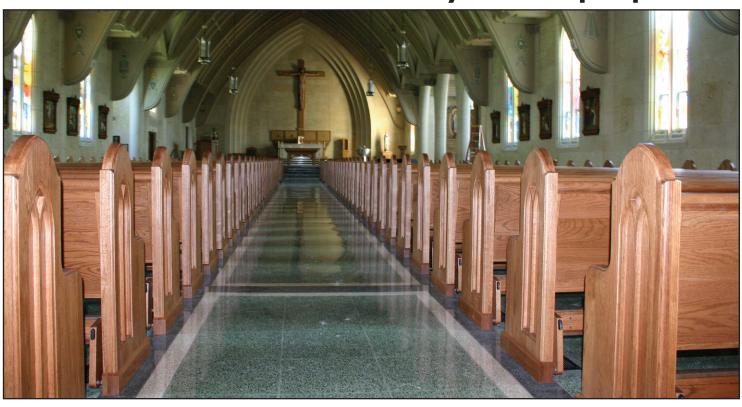


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### Sacred Heart Church ready for the people



Janie Hartman photo

Sacred Heart Catholic Church sits in quiet beauty awaiting the return of the congregation. It has been closed during the Summer as the old pews and kneelers were removed, floors refinished, and a top to bottom cleaning completed. The new pews are of oak wood and reflect the building's Gothic design of arched windows and ceiling. Thanks to a donation, the seats were cushioned. Work on the exterior continues as new doors were installed and the outside front entry enlarged. Stone work continues and should be done within a week or two, allowing the church to be used again on a daily basis.

### Area events set for coming weekends Myra VFD Bar-B-Que **Antique Tractor Show**

Janet Felderhoff News Editor

Not only do the members of volunteer fire departments and surrounding areas, they must earn much of the funding required to purchase necessary equipment. Equipment needs include the fire trucks, firefighter suits and breathing apparatus, and even a fire station to store all of this equip-

That is what Myra is currently using the money for that they raise at their 36th Annual Bar-B-Que fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 6. The outside of their new fire station is complete. Now they are working on the interior. That is their main goal for funds raised this year.

Myra Fire Chief Billy Felderhoff remarked, "We just added on to the station, doubling it in size. We hope to get enough funds to complete the inside.'

Chief Felderhoff also reminds everyone, "Just a reminder, call in your controlled burns to the Sheriff's Office and burn

See MYRA, pg. 2

**Cathy Krahl** Staff Writer

Ever wonder how our grandfathers and great-grandfagive of their time to offer fire protection to their community thers were able to farm in the times of yesteryear? What was a threshing machine and how did it work? And the old way of baling hay; how was it done?

Those interested in reliving the "good old days" will have a chance this weekend when the Cooke County Antique Tractor and Farm Machinery Club hosts their 29th annual

The Antique Tractor and Farm Machinery Show is set for Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 30-31 at the Lindsay Tractor Pull Arena on the Paul Hess farm. Gates open at 9 a.m. The show begins at 11 a.m.

On both days, a parade of antique tractors and machinery

will take place at 2 p.m. Then a history of the tractor as well as who owns it will be announced. There will also be special demonstrations of plowing,

threshing, and baling.

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Janie Hartman photo

Antique tractors and farm equipment have been parading the "tractor pull arena" grounds north of Lindsay for the past 28 years, including in 1987, when this picture was taken.

## **Hospital District** adopts tax rate Janet Felderhoff

News Editor

Tax rates were a topic of discussion at the Aug. 19 regular meeting of the Muenster Hospital District Board of Directors. Last year's tax rate was \$0.17500

This year, the effective tax rate is \$0.17830. The effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year when comparing properties taxed in both years. If the Board decided to set a tax rate higher than that, two public hearings would be required.

The rollback tax rate this year is \$0.19250. It is the highest tax rate the taxing entity can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures.

Administrator Michael Kent said if we keep last year's tax rate which was below the effective tax rate established by the County, it would be a difference of negative \$21,251 from what we collected last year. Last year's operating taxes were \$1,137,211.

Board President Ronnie Weinzapfel called for comments from the Board. Kenny Klement said, "I think we stick where we are. Just leave it (tax rate)." Weinzapfel responded, "We are going to have to do some improving around here financial wise." Kent stated, "We'll get it done." Paul Becker added, "I'd just as soon leave it." Don Richerson agreed.

Weinzapfel added, "I don't have a problem with it. It's just up to the administrator and the CFO if they can. I don't want it to go a couple of years and then we have to have some big, giant tax increase just to keep the doors open."

The Board voted unanimously 6-0 to set a tax rate of \$0.175 per \$100 valuation.

The financial report on the fiscal year ending June 30 was given. Kent said it showed a total operating loss of \$340,673.42. "That is after the taxes," he added. There was \$1.2 million in taxes paid making the actual loss close to \$1.5 or \$1.6 million. Kent said the key elements to improving the financials was keeping the inpatient count up and ramping up the outpatient services.

The August meeting of the MMH Medical Staff was canceled since there was no chief of staff due to the resignation

Kent proposed amendments to the District's Medical Staff bylaws that would allow a chief of staff to be appointed and the District to continue normal operations. Dr. Don Simmons resigned on Aug. 13.

The first amendment stated that appointments of the Medical Staff and grants of clinical privileges are for a period of two years, except that: a) new members of the staff are subject to an initial provisional period of one year. Subject to the discretion of the Chief of Staff, provisional staff members may serve on a committee and may vote regarding staff business matters. Kent said, "Provisional is any doctor who's been here less than a year. They cannot vote on anything in Medical Staff and they cannot vote on any offices. So, it would be up to the chief of Medical Staff to grant them voting privileges."

The second amendment was in regard to Advanced Trau-"Hopefully we will have a mule-powered hay baler," Leon ma Life Support (ATLS) classes. Currently, bylaws require that anyone taking call for the Emergency Room must have allow any physician covering the Emergency Department to have a current or valid ATLS certification or a letter of intent due to the shortage of ATLS classes available to providers. Any nurse practitioner or physician assistant cover ing the Emergency Department must have current training in ATLS or a letter of intent. Kent noted that there are not very many classes in the State of Texas and they fill up very quickly. "They are few and far between," he added.

