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May election candidates named

Janet Felderhoff News Editor

Muenster ISD is the only local entity that will be holding an election this May. There are no contested positions on either the Muenster City Council or Muenster Hospital Board.

Muenster ISD has a contest for Place 5 between incumbent Richard Dangelmayr and Craig Stoffels. Place 6 incumbent Kimberly Hess Walterscheid did not draw an opponent. Place 7 saw Jeff Flusche file as a candidate. Steve Trubenbach did not seek another term for Place 7. He currently serves as president of the MISD Board of Trustees.

Muenster Hospital Board did have four candidates seeking election to three open positions. There would have been an election but on Monday, incumbent Bob Ambrose withdrew from the election.

The other three candidates are Aaron Hess and incumbents Mary Del Olmo and Ronnie Weinzapfel. They will begin their new three-year terms in May.

Muenster City Council will see some changes in May. Muenster Mayor Joey Anderson did not file for another term of office. Alderman Tim Felderhoff stepped up to run for that position. Clifford Sicking filed for the Place 3 position being vacated by Felderhoff. Jack Flusche filed for another term for Place 4. There were no other candidates filing for these position so the City will be able to cancel its election for May.

City okays Day Care and RWP requests **Janet Felderhoff**

News Editor

Muenster City Council considered requests by two businesses at its regular meeting held Monday, March 2.

Dee Dee Dangelmayr, owner and operator of Dynamite Day Care, has a growing business. So much so that Dangelmayr and her husband Glen have plans to add on to her linski read the purposes of building. To do this, she hopes to use a temporary portable building on the Day Care site until the new construction is completed. The building would be similar to the portable ones used by schools.

Glenn said that they plan to place the 24'x32' portable building on the southwest corner of the place along the property line to allow room for the new construction. After seeing a map of the plans, neither the Council or the Fire Department had any objections to the temporary place-

Dynamite Day Care's request for use of a temporary building was approved.

Josh Walterscheid, a representative of Rednecks With local services; Paychecks Offroad, LLC, requested permission for that company to use the City Park for a fundraiser on June 27. pete with other localities The event would be held by RWP Outreach, a branch of

Another Muenster ISD building comes down



Linda Flusche photo

Demolition of the "old" Muenster ISD Elementary building began last week before the weather shut down the project. A large increase in enrollment resulted in the campus addition being built in 1966. Three classrooms were added in 1976. The present MISD Elementary was moved into in 2014. Junior High classes were held in the "old" building while the newest addition was recently being built.

County adopts Abatement Guidelines

Janet Felderhoff News Editor

Cooke County Tax Abatement Guidelines and Procedures were discussed and unanimously approved at the Tuesday, Feb. 24 meeting of Cooke County Commissioners Court. The meeting took place on Tuesday afternoon since an ice storm shut down the Courthouse and County offices until 11 a.m. Tuesday.

County Attorney Ed Ziethe proposed County Abatement. They were, "The creation and retention of job opportunities that bring new wealth is one of the highest civic priorities;

"New jobs and investments will benefit the area economy, provide needed opportunities, strengthen the real estate market, and generate tax revenue to support

Cooke County must comacross the nation currently offering tax inducements to attract new and modernization projects;

from outside a community instead of merely recirculation dollars within a community, has been shown to be an effective method of en- teria shall not be constructhancing and diversifying an area's economy;

"Texas law requires any eligible taxing jurisdiction to establish guidelines and criteria as to eligibility for tax abatement agreements prior to the granting of any future tax abatement, which guidelines and criteria are to remain unchanged for a two- teria are approved for circu- have a criterion that it brings year period unless amended lation to all affected taxing

governing body, as provided by said state law:

"These guidelines and cried as implying or suggesting that the County of Cooke, or any other taxing jurisdiction, is under any obligation to provide tax abatement or other incentives to any applicant, and all applicants shall be considered on a case-by-case basis;

by a 3/4 majority vote of the jurisdiction for consideration as a common policy for all jurisdictions that choose to participate in tax abatement agreements."

This was followed by a list of guidelines and criteria.

Commissioner Gary Hollowell said he felt part of the wording was confusing.

In explaining the guidelines Zielinski said, 'One, it has to be an application by an entity that either is new "These guidelines and cri- or existing. Second, it has to

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Rednecks With Paychecks Offroad LLC.

The company wishes to reserve the Park for the entire day including all facilities. The plans for the day include a poker run through the surrounding area, classic car show, live music, other entertainment in the Park, silent and live auctions, and more. Proceeds will be donated to Children's Hospital of Dallas.

Endres said that the City Park Board agreed to the fundraiser under the same terms as Germanfest Inc. gets use of it. This includes a \$500 deposit, a \$500 rental fee, and 11% of the gate profits.

Walterscheid asked if the City would agree to less money since the profits go to a charitable cause and RWP would already be operating at a loss.

Any money that the City receives from the event would be put back into the City Park.

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"Any tax incentives offered in Cooke County would reduce needed tax revenue unless these tax incentives are strictly limited in application to those new and existing industries that bring new wealth to the community;

"The abatement of property taxes, when offered to attract primary jobs in industries that bring in money

Photo courtesy of Susan Cook

Curtis Haverkamp, Muenster FFA, and two of his meat goats were awarded Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion at last week's Cooke County Youth Fair. Weather moved the animal-less premium sale into the Valley View ISD gymnasium Saturday afternoon. Buying the Grand Goat were Friends of Muenster, Flusche Enterprises, and Lone Star Ag Credit. Pictured at the sale are, from left - Richard Dangelmayr, Penni Dangelmayr, Haverkamp, Craig Hartman, and Jack Flusche. Watch for Youth Fair results in next week's paper.

Last Friday's snowfall carpets North Texas area



Winter seemed to wake up on Feb. 27 and realize that spring was just around the corner and this area had been spared from layers of ice and snow. Snow blanketed the ground starting Friday mornings and continued into the evening. Most got four to six inches of the wet, white stuff. Schools and businesses closed as road conditions quickly became hazardous. The more adventurous took to the outdoors for some fun time in the snow. Birds and outdoor creatures were forced to seek food in the snow drifts. With spring just weeks away, more icy weather was forecast for midweek. Photos by Janie Hartman, Janet Felderhoff, and Samantha Muller

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Amy Culp is an assistant athletic director at the University of Texas at Austin and a sports dietician for the University's athletes. She talks with student athletes in the Longhorn Dining Hall, about choosing the right food/fuel for their bodies. The dining hall recently started offering more healthy choices. Culp points out some of the offerings to football linebacker Peter Jinkens (cq).

Eating with Jody Conradt at Longhorn Dining Hall

By Addie Broyles American-Statesman Staff

University of Texas women's basketball games, Jody Connewspaper clipping.

A friend had just handed her an old photograph of six Longhorn football play-Thanksgiving game against the Aggies. The headline: "It's tea, toast and honey for the Longhorns."

