

Changes planned at mobile home park

By Janet Felderhoff

Muenster City Council members considered a request by the new owners of the local trailer park at the Monday, Jan. 7 meeting. Sylvan Walterscheid who has owned the facility since 1970, recently sold it to Mobile Home Parks of Lake Dallas, DBA Muenster Mobile Home Park. Joe Stahl of Gainesville will manage the park for the new owners.

City Administrator Stan Endres explained to the Council that in the past, there was only one water bill and it was paid by the park owner. The new owners would like to put in a

water meter at each home site, and have each tenant pay their own water, sewer, and garbage bill. This would provide for trash pickup at each home rather than the dumpsters now being used. There are 25 locations for trailers and all but one are occupied.

If the Council agrees to the request, the City would install the meters off the mainline and the park owners would be responsible for running the water line from the meter to each home. Endres said, "The City would actually collect a little more revenue because we'll make a little off of the trash and a little more will come in on

the water and sewer bills. The City normally charges \$825 for a tapping fee, which in this case will have to be done 25 times because there are 25 meters. We also get a deposit from each tenant and the company is planning on paying the original deposit and fee for each location for the people already living there. That's a pretty good chunk of money that they will have to lay out at one time."

The mobile park owners asked that the City consider granting a discount on the tapping fees.

Alderman Tim Felderhoff wondered how much more income there would be, how

often will the City have to be cutting meters off and trying to collect revenue from the tenants. Endres responded that the City would have to monitor it closely and if the bill is not paid by the 25th, disconnect the water shortly thereafter.

Endres remarked, "The reason that I'm in favor of this is as far as police problems, we have more problems with the people in the mobile home park than we do with the rest of the town put together. I feel like some of these tenants who are down there now are not going to be able to stay there because they are not going to be able to come up with the money. Some of these people haven't paid rent in over two years. Those people aren't going to be able to stay down there. They are going to have to leave because the new owners aren't going to be kind-hearted like Sylvan has all these years. It'll take time, but I really think that it will get rid of a lot of ruffraff that's down in there. The trailer park used to be a nice place. There used to be a lot of Muenster people who lived down there."

Felderhoff said that now there is no way of knowing who lives in the trailer homes and the new billing system would help with that because of the deposit.

Chief of Police Mark Blankenship commented, "The goal according to the manager of the park I talked to is to address issues down there that are unsatisfactory. That's such things as appearance, upkeep, and maintenance, and remove these that won't do their program and get ones in that will do the program and are more apt to pay the rent and pay



Darrell Hermes

Hermes attains Eagle Scout rank

Darrell Joe Hermes, son of Doug and Susan Hermes of Muenster, attained the rank of Eagle Scout on Dec. 19, 2012. He is a junior at Muenster High School and participates in football and golf, along with other extracurricular activities, such as hunting, four-wheeling, and snowboarding.

Darrell began Scouting at age seven, as a Wolf Cub in Pack 664 in Muenster. His mother Susan was his den leader for four years, where he obtained the Arrow of Light, which is the highest award at the Cub Scout level.

After moving up to Boy Scout Troop 664, Darrell served in leadership roles. He was senior patrol leader, assistant patrol leader twice, and troop bugler for two years. He was elected to the Order of the Arrows by his fellow Scouts in January 2011. This is Scouting's national honor society. He became an or-deal member of the Netopolis Sipo Schipinachk Lodge, 23-Bischuwu Aney Chapter for seven months. Darrell has completed 49 nights of camping and completed 117 service hours. He has earned 23 merit badges.

During Darrell's freshman year, he was invited to participate in the People to People Ambassadorship, representing the United States. He traveled to six European countries with a group of 40 high school students from the North Texas area. The goal of this organization is to develop friendship and peace among nations through the youth of the world. For 19 days, Darrell toured Italy, Switzerland, France, Austria, Liechtenstein, and Germany. Darrell spent three nights at a citizen's home in Austria, where he learned their culture and values. He also visited with a survivor

of the Holocaust. He credits his success on this trip to his experience in Scouting. Traveling, making new friends, exploring, and leading are integral to the Scout oath, law, and spirit.

For his Eagle Scout project, Darrell decided to construct a concrete walkway for the Keep Muenster Beautiful building in the city park. This would replace the old rock walkway which was unstable and not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). With generous donations from local businesses, such as Walterscheid Construction, Dangelmayr Construction, Flusche Enterprises, and G&H Backhoe, Darrell was able to supervise the completion of this project by Dec. 6, 2012. He began the project in October by making detailed plans of the walkway to include a grilling area and archway for the entrance. With help from his Dad, Darrell began preparing the area. This first phase involved clearing the area of rocks, stabilizing the base with extra dirt, and setting the forms. This was the most time-consuming and took several weekdays and weekends. Eagle Scout Blake Haubold and Life Scout J.T. Gregg helped with this phase.

In the second phase, Walterscheid Construction came in to pour the concrete. Dangelmayr Construction smoothed it and added rock pebbles for a rustic look. Once the concrete set, the forms were removed by Darrell and Eagle Scout Clayton Rohmer. In the third phase, Darrell dug post holes for the entrance. He then mixed concrete and set the poles in place. Once set, he welded the archway - custom made by Flusche Enterprises - to the posts and painted the entire entrance to match the KMB building. The project took approximately 45 hours to complete, and with the help of the Muenster Jaycees' monetary donation, project expenses were offset.

Darrell credits the adults who were role models and provided leadership and guidance along the way: Scoutmasters Ronnie Weinzapfel and Bert Hesse; Neil Hesse, Tom Valliere, Scott Felderhoff, and his parents, of course.

Upon high school graduation, Darrell plans to attend college and study petroleum engineering.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Saturday, Jan. 12, 1 p.m. Sacred Heart Church All are welcome to attend



Muenster Milling Monday morning mishap

Disaster was narrowly averted Monday morning when this Muenster Milling truck pulled on to Main Street only to have the trailer slip away from the cab. There were no injuries and no other vehicle was involved.

Janie Hartman photo

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Weather weighs into Commissioners' plans

By Janet Felderhoff

Cooke County Commissioners Al Smith, Precinct #3, and Leon Klement, Precinct #4, quickly learned not to count too heavily on getting done exactly what they've planned to do with their road and bridge budgets. When weather wreaks havoc in their precinct, often those plans must be adjusted to accommodate for the repairs made necessary by such an event.

"All four of us (commissioners) suffer from the same problem," explained Commissioner Klement. "We've got these plans, but if we get a big flood this spring, that may change how we do everything. Some things may have to be put on the back burner. It just all depends."