At this time, MMH has one full-time physician, Dr. Zgourides who is new, and one part-time, Dr. Edd Advincula. Neither are eligible as active Medical Staff under the current bylaws. The third amendment allows the CEO in cases of emergency situations due to the lack of active Medical Staff, to grant active staff privileges to any provisional staff

Kent explained, "Once we approve it tonight, then tomorrow at their Medical Staff meeting, I would be able to grant Dr. Zgourides Medical Staff privileges and then someone would nominate him as chief of staff and he could have a vote. With these changes, as we bring on another doctor, Dr.

See HOSPITAL, pg. 2

## New Library policy approved

Janet Felderhoff News Editor

Cooke County Library Director Jennifer Johnson-Spence again presented a County Library policy to Commissioners Court seeking approval. When she presented the policy at the Aug. 15 meeting, there were concerns over what it takes to get a library card. The County Judge and Johnson-Spence were to discuss options.

Obtaining a library card is very hard as the current stands, Johnson-Spence had told the Court. 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 doc-

The new policy that she

driver's license with a physi- County Library. cal address in Cooke Coun-

revised copy of the Cooke ment felt that a Texas driv- Gary Hollowell. He was suffice. He'd received many wording. County residents who could

proposed requires a Texas not obtain a card at the

The only member of the ty and one document that Court to contact Johnsonshows the physical address. Spence regarding the new Commissioner Leon Kle- policy was Commissioner ers license alone should concerned over some of the Johnson-Spence complaints from long-time explained that it was word-

See COUNTY, pg. 3

## **NCTC** approves institutional priorities

NCTC Public Relations

At their regular meeting Monday, Aug. 18, North Central Texas College Regents unanimously approved institutional priorities for 2014-15.

A subcommittee of the Regents was tasked to create the priorities for the 2014-15 academic year.

The priorities included:

- 1. Creating a common student experience with student success and completion in mind. 2. Committing to participation, involvement, and engage-
- 3. Further developing the structure of the college.

See COLLEGE, pg. 2

### First week of school fun



Body motions to a song seem to be popular with these three Muenster PreK students, from left, River Reinecker, Zachary Lutkenhaus, and Wyatt Muller. Muenster ISD began the 2014-15 school year on Monday.

## Wright joins York

pleased to welcome Dr. Casev Wright to the practice. Dr. Wright was raised in Texas and graduated from Mabank High School in 1999. She attended the University of Oklahoma where she earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in International Business and Finance. She went on to graduate, with honors, from Northeastern State University Oklahoma College of Optometry. Dr. Wright is a Therapeutic Doctor of Optometry, which includes fitting contact lenses, treating glaucoma, surgical co-management, pediatrics, and ocular disease.

Dr. Wright is excited to call Gainesville home and looks forward to serving the city and surrounding com-

Dr. Wright is currently see-



ing patients Tuesday-Saturday. Some early morning and late afternoon appointments are available. Call York Eye Associates at 940-612-2020 to set up your appointment with her today.

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Items on the menu for the event held in the Myra City Park are BBQ beef, Susie Qs, beans, and trimmings, tea and Kool-Aid, and pies and cakes. Serving time begins a 5 p.m and ends at 9 p.m. The meal is \$5 for children 12 years and under and \$10 for adults. The auction begins at 7 p.m. There is a raffle with tickets being sold for donation of \$2 each or 11 for \$20. Live entertainment will be provided by Doug Martin & the Rustlers.

Members of the Myra VFD are: Billy Felderhoff, chief; Daniel Proffer, assistant chief; Ronnie Bayer, secretary/ treasure; Scott Vogel, computer reporter; Kenneth Sicking, Leon Fuhrmann, Randy Proffer, Bobby Sicking, Leroy Schmidlkofer, James Whitt, Robert Proffer, Robert Powell, Chris Sherbet, Katie Felderhoff, Ruby Stewert, Denise of the Bowie and Graham Jones, Sammy York, Matthew Fleitman, and Bryan Sick-

## ANTIQUE ......continued from pg. 1

tique Tractor Club, said. Last week, they were working to have one in the line-up

A special favorite of the show is returning. The Antique Tractor Club purchased a 1924 steam-powered tractor. It still works and will be part of the threshing demonstration both days.

They bought and restored it about 20 years ago from Gerald Furr of McKinney.

"He sold it to the Club with the understanding we would call him every time we used it." Willie Joe Matthews, secretary of the club, said. They fulfilled that promise until the day he died.

"We got a great history of

Knauf, president of the An-"It is interesting how it was sold and moved around over the years." He recounted how it originated in Missouri, was used in Arkansas and three years," Matthews said. "It other places in Missouri before coming to Texas.

> According to Matthews, the steam tractor was used to help build the Kansas City Airport.

The show will also include tractor games, kiddie pedal tractor pull, arts and crafts booths, small engine display, and lunch and refresh-

The ladies of the club run the Cook Shack, and Donna Schad is in charge. It will feature snow cones, ice cream, hot dogs, barbeque sandwiches, German potato that tractor," Matthews said. salad, and cold drinks.

Regents unanimously approved the 2014-15 budget that was proposed at the June 16 workshop in the amount of \$53,637,125.

The Board heard from representatives from the NCTC Denton County Foundation including several Board members and supporters of NCTC. The Denton County residents shared with the Board their hope that the Regents seriously consider moving forward with plans to enhance the College's presence in Denton County to serve the growing number of students who are attending or want to attend

NCTC's total enrollment is now over 10,000 students system-wide. During the Fall 2013 semester, 69% of the students attending NCTC were from Denton County. Regents have seen demographic studies that show that Denton County is expected to continue to grow in the coming years. NCTC currently has two campuses in Denton County, one in Corinth and the other in Flower Mound, that are at or nearing capacity.

Regents also got construction updates on the Bowie, Corinth, Graham, and Flower Mound campuses. Dr. Emily Klement, the dean campuses, and Roy Culberson, the Dean of the Denton

Knauf and Matthews invite people to come out and enjoy the day.

"We've been doing this for gets a little bigger and a little different every year."

