



Janie Hartman photo

Slow down coming into Muenster - Texas Department of Transportation has placed the new slower speed limit signs on north and south FM 373.

Reckless Kelly Concert this Saturday at Heritage Park

Heritage Park in Muenster is busy getting ready for their first "Summer Concert" which will feature Austin's own **Reckless Kelly** singing songs from his 8th album *Long Night Moon*. The album is the follow-up to 2011's Grammy Nominated *Good Luck & True Love*, which took home four Lone Star Music Awards, and sent three singles to #1 on Texas Radio.

Hurricane Highway said "that when we look back on the history of whatever we call this Texas-Red Dirt-Americana thing, Reckless will stand out amongst the heavyweights like Rodney Crowell, Joe Ely, and such." For the title track, *Long Night Moon*, he says it "continues to grow on me."

Colton O'Neill, only 22 years of age, is a new upcoming star on the horizon and will open the concert at 6 p.m. followed by **Thom Shepherd**, an Austin-based touring artist who spent many years as a songwriter in Nashville. He performs constantly with his band, as a solo acoustic performer, and as a duo with artist Coley McCabe. His latest song "Little Miss Everything," from the Bandolier Records project "12 Pack," is his 5th single as an artist in Texas. Shepherd is opening act for Reckless Kelly.

You don't want to miss any of these energetic groups, who will be on stage in Heritage Park with lots of energetic entertainment.

You are invited to bring your lawn chairs and blankets to sit out under the stars in the grassy area at the outdoor theater, surrounded by the beautiful decorative lamp poles and tree-lined creek. What a beautiful setting to enjoy while listening to the country music, and enjoy food and drink provided by local vendors and the Muenster Jaycees.

Concert location is 321 North Ash on the west edge of town.

Tickets are \$25 pre and \$30 at the gate. Parking is free.

Muenster FCCLA teams score National Gold

Muenster FCCLA was well represented at the 2015 National Leadership Meeting in Washington D.C. July 3-10 with eight members attending and presenting in the Competitive Events. There were 8,000 delegates in attendance, with Texas represented by 667. This was the largest participation of Texas representation at the annual National event.

Members enjoyed a whirlwind week of activities including tours, workshops, three general sessions of outstanding guest speakers, competitive events, national officer elections, and witnessing their own Texas officer, Jacob Smith, serving as National FCCLA V.P. of Finance. Monica Jones of Earth, TX was also elected to serve as a 2015-16 National FCCLA officer.

On Thursday, July 9, all eight team members were awarded Gold medals for their STAR Event presentations. Muenster FCCLA had three teams earn the privilege of competing at the National FCCLA, page 2



Courtesy photo

Rut Rodriguez, Alaina Kubis, Bailey Anderle, Paige Saucer, Zoe Klement, Erin Schniederjan, Ashleigh Fisher, and Morgan Hennigan.

Smith's passion to run spurs him on despite leg amputation

Janet Felderhoff
News Editor

Aaron Theodore Smith literally has only one good leg to stand or run on. That has not slowed him down though. He loves to run, and trains and competes despite his missing limb.

Running has always been a part of Aaron's life. While attending Texas A&M and still having the use of both legs, he competed on their track team for three years. He graduated and went on to attend pharmacy school at University of Texas. There was still a year of eligibility remaining for Aaron so he used it and competed in the decathlon there.

"You just have to take it one day at a time and have a good attitude," Aaron said of his situation.

He added, "God has played a big role in it too. I don't see how anyone without faith could get through the frustration that I've had to live through."

He had many interests including building things, training horses, running, and landscaping.

This all came to a screeching halt one day with a tragic accident. Aaron was riding a three-year-old Clydesdale as he had done many times before, even in parades. He was ponying another Clydesdale (ponying is riding one horse while bringing a second along using a lead rope). The horse being led began to buck and spooked the horse

that Aaron was riding to also buck. He was already off balance from working with the horse he was leading and could not grab the reins. As he was bucked off, he tried to hurl his body away from the huge horse so she would not step on him "My foot got caught in the stirrup so she tried to drag me to death," recalled Aaron. "I scratched the skin off my back. Luckily my leg came out, but not before my knee twisted and my leg broke. It was called a tibia plateau fracture."

Although his doctors did their best to save his leg, it eventually had to be amputated. He said he got an infection in it that finished off the faltering healing process. He said it was amputated just above the knee. This was after a year of attempting to save the leg.

After the amputation, it took a six month healing process before Aaron could wear a walking leg. "I was unable to walk for an entire year and a half," he said. "In that time, my business dissolved. My horses - I got rid of everything. I ended up on the sides." He had a landscaping company, did buying and selling online that involved buying and fixing horse trailers and other big equipment. It was work in the hot sun and he can no longer do it because it gets too hot with the artificial leg and he develops sores. He bought and sold and trained horses. He added that he has gotten back to doing some of

that, but it is just not as efficient.

"But, I have a good attitude and I think that the only true disability that anyone can have is to have a bad attitude," remarked Smith.

Having lost his leg at age 34, Aaron was looking at fellow amputees for inspiration and feeling that he might be too old to learn how to run on an artificial leg. Also, running legs are very expensive and not covered by insurance. For two years, Aaron was unable to procure one. He continued walking two to five miles each day, building up his stamina. This included walking across Cooke County.

Smith shared that he was always breaking his artificial leg due to all the walking and trying to run with it. His prosthetist got frustrated with him and having to fix the leg every month. The prosthetist put Smith in contact with the Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF). It took an additional year. He was also put in touch with Francois Van Der Watt, a leading sports prosthetist who works with OS-SUR out of Iceland. A track and field coach that Smith knew worked with a coach who was on the Paralympic team. All these connections aided in Smith getting back into the sport of running.

Finally, the CAF decided that Smith had the determination to use a running leg and they bought one for him. "That's what CAF does. They

help people with physical disabilities get back in the game of life through physical fitness and sports opportunities," explained Aaron. "They like guys like me to reach out to the community and make people aware of

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Busted on Main Street

"In our continuing efforts to rid Cooke County of illegal drugs and the criminals that sell them," noted Cooke County Sheriff Terry

Gilbert, the Cooke County Sheriff Department's Drug Enforcement Unit, assisted by the Patrol Division, conducted a buy-bust operation on Thursday, July 9 in the 200 block of Main Street in Muenster. Gary Wade Porter, age 27, was arrested in possession of approximately 9 grams of methamphetamine with an approximate street value of \$900.

Porter was arrested and placed in the Cooke County Jail for Manufacture / Delivery of a Controlled Substance. A three-year-old drug endangered child was referred to Child Protective Services.

