

MISD initiates search for new superintendent

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News Editor

Muenster ISD Board of Trustees met in a special called meeting at 6:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 8. According to Board President Steve Trubenbach, Superintendent Clay Richerson tendered his resignation effective at the end of August and the Board accepted it.

Trubenbach said that ads have been placed and the Board has begun its search for a new superintendent. He anticipates that the Board may hire an interim superintendent to serve until a replacement is found for Richerson.

According to Trubenbach, Dr. Robert Steeber from ESC XI has been hired to assist Superintendent Richerson on an as-needed basis. He has been working with him some.

Hiring of new teachers followed executive sessions at the July 9 and July 28 meetings of the Muenster ISD Board of Trustees.

According to the unofficial minutes of both meetings, teachers hired for the 2014-15 school year were: at the July 9 meeting - Anne Hamilton for a one year, 10 month, half-day, probationary contract as the English Language Arts/AP teacher; Richey Harris for a one year, 10 month, probationary contract as secondary computer teacher; and at the July 28 meeting - Courtney Cody for a one year, 12 month probationary contract as the new AG teacher beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30, 2015.

Other business discussed at the July 9 meeting included the deteriorated curb on the sidewalk west of the Administration building. The Board approved a new curb and an 8'x20" section of sidewalk for that area. No firm bids had been made. Superintendent Richerson will find out the cost of the curbing and sidewalk.

It was announced that the move in date for the new junior high building is planned for the Christmas holidays. Changes in the new building color scheme will be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

In other business, the Board approved:

- ESC II Employee Benefit Coop (cafeteria plan) for the 2014-15 school year.
- Addition of a teacher workday after the second semester on the 2014-15 school calendar.
- Employee handbook with approximately 10 minor changes as presented.
- Mission Statement with no changes.
- School Board Priorities with no changes.

No action was taken at the July 28 meeting other than hiring the AG teacher.

Junior High building construction takes shape



Janie Hartman photo

Construction at the Muenster ISD Junior High building has progressed to the framing stage. The next step will be laying blocks. A tornado corridor that runs through the entire building will be completed prior to the roof being put on since the blocks are filled with cement after being placed. Construction is on schedule and, providing things continue on schedule, it is the goal to move into the new building over the Christmas holidays.

Commissioners address election issues

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Several of the agenda items for the Monday, Aug. 11 Commissioners Court revolved around elections. This

included appointing election judges and alternates for the November 2014 election and the early voting ballot board.

County Clerk Rebecca Lawson reported that they had to rename the "early voting location" to "central counting location." Early voting is held in the County Annex building. She said, "This is in the back office where we count the ballots. We have all the machinery back there. That night, we accept all of the ballot boxes through the front door and we have the Sheriff with us." Pam Harrison serves as the Central Counting Station Manager. Cindy Walterscheid is the Tabulation Supervisor and Gina Long the Assistant Tabulation Supervisor. Commissioners unanimously approved the above.

Also appointed was the early voting ballot board. They are Early Voting Ballot Board Judge Norbert J. Bednorz, Alternate Judge Patrick D. Bowman, and Clerk Michael J. Marshall.

Lawson explained, "These people come on election day and use the Judge's executive room and they open up the mailed in ballots. They approve the signatures on the envelope with the signature on the request card. We

have big issues with that sometimes. These three men are very knowledgeable. They have done it with us for about five years now and are very good."

The Court unanimously approved the early voting board as submitted.

Election locations, election judges, and alternate judges for the Nov. 4 election were approved by the Court as submitted by County Clerk Lawson.

Pam Harrison of the

County Clerk's office asked that the Court consider downgrading the maintenance support on the ES&S Automark voting machines. This request has been made twice before and no decision reached. Harrison had been instructed to find out more details for the Court. She did and presented them Monday.

If the agreement were dropped and the machines required maintenance, the

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NCTC goes with tax increase

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NCTC Public Relations

Regents of the North Central Texas Community College District voted 6-0 Thursday to move forward with a half-cent increase to the effective tax rate in Cooke County.

According to the certified totals calculated by the Cooke County Appraisal District, the effective tax rate for the College District will be 0.1045 (0.0662 for Maintenance and Operations and 0.0383 for Interest and Sinking), with a levy of \$2,268,096. Based on the CCAD's calculations, a half-cent increase would produce a tax rate of 0.1095 (0.0712 for M&O and 0.0383 for I&S), reflecting a 4.78% increase over the effective tax rate with a \$171,306 increase to the levy. The effect of the increase on a \$100,000 valuation would be \$5 a year, or about 42 cents a month.

The first of two public hearings on the tax rate has been scheduled for 6 p.m., on Aug. 18. A second public hearing

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City hires new secretary

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Johnna McQuillan began her duties as the secretary for the City of Muenster on Monday, Aug. 4. She was hired after City Secretary Brenda Simpson submitted her resignation. Simpson is currently training McQuillan.

For the past 10 years, McQuillan served as business manager for a cosmetic dentist practice in Austin. Her 25 year career in bookkeeping and accounting includes experience in commercial real estate and construction.

A few of Johnna's many duties as city secretary are pay-



Johnna McQuillan

roll, accounts payable and receivable, quarterly tax statements, bank reconciliations, answering the phone, accepting payments from residents, court on one Saturday a month, taking notes at City Council meetings, and process and mail out water and trash pick up bills.

Johnna recently moved to Gainesville with her family. Her husband Nathan is a construction manager for Eikon Consulting Group in Sanger. They have been married for 21 years and are the parents of three daughters. The oldest is Katy who is 21 and a sophomore at Western Texas

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Gathering Saturday supported the Muenster VFD



Samantha Muller photo

Muenster VFD's Annual Bar-B-Que and Auction took place Saturday evening in Heritage Park. With heavy showers beginning just before the event began, the crowd had a cool, dry place to enjoy the meal, visiting, and auction inside the Heritage Park Pavilion. Numbers were down slightly as there were several other events that evening, but the MVFD's fundraiser went well.



Muenster VFD held its annual fundraiser Saturday evening. Pictured are, above, from left, Jane Barfknecht, Judy Flusche, John Dangelmayr, and Molly Gieb checking out the Silent Auction; at right, MVFD firefighter Drew Springer spotting bidders during the auction; below, the Department's rescue truck.



Photos by Janet Felderhoff and Samantha Muller

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College. Jessi is a seventh grade student at Gainesville and Savannah is the youngest and will begin second grade at Gainesville. They attend the First Baptist Church in Gainesville. The family originally came from the Austin area.

