

Muenster ISD sets tax rate, hires teachers

Janet Felderhoff
News Editor

With all members present, the Muenster ISD Board of Trustees adopted the 2015-16 budget and set tax rates at the meeting held on Tuesday, June 30. A public meeting was held prior to the vote, but there was nobody from the public present to comment.

A resolution was approved by the Board to adopt a tax rate to support 2015-16 budget funds in Funds 199, 240, and 599.

Unanimously approved were a Maintenance and Operating (M&O) rate of \$1.04 and an Interest & Sinking (I&S) rate of \$0.36 for a total tax of \$1.40 per \$100 of taxable property.

Last year's tax rate was \$1.04 for M&O and \$0.30 for I&S making the tax total \$1.34. That was an increase of .687 for M&O and .0954% for I&S. The total increase in total expenditures was an increase of .7824%. I&S is used to pay bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. Muenster ISD has \$18,213,260 in unpaid bonded indebtedness.

This year's rollback rate is

\$1.51734. This is the highest rate the District can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election.

During the public hearing, Superintendent Steve Self reported the total appraised value of all property last year as \$759,927,150 and this year as \$734,263,100 which is down. Total appraised value of new property last year was \$4,333,670 and this year is \$2,635,321. The total taxable value of all property last year was \$446,000,252 compared to this current tax year \$376,646,154.

Self explained, "The effective rate is higher basically because of the \$10,000 increase in the homestead exemption. The average taxable value of residences went down so the decrease in taxes on the average residence went down, but not by much - about \$7.02."

Self noted that the total budget went from last year \$5,136,581 to \$5,171,866. That increased to \$5,223,060 due to some changes in teacher salaries. Total revenues are \$4,833,635. That leaves a deficit in funding of \$389,425 in Fund 199.

The Board voted to hire certified teacher Carolyn Estes as the 5/6 Math teacher

for a 10 month probationary contract.

They also voted to hire certified teacher Nannette Walterscheid as the High School Spanish teacher with a 10 month probationary contract.

In other business conducted at the June 30 meeting, the Muenster ISD Board:

- Approved resolution extending its Bank Depository Contract with Muenster State Bank for two more years.

After executive session,

- Transfer of \$260,000 from 198.8911 to 616.7915.

- Transfer \$172,807 from 199.4719 to 199.5812 to correct a coding error.

- Transfer \$40,000 from the General Fund (199.8911) to the Lunch Program (240.7915)

- Transfer \$25,914 from 199-11-6117-531 to 199-11-6117-511.

The July Board meeting was moved from July 8 to July 15 at 6:30 p.m.

At a special meeting held on June 24, the Board voted 4-0-3 to amend the agreement with Muenster Wind Farms, LLC. Abstaining from the vote were Neal Flusche, Doug Hermes, and Matt Sicking.

Stop lights direct country traffic



Janie Hartman photo

TxDOT is in the process of replacing the bridge on FM 373 that spans Dry Elm Creek. It is a project of the Gainesville Area Office. This is a two phase project in which one side of the road is closed while that half of the bridge is built. The project contract is for 15 months. Construction started about three weeks ago. There are traffic sensitive lights that allow vehicles to cross the construction area without much delay.

Mosquito fogging set

The City of Muenster advises residents that fogging for mosquitoes will take place in Muenster on Thursday, July 9. The fogging machine should be making its rounds beginning at dusk or around 9 p.m.



City Council amends waste removal rates, fees

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Residents of Muenster will soon have a new system to become accustomed to regarding the disposal of solid waste. At its regular meeting held Monday, July 6, the Muenster City Council approved Ordinance #370 which amends Ordinance #365 regarding garbage removal rates and fees.

The residential charges for services provided by Progressive Waste Solutions will be \$16.75 per month plus sales tax and any added environmental or fuel charge fee. Pick up for containers by Progressive will be curbside one time per week for residential customers. The rolling containers will be provided by Progressive at no cost to the customers.

For those who feel that one

container is not sufficient for their needs, additional containers will be provided, but at a higher monthly charge.

Currently, residents are paying \$18.50 a month for twice weekly service. The new charge becomes effective when the pick up goes from twice to once weekly. Residents now place the trash bags at the curb. That will change with the carts. Tree limbs will have to be cut to fit into the cart. Larger items will only be picked up on the last Saturday of the month. This pick up must be scheduled by notifying the City and has no added cost.

Alderman Greg Bohl expressed his concern that many people will have more trash than will fit in the new units. Two containers would be \$19.70 a month and three would be \$25.45.

Mitch Creed stated that he

lives in the country and uses a trash container similar to those town residents will have. "Once you get used to it, you'll have plenty (of space). You can stack a lot in there. I think they are really going to like it."

Endres added, "A lot of these people who have a large amount of stuff out are bringing stuff from people who live in the country and are putting it at their relatives house. They are big enough if a person plays by the rules."

Commercial customers will still have the option of once or twice a week pick up.

City Administrator Stan Endres reported that representatives from FEMA had been in Muenster that morning. He said they had what they called a kick off meeting that acknowledged that

they had accepted the City's application for Disaster Assistance. They told of procedures required to get the assistance.

Removal of debris (tree limbs) stacked up from the storms is the first step. Endres said it appears that the City is eligible to be reimbursed for the hourly wages of City employees to gather the tree debris, plus the use of City equipment. FEMA told the City that is would be okay to burn the debris, but they must have permission from Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). After the debris is burned, the ashes must be taken to an approved landfill.

FEMA agreed that streets are the main problem. Endres said that they supplied FEMA with 80 locations of damaged street throughout town. "They sounded like we wouldn't have any prob-

lem getting approved for some damage at least to get some kind of assistance from them," Endres continued. "But, these aren't the people who will actually be investigating and appraising the damage and putting the price on it. A project chairman will come and physically look at the different locations and determine whether it was caused by the flood or if it is just wear and tear that just happens to street."

Should the City qualify for a large enough amount, Endres said they may have to hire an engineer to take care of the paperwork. He said it sounds like an engineer is needed to draw plans for the work to be done and it must be advertised over a large area.

Resident Gus Fleitman asked if it was fair to smoke out the neighbors (when burning the tree debris). Endres said that it would prob-

ably be done when smoke would blow to the north.

Fleitman then said that the streets problem could not be fixed because the garbage truck damages the streets and the new Progressive truck is bigger and heavier than the old ones. He thinks the truck will be 80,000 pounds of weight on the streets. He asked why apply for FEMA money.

Endres agreed that the garbage trucks do street damage, but some was undoubtedly done by the flood.

Fleitman then said that he was mowing on Eddy Street. The City mowed the south side, but did not mow the north side. He wondered why the City did not mow both sides and felt they should.

He then the meeting before Mayor Tim Felderhoff could respond to his questions.

The City had requested

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Swim lessons underway at Muenster pool



Janie Hartman photo

Week one of Muenster's annual swim lessons were in full swing earlier this week at the City pool. Instructor Sarah Davis assists student Shelby Hofbauer in Tuesday morning's session.

NCTC Regents reorganize

Darrin Allred
NCTC Public Relations

The Board of Regents of the North Central Texas Community College District now has a female Board chairman for the first time in school history.