A five inch rain in 30 minutes can do a great deal of damage, said Klement. He continued, "There is so much dead material out there. There are so many dead trees. The biggest problem is there is so many dead trees from the drought and so much junk coming down these creeks that it is just plugging things up. We had a big bridge there on the west side of Moss Lake out on CR 460 past the rock crusher that it nearly stacked the big creek full of wood under the bridge." It took two trackhoes to dig it all out.

Regarding plans for Precinct #3 this year, Commissioner Smith said, "We spread a great deal of hot mix/hot lay on CR 301 and CR 304 this past summer and if our project lists don't get too large and the weather is cooperative, we're going to try to overlay it with a seal coat. We also are continuing to work on CR 310 to improve the drive surface of that road and to widen that road. That's the road that goes to the Ag Barn south of Muenster. That is a project that affects a lot of people with the shows that we have out there. We've made major improvements on CR 395 and we are going to try to make some improvements this spring after the spring rains on Fisher's crossing. In high water conditions, it does flood. On CR 300 outside of Muenster, there is a low crossing. We are going to lengthen the culvert that is underneath the road so that we can widen the road slightly. It gets pretty narrow there. We've tried to keep truck traffic off of it. We've patched it up some and made it a lot better. It's too narrow right there and we can't fix it without widening the culvert at the bottom. We've got the material and we're going to expand the culvert at the bottom and that will allow us to widen the road at the top."

Commissioner Klement shared plans for Precinct #4, "As far as paving roads, we've got to finish up about 3/4 of a mile of CR 409 northwest of Lindsay. We would have finished it all, but the last section runs through a 'swamp' and we want to do it right. We are going to spend the winter building it up and trying to get the drainage right on it. We've been watching it, trying to decide what to do with it and come up with a plan to make sure we do it where it will last. This spring, we plan to get the road bed built up, the drainage taken care of. It connects Hwy. 82 to FM 1199. Quite a few people use it as a bypass now to get back into Lindsay off those two roads.

"As far as the rest of paved roads are concerned, that's the only one we intend to add this year. We embarked on a campaign to redo all of the existing ones. We've got several of those that we need to get done this year that we are re-chipping and resealing, trying to get them back in shape. We don't want to lose them and we don't want to start adding new chip and seal roads and have the existing ones go to pieces on us. There is about 1 1/2 miles of CR 460 that has been paved for a long time. It is starting to deteriorate. They hope to redo it this year.

"A lot of this is weather related. It all depends on what we get this spring. This last fall, we had a mini flood nearly from the Bulcher area down through Marysville back to Moss Lake where they had about five inches of rain in 30 minutes. We had a lot of damage out there. That's one thing

that is hard for the four commissioners to predict exactly what they are going to do because some of these floods are very localized and it doesn't affect everybody, but it might really affect a good chunk of your precinct." Having to make these unexpected repairs takes the crews away from planned projects and eats into the budget.

With spring rains, more flooding problems may occur, Klement said, "There are trees falling down everywhere and that's all going to wash out those hills. That's gonna be our next big problem."

Smith added, "With the lack of vegetation that we have, a five inch rain turns into seven or more. The runoff is so much more violent where there is no grass to slow it up. A lot of our pastures are nothing."

A little bit of history will be removed from a Precinct #4 road this year. Klement said he has one wooden culvert left. He thinks it was built in the '30s. It carries more water than the new ones, but it is very narrow.

Smith stated that he and Commissioner Klement have been working with TxDOT and they believe that there is going to be an FM 922 project from Rosston towards Forestburg where there have been some deaths. "We are trying to widen the drive lanes to be at least 11 feet," noted Smith. "That's what we are trying to accomplish. That's not a huge thing, but in some places now they are under 10 feet." The FM 922 work is scheduled to begin this summer.

Klement added, "FM 373 North has been put on the list for future review to widen, which the list takes time for that to move. TxDOT has recognized that there is a lot of truck traffic out there going north to the oil depot out there." "FM 373 catches lots of the overweights, overloads, over-widths that would go up I-35 that they try to hustle over somewhere else if they can," said Smith.

With the current oil exploration in southern Oklahoma and Cooke County near Sivells Bend area and Callisburg, Klement said, "If there is going to be a lot more oil development, you are going to see a lot more truck traffic coming through this whole Saint Jo/Muenster area just from that. It is going to affect the area because there is going to be a lot more truck traffic and big trucks are a lot different than little cars."

Although the oil boom in Cooke County has caused some problems with road damage and traffic problems, it has also been a benefit to the area. Klement remarked, "We are blessed to have the oil revenue. Look at the money Cooke County has had pumped into it because of the energy business. It's not just the oil production. It's the oil manufacturing with all the tanks and everything being built around here. It's been a benefit."

Smith agreed. He said, "We are like a 4% or 4.3% unemployment rate. Without the oil industry, it would be double that or more.

"You look at the numbers. If we were stagnant like many counties have been

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Curbing improvement



The crew from Huchton Construction put in curbing along Highway 82 in front of Universal Machining last week, an improvement towards the beautification of Muenster.

Joe Warren photo



Yvonne Ambrose, FNP-C, ACNP-C utilizes the new procedure room in the MMH Family Health Clinic. Janet Felderhoff photo

Procedure room provides MMH Clinic with more patient options

By Janet Felderhoff

MMH Family Health Clinic now offers more urgent patient care at the facility. Some procedures that formerly required that patients be sent to the emergency room can now be handled in the Clinic. Making these treatments available in the Clinic is being done in response to patient frustration at having to pay a costly emergency room bill for something that might be taken care of in the Clinic. Some of the treatments that will be done in the

newly equipped room include sutures, lesion removal, incision and drainage, nasal packing, eye exams and irrigation for foreign bodies, toe or fingernail removal, and splinting of minor fractures. Also, breathing treatments, allergy testing, IVs not requiring an overnight stay, and EKGs.

"We can do a lot of things that we used to take care of just in the emergency room," noted Yvonne Ambrose, FNP-C, ACNP-C. She is a nurse practitioner at the Family Health Clinic and assisted with planning

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and unlicensed handguns. Ronnie Felderhoff addressed the Council regarding his concern over the condition of a portion of County Road 428 (North Main to the new ballpark) that is now a city street. "That road is in horrible condition," Felderhoff stated. "It's a hazard right now. People get over on the left hand side to avoid the bumps. In the morning, it's really bad. The sun is shining in their eyes, they're trying to avoid those bumps, and they are going awfully fast. It's dangerous for the kids who run that two-mile route. It's dangerous for everything." He asked the Council to do something to improve the road if possible.

Alderman Felderhoff agreed that road has dangerous spots. He said that pedestrians should walk on the left side of the road except when coming up a hill, but most do not know to move over when coming up a hill. He told of almost hitting a walker who had not moved over and who was not seen because of a hill.

Street Commissioner Greg Bohl agreed that the road is in bad shape. He said it will either need to have the crown cut down or the shoulders built up and the hills cut down. He said that he would go to the County for assistance in repairing the road. Precinct #4 has worked with the City on Ash Street providing labor and equipment.

