

Courtesy photo

Thor Aackerlund with his son Torsten at their home in Muenster.

Muenster gains a World Champion

In 1990, Nintendo held a national competition tour to find the best video game player in the nation.

The Nintendo World Championships (NWC) began with a selection process from 29 City Championships across the United States. Players from three separate age groups (11 and below, 12-17, and 18 and above) competed for three days. More than 3,000,000 attended the events nationwide.

Three local champions from each city competition, one each from the different age groups, earned a trip to the finals at the Star Trek Theatre at Universal Studios in Hollywood in December 1990.

Two competitions were held in Texas: Dallas and Houston. The winner in the 12 to 17 year old group in the Houston competition was a 12 year-old boy living in Carrollton. That same boy would go on to win the national competition in his age group, and then defeat the two winners in the other two age groups to become the undisputed champion of the NWC.

Thor Aackerlund was that champion of champions. He was featured prominently in the 2011 movie *Ecstasy of Order: The Tetris Masters*. He often makes appearances at video competition and nostalgia events throughout the country. Since moving to Muenster, he stared at the 25 year anniversary of the Nintendo World Championships in June 2015. And to put an exclamation mark that he still retains some of the old magic, Thor became the first, and so far only person, to reach the max-out on Tetris at 999,999 and gaining entry to the supposed unobtainable "Level 30." A video of the achievement is on You-Tube (Thor Aackerlund hits Tetris Level 30).

And he now is one of Muenster's newest residents. Having moved to Muenster in March. He enjoys the relaxed atmosphere and the deep feeling of history that Muenster offers. He remarked, "You don't find that broad awareness in Dallas. My parents convinced me to come here after their move here in 2014. They are like a mobile Chamber of Commerce for Muenster."

Thor works with his brother Eirik at Rollosos in Frisco, their computer service company. While Rollosos will help clients in any field, they have a strong base in the legal and medical professions. The brothers have always been and

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Court abridges 2015-16 proposed County budget, proposes tax rate

Janet Felderhoff
News Editor

Cooke County Commissioners Court reduced the size of the County's proposed budget for 2015-16 at its regular meeting on Monday, July 27. Every member did not agree on all of the items that were cut from the budget.

County Judge Jason Brinkley said with the decrease in valuations this year, he wished to take some things out of the budget to decrease the amount to be funded.

A 2% raise for County employees had been included in the budget. It amounted to a cost of about \$220,000. "I would very much like to give a pay raise," said Brinkley. "But this year, I think that looking at losses of revenue as they are, I don't think it would be the prudent thing to do with taxpayers' money." Commissioners had no objections.

Judge Brinkley also suggested some cuts in the IT budget, EMS budget, Maintenance, and fuel in the Sheriff's budget. These cuts were approved 5-0.

Objections were heard when Judge Brinkley suggested cutting out the \$50,000 to be donated to the County Fair Association to be used on the new show barn. "Being frugal, I think we need to do away with that this year," said Judge Brinkley.

John Sprouse of the Fair Association spoke asking that the money be left in the budget. He said that the County's \$50,000 cut would also eliminate them from the \$50,000 from the GEC. That would knock them back \$100,000 this year.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to continue the \$50,000. The motion failed with Smith and Klement voting in favor of the donation and Brinkley, Hollowell, and Commissioner B.C. Lemons voting against

it. They then voted 3-2 to withdraw funding from the budget and fund it at 0%.

The approved cuts decreased the budget by about \$410,000. The budget was still about \$68,000 more than last year's budget.

Departmental budget hearings took place in late June and a working budget was developed.

Cooke County Appraisal District Chief Appraiser Doug Smithson reported that the total taxable property value is down this year compared to last year. He said that the taxable value was down over \$113 million.

Asked by Commissioner Al Smith what he felt 2016 might bring, Smithson stated, "I don't see a major recovery, but I don't see a major decline either."

Last year's tax rate was \$0.4737 and this year the effective tax rate is expected to be \$0.4998. Smithson had just concluded his calculations on the County tax rates over the weekend and said he wanted to go over them again before giving the numbers as definite.

Commissioners of Precincts #1, #3, #4 all wished to increase their Road & Bridge (R&B) budgets to help cover some of the expense of storm damage. Their requests were unanimously approved.

Commissioner Smith remarked, "I included much more money in the budget in order to make sure however FEMA comes out that we've got a sufficient amount of money in the budget to fund damages that I need to get done for the flood repair. I

put in two additional employees to assist in the hauling of materials."

Commissioner Klement stated, "After much fervent thought, there's no way this is going to cover everything that's been torn up. It's going to be a long term process." He increased supplies and hardware, gravel, fuel and oil, culverts, and contract services.

Precinct #1 Commissioner Gary Hollowell said he added some extra labor and another \$25,000 to gravel bringing his budget up about \$30,000.

Precinct #3 budget went from \$2 million to about \$2.2 million and Precinct #4's budget went from \$1.85 million to about \$2 million. The increases come from fund balance in the respective Precinct budgets.

Smith expressed concern over not having adequately thought through how the flood damage in Precinct #4 would be funded. There may be as much as over \$7 million in flood damages in the County with Precinct #4 suffering the majority of that.

Commissioner Klement said, "If it is \$7 million or \$10 million, just to say we're going to eat it and 'Commissioner, You are going to take care of your own precinct.' This isn't the lotto that Precinct #4 won. This isn't something that we invited. Financially, you have to deal with it in business terms." He said that it will be the people and businesses that suffer if the damages are not taken care of in a timely manner.

According to what FEMA told Klement, 40% of the roads in Precinct #4 are severely damaged. Klement noted, "Forty percent of 190 miles of road is 76 or 77 miles of roads that are severely damaged. That doesn't get fixed in six months or a year."

Klement worried about using all the Precinct #4 funds and then facing another disaster. He suggested raising the R&B tax by one cent to help cover the added financial burden.

The proposed budget totals \$21,070,935 in the General Fund. That is without adjustments on FICA. Judge Brinkley called for a vote on the proposed budget. It was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Discussing the proposed tax rate, Klement suggested increasing the R&B to 12¢. This would give each precinct \$106,371 more with which to work. An R&B of 11.5¢ would give each one an additional \$70,929.

The tax rate can be changed within the next three weeks, but it can only go lower, not higher. Klement was told that they could increase the R&B from the General Fund if desired.

A tax rate of \$0.4998 was approved with a 4-1 vote. Commissioner Klement voted against the proposed tax rate. That is the effective rate which is the tax rate that is needed to bring in as much revenue as last year.

A special meeting was set for Aug. 17 at 10 a.m. to hold a public hearing on the FY2016 budget.

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Mosquito fogging set

The City of Muenster advises residents that fogging for mosquitoes will take place in Muenster on Thursday, July 30. The fogging machine should be making its rounds starting around 8:30 p.m.



MISD increases teacher salary schedule

During the budget workshop process in June, the Muenster School Board increased the Local Teacher Salary Schedule. This came about partially because of the Texas Education Agency raising the State Minimum Base Pay for Teachers from \$27,540 to \$28,080. The choice for the Board was to allow the amount the ISD pays above base to be reduced or pass the \$540 increase for a beginning teacher on to all teachers through the District Above

Base salary schedule which is \$2,960.

Board President Mel Walterscheid stated that even though funds were not provided from the Legislature to pay for this increase, the ISD had to help the faculty out to the extent possible. As an example, a teacher on Step 4 would have received a \$1,250 step increase under the old schedule. By adopting this new schedule, the Board has provided that same teacher a \$1,880 step increase.

Beginning teacher pay will be \$31,040 instead of \$30,500 and pay for a teacher on Step 20 increased by \$890.

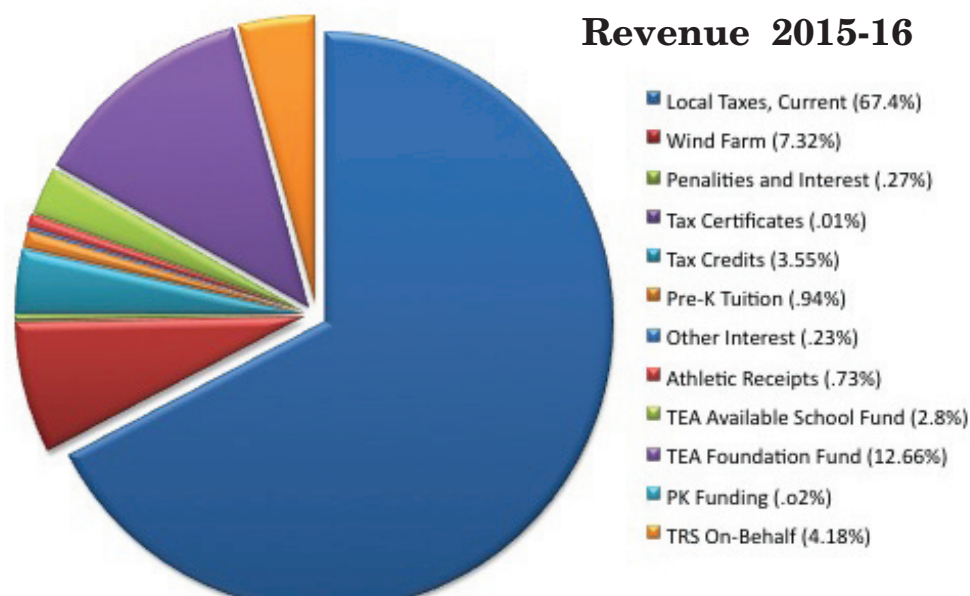
"I know the Board wanted to do a lot more, but when they saw the additional costs rising to near \$50,000 and the looming deficit, they decided the prudent course was that doing something was better than doing nothing for the teachers," stated Superintendent Steven Self.

