

## Hospital sets tax rate

**Janet Felderhoff**  
News Editor

Muenster Hospital's Board of Directors met on Tuesday, Aug. 25. During the meeting, they approved the 2015-16 operating budget and adopted a tax rate to help support it. Last year the tax rate was \$0.175 per \$100 property valuation and the tax base was \$642,670,291. That brought the Hospital District \$1,124,673 in tax money.

This year's effective tax rate (the rate that would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years) is \$0.1925. This year's rollback rate of \$0.2079 is the highest tax rate that the Hospital District can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures.

In considering the tax rate, Administrator Brian Roland noted, "The important thing we have to look at is from the standpoint of what we are doing going forward. If we don't keep the tax revenue where it is this past year, then we are going to have to figure out how to cut about \$110,000 loss that we would then be taking."

Board member Mary Del Olmo wondered how long it had been since that tax rate had been raised. She was told that it had been raised four or five years ago from \$0.16 to \$0.175 due to a drop in property values.

"Ultimately, the goal is to not be this dependent on tax money," said Roland. "In my mind, the tax money should be used for growing the business and not day-to-day operations or a good chunk of it."

Del Olmo made a motion to adopt the effective rate as  
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**Drive with caution. School is back in session and children are on the streets. Muenster Police Department has been keeping a close eye on traffic before and after school. Drivers who exceed the speed limit, talk or text in school zones, or break other traffic laws may have to answer to the law by paying a traffic ticket. The police presence should be a reminder to drive safely. Remember, reduce your speed to at least 20 mph when the lights are flashing in school zones.**



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**Work has come to a halt on the new Keep Muenster Beautiful (KMB) walking trail. The walking trail was nearing completion when a question arose as to whether it met ADA approval. TxDOT in Austin was contacted and the plans are again being studied and options considered. Work will continue after a decision is made on what to do.**

## Work stalls on KMB path

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Although some people have already begun to use the new Keep Muenster Beautiful walking trail, it is not yet complete.

KMB chose to use the money won from the 2012 Governor's Community Achievement Award to build a walking trail on the west side of the Muenster City Park. An engineer with TxDOT in Austin drew up the plans and groundwork began in May.

As the work on the trail progressed to a near finished state, the question arose as to whether it met ADA approval. Some places are much steeper than the 5% maximum slope allowed. This is especially true on the

south part of the trail that winds through a creek bed and trees.

According to Mike Hallum of the TxDOT office in Gainesville, the issue is now before a government board in Austin to see what revisions will be accepted. "We are in a holding pattern until a decision is made," noted Hallum.

According to Hallum, there is only about 50 feet in the big loop on the side closest to Hwy. 82 that needs attention. He feels that it could easily be fixed to meet the ADA requirements.

The back side will not be so simple. Hallum hopes that it will be allowed to be brought up to meet Federal Trail Guide standards. The trail in that area is steep in places and in order to make

it ADA compliant with a 5% grade, the cutting of many tree roots would occur thus damaging existing trees. If it only had to meet the Federal Trail Guidelines, then signs could be placed warning of its steepness. Those unable to safely navigate the steeper grades could use the big loop of the trail, staying clear of the trail leading to steep areas.

Hallum hopes that a decision is made within the next three weeks and that work can go forward.

Muenster City Administrator Stan Endres said that only six of the nine street lights were installed before the project came to a halt. The bases for the other three lights are in place ready for when the project can be resumed.

## Back-to-school driving tips

Many students walk and ride bicycles to school.

TxDOT reminds motorists to remain alert and exercise caution when driving through school zones this season.

In 2014, 663 motor vehicle crashes occurred in Texas school zones.

August and September are times of particular concern as motorists adjust to school being back in session. In 2014, these months alone saw 107 crashes in school zones. The most common factors contributing to these crashes were driver inattention, failure to control speed, and failure to yield right-of-way.

These simple tips can help drivers avoid costly fines and tickets while keeping Texas

children safe as they make their way to school.

### Tips for Driving in School Zones

- Turn off your cell phone. The use of cell phones is not permitted in active school zones.

- Violators face fines up to \$200 in school zones where signs are posted.

- Slow down and obey school zone speed limit signs. Traffic fines usually double in school zones.

- Always come to a complete stop at stop signs. Check for children on sidewalks and in crosswalks before proceeding.

### Tips for Children Walking or Biking to School

- Whenever possible, stay on sidewalks and use marked crosswalks.

- When crossing streets, make eye contact with drivers and then look left, right, and left again before proceeding.

- Look for traffic when stepping off a bus or from behind parked cars and never run into the street.

- Always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle.

### Tips for Sharing the Road with School Buses

- Always stop for flashing red lights on a school bus, regardless of which direction you're headed, unless you're on the other side of a divided highway.

- Be prepared to stop at all railroad crossings if you are behind a school bus.

- Watch for children who might run across the street as they get on or off the bus.

## Get ready for Muenster's Community Wide Garage Sales

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On Saturday, Sept. 12, the Muenster Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its annual Community Wide Garage Sales.

There will be a map listing the locations of all participants who register with the Chamber by deadline. There is no charge to be listed on the map.

To be listed on the map, go to the Muenster An-

tique Mall or call Jeannine Flusche there at (940) 759-5033. Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 5 p.m. is the deadline to be added to the map of local garage sales.

Maps will be available at Muenster Antique Mall, Fischer's Meat Market, and other downtown businesses.

This is a great time to clean out closets and other storage areas. What you no longer use may be just what somebody else is looking

for and you can make some money.

Those who come to Muenster to shop the garage sales are also encouraged to visit the local businesses. Muenster Chamber of Commerce Board member Debbie Hess remarked, "This is a great opportunity for the community to put on a garage sale either individually or for organizations. It will also give a boost to our local businesses."

## Benefit for Help Josey Hear

Josey Schad has the energetic enthusiasm for life that most 16-month-olds do. He is a happy little boy with a hearing problem. At age six months, he was diagnosed as having a severe/profound hearing loss.

Even with the use of hearing aids, Josey is unable to hear sounds in the world around him. He needs cochlear implants. Although they do not help him hear, Josey wears hearing aids to keep his auditory nerve stimulated because if the nerve dies, the implants will not work.

Cochlear implants are very costly. It is estimated that it will cost \$70,000 per ear. Unfortunately, his parents are not receiving help from insurance and have not been able to get any other type of assistance.

Josey is the son of Shannon and Teresa Schad of

Lindsay. He has two older brothers and an older sister. His grandparents are Don and Donna Sicking Schad.

To help Josey get the cochlear implants and the gift of hearing, a fundraiser Help Josey Hear is planned for Saturday, Sept. 19 in Lindsay Centennial Hall. Beginning at 2 p.m., a Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament kicks off the day's event. It has a \$100 buy-in with rebuys and add ons. There are \$1,000 guaranteed in prizes. To guarantee a seat, pre-registration is encouraged. To register or for more informa-

tion, call Phil Reiter at (940) 736-4004 or Kelly Colwell at (940) 390-2308.

A BBQ dinner takes place from 6-8 p.m. hosted by Tic Block BBQ, Joanie Wyrick, and the Schad family.

An auction and raffle starts at 7:30 p.m. Raffle tickets for a Henry Big Boy .45 Colt rifle and other items cost \$10 each or five for \$40.

Following the raffle, Corey Neu will host a family-friendly dance.

Donations can be made at any First State Bank branch to the Benefit for Josey Schad Account.

**Reminder - Residential trash pick up in Muenster as of Sept. 1 takes place only one time a week on Mondays!**

## Texas Oil and Gas Production Reports from the Texas Railroad Commission



### RRC production statistics and allowables for September 2015

The Texas average rig count as of Aug. 21 was 383, representing about 45% 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 989 million barrels of oil and 8.4 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

The Commission's estimated final production for June 2015 is 89,146,564 barrels of crude oil and 514,508,903 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

The Commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary June 2015 production totals of 73,017,089 barrels of crude oil and 441,600,638 Mcf of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.2209 for crude oil and 1.1651 for gas well gas. These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.

Texas natural gas storage reported to the Commission for July 2015 was 394,945,674 Mcf compared to 264,339,543 Mcf in July 2014. The August 2015 gas storage estimate is 391,246,773 Mcf.

The Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial September 2015 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 8,475,981 Mcf. In setting the initial September 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 September 2015 is reported.