In his Administrator's report, Endres reminded the Council of the mosquito problem this past summer. Due to the concern of West Nile virus, the City paid a company to do mosquito fogging. The City does own a fogger that was purchased in 1998 for \$6,000. There is not a City employee who is licensed to operate it and none who are willing to be trained.

Muenster resident Rusty Saucer recently became a licensed exterminator and expressed interest in spraying for the City. Also, he might be interested in purchasing the City's fogger. Endres asked the Council's thoughts on the matter of the fogger. They seemed willing to work with Saucer, and Endres will take their suggestions to him.

Endres presented a copy of area cities' 2012 water and sewer rates. He said that Muenster still has some of the lowest rates in the area.

For sewer, Muenster charges \$23.80 per 5,000 gallons and \$28.80 per 10,000 gallons. The high was Monarch Utilities at \$70.40 per 5,000 gallons and \$80.90 for 10,000 gallons. The lowest was Dodd City at \$15 for 5,000 and Bailey at \$19 for 10,000. Lindsay charges \$22.12 and Valley View \$23 for 5,000 gallons and \$33.92 and \$23 respectively for 10,000 gallons.

The 2012 water charges showed the highest being charged at \$62.39 for 5,000 gallons by Southmayd and \$105.67 for 10,000 by Monarch Utilities, I, LP. The lowest rates were Mountain Springs WSC at \$22.25 and \$31. For 5,000 gallons Muenster, Lindsay, and Valley paid \$28.60, 24.67, and 44.50, and for 10,000 gallons 41.80, 40.95, and 63.25, respectively.

Sales tax revenue received in December was up 3.89%, giving the City an increase of 44.57% for 2012.

The Fain Group was paid the balance of the 2012 water project. With the project complete, the cost was \$1,043,120.80.

In other business, the City Council:

- Re-appointed Ben Bindel, Troy Sicking, and Stan Endres to the Muenster Industrial Development Board.
- Approved payment of bills totaling \$172,010.07.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO
Jan. 9, 1948
 Construction begins on new building for Ben Seyler Motor Co. New Year comes in wet and blustery. Steve and Richard Grewing are new owners of Phillips Service Station. Obituary: Clara (Mrs. Al) Kuntz, 56. Weddings: Dorothy Eberhart and Ray Sicking; Katie Jones and Herman Eberhart. The FMA Store advertises: 46 oz. can tomato juice, 19¢; No. 2 can peas, 10¢.

50 YEARS AGO
Jan. 11, 1963
 Katie and John Knabe honored on 50th anniversary. Dan Luke sets up Butane dealership - Luke's Fina Service. New Arrivals: Paul to Elfrieda and Joe Hundt; Stephen to Leroy and Dolores Neu; Kenneth to the Bob Reiters. The Lloyd Trubenchbachs move from Gainesville to Muenster.

25 YEARS AGO
Jan. 8, 1988
 Sleet and freezing rain cause school closings. The

Cub Scout nativity scene at Mid-Park is vandalized. Obituaries: R.D. Morris, 83; Charlie Berend, 78; Louis Wichlacz, 86. Oscar and Agnes Walter observe Golden wedding. Weddings: Mary Kathleen Taylor and Chris Rohmer; Janell Whitefield and Glenn Trachta. New Arrivals: Megan to Pat and Theresa Benton; Adam to John and Peggy Kasperek; Megan to Mike and Kim Reilly.

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without the oil, if we remained stagnant and our budget remained the same...What occurred to those counties is they can't pay their fuel bill. The fuel has tripled. Tires have tripled in price since I've been in office. Those counties are devastated."

Neither precinct has any new sub developments in the area. "I think that is kind of significant," observed Smith.

Smith remarked, "Over the past year and a half, we have had some personnel changes in our road crew and I think that we have really enhanced our capability with the talent of some of the people that we've hired - Gilbert Hess, James Fuhrmann, John Anderle. They've brought a great work ethic and a great skill set that's really benefitting the County and the citizens of the roads they work on. Unfortunately, we are losing to retirement another man who has been really valuable to us, Glen Cler. He retires this month. He's been a man who's cut brush and many other things."

Klement added that both he and Al are fortunate to have good crews. There have been no recent changes in the Precinct #4 crew. Klement said, "I've got a very good bunch of guys who are dedicated. If there is anything to be done after hours, I don't get any complaints. They go out and move trees, if they have to they are more than happy to assist they firefighters wherever we have to go - it doesn't matter which town. Over the last several years, they've worked after hours and on weekends to help out in any way they can in any kind of emergency situation."

Both commissioners take an active interest in what is going on in surrounding counties and in State government. Smith serves on the Texoma Council of Governments Board. He is currently its president. Klement recently joined the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Core Legislative Group. This is a group whose members are advocates on behalf of counties with the Legislature. When legislators are faced with issues that may affect local government, they want to hear from local elected and appointed officials. TAC feels it is important for county officials to maintain working relationships with representatives and senators.

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Muenster Museum Open 1-4 	MMH Aux mtg. 5:30 pm KMB mtg. 6:45 pm VFW mtg. 7:30 pm	Library open 10 am-6:30 pm MMH Board mtg. 7 pm	Library open 10 am-5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg. noon. Center Religious Ed class 7 pm	Museum open 1-4 Library open 10 am-6:30 pm	Muenster Museum open 1-4	Library open 10:00-2:30
Sunday, January 20, 2013	Monday, January 21, 2013	Tuesday, January 22, 2013	Wednesday, January 23, 2013	Thursday, January 24, 2013	Friday, January 25, 2013	Saturday, January 26, 2013
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 SH Alumni Shopping Spree	SHCS - NO school VFW Aux. mtg. 7:30 pm	Library open 10 am-6:30 pm	Library open 10 am-5:30 Religious Ed Mass 7 pm	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Museum open 1-4 pm	Library open 10:00-2:30

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LIFESTYLE



Those attending Sr. Francesca Koesler's 85th birthday party posed for a photo. They are, from left, front - Denise Bayer, Sr. Roberta Hesse, Sr. Donna Marie, Sr. Francesca Walterscheid, Gretchen Kostyniak, Larry Kostyniak, Brian Kostyniak, Chelsea Kostyniak, Chase Kostyniak, Caitlyn Klement holding Karli Klement, Bridgette Carroll, RJ Carroll holding Carter Carroll, Christi Klement, Monica Koesler, Elaine Koesler, Fred Koesler, Sr. Mary Helen Fuhrmann; back - Raegan Koesler, Martha Koesler, Kristian Marshall, Justin Marshall, Rudy Koesler, Mary Alice Dennison, Brad Dennison, Michael Kostyniak, Aaron Townsend, Andrea Townsend, Elliot Klement, Leon Klement, Kyle Koesler, Karl Koesler, Minda Rocha, and Evan Koesler.