In the final approved budget, Instruction made up

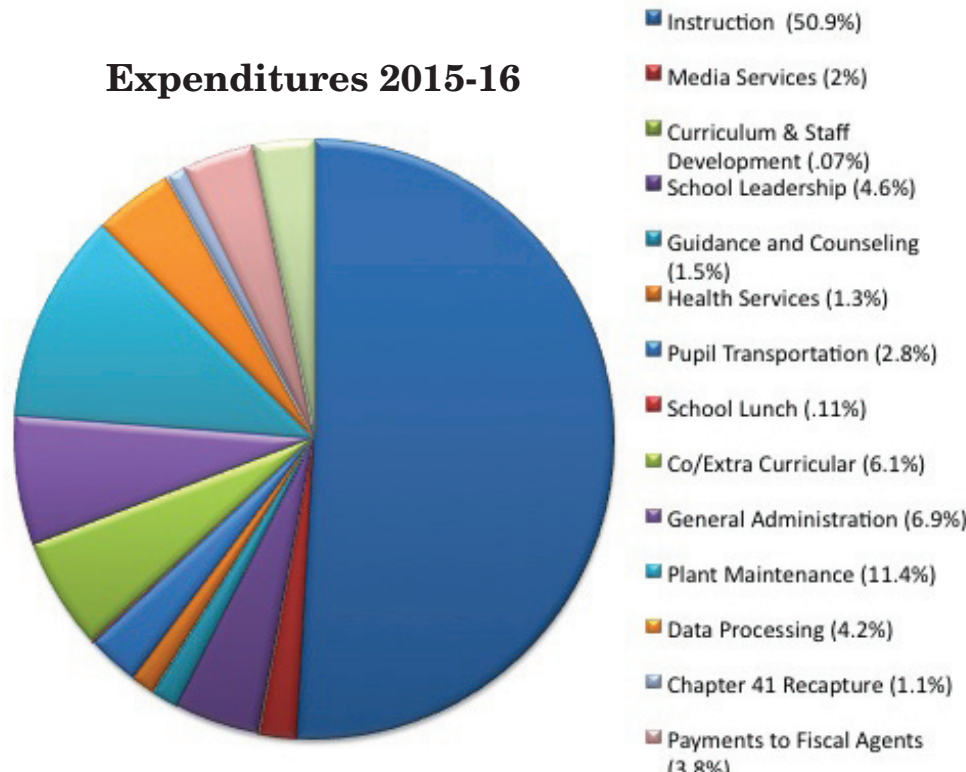
51% of the costs, Plant Maintenance made up 11.4% of the costs, General Administration made up 6.9% of the costs, and Co and Extra-Curricular (all sports, academic UIL events, cheerleading, FCCLA, and FFA) made up 6.1% of the costs. All other activities take about 25% of the budget including transportation, data processing, health services, guidance and counseling, school leadership, curriculum and staff development, and library and media services.

Muenster ISD Budget

Revenue 2015-16



Expenditures 2015-16



Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:

Regarding the old pictures in the July 24, 2015 Muenster Enterprise, on page 9:

How fun to see those pictures in the paper! But why no identification? I can't tell you about the top picture, although it does seem familiar. But the bottom picture is one that is also in the Muenster, Texas, *A Centennial History* book, on page 37. It is the farm where my mom, Mildred Wiesman Yosten grew up and where I grew up. At the time the picture was taken, the farm belonged to the Thaddeus Truebenbach family. He is pictured third from the left. He came to Texas in 1890.

I don't know what year my grandparents (Henry & Louisa Binz Wiesman) bought the farm from the Truebenbachs, but I do know that they were married May 4, 1920, and that they settled on the farm after their honeymoon in Arkansas.

The house my mom and I both grew up in was not yet built at the time of that picture. (Today it stands pretty much in the area where the Truebenbach family posed for that picture). The Truebenbach home is pictured at the right. That building still stands today, although a lean-to was added on the east side. I don't know if my grandpa Henry Wiesman built the add-on or if my dad, Henry W. Yosten built it later, but I do remember when my dad had the cement floor poured for this lean-to addition. This was my dad's shop, and we called the entire building the "Pickup Shed." The building in the picture that stands behind the Pickup Shed is also still standing, and it, too, has a lean-to added on the east side. We call that building the "Combine Shed." When I was growing up, there was a horse-drawn wagon stored in there; grandpa's wagon. I loved playing on that wagon. There were even a few pieces of old harness in it, and I loved it, as I loved everything related to horses! One year, my parents donated it to the Parish Picnic, and I was so sad!!! Gary Hess bought it and painted it and used a mule team to pull it. As far as I know, his kids still have it.

The building to the left, I know nothing about. I wish I could ask my grandparents about it, or my parents.

There is a great story about the old house there. Remember, the shop was in the lean-to part, and the west wall of that shop was previously the east, outside wall of the house. When we were kids, going in and out of the Tire House (a room of the old house) from inside the shop, we could see a wire running down inside the wall. As years went by and more boards of the old house were lost, more wire could be seen. One day, my brother Doug thought to pull on the wire and see what it might be for. Lo and behold, he pulled up a jar of moonshine! It must have been very, very old! Doug did a report on Prohibition when he was in high school and he used that jar of moonshine as an exhibit.

Love the old pictures/stories; keep them coming!

Janette Yosten Hess
Muenster, TX



Courtesy photo

Thor Aackerlund in 1990 with his Houston city championship trophy.

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remain close. Eirik also won a city championship (Miami) in the NWC 1990 competition. They were the only sibling group at the event.

Thor would like to find a way to help Muenster with his video game notoriety. He and Eirik are discussing the possibility of some type of competition at a future Germanfest and Oktoberfest event.

Muenster now has a one-in-a-million (or three million) champion.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO

July 28, 1950

Article tells that Sgt. Bill Eberhart encounters rugged fighting in Korean War. Jerry Klement has tonsils removed. Mary Evelyn Hofbauer is suffering with the mumps. Obituary: Herman Henry Schmiederjan, 82. Urgent farm work is delayed by rain. Clover Farm Store advertises 46 oz. can grapefruit juice 39¢, chuck roast 49¢ lb., and bulk wieners 39¢ lb.

50 YEARS AGO

July 30, 1965

Annual sales of milk by North Texas Producers Association tops \$54 million. Obituaries: Joe Kathman, 78; Angeline (Mrs. Arthur) Endres, 53. New Arrivals: a son to Rodney and Libby Walter; James to Harold and Beth Chandler; Pamela to the J.C. Kirks; a son to the Eddie Joe Reeves. College

Graduates: JoAnn Fisher, North Texas State University; Judy Trubenbach, Arlington State College. State Theatre advertises *The Sons of Katie Elder* starring John Wayne and Dean Martin.

25 YEARS AGO

July 27, 1990

Michael Abney is National Merit Scholarship winner. Obituaries: Marie Henschheid, 83; Joe Thomasson, 94. Weddings: Melody Klement and Gregory Rohmer; Carol Prestwood and Randolph Wolf; Mary Hartman and David Castor. Rickney Walterscheid joins 1990-91 NEAT (National Evangelization Team). New Arrivals: John to Dwayne and Cheryl Rohmer; Bradley to Garry and Donna Argo.

Muenster PD arrest Goodwin

On Monday, July 27, Muenster Police stopped Jimmy D. Goodwin, age 43 of Valley View, in the 100 Block of South Walnut Street. Goodwin was arrested and booked into Cooke County Jail on the charges of Violation of Occupational License Restriction and Possession of Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1.



Jimmy Goodwin

AGENDA MEETING DATE - August 3, 2015

The following is the Agenda for a regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, August 3, 2015.

1. Call meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
 2. Opening prayer.
 3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting held on July 6, 2015.
 4. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
 5. Consider any other business to come before the Council.
- OLD BUSINESS:**
1. Receive update on Street Maintenance Project, take any needed action.
- NEW BUSINESS:**
1. Hold Public Hearing for Zoning Change Request.
 2. Take action on Zoning Change Request.
 3. Reschedule Date for September meeting because of Labor Day holiday.
 4. Set time and date for Budget Hearing.
 5. Receive monthly update from the Fire Department.
 6. Receive update on Police Department, from Chief Barr.
 7. Receive status report on City projects and activities.
 8. Review and act on monthly bills.
 9. Adjourn.

Ammie Hennigan, City Secretary

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During public comments, Rita Parker who lives on CR 309 in Valley View told of the litter on one of her neighbor's property. She said that past efforts to get the property cleaned up have not worked and asked that the County enforce its rules to get the property cleaned up. There are multiple appliances, sometimes as many as over 200. This is very near the road.

Parker also asked the County to consider adopting a litter ordinance. She noted that uncontrolled litter can cause property values to decrease throughout the county; is a breeding ground for rodents, dangerous for exploring children; and harmful to the community as a whole.

Two public hearings were held, one on the District Clerk's records archive and management plan and the other on the County Clerk's records and archive management plan. Nobody spoke at either hearing and both plans were unanimously approved by the Court.

Prior to a vote on the final budget, the Court listened to County Attorney Ed Zielinski's request for the County Attorney budget. He had court during the budget hearings and was unable to speak at that time. He asked that his investigator be paid the same as the DA's investigator. He asked for a larger salary for the Grief Assistance Coordinator. They had anticipated that she would be dealing with about 50 cases and it has been in excess of 300.

