Burn Ban is lifted for Cooke County

By Janet Felderhoff

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It was with reluctance that Cooke County Commissioners Court lifted the ban on outdoor burning in unincorporated areas of the County. The burn ban was put in place on Nov. 24.

Precinct #4 Commissioner Leon Klement and Precinct #3 Commissioner Al Smith noted that some residents in their precincts were requesting that the ban be lifted because of the large amount of trash accumulated over a 12 week period. Precinct #2 Commissioner Steve Key said his precinct was probably the least dry, but people in his precinct didn't want

the ban lifted because they were afraid of the fire danger if it were lifted.

Emergency Management Coordinator Ray Fletcher shared information on conditions in Cooke County as reported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and NOAA. The information was dated Feb. 3 and Cooke County was listed as being in a severe drought area. The drought is expected to persist or intensify.

Fletcher told the Court that the KBDI (Keetch-Byram Drought Index) is at a high of 669, a low of 436, and the mean of 578.

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Muenster suffers loss of Zach Swirczynski

Family, friends, and the community of Muenster were shocked and saddened by news of the sudden and unexpected death of Zachary "Zach" Swirczynski, age 20 of Muenster Zach, who was enrolled in Austin College in Sherman, was playing a pick-up game of basketball with friends on Monday, Feb. 9 when he collapsed sometime between 5:30 and 6 p.m. The school's trainer administered CPR. Zach was transported to Wilson N. Jones Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Zach had no known health problems.

The son of Dale and Jill Swirczynski, Zach was a Swirczynski, Zach was a Swirczynski, Zach was a Funneral Home in Muenster.

Dr. Ballou enjoys practice at **North Texas Dental Specialists**

By Janet Felderhoff Gayla Ballou, D.D.S. is the newest member of the staff at North Texas Dental Spe-cialists. She did her under-graduate work at Oklahoma State University where she earned a degree in Biology. She then went to the Univer-sity of Oklahoma College of Dentistry and earned a Doc-tor of Dental Surgery degree in 2004.

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"I enjoy the combination of art and science," remarked Dr. Ballou on her reason for pursuing a career in dentistry. "I enjoy working with people and with my hands too. I wanted to do something that I can share with my friends and family."

Dr. Ballou is a general dentist. After graduating from dental school, she did a year of residency at Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City. "So, I've had a lot more training than most general dentists with kids," she noted.

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Dr. Ballou and her husband moved from Oklahoma to the Decatur area about three years ago. Dr. Elaine Schilling contacted her about the possibility of joining her practice in Muenster. Dr. Ballou remarked. "I came up and visited the practice. Muenster is just such a great little community. I grew up in a small town and I like that atmosphere."

Dr. Ballou and her husband Dallas have a 19 month old daughter Maggie.

Cooking, reading, scrapbooking, and most of all chasing Maggie around are Dr. Ballou's hobbies.

"I really enjoyed getting to

know the people of Muenster and the surrounding communities as well," commented Dr. Ballou. "We have quite a few people who commute here. I enjoy working with this great group of girls too. They are very knowledgeable and caring and fun."

Advice on taking care of See DR. BALLOU, pg. 2



Gayla Ballou, D.D.S

Now is sign up time for May 9 elections

By Janet Felderhoff

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Terms are drawing to an end for some elected positions on several area boards. The time frame for signing up as a candidate on any of these boards is from Feb. 7 through March 9.

Muenster ISD Board of Trustees has three seats with terms that expire this May. They are Place 5 held by Jim Endres, Place 6 held by Ronnie Felderhoff, and Place 7 held by Steve Trubenbach. Anyone wishing to run does so for one of these three positions. Application packets are

available at the Administration Office, 135 East Seventh Street from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday.

Muenster Memorial Hospital Board has three three-year terms expiring. Those are now held by Kenny Klement, Dr. Walter Knight, and Ronnie Weinzapfel. Those interested in applying for an at-large position on the MMH Board, may apply at the administration office in the Hospital's south wing.

south wing.

Muenster City Council also has the posi-See Elections pg. 13

Commissioners Court questions NTMC CEO on enabling legislation

By Janet Felderhoff

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Steven Porter, CEO of
North Texas Medical Center
(NTMC), gave an overview
of some of the changes the
NTMC Board has drafted to
its Enabling Act (the Act that
set up the original hospital
district). There are three
major changes included in
the new draft.

The first deals with allowing the hospital to employ
physicians. Texas is one of
only 10 states that does not
allow the employment of
physicians. The Texas Legislature is considering a bill
that would do away with that
bill. Porter said there are
about 10 hospital districts
submitting legislation that
would allow them to employ
physicians.

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The second would make a change allowing the district to self insurance for workman's comp. Porter said this is just in case their workman's comp carrier would no longer insure the district's employees.

employees.

The third main issue deals with the dissolution of the

hospital district. There is already a law that covers hospital districts created by voter approval, which NTMC is. Porter noted, "Our attorney took the four sections out of the existing law and put them in our Enabling Act changes and they enhanced some of it. The new one is much more detailed and says what you do with the assets, how you want to distribute the assets, what you do with the bonds. The core of the dissolutionment is that a petition signed by 15% or more of the registered voters in the district must be submitted, then it has to go for a vote in the district, and it has to pass by a majority. Our taxpayers have the right to dissolve the district."

Porter requested a letter of support from Commissioners Court in regard to the matter. County Judge Bill Freeman said that the county doesn't want the hospital can administer the district and assets. If the County doesn't want the hospital district, the or can be carried out.

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Porter requested a letter of support from Commissioners Court in regard to the matter. County Judge Bill Freeman responded, "I think that will be hard to get into the hospital business.

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Local pro racer Shawn Hess featured in ATV Insider Magazine

Privateer Spotlight: Shawn Hess
By Shannon Faulk and David Schloss
ATV Insider Magazine
From the day that the first factory mechanic wheeled
the first factory machine out of the first factory box
van, the world of racing has lamented the plight of the
journeyman racer, the hard-working everyman knoun
simply as The Privateer. These modern-day heroes
make up more than half of the entrants in the proclass at any given event and without them we wouldn't
even have a race. Their machines are no comparison
to those raced by the salaried elite, who fly to the
races where a group of specialized mechanics await
to perfectly hone their engine and suspension setups.
Each season we watched in admiration as these brave
riders put their lives on hold and their bodies on the
line in pursuit of their dream; a dream of becoming
a factory racer. It's a dream shared by many, yet
realized by so few. Shawn Hess is one of those guys,
chasing a dream as an XC1 rider in the GNCC series.
Shawn's story is unique because of the partnershiplike relationship he has developed with his sponsors,
which take advantage of his non-stop racing schedule,
great product knowledge and excellent salesmanship
skills to benefit their bottom line.

Like many others lining up to take a shot at the
factory-backed riders that highlight today's racing

Like many others lining up to take a shot at the factory-backed riders that highlight today's racing scene, Shaw Hess fits the bill as an underdog as he contends as a privateer pro racer in the GNCC section.

contends as a privateer pro racer in the Givee series.

I (Shannon Faulk) first met Shawn a few years ago at a Red Bull Last Man Standing race just outside of Muenster, Texas. At the time, we were both working on a complicated maze of rock and misery otherwise known as the endurocross section of the track. I soon learned Shawn was a resident of Muenster and we became fast friends and kept in touch after the race. Over the course of our relationship, I came to know that Shawn was a quad racer, but I didn't know exactly how fast or how serious he was about racing until I paid him a visit at his Texas shop. When I first walked into the work area of Hess Motorsports, a division of his parents' parts and accessories dealership



called Deals on Wheels, I discovered what seemed like an explosion of quad parts from one end of the shop to the other. Shawn and his dad had stripped two quads down to the frames and with the scattered scene of parts everywhere I was more than curious about my new friend, and his ATV racing hobby.