Karla Metzler was named Board chairman at Tuesday's regular meeting. Dr. Bill Ledbetter, who had served as chairman for the past several years, asked not to be considered for the position again. Instead, Ledbetter will serve as vice-chairman and Christy Morris will be the secretary.

After a budget workshop to start the meeting, Regents went through a lengthy

agenda.

The Board approved a tax abatement for Culberson Apartments, LTD, through their partner Orison Holdings LLC. Terms of the abatement are 90% abatement of the taxable value of the project facility from real and person property taxation for a period of five years, a 70% abatement for a period of three years thereafter, and a 50% abatement for two years thereafter.

Regents also approved a tax abatement for Muenster Wind Farms, LLC. Terms of that abatement are for 50% abatement of ad valorem taxes for 10 years.

A general pay increase for all full-time employees to

be calculated at 6% of the mid-point of each pay group for employees and faculty was also approved. Total cost of the increase will be \$998,961. The Board then adopted salary schedules to be effective for the 2015-16 academic year.

Also approved were several new positions for 2015-16 including faculty members in Education, Mathematics, Speech, Industrial Technology, and assistant coaches in baseball and volleyball. Also approved were student/administrative support positions including an Admissions Coordinator, Financial Aid Coordinator, and Testing/TSI Coordinator.

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Roland hired as Hospital's interim CEO

Muenster Memorial Hospital announced the arrival of Interim CEO Brian Roland. He comes to MMH with 23 years of health care experience, across many areas of operations.

Roland has family in the Dallas area and is married with a daughter in college. He has served hospitals, small to large, for profit and not-for-profit.

Roland enjoys the outdoor life - hunting, fishing and walking/running.



Brian Roland

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Area Event

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State of Mind Family Ministry Team will be at Temple Baptist Church in Gainesville on Saturday, July 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Gather your family and join them for a day of family retreat and connection that will be filled with worship, breakout sessions, lunch, fun, love, and laughter. Let's start moving together!

For more information, call Temple Baptist Church at 940-665-9789 or John Straughn at 940-902-6763.

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Regents approved the transfer of Board reserves up to \$500,000 to fund technology equipment purchases. The remaining funds will come from 2014-15 frozen funds that were identified and set aside throughout the year.

In other items, Regents approved changes to the official NCTC seal, approved an engagement letter with Schalk & Smith, PC to perform the financial audit for FY2015, approved TASB Policy Update 30 of NCTC Board Policy and Local District Updates, and approved the 2015-16 NCTC Catalog.

The Board approved the resignations of LVN instructor Dawn Bahr, CITE instructor Melinda Hampton, and Foreign Language instructor Dr. Pietro Vargas. They approved the employment of Rod Lipscomb as

Dean of Students, Diane Neu as Associate Degree Nursing Instructor, Rebekah Samaniego as Education and Employment Coach with the RITA Grant, and Yvette Wurm as counselor on the Bowie campus.

In the budget workshop, Regents got their first look at the proposed 2015-16 budget that includes a 1.86% increase for the current-year budget for a total amount of \$55,733,125.

Also at Tuesday's meeting, Arlene Lloyd of the Gainesville Economic Development Corporation presented a Workforce Excellence Award from the Texas Economic Development Council (TECD) to North Central Texas College. The TEDC created the Workforce Award to recognize the exceptional contributions of Texas communities who have implemented successful workforce initiatives.

Earlier in the day, Regents held a Board retreat at the First State Bank Conference Center that included both short and long-term District.

Board member Dr. Bill Ledbetter was unable to attend Tuesday's meetings.

Faced with the choice between changing one's mind and proving that there is no need to do so, almost everyone gets busy on the proof.
~ John Kenneth Galbraith



Police Notes

from Muenster Chief of Police
Tom Barr

June 2015 Activity

Calls for Service (CFS) - 123; Incident/Offense reports generated - 9; Arrests - 5; Accidents Investigated - 2; Citations issued for the month - 41; Officers worked 731 hours on duty.

Patrol vehicles logged 4,729 miles for the month. 90 day stats: March - CFS 93, Incidents 7, Arrests 3, Citations 65. April - CFS 82, Incidents 4, Arrests 5, Citations 28. May - CFS 108, Incidents 13, Arrests 1, Citations 31.

Vehicle Stats - 2014 Ford F150 - 13,480, #2 2011 Crown Vic - 55,964, #3 2010 Crown Vic - 59,097.

We are seeing an increase in the number of dog related complaints. I would remind everyone that City code requires any pet dog or cat kept in the City limits must be licensed/registered with the City, and wearing a collar with the license tag displayed at all times. All dogs must be kept in an enclosure or on a leash.

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bids for street repairs. They received two, one from Bolen Construction for \$23 a square yard or \$30,659 per city block and \$30 a square yard for patching and the other from 03 Concrete for \$23.16 a square yard or \$30,872 per city block and \$31.05 per square yard for patching.

More discussion of streets took place. The Council then voted to accept Bolen's bid to use if they are unable to get funds from FEMA. The streets to be repaired would be determined at a future date.

Megan Rohmer is working toward earning a Girl Scout Gold Award. She attended a Park Board meeting and proposed installing two picnic tables at the new walking trail in the City Park. The table would be attached to small cement slabs. They will be made of metal and treated wood and expected to last about 20 years. She would place the tables wherever the City Council requested and she's also plant trees near them.

The Park Board recommended that City Council approve Megan's request. The Council did so unanimously.

City Secretary Katrinka Bartush resigned from her position effective at the end of July. She will return to teaching school. Ads were placed for someone to fill that position. Several applicants were interviewed by the mayor, mayor pro tem, and city administrator. Ammie Hennigan was offered the position and accepted it. The Council voted to approve hiring Hennigan.

Assistant Fire Chief Mitch Creed reported on the Muenster VFD activities for June. He noted that they had six total calls - two water rescues, one EMS, and two fires for 86.6 man hours. He said that they are working on truck 124 because there were a lot of rust problems in the boxes.

Endres reported that the Muenster Industrial Foundation sold some real estate that it owned west of town. They were able to repay the remaining balance of its note with the City. The amount remaining was \$28,800 from its portion of the water and sewer project extending water and sewer services to Heritage Park and Superior Manufacturing. He added that Germanfest, Inc. still owes \$17,616 and is making yearly payments to the City.

Endres added that Steve Trubenbach, owner of Universal Machining, purchased to old Yosten place on South Hickory Street with the intention of building a new building. He requested a zoning change. This will be addressed at a future meeting.

In other business, the City Council:
• Appointed Jewel Otto as mayor pro tem. The mayor pro tem conducts City Council meetings in the absence of the mayor. He or she retains the right to vote at these meetings. The mayor only votes in the event that there is a tie vote.
• Heard police report for May from Police Chief Tom Barr.
• Approved payments totaling \$136,875.47.