Porter was arraigned by JP Dorothy Lewis and is currently being held on \$125,000 bond.



Gary Wade Porter

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BECAUSE NO MATTER WHAT GOES WRONG,
IF WE LIVE TO SEE ANOTHER SUNRISE
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AARON THEODORE SMITH
TEAMCAF ATHLETE



Challenged Athletes Foundation advertisement featuring Aaron Smith running in Muenster's German Fun Run.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO
July 14, 1950

Fr. Thomas Weinzapfel tells Knights of Columbus Council of his recent trip to Europe. Burglars break into five Muenster businesses; total losses in cash, other items, and property damage amount to several hundred dollars. New Arrivals; Elizabeth to Albert and Francis "Betsy" Knabe; a daughter to the Paul Tempels; Danny to Bill and Anna Eberhart. Harold Neu, 13, sustains broken arm. Felix Yosten and his children Cyril and Bernadette are recovering from the mumps.

50 YEARS AGO
July 16, 1965

Al Trubenbach elected president of Muenster Hospital District's Board of Directors. Obituary: William Moore, 70. New Arrivals: a daughter to Ervin Richard and Mildred Walterscheid; Jonathan to Bill and Mary Birken. Debbie Fette is new employee at Rohmer's Restaurant, replacing Rose Vogel who went to work at the dress factory in Saint Jo. The Charm Shop advertises closeout of PF Flyers \$3.25 and \$3.75.

25 YEARS AGO
July 13, 1990

Cellular phone service comes to Cooke County by North Texas Communications. New post office opens in Valley View. Obituaries: Tony Hermes, 79; Daisy Hudspeth, 79; Werner Henscheid, 64; Minnie Odom, 80; Jo Denham, 94. Weddings: Cynthia Garza and Wayne Fleitman; Susan Herr and David Cornett. Richard Fuhrmann nominated as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America for 1989. John Klement celebrates 80th birthday. Article by Elaine Schad claims that Lake Ray Roberts is fisherman's bonanza.

Texas Oil and Gas Production Reports from the Texas Railroad Commission



The Texas average rig count as of June 19 was 363, representing about 44% of all active land rigs in the United States according to Baker Hughes Incorporated. The Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) reports that in the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 959 million barrels of oil and 8.3 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

The Commission's estimated final production for April 2015 is 82,985,952 barrels of crude oil and 503,067,488 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

The Commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary April 2015 production totals of 69,595,733 barrels of crude oil and 430,856,019 Mcf of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.1924 for crude oil and 1.1676 for gas well gas. These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.

Texas natural gas storage reported to the Commission for May 2015 was 371,377,953 Mcf compared to 208,191,807 Mcf in May 2014. The June 2015 gas storage estimate is 387,328,740 Mcf.

The Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial July 2015 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 7,873,196 Mcf. In setting the initial July 2015 allowables, the Commission used historical production figures from previous months, producers' demand forecasts for the coming month, and adjusted the figures based on well capability. These initial allowables will be adjusted after actual production for July 2015 is reported.

May permits to drill

The Railroad Commission of Texas issued a total of 916 original drilling permits in May 2015 compared to 2,389 in May 2014. The May total included 778 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 17 to re-enter existing well bores, and 121 for re-completions. Permits issued in May 2015 included 222 oil, 55 gas, 583 oil and gas, 34 injection, one service, and 21 other permits.

April crude oil production

Texas preliminary April 2015 crude oil production averaged 2,319,858 barrels daily, up from the 2,043,461 barrels daily average of April 2014.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for April 2015 is 69,595,733 barrels, up from 61,303,820 barrels reported during April 2014.

May oil and gas completions

In May 2015, operators reported 1,299 oil, 201 gas, 72 injection, and seven other completions compared to 2,057 oil, 323 gas, 78 injection, and 12 other completions in May 2014.

Total well completions for 2015 year to date are 9,832 down from 13,729 recorded during the same period in 2014.

Operators reported 413 holes plugged and zero dry holes in May 2015 compared to 359 holes plugged and zero dry holes in May 2014.

April natural gas production

Texas oil and gas wells produced 587,178,094 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for April 2015 up from the April 2014 preliminary gas production total of 562,820,900 Mcf. Texas preliminary April total gas production averaged 19,572,603 Mcf a day.

Texas production in April 2015 came from 164,316 oil wells and 90,345 gas wells.

Waiting adoption Easy Street Shelter



Mikey and Pat are two of the sweet guys located at the Saint Jo shelter. Both are young boys who are really sweet and looking for their forever homes. For more info on adopting or helping us keep our gates open, contact Denise at 940-613-6865.

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tional level in April by placing 2nd at State.

The teams were: Life Event Planning with Ashleigh Fisher, Morgan Hennigan, and Rut Rodriguez; Focus on Children with Bailey Anderle, Paige Saucer, and Erin Schniederjan; Sports Nutrition with Zoe Klement and Alaina Kubis.

To earn Gold, members had to score 90-100. The students followed a provided National level rubric that incorporated their academic

and FCS curriculum knowledge and skills. The Focus on Children team used a table top display to present to judges, and the Life Event Planning and Sports Nutrition teams used a Prezi demonstration method.

Team members and advisor Joni Sturm acknowledged all the support of family members, community, and Muenster ISD School Board, staff, and administration who made the trip to Washington D.C. possible.

Weather Whys - Thunderstorms and cloud heights

Q: How high can thunderstorm clouds be?

A: It's common for many cloud tops in a thunderstorm to be higher than 55,000 feet above sea level, said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. Clouds over that range belong in a special category. "That may be as high as they get over the U.S., but in other parts of the world, thunderstorm clouds can be even higher," he said. It can happen, but it's rare to see thunderstorms reach more than 65,000 feet.

Q: Does the height of a thunderstorm cloud affect how strong it is?

A: Yes, that is usually the case, McRoberts adds. Storm clouds that exceed 50,000 feet are almost always stronger than ones that are at just 15,000 feet. "The higher the cloud, the more energy and motion inside the cloud, and that's why these produce such strong winds, hail, and rain," he said. "This motion inside the thunderstorm is called an updraft. Water and ice particles within the thunderstorm rise and fall inside the storm until they become too heavy to be supported, which at that time

they fall out of the storm as hail. Usually, the higher the thunderstorm, the better the chances are of it producing large hail. When you see a big thundercloud in the sky with a bright white top and the bottom of it is very dark, it is usually producing a powerful storm. When clouds reach 50,000 feet or higher, they even affect airplanes. The normal cruising range for passenger jets is in the 30,000 to 40,000-foot range. Pilots try to fly around such large storms, and this sometimes means they have to take detours of 100 to 200 miles or more."