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Communicating the County campuses, spoke to mission to Texas Legisla- the Board about construction and renovation projects. The Board voted to hire

> several faculty members and staff. Jacob Arnold was hired as an English instructor, Dr. Diana Avila was hired as a Biology instructor, Melissa Blankenship was hired as an Economics instructor, Amy Brown was hired as the Coordinator of Foundation and Alumni Relations, Jose DaSilva was hired as the director of the Bowie campus, Marcia Hunter was hired as the associate director of Admissions, Stephanie Lindsey was hired as the coordinator of the Cosmetology program, Jason Rutledge was hired as a Math instructor, Megan Sanzo was hired as the coordinator of Residence Life, Keli Swann was hired as a Senior Systems analyst, Amy Vickers Whiting was hired as a Chemistry instructor, Fabiana Gower was hired as a Database Management instructor with the RITA Grant, and David Powell was hired as a History in-

Regents accepted the resignation of Chemistry inis retiring after 50 years of teaching.

### HOSPITAL .....continued from, pg. 1

Z could give him the privileges to vote because right now it is only the doctors who can vote." All three amendments gained unanimous Board approv-

On Dr. Simmons leaving, Kent remarked, "We're sad to see Dr. Simmons leave. I want to ensure the community that we will continue to take care of the community's health care needs. We wish him the best on his future endeavors.

"We're actively looking for another physician to come to this great community."

Following an executive session, the Board voted to hire Dr. Maurice LaPerriere on a part-time basis. He will work five days in the MMH Family Health Clinic and 10 days in the Emergency Room per month.

A report on the District's Meaningful Use progress was given by Kent. He said they are halfway through their 90 day attestation period. He feels that it is going well.

In other business, the Board:

 Approved bad debt write offs totaling \$448.60 for the month of July

 Accepted, dependent on approval from the Medical staff, courtesy privileges to Southwest ER physicians Nathan Wright, DO, Sergio Calixto-Montanez, MD, and radiologists Michael Mahlon, DO and Amelia Gosuico, MD. Maurice LaPerriere, MD was approved, also dependent on Medical Staff approval, appointment to the Medical Staff with active privileges.

## TxDOT, law enforcement partner to save lives

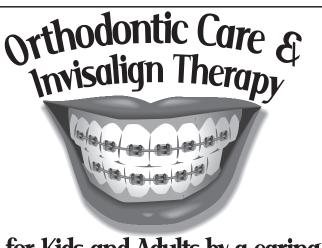
fic crash about every 20 Drive. Go to Jail." campaign, minutes involving a driver which reminds drivers and under the influence of alco- motorcyclists to avoid drinkhol. The Texas Department ing and driving or else face structor Dr. Ron Bost, who of Transportation hopes to severe consequences. The lower this staggering sta- campaign, Aug. 15 through tistic with the launch of its

In Texas, there is a traf- annual Labor Day "Drink. See PARTNER, pg. 4



Janie Hartman photo

Dangelmayr Construction, Inc. puts the finishing touches on a new sidewalk at Sacred Heart Church. Although not a part of the original remodeling plans, the new sidewalk complements the other changes.



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**Sept. 6, 2014** 

**Myra City Park** 5 p.m. - ? Live Entertainment **Doug Martin** 



If raining, event will be moved into the new Fire Station

& The Rustlers

Prizes: ATI 12 ga. over under Shotgun Brinkmann 5 Burner Gas Grill Volunteer Fire Dept \$500 Cash enster State Bank \$250 Cash

\$100 Cash \$100 Cash Industrial Bearing \$500 Savings Bond Phil-Co/Phil's Collision Repa \$200 Savings Bond \$100 in Trade Joe Walter Lumber Co.
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Sunday, August 31, 2014	Monday, September 1, 2014	Tuesday, September 2, 2014	Wednesday, September 3, 2014	Thursday, September 4, 2014	Friday, September 5, 2014	Saturday, September 6, 2014
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm AntiqueTractor & Farm Show	Labor Day Fly Flags NO SCHOOL	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Library open 10 am - 5:30 pm Rel. Ed 6:45 pm	Museum open 1-4 Library open 10-6:30 United Way Kick-off luncheon	Museum open 1-4 pm AARP Board mtg. 10 am Hornets host Nocona Tigers at Howe	Library open 10 - 2:30 Bowie 2nd Monday Trade Days
Sunday, September 7, 2014	Monday, September 8, 2014	Tuesday, September 9, 2014	Wednesday, September 10, 2014	Thursday, September 11, 2014	Friday, September 12, 2014	Saturday, September 13, 2014
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm Bowie 2nd Monday Trade Days	MMH Aux. mtg. 5:30 City Council mtg. 6:30 VFW mtg. 7:30	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Library open 10 am - 5:30 pm Rel. Ed. 6:45 pm SHC Fall picture day dparents Week @ MISD	Museum open 1-4 Library open 10-6:30  Elementary	Museum open 1-4 pm AARP member luncheon Sky's the Tigers OPEN Hornets at Callisburg	Library open 10 - 2:30  Muenster  Community  Wide  Garage Sale





celebration of life to follow for Mark Joseph Bayer, 28, of Denton, was held at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 26 at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home

Mark was born in Muenster on Aug. 28, 1985 to Carl Joseph and Norma Jean ing time with his family and Richardson Bayer. He went friends, and was a kind and to be with the Lord on Aug. 22, 2014 in Denton.

Mark was a 2004 graduate of Muenster High School. Soon after graduation, he went to work as an automotive mechanic. He then went on to become a welder for Schwalbe, Inc., later building his welding career working for his uncle Herbert Muenster; maternal grand- 1890, Amarillo, Texas 79174-Richardson. After working mother Dorthy Cook and her 0001. www.calfarley.org for Herbert, he went to work for Felderhoff Brothers Drill-

A memorial rosary with on rigs. Mark had dreamed of having his own welding rig with a bed he designed. That dream came true when he built a rig, naming it "Ronda." He loved being outdoors, golfing, softball in his spare time, fishing, and hunting. He enjoyed spendloving person who never met a stranger.

He is survived by his father Carl Bayer and his wife Sandy of Muenster; mother Nor-Sandy Wimmer of Muenster; brother Travis Bayer and his husband Harold of Gainesing, building and working Rosalee Bayer of Muenster; com.