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| Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm | NO MMH Aux mtg. VFW mtg. 7:30 pm | Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm | Library open 10-6:30 SH Alumni & Supp. mtg. 7:30 pm MISD School board mtg. 6:30 pm | Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10-6:30 | Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm | Library open 10-2:30 SUMMER CONCERT Heritage Park |
| | ----- Muenster | | Swim | Lessons | ----- | |
| Sunday, July 19, 2015 | Monday, July 20, 2015 | Tuesday, July 21, 2015 | Wednesday, July 22, 2015 | Thursday, July 23, 2015 | Friday, July 24, 2015 | Saturday, July 25, 2015 |
| Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm | VFW Aux. mtg. 7 pm | Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm MMH Board Mtg 7 pm | Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm | Museum open 1 - 4 pm Library open 10- 6:30 | Muenster Museum OPEN 1-4 | Library open 10-2:30 |
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Obituary

Marcella Streng 1956-2015

Funeral mass for Marcella Mary Streng, age 58 of Lindsay, were held Wednesday, July 8 at St. Peter's Catholic Church with Fr. Phil Petta officiating. Burial followed in St. Peter's Cemetery. A rosary was recited Tuesday, July 7 at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home.

Marcella died in Denton on July 4, 2015. She was born Dec. 15, 1956 in Gainesville, to Lawrence and Olivia Dulock Streng.

Marcella graduated from Lindsay High School in 1975. She has been a continuous member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lindsay.

She worked for many years in the dress factories in Muenster and Gainesville. Later, she began preparing food in local restaurants.

Marcella enjoyed being outdoors in her yard and garden. She would pick pecans each fall and shell them to share with her family at Christmas. She enjoyed cooking and baking. Her pumpkin bread was a holiday favorite.

Marcella would decorate her yard for every holiday and season. Each year she would treat her nieces, nephews, and their children to special parties for Halloween and Christmas.

Trips to Sycamore Lake with her sister Shirley and outings to the zoo, museums, and other day trips with her niece were special to her.

Marcella is survived by her sister Shirley Nagy of Lindsay; sister and brother-in-law LaVerna and John Ray Loeffelholz of Yukon, OK; sister and brother-in-law Kathleen and Walter Lutkenhaus of Lindsay; three nieces and six nephews; 17 great-nieces and nephews; two great-great-nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents; grandparents Ben and Katie Streng, Albert and Josephine Dulock and her brother-in-law Miklos Nagy.

Pall bearers for the service were David, Philip, Matthew, and James Loeffelholz, Michael and George Lutkenhaus, Brad Wolf, and Jimmy Fisher.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Sisters of Divine Providence, Our Lady of the Lake, 515 SW 24th St., San Antonio, TX 78207-4619.

Advice for older people on staying safe in hot weather

Summer weather can pose special health risks to older adults and people with chronic medical conditions. It is critically important that adults particularly susceptible to hyperthermia and other heat-related illnesses know how to safeguard against problems. The National Institute on Aging (NIA), part of the National Institutes of Health, has some tips to help avoid the hazards of hot weather.

Hyperthermia is caused by a failure of the heat-regulating mechanisms of the body. Heat fatigue, heat syncope (sudden dizziness after prolonged exposure to the heat), heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke are forms of hyperthermia. Older adults are at risk for these conditions, and this risk can increase with the combination of higher temperature, individual lifestyle, and general health.

Lifestyle factors can include not drinking enough fluids, living in housing without air conditioning, lack of mobility and access to transportation, overdressing, visiting overcrowded places, and not understanding how to respond to hot weather conditions. Older people, particularly those with chronic medical condi-

tions, should stay indoors in cooler spaces on hot and humid days, especially when an air pollution alert is in effect. People without air conditioners should go to places that do have air conditioning, such as senior centers, shopping malls, movie theaters, and libraries. Cooling centers, which may be set up by local public health agencies, religious groups, and social service organizations in many communities, are another option.

Factors that increase the risk of hyperthermia may include:

- Dehydration.
- High blood pressure or other health conditions that require changes in diet. For example, people on salt-restricted diets may be at increased risk. However, salt pills should not be used without first consulting a doctor.
- Heart, lung and kidney diseases, as well as any illness that causes general weakness or fever.
- Use of multiple medications. It is important, however, to continue to take prescribed medication and discuss possible problems with a physician.
- Reduced sweating, caused by medications such as diuretics, sedatives, tran-

quilizers and certain heart and blood pressure drugs.

• Age-related changes to the skin such as poor blood circulation and inefficient sweat glands.

• Being substantially overweight or underweight.

• Alcohol use.

Heat stroke is a life-threatening form of hyperthermia. It occurs when the body is overwhelmed by heat and unable to control its temperature. Signs and symptoms of heat stroke include a significant increase in body temperature (generally above 104 degrees Fahrenheit), changes in mental status (like confusion or combativeness), strong rapid pulse, lack of sweating, dry flushed skin, feeling faint, staggering or coma. Seek immediate emergency medical attention for a person with heat stroke symptoms, especially an older adult.

If you suspect that someone is suffering from a heat-related illness, get the person out of the heat and into a shady, air-conditioned or other cool place. Urge them to lie down.

If you suspect heat stroke, call 911.

Encourage the individual

to shower, bathe or sponge off with cool water if it is safe to do so.

Apply a cold, wet cloth to the wrists, neck, armpits, and/or groin. These are places where blood passes close to the surface of the skin, and the cold cloths can help cool the blood.

If the person can swallow safely, offer fluids such as water, fruit and vegetable juices. Avoid alcohol and caffeine.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) within the Administration for Children and Families in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services helps eligible households pay for home cooling and heating costs. People interested in applying for assistance should contact their local or state LIHEAP agency or go to <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/liheap>.

For a free copy of the NIA's AgePage Series in English or in Spanish, on hyperthermia, skin and aging or other topics contact the NIA Information Center at 1-800-222-2225 or go to www.nia.nih.gov/health/publication/hyperthermia-too-hot-your-health.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO

July 7, 1950

Phone system goes cited; requires calls by number. Al Hess named Cooke County Farmer of the Month for June. Anna Grace Fette recovering from snake bite. Tonsillectomies: Charlotte Trubenbach, Leon Fleitman, Johnny Pagel. Appendectomy: Eugene Luke. Verena Henscheid joins the staff at Cooke County Electric, taking the place of Dolores Swirczynski who is now bookkeeping for Steve Fette Trucking. New Arrivals: Aggie to Darrell and Mary Adams; Thomas to Ray and Lucille Hess; Darrell to the Adolph Knabes. Janie and Alcuin Paul Kubis are recovering from the mumps.

50 YEARS AGO

July 9, 1965

Glenn Fleitman and Dale Klement get Texas FFA's highest award, the Lone Star Farmer Degree. Obituaries: Louis Klement, 83; Mary Lou Wright, 8, and Dennis Wright, 3, grandchildren of the John Rohmers, in car accident. New Arrivals: Duane to Bobby Dale and Linda Walterscheid; Michael to Tommy and Sandra Corcoran; Dora to Paul and Bernice Sicking; Anna Marie to Aubrey and Rita Chapman. Working at Colonial Acres Farm are Duwayne Schilling in the show barn and his sister Virgilla Herr in the office. Wedding: Rosemary Hermes and Thomas Dankesreiter. Parkview Superette, Lindsay's new grocery store, opens with Robert Bierschenk as the owner and manager.