Judge Brinkley said that his position was to leave the investigator salary as is. His goal is to do a salary assessment survey for the upcoming year and would like to wait until then to make any changes.

The Court voted 3-2 to leave the Grief Assistance Coordinator salary the same. Commissioners Smith and Leon Klement voted nay.

Discussed next was how much the County would pay in towards funding retirement for County employees. The final vote was to leave \$300,000 to go toward funding the retirement account.

Consent agenda items approved by the Court included:

- Allowing Cooke County Emergency Management to apply for a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant through the Texas Division of Emergency Management and FEMA.
- FY16 Health Insurance

Rates with the Texas Association of Counties.

- Accepting the Annual Road Reports from Road and Bridge Precinct #1 and Precinct #2.

- Contract between Cooke County Library and Recorded Books for their Zinio Libraries online magazine service to start on Aug. 1.

- Accepting the 2015 Cooke County Electric Charitable Foundation Grant for the Cooke County Library in the amount of \$3,000.

- Resolution of support for the Tri-County Senior Nutrition Center (Meals on Wheels).

- Interlocal agreement between Cooke County and Rosston VFD for emergency services.

- Accepting 540 cubic yards of millings from the Texas Department of Transportation Rider 19 Program to be used in Road and Bridge, Precinct #4.

- Contract with Mountain Springs Water Corporation for a road bore on Bloomfield Rd. in Precinct #2.

Muenster PD reports registered sex offender

Muenster Chief of Police Tom Barr reported that Timothy Edward De-Paepe, a 58 year-old white male, has registered with the Muenster Police Department as a registered sex offender.

De-Paepe resides in the 700 block of East Division Street in Muenster. He is 6'1" tall, weighs 310 lb. and has brown eyes and gray or partially gray hair. His birth date is Nov. 18, 1957.

The police report noted that the public was being notified due to the fact that De-Paepe is classified as Moderate Risk.



Timothy De-Paepe

Agents of Change help educate against violence

Abigail's Arms Cooke County Crisis Center will be providing a volunteer training to build "Agents of Change" in our community. "Agents of Change" educates people to be leaders in the community in helping prevent violence in our county.

On Saturday, Aug. 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 'Agents of Change' training will be held at Whaley Methodist Church, 701 Rosedale Dr., Gainesville. A light lunch will be provided for all in attendance.

Please call 940-665-2873 to register or email Kelly Fiore Watson at kfiorewatson@abigailarms.org.

- More than one in three women will experience rape, violence, and/or stalking at the hands of an intimate partner in their lifetimes.

- 85% of intimate partner violence victims are women.

- A domestic abuser who has access to a firearm is at least seven times more likely to kill his partner.

- In 2013, 119 women in the state of Texas lost their lives to family violence. These are only the women

who reported the crime.

Abigail's Arms believes that when you attend their volunteer training, you will have a clearer understanding of the services that Abigail's Arms Crisis Shelter can provide. Many times we are asked "how can we help?" Become a trained advocate in your community. Know the warning signs, spot the abuse, and share your knowledge with others. This information will help you better serve the community as engaged bystanders, by sharing different types of family abuse, and increasing awareness as to healthy relationships vs. unhealthy relationships.

Corinne of Valley View stated, "Being trained as an advocate was a wonderful experience. You receive

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

Sunday, August 2, 2015	Monday, August 3, 2015	Tuesday, August 4, 2015	Wednesday, August 5, 2015	Thursday, August 6, 2015	Friday, August 7, 2015	Saturday, August 8, 2015
Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm	1st day of football practice City Council mtg. 6:30 pm	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Library open 10-6:30	Museum open 1 - 4 pm Library open 10- 6:30 SHCS Teacher In-service begins	Muenster Museum OPEN 1-4 AARP board mtg. 10 am	Library open 10-2:30 Forestburg Watermelon Festival C.C. 4-H Achievement Banquet
 First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School Sacred Heart Mini Camp Muenster VFD BBQ & Auction
Sunday, August 9, 2015	Monday, August 10, 2015	Tuesday, August 11, 2015	Wednesday, August 12, 2015	Thursday, August 13, 2015	Friday, August 14, 2015	Saturday, August 15, 2015
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm	MMH Aux mtg. 5:30 pm SHCS Montessori orientation 6 pm KMB Mtg. 6:30 pm VFW mtg. 7:30 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 Kiwaniis Swim Night 7-9 pm MISD Blood Drive 1 pm	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm AARP lunch mtg. 11:30	Library open 10-2:30
			Sacred Heart 1st Day of School		V J Day 	

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Obituary

Ethel Reeves Davidson 1913 - 2015

Ethel Reeves Davidson, loving mother and grandmother, died Thursday, July 23, 2015 in her Houston home. She was under the loving care of her only daughter and died just after having memory-filled conversations with her grandson and granddaughter. She was 101 years old.

The eldest in the Reeves family of Marysville and Gainesville, Ethel was predeceased by parents Frances Marion and Alice Holcombe Reeves, two sisters and two brothers, as well as the husband who was the love of her life, Ivan J. Davidson.

A celebration of the life of Ethel Davidson was held Sunday, July 26 in the chapel of Geo. J. Carroll Funeral Home, following a family visitation there. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery.

Ethel was born in Marysville on Nov. 19, 1913, the eldest of five siblings. Her siblings were Ernest Reeves, Ray Reeves, Letha "Trixie" Reeves Morris, and Waunema "Nena" Reeves West. She married Ivan Davidson on Nov. 30, 1940. The couple made Muenster their home until retiring in 1976 to reside in Gainesville, where they were members of First Baptist Church.

They had one daughter, Glenda Davidson Kennedy of Houston, who devoted full-time to caring for Ethel for the past four years within easy access to Houston's vast medical treatment facilities. This sweet grandmother was always talkative and could "beat" her daughter and son-in-law on "Wheel of Fortune." She loved telling stories about Marysville and Gainesville, detailing memories from as early as World War I.

She shared many of those memories with grandson Chris on the last day of her life before her death that evening. She also treasured many precious moments with granddaughter Claire, usually on peaceful Sunday afternoons at home.

She was known for her devotion to her family as well as a significant number of nieces and nephews, most of whom reside in and around Gainesville. She was always soft-spoken and evoked the essence of the kindness and gentleness of a steady Christian lady.

Surviving are her daughter Glenda and husband Tom of Houston; one grandson and his wife; one granddaughter; and a host of nieces, nephews and their sons, daughters, and grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Bob Bransford, Scott Bransford, Brent Banks, Matthew Bozarth, Justin Luster, and Loy Bozarth.

Fisher dies

Dorothy Fisher, age 97 of Muenster, died Friday, July 24. Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday in Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

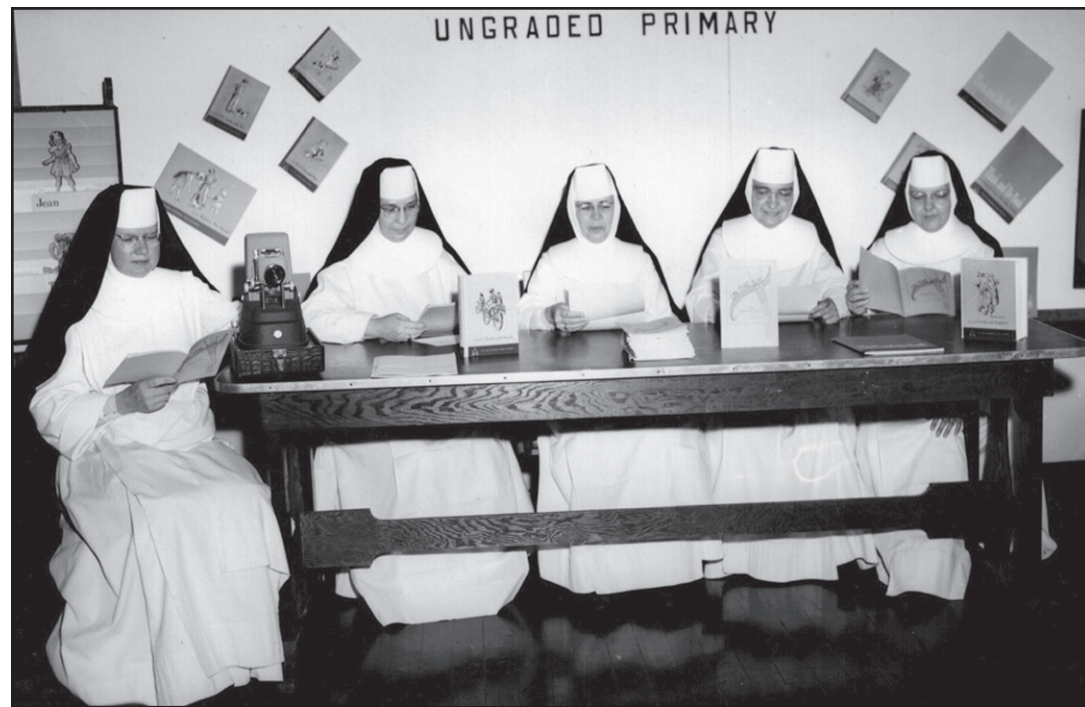
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powerful information that is relevant for any woman. The staff presents the subject in a meaningful way with passion and excellence. The 40 hour training was even better. It was an honor to attend with such a fine group of committed individuals. I feel equipped to 'help' in any way possible and inspired to be part of the healing process."