### Railroad Commission updates website domain and e-mail addresses

The Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) has updated its website domain to <http://www.rrc.texas.gov>, effective Sept. 1.

In addition to the website domain change, all the agency e-mail addresses have been updated. All emails directed to Commission staff members should be sent to [firstname.lastname@rrc.texas.gov](mailto:firstname.lastname@rrc.texas.gov).

The new domain is consistent with the state of Texas government domain standard for state agencies. The previous website domain and email addresses will remain operational for a year-long transition period.

# New laws took effect Sept. 1

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) highlighted notable traffic and driver license laws that went into effect on Sept. 1 (unless otherwise indicated).

Please note that the following is not a comprehensive list of all new laws passed by the Texas Legislature.

#### Traffic

HB 2194 creates an exemption to current statute that allows a vehicle to be left running and unattended if the operator starts the engine of the vehicle by using a remote starter or other similar device. (effective June 19).

SB 1918 amends current statute to authorize the use of LED ground-effect lighting equipment on a motor-

cycle. In accordance with this provision, such lighting is only permissible if it illuminates the body or ground below a motorcycle, and if it emits a non-flashing amber or white light. These limitations are designed to ensure the LED lights are not mistaken as the flashing lights of an emergency vehicle.

#### Driver License

SB 1934 amends current statute to require social security numbers or proof that the applicant is not eligible for a social security number for all personal identification card issuances. It also limits the issuance of one Texas driver license or ID card per person and discontinues the issuance of no-expire ID cards for persons age 60 or

older. HB 2246 amends current statute to require a judge to restrict any person whose license has been suspended after the conviction of an intoxication offense to the operation of a motor vehicle equipped with an ignition interlock device. Once suspended for the intoxication-related offense, a defendant may only operate a motor vehicle during the suspension period if an ignition interlock device is obtained and an occupational driver license is issued with the proper designation. The bill also requires the court to order the ignition interlock device to remain installed for the duration of the suspension, instead of the prior requirement of at least half of the suspension period. The applicable offenses include driving while intoxi-

cated, driving while intoxicated with a child passenger, flying while intoxicated, boating while intoxicated, assembling or operating an amusement ride while intoxicated, intoxication assault, or intoxication manslaughter.

## County Library posts closings

The Cooke County Library will be closed on Saturday, Sept. 5 and Monday, Sept. 7 for Labor Day. They will open at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8 with regular hours.

Just because they're closed doesn't mean you don't have access to library services. You can still access eBooks, downloadable audiobooks, magazines, and music at <http://cookecountylibrary.org/>.

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this year's tax rate. Aaron Hess seconded the motion and members voted to approve the motion.

Board members agreed that they did not want to raise taxes on anybody but they needed to maintain the taxes that they have.

The operating budget for 2016 System Operating Budget also received unanimous approval.

The Hospital District begins its fiscal year in July. That first month of the new fiscal year showed an operating loss. Administrator Roland reported the financials for July as follows: Patient revenues were \$741,199.52 with Hospital, Clinic, and Home Health revenue of \$645,308.04, \$39,710.83, \$56,180.65 respectively. Other revenues were \$117,643.95 with Hospital, Clinic, Home Health, and Pharmacy other revenue of \$8,815.12; \$43.00; \$0.00; and \$117,643.95 respectively. Adjustments to revenues equaled \$195,805.09 resulting in Net Revenue of \$671,896.50. Operating expenses for the month were \$896,245.08 resulting in a net loss of \$224,348.58. Non-operating revenue was \$4,832.45 resulting in a net loss of \$219,516.13 year-to-date.

Statistics comparing July of last year to this July showed notable increases in the areas of swing bed admissions up from five last year to 17 this year (240% increase); Therapy units up 20% with 818 this July and 684 last July, Radiology log up 65% with 165 this July and 100 last July, and CT up 138% doing 31 this July and

13 the previous July.

Notable decreases included Rural Health Clinic visits down 29% comparing 325 this July to 455 last July and Home Health visits down 41% with 266 this July and 452 last July.

The Board unanimously approved the financials.

Roland gave his CEO report. First he asked for and was given approval for four physician credential. They were Dr. Peter Eaton for the Clinic, Royce Brough and Dr. Glendale Dow for the ER, and Dr. Mian Alif Yousef, cardiologist.

Level IV Trauma was approved again for the Hospital.

In conjunction with Red-nicks With Paychecks (RWP) on Labor Day weekend, the Hospital will hold an Emergency Preparedness Drill. Such a drill is required for the Trauma Survey. Roland noted that he would be visiting the RWP site with EMS in order to get the full effect of what is going on for the Disaster Preparedness.

All members were present except T.J. Walterscheid.

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## DAYS GONE BY.....

### 65 YEARS AGO Sept. 1, 1950

John B. Klement wins Precinct 4 commissioner's race. Muenster's new \$300,000 public school will be dedicated and formally opened Monday. Rev. Cletus Post assumes duties as assistant pastor of Sacred Heart Church. Laveta (Mrs. E.A.) Schmitz wins the money on "Double or Nothing" radio program in Los Angeles. Wedding: Betty Jeanne Carney and Werner Koelzer. New Arrivals: Stanley to Ed and Clara Endres; Nancy to Artie and Helen Ruth Arndt; Larry Joe to Hermie and Katie Eberhart; Kenny to Tom and Marilyn McMurrians.

### 25 YEARS AGO Aug. 31, 1990

Out On A Limb, newest specialty store in Muenster, is opened by Jody and Paul Valentine. Pat Knabe is named a "Twelve Apostle" or outstanding representative by Catholic Life Insurance Union. Weddings: Deanna Bierschenk and Damian Hellman; Renee Muller and Scott Hoffman; Kari Aultman and Perry Owen. College Grad: Rita Bayer, Texas Woman's University School of Physical Therapy; Amy Miller, Texas A&M; New Arrivals: Michael to David and Helen Whitecotton; Emily to Tom and Marilyn McMurrians.

**You're only here for a short visit. Don't hurry, don't worry. And be sure to smell the flowers along the way.**  
Walter Hagen

### 50 YEARS AGO Sept. 3, 1965

August rainfall measures 5.29 inches. Obituary: Harold Holland, 17. Curtis Grewing has appendectomy. New Arrivals: First twins to be born in Muenster Hospital, Craig and Connie to Herman and Alma Stoffels; Michael Roddy to Leroy and JoAnn Berend; Brian to John D. and Agnes Meurer; Mark to the Lawrence Milners; Wesley to the Kenneth Reynolds. Wedding: Marceline Rupert and Peter Kapras. Joe and Marie Knauf feted on 25th anniversary. Two new employees at Wilde Chevrolet are Florence Walterscheid and Shirley Vogel. Air compressor at Parker Fears' Garage explodes and causes considerable damage; the garage was closed at the time. Randy Hermes has top gilt in the Sears 4-H Gilt Show in Gainesville.

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### Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015

### Myra Fire Station

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## Muenster Community Wide

### GARAGE SALE DAY

## Sept. 12

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Sunday, September 6, 2015	Monday, September 7, 2015	Tuesday, September 8, 2015	Wednesday, September 9, 2015	Thursday, September 10, 2015	Friday, September 11, 2015	Saturday, September 12, 2015
Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm	<b>LABOR DAY</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Muenster PTO mtg. 5pm Rohmer's	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Religious Ed Homecoming Mass 7 pm	Museum open 1 - 4 pm Library open 10- 6:30 M. Historical Comm mtg 8 am	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm AARP member lunch 11:30  Tigers vs OPEN Hornets vs Callisburg HOMECOMING	Library open 10-2:30 <b>COMMUNITY WIDE GARAGE SALES</b>  <b>MYRA VFD BBQ</b>
Sunday, September 13, 2015	Monday, September 14, 2015	Tuesday, September 15, 2015	Wednesday, September 16, 2015	Thursday, September 17, 2015	Friday, September 18, 2015	Saturday, September 19, 2015
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm Grandparents Day 	City Council mtg. 6:30 pm MMH Aux mtg. 5:30 pm VFW mtg. 7:30 pm KMB mtg. 6:45 pm BLOOD DRIVE 9 am - 4 pm MMH - Urgent need	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Library open 10-6:30 Religious Ed 6:45 pm SH Alumni & Supp mtg. 7:30 pm	Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10-6:30 Citizenship/Constitution Day 	Muenster Museum OPEN 1-4  Hornets at Alvord Tigers vs Era	Library open 10-2:30 <b>SH Vegas Night</b> 

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# Obituaries

## Edna Klement 1927 - 2015

Mass of Christian Burial for Edna Haverkamp Klement, age 87 of Muenster, was held at 10 a.m., Monday, Aug. 31 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Fr. Ken Robinson officiating. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery under the direction of Scott Funeral Home of Muenster. Rosary and Vigil led by Fr. Ken were held at 4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 30, at the funeral home in Muenster. Mrs. Klement died Thursday, Aug. 27, 2015.

