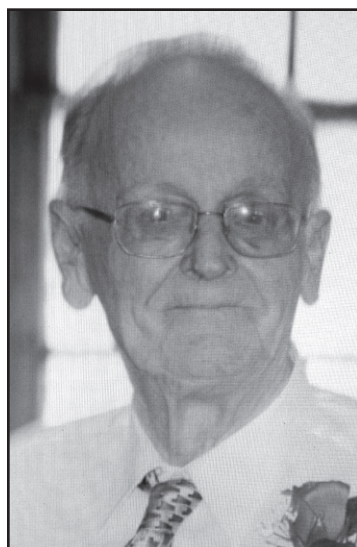
Burial was held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, July 29 at First Baptist Church in Alford with burial in Alford Cemetery. Family received friends prior to the service at the church. Rev. Bill Cleveland officiated. Pallbearers were Jeff Tate, Kyle Tate, Garland Tate, Jeremy Tate, Marcus Tate, and Chris Tate.

Wayne was born Sept. 21, 1936 to Roy and Doris James Tate in Jacksonville, TX. He

was united in marriage to Katherine Fleming on Aug. 25, 1962 in Borger, TX.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Katherine, and brother Merle Tate.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his sons Marcus Tate of Alford, Garland Tate and wife Sharon of Fort Worth, and Chris Tate and wife Isabelle of Plano; grandchildren Crystal Manjarres, Kyle Tate, Jeff Tate, Jeremy Tate, Kennedy Tate, Andrew Tate, and Kevin Tate; great-grandchildren Alyssa, Luisanthy, Samantha, and Elija; brother Leroy Tate and wife Bea of



Wayne Tate

Odessa; other family members; and a host of friends.

## Edna Dunn 1931 - 2014

Graveside services for Edna Mae Wade Dunn, age 83 of Saint Jo, were held Tuesday, July 29 at Mountaintop Park Cemetery.

Edna Mae Dunn died July 26, 2014 in Denton surrounded by her loving family. She was born Jan. 17, 1931 in Sanger to Ely Mannuel and Mary Etta Knowles Wade. She married Wilson Jack Dunn on Aug. 16, 1951. After living in West Texas where Jack worked in the oil fields, they returned to Saint Jo to make their permanent home.

## Shirley Dorsch 1944 - 2014

A visitation beginning at 6 p.m. followed by a rosary at 8 p.m. for Shirley Louise Neu Dorsch, age 69 of Lake Kiowa, was held Monday, July 28. No funeral services are planned and a private burial will be held at a later date.

Shirley was born Sept. 13, 1944 in Gainesville to Theodore Matthew and Agnes Maria Hermes Neu. She died peacefully with her family at her side on Saturday, July 26, 2014 in Denton.

Survivors include her lov-

ing husband Bob Dorsch; children Tesa Golden, Rob Dorsch, and Heather Muller; siblings Jeanne Hoenig, Patsy Rohmer, Stella Stinnett, David Neu, and Donna Boschert; 6 1/2 grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; siblings Helen, Carol, Michael, and Denis; and nephews Brad, Jeff, and Bobby.

Donations may be made to the Bradley J. Neu Memorial Scholarship Fund at First State Bank.

Chances are if you grew up in or around the Saint Jo area, you knew Edna Dunn. She was known by many as Granny Edna or Miss Edna. She loved Saint Jo and all the people in it. Edna never met a stranger and never passed up an opportunity to sit and talk with anyone.

Throughout the years, she worked many jobs in her hometown, including the Dairy Spot, opened her own Edna's Cafe, cooked at the Saint Jo and Muenster nursing homes, worked at the Russell-Newman fac-

tory on the square, Dusty's food store, and The Freight Outlet. Edna was always on the go. You could find Edna with her best friend Lucille Welch at athletic events at the school. She loved going and watching her grandkids playing sports. She loved her sports.

While at home, her activities were planned around what time the Cowboys, Stars, Rangers, and Mavericks played. She would jump at the opportunity to go fishing or play a good game of cards or dominoes. More than any of this, Edna was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. She took pride in her family and bragged about them to anyone who would listen.

Survivors are daughters Phyllis and husband Larry Cook of Saint Jo and Joanie Mae and husband Milton Pierce of Sadler; son Danny and wife Lori Dunn of Saint Jo; nine grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother James Leon Wade, and husband Jack Dunn.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Saint Jo Booster Club, Meals on Wheels, or the charity or organization of your choice.

## Railroad Commission launches new website

The Railroad Commission of Texas has launched its new website to make online resources for the regulation of the oil and gas industry and other Commission-regulated industries more user friendly. You can view the new website at <http://www.rrc.texas.gov>.

Chairman Barry Smitherman said, "The new website is the final product of the Commission taking input last September from stakeholders on three different proposed designs. This final design is a blend of the different characteristics most favored by those who filled out surveys on the three options provided."

Commissioner David Porter said, "The new website is part of Phase 1 of our IT modernization that we hope will ultimately result in stakeholders and the public having greater ease and access to our agency's data, which includes everything from Texas oil and gas production statistics to drilling permits."

Commissioner Christi Craddick said, "While we are the oldest regulatory agency in the state, we must keep pace with advancements within the industry we regulate, and the Commission's website redesign will help us to do just that. In the second phase of our IT overhaul, we will be migrating content from the old website to the new site, and ask that everyone be patient until the new site is fully up and running."

Features of the new website include:


- An index of pages organized by industry: "Oil & Gas," "Gas Services," "Pipeline Safety," "Mining & Exploration," and "Alternative Fuels";
- Audience-specific web pages for consumers, land and mineral owners, and media;
- A "Resource Center" web page under "About Us" that allows users to find the most commonly used Commission resources and services, including online research queries, GIS map viewer, and frequently asked questions;
- A "Calendar of Events" on the home page listing all events, training, and certifications hosted by the Commission; and
- A responsive design that allows users to view the Commission's website on smartphones and tablets.

**You know well enough that Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love with which we do them.**  
- St. Therese of Lisieux

During 2015, the Commission plans additional improvements to the new website including: offering information through mapping interfaces (GIS); consolidating many queries related to oil and gas production data and drilling permit information available on the Online Research Queries web page; releasing an improved RRC

Online application for users to submit required regulatory filings online; and making available additional online filings through RRC Online.

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Looking back over the past few months and weeks, your support, kindness, and consideration helped us to get through the illness and loss of our husband, Dad, brother, GeePaw, and friend, Claude Klement. This is a difficult time for all of us that he left behind. We want to send our sincere thanks and appreciation for your caring and professional ways during his final arrangements. We are overwhelmed by the number of cards, calls, Masses, donations, food, condolences, and generosity. We are truly grateful to our pastor, Father Ken. Your guidance, visits, prayers, and words you delivered at the funeral were comforting, not only to the family but to the entire community. Father Kyle, thank you for your support and con-celebrating in the Vigil. Ben and Kristina Briones, the music was beautiful. The honors during the Mass performed by the 4th Degree Knights and the JCI Senators was picturesque. To the nurses and staff at Heart to Heart Hospice, we will forever be indebted. Janette Grewing, your words of encouragement, your compassion, and your strength of selfless service enabled us to bring comfort to our family. The Catholic Daughters of America served a delicious meal and gave us comfort beyond food, and thanks to the Knights of Columbus members for allowing us to use the hall. It is difficult indeed to put our thoughts into words, but we very much appreciate your kind and helpful words, deeds, and gestures at a time when these things mean so much. We thank God for friends such as you!