**Mark Bayer** 

ma Bayer and her partner and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Memorial wife Kenda of Muenster; one may be made to the Cal Faradored niece Krista Bayer of ley Boys Ranch, P.O. Box

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### Vickie Hocker 1949 - 2014

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hood literacy and encour-

Vickie Lynn Hocker, nee Tiller, died Aug. 22, 2014 ty with BA and MLS degrees. in New Braunfels. She was born in Gainesville, May 26, 1949 to Hoyt and Ocie Tiller who preceded her in death. was a school librarian before

She is survived by her husband of 42 years Joseph Hocker of New Braunfels: her brothers Danny Tiller and wife Sandy of Schertz, and David Tiller and wife LaDonna of Gainesville, and brother-in-law Gene Reiter of Gainesville.

She was preceded in death by her sister Shirley Reiter. Vickie was a graduate of Gainesville High School and education. Her many nieces

North Texas State Universia and nephews were inspired by her dedication, her intelli-She was reference librarian gence, and her humor. Their at the Rosenberg Library in special memories of her are Galveston before moving to tied to her love of books and New Braunfels, where she reading.

Visitation in New Braunbeing named director of the fels was held Monday, Aug. New Braunfels Public Li- 25. Visitation in Gainesbrary in 1982. In that capac-ville was at Carroll Funeral ity, she was instrumental in Home on Wednesday, Aug. the design and construction 27. Graveside service was conducted Thursday, Aug. 28 at 10 a.m. at Fairview Cemetery in Gainesville.

an, Vickie emphasized child-Memorials in Vickie's aged young people to make name can be made to the the library a part of their New Braunfels Friends of the Library, or to a charity of

65 YEARS AGO

Hess, Dorothy Mae Bayer.

COUNTY. .....continued from pg. 1 ing required by the State Li- County Appraisal District's Precinct #3 and #4 and Pro-

Judge Roane noted that contacted Johnson-Spence about changes.

The revised policy was approved with the Court voting 4-1. Klement cast the nay

EMS Director Kevin Grant sought approval for the County terminating its contract with Intermedix and to issue a proposal for a new billing vendor. He noted that there were several reasons.

Intermedix has not been meeting billing deadlines for Medicare and Medicaid patients, their system is not set up to bill secondary insurances, and does not do some other things in a timely manner. They are costing the County money. There is also improper posting of payments.

"This company, in my opinion, is not meeting the needs of Cooke County," stated Grant. He had met with them, but not gotten any results.

There is a 90 day termination notice required. Auditor Shelly Atteberry said she feels that the County would be using a new company even before the 90 day termination period is completed.

In a unanimous vote, the Court agreed to terminate the contract and seek a new billing vendor.

As budgeted, the Court officially voted to approve not adopting a cost of living raise for retirees or setting a percentage of cost of living rate, and took \$300,000 supplemental contribution to the retirement plan as well as the 8.88% of the salary base paid out for the 2015 budget

In other business Commis-

DAYS GONE BY .....

 Approved the Cooke brary in order to be accred-FY15 budget.

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 Awarded bid for road oil products for a six month pehe had reconsidered and not riod beginning Aug. 25 and ending Feb. 25, 2015 with two optional three month renewals to Rooker Asphalt Co. aka Southern Asphalt and Petroleum Co., Inc.

Consent agenda items approved included:

• Closing the library on Aug. 30 for Labor Day Weekend and closing the library at 5 p.m. on Nov. 26.

 Service agreement between Cooke County Road and Bridge Precinct #4 and Aramark for uniform services beginning Oct. 1 and ending Sept. 30, 2015.

• Contract between Cooke County Library and Library Ideas for their Freegal music service to start on Oct. 1.

County Library when painting the building. This is due to concern that paint cal Center for treatment from the outside might get of inmates extending the tracked inside to the carpet. When and how long are un-

• Receive and file for re- Lillie Ann Mercer. cord an order setting salaries for the Auditor, First Assistant Auditor, Second Assistant Auditor, Third Assistant Auditor, Fourth Assistant Auditor, and District Court Reporter.

bulk fuel for Cooke County for FY 2015 budget beginning Oct. 23, 2014 and ending Sept. 30, 2015 and advertisement of the same.

County EMS and Progressive Waste Solutions of Texas, Inc., for sanitation services at the Woodbine Station, beginning Sept. 1, 2014 and ending Aug. 31, 2015, with four optional one year renewals.

County Road and Bridge Cooke County Library.

gressive Waste Solutions of

Texas, Inc., for sanitation services beginning Sept. 1, 2014 and ending Aug. 31, 2015, with four optional one year renewals.

· Transfer of an unused maintenance truck light bar from Cooke County Road and Bridge, Precinct #4 to the Cooke County Maintenance Department for installation

on a Chevy truck. Lease agreement between Cooke County JP1 and Kyocera for copy machine maintenance and leas-

 Renewal of Law Enforcement Professional Liability Insurance through Texas Association of Counties and authorized the County Judge to sign the renewal forms.

 Amendment to the Closing of the Cooke Health Care Services Agreement between Cooke County and Denton Regional Mediagreement through Dec. 31,

Indigent cremation of

 Bond for the Cooke County Sheriff's office for R. Wright. • Allowing Terry Gilbert,

Sheriff to sign grant documents from CoServ attesting that the grant monies will • Bid specifications for be used to purchase body ar-

 Donation in the amount of \$25 to the Cooke County Library in memory of Patti Tucker from Evelyn Walter-• Contract between Cooke scheid, and donation of an area rug valued at \$198.47 to the Cooke County Library from Friends of the Cooke County Library. Accepting additional

funds in the amount of \$152.20 from the 2014 Edge Implementation Reimburse-• Contract between Cooke ment Program Grant for the

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Aug. 26, 1949 Work begins this week on Muenster's new \$300,000 public school building. Obituary: Martha Livingston. 94. John Myrick, 16, breaks leg in Gainesville Leopards Tonsillectoscrimmage. mies: Tommy Dankesreiter, Donna Hofbauer, James

Yellow Sky starring Gregory Peck and Anne Baxter.

#### 50 YEARS AGO Aug. 28, 1964

Hoedebeck plans to open and Harve Presnell. auto repair shop on Sept. 14. Linda Whitt is Farm Bureau's 1964 County Queen. Arthur Hess is first presi- Muenster welcomes

Walterscheid. home west of Muenster. Gene starring Debbie Reynolds Glenn and Stacie Miller.