Sr. Francesca honored on her 85th birthday

Sr. Francesca Walterscheid turned 85 years young on Dec. 4. The Koesler family organized and attended a special celebration at Our Lady of Victory Center in Fort Worth on Sunday, Dec. 2.

Guests enjoyed a Mexican meal catered by a local restaurant, looking at pictures from long ago, viewing a slide show of Francesca from adolescence through her years in religious life as a teacher in numerous schools across the U.S., and finally concluding the afternoon with birthday cake and other homemade deserts.

Sr. Francesca remains active, including volunteering at Cook's Children's Hospital each Monday.

There were many gifts to commemorate the special day. Her niece Denise Bayer made her a beautiful hard-cover custom photo album of the celebration.

New Arrivals



Rayley Chapin

Chapin
Alan and Ashley Chapin of McKinney joyfully announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Rayley Ann Chapin. Rayley was born Thursday, Oct. 4, 2012 at 6:15 p.m. at Baylor Medi-

cal Center in Frisco. She weighed 7 pounds 7 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches. Rayley is the third great-grandchild for Arthur and Evie Felderhoff of Muenster and the first grandchild for Bob and Diann Hultstrand of Frisco. Other grandparents welcoming little Rayley are Randy and Linda Chapin of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Bernie and Joan Pruis of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Maas

Jeff and Stevie Maas of Muenster proudly announce the birth of their first child, daughter Mikaela Rae Maas. Mikaela was born Sunday, Nov. 11, 2012 at 8:21 a.m. at North Texas Medical Center. She weighed 6 lb. 11 oz. and measured 20 1/2 inches in length. Grandparents are Doyle and Carla Klement of Muenster and Andy and Debbie Maas of Saint Jo. Great-grandparents are Pat Walterscheid and Eleanore Klement, both of Muenster, and Jeanette Williams and Don and Carol Maas, all of Houston.



Mikaela Maas

Jace Johnson wins Grand Prize Christmas Card

Choosing the perfect Christmas card is not an easy task for James and Shirley Wood. So, for the past 10+ years, they have looked to the 2nd and 3rd grade "artists" of the surrounding area for their help.

Over 4,500 2nd and 3rd grade students used their creativity and uniqueness as criteria for drawing, coloring, and creating the potential new James Wood Motors 2012 Christmas card.

Jace Johnson, from Saint Jo Elementary, won the contest in 2011 as a second grader and again in 2012 as a third grader. This is the first time in the contest's history that the Grand Prize winner has been the same student. "I think we know why. He's very talented!" said Carey Williams, executive manager of James Wood.

Jace Johnson received

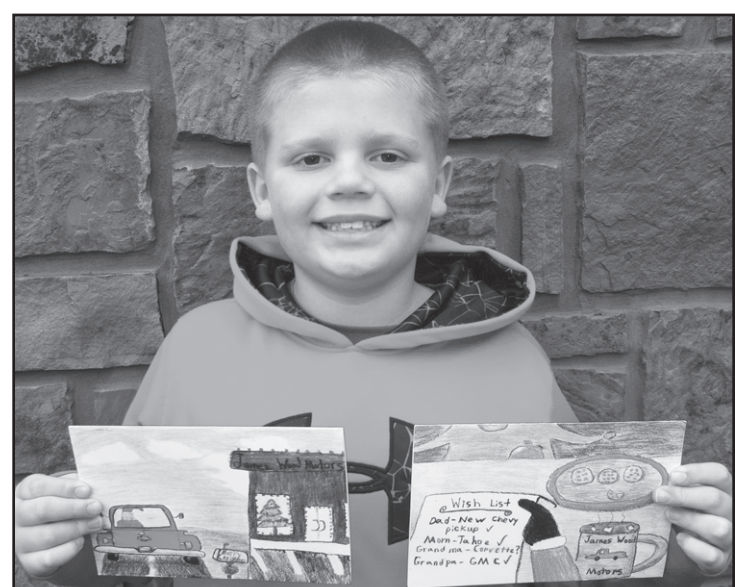
\$250 cash. His artwork was printed on over 20,000 James Wood Motors Christmas cards.

Jace is the son of Heath and J.J. Johnson of Saint Jo. He is the grandson of Norma and Denis Hofbauer of Muenster, Johnny and Judy Dowd of Saint Jo, Jim and Judy Moore of Saint Jo, and Floyd and Sandy Johnson of Sanger.

Meeting Notice

Diabetes Support Group

A meeting of the Diabetes Support Group will be held Jan. 15 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the North Texas Medical Center Board Room. Joan Walterscheid, RN, CDE (Certified Diabetes Educator) will present "Controlling Diabetes One Day at a Time - Come share your successful ways!!"



Jace Johnson with his 2011 and 2012 winning Christmas cards. Courtesy photo

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Mon-Thurs 3:15,6:45

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Sun 12:15, 2:30,4:45,7:15
Mon-Thurs 2:30,4:45,7:15

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SCHOOL

Muenster wins Elementary UIL District Academic Meet

The tradition of success continues at Muenster Elementary as students captured another District UIL Academic Championship on Dec. 9 at Era Elementary. Students from Muenster ISD continued their firm hold on District 13A as they won the Championship for the 2nd year in a row. Muenster students garnered a whopping 813.5 points to bring home the trophy. Other schools that followed Muenster in the district included Lindsay with 703.5 points, Era 432, Valley View 216, and Collinsville 151.

Teachers at MISD praised the UIL competitors for their outstanding efforts. "Our students did a great job representing Muenster and we are proud of them all," stated UIL coordinators Dianne Endres and Jennifer Walterscheid.

Seventy-five students from Muenster in grades two through six competed. Muenster individual results were as follows:

2nd Grade - Creative Writing: Hunter Peel 1st place, Erica Endres 2nd place, Marcus Anderle 4th place; Storytelling: Erica Endres 2nd place, Hunter Peel 5th place.

3rd Grade - Music Memory: Luke Walterscheid 5th place, Hillary Klement 6th place, Third Place Team; Ready Writing: Haley Flusche 1st place, Eli Saucer

3rd place; Spelling: Haley Flusche tied for 1st place, Martie McCoy tied for 1st place, Nate Hesse 6th place, Second Place Team; Storytelling: Martie McCoy 1st place, Emily Harrison 4th place.

4th Grade - Art: Preston Smith 2nd place, Erin Hesse 3rd place, Chloe Hacker 4th place, First Place Team; Music Memory: Shae Budish tied for 1st place, Alexa Waneck 3rd place, First Place Team; Number Sense: Sarah Davis 2nd place, Jada Binder 4th place, First Place Team; Oral Reading: Alyssa Huchton 1st place, Sarah Davis 4th place; Ready Writing: Bayley Otto 2nd place, Alyssa Huchton 3rd place, Alexis Bateman 6th place; Spelling: Matthew Klement 2nd place, Second Place Team.