Edna Anselma Haverkamp Klement was one of the four children born to Joe B. and Laura Berend Haverkamp. She was born Nov. 20, 1927 in Gainesville. Edna married Martin Klement on Sept. 16, 1947 in St. Mary's Church in Gainesville. They were the proud parents of four children.

Survivors include her children Karl and Kim Klement of Decatur, Kellye Hess of Muenster, and Kirk Klement of Muenster; son-in-law James Martin of Muenster; 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Martin; daughter Karlyn Martin; and brothers Alfred, Julius, and Anthony Haverkamp.

During the funeral Mass, Courtney Klement Strom gave the First Reading. The Second Reading was given by Abbie Grewing. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Cassidy Grewing. Presenting the gifts at the altar were Martie and Carly McCoy. Altar servers were Sylvan Walterscheid and Clifford Sicking. Eucharistic ministers were Mark Klement, Deb Klement, Doris Klement, Lisa Schilling, and Caroline Bayer.

Music ministers were Christi Klement, Linda Flusche, Jim Endres, and Doug Yosten. Songs included "Amazing Grace," "Psalm of the Good Shepherd," "Softly and Tenderly," "Give Me Jesus," "O Lord I Am Not Worthy," "Edelweiss Blessing," and "I'll Fly Away."

Jake McCoy gave the eulogy. He said, "Before I start, I would like everyone to know that Edna is upset with us for two reasons: first, she did not want a eulogy so this will be short, and second, she is wondering why none of us are at work today. If you ever stopped by Edna's house during working hours on a weekday, she would always ask why you weren't at work..."

"During their marriage,



Edna Klement

Marty and Edna enjoyed going to local dances and movies. However, their favorite thing to do was travel... Edna enjoyed sewing, and for many of these trips, she made herself beautiful gowns. If not traveling, Marty and Edna could be found working together at Endres Motor Company, which later became Klement Ford...

"Family holidays, television shows, and visiting with friends and family that would stop by were some of Edna's favorite things to do.. We should look back on her life, smile, and remember all the good times we shared."

Pallbearers were Kody Klement, Kameron Klement, Brandon Grewing, Chad Hess, Joe Haverkamp, and Jeff Graves.

## Texas vehicle registration renewal still available online with Two Steps, One Sticker program

Texas.gov and the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) are reminding all Texans that the online option for renewing a vehicle registration is still available. With the launch of the new Two Steps, One Sticker program on March 1, vehicles must first pass an inspection. When ready, Texans can head directly to Texas.gov/Driver (www.texas.gov/driver) to complete their renewal.

The process for taking care of a vehicle registration renewal online is very straightforward:

1. Get your car inspected. The inspection station will provide you with a Vehicle Inspection Report for your records. This information is also sent automatically to the state's database. (Note: From March 1, 2015 through Feb. 29, 2016, you may renew your registration without passing a new inspection if your vehicle already has a

current, passing inspection unless your inspection and registration stickers expire in the same month. Visit www.twostepsonesticker.com for more details.)

2. Go online to renew your registration. Texas.gov/Driver is the easiest way to access the online service. Your inspection information will already be in the system and you can finish the renewal in just a few minutes.

3. Receive your sticker in the mail. After verifying your renewal, the county tax office will mail the registration sticker to you.

"We want Texans to have access to TxDMV services around the clock," said Executive Director Whitney Brewster. "The time-saving process of online vehicle registration renewal allows you to take care of business when and where it's convenient for you."

In partnership with TxDMV, Texas.gov processed nearly three million online vehicle registration renewals in 2014, and all 254 counties in Texas offer this convenient, secure service.

Consumer Alert: In order to safely take care of your government business online, beware of unofficial, look-

alike websites operated by private organizations that may charge unnecessary fees for services or information. Instead, make sure you are using the State's official website, www.texas.gov, or an official state agency website to complete your online transaction. To access an official website, enter the URL in the address bar at the top of your Internet browser (e.g. Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, etc.) instead of entering the address in a search engine bar (e.g. Google, Bing, Yahoo etc.). Also look for the .gov or .state.tx.us extension which will be present in the URLs of all official Texas state government websites.

**We ought to do good to others as simply as a horse runs, or a bee makes honey, or a vine bears grapes season after season without thinking of the grapes it has borne.**

- Marcus Aurelius

## Neal Thompson 1928 - 2015

Funeral for Neal P Thompson, age 87 of Saint Jo, was held Aug. 29 at Landmark Missionary Baptist Church in Saint Jo. Burial was at Mountain Park Cemetery under the direction of Scott Funeral Home in Saint Jo. Visitation was Aug. 28. Mr. Thompson died Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2015.

One of three children of WN and Finis Harrison Thompson, Neal was born June 3, 1928 in Saint Jo. While serving in the U.S. Army, Neal was awarded the Korean Service Medal, three Bronze Campaign Stars, and the United Nations Service Medal. He was honorably discharged in October 1952.

Neal married Barbara Jean Van Zandt and they became the proud parents of twin boys. Neal was a farmer and rancher.

Survivors include his wife Barbara Jean of Saint Jo; son Wesley Edward Thompson of Saint Jo; sister Verna Millard of Amarillo.

He was preceded in death by his parents and son Wil-

liam Thompson.

Pallbearers were Ancil Thurman, Herman Wilson, Dale Reiter, Kenneth Hudson, Shane Garrett, Hunter Garrett, and Clifford Avens. Honorary pallbearers were Lester W. Boyd, Joe T. Thompson, Robert E. Thompson, L. Tobie Thompson, Wilton Cash, Sonny Weed, Kevin Cash, Noble Coker, Clint Thurman, Jack Coker, and Cary Breeze.

**Faith is the bird that feels the light when the dawn is still dark.**

- Rabindranath Tagore

## Aubrey Spires 1923 - 2015

Graveside service for Aubrey Lee Spires, age 92 of Gainesville, was held Sept. 1 at Fairview Cemetery. The family received friends Aug. 31 at Geo. J. Carroll and Son Funeral Home. Aubrey died Aug. 29, 2015 in Gainesville.


Born June 19, 1923 in Gainesville to Cicero H. and Alma L. Rosenfield Spires, Aubrey was a retired fireman with the Gainesville Fire Department as well as a self-employed automotive mechanic. He also served his Lord as Pastor of Marysville Baptist Church for 46 years. He was a WWII veteran, having served with the US Navy in the Pacific Theater

of Operations. He was an avid aviation enthusiast, but his favorite pastime was sharing his knowledge of the scriptures with others.

Survivors are son and daughter-in-law Nelson and Martha Blagg Spires of Colorado Springs, CO; daughter and son-in-law Donna and Richard Bennett of Webster, TX; sister Edna Litsey of Fort Worth; brothers Harlan Spires of Gainesville and James Spires of Addison; and five grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.


Aubrey was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years Helen Nelson Spires and one grandson Michael Spires.

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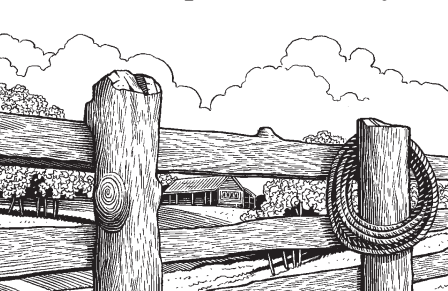
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The family & friends of Giles W. Truebenbach wish to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped Giles during his illness and at the time of his death. The food, cards, prayers, visits, Masses, flowers, and donations to Sacred Heart Church and Home Hospice were most appreciated.

Thank you Father Ken for your visits and for presiding at the funeral Mass and to all who served in any way at the service. Thanks to the KCs for the use of the hall and the Catholic Daughters for the preparation and serving of the delicious meal. We were also most appreciative of Scott Funeral Home for their compassion.

