

Klement named 2008 Frances Brite Outstanding Citizen

By Barbara Green
The Bowie News

The Bowie Chamber of Commerce celebrated a new slate of officers, thanked those leaving the board, and honored a person called "Bowie's number one cheerleader" with the Citizen of the Year Award.

Monday night, the Chamber hosted its annual banquet as leadership of the directors was passed to 2009 President Van Baize from 2008 President Doyle Seigler. A packed house was seated at an array of beautiful tables decorated by business members.

A surprised and humble Emily Klement, dean of North Central Texas College-Bowie, received the 2008 Frances Brite Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award. Mildred McCraw, last year's recipient, made the presentation, explaining that often what happens in Bowie, doesn't stop at the city limits.

"That is well represented by the people attending here tonight. You all bring a lot to our community, as does tonight's recipient," said McCraw.

Klement has been at the helm of the Bowie campus since 2002 helping create a record 396 student enrollment this year, as well as spearheading the creation of the oil and gas technology program and new wing at the college.

McCraw reflected on how Klement's dream of college was put on hold as she raised her family, but became a reality as she went back to school, committed to education. Her dream became reality and a career in education began as a school counselor.

Anyone who has ever met Klement knows of her enthusiastic passion for education in the rural community and her pursuit of overcoming its challenges. McCraw said a career opportunity brought

the dean to Bowie in 2002, where she became not only its administrator, but an advocate for Bowie. "She is a voice for rural education locally, as well as the state and national level, sharing how Bowie's partnership with NCTC led to the creation of the college," said McCraw.

Klement makes her home in Muenster with her husband Andrew. They have four children and three grandchildren. While her family is the main focus in her life, Klement participates in music ministry, enjoys reading and traveling, and in her spare time is pursuing her PhD in higher education.

When Klement came to the podium, she laughed that everyone knows she is "seldom speechless," but this honor had done it. The honoree was further surprised as her family came in to congratulate her.

"This is unbelievable. It is a pleasure and an honor to be a Bowie cheerleader," Klement.

Baize introduced the other nominees for the citizen of the year honors: Carolyn and Melvin Grissom, David Hall, Vicki Lovette Jones, and Jennifer White. Outgoing President Sei-



Mildred McCraw, last year's winner, presented the Frances Brite Outstanding Citizen award to Emily Klement.

Barbara Green photo

Public invited to meet Dr. Jones and family on Sunday

By Janet Felderhoff
Members of the Muenster Hospital Auxiliary are hosting a reception welcoming Dr. James Stephen Jones and his family to the Muenster community. The event will be on Sunday, March 1 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Community Center.

The Jones family moved to Muenster in January. Dr. Jones is busy with his new practice at MMH Family Health Clinic and taking ER call. The two children, Merrett and Kennedy, are enrolled at Sacred Heart School. Tina is getting the family settled in their home in Muenster after moving from Quanah.

The Auxiliary urges everyone who can to come out and meet the Jones family. Refreshments will be served.

MISD Board renews principals' contracts

By Janie Hartman

The contracts of Sharon Browning, assistant secondary principal, Lou Heers, elementary principal, and Brandon Peavey, secondary principal for Muenster ISD were renewed with a one year extension and a raise in salary at last week's regular meeting of the Muenster ISD Board of Trustees. The Board also accepted the resignation of Jeremy Jenkins, coach and teacher, as of July 31.

In other action, the Board authorized Superintendent John Kaufman to purchase necessary items such as furniture, desks, and tables for the new building addition. If the cost is over \$30,000, Kaufman should contact the building committee before taking further action. The Board amended the operations budget by \$22,170 to reflect the purchase of chairs for the new cafeteria.

Items needed for the Science lab include 40 desks at \$128.95 each, 24 stools at \$48.95 each, two lab tables at \$200 each, a dorm refrigerator at \$300, and a microwave oven for \$129.

Cafeteria items included 22 six-foot tables at \$64 each, 132 chairs at \$25 each, two chair holders at \$125 each, four table holders at \$179 each, a floor scrubber (\$3,325), miscellaneous pots and pans (\$3,000), and a PA system for the auditorium (\$5,000). The 600 chairs for assembly purposes at a cost of \$22,170 was already approved.

An update on construction was given by Kaufman, who noted that the sidewalk canopy from the elementary to the cafeteria was almost complete. A sidewalk canopy along the entry to the Ag/Shop parking area was discussed. Structures will give an estimate for a canopy from the junior high

to the high school building. A county health inspector will inspect the new cafeteria. Cafeteria workers will receive training on the new equipment.

Kaufman noted that the Ag Barn is complete and a dedication ceremony is being planned for the facility. He also recognized the volunteers who helped with the center and noted that the County 4-H Livestock Show held in the Barn on Feb. 14 was a success.

The Muenster High School Senior Class of 1972 donated \$504.91 to Muenster ISD. Reports included the delinquent tax collection for January at \$11,067.38.

The Elementary report showed enrollment of grades Pre-K through 6 down 10 students from last year. Also noted were events and activities attended by students and teachers the past month.

The junior high school report showed an enrollment of 229 students. A report of past and future activities was listed, noting the TMSCA State competition will be held March 21 in San Antonio, the UIL Computer Science team placed 2nd in Denison, and the upcoming County Youth Fair.

The technology director noted that the new Dell computers arrived and are being configured for the new FPL Computer Lab. Thirty-two tech assistance requests were completed during December. Also, another network fiber converter connection was recently replaced, causing the District's network to close down for two days. The incident was due mainly to the outdated infrastructure of the District's local area network.

The athletic report included a basketball update, Fall Sports Banquet award

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Commissioners Court opts to pursue single county groundwater district

By Janet Felderhoff

Cooke County Commissioners Court took a giant step forward on Monday, Feb. 23, when its decision was made on which Groundwater Conservation District (GCD) to pursue. The decision will impact decades into the future and the wisdom of that decision will not be known for some time.

Citizens of the County were anxious to make their feelings on the topic known. Phone calls flooded the offices of the County Judge and Commissioners beginning Thursday afternoon and continuing through to Monday morning.

In a 4-1 vote, Commissioners voted to pursue a single county GCD. County Judge Bill Freeman, Precinct #1 Commissioner Gary Hollowell, Precinct #3 Commissioner Al Smith, and Precinct #4 Commissioner Leon Klement cast the votes in favor, and Precinct #2 Commissioner Steve Key cast the sole dissenting vote. This will be drafted into legislation and filed with the Texas Legislature. Their next task in the matter will be a campaign to get the legislation passed.

Prior to the vote, each Court member voiced their feelings on the matter. Commissioner Klement expressed his dismay through the years as to how our ancestors gave up the rights to surface water without a fight. He remarked, "To me, this is the most important decision I will ever be involved in in this County." Klement said that if he were

to let the decisions, as to who gets to drill wells and when go to another county, he couldn't face his kids or his fellow citizens when their well was going dry and they were told they could not drill for water.

Referring to legislation prepared by a group for a Grayson and Fannin counties for a GCD that would make an amendment to add Cooke County, Klement expressed alarm that the decisions would be made before Cooke County had a chance to have its say in any of the legislation. "Eighty percent of the water we use in this County comes from groundwater," Klement noted. "It means more to us than probably any other county. That was recognized in a TCEQ meeting."

Klement spoke of an article published in a Parker County newspaper. It was a report on a meeting of the Parker County Commissioners Court and a briefing on the Upper Trinity GCD by its general manager. One commissioner remarked after the meeting, "We have created a monster in our county. We better not let this monster out of its cage or we will all pay the price."

Commissioner Smith agreed that this is an incredibly important issue. He said in Precinct 3 there are two very different requirements. One being landowners, many of property that was in their family for generations. "Those landowners deserve in this modified rule of capture all the possible protection that we can offer them," he said. Second is a large portion of Gainesville, which sells water to its citizens. Care has to be taken so as not to allow an aquifer to be pumped to depletion forcing people to get on surface water, he said.

Another concern is the oil industry pumping water out of the aquifer to frac wells. Water being pumped mainly for development is a long-term concern, said Smith. A strong pro-active district is needed to manage these situations he noted.

"Because of the diversity of all of these issues, at this point in time, I think the best option for this Court is to pursue a single county district and leave that option of joining up with someone who wants to manage your district for you to another Court," Smith remarked. He said he would not vote for

anything that would not give equal representation.

Commissioner Key said he favored a three county GCD. He does not favor going with counties to the east. His preference is with Denton County because the majority of the water in discussion today lies under Cooke and Denton counties, not Cooke, Grayson, and Fannin counties. He also liked the idea of distributing the cost over a larger group of people, thus lowering the cost per citizen.

Key commented, "The biggest pool of water lies under us (Cooke County), so we ought to be well represented. We ought to make sure that our views are heard and that we protect our citizens. I don't think we can do that if we are standing alone up here. I think we will be quickly overrun by these larger special interests to our south."

