

Turbo, a therapeutic dog, visits Commissioners Court

By Janet Felderhoff
 It was a dog's day in Commissioners Court on Monday for Turbo, one of two therapeutic canines owned by Pat Crawford of Valley View. He is a 110 pound Rottweiler that is trained in several capacities including socializing with residents of nursing homes, hospital patients, and school children.

Commissioners proclaimed March 23 as Therapeutic Dog Day in Cooke County in honor of Turbo and other therapy dogs like him in the County. It encouraged all citizens to learn more about responsible pet ownership and therapy work. These animals show how we can help make a difference in the lives of senior citizens and children in Cooke County. The Proclamation noted that therapy dogs "have been known to improve social skills, build confidence levels, improve behavior, and raise self-esteem in school age children; and for some residents living at Pecan Tree Manor and Wheeler House, one of these dogs, Turbo, is their only visitor and they anxiously await his visit."

It also said, "Commissioners Court recognizes the achievements of therapy animals and their handlers who are committed to making a difference within their community by enriching people's lives through the power of human-animal bonding."

In a telephone interview after the meeting, Pat revealed that she got into visiting nursing homes with Turbo several years ago when her father first became a resident of Pecan Tree. She said, "All my life I've done volunteer work. I believe in giving back to the community I live in."

Turbo had just become certified as a therapy dog, so she took him to visit her dad. She noticed that Turbo helped her dad make friends with the other residents. The other residents also seemed to have a better day after their visit with Turbo. Family members of the residents and staff members seemed to be helped by the visits.

Pat told of one resident who never talked. He began to say some words to Turbo when the canine visited. Eventually this person began to speak to family.

As a puppy, Turbo's socialization training included exposure to walkers, wheel chairs, people on crutches, etc. Pat takes Turbo to competitions in Obedience and Breeding. He has won many times. He has training in water education and will rescue someone in the water who yells for help. He can also tow in a small boat.

There are other people in Cooke County with therapy dogs that visit schools, nursing homes, hospitals, etc. Pat said that they would love to visit more places in the County. In schools, they teach the children responsible pet ownership and pet safety such as how to approach a strange dog. The program by the American Kennel Club Public Education Program uses 10-12 minute videos geared to children. To learn more about the service or to contact them to come to visit a school, e-mail therapydog@ntin.net.

Cooke County Fire Marshal Ray Fletcher reviewed the last two years for Commissioners. He reported 39 fires investigated, with 36 of those being structure fires and three vehicle fires. Of that number, 13 were ruled undetermined, 19 accidental, and seven were purposely set. Of the four deaths from fires, two were accidental, one was suicide, and one was homicide. There were 28 burn ban citations or warnings issued.

Fletcher was reappointed as the Cooke County Fire Marshal and his bond approved.

Commissioners authorized a settlement with Zwinggi Engineering and Planning for \$1,000 as a



Turbo, a trained therapy dog, took a seat of honor at Commissioners Court Monday. Pictured are, from left, Commissioners Leon Klement and Al Smith, County Judge Bill Freeman, Turbo, owner Pat Crawford, Commissioners Steve Key and Gary Hollowell. Janet Felderhoff photo

final payment for any outstanding charges Zwinggi has against Cooke County. It was agreed by Cooke County and Zwinggi that any and all contracts entered into between Cooke County and Zwinggi are hereby terminated.

- In other business, Commissioners Court:
- After an Executive Session, hired Dana Sons as a network technician.
 - Approved engaging attorney Rebecca Brewer of McKinney to advise the Court regarding Municipal Utility Districts (MUDs).
 - Approved specifications and advertising for bids for grounds maintenance services for Cooke County properties.
 - Approved - interlocal agreement with the Cooke County Fair Association to help construct new show barn facility.
 - Opened sealed bids on MC-250, MC-800, MC-3000 oil, AE-P emulsified primer, CRS-2 emulsified seal coat, CRS-2H emulsified seal coat hot weather, CSS-IS emulsified dust control, CSS-1H

- emulsified fog seal, and AC-10 for three months beginning March 24. Southern Asphalt was the sole bidder and the bids were accepted.
- Approved advertising for sealed bids for crushed rock base to be used by Cooke County for a period of 12 months beginning May 1.
- Approved advertising for sealed bids for chip material to be used by Cooke County for a 12 month period beginning May 1.
- Approved advertising for sealed bids for hot mix/hot lay to be used by Cooke County for a period of three, six, and/or 12 months, beginning May 1.
- Approved advertising for bids for diesel and gasoline fuel for a period of three, six, and/or 12 months beginning May 1.
- Approved change orders to the Dixon Street Courthouse Annex building.

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Will predicted cold spell spoil spring's blooms and gardens?



Spring has arrived in Texas and the trees and flowers are budding and blooming. Some have already planted flower and vegetable gardens. Temperatures are predicted to fall at or near the freezing mark this weekend. Be sure to protect plants prone to freezing if possible. Shown above is a flower-bed planted by Denise Bayer. Read the Home and Garden special section in the Muenster Enterprise next week to learn more about Denise's flowers, as well as other special features. Courtesy photo

Spinning to a Celtic Swing



Sacred Heart students, from left - Jacob Hesse, Tyler Walterscheid, Collin Knabe, and Garrett Bindel, enjoy the Irish beat of Willson and McKee Monday as the duo taught the kids a Celtic dance. Willson and McKee also put on a show Tuesday night for the public. See page 6 for more dancing fun. Janie Hartman photo

AgriLife Extension agents report on 2008

By Janet Felderhoff
 Wayne Becker of Cooke County Extension Service told Commissioners Court at the Monday, March 23 meeting that there are two new employees - administrative assistants Kathy Williams and Amy Hopper in the Extension office. Williams works mostly with the 4-H programs and Hopper with Family Consumer Science and Ag.