A very special thank you to C.G. (Gene) Reeves for taking care of the ranch during Giles' extended illness.

Another special thank you for the love and care received at Muenster Hospital, Texas Presbyterian Hospital, Home Health of Gainesville, Renaissance Care Center, and Home Hospice. You certainly eased the journey for all.



Sincerely,  
Giles Wayne Truebenbach, Kyle Koesler,  
Celine & Walter Bartel,  
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## Sicking services pending

Services for Georgia Ann Sicking, wife of the late Hank Sicking, are pending. Georgia Ann died Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2015.



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Thank you Father Ken - you have always been a steadfast rock in our times of need. Your wonderful homily during the funeral and the analogy of the sunflowers facing the sun, as we too turn to God, will always be a reminder of God's everlasting love for us. We also wish to thank the Yosten singers, Alvin Hartman, and the Eucharistic ministers for sharing the love of the Lord with your ministries. We wish to thank the Knights of Columbus for the honor guard and for welcoming our guests to the KC Hall for the luncheon after the funeral. For the luncheon, thank you to the ladies of the Catholic Daughters for nourishing our guests and providing your love and comfort to the family and friends of Al Heim - your gift of food, time, and effort to organize the luncheon meant so much to everyone.

Thank you to all our friends and extended family for your presence at the vigil and the funeral, and for all who have prayed for our dad and our family over the past months, and days, for those who provided food, and for the many beautiful flowers and thoughtful cards we have received. We wish to also thank everyone in the communities of Muenster and Saint Jo for their prayers of healing and words of encouragement. We feel truly blessed to be loved and cared for, and to be part of such wonderful communities.

Finally, thank you to Les Scott and Kirsten Goff and Scott Funeral Home for helping us plan and ensure that everything flowed smoothly.

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*Psalms 94:19*

"When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul"

## Home Hospice event a huge success with Muenster help

Over 380 people packed into the Gainesville Civic Center for the first HUGS for Home Hospice dinner and auction. Thanks to the hard work of the volunteers and local communities, the sold out event grossed over \$48,000 to benefit the Charity Care Program of Home Hospice of Cooke County.

The night started with a great dinner from Rohmer's Catering, and moved to a lively auction and lots of people vying for silent auction items. Keith Clegg's Classic Recall Band playing 60's Rock 'n' Roll music kept things moving to the very last hour.

"The night was fun and full of energy," said Tina L. Garner, Home Hospice executive director. "It's truly humbling all the support we received for the event, with countless volunteer hours and donations to help us fund our charity care. And our Muenster volunteers and businesses certainly helped make it a huge success."

Home Hospice Advisory Council members from Muenster, Mary Ann Hess, Pat Wimmer, and Bernice Sicking, were helping from the initial planning to the recap meeting. Credit goes out to all who helped make the event successful.

The next event will be the Home Hospice of Cooke County Auxiliary Tea on Sept. 29 held from 3-5 p.m. at the Muenster Museum. Watch the paper and the mail for more details.

Home Hospice of Grayson, Cooke and Fannin counties is a 501(c)(3) local community-based organization founded in 1982. They were the first hospice in Cooke County and still continue to be locally governed and supported here. Stop by and say "Hello" at their local office - 316 S. Chestnut St. in Gainesville. Their mission is to provide compassionate, quality care, emotional support, and education to their patients, caregivers, and the community.

For more information on Home Hospice, contact Nancy Jackson at 940-665-9891, nancy.jackson@homehospice.org, or go online [www.HomeHospice.org](http://www.HomeHospice.org).

## Weather Whys - wind

Q: I've heard the weatherman refer to "chinook winds." What are they?

A: Chinook winds are very warm winds that blow down the Rockies, and the term comes from an Indian word meaning "snoweater," said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "When certain conditions are right, a Chinook wind can warm temperatures remarkably quickly and it's not uncommon for temperatures to rise 40 degrees or more," says McRoberts. "A case in point occurred

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Pat Wimmer, at left, and Dot Rosenberg at the HUGS for Home Hospice, and also shown seated is Mary Ann Hess.

## SH seeks garage sale donations

In conjunction with the annual Community Wide Garage Sale, Sacred Heart will be hosting its annual huge garage sale in the Sacred Heart Community Center on Saturday, Sept. 12. They will be accepting resalable, clean, working items beginning Monday afternoon on Sept. 7.

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any homemade goodies for their bake sale and concession stand the latter part of the week.

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## Children encouraged to join Disciple Makers

Disciple Makers begins on Sunday, Sept. 13, at 5 p.m. at First Baptist Church Muenster. Disciple Makers is an opportunity for children K-6 to grow deeper in their faith by learning core biblical doctrines as they look up and discuss Bible verses that help answer questions like:

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is for children Kindergarten through 7th grade and is held on Sunday evenings 5 - 7:30 p.m. A meal is provided at 5 p.m. To register, contact the church at 759-2772 or [miranda@fbcmuenster.org](mailto:miranda@fbcmuenster.org).

## New Driver Education Program required for teens

The Texas Department of Public Safety recently announced the implementation of the Impact Texas Teen Driver program (ITTD), which is a new requirement for driver license applicants who complete a teen driver education course. The two-

hour ITTD program contains several videos that provide awareness about the dangers of distracted driving.

"Driving is one of the most dangerous things teens do on a daily basis, and it should command their undivided attention," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "This new component of teen driver education underscores the risks of distracted driving, and is designed to provide young and inexperienced drivers with additional information and skills to help

See TEENS, pg. 5

## Metzler joins CASA staff

Jerry Metzler, a well-known Cooke County native, has joined the staff of CASA of North Texas as the Volunteer Recruiter/Trainer.

Metzler, who spent 30 years in the field of public education as a coach, teacher, principal, and superintendent, also once served as Dean of NCTC, Gainesville. He is active in the area, having served as a past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, currently serving as a KC officer, and is a former member of the NTMC Hospital Board. Metzler and his wife Glenna are members of St. Peter's Catholic Church where he serves on the finance council.

The Metzlers are former foster parents who adopted their oldest of three daughters. They are the proud grandparents of a granddaughter. You can frequently hear Metzler enjoying his broadcasting hobby on KGAF as he covers local high school sports.

Metzler, who has been a Volunteer Advocate with CASA for the past two years, has seen first-hand the impact CASA makes in the lives of children who have been taken from their families due to abuse or neglect. He has a sincere appreciation for this community and the needs of its children.

"I became a CASA Volunteer Advocate because I have been very fortunate in my life, and I wanted to help those who are in need. As a Volunteer Advocate, I knew I could make a difference, one child at a time," Metzler said.

Vicki Roberson, executive director of CASA, states, "We



Jerry Metzler

are excited to have Jerry join our staff. Having served as a CASA Volunteer, Jerry brings first-hand understanding of our mission. That involvement, along with his years of teaching experience, makes him an immense asset to our local program."

CASA of North Texas will be holding the next training session for interested volunteers beginning Oct. 19. The training involves a total of 36 hours, including courtroom observations. A volunteer must be 21 years of age and have no criminal or CPS history.

"I believe strongly in the volunteer model that is the core of this organization. The volunteers are the reason CASA is so effective for the children. I feel honored to help our volunteers be prepared for their role as a child advocate," Metzler said.

For further information on how you can become a CASA volunteer, call Jerry Metzler, CASA of North Texas, 940-665-2244.

## Camp Dragonfly registration underway

Registration for Camp Dragonfly is now open. Camp Dragonfly is a weekend retreat, led by professional clinicians and trained staff, for children ages 8-12 who have suffered the death of a loved one. All activities at Camp Dragonfly are designed to help children heal and live successfully after loss. During the weekend, campers have the opportunity to participate in art activities, games, nature hikes, discussions, and a campfire with s'mores.

"Some people have the impression that going to grief camp 'only brings up sad thoughts,'" said Camp Director Jolene Senek, LBSW, CT, GC-C. "While it may bring up a few tears, attending camp can actually give kids their voice back and help them discover that they are not alone in their grief. Campers learn ways to process feelings and treasure memories. Camp is not about forgetting, it is about healing. It's amazing that kids can be serious and very focused while working on remembering exercises, and then be ready to play in an instant as activities shift."