It's not an option, Cooke County will form its own GCD or be joined with other counties, noted Commissioner Hollowell. "The GCD is the equivalent of a water policing agency without the guns and badges," he observed. "...The GCD will be created to monitor the aquifers and prevent them from being prematurely depleted by normal use and abuse."

Alluding to letters being distributed and also printed in a County newspaper, Hollowell said they contained misinformation and were missing some important facts. He said, "The current proposal for the three county GCD, as written, gives Grayson County more votes on the governing board than Cooke and Fannin combined. It literally gives away local control without even a challenge....Why would anyone attempting to protect the interest of Cooke County's residents and our children's future water supply enter into a partnership with any county that wouldn't give us equal representation on the board?"

He added that there is no legislation prohibiting Cooke County from forming a single county GCD.

Judge Freeman shared his thoughts with the Commissioners, "What you need to think about is not 14 people, 20 people, 30 people who are up here clamoring at your doors - water supply company that think they run the County, a City that think they run the County. What

I think a lot of these people are missing is that every one of those entities are in Cooke County. Cooke County is not in their town. This Commissioners Court is responsible to all of the citizens of Cooke County. That's a farmer that runs a 100 acre farm out here, that's a homemaker that lives on one acre. It's a resident that lives over here on Pecan Street. It is everybody in this County." He said that the Court's decision would not make everybody happy, but they had to try and make the best decision possible for the entire County.

The public was allowed to voice their opinions before the Court voted on its GCD choice.

Vanessa Price, secretary of Callisburg, gave the reasons that Callisburg Water Supply hopes to have Cooke County join with Grayson and Fannin counties for a GCD. She said they did extensive research, attended all meetings, and feel that multi county was best for them.

Greg Bohl, representing the City of Muenster, expressed concern over Cooke County joining a GCD that would not allow equal representation. He said that Grayson County wants five votes and has already hired a lobbyist to say this is a done deal. "We've got the resources. It's what is under the ground," said Bohl. He compared it to someone putting in 2/3 and another putting in 1/3, but the people with 1/3 asking for the check book. Bohl said that by straw poll, he'd talked to about 75 people and all favored a single county district.

Bohl pointed out that, he had worked in politics and when someone says you're not going to do that, "what they are telling us is come prepared. Come with all of your facts, come up with a plan and be ready for it." He feels Cooke County has a chance to get a single county district.

Bohl also feels that an ad valorem tax would be an economical way to support a GCD.

Brad Mitchell of Era Water Supply said that after more than two years of involvement in the issue and much research, he favors a single county district. He also spoke with around 400 people who support single county designation, as does See GROUNDWATER pg 3

Becker presents GCD Committee report

By Janet Felderhoff

Wayne Becker, chair of the Cooke County Groundwater Conservation Committee appointed by Commissioners Court, gave a final report on the Committee's findings. The report was presented at the Feb. 23 meeting of Commissioners Court. This was done prior to the Commissioners voting on what type of district to pursue.

According to Becker, the Committee could not reach a consensus. The committee was made up of 12 voting members. Each represented a water purveyor in the County and one the rural property owners with private wells. Becker was the 13th member and did not vote.

At the final meeting held by the Committee on Feb. 17, they ranked their preferences for the type of Groundwater Conservation District (GCD) Cooke County should pursue from first to fourth.

The results follow as the provider, representative, and preferences:
Back Forty Water Co. by A. E. Shasteen -

1. Cooke, Fannin, Grayson District; 2. Cooke Single; 3. Denton Cooke; 4. No choice.

Mountain Springs Water Supply by Jodie Vance - 1. Grayson, Fannin, Cooke; 2. Denton-Cooke; 3. Cooke County alone; 4. Do nothing.

Woodbine Water Supply by Ken Swirczynski - 1. Grayson, Fannin, Cooke; 2. Do nothing; 3. Denton and Cooke; 4. Single County.

City of Callisburg by Vanessa Price - 1. Cooke, Grayson, Fannin; 2. Denton-Cooke; 3 and 4 no choices.

City of Gainesville by Barry Sullivan - 1. Grayson, Fannin, Cooke; 2. Denton and Cooke; 3. Cooke County single; 4. Do nothing.

Oak Ridge Water Supply by Darlene Nelson - 1. Grayson, Fannin, Cooke; 2. Denton-Cooke; 3. Cooke County single district; 4. Do nothing, leave it up to TCEQ.
Era Water Supply by Bradley Mitchell - 1. Cooke County single district; 2. Cooke-Denton; 3. Do nothing, let TCEQ determine our
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Obituaries

Marian Stebbins 1928-2009

Marian Margaret Stebbins of Pilot Point died at the age of 80 on Friday, Feb. 20, 2009. She was born on March 14, 1928 in El Reno, Oklahoma to Anthony and Victoria Weinzapfel Gremminger. The family moved to Muenster in 1935, where Marian and her sisters grew up. She married Robert Mayer in September of 1949, and later married Clifford Stebbins in September 1983. She was a beautician, and was a knid and caring person.

Survivors include her husband Cliff of Pilot Point; daughters Bobbie Jezek and Rachael DeJernett, both of Pilot Point, and Tina Jezek

of Denton; son Greg Stebbins of Rockwall; sister DeLores Harper of Tennessee; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Marian was preceded in death by daughter Gloria Mayer and sister Geneva Pagel.

Rosary was said at Huff/Slay Funeral Home Chapel on Sunday, Feb. 22. Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church on Monday, Feb. 23 at 10 a.m. with Monsignor Tom Weinzapfel officiating.

To light a candle in memory of Marian, visit www.familyowned.net.

Leon Ford 1944 - 2009

Funeral services for Leon Ford, age 65 of Sunset, were set for Friday, Feb. 27 at 11 a.m. in Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home Chapel with Larry Kremling officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery. Mr. Ford died Feb. 23, 2009 at his residence.

Born on Jan. 4, 1944 in Muenster to Archie and Anna Mae Bewley Ford, Mr. Ford was involved in the construction business.

Survivors include sons and daughters-in-law Kevin and Sonya Ford and Kyle and Mandy Ford; three grandsons; brother and sister-in-law Paul "Bud" and

Patsy Ford; brothers Carl and Dale Ford; and sisters and brothers-in-law Charles and Vera Holley and Charles and Helen Hudspeth.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter Andrea Lee Ford; brothers Homer, Lewis, and Bill Ford; and sister Ruth Ferguson.

No visitation is planned. You may sign the on-line registry at geojcarroll.com

Addition

In the obituary for John "Johnny" Hogan, Sr., he is also survived by his sister Cheryl Ann Griffith of Starkey. Her name was inadvertently left out of last week's story.

God loves you and supports you. You should trust and hold fast to your faith in God's goodness.

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEETING DATE - MARCH 2, 2009

The following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, March 2, 2009.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Opening prayer.
3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting on February 2, 2009.
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. Consider and take any needed action in regards to drilling new City Water Well.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss and take action on item discussed in earlier Public Hearing of Planning & Zoning Commission.
2. Discuss and possibly approve curbing project on E. 4th and Magnolia Streets.
3. Consider and act on approving renewal of lease by Muenster ISD for use of Well #3.
4. Discuss and approve sewer line extensions on 6th & 7th Streets.
5. Receive report on City projects and activities.
6. Review and act on monthly bills.
7. Adjourn.

Marcie Rennels, City Secretary

Josephine Elkins Berry 1909 - 2009

Celebration of Life Services for Josephine Elkins Berry, age 99 of Rosston, were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24 at the Rosston Baptist Church, with Rev. David Dunson officiating. A family burial was in the Rosston Cemetery under the direction of George J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home.

Josephine Berry died Feb. 21, 2009 at St. Richards Villa in Muenster. She was born June 8, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Butler Elkins, Cooke County pioneers. She graduated from Gainesville High School in 1926 and continued her education at Cooke County Junior College and North Texas Teacher's College, now the University of North Texas. She taught in Callisburg and Rosston before her marriage.

On Dec. 24, 1933, she married George G. Berry of Rosston. In Rosston, they owned and operated the Rosston General Store for many years and farmed and ranched. Together they had two children, Lt. Col. Joe Frank Berry and Janice Berry Conkwright. Mrs. Berry was an accomplished homemaker and actively involved in church and community endeavors. She was active in the Rosston Home Demonstration Club and helped to sponsor 4-H clubs.

Josephine was a committed Christian and a life-long Methodist. She was a hospitable hostess who treasured family gatherings. She and Veda Magee, a cousin of

her husband, collaborated on 23 books of genealogy chronicling the Berry family. Several trips were taken throughout the southwest-ern United States visiting relatives brought together by the "Berry Pickin" books.