The family of Claude Klement -  
Deb Klement, Aaron and Polly Klement,  
Jamie and Ashley Baggs, and the rest of the family.

*Psalms 118: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.*



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## Baptism



Kenley Muller

cred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster. Fr. Ken Robinson, pastor, officiated for the ceremony. Serving as Godparents for Kenley are her maternal grandmother, Carol Ann Hess, and Jody Wilson, longtime family friend.

Attending Kenley's special day of celebration were her brothers Garrett and Trenton Muller; grandparents James and Carol Ann Hess and Steve and Sharon Muller; uncles, aunts, and cousins Rob and Gina Henley, Kate and Lauren, Jon and Helene Henley, Ava and Jon, Wayne Muller, and Jody and Jennifer Wilson.

A family luncheon and swimming were enjoyed by all during the afternoon.

### Muller

Kenley Ruth Ann Muller, born March 24, 2014 in Gainesville to Gary and Kathleen Muller of Muenster, received the Rite of Baptism on July 13 in Sa-



Gary and Mary Endres of Muenster announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Natalie Endres of Muenster to Ty Towery of Valley View. Ty is the son of Wayne and Lisa Bierschenk of Valley View and Mark and Tara Towery of Wichita Falls. Sept. 13, 2014 is the date chosen by the couple for their marriage. It will take place at 2 p.m. in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster. The bride-elect is a 2009 Sacred Heart Catholic School graduate. She attended Ave Maria University in Florida and is currently employed by York Eye Associates. The future groom graduated from Valley View High School in 2008. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology from Tarleton State University in 2012. Peterbilt is his place of employment.

*Charity is the sweet and holy bond which links the soul with its Creator: it binds God with man and man with God.*  
- St. Catherine of Siena

## Walking through Grief Hospice provides outlets for grief

Home Hospice of Grayson, Cooke, and Fannin counties is presenting a four-part workshop called "Walking through Grief-Building your Tool Box." This program is designed to give you information about the grief experience and tools for confronting your grief.

During these four weeks, the focus will be on resources that help individuals as they walk on their own unique grief path. Topics will include: What is grief and what now? How do I help myself and what now? Where do I go from here? Why do I hurt all over so much? Who can possibly help me when I can't help myself? And more.

"Through the grief process, many discover that not everyone grieves the same way in that what works for one person may not work for the next. This workshop is designed to not only help

those bereaved discover their very own unique set of 'tools,' but how to use them as they begin to move forward in their grief journey," said Jolene Senek, LBSW, CT, GC-C bereavement coordinator. "This toolbox can be used beyond this workshop as you can reach out to others and share some tips even if your blueprints are a bit different."

The workshop will be Aug. 19 and 26 and Sept. 2 and 9 in Cooke County at Home Hospice, 319 Chestnut in Gainesville from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Please RSVP by Aug. 12, so the correct amount of materials can be prepared. Call 940-665-9891 to register or email jolene.senek@homehospice.org.

To learn more about hospice care, visit www.homehospice.org or like them on Facebook under Home Hospice of Grayson, Cooke, and Fannin counties.

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Cub Scouting is for boys in the first through fifth grades. The program combines outdoor activities, sports, academics, and more in a fun and exciting program that helps families teach ideals such as honesty, good citizenship, and respect.

Sign-up and orientation to be held  
September 8, 6:30 pm at VFW.

For more information,  
contact Christy Bezner at 940-736-4716

## Cody Moster turns two!

Cody Moster, son of Dainah Hartman and Mark Moster, Jr., celebrated his second birthday with family and friends at the Muenster Park at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 12. The theme for the party was trains.

Guests enjoyed cake, pop-sicles, a bounce house, and a bean bag toss game. His cake was made by great-aunt Marlene Endres. Cupcakes were made by his mother.

Those attending the party were Cody's parents; grandparents Bobby and Sharlene Hartman, John and Teresa Fangman, and Mark Moster, Sr.; great-grandparents Alvin and Joanie Hartman; Marlene Endres; Mark, Lacy, Deegan, and Hudson Neu; Glenda Russell; Lisa Miller; Mitch, Shannon, Bailey, Lindsey, and Indigo Dyer; BJ Schmidkofer; Jill and Kristen Reiter; Leevi Brown;



Cody Moster

Clayton Fenoglio; and Daniel, Heather, Kymber, Cassidy, and Ryker Hacker.

## FESTIVAL

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nity. Anyone interested in displaying their crafts can bring them to the Atkins building between 2 and 4 p.m. on Aug. 8. A display of crafts can be viewed starting after the parade on Saturday until 3 p.m.

Make a great salsa? Enter it in the Salsa Contest to be held Saturday, Aug. 9. Bring salsa entries to the Atkins building between 9 and 10 a.m. Requirement is that salsa must be homemade. Bring one or two jars for tasting. Prizes awarded to the top three places. If you have any questions, call Debra 940-964-2483 or Betty at 940-964-2644.

The parade will start at 10:30 a.m. Enter by calling 940-841-0204. The deadline is Aug. 5.

A BBQ lunch after the parade will also include beans, cole slaw, potato salad, dessert, and drink plus all the trimmings.

Arts and crafts booths will be around town. Gather at the tennis courts at 2 p.m. for children's games. A rodeo at the Forestburg Riding Club Arena begins at 8:30 p.m.

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# SCHOOL

## Münster FCCLA brings home awards from National Leadership Conference

### Students earn Silver at STAR event

More than 7,000 Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) members, advisers, alumni, and guests from across the country gathered in San Antonio for the 2014 National Leadership Conference. The conference was based on the student-originated theme "SOAR." Alaina Kubis and Jenna Sicking, incoming freshmen at Münster High School, took part in STAR event competitions at the conference.

Alaina and Jenna were among over 4,200 STAR Event participants who competed in San Antonio. This was the largest number of competitors at any National STAR Events competition. The Münster FCCLA members competed in the Chapter Service Project Portfolio. Their fundraising project focused on helping provide clean water and sanitation to people in need around the world. Alaina and Jenna received Silver

Medals in the event.

FCCLA offers 33 STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) events. These events, which include Early Childhood Education, Job Interview, and Sports Nutrition, among others, represent college and career readiness skills taught in Family and Consumer Sciences classrooms. Members compete at the District, State, and National level.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. FCCLA has 200,000 members and more than 5,500 chapters from 49 state associations, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The organization has involved more than ten million youth

since its founding in 1945.

FCCLA: The Ultimate Leadership Experience is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members. It is the only career and technical in-school student organization with the family as its central focus. Participation in national programs and chapter activities helps members become strong leaders in their families, careers, and communities.