Becker is the AgriLife extension agent. In Cooke County there are three extension agents: one for Ag, and natural resources, one for 4-H and youth development, and one for Family and Consumer Sciences. "We all do different things within the office sometimes working together, sometimes completely independent," Becker noted. "Always with community development in mind. Sometimes with community development specifically in mind."

Last year, 59,000 contacts were made by the three agents and two assistants.

Of that number, 4,000 people walked into the office, outside contacts were made with around 10,000 people, and on the phone, e-mail, and traditional program 12,254 contacts were made. The network of volunteers allowed the agents to reach an additional number of people they could not have alone.

Becker said he has a plan of work each year. The livestock plan in 2008 worked basically with three livestock groups - cattle, dairy, and equine. He noted that dairy in Cooke County is shrinking, but they had a novel program last year with a nationwide web program. It offered the benefit of national experts and national information via the web.

Cooke County Beef Cattle Improvements Association holds several educational meetings through the year. The Red River Regional Beef Replacement Sale promoted the quality genetics in the County. "We saw a premium in a depressed market for

the cattle that were sold this year," Becker said.

Part of the community development that Becker works with is the Cooke County Fair Association. They are raising money to replace the show barn blown down in a storm. They have raised about \$106,000 to build a new facility.

The Cooke County Groundwater Steering Committee took a great deal of time last year.

Horticulture in Cooke County focuses more to the urban part of the County. He deals with people's lawns, gardens, chemical use, and environmental issues with water and chemicals, and pesticides.

Angel Neu is the Family and Consumer Science agent. She teaches several educational things. Better Living for Texans (BLT) takes about 35% of her time. It is funded by the Food Stamp Education. She teaches how to buy grocery items, nutrition, and how to shop nutritionally wise on a budget. There were

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Obituaries

Tillie Otto 1919 - 2009

Mass of Christian Burial for Mathilda "Tillie" Marie Hoening Otto was held on Wednesday, March 25 at 11 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church with Fr. Jim Pemberton officiating. Burial followed in Sacred Heart Cemetery under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Tillie died at the age of 90 at 2:49 p.m. Sunday, March 22, 2009 at her home.

Tillie was born March 13, 1919, the 8th of the 10 children of Alois and Anna Hoening. She attended Sacred Heart grade school and then St. Scholastica Academy in Fort Smith, Arkansas, graduating in 1939. She worked as a clerk for about a year, then married John Otto on June 10, 1940 at Sacred Heart Church in Muenster.

Tillie started custom sewing for ladies and later mens clothing in 1947. She went to work at the dress factory in 1958. Even though times were extremely hard, Tillie and John tried to keep the children in Sacred Heart School. There were 12 children born to John and Tillie. Even with her loving care for all these children, Tillie still found time to sew for the community, earning money to assist in support of the family. She enjoyed making quilts and raising a garden. She loved playing games, especially card games and dominoes. A big thrill in her life was the trip she took to Germany in 1991.

Tillie was a grand, loving mother who always put her family first.

Survivors are her daughters Dolly Gilley of Dallas, Laverne Elliott of Muenster; Earlene Dennington of Gainesville, Marilyn McAr-



Tillie Otto

er of Denton, and Carla Wilson of Gainesville; sons Kenny Otto of Gainesville, Jim Otto of Grand Prairie, Jerry Otto of Fort Worth, Ed Otto of Muenster, and Tom Otto of Gainesville; and sisters Emma Fetsch and Clara Stanley.

She was preceded in death by her husband: John Otto, December 31, 1989; son Tony Otto; and daughter Sharon Otto.

Pallbearers were David Gilley, Deryl Dennington, Keith Otto, Philip Koelzer, Michael Elliott, Tony Otto, and Thomas Otto.

During the funeral Mass, the First Reading was given by Amy Binder, granddaughter. Christine Wilson, granddaughter, gave the Second Reading and the Prayers of the Faithful. Granddaughters Shelley Hess, Daveta Mattison, and Lauren Wilson carried up the Offertory Gifts. Eucharistic ministers were Chuck Bartush, Claude and Deb Klement, Harold Flusche, and Tim and Kristi Schneider. Music ministers were Christy Hesse, Doug

Yosten, Diane Grewing, and Linda Flusche.

A poem was read by granddaughter Iva Walterscheid. Remarks of remembrance were given by Melanie Zamudio who said, in part, "Tillie was a lifelong resident of Muenster... In 1940, Tillie married John Otto... married 49 1/2 years, until his death on Dec. 31, 1989.

"For most, having 12 children would be work enough. Add to that working as a seamstress and working to raise a garden. Add to that Tillie's deep involvement in the Church. She was a member of the Altar Society, the Catholic Daughters, and was an officer for St. Anne's Society.

"Tillie made clothes for poor children in far away places; she made well over 30,000 rosaries for missions, prisons, and abortion clinics. After the death of her daughter Sharon, she sent money every month to a children's foundation to sponsor a little girl about the same age as the little girl she lost..."

On Wednesday at 7 p.m., a Rosary was offered at the funeral home led by Imelda Rohmer. A Vigil followed led by Claude Klement.

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Elderly or disabled homeowners may defer property taxes

Texans who are 65 or older or who are disabled may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit at the Cooke County Appraisal District office.

Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred—but not canceled—as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Taxes continue to add up, along with 8% interest per year. The law extends the tax deferral to the surviving spouse of the person who deferred taxes on the homestead if the surviving spouse was at least 55 years old when the deceased spouse died.