"Tea, toast and honey. Can you imagine what coach player." Strong would say about that?" the Hall of Fame basketball coach says. It's a rhetorical question for Amy dietitian and has overhauled the nutrition program as much as new coach Charlie Strong has with football.

their nutritional needs, Culp and a wood-fired oven. says. For instance, for posthad to be a bagel.'

before the school year began. One of the biggest changes is Courtside at one of the that the athletic department can now offer dinner to every single student athlete, about radt is holding an undated 500 in total, instead of only some of them during certain

hours. "It was nice as a dietitian because we can make deciers eating a meal before a sions based on what the athletes need," she says. "We can better regulate the food for, say, a recovery meal for a swimmer, which would be different than for a baseball

The other big change coming to how Longhorn athletes eat is a new dining hall - or training table, as they Culp, who in 2012 became call it — under construction UT's first full-time registered inside the north end of Royal-Memorial Stadium that will seat 100 more than the current hall, which is across the street. The new Texas Until last summer, NCAA Athletic Nutrition Center, to rules prevented the uni- be completed later this year, versity from serving more will feature a grab-and-go than one meal to its student station with sandwiches, athletes, which left them wraps and juice, smoothie unable to adequately meet stations, an open-air kitchen

The existing facility burst workout recovery, Culp could with excitement one Thursserve only fruit, nuts and day evening in January, bagels. Literally. "I couldn't when dozens of athletes serve them toast or an Eng- gathered around blue tables lish muffin," Culp says. "It to eat dinner. As it turns out, anyone, even nonstudents, All that changed when the can eat in the Longhorn Din-

NCAA rules loosened just ing Hall, 201 E. 21st St., for \$10.

It's hard to distinguish the students by the sports they play. One is watching "MasterChef" on his laptop while he eats.

The posters of notable student athletes that once hung on the wall have been replaced with photos of fruits and vegetables and nutrition education boards to reenforce the lessons Culp and her staff start instructing as soon as an athlete joins a team.

In 2006, Culp was hired as a consultant for women's basketball. In the past few years has she been able to implement her vision for making the nutrition program about optimum fueling

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COUNTY

nity. And third, it is presupposed that it would reduce needed tax revenue when you give an abatement.'

County Judge Jason Brinkley stated, "I know it is not necessarily the easiest to comprehend, but I think the meaning is fairly clear, at least after the fifth or sixth read. Making sure that you bring in new wealth, I think, it the main key focus there."

Zielinski added, "The purpose of the law behind abatement policies to readily identify for equal application to all applicants what the criteria is in order to obtain an abatement. So you don't have an ad hock event where somebody comes in and says I want an abatement and we say okay and the next guy comes along and says I want an abatement and we say no.'

Judge Brinkley noted that the Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code require that the Court adopt criteria and guidelines in order to consider any abatement. "These are simply rues that the game is played by. Passing these does not guarantee or not guarantee any future abatement. It just sets forth the parameters by which the Court will consider abatements and those abatements are to be considered on a case by case basis.""

Commissioner Al Smith remarked, "One of the things I like about us doing this is it clearly says that our abatements are not about just job opportunities. They are about investment in new technology, new wealth gathering things. We are not looking for investment to just drive the job market because, for us, investments that bring great wealth to the County that don't drive the job market is the fastest way for us to reduce our overall tax burden on individual citizens who live here."

County Attorney Zielinski said he obtained the information used for the Abatement guidelines by talking with the counsel in Austin, Jim Allison, who gave him lead-ins to some of the counties that have applied similar tax abatement policies. He noted that those policies were designed specifically for the purpose of creation of new wealth and a tax base from that new wealth.

Zielinski and Judge Brin-

new wealth to the commu- kley said they worked on it work allowed him to purtogether and tweaked it to chase more equipment. fit Cooke County.

to include that an abatement nie Felderhoff, appealed to could not be approved without receiving a majority vote ing public comment. Both from the eligible members are owners of property present at the Commissioners Court meeting.

The Court approved EMS Director Kevin Grant to submit to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission for additional Federal Medicaid dollars for the amount up to \$1,116,019 for FY 2014.

Nathan Vajdos of OwnEnergy again addressed the Court regarding the proposed Muenster Wind Farm. LLC.

Vajdos asked the Court if they believed him. Commissioner B.C. Lemons replied, "Part of the time."

He then asked Judge Brinkley the same question, but was interrupted by Commissioner Smith before a response was given. He asked that the approach be in the amount of \$105 from changed and they discuss the abatement.

Smith proposed that Judge Brinkley and Commissioner Hollowell go into negotiations with OwnEnergy. They should then bring back to the Court a recommendation of what the position should be and what they can or cannot do. The two agreed to Smith's request.

Vajdos had Doug Fleitman, owner of Fleitman Backhoe, answer his questions on how the Wolf Ridge Wind a 2010 Chevy C3500 chas-Farm impacted his business. His company did dirt work, buried cattle guards, and did clean up work for over a year. Fleitman answered questions that said he had and across or under the a good year, had hired more County Right-of-Way of CR employees and the extra 328 in Precinct #3.

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Two Muenster residents, The wording was changed Wayne Klement and Ron-Commissioners Court durleased to OwnEnergy, a company proposing to build a wind farm north of Muenster. They supported the wind company's abatement request.

> In other business, the Court:

 Approved the transfer of \$15,000 from EMS salaries budget item to Extra Help/Overtime to cover additional extra help.

Consent Agenda items approved included:

• File for record Russ Harper, Constable Precinct 4's 2014 Racial Profiling Report.

• Accepting a \$0.50 donation from Commissioner Alan Smith for the purchase of a sign.

 Accepting a donation Ken Arterbury for the purchase of a sign.

• Applying for the unclaimed capital credits from the Texas Comptroller's Office.

 Financial lease agreement between Cooke County and John Deere Financial beginning Feb. 9 through Feb. 9, 2018 for a John Deere Motor Grader for Cooke County Road and Bridge, Precinct #4.

• Surplus by trade-in of sis to Mac Haik Chevy via Fraser Bilt for \$1,750.

• EOG Resources, Inc. to construct temporary water transfer lines along, over,





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Sunday, March 8, 2015	Monday, March 9, 2015	Tuesday, March 10, 2015	Wednesday, March 11, 2015	Thursday, March 12, 2015	Friday, March 13, 2015	Saturday, March 14, 2015
	Muenster 4-H mtg. 3:30 pm MMH Aux mtg. 5:30 pm VFW mtg. 7:30 pm	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm MISD PK-6 picture day PTO Mtg. 5:30	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Rel. Ed. class 6:45 pm MISD Board mtg. 6:30 pm Catholic Schoo	Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10-6:30 Spring Break	Museum open 1-4 pm AARP lunch mtg. 11:30 MHS Cheerleading Try-Outs	Library open 10 - 2:30
Sunday, March 15, 2015	Monday, March 16, 2015	Tuesday, March 17, 2015	Wednesday, March 18, 2015	Thursday, March 19, 2015	Friday, March 20, 2015	Saturday, March 21, 2015
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm	KMB Meeting VFW Aux, mtg. 7 pm	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm MMH Board mtg. 7 pm St. Patrifick's Day	Library open 10-6:30 Mass - Feast of St. Joseph 7 pm NO Rel. Ed classes SH Alumni & Supp mtg. 7:30 pm Muenster ISD Spri	Museum open 1 - 4 pm Library open 10- 6:30 ng Break	Museum open 1 - 4 pm First Day of Spring	Library open 10-2:30

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Obituaries

Meinard Yosten 1935-2015

3 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Fr. Ken Robinson officiating. A Rosary/ Vigil took place on Monday, March 2 at Scott Funeral Home in Muenster. A private family burial will follow at a later date.