Reading is a pass-time that Johnna especially enjoys. She does a lot of Beth Moore Bible studies. Also, the family attends numerous volleyball games since Jessi plays. Johnna enjoys making Christmas stockings and has already started on projects for this Christmas. She said her husband, one of

six siblings, had an aunt who made Christmas stockings for the entire family. "Actually, they gave me my stocking as my wedding present. I thought that was awesome," remarked Johnna. After the aunt died, there was nobody to create the Christmas stockings, so since she enjoyed them so much, Johnna took up the project. She makes one for every new addition to the family. And friends have begun requesting them.

"I'm excited," Johnna said of her new job. "So far, it's good. It's a lot to learn, but it is interesting."



Police Notes

from Muenster Chief of Police
Tom Barr

Another school year is upon us. The Muenster Police Department wants to remind everyone to be aware of the school zones. Officers will be heavily patrolling and aggressively enforcing all laws related to schools. Drivers should also note the various streets restricted to one way traffic during school hours. Texas law prohibits the use of any handheld telecommunications devices while driving in an active school zone. The Police Department's number one concern is the safety of all our students. Please help us keep them safe by driving with care and watching out for children.

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will be held at 2 p.m., on Aug. 21.

NCTC currently has the second-lowest tax rate of any of the 50 community college districts in Texas. Even with the half-cent tax increase, NCTC would remain second-lowest in the state when it comes to the M&O rate.

In other business at Thursday's meeting, Regents heard from Dave Isbell with EiKON Consulting Group, the College's owner's

rep for the construction of a new Health Sciences Center and the addition to the Career and Technology Center.

At last month's meeting, Regents voted to terminate the contract with PBK Architects for both projects. On Thursday, regents voted 6-0 to keep EiKON as owner's rep and request qualifications of new architectural firms.

Regent Dave Flusche was not present at Thursday's meeting.

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~ Mohandas K. Gandhi


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County would have to pay a re-inspection fee of \$75 per unit. There are 44 units, but they usually use only 17 at election time. The labor rate would be \$1,500 per hour plus parts for any machines that needed work.

There are two plans to choose from - silver and bronze. The bronze is what Automark suggested. It covers preventative maintenance when the company is called. It is \$3,960.

The silver is \$9,044 and covers all 44 units and is what the County has now. The units are inspected yearly.

Commissioners are considering the purchase of new units in about five years.

A motion was made to discontinue the current plan. Commissioners Gary Hollowell and B. C. Lemons voted yes and Commissioners Smith and Klement, and Judge Roane voted nay and the motion failed.

Judge Roane then made a motion to reduce the coverage to the bronze coverage. Commissioners Smith, Klement and Judge Roane voted for the motion and Lemons and Hollowell against. This motion passed 3-2.

Jim Myrick of Lindsay questioned the Court about roads in South Ridge Development which is located in Pct. #3. He is now entering Phase IV of that subdivision. Since the time that he developed Phase III, the County has entered into interlocal agreements with municipalities in the County.

Myrick said, "I understand that by entering into this the City of Lindsay has jurisdiction over our County road."

Pct. Commissioner Al Smith said that the County signed an agreement with Lindsay in 2002 and other cities in the County. Myrick's first three subdivision phases were done in 1997, 1998, and 2001. Those subdivision roads were done under the County's existing subdivision rules, inspected by the County during and after construction. They had to meet the County's specs prior to being accepted as County roads.

According to Commissioner Smith, the 2002 interlocal agreements turned over the County's rights to do subdivisions exclusively to the cities in terms of roads and other regulations. The cities had to do regulations at least as stringent as the County's regulations and the County would support whatever the cities' regulations were. This is for subdivisions that are in a city's ETJ (extraterritorial jurisdiction which is within a half mile of city limits).

Smith said, "With what we signed, it appears to be we have no standing in terms of what that regulation is for that subdivision in that extraterritorial jurisdiction. What they're asking for is the minimum that we ask for."

County Library Director Jennifer Johnson-Spence asked the Court to approve the revised Cooke County Library policy. She noted that there were quite a few changes from the current policy.

Obtaining a library card is very hard as the current policy stands, said Johnson-Spence. It requires a Texas photo ID with a physical Cooke County address and two official documents such as a voter registration, electric bill, or something similar with a physical address. If the driver's license has a post office box and not a physical address, then the applicant must show three official documents.

The new policy that she proposes requires a Texas driver's license with a physical address in Cooke County and one document that shows the physical address.

At the inquiry of Commissioner Leon Klement, the Library director gave several examples of people who lived out-of-state and took library materials without returning them.

Klement remarked, "I think a driver's license is enough. I've had many people I know are Cooke County residents who are frustrated at the process trying to get a library card." He said many of them have lived here all of their lives and cannot go get a book from the County Library. People have asked him to make it easier to get a library card.

More discussion took place before Judge Roane decided that they should take no action until he could meet with Johnson-Spence and go over the concerns.

North Texas Medical Center (NTMC) was honored for its 10th anniversary. Commissioners Court approved a proclamation marking the occasion. The Gainesville Hospital Board of Directors and administration saw the need to replace the facility serving as the Gainesville Hospital and began working towards that goal in 1999. A \$26.5 bond issue passed and ground was broken for the new facility on May 31, 2002. The new name North Texas Medical Center was adopted and construction began. On Aug. 17, 2004, the first patient was admitted to the new NTMC.


The proclamation said in part, "Since that time, North Texas Medical Center has served the medical needs of hundreds of thousands of patients as well as expanded programs and added new clinical services."

"Be it proclaimed that the Cooke County Commissioners' Court hereby honors the Gainesville Hospital District, its Board of Directors, Medical Staff, Administration, Employees and Auxiliary on the 10th Anniversary of North Texas Medical Center and hereby designates Aug. 17, 2014, as North Texas Medical Center Day in Cooke County."

In other business conducted by Commissioners Court at the Aug. 11 meeting:

- Following more discussion on color choices for repainting the exterior of the County Library, Commissioners voted to have County Judge John Roane make the color selection.
- After a public hearing regarding the Cooke County Clerk's Records Preservation and Archive plan, Commissioners approved the plan submitted by County Clerk Rebecca Lawson. There were no comments from the public.
- Allowed the transfer of monies from line item 570 New Cars to line item 330 Fuel in the Cooke County Sheriff's Office budget.
- Accepted County Treasurer Patty Brannan's report showing cash on hand that includes money market accounts and short-term investments for the month of July totaling \$27,521,624.68.
- Consent agenda items approved included:
 - Surplus by auction or salvage of miscellaneous oil pump buckets, heaters, hot water heater, water fountain, jack stands, oil filters (never used), drill press, shop fan, and a pull behind mower deck from Road and Bridge, Pct. #2.
 - Contract between Cooke County Justice Center and Lake Kiowa Medical Clinic for inmate health services beginning Aug. 12 through Aug. 11, 2015 with four optional one year renewals.
 - Increasing the open enrollment period for AFLAC.
 - Contract with Two Way Special Utility District for the installation of a fresh water line on CR 156.