If a tax deferral affidavit is on file, an older homeowner or one who is disabled cannot lose a homestead because of delinquent property taxes. A homeowner can halt a pending sale to foreclose

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DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO

March 24, 1944

Pfc. August Fleitman is casualty in action in Italy on Feb. 2, his 25th birthday. Jack Needham is missing in action in the European Theatre. New Arrivals: Roger to Wilfred and Polly Reiter; Carol to Lawrence and Irene Wimmer; Angus to T.L. and Anna Seyler Anderson. J.W. Hess is new president of St. Joseph's Society. Feast of Saint Joseph observed as Holy Day. Della, infant daughter of the Victor Hartmans, has recovered from measles.

50 YEARS AGO

March 27, 1959

City shut-down urged from 2 to 5 p.m. for Good Friday. Bumps and bruises were the result of a crash when Tim Hellman and his motor scooter tangled with a car. Like

getting two birds with one stone, a sailing baseball bat hit and injured two students at Muenster Public School; a broken nose for Glenn Fleitman and a gash in the forehead for Nancy Roper. New Arrivals: Sherry to Richard and Sue Knabe; Stephen to James and Angeline Eckart; Linda to Lawrence and Agnes Knabe.

25 YEARS AGO

March 23, 1984

City gets \$6,447 sales tax rebate. Cooke County is declared Natural Disaster Area because of drought conditions that existed April 1 through Oct. 24, 1983. Obituary: Rose Knauft, 85. Pat Knabe is top CLIU salesman in Texas for 1983. New Arrivals: Helen to Rafael and Connie Nieto; Lance to Lyle and Margie Klement.

Clyde D. Fisher dies

Clyde D. Fisher died Sunday, March 22, 2009 at The Atrium Medical Center in Corinth. Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, March 26 at 2 p.m. in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster. The complete obituary will be in next week's Muenster Enterprise.

Watch next week for the Special Home and Garden section to be published as a part of the Muenster Enterprise and Whitesboro News.



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Sunday, Mar. 29, 2009	Monday, Mar. 30, 2009	Tuesday, Mar. 31, 2009	Wednesday, Apr. 1, 2009	Thursday, Apr. 2, 2009	Friday, Apr. 3, 2009	Saturday, Apr. 4, 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. TDH Immunization Clinic, Cooke Co. Electric 9-11 a.m. Hamburger Drive thru Fundraiser, Cooke Co. Fairgrounds 11:30-1:15 C of C Board Mtg. 5:30p.m. Religious Ed Class 7 p.m.	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m. Muenster Public Library open 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m. AARP Board Mtg. 10 a.m. Stanford House	Muenster Public Library open 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Sunday, Apr. 5, 2009	Monday, Apr. 6, 2009	Tuesday, Apr. 7, 2009	Wednesday, Apr. 8, 2009	Thursday, Apr. 9, 2009	Friday, Apr. 10, 2009	Saturday, Apr. 11, 2009
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m.	City Council Mtg. 7:30p.m.	Muenster Public Library open 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Muenster Public Library open 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. SH Alumni & Supporters Mtg. 7:30 p.m. SNAP rm. Religious Ed Class 7 p.m. Tenebrae grades 4-12	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m. Muenster Public Library open 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. C of C Lunch Mtg. Rohmers	AARP Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Stanford House	Muenster Public Library open 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Good Friday

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Seniors enjoy a Spring Social; volunteers sought

Cooke County seniors enjoyed good food, good entertainment, and good fellowship at their Spring Social on Tuesday, March 17. It was held from 4 to 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart Community Center and attended by 78 guests.

Maurine Gross, Silver Haired legislator, was guest speaker. A representative from the TCOG Texoma Area Agency on Aging also spoke at the social. Members of the Cooke County Board were introduced. Christy Hesse

and Eric Gray provided entertainment.

Leo Hess and Butch Fisher prepared the ribs and chicken for the meal. Bernice Sicking and a group of women coordinated the sides for the meal. Others helping to making the social possible were Fischer's Meat Market, Rohmer's Restaurant, and Muenster SNAP.

Volunteers are being sought for Meals on Wheels. If you would like to help, call SNAP at 759-2922 or Juanita Knabe at 759-4284.



Wayne and Doris Klement of Muenster announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Kami Jo Klement to Mitchell Andrew Creed, son of Kevin and Kathy Creed of Muenster. The couple plans to be married on Saturday, April 18, 2009 at 2 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster with Fr. Ken Robinson officiating. Miss Klement is a 2003 graduate of Muenster High School and 2007 graduate of Midwestern State University. She is employed with Gerald M. Graham, D.D.S. Mr. Creed graduated from Lindsay High School in 2003 and attended North Central Texas College. He is employed by Universal Machining, Inc. Serving as attendants for the bride-elect will be Misty Hartman, matron of honor, and bridesmaids Malony Bartush, Trish Charles, Lauren Creed, Lauren Klement, Bridget McCawley, and Ashley Baggs. Kristopher Creed will be best man, and Jonathan Sicking, Dave Flusche, Jr., Jimmy Green, Jeff Klement, Chris Klement, and Dustin Walterscheid will be the attendants for the future-groom.

Rep. Kay Granger to speak in Gainesville

U. S. Congresswoman Kay Granger is slated to address a Cooke County audience at a luncheon on Thursday, April 9. Representing the 12th District of Texas, Granger is currently serving her 7th term representing the western part of Tarrant County and all of Parker and Wise counties.

A graduate of Texas Wesleyan University, Granger was a business woman before becoming a politician. She served on the Fort Worth City Council (1989-91), and as Mayor of Fort Worth (1991-95). She has been in Congress since 1997, and currently serves on the House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, and Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs where she is the Ranking Minority Member.