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Just a thought

Knock your friends out ten enough and soon you'll find no one at home.

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Come and explore with us! While exploring uncharted territory during our Journey Off the Map, kids will discover that Jesus is the ultimate Guide. They will learn that, even when faced with the unexpected, they can know how to listen for God's direction.

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Does child attend Sunday School anywhere? _____ If yes, where? _____
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Who may pick up your child at the end of each VBS day? _____
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May we have permission to use your child's photo for the purpose of promotion? _____ YES _____ NO
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Max (PG)
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Inside Out in 2D (PG)
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Jurassic World in 2D (PG13)
11:30am, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15

Madagascar (PG)
Mon & Wed 9:30am

2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!

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 10-6:30	Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10-6:30	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm	Library open 10-2:30
		Hornet	Football	Camp		
Sunday, July 26, 2015	Monday, July 27, 2015	Tuesday, July 28, 2015	Wednesday, July 29, 2015	Thursday, July 30, 2015	Friday, July 31, 2015	Saturday, August 1, 2015
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm		Library open 10 am - 6:30 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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Obituaries

Bobbie Dell Kindiger Hanford

A celebration of the life of Bobbie Hanford will be held at the Ross Point Community Center on Saturday, July 18 from 10 a.m. to noon. Brad Layton of Lubbock will officiate. Bobbie died July 11, 2015 at Renaissance Care Center in Gainesville. The cause of death was kidney cancer.

Bobbie graduated from Era schools, attended Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, and received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Queensland, in Brisbane, Australia. She continued her education at the University of North Texas, working on a Master's degree in Criminal Justice. Bobbie used that degree at Gainesville State School where she was the Youth Rights Specialist and head of security. Bobbie worked for Denton County from 1990 to 2008 and retired as the Deputy Director of Institutional Services. For the last few years, Bobbie had been a para-professional working in the Slidell ISD, where she delighted in working with the special needs children.

She is survived by her children Jesika Hanford of Byron Bay, New South Wales and Ian Hanford of Albuquerque, NM; sisters Gail Knight of Era and Karen Chapman of Austin; brothers Jimmie Kindiger of Whitesboro and Eddie Kindiger of Callisburg; and her beloved Goddaughter Alex Curiel.

She was preceded in death by parents A.V. and Mary Ruth Kindiger; sister Ruth Ann Kindiger McKinney; and brothers Joe Frank Kindiger and Jerry Lynn Kindiger.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Home Hospice of Cooke County, 316 S. Chestnut, Gainesville, TX 76240.

Virgil Welch 1957 - 2015

Funeral for Virgil Welch age 57 of Burneyville, OK, was held Friday, July 10 at Cross Roads Baptist Church in Gainesville with Pastor Randy Taylor, Jr. officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery. Virgil died July 7, 2015 in Marietta, OK.

Born Oct. 29, 1957 in Gainesville to Virgil R. and Edith M. Welch, Virgil worked in various jobs in the oil field and enjoyed gardening.

Survivors are his wife Doris Welch of Burneyville; sons Leonard Welch and wife Ashley of Gainesville and Elvin Glenn, Jr. of Nocona; daughters and their husbands Frances and Jose Garcia of Burneyville and Misty and Donny Withers, Jr. of Marietta, OK; 14 grandchildren; mother Edith of Gainesville; sisters Edith Ann Clark of Gainesville, Barbara Keen of Saint Jo, Virginia Proffer of Myra, Brenda Pierce of Haynes, FL, Kathy Greene of Wichita Falls, and Susan Tuggle of Saint Jo; and brother John Welch of Gainesville.

Virgil was preceded in death by his father on April 3, 1983.

Scribner memorial service set

A memorial service will be held to celebrate the life of Dee Dee Scribner, July 21, 1947 - June 9, 2015, on Saturday, July 18 at First Baptist Church of Muenster. Services will begin at 11 a.m.

Laveoada "Vada" Nance 1950 - 2015

Funeral for Appie Laveoada "Vada" Nance, age 64, was held July 13 at Scott Funeral Chapel in Saint Jo with C.E. Cole officiating. Burial was in McGrady Cemetery. Ms. Nance died July 9, 2015 in Denton.

The daughter of T.S. Cable, Jr. and Ola Faye Posey Cable, Vada was born Oct. 16, 1950 in Nocona. She was the granddaughter of Tom and Belle McGrady Cable. She grew up on Clear Creek and attended school in Saint Jo, graduating in 1969. She married Herbert Dale Nance.

While living in Saint Jo, she had a daycare in her home. After moving to Gainesville, she worked at Osborne's Farm Supply for 33 plus years, making lifelong friends. Vada loved family get-togethers, especially when the dominoes came out for a game of 42. She enjoyed her kids, especially her grandchildren. She had great problem solving skills.

Among Vada's many interests were a love for camping and fishing. Her sons remember the fun trips to the "upper lake" to catch the big one. She also loved helping friends with parties and celebrations. She had a knack for decorating and preparing party foods. Going to the Casino with her friend Gary Droll would always be a fun time.

Survivors are her sons Bryan and wife Heather Nance, and Chad Nance, all of Valley View; sisters Lina Jo Flusche of Saint Jo and Stella Manion and husband Kevin of New Orleans, LA; and sister-in-law Karon Burk of Albuquerque, NM; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, her parents, and her brother Jerry Burk.

Pallbearers were Colton Nance, grandson, James King, Randy Voyles, Mat Edington, Chris Buck, and Jason Weaver.

Just a thought

Abilities not used are abilities wasted.

Peace is not a season, it is a way of life.

The expert in anything was once a beginner.

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what's possible and to mentor, inspire, and to let people know that you don't have to sit out of the game of life because you have a disability. I'm here for people in the community to provide free coaching, free advice, just let them know it's possible and that the CAF is there to provide the support and opportunities to make their goals happen." He said CAF gives away sports wheelchairs and bikes, and helps wounded warriors. CAF takes donations to help people who need it. To learn more about CAF, check out their web page www.challengedathletes.org.

A similar group is the Texas Regional Paralympics Sports Group. They are a local group that wishes to help people with disabilities get involved in being athletic if they wish. "It really does help your self-esteem to get involved in physical fitness activities," noted Smith.

Aaron has an athletic build and stands 6' 7" tall and now weighs 215 pounds. That combined with the stress placed on his artificial running leg makes it a challenge to find a running leg that is built strong enough to withstand what he puts it through.