5th Grade - Art: Colby Endres 1st place, Zach Sanders tied for 2nd place, Jenna Hudspeth 6th, First Place Team; Dictionary Skills: Lane Trubench tied for 4th place; Third Place Team 5th Grade Listening Skills: Colby Endres 4th place, Major Eldridge 5th place, Second Place Team; Maps, Graphs, & Charts: Major Eldridge 2nd place, Colby Endres 4th place, Brenton Wilson 5th place, First Place Team; Music Memory: Brenton Wilson 3rd place, Abby Walterscheid 6th place, Third Place Team; Number Sense: Colby Endres 1st place, Colt Bartling 2nd place, Major Eldridge

3rd place, First Place Team; Ready Writing: Colby Endres 1st place, Major Eldridge 5th place, Abby Walterscheid 6th place; Social Studies: Brenton Wilson 3rd place; Spelling: Colby Endres 1st place, Major Eldridge 5th place, Second Place Team; Oral Reading: Hunter Lovett 1st place, Abby Walterscheid 4th place;

6th Grade - Art: Rut Rodriguez 2nd place, Ashley Fisher 5th place, Hayden Otto 6th place; Second Place Team; Calculator Applications: Morgan Hennigan 4th place, Mackenzie Sicking 6th place, Second Place Team; Dictionary Skills: Rut Rodriguez tied for 5th place; Listening Skills: Nathan Hacker 3rd place, Second Place Team; Math: Tom Davis 1st place, Morgan Hennigan 4th place, First Place Team; Music Memory: Garrett Bindel 1st place, Merrett Jones 4th place, Blair Waneck 6th place, First Place Team; Number Sense: Tom Davis 1st place, Nathan Hacker 6th place, Second Place Team; Ready Writing: Savannah Bohl 1st place, Rut Rodriguez 3rd place; Spelling: Rut Rodriguez 1st place, Second Place Team; Maps, Graphs, and Charts: Tom Davis 1st place, Morgan Hennigan 2nd place, Nathan Hacker 6th place, First Place Team; Social Studies: Rudy Saucer 6th place, Third Place Team.



5th grade UIL competitors, from left, front - Stephen Dangelmayr, Savannah Bohl, Abby Walterscheid, Daphne Korte; second row - Jenna Hudspeth, Hunter Lovett, Lane Trubench, Colt Bartling, Brenton Wilson; third row - McKenna Proffer, Gavin Grewing, Colby Endres, Riley Stewart; back - Kaitlin Hennigan, Hannah Lamar, Major Eldridge, and Zach Sanders. MISD photo



6th grade UIL competitors, from left, front - Rudy Saucer, Lauren Trubench, Hayden Otto, Mackenzie Sicking, Rut Rodriguez, Merrett Jones; second row - Blair Waneck, Hannah Clure, Jacob Hesse, Chris Kresge, Dane Huchton; third row - Noah Echols, Ashleigh Fisher, Ixel Meza, Ryan Huchton, Nolan Bayer, Kolby Klement; back - Garrett Bindel, Kody Walterscheid, Nathan Hacker, Tom Davis, Parker McGrew, and Morgan Hennigan. MISD photo



4th grade UIL competitors, from left, front - Shae Budish, Bayley Otto, Alexa Waneck, Kennedy Jones; second row - Annie Anderle, Chloe Hacker, Sarah Davis, Kelsey Hennigan; third row - Erin Hesse, Jada Binder, Samantha Simmons; back - Alexis Bateman, Preston Smith, Alyssa Huchton, and Matthew Klement. MISD photo

Lunch Menus

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Mon. - Corn dog, macaroni and cheese, pinto beans, carrots, peaches, teddy grahams.

Tues. - Chicken tenders, creamed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, fresh fruit and vegetables, pineapple, wheat roll.

Wed. - Bechans quesadillas, baked beans, baked chips and salsa, fresh vegetables, oranges, animal crackers.

Thurs. - Lasagna, lettuce salad w/dressing, corn, apricots, fresh fruit and vegetables, wheat rolls.

Fri. - Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, oven fries, pork and beans, fresh fruit and vegetables, applesauce.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - BBQ on a bun, carrots, corn on the cob (9 - 12), pickles, applesauce.

Tues. - Pizza, broccoli, lettuce salad, fruit.

Wed. - Fish nuggets, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, fresh carrots, fruit, bread, Rice Krispie treat.

Thurs. - K - 8: Beef and cheese nachos, pinto beans, corn, fruit; 9-12 Beef and cheese nachos, refried beans, corn, rice, fruit.

Fri. - K - 8: Grilled chicken melt w/trimmings, fries, fruit, ice cream; 9-12: Hamburger or cheeseburger w/trimmings, fries, fruit, ice cream, baked beans.

Spaghetti supper to raise scholarship funds

Calling all spaghetti enthusiasts as well as Panther and Bulldog basketball fans! Mark your calendars for Friday, Jan. 25 and come to the Saint Jo I.S.D. cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m. as Century Club serves up its 2013 edition of Gourmet Spaghetti for Scholarships. The menu includes spectacular sauce, with or without meat - requires about 12 hours to prepare - hot fresh garlic bread, crisp salad, iced tea, and a selection of delicious desserts. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 10 and under. Take out or hold available.



2nd and 3rd grade UIL competitors, from left, front - Haley Flusche, Erica Endres, Hunter Peel, Lilly Richardson, Marcus Anderle, Emily Harrison; third row - Alex Hacker, Collin Lovett, Ty Sanders, Hillary Klement; fourth row - Nate Hesse, Eli Saucer, Gabe Grewing; back - Yadira Ibarra, Martie McCoy, Luke Walterscheid, and A.J. Christopher. MISD photo