Even with a lifetime of experience riding and racing dirt bikes, I admittedly had no idea what it takes to keep a pro-level quad in race shape. Shawn showed me the ins and outs of a quad and all of the parts he helps develop with Houser Racing and Elka Suspension. He also clued me in on a few of his own secret modifications that he believes gives him an advantage, even as a privateer.

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Shawn first got hooked on ATVs when his dad, Glenn Hess put him on a 50cc Suzuki LT at the very early age of 21 months.

"My dad raced flat track back in the eighties against Gary Denton and Jimmy White in Boyd Texas," recalled Hess, who got his first taste of racing as the intermission show in the pee-wee class at his dad's races. Growing up less than 10 miles from the largest private riding area in Texas, Shawn honed his skills on both dirt bikes and quads, but only raced on occasion.

when I was 12 years old my dad bought me a 250R Honda, and around that same time the Texhoma Quad Racing Association (TQRA) was getting started, but I couldn't run the pro class because I was toy young, so I ran the A-class right behind the pro and still finished as the overall," he said. Yet, due to time constraints Shawn didn't actively pursue an entire series championship until 2004 where he began his reign as the top rider in the Texas ATVCCS.

Shawn entered his first GNCC race in 2005 where he finished a respectable 19th in the pro class, yet he didn't return to the series until the following year where he only competed in a select schedule of three races that took him to events in Georgia, Tennessee and Ohio.

races that took him to ever and you need some "Since you can't race forever and you need something to fall back on, my parents made me agree that I would finish college before I started running the en-

Obituaries

Brother Thomas Moster 1936 - 2009

Brother Thomas Robert Moster was born on Feb. 5, 1936, in Wichita Falls, the son of Leo and Theresa Streng Moster. His four brothers, Frank Moster, Steve Moster, Charles "Smiley" Moster, and Joe Moster, and one sister Florence Grewing, preceded him in death. The Moster family moved to Muenster shortly after his birth. There he received his elementary education. He began his secondary education at Subiaco Academy, but graduated from Sacred Heart High School in his hometown of Muenster in 1954. He became a Benedictine Oblate of Subiaco Abbey in 1953.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree at Cooke County Junior College, and then a Masters Degree in Speech and Drama at North Texas State University, During his college years, he began serving as sacristan in his home parish, a position he held for 22 years. In 1961, he began a teaching career at his alma mater, where he taught English, Speech, and Drama while continuing his other parish duties. In both, he displayed a creative flair, with his memorable Christmas decorations in church, and his musical dramas becoming the stuff of legend.

Coming to the Abbey in 1977, he made his novitiate and professed his first vows on Feb. 10, 1979. Assigned to the Academy faculty, he soon became head of the Drama department, where once again, he staged impressive productions.

Brother Thomas began suffering with depression, and was unable to continue with his teaching duties. This was a cross which plagued him intermittently for the rest of his life.

Brother took up duties in the sacristy, and then became the cook for the sacristy, and then became Director of Oblates and assistant librarian. In 1988, he volunterered for Subiaco's dependent priory in Belize, Central America. A new talent surfaced there, where he became the cook for the small community. Returning to Subiaco in 1990, he again became Oblate Director, and he supervised much of the Abbey janitorial duties. Somewhere along the line, he began giving hair-uts, which he referred as a "un-locking for the rest of his life.

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haircut always included sev-

haircut always included several puns.

In the 1970s, Brother Thomas began the task of researching and writing the brief biographies of deceased monks which are read at table on the anniversary of their death. He labored mightily over these necrology accounts, often revising them and adding new or corrected data. The reading of the necrology provides a lasting legacy of Brother Thomas skill and devotion.

Brother kept up his cooking skills by baking the Eucharistic breads and by serving as the chief cook of the Abbey Brittle project from its inception in 1996 until 2003. He substituted in the Abbey refectory for several years, and then became official refectorian in 2001, a position he held until 2005.

In November of 2005, at Sacred Heart Church in Muenster, he celebrated his "Golden Jubilee of Service," counting from the beginning of his dedication to the service of his parish as sacristan in 1956. A book of tributes published for this event noted Brother Thomas' qualities of self-effacement, and his ability to see and to elicit the best in others. A former student Commented that Brother Thomas seemed shorter than she had rehis ability to see and to elicit the best in others. A former student commented that Brother Thomas seemed shorter than she had remembered him, and she attributed this to the fact that "you have given so much of yourself away!"

Approaching 70, Brother Thomas gave up the refectory work and demoted himself to "helper" in the Abbey Brittle work. He continued working in the Abbey Library, in giving haircuts, and providing a steady presence at all community prayer.

Brother Thomas' desire to serve his conferes, usually in "behind the scenes" service, the Spartan simplicity of his room, his love of puns, and his delight in giving small expressions or tokens of affection, were trademarks of the man and the monk.

About a year before his death, Brother Thomas moved into the Abbey Health Center because of failing health. In the early morning hours of Feb. 6 he suffered a stroke and died the following day at North Logan County Hospital.

A Christian Wake service was held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 9. The liturgy of

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Brother Thomas Moster
Christian burial was celebrated at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10, in Saint Benedict Church at Subiaco.
Interment was in the Abbey Cemetery under the direction of Roller Funeral Home of Paris, Arkansas.

Muenster residents, those old enough to remember, will always fondly recall the extraordinary beauty of Sacred Heart Church after Brother Thomas and his helpers decorated in celebration of the birth of our Lord. He was able to bring out the talents of his many students at Sacred Heart School through the school musicals, the many term papers required, his daily word tests, and the speech tournaments in which his students participated. Brother Thomas had a profound influence on the lives of his students and those of Sacred Heart Parish whom he served. whom he served

Just a thought

Father, teach me to be sensitive to the goodness in other people and to be less critical of those whose lives touch mine. mine.

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John Hogan 1953 - 2009

Funeral service for John Lee Hogan, Sr., age 55 of Saint Jo, was held Tuesday, Feb. 3 at 1 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery in Gainesville. Visitation was held at Scott-Morris Funeral Home of Nocona on Monday evening. John died Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009 in Nocona.

John was born in Amarillo on July 19, 1953 to Frank and Katie Parsley Hogan.

Survivors include his wife LiSa Jo Harrell of Nocona; mother Katie Hogan of Saint Jo; children and their spouses John Hogan, Jr. of New London, Texas, Tracy Hogan of Surfside, Texas, James Hogan and wife Brandi of Hot Springs, Arkansas, A.J. Hilton and wife Christine of Fort Worth, and Levi Hilton of Fort Worth, and nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Preceding him in death were his father and a brother Daniel Hogan.

DAYS GONE BY

65 YEARS AGO
Feb. 11, 1944
Dance set for Feb. 16 to be last pre-Lenten social for community. Muenster's oldest resident, Mrs. Rosina Klement, dies at age 91. One room addition is being built on the J.P. Flusche home. Harry Otto breaks arm cranking motor. New Arrivals: Loretta to Al and Evelyn Schmitt; Mary Lou to the Ray Owens; Thomas to John and Margaret Kupper.
50 YEARS AGO
Feb. 13, 1959
Burglary nets \$150 at Trachta Drug. Katie Eberhart and son Larry are injured in automobile crash; Herman Eberhart escapes serious injury. New Arrival: Alice to the Alvin Rauschubers. Joal-ine Mollenkopf and Anthony Knabe are queen and king of

the Mardi Gras Ball. Wedding: Dorothy Geray and Edward Grewing. Dorothy Bengfort presides over meeting of Lindsay 4-H.