Granger's visit is sponsored by Cooke County Republican Women, and is open to the public. The cost



Congresswoman Kay Granger

is \$35 per person, payable to the CCRW PAC. The event will take place at Amelia's Attic, 111 W. California St., Gainesville. Reservations can be made by calling Sharon Acker, 940-612-0073, or Sharon McCormack, 940-668-6762.

This luncheon will be CCRW's April meeting. There will be no evening meeting in April.

Interested in joining Cooke County Republican Women?

Cooke County Republican Women (CCRW) will sponsor their annual spring Membership Brunch on Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the First State Bank Conference Center, 837 E. California Street, Gainesville.

Guests are welcome! The brunch is an opportunity for interested women to learn about CCRW, as well as the club's many programs and activities to benefit the County and improve political awareness.

New Arrival

Bailey

Danielle Bindel and Justin Bailey of Gainesville announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Kylie Jo Bailey. Kylie was born Thursday, March 12, 2009 at 8:32 a.m. in North Texas Medical Center in Gainesville. She weighed 9 lb. 1 oz. and measured 21 1/2 inches in length. Grandparents are Ben and Tina Bindel of Muenster, Ricky and Christy Burks of Gainesville, and Randy Epperson of Gainesville. Great-grandparents are Ida Mae Bindel of Muenster

and the late Wilfred Bindel, Benny and Edna Rae Garrett of Jacksboro, and Curtis and Lola Holland of Gainesville.



Kylie Jo Bailey

Easter Fest activities for seniors set for April 9

Cooke County seniors are invited to the Easter Fest sponsored by the Texoma Area Agency on Aging (Gainesville) and Always Better Care Home Health. The free event will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on

Thursday, April 9 at Pecan Creek Apartments, 1100 Lawrence in Gainesville. Activities include a breakfast, egg coloring, and a head wear contest. Special entertainment will be provided by LaFam Jones and Ron Mayo. Pictures will be taken with the Easter Bunny. No children are allowed, and no food carry outs please! For more information, call 668-1858.



Joshua Gorrell and Diana Felderhoff

Felderhoff, Gorrell graduate at Tarleton State University

Diana Felderhoff and fiancé Joshua Gorrell graduated from Tarleton State University in the Wisdom Gym on Dec. 13, 2008 in Stephenville. Diana graduated at 9 a.m. with a degree in Wildlife Management and

Joshua at 1:30 p.m. with a degree in Marketing.

Those attending the ceremony were Diana's parents Thomas and Becky Felderhoff, Joshua's parents John and Becky Gorrell, Joshua's grandparents James Lee and Virginia Haygood, and Joshua's brother Jacob Gorrell. Also attending was college friend Dave Hathcock.

After both ceremonies, they celebrated at the Mexican restaurant Mi Familia in Stephenville.

Notice

Brown Bag Book Review

The next Brown Bag Book Review will be Thursday, May 7 at noon in the North Central Texas College Library Lyceum. Patsy Wilson will review *The Pillars of the Earth* by Ken Follett.

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23:6



The Children of Dave St. and Wanda Flusche

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KEEP MUENSTER BEAUTIFUL YARD OF THE MONTH honors for March were awarded to Alan and Darlene Miller who live at 233 W. Third Street. Alan is pictured in his back yard with the colorful flowerbeds that he planted and cares for. Currently in bloom are pansies, tulips, and snapdragons. He has added a bird bath, various statues, and crosses that draw interest. He brought in native rocks and fossils, added a flowing water fountain, and low lighting for some of the flowerbeds. The lush lawn is St. Augustine grass. There are several beds in the backyard, as well as a vegetable garden. To nominate a home for Yard of the Month, contact any KMB member or call the *Enterprise* at 759-4311.

Janie Hartman photo

Jerry loves football and work

A passion for football has been an important part of Jerry's life for many years. In early February at the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce banquet, he got the thrill of his life when Giles and Marlene Walterscheid of Superior Machining purchased a football signed by Terry Bradshaw from the silent auction for Jerry. Jerry had been invited by his Special Olympics coach, Lois Essenburg, to attend the banquet and sit with the American Bank of Texas group.

During the banquet, Mr. Walterscheid was fascinated by Jerry as he talked football with Mr. Ken Essenburg and Jerry Bomar, Callisburg football coach. He could tell immediately that Jerry knew football inside and out and was impressed with all the statistics Jerry could quote.

The guest speaker for the occasion was Terry Bradshaw, former quarterback of the Pittsburgh Steelers. After receiving the football, Jerry was able to get his picture made with Bradshaw. Jerry prizes the football and the story of how it became his. It is displayed in his bedroom along with the jersey signed by the Muenster football team several years ago.

Jerry is looking forward to football season this fall and will continue volunteering with the Muenster middle school team where his nephew, Dylan Clure, is a team member. Jerry volunteers for all the Muenster home games but is also able to help out with the Gainesville home games.

Jerry is a Special Olympics athlete competing in the softball throw and the 50-meter walk. He loves attending the meets in different Texas cities and enjoys the interaction with others. He looks forward to the competition and the events with excitement each year.

Mental Health Retardation Services of Texoma (MHMRST) supports Jerry in his part-time job. He began his working career in 1995 on a highway litter crew, but now he works on roadside parks. He says he enjoys working on the parks more than he did the litter crew. He also is proud of the money his job provides.

Volunteering in the community has been part of Jerry's life for years. One day a week, he works at the hospital in the supply room where he puts stickers on supplies. He is involved with his local church and helps as secretary with Awanas each week. He also enjoys visiting in local nursing homes where he has family.