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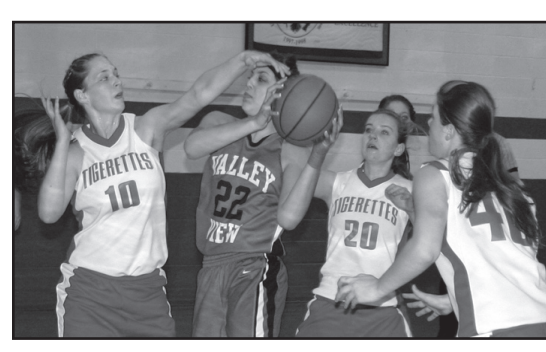
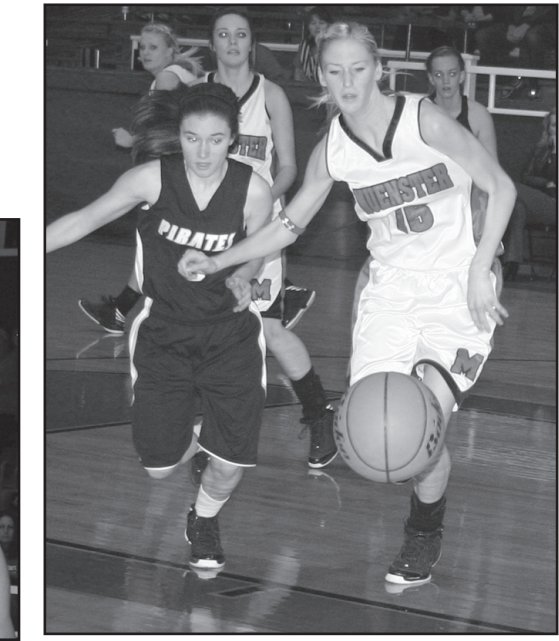
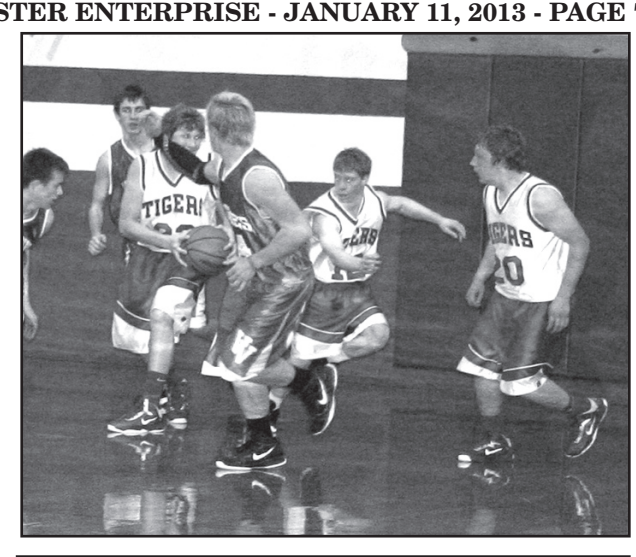
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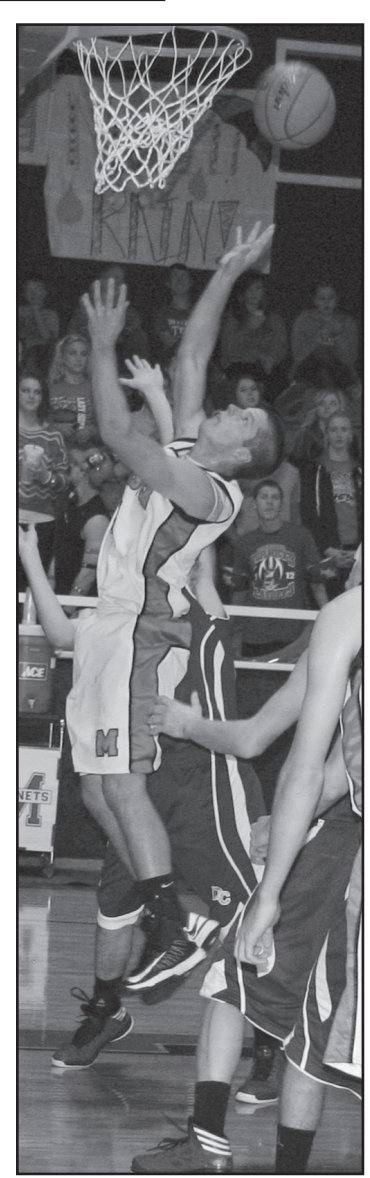
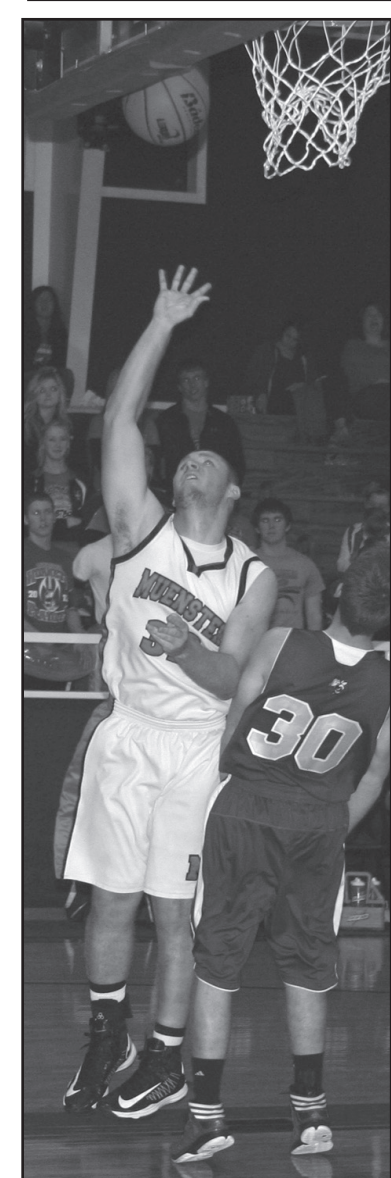
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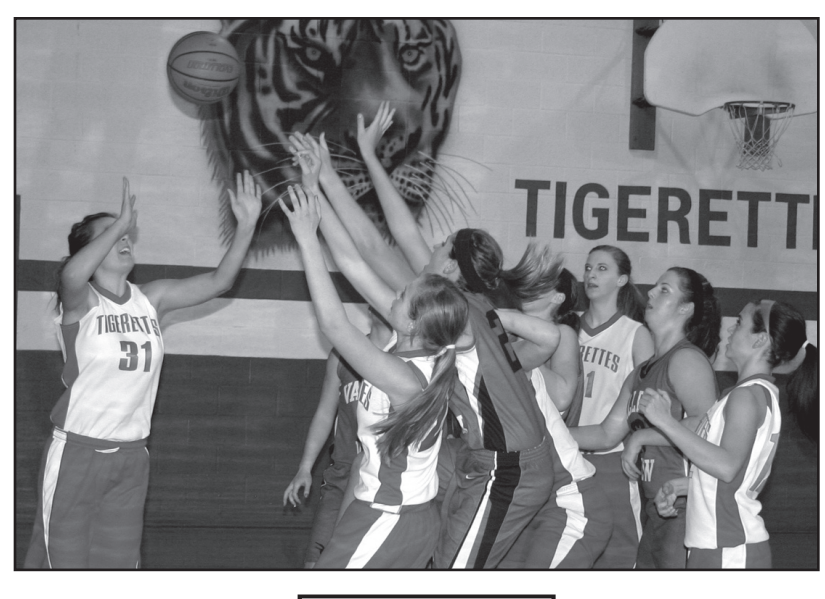
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County Agent's Report

Cooke and Montague counties schedule Master Gardener training course

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is once again providing training for individuals interested in becoming Master Gardeners. The Master Gardeners are a group of individual who have an interest in horticulture and in their community. They agree to be volunteers for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, assisting the community by providing education and community service relating to horticulture. A personal commitment to the Master Gardener program enables a person to continue to receive specialized horticultural training and to participate in numerous group trips and activities.