25 YEARS AGO
Feb. 10, 1984
Paving jobs for Mesquite and Maple Streets approved by City Council. Our Lady of Fatima statue comes to Sacred Heart Parish. Stolen 18-wheeler owned by Bob Lee is recovered. Wedding: Sharon Sicking and Darrell Swirczynski. Janel Stoffels and Debbie Zimmerer named to this year's Outstanding Young Women of America. New Arrivals: Christopher to Ed and Margie York; Toby to Damien and Margie Walterscheid. Cheryl Rohmer passes CPA exam. Sacred Heart Tigerettes qualify for TCIL State playoff.

DR. BALLOU

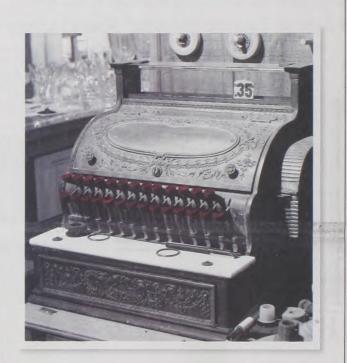
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problems without something hurting.
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Dr. Ballou's professional affiliations are with American Dental Association, Texas Dental Association, Fort Worth District Dental Society, Academy of General Dentistry, and The American Orthodontic Society.

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Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m.		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.	Muenster Public Library open 10 a.m 6:30 p.m.	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m.	Muenster Public Library oper 10:30 a.m 2:30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009	Fly Flags ~ Presidents' Day Monday, Feb. 23, 2009	Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009	Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009	Thursday, Feb. 26, 2009	Friday, Feb. 27, 2009	Saturday, Feb. 28, 2009
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.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/Ash Wed. Mass 7 p.m.	Muenster Public Library open 10 a.m 6:30 p.m.		Muenster Public Library oper 10:30 a.m 2:30 p.m. Cooke County Youth Fair Sale 1p.m.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

The community of Muenster and the Catholic Church lost a great teacher, leader, and friend last Saturday when Brother Thomas Moster finally met the God he served his entire life!

I was a scared fifth grader when I had my first practice for altar boys. Back then, we only had altar boys, but I'm sure Brother Thomas would have loved to see pig-tails and cute feminine smiles helping father with Mass!

We had to learn all the responses to the priest in Latin, and it took a while to learn this "foreign language," but Brother Thomas had the patience of Job!

As I look back, I find a totally different area of talent that he possessed! Brother Thomas knew which boys could serve at early Mass, school Masses, and on Sundays. I now realize that he especially looked after us "country kids"! He made sure that we served at the daily school Mass and the popular Sunday 10:30 Mass for the servers that he knew

grew up on dairy farms!

He made sure we were entertained throughout the year with Halloween parties with scavenger hunts, Christmas celebrations with every server getting gifts, and Easter egg hunts along with prizes! He thought of everything to satisfy the needs of his "army of young men" of which he took very much pride!

He knew exactly how many times we served because of the chart he kept in church, and he always rewarded us with small gifts, such as medals, I.D. bracelets, etc., as we reached our goals!

I'm sure our entire church community can appreciate the very large live cedar trees that were cut down, hauled in, pulled through church, and decorated immaculately by this man. It was always a privilege to help him, because he always made you feel proud of the job you did!

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Brother Thomas was not a big, strong "mountain man" type, but I'm sure he has the utmost respect of many,

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many men in Muenster for what he did for us, and what he did for all of us for the same Father we all share!! I can hear Him saying "Well done, my good and faithful servant!!"

Wayne Klement Muenster Altar boy 1959 - 1963

Letter to the Editor,

I would like to commend our Mayor and Members of the City Council for trying again to participate in a municipal recycling program. Realistically, that's the only way to go! However, the program can be successful only if participating citizens do it correctly.

We need timely reminders. May I suggest a "Recycling Tips" corner in the Enterprise from time to time ... preferably weekly until we get the hang of it.

Should we bundle our newspapers, peel the labels off tin cans, rinse or wash clean recyclable food containers? Do cardboard boxes need to be broken down flat? Specify what is and is not acceptable.

We want to cooperate. We want to do it right. We need to know how and we need

We want to cooperate. We want to do it right. We need to know how, and we need lots of reminders. Juanita W. Bright Muenster, TX

Acceptable recycling items

Plastics #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, and #7 Glass Aluminum and metal cans Newspapers, junk mail, and catalogs Paper bags Cardboard

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Turtle Hill dirt movement





There has been a lot of activity out at Turtle Hill Golf Course, as the new owners continue with additions and upgrades, including the re-building of T-boxes (box 4, top photo), deep new ponds (bottom photos), planting trees, adding burms, and enhancing the quality of grass. The projects will overall increase the beautification of the course.

Janie Hartman photos

LEGISLATION.

on how you go about doing it. What the attorney wrote is how you go about doing it, how you go about taking care of the debts, and that sort of stuff."

County Auditor Shelly Saunders remarked that if the county no longer has a hospital district, it has to set aside 8% of its general fund budget to fund indigent health care. Judge Freeman added that the county would with the county would in the county would be about the county would with the county with the would be commissioner. Loon Klement agreed with the way smith read the clause.

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Commissioner Scourt had an either/ or choice. "The way I read it, it tooks like the board could virtually wash their hands of it and Commissioners Court has the assets and the deal to administer. I haven't been able to find that choice in the other subsections, but I will keep looking because that's a tremendous issue."

Commissioner Loon Klement agreed with the way Smith read the clause.

Commissioner Steve Key asked if the options were part of the State legislation or what NTMC wishes to add. Porter said it is what they hope to add.

Neither side changed their opinion of how the proposed Enabling Legislation read. No action was required since it was only a discussion item. Judge Freeman asked CEO Porter to keep the line.

No action was required since it was only a discussion item. Judge Freeman asked CEO Porter to keep the line of communication open and keep the Court updated on what the NTMC board was doing in regard to the Enabling Legislation.

Upcoming groundwater legislation was discussed next. Commissioner Smith said there had been a notice in the paper regarding districts. Judge Freeman said it authorized a three-county

district made up of Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson counties, or a two-county district of Grayson and Fannin, or a single-county district made up of Cooke. "That notice is required to file the legislation," explained Judge Freeman. "The public has the right to a notice before the legislation is filed. There has been no legislation filed yet concerning any groundwater conservation district. There's still a lot of work going on behind the scenes around the eight counties that are left in the PGMA."

Virgil Musick of the Cooke County Planning Association invited Commissioners Court and the public to a meeting on March 10 at 6 p.m. in the First State Bank Conference Center, Gainesville. He said, "We are asking the citizens of Cooke County to come in and talk to us about their thoughts on what needs to be done on infrastructure. Streets and roads, water and sewer, and other types of issues that need to be done and planned for over the next 25 years."

Funding in the amount of \$6.500.

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Funding in the amount of \$6,500 was approved for the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department for FY2008. This is the amount given to each volunteer fire department in the County. Muenster has an interlocal agreement with the County rather than a contract and in an oversight, the Muenster Department did not receive its 2008 payment when the other departments did.

In other business, Commissioners Court:

Approved change order for the Precinct #4 maintenance barn with a net increase of \$2,387.40.

Accepted additional FY2008 funding from the Texas Task Force on Indigent Defense in the amount of \$12,076.

Approved insurance settlement of \$11,097 on a Cooke County Sheriff's Office vehicle damaged in an accident.

Approved a request by EOG Resources, Inc. to con-

fice vehicle damaged in an accident.

*Approved a request by EOG Resources, Inc. to conduct a 3-D seismic field study on County Roads??

*Approved bond for Brenda Johnston, secretary for Adult Probation Office.

*Approved indigent burials for Melody Daughtry, Yvonne Patrice Long, and Floyd William Shirley.

*Approved plans and specs for construction of the Justice Center parking lot and roads and approved advertising for sealed bids for them. Bids will be opened during March 9 meeting.