Children grieve differently than adults. Some children have behavioral problems, some struggle with schoolwork, some become argumentative or fearful, some hesitate to be away from a parent, and many don't like to be alone. Children dealing with grief often feel isolated as well as feeling that no one understands. One of the goals of Camp Dragonfly is to give the campers a chance to be with others who can relate to their feelings of grief and sadness and to help them realize that they are not alone. The campers often report feeling better after attending camp.

"My child very much enjoyed camp," said a parent whose daughter attended an earlier version of camp. "She has always felt different from other children and camp seemed to make her feel like she belonged. She even wanted to go to summer camp when she thought it was a week-long Camp Dragonfly! The grief counselor I talked to was awesome! She was very honest and straightforward with me. She even asked how I was handling everything."

Parents participate in a mini-camp designed to not only provide them with resources, but insight as to how children grieve. "Our hope is to equip them as a family unit to cope with their loss in a way that allows them to support each other," says Senek.

The fall session of Camp Dragonfly is scheduled for Oct. 9-11 at All Saints Camp on Lake Texoma, 418 Stanton Way in Pottsboro. If you know a child who might benefit from participating, contact Senek at (903) 868-9315 or [jolene.senek@homehospice.org](mailto:jolene.senek@homehospice.org). You can also download the application and learn more about this camp at <http://www.homehospice.org/events/camp-dragonfly/>. Application deadline for the October session is Sept. 11.

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# Knabe graduates as occupational therapist

Beverly Knabe, OTR, recently graduated from the School of Health Professions at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) in Galveston with her Master of Occupational Therapy degree. The graduation ceremony was held Aug. 14, at Moody Gardens Convention Center in Galveston.

While at UTMB, Knabe was an active member and served as vice president of Pi Theta Epsilon and was a member of both TOTA (Texas Occupational Therapy Association) and AOTA (America Occupational Therapy Association). She was also a member of several other occupational therapy clubs during her time in school. Prior to grad school, Beverly received her Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise and Sport Sciences on May 18, 2013 from Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Attending the ceremony were Knabe's parents Dominic and Collette Knabe of Lindsay; her grandparents Ray and Celie Hoenig of Lindsay; Rob Tragni of Houston, his father and mother Dan and Laurie Tragni, his grandparents Frank and Eileen Tragni, his brother Zach Tragni, his sister Lauren Tragni and Jeff Brock, and a



Beverly Knabe

Tragni family friend Sharri Goldstein, all of the Houston area. A graduation party was held on Aug. 16 in Lindsay for family and friends who were unable to attend the graduation.

Knabe is registered as an occupational therapist and has accepted a position with TIRR Memorial Hermann Hospital located in the Texas Medical Center in Houston. TIRR (The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research) specializes in the rehabilitation of patients with neurological conditions including strokes, traumatic brain injuries, and spinal cord injuries.



Zachary Nervo

## Zachary marks 10th birthday

Zachary Christian Nervo marked his 10th birthday with a fun-filled party that was held at the home of his parents Nicolas and Donna Nervo.

Zachary and friends enjoyed a Minecraft theme, based on a popular video game, where players dig mines and arrange building blocks for habitats and terrains. The décor was enhanced with castles, swords, pickaxes, and characters. A personalized banner stating "Happy 10th Birthday Zachary!" was surrounded by balloons with Minecraft and "Zachary" designs.

The green-iced birthday cake featured blue trimming and silver pillar candles that bordered a Minecraft picture. Everyone enjoyed a sausage meal, followed by cake and ice cream. Zachary and his friends continued their celebration with a sleep-over, which included movies and games.

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



Courtesy photo

Pictured at check signing for Hope for HH were, from left, front - Addie Tipps, Landon Tipps, Wendi Tipps; back - Kim Wiese, Kim McClinton, Cheryl Gomez, Michelle Neu, Houston Tipps, and Kathi Kirby. Not pictured are Joe Conner, Jacob Wade, and Nadine Creswell.

## Committee donates \$25,000 to Hope for HH

Last Monday the M-o-o-ving Thru' the Mud With Landon committee members signed a check in the amount of \$25,000 for the non-profit, Hope for HH.

Due to the heavy spring rains, the M-o-o-ving Thru'

the Mud With Landon event was postponed until July 25, but still drew a large crowd. This year, the committee welcomed one adult, Mr. Glen who has HH and two families with young children coping with HH to the mud-

dy affair. The Ramsara family made the long drive from Florida and the May family from Cleburne. All came to enjoy the muddy fun at Circle N Dairy and lend their support to the cause.

Michelle Neu, owner of Circle N Dairy, emphasized, "We could not have raised this amount of funds if it were not for the generous support of our financial and in-kind sponsors, volunteers, and everyone who supported us by coming out to get muddy!!"

Go to the event's facebook page at [movingthru-themudwithlandon](http://movingthru-themudwithlandon) to view fun and crazy photos from this year's mud run.

## Library Card Sign-up Month

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These resources are available from home, too. The Library offers access to important educational resources for everyone, like eBooks, downloadable audiobooks, the Student Research Center, and the Learning Express Library. For those patrons who are lifelong learners, there is access to music, magazines, and everyday topics like home improvement, engine repair, sewing, gardening, and more.

Many learning outlets are available through the TexShare Database. Visit the

Library to get the TexShare log-in information.

For more information on how to sign up for a library card, visit the Cooke County Library in person or visit the library online at [www.cooke-countylibrary.org](http://www.cooke-countylibrary.org).

*On the question of relating to our fellowman - our neighbor's spiritual need transcends every commandment. Everything else we do is a means to an end. But love is an end already, since God is love.*

- St. Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein)

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on Jan. 22, 1943, in Spearfish, S.D., when a Chinook wind raised temperatures 49 degrees in less than three minutes. Winds such as the Chinook have different names all over the world depending where you live."

Q: What are some other names of winds?

A: In the European Alps, a Chinook is called a foehn, and the same wind in Argentina is called a zonda, he explains. "In Southern California, hot winds are called the Santa Ana winds, named after the Santa Ana Canyon area where they frequently occur," McRoberts adds. "In North Africa, warm winds are often called a simoon, and in parts of the Middle East strong winds may cause intense dust storms known as haboobs. Over the Mediterranean area, warm winds are called a sirocco, and in parts of Egypt they are called a khamsin. Monsoon winds in Asia blow from the southeast in summer and bring heavy rains. A katabatic wind is one that blows downsloping cold air, and in Italy, a tramontane wind is a northerly wind that blows off the coast."

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# SPORTS



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Muenster Hornets swarm a Valley View runner. In on the play include Dalton Hess (52), Dalton Bartel (44), Brennan Binder (22), Travis Vogel (51), Sammy Saucer (55), and Carson Trubenbach (21).

## Muenster opens season with a successful bird hunt

The Eagles of Valley View flew into town last Friday night, but after four quarters with the Hornets, went home with a 34-12 loss under their wings.

Muenster ran 60 plays for 347 yards, while the Eagles got in 57 for 214 yards. "Offensively, a positive was no turnovers and not many penalties," noted Hornet Coach Brady Carney. "Kyle Klement did a good job running the ball and Blayne Jones in passing."

Carney added that the O-line got better as the game went on with the young players. The 2nd half, Muenster had two freshmen and two sophomores on the line.

"Defensively, except for a bust the 1st quarter that led to Valley View's first score, we settled in and did good the rest of the game," Carney said. On special teams, the coach credited Bryce Herr for a good kicking game - on kickoffs and PATs. "We had a bad snap on a punt that led to Valley View's second score. Other than that, it was a good ball game. I was very proud of the performance for the first game."

The Hornets opened the game with the first score after Travis Vogel recovered a fumbled ball on the first play of the game. From the Valley View 40, runs by Blayne Jones, Kyle Klement, and Dalton Bartel steadily moved the ball to the 11. A run by Klement with 10:27 left in the opening quarter lit up the scoreboard. Bryce Herr added the extra point

for a 7-0 score.

The Eagles fought back, taking eight plays to find the end zone. The PAT failed for a 7-6 score with 6:51 on the clock.

After the teams exchanged punts, the Hornets, from midfield ran four plays and passed the ball twice. A flag assisted in moving the ball to the 1 yard line. With 2:13 on the clock, Klement scored. The PAT run failed for a 13-6 1st quarter score.