Commitment to the training involves six hours each Tuesday for nine weeks. The classes will be in Saint Jo at the Civic Center located on the town square. The classes will be taught by Texas AgriLife Extension specialists, agents, and local experts. There is a cost of \$165 for the course. This price will include text book

and some refreshments.

Anyone interested in the program should contact the Texas Cooperative Extension office in Cooke or Montague county at (940) 668-5412 or (940) 894-2831, respectively.

Pesticide residual in hay could cause concern for gardeners

If you are purchasing hay this winter, chances are very good that you will be purchasing hay that has had some form of weed control used on it. This is a good quality to look for. Hay without weeds will eliminate the introduction of weed seed to your pasture and will have more quality forage than hay with weeds present. There is one consideration concerning chemical weed control in hay that both hay purchasers and sellers should ponder. Crop injuries can result because of the presence of certain herbicides in manure, hay, or even in grass clippings applied to the soil. Usually the crops that can be damaged by the application of these soil amendments are vegetables, flowers, or other broadleaf crop.

A class of herbicides known as pyridine carboxylic acids,

which includes aminopyralid, clopyralid, fluroxypyr, picloram, and triclopyr, is the cause for using caution. These herbicides, and others, are used to control a wide variety of broadleaf weeds including some plants which are considered toxic to foraging animals. These chemicals are only some of the possible active ingredients in pasture herbicides. Not all hay is treated with these exact herbicides and it should not be assumed that all hay or manure from animals eating hay would be unsuitable for garden soil.

According to USDA-EPA and European Union agency evaluations, when the herbicides listed above are applied to hay fields or pastures, the forage can be safely consumed by horses and livestock, including livestock produced for human consumption. They have found that these herbicides pass through the animal's digestive tract and are excreted in urine and manure. They can also remain active in the manure even after it is composted.

If you are purchasing hay which you feed to your livestock on pasture, or using manure on a pasture that does not include broadleaf plant species, such as clover or vetch, you should have no problems. If instead, you are using manure, hay, or grass clippings in your garden, it is advisable to find out as much about the pasture management used as you can. Knowing what chemical was used can keep you from accidentally damaging your future crop.

Farm bill extended, no cows over the cliff...yet

By: University News Release

The United States Congress worked overtime over the New Year's Holiday to pass the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 and was signed into law by President Obama. There are many provisions which are allowing members of the agricultural community to breathe a sigh of relief as they head into 2013 and some provisions, such as the farm bill, will cause much debate in the upcoming months.

This article provides a summary of some of the provisions passed with this legislation, as well as a few provisions that were not addressed, which will impact agriculture.

The Taxpayer Relief Act includes a nine-month partial farm bill extension. With consumers up in arms over milk prices rising to \$7 to \$8 per gallon because the milk subsidy program would revert back to an antiquated parity-based price support formula that was implemented in 1949 and would have increased milk prices to close to \$40 per hundredweight, more than double the current milk price.

This extension of the current subsidy program through December 31, 2013 will keep milk prices stable. Basically, Congress kicked the can down the road on the Farm Bill and making any corrections to the milk pricing system.

This extension also extends \$5 billion worth of government subsidies for commodities such as corn and soybeans. Other programs including conservation, organic growing, fruit and vegetable, and beginning farmer and rancher programs were also extended but at lower funded levels.

It should be noted that the direct payments were targeted for elimination during the farm bill discussions this past year. The Senate passed a farm bill extension in June but the House never voted on its own version, leading to a stalemate which ended with the partial extension. Congress will now have until Oct. 1 when the new fiscal year begins to pass a more typical five-year extension.

Many expect the key components of last year's farm bill proposals — an end to direct payments, new crop insurance programs, and cuts in nutrition initiatives — to be included in the new legislation. At any rate, it will make for an interesting farm bill negotiation in 2013.

The bill also extends supplemental disaster assistance programs by amending the federal crop insurance act

to include 2013. This raises questions for which answers are not known at this time. The first is the option for farmers wanting to exit from the average crop revenue protection program (ACRE).

Since the original rule was farm signed into ACRE must stay enrolled in ACRE, does this extension force farmers to stay enrolled through 2013? Also the supplemental revenue assistance payments (SURE) status is unclear at this time for 2012 and 2013.

Individual and Capital Tax Rates

The bill permanently retains the 10%, 15%, 25%, 28%, and 33% income tax brackets. The 35% tax bracket ends at \$400,000 for single filers and \$450,000 married filing jointly. Above this threshold, there's a new 39.6% tax bracket. Likewise the bill permanently retains the 0% and 15% tax rates on qualified dividends and long-term capital gains, and adds a new 20% tax rate that would apply to taxpayers who fall within the new 39.6% tax bracket.

Which capital gains tax rate will apply depends on what tax bracket a person is in. The new capital gains tax rates for 2013 and future years will be 0% applies to capital gains income if a person is in the 10% and 15% tax brackets, 15% applies to capital gains income if a person is in the 25%, 28%, 33%, or 35% tax brackets, 20% applies to capital gain income if a person is in the 39.6% tax bracket.

Federal Estate Tax

This legislation permanently maintains the federal exemption for gifts and estates estate tax exemption at \$5 million instead of dropping to \$1 million. This amount will also be indexed for inflation and includes the transfer of the unused exemption of a deceased spouse to the surviving spouse. It should be noted that this legislation included the word "permanent."

This is significant as many fiscal agreements made by Congress since 2001 have contained a phase out date. The top rate to tax amounts in excess has increased from 35% to 40%. But for many this was an acceptable compromise since it was scheduled to drop to \$1 million with the excess taxed at 55% in 2013. This portion of the legislation should allow many farm families to sleep easier as they make plans to transition their farm businesses to future generations.

Section 179 Increased & Extended

Internal Revenue Code Section 179 allows farms and other businesses to write off small amounts of annual in-

vestments in capital assets, such as machinery, in the year of purchase in lieu of depreciating the investment over a number of years. The 179 deduction was reverted (increased) back to the old 2010/11 level of \$500,000 for 2012 and 2013.

This is a huge incentive given that up until this legislation was passed, the 2012 limit was \$139,000 and it would have dropped to \$25,000 in 2013. Since this bill was not passed until the final hours, the increase to \$500,000 for 2012 will most likely not help farmers unless they had purchased equipment in excess of \$139,000 and had planned on just putting it on a regular depreciation schedule. It should be noted that this deduction will revert back to \$25,000 beginning in 2014. However, as always, time will tell.