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Bezner, McDowell exchange wedding bows in Coppell

Leslie Ann Bezner of Dallas and Joel Robert McDowell of Dallas were united in marriage at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Coppell. Monsignor Leon Duesman officiated the double ring vows during the wedding Mass held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 22, 2008.

Parents of the bride are Brian and Nancy Bezner of Temple. Bride's grandparents are Clara Endres of Muenster and the late Edward Endres, and Laurie Bezner of Hurst and the late James Bezner.

Groom's parents are Lee McDowell of DeSoto and Pam McDowell of DeSoto. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Terry Mehaffie of DeSoto, Mary Jo McDowell, and the late Mr. and Mrs. James McDowell.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride carried a

James McDowell.
Given in marriage by her father, the bride carried a bouquet entwined with a gold cross and chain from her grandmother Clara En-

dres.

Maid of honor was Emily Bezner of Temple, bride's sister. Julie Garza of Temple, sister of the bride, was ma-tron of honor. Bridesmaids were Jamie Burrus of McK-

inney, sister of the groom, and friends Kelly Holtman and Celena Reed, both of Temple, Brandi Lewis, Beth Fergeson, and Stephanie Slicker, all of Dallas, and Brianne Bailey of Denton.

Flower girl was family friend Lucy Lewis of Temple. Ring bearers were Alex Garza, nephew of the bride, and Hunter Burrus, nephew of the groom.

Serving as best man was Wes Kidd of Midland, best friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Jake Bezner of Denton, brother of the bride; Jeff Burrus of McKinney, brother-in-law of the groom; Danny Miller of DeSoto, uncle of the groom; and friends Mark Plowman of Amarillo, Charlie Kangas of DeSoto, Kurtis Krupnik of Dallas, and John Roaten of San Marcos. Michael Garza of Temple, bride's brother-in-law, and friend Zach Overton of Denton served as ushers.

Mass servers were Dylan Flusche and Brady Endres of Muenster, cousins of the bride. Eucharistic ministers were Clinton and Debbie Endres, bride's Godparents,



Mr. and Mrs. Joel McDowel ... 'nee Leslie Bezner ...

Meeting Notice

Diabetes Support Group
There will be a meeting of
the Diabetes Support Group
in North Texas Medical Center Classrooms on Tuesday,
Feb. 17 from 7-8 p.m. "What
Can I Eat?" is the evening's
topic. Joan Walterscheid,
RN, CDE will present information on: Making Healthy
Food Choices, Carbohydrates and Diabetes, Portion Control, Carb Counting,
Reading Labels, Eating Out,
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FREE program. For information call 940.759.4296.

Notice

ABBA Annual
Silent Auction & Dinner
The Annual Silent Auction
and Dinner for ABBA Women's Center is scheduled for
Saturday, March 14 at 6:30
p.m. in Centennial Hall in
Lindsay. Tickets are \$25 per
person and are available at
the ABBA office. For more
information call 940-6686391.

Paulette Swirczynski, aunt of the bride, and Nolan Hart-man, bride's cousin, all of Muenster. Providing music were Katie Lacy and Doug Waisbruch

Muenster. Froviding Meers Katie Lacy and Doug Weisbruch.
Following the wedding Mass, the bride's parents hosted 300 guests for dinner and a dance at the Hilton Garden Inn in Lewisville.
A rehearsal dinner given by the groom's parents was held Friday, Nov. 21 at Seven Salsas Restaurant in Irving.

Following their wedding trip to Australia, the couple is at home in Dallas.

The bride is a graduate of Temple High School and the University of North Texas. She is employed as a 1st grade teacher at Carrollton/Farmers Branch ISD. The groom graduated from DeStoto High School and Hardin Simmons University in Abilene. He is a customer representative for Guidestone Financial Resources.

Lenten whole community event/soup supper planned

All members of Sacred Heart Parish are invited to attend a whole community catechesis event along with a free soup supper. This pre-Lenten event will be held on Sunday, Feb. 22, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Sacred Heart Community Center followed by a free soup supper provided by the Catholic Daughters.

"The Family as the Domestic Church" will be the theme of the evening, featuring Father Ken as the main

4-H scramblers



Four members from Cooke County 4-H participated in the Calf Scramble recently at the Fort Worth Livestock Show. Those attending included, left to right: Aaron Fleitman from Era 4-H, Benjamin Zimmerer from Lindsay 4-H, Kelli Reed from Lindsay 4-H, and Stephen Wallace from Era 4-H. The Calf Scramble is open to Texas 4-H and FFA members who are high school age. Although these 4-H members did not catch a Calf, they will receive a pair of Justin boots for their efforts.

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Spend Valentine's at the Saint Jo Opry

Everyone is invited to Saint Jo School Auditorium. the Saint Jo Opry Valentine Show for a super night of family entertainment on Saturday, Feb. 14 in the

with The Country Cuts Ups include J.C. Maughan of the Forestburg area, Mack Mc-Cutchen of Gainesville, and Dick and Mary Ann Kitch-ens, both playing acoustic guitars.

guitars.

Admission is \$2 for adults, with children 12 and under free. Groups are welcome. Donations for the Opry are given to area volunteer fire/EMS and other nonprofit organizations. Concessions will be available. For more information, call David or Brenda at 940-995-2178.

College Honor

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Rebecca Grewing, interdisciplinary studies major
from Muenster, has been
named to the Dean's List at
Stephen F. Austin State University for the fall semester.
To be eligible for this honor,
a student must be enrolled
in 12 or more semester hours
and maintain a grade point
average of at least 3.5.
Rebecca is a 2008 graduate of Muenster ISD and the
daughter of Carol and Mark
Grewing.

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Sponsors and donors sought for Kids Entertaining Kids event

Work has begun on an exciting new event for the area. The Kids Entertaining Kids and Silent Auction event is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 22, 2-4 p.m., Sherman Municipal Ballroom, 405 North Rusk Street, Sherman. Early Childhood Intervention-Texoma (ECI) will benefit from the fund-raiser.

The event is being planned for the enjoyment of the whole family. It will give kids the opportunity to see other kids giving of their talents to improve the lives of other kids who have developmental delays. Area businesses

Nortex to air Crystal Darkness

Nortex will begin airing the first in a three-part documentary series of Crystal Darkness on local Channel 22 beginning Feb. 16 at 8 p.m. and again at 10:30 p.m. They will also run it again on Feb. 19 at the same times. Watch Channel 2 for dates and times of part two and three.

will have the opportunity to become sponsors and donors to the event. Anyone wishing to receive more information about sponsorship or donating to the silent auction should call 903-957-4865. The funds raised from this event will help provide services and help families.

ECI provides services each year to almost 1,000 infants and children birth to three years old who have a development delay in Cooke, Fannin, Grayson, Delta, Lamar, and Hopkins counties. Mental Health Mental Retardation Services of Texoma is the host agency for the program, and the Early

Childhood Intervention Division of the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) provides its funding.

The family is the first source of strength and help for their child with developmental delays, and ECI partners with the entire family through providing information, services, support, and hope. These children have varied problems and needs. The program is designed to encourage and assist parents with an infant or a child who appears to be slow in development or has medical conditions that usually result in developmental delay.

Be ever-so-sweet on cherries

Cherries are good for much more than making cherry pie. The latest super fruit may also reduce factors associated with heart disease and diabetes.

Lona Sandon, of UT Southwestern Medical Center said, "Cherries are particularly high in quercetin (pronounced kwur-si-ten), a natural anti-inflammatory compound. While apples are the

top source of quercertin in the typical American diet, gram for gram, cherries pack just as much of this valuable

nutrient."

Fresh cherries or apples have about 3 milligrams of quercetin per 7-ounce serving. Because processing actually serves to concentrate quercetin, there's about twice the amount of the compound in juices and other processed offerings.