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Sunday, August 17, 2014	Monday, August 18, 2014	Tuesday, August 19, 2014	Wednesday, August 20, 2014	Thursday, August 21, 2014	Friday, August 22, 2014	Saturday, August 23, 2014
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm	VFW Aux mtg. 7 pm MISD new teacher inservice	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm MMH Board mtg 7 pm M JrHi Orientation 6 pm Cafe. MISD staff inservice.	Library open 10 am - 5:30 pm SH Alumni & Support mtg. 7:30pm MISD Howdy Night PK-6 6pm Cafe.	Museum open 1-4 Library open 10-6:30	Museum open 1-4 pm MISD teacher work day	Library open 10 - 2:30 United Way Car Show for Youth Council
Sunday, August 24, 2014	Monday, August 25, 2014	Tuesday, August 26, 2014	Wednesday, August 27, 2014	Thursday, August 28, 2014	Friday, August 29, 2014	Saturday, August 30, 2014
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm	Muenster ISD 1st Day of School	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Library open 10 am - 5:30 pm	Museum open 1-4 Library open 10-6:30	Museum open 1-4 pm Tigers host Collinsville Hornets at Valley View	Library open 10 - 2:30 

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Rose Hofbauer
1913 - 2014

Mass of Christian Burial for Rose Catherine Walter Hofbauer, age 101 of Muenster, was held at 10 a.m., Friday, Aug. 8 at Sacred Heart Community Center with Rev. Ken Robinson officiating. Burial was at Sacred Heart Cemetery under the direction of Scott Funeral Home of Muenster.

Rosary/Vigil led by Fr. Ken was held at 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 7 at the funeral home. A family Rosary at the funeral home was led by Dan O'Dowd preceding the Mass of Christian Burial.

Rose died Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2014.

One of the 10 children of John and Susanna Trachta Walter, Rose was born Jan. 18, 1913 in Muenster. She married Andrew Albert Hofbauer on June 5, 1933 in Muenster and they became the proud parents of three children. Rose was a lifelong member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and St. Anne's Society. She enjoyed sewing, gardening, spending time with her family, and working on the family history. Rose made very many baby blankets for ABBA.

Survivors are her son Larry Hofbauer of Tsuchiura, Japan; daughters Donna and husband Don Glover of Dallas and Jeannine and husband Harold Flusche of Muenster; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; sisters Sylvia Walter Everette of Illinois and Genie Walter O'Dowd of Houston.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Andy; sisters Romana Bay-

er, Marie Endres, and Terese Miller; and brothers Joe Walter, Oscar Walter, Alfred Walter, and Alois "Shorty" Walter.

Pallbearers were Mark Flusche, Michael Flusche, Brad Knowlton, Scott Mann, Andrew Knowlton, Dale Hofbauer, Claude Walter, and Mark Miller.

During the funeral Mass, Nancy Walter gave the First Reading. The Second Reading and the Prayers of the Faithful were read by Karen Flusche. Carrying up Offerings. Gifts were great-grandchildren Caroline and Mary Knowlton, and Emily, Elise, Timothy, and Eliana Flusche. Eucharistic ministers were John and Rosemary Becker, Peggy Sparkman, Dolores Hofbauer, Judy Hoberer, Robert Miller, and Kathy Hess.

Music ministers were Linda Flusche, Doug Yosten, and Diane Grewing. Songs included "How Great Thou Art," "Shepherd Me, O God," "Only In God," "More Precious Than Silver/I Exalt Thee," "On Eagle's Wings," "Edelweiss Blessing," and "I'll Fly Away."

Granddaughter Melissa Knowlton gave the eulogy. She spoke of Rose's growing up years and how her bravery and her love of adventure developed early on. She and her husband Andy owned and operated Hofbauer's Food and Locker. After selling the store to her daughter and son-in-law Jeannine and Harold Flusche, Rose had "more free time than she'd ever had in her life and she didn't waste a minute of



Rose Hofbauer

it." She traveled through the U.S. and Europe with friends.

Melissa continued, "Gram's favorite activities were about sharing with others and making a difference in the community. She was a diligent recycler before it was cool; she made quilts for newborn babies in the ABBA program... she gave away hundreds of yellow crocus bulbs to anyone who asked for them..."

"Through her example we learned that life's adventures should be embraced and that being sassy is OK. We were instructed over and over that drawers should be neatly organized and furniture should be well arranged. She helped us to understand that family is important in both good times and in bad. And that generosity and caring for others should be a way of life..."

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to: Sacred Heart Trust Fund, Sacred Heart Catholic Church or to ABBA.

Patricia Tucker
1945 - 2014

Funeral for Patricia May "Patti" Peterson Tucker was held Thursday, Aug. 14 at 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery. The family received friends on Aug. 13 at Geo. J. Carroll and Son Chapel. Patti died Aug. 10, 2014 in Denton.

Patti was born May 15, 1945 in Jamestown, NY to Mayo Irving and Kathryn Curtiss Peterson. She graduated GHS Class of 1963 and married Jerry Tucker on Nov. 1, 1963. Patti retired in 2011 after 25 years of service at the Cooke County Clerk's Office. Her hobbies were motorcycling, shopping, and talking.

Survivors are her husband Jerry, son David Tucker, daughter Deanna Tucker, one grandson, Megan Patterson and one granddaughter, sister Sandra Naught and husband Robert, sisters-in-law Lucille Edmonds and husband Chester, and Becky Tucker.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her in-laws Carl "Bud" and Audey Tucker; and three brothers-in-law.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church Building Fund, Noah's Ark Animal Shelter, or the charity of your choice.

State Fire Marshal to speak on ammonium nitrate facility safety

Cooke County Office of Emergency Management and the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) are hosting an ammonium nitrate (AN) best practices meeting on Aug. 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Center for Performing Arts at North Central Texas College, 1525 W. California St., Gainesville.

Joining the SFMO will be representatives from the Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas Department of State Health Services, Texas Office of the State Chemist, and Texas A&M Engineering and Extension Service.

The purpose of the meeting is to review best practices for storage of AN with facility management, and response techniques and strategies of first responders to these types of incidents. These Texas agencies want to see what assistance local officials need to help prevent an AN incident impacting their community. The program is highly recommended for all first responders, others associated with this product and other hazardous materials substances, as well as the general public seeking to broaden their understanding of hazardous materials response.