Abigail's Arms will gladly speak at any civic, community, or church group. As well as schools, local businesses, and Human Resource Departments large or small.

Contact Kelly Fiore-Watson Kfiorewatson@abigail-sarms.org 940 665 2773.

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS MUNSTER, TEXAS



Five Sacred Heart school teachers at a school open house in August 1960 are, from left - Sr. Brenda, Sr. Genevieve, Sr. Gabriel, Sr. Henrietta, and Sr. Pauline.

Summer heat safety tips to ensure fun in the sun

By Ron Rabena

The summer season and warm weather triggers an urge to be outdoors, but fun in the sun can be dangerous when the heat and humidity rise. In addition to sun burn, heat-related illnesses including heat stroke or sunstroke can send unsuspecting victims to the hospital. The human body keeps itself cool by allowing heat to escape through the skin and by evaporating the resulting perspiration. If the body cannot cool itself enough, the person could suffer from heat-related illness.

Heat stroke can progress from milder heat-related illnesses such as heat exhaustion, heat cramps, and fainting. Illnesses caused by overheating can become serious, and even deadly, if not treated. Exposure to heat kills approximately 400 Americans annually.

Everyone is susceptible to heat-related illnesses, with

even young healthy athletes succumbing to it. However, those most at risk include senior citizens, especially those living alone in non-air-conditioned environments; infants and children and people with medical conditions, especially those with heart disease and high blood pressure.

The classic warning symptom of a heat stroke is a body temperature that is above 104 degrees Fahrenheit, but other symptoms include fainting, dizziness and light-headedness, rapid pulse, painful muscle cramps and spasms, headache, lack of sweating despite the heat, nausea and vomiting, rapid breathing, dry, hot, and red skin, and behavioral changes including disorientation. If you or anyone around you has any of these symptoms, 911 should be called immediately. As you wait for emergency services, put damp and cool cloths or towels on the

affected person and have them lie down until medical assistance arrives.

Being alert to the symptoms of heat stroke is vital to ensuring your own health and safety as well as your friends and family. However, as Benjamin Franklin said, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" and heatstroke is preventable. Take these preventative steps to prevent heatstroke this summer:

- Avoid strenuous outdoor activities. Whenever possible, reserve outdoor activities for the cooler morning and evening hours.

- Wear lightweight, loose-fitting, light-colored clothing. Wearing too much clothing or tight clothing won't allow your body to cool down efficiently.

- Stay well-hydrated and avoid alcoholic and caffeinated beverages. Staying hydrated helps you maintain a normal body temperature and drinking excessive caf-

feinated or alcoholic drinks can dehydrate, rather than hydrate, you.

- Eat smaller meals more frequently. Eating small, protein rich meals throughout the day keeps your energy level stabilized.

- Never leave children, adults, or pets in a closed, parked vehicle. In the sun, closed car temperatures can rise from 78° to 100° in just three minutes.

For more information on heat-related illness prevention and treatment, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov/extremeheat, The American Red Cross, www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/heat-wave, and the Mayo Clinic.

The summer months can be the most joyful of the year, so by following these simple tips, you can be assured that your summer is full of all the family fun that you had planned.

Texas ranks eighth in ID theft complaints

The AARP Fraud Watch Network launched an education effort to help people protect themselves from tax scams, releasing a new video, a tip sheet, and encouraging people to take advantage of AARP's free tax preparation services.

Many taxpayers are putting themselves at greater risk of tax identity theft, according to a recent national study (<http://bit.ly/1yWrOYM>) released by the AARP Fraud Watch Network in conjunction with the education campaign to help prevent scammers from stealing Texans' hard-earned money.

According to the Federal Trade Commission (<http://1.usa.gov/1ynuOrX>), Texas ranks eighth in ID theft complaints. In this identity theft scheme, scammers electronically file a tax return under someone else's name to collect their tax refund. All they need is a birthdate and Social Security number, and many taxpayers make their personal information easy pickings by:

- Failing to lock their mailbox. Almost six in 10 (59%) Americans do not regularly lock their mailbox, which leaves them open to a criminal stealing bills, tax forms, and other documents that contain personal information.

- Leaving valuables exposed: Over half (54%) of Americans 18-49 have left at least one valuable personal

item in their car in the last week (e.g., a purse/wallet, paystub, laptop) that could be used to steal their identity.

- Failing to destroy personal information: More than one in five (21%) Americans say they never shred any of the personal documents that could be used to steal their identity.

Tips on how to protect yourself and your family from tax identity theft include:

- Mail tax returns as early in the tax season as possible before the cons beat you to it.

- Don't give out personal information unless you know who's asking for it and why they need it.

- Shred personal and financial documents.

- Know your tax preparer.

Texans are also encouraged to visit aarp.org/taxaide (1-888-227-7669) for information about AARP Foundation Tax Aide, the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax preparation program. Each tax season, Tax Aide helps millions of low- to moderate-income taxpayers - especially those 60 and older - get the credits and deductions they deserve.

For these and other fraud prevention tips, visit aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork. For additional help, contact the IRS Identity Protection Specialized Unit at 800-908-4490 and visit irs.gov/identitytheft.

Q. Sometimes you hear the weather man refer to the "jet stream." What exactly is it?

A. The jet stream is one of the most influential forces of weather known, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "The jet stream is a river of air that flows high above the earth, usually between 20,000 to 40,000 feet, and its true extent was not discovered until World War II when pilots made frequent trips across the vast Pacific Ocean. The core of the jet stream is a fast-moving wind current that blows west to east in the Northern Hemisphere around the Earth and it can range from speeds of 90 to more than 250 miles per hour," says McRoberts. "Winds in the jet stream are stronger during the winter months because that's when the temperature contrasts between the Equator and the North Pole are greater - the greater the surface temperature, the bigger the contrast."

Q: How does the jet stream

affect the weather where I live?

A: The strength of the jet stream enables it to push weather systems from one area to another, thereby greatly affecting the weather where you live, making some places stormy and giving others extended periods of fair weather, McRoberts adds. Because the jet stream winds are greatly affected by mountains and oceans, their movement is not always a uniform west to east direction. "They often contain arcs or dips, creating what me-

eteorologists call troughs and ridges. Since the jet stream usually separates warmer air to its south, extended spells of warm or cold weather can be caused by jet stream patterns, too. There is still a lot of research being done on the jet stream, but we do

know that it may stretch for thousands of miles around the world, but it is only a few hundred miles wide and usually no more than a few miles thick."

Weather Whys - service of Texas A&M University's Dept. of Atmospheric Sciences

Weather Whys - Jet stream

Western society has accepted as unquestionable a technological imperative that is quite as arbitrary as the most primitive taboo: not merely the duty to foster invention and constantly to create technological novelties, but equally the duty to surrender to these novelties unconditionally, just because they are offered, without respect to their human consequences. ~ Lewis Mumford

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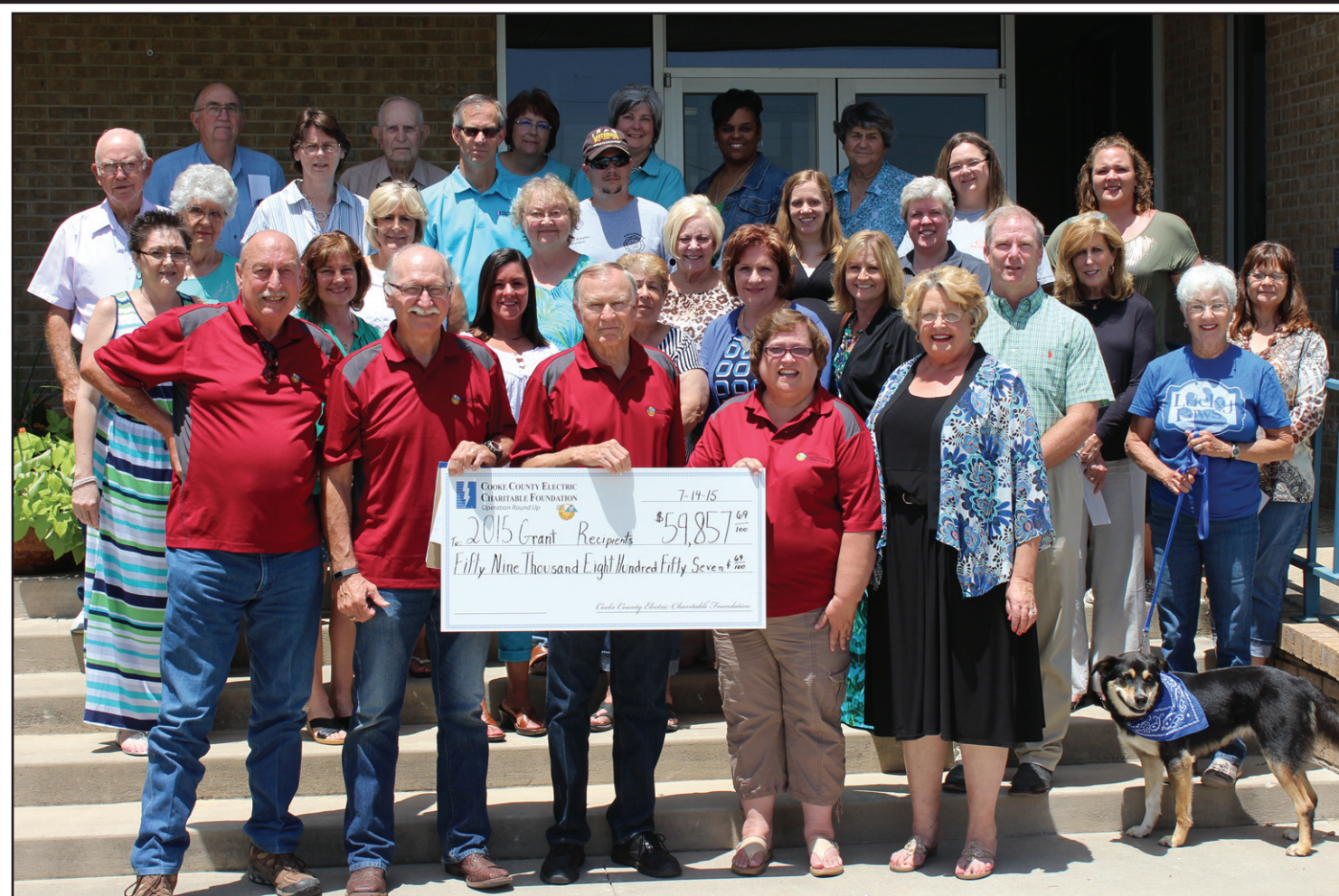
The Cooke County Electric Charitable Foundation (CCECF) Board of Directors proudly presented financial grants to 19 very worthy organizations on Tuesday, July 14, at a reception held at Cooke County Electric Cooperative. The following organizations exemplify the mission statement of CCECF, to accumulate and disburse funds to individuals and organizations for public safety, health needs, self-sufficiency, basic human needs, and cultural environment.