Mr. Yosten died at his home in Muenster on Feb. 28, 2015.

Born Nov. 3, 1935 in Muenster, Meinard was one of the seven children born to Nick and Rosa Hesse Yosten. He was a lifelong resident of Muenster and a graduate of Sacred Heart School.

Meinard was inducted into the U.S. Marine Corp on May 31, 1954 in San Diego, Camp Pendleton, California. He served 24 months at the U.S. Naval Air Station in Alsugi, Japan and was honorably discharged on April 14, 1958

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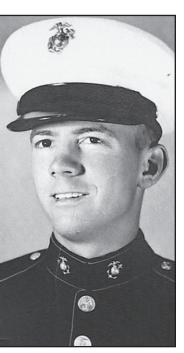
Memorial Mass for Mei- Cler of Muenster; his brother nard Alcuin Yosten, age 79 Nick and wife Marian Yosten of Muenster, was held at of Hereford; his sisters-in-10 a.m. on Tuesday, March law Francis Yosten of Muenster and Magdelan Yosten of Muenster.

During the funeral Mass, Reading were done by Gene Yosten, Sr.. The altar were Steve Yosten and Marcia Dennison. Eucharistic ministers were Josiah Yosten, Gene Yosten, Jr., and Carolvn Baver.

Assisting as altar servers were Willie Fisher, Alvin Hartman, and Leon Knauf.

Music ministers were Doug Yosten, Diane Grewing, and Jim Endres. Songs included "Hosea," "The Lord Is Kind And Merciful," "As the Deer Longs," "Only In God," "O Lord, I Am Not Muenster ISD for 27 years. Worthy," "How Great Thou Art.'

Gene Yosten gave the remarks of remembrance. He home. detailed Meinard's life including his military service. He told of Meinard's work-Meinard is survived by ing for Yosten Sand & Gravhis sisters Polly Spires of el as a truck driver. He also



Meinard Yosten

Gene told of Meinard's love

of cats. He enjoyed the many that he had living under his

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers Tony, Werner, and Herbie Yosten.

Honorary pallbearers were and Armella worked as a custodian at his nieces and nephews.



Margaret Cox

Of winter's lifeless world each tree

Now seems a perfect

mer's secret Deep down within its heart.

TYLA launches **End Bullying** Now campaign

Bullying has been a persistent problem in our society. While many believe that bullying stops after graduation, in reality it occurs at all ages—from the classroom, to cyberspace, and the workplace.

According to a survey on the Department of Health and Human Services website, 62% of respondents claim they witnessed bullying two or more times in the last month, and 41% claim

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February 2015

Activity: Calls for Service (CFS) - 79; Incident/Offense reports generated - 4 ; Arrests - 1; Accidents investigated 0; Citations issued for the month - 41.

Officers worked 696 hours on duty.

Patrol vehicles logged 3,612 miles for the month .

90 day stats: November - CFS 49, Incidents 4, Arrests 1, Citations 47;

December - CFS 88, Incidents 4, Arrests 4, Citations 58

January - CFS 69, Incidents 6, Arrests 2, Citations 40.

Vehicle stats - 2014 Ford F150 - 7,700, #2 2011 Crown Vic - 51,604, and #3 2010 Crown Vic 54,293.

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trative Offices.

The resolution read in part, "The City Council agrees to work with the Muenster fire station, police station, and city hall. No decisions will be made regarding the out to make a big haul from location, the financial plans, or the designing of the building without there being a complete agreement between the City Council and The City of Muenster and the MVFD. The City Council the Muenster Volunteer agrees to not make any decisions regarding this project without consulting the

> MVFD." With all of the new construction at Muenster ISD finally completed, the City has initiated the process of paving Ninth Street. The City is working with County Precinct #4 to get the job done.

County has already begun to haul gravel, graded, and packed the street. The County will pave the road using two coats of oil and chip. Materials cost will be paid by the City and neighboring property owners. Cost estimate by the county for the materials is \$32,184.The job would be done in August before school starts.

According to Endres, there will be no need for curbing since most of the area is open land with no homes. He said property owners and most appear ready to go along with the paving.

"If all property owners agree to pay their part be- For this year over 89% of the fore the paving is completed, taxes have been paid.

ment, and the City Adminis- been many changes and additions since that time. During the budget workshops held by the City Council in August, it was agreed to VFD in all matters pertain- have John Bezner of Civil ing to the construction of a Point Engineers complete a new set of maps of the City's water and sewer lines.

Leo Lutkenhaus noted that there is a set of maps kept in each of the City's service trucks. The new maps will be very detailed as to where all valves, etc, are located. They will also have the names of homeowners listed.

The Council approved payment of the bill which is \$5.809.10.

MVFD Chief Bert Walterscheid gave the Departments activity report for February. He said they had a fairly slow month. They logged 171 man hours fighting fires and 55 man hours assisting Endres stated that the at vehicles accidents. That did not include any training hours.

Administrator Endres introduced the newly hired City Secretary Katrinka Bartush. It was her first day on the job.

Stefen Windham of Muenster Brewing Company told Endres that the brewery is still a go. He has been busy building a home north of Lindsay and is behind schedule.

Attorney Jim Robertson notified the City that almost 100% of the property taxes that were due the City in 2014 have been collected. Still outstanding is \$1,7788.58, less that 1%.

Margaret Cox 1920 - 2015

al for Rosalie Margaret Schmitz Cox, age 94 of Dallas, was held at 10 a.m. on in Muenster with Fr. Ken Robinson officiating. Burial followed in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Muenster.

A Rosary/Vigil was held at 6 p.m, Tuesday, March 3 at Scott Funeral Home in Muenster.

Ms. Cox died Sunday, March 1, 2015 in Gainesville.

Giving readings during the funeral Mass were her nieces. Tina Womack gave the First Reading, Jan Cain gave the Second Reading, and Joni Sturm read the Prayers of the Faithful.

Frances Bayer served as Eucharistic ministers

Born to John and Mary Bezner Schmitz on March

Mass of Christian Buri- 11, 1920, Rosalie was one eight children.

Rosalie worked in retail sales all of her life. She en-Wednesday, March 4 at Sa- joyed her nieces and nephcred Heart Catholic Church ews and cherished the time she spent visiting her family.

Rosalie is survived by: sister Marcy and husband Ray Wilde of Muenster; brother Lee Roy Schmitz of Valley View; sister-in-law Jennie Schmitz of Dallas; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Leonard Schmitz, Freddy and wife Oleta Schmitz,

Johnny Schmitz; sisters: Gertie and husband Al Horn, and Sally and husband, Butch Thimer. Pallbearers were Mike

MaQuita Gossett and Schmitz, Bob Schmitz, part; Gregg Wilde, Dan Wilde, Yet each one holds sum-Joe Schmitz, and Kevin Schmitz.

REQUESTS

Alderman Jewel Otto stat- Department, Police Depart- updated in 2007. There have ed that she felt the company should be charged on the same terms as Germanfest.

Mayor Joey Anderson suggested that they go with that agreement and if needed RWP could come back after the event and ask for a change in the monetary part. He said that the City is not the fundraiser. The Council approved the agreement as presented by the Park Board.