Michael Hargesheimer
1959 - 2014

Funeral Mass for Michael Jay "Mike" Hargesheimer, age 54 of Gainesville, was held Aug. 13 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Gainesville with Fr. Gary Picou officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery. Rosary with visitation was held Aug. 12.

Mike died Aug. 7, 2014 after battling cancer for eight months.

Mike was born Oct. 11, 1959 in Sherman to J.L. and Louise Hargesheimer. He was a life-long resident of Gainesville, attending public school and graduating from Gainesville High School in 1978. On April 24, 1982, he married Mary Privett. After the death of his father in 1984, Mike continued the family business, J.L. Hargesheimer Air Conditioning and Heating.

Mike loved the outdoors, spending many years on Lake Texoma and at his deer lease with family and friends. Mike was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Gainesville. He was a 4th degree Knights of Columbus. He was a life member of

Gainesville Masonic Lodge and a 32nd Scottish Rite Mason, and a life member of the National Rifle Association.

Mike was preceded in death by his father.

Survivors are his wife of 32 years, Mary of Gainesville; daughter April Lillard of Gainesville; son Jacob Hargesheimer of Gainesville; four grandchildren; mother and step-father Louise and James Bellows of Gainesville; twin sister and brother-in-law Kathy and Dale Bauer of Gainesville; grandmother Maggie Baker of Gainesville; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Dale and Danetta Whisnant, Sonny and Karen Privett, Lyndy and Shelley Privett, Tommy Privett, Chad and Christie Sewell, and Jody and Debbie Privett; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Pall bearers were Jeff Hammer, Robert Boone, Larry McKnight, Steve Moore, David Jones, and Michael Mercer. Honorary pallbearers are Kip Schiller, Herkey Biffle, Bob Doty, and Jim J. Hatcher.

Gary Fisher services held

Mass of Christian Burial for Gary Fisher, age 63 of Muenster, was held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 12 at Sacred Heart Community Center in Muenster with Rev. Ken Robinson officiating. Burial was at Sacred Heart Cemetery under the direction of Scott Funeral Home of Muenster. Rosary was held Monday, Aug. 11, also at the Community Center. His complete obituary will be in next week's Enterprise.

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65 YEARS AGO
Aug. 12, 1949

Leo Haverkamp's truck and machinery destroyed by fire when driver Herbert Russell fails to make the curve near George Gehrig's farm south of Muenster after the breaks fail, causing a turnover; the driver was not seriously injured. Obituaries: John Walterscheid, 65; J.E. Swirczynski, 87. Anthony Luke is attending night music classes in Dallas this week. New Arrival: Leon to Ed and Clara Endres.

50 YEARS AGO
Aug. 14, 1964

Dr. Hejdok to begin practice here Saturday. New grandstand nears completion at Muenster High. Obituary: Sam Tuggle, 73. College graduate: Francis Fisher, Texas A&M University. New Arrival: Laura to John and Florence Kelley. Saint Jo nursing home plans get Austin approval. Weddings: Laquita Sandmann and Leon Neu; Patricia Devers and Frank Horak; Brenda Cason and Roger Cannon. Hess Furniture Co. advertises Sealy mattress sets for \$39.95. VFW Hall dance ad: Al Grebnick Orchestra, TV, Radio, and Recording Stars

will play at the dance.
25 YEARS AGO
Aug. 11, 1989

Improvements continue at Frybrant Mfg., Inc. with a major expansion program. Georgia Dougherty, age 67, is homicide victim. Wedding: Deana Berend and James Vieth, Jr. Graduate: Terri Yosten, American Airlines Flight Attendant Training. New Arrivals: Sandra to Phil and Marlene Endres; Dainah to Bobby and Sharlene Hartman. Yard of the Month honors go to Tony and Leona Luke. Wedding: Cleo Graham and H.D. Hoover, Sr. 8 Country films the trolley at Rosston along with Jim Penton and Wassie Reynolds.

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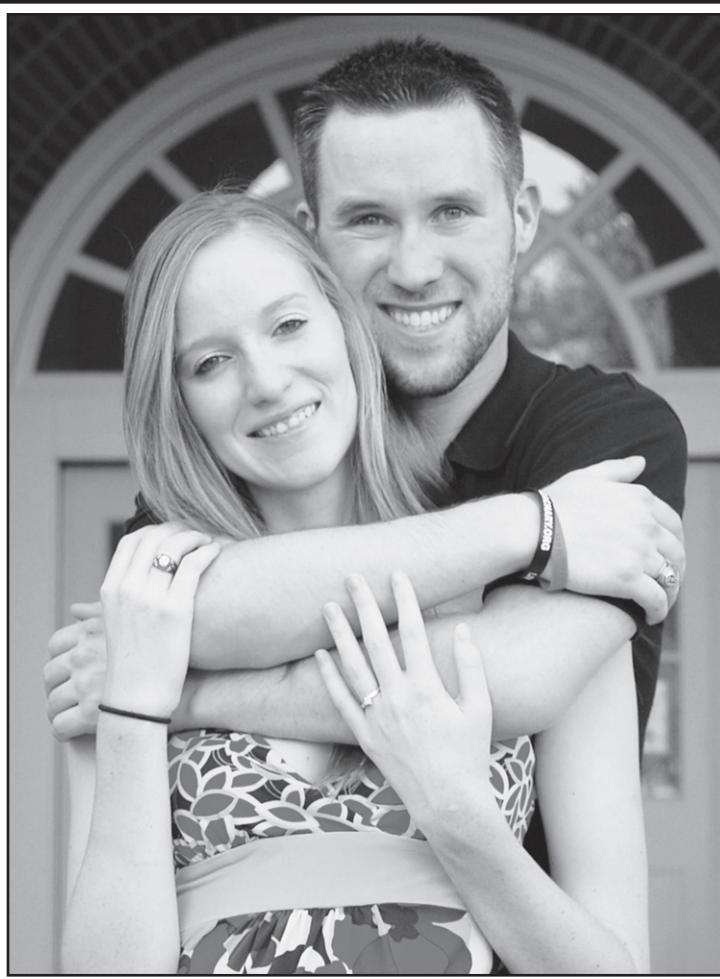
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Jim and Shirley Endres of Muenster are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Chad Richard, to Chelsea Danielle Giffen, daughter of Paul and Sharon Giffen of Saint Jo. Chad received his Bachelor of Business Administration in 2011 from Midwestern State University. He is currently an NPI Administrator for Zodiac Seats US in Gainesville. He graduated from Muenster High School in 2007. Chelsea received her Associate of Applied Science in Radiology in 2013 from Midwestern State University. She is currently a Radiology Technologist at North Texas Medical Center in Gainesville. She graduated from Saint Jo High in 2009. Chad is the grandson of Dorothy Swirczynski and the late Richard Swirczynski, and the late Donald and Dorothy Endres. Chelsea is the granddaughter of Herman and Patsy (Loper) Visser and the late Harold Loper, and the late Robert and Marilyn Giffen. A January 2015 wedding is planned.