This year, CCECF received 31 organization grant requests and generously disbursed \$59,857.69 in funding to the following organizations: Muenster Volunteer Fire Department, Cooke County Library, DASH – Delivering & Servicing Homebound, Nocona Ministries / A Hand Up, Saint Jo Civic Center, Nocona Grace Place, Abigail's Arms, Cooke County Crisis Center, Callisburg Volunteer Fire Department, VIS-TO – Volunteers in Service to Others, Muenster Knights of Columbus, Nocona Public Library, Saint Jo Public Library, Muenster Public Library, CASA of North Texas, Inc., Nocona Lucky Paws Animal Shelter, Easy Street Animal Shelter, Museum of the Stonewall Saloon, Noah's Ark Animal Center, and Illinois Bend Community Club, Inc.

CCECF was formed as a catalyst to distribute funds generated from the Cooke County Electric Cooperative Association Operation Round Up program. The collected "rounded up" pennies from members monthly bills are used to assist members in the CCECA service area.

Grant requests are accepted throughout the year, for individuals in need.

For more information about the co-op and charitable foundation, visit ceca.com.



Representatives of Cooke County Electric Co-op and delegated persons from area organizations gathered to distribute and collect financial grants awarded by the Cooke County Electric Charitable Foundation.

Courtesy photo



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Schillinghaus Bed & Breakfast, owned by Dale and Dr. Elaine Schilling, held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, July 28. Both Muenster Chamber of Commerce and Gainesville Chamber of Commerce participated. Pictured is Dale Schilling cutting the ribbon held by Muenster Chamber Executive Director Kari Allen, at right, and Schillinghaus Manager Maggie Fuhrmann, at left.

Easy ways to avoid the freshman 15

As incoming college students embark on their new adventure, they face the dreaded freshman 15 – packing on a few extra pounds in the first year. Late-night eating binges aren't the only reasons the phenomenon persists.

One problem is lack of physical activity. "A lot of freshmen are no longer a part of a high school sports team," said Lona Sandon, assistant professor of Clinical Nutrition at UT Southwestern Medical Center. "Encouraging new college students to take a PE class, or join an intramural or club

sports team, may be one way to get them physically active a couple of times a week."

The high-stress environment of a heavy course load can lead to more eating and more pounds. Taking advantage of the fitness center, Sandon emphasizes, is not only a great way to relieve some of that college stress, but also a way to maintain a healthy weight.

The newfound freedom of dorm life also means parents are no longer around to oversee food choices. Without that guidance, many students find themselves eating less-than-nutritious meals.

The good news is that most schools are offering more healthy dining options in their cafeterias.

"Take advantage of the cafeteria when it is open so that you don't have a good reason to snack," Ms. Sandon advises. "I caution students about keeping excess food around because it begs the question, are you eating because you're hungry, or just because it is there?"

If hunger is the real reason, here are some healthy snacks that can survive the dorm room environment:

- Fruits: apples, oranges, and bananas
- Veggies: ready-to-eat baby carrots or celery sticks with light ranch dip
- Dairy: skim milk string cheese
- Grains, nuts, and seeds, light microwaveable popcorn, almonds, peanuts, and sunflower seeds.

New Arrivals

Bradley

Tyler and Nicole Bradley of Muenster joyfully announce the birth of their twin son and daughter Hudson Rand Bradley and Hayden Grace Bradley on Friday, May 22, 2015 in Presbyterian Hospital of Denton. Hayden was born at 5:34 a.m. weighing 6 lb. 2 oz. and measuring 19 inches in length. Hudson was born at 5:44 a.m. weighing 6 lb. 2 oz. and measuring 18 1/2 inches in length. They are welcomed by their sister Cydney, age 13. Grandparents are Julie and Dale Felderhoff of Muenster, Teresa and Ted Cromer of Muenster, Loretta Bradley of Mineral Wells and the late Larry Bradley. Great-grandparents are Evie and Arthur Felderhoff of Muenster, the late Ruby and Clyde Johnson, the late Fay and Vernon Bradley, and the late Delores and Richard Wickline.



Hudson Bradley and Hayden Bradley

Birth/Baptism

Neu

Mark and Lacy Neu of Muenster proudly announce the birth of their son Bennett Mark Neu on Monday, June 15, 2015. Bennett was born at 8:16 a.m. at North Texas Medical Center in Gainesville weighing 7 lb. 13 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length. Welcoming him to the family are brothers Deegan, age 5, and Hudson, age 3. Grandparents are Phil and Marlene Endres of Denton and Tommy and Michelle Neu of Lindsay. Great-grandparents are Clara Endres of Muenster, Charles and Mary Neu of Lindsay, and Gene and Emma Pelzel of Lindsay.

Bennett received the sacrament of Baptism in Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Sunday, July 12 with Fr. Ken Robinson officiating. His Godparents are Matt and Laurie Pelzel. A gathering at Bennett's house followed the Baptism. The menu included



Bennett Neu

taco salad and a Holy Cross cake made by Bennett's mother. Bennett received special Baptism gifts from his family. Those attending were Bennett's parents and brothers, his Godparents, also Phil and Marlene Endres, Tommy and Michelle Neu, Gene and Emma Pelzel, Charles and Mary Neu, Ricky and Kyrie Endres, Kelly and David Walterscheid, Sandy Endres, Ryan Hardin, Brian, Rachel, Madeline, El-

eanor, and Luke Neu, Kevin, Amber, Eli, and Kodi Neu, Noah Pelzel, Sharlene Hartman, Dainah Hartman, and Cody Moster.

If someone knows from experience that daily Communion increases fervor without lessening reverence, then let him go every day. But if someone finds that reverence is lessened and devotion not much increased, then let him sometimes abstain, so as to draw near afterwards with better dispositions. St. Thomas Aquinas

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Whitney Hultstrand and Derek Sellers marry in Plano

Whitney Joy Hultstrand and Derek Clay Sellers were united in marriage on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at four-thirty in the afternoon at Custer Road United Methodist Church in Plano. The Rev. Timothy Morrison officiated for the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Bob and Diann Hultstrand of Frisco. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Felderhoff of Muenster and the late Wally and Delores Hultstrand. Whitney is a graduate of Baylor University and is the marketing director for McDougal Companies in Lubbock.

The groom is the son of Aunie and Cheryl Sellers of Ralls, TX. The groom's grandparents are Clayton Sellers of Ralls and the late Virgie Sellers and the late Truett and Patsy Hannas. Derek is a graduate of Texas Tech University and is a civil engineer employed by Freese and Nichols, Inc. in Lubbock.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore a stunning bridal gown by designer Maggie Sottero. Made of airy, lustrous tulle fabric, the strapless gown featured a sweetheart cut neckline with diagonal ruching throughout the bodice, embroidered with glimpses of Swarovski crystal embel-

lished lace. Handmade flowers and Swarovski crystals adorned the ball gown skirt and train which was filled with horsehair trimmed ruffles floating throughout with embellished lace accent appliqués. Small satin buttons graced the back of the gown. Her veil was a custom-made teardrop cathedral veil with blusher, dusted with scattered Australian crystals.

Whitney's bridal bouquet was designed with a collection of white peonies, garden roses, and hydrangea, accented with purple freesia, purple and white tulips, and green viburnum, the stems wrapped and tied with ivory satin.

For something new, the bride wore a beautiful diamond and blue topaz dinner ring, a wedding gift from the groom. For both something old and something borrowed, the bride wore her sister Ashley's wedding veil.

ATTENDANTS

Ashley Chapin and Lacy Hultstrand were their sister's honored attendants. The bridesmaids were Laura Remson, Katie Nicol, and Samantha Townes. The bridesmaids' eggplant colored gowns were by Jasmine Bello. The silky, chiffon fabric featured a soft sweetheart neckline with an overlapping pleating on the bodice. Additionally, the dresses had a slim, silver-beaded band

highlighting the natural waist and a floor-length layered skirt. The bridesmaids carried hand-tied bouquets designed with white roses, hydrangea and freesia, purple tulips, and green viburnum, similar to the bridal bouquet.