> 25 YEARS AGO Aug. 25, 1989

First Baptist Church of

Wedding: Alene Moore and dent of new Muenster Gun minister Rev. Chuck Frazier. Buck Chisam. New Arrivals: Club. New Arrivals: Chris Wedding: Kim Brown and Glenn to Edgar and Rose to the Jerry Endreses; Linda Dale Wolf. Article tells of ar-Klement; Clarice to Richard to the Leroy Schmidlkofers. rival of Yoshitaka Nakamuand Florence Schumacher. Weddings: Elaine Friske ra, exchange student living Relax Theatre advertises and John Dadderio; Louise with Henry and Janie Wein-Hermes and H.A. "Hank" zapfel. Gainesville welcomes Obituary: Roane McLaughlin, M.D., Clara (Mrs. Fred J.) Gruber, new OB specialist. New Ar-80. State Theatre advertises rivals: Victoria to Scot Vogel Work begins on Cain rest The Unsinkable Molly Brown and Misti Ford; Kristen to

> When we heal the earth, we heal ourselves.

~ David Orr



The family of Rose Hofbauer would like to take this opportunity to thank the Muenster Community for their sympathy and compassion during the recent illness and death of our Mother. We would especially like to thank Father Ken Robinson for his spiritual direction, the medical staff at

Muenster Memorial Hospital for their excellent care, and everyone who shared their lives through prayers, visits, and cards. We will always be deeply in your debt.

Jeannine, Donna, and Larry

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will be adult volunteers present to answer any questions, as well as information offered about what 4-H is about. Membership fee is \$20 a year. Adult volunteers can sign-up that evening and there is a \$5 fee.

More information is avail- for 1 in 3 of all Texas roadway deaths — or nearly 1,100. able at www.cooke.agrilife. org or by calling (940) 668-

## Century Club Zachary turns nine

### **Scholarship** Quilt materializes

Saint Jo's Century Club announces with pride the completion of its annual Scholarship Quilt, themed this year with a Chisholm Trail concept. The quilt is currently on display at Trailtown Treasures, but is expected to be coming soon to a venue nearer you! Plans are to raffle the quilt during the Santa-on-the-Square affair in December of 2014.

Wanda Greene designed this colorful creation and rendered the central embroidered block, Century Club members embroidered the complimentary blocks, Lynne Tracy pieced, and Jalon Stanley quilted up the 74" by 87" creation. It could go home with you for Christmas. Chances are \$1 apiece or six for \$5.

All funds are devoted to a scholarship for local graduating seniors. Century Club is a civic-minded group of women who enjoy working together to make things "go for the better" all over the community.

Today's world is one in which the age-old risks of humankind - the drought, floods, communicable diseases - are less of a problem than ever before. They have been replaced by risks of humanity's own making the unintended side-effects of beneficial technologies and the intended effects of the technologies of war. Society must hope that the world's ability to assess and manage risks will keep pace with its ability to create them. ~ . Clarence Davies, quoted in Conservation Foundation, State of the Environment

was delighted to be honored on new projects that annoy at a party for his ninth birth- their sister Candace. She day. His parents Donna and tries to expose these schemes Nicolas Nervo hosted the to their mother, but without event Sunday, April 13. His success. actual birthdate is April 17.

toon featuring two broth-



**Zachary Nervo** 

Zachary Christian Nervo ers constantly embarking

The animated series was Zachary chose the theme highlighted by various post-"Phineas and Ferb," a car- ers of Phineas and Ferb and their pet platypus "Agent P." A "Happy 9th Birthday" banner of the same theme complemented the décor. Colors of aqua, blue, yellow, and red were emphasized in balloons and streamers. The chocolate birthday cakes was embellished with green and blue piping on the outer edges, and lettered in green, "Happy 9th Birthday, Zach-

> Everyone enjoyed a grilled sausage lunch followed by cake and ice cream.

Special guests included older brothers Alexander and Dominic, and maternal grandmother Rachel Hennigan of Muenster.

## What's happening at the **Muenster Public Library**

August 2014

Cooke County Electric Charitable Foundation. The money will be used for new hardcover books and audio books in fiction and non-fiction se-

your reward and certificate at the front desk.

There are books for sale at the Library for \$1 each and are in "like new" condition. If you have a friend who likes

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Sept. 1, coincides with the national increased enforcement

period sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration. During this time, Texas law enforcement

ing killed or injured," said John Barton, TxDOT deputy ex-

ecutive director. "At the very least, you can face expensive

fines, jail time, and loss of your driver's license. It's just not

During last year's Labor Day weekend in Texas, nearly half

(16) of the 35 holiday traffic fatalities were caused by driv-

ity to safely operate a vehicle. Alcohol slows reaction time,

reduces the ability to properly gauge speed or distance, and

impairs vision. All 50 states have established a threshold

making it illegal to drive with a blood alcohol concentration

(BAC) of .08 or higher. Drivers can be arrested with a BAC

below .08 when a law enforcement officer suspects that an

To remind people to plan ahead for a sober ride, TxDOT

conducts media and outreach events across the state in the

weeks leading up to Labor Day. Many of these events fea-

ture a vintage-style "DWI Not So Fun House," which allows

quickly and easily find sober alternatives to drinking and

· Asking a sober friend or family member for a ride

Even small amounts of alcohol can impair a person's abil-

In 2013, DUI-alcohol-related traffic fatalities accounted

"Drinking and driving puts you and others at risk of be-

officers step up their vigilance to arrest drunk drivers.

worth it and it's entirely preventable."

ers under the influence of alcohol.

individual's driving is impaired.

on their motor skills.

Calling a taxi;

· Staying put.

driving. Options include:

· Using mass transit;

to read and is home bound or The Library received a resides in an assisted living grant of \$2,000 from the facility, take them a book(s). No worry with having a time frame to return them. If the recipient does not wish to own the book(s), they can be donated or given to others.

When you walk into the The summer reading pro- Library, patrons now have gram ended July 31. Bring NEW computers for the your book list and collect catalog information. The annual fundraiser made this possible. Internet access to the Library catalog can be done via your home computer also.

> EYEWITNESS books in the adult non-fiction area are interesting pictorial books on varied subjects. These informative books add enlightenment for children and adults - knowledge of animals, birds, insects, and many other subjects. AMAZ-ING ANIMAL books in the elementary non-fiction area also provide excellent infor-

> The cooler weather at the end of July and first week of August - how refreshing! The Library has books about weather patterns and cloud formations - interesting reading for weather buffs and future meteorologists.