Back Then ... January 1949 - October 1954





On Oct. 7, 1954, Sacred Heart Parish had a day-long event which was highlighted by the laying of the cornerstone and dedication ceremonies of the new Catholic church and high school. There was also a picnic, a banquet, a dance, and a special Mass with Bishops Augustine Danglmayr and Thomas K. Gorman included as celebrants.

The present Sacred Heart Church was the fourth to be built by the Parish since the first Mass was celebrated in 1889. Two churches were destroyed by storms before the former red brick church was constructed in 1898 for \$25,000. It was vacated after Christmas 1948, and torn down the early weeks of 1949 (above left). Services were held in the Parish Hall (above) while the "new" church was being built (below left).

The building is of semi-Gothic design and cost a half million dollars to build. The church measures 195x83 feet. The center ridge of its roof rises 37 feet above floor level. The front tower is 70 feet in height, topped by a steeple and cross for another 44 feet. Approximately 2000 pieces of stone and 410,000 bricks were used to build the church.

The ground breaking for the "new" church was on Apr. 30, 1952. The first services were held Apr. 17, 1954. At the dedication, a heavy gauge metal box, welded shut, containing a large assortment of documents, was sealed behind the cornerstone. Below - Walter Becker prepared the mortar for Bishop Danglmayr as Fr. Patrick looked on.





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Muenster teacher honored with a Jack Harvey Award

Bernadette Otto, a science teacher at Muenster Elementary at Muenster ISD, was among the 30 honored by Weatherford College (WC) at the 2009 Jack Harvey Academy of Exemplary Teachers celebration Jan. 30 at the Doss Heritage and Culture Center in Weatherford.

In its 13th year, the Harvey Academy recognizes exemplary teachers in the memory of Professor Emeritus Jack Harvey, who taught at WC for 23 years and was considered among his peers as a "master teacher."

Otto's nominators cited her varied teaching styles as her greatest strength. She is con-

stantly looking for new and innovative ways to reach her students and to make learning fun and exciting. She is genuinely concerned for her students and desires to see each one become a productive member of society.

Each teacher was presented a medallion and plaque by Brent Baker, WC vice president of Institutional Advancement. Earlier, the honorees had participated in morning professional development sessions.

An informative keynote eddered was presented at

opment sessions.

An informative keynote address was presented at the close of the awards ceremony by Dr. Eric Cupp, noted speaker.

January honors of the month

Lunch Menus

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Mon. - No School.

Tues. - Pork chops, potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, hot apple slices, bread.

Wed. - Chicken spaghetti, green beans, bananas/strawberries, garlic bread.

Thurs. - Fiesta salad, pinto beans, corn chips, salsa, peaches.

Fri. - Hamburgers w/ trimmings, French fries, icc cream sandwich.

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Mon. - Frito chili pie, let-

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Mon. - Frito chili pie, lettuce salad w/dressing, ranch
style beans, pears, muffins.
Tues. - Chicken nuggets,
creamed potatoes w/gravy,

black-eyed peas, peaches, hot rolls.

Wed. - Vegetable beef soup w/crackers, ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, oranges, cookies.

Thurs. - Baked ham, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pineapple, hot rolls.

Fri. - Hot pockets, lettuce salad w/dressing, pork and beans, carrot sticks, applesauce, ice cream.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Corn dog, baked beans, lettuce salad, cherry pineapple dump cake.

Tues. - Barbecue on a bun, pickle wedges, potato chips, fresh fruit.

Wed. - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas and carrots, pineapple, bread.

Thurs. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, peaches, bread sticks.

Fri. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, oven fries, ice cream.

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Mon. - Barbecue sandwich, potato wedges, fruit mix, chocolate chip cookies.

Tues. - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot roll, applesauce.

Wed. - Mini corn dogs, chips, baked beans, pears.

Thurs. - Burritos, corn, pineapple, Missouri cookie.

Fri. - Stroganoff, green beans, bread stick, ice cream, peaches.

Two are better than

friend can help him up.

If one falls down, his

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10



Sacred Heart Catholic School 8th grade student Sarah Miller, center, was the VFW District I first place winner in the Patriots Pen Essay Contest. She is pictured with VFW State Commander Jerry Murphree, District I Commander John Owen, and District I President Cheryl Owen. Sarah presented her essay at the District I meeting in Plano on Sunday, Feb. 8. Local Ladies Auxiliary #6205 sponsored the Patriots Pens Essay Contest. Arthur and Frances Bayer attended the program. Sarah is the daughter of Louise and Harry Miller of Lake Kiowa. She was accompanied to the meeting by her father and twin sister Lindsay, and brother Jocob.

Courtesy photo

Dear Friends and Neighbors

The 2009 Cooke County Youth Fair is gearing up and students have been busy for quite some time preparing their projects for this year's show. The show will be held once again at the Circle A Arena just north of town on Highway 373. The Home Economics Division will be held in the KC Hall in Muenster, and the equine division will be held at the NCTC arena in Gainesville. The Friends of Muenster are asking for your support for the youth of our community as they ready their projects.

Last year a total of \$21,316.00 was paid in premiums to the The Friends of Muenster organization. We would like to compensate every youngster, even those who do not make the sale, for their hard work in preparing their projects. This is why we are asking for your help.

One hundred percent of what you donate goes directly toward paying the premiums to the students of our community. The students put forth a great amount of effort and expense toward preparing their projects for the Youth Fair. Please help them out with a donation of \$1000, \$500, \$250 or an amount of your choice. Your support is greatly ap preciated.

The dates for the Youth Fair are February 25-28, 2009, with the premium sale being held on Saturday, February 28th, at 1:00 pm. Please take some time to visit the Youth Fair and show your support of our youth.

Thank you, in advance, for taking this request into consideration. You may send your contribution to the below cap-tioned address or pass it along to any of the names listed below. We look forward to seeing you at the Youth Fair this

Respectfully

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January Teachers and Students of the Month at Muenster ISD were, from left, front - Seth Flusche, 3rd grade; back - Lou Heers, Elementary Principal, Coaches Trey Gray and Jason Atcheson, Kimber Walterscheid, freshman, Andi Hess, 5th grade, and Sharon Browning, JH/HS Assistant Principal. MISD photo

Deadline near for Prepaid College Tuition Program Texas Comptroller Susan Combs reminds parents that the current enrollment period ends Feb. 28 for the Texas Tuition Promise Fund, the state's new prepaid college tuition program. Enrollment opened last September for the program, which allows families to lock in college tuition and required fees at current prices of Texas pub-

lic colleges and offers many flexible options to prepay those expenses before a child is ready for college.
"The Texas Tuition Promise Fund makes it easy to save for college, even in these challenging economic times," Combs said. "If your child attends a Texas public college, you don't have to worry about the volatile

stock market, and you can prepay for as much of your child's college costs as your family budget allows."
"You must enroll your child in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund by Feb. 28 to take advantage of current contract prices," Combs said. "When the current enrollment period ends, enrollment will close until September, except for newborns born in March through August. We will survey colleges and universities regarding their future tuition and fees and set new tuition and fees and set new contract prices for the next enrollment period."

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SPORTS



e Muenster Lady Hornets celebrated their District Championship last Friday night afte ct win #9. Tuesday's victory over Archer City finished the Lady Hornets regular season Janie Hartman photo

Muenster teams sink Pirates

The Muenster Hornet bas-ketball teams hosted the Pi-rate teams from Petrolia last Friday night, making the Friday night, making the invading visitors walk the plank after defeating both their varsity teams. The wins clinched the District Championship for the Lady Hornets and improved the

Hornets record to 4-3.

The Lady Hornets took control of their game early, allowing only 2 points on the visitors' board the 1st period. The Muenster girls remained undefeated in District play with the 61-30 win over the Lady Pirates.