Four punts later, Muenster was sitting on the Eagle 45. A Jones to Clay Stevens pass gained 10 yards, followed by a 13 yard Klement run. Jones ran out the final 22 yards for another Hornet touchdown. Herr's PAT kick extended Muenster's lead to 20-6 with 4:52 remaining in the 1st half. The Eagles got to the Hornet 11 yard line before Muenster's defense shut them down.

The first play of the 2nd half saw Jones run 62 yards to the end zone, but a holding penalty brought the ball back. A 21 yard loss on 4th and 14 set up the Eagles' next score. With 8 minutes on the clock, Valley View closed the point spread to 20-12.

With Chase Deeken's 26 yard kick return, Klement's 19 yard run, and 15 more by Bartel, the Hornets quickly moved to the Eagle 37. A Jones to Stevens pass took Muenster to the 20, where Klement finished the drive with 6:14 on the clock. Herr added the point after for a 27-12 score.

Muenster's 4th quarter

touchdown was set up by an interception by Parker McGrew on the Eagle 21 yard line. With 9 minutes remaining in the game, Jones scored. Herr added the PAT for the 34-12 final score.

Valley View got in a dozen plays, but the drive ended when Clay Stevens picked off the Eagle ball.

M	13	7	7	34
VV	6	0	6	0

### Team Stats

M	VV
22	14
43/246	Rushes/yds 37/146
101	Passing yds 68
10/17/0	Comp/att/int 7/20/2
3/41.7	Punts/avg 5/26.8
1/0	Fumbles/lost 1/1
4/40	Penalties/yds 3/25

### Individual Stats

**RUSHERS:** Kyle Klement 165, Blayne Jones 58, Dalton Bartel 41, Parker McGrew 3, Chase Deeken 21. **RECEIVERS:** Clay Stevens 28, Kagen Dangelmayr 22, Carson Trubenbach 22, Stetson McGrew 12, Dalton Bartel 9, Chase Deeken 8. **TACKLES:** Dalton Bartel, Carson Trubenbach, Chase Deeken, Travis Vogel, Zane Kemp, Clay Stevens, Brennan Binder, Sammy Saucer. **INTERCEPTIONS:** Parker McGrew, Clay Stevens.

### Next Action

The Hornets travel to Nocona for game two of the season. "Nocona's a lot like Valley View - better than last year," Carney noted. "They have a lot of the same kids back. It's going to be a good game, a good early season test. We want to continue to execute mistake-free and get better."

The Indians also won their season opener last Friday with a 26-18 win over Alvord.

Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m. at Nocona.



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Grant Springer (74) and Stephen Kessler (56) make an opening for Tyler Spruill (21) to get into the end zone. Also pictured is quarterback Sam Hesse (14).

## Tigers take double overtime win from Collinsville

After a 7-7 halftime score, the Tigers of Sacred Heart and the Pirates of Collinsville were tied 14-14 after four quarters of play in the teams' opening game of the season last Friday night in Collinsville. It took two overtimes for the Tigers to bring home a 21-14 victory.

"Best part of this game is that we played so well as a team," noted Tiger Coach Dale Schilling. "And our conditioning paid off, especially during the double overtime." Schilling noted that the Tigers had only 15 plays in three quarters and only three plays in the final period. "Collinsville did a great job keeping our offense off the field," the Coach added.

The Pirates earned 20 1st downs to the Tigers' 8 and had the ball in possession approximately 30 minutes compared to 17 minutes for Sacred Heart.

The teams were scoreless until Sacred Heart put the first points on the boards with 3:25 remaining in the 1st half. On 1st and 10, Sam Hesse completed a pass to Markus Shaw for a 75 yard scoring play. Kason Reeves added the extra point for a 7-0 score.

Tackles by Daniel Hesse, Garrett Truebenbach, and Thomas Hennigan held the Pirates briefly, but with 14 seconds on the clock, Collinsville tied the game 7-7.

The teams exchanged punts to start the 2nd half. From their own 30 yard line, Tyler Spruill and Hennigan ran several plays, while Hesse completed passes to Will Green and Hunter Hess to the Pirate 21. With 3:45 on the clock, Spruill found the end zone. The point after kick by Reeves gave the Tigers a 14-7 lead.

Collinsville came back the next series of plays, taking five plays to cover 39 yards, scoring with 1:29 remaining in the 3rd quarter, tying the game 14-14.

The Tigers punted to start the final period. Collinsville followed with a 13 play drive reaching the Tiger 16 yard line. On 4th and 9, a Pirate

pass fell incomplete, defended by Mitch Studebaker. Regular play time ended with the game tied 14-14.

Collinsville's offense took the field to begin the first overtime. After picking up a 1st down, the Pirates were stopped with tackles by Spruill, Grant Springer, Markus Shaw, and D. Hesse.

From the 25, S. Hesse gained 2 followed by a Spruill run to the 7 yard line. S. Hesse picked up 3 yards, but on 2nd down, a fumbled ball was covered by Collinsville to end the drive.

The second overtime had the Sacred Heart offense first on the field. Five runs shared by S. Hesse and Spruill moved the ball to the 1 yard line. S. Hesse found the end zone on 4th and goal for a touchdown. Reeves booted the point after to give the Tigers a 21-14 lead.

Sacred Heart allowed Collinsville a 1st down to the 14 yard line. Tackles by Will Green, Studebaker, and Tyler Walterscheid gave up only 1 yard. On 4th down, Wyatt West intercepted a Pirate pass to end the game.

SH	0	7	7	0	0	7	21
C	0	7	7	0	0	0	14

### Team Stats

SH	C
8	1st downs 20
31/113	Rushes/yds 54/225
104	Passing yds 72
6/12/1	Comp/att/int 8/14/1
5/43.2	Punts/avg 4/45.3
2/1	Fumbles/lost 1/0
4/30	Penalties/yds 5/34

### Individual Stats

**RUSHERS:** Tyler Spruill 112, Sam Hesse 5, Thomas Hennigan 2, Zach Flusche 6. **RECEIVERS:** Markus Shaw 75, Will Green 29. **TACKLES:** Tyler Spruill, Thomas Hennigan, Will Green, Daniel Hesse, Mitch Studebaker, Wyatt West, Grant Springer, Tyler Walterscheid, Stephen Kessler.

### Next Action

The Tigers will host the Howe Bulldogs this Friday night. Both teams are coming into the game as 1-0 winners, with Howe defeating Bonham 41-14 last week.

"Howe is a very well coached team, very big up front, with hard running backs," Coach Schilling noted. "We have to play very sound, disciplined football to beat them. The key to the game will be to stop their running game."

Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m. at Tiger Field.

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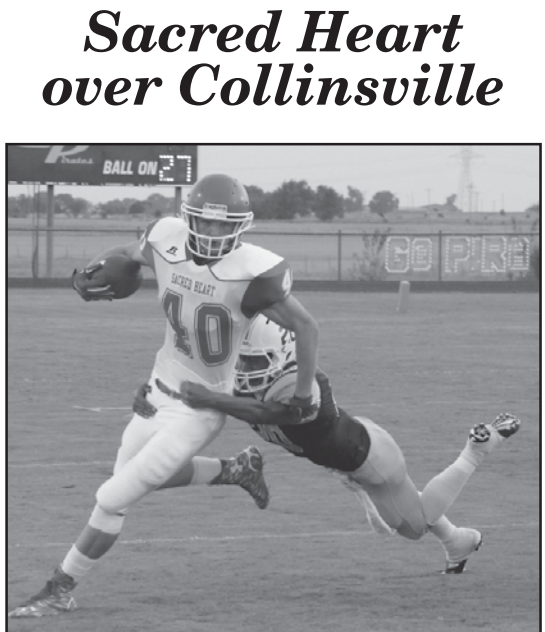
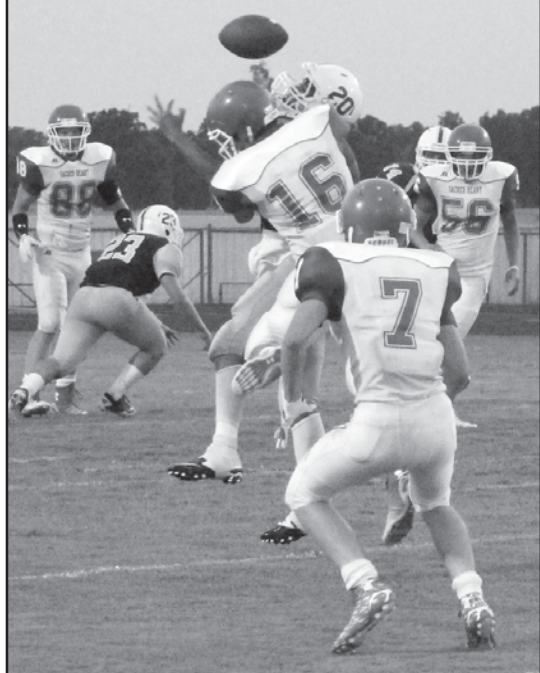
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Sacred Heart Junior High Lady Cubs volleyball team, from left - front - Ruth Eddleman, Jianne Juntado, Angela Villa, Ryenne Reiter, Claire Nasche, Joie Kintz; back - Emily Flusche, Carolyn Dickerson, Geordan Spaeth, Carmen Settle, Destiny Blankenship, and Emily Campbell.