Jerry

Jerry recently obtained his driver's license and can now have the independence he has wanted. He can help run errands for the family and just go out by himself if he wishes. His MHMRST trainer helped him to obtain his driver's permit a few years back. While studying for the test, his reading became much improved, and he now enjoys books and magazines.

His most recent accomplishment is learning to surf the Internet. He began working by himself on the computer and figured out how to get on-line and get the information he wanted. Watching old wrestling matches and tracking Southern gospel quartette concerts is a new past-time for Jerry. He loves going to hear the gospel singers whenever they are in the area. Jerry has a full life and participates in activities that bring him pleasure.

March is Mental Retardation Month, and one of its purposes is to inform the public about programs offered through the local com-

munity MHMR center. MHMRST has provided services in Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson counties to individuals with mental retardation since 1974. The mission of the center is to provide services that improve quality of life for persons with mental, intellectual, and developmental disabilities.

Services include: Consumer Benefits, Continuity of Services, Intake/Eligibility/Diagnostic Services, Service Authorization, Service Coordination, DADS Waiver Programs (HCS and TXHML), DADS ICFMR Residential Program, In-Home and Family Support, Transition Planning, Adult Day Habilitation/Client Worker Training Program, Community Support Services, Representative Payee Management Services, Respite Services, Supported Home Living Services, and the Learning Tree (After School/Summer Children's Day Habilitation Program).

For more information call: 903-957-4795.

Bowie Airport to host 2nd annual show

Bowie Municipal Airport is hosting its second annual Aircraft Fly In, Motorcycle Ride In, Car Drive In and Show on April 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

At 9 a.m., there is an FFA Safety Seminar on Night flying. Registration for cars and motorcycles starts at 10 a.m. Classes are antique, classic, and custom. A special award will be given for fan appreciation.

Food and beverages will be available by Bowie High School Travel Club.

Admission is two canned good or boxed food items for Montague County Food Pantries.

Call (940)531-0256 for more information.

Back Then March 1989



Twenty years ago a freak snow storm hit the area the weekend of the Centennial Style Show. Winds drifted and sculpted the snow into forms like this one in front of Hamac's store on Main Street

From the *Enterprise* archives

Keeping older adults healthy

* Monitor the information your doctor wants to know. For example, an estimated one-half of senior citizens suffer from hypertension. A blood pressure arm monitor allows you to track your blood pressure at home. Daily monitoring can help you and your doctor bring your blood pressure levels down to 120 or lower, which is recommended to avoid risks of stroke or heart attacks.

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Texas Congressional delegation is to sponsor U.S. Service Academies Forum

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, announced that he and fellow members of the Texas Congressional Delegation will sponsor the 2009 North Texas U.S. Service Academies Forum on Saturday, April 4 in Arlington. It will be from 8 a.m. to noon in Tarrant County College, Southeast 2100 Southeast Parkway. This informational forum provides interested students grades eight through 12 an opportunity

to learn more about our nation's service academies, requirements for admission, and the selection process. This event is free and open to the public.

Sen. Cornyn is joined in sponsoring this forum by U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and U.S. Reps. Sam Johnson, Jeb Hensarling, Joe Barton, Kay Granger, Kenny Marchant, Michael Burgess, John Carter, and Pete Sessions.

Representatives from Congressional offices and all five academies, U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and U.S. Air Force Academy, as well as cadets and midshipmen, will be on hand to talk with North Texas students, parents, and educators about the possibilities associated with attending these premier educational institutions.



Muenster ISD Superintendent John Kaufman, at left, and MISD Board President Ronnie Felderhoff, right, were in Austin Tuesday to visit with Representative Rick Hardcastle, center, on school finances. The duo hopes to have some influence to get improvement in the current financial systems for schools in Texas. The Texas Legislature is currently in session. Courtesy photo

Walterscheid in Dallas Spelling Bee



Muenster ISD student Brooke Walterscheid finished 5th out of 30 contestants in this year's Dallas Morning News/WFAA Spelling Bee. The event was held Saturday, March 21 at the WFAA Studio and was aired on channel 8. Each county participant received a goody bag and official polo shirt. Brooke is the daughter of Bret and Kim Walterscheid. She is pictured with Spelling Bee host, Debbie Denmon, Channel 8 news anchor. Courtesy photo

Wildlife Intensive Leadership Development Summer Camp seeks youth and adults

Do something different with your summer! The Texas Brigades is seeking students age 13-17 with curiosity and enthusiasm about wildlife, habitat, and conservation. Each Texas Brigade camp is a five-day program focusing on one of four educational curriculums: Bobwhite Brigade (quail), Buckskin Brigade (deer), Feathered Forces (quail and turkey), or Bass Brigade. Applications for the 2009 camp season are now available online at texasbrigades.org.

The Texas Brigades' mission is to empower high school youth with the necessary skills and knowledge in wildlife and fisheries, habitat conservation, land and water stewardship, team-building, communication, and leadership to become ambassadors for conservation in order to ensure a sustained wildlife and fisheries legacy for future generations. Six camps take place this year at locations across Texas.

Each camp consists of intense, interactive, and hands-on learning from some of the top wildlife and natural resource professionals in Texas. Subjects covered include everything from biology, habitat management, watersheds, population dynamics, ecology, and botany, to photography, journalism, firearm safety, fishing, com-

munication, critical-thinking, team building, and leadership.

Each camp needs adult volunteers to serve as Leaders every summer. No experience is necessary, just a desire to learn and mentor youth. You will have the opportunity to aid a younger generation's consciousness of their responsibility to and understanding of their natural world. Not only are you enriching the lives of the

participants, but you too will benefit from the experience.