Joni Sturm, Family and Consumer Sciences teacher at Münster High School, was recognized as a Master Adviser by Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) at their 2014 National Leadership Conference. Held July 6-10 in San Antonio, the meeting welcomed more than 7,000 members, advisers, alumni, and guests.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America's Adviser Recognition Program rewards outstand-

ing local Family and Consumer Sciences teachers who make significant contributions to the organization.

The Master Adviser Program recognizes advisers who have been successful in leading an FCCLA chapter for at least three years. These advisers promote the organization, operate an integrated chapter with a balanced program of work, and facilitate youth-centered activities while keeping abreast of the issues in

their field.

Without capable adult leaders, students could not take advantage of the many opportunities offered through FCCLA. Being an effective adviser takes special skills and a tremendous commitment of time and energy. Exceptional advisers motivate their chapters to take advantage of opportunities beyond the local level, use a wide variety of resources available to them, and encourage student involvement.

### Sturm recognized as Master Adviser

## Saint Jo ISD to issue technology devices this year

Saint Jo ISD Board of Trustees and Administration are committed to preparing their students for the future to the greatest extent possible. With that in mind, the Board of Trustees recently approved the purchase of Apple iPads and Google HP Chromebooks for the District. Each student in grades 7 - 12 will be issued a Chromebook, and each student in grades 3 - 6 will be issued an iPad. These students (grades 3 - 12) will take their devices with them throughout the school day, as well as home each day to complete their educational tasks. Students in grades K - 2 will have

a classroom designated iPad, where they will stay at all times.

In order for students to be issued a device, a parent or guardian must attend a mandatory informational meeting with their student on Tuesday, Aug. 26, 7 p.m., Dome gymnasium, and complete all required forms. In addition, students in grades 3-12 must submit their annual usage fee of \$40 per device (\$25 per device for free and reduced families).

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# SPORTS

## Some golf clubs can cause hearing damage



Golf is a popular sport - especially among retirees. While the sport can bring enjoyment, relaxation, and a little exercise, there is surprising data that indicates golf may be damaging to your ears. A 2008 study by *British Medical Journal* titled, "Is Golf Bad for Your Hearing?" showed that an avid golfer playing three times per week with a thin-faced titanium driver experienced reduced hearing and tinnitus (ringing in the ear). The researchers found the ping noise produced with a titanium driver, and other similar products on the market, varied from 120-135 dB! A range that far exceeds healthy noise levels.

Rachel Bishop, Doctor of Audiology with Connect Hearing, a hearing health care company with more than 15 locations in the greater DFW area, has four simple ways a golfer can

protect their ears:  
 1. Purchase Clubs Wisely. Some thin-faced titanium clubs are not approved for use in competitions, so if you're a competitive golfer it's wise to purchase a thicker faced driver that are both approved for tournaments and better for your

hearing.  
 2. Use Protection. If you do use a thin-faced titanium driver, wear hearing protection. Foam ear plugs can be purchased at any pharmacy or hardware store. Proper insertion is key: First, roll the foam between your fingers into a thin cylinder, then insert into your ear canal and allow it to expand for optimum attenuation.

3. Keep Your Distance. Move a comfortable distance from other golfers using a thin faced titanium driver. When you increase your distance from the source of the sound, the volume of the ping decreases as does the level of damage to your hearing.

4. Seek Help. If your ears begin ringing or you notice a decrease in hearing ability, get a hearing evaluation.

Golf is a fun, social sport. Many individuals play well into their 90s. Taking precautions to protect your hearing will allow you to enjoy the social aspects of the game, as well as life, for years to come.

# Locating the big bass of summer

As the air temperature climbs and short sleeve shirts take the place of sweatshirts, there's a window of time across the country when catching numbers of quality bass can become an arduous task. That doesn't mean it is time to sulk around wasting life. It is time to go searching for those first bass of summer.

During this transition period, bass take their time migrating from spawning areas to summertime quarters, and success on the water often hinges on identifying exactly when they have reached their destination for the hottest months of the year.

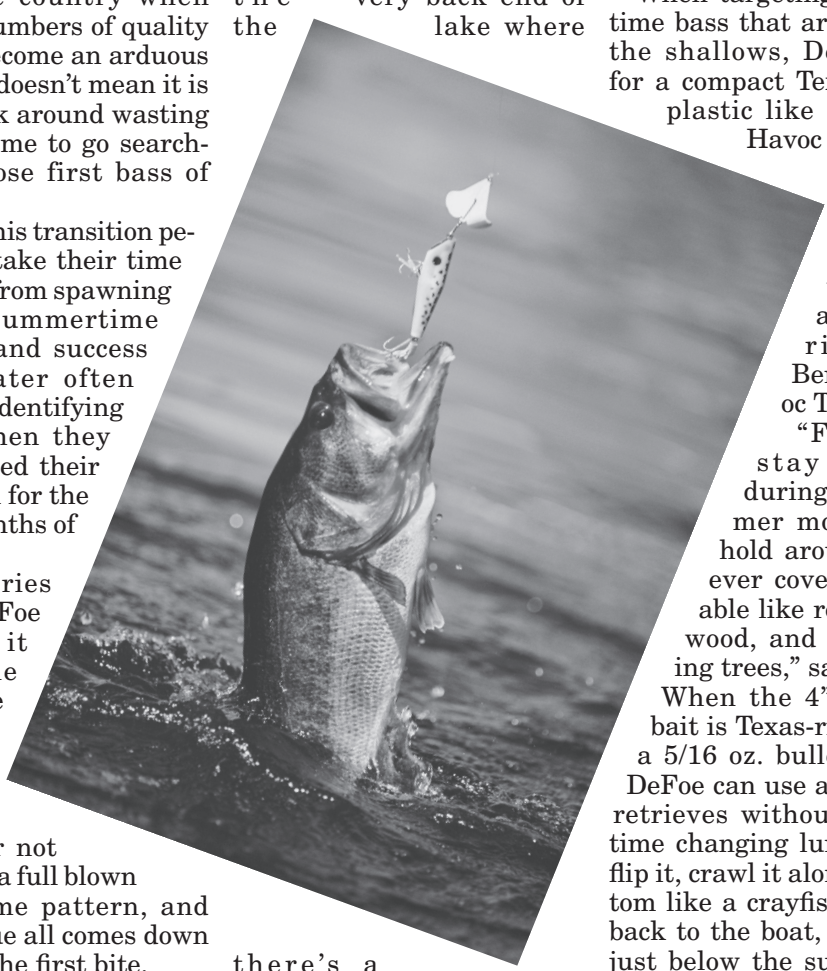
Elite Series pro Ott DeFoe says that it takes some detective work when it comes to determining whether or not bass are in a full blown summertime pattern, and the first clue all comes down to getting the first bite.

"When you're trying to figure out if the fish have transitioned to a summertime pattern, the first fish that you catch can really give you a lot of valuable information," he explains. "If it has a bloody or red tail, sores on its body, or just generally looks really beat up, that's a good sign that the fish are still in an early postspawn phase."

"If the bass' tail is starting to heal and is a healthy green color, or if the fish looks really healthy and clean, that's a good sign that most of the fish have been done spawning for a while and are moving to the areas where they'll spend the summer months," he continues. "Regardless of where you live in the country, you can usually tell what phase the bass are in just by inspecting that first fish and glean as much information as possible."