Last October while training at the track, Aaron was running as fast as he could and his running leg broke. He fell, breaking his clavicle in two places, broke two ribs, and he hit his head on the running blade causing him to go blind in his right eye for a few days. This took him out of training while his injuries healed and a new running leg was built. During that six months, he walked to keep up his strength.

The running leg has two parts - the blade which is like the spring and the socket. Both are made of carbon fiber, but are sold separately. The prosthetist must make the socket since it is fitted to the amputee. Aaron's need for a stronger running leg caused design changes. After the leg failed last October, they came up with a new design that made it stronger and less likely to break. He said, "There is nobody in the world who runs on a bigger running blade than this one. This blade is designed for people who weigh over 300 pounds and I weigh 215 pounds. He has huge bursts of speed in certain parts of the race that put tremendous force on the running leg. He can't use an artificial knee joint like many other runners do because there is not one made that will withstand the force he would put it under. He swings out when running.

Aaron noted that he has broken at least 10 artificial knee joints and just as many blades. The breakage usually results in a fall with injuries, but he continues to pursue the sport he thrives on. The newest design has already survived four months of running.

Aaron said that it is very encouraging when he is running and somebody driving down the street stops to tell him that he's changed their life.

"Being able to continue running has given me a more positive outlook," remarked Aaron. "I believe that the brain will release antidepressants naturally through physical fitness. It's allowed me to feel like a bird with wings. I felt like my wings were cut off and I got



Janet Felderhoff photo
Aaron Smith with his running leg.

this running leg and started feeling the wind in my face. It was like I was a bird that got its wind back and is flying full speed!"

During the interview, there was a phone call and Aaron learned that he had missed being eligible to compete in the Pan Am Games by one spot. He came in fourth and only the top three get to go.

There are only two races in which above-the-knee amputees can compete in and they are the 100 and the 200. "I'm good at the 400," said Aaron. "That's my best event. They don't have a 400 because there are so few people who are above-the-knee amputees in the world who can even run the 400 because it is long and stressful for someone who is missing their leg above the knee. They just have the events where there are the most people who can do the events." He added that he is better at the 200 than the 100. Since he is big and tall, it takes him some time to really get going. "Once I'm going, I have a lot of endurance and speed."

Smith runs in races against athletes with two legs when he can't compete in races with other amputees. Last year, he ran the second fastest time in the world in the 400m dash, making him frustrated that this is not offered in the Paralympics.

He took fourth place in the U.S. Nationals in the 200 meter dash last month. He feels optimistic that he will improve and better his time. This race was run with only three months of training following his fall and injuries in October.

According to Smith, Paralympics has different divisions. Above the knee ampu-

tees are in the T-42 division. Those with amputations below the knee can run faster because they have two knee joints.

Aaron and his wife Sydne have three young children - Elizabeth who is four and a half, Teddy age one and a half, and the newest addition, Lilian, who is three months old. They make their home in Gainesville.

Raising chickens is one of Aaron's hobbies. He raises chickens and got them so he could be healthier. He eats a hard boiled egg for a snack instead of junk food. He boils a batch of eggs every Monday and said he grazes on them the rest of the week. What eggs he doesn't eat are sold to people seeking an alternative to store-bought eggs.

Spending time with his children is another thing that Aaron appreciates doing. He takes them to the zoo and park, hunts fossils, and tries to teach his daughter how to spot fossils. He also likes to build anything with his hands. Raising registered black Angus cattle is something that Aaron enjoys doing.

"It was a difficult learning curve and that's why I want to make it clear that I am a resource," Aaron stressed. "When I tried to learn how to do this, I had to get on Facebook and ask Paralympians in England and France how to figure out how to do this stuff. There are no resources in the U.S. It was really difficult. There were no books to go to."

Aaron welcomes calls from anyone who has a disability and needs information, coaching, or mentoring. Contact him at (940) 902-4638 or email aaroncitus@yahoo.com.

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**Special thanks,
The Richerson Family
Kenet, Kara, and Ryan**

We, the family of Helen Yosten, are overwhelmed with the kindness and love shown to us by our friends, family, and community.

We would like to thank Fr. Ken Robinson for his prayers, support, and comforting words; Mary Del Olmo and Frank Luke for the beautiful music at Mass; and all those who assisted at Mass.

Thanks to Les Scott for his support and care as we mourned the sudden, unexpected loss of our dear mother.

Thank you to everyone who brought food and beverages; to all of those who comforted us with hugs, a kind word, thoughts, and prayers; and the Catholic Daughters for preparing the meal.

We give thanks to God for each of you and we ask Him to bless you and your families!

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"Muenster is hands-down the place to experience Oktoberfest. If beer isn't your thing drive up for an award-winning wine affair any time. A 30 minute loop will afford you a three winery tour ..." noting Weinhof, Arche, and Blue Ostrich wineries. The tree house cabin at Wildcat Ha'ven Ranch and the Elm Creek Manor get a mention before "Breakfast at Bayer's Kolonialwaren Bakery will leave you completely satiated. They specialize in 11 flavors of strudel, six kinds of meat Kolaches, chicken and peppers, and donuts.

"After you pop a button, or two, spend the remainder of your pre-nap day at Fresh Fellas Furnishings. This flea market style shop offers 'a fresh take on vintage home decor' to make Joanna Gaines swoon."

Glen Rose, Dangerfield, and Washington, TX, and Broken Bow, OK were also featured.

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS MUENSTER, TEXAS



Muenster VFW Post #6205 received Perpetual Charter No. 35 for the most life memberships in the state in 1957, the first VFW post to receive a charter in Texas. Pictured, from left - front - Dougie Kathman, Carolyn Walterscheid, Albina Schmitz, Frances Bayer, Alice Hennigan, Geniva DeBorde, Evie Felderhoff, Lu Haverkamp; Back - Andy Yosten, Arthur Bayer, Johnny Schmitz, Pat Hennigan, Maurus Rohmer, Arthur Felderhoff, Herbie Yosten, Arnold "Freck" Schilling, Wilmer Walterscheid, Herbie Herr, Joe H. Walterscheid, Meinard Yosten, Delbert Walterscheid, Nig DeBorde, Tony Yosten, Leo Haverkamp.

Statement by Chairman Craddick on EPA findings: "No Evidence of Impact on Drinking Water from Hydraulic Fracturing"

Railroad Commission Chairman Christi Craddick recently reinforced findings released by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in their draft assessment on Potential Impacts of Hydraulic Fracturing for Oil and Gas on Drinking Water Resources. EPA comments stated that despite vulnerabilities, there is no evidence of 'widespread, systematic impacts on drinking water resources due to hydraulic fracturing activities.'