The groom's best man was his brother Brian Sellers. Groomsmen were Adam Binger, Kirk Rouze, Taylor Enabnit, and Keith Ross.

Ushers were Adam Binger and Adam Nash.

House party members included Jacqueline Palmer and Victoria Cantu distributing wedding programs and at the guestbook.

Diann Hultstrand and Cheryl Sellers represented the couple's parents in lighting the family candles used for the unity candle ceremony. Amanda Powers, cousin of the bride, read the couple's

scripture selections.

A musical trio consisting of a harpist, violinist, and cellist provided instrumental music for the wedding ceremony. The seating of the parents was to Beethoven's "Ode to Joy." The bride made her entrance to "The Bridal March." The vows were recited and a unity candle lit with the couple's theme song, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing," softly playing in the background. The presentation of the couple and recessional were to "The Wedding March."

RECEPTION

A dinner and dance reception followed at the historic Flour Mill in McKinney, providing a setting of historic charm and rustic elegance. Table centerpieces featured mercury glass vases with floral arrangements of hydrangeas, roses, mini roses, snap dragons, tulips, and viburnum. Additionally, one-of-a-kind cotton boll arrangements accented with curly willow branches were interspersed on tables in a special tribute to the Sellers family and their cotton farm.

The bride's cake was a four-tiered cake frosted with a white and silver buttercream frosting, white fondant ruffles, and silver beading, topped with fresh purple flowers. Amanda Powers, cousin of the bride, provided the custom-designed

cake. The groom's dessert choice was a double-tiered chocolate cake with a Texas Tech Double T design on top. Dr. Pepper floats were also served as a tribute to a tradition of the bride's alma mater, Baylor University.

The bride and groom's first dance was to "My Feet Don't Touch the Ground" and the father and daughter danced to "Cinderella." The groom and his mother danced to "Wonderful World." Long-time friends of the bride's family David and Glyssie Berberian were the longest-married couple remaining on the dance floor after the traditional Anniversary dance. They have been married for 52 years and offered their advice to the new couple on how to cultivate a long and happy marriage.

Ashley Chapin, Lacy Hultstrand, and Brian Sellers provided best wishes and toasts for the happy couple. At the end of the evening, the bride and groom exited the party to a path of well-wishers tossing brightly-colored pom-poms.

Prior to the wedding, a rehearsal dinner was hosted on Friday evening by the groom's parents at the Blue Mesa Grill in Plano for the bridal party and out-of-town relatives and guests.

After a honeymoon trip in Costa Rica, the couple is now residing in Lubbock.



Mr. and Mrs. Derek Clay Sellers ... 'nee Whitney Joy Hultstrand ...

Keep picnic foods safe this season

With warmer temperatures and backyard grills resuming their place in the sun, UT Southwestern toxicologists say a few cautionary steps can help you and guests avoid food poisoning.

"Make sure your guests carry home fond memories instead of stomach aches or worse with sound food handling and preparation practices," said Dr. Kurt Kleinschmidt, a toxicologist at UT Southwestern.

Preparation

- Refrigerate or freeze perishable foods as soon as you get them home from the

store.

- If you're not going to use meats within a couple of days, freeze them. Once you've thawed meat, cook it. Don't re-freeze thawed meat.

- Pack plenty of ice in coolers to store raw or leftover foods at tailgate parties.

- Keep meats for grilling cold until you put them on the grill.

Handling

- Before handling food, always wash your hands thoroughly in warm, soapy water or use hand sanitizer.

- Don't leave food stand-

ing for long periods of time. A general rule of thumb is not to leave foods out for more than one hour.

- Eat hot foods as soon as they're cooked or while they're still hot.

- Remove cold foods from the refrigerator just before serving and put them away quickly.

- Wash hands, surfaces, and utensils that come in contact with raw meats. Use different dishes and utensils with cooked meats and raw meats.

Cooking

- Cook foods at recommended temperatures to kill bacteria. Use a meat thermometer to be sure the food is thoroughly cooked. That's especially important for ground beef. When grilling, cook hamburgers until they're no longer pink inside, or until juices run clear.

- Generally, grilled meats should be cooked to at least 145° Fahrenheit and poultry to at least 160°. Pork should be cooked to an internal temperature of at least 155° in order to destroy the parasite that causes trichinosis. This disease causes abdominal pain, diarrhea, muscle soreness, fever, and swelling around the eyes. If you're grilling pork ribs, you don't want the meat to be red near the bone.

Tips for tackling diabetes for outdoor grill season

Picnics, parties, and other outdoor events during grilling season can present a challenge for those with diabetes.

"The goal is to keep the carbohydrates down – and encourage more of the protein-enriched foods – to enhance satiety," said Dr. Deborah Clegg, a diabetes nutritional specialist at UT Southwestern.

If you're trying to keep control of your diabetes, bring some of your own favorite dishes, or coordinate with other family and friends with diabetes to ensure the spread includes healthier options. Dr. Clegg also coaches her patients to eat slowly, so that they eat a limited amount per quarter, and to get up and walk around during each commercial to encourage activity as well as better eating habits. It's also important to monitor blood sugars on a regular basis throughout the day.

Hosts can include healthy options such as salad, fruits, and vegetables. Low-calorie and sugar-free options can help diabetic friends and family control calories and carbohydrates and make sound choices without much fuss.

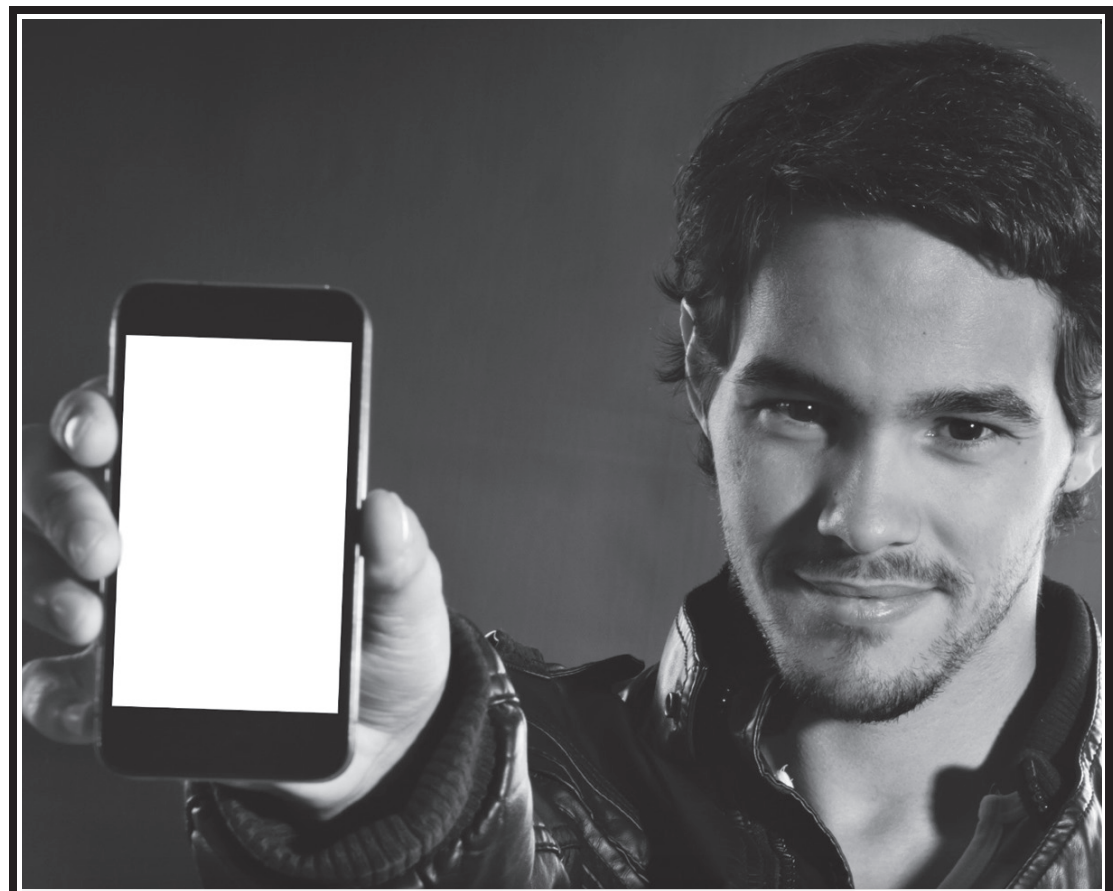
Dr. Clegg offers these guidelines:

- Broad array of salad options, including sugar-free and low-calorie dressings, including salad greens, sprouts, mushrooms, onions, peppers, radishes, and tomatoes.
- Beverages options such as water, unsweetened tea, coffee, and calorie-free diet sodas.
- Grilled fish, skinless chicken or turkey, and/or soy-based "veggie" burgers.
- Low/Non-fat dairy options including non-fat cheeses, yogurts, and skim milk.



Janie Hartman photo

The Muenster ISD Gym has been full of young cheerleaders this week with the Hornet Mini Cheer Camp being held in air conditioned comfort after many years of spirited cheering in the City Park. Future cheerleader hopefuls not only learn cheers, but chants, stunts, dance, jumps, and school spirit.