Once DeFoe has identified that the bass are in a

summertime pattern, he narrows his search down to two areas on the fishery. He'll either key on the main lake or the very back end of the lake where



targets shell beds and brush piles if he's fishing on a lake where that type of cover is available.

When targeting summertime bass that are living in the shallows, DeFoe opts for a compact Texas-rigged plastic like a Berkley Havoc Pit Boss or a weightless soft plastic shad imitator like a Texas-rigged 5" Berkley Havoc The Jerk.

"Fish that stay shallow during the summer months will hold around whatever cover is available like rock, grass, wood, and overhanging trees," says DeFoe. When the 4" creature bait is Texas-rigged with a 5/16 oz. bullet weight, DeFoe can use a variety of retrieves without wasting time changing lures. "I can flip it, crawl it along the bottom like a crayfish, swim it back to the boat, or burn it just below the surface," he states.

there's a creek or river flowing in. "It is one extreme or the other," DeFoe allows.

By eliminating transition areas, the Tennessee pro is able to target a larger class of fish. "It's common knowledge that the biggest fish in the lake are typically the ones that spawn first," he explains. "As a result, those fish are the first ones to either migrate to the main lake structure or take up residency in the shallows for the remainder of the summer."

Regardless of whether he's fishing for summertime bass offshore or up shallow, DeFoe keeps his arsenal fairly simple.

"During the summer, I almost always fish a Plumb colored worm," DeFoe divulges. "I'm not sure why, but a red worm in the summertime just catches fish." He throws the swimbait, crankbait, and worm on structures like points and humps, but also

If bass are chasing baitfish in the shallows, a soft plastic jerkbait gets the nod. "Especially when there's current, the bass will be feeding on baitfish just below the surface. When I encounter that scenario, it's hard to beat a soft plastic jerkbait."

"The barrel swivel adds enough weight to keep the bait just below the surface, and the braided line helps with setting the hook when a bass bites at the end of a long cast," he explains. "The fish will often slash or nip at the bait when they're up shallow chasing baitfish, so that setup really allows me to set the hook and capitalize on every opportunity."

With a single bite, some key observations, and a simple yet effective game plan, the time that it takes to locate bass in early summer can be greatly reduced.

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netting white bass, crappie, and catfish on the Trinity River. The warden watched the subject for more than an hour and saw that he would pick up his fishing pole every once in a while and then go back to cast netting. The subject's father would put the legal size fish in a cooler on the river bank and conceal the undersize fish in a bag and take them to their vehicle.

**Lost and found**  
 An Atascosa County game warden received a call from a person who saw someone dump a dead feral hog in a ditch on the side of the road. A witness got the license plate number, so the warden picked up the hog and went to the suspect's address. When he arrived, the warden showed the man the hog and asked

him if he had "lost" the swine within the hour. The suspect admitted to dumping it and was issued a citation and given the hog so that he could dispose of it on his own property.

**It wasn't me**  
 Two Taylor County game wardens received a call about a man at Lake Fort Phantom with undersized crappie. They began to patrol the lake and made contact with the man, who said he had caught a few fish but not many. A fish basket was located nearby that contained seven crappie - four of which were undersized. The man claimed he leaves his fish basket at that location and sometimes people generously leave fish in it for him. Citations were issued for undersized crappie.

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## TSCRA captures cattle rustlers

A Shelby County man turned himself in to authorities after a warrant was issued for his arrest. He was charged with first degree theft of livestock and was released on a \$4,000 bond.

TSCRA Special Ranger Larry Hand assisted Shelby County Sheriff's Department investigators in this investigation.

The suspect, Hollis Neel Farris, 53, a rancher and poultry producer, was accused of taking his neighbor's stray bull to an east Texas sale barn, pocketing the funds, and denying to the victim ever seeing the bull after selling it.

A TSCRA inspector was able to locate sales records implicating Farris, who cooperated with investigators when confronted. Hand was able to track the bull through four counties to a feeder cattle operation and made a positive identification based on distinct earmarks and sales records.

"This case is a good example of local law enforcement and TSCRA working closely together for the protection of ranchers," said Hand.

Hand advises ranchers to brand their livestock so they can be more easily tracked and identified if stolen. He also warns ranchers and the public that all stray cattle in

Texas must be reported to their local sheriff's department.

Three Washington County men were arrested and charged with third degree felony theft of livestock after stealing three calves from a rancher in Burton, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) Special Ranger Doug Hutchison led



the investigation.

Earl Wain Mathis, 47, of Burton and Donnell Patterson, 17, and Arthur Gantt Reliford, 38, of Burton were arrested. They are being held at the Washington County Jail and each of the three suspects has a \$10,000 bond.

According to Hutchison, the suspects took the calves in June and stole them to the Giddings Livestock Commission to sell them. The auction owner was suspicious of the

sales transaction so he notified an inspector.

Hutchison said they were able to make a positive identification on one calf with photographs and by pairing it with its mother. It's now back in the rightful owner's possession. The other two calves had already been shipped, worked, and turned out into large herds making them impossible to identify. However, the Giddings Livestock Commission was able to stop payment on the check issued to the suspects, and the funds were instead paid to the victim.

"The best way ranchers can protect their livestock from being stolen is to brand and keep a regular count on their cattle," said Hutchison. "Without a brand, it makes it very difficult to positively identify livestock after they are stolen."

## High cattle prices, availability of replacement cows persist

Texas cattle producers looking to restock herds may choose to examine all options as financial dynamics have changed due to historic high cattle prices, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economists.

A recent Financial and Risk Management Assistance report outlined several factors for Texas cattle producers to consider when purchasing replacements.

The Financial and Risk Management Assistance program, commonly referred to as FARM Assistance, is a computerized decision support system developed to perfect methods in risk and decisionmaking for farmers, according to AgriLife Extension economists.

The economists used a 200-head herd in South Texas as a case study. Costs and returns on management practices were typical of the area. These may and can vary by operators. Ten-year averages were used to analyze and compare

net cash farm income. Open heifers, bred heifers, young pairs, old pairs, and open cows were evaluated to see which types would generate the most net income.

"As we move forward, higher feeder and replacement cattle prices in 2014 will have a significant impact on the short- and long-term profitability of cattle operations in South Texas," Young said.

Current cattle prices, including replacements, are averaging 20% more when compared to July 2013 prices, the report notes. Availability of young pairs and open cattle will continue to be a challenge for cattle producers looking to rebuild or expand herds, the economists noted.

"Depending on the availability and price of quality replacements, more than one stocking strategy may have to be used to rebuild a herd," Young said. "In fact, it would be wise to revisit these and other options prior to purchase to re-evaluate them

as conditions change in the future."

Based on current 2014 market prices and conditions, restocking with older open cows may be the most profitable strategy at present time, according to the study. Prices for open cows in the past year have not increased in proportion to other replacement females, but availability may be an issue due to previous culling, Young said. Average 10-year cash farm income per cow was \$377 for open cows, while older pairs generated \$341, young pairs \$275, bred heifers \$346, and open heifers \$209.