Bonus Depreciation Extended

This legislation also extended the special 50% special depreciation allowance, also known as bonus depreciation, through the end of 2013. The bonus depreciation provision generally enables businesses to deduct half the cost of qualifying property in the year it is placed in service. Bonus Depreciation is now scheduled to be eliminated for the 2014 tax year.

Payroll Taxes

In 2011, Congress had lowered the FICA payroll tax rate from 6.2% to 4.2% to put more money in the pockets of Americans. This adjustment expired at the end of 2012. This will result in a payroll tax increase for workers. For example, a farm employee earning \$30,000 a year will take home \$50 less per month.

Conservation Easement Donations

The special break for conservation easement donations was extended through 2013.

Additional Medicare Tax

As part of the plan for funding the federal health care, several new taxes were put into place that this most recent bill did not address. These included a tax on investment income and an additional Medicare tax for those people earning higher incomes. Both of these new taxes impact individuals making more than \$200,000 a year or couples with \$250,000 or more.

These taxpayers must pay the new 3.8% tax levied on investment income such as cash rent received for farmland starting in 2013. Additionally, these same high-earners must pay an additional .9% Medicare payroll tax on wages above \$200,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for couples. This increases the current 2.9% Medicare payroll tax to 3.8% for those dollars earned above the designated earning levels.

Want to learn more?

Read the complete American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012.

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Wolf Brand Chili.....15 OZ. **99¢**
- PETER PAN ASSORTED VARIETIES
Peanut Butter.....13-16.3 OZ. **\$2.49**
- ORIGINAL OR PICANTE JUICE COCKTAIL
Clamato.....32 OZ. **2 FOR \$5**

- DINTY MOORE Beef Stew.....20 OZ. **\$2.79**
- DEL MONTE ORIGINAL OR HICKORY
Sloppy Joe Sauce.....15 OZ. **5 FOR \$5**
- ASSORTED SCENTS
Pine-Sol Cleaners.....24-28 OZ. **2 FOR \$4**
- WESTERN FAMILY ASSORTED LONG CUFF
Household Gloves...PAIR **2 FOR \$3**
- WESTERN FAMILY WIND RESISTANT OR FLEXIBLE REACH
Utility Lighters.....EACH **\$2.99**
- MCCORMICK Black Pepper.....4 OZ. **\$2.79**
- DUNCAN HINES ASSORTED
Cake Mixes.....14.5-18.25 OZ. **3 FOR \$5**
- ASSORTED VARIETIES 6-12CT.
Nature's Valley Bars BOX **2 FOR \$6**
- DOLE ASSORTED VARIETIES
Fruit Cups.....4 PACK **2 FOR \$5**
- ASSORTED VARIETIES
Kids' Kitchen.....7.5 OZ. **5 FOR \$5**
- ASSORTED VARIETIES
Glad Trash Bags.....25-80 CT. **\$6.99**
- VELVEETA Shells & Cheese.....12 OZ. **\$1.99**
- SHURFINE Macaroni & Cheese...7.25 OZ. **4 FOR \$1**
- GOLD MEDAL ALL PURPOSE
Flour.....5 LB. **\$2.19**

- TENDERIZED BEEF
Cube Steak.....LB. **\$3.99**
- SHURFINE EZ-PEEL 41/50 COUNT
Raw Shrimp.....1 LB. **\$5.99**
- WISCONSIN, MARKET CUT
Colby Cheese.....LB. **\$3.49**
- OSCAR MAYER Bologna.....12 OZ. **\$2.19**
- GLACIER GOLD HASH BROWN
Potato Patties.....10 CT. **\$1.99**
- PILGRIM'S CHUNKY
Chicken Salad.....12 OZ. **\$2.99**

- HONEYSUCKLE (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)
Turkey.....LB. **99¢**
- JIMMY DEAN Sausage.....LB. **\$2.99**
- JMRL Canadian Bacon.....5 OZ. **\$1.99**
- BAR-S Franks.....12 OZ. **89¢**
- MANCHESTER FARMS
Quail.....LB. **\$9.99**

Fresh Produce



LARGE
Roma Tomatoes

6 FOR \$1



FARM FRESH
Cantaloupe

2 FOR \$3

- FRESH Large Avocados..... **2 FOR \$1**
- GREEN, OR ROMAINE
Leaf Lettuce.....EACH **99¢**
- FARM FRESH
Honeydew Melons.....LB. **79¢**
- AMERICAN, ITALIAN, OR FANCY FIELD GREENS
Fresh Express Mixes 7-12 OZ. **2 FOR \$5**
- SUPER SELECT
Cucumbers..... **2 FOR \$1**

- CRISP GREEN
Broccoli.....LB. **\$1.29**
- RED/GOLDEN DELICIOUS, FUJI, OR GRANNY SMITH
Premium Apples.....LB. **\$1.29**
- RED OR BOSCH
Fresh Pears.....LB. **\$1.29**
- FRESH CRISP
Celery.....EACH **89¢**



24 PK CANS
Milwaukee's Best Light

\$16.00

30 PK CANS
Natural Light
\$20.00



Dairy & Frozen Foods



BLUE BELL
BROWN OR GOLD RIM
Premium Ice Cream

2 FOR \$9

- PILLSBURY ASSORTED
TOASTER SCRAMBLES OR
Toaster Strudel 10-11.5 OZ. **2 FOR \$4**
- ASSORTED VARIETIES DINNERS
Hungry-Man.....13.1-18.1 OZ. **2 FOR \$5**
- JOSÉ OLÉ MINI BEEF TACOS OR ASSTD. **\$4.99**
- Taquitos.....20-22.5 OZ. **\$4.99**
- BIRDS EYE SELECT VAR. ORIG.
Frozen Vegetables...10-16 OZ. **2 FOR \$4**

- ASSORTED VARIETIES
Kraft Dips.....8 OZ. **4 FOR \$5**
- ASSORTED LOW FAT OR NON-FAT
Shurfine Yogurt.....6 OZ. **3 FOR \$1**
- SELECT VARIETIES
Sunny D Drinks.....GAL. **\$2.99**
- REG.
Blue Bonnet Spread 45 OZ. **\$2.99**

Health & Beauty Care

ASSORTED VARIETIES
White Rain
Shampoo or
Conditioner
12-18 OZ. BTL.
89¢

- WESTERN FAMILY TABLETS, CAPLETS,
Ibuprofen.....50 CT. **2 FOR \$4**
- WESTERN FAMILY SELECT VARIETIES
Nasal Spray.....1-1.5 OZ. **2 FOR \$4**
- ASSORTED VARIETIES
Dial Bath Bars.....3 BAR PACK **\$2.49**