25 YEARS AGO

July 6, 1990

Emily Klement awarded Muenster Jaycee Outstanding Citizen of 1990. Dr. Marvin Knight, Dallas Cowboy physician and staff member of Muenster Memorial Hospital, is voted to life membership by Texas Medical Association. New Arrival: Whiteney to David and Brooke Bullock. College Graduate: Matthew Walter, Princeton University. Wedding: Patricia Endres and Charles Doherty.

There is no reason why the same man should like the same books at 18 and 48.

~ Ezra Pound

4-H group to perform at County Library's children's class

Cooke County Library is excited to have the 4-H Cooke County Share the Fun group perform their first place skit, "Can't Stop the Dream." This skit took first place in the Celebrate 4-H category at the Texas 4-H Round-up.

"Can't Stop the Dream" is based on the BBC television show, *Dr. Who*. The time lord

The greater the charity of the Saints in their heavenly home, the more they intercede for those who are still on their journey and the more they can help them by their prayers; the more they are united with God, the more effective those prayers are. This is in accordance with Divine order, which makes higher things react upon lower things, like the brightness of the sun filling the atmosphere.

St. Thomas Aquinas

Dr. Who and his 4-H crew travel the universe in his time machine solving universal problems using their 4-H skills and experiences in science, communication and decision-making. Join them for an AWESOME ride!

This special performance will be during the Library's weekly children's class on Tuesday, July 14 at 10:30 a.m. The performance will be held at the Little Theater on NCTC's campus. The address is 1525 West California St. in Gainesville.

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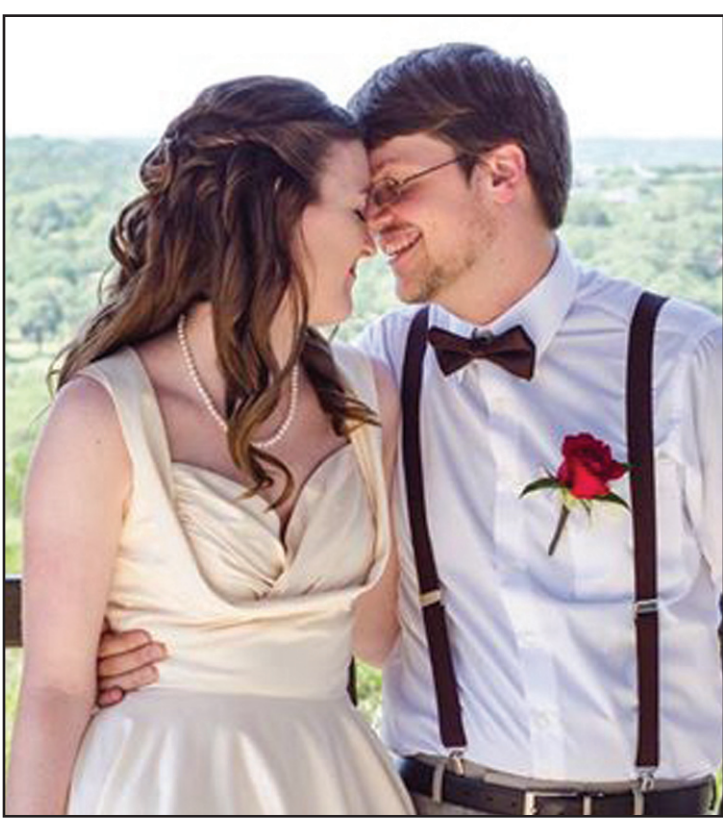
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Mr. and Mrs. Brett Jonathan Bullion ... 'nee Holly Elizabeth Bennett ...

Holly Elizabeth Bennett and Brett Jonathan Bullion were united in marriage on Friday, May 29, 2015 in Austin at the beautiful hilltop Chapel Dulcinea.

Holly is the daughter of Jacqueline and Mike Holder of Charlotte, NC, and the granddaughter of the late John and Pauline McConkey of Liverpool, England, and Thomas and Patsy Holder of Charlotte, NC.

Brett is the son of Susie and David Bullion of Austin, and grandson of the late Leonard "Spike" and Frances "Girlie" Wiesman Yosten and the late H. P. Bullion and Veda Bullion of Brownwood.

For the ceremony, the bride wore an ivory vintage tea-length gown with a fitted sweetheart bodice and flared skirt. Holly's hand-tied bridal bouquet featured red roses, white orchids, and white stephanotis wrapped in a family heirloom ivory handkerchief.

Holly was escorted by her father. Ring bearer was Luke Brannan, nephew of the groom; Leah Brannan, niece of the groom, served as flower girl. Witnesses to the ceremony were the couple's mothers.

The afternoon wedding was attended by family and close friends, followed by a champagne toast in the nearby pavilion. For the toast, the couple was presented with stemware belonging to Brett's great-grandparents, the late Henry and Louise Wiesman of Muenster. Following a catered dinner, the group was joined by family and friends at an evening reception.

After their honeymoon in Big Bend National Park, the couple returned to Austin, where Holly is a nurse practitioner at Precision Pain Consultants and Brett is a freelance artist and art tutor at College Living Experience.



Mr. and Mrs. Andy Bezner of Lindsay announce the engagement of their daughter Jessica Marie to Jonathan Paul Mannas, the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Mannas of Ardmore. The bride elect is the granddaughter of Thomas and Barbara Felderhoff of Muenster, Weldon Bezner of Lindsay, and the late Rose Bezner. She graduated from Lindsay High School, earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Texas A&M in College Station, and earned her Doctor of Ophthalmology degree at the University of Houston. Miss Bezner is currently employed as an optometrist at Koffler Vision Group in Lexington, KY. The future-groom is the grandson of Bud and Rosemary Brooks of Wichita Falls, Bill and Rita Mannas of Dallas, and the late Dolores Mannas. He graduated from Plainview High School and earned his Bachelor of General Studies degree at Texas Tech University in Lubbock and earned his medical doctor degree at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine in Oklahoma City. He is currently employed as a chief resident in neurosurgery at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. The couple plans to be married Saturday, Aug. 15 at St. Peter's Church in Lindsay.



Janie Hartman photo

Receiving June Keep Muenster Beautiful Yard of the Month honors was Jewel Otto's yard at 603 N. Pecan. The yard is always well manicured. There are pops of color along the fence on the north side of the residence supplied by four pots of mandevillas vines. The vines are covered in bright pink flowers. In the southeast corner of the front yard is a Knock Out Rose surrounded by begonias. Liriope lines the sidewalk and there are Magnolia trees, azalias, geraniums, dianthus and three Ranunculus lillies. To nominate a home for Year of the Month, Contact the Muenster Enterprise at 759-4311, any KMB member, or the Muenster Chamber of Commerce at 759-2227.

Everything comes from love, all is ordained for the salvation of man, God does nothing without this goal in mind.