Singers sought by NCT Chorale

North Central Texas Chorale is looking to add more singers for the 2014 Fall season. The Chorale is a community-based chorus that has been in existence for over 38 years and has presented quality music in Texas, New York, and abroad. This Fall, they welcome Clint Kelley as their director. He has been the junior high and high school choir director at Sacred Heart School for seven years. He received his Bachelor of Music from the University of Texas at Tyler. From 2006 to 2007, he worked with the University of Nevada Reno Community Chorus prior to coming to Texas. Kelley is a creative concert planner who excels at motivating and inspiring singers. The accompanist will be Carolyn Hook. Hook was born in Woodward, OK. She holds Bachelor and Master degrees in Piano Performance from Oklahoma City University.

The Chorale had a fun Spring season featuring Eclectic Jazz, Pops, Gospel and Spiritual music. For the Fall season, their feature music will be Mozart's "The Solemn Vespers" (also called "The Evening Prayers"), Mozart's final composition for the Salzburg Cathedral in 1780. There is no audition required to sing with the Chorale. They do ask that singers have experience singing in choirs. The ability to read music and sing on pitch is also very important. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Choir Room at the First State Bank Center For The Performing Arts. This building is on the NCTC campus in Gainesville. Rehearsals will begin on Aug. 26. They look forward to adding more singers. If you have any questions, contact Chorale President Phil Schenk at 940-387-1886.



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Vacation Bible School fun at Muenster First Baptist



M.O.V.E in Gainesville Aug. 23

M.O.V.E (Maintaining, Overcoming thru Victory & Excellence) Abigail's Arms is sponsoring a life coaching seminar for students and parents through the life coaching group: The Changing Table. The Changing Table is figurative for a place in your heart, mind, and soul where you stop, think, and consider ways you can live your best life. It's a conscious decision to no longer sit on the side lines, but an opportunity to check in with "the coach" and get some playing time in the game of life. Maintaining, Overcoming thru Victory & Excellence! Youth focusing on the future and parents supporting the vision! This workshop is for junior and high school students who know they are purpose-filled, equipped with talents and gifts looking to unleash their treasures and shape a positive future in school, college, or military. The 2014-15 school year will be the

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Parents are invited to attend and receive practical information on how to encourage your child's dreams and goals. In a private adult group setting, learn ways to boost their self-esteem and guide them to reach their full potential. You'll have the benefit of witnessing their awesome transformation into greatness!

"It's not about where they are; it's about where they are going. Our youth are the future; let's shape a future we can be proud of".

The event take place on Saturday, Aug. 23 at Whaley Methodist Church in Gainesville. There is a \$10 fee per student and parents are FREE.



Congressman Thornberry brings news to Cooke County Republican Women

U. S. Representative Mac Thornberry was the special guest speaker at the Aug. 7 meeting of Cooke County Republican Women (CCRW). He spoke about four issues the House dealt with the week before their summer break:

- 1) A bill to speed medical care to veterans, which was subsequently passed by the Senate and signed by the President;
- 2) Work to protect private property rights through a re-write of the Endangered Species Act;
- 3) Hearings on the bill he introduced to keep the Bu-

reau of Land Management from claiming Texans' land along the Red River;

- 4) Passage of an immigration bill to speed hearings for unaccompanied minors crossing into the U.S. and return them quickly to their homes and families in Central America.

He reported that the House has passed over 350 bills that Senator Harry Reid refuses to send to committees or to the Senate for a vote. The next meeting of CCRW will be Thursday, Sept. 4. Go to www.cookegop.com/ccrw for more information.

Help offered to Texas veterans

Gov. Rick Perry has launched a public service announcement (PSA) to raise awareness of state resources available to help Texas veterans navigate the Veterans Administration (VA) health care system. Texas has increased staffing for the Texas Veterans Hotline in response to failures by the VA system to adequately care for our nation's veterans. In addition to increasing staff for the Texas Veterans Hotline, on June 12, Gov. Perry asked Texas hospitals and medical clinics to open their doors to Texas veterans who have faced bureaucratic challenges in accessing health care through the VA. More than 300 hospitals and clinics have responded across the state, but cannot begin treating VA patients until the VA gives them authorization and ensures timely reimbursement of the cost of care provided. Veterans can call the Texas Veterans Hotline at 1-800-252-8387 (VETS) for assistance with accessing VA health care benefits.

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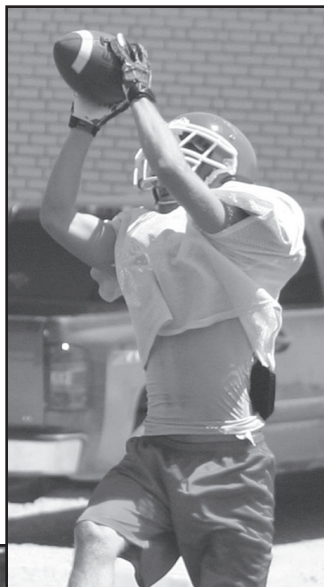
SPORTS

Texas hunting and fishing licenses now on sale



The Muenster Hornets continued morning practices this week in preparation for Friday's scrimmage at S&S.

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New licenses for the 2014-15 hunting and fishing seasons went on sale Friday, Aug. 15. The current year Texas hunting and fishing licenses (except year-to-date fishing licenses) will expire Aug. 31.

Every year, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department issues about 2.5 million hunting and fishing licenses through the agency's 28 field offices, more than 50 state

retailers across the state. Licenses may also be purchased online through the TPWD website at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/buy or by phone at 1-800-895-4248. Call center hours are Monday through Friday, 8-5 and there is a required \$5 convenience fee for each phone or online transaction. The online transaction system is available 24/7.

For online and phone orders, a physical license will be mailed within three business days. During that time period, a transaction receipt will be provided via email that will be sufficient proof of hunting license that can be used for dove hunting, though it will not be allowed for the take of fish or wildlife that require a tag.

Hunting and fishing regulations for the new season can be found in the 2014-15 *Outdoor Annual*, available at license retailers Aug. 15 and online at www.txoutdoorannual.com. Starting this Fall, hunters and anglers can take the *Outdoor Annual* with them in the field or on the water via a new app available by the end of August for free download on iPhone and Android platforms.