"Texans have known for sixty-plus years that hydraulic fracturing when well-regulated, is not only safe but critical to unleashing America's true oil and gas production potential," Craddick said. "There is not one case on the books in Texas where hydraulic fracturing has caused groundwater pollution and it's my hope the EPA's findings will contribute to a better public, fact-based understanding of this critical industry technique."

"The difference between state and federal regulation is that while the feds study the issues, states act carefully in a timely manner with science-based information to ensure that we are properly protecting our environment while not stifling a fast-paced, technologically-driven industry. Economic development and environmental safety can and do exist peacefully in Texas, which should be the ultimate goal for any regulatory body. As Texas recognizes that we are a leader in oil and gas regulation, we know that this philosophy has led to our success and we look forward to building upon critical state-shared information processes as the industry continues to develop and grow."

New Arrival

Hennigan
Doug and Nicole Hennigan of Muenster joyfully announce the birth of their daughter Emma Rose Hennigan. She was born Monday, July 6, 2015 at 5:51 a.m. in Denton Presbyterian Hospital weighing 7 lb. 12 oz. and measuring 19 inches in length. Welcoming Emma to the family are siblings Caroline, 2, Claudia, 7, Zachary, 9, Hunter, 13, Lydia, 15, and Austin, 20. Grandparents are Gary and Mary Endres and Donald and Sandra Hennigan. Great-grandmother is Clara Endres.



Emma Rose Hennigan

Luke elected ORU Student Association president

Peyton Luke was elected president of the Student Association at Oral Roberts University (ORU), the first woman Student Association president in a decade and only the fifth woman in ORU history to hold that office. She will begin her term this fall.

An article in *Oracle*, the University's student newspaper, explains that Luke has been interested in student government and worked hard for several semesters toward her goal of winning the campaign to serve as president. She felt that she and fellow students were not fully informed on the activities and policies of the Student Association.

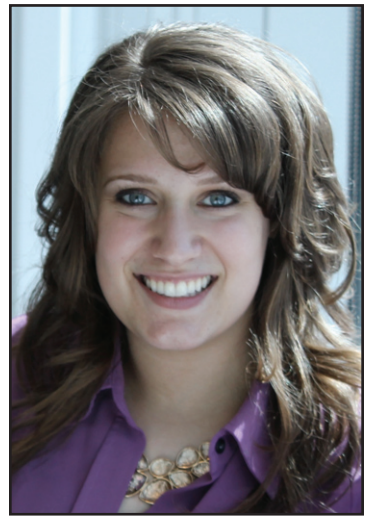
To address her concerns, she first learned about the process of being a member of

the Student Association, and used that knowledge to hone the skills needed to bring more openness and availability to the Student Association.

Her plans for the upcoming year are to make the Student Association more transparent, available, and active. She wants to represent the students well by listening to and addressing their concerns and ideas. She plans a very positive attitude for the Association.

Peyton is the daughter of Ray and Tawni Luke of Valley View. She is the granddaughter of Lynn and Glenda Vowell of Denton and the late Dan and Dolores Luke.

Peyton is on the President's List with a 4.0 semester grade point average. Last year, she was student



Peyton Luke

manager of KORU, an on-campus and internet radio station.

This July, she will be traveling to Washington D.C. to represent her student body at the Christians United for Israel (CUFI) Summit.

Peyton is a Convergence Journalism major and will be a junior for the 2015-16 academic year.

College Honor

Stephen F. Austin State University
Stephen F. Austin State University has released the President's List for the Spring 2015 semester. To be eligible for this honor, a

student must be enrolled in 12 or more semester hours and maintain a grade-point average of 4.0. Earning this honor is Laura Poynor of Muenster.

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Muenster Kiwanis Club presents scholarships



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Awarded scholarships from the Muenster Kiwanis were, from left, Muenster High graduate Caroline Gressett - \$1,000 from Kevin Sebade; Sacred Heart graduate Mikinzie Hess \$1,000 pictured with Barbara Rohmer and Charles Barfknecht; Muenster graduate Kassie Dangelmayr \$500 from Sebade; and Sacred Heart graduate Isac Walterscheid \$500 presented by Barfknecht.

The day football turned tragic - Tackle broke Fleitman's neck in '56 game

**Cathy Krahl
News Editor**

Frank Fleitman was considered one of the top athletes in the area in his day. The second of four sons of John and Anna Fleitman, he played sports at Sacred Heart High School. His senior year, he was captain of the football team.

But in the last football game of his senior year, Oct. 25, 1956, against Windthorst, Frank received an injury to his spine that paralyzed him from the neck down.

"He was running an end around when he tried to get away from the tackles," Leon Fleitman, his younger brother, said. "He tried to jump over them, fell on his head, and three or so just piled on." Leon didn't see the play himself as he was sitting on the bench as a reserve.

"We don't know if he broke his neck when he landed on his head, or when they piled on," James (Bird) Fleitman, the youngest brother, said. He was about 10 years old at the time and wasn't allowed to attend the away game.

Both men know it was a freak accident that took their brother.

Frank was taken to Baylor Hospital in Dallas where he received treatment for about three weeks, then was transferred to Gainesville Sanitarium where he spent the rest of his short life. Leon believes today's medical improvements may have been able to save him.

"Someone had to be with him 24/7," Leon said. He praised the nurses caring for his brother.

"It was sad to watch him not be able to do much," James added. He got to see Frank about once a week when he went to the hospital with his mom and dad.

According to Leon, Frank got very religious in the Gainesville hospital. Rev. James Fitzpatrick of St. Edward's Parish, Dallas had become a close friend of Frank's when he was in Baylor. The priest continued his visits after his transfer closer to home, coming about once a week.

James especially remembers Father Fitzpatrick. Sometimes after he visited Frank in the hospital, the priest would come by to see the family. Often on those visits, Father would take James on a long walk around the farm and talk to him.

"He had a plane and would land in Biffle's pasture," James recalled. Biffle owned the farm to the west of the Fleitman place, which was southwest of Lindsay. "I got to ride in a small plane when I was young." He didn't remember if Father Fitzpatrick was the pilot or if someone else flew him there.

Leon tried to find Father Fitzpatrick 5 to 10 years later, but he had passed away.

Frank's spinal injury devastated the family.