- St. Catherine of Siena

New Arrivals

Felderhoff

Danny and Brandi Felderhoff of Muenster are happy to announce the birth of their son Aiden Thomas Felderhoff. Aiden was born on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 7:03 a.m. in Presbyterian Hospital of Denton. He weighed 8 lb. 15 oz. and measured 21 1/2 inches in length. He is also welcomed by a sibling Madison Jean who will be four on July 15. Grandparents are Tom and Becky Felderhoff of Muenster and Wes and Sherri Gideon of Sanger. Great-grandparents are Alice Davidson of Muenster and the late Charles Davidson, Tom and Barbara Felderhoff of Muenster, Robert E. Collier, PhD of Denton and the late Jean Francis Collier, and Laurel and Jim Gideon of Sanger.



Aiden Felderhoff

Hess

Todd and Brittani Hess of Muenster joyfully announce the birth of their son Braxton Lee Hess. He was born on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 in Presbyterian Hospital of Denton. Braxton weighed 8 lb. and measured 20 1/2 inches in length. He joins a brother Shane. Braxton is welcomed by grandparents Denny and Michelle Huggins of Lindsay and Don and Martha Hess of Muenster. His great-grandparents are Leona Hess and Anita McClain.



Braxton Hess

Weather Whys - Raindrops

Q: You see on cartoons that raindrops usually appear like a teardrop. Are they really shaped that way?

A: Not really, said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. The common appearance of raindrops being shaped like a big tear is not very accurate, he notes. "Literature has frequently told us that raindrops are often tears from above, and thus are shaped like a teardrop. But that's not the case. The shape of a raindrop depends on its size. Small raindrops are actually spherical in shape and they take on different shapes as they fall to the ground. The larger ones are often compared to the shape of a hamburger bun. This is caused by air resistance on the drop as it falls to earth."

Weather Whys - service of the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A&M University.

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SHCS photo

Pictured with the "Make a Difference Award" for the School's tremendous support in 2015 is Annette Bayer, SHCS mission coordinator, and SHCS principal, Dr. Rafael Rondon.

Heifer International awards SHCS

Sacred Heart Catholic School was a recipient of the "Make a Difference Award" for their tremendous support in 2015 of the Heifer International effort. This award was bestowed by Heifer International.

Heifer International is a nonprofit community development organization. Since 1944, Heifer has helped more than 12 million families in more than 125 countries and the 50 states in America, move toward greater self-reliance through the gift of livestock and training in environmentally sound agriculture.

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This organization began with the giving of a heifer, hence the name. Through the generosity of so many, they are fighting the war against hunger around the world.

In the last five years Sa-

cred Heart School and parish have raised over \$6,000. Through the generosity of so many they are fighting the war against hunger and helping families around the world, providing water buffaloes, pigs, sheep, fish, rabbits, heifers, bees, and trees among others.



Karla Fernandez, a 2015 graduate of Saint Jo High School, is the recipient of the Patrick R. Harris Memorial Scholarship for the 2015 Fall Semester. She plans to attend Brown Mackie College in Salina, KS to begin her work toward a degree in Veterinary Technology. Karla is the daughter of Edi and Pedro Fernandez.

NCTC Honors Program accepting applications for Fall

The Honors program at North Central Texas College is currently accepting applications for the Fall 2015 semester.

The NCTC Honors program offers students with many benefits and opportunities including scholarships each semester to help offset the cost of tuition; competitive edge when transferring; honors courses with well-respected, knowledgeable instructors in small class settings that foster a seminar-like experience; cultural and academic-enrichment opportunities including faculty lecture events, museum visits and study abroad experiences in Italy and England; transfer assistance to four-year universities and Honors Colleges; and distinction at graduation for all students who participate in the program.

Last year, the Honors program offered more than 30 different events and opportunities for students.

"In a survey of students graduating or transferring from our program, 100% of responders rated the program as 'highly beneficial' to their success at NCTC," Honors Program Coordinator Dr. Rochelle Gregory

said. "More than 87% of these students also graduated or transferred with no student debt and almost all transferred into highly competitive programs at UNT, TWU, Texas Tech, Texas A&M, SMU, the University of Texas and UTA. Several of our students have been awarded a Terry Foundation transfer scholarship worth \$6,000 per semester."

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MISD Cheerleaders bring home awards

The Muenster varsity cheerleaders and mascot attended a National Cheerleaders Association (NCA) camp at the University of Oklahoma in Norman the last week of June. Squad members attended daily cheer, chant, jump, stunt, and dance classes. Head cheerleader Allie Walterscheid attended a captain's class on responsibility and leadership within the squad.

The Hornet cheerleaders performed cheers and chants at daily evaluations. The squad earned all blue superior ribbons for their performances each day. Stunt group competitions were held the first day of camp. Allie Walterscheid, Kimber Walterscheid, Amy Luttmr, and Macie Pagel won the Cradle Hold Division. Courtney Stevens, Allie, Kimber, and Amy were runners-ups in the Cradle Pop Division. The entire squad was awarded the spirit stick for their spirit and enthusiasm the first night of camp. On the second day of evaluations, the squad was selected by NCA staff to receive the Herkie TEAM certificate as the squad that best possessed the qualities of the ideal team-leadership, values, teamwork, and sportsmanship. The squad earned a spirit stick the second night of camp as well.

The entire MHS squad-Allie, Courtney, Kimber, Adlye, Burnett, Sarah Hickman, Amy, Macie, Haiden Shook,

Sterling Walterscheid and Morgan Hennigan was nominated for All-American. Each girl is eligible to perform at the New Year's Day Parade in London, England. Haiden earned a spot on the All-American squad. Each of these cheerleaders along with mascot Alaina Reiter received blue superior ribbons for their many accomplishments at camp.

In addition, Alaina, "Buzz" the Hornet mascot, had a very successful camp attending very mascot training classes. She received all blue superior ribbons for her evaluations. She also received the Most Creative Mascot Award and was named All-American Mascot.

The squad had three cheerleaders recognized in the Pin it Forward program. Cheerleaders are selected by NCA staff and/or other squads as a cheerleader who demonstrates values developed through cheerleading such as leadership, spirit, commitment, kindness, and motivation. Allie, Kimber, and Courtney each received a pin for exemplifying these characteristics.