> Author Cathy Holton, age 56, who wrote Beach Trip and four other novels died recently after a long-term illness. The Library has the five books she wrote.

A daily prayer Jesus stand beside me. Guide and direct my participants to experience the simulated effects of alcohol life.

Teach me what I need TxDOT also has developed SoberRides.org to help people to know.

Help me with my work. Let me serve you and

others, that I may be worthy of God's grace. Be strong and take

heart, all you who hope in the Lord.

Psalm 31:24

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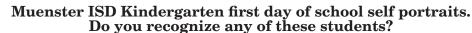
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## SCHOOL

## Back to School ...







talk with their children about

alcohol overdose and binge

drinking. Parents and students

alike should also investigate

specific campus alcohol policies

as well as any state legislation

(such as a Good Samaritan or

Medical Amnesty law) regarding minors in an alcohol-related emergency. "We tell parents it is

better to have the conversation

before something happens rath-

er than waiting for a particular incident which makes them wish they had," says Dow.
"Drunk or dying? You make

hol overdose happen because

friends don't make the right

call. Aware Awake Alive is tar-

geting high school and college

students with a message that

is simple, actionable, and non-

judgmental. The social media-

based awareness campaign and

the web-based tools found at

awareawakealive.org/toolbox

are designed to be user-friend-

ly and simple to use for young

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them like parents and teachers.

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### **Dialogue encouraged** between parents and teens

Approximately 30,000 college students are treated for alcohol poisoning every year according to the Harvard School of Public Health. With the start of a new school year, incidents of alcohol overdose will unfortunately continue to make headlines. Aware Awake Alive, an organization based in Austin whose mission is to educate teens and young adults on the dangers of alcohol poisoning, is urging parents to have a meaningful conversation with their teenagers about the dangers of binge drinking and the frequently-ignored, but critical, topic of alcohol poisoning. Deaths from alcohol poisoning among college students ages 18-24 in the United States average one every 44 hours.

Alcohol poisoning is a silent epidemic and binge drinking – defined as episodic drinking – is a leading contributor. The National Survey on Drug Use and Health found that 44% of students attending four-year colleges drink alcohol at the binge level or greater. With hundreds of thousands of teenagers enrolling as college freshmen, who will be living away from home without direct parental supervision for the first time, it is a critical time for parents to connect with their teenagers by having an open and honest dialogue about the real dangers of alcohol poisoning. The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism warns that during the first six weeks of freshman year, students are more likely to engage in heavy drinking and suffer alcohol-related consequences because of their expectations of what the college experience should be and the

looming pressure to fit in. In addition to encouraging parents to talk with their children about the risks of excessive drinking and alcohol poisoning, Aware Awake Alive emphasizes the importance of educating teens on the signs of alcohol poisoning and what they need to do if they see a friend in need. When faced with this newfound freedom, students need to be armed with the knowledge to help themselves and their friends. "Parents need to realize that the more they talk with their children about their teens are to deal with issues they may face in college," said Lisa Dow, executive director of Aware Áwake Alive. "At the beginning of the semester, there are a number of activities for students where alcohol is present. If parents talk with their children about the risks of binge drinking and how to help someone who might be in danger, they're empowering them to help save a life," she adds.

Aware Awake Alive offers a plethora of resources on its website and urges parents to take advantage of these tools as they

# SHCS Montessori students take a break





Janie Hartman photos

Sacred Heart Catholic School students began school on Aug. 13. Shown above are Halli Barton. at left, and Barrett Walterscheid, at right. They were taking a play break Wednesday morning.

decision tree that helps them understand the signs and steps to take.

**About Aware Awake Alive** After the death of their son family formed the nonprofit that became Aware Awake Alive. The Austin-based, nationally-

loss of life to alcohol poisoning by educating teens, young adults, and parents on its symptoms, and works to generate

Carson in 2008, the Starkey focused organization prevents awareness and open dialogue around amnesty-based policy. Learn more and get involved at www.awareawakealive.org

## Lunch Menus

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Mon. - King ranch chicken, salisbury steak w/brown gravy (JH/HS), turkey or ham chef salad, scalloped potatoes, corn (JH/HS), broccoli Normandy, garden salad, peaches, fresh fruit. FL - Ham and cheese wrap, sun chips.

Tues. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, beef lasagna (JH/HS), mini corn dog basket w/curly fries, chef salad/chicken salad, peas, carrot sticks, garden salad, mandarin oranges, garlic Texas toast.

Wed. - Homestyle pizza, grilled chicken salad, mixed vegetable, yellow squash, pears, fresh fruit, garlic bread sticks.

Thurs. - Chicken enchilada casserole, chicken faiita taco salad (JH/HS), turkey and cheese wrap w/sun chips (JH/HS), chicken fajita salad, black beans, broccoli w/queso, lettuce and tomato salad, tropical mixed fruit, fresh fruit. FL - Burrito.

Fri. - Chicken nuggets, beef or chicken burger bar (JH/HS), popcorn chicken salad, sweet potato fries, baked beans, burger salad, applesauce, fresh fruit. FL -Crispy fish sandwich.



## SPORTS



The Sacred Heart defense kept Alvord in the doghouse during most of last week's scrimmage. The Tigers host the Pirates of Collinsville this Friday.



Janie Hartman photo

Muenster's offense got in some good practice runs against the Gunter Tigers last week. The Hornets travel to Valley View this Friday for the season opener.

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#### Texas Game Warrens field reports

Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement re-

#### **Tattletale**

A Smith County game warden was contacted by a local landowner on the Neches River about a driver in a truck with noisy pipes shooting a rifle and shining a light across his pasture. Shortly after the warden began to observe the area, the truck returned and after a brief chase, the subjects were stopped. After

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ted to shooting at some wild vehicle and found a bag of located the boat that was hogs. The warden called the marijuana in the rear door landowner and asked him to pocket. Charges pending for check his property for freshly killed wildlife. While the warden drove back to where the hogs were shot, the passenger confessed to all of the events that night including a buck he shot. When they arrived, the driver, who held tournament when they found the brand new spotlight, said they "may have shot a hog." Then, after seeing the buck next to the landowner's vehicle, the driver hung his head and said "Sir, can I tell you something...We shot that deer." The subjects were

of a landowner. Gus's nose knows

arrested on eight charges

ranging from littering to

A Brazos County game warden received a call from Bryan Police Department requesting that Gus the patrol service dog sniff a vehicle. When the game warden and Gus arrived at the location, they went straight to work searching the outside of the from a partner, who was fishvehicle. Gus indicated two ing on his day off, about some separate times on the driv- bow fishermen who said they

possession of marijuana.