"Mother asked me to quit football, so I quit," Leon said. He wanted to continue as he believed playing football was safer than driving down the road. "Playing football would just worry her too much." As it was, his father had a heart attack about a year later. The family reasoned it was

because of all the stress he was in.

James felt his brother's death greatly. Even though there was about 8 years difference in their ages, they were very close.

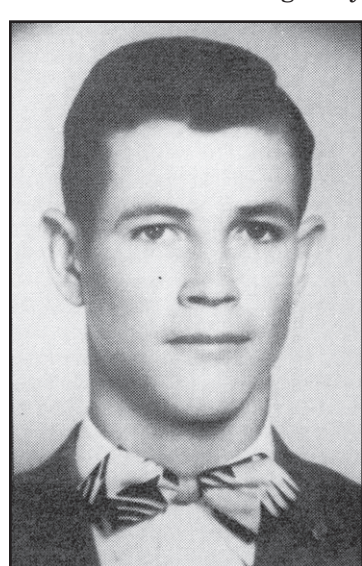
"He taught me how to have respect for mom and dad and to be a good Catholic," he said.

James recalled how their father would get them started on milking cows and then go off to his carpentry job. He usually came back to help them finish the evening milking. One day his father was running late and James sarcastically said, "Where's dad? He's supposed to be here by now."

"Frank picked me up by the collar, took me outside and said 'Don't you ever talk about dad in that tone of

voice,'" James said. "Yeah, he taught me respect."

The oldest brother Alvin was in the Army stationed in Germany when the accident happened. But he remembered Frank as being very



competitive.

"I was older, but he always tried to beat me whether it was in football or checkers," Alvin recalled.

James remembered that competitive spirit.

"The bus would drop us off at Myra and we would have to walk the rest of the way home," James said. "Frank would jump off the bus and run all the way home. That was 2 1/2 miles. Leon would walk with me and sometimes someone would pick us up and bring us the rest of the way home." He recalled how his mother would have a pitcher with 1-1/2 quarts of milk in it waiting for Frank. He would add chocolate and drink it all down.

In the hospital, Frank knew he was dying and wanted to tell Leon some-

thing, Leon remembered. His father passed on the message, but by the time Leon got to the hospital, Frank was gone.

"He died with a big smile on his face," Leon said.

His obituary in the Muenster Enterprise said, "He fought one of the most gallant battles of our time and did not give up till God called him to his heavenly Home. He is gone but is not forgotten - so we will always remember the courage put up by his fighting heart."

Bill King, sports editor of the Gainesville Daily Register, dedicated a column to Frank. "Undaunted by the cruel turn of events, the 18 year-old lad who was truly one of the finest athletes produced by the Muenster Parochial school, faced his problem with courage and a smile. Although unable to

as much as wiggle a toe or move a finger, Frankie buckled down with a grim determination to lick the most formidable foe he had ever expected to encounter," King wrote in his February 1957 column.

"And for four months, Frankie gave his all—just as he did each time he donned a cleated shoe or picked up a round ball for Sacred Heart—in an effort to shake off the injury that had him flat on his back and unable to move," King continued.

Frank was a popular figure at Sacred Heart, being elected most handsome boy and most athletic boy of the school. He also earned a space on the All-State football team. His death brought to an end the beginning of a wonderful life.

"I can't believe he's been gone that long already," James said. "It'll be 58 years now."

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Get them out of the trunk and share the history with others. Bring photos by the Muenster Enterprise. It only takes a minute to scan while you wait. Help the Muenster Historical Commission/Muenster Museum preserve Muenster's past for our future.

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Terri Flusche - "Mary Kay" \$300 skin care basket, \$150 men's cologne basket, \$150 women's perfumes basket
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John Anderle - 4 hours welding, 4 hours post hole drilling
Joe Pagel - 148 pc crescent tool set
Ginny Schneider - 1 case of pickles
Hogan's Jiffy Lube - \$40 gift certificate
Hunter's Oil Depot - \$10 off oil change, certificate for "The Works car wash"
Jan Cain - \$50 gift certificate good for 1 hour facial
A "Friend" - 70 qt. Yukon cooler
CBJ Tire - front end alignment
Drew Springer - Texas flag that flew over the Capital
Wayne and Tudor Klement - Fried chicken dinner and sides for 10 people delivered to your place in Muenster area
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Dieter Brothers BBQ - \$50 gift card
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Ace Hardware - 1 Stanley toolbox
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Walterscheid Construction - 8 yards of concrete
Turtle Hill Golf Course - 1 players card

Ben E. Keith Dist. - Michelob Ultra golf bag, Landshark wooden cooler, BBQ apron and turner, 3 cases of beer from around the world, Bud bag cooler,
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Sisters - Ultra Power hand mixer/food chopper
Darren Klement - 1 rick of pecan firewood
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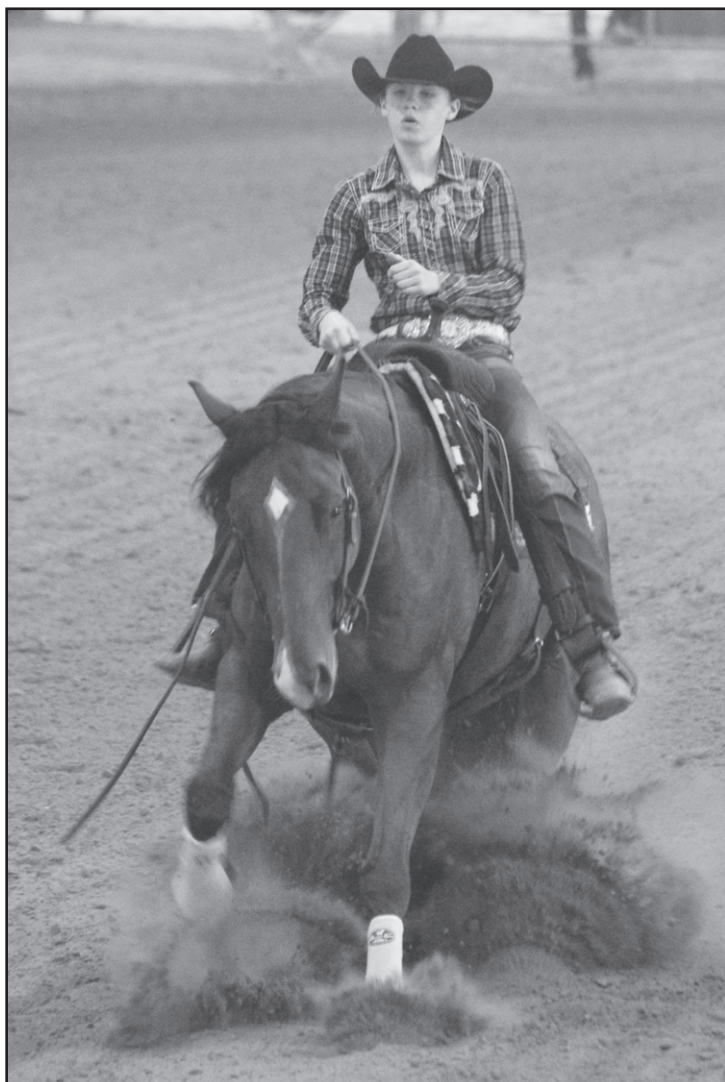
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Hannah Lamar of Muenster competed in the Reining event at the Stampede Show in Graham on Saturday, July 11. This was Hannah's first time to compete in a National Reining Horse Association event. She placed 7th out of 18 riders. Uwe Roeschmann of Roeschmann Cutting Horses in Muenster is Hannah's riding coach. Hannah dreams someday of going to college to study Animal Science and Business Management.