"Bred heifers and older pairs also may offer more profitable strategies than young pairs or open heifers," Young said. "The lower the initial capital outlay to repurchase cattle, and the availability of a calf to sell the first year, improves net cash farm income for bred heifers and pairs. Open heifers may be the least profitable way to replace due to not having a calf to sell in the first year and additional development costs."

Young said in evaluating these restocking options, the important point to consider is the order or rank in terms of net cash farm income, not the actual value. In previous FARM Assistance studies, bred heifers and older pairs were more financially profitable than open cows.

Pascal emphasized that restocking considerations need to include more than the age and pregnancy status of the replacements. Additional management costs for extra feed and health, and death and replacement losses need to also be considered.

"In this analysis, open cows are now the most profitable," Young said.

According to the study, actual results will likely vary by producer, management practices, forage conditions, and cattle markets. The culling and calving rates used in the study may or may not reflect actual practices.

"For example, younger females may have been culled too heavily and older females not heavily enough," Young said. "Additionally, the availability and quality of females by class may be an issue. This analysis should be used only as a guide in evaluating restocking options, and it should be remembered that the best restocking scenario may change from season to season."

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## TEXAS WEEKLY AG MARKET RECAP

For the week ending July 26, Texas auctions quoted feeder cattle prices mostly steady to as much as \$10 higher per hundredweight (cwt), though a few lower prices also were noted early in the week. Texas direct feeder cattle sales were \$3 to \$7 higher. Fed cattle cash prices were \$7 higher to a record of \$162 per cwt. Wholesale beef values were \$9 to \$12 higher, also to new record highs. Prices rebounded across the cattle sector as markets refocused on the tight supplies and continued strong demand. Beef export sales for the week were up 20% from the previous week, but down 13% from the prior

four-week average. Export shipments were up 29% from a week earlier and 3% higher than the average.

Wheat prices were lower as ample world supplies and weak demand continue to pressure the market. Concerns about political tensions in Ukraine have faded, and a U.S. spring wheat tour projected record-high yields on the Northern Plains. USDA reported the U.S. winter wheat harvest is 75% complete, equal to the five-year average. Spring wheat is 84% headed, down a point from the average. In Texas, 100% of the wheat crop has been harvested, slightly ahead of normal. Wheat export sales

were up 38% from the previous week and 12% above the prior four-week average. Shipments were up 32% from a week earlier and up 27% from the average.

Corn and grain sorghum prices were lower as conditions remain favorable for large production this year, though the price declines did generate some buying interest late in the week. Seventy-six percent of the U.S. corn crop was rated in good to excellent condition, unchanged from a week earlier and the best rating for this week since 1993. The Texas corn crop is in mostly good to fair condition. Texas grain sorghum is 88% headed and 23% harvested. Old crop corn export sales were lower, but new crop sales surged and shipments rebounded from the previous week. Corn old-crop export sales for the week were down 49% from the previous week and down 21% from the prior four-week average. New-crop corn sales were more than double the previous week and nearly three times the average. Shipments were up 9% from a week earlier, but down 4% from the average.

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Muenster ISD awarded service pins to the following pictured from left, front - Kay Hickey and Deborah Sanders; back - Vicki Eldridge, David Skeans, and Mike Hellinger. Receiving pins but not pictured are Glenda Cler, Vicki Boaz, and Tina Lutkenhaus.

## MISD employees awarded for years of service

Clay Richerson, superintendent of Muenster ISD, awarded employees for their years of service to the District at a breakfast on June 4. Presented with a five-year pin were Glenda Cler, cafeteria staff; Deborah Sanders, elementary secretary; and David Skeans, Ag teacher. Receiving

a 10-year pin were Vicki Boaz, Pre-K aide, and Vicki Eldridge, MISD librarian. Receiving a 15-year pin were Kay Hickey, elementary computer teacher, and Tina Lutkenhaus, JH/HS aide. Receiving his 20-year pin was Mike Hellinger, elementary custodian.



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James Dangelmayr, Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) Junior Fed Beef Challenge contest manager Hutch Reed, and Jared Dangelmayr.

## Dangelmayrs compete in TCFA Junior Fed Beef Challenge

The cattle feeding industry's future rests in the hands of the next generation of leaders, who continue to show their dedication and passion through a high level of competition and engagement in Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) youth programs, like the TCFA Junior Fed Beef Challenge.

Forty students from all over the TCFA's three-state region of Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma traveled to Canyon to compete in the TCFA Junior Fed Beef Challenge at West Texas A&M University on Saturday, July 26. Two of the competitors were James and Jared Dangelmayr of Muenster.

James and Jared tied for 3rd place for Individual Carcass with Tom Keeling of Hereford. They also received 3rd place for Top Carcass Pen.

The TCFA Junior Fed Beef Challenge allows 4-H and FFA students to gain indus-

try knowledge and practical experience in commercial cattle feeding. Students feed a pen of three steers, then compete on the carcass merit of the cattle, plus their ability in record keeping, a written test, and a presentation to a panel of judges.

TCFA represents the cattle feeding industry in Texas, Oklahoma, and New

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## DEVICES .....continued from pg. 5

Topics to be covered at the meeting include: device care, warranty/damage prevention, student responsibilities, parent responsibilities, expectations, and a question and answer session.

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This is an exciting time for the community, students, teachers, and for the school district. They are moving into a new era! This change will help engage students in critical thinking, collaboration, and communication.



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Rep. Drew Springer, at right, with wife Lydia and daughter Kate, putting in his \$5 to participate in a group "Heads or Tails" game at Cowboys for CASA event.

## Cowboys for CASA raises \$75,000+

CASA of North Texas, a local advocacy group for abused and neglected children, held its 10th annual "Cowboys for CASA" fundraiser on Friday, July, 18 with a barbeque dinner, auction, and a concert by performers Jolie Holiday and Sonny Burgess.

More than 350 people attended the fundraiser at the Gainesville Civic Center.

This year's event brought in over \$75,000. "We had an even bigger crowd than last year, bigger than we had hoped. We are so thankful for the support shown by all who sponsored, donated, and/or attended, and deeply touched that folks care as much for our "little ones" as they do. We hope they had as much fun as we did,"

said Vicki Robertson, executive director of CASA of North Texas. "Cowboys for CASA is important for our organization, as the money raised keeps the work for the children going. This allows CASA to provide an advocate to be 'there' for every Cooke County child facing the struggles of being a part of the foster care system."