An understanding of the importance of this program is represented by its cooperating partners, including Texas AgriLife Extension, Texas Wildlife Association, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Texas Chapters of Quail Unlimited, and the National Wild Turkey Federation.

Lunch Menus

WEEK OF MARCH 30 - APRIL 1 MUENSTER ISD

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

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

Wed. - Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, chips and salsa, bananas, cookies.

Thurs. - Sausage w/kraut, creamed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, pears, hot rolls.

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

SACRED HEART

Mon. - Cook's choice.

Tues. - Beef spaghetti, green beans, peach cups, garlic bread.

Wed. - Ham, black-eyed peas, cornbread, green salad, applesauce.

Thurs. - Baked chicken, potatoes, gravy, carrots, pineapple chunks, bread.

Fri. - Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, oranges, crackers.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Beef tips over rice, green beans, peaches, batter bread.

Tues. - Barbecue on a bun, pickle wedges, potato chips, strawberries, chocolate cake.

Wed. - Turkey and cheese sandwich w/trimmings, potato chips, fresh fruit, Welch's fruit snack.

Thurs. - Chicken on a bun w/trimmings, tator tots, ice cream.

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

ERA ISD

Mon. - Sloppy Joes, tator tots, pickle spears, fruit mix.

Tues. - Chicken nuggets, carrots, applesauce, breadstick, wacky cake.

Wed. - Baked potato w/ground beef, toppings, shredded cheese, pears, breadstick.

Thurs. - Oven roasted breaded chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot roll.

Fri. - Chicken spaghetti or fish sticks, green beans, peaches, ice cream.

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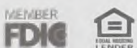


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Applications sought statewide for Teachers' Conservation Institute

Applications are being taken for the 2009 Teachers' Conservation Institute. Sponsored by Texas Forestry Association, the Teachers' Conservation Institute (TCI) is a week-long summer workshop which uses the forest as a theme for environmental education. Activities are led by foresters, educators, natural resource conservationists, and industry professionals.

Teachers will receive 45 hours of continuing education (SBE) credit. TCI meets requirements of Professional Development Appraisal System, and graduate credit is available.

All materials presented at TCI are correlated to TEKS, and teaching strategies utilized are research-based and proven to improve students' achievement. TCI is field-based and provides opportunities for inquiry investigation. TCI provides teachers with activities to meet the requirement that 40% of science be taught in lab setting or field as stated by law and all activities are interdisciplinary. In addition, teachers receive certification in Project Learning Tree and Project WILD.

This year's TCI sessions will be held July 5-10, and

July 12-17. Registration is \$100 and includes all teaching materials and instruction, food, lodging, and transportation during the workshop. Participants are responsible for travel to and from the Piney Woods Conservation Center near Broadus, Texas (www.sfasu.edu/forestry/pwcc). To register for TCI, call (936) 632-TREE or email educatio@ntexas.texasforestry.org

Texas Forestry Association is a nonprofit trade association representing over 3,000 members who grow, manage, harvest, and process forest resources.

Nominate the next Texas "Teacher Of The Year"

Nominations for the Texas 2008-09 Teacher of the Year (TOTY) are being accepted through April 30 at www.teachers.com. The TOTY Award is a recognition of excellence in teaching sponsored by Teachers' Insurance Plan™, a car insurance program exclusively for members of the educational community.

The award will include \$1,000 to the winning teacher and a \$500 grant to that teacher's school. The State winner will also be eligible for the National award that

includes a special recognition and a \$2,500 travel certificate.

Teachers, administrators, students, and parents can nominate any of the state's more than 315,000 accredited teachers.

Nomination forms are available online at www.teachers.com. To nominate an educator, explain in 250 words or less why this teacher should be the Teacher of

the Year. Nominees will be judged on their ability to motivate students, their special talents, and their contribution to their school, students, or educational community.

Winners will be announced at the start of the next school year.

Teachers' Insurance Plan is underwritten by licensed members of the Unitrin family of insurance companies, as authorized by law.



Learning a bit o' the Irish at Sacred Heart School

Students of Sacred Heart Catholic School got the musical beat (above), then learned an Irish-Scottish dance from Kim McKee and Ken Willson (at left). Willson & McKee put on a teaching program for the students prior to the musical event held at the Community Center Tuesday night. Below - Alane Bartush, Asheleigh Fisher, Morgan Hennigan, and Avery Truebenbach learn the moves to a Celtic dance. Janie Hartman photos



Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Matthew 5:8

What could lower teen driving risks

As any veteran parent can tell you, each stage of a child's life triggers a new set of mixed emotions. Some of the most intense ups and downs occur when teens start driving.

Convenience is the major boon for moms and dads of new drivers. Chauffeurage can be dropped from the parental job description, and many routine errands can be outsourced. Driving also is a key step for most young people on their path to adult independence.

Even so, parents swallow hard each time their teens grab the car keys and step outside.

These worries are reasonable. Drivers 16 to 19 are more likely than any other group to violate traffic laws and be involved in auto accidents. And traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for American teens. Despite recent improvement, Texas annually ranks at or near the top in total numbers of teen driving accidents and deaths.

Understanding Is Key to Helping Young Drivers

Troubling statistics aside, baring kids from driving is not an option for most families. The more realistic approach for loving fathers and mothers is to understand the challenges teen drivers face, and to help manage them. Here are a few of those challenges, along with ways to be a positive influence for young drivers.

Inexperience — People learn by doing, and young motorists are less practiced than adults at basic skills such as driving in heavy traffic or bad weather, re-

sponding to hazards, and making quick decisions in confusing traffic situations.