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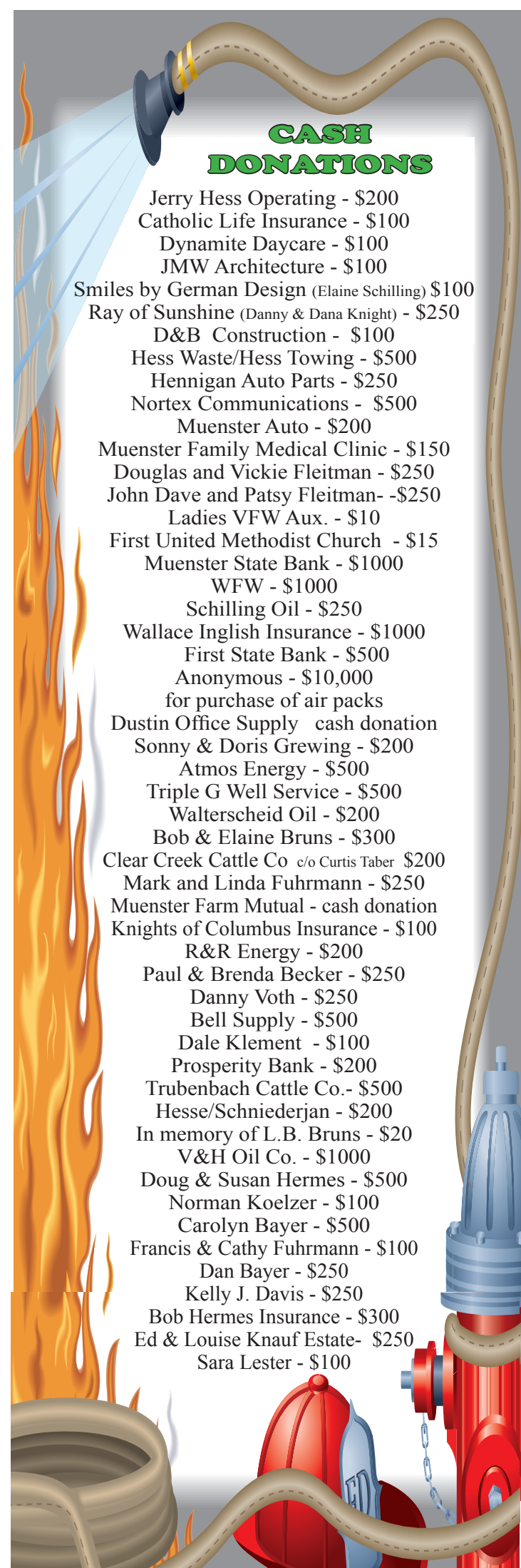
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 Tony's Seed & Feed - 500# deer feed
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 Shawn Walter Automotive - free mount and balance with purchase of 4 tires
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Texas Game Warden Reports

Because he didn't want to break the law

A Polk County game warden was patrolling a private neighborhood when he observed a truck with fishing poles in the back leaving a private pond where no fishing was allowed. When the warden stopped the vehicle to determine if the individuals had been fishing in the private pond without consent, he discovered the driver had not possessed a valid Texas driver's license since 1992, had no vehicle insurance, had two felony arrest warrants from the neighboring county, and had stolen license plates displayed on the vehicle. The driver said he had intended to go fishing in the pond but, after getting out and walking around, he decided to go home because he did not want to break the law. The warden arrested the driver for the outstanding warrants and possession of stolen property.

Four men caught catfishing

A Starr County and a Zapata County game warden patrolling Falcon Lake conducted a water safety inspection on a boat on which four men were fishing. During the inspection, the wardens noticed freshly cut catfish chunks on top of an ice chest. The men told the wardens the fishing slowed down so they decided to catch an alligator gar, but since they hadn't brought any bait to catch a gar, they decided to use a catfish they caught earlier in the day as bait. The wardens asked all four men to reel in their lines and saw more catfish chunks on their hooks. The wardens educated all four men about not using game fish as bait.

Citations were issued to all subjects.

The case of the goose egg thief

A Lubbock/Lynn County game warden solved a goose egg theft case after receiving a call about an individual who was digging through the bushes at a Lubbock city park and collecting goose eggs. The man, who only spoke Mandarin Chinese and spoke through a translator from the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office, admitted to taking them for personal consumption. The warden issued the man a citation for disturbing the nest and destroying the eggs.

A truck goes down with its boat

A Titus County game warden responded to the Lake Monticello boat ramp after a truck and boat sank in the

lake. A man trying to put his boat on his trailer allowed his grandchild to drive his truck, but the child accidentally put the vehicle in reverse. Both the truck and trailer went into the lake. A second child in the back seat was safely removed from the truck before it sank.

Bird on a wire

A Shelby County game warden received a call about a red-tailed hawk being shot off a power line. When he arrived, he found the hawk and interviewed the witness. The witness said that he saw a vehicle come to a stop, heard a shot, and saw the hawk fall as the vehicle sped away. A few miles down the road, the vehicle matching the description was found parked at a residence. The rifle was found still in the vehicle.

Texas Parks & Wildlife Area Fishing Report

BRIDGEPORT: Water stained to muddy, 0.06' high. No report available. Use caution when navigating the lake due to floating debris.

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RAY ROBERTS: Water stained to muddy; 6.46' high. No report available. Use caution when navigating lake due to floating debris.

TEXOMA: Water stained to muddy; 19.78' high. No report available. All ramps closed due to high water and floating debris.

Texas Oil and Gas Production Reports from the Texas Railroad Commission



June permits to drill
The Railroad Commission of Texas issued a total of 851 original drilling permits in June 2015 compared to 2,185 in June 2014. The June total included 716 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, seven to re-enter existing well bores, and 128 for re-completions. Permits issued in June 2015 included 227 oil, 73 gas, 500 oil and gas, 34 injection, two service, and 15 other permits.

May crude oil production
Texas preliminary May 2015 crude oil production averaged 2,429,347 barrels daily, up from the 2,136,638 barrels daily average of May 2014.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for May 2015 is 75,309,757 barrels, up from 66,235,787 barrels reported during May 2014.

June oil and gas completions
In June 2015, operators reported 1,416 oil, 225 gas, 64 injection, and five other completions compared to 1,739 oil, 316 gas, 36 injection, and eight other completions in June 2014.

Total well completions for 2015 year to date are 11,542 down from 15,828 recorded during the same period in 2014. Operators reported 536 holes plugged and zero dry holes in June 2015 compared to 52 holes plugged and zero dry holes in June 2014.

May natural gas production

Texas oil and gas wells produced 639,101,169 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for May 2015 up from the May 2014 preliminary gas production total of 617,988,757 Mcf. Texas preliminary May total gas production averaged 20,616,167 Mcf a day. Texas production in May 2015 came from 173,197 oil wells and 93,117 gas wells.

RRC production statistics and allowables for August 2015

The Texas average rig

count as of July 17, was 366, 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 977 million barrels of oil and 8.4 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

The Commission's estimated final production for May 2015 is 91,026,903 barrels of crude oil and 542,213,968 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

The Commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary May 2015 production totals of 75,309,757 barrels of crude oil and 463,509,974 Mcf of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.2087 for crude oil and 1.1698 for gas well gas. These production totals do not include casing-head gas or condensate.

Texas natural gas storage reported to the Commission for June 2015 was 394,385,958 Mcf compared to 242,335,211 Mcf in June 2014. The July 2015 gas storage estimate is 406,108,196 Mcf.

The Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial August 2015 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 6,998,577 Mcf. In setting the initial August 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 August is reported.

June Texas oil and gas drilling permits and completions by district

- RRC District 1 - SAN ANTONIO AREA**
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 135
Oil Completions: 182
Gas Completions: 62
- RRC District 2 - REFUGIO AREA**
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 93
Oil Completions: 47
Gas Completions: 36
- RRC District 3 - SOUTHEAST TEXAS**
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 39
Oil Completions: 96
Gas Completions: 17
- RRC District 4 - DEEP SOUTH TEXAS**
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 13
Oil Completions: 33
Gas Completions: 15

RRC District 5 - EAST CENTRAL TEXAS

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 8
Oil Completions: 6
Gas Completions: 3

RRC District 6 - EAST TEXAS

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 33
Oil Completions: 13
Gas Completions: 30

RRC District 7B - WEST CENTRAL TEXAS

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 47
Oil Completions: 25
Gas Completions: 2

RRC District 7C - SAN ANGELO AREA

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 64
Oil Completions: 198
Gas Completions: 0

RRC District 8 - MIDLAND

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 296
Oil Completions: 683
Gas Completions: 9

RRC District 8A - LUBBOCK AREA

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 40
Oil Completions: 84
Gas Completions: 1

RRC District 9 - NORTH TEXAS

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 64
Oil Completions: 16
Gas Completions: 24

RRC District 10 - PANHANDLE

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 19
Oil Completions: 33
Gas Completions: 26

May Texas top ten oil producing counties ranked by preliminary production

COUNTY - CRUDE OIL (BBLs)

1. KARNES - 6,797,988
2. DEWITT - 4,691,734
3. LA SALLE - 4,620,430
4. GONZALES - 3,156,164
5. UPTON - 3,093,674
6. ANDREWS - 3,078,394
7. MIDLAND - 3,052,231
8. MARTIN - 3,046,948
9. MCMULLEN - 2,922,426
10. REEVES - 2,527,124

May Texas top gas producing counties ranked by preliminary production

COUNTY - TOTAL GAS (MCF)

1. WEBB - 58,555,033
2. TARRANT - 51,523,950
3. PANOLA - 27,740,460
4. DIMMIT - 23,321,147
5. JOHNSON - 23,049,439
6. DEWITT - 20,807,735
7. WISE - 19,422,338
8. KARNES - 18,571,638
9. DENTON - 16,919,808
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Legislation creates federal standard for voluntary GMO labeling

Legislation that would keep states from issuing mandatory labeling laws for foods that contain genetically modified organisms (GMO) passed the House of Representatives recently.