Fish are friends, not bait

Two game wardens were patrolling the Navidad River checking for recreational fishing and water safety violations during a local catfish a trotline holding several blue catfish. They watched the trotline from a distance and later that afternoon, three fishermen returned to check their line and were greeted by the wardens. The fishermen were questioned and asked if they were using the catfish as bait, but the men denied baithunting without the consent ing their line with the game fish. The wardens explained that they had taken pictures of the catfish and the fishermen then admitted to baiting the trotline. The three men were issued citations for us-

ing game fish as bait. **Bragging brings trouble** 

A Zapata County game warden received information

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Filet O'charges

A Williamson County game warden received an Operation Game Thief call about a group of people cast-netting largemouth bass in the San Gabriel River. The warden found a woman filleting a largemouth bass and three men using casting nets.

Sometimes you shouldn't

let the good times roll A Montgomery County game warden responded to a call from the county sheriff's office about a vehicle seen swerving into oncoming traffic and off the edge of the road. The warden found the vehicle at a red light before it entered the highway staying on the shoulder of the road. When the car began to swerve, the warden stopped the vehicle and found it occupied by a man, his wife, and three children. The driver staggered when he walked. used the car to maintain his around the fire. The smell of with a scale, zip lock bags, balance, and smelled strongly alcohol was apparent from individually wrapped bags of alcohol. While speaking to every member of the group. of marijuana, and two larger the warden, the driver leaned heavily on the car and made it ing, including three minors. na. The individual was placed roll forward a small distance. The adults said the minors The warden checked inside wanted to be just like them and saw that while the driver and bought them a 30-pack had turned the vehicle off, he of beer. Multiple cases for never placed it in park. The no fishing licenses, minor man was arrested for driving in possession/consumption

#### Casting your net upon the waters not always smart

Two Dallas County game wardens were informed of two men using a cast net and keeping white bass on Rowlett Creek. The wardens the men saw the warden, he located a van in the parking lot and waited in the brush for the men to leave with their catch. In the early hours of the morning, two men wearing head lamps and equipped with a bag, bucket, and 12-gauge shot gun approached the van and were intercepted by the wardens. The bag and buckets were filled with white bass, but the men had no fishing rods or reels. They admitted using a cast net to take all the bass without a fishing license. A total of 80 bass were confiscated that night, along with a six-foot cast net. Multiple

citations were issued. Poor role models A game warden patrolling Shelby County noticed five fishermen sitting around a as the warden approached fire with four fishing poles in the water. As he approached the group, he saw many beer cans on the bank and the warden found a backpack while intoxicated with child of alcohol, and contributing/ purchasing alcohol to minors

are pending.

Flying fish

A Williamson County game warden patrolling Lake Georgetown saw six fishermen side-by-side at the Overlook Park. Once one of threw his rod on the ground and a plastic bag onto some rocks. The warden spoke to the man and asked to see his fishing license, which he was unable to produce. Six feet away, a white bass caught the warden's eye and another white bass began to wiggle out of the plastic bag. A total of 11 white bass were confiscated.

Smoke signals

A game warden patrolling the Lakeside subdivision noticed a car parked at the end of a street. When he approached the vehicle, he saw the passenger smoking something. The driver sped off and turned onto another street without using his blinker. A traffic stop was made and the vehicle, a strong odor of marijuana could be smelled. During the vehicle search, bags of unprocessed marijuaunder arrest and taken to the Webb County jail.

#### "Owls" well that ends well

Two Starr County game wardens attending career day at a local high school got a chance to make one student wiser, at least when it comes to game laws. While speaking to a student, the wardens learned that he had an owl in captivity. After a few more questions, the wardens were able to locate where the owl was being kept. The owl was

#### recovered and released. **Blood-shot eyes**

were a clue Two game wardens were patrolling Lake Brownwood with a Brownwood Lake patrol officer when they stopped a pontoon boat for a routine water safety check. The operator had blood-shot eyes and slurred speech. One of the wardens took the driver ashore for further testing, including field sobriety tests, and arrested him for boating while intoxicated. The man consented to a blood draw and was transported to the



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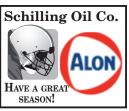
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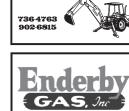






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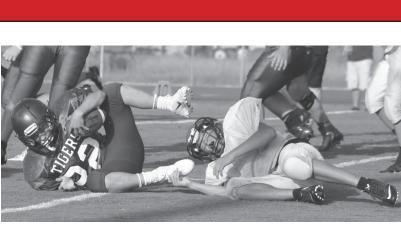
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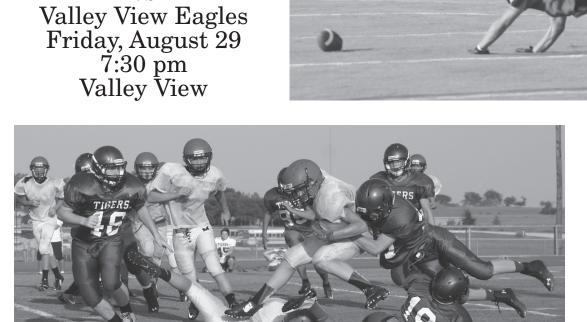








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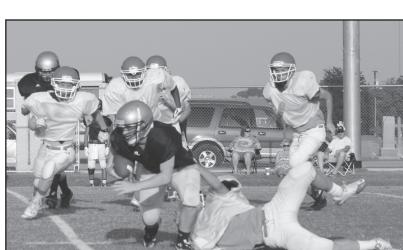


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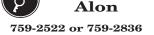
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September 8, 2014 at City Hall 400 N. Main, Muenster to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2014. The proposed tax rate is 0.364600 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the City Of Muenster compared to 2013 by 8.12% or \$34,015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Paty Spearman Boyle, Deceased, were issued on August 21, 2014, in Cause No. PR17146, pending

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prescribed by law. c/o: Chuck Bartush Jr., Attorney at Law 408 North Main Street, P.O. Box 68

Muenster, Texas 76252 DATED the 21st day of August, 2014.