Survivors include a daughter, Janice Berry Conkwright and her husband, Jim Conkwright of Lubbock; 10 grandchildren with their spouses;

seven great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and Veda Magee, a special friend and co-author.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1988; and her son Joe Frank Berry in 2001.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Rosston Cemetery Association in care of Carolyn Boyd 16578 West F.M. 922 Rosston TX 76263, and/or Rosston Methodist Church.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO Feb. 25, 1944

Father Thomas and Father Richard return from Subiaco retreat. Obituaries: Joe Hirsco, 57; Joe Bezner, 61. New Arrivals: William to Ralph and Dorothy Esker; Robert to Ed and Genevieve Pels. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Magee honored on 47th anniversary. CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) has last pre-Lenten social featuring dance by the Victory-Five orchestra, with door prizes won by Eugenia Walter and Norbert Magee.

50 YEARS AGO Feb. 27, 1959

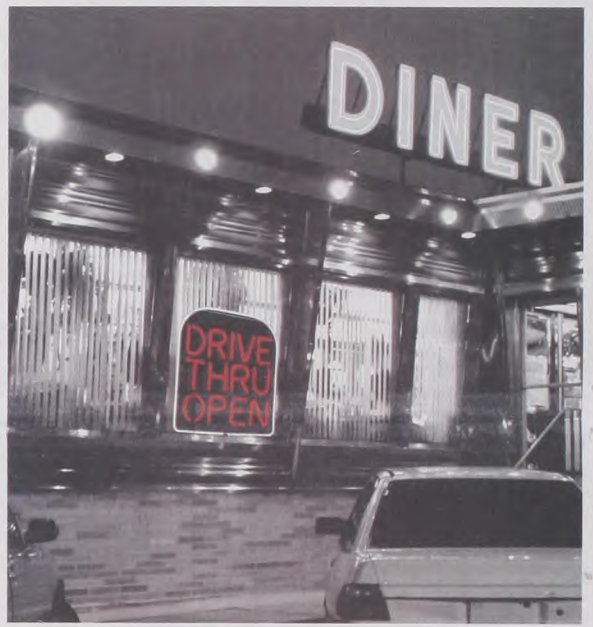
Mayor Urban Endres declines to seek re-election; Herbert Meurer announces his bid for mayor. Jerry Fleitman is missing 1st grade classes this week due to chicken pox. Obituary: E.S. Lawson, 68. New Arrivals: Ben to Wilfred and Ida

Mae Bindel; Beverly to Ed and Genevieve Pels; Ramona to Raymond and Peggy Walterscheid. New employees at Wilde Chevrolet Garage are Mary Catherine Walterscheid and Marilyn Hess. 4-Her Charlotte Wolf wins County and will compete in District Dairy Foods Show in Denton.

25 YEARS AGO Feb. 24, 1984

Sacred Heart Tigerettes win TCIL State Runner-up trophy. City gets \$13,429 sales tax rebate. Obituaries: Paul Hacker, 51; Elizabeth Schumacher, 83. Gene and Lenora Fleitman Isenhour are enroute to Korea for a two year tour of duty. New Arrivals: Robert to Bob and Roni Schmitz; Bradley to Billy and Kathy Felderhoff; Steven to Renee and Larry Don Stewart. Feature on Lupe Evans details her work with Cub Scouts.

It's what you learn after you know it all that counts.



Drive-through open until 6:00 PM.

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

Sunday, Mar. 1, 2009	Monday, Mar. 2, 2009	Tuesday, Mar. 3, 2009	Wednesday, Mar. 4, 2009	Thursday, Mar. 5, 2009	Friday, Mar. 6, 2009	Saturday, Mar. 7, 2009
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m. MMH Aux. reception for Dr Jones & family, 1-3p.m. Community Center	City Council mtg. 7:30p.m.	Muenster Public Library open 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Muenster Public Library open 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Religious Ed Class - 7 p.m. C of C Board mtg. 5:30 p.m.	Muenster Public Library open 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m. AARP Board mtg. 10 a.m. Stamford House	Muenster Public Library open 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. JC Installation Banquet, KC Hall
Sunday, Mar. 8, 2009	Monday, Mar. 9, 2009	Tuesday, Mar. 10, 2009	Wednesday, Mar. 11, 2009	Thursday, Mar. 12, 2009	Friday, Mar. 13, 2009	Saturday, Mar. 14, 2009
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m. Daylight savings time begins	MMH Aux Mtg - 5:30 p.m. VFW Mtg. - 7:30 p.m. Muenster 4-H Mtg - 6 p.m.	Muenster Public Library open 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. MISD Open House - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Community-wide Chilli supper New Cafetorium - 5 - 7 p.m.	Muenster Public Library open 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. MISD Board Mtg - 7:30 p.m. SH Alumni & Supporters Mtg 7:30 p.m. - SNAP Room Religious Ed Class - 7 p.m.	Muenster Public Library open 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Muenster Historical Mtg - 8 a.m. - Museum CoFC Lunch Mtg - noon - Rohmer's	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m. AARP Luncheon 11:30 a.m. - Stamford House	Muenster Public Library open 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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LIFESTYLE

ABBA Women's Center plans for annual fundraiser

ABBA (All Babies Born Alive) Women's Center will host their annual silent auction and fundraising dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 14 scheduled at Centennial Hall in Lindsay. Tickets are now on sale for \$25 per person through ABBA Board members, staff, and volunteers, or may be purchased at ABBA Women's Center at 214 N. Taylor and Broadway during office hours which are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by calling (940) 668-6391.

Father Ken Robinson is the featured pro-life speaker and ABBA Chairman of the Board Bill Black will serve as master of ceremonies for the evening. Vice-Chairman John Roane of the ABBA Board of Directors will present the Annual Angela Haverkamp Award. Special music will be provided by soloist Crystal Hughes who is an award winning soloist in Oklahoma and Texas. Donna Hertel, owner of Miss Olivia's Bed and Breakfast and Sarah's on the Square, will cater the evening dinner.

ABBA's Executive Director Sandee Feyereisen will feature special client success accounts and recognize volunteer efforts and local community service groups who have given their time for community service projects to benefit the crisis pregnancy center.

"Cooke County is blessed with strong pro-life supporters who are very generous to young women and families in crisis situations. We

would like to celebrate life at this year's event and show you how lives have been saved and changed through the work you have made possible," said Feyereisen.

The organization is currently receiving sponsorship gifts, silent auction items, and donations of door prizes to support the pro-life activities and free services provided to the north Texas and southern Oklahoma area.

If you would like to be an ABBA fundraiser sponsor, you may sponsor on the diamond level for a financial gift of \$1,000 or more and receive four complimentary dinner tickets, a gold level gift of \$500 receives three complimentary dinner tickets, a silver level gift of \$250 receives two complimentary dinner tickets or a bronze level of \$125 receives a complimentary dinner ticket. Sponsorship gifts may be mailed to ABBA, P.O. Box 256, Gainesville, TX 76241 and you will be listed on the dinner program unless you request that your sponsorship gift remain anonymous.

Those desiring to donate items to the silent auction should drop their items off at the ABBA Office by March 2 to complete your auction information and to be included in the auction listings to be printed in the evening's program. Possible auction items include gift certificates for business services, gift baskets, new household items, antiques, or call us if you have a suggestion at 940-668-6391.

ABBA Women's Center provides free services for

anyone experiencing a crisis pregnancy or those experiencing family crisis situations. Material assistance such as free pregnancy testing, peer counseling, educational literature, and free classes, baby diapers, infant and family clothing, baby formula, maternity clothing, baby and home furnishings, and other materials are available through the donations of private citizens, community service organizations, local businesses, and county-wide church participation.

Donations to ABBA Women's Center or Second Chance Resale Store support your community and help meet specific needs that improve someone's quality of life or directly provide assistance to save lives.

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the Era ISD.

"This is going to be a form of government whether we like it or not," Mitchell observed. "Like all things government based in our country and our state, we have to ensure that we have equality of representation and election of representation. That's the only way that we can ensure that our children's water and economic future have a chance."

Commissioner Hollowell advised County residents, "The urgency is for you to contact your State Representatives and voice your own opinion so you are not being represented by others with a financial interest."



A McCormick-Deering 15-30 tractor and a Swayne-Robinson baler dating back to the 1920s are the latest acquisitions of the Ben and Aggie Fette Seyler Muenster Museum. The baler is stationary and is driven with a belt connected from the tractor to the baler. This farm machinery was donated to the Museum by Cecil and Ernest Wolf. Doyle Hess, Melvin Hess, and Melvin Schilling assisted with moving the equipment from the Wolf farm to its new home outside the Museum. Courtesy photo

Thirty-seven receive Confirmation

Bishop Kevin Vann conferred the sacrament of Confirmation on 35 young adults on Saturday, Jan. 17, at a 10 a.m. Mass. Also present were Father Ken Robinson and Deacon Don Werner.