Another program at this year's camp was TEAM UP for ST. JUDE Spirited by Varsity. JUDE Spirited gives the opportunity to participate in a letter campaign while at camp to help support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Amy, Macie, and Morgan all received pins for their partici-

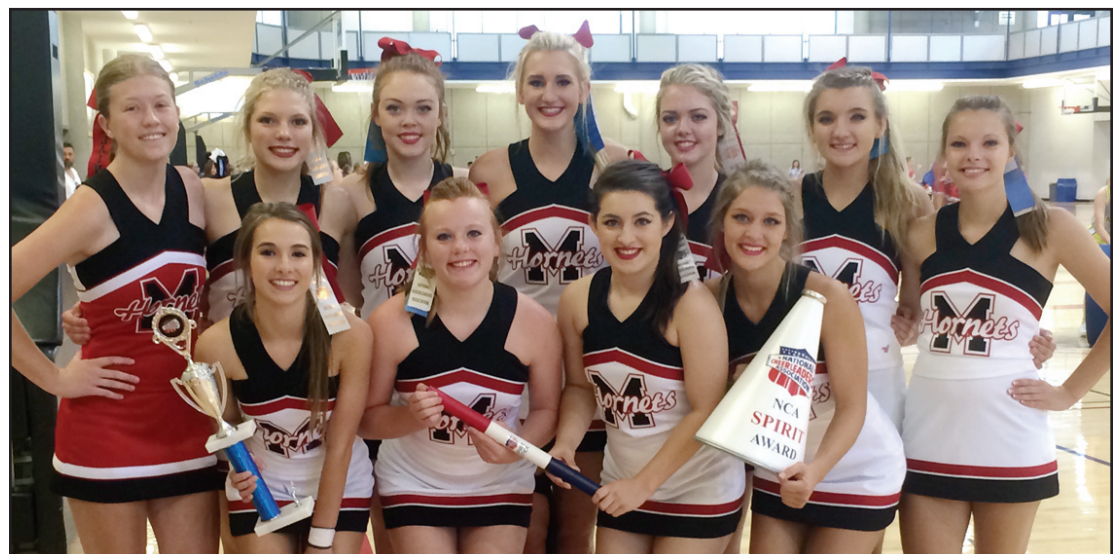
pation in this philanthropy project.

The Muenster varsity cheerleaders were again a huge success on the final day of competitions. The squad competed for the Champion Chant trophy and the Top Team trophy. The squad was announced as the Top Team winner for their Game Day Performance. This is the eighth Top Team win in the past nine years for Muenster Varsity.

Another prestigious award presented to the Muenster squad was the NCA Spirit Award Megaphone. This award is voted on by all the other cheer squads at camp and is awarded to the one squad that exemplifies true spirit throughout the week. This is the fourth year in a row for Muenster Varsity to win the Spirit Megaphone. The squad also received a National Bid which invites them to compete at the national cheer competition in Dallas in January. A spirit stick was awarded to the girls to take home on the final day of camp.

MHS Cheer Coach Lisa Credentialed her coaching credentials for attending coaching classes and participating with the squad.

The Muenster Varsity Cheerleaders are hosting their annual MINI CHEER CAMP at the Muenster Gyms July 27-31. Registration forms can be found on the MISD website.



MISD photo

Muenster Varsity cheerleaders and mascot with their awards from National Cheerleaders Association (NCA) camp at the University of Oklahoma in Norman.

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Health care duo reunited at Urgent Care

A pair of well-respected members of the local health care community have been reunited on the staff of Absolute Urgent Care, 800 West Hwy. 82 in Gainesville.

This month, Family Nurse Practitioner Jill Fuhrmann joined longtime co-worker Physician Assistant Brenda Anderle on the staff of the only seven-day-a-week health clinic in the county. Both practitioners had worked together previously at Cooke County Medical Center.

Absolute Urgent Care opened its newly-constructed clinic in December 2014. The clinic offers a unique blend of family health care and urgent care and offers later hours during the week, as well as Saturday and Sunday availability. The clinic is owned and managed by Abdul N. Khan, M.D., and has a lab and x-ray facility onsite.

"We are so pleased to have the caliber of providers we have in Brenda and Jill," Khan said. "Having local staff, that people know and trust, will allow us to give the type of personal care we strive to provide."

Brenda Anderle, PA-C, has worked as a physician assistant for the past 24 years, many of those years with Sears Medical Associates. She has also worked for Wilson N. Jones in Sherman, and North Texas Medical Center in the emergency department and with the hospitalist program. She graduated from the Physician Assistant Program at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas in 1990.

Jill Fuhrmann, RN, BSN, MS, FNP-C, has worked as a certified family nurse practitioner for the past six years. Before that, Jill worked as a nurse for 28 years in the Gainesville area, gaining a broad base of experience in a number of hospital-based care areas, such as OB/GYN, ICU, and the

medical/surgical floors. Jill also worked in surgery, serving as the director of surgery at North Texas Medical Center in Gainesville for two years. Jill completed her RN at Cooke County College in 1988, her Bachelor's degree in Nursing at the University of Texas - Arlington in 2005, and her Master of Science degree in Nursing at Texas Woman's University in 2008.

Both ladies reside with their families in Lindsay. Absolute Urgent Care offers a full array of health services - from treating "A Cold in the Nose to Broken Toes." For a detailed list of services, visit their website at www.absoluteucare.com. The clinic also honors a wide variety of insurances and will work with patients holding plans that don't show Absolute as a network provider.

Online registration streamlines check-in and walk-ins are welcome.

"Absolute gives people the opportunity to establish with a medical practice for their routine health care needs, while providing an appropriate setting for non-life threatening emergencies, such as cuts, possible fractures, bites, and stings," Khan noted. "We also look to expand our services to new segments of the community soon."

For hours and more information, call 301-5000 (local number) or check out the website listed above or the AUC Facebook page.

If a man walks in the woods for love of them half of each day, he is in danger of being regarded as a loafer; but if he spends his whole day as a spectator, shearing off those woods and making the earth bald before her time, he is esteemed an industrious and enterprising citizen.

- Henry David Thoreau



AUC photo
Physician Assistant Brenda Anderle, left, and Nurse Practitioner Jill Fuhrmann both on staff at Absolute Urgent Care of Gainesville.

Weather Whys - forecasts

Weather forecasting has been around longer than you might think, said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "The U.S. government started weather forecasting in the 1870s when Congress established a National Weather Service," explains McRoberts. "It was aimed primarily for military uses. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) was established in 1970 and has under it a number of agencies, among them the National Weather Service. But the goal was still the same - trying to give an accurate prediction of weather forecasting. Weather forecasting is done to predict long ranges, such as a year or more, or sometimes a season, such as summer, or the kind we are most familiar with, the four- or five-day forecast. Meteorologists use various charts based on air currents, fronts, satellite images, and other data to make their forecasts."

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TIGERS & HORNETS PICKED TO WIN DISTRICT

The Sacred Heart Tigers and Muenster Hornets are both predicted to win their district according to *Dave Campbell's Texas Football* magazine, now available on newsstands.

The Tigers of TAPPS Division III, District I are picked to lead the eight teams that make up the district. Fort Worth Temple, Colleyville Covenant, and Fort Worth Lake Country follow for the top four half leaders. Lubbock Christian, Amarillo San Jacinto, Kennedale Fellowship, and Fort Worth Calvary finish out the league.

Sacred Heart finished last season with a 6-1 district record and a regional finalist title. Listed players to watch are Kason Reeves, Tyler Spruill, Stephen Kessler, Grant Springer, Zach Flusche, and Sam Hesse.

Other prospects are Ethan Henry, Garrett Truebenbach, Mark Davis, Markus Shaw, and Tyler Walterscheid.

"QB Reeves (2,747 yards, 35 TDs passing) is back as the signal caller. He is backed by an amazing array of senior talent including OLs Kessler and Springer. Fans should keep an eye on DB Flusche," the article noted.

Mis-placed in the UIL Returning State Leaders is Sacred Heart's Kason Reeves with 2,474 yards passing.