Mandatory hunter education certification

In addition to a hunting license, anyone born after Sept. 1, 1971, must successfully complete a hunter education training course or purchase a one-time deferral good for one license year in order to hunt legally in Texas. The certification is valid for life and is honored in all other states and provinces.

Hunters who need hunter education certification now have expanded contemporary options including a streamlined, one-day basic course and an option for anyone 17 years of age or older to take the hunting safety training completely online. A combination online home study and four to five hour skills field day course is also offered. More information on hunter education certification is available online at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/outdoor-learning/hunter-education.

Bird hunting requirements

A Migratory Game Bird

endorsement and Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification are also required to hunt dove or teal in September. HIP certification involves a brief survey of previous year's migratory bird hunting success and is conducted at the time licenses are purchased. Duck hunters also need to purchase a Federal Duck Stamp.

There are other mandatory endorsements to consider at the time of license purchase. An Upland Game Bird Stamp (\$7) is required to hunt all non-migratory game birds, including turkey, quail, pheasant, and chachalaca.

Big Time Texas Hunts

Big Time Texas Hunts provide opportunities to win one or more of eight premium guided hunt packages with food and lodging provided, as well as taxidermy in some cases. The crown jewel of the program is the Texas Grand Slam dream hunt package, which includes four separate hunts for Texas' most prized big game animals — the desert bighorn sheep, white-tailed deer, mule deer, and pronghorn. There are several quality whitetail hunt packages available, as well as opportunities to pursue alligator, waterfowl, upland game birds, wild hog, and exotics. Big Time Texas Hunts entries are available online for just \$9 each at www.tpwd.texas.gov/buyentry, or for \$10 each at license retailers or by phone. There is no limit to the number of entries an individual may purchase and all proceeds benefit conservation, wildlife management, and public hunting.

Lifetime license drawing

Hunters and anglers can also take care of their licensing requirements for life with the purchase of an \$1,800 Lifetime Super Combo, or enter for a chance at winning a lifetime license through the Lifetime License Drawing. Entries for the drawing cost \$5 each and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold. There is no limit on the number of entries that may be purchased. Winners will be drawn on Dec. 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015. If you enter by Dec. 27, 2014, you will be eligible for both drawings.

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With the start of school Wednesday, the Tigers of Sacred Heart moved morning practice into the class schedule. The Tigers will host a scrimmage this Friday with Petrolia and Frisco Legacy.

NATIONAL DOVE HUNTER SURVEY FINDINGS RELEASED

About 250,000 mourning dove hunters harvest five million mourning doves on an annual basis in Texas — making the Lone Star State the nation's leader in both the number of hunters and harvest.

Last year, the survey was sent to randomly selected hunters in the 40 states with dove hunting seasons. The large sample of 800 per state on average ensured that most of the survey results are applicable at the national, regional, and state levels. Of the 30,382 surveys successfully delivered, 12,631 hunters responded—earning a 41.6% response rate.

This survey was the first attempt to learn more about dove hunter characteristics;

dove hunters' time spent hunting; perceived constraints to hunting; and attitudes and opinions about potential effects of spent lead from hunting ammunition on mourning doves and other wildlife.

"These opinions and preferences are important and should be taken into account whenever possible," said Shaun Oldenburger, Dove Program leader for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "The Department does not have plans to make any regulatory changes based on the survey findings."

The full survey results, along with further information about dove hunting, can be found at <http://bit.ly/DoveHunterSurvey>.



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Russian ban on U.S. agricultural products to affect Texas

Russia's ban on U.S. agricultural products would be costly, especially to Texas, with the biggest impact to beef and poultry exporters, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist.

The proposed ban is in retaliation for U.S. sanctions against Russia and its war with Ukraine. It's unclear on how the restrictions will be applied.

Dr. Luis Ribera, AgriLife Extension international trade economist in College Station, said the value of U.S. food and agricultural exports to Russia is \$1.3 billion annually, which accounts for 10% of all exports.

"In Texas, beef is a big export item and poultry is important, particularly dark meat items," he said. "Texas also produces some soybeans and horticultural crops, so those industries could be affected."

According to U.S. Department of Agriculture-Foreign Agricultural Service, poultry is the primary U.S. export to Russia at 25% valued at \$323 million; oilseed, \$186 million; farm machinery, \$185 million; and live animals valued at \$149 million.

Russia is also the fifth-largest export market for U.S. pork and the eighth-largest export market worldwide for U.S. beef,

according to the U.S. International Trade Commission.

"There will be a ripple effect among all industries, everything from shipping and transportation to retailers," he said. "There will be a multiplier in there, so the potential economic impact could be significant."

Ribera said the ban could lead to rising food prices and increased inflation rate.

"Russia had an inflation rate of 7.9% during the first half of 2014," he said. "Food prices have the potential to go way up as result of this ban. The issue there is this will hurt their own people as 40% of their total food supply is imported."

WaterSavr evaporation preventative spread over Lake Arrowhead

Over the next two months, more than 5,000 pounds of a white powder, WaterSavr, is to be spread over Lake Arrowhead to form a film in an effort to slow surface water evaporation of the reservoir.

Last year, evaporation cost Texas two trillion gallons of water, and it has been eliminating as much as 40 million gallons of water a day from drought-stricken Wichita Falls' supply this summer, reports *The Texas Tribune*.

Workers of Flexible Solutions will apply WaterSavr every three days to Lake Arrowhead—about one pound per acre of water surface. The expected cost is \$400,000.

WaterSavr is mix of food-grade lime and palm oil extract. During application, the mixture is combined with water to create a milky-slurry concoction, which is poured into the lake through two pipes located at the back of a boat. Flexible Solutions believes their product also solves the problem of the chemical being less effective when wind blows it to one side of the lake to leave untreated surface area. Their claim is the lime powder consists of same-charge ions that if wind causes the powder to cluster, ionic repulsion should spread it back across the lake.

USDA urges cattle ranchers to apply for federal disaster programs



At the 60th Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course, coordinated by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife) and the Department of Animal Science at Texas A&M University, attendees were encouraged to act quickly to apply for federal disaster aid available for Texas cattle ranchers in an effort to help rebuild and recover from drought losses dating back to 2011.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) officials presented updates on livestock disaster programs. Livestock disaster payments

totaling \$258 million have been distributed in Texas, according to *AgriLife Today*. Officials urged Texas ranchers to call one of the 173 county FSA offices to set up an appointment, as disaster aid programs deadlines draw near.

These programs include Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance, which includes loss

in grasses planted for livestock and Livestock Indemnity Program for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather. It also includes the Livestock Forage Disaster Program, which is retroactive to cover eligible livestock producers who suffered grazing losses for covered livestock on land that is native, improved pastureland with permanent vegetative cover, or is planted specifically for grazing.