Those confirmed were Ian Barnhill, Ginger Bartush, Jake Bayer, Garrett Berend, Mary Cochran, Amanda Dangelmayr, Rasha Dangelmayr, Isaac Davis, Shaina Felderhoff, Aaron Flusche, Eric Hellman, Chad Henscheid, Ryan Henscheid, Morgan Herr, Leah Hess, Jackie

Klement, Kyle Knabe, Andrew Koesler, Kevin Kulle, Elizabeth Marshall, Patrick Mojica, Eryn Moody, Zachary Moritz, Tyler Pagel, Delana Rohmer, Katy Satree, Corey Sicking, Delana Sicking, Levi Trubenbach, Chris Valliere, Natalie Valliere, Steven Valliere, Sara Walterscheid, Gene Yosten Jr., and Josiah Yosten. Two adults, Noah Hess and Paula Mouring, were also confirmed.

The theme of the Confirmation program was exploring God's call to live in holiness.

The newly confirmed began their preparation for the sacrament with a retreat on the first weekend in October last year. From October through January, the youth attended classes and were challenged to grow in their relationship with God through prayer. Lanie Bartush, Rita Bayer, Debbie Cochran, Susan Flusche, Bernadette Moritz, Lisa Schilling, and Laurie Valliere led small group discussion during classes. Guest speakers included Father Ken Robinson, Susan Moody, and Aaron Gilbeau and Jeni Outbirth from Texas A&M.

In the Service

On Jan. 27, Lt. Jeff Hartman was deployed to Al Asad Air Base in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Prior to his deployment, he was assigned to Fleet Squadron VMGR-352 Raiders at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar in San Diego, California.

As a pilot of a C130-J Hercules, he will provide fixed wing aerial refueling capabilities to support Fleet Marine Force air operations in addition to assault air transport of personnel, equipment, and supplies.

Following his deployment, Lt. Hartman will return to San Diego where his wife Mandy and son Hudson continue to reside. Jeff is the son of Don and Kathy Hartman and the grandson of Bill and Eileen Luke and the late Herman and Della Hartman.



Lt. Jeff Hartman

While in Iraq, his mailing address is:

1st Lt. Jeff Hartman
VMGR - 352 Det A
UIC - 41147
FPO AP 96426-1147

Baptism

Walterscheid

Presley Walterscheid, daughter of Joe Paul and Kim Walterscheid, received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, Feb. 15 at Sacred Heart Church officiated by Rev. Ken Robinson. She is the granddaughter of James and Theresa Walterscheid, and Glenn and Glenda Cler. Her great-grandmothers are Clara Walterscheid, Armella Cler, and Gladys Gieb.

Serving as Godmother was her aunt, Stacie Forshee. As a special sentiment, Presley wore the same baptismal gown as her father, which was made by her grandmother Theresa Walterscheid. She also wore a cross given to her by her Godmother.

Following the Baptism, there was lunch and cake served at the home of James and Theresa Walterscheid. Those attending along with her parents and grandparents were: Jamie, Eric, and Claire Sherrill; Tara and Hannah Bayer and Adam Arendt; Stacie, Jon, Morgan, Makenna, and Parker Forshee.



Presley Walterscheid

CONTRACTS

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winners, and a profit of over \$3,000 from the mug fundraiser.

The W.P. Kibler group provided a rib and brisket dinner for all present before the meeting.

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Peale slated to speak to Republican Women

The Cooke County Republican Women will meet on Thursday, March 5 at 7 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 401 N. Dixon Street in Gainesville. The speaker will be Pat Peale, Texas Federation of Republican Women district director and recent elector representing Congressional District 26 in Austin, casting her vote at the Electoral College. She was also elected Chairperson of the Texas Electoral College at that time.

Pat will speak on the function and reason for the Electoral College. Men and women are invited to attend, and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

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My heartfelt thanks to Muenster Volunteer Fire Department, Cooke County EMS, CareFlite, and all who responded during my recent accident. Also appreciated are the many prayers, calls, cards, food, offers of help, and expressions of concern. A special thanks to the friends and neighbors who cleaned up our yard and to family who have pitched in when needed.

Steven Fisher and Family



Cooke County United Way announced its 2009 officers and board of directors. They are, from left, standing - Shelley Carson/WinStar World Casinos - publicity chair; Don Metzler/Callisburg ISD - president; Herkey Biffle/Select Energy; Mark Austin/Weber Aircraft; Ben Willingham/Lost Dog Productions; Galene Morris - Kids Care chair; Janice Branum/Gainesville ISD; Jim Robertson/attorney; Danny Knight/Knight Insurance & Ray of Sunshine; Randy Hale/Frost Financial; and Paul Vines/Wal-Mart Supercenter; sitting - Dharla Wall/Wachovia; Laure Kuykendal/First State Bank; Tina Ewing/Poly Pipe; Kathy Boone/Cooke County Electric Cooperative - Public Relations chair; Perlene Newton/Alan Ritchey; Linda Roller/American Bank of Texas - Finance chair; and Penny May/Callisburg ISD. Not pictured are Condoa Parent/NCTC - IVP 2010 campaign chair; Rhonda Beam/Gainesville Convalescent - ZVP 2011 campaign chair; Tim Turbeville/First State Bank - treasurer; Debbie Hess/Muenster Drilling - bylaws chair; Keith King/The Weekly News; Teresa Krebs/NTMC; Jack Thies - past president; Jeannene Walterscheid/Landmark Bank; and Don Wood/Nascoga Credit Union.



KEEP MUENSTER BEAUTIFUL YARD OF THE MONTH honors for February were awarded to Gary and Mary Endres who reside at 239 South Sycamore. They have been enjoying the brightly colored pansies in a south flowerbed. The planting and care of these vibrant winter flowers is credited to their son-in-law Doug Hennigan. Pictured with Gary and Mary are two of their children, Alana, at left, and Roy. To nominate a yard for this Keep Muenster Beautiful award, call the Muenster Chamber of Commerce 759-2227, the Muenster Enterprise 759-4311, or any KMB member.

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SCHOOL



Muenster Hornet Band members earning high marks at UIL competition. Janie Hartman photo

Muenster ISD Band captures medals

Thirty-three students from Muenster ISD competed at the UIL Region 2 Solo and Ensemble Contest held last Saturday at Gainesville ISD. Muenster captured 10 Superior Medals at the event.

Sarah Walterscheid qualified for the UIL State Solo and Ensemble Contest with her piano solo.

In high school solo competition, students receiving a Superior rating included: Class 1 - Sarah Walterscheid, piano; Class 3 - Kendra Walterscheid, clarinet; Paige Morgan, bassoon.

Students receiving an Excellent rating: Class 2 - Matt Meade, tuba; and Kayla Acuna, tuba.

In middle school solo competition, students receiving a Superior rating were: Mason Binder, snare; Erin Hess, clarinet; Kendi Bayer, clarinet; Audrey Taylor Saavedra, alto sax; Darrell Hermes, trumpet; Jared Endres, trumpet; and Hannah Bayer, trumpet.

Students receiving an Excellent rating were: Audrey Taylor Saavedra, piano; Abby Walterscheid, piano; Hannah Bayer, piano; Shelby Klement, flute; CT Bee-

cham, flute; Shelbi Sicking, clarinet; Mariah Rocha, clarinet; and Clint Sidwell, alto sax.

In middle school ensemble competition, receiving an

Excellent rating were the Clarinet Choir of Kendi Bayer, Shelbi Sicking, Mariah Rocha, Erin Hess, Adrien Rohmer, and Sydney Huchton.

Lunch Menus

WEEK OF MARCH 2 - 6 SACRED HEART

Mon. - Ham sandwich w/ trimmings, potato wedges, peach cups.

Tues. - Chicken spaghetti, green beans, strawberries, garlic bread.

Wed. - Pork roast, potatoes, gravy, peas, applesauce.

Thurs. - Fiesta salad w/ trimmings, pinto beans, corn chips, salsa, mixed fruit.

Fri. - Catfish strips, tartar sauce, pinto beans, coleslaw, pumpkin bread.

MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Hot dogs w/chili and cheese, oven baked French fries, ranch style beans, peaches, brownies.

Tues. - Breaded baked chicken, creamed potatoes w/ gravy, green beans, pears, hot rolls.

Wed. - Burritos, Spanish rice, pinto beans, bananas,

cookies. Thurs. - Salisbury steak, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pineapple, hot rolls.

Fri. - Tuna or peanut butter sandwich, macaroni and cheese, pork and beans, carrot sticks, applesauce.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Chicken crispitos w/cheese sticks, pinto beans, Spanish rice, apple crisp.

Tues. - Grilled chicken melt w/mozzarella on a bun, baked beans, mixed fruit, vanilla pudding, animal crackers.

Wed. - Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, pineapple, bread.

Thurs. - Hamburger w/trimmings, oven fries, ice cream.

Fri. - Popcorn shrimp, macaroni and cheese, ranch style beans, applesauce, cinnamon roll.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Sub sandwich, chips, trimmings, pickle spears, fruit mix.

Tues. - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot roll, strawberry applesauce.