Samantha Endres and

Muenster splits wins at Archer City

The long drive to Archer City Tuesday night paid off for the Lady Hornets, but the varsity boys weren't as

lucky.

After a cold shooting 1st quarter, the Muenster girls spread their lead each period to a 50-33 District final victory.

Samantha Endres and Shaina Felderhoff led the scoring with 17 and 11 points.

Taylor Klement added 9, Lia Heers 5, Jenni Luke 4, and

The Lady Hornets will play a 4 p.m. warm-up game this Saturday in Bridgeport. The Area round playoff game will be Friday, Feb. 20. Site and opponent have yet to be determined.

The Hornets faced the District leader Wildcats in their battle for a playoff spot. Results were unavailable at press time.

Shaina Felderhoff led the

Shaina Felderhoff led the scoring with 16 and 12 points. Taylor Klement added 9, Lana Heers 6, Jenni Luke 5, Leaha Smith 4, Lia Heers 3, and 2 apiece by Amanda Dangelmayr, Jackie Klement, and Allison Pagel.

M 17 22 17 5 61
P 2 11 9 8 30
The Hornets pulled out a 48-43 win, improving from the 1st round 90-57 loss handed to them at Petrolia. Muenster started cold with just one basket in the 1st period. A dominating 3rd quarter boosted a 5 point lead for Muenster going into the final stanza.

Eric Hellman and Garrett Walterscheid led Muenster on the scoreboard with 17 and 12 points. Tanner Herr added 8, Levi Trubenbach 4, Matt Flusche 3, and 2 each by Shane Presnall and Jason Luke. The Hornets were 52% from the free throw line.

M 2 9 21 16 48
P 13 5 9 16 43

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Sacred Heart teams win **District Championships**

Both Sacred Heart varsity basketball teams finished their regular season last weekend with big District wins over Abilene Christian to advance to the TAPPS playoff as undefeated (6-0) District 2 Champions. By capturing the Championships, the Tigers and Tigerettes will host the 3rd place teams out of District 5 in the Bi-District round.

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Last Saturday, Sacred Heart traveled to Abilene in their final District games. The Tigerettes, under the leadership of seniors Kalyssa Pollard, Lisa Miller, and Samantha Wimmer, brought home a 51-35 victory.

"This was a great win. The seniors really stepped up," noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "You expect seniors to lead in the big games, and they did.

Wimmer and Kristin LeBrasseur were high scorers with 14 and 13 points. Miller added 9, Pollard 7, Karli Anderle 5, and Sydney

Hoedebeck 3. Wimmer also had eight assists and eight steals, and LeBrasseur 11 rebounds.

"I am so proud of this team. When the year began, who would have thought we could go 26-3?" Coach LeBrasseur commented. "That is a great accomplishment for such an inexperienced team."

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The Tigers defeated Ablene, who came into the game with only three losses, 62-30. "Abilene jumped on us early and I guess that got the boys' attention, as the Tigers became inspired to play their beast defensive game of the season," noted Coach Jon, adding that Sacred Heart's inside defense of Nick Popovich, Kyle Knabe, and Kevin Kulle challenged every shot and controlled the boards, while Patrick Mojica, Sam Sparkman, and John Krawietz continue to

play well, and the Tigers' role players, led by Ben Walterscheid, give the team solid minutes.

Kulle and Popovich were high scorers for Sacred Heart with 17 and 11 points. Sparkman added 9, Krawietz 8, Knabe and Mojica 6 each, Ian Barnhill 3, and 1 apiece by Matt Hesse and Garrett Berend.

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"With the regular season behind us, we have placed our teams in the playoffs, gearing up for another championship run," stated Coach LeBrasseur. "The Tigers are back-to-back District Champions and are hungry for the playoffs."

Sacred Heart was set to host District 4's 3rd place teams, the Greenville Christian girls and the McKinney Christian boys in the Bi-District playoffs on Friday, Feb. 13. Game times are 6:30 and 8 p.m.

PIP has last performance





Muenster's Players in Progress (PIP) per-formed last Friday before a packed crowd to end the season. Pictured are, clockwise, starting above, right - Sadie Sandmann; Tressa Jones; Dean Walterscheid; and Allie Walterscheid.





JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

District Tournaments
The District Junior High
Tournaments were held last
week, the girls playing in
Windthorst. Both 7th and
8th grade teams competed.
Thursday, Feb. 5
The 7th grade Lindsay

The 7th grade Lindsay girls defeated Muenster "B"

Saturday, Feb. 7

Saturday, Feb. 7
The "A" team Lady Hornets won the 8th Grade
Girls District Tournament
with a 27-18 championship
win over Petrolia. Rohmer
led the scoring with 8 points.
Sicking added 5, Amber Walterscheid, Bayer, and Herr 4
each, and Huchton 2.
Scoring for Lindsay were
Schumacher, Brianne Sandmann, Daymude, and Megan Holt.

Schumacher, Brianne Sand-mann, Daymude, and Me-gan Holt.

The 7th grade Lindsay girls lost to Era 22-18. Scor-ers were Anderle with 10 points, Wallace 6, and Ken-dall McLeod 2.

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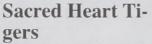




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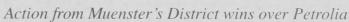






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Lindsay traveled to Petrolia Tuesday night in District action. At left - Rose Hermes (11) attempts to get in shooting range Haverkamp (5) takes the ball dow

Lindsay and Windthorst split

The Lady Knights fell to Windthorst, while the Knights got a win last Friday night. The Ladies' loss put Lindsay and Windthorst in a tie for the third playoff spot. If both teams won their final game on Tuesday, they will play a tiebreaker game. The Knights were placed 2nd in District.

In girls action, the Lady Knights lost 54-44. In round one play, Lindsay defeated

Windthorst 47-38.

Rose Hermes was Lindsay's leading scorer with 16 points. Kaylee Murphree added 8, Bethani Eberhart in and Beverly Knabe 3 each, and 2 by Katie Dieter and Cammi Neu. Knabe also pulled down 10 rebounds.

The Knights sent the To-jans home with a 46-28 beating.

Colton Hermes and Ross

Jones put 20 and 13 points on the boards. Nick Bezner added 6, Dax Fleitman 4, Austin Reiter 2, and Madison Parkhill 1.

On Tuesday, the Lady Knights defeated Petrolia 37-32. The Knights fell 54-28. (Story next week)

The girls will play WIndthorst in Alvord Sat. Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. in a tiebreaker battle for a playoff spot.

Game Warden Reports

The following are excerpts from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

The desert has ears: In a remote store, in a remote part of southern Brewster County, a hunter bragged to a comrade about his deeds. This led to an Operation Game Thief call by a concerned citizen. This led to a day's worth of investigation that involved two game wardens.

dens.

A total of five poachers
for numerous were filed on for numerous violations including hunting

mule deer without landowner consent (state jail felonies) and other Class A, B, and C misdemeanors. One hunter went to jail. Cases pending.

Live-baiting road hunters: Two Nueces County game wardens and a San Patricio County game warden ran a decoy operation that paid off, but not in the way they had planned.

As the wardens were setting up, a vehicle approached that caused the wardens to take cover, leaving the gate open. The occupants of the vehicle noticed the gate open

and were nice enough to stop and close the gate. The war-dens set up their decoy, and the hours went by with no

dens set up their decoy, and the hours went by with no takers.

As the wardens were taking down the set, the same vehicle came by, stopped at the gate, and an occupant made the comment "Oh good, the gate is locked now, they must be gone." The vehicle moved a short distance down the road and shot a live doe in front of the wardens. Cases filed.