Hornet Football Camp

The 2015 Muenster Hornet Football Camp will be held July 21-23 at the MHS practice and game field. Camp will run from 8:30 till 11 a.m. each day and is for incoming first through ninth graders.

All campers are encouraged to wear cleats of some kind, shorts, and a T-shirt.

The cost of the camp is \$50.

For more information or to register, contact Brady Carney at (903) 814-7583.

Deadline to enter is July 21.



Clay Stevens



Trevor Cheaney

Photos courtesy of Amy Binder

Two Muenster Hornets were recently named to the 2015 Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association (THSBCA) Class 2A All-State Baseball Teams. Clay Stevens was the lone freshman on the team, earning first team second baseman. Hornet senior Trevor Cheaney was named second team out fielder.

North Texas Mean Green Flusche in Campbell's magazine

2013 Muenster High School graduate and ex-Muenster Hornet Andy Flusche, a student at the University of North Texas in Denton, is preparing for this season with the Mean Green Eagles.

The 6' 3", 261 lb., "Red Shirt" sophomore will be starting the 2015 season as an Eagle defensive end, wearing #99.

In a season preview article in Dave Campbell's *Texas Football* magazine (page 141), "Breaking Down the Defense," it noted that UNT lost many key players, but players began to emerge as potential play makers by the end of spring. Only two defensive starters returned.

The article ended: "We are adjusting and getting better every day," defensive end Andy Flusche said. "We have come a long way since the first day of spring."

Flusche earned numerous honors during his high school years, including football, basketball, track, and baseball. Football honors included, during his sophomore year as a Hornet, he was named District Defensive Newcomer and made the First Team as a tight end. His junior year, he

was the District MVP, and was named First Team AP All-State Linebacker. As a senior member of the Muenster Hornet football team, Flusche was chosen Defensive MVP, First Team All-District Tight End, Second Team Sports Writers All-State Tight End, and Second Team All-State Linebacker.

Andy also had the baseball honor of playing in the 2013 Diamond THSBCA All-Star Game, one of only four Class 1A players to make the team.

Flusche is the son of Neal and Susan Flusche and his grandparents are Dave and Wanda Flusche and Mary Ann Walterscheid.



Courtesy photo

Andy Flusche makes the tackle for UNT.

Game Warden Reports

No fish tank license

While patrolling Toledo Bend, a Newton County game warden observed a fish tank in a truck with displaying commercial markings required for selling aquatic products. Upon further investigation, the warden could find no matching valid license for selling bait. The warden issued the man a citation.

Gone net fishing

Two Freestone County game wardens patrolling Richland-Chambers Reservoir encountered three individuals collecting firewood a little distance from their car on a county road near the lake. The wardens made contact with the individuals and saw several open containers of alcohol in their car. The individuals took the wardens back to their fish camp, where one warden found several game fish with no hook marks in their mouths. After further questioning, the individuals said they caught the fish in their nets. One warden found two cast nets.

Don't take more than your fill

A Cherokee County game warden seized 18 hybrid striped bass from two individuals fishing below the spillway at Lake Palestine. The warden, who had dealt with both individuals before concerning fishing violations, had already checked both individuals that morning and found that they had each already reached their hybrid bass bag limit for the day.

That's a lot of hunting gear

A Limestone County game warden apprehended an individual for hunting from a public roadway. The warden first saw the vehicle on the public road without its headlights on. When the warden stopped the vehicle, he found night vision goggles, a legally possessed high-powered rifle with a suppressor attached, a spotlight, and loaded handgun. The individual said he had permission to hunt on both sides of the roadway, though the warden could not confirm his story.

Stranded on the water

A Leon County game warden received a call from stranded bow fishermen on the Trinity River. The fishermen had launched their boat at the Highway 79 bridge and made it about 30 miles south when the boat motor quit. The fishermen were prepared with cell phones and a SPOT GPS Rescue Beacon, so they were able to give their GPS coordinates to the warden. The warden found the fishermen from land, gave them a ride back to their truck at the bridge on Highway 79, and then led them back to their boat to load it.

Don't post illegal harvests

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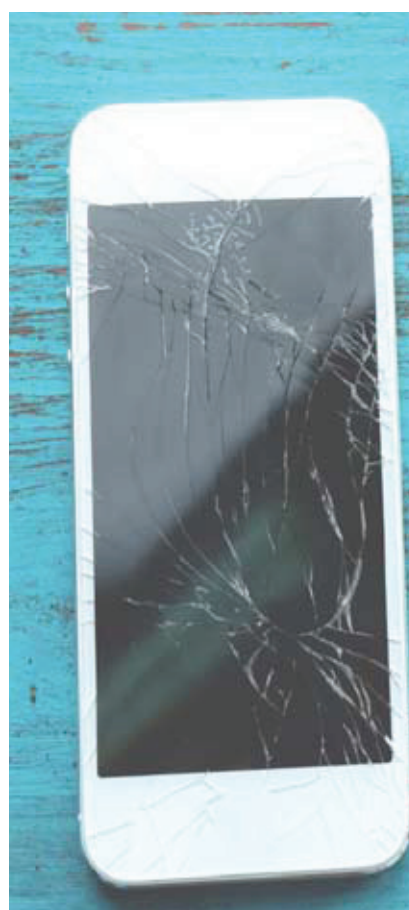
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TDA Market Recap

Texas Farm Bureau joins suit against EPA

A new rule that greatly expands Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers control over "waters of the United States" has been challenged in court by the Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) and a host of other organizations.