Fire Department have been working to purchase land on Main Street to build a new City complex that would include a new fire department, police department, and city hall.

City Administrator Stan Endres informed the Council that City Attorney Chuck Bartush said the paperwork is ready, landowner Rufus Henscheid had signed the papers for the land sale, and it was just waiting on the Council's signature and payment and the land would belong to the City and Muenster VFD.

Endres recommended a resolution that would assure the Fire Department that the Council would not try to go over there heads and do something that they did not agree with.

The Council unanimously passed a resolution authorizing the City Council to be in he's spoken with some of the agreement with the Muenster VFD in all matters regarding the construction of ~Charles G. Stater new facilities for the Fire



LIFESTYLE

CULP Alamo story: Fall of Alamo, March 6

Texas frontier shuddered with warning cries in the wake of Santa Anna's vengeful march across the newly formed Republic of Texas.

The Alamo has fallen! It's all over there! Santa Anna granted no quarter! Every one of our brave fighters is gone - 200 of 'em. Those sharp-shooters took out hundreds, but our boys are gone, every one! The butcher only spared the women and children to carry the news! Flee! Find safety! Danger! Turmoil and terror filled Texas hearts. Different emotions quickly rose in many of those same hearts, feelings like courage, resolution, and determination to stand firm on their "rights."

Texians began settling lawfully in Texas under an agreement finalized between Stephen F. Austin and the newly established, independent Mexican Government in 1822. Twenty-five other Impresarios were likewise

Friday, March 6, 1836, the given land-grants before Historical 1835. By 1830, Texians outnumbered Tejanos about five to one. As drums of warfare rumbled, most colonials seemed agreeably disposed, judging from the number of Tejano names which appear in the battle rosters of the Texas Revolution.

Texian and Tejano alike faced the anger of Santa Anna, self-styled "Napoleon of the West." His Tejas subjects quickly identified him as a merciless tyrant. As February 1836 waned, Mexican Dictator Santa Anna himself was launched on a mission to punish his rebellious new subjects. He placed his siege on the Alamo on Feb. 23, 1836. The boys, Texian and Tejano alike, under the leadership of David Crockett and Colonel William Travis kept this "Napoleon" entertained until March 6, 1836. Hence history records their "Thirteen Days of Glory at the Siege of Alamo."

Your Montague County



65 YEARS AGO March 3, 1950

Muenster has 603 certified voters for elections this year. William Sicking, 70, dies suddenly at work Feb. 25. New Arrival: Rosina to the Paul Hellingers. Boys at Muenster High School have just about completed a cabin for use on outings near the Red River; spending the night there were Neil Fisher, Mitchel Wolf, Murlin Evans, Johnny Fisher, Roger Wolf, Henry Weinzapfel, James Knabe, and Theodore Owens. Fisher's Market advertises Raisin Bran 16¢ and can of pink salmon 42¢. Jimmy's Service Station advertises 6.00x16 size tire for \$14.80. 50 YEARS AGO

March 5, 1965

Fear of measles ups demand for immunizations. Measles is fatal to Pamela Neu, age 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Neu of Lindsay. TP&L assigns Ernest "Bobo" Jaska to Muenster office. Marie Endres to attend National 4-H Adult Forum in Washington D.C. New Arrivals: Kathleen to the Jim Schindlers; Arnold to Marine Cpl. and Mrs. Richard Hess; Jeffrey to the Wayne Keys; a son to the Roger Wolfs. Weddings: Jo Ann Weber and Robert Schnitker; Joyce Lewter and Bill Hogan. Named to all-district basketball from Lindsay are: Ronnie Zimmerer, 1st team; Ronnie Fuhrmann, 2nd string; Patsy Zimmerer

and Bernadette Bezner, both 2nd team.

25 YEARS AGO March 2, 1990

Tigerettes 3-peat: earn third consecutive TAPPS State Championship in basketball. GTE Valenite's products win Caterpillar certification award. Computers for schools topic of Chamber of Commerce luncheon. Pat Rohmer feted for 35 years of service at the Agricultural Stabilization Service. Obituary: Walter "Nig" Wilson, 76. Lindsay Mayor Don Metzler announces he doesn't intend to seek a third term. Jan Cain is awarded new Mary Kay Cadillac. New Arrivals; Lydia to Matthew and Janet Bezner; Aliesha to Lamar and Cathy Blakely; Shane to email gcwcreservations@ya-Chris and Mary Hennigan; hoo.com by Thursday, Mar. Kristina to Chuck and Doris 19. Koesler.

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Commission, partnering with the Forestburg Historical Society and others, invites you to join them in their San Jacinto Day Observation during the afternoon of April 18. Plans are in progress. Mark your calendars now. They will be revealing more soon!

If you have had family involved in early Texas history, please contact them soon at 940-995-2184. They would be privileged to include your story in their celebration.



Gainesville Christian Women's Connection

The Gainesville Christian Women's Connection (GCWC) March Brunch will be Thursday, Mar. 26 at 401 W. Garnett, Gainesville. The event time is 10-11:30 a.m. and the cost is \$9 per person. Brunch will be catered by Lone Oak Ranch and Retreat.

The keynote speaker will be Rosemary Poe. Rosemary, who holds a Master's degree in Counseling, is a former middle school teacher, a counselor for a battered women's shelter, an adoptive mother, and the caregiver for an elderly parent. Her theme is moving beyond old roles and becoming more alive and new in the current role. The special feature will be presented by Lynn Monden of Vine and Branches in Gainesville, who will present ideas for decorating our homes for Easter.

GCWC is a non-denominational organization affiliated with Stonecroft Ministries open to women of all ages. Whether you are new to the area or have lived here a long time; come join them.

For reservations, call Judy DeField at (940) 612-3130 or

students.

"I want them to have healthy habits for life," she says, not just to knock a few milliseconds off their sprints. Under her watch, these otherwise average college students learn life food skills, including cooking and grocery shopping. Culp, who gives a near daily glimpse into the nutrition program through Instagram as longhornfuel, will even go with the students to their preferred supermarkets for hands-on lessons.

In addition to the dining hall, the other student athlete facilities, including gyms and study areas, have refueling stations, where student athletes can pick up hummus, eggs, wraps, sandwiches, smoothies and cereal.

"Are they still a cereal generation?" Conradt asked during a tour of one of the gyms last month, recalling how much her many student athletes loved the breakfast staple at any hour of the day. "Oh yes," Culp says. "They would want more colorful cereal, but yes, they still eat a lot of it."

More than a dozen undergraduate students with the School of Human Ecology participate in an internship program so they, too, can get hands-on experience with managing and executing a nutrition program.

The student athletes also have the opportunity to learn from the various aspects of the athletic program, from physical therapy to marketing. "You can't think of a major that isn't represented in athletics," Conradt says.

Conradt, who tells wonderful stories about growing up in Goldthwaite in a time when the girls' sports teams were led by boys' coaches who had drawn the short straw, says that the cultural shift toward knowing more about nutrition and ingredients started a little earlier with athletes because they are committed to giving their best performances for every game.

Before we all started to pay more attention to the omega-3s in our salmon and fiber in our quinoa, "everything was fried or everything was car-

as well as a learning lab for bohydrates," she says. "Men rare turf and surf night, in were piling in as much food and fat because that's how they thought you excelled."