The best way to help teenagers improve their skills is to coach them as they're first learning to drive—the period when they're least likely to reject unsolicited advice from their elders. As you or your teen are driving together, point out things to be aware of and how to respond. For example: monitoring speed around curves; allowing more room to stop on wet roads; understanding complex intersections; and watching closely for pedestrians, cyclists, and small children.

Risk-taking — Younger drivers take more risks than older ones for a variety of reasons, including excessive confidence in their skill levels, generally lower capacity for impulse control, and the characteristic youthful love of speed. When talking over these issues, parents should stress the dangers of risky driving without implying that all teens are irresponsible. Also helpful is a knack for delivering realistic warnings without sounding melodramatic.

In walking these fine lines, you as a parent may find it useful to draw upon your own memories. What kinds of driving-related talks did you find most and least persuasive when you were young? Was safety advice more effective when it focused on your own health and well-being or that of others? Did you find stories and images of grisly traffic accidents sober-

ing, or fodder for sarcastic humor? This kind of discussion, as much as any parent must face, should draw heavily upon empathy and knowledge of what motivates each individual teen.

Drugs and Alcohol — Driving under the influence is a behavior pattern that many acquire at an early age. That's why parents' most effective tactic is setting a good example long before their children are able to drive. Keep in mind that most teenagers are highly attuned to hypocrisy. No matter how eloquent your words may be, it's your day-to-day actions that make the strongest impression.

Distractions — Even more than other drivers, young people tend to multi-task as they drive. And even top notch driving skills degrade when forced to compete with cell phones, iPods, and chatter with back-seat passengers. This is such an obvious point that many teens find it persuasive, especially if they've ridden with friends who don't always focus on the road.

Realistically, though, it's wise to take additional safety steps.

If your budget permits, get your teens a hands-free phone headset and a device that connects their portable music player to their car stereo (thus allowing them to keep at least one eye on the road). Try to avoid calling them at times when they're likely to be driving. And, again, set the positive example with your own actions.

These are just a few of the steps parents can take in selling teens on safer driving practices. However, the philosophy behind them is consistent with good parenting in other areas: Understand what motivates your children; argue calmly from a foundation of solid facts; link constructive criticism to love; and use the approaches that worked best for your own parents.

Above all, practice what you preach. It's not only the best way to protect your children's health, but your own as well.

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Pre-Kindergarten registration for Muenster ISD will be April 6-10. Registration folders may be picked up at the elementary office. Children must be four years old by September 1, 2009. A copy of the child's immunization records, social security card and birth certificate must be filed with the school secretary, Patsy Fleitman.

Parents who wish to transfer their children into the Muenster Independent School District must complete a transfer request in addition to the registration card. The MISD School Board must approve all transfer requests. For more information about transfer requests call Lou Heers, Principal, at 759-2282, extension 620.

El Registro de Pre-Kindergarten para Muenster ISD sera abril 6-10, 2009. Las carpetas del registro se pueden recoger en la oficina elemental. Los niños deben cumplir cuatro años ante de septiembre 1, 2009. Una copia de los registros de la inmunización: tarjeta social de seguro y certificado de nacimiento oficial se deben presentar a la secretaria de la escuela, Patsy Fleitman.

Los padres que desean transferir sus niños en el Muenster Distrito Independiente de Escuela debe completar una petición de la transferencia además de la tarjeta de matrícula. El Comité Ejecutivo de la Escuela de MISD debe aprobar todas transferencias solicitadas. Para más información acerca de la transferencia solicitada llame Lou Heers, la Directora en 759-2282, la Extension 620.

MISD KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for MISD will be held on Wednesday, April 8, from 3:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Pre-K-2 building.

Parents registering children for the 2009-2010 school year must complete a registration card. A copy of the child's immunization records, social security card and birth certificate must be filed with the school secretary, Patsy Fleitman, or the kindergarten teachers.

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Muenster Elementary's full day kindergarten, a child centered program, develops pre-academic skills. The kindergarten teachers use a combination of centers, discovery and direct instruction in a language-rich environment to maximize each child's potential. Students discover the fun of learning as they prepare for future academic and social success. The teachers will be on hand at registration to answer questions.

We look forward to seeing you. If you are unable to attend on April 8 please contact the school for a convenient time to register.

La MATRICULA del JARDIN DE LA INFANCIA MISD

La matricula del jardín de la infancia kinder para MISD sera miercoles, el 8 de abril a las 3:45 p.m. hasta las 5:30 p.m. en el Pre-K-2 edificio elemental.

Los padres que registran sus niños para el 2009-2010 año escolar deben completar una tarjeta de matrícula. Una copia de los registros de la inmunización: tarjeta social de seguro y certificado de nacimiento oficial se deben presentar a la secretaria de la escuela, Patsy Fleitman, o con los maestros del Kinder.

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El Kinder de Muenster Elemental es para el día entero para desarrollar las destrezas necesarias para entrar en el primer grado. Las maestras de Kinder usan muchas diferentes estrategias para sacar el maximo desarrollo del niño. Los niños descubren el gozo de aprendizaje mientras preparan para su futuro educacional. Las maestras de Kinder estaran dispuestas a contestar cualquiera pregunta.

Esperamos con ansia verlo. Si usted es incapaz de asistir en el 8 de abril avisa por favor llame la escuela para un tiempo conveniente para el registro.

Rodeo Gainesville offers scholarships

The Gainesville Riding Club is pleased to announce the establishment of the "Rodeo Gainesville" Scholarship Program for 2009 graduating seniors as part of their community outreach segment of Rodeo Gainesville. The program consists of two \$250 scholarships to be awarded in conjunction with Rodeo Gainesville which will be held May 7, 8, and 9.