For more information on the disaster programs, visit <http://1.usa.gov/1sFkON6> or contact a local Texas FSA county office.

Farm acreage history reports: Prepare for crop protection programs

During August, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) has been sending notices to farmers on their current base acres, yields, and 2009-12 planting history in preparation to enroll in new programs created by the 2014 Farm Bill.

"We're sending these reports to make sure that farmers and ranchers have key information as they make critical decisions about programs that impact their livelihood," said Juan M. Garcia, FSA administrator. "It's important that producers take a few minutes to cross check the information they receive with their own farm records. If the information is correct, no further action is needed at this time. But if our letter is incomplete or incorrect, producers need to contact their local FSA county office as soon as possible."

In late summer, farmers will have the opportunity to update yields and reallocate bases for Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs. By mid-winter of 2014, farmers will be required to make a one-time, unanimous, and irrevocable election between price protection and county revenue protection for 2014-18 crop years. In early 2015, farmers can expect to sign contracts for either ARC or PLC for 2014 and 2015 crop years.

For covered commodities or information on the 2014 Farm Bill programs, visit www.fsa.usda.gov or a local FSA office.



CATTLEMAN'S COLUMN

Richard Thorpe III,
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Time to submit comments on EPA water rule

In 1972, Congress established the Clean Water Act (CWA) to create a basic structure for regulating water quality standards and discharges of pollutants into "waters of the United States." Under this act, "waters of the U.S." are classified as bodies of water that are "navigable." In other words, the EPA has jurisdiction over a body of water you can sail a steamboat or large ship through.

While Congress gave the EPA authority over "navigable" waterways, the EPA is again trying to abuse and expand its authority. The Agency announced a new rule proposal in March that would redefine "waters of the U.S." to expand the water and land that falls under its jurisdiction.

This proposal amounts to the largest land grab in history. Essentially, it would give the Agency control over all bodies of water. This includes ponds, streams, creeks, ditches, puddles, man-made conveyances, wet areas on pastures, etc. Basically, the federal government would control every drop of water in the country.

The EPA doesn't want to pass this rule through regu-

lar order in Congress. They have tried this twice and failed. Instead, the Agency plans to bypass Congress and force us to comply through a rulemaking process.

If adopted, the new rule would not be good for the Texas cattle industry. For the first time, certain ditches would be defined as jurisdictional tributaries under Clean Water Act programs. Additionally, conservation activities not complying with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) practice standards would be required to have a 404 dredge-and-fill permit.

This means you would be subject to additional permitting requirements for applying pesticides, grazing cattle, conducting construction projects, and performing other routine maintenance on your land. These permits can cost around \$30,000 and take up to a year to receive. Failure to obtain them would likely result in a penalty.

When the EPA drafted this flawed rule, they didn't consult with agricultural industry groups or you as producers. Instead, the agency was too concerned with finding ways to expand its jurisdiction, while in-turn

creating more burdensome regulations for the men and women who work daily to provide the food and fiber of our country.

This proposal presents significant challenges for us, but there is a way we can help stop it. I encourage you, your family, friends, and neighbors to comment on the rule in the federal register before the deadline ends Monday, Oct. 20. Your participation is important as we must let the EPA know how detrimental this rule would be to our industry and livelihood. You can submit your comments by visiting our web site at TSCRA.org, and clicking on the "EPA Land Grab" button. We need to get at least 10,000 comments by this deadline, and anyone is welcome to comment. Also, let your Congressmen and Senators know they should oppose this rule.

It is crucial that we send a clear message to the EPA that we will not allow this proposal to be implemented, and its desire to expand onerous government regulations will not be tolerated. It's time to get rid of this rule. The future of our industry depends on it.



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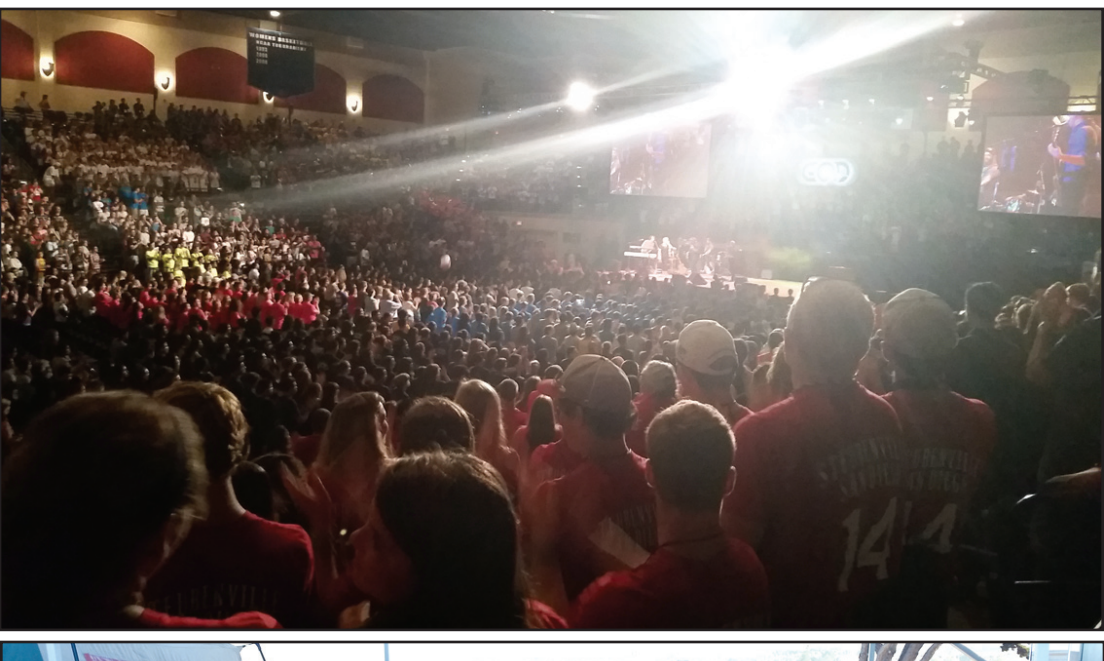
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Local youths participate in California youth conference



SH Parish photos

Attending the Steubenville San Diego Youth Conference July 22-28 from Muenster included, from left, front - Stephen Kessler, MacKenzie Mason; back - Daniel Hesse, Ethan Henry, Samantha Palmer, Isaac Walterscheid, Catherine Fleitman, Dan Aedo, Hayden Schilling, Katie Luttmeyer, Darian Peters, Sophia Jones, and Julian Hesse. Also shown are other photos of their activities.