Shrimp on the rocks: Game wardens and a TPWD boat mate assisted the U.S. Coast Guard with a shrimp boat accident. During the early morning hours while the Gulf of Mexico was extremely rough, a gulf shrimp boat struck the jetties at South Padre Island. The shrimp boat was stuck on top of the rocks and leaking large amounts of diesel fuel. The Capt. Williams was used to assist with the recovery and the chemical spill. Approximately 18,000 gallons of diesel fuel was lost. The captain was transported to the hospital with minor injuries.

Note - Press deadlines must be met. This at times makes it difficult or impossible to report Tuesday night basketball games in a weekly newspaper, especially if results are turned in "past deadline." Every effort is made to give our readers the best possible coverage.

Thanks for your support and understanding.

KC free throw winners



The Knights of Columbus held their District level basketball free throw contest in Lindsay on Feb. 1. Winners in each age group were, from left, above - Kason Reeves (10), Jacob Goldsworthy (11), Ryan Hoepfner (12), Jonathan Mendez (13), and Dean Fleitman (14). Below - Karli Anderle, (14), Payton Sanders (13), Karleigh Reeves (12), Sydney Ott (11), and Carolina Mendez (10). These winners will be competing at the Diocesan free throw competition in Denton on Feb. 14.



SUB-VARSITY BASKETBALL

LINDSAY

The JV Knights defeated Windthorst 56-35 last Friday evening. Thomas Rohmer, Dawson Holt, and Dean Fleitman were high scorers with 19, 12, and 11 points. Garrett Yancey added 6, with Connor Fuhrmann and Todd Rezuer each scoring 4

Connor Fuhrmann and Todd
Bezner each scoring 4.

LINDSAY

The Lady Knights defeated Petrolia Tuesday night
37-32. Lucinda Krahl and
Megan Caillier were leading scorers with 13 and 10
points. Taylor Atkins and
Allison Metzler each added
4, with Jordan Fleitman
and Katie Arendt scoring 2
apiece. "I am very proud of
these girls. They had a great
season," commented Coach
Robin Hess on Lindsay's 7-3
District record.

MUENSTER
Petrolia basketball teams
came to Muenster last Friday night with both Lady
Hornets and Hornets getting

victories.

In girls action, Muenster took a 30-21 win over the Lady Pirates. Demi Koelzer was high scorer with 15 points. Andi Hess added 5, Paige Hennigan 4, Shelby Dangelmayr and Michelle Henscheid 2 apiece, and a free throw each by Chloe Schneider and Kalyn Dangelmayr.

elmayr.

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8 4 4 5 21 M 6 10 5 9 30 P 8 4 4 5 21 The JV Hornets pulled out a 49-45 win over the Pirates. Scott Porter and Dalton Koelzer were high scorers with 16 and 11. Tanner Silmon added 9, Tyler Anderle 6, Blake Grewing 3, and 2 each by Luke Kaufman and Landon Presnall. The Hornets hit 13 of 23 free throws.

The Hornets hit 13 of 23 free throws.

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LINDSAY
The JV Lady Knights were defeated by the Lady Trojans from Windthorst last Friday by a score of 43-37. Lucinda Krahl and Katie Arendt were leading scorers in the game with 11 and 10 points. Megan Caillier added 8, Allison Metzler 4, and 2 each by Katie Nortman and Mandy Hess.



Gray Team Third and Forth Grade, from left, front row - Samantha Muller, Katie Bell, Macie Pagel, Sterling Walterscheid; back row Balley Lloyd, Bailey Klement, Coach Vicki Eldridge, and Morgan El dridge. Courtesy photo

Gray Team captures first in **End of Season Round Robin**

The Gray team in the third and fourth grade girls division of the Muenster Youth Basketball League remained undefeated for the season as they took 1st place in the End of Season Round Robin Tournament. On Saturday, Jan. 31, the Gray took on the Blue. Teamwork and great passes led them to a 14-1

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cold. Guide what goes
off the road. Love
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victory. Bailey Klement led
the scoring with 8, followed
by 2 points from Katie Bell,
Morgan Eldridge, and Bailey
Lloyd. Alane Bartush scored
1 for the Blue team.
Playing again on Saturday, the Gray team played
the Pink team. Defense
sparked the Gray team to
another victory, winning 2312. Klement scored 13, Lloyd
6, and Sterling Walterscheid
and Macie Pagel added 2
apiece. For the Pink team,
Natalie Dangelmayr scored
6, Amanda Aldriedge 4, and
Morgan Rohmer 2.
The final game for the
Gray was held on Sunday
versus the Red team. Pulling together with some sharp
shooting and great defense,
the Gray team won 27-14.
Scoring for the Gray team
were Klement with 15, Lloyd
7, Bell and Pagel 2 apiece,
and Walterscheid 1. The Red
team was led by Rylee Reiter
with 10 and Leah Knabe 4.
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NRCS seeks comments on interim rules for conservation programs

The USDA Natural Re-

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is seeking public comments on changes to four programs authorized in the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, or 2008 Farm Bill. Those programs are the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), the Farm and Ranchlands Protection Program (FRPP), and the Grassland Reserve Program.

EQIP is a voluntary conservation program that provides technical assistance and payments to help crop and livestock producers address environmental concerns through conservation improvements on agricultural and non-industrial private forest lands. The 2008 Farm Bill includes non-industrial private forestland as an eligible land use and provides payments for conservation practices related to organic production of the transition to organic production. It also

provides for increased payment rates to historically underserved producers, including limited resource, beginning, and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranches

ranchers.
WHIP is a voluntary con-WHIP is a voluntary conservation program that provides financial and technical assistance to private landowners to develop and improve high quality habitat for fish and wildlife. The 2008 Farm Bill authorized three categories of eligible land for this program-private agricultural lands, non-industrial private forest lands, and Indian lands. The new farm bill excludes non-agricultural lands and publicly owned lands (federal, state, county, or local) from eligibility.

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FRPP is designed to help farmers and ranchers preserve their agricultural land. The 2008 Farm Bill contains several significant changes to FRPP. The program's purpose changed from protecting topsoil to protecting agricultural use. NRCS will provide funding to purchase easements; however, it will no longer purchase ease-

ments on its own. Churches, universities, and hospitals are now eligible as cooper-ating entities to purchase

ating entities to purchase easements.

GRP is a voluntary program for landowners and operators to protect, restore, and enhance grassland. The program emphasizes support for working grazing operations; enhancement of plant and animal biodiversity; and protection of grassland and land containing shrubs and forbs under threat of converforbs under threat of conver

interim rules

sion.

The interim rules have been published in the Federal Register and will be open for public comment through March 16 for EQIP, March 17 for WHIP and FRPP, and March 23 for GRP.

The interim final rules can be viewed on the NRCS Web site at HYPERLINK "http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farmbill/2008/interim-rules.html" www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farmbill/2008/interim-rules.html or on the Federal Register at HYPERLINK "http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/" www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/" www.

Celebrate America's agriculture success with Food Check-Out Week

The week after Valentine's Day, Feb. 15-21, join the Cooke County Farm Bureau in the celebration of America's true love - food. Based on Agriculture Department statistics, Farm Bureau's Food Check-Out Week, seven weeks into the year, marks the date when average Americans will have earned enough income to pay for their entire year's food supply. "We remain concerned that some Americans cannot afford to buy the food that they need, but we are proud of the role Texas farmers play in producing the most affordable food in the world," said Robert Klement.

There are 21.3 million farms in the nation and about 99% of farms are op-

average Americans will have earned enough income to pay for their entire year's food supply.

In recognition of this, Cooke County Farm Bureau is commemorating the fact that America's food supply is the safest and most affordable in the world.

"Even when our economy is feeling pressure, our farmers and ranchers have made possible for all Americans to stretch their grocery dollars and still afford healthy, nutritious food," said Cooke County Farm Bureau President Robert Klement. "While costs on most everything we need have risen, our food is still the most affordable anywhere in the world and it is because of the dedication of our country's farm producers."