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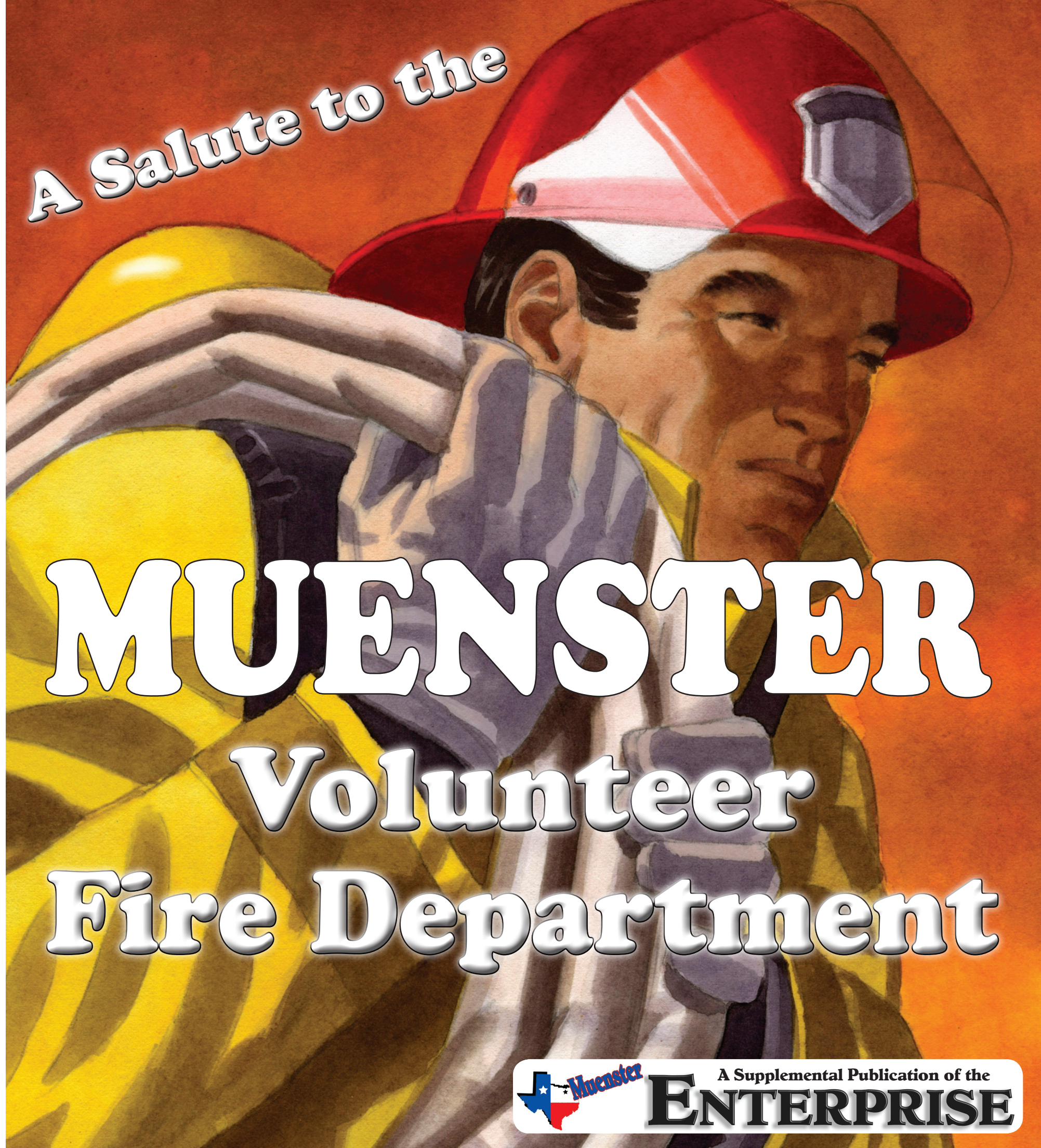


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# Muenster VFD sets fundraiser goals, seeks to again make medical calls

**Janet Felderhoff**  
News Editor

Since Jan. 1, Muenster Volunteer Fire Department has been under the leadership of a new fire chief. Herbie Knabe, who served as fire chief for more than 33 years, decided to retire as chief. He is still a member of the Department and now serves as the incident command officer. Bert Walterscheid was elected the new fire chief. Bert served as assistant chief for about the past 15 years. Mitch Creed is now the assistant fire chief.

This year's annual Bar-B-Que and Auction fundraiser is fast approaching. It will be held on Saturday, Aug. 9. Chief Walterscheid described some of the Department's needs this year. He said, "One thing we want to do is replace the chassis and boxes on 125, which is a grass rig. It's our oldest grass rig. That, and we are going to get 10 new sets of gear (coat, hat, boots, pants, everything). Also, they hope to update some of their air packs going back to composite bottles. The steel ones are heavy. We're doing that every year. That runs a big chunk of money right there."

Another goal for MVFD is to get enough members trained to begin making medical calls again. Chief Walterscheid said that Jeff Arendt joined the Department and is helping teach an EMT class. Three of MVFD's members are taking that class. When Arendt finishes teaching that class, there are plans to teach an EMR (Emergency Medical Responder) class. Many of the Muenster volunteers are interested taking that class. The EMT class is 160 hours and the EMR class is between 40 and 60 hours. "It takes a lot of time. Those people have to sacrifice a lot of time to do it," noted Chief Walterscheid.

"Then we will start making medical calls

again," remarked Walterscheid who was told that it will take six to nine months.

Muenster VFD had to quit making medical calls because there is a requirement that fire departments must have at least one EMT or EMR respond to every call and Muenster did not meet this requirement. Bert added, "When they put (EMS) Station 4 in, the guys just decided that we didn't need to do it anymore. We're getting some young guys on there now and they want to do it, so we are going to do it. And, we've got a new rescue truck, too."

Goals that the new fire chief has are to get the volunteer firefighters involved in more training. "In my opinion, we are an aging department," stated Walterscheid. "All of our certified firefighters are over the age of 50 except for Mitch Creed and Nolan Hartman. We are fixing to get some on that are younger. I want to try to get the ones who fall in the gap certified so that we have someone to step up and take their place."

"As far as our ISO rating, the more certified firemen we have, the better our ISO rating is."

"We've got two right now who are going to HASCO (fire academy in Sherman), that's Phillip Vogel and Steven Flusche."

Chief Walterscheid also aspires to keep the Department's fire prevention with the youth going.

Walterscheid reminds everyone that businesses and homes should consider installing a Knox-Box®. The Residential Knox-Box® is a high security key safe designed for single family homes that only local emergency responders can access. With a Knox-Box® installed, emergency responders can respond quickly, without forcing entry. They simply remove your entrance key stored inside. Benefits of installing a Knox-Box® include: one-time purchase, no monthly monitoring fee; key not hid-

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A recent project of Walterscheid's is getting photos of all the retired firemen, framing them, and then displaying the photos on the walls of the fire department meeting room. He also plans to have them on display during the Bar-B-Que and Auction fundraiser.

"That's something that I think needs to be maintained in every organization - our history," said Chief Walterscheid. "That's very important to me and some of our older members also." He said that they have the minutes from 1941 on, and hope to duplicate them and put them in the Muenster Museum.

"We've got a bunch of good guys," said Chief Walterscheid. "Everybody's got families. Sometimes it's hard to get people certified. They've got family plans and family comes first in our department."

With Muenster VFD's growth, they are tight on space in the fire station and Walterscheid would like to see the City seek a building location for a new fire station, City hall, and police station.

The Muenster VFD has a reputation for being swift to respond. They depend on community support to keep their gear and fire fighting equipment modern and in good working condition. Much of the Muenster VFD's funding comes from their annual Bar-B-Que and Auction held each August. Be sure to mark the date Aug. 9 on your calendars and get to the Heritage Park Pavilion to show the MVFD that you appreciate what they do for the community!