Called the Safe and Affordable Food Labeling Act of 2015, the legislation would create a federal standard for the voluntary labeling of foods with GMO ingredients.

The legislation is aimed at preventing a patchwork of mandatory state labeling laws which could cause confusion and higher costs for consumers.

"Precisely zero pieces of credible evidence have been presented that foods produced with biotechnology pose any risk to our health or safety," Rep. Mike Pompeo, author of the bill, told The Hill. "We should not raise prices on consumers based on the wishes of a handful of activists."

AFBF President Bob Stallman said the legislation supports farmer innovation that helps the environment and

keeps food prices down for everyone.

"The American Farm Bureau Federation supports all farmers and ranchers and opposes anyone who stands in the way of safe, affordable food," Stallman said. "Consumers benefit from variety in the marketplace

and should be free to make choices based on facts. The facts are that many farmers are growing more food with fewer resources, reducing their environmental impact, and keeping down costs—all thanks to advances in biotechnology."



Rent-A-Chick

Disappointed in the taste of those store-bought eggs produced by some long-suffering hens housed on a factory farm? RentTheChicken.com may be the answer for you. Jenn and Phil Tompkins, Freeport, Pa., have rented chickens to about 200 customers in 12 states since launching their home-based business two years ago. Rent The Chicken provides a chicken coop, two or four egg-laying hens, 100 lbs. of food (non-GMO or organic feed available, of course—\$50 extra) and instructions on how to "keep your chickens happy." The cost of knowing where your food comes from? \$400 for two chickens, \$550 for four. Ahh, but those omelets!



Courtesy photo

State Representative Drew Springer and Farm Bureau State Director Michael White attended the July 7 Cooke County Farm Bureau Board meeting. Springer talked about tax cuts, a conservative budget, pro agriculture items, and rural values. Pictured in attendance were, from left, seated - Keith Colteryahn and Robert Klement; back - Lucas Hartman, Edwin Knight, Michael White, Drew Springer, Rudy Zimmerer, Kenneth Sicking, and Albert Zimmerer.

TDA market recap

For the week ending July 25, Texas auctions quoted feeder cattle prices mostly steady, with instances of sales ranging from \$1 to \$12 lower per hundredweight (cwt). Texas weekly direct feeder cattle sales were steady to \$2 higher, with instances of up to \$4 higher early in the week. However, weakness was noted later in the week as bids began to drop again. Wholesale

beef values were lower, with Choice Grade losing \$2.60 to close at \$230.70 per cwt and Select Grade losing \$1.16 to close at \$228.23 per cwt. Net export sales totaling 10,100 metric tons (MT) for July 10-16 were down 12% from the previous week. Export shipments of 12,800 MT were up 9% from the previous week. Shipments primarily went to Japan, South Korea, and Mexico.

Wheat cash and futures prices both lost \$0.40 to settle at \$4.52 per bushel and \$5.07 per bushel, respectively. The USDA NASS Texas field office reported that 97% of the Texas wheat crop has been harvested, with 47% of wheat acreage in good to excellent condition. Net export sales for wheat were 502,800

MT, with increases reported for Chile, China, and the Philippines.

Texas corn prices were lower, with cash prices down to \$4.18 per bushel and futures prices down to \$3.93 per bushel. The USDA NASS Texas field office reported 75% of the Texas corn crop is in the silking stage, with 63% of corn acreage in good to excellent condition. Corn export sales were down 33% from the previous week and 54% from the prior four-week average. Export shipments were 2% higher than the previous week and 9% higher than the average.

This week's U.S. Drought Monitor for Texas showed a slight worsening of drought conditions for the state, with 4.18% of Texas still in some stage of drought intensity. Additionally, none of the state remains in moderate, severe, extreme, or exceptional drought. On the national level, drought conditions worsened slightly, with nearly 36% of the U.S. experiencing abnormal dryness or some degree of drought, up slightly from last week.

Additional information on agricultural weather, crop progress, and agricultural markets can be found on the TDA Market News page.

Cattle ranchers should be on the lookout for heat stress

With the rise in heat and humidity, cattle producers should be watching for signs of heat stress in cattle, *Brownfield Ag News* reported.

"Cattle are pretty acclimated so some of them may do just fine without too much, so, the first step is to just pay attention to what your cattle are doing," Grant Dewell, Iowa State Extension veteri-

narian said.

A combination of high heat and high humidity can be stifling for cattle. Producers should watch for panting and drooling, as these are symptoms of heat stress.

"If it's cooling off at night, they'll be okay. But, if we get two or three days of it not cooling off at night, then we can have some heat death loss."



Why do farmers farm?

By Michelle Hochstein

Hot summer night. A storm rolls in. Heavy downpours. Hail. The farmer fears the worst. And he's right. His cotton is shredded. Another profit lost.

January. Snow on the ground. 15 degrees. A howling wind makes it feel below zero. Hammer in hand, the rancher breaks ice. The cattle have to drink.

Farming's tough. It's a risky business. So many things to go wrong. And so many skills to master.

So why do farmers farm? I asked that question as I watched my dad, day in and day out, leave before the sunrise and come in long after it set. I since learned there are many reasons he chose this profession.

Here are five reasons farmers, like my father, choose to farm.

They love growing things. As caretakers of the land, farmers enjoy watching crops and animals grow. Whether it's seed to stalk or chick to hen, much care is needed. From planting and watering to harvesting, farmers put time and effort into their crops to ensure a plentiful harvest.

They enjoy working outdoors. Fresh air. Sunshine. The smell of freshly plowed dirt. The cool breeze blowing. The feeling of freedom from the confinements of an office in the city. Being able to watch animals frolic. Farmers' "offices" are in their fields. Close to home. Close to nature.

They work for something bigger. Farmers are vital to food production. Not just in the U.S. But the world. They enjoy growing food for an expanding population. This responsibility keeps them going, even when times are tough.

They work together as a family. Family farms make up 98.6% of farms in Texas, according to the Texas Department of Agriculture. Parents are able to spend more time with their children, teaching them about hard work, dedication, and a love for the land. These children will gain experiences and knowledge that can never be replaced.

They enjoy the independence. Don't we all want to be our own bosses? Well farmers are. They get to decide what needs to be done every day. They make the decisions and report only to themselves. There's nobody there to tell them what to do.

Even though it's not always rainbows and butterflies, most farmers agree the good outweighs the bad. The work is hard. But it's fulfilling. Farmers farm because it is something they enjoy, and farmers in Texas and across the county continue to reap the benefits every day.

Michelle Hochstein grew up on a farm in Castro County, where her family grows cotton, corn, wheat, and sorghum. She is studying agricultural communications at Texas Tech University and is the Texas Farm Bureau Public Relations intern.



How to keep your farm girl happy

I have a few suggestions on how to keep your farm girl happy. After all, everyone can use a little help in this area. Here's the top 10 ways:

10. Whisper sweet nothings in her ear. Like at midnight. Nuzzle her neck. Move up to her ear. And in your sexiest voice, ask her to get up and see if that calf is born yet.
9. Take her anywhere she wants. As long as it's on the way to the next field. And you're going there anyway.
8. Let her preg check the cows. Females need a chance to bond. They'll both appreciate it.
7. Give her your jacket. To hold. Because it quit raining an hour ago.
6. Look deep in her eyes and tell her you love her. Right before you tell her the Cancun vacation is cancelled. Because you need the money for a "heck of a deal" on some bred heifers.
5. Tell her how beautiful she looks. Driving the tractor. That pulls the grain cart. At sunset on the 12th day of corn harvest.
4. Offer to cook supper. With the neighbors and a few friends. If she promises to keep the cooler full.
3. Text her a sweet message. Express your deep love. And your need for her to go to town and pick up parts.
2. Back the trailer for her. After you let her try 12 times. Snickering will ruin the moment.
- And the Number One way to keep your farm girl happy:
 1. Tell her the truth. Always. Unless she asks if her Levi's are too tight.

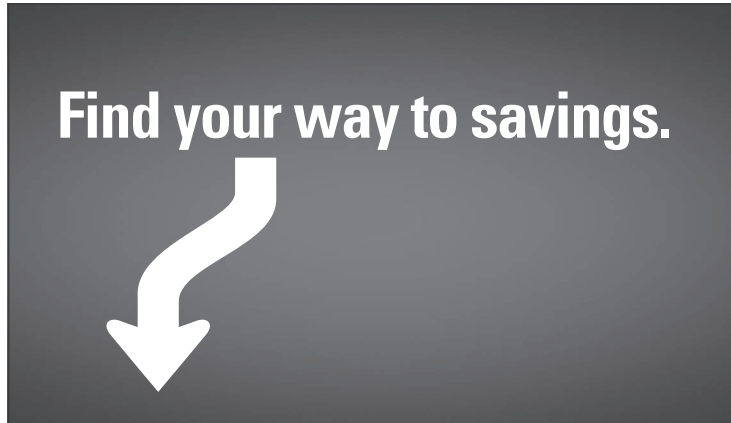
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