Wed. - Popcorn chicken, breadstick, pears, sugar cookie, green beans.

Thurs. - Nachos w/ground beef, pinto beans, pineapple, wacky cake.

Fri. - Pizza stix (cheese only) w/marinara sauce, corn, peaches, ice cream.

MISD makes plans for Public Schools Week

Texas public schools plant seeds of success from Pre-K to high school each and every day! Public schools are growing and thriving and producing the greatest resources in the state of Texas - successful students.

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Public Schools Week is March 9 through 13. Open

House is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on March 10. There will be a community-wide chili supper in the new cafetorium sponsored by the High School Student Council on March 10. Tickets can be purchased in the High School, Elementary, or Administration offices beginning March 2 through March 6. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for students in grades 6 and under. Serving time is 5 to 7 p.m.

The 2009 theme is Growing Graduates: Texas Public Schools Plant Seeds for Success. The Texas School Public Relations Association (TSPRA) promotes this specific campaign to Celebrate Texas Public Schools. Originally created in 1950 by the Masonic Lodges of Texas

to recognize contributions made by the state's free system of education, TSPRA takes it to new heights in an effort to keep it growing!

Schools across the state will designate a week, month, or specific day to focus on the seeds they have planted for student success. From tree planting ceremonies, open house nights, showcasing recycling or "go green" programs, or debuting creative art projects, each campus throughout the district will pick a program that suits their style.

Help the Muenster district celebrate in March or all year long! Sharing stories of success with a supportive community is imperative! Help to plant a seed!



Sacred Heart Catholic School students wanted to help the Indian students of Saint Paul's Mission School in Hays, Montana, after their school burned last summer. As a service project during Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 25-31), art supplies were collected for the mission school. Five large boxes of donations were recently shipped to Montana. Some of the students helping with the project are pictured from left, back row - Bailey Walterscheid, Josiah Yosten, Elizabeth Turner, Thomas Hennigan, Isaac Walterscheid, Zach Zanchetta; front row - Shane Sicking and Lexi Rivers. SHCS photo

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A Chinese New Year celebration



The Muenster ISD 6A Art class celebrated the Chinese New Year by creating a parade dragon. The class worked together to design and construct the good luck character, paying special attention to the Chinese traditions. The dragon is complete with a movable mouth, Chinese symbol for dragon, and the lucky color red. MISD photo

SHCS students learn dental hygiene

On Feb. 19, Iva Walterscheid, dental hygienist from North Texas Dental Specialists, the office of Elaine Schilling, D.D.S., M.S. and Gayla Ballou, D.D.S., visited the Preschool, Kindergarten and First Grade classes at Sacred Heart Catholic School in observance of Dental Health Month. She displayed some of the common tools used in a dental exam and demonstrated proper toothbrushing techniques.

The students participated in classifying foods and dental related items in the categories of good or bad for their teeth. Each student was given the opportunity to practice toothbrushing using a large toothbrush on the "Al E Gator" puppet. All received a toothbrushing chart, toothbrush, toothpaste, Kids' Flossers, dental mirror, and stickers.



Haley Flusche, left, waits her turn as Madeleine Fisher uses her toothbrushing skills as Iva Walterscheid observes their method. SHCS photo

Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

Matthew 5:3

Muenster ISD Honor Rolls

Fourth Six Weeks

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1st Grade - Savannah Bohl, Stephen Dangelmayr, Major Eldridge, Colby Endres, Dayton Gressett, Brett Hammer, Hunter Haverkamp, Jenna Hudspeth, Harrison Kaufman, Hannah Lamar, Roger Looye, Daniel Luttmeyer, Bernardo Meza, Cade Peavey, Anna Proffer, Estefana Rodriguez, Zachary Sanders, Jon Schinigo, Abby Walterscheid, Warren Williams, Victoria Zimmerer.

2nd Grade - Nathan Hacker, Christopher Kresge, Rut Rodriguez, Sadie Sandmann, Rudy Saucer, MacKenzie Sicking, Kody Walterscheid.

3rd Grade - Bailey Anderle, Colton Dangelmayr, Natalie Dangelmayr, Travis Dangelmayr, Seth Flusche, Nathan Graham, Mandy Hacker, Curtis Haverkamp, Alaina Kubis, Stone Lamar, Shiryam Patel, Norma Rodriguez, Paige Saucer, Erin Schniederjan, Brandon Sicking, Andrew Stoffels, Owen Tolar, Carson Trubenbach, Dean Walterscheid, Sterling Walterscheid.

4th Grade - Alyssa

Barnes, Brennan Binder, Morgan Eldridge, Billy Felderhoff, Bradley Henseid, Bailey Klement, Amy Luttmeyer, Bailey McCoy, Macie Pagle, Cooper Peavey, Mathew Porter, Emma Wood.

5th Grade - Jordan Buddy, Mason Davis, Alison Morris, Alaina Reiter, Sammy Saucer, Kelsie Sicking, Kimber Walterscheid, Reagan Weger.

6th Grade - Trey Anderle, Kassie Dangelmayr, Mikaela Lamar, Morgan Flusche, Tara Gunnels, Rachel Hare, Chance Herr, Kristen Reiter, Georgia Taylor Saavedra.

"AB" HONOR ROLL

1st Grade - Tyler Carter, Noah Clure, Tanner Corcoran, Brooke Hammer, Chloe Hellman, Kaitlin Hennigan, Kenadie Hess, Benjamin Koesler, Chase McMinn, Erik Trail, Sean Walk, Katie Wells.

2nd Grade - Lane Baldwin, Nolan Bayer, Hannah Clure, Allison Henseid, Dane Huchton, Ryan Huchton, Derek Lutkenhaus, Parker McGrew, Hayden Otto, Logan Pagle, Isaiah Trail, Lauren Trubenbach, Blair Wanek, Kyle Wolf, Clayton Yosten.

3rd Grade - Rylee Cain, Sidney Carnes, Carson Cheaney, Natalie Chism, Kagen Dangelmayr, Ethan Hellman, Savannah Hermes, Stetson McGrew, Megan Rohmer, LeeAnn West.

4th Grade - Katie Bell, Craig Bengfort, Allison Haubold, Zina Haverkamp, Bryce Herr, Katie Hutson, Blayne Jones, Katie Kresge, Carrie Nasura, Sawyer Sanders, Haiden Shook, Cassidy Wright.

5th Grade - Mahayla Bohl, Natalie Fangman, Emily Fette, Madelin Green, Devon Hacker, Dalton Hess, Cassie Horsman, Zane Kemp, Kyle Klement, Trace Klement, Abby Luttmeyer, Karli Mouring, Justen Nasura, McKenna Proffer, Nicole Rains, Claire Schneider, Shannon Walk, Allie Walterscheid.

6th Grade - Kevin Barnes, Tyler Boaz, Trevor Cheaney, J.T. Cooley, Caroline Gressett, Blake Haubold, Brandon Hennigan, Kalee Hennigan, Jeremy Hess, Tressa Jones, Makayla Moster, Colin Pagle, Noel Rodriguez, Grant Simpson, Lora Walterscheid.

"A" HONOR ROLL

7th Grade - Hannah Bayer, Kendi Bayer, Mason Binder, Austin Creswell, Jared Endres, Clayton Hess, Shelby Klement, Jaisal Patel, Audrey Taylor Saavedra.

8th Grade - Hunter Klement, Lauren Rohmer, Payton Sanders, Brooke Walterscheid.

9th Grade - Luke Crabtree, Lana Heers, Emily Hellman, Andrea Hess, Landon Presnall.

11th Grade - Jodi Abner, Amanda Dangelmayr,

Andi Felderhoff, Olivia Haverkamp, Paige Hennigan, Mark Jones, Jonathan Kaufman, Cole McAden, Allison Pagle, Rishi Patel, Chloe Schneider, Blake Voth.

10th Grade - Tyler Acuna, Catherine Aston, Logan Cheaney, Michelle Henseid, Brianna Klement, Taylor Klement, Shane Presnall, Alexis Trubenbach, Garrett Walterscheid, Hannah Weger.

11th Grade - Jodi Abner, Amanda Dangelmayr,

Shaina Felderhoff, Jackie Klement, Delana Sicking, Christopher Valliere, Sara Walterscheid.

12th Grade - Noel Barnhill, Paul Crabtree, Samantha Endres, Matthew Flusche, Abe Fuhrmann, Michael Green, Lauren Haverkamp, Jordanne Hellman, Tanner Herr, Shelby Holloway, Taylor McGrew, Corey Reynolds, Jeffrey Schniederjan, Emily Stoffels, Victoria Wright, Alexander York.