The state's largest farm organization, the Matagorda County Farm Bureau, American Farm Bureau Federation, and 11 other groups filed suit in the federal district court in Galveston. The complaint claims the new rule grants EPA and the Corps broad control over land use—far

beyond what Congress authorized in the Clean Water Act.

"This is an astonishing overreach of federal regulatory power," TFB President Russell Boening said. "It's clear Congress never intended EPA's regulatory power to extend beyond truly navigable waters."

When originally proposed by EPA in 2014, the rule promised clarity to farmers, builders, and other business owners. Boening said it is anything but.

"What we have here is a

federal agency that conceived a regulatory program when none was needed, lobbied extensively for it, and skewed the public comment process," Boening said. "The result is a rule that spills way over the banks of what Congress intended on the Clean Water Act."

Boening said the courts and Congress have never gone this far in regulating farming practices. According to the complaint filed by the farm organizations, "the agencies are determined to exert jurisdiction over a staggering range of dry land and water features." The result, according to the complaint, is a rule that is "vague and uncertain."

"We represent agriculture, but many other business interests are alarmed by the new rule," Boening said. "It could involve the federal government in the most routine of our daily decisions."

High grasshopper populations warrant treatment

For farmers and homeowners in the Texas battling an infestation of grasshoppers, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension recommends control measures to begin while grasshoppers are still young.

"Looks like it could be a bad year for grasshoppers," said Dr. Ed Bynum, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service entomologist in Amarillo. "If you have been out any at all, you already know that they are everywhere."

Treating now can mean fewer acres need treatment, requiring less insecticide, and excessive crop damage might



be prevented. The nymphal stage grasshoppers also are not able to fly and are more susceptible to insecticides than larger nymphs and adults, according to *AgriLife Today*.

To control the grasshoppers, Bynum said insecticide sprays and baits are the primary options. Baits are effective, but limited to those grasshoppers it attracts.

Insecticide sprays can be used for larger acreage and are more economical.

Bynum warned all chemicals have restrictions, so it is important to read the labels before use.

Soybean acreage up, while cotton, wheat, and corn decline

The latest U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) crop report estimates soybean acreage has increased for 2015, reports *Southwest Farm Press*.

Soybean planted for 2015 is estimated at 85.1 million acres, a record high and up 2% compared to 2014.

The crop report also estimates planted acreage for cotton, wheat, and corn declined compared to 2014. The largest decline of these three crops is cotton with a drop of 18% or 9 million acres. Upland cotton is estimated at 8.85 million acres, down 18%. American Pima planting is estimated at 148,000 acres, down 23%.

Corn dropped 2% at 88.9 million acres planted. Wheat is estimated to be down only 1% with 23.1 million acres planted for 2015.

For the week ending July 11, Texas auctions quoted feeder cattle prices mostly steady, with instances of sales ranging from \$9 lower to \$7 higher per hundred-weight (cwt). Texas weekly direct feeder cattle sales were mostly steady with some firmness evident. Wholesale beef values were lower, with Choice Grade losing \$13.14 to close at \$236.98 per cwt and Select Grade losing \$14.06 to close at \$233.99 per cwt. Net export sales for June 26 – July 2 were up noticeably from the previous week. Export shipments of 11,200 metric tons (MT) were up 4% from the previous week. Shipments primarily went to Japan, Canada, and South Korea.

Wheat cash prices lost \$0.20 to settle at \$5.18 per bushel. Futures prices lost \$0.18 to settle at \$5.58 per bushel. The USDA NASS Texas field office reported that 87% of the Texas wheat crop has been harvested, with 47% of wheat acreage in good to excellent condition. Net export sales for wheat were 345,900 MT, with increases reported for Indonesia, Mexico, and Sri Lanka. Texas corn prices were higher, with cash prices up to \$4.56 per bushel and futures prices up to \$4.27 per bushel. The USDA NASS Texas field office reported 100% of the planted Texas corn crop has emerged, with 63% of corn acreage in good to excellent condition. Corn export sales were down 10% from the previous week and 3% from the prior four-week average. Export shipments were 6% lower than the previous week and 4% lower than the average.

This week's U.S. Drought Monitor for Texas showed no change in drought conditions for the state, with 4.63% of Texas still in some stage of drought intensity. Additionally, none of the state remains in severe, extreme, or exceptional drought, which is down just over 25 percentage points from three months ago. On the national level, drought conditions improved slightly, with 36.55% of the U.S. experiencing abnormal dryness or some degree of drought, down nearly 2% from last week.

Smithsonian showcases agricultural innovations with new exhibit

At the beginning of July, the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History opened the American Enterprise exhibit, introducing visitors to the ingenuity of America's farmers and ranchers.

According to *Agri-Pulse*, visitors can see firsthand how innovation has driven American business as they walk through the four eras of enterprise: the Merchant Era (1770-1850), the Corporate Era (1860-1930), the Consumer Era (1940-1970), and the Global Era (1980-2010).

Visitors also can experience what it is like to be a farmer

at the Farming Challenge. From choosing how to irrigate their crops to investing in new equipment, they take the wheel in an interactive tractor cab where they quickly learn the tough decisions farmers face each day.

The Smithsonian also opened a special biography wall, highlighting business leaders and agricultural innovators.

The new American Enterprise exhibit has not only chronicled the story of innovation in agriculture, it's bridging the gap for consumers far removed from the farm.

AFBF summer cookout survey says meal costs less this year

American Farm Bureau Federation's (AFBF) recent summer cookout food survey found the meal will cost less this year, reports *Drovers CattleNetwork*.

AFBF's informal survey revealed the average cost for a summer cookout for 10 is \$55.84, or \$5.58 per person—approximately 3% less than a year ago. Foods included hot dogs, cheeseburgers, pork spare ribs, potato salad, baked beans, lemonade, and chocolate milk.

"Meat production is starting to increase substantially. Beef prices have started to stabilize but have not declined yet. On the other hand, retail pork prices have been declining all year," said John Anderson, deputy chief economist at AFBF.

"Based on our survey, food prices overall appear to be fairly stable. Prices for beef have continued to increase this year, but prices for other meats are generally declining. Dairy product prices are also quite a bit lower," said Anderson.

New human case of West Nile documented in North Texas

Another case of West Nile virus has been documented as Texas rains in May and June have made prime breeding habitat for a mosquito popu-

lation explosion, reports NBC 5 – KXAS of Fort Worth.

The first Texas documented case of 2015 was a Harris County resident in May. Second case was confirmed in El Paso and now, the third case is reported in North Texas in Kaufman County.

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