## Lady Cubs continue winning season

The Lady Cubs continued their winning season with two wins at home this week against Walnut Bend and St. Mary's. The Lady Cubs' first win of the night came against Walnut Bend in three sets with scores of 20 to 25, 25 to 17, and 15 to 1 to take the match. Carmen Settle led the team with several kills while Emily Campbell secured the win with 9 points off serve in the last set.

The Lady Cubs B team then went on to beat St. Mary's Lady Mustangs in two sets with scores of 15 to 9 and 19 to 17. Ruth Eddleman led the team with consistent serving and solid defense. Destiny Blankenship also contributed strongly with 7 points off serve. Lastly, the Lady Cubs A team finished off the night with a win over the Lady Mustangs A team in two sets with scores of 25 to 21 and 26

to 24. Emily Flusche had an impressive 9 points off serve. Carmen Settle and Angela Villa worked well together for five combined kills. "This team is a young but very talented team. We have high hopes of placing well in the district championship this October. The team continues to improve every day and we see big progress in their play from week to week," says Coach Bonnie Hess.

## JV Tigers start with win

The Sacred Heart JV opened the season last Friday hosting Collinsville, taking a 34-8 Tiger victory. There were six turnovers in the game. The Tigers scored first on their second drive, moving 59 yards with runs by Roy Endres, Jeron Juntado, and Jake Kemna. The final 16 yards saw Endres score with 34 seconds on the clock. The PAT failed for a 6-0 score. The Tiger defense forced a Pirate punt. The next play, from the Collinsville 48, Endres connected a pass to

Kemna for another TD. An Endres to Hudson Eddleman pass play added 2 more points for 14-0 score with 8:10 remaining in the 1st half. A fumbled play quickly ended Collinsville's next offensive attempt. Runs by Endres and passes to Zane Schoppa took the score to 20-0 before the halftime break. The 2nd half began with both teams throwing interceptions. A 5 yard run by Juntado put Sacred Heart in the lead 26-0.

Endres covered a fumble on the Pirates' next snap. An Endres to Schoppa pass play found paydirt. Juntado ran in the points after for a 34-0 score with 5:11 still on the 3rd quarter clock. Eight plays later, the Pirates were on the board - 34-8 just seconds before the final period. The Tigers threw an interception, then punted the next possession away. The Pirates threatened to score, but an interception by Jon Hess allowed Sacred Heart to end the game with a knee.

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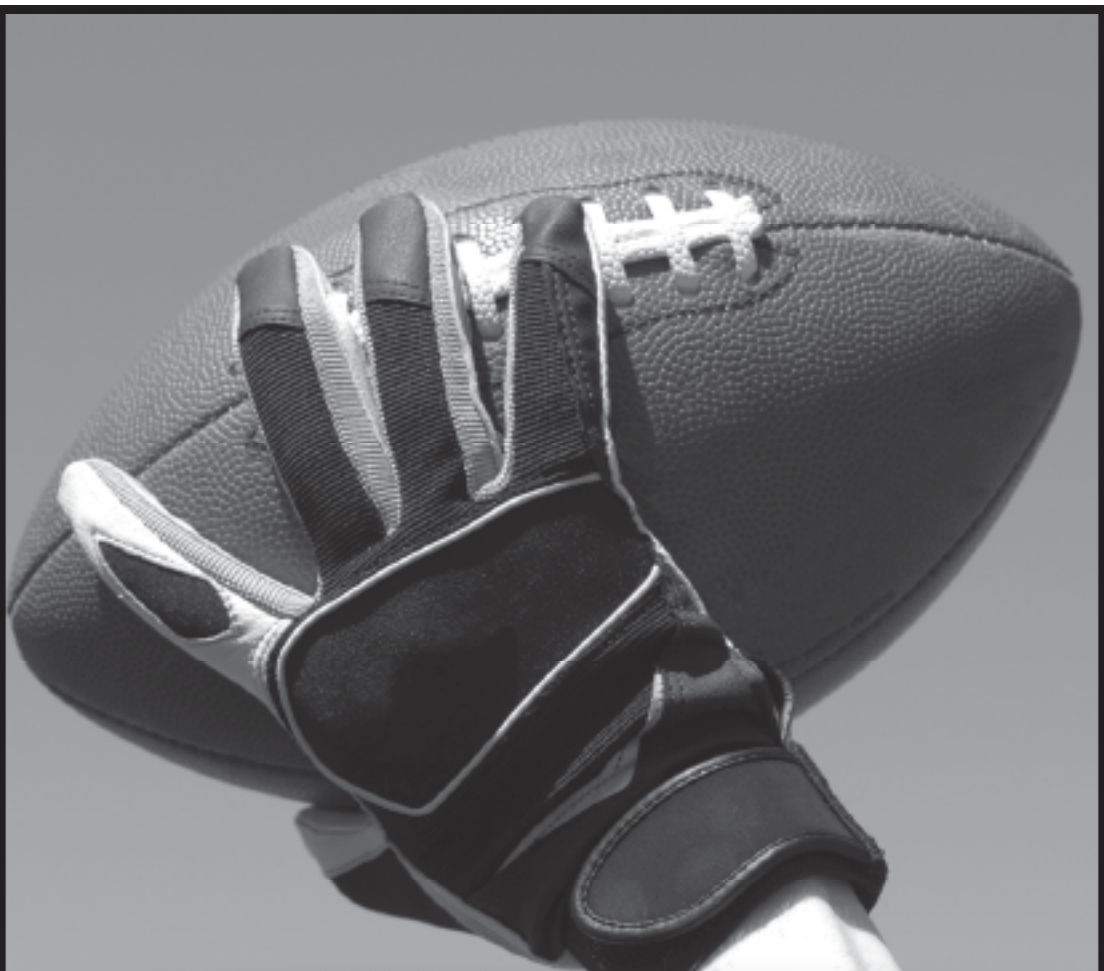
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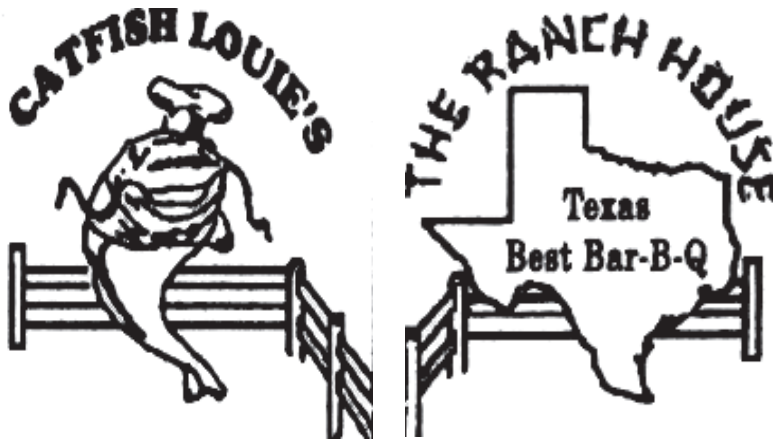
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# FARM & RANCH

## USDA forecasts downturn in net farm income

A new report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service (USDA-ERS) predicts U.S. net farm income this year will be at its lowest since 2006.

The drop to \$58.3 billion forecast in 2015 is down 36% from 2014's estimate and down 53% from the record high of \$123.7 billion in 2013.