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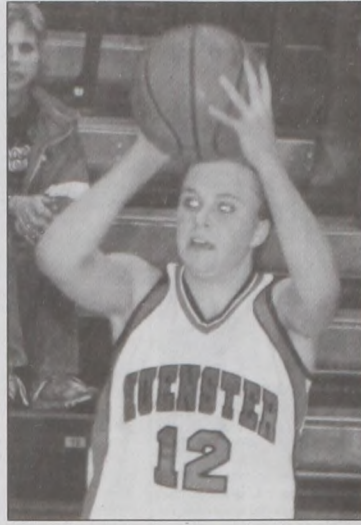
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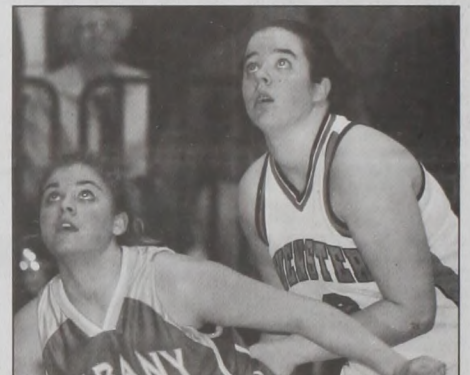
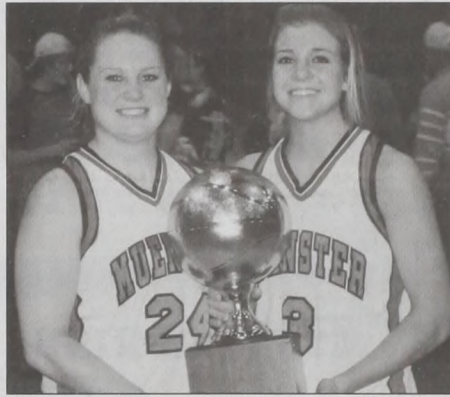


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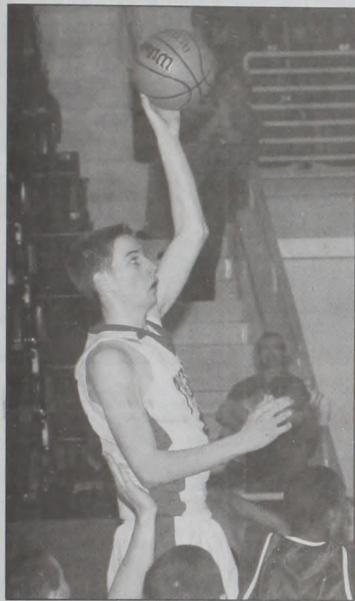
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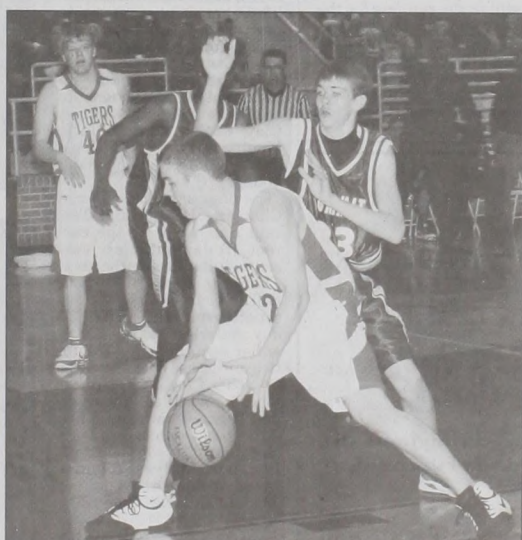
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SPORTS

LADY HORNETS ADVANCE TO REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

Beat Santo 47-35 in Quarter Final

The Lady Hornet basketball team keeps on buzzin' as they declared the Ladycats of Santo Tuesday night in Springtown. The Regional Quarter Finalist Muenster girls brought home another gold basketball after a 47-35 playoff win.

The next game on the bracket is the Regional Tournament this weekend in Abilene. Muenster will face Goldthwaite (see more in related story).

The Lady Hornets' match with Santo was a close battle. In the game, Santo racked up the fouls, but Muenster struggled at the line. The period ended in a 10-10 tie.

The 2nd quarter was low scoring. The Lady Hornets were getting the rebounds, but not the shots, as Santo made Muenster work for every point - nothing was coming easy. The Lady Hornets took an 18-13 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Muenster had as much as a 7 point lead in the 3rd quarter, but allowed the Ladycats to tie the game 27-27 going into the

final period.

Santo took a short 1 point lead, but 5 quick points by Sam Endres eased the tension a bit.

Lana Heers, Shaina Felderhoff, Taylor Klement, and Lia Heers all dropped points onto the boards as Muenster increased their lead to 7 points.

The Lady Hornets spread the floor working on the clock, killing a minute, 12 seconds before Santo finally fouled. Muenster added a few free throws, playing keep away, knocking off more time to the final 47-35 scorer.

Shaina Felderhoff was high scorer for the Lady Hornets with 14 points. Taylor Klement added 9, Lia Heers 7, Samantha Endres and Lana Heers 6 each, Jackie Klement 3 points, and Allison Pagel 2 points.

Muenster was 12 of 28 from the free throw line, while Santo hit only three of 10.

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S	10	3	14	8	35

Lady Hornets win Area

A trip to Peaster last Friday paid off for the Muenster Lady Hornets, as they brought home a 50-36 Area Playoff Championship victory over the Albany Lady Lions. The win advances the Muenster girls to the Regional Quarterfinal game that was played Tuesday night against Santo (see related story).

Albany got the opening tip, but Muenster put the first points on the board - free throws by Samantha Endres. As fouls racked up, the Lady Hornets were winning the free throw battle, ending the 1st quarter in a 13-8 lead.

After a 3-pointer by Endres, the Lady Lions cut the lead to 3. Muenster gained with a 6-1 run in the 2nd for a 26-18 half-time score.

Six minutes in the half, Taylor Klement elbowed her third foul to put her and Endres both in foul trouble.

Points by Lana Heers, Endres, and Shaina Felderhoff gave Muenster a 14 point lead with 2 minutes remaining in the 3rd quarter. Albany had a little run

to close the spread to 7 going into the final quarter.

After gaining an 8 point lead, the Lady Hornets spread out to their time-killing offense. Lia Heers hit two free throws, Klement got a basket, and Lia a lay-up to give Muenster a 48-34 lead as the first nails started going into Albany's coffin.

Muenster continued to stall, forcing the Lady Lions to foul as the clock ticked down on Albany's season. The Lady Hornets missed several free throws. With 29 seconds on the clock, Klement made the score 50. Albany got two free throws and the game ended 50-36.

Taylor Klement and Shaina Felderhoff were Muenster's high scorers with 12 and 11 points. Samantha Endres added 9, Lana Heers 7, Jenni Luke 6, Lia Heers 4, and Allison Pagel 1.

Muenster hit 13 of 23 free throws (6 of 8 in the 1st quarter) while Albany was 9 of 15.

M	13	13	11	13	50
A	8	10	12	6	36

Muenster's Road to Regional

The Muenster Lady Hornets earned the 10A District Championship with a 10-0 record. Muenster received a bye through the first round of the playoffs, then defeated Albany 50-36 in Area and Santo 47-35 Tuesday for Regional Quarter Finalist Champions.

Goldthwaite, District 14A Champs, defeated Chilton 70-34 and Mason 57-29 to earn a trip to Regional. These two will face each other this Friday at the Region 2 Tournament at Moody Coliseum on the campus of Abilene Christian University

at 1:30 p.m.

The winner of the Muenster/Goldthwaite game will then take on the winner of Roscoe vs. Valley Mills in Saturday's Regional Final at 2:30 p.m.

Other teams still in the running for the Final Four State Championship are Canadian, Smyer, Wellington, and Sudan in Region 1; Martin's Mill, LaPoyner, Lovelady, and Simms Bowie or Merit Bland in Region 3; and Normangee, D'Hanis, Falls City, and Thorndale or Evadale in Region 4.

Tigerettes headed to TAPPS State Final Four

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes pulled out a 45-41 Regional final basketball victory Saturday morning over the Arbor Christian Lady Lions.

"Wow, this team does not die!" noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur on his Tigerette team. Sacred Heart had a nice lead, then Arbor hit back-to-back 3s and more to take the lead. "We slightly lost our composure, but regained it. The ability to get to the rim and the free throw line down the stretch was a major reason for this win. Our defensive pressure increased late in the game,

and after we regained possession of the ball we did an outstanding job of offensive execution," Coach Jon added.

Samantha Wimmer led the Tigerettes with 20 points and 11 steals. Kristin LeBrasseur added 9. Raynee Hogan 6, Karli Anderle 5 points and six rebounds, Kalyssa Pollard 3, and Taylor Reiter 2.

The Tigerettes hit 11 of 13 free throws in the 4th period to assist in the win.

SH	15	5	10	15	45
AC	11	5	15	10	41

Semi-Final

The Tigerettes advance to

the semi-final round and will challenge last season's State Champion Sherman Texoma Christian, in a rematch of last season's title game. The match is set for a 6:30 p.m. tip-off Friday, Feb. 27 at Nolan Catholic High School.