> Women athletes weren't allowed to eat with the men in the same dining hall until long after Title IX paved the way for equality in athletic programs in schools, Conradt says. During the early days, her players had to prepare their own food, and when they were allowed in the dining hall, they couldn't wear earrings or sleeveless shirts. A "cafeteria czar" enforced the rules.

After the era when fans could donate a cow to provide beef for the training table, a series of nutrition consultants in the 1980s and 1990s helped kickstart the change from feeding both the male and female athletes to fueling them.

"Once (the athletes) become committed to being the best they can be, the nutrition becomes more important to them," Conradt says. "They realize that these foods give me energy, these foods help my body heal. That's what we're trying to teach them."

(Conradt loves food, especially from grab-and-go places like Lee's Meat Market on 38th ¹/₂ Street. "There is no cooking that happens in my kitchen," Conradt says.)

It's not enough to simply serve food that meets their basic nutritional needs, however, Culp says.

"I have a mantra: Fun food out. I want to teach them here, I want them to have how to navigate our obese culture," including how to indulge responsibly, she says. "Everything in here is intentional, from the placement of the milk to the dessert area."

On the night we visited, the students were having a

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part to celebrate the arrival of chef Jason Parker, formerly of Omni Barton Creek Resort & Spa.

Parker, an employee of Sodexo, the athletic department's food service provider, has to create menus based on Culp's guidelines for protein, whole grains, vegetables and starches. He has creative control over the recipes, which means the roasted cauliflower and coconut creamed spinach he served at dinner that night nearly outshined the main dish, but he also has to make sure he stays within the budget.

That means that after a special menu with prime rib and crab legs, a treat that even Culp wasn't expecting, he'll have a less costly breakfast night that will be just as popular, if not more, with the student athletes.

Teaching these young men and women how to make balanced food choices no matter the menu is Culp's highest priority because she knows she can't hold their hands through the buffet line of life.

Parker, though new at the job, says he can already see how his vision for good food meshes with Culp's. "Good food is good food," he says, and you don't need an excess of fat. salt and sugar to make it taste good. "All I do is take what I know and apply it to the students. I don't treat them like third-graders.

"When they leave school those moments and flavors that linger on for years afterward. It's a great opportunity to show them that you can make delicious food that is healthful, too."

> Note - Amy Culp is the daughter of Mike and Joni Sturm of Muenster.

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Students and teachers for the month of January were announced at Muenster ISD. They are pictured with their principals, from left, front - 3rd Grader Braeden Hacker and 5th Grader Cade Huchton; back - Elementary Principal Lou Heers, 2nd Grade Teacher Kim Budish, Freshman Paige Saucer, High School World Geography/US History Teacher Jeff Smiley, and JH/HS Principal John York.



Where Texas became Texas

Brazos River - that's where the early seeds of the Lone Star now independent Republic of Texas. State were planted.

If you're from Texas, you're probably familiar with names like Davey Crockett, Sam Houston, and Steven F. Austin. It would be hard to grow up here without repeatedly hearing the story of how our ancestors beat oppression, won the Texas Revolution, and declared independence as the Republic of Texas.

Certainly, you 'Remember the Alamo.'

For two weeks, Mexican soldiers had been launching attacks at Texas' southern border in attempts to squander our budding independence. They quickly drained our resources and numbers. But they could never drain our spirit.

In the midst of the fight, five newly-elected Texas delegates hunkered down along the Brazos' banks and rushed to put pen to paper. Time was of the essence. Messengers reported that just 350 miles south, the number of remaining Texan soldiers had dwindled into the double-digits. They were desperate to defend the Alamo against an onslaught of thousands of fresh Mexican soldiers, and they were failing. The five delegates burned the midnight oil – literally – jotting down ideas that would soon change history.

The next morning, the other 54 delegates returned to what we now call Independence Hall to make it official. It

they witness bullying once a week or more.

It all started in a small town nestled between the Bar- was March 2, 1836, and the first lone star had just been rington Farm and the Jordan Creek along the banks of the hoisted into the sky as a symbol of Texas freedom and the

For 10 years, the Republic thrived on the same ideals that still drive our state: freedom, personal responsibility, and plain old hard work. On Dec. 29, 1845, Texas became the 28th state to join the United States - the first state with history as its own independent nation.

Although the Republic of Texas was short-lived, the Texas spirit lives on. Look around, and you'll see we're still Texans undeterred, working hard to provide for our families. Our state's employment boasts the fastest growth rate of all 50 states, and creates the most international trade of all 50 states. And we still fight just as hard to protect our ideals and our neighbors.

County Commissioner Ben Perry hit the nail on the head when he told me what we Texans know too well: "Being a Texan doesn't describe where you're from, it describes who your family is."

So as spring comes along and we celebrate new beginnings of all kinds, I know across Texas we'll all be celebrating the beginnings of our great state, right here in Washington-onthe-Brazos, nestled between the Barrington Farm and the Jordan Creek. That's where Texas became Texas.

Add up the dosage from OTC BULLYINGcontinued from pg. 3 and prescription medicines

Winter colds and flu often That needs to be part of the With the ease of technology and prevalence of social me- lead people to reach for over- total dosage of aspirin when

Students collect change for cancer patients

The Muenster High School and Junior High Student Councils are supporting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society by collecting "Pennies for Patients." Student Council representatives will be in both the Elementary and High School morning drop off lines sponsoring a "Clean out your Console" program to help raise money for the Society.

The morning collection will run on Mondays and Wednesdays until March 11. The High School Student Council members began their campaigning Wednesday morning, Feb. 25, and are well on their way to helping reach the district-wide goal of \$2,015.

Donations may also be made online by going directly to the Muenster ISD webpage, www.muensterisd.net and following the "Pennies for Patients" link.



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Muenster High School Student Council began its 'Pennies for Patients" collection last week. Students collect change from parents as they drop off students on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

Weather Whys - Virga

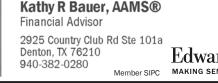
Q: With a virga, is the rain or snow evaporating before it reaches the ground?

A: "That's just what the ancient Greeks believed and what most modern textbooks say, but it's just not so a lot of the time," John Nielsen-Gammon of Texas A&M University said. "Recent research suggests that what appears to be the bottom of a shaft of precipi tation might just be the level where the snow melts and changes to rain. Snow floats, but raindrops fall. It's sort of like a big traf fic jam in the sky. When all of the snow is moving slowly, it's all bunched together and blocks the sky. But when the snow melts into rain and everything speeds up, there's suddenly a lot more space between the drops, and the whole shaft of precipitation becomes harder to see.

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dia platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, cyberbullying can be humiliating and extremely public.

Although numerous organizations attempt to address the issue of bullying, none have explained to the public how the law addresses the epidemic or provides help to those in need, said Rebekah Steely Brooker, president of the Texas Young Lawyers Association, or TYLA.

"Being either a bully or a victim can have a profound impact on the individual's life," Brooker said. "TYLA is excited a safe dose," said Dr. Carl about the prospect of tackling this very challenging subject in a way that engages, educates, and truly changes lives."