To mark this success,

ers.

To mark this success,
Cooke County Farm Bureau
is accepting donations of
non-perishable food items to
donate to VISTO.

TDA market recap

For the week ending Feb. 7, feeder cattle prices at Texas auctions were steady to \$7 higher per hundred-weight, with most of the trade \$2 to \$4 higher. Markets were supported by the lighter numbers being offered for sale and a USDA cattle report that said inventories were smaller than expected. Fed cattle prices were slightly higher.

higher.

Corn prices rose late in the week on better-than-expected export sales and the ongoing drought in South America, but still ended slightly lower for the week.

As for futures markets, feeder cattle, finished cattle, cotton, and lumber closed the week higher, while wheat and corn were lower.

Parts of East Texas received up to 1.5 inches of rain, but most areas of the state recorded no rainfall during the week. The wheat crop continued to decline with the dry weather and remains in mostly very poor to poor condition. Field preparations for spring planting were active. Pastures were reported to be in mostly very poor to poor condition.

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Dairy farms in Cooke County
Dairy farmers and their cows in Cooke County
Dairy farmers and their cows in Cooke County produced 11,816,172 pounds or 1,018,636 gallons of milk in 2008, which ranks us 33rd in the state for milk production. If that milk was sold in one gallon jugs, the milk would stretch for approximately 88 miles.

According to Dr. Ellen Jordan, Texas AgriLife Extension Service dairy specialist in Dallas, milk production in Texas increased about 14% to 8.4 billion pounds. Sales totaled more than \$1.5 billion last year, a 6.6% gain over the \$1.4 billion in 2007 milk sales. The income generated from milk sales did not increase as much as production because the price of milk fell in 2008. The not increase as much as production because the price of milk fell in 2008. The weighted average milk price for the Southwest Order, which includes Texas, shipping to Dallas/Tarrant counties dropped from \$19.42 in 2007 to \$18.15.

Much of the income dairies generate is spent to open to one of the control of the control of the country of the control o

ies generate is spent to op-erate their dairies. Roughly half of the income is spent on feed for the cows. Dairies

buy their forages in the form of hay and silage from other farmers in the area or grow their own. A typical dairy ration also contains cotton-seed, a co-product of the cotton industry.

A typical dairy that does not raise their own feed employs one person for every 100 cows.

In addition to the workforce on the dairies, the dairy industry helps support other businesses in the community that provide them services. For example, they are buying feed from other farmers, using veterinary services, and having livestock, milk, and feed hauled. As with most businesses, they require fuel, insurance, accounting services, and utilities. In addition, they buy tractors and other equipment and have them repaired at local businesses. And, of course, they pay taxes that help support our schools and local government as well.

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Meetings will be held at the following times

- Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 1:30 p.m at the Gainesville Area Office located at 2615 West Hwy 82 in Gainesville. Texas
- Thursday, March 12, 2009 at 10:00 a.m at the Graham Area Office located at 848 US 380 West in Graham, Texas
- Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Vernon Area Office located at 4031 Main Street in Vernon, Texas.
- Thursday, March 19, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Wichita Falls Area Office located at 2844 E. Central Freeway in Wichita Falls Texas.

Notice of Public Hearing
The City of Muenter's Planning & Zoning Commission
will hold a Public Hearing on Monday March 2, 2009 at
7:00 p.m. in the Muencster City Hall Clouncil Chambers,
400 N. Main, Muenster. Mr. John Pagel is requesting
that his property located in Muenster Block 55 PT OF,
on Pine Street just south of the A-OK Motel be rezoned.
The property is currently zoned residential. The request
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tire series," said Hess, who joined the GNCC series fulltime in 2007 after graduating from the Texas Christian University with a degree in Human Resources. In his first full season as a GNCC racer in the XC1 class he finished 23" overall.

In his 24-year lifespan Shawn has amassed more than 22 years of ATV experience, which not only has earned him five consecutive Texas ATVCCS Championships and a top-25 national number as a GNCC racer, but also a valuable commodity to his sponsors that tap into his experience to help test new technology to improve their products.

"I hear from sponsors all the time that the biggest problem out there with some of the top pro riders is that

they don't know how to give good feedback, a lot of them are pilots, they can ride like no other, but they are not good at giving feedback or telling what's wrong with the product or if they are having problems with their products," explained Hess, who builds complete turnkey race bikes for customers at Hess Motorsports.

Ohio based Houser Racing is one company that partners with Shawn for his depth and knowledge of racing, and his ability to sell their products at his shop. Shawn provides Houser Racing with good exposure as a racer and was even featured numerously throughout the Tucker Rocky ATV catalog for two years including the cover of the 2007 book, plus they couldn't ask for a bet-

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ter tester than someone who races more than 30 weekends a year and builds and sells racing bikes and aftermarket parts for a living. "I sell the product, I install it, I race it and I deal with the customer when it comes back to my shop and I see the problems they have with it," said Hess, who claims his mechanical mind allows him an astute understanding of how things should work.

Many of his suggested product improvements have been incorporated into final production models including a special Honda linkage system that bears his own name. The Hess Hybrid Cross Country Linkage from Houser Racing allows for a longer shock length to provide better wheel travel. Shawn has also contributed ideas such as beefier spindle covers on the A-arms to help protect sensitive shock mounts from flying rocks, and recommended that the bearing grease nipples should be moved from the bottom to the top of the A-arms, for easier access. While Shawn has tested with his sponsors all over the country, most testing improvements are normally relayed to his sponsors over the phone, or during in-person meetings before and after race events. Shawn also enjoys working with Elka Suspension who furnishes him with state-of-the-art suspension systems and he returns the favor with input and suggestions for ideal spring rates and compression settings. It's a match made in heaven for a budding privateer. "It try to keep our relationship balanced," said Hess. "They give to me, so I try to give back to them as much as I

Yet, like any privateer, sponsorships are critical to riders like Shawn to help take the edge off of funding an expensive racing season. "To travel back and forth from Texas to all the GNCC's plus the Texas ATVCCS we used \$25,000 in fuel," said Hess, who outfits his race bikes in bright bold colors to help make a loud statement for his sponsors. "That just goes to show how much more valuable sponsorship is to someone in my shoes and that's part of the reason why I don't mind bending over backwards for a sponsors, because if they're willing to help me then by God I'm going to do whatever it takes to help them get what they need." It also helps keep him focused on what's important in racing, which of course is winning races.

As a privateer the underdog status is hard to overcome, but with his unique approach Shawn is working on doing just that.

(Editors Note: Shawn finished the 2008 season with a record setting 5th State Championship and a ranking of 14th in the Pro Class. His complete list of sponsors for 2008 was: Hess Motorsports, Elka Suspension, Houser Racing, Hiper Wheels, Maxxis, FMF, Tucker Rocky, Answer Racing, Fasst Co., Hot Rods, Hot Cams, Pivot Works, Tre Balls, RPM, PRM, Hinson, JE Pistons, IMS, IMS-Roll, Streamline, Ti Lube, Quadtech, Maier, Decal Works, Stomp Grip, Fluidyne, CV4, PowerMadd, Mom and Dad.

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The first reaction of Commissioners Court was to keep the burn ban in place and see if predicted rains arrived to make a difference. Fletcher reminded them that this could be a small window of opportunity when there would be sufficient moisture in the air to allow accumulated trash to be burned without great danger.

It was decided that if the ban were lifted and fires became a problem, County Judge Bill Freeman could use a disaster declaration

and reinstate a burn ban without first calling a meet-ing of Commissioners Court. The vote was 4-1 to lift the ban. Commissioner Key voted against it.

Fletcher urged people to use great care when burning. He stressed keeping a water hose ready by the burn barrel and spraying water in the barrel when the trash is finished burning. If burning results in many fires, the burn ban will be put back on immediately.



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