Youth from Sacred Heart Parish in Muenster and St. Peter's Parish in Lindsay joined more than 4,600 youth at the Steubenville San Diego Youth Conference July 22-28. The group was led by Dan Aedo, former youth minister of Sacred Heart Parish. He remarked, "It was my last outing with our youth and it was both fun and faith filled."

Attending were 12 from Sacred Heart. They were Sophia Jones, Mackenzie Mason, Catherine Fleitman, Katie Luttmeyer, Samantha Palmer, Julian Hesse, Stephen Kessler, Daniel Hesse, Darian Peters, Ethan Henry, Hayden Schilling, and Isaac Walterscheid. The eight from Lindsay were Brenna Fleitman, Briley Fleitman, Sara Clark, Laura Wyrick, Campbell Williams, Jacob Neusch, Austin Schully, and Brandon Craigie. Adults assisting Aedo were Bekki Jones, Lilly Palmer, and Bert Hesse.

Aedo noted that he was, "Very impressed all the teens and especially the reverence of our SH Youth during Mass, Adoration, and they all went to confession on their own. Of course we did not force anyone to go, they wanted to go and did."

In San Diego, the group set up camp on South Carlsbad State Beach. Aedo said that pre-conference activities and prayer time, especially with the group The Gathering at St. Mary's in La Jolla and Mass at the Abby and Mission San Diego, was a great way to prepare for the conference at USD.

The local group enjoyed quick tours of two San Diego missions, Mass with the Benedictines in the Prince of Peace Abbey and in Ocean-side, visited The Gathering Youth Group in LaJolla. Aedo added, "Robert Rogers led an AMAZING talk which really touched the heart of every (200+) teen in that room! I really believe they will never forget his story of faith."

Friday through noon Sunday, the teens fully and happily entered in and participated fully with the conference. Aedo said that the

group was impressed with Fr. Mike Schmidt who led many talks and Chris Padgett, professor/singer/speaker from Franciscan University, who kept their attention.

Following the conference, some of the teens shared their comments. These included:

Daniel Hesse said, "I am 17 years old, and this was my first Steubenville trip. I liked the great atmosphere of the pre-conference, for example, the testimony that Robert Rogers gave us, and the awesome beach."

"What I enjoyed the most was the speech that was given about our neighbor. Chris said that it would make a whole lot more sense if we served our next door neighbor, rather than go on a mission trip to far away and third world places. In our culture today, it seems as if we act like the Pharisees who would try to take the splinter out of someone else's eye and not even think about the beam in our own. It's as if we are missing the big picture of what it means to serve. I believe that God challenges us to be sent forth everywhere spreading the word, but before that, we must begin to know and live it ourselves, in our home, and in our community. I think God has invited me to be filled with the zeal of Himself to bring about His kingdom."

"This conference really opened my eyes into thinking what really is the most important thing and that is my salvation."

Hayden Schilling wrote, "I am going to be a senior this year. This was my first Steubenville conference."

"What struck me most was the amount of people there (5,000+) ready to grow deeper in our faith and prayer life. Which we all did."

"Afterwards, we were all challenged not to lose the zeal of our Catholic faith, to stay fervent in our actions towards Christ and others."

"We did many things involving our prayer life before the conference. Daily Mass, visiting the missions, and group prayers."

"It was a well-rounded trip."

Brenna Fleitman said, "I just wanted to say thanks again for everything. I didn't think my faith would change before this trip, but after getting to know everyone and experiencing the adoration like that, it definitely has. I can't thank you enough for letting me go on this trip. And even though I've only known you for a week I'm going to miss you very much, and hope to

see you at the next Steubenville conference."

Brandon Craigie remarked, "I will be a freshman next year. This was my first going to Steubenville. What really struck me the most during our pre-trip was the talk with Robert Rogers. He lost his whole family and with the help and strength of God he was able to get back on his feet. A few years after, God blessed him with another family with two boys and two girls, just like his first family. Now he travels the country preaching about the goodness of God."

"The conference was amazing. There were so many young Catholics there and it was uplifting to see that many Catholics gathered together for one event"

"The speakers were outstanding and were really uplifting. I would most definitely go back if I had the chance."

Briley Fleitman shared these comments with Aedo, "It was amazing from the BEST donut shop ever, to the kayaking, to miracles we witnessed on Saturday night. I can not thank you enough, you did an extraordinary job making the schedule and making the trip prayerful!"

"Before the trip, I figured that I've pretty much seen and heard it all, but man was I in for a surprise. During adoration when you leaned over and said to expect people to get emotional, I figured that people balling their eyes out would be tops. Being able to see fellow Christians resting in the Holy Spirit was nothing less than miraculous. It is something I will honestly NEVER lose thought of. To bring something home from this retreat, other than the numerous new memories and stories, I'm going to try to start remembering to pray the breviary every day."

"Thank you once again for this unforgettable experience. You have truly helped me and this group grow closer to Lord our God. You will be missed not only by the Sacred Heart students, but also by those from Lindsay as you have guided us closer to Heaven. Good luck with new youth group; there is no doubt you will do nothing short of stupendous."

"May God continue to work through you and God Bless!"

Aedo resigned from his position as youth minister at Sacred Heart Parish late this Spring. He moved to Colorado. During the trip to San Diego, Aedo learned that he'd been hired at St. Francis Assisi in Longmont, CO which is not too far from his new home in Denver.



Courtesy photos

Tiger Mini-Cheerleaders

The Sacred Heart Varsity Cheerleaders recently hosted their annual mini-camp. Sixty-four attended, with elementary awards going to Joie Kintz and Lauren Miller - All-Star cheerleaders, and Martie McCoy - Best of Camp. Megan Ploeger was All-Star and Morgan Hennigan Best of Camp in the Junior High division.



Weather Whys - Clouds

Q: What are the basic types of clouds?

A: The first person to name different cloud types was a London pharmacist, Luke Howard, back in 1803, McRoberts said. "Howard came up with a classification system based on the shape of the cloud, the layer of the atmosphere in which the cloud existed, and whether or not the cloud produced rain," McRoberts explains. "The three basic families of clouds are heaps of separated clouds (cumulus), layers of wide clouds (stratus), and wispy clouds (cirrus). Clouds that produce rain are known as nimbus. To get the exact name of a cloud, the cloud type is combined with a prefix or suffix that defines where the cloud is. For example, altostratus clouds appear as a single layer of clouds about 7,000 to 18,000 feet in the air. Cirrostratus clouds are thinner and much higher (18,000 feet and higher). Cumulonimbus and nimbostratus can produce heavy rainfall. Fog is associated with stratus clouds that have formed at ground level. There can be an immense amount of water in even a small cloud during a thunderstorm, enough to fill up several swimming pools," he adds.

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