# CLOTHES DRYER FIRE SAFETY TIPS

## Clothes dryer do's

Have your clothes dryer installed by a professional.

Clean the lint filter before and after each load of laundry. Don't forget to clean the back of the dryer where lint can build up. In addition, clean the lint filter with a nylon brush at least every six months or more often if it becomes clogged.

Clean lint out of the vent pipe every three months.

Inspect the venting system behind the dryer to ensure it is not damaged or restricted.

Put a covering on outside wall dampers to keep out rain, snow, and dirt.

Make sure the outdoor vent covering opens when the dryer is on.

Have your dryer cleaned regularly by a professional, especially if it is taking longer than normal for clothes to dry.

Replace coiled-wire foil or plastic venting with rigid, non-ribbed metal duct.

Have gas-powered dryers inspected every year by a professional to ensure that the gas line and connection are together and free of leaks.

Check regularly to make sure nests of small animals and insects are not blocking the outside vent.

Make sure the correct electrical plug and outlet are used and that the dryer is connected properly.

Read manufacturers' instructions and warnings in use and care manuals that come with new dryers.

Keep the area around the clothes dryer free of items that can burn.

If you will be away from home for an extended time, unplug or disconnect the dryer.

## Clothes dryer don't's

Don't use a clothes dryer without a lint filter or with a lint filter that is loose, damaged, or clogged.

Don't overload the dryer.

Don't use a wire screen or cloth to cover the wall damper. They can collect lint and clog the dryer vent.

Don't dry anything containing foam, rubber, or plastic. An example of an item not to place in a dryer is a bathroom rug with a rubber backing.

Don't dry any item for which manufacturers' instructions state "dry away from heat."

Don't dry glass fiber materials (unless manufacturers' instructions allow).

Don't dry items that have come into contact with anything flammable like alcohol, cooking oils, or gasoline. Dry them outdoors or in a well-ventilated room, away from heat.

Don't leave a clothes dryer running if you leave home or when you go to bed.



## Facts about home clothes dryer fires

2,900 home clothes dryer fires are reported each year and cause an estimated five deaths, 100 injuries, and \$35 million in property loss.

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## Learn about fire escape plans

In the event of a fire, remember that every second counts, so you and your family must always be prepared. Escape plans help you get out of your home quickly. In less than 30 seconds, a small flame can get completely out of control and turn into a major fire. It only takes minutes for a house to fill with thick, black smoke and become engulfed in flames.

Prepare and practice your fire escape plan twice a year with everyone in your household, including children and people with disabilities. It's also a good idea to practice your plan with overnight guests. Some tips to consider when preparing your escape plan include:

Draw a map of each level of your home and show all doors and windows. Find two ways to get out of each room. Make sure all doors and windows that lead outside open easily.

Only purchase collapsible escape ladders evaluated by a recognized testing laboratory. Use the ladder only in a real emergency.

Teach children how to escape on their own in case you cannot help them.

Have a plan for everyone in your home who has a disability.

Practice your fire escape plan at night and during the daytime.

## Security bars require special precautions

Security bars may help to keep your family safe from intruders, but they can also trap you inside in the event of a deadly fire! Windows and doors with security bars must have quick release devices to allow them to be opened immediately in an emergency. Make sure everyone in the family understands and practices how to properly operate and open locked or barred doors and windows.

## Immediately leave the home

When a fire occurs, get out fast: you may only have seconds to escape safely. Take the safest exit route, but if you must escape through smoke, remember to crawl low, under the smoke and keep your mouth covered. The smoke contains toxic gases, which can disorient you or, at worst, overcome you.

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## Never open doors that are hot to the touch

When you come to a closed door, feel the doorknob and door to make sure that fire is not on the other side. If either is hot, leave the door closed and use your secondary escape route. If the door feels cool, open it slowly. Be ready to shut it quickly if heavy smoke or fire is present.

If you can't get out, close the door and cover vents and cracks around doors to keep the smoke out. Call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number. Say where you are and signal for help at the window with a light-colored cloth or a flashlight.

## Designate a meeting place outside and take attendance

Designate a meeting location a safe distance in front of your home. For example, meet under a specific tree or at the end of the driveway or front sidewalk to make sure everyone has gotten out safely and no one will be hurt looking for someone who is already safe. Make sure everyone in your home knows how to call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number and that your house number can be seen day or night from the street.

## Once out, stay out

Remember to escape first and then notify the fire department using the 9-1-1 system or proper local emergency number in your area. Never go back into a burning building for any reason. Teach children not to hide from firefighters. If someone is missing, or

pets are trapped inside your home, tell the firefighters right away. They are equipped to perform rescues safely.

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### Newest members to the Department



**Kara Richerson**

Kara Richerson has the distinction of being the first female to join Muenster VFD. She has been a resident of Muenster for three years and is an Elementary Special Education teacher at Muenster ISD. Her parents are Clay and Kenet Richerson. Kara said she joined the Muenster VFD because, "I am an EMT and I wanted to use my training to help others." She is also a member of the First Baptist Church. Kara remarked, "I recently got engaged, so I'm very excited about that." Kara enjoys traveling and working at a camp near Austin in the summer. On being the first female firefighter for the Muenster Fire Department Kara said, "It's been a great experience! The guys treat me like family and are always willing to help or show me how to do something."

*Editor's note - Kara has been a member of MVFD for two years, but was away at camp last years and not available for interview and photo.*



**Jeff Arendt**

Jeff Arendt recently joined the Muenster VFD. He is a lieutenant/paramedic with Cooke County EMS. He has been employed there for 11 years and for the past three years, works with Arendt Fencing. Jeff remarked, "I was a volunteer in Lindsay for 17 years, moved to Muenster, and wanted to continue my passion to serve the community." He has lived in Muenster for two years and is also a member of the Knights of Columbus. Jeff enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, and outdoor cookouts. He has a daughter Katie Arendt who is a 20-year-old college student. Jeff said, "I enjoy serving the community and helping people out in times of distress. As a paramedic firefighter for over a decade, I have a lot to offer the department."



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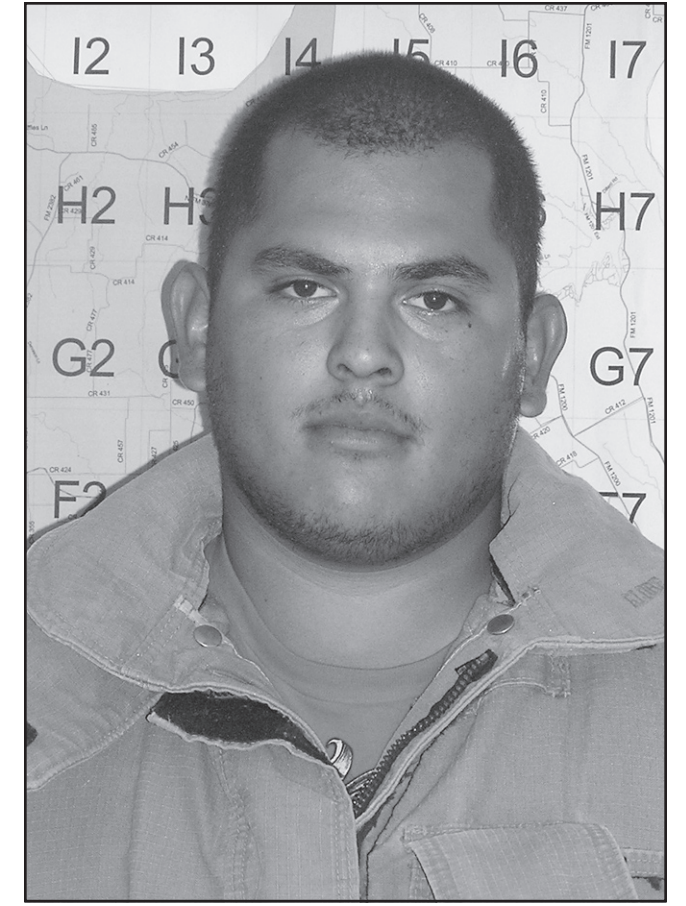