Of the 31 2A girls teams to make the TAPPS playoffs, only four remain. The winner of the Marble Falls Faith Academy and Shiner St. Paul semi game will play the winner of the Sacred Heart vs. Texoma game for the State Championship on Saturday at 1 p.m. at Mansfield Summitt High School.

Tigers tumble at Regional

The Sacred Heart Tigers' dream of a trip to the TAPPS State Final Basketball round ended 3 points short, as the Tigers fell to the Eagles of Cedar Park Summitt 55-52 last Saturday in the Regional playoff game.

"I am very proud of the effort these young men have put forth this season," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "I feel for them, as we took this defeat very hard from an outstanding team that was slightly better than us." Coach Jon noted that the Tigers were well prepared for the pressure-packed game of runs.

"Summitt had the last run and made five more free throws than us," LeBrasseur continued. "We were in position to win. It just did not work out the way we would have liked it to. This was a well-played basketball game by two very good teams."

John Krawietz was the Tigers' leading scorer with 21 points. Kevin Kulle added 16 with 12 rebounds. Nick Popovich had 6 with eight steals, Patrick Mojica 5 and five assists, and Sam Sparkman 4.

SH	21	8	13	10	52
S	15	17	8	15	55

The seniors - Sam Spark-

man, Nick Popovich, and Ben Walterscheid - ended the season 21-6.

Final Four

Advancing to the boys

TAPPS 2A Final Four will be Summitt, Sherman Texoma Christian, Temple Central Texas Christian, and Kingwood Northeast.



Kevin Kulle



Patrick Mojica



Nick Popovich

Tiger action photos by Scott Wood

Proposed white-tailed deer regulation changes

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is proposing new white-tailed deer regulations for the 2009-10 hunting season.

The proposal would expand antler restrictions to counties including: Archer, Clay, Cooke, Denton, Jack, Montague, Parker, Stephens, Tarrant, Wichita, Wise, and Young.

The proposals also include: Changing Denton and Tarrant counties from the current 16 day antlerless season to full season either sex. Changing Cooke, Johnson, Hill, Wilbarger, and Wichita counties from the current 30 day antlerless to full season either sex. Changing from a two antlerless deer bag limit in Archer, Clay, Jack, Throckmorton, Wichita, Wilbarger, and Young counties to a five deer no more than two buck bag limit. A proposal to affect all North Texas counties would include the addition of a late antlerless and spike season.

An important part of this process is taking comments on the regulation proposals from the public. Public hearings will be held at Pilot Point on March 5 at Lantana Lodge, 2200 FM-1192.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. For more information refer to the TPWD web site at: http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/feedback/meetings/statewide_hearings/

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Texas cattle producers facing 'perfect storm' of challenges

Extreme drought and ever-increasing costs are presenting Texas cattle producers challenges they haven't experienced in decades, said industry experts.

"The Texas cattle industry has to deal simultaneously with drought, increasing operational costs, and a declining cattle market," said Dr. David Anderson, Texas AgriLife Extension Service livestock marketing economist in College Station.

A combination of factors is producing a perfect storm for many of the state's cattle producers, Anderson said.

"Along with the drought, cattle producers are having to deal with near-record high corn and soybean meal prices and increased prices for other inputs," he said. "Producers have had to provide much more supplemental feed and nutrition to their cattle, and costs for these have gone up dramatically in recent years."

Anderson added that while fuel prices have gone down over the past several months, they still constitute a large expense for cattle operations.

"Feed costs remain high across the board," he said, "and hay, which is grown locally, is also in short supply due to the drought."

Dr. Larry Redmon, AgriLife Extension state forage specialist, said the current drought conditions are much like 2006.

"We have not cut the hay we normally would have for two reasons - drought and high fertilizer prices," he said. "Not only is our hay crop down, but it also has lower nutritive value. Those who are feeding it are likely having to feed some supple-

mentation."

Forages that went into the dormant, winter season were already in a "stressed and short condition," Redmon said.

"As they come out in the spring, they may be slower to come on since there is hardly any moisture stored underground in the soil profile," he said. "As we come out of the dormant season, those stressed plants will put out a few shoots and cows will be standing right on top of them ready to graze them. If we don't get some good rainfall and if managers don't carefully consider their stocking rate, warm-season pastures this spring will have a difficult time due to excessive grazing pressure and lack of moisture."

Winter pasture mostly has been a failure, he added.

Recent reports of cattle dying due from drought-related circumstances in different parts of the state have further demonstrated the extent of those challenges producers currently face, said Dr. Rick Machen, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist in Uvalde.

"The cattle deaths in different areas of Texas are likely drought-related; beef producers have liquidated cow numbers and reduced stocking rates to balance forage supply and demand and avoid further losses," said Machen. "Forage availability is limited in many areas. Poor growing conditions and reduced nitrogen fertilization have resulted in lower-than-normal hay quality."

Machen noted that the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory at Texas A&M is working to help determine additional steps

producers may take to help prevent further cattle deaths related to the drought.

"The three F's - feed, fuel, and fertilizer - are the major costs associated with our cattle operation," said Rachel Bauer, AgriLife Extension agent for agriculture and natural resources in Bastrop County, and a cattle producer. "Over the past year, our operational costs have increased significantly."

Bauer, who lost several head of cattle due to drought conditions in that area, noted that these cattle were provided with supplemental feed and nutrients to keep them healthy.

"Unfortunately, sometimes cattle go beyond their ability to recover," she said. "There have been limited supplies of hay, and feed costs are too high to make it economical for producers to provide grain to cattle throughout the year."

Bauer added that many cattle ranchers are realizing they need more hay than expected to weather the long term and must prepare to grow sufficient forage for cattle to feed on this coming spring.

"They have to ensure the cattle are in good condition and healthy enough to breed," she said.

"While times may look bleak for the cattle industry now, the longer-term outlook is much better," said Anderson. "Many cattle ranchers have been reducing the size of their cow herd and putting themselves in a better position for the future. Once the economy improves, demand for beef will increase and so will the price."

The Farm Bill

One often hears stories from organizations like the Environmental Working Group that paint the U.S. Farm Program in a negative light.

Examples of this include an article that states, "By far the largest share of farm subsidies in 2006 was the \$11.2 billion (84%) in various commodity payments designed to prop up farmers' income." Many groups complain that the American farmer is getting rich on government money.

It is popular to discuss the fact that some farmers are receiving hundreds of thousands of dollars per year. Finally, another talking point draws attention to the fact that farm family household income is greater than the national average household income.

When I examine these claims more closely, I see things a bit differently. The Farm Bill was originally implemented to help ensure safe, reliable, domestic food supply for the citizens of the U.S.

According to information from the Congressional Budget Office, in 1940 the Farm Bill comprised nearly 4% of the U.S. total budget outlays; it has steadily declined in percentage over the past 70 years. In 2002 it was less

than 1% and in 2007 the U.S. Farm Bill was barely 0.5% of the budget outlays. In addition to that, of the 0.5% spent on the Farm Bill, the actual portion spent on farm programs has dwindled to 11% of that total, while nutrition programs make up 69%.

The average farm program money recipient receives less than \$10,000 per year. Considering the risk involved with the occupation due to weather, markets, and other forces, this sum will never suffice to make farmers rich.

It is true that there are a few farm operations that receive a lot more money and some reform may be called for, but even then it is doubtful that excess spending in the Farm Bill compares with that of almost any other government program.

As for the high farm family household income, the USDA Economic Forecast for 2008 seems to agree. However, the farm portion of these households' revenue averages a mere 7.3% of that income! Furthermore, this forecast states that only 8% of the farm families have farm incomes greater than that of their off-farm income. I think that this report clearly demonstrates a huge agricultural concern.

The concern is: return to agriculture is generally paltry in comparison to other sources of income. The fact that 92% of farm families have off-farm sources of income greater than that of their agricultural income and the fact that on average these families make more income than the national average points to another disturbing trend; farming is a lifestyle choice and that only those that can afford to take the risk because of non-farm income are able to continue with their chosen profession.

The American farmer is resourceful and hardworking. Each one is responsible for providing food and/or fiber for 129 people. This does not mean that the Farm Bill doesn't deserve scrutiny, but consideration should be made for the plight that agricultural producers endure and it should be remembered that when you hear about the bloated Farm Bill, 69% of that is nutrition programs - not subsidies to prop up income!

TDA market recap

For the week ending Feb. 21, feeder cattle prices trends at Texas auctions were mixed, with some locations steady to \$3 higher per hundredweight and others steady to \$4 lower. Fed cattle prices also fell \$3 in response to weak beef demand.