2014 District Champions and State Semi-Finalist Temple Christian have only O/D 3/3 starters returning.

The Muenster Hornets, UIL District 9AA, Div. II, kept Lindsay, Era, and Collinsville, but moved east picking up Cleste, Cumby, and Detroit. "In the usually unpredictable Class 2A - Favorites Emerge" article, Campbell picks Tenaha over Iola in Region III. "This is a rare region where each of the four districts have a clear favorite - Muenster in District 9, a nasty Hubbard team in District 10, Tenaha in District 11, and Iola in District 12."

The Hornets have O/D 5/8 starters returning from a 10-2 area finalist season. Players to watch are Dalton Bartel, Zane Kemp, and Kyle Klement, with top juniors Blayne Jones and Brennan Binder and sophomore Carson Trubenbach. Other prospects named were Dalton Hess, Chase Deekan, Travis Vogel, Trace Klement, and Sammy Saucer.

"The Hornets will lean on an experienced savvy defense anchored by LB Bartel early," the article noted. "Offensively QB Jones should be taking the snaps, but it'll be RB Klement running behind OL Kemp that is the bell cow of this offense."

The Lindsay Knights, defending District champs, lost a dozen lettermen to graduation.

Andy Dieter, Garrett Martin, Logan Wann, Hunter Ellender, along with Yancy Otto, Tanner DeBord, and Brandon Craigie were listed as players to watch. Other Knight prospects named were Kyle Hermes, Alan Richards, and Dawson Anderle.

Following in the pre-season predictions, Campbell has Cumby in 3rd place followed by Collinsville, Era, Celeste, and Detroit. Cumby returns after a short playoff season last year. Collinsville is rebuilding from a one win season, with Era hoping for an injury-free year. Celeste will have a young team with 6 possible freshmen seeing playing time. Detroit were winless in district play with only one win last season.

Muenster's Dalton Bartel was picked as the District's pre-season defensive MVP with Garrett Martin of Lindsay named offensive MVP.

Also in the area, Valley View was placed in District 5AA, Div. I with Bells and Alvard leading the pack.

Callisburg was placed in the cellar of District 5AAA, Div. I with Pottsboro and Pilot Point named to finish on top. District 4AAAA, Div. I Gainesville is predicted to finish 3rd behind Graham and Decatur.

In 6-man, Tioga and Saint Jo compete in the same Div. I district with Forestburg in Div. II with defensive state champions Throckmorton.

Lake Texoma anglers reminded of regulations prohibiting moving of baitfish



Bighead carp

Recent flooding below Lake Texoma has resulted in increased angling activity in the Denison Dam tailrace and a heightened threat that invasive species such as silver or bighead carp could be introduced into the lake.

Right now fish are stacked up in the tailrace and baitfish are plentiful and easy to catch with cast nets. Some of those fish may be invasive species such as silver carp or bighead carp. "The danger is that young Asian carp resemble gizzard and threadfin shad, which are commonly used for bait," said Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) fisheries biologist Bruce Hysmith. "Anglers need to be aware that these invasive species are present and that it is illegal to move them or other baitfish from the Lake Texoma tailrace to the lake itself."

It is a violation of Texas law to transport these carp alive; any fish caught must be dispatched immediately.

Silver and bighead carp are native to the large river systems of China and have been introduced at many locations around the world, including the United States. Silver carp are known to jump from the water upon hearing the sound of a boat, possibly injuring the occupants.

Silver and bighead carp were unintentionally released into the Mississippi River drainage years ago and are known to be present in the Red River. The Lake Texoma dam has been serving as a barrier to migration upstream into the lake.

See related story at right.

Game Warden Reports

Caught on Instagram

A Guadalupe County game warden received a call from a Gonzales County game warden with some information about a potential illegal deer harvest teenagers posted to Instagram. The Guadalupe County game warden did some investigating and found the teenagers who posted their harvest and interviewed them. After making several excuses about why the warden found deer hair and blood in the bed of one teenager's truck, the teenagers confessed to shooting a deer off the road in Wilson County two nights prior. The warden contacted a Wilson County game warden, who said he'd received a call about a shot that night in the same area and a description of a vehicle that matched the teenager's truck. The teenagers then showed the warden where they shot the deer. There was still fresh blood on the road and on the nearby fence. The teenagers were charged with 10 Class C misdemeanor hunting violations, and a .270 rifle, spotlight, and meat were confiscated.

Blame it on the catfish

A Bosque County game warden and sheriff's deputies responded to a call to rescue two fishermen whose inflatable raft was sinking. A deputy located the fishermen offshore while the warden launched the patrol boat. The warden was able to quickly reach the fishermen, who were in the water at this point, clinging to the mostly deflated raft. The

warden safely returned them to the boat ramp, where emergency medical services provided medical attention to both men since they had been in the 63-degree water for more than an hour. Both men said some of the catfish they caught must have finned the raft, causing it to deflate. They also said the stringer they used had wrapped around the trolling motor, disabling control of the craft. Both fishermen put on lifejackets before going into the water.



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GPS software for farm equipment to be tax exempt

A law recently approved by the Texas legislature will exempt Texas farmers and ranchers from paying sales tax on GPS software, beginning Sept. 1.

The idea came from Dawson County farmer Billy Low when he discovered the bill for his GPS software subscription included tax.

"That didn't make sense to me," Low said. "If the equipment was tax exempt, then what I needed to run that equipment looked like it should be tax exempt also."

Low then enlisted the help of Representative Tom Craddick and Kate Huddleston, chief of staff, to create a bill regarding the issue. Rep. Craddick and Senator Charles Perry then carried the bill through, Low said.

"Fortunately, I reached Kate Huddleston," Low said. "She took the ball and got it rolling. I would sure give a world of credit to Kate Huddleston."

The GPS is connected to a tractor guidance system that ensures accuracy when listing, planting, and harvesting crops. With the guidance system, farmers are able to focus more on the equipment they are pulling behind the tractor, thus increasing per-

formance.

Farmers are not the only ones who will benefit. This tax exemption, along with the increase in efficiency, will help reduce product prices for consumers, Low said.

"It just makes everything easier for us," he added.

"[The system] will basically drive the tractor from one end of the field to the other, and keep it on a straight line, much straighter than a human can drive it."

This exemption will save sales tax for farmers across the state for just the software subscription alone, Low said.

"One person can make a difference, and I think that is something everybody needs to keep in mind," he said.

The ruling states the GPS unit will have to be used for



building and maintaining roads or water facilities, or in the production of food, grass, feed, or other agriculture products sold in the normal course of business.

A registration number for the GPS software is required in order to receive tax exemption, and it must be included on the application for exemption.

Taxes owed on GPS devices prior to Sept. 1 will not be affected, and previously owed taxes on GPS equipment will not be forgiven.



Ag exports important to all Texans

By Mike Barnett

What's more boring than talking about international trade?

Watching paint dry. Maybe.

But it's a subject that should grab attention. From farmers and consumers.

Because it directly affects you. Exports add value to Texas agriculture. All Texas crops and livestock were sold for \$20 billion in 2012, according to the Texas Department of Agriculture. About a third of that was exported to other nations. Over \$6.5 billion worth in 2012.