# THE FLEET



**Grayson Evans**

In April 2014, Grayson Evans joined the Muenster VFD. On his reason for joining the fire department, Evans said, "I just want to help out around Muenster and it seemed like putting out fire would be fun." A Muenster resident for three years, Evans is employed as an I/R technician for Nortex Communications. He also belongs to the Muenster Jaycees organization. Grayson has two brothers, Tyson Evans and Wyatt Evans. His father is Hal Evans and his mother is Lee Gabriel. Hobbies enjoyed by Grayson include hunting, fishing, and golfing.




**Cody Rico**

The newest member of the Muenster VFD is Cody Rico. He joined the MVFD on June 26, 2014. Cody said he became a volunteer firefighter because, "I wanted to get more involved in the community." The City of Muenster is Cody's employer. Cody has lived in Muenster for two years. He and his wife Jessica Rico have a son Tyler. Fishing is a hobby that Cody enjoys in his free time.

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# Simple steps for candle safety

Candles are one of the easiest and most effective ways to add aroma and ambiance to a home. While many people would like to use scented candles in their homes, they may be wary of the fire risk. However, candle-related fires appear to be on the decline.

Scented candles are just one component of the larger science of aromatherapy, which is an alternative treatment that uses scents to alleviate physical and psychological disorders. Nurses and doctors at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston actually offer classes in aromatherapy to deal with cancer and other ailments. Certain scents can make a person feel more alert, while others may reduce stress and relax a person.

It is estimated that candles are used in seven out of 10 American households and that people spend around \$2 billion annually on candles, according to the National Candle Association (NCA). Candles can be used for aromatherapy or to make a room feel more cozy. People who are anticipating a weather event that may knock out electrical power also rely on candles as an alternative light source.

Although using candles can lead to fires, the NCA reports that candle-related fires have dropped to their lowest level in roughly 10 years. Data shows candle fires dropped by nearly 50% between 2001 and 2010. That's thanks in part to the industry's safety standards and consumer education efforts.

According to a Home Candles Fires report issued by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), there were approximately 9,600 accidental candle fires in 2010, the latest year for which figures are available, compared to a peak of 18,900 in 2001. The statistics are based on data reported by the federal government's National Fire Incidence Reporting System and NFPA's survey of fire departments.

"We are extremely pleased that candle fires are continuing to drop," said NCA Executive Vice President Carol Freysinger. "We believe there's no question that the industry's safety standards and educational campaign have been pivotal in reducing candle fires."

While candle fires tend to peak during the holiday season, when candles are an integral part of holiday decorating, candles are widely burned throughout the year, including during outdoor gatherings in the summertime. To reduce the risk of fire when using candles, consider these guidelines from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.



- \* Trim the wick to 1/4 inch each time before burning. Long wicks can cause uneven burning, dripping, or flaring.
  - \* Use a candleholder specifically designed for candle use. It should be sturdy and heat-resistant.
  - \* Avoid drafts, vents, or air currents that can cause rapid or uneven burning and excessive dripping.
  - \* Never leave a burning candle unattended.
  - \* Do not burn candles by or on anything that might catch fire.
  - \* Keep candles out of the reach of children and pets.
  - \* Follow the manufacturer's recommendations on burn time and proper use.
  - \* Don't touch or move a burning candle or when wax is liquefied.
  - \* Discontinue burning a candle when 2 inches of wax remain.
  - \* Always keep a candle within sight.
  - \* Extinguish all candles before bed or if you feel sleepy. The largest number of candle fires occur in the bedroom.
- When used safely, candles make a welcome addition to a home.

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## Bedroom fire safety helps you sleep soundly at night

Each year, fire claims the lives of 3,400 Americans and injures approximately 17,500. Bedrooms are a common area of fire origin. Nearly 600 lives are lost to fires that start in bedrooms. Many of these fires are caused by misuse or poor maintenance of electrical devices, such as overloading extension cords or using portable space heaters too close to combustibles. Many other bedroom fires are caused by children who play with matches and lighters, careless smoking among adults, and arson.

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) and the Sleep Products Safety Council (SPSC) would like you to know that there are simple steps you can take to prevent the loss of life and property resulting from bedroom fires.

## Tuck yourself in for a safe sleep

Never smoke in bed.

Replace mattresses made before the 2007 Federal Mattress Flammability Standard. Mattresses made since then are required by law to be safer.

Finally, having working smoke alarms dramatically increases your chances of surviving a fire. Place at least one smoke alarm on each level of your home and in halls outside bedrooms. And remember to practice a home escape plan frequently with your family.



## Kids and fire: a bad match

Children are one of the highest risk groups for deaths in residential fires. At home, children usually play with fire - lighters, matches, and other ignitables - in bedrooms, in closets, and under beds. These are "secret" places where there are a lot of things that catch fire easily.

Children of all ages set over 35,000 fires annually.

Every year, over 400 children nine years and younger die in home fires.

Keep matches and lighters locked up and away from children. Check under beds and in closets for burnt matches, evidence your child may be playing with matches.

Teach your child that fire is a tool, not a toy.

## Appliances need special attention

Bedrooms are the most common room in the home where electrical fires start. Electrical fires are a special concern during winter months which call for more indoor activities and increases in lighting, heating, and appliance use.

Do not trap electric cords against walls where heat can build up.

Take extra care when using portable heaters. Keep bedding, clothes, curtains, and other combustible items at least three feet away from space heaters.

Only use lab-approved electric blankets and warmers. Check to make sure the cords are not frayed.



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## How fire-safe is your home?

You won't know until you do a fire safety walkthrough.

Conduct a fire safety walkthrough of your home on a regular basis. Use the following tips to help you in your walkthrough:

Keep clothes, blankets, curtains, towels, and other items that can easily catch on fire at least three feet from space heaters and away from stove burners.

Place space heaters where they will not tip over easily.

Have chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a professional.

Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces and leave glass doors open while burning a fire.

Never leave cooking unattended.

Be sure your stove and small appliances are off before going to bed.

Check for worn wires and do not run cords under rugs or furniture.

Never overload electrical sockets.

Keep lighters and matches out of the reach of children.

Never leave cigarettes unattended and never smoke in bed.

Make sure cigarettes and ashes are out. The cigarette needs to be completely stubbed out in the ashtray or run under water.

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