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Feeder Steers (per lb.) 9-year-olds - Large Frame \$900-\$910; Medium Frame 1.35; Nos 2 & 3, 1.00-1.16; \$500-\$800
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Feeder Heifers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.08-1.19; Nos. 2 & 3, 95-108; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 98-115; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-98-400-500 lbs. No. 1, 90-100; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-90-500-600 lbs. No. 1, 88-92; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-88-600-700 lbs. No. 1, 84-96; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-84-700-800 lbs. No. 1, 71-85; Nos. 2 & 3, 55-71
Slaughter Cattle (per lb.) Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade #1-2, 1.200-2.050 lbs.; #2-6; Slaughter Cows: #1-3, 41-48; Cutter: 22-40
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Barrows & Gilts (per lb.) US #1, 230-270: 43-49; US #2, 220-280: 35-43
Feeders (per head): 100-175 lbs.: \$45-\$80; 25-90 lbs.: \$35-\$45
Sows (per lb.) Feeder 400 or less: 30-47; Light wt. 400-500: 31-46; Med. wt. 500-600: 43-47; Heavy wt. 600+: 43-47
Boars (per lb.) 300 lb. up: 08-14; 200-300 lbs.: 15-25; Light wt.: 30-35
Sheep (per lb.) Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs.: 1.10-1.60; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs.: 1.00-1.25; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs.: .80-1.00
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Bucks (per lb.) Thin: NT, Fat: NT
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Goats (per head) Kids: 20-35 lbs.: \$25-\$60; 35-55 lbs.: \$35-\$75; 55-75 lbs.: \$50-\$90
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Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny: NT, 3/4 Nanny: NT, Full Nanny: NT, 1/2 Bully: NT, 3/4 Bully: NT, Full Bully: NT

TDA market recap
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**PRICES EFFECTIVE
MARCH 2 - 8, 2009**

**On Saturday, March 14 we will celebrate our
82nd Anniversary being in business!!!
We will have 1 day SUPER SPECIALS
and have great items for our drawing.
Come in early and sign up.**

Weekly Grocery Specials

 ASSORTED TORTILLA CHIPS Doritos® REG. \$3.99 2 \$5 for	 TOTINO'S ASSORTED CRISP CRUST Party Pizza 9-10.9 OZ. PKG. 5 \$5 for	 POST CEREAL SELECTED VARIETIES Honey Bunches of Oats 13-18 OZ. BOX 2 \$5 for	 Hunt's Ketchup 24 OZ. 99¢
TOWN TALK SANDWICH White Bread 24 OZ. \$1.09	BATHROOM TISSUE Charmin Basic 12 BIG ROLLS \$4.99	PAPER TOWELS Bounty Basic 8 ROLLS \$4.99	SHEDD'S SPREAD ASSORTED Country Crock 45 OZ. 2 \$5
ASSORTED FLAVORS ORIENTAL NOODLES Top Ramen 3 OZ. 7 \$1	FRITO-LAY Multi-Pack Chips 24 CT. \$5.99	HUNT'S TOMATO Ketchup 24 OZ. 99¢	A.I. Steak Sauce 10 OZ. \$3.79
ORIGINAL OR NACHO CHEESE Bugles 7.5 OZ. 2 \$3	ASSORTED VARIETIES Chex Snack Mix 8.75 OZ. 2 \$3	THRIFTWAY 16 OZ. BOTTLES Drinking Water 24 PACK \$3.99	ASSORTED FLAVORS Coca-Cola Products 6 PACK BTLs. 4 \$10
ASSORTED VARIETIES 12 OZ. CANS Coca-Cola Products 12 PACKS 3 \$12	DRINKING WATER Dasani 24 PACK \$4.99	ASSORTED Powerade Sport Drinks 32 OZ. 99¢	BETTY CROCKER COOKIE BROWNIE BARS MIX OR ASSORTED VARIETIES Brownie Mix 19.5-22.5 OZ. 2 \$4
ASSORTED VARIETIES Cheez-Its Crackers 7.5-9 OZ. 2 \$4	CHICKEN OF THE SEA ASSORTED VARIETIES Sardines 3.75 OZ. 3 \$2	OLD EL PASO ASSORTED VARIETIES Refried Beans 16 OZ. 3 \$4	OLD EL PASO CHOPPED OR WHOLE Green Chiles 4 OZ. 4 \$5
OLD EL PASO MILD OR HOT Taco Sauce 8 OZ. 2 \$3	OLD EL PASO ASSORTED VARIETIES Enchilada Sauce 10 OZ. 2 \$3	SELECTED GROUP Colgate Toothpaste 6.4 OZ. 2 \$3	COLGATE ASSORTED WAVE OR TOTAL Toothbrushes 1 CT. 2 \$3
SELECT GROUP MOUTHWASH Listerine 16-33.8 OZ. \$4.99	WESTERN FAMILY DRY, ALOE, OR ADVANCED Skincare Lotion 10 OZ. 2 \$3	SELECTED VARIETIES HAIR CARE Garnier Fructis 5-13 OZ. 2 \$5	WESTERN FAMILY SELECTED VARIETIES-TUB Baby Wipes 80 CT. 2 \$5
WESTERN FAMILY SELECT GROUP Baby Care 6.5-15 OZ. 2 \$4	WESTERN FAMILY Diaper Rash Ointment 4 OZ. 2 \$4	WESTERN FAMILY Diaper Rash Ointment 4 OZ. 2 \$4	WESTERN FAMILY Diaper Rash Ointment 4 OZ. 2 \$4

Health & Beauty Care

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Fischer's Quality Meats

PREFERRED TRIM, BONELESS BEEF

**New York
Strip
Steaks** **\$4.99** **LB.**



**BONELESS, SKINLESS
PREVIOUSLY FROZEN**

**Chicken
Breast** **\$1.89** **LB.**



PILGRIM'S PRIDE SMALL PACK Leg Quarters LB. 99¢	PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS BEEF Chuck Roast LB. \$2.49	FISCHER'S Beef Cube Steak LB. \$3.29	FISCHER'S Pork Hot Links LB. \$2.49	FISCHER'S Boneless Ham LB. \$3.99	FARMLAND 95% FAT FREE BONELESS Whole Ham LB. \$7.99
BAR-S Sliced Bacon 12 OZ. \$1.79	LENTEN SPECIAL: PEELED & DEVEINED ASIAN GOLD 41-50 COUNT Cooked Shrimp 2 LB. \$11.99	LENTEN SPECIAL: ASIAN GOLD 16-30 COUNT Raw Shrimp 2 LB. \$12.29	LENTEN SPECIAL: MAHI MAHI, BREADED TILAPIA, OR CATFISH Beacon Light Fish Fillets ... 12 OZ. \$4.79	LENTEN SPECIAL: Red Rind Cheddar Cheese LB. \$2.69	MARKET SLICED, CAJUN, OVEN ROASTED, LEMON, OR SMOKED Turkey Breast LB. \$3.89
OSCAR MAYER SELECTED VARIETIES Deli Creations 4.9-7.1 OZ. 2 \$5	SUPREME OR PEPPERONI, 2-PACK, 14 INCH MaMa Rosa's Pizza 46.6 OZ. \$4.99				

24 PACK, 12 OZ.

Miller Lite

\$20.99



Fresh Produce

RED OR GOLDEN DELICIOUS, OR GRANNY SMITH Bagged Apples 3 LB. BAG \$1		PREMIUM SNO-WHITE Cauliflower 2 \$4	FRESH BUNCH Green Onions 2 \$1	FRESH Red Plums 2 \$3	FRESH Peaches or Nectarines 2 \$3	MEXICAN 1015 SWEET Yellow Onions LB. 69¢	CELLO PACK Carrots 2 LB. 99¢	DOLE CLASSIC Iceberg Salad 24 OZ. 2 \$4	FRESH TROPICAL Kiwifruit 4 \$1	SUPER SELECT Cucumbers 2 \$1
U.S. NO. 1 RUSSET Potatoes 5 LB. 2 \$3	GREEN Leaf Lettuce EACH 99¢									

Dairy & Frozen Foods

ASSORTED FLAVORS Shurfine Ice Cream 144 OZ. FAMILY SIZE PAIL \$4.99		SELECT GROUP REGULAR OR STEAMFRESH Birdseye Vegetables 10-16 OZ. 2 \$4	BUTTERFLY, JUMBO BUTTERFLY, OR SCAMPI SeaPak Shrimp 9-16 OZ. \$5.99	SHURFINE Sour Cream 8 OZ. 79¢	KRAFT SELECTED VARIETIES Chunk Cheese 8 OZ. 2 \$5	TROPICANA SELECTED VARIETIES PURE PREMIUM Orange Juice 64 OZ. \$3.29	ASSORTED VARIETIES Red Diamond Tea GAL. 2 \$5
YOGURT SMOOTHIE, HOMEMADE VANILLA ICE CREAM BAR, SWEET FREEDOM ICE CREAM BAR OR KRUNCH LITES Blue Bunny Novelties 12 CT. 2 \$7	TOTINO'S ORIGINAL PEPPERONI OR COMBO Pizza Rolls 15 CT./7.5 OZ. 4 \$5						