To meet this need, TYLA created the End Bullying Now campaign consisting of an interactive website that targets children, teens, parents, educators, and the workplace through short stories, expert education, testimonials, and games. Viewers can watch celebrities such as Marty Turco, a former goalie for the Dallas Stars, and ordinary individu- liver failure with acetaminoals such as Keri Kaiser, vice president of marketing at Children's Health in Dallas, share their bullying stories.

A grant from the Texas Bar Foundation is funding the project. Since its inception in 1965, the Foundation has awarded more than \$15 million in grants to law-related programs. Supported by members of the State Bar of Texas, the Texas Bar Foundation is the nation's largest charitably funded bar foundation.

The End Bullying Now campaign is now live at bigger- count for medicines already thanbullies.com. TYLA is dedicated to continue collecting in your system. For example, videos of testimonials in order to identify with even more website viewers.

For more information on how you can end bullying, visit biggerthanbullies.com.

the-counter pain relief, so UT Southwestern Medical Center physicians say it's important to follow maximum dosage warnings, adding up both over-the-counter and prescription medications.

"There is no safe drug, only Noe, who leads UT Southwestern's Eugene McDermott Center for Pain Man-"Exceeding the agement. recommended dose of overthe-counter pain relievers is dangerous and can cause phen, or kidney failure and internal bleeding with antiinflammatories.'

Exceeding recommended dosages can happen accidentally by failing to add up different medicines you are taking, or by failing to acmany people take a daily, low-dose aspirin as a preventive measure to reduce the chance of heart attack.

they take a cold medicine. Additional suggestions:

• Mention over-the-counter medicines as well as prescriptions when you talk to your doctor.

• Use your pharmacist as a resource to help you decipher what's in your prescription medicines and what over-the-counter medications could cause problems with that.

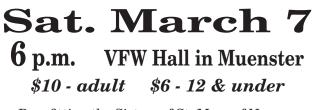
• Alcohol can increase the toxicity of acetaminophen, so avoid the combination.

• Don't mix over-the-counter cold medicines. Stick with one to avoid confusion about dosage.

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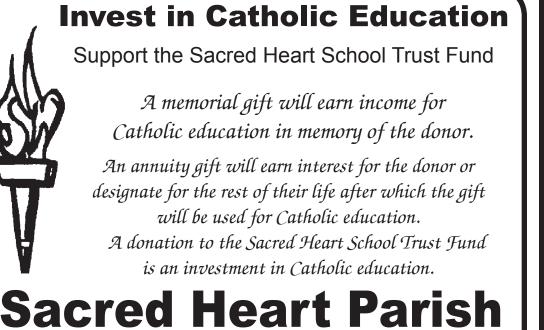
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Hornets sink Pirates in Area Win

Area Playoff game scheduled for Friday, Feb. 27,then rescheduled for Feb. 28, was points in the game. The Pifinally played Monday, March rates had a seven point run to 2 in Bowie, when the District momentary take the lead be-11 champion Muenster Hornets met the Petrolia Pirates out of District 9. The Hornets, after allowing Petrolia in the game shortly, Out scored the Pirates 29-12 the first half, on their way to a 58-34 playoff victory.

The next contest for Muenster was scheduled for Wednesday evening in Springtown, weather permitting, against the Olney Cubs. The Cubs, 10-0 in District and 25-5 on the season defeated the Lindsay Knights 69-53 in Area Monday.

The winner of the Muenster Olney game will move on to the Regional Tournament on March6-7 at McKinney North High School in McKinney.

Back in Bowie ...

with Logan Cook winning the ball then scoring the first six fore Blake Hoepfner, Lyndon Cook, and Trey Anderle each got baskets for a 12-7 Hornet lead. Hoepfner added four more to Petrolia's 2 points to extend Muenster's lead to 16-9. With 3 seconds on the clock, the only foul in the first period sent Ly. Cook to the free throw line. After making both, the Hornets doubled up on the Pirates 18-9 to end the first quarter.

Chance Herr, Lo. Cook, and Ly. Cook stretched the score to 27-9 before Petrolia's first trip to the line gave them their first points in the period. Two more free throws for the Pirates and a Ly. Cook basket ended the first half 29-12.

Petrolia out scored Muen The opening jump was eas- ster 6-5 the first half of the

The Class 2A, Region 2 ily controlled by Muenster, third quarter with Ly. Cook, Hoepfner, and Trever Cheany putting points in the board to end the period 41-21.

> The Hornets took three minutes off the clock before Lo. Cook popped in a three and Ly. Cook and Hoepfner each hit two free throws. After a long drought, the Pirates hit two three points for a 48-27 score.

Muenster hit three baskets to Petrolia's2 free throws. Two more baskets by Cheaney pushed Muenster's lead to 58-29. Petrolia scored the last five points for a 58-34 final.

Four Hornets scored doule digit points, led by Lyndon Cook's 18. Logan Cook added 11, with Trever Cheaney and Blake Hoepfner each scoring 10. Trey Anderle dropped in four points, Chance Herr 3, and Blayne Jones 2. The victory improved Muenster's record to 30-3.

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Muenster's C Bees - (Trever) Cheaney, (Logan) Cook, and (Lyndon) Cook in playoff action with Petrolia Monday night. The Hornets advanced on the bracket to the Regional Qualifiers round.



Roadrunners out race Tigerettes

ettes defeated Canyon Creek Christian Academy and Waldorf School of Austin won over Longview Christian in the first round of the TAPPS basketball playoff for these two teams to meet at Regional playoff round. Originally scheduled to play last week was moved to Monday afternoon in Waco.

The Tigerettes faced a tough Road Runner team at the Reicher High School gym. "Hats off to the Waldorf School as they dominated us on the inside with their size," Coach Jon LeBrasseur commented. "A tough game for our youngsters. Our girls played very good defense and kept us in the game, but you have to have the ability to get to the rim and the free throw line when the outside shots aren't falling."

The Roadrunners took the playoff victory by a score of 51-36.

Alane Bartush hit a 3 pointer to start the game's scoring. This would be the Tigerettes only lead in the game as Waldorf followed with 8 unanswered points before Bartush hit another 3 for an 8-6 score. The Austin girls answered back with a basket followed by a bucket by Avery Truebenbach to close the score to 10-9. Austin added 7 more and Leah Knabe 2 to end the 1st quarter 15-11.

The 2nd period was all Waldorf. The Tigerettes failed to score a point and the Roadrunners had a 23-11 half-time lead.

Waldorf scored first in the 3rd period to extend their lead to 26-11 before Truebenbach hit a basket. The Austin team answered with 4 more for a 30-13 score. With under five minutes on the clock, Truebenbach scored 4, Rylee Reiter two free throws, Alane Endres a 3 pointer, and Amanda Aldriedge 2 to end the quarter 36-24.

A follow-up shot by Truebenbach and a Waldorf free throw were the only points made early in the 4th quarter. With just under 5 minutes to play, Knabe scored 2 for a 37-29 score. The Austin team added 4 more points and Truebenbach another 2 and the scoreboard read 41-30.

The next 2 minutes Wal-

The Sacred Heart Tiger- maining, Waldorf let a few tertearing her ACL in the Tibenchers play. Truebenbach hit the last basket and the game ended 51-36.