/s/Chuck Bartush Jr.

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The ORIGINAL PETITION FOR DIVORCE AND IN SUIT AFFECTING PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP of B. SHANE GREEN, Petitioner, was filed in the 235th JUDICIAL DISTRICT of COOKE County, Texas, on August 25, 2014, against L. ELIZABETH GREEN and UNKNOWN FATHER, Respondents, in a cause numbered CV14-00429 and entitled "IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF: B. SHANE GREEN AND L. ELIZABETH GREEN AND IN THE INTEREST OF B.J.G. AND C.A.C., CHILDREN'

The suit requests that the Court grant a divorce and appoint the Petitioner a Non-Parent Co-Managing Conservator of the child in this suit. The date and place of birth of the child who is subject of this suit:

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Birth Date: August 22, 2006

"The Court has authority in this suit to enter any Judgment or Decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption."
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Court at Gainesville, Texas, the 26th day of August, 2014. SUSAN HUGHES, DISTRICT CLERK COOKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE 101 SOUTH DIXON

STREET, ROOM 207 GAINESVILLE, TEXAS 76240 BY: /s/ Melissa Gann Deputy Clerk

## FARM & RANCH

## Ranchers weigh options on replacement heifers amid historic high prices

When it comes to replacement heifers in beef cattle operations, producers are faced with a dilemma: Raise them, buy them, or sell them and "take the money and run," said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service econo-

It's becoming an all too familiar situation among Texas ranchers, said Stan Bevers, an AgriLife Extension economist at Vernon who recently presented a study at the Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course.

"We looked at what the market is right now for replacement heifers," he said. "We were targeting heavy bred heifers, and they were anywhere from \$1,650 to \$2,300 a head. The second number was what it was costing the rancher to raise them themselves.

"One operation we tracked were heifers weaned in 2010 and 2011, what those heifers were and what their accumulated expenses were over the two years to the point where they were heavy bred. Their expenses totaled \$1,100 to \$1,400 a head. That ranch was pretty efficient and did a good job of reducing their expenses."

Bevers said since this ranch was located in Oklahoma, one would need to add \$300-\$400 a head to that for Texas ranchers and regional market prices to develop replacement

"That comes out to \$1,400 to \$1,800 to develop replacement heifers in Texas," Bev-

He said if you look at the current market price, it shows it's cheaper to "raise them yourself if you are a pretty efficient, cost-reducing

type operator. "The final number we looked at is if I have to pay much over market cost for them or if I choose to raise a heifer on my own, what is she going to return me over her life?" he said. "We started with a two-year-old heifer that's going to be having her first calf and added eight years to that. That means the future, so now she is 10 years old, and we came up Transportation Funding Act

with what I can pay for her. which was \$2,301 a head."

Bevers said that leaves three numbers to consider.

"We know the market is \$1,650 to \$2,300, and it takes \$1.400 to \$1.500 to raise her. in my herd economically.

What do you do with those numbers? Well, if nothing else, it illustrates how complex this decision is right now," he said. "It's not right or wrong. It's based on what type of operation you have and your costs. You finally have to decide to pull the trigger and say this is what we her into beef later down the are going to have to do.'

Bevers threw in a fourth number - what feedlots are paying for commercial heifers destined for the beef market. Right now, it's about \$1.93 to \$2.03 a pound, he said.

"You are talking about a and now she is worth \$2,300 heifer in the 750-pound range that's worth \$1,500 on the market and that's for beef," he said. "So, if you don't keep her as a replacement heifer, you now have a floor price of about \$1,500 a head. If you don't want to take her and put her back in your operation, the feedlot is going to take her for \$1,500 and turn



Janie Hartman photo

The Good Old Days? Relive life on the farm this weekend at the annual Cooke County Antique Tractor and Farm Equipment Show. This photo was taken at the 1986 Show. See story on page 1.

### **Congress approves Highway Trust** Fund through May 2015

by Congress on the United States Highway Trust Fund, which was set to expire on Sept. 30, road projects across and Highways (PATH) Act ate approved the House bill the country would halt due to of 2014, which would have and has sent it to President financial shortage. Through funded the Highway Trust Barack Obama for his sigmuch deliberation, the House Fund through May but had and Senate have agreed on slightly different revenue funding the Highway Trust raisers than the House bill, Federation supports the

Fund through May 2015. The Senate adopted two we've gone out 10 years into amendments to the House's Senate amendments and re-portation infrastructure, \$10.8 billion Highway and turned its own Highway and including rural highways and

Without an agreement (HR 5021). Of the Senate's two Transportation Funding Act adopted amendments was the to the Senate for approval. Senate Finance Committee's Preserving America's Transit FB News reported.

Running out of time before the August recess, the Sen-

American Farm Bureau maintenance and improve-The House removed all the ment of the nation's transfarm-to-market roads.

### Agronomist gives 'heads-up' over armyworm concerns in headed-out sorghum

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts warn grain sorghum producers they should now be ever more vigilant in scouting for armyworms in the coming weeks as the crop heads out.

"The second-generation trap counts showed they were very high," said Dr. Calvin Trostle, AgriLife Extension agronomist, Lubbock. "Compared to 2011, which was considered a bad year, they were even higher in July."

Trostle noted that Dr. Pat Porter, AgriLife Extension entomologist at Lubbock, has continued to report large numbers of both armyworm moths and larvae throughout the region. But the situation requires even more vigilance in late August as sorghum heads mature.

whorl is mostly a cosmetic boot stage, then flowering. thing as long as they don't go down into the head," he said. "Now we have a lot of headed there and feed on the head, sorghum in the South Plains and that's where the real

and West Texas." not develop until the latter five days."

"Once sorghum heads out, the worms are going to go economic damage occurs," he The whorl refers to a set said. "Normally, we recomof leaves growing from the mend scouting once a week, stem of the plant in a circular but with the counts so high, pattern, Trostle explained. In I'd suggest farmers scout sorghum, the seed head does more often, perhaps every



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