That's not pocket change.

Those dollars flow into rural Texas. To support local businesses. Fund local schools. Maintain rural infrastructure.

Most important, those dollars keep family farms viable. So they can continue to stay on the land and provide you and me an abundant supply of safe and affordable food. Call it food security.

But it's more than that.

Agricultural exports provide jobs. Throughout Texas and across the nation. Economists say every \$1 billion in agricultural exports generates 15,611 jobs. That means over 1 million Texans are providing for their families because of agricultural exports from the Lone Star State.

There is an ongoing debate about trade and exports in Washington. It's called Trade Promotion Authority (TPA).

TPA gives the president the authority to negotiate trade deals. Congress may approve or reject. But they can't change.

To make a long story short, we need it. Without TPA, export markets are in danger of drying up. Farm income drops. Rural Texas gets left behind. And a million Texans face dicey job prospects.

That's why agriculture exports are important to you. Me. And all Texans.

Corn benefits from pre-emergent herbicides to control weeds

Using pre-emergent herbicides in developing corn is vital in controlling weeds, reports *Southwest Farm Press*.

"Any weed that's growing during the six-week interval from when the corn comes up and reaches canopy is going to compete, and you're going to lose yield," according to Michael Flessner, Virginia Cooperative Extension weed specialist.

A recent study found pre-emergent herbicide applied in corn was optimal when adequate rainfall coincided with its application. On fields that received no rainfall for three weeks after the herbicide was applied, weed control was negligible. This indicated that the herbicide will dissipate over time to some degree.

"To preserve maximum yield potential, which is the name of the game, you need to control weeds, and pre-emergent herbicides are usually the way to go. In some cases, if you don't get early rainfall to activate, it may be a little risky, but I still recommend pre-emergent herbicides," Flessner said.

Composting animal manure: Good for soil and livestock

For generations, farmers have been using composting animal manure as a soil amendment to improve soil health.

In recent years, livestock ranchers have started to use composting as a tool to manage animal manure. It has been found to improve storage options, reduce the amount of transported materials and the volume spread onto fields. Also, composted

animal manure is more suitable for the growing season when spread on hay and pastures than raw manure.

It generally takes four to eight months to complete the composting process. Higher quality compost requires additional time for curing of two to four months.

Compost spread on fields allows grass to grow more easily which provides improved grazing for livestock.

Cover crops can provide nitrogen

Traditionally, cover crops were used for erosion control. But in the past few years, cover crops have been used for other purposes, according to *Drovers CattleNetwork*.

Cover crops can be used to produce nitrogen, which is necessary for all plant growth. Legumes have the ability to "fix" nitrogen from the air and store it in nodules in their roots. This nitrogen can be released or used by subsequent crops.

There have been many research studies conducted to determine how much nitrogen cover crops produce. There are many factors that determine how much nitrogen can be credited to cover crops.

It is important to take a good soil sample if planning to use cover crops as a nitrogen source. It is also advisable to follow up with a plant tissue analysis to ensure enough nitrogen for production.

Just a thought

You will never "find" time for anything. If you want time you must make it.

Additional 800,000 acres dedicated to CRP

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently announced that an additional 800,000 acres of highly environmentally sensitive land may be enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) under certain wetland and wildlife initiatives that provide multiple benefits on the same land, according to the USDA.

The USDA will accept new offers to participate in CRP under a general signup to be held Dec. 1, 2015, through Feb. 26, 2016. The program is voluntary.

Eligible existing program participants, with contracts expiring Sept. 30, 2015, will be granted an option for one-year extensions. Farmers and ranchers interested in removing sensitive land from agricultural production and planting grasses or trees to reduce soil erosion, improve water quality, and restore wildlife habitat are encouraged to enroll.

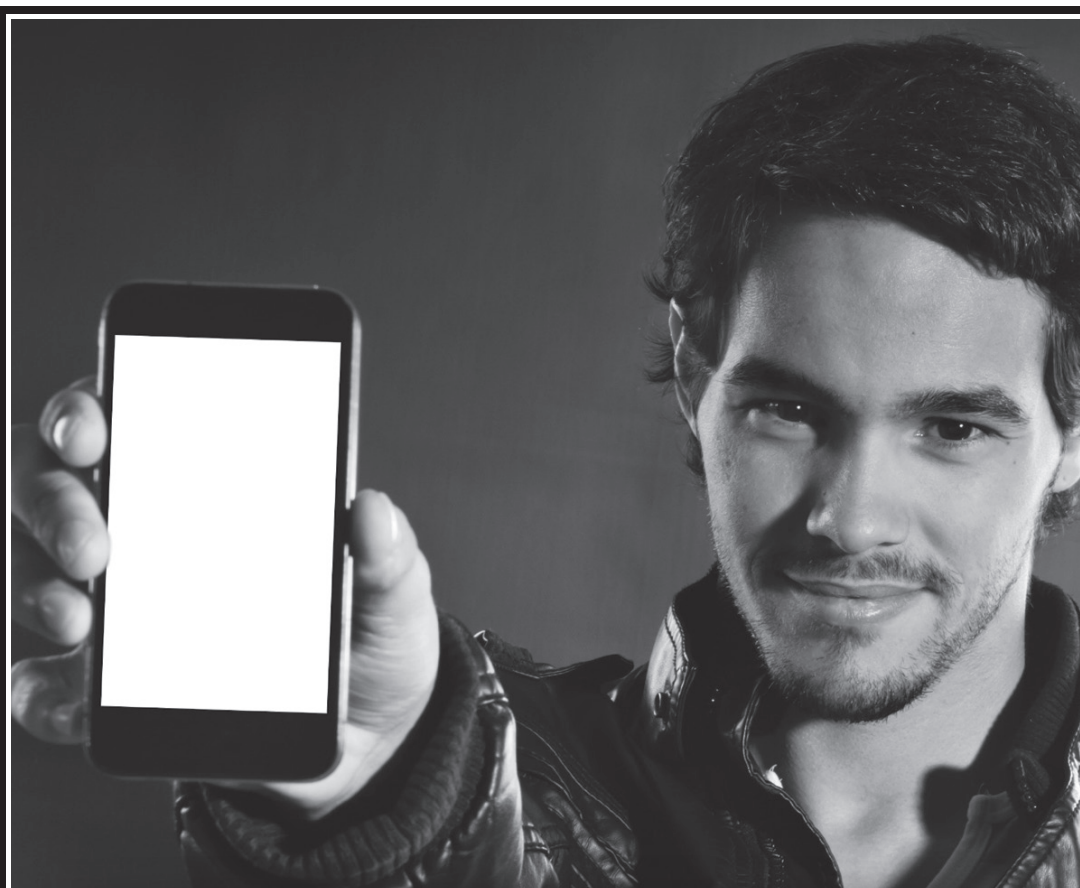
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Cream Cheese..... 8 OZ. **2 for \$3**
PRE-PRICED \$3.29 - ASSTD. CHUNK OR SHREDDED
Kraft Cheese..... 8 OZ. **\$2.99**
16 OZ. SALTED OR UNSALTED QUARTERS
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