"We were unable to score a point in the 2nd quarter and tush added 6, Leah Knabe that makes things tough," Coach LeBrasseur said. "We finished the season 17-11 and with this young group Friday at Bishop Lynch in of ladies and only one senior, from the free throw line. Dallas, the weather forced it was a nice season." Senior AW 15 rescheduling and the game Kinzie Hess was benched af- SH 11

gerettes last District game.

Avery Truebenbach led Sacred Heart on the scoreboard with 19 points. Alane Bar-4, Alana Endres 3, and 2 apiece from Rylee Reiter and Amanda Aldriedge.

The Tigerettes were 3 of 6 8 13 15 **51** 0 36 1312



Photo courtesy of Lydia Springer

Tigerette Avery Truebenbach led her team in scoring in Sacred Heart's playoff loss to Waldrof Monday afternoon.



The top 3 placers from Cooke County in the Fort Worth Diocese Knight of Columbus Free Throw Competition held Feb. 21 were, from left - Dayne Meurer (L), Tatum Fleitman (L), Carli Cornelison (L), Grant Hess (G), Braxton Craigie (L), Major Eldridge (M), Jacqueline McLean (G), Garrett Hess (G), Makenzie Fleitman (L), and Megan Rohmer (M). Not pictured Jada Binder (M). Rohmer, Eldridge, the Fleitman girls, the Hess boys, and Cornelison advance to State this Saturday in San Antonio.



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dorf scored 7 straight for an 18 point lead before Truebenbach hit another basket for a 48-32 score.

With 2 minutes on the clock, Austin started working the clock. Austin added points to Truebenbach's 3 2. With under a minute rePurchase tickets at Flusche Enterprise, Lora's Flowers or the Kress/B29 Building, 201 W. California in Gainesville, or call Jami at 736-4723



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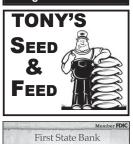


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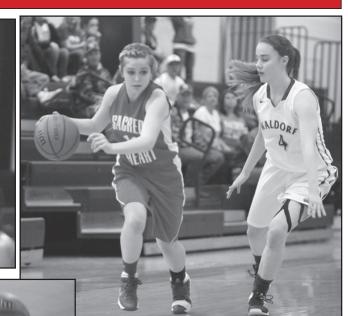
















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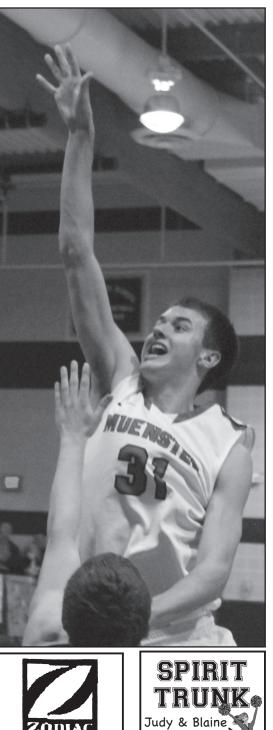
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Sixth St, Muenster Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Sealed bids due by 5PM - March 17, 2015 arty **Mini Storage Cooke County Extension Agent for** PO Box 529 Muenster, TX 76252 organ **Agriculture and Natural Resources** For information call 214-507-1222 Schilling Owner reserves right to reject all bids Alon Hi Folks: 759-2522 or 759-2836 The Cooke County Youth Fair was held last week in spite of the winter storm we experienced! I thought it went very well considering the fact the schedule had to be rearranged AUCTIONS **Storage Units** due to the bad road conditions on Monday and Tuesday. The swine show at Callisburg FFA Showbarn was moved to Wednesday and it turned out to be a very good show with a **For Rent** lot of hogs and kiddos. I was impressed when I walked into the show barn and took my **308 North Mesquite** AUCTION first look at the facilities and the outstanding quality of hogs these 4-H and FFA students Vickie or Douglas raised as show projects. It reminded me of when I showed Duroc hogs back in the day. Fleitman **Annual Spring Sale** Way back in the day! 736-1041 or 736-5434 Courtney, Oklahoma The equine show at NCTC was the same day and so I scurried over from Callisburg to Sat. March 28 the horse show while waiting on the swine show to begin. They had some great horses (DATE pending) **HELP WANTED** and riders and although it was cold, the contestants and the horses did great! I really We are trying to get dates set for three enjoyed seeing the horsemanship of these kids. They all did a great job in their individual area sales, if you have items for our events and I was proud to get to be a part of it as I have a passion for good horses. I raised spring sale - give us a call!! registered Quarter Horses growing up so there is nothing like a great horse to ride! **HELP WANTED** The sheep and goat show was held on Thursday at the Muenster FFA Showbarn. The Wimmer Custom Wood LB AUCTION • 580-276-5961 • TX 6182 wind was howling out of the north and it was cold but thanks to the good facilities there Works 736-8124 www.lbauctionok.com and all the heaters it was actually pleasant inside. I was impressed again at the quality 3.6-X of the Lambs and Goats there as well as the kiddos. They all did a great job presenting their animals to the Judge in the show ring. I thought it all went off without a hitch! I showed Ramboulet sheep as a youngster so I really enjoyed it. AUCTION The beef and dairy cattle, along with the rabbits and chickens were shown at the Valley View FFA Show barn on Friday, while outside it snowed all day! Despite the freezing cold **304 WEST HOWELL IN ST. JO TEXAS (3 BLOCKS WEST OF THE SQUARE)** weather, and I do mean freezing, the show went on as scheduled. There were some really SATURDAY MARCH 7 2015 @ 10:00 AM. good quality animals and the kids did an amazing job showing and handling them in the extreme weather conditions. I was proud of all the 4-H and FFA youngsters at all of the SELLING FOR NOAH AND ADA HUCKABEE shows as they did an amazing job with their show projects! DUE TO HEALTH REASONS, ADA AN NOAH ARE MOVING Hats off to all the kids, parents, Ag teachers, judges, the Youth Fair Board and all AND WILL BE SELLING ITEMS EXCESS TO THEIR NEEDS the people that helped with the Youth Fair. A very special thanks to Phyllis Griffin, our

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the week! Great job everyone! We closed the week on Saturday with the buyers luncheon and premium sale. It was a great success thanks to all the buyers and the amazing food prepared for the luncheon! I know I speak for everyone when we talk about what an amazing group of buyers we have here in Cooke County! They were very generous to our youngsters and we appreciate them coming in the harsh weather conditions and participating in the sale. Their generosity gives our kids the incentive to tackle these show projects and excel. Hats off to all you buyers and for all the ones that helped with the sale!

Cooke County Extension Agent for 4-H and Youth Development, for all of her hard work,

leadership and dedication with our 4-H kids. A big thank you to all the ones that worked

in the concession stands and for those that brought the great food we all enjoyed during

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Until next time, Marty Morgan-Ag Agent



FARM & RANCH

2014 farm bill discussed in-depth at Austin Ag Forum

Industry leaders representing Texas' major commodities as well as Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and university experts discussed and evaluated in detail the 2014 farm bill at the recent 2015 Ag Forum in Austin recently.

The event marked 30 years of an open forum to discuss issues affecting agriculture. "This event is the brainchild of (former U.S. Rep.) Charlie Stenholm," said Dr. Bill Dugas, acting dean and vice chancellor of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University.