"It's not going to come as a surprise to any farmer or rancher that the general financial situation for agriculture is not quite as strong this year as it was in the past—certainly when we look back on 2012 and 2013," Jim Sartwelle, National Legislative director for Texas Farm Bureau, said. "What's driving it right now are huge fall offs in terms of cotton, corn, soybean, and wheat prices."

Net cash income for 2015 is forecast at \$100.3 billion. That's down 21% from last year.

USDA-ERS attributed lower crop and livestock receipts, among other factors, to the decline.

Corn is off \$7 billion, which is a 13% decrease, and soybeans are down to \$3.5 billion, down almost 10%.

"We're paying for some inventories. We're paying for global financial weakness with our export partners," Sartwelle said.

Cash production expenses

are projected down by 1.1%.

Sartwelle said this is not like the farm financial crisis of the 1980s because debt-to-asset ratios are better now than they were then.

"Agriculture led the economy out of the 2008/2009 recession. Farmers paid down debt and are generally in a solvent financial condition," Sartwelle said.

In Texas, things are slightly better although our individual state forecast is not out yet.

Sartwelle notes that the beef industry remains a bright spot, with cattle prices expected to remain strong in 2016 despite projected herd expansion.

He notes the USDA report is simply a forecast and that there are still a lot of balls

in the air that could land differently and affect farm income.

"Any time you see the top line number decrease like they are, you have cause for concern," Sartwelle said. "I go to the bottom and see the debt situation across the board in farm country is still quite positive, and that gives me hope for renewal in 2016."

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack said despite the decline from unprecedented highs in farm income, the projections provide "a snapshot of a rural America that continues to remain stable and resilient in the face of the worst animal disease outbreak in our nation's history and while the western United States remains gripped by drought."

## Drought creeps back into Texas

Just weeks after much-needed rains graced the state, drought conditions have returned for 25% of Texas.

That's up from 18% a week ago and from 15% three months ago.

But, the state is still in reasonably good shape when you look back to this time last year when over half—59%—of the state was suffering from drought.

According to the latest drought outlook from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), the west side of the Rio Grande Valley and parts of Central and North Texas are in the least severe category, "abnormally dry." Northeast Texas has stepped into the severe drought category while the rest of East Texas is still in moderate drought.

No counties have entered the extreme or exceptional drought categories.

## TSCRA statement on North Dakota Federal Court ruling on WOTU

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) President Pete Bonds made the following statement on the North Dakota federal court decision on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule:

"TSCRA applauds the North Dakota federal judge's decision to block the EPA water rule from going into effect," said Bonds. "Ranchers and landowners across the country have raised serious concerns about this rule and have worried about their private property rights being taken by the federal government. Even the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), which shares jurisdiction over the rule, finds the scientific basis of the rule severely flawed."

"The EPA is interpreting the court decision to apply only to the 13 states involved in the litigation, however there is a strong case being built to prove the ruling applies to the entire U.S. If the EPA water rule does not work for 13 states, there is no way it will work for the rest of the country."

"This court ruling, along with the many concerns raised by relevant stakeholders, should compel the EPA

to scrap the WOTUS rule for the entire U.S. and start over with ranchers and landowners at the table.

"TSCRA will continue fighting against the federal government's agenda-driven

plan to expand its jurisdiction over our nation's land and resources. We encourage state and federal elected officials to do everything in their power to force the EPA to eliminate the flawed WOTUS rule."



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## Ruling stops WOTUS, but not in Texas

"Inexplicable." "Arbitrary." "Devoid of reasoned process." A few choice words from a North Dakota federal judge

that temporarily stopped EPA's Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule in 13 states.

Unfortunately, Texas isn't one of them. The rule went into effect last Friday here and in 36 other states that weren't involved in that lawsuit.

The ruling is encouraging. It's the latest attempt to block the EPA juggernaut.

This federal order says the WOTUS rule should be stopped nationwide. Not just in the 13 states in the lawsuit. Yet EPA thumbed its nose at the injunction.

By threatening fines for these controlled areas, EPA effectively decides who farms and who doesn't. Every farmer might need a permit to farm.

It's a sorry situation. But Congress and agricultural groups like Farm Bureau are determined to stop it.



## AG TALK

By Mike Barnett  
Publication director

## Beef cattle program

Cooke County Extension office is offering a Fall Beef Cattle Management Program on Wednesday, Oct. 7 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the NCTC Little Theatre Building 100. This program will provide an opportunity to earn CEU credits (2 general, 1 IPM) for pesticide license renewals.

Early registration (by Oct. 1) is \$20. Call 940-668-5412 to register. On-site registration will be from 7:15 to 8 a.m. at a cost of \$25.

Hour-long sessions include Today's Economics in the Cattle Business, Internal Parasite Control, Supplemental Feeding, and Cool Season Grasses & Legumes. The event concludes with lunch catered by Joanie Wyrick.

For more information, visit [www.cooke.agrilife.org](http://www.cooke.agrilife.org) or contact Marty Morgan, agent, at 940-668-5412.

## Just a thought

*There's always a good crop of food for thought. What we need is enough enthusiasm to harvest it.*

*Dodging work is the hardest work of all, and yields the poorest returns.*

*It surely is good to take things as they come - if you can handle them that fast.*

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Ali Fleitman shared with the 4th Grade class the many bird nests that she has collected.



SHCS photos

Above, Isabella Walterscheid and below Joe Gehrig study different bird's nests brought to the classroom by Ali Fleitman.



Janie Hartman photo

This student observes the traffic laws looking both ways and crossing in a crosswalk when it is safe to do so. Drivers urged to pay special attention to pedestrians during busy school hours.



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The 2015 Muenster Homecoming Queen candidates include, from left, Courtney Stevens, daughter of Mark and Michelle Stevens, McKenna Proffer, daughter of Daniel and Natalie Proffer, Claire Schneider, daughter of Tim and Kristi Schneider, Allie Walterscheid, daughter of Mel and April Walterscheid, and Alison Morris, daughter of David Morris and Michael and Becky Newton. Class princesses are junior Amy Luttmer, daughter of Gene and Carol Luttmer, freshman Madeline Lee, daughter of Ron and Katharine Lee, and sophomore Paige Saucer, daughter of Rusty and Beth Saucer.

## SHCS 4th Grade studies animals

Sacred Heart Fourth Grade has delved into Life Science. Along with studying the classification of animals, Ali Fleitman brought her wild bird nest collection to class to study the many different types of nests she has found on her heavily forested ranch north of Saint Jo.

The 10 nests are all so different. They all vary in size, shape, and the materials they are made of. Some nests are made of just weeds, while others are made of sticks, bark, leaves, paper or plastic, and feathers. One of Ali's favorite nests looks like it is made of cotton and weeds. She said that she is always watching birds and looking for abandoned nests to add to her collection.

**It may be hard for an egg to turn into a bird: it would be a jolly sight harder for it to learn to fly while remaining an egg. We are like eggs at present. And you cannot go on indefinitely being just an ordinary, decent egg. We must be hatched or go bad. - C. S. Lewis**



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**KEEP MUESTER BEAUTIFUL (KMB) YARD OF THE MONTH** honors for August were awarded to Arnie and Gertie Wimmer who reside at 1011 N. Maple Street. Arnie tends to the yard and the couple's daughters Jill Reiter and Janet Hermes bring them various flowers. Adding color to the front yard are tall purple phlox and periwinkles, pots of hibiscus, cockscomb, and hanging baskets of purslane. There are snapdragons planted in the back and sedum on the north side of the house. Trees include two pecan trees and two peach trees. Nominations for Yard of the Month are encouraged. To make a nomination, call the *Muenster Enterprise* at 759-4311 or contact any KMB member.

## Fishing Festival scheduled for senior citizens

A Tri-County Senior Fishing Festival will be held at Waterloo Lake Park in Denison on Friday, Sept. 18. Any resident of Cooke, Fannin, or Grayson counties, 50 years of age or older as of Sept. 18

is eligible to participate. The event begins at 8 a.m. and the \$5 entry fee includes a t-shirt and a hot dog lunch. \$3 for lunch only. Registrations after Sept. 8 are not guaranteed a t-shirt. Prizes

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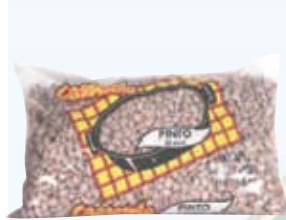
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