Stenholm, who spoke at the forum, told the audience agriculture "is extremely fortunate" to have U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway, R-Texas, as chairman of the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture, praising his efforts for agriculture in the southwest and U.S. as a whole. Conaway was also in attendance at the forum and addressed attendees.

Stenholm said the U.S. budget and the \$18 trillion debt will continue to be an issue for agriculture.

"There will be a budget," he said. "It's inexcusable not to have a budget. President

budget."

He stressed the importance of American farmers, and is one that is a safety net that 150,000 farmers produce 70% of what is produced.

Conaway said budget discussion will include the farm program and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, known as SNAP.

He said \$76 billion a year is spent on the (SNAP) program, the biggest segment of the farm program, and "we ought to get that right in review of the program.

"We need a better sense of how it is working. We want to find out what's working and what isn't."

Meanwhile, presenters analyzed the farm bill and its impacts evaluated on commodities. Dr. Joe Outlaw. co-director of the Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University and AgriLife Extension econofarmers update their yields if the update would result in a

said farmers will need to decide "if they want to have

Four Snowpocalypse farm and ranch chores

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By Julie Tomascik Texas Farm Bureau

Misting rain, sleet, snow and ice. It's agriculture's frienemy. You know, friend and enemy.

And this year's Texas snowpocalypse was no exception. We need the moisture for crops and pastures to grow this spring—the friendly part that comes from the snowy mess. But it makes a tough enemy, increasing the difficulty of chores on farms and ranches. Not to mention the increased risk of catching pneumonia.

Ready or not, snowpocalypse 2015 came and hasn't quite left.

Those freezing temperatures, spine-chilling winds and slopping mud wreak aren't afraid of a little—or producer, El Campo; Outlaw, complete those tasks.

mist, said it is important that higher yield. On base reallocation, he

a government safety net tied

to help livestock maintain

appropriate body tempera-

pecially those close to term-

a critical time in livestock

production. Ranchers make

more frequent trips into the

pasture to keep a closer eye

on expecting mothers and

farmers planted corn before

the massive cold spell hit.

Now, they're making trips

to the field, hoping the late

freeze didn't kill the plant be-

fore it had a chance to grow.

everyone—you and me, farm-

ers and ranchers, livestock

Harsh winters are tough on

Monitor crops. Some

Check on livestock. Es-

Obama submitted his bud- to their previous base acres get on time, and it is not a that were established in the bad budget for a President's mid-1980s, or to what they are planting now."

> Overall, this farm program rather than a guaranteed annual government payment and that it is why it is critical farmers study their options, Outlaw said.

> Whether it is Agricultural **Risk Coverage or Price Loss** Coverage, Outlaw said, "it really depends on what you are looking for in a safety net."

Judith Canales, Texas state executive director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Farm Service Agency, expressed gratitude to AgriLife Extension for the work done in helping provide farm bill educational workshops for farmers across the state.

She said the livestock program was the first effort to be deployed as part of the 2014 farm bill and has surpassed \$700 million in payments to more than 32,000 producers.

"There are still 13,000 on the register," she said. "We are certainly approaching \$1 billion in payments."

Canales encouraged farmers to contact their local FSA offices to update base and yield acreage by Feb. 27.

"This will keep you in the process to be able to continue with the next date, which would be the election for the Agricultural Risk Coverage or the Price Loss Coverage decision, which is March 31,' Canales said.

A decision aid tool developed by the Agricultural and Food Policy Center can assist with program decisions, which can be found at https:// decisionaid.afpc.tamu.edu/.

The Texas Ag Forum is an association of agricultural leaders and representatives from across the Texas food and fiber system. According to organizers, the forum provides an open and public discussion of the programs and emerging issues in agriculture. It is a stakeholder-driven program in partnership with AgriLife Extension.

Steering committee officers for the 2015 Ag Forum are Matt Huie, chair, crop and livestock producer from But farmers and ranchers Beeville; Linda Raun, rice

Farmers now have until March 31 to update yields and reallocate base acre

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that a one-time extension will be provided to producers for the new safety-net programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill, known as Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC). The final day to update yield history or reallocate base acres has been extended one additional month, from Feb. 27 until March 31. The final day for farm owners and producers to choose ARC or PLC coverage also remains March 31.

"This is an important decision for producers, because these programs provide financial protection against unexpected changes in the marketplace. Producers are working to make the best decision they can. And we're working to ensure that they've got the time, the information, and the opportunities to have those final conversations, review their data, and to visit the Farm Service Agency to make those decisions," said Vilsack.

If no changes are made to yield history or base acres by March 31, the farm's current yield and base will be used. A program choice of ARC or PLC coverage also must be made by March 31, or there will be no 2014 payments for the farm and the farm will default to PLC coverage through the 2018 crop year.

Nationwide, more than 2.9 million educational postcards, in English and Spanish, have been sent to producers, and over 4,100 training sessions have been conducted on the new safety-net programs. The online tools, available at www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc, allow producers to explore projections on how ARC or PLC coverage will affect their operation under possible future scenarios.

Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn. crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed, and wheat. Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity. To learn more, farmers can contact their local Farm Service Agency county office. To find your local office visit http://offices.usda.gov.

Texas Independence

By Gene Hall, Texas Farm Bureau March 2, 1836. Times were bleak.

Mexican armies under the command of General An-

tonio Lopez de Santa Anna raged throughout the southern part of the state. Less than 200 men faced an army of 5,000 at a battered old mission in San Antonio.



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gathered at the town of Washington in Central Texas. They signed a document announcing independence from Mexico. They declared Texas a republic. Despite the odds.

Four days later, the Alamo fell. Soon, 300 Texians were executed after they surrendered to an overwhelming force at Goliad. Then, in April, a ragtag army led by General Sam Houston surprised and routed the Mexican army.

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Feedyard cattle inventory increases & placements drop

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) February cattle on feed report, feedvard inventories as of Feb. 1 totaled 10.7 million head, up less than 1% from a

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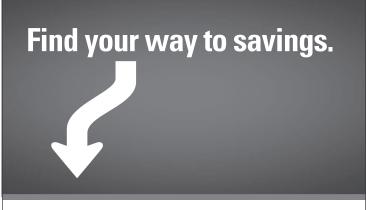
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year earlier, reports Drovers CattleNetwork.

Placements of cattle into feedlots during January totaled 1.79 million head, an 11% decline from those during January 2014.

Feedlots in January placed more cattle than they marketed. January marketings of fed cattle totaled 1.63 million, 9% below 2014. That total was the lowest for the month since the series began in 1996

As of Jan. 1, cattle and calves on feed in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head represented 81.6% of all cattle and calves on feed in the United States, up from 81.3% on Jan. 1, 2014.





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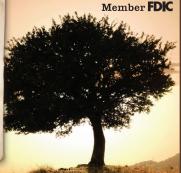
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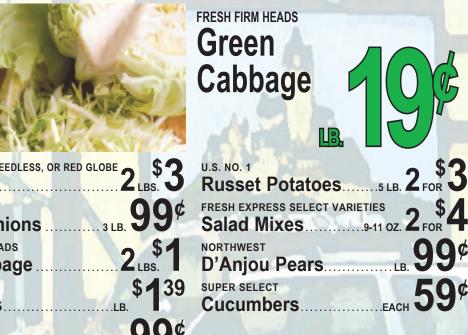


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