Seniors in the Gainesville and surrounding areas are eligible to compete for these awards. Area high school counselors have been

sent the information regarding the application process. Students from Gainesville, Valley View, Lindsay, Muenster, Era, Whitesboro, Collinsville, Thackerville, S & S Consolidated, Callisburg, and Marietta are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

Anyone wishing to request an application may contact the Gainesville Riding Club by email: HY-PERLINK "http://www.rodeogainesville.com" www.rodeogainesville.com or Jane Martin 940-665-2671.

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SPORTS

Tigerettes win own tournament

Sacred Heart sponsored another golf tournament on Monday at Turtle Hill Golf Course. Both boys and girls competed against strong winds.

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes won the girls division, while Midland Classical took the boys championship.

In girls action, the Tigerettes won with 434 points. The Lady Knights of Lindsay

were 2nd at 465, followed by Midland Classical 480, Byers 491, and Selwyn 494.

Sarah Ratliff scored an 88 to take the individual gold medal. Alexandra Popovich and Shelby Hess tied for 4th with 111. Shelby Ratliff finished in 6th at 114 with Raynee Hogan scoring a 118.

Lindsay was led by Kayla Davis, who was tied at 6th place with 114. Alie Fogle and Anna Hogan tied for 9th with a 116 score, followed by Haley Haverkamp 119 and Rachel Brewer 121.

Midland Classical squeezed out a 1st place with a 349 score. Dallas Winston

was 2nd at 350. Archer City, Alvord, and Gold-Burg followed, with Sacred Heart taking 6th with a score of 379 and Lindsay 8th at 415.

Tiger Kevin Kulle medaled with a score of 87, good enough for 9th place. John Krawietz scored 93, Austin Springer 97, Nick Popovich 102, and Kirk Felderhoff 195.

Scoring for the Knights were Blake Hunter 95, Jacob Hall 102, Dawson Holt 107, Austin Reiter 111, and Frank Cornett 115.

Sacred Heart will host the TAPPS District I Meet on Monday, March 30 at Turtle Hill.

KC 3-on-3 benefits ECI

Muenster Knights of Columbus hosted a 3-on-3 basketball tournament benefiting ECI Texoma. The tournament was held Saturday, March 21 in the Muenster and Sacred Heart's gyms. There were 12 teams with two divisions.

The winners of the 16 to 26 year age division were Levi Hermes, Michael Eckart, and Richard Klement.

Winning the 26 and older division were Tim Pettigrew, Ronnie Cook, Usef Stevens, Brain Williams, and Trent Rolle.

Participating teams came from as far away as Gunter.

ECI Texoma serves children birth to 36 months of age who have developmental delays in some area of development. The program is designed to encourage and assist parents with meeting their child's developmental needs. Early intervention is the most effective strategy to help children grow and develop to their fullest potential. Anyone can refer a child to ECI by calling 940-665-1464 or 903-957-4810.

Sponsors of the event were Muenster Knights of Columbus, First State Bank, Nasoga Federal Credit Union, H-5 Steel Built, and Fischer's Meat Market.

SACRED HEART BASEBALL NEWS



Harvest Christian

On Friday, March 20, the Sacred Heart Tigers opened up District play during Spring Break by hosting the Harvest Christian Saints at NCTC. They could not adjust to the pitching of a slow curveball and only managed three hits in the game.

Sam Sparkman pitched four innings and had 4 strikeouts and walked 6 batters. Nine runs scored, but all of them were unearned. Greyson Evans pitched the last 3 innings with 6 runs scored and only 1 earned run. Bob Bartush and Josh Biffle each had an RBI.

The Tigers had 23 errors, with 19 coming from the catcher. The Tigers are 0-1 in District and looking to recover after Spring Break.

Azle Christian

On Monday, March 23, the Tigers had a non-district match up on Monday against Azle Christian at NCTC. Everyone on the team got to see some action in this game. The Tigers scored 14 runs on 3 hits and had 3 errors. Azle Christian scored 8 runs on 4 hits. Only 2 of Azle Christian's runs were earned.

Dylan Flusche pitched 4 innings and got the win for the Tigers with 10 strikeouts, 6 walks, 2 hits, and 0 earned runs. Bob Bartush threw 2 innings and gave up 2 hits and 2 earned runs. He also had 2 strikeouts. Austin Miller threw 1 inning walking 3 batters, with 1 strikeout, and 3 unearned runs.

Greyson Evans led the team at the plate going 2 for 3 with 2 RBIs. The Tigers are now 2-2 on the season.

MINOR SPORTS

The Nebraska Cornhuskers were once known as the Bugeaters.

Anna Kemeses, who later changed her name to Nadia

Comaneci, was the first person to score a perfect 10 in Olympic gymnastics.

The score of a forfeited baseball game is 9-0

STATE POWERLIFTER



Muenster Lady Hornet Jenni Luke competed in the UIL State Powerlifting Meet last weekend in Corpus Christi. She lifted a total of 665 pounds to finish in 6th place in her weight division. Jenni had a 250 squat, a 115 bench, and a 300 pound deadlift. Courtesy photo

Texas Game Warden field reports

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

Banged-up and busted

On March 4, a game warden lieutenant was on his way to his regional office when he drove up on a traffic accident that had just occurred. While the lieutenant was checking on the passenger of one of the vehicles, the driver threw out several small bags of marijuana. The lieutenant collected the evidence and turned it over to DPS.

Hot work

On Feb. 27, while patrolling around the Delta Lake area, a Hidalgo County game warden came across an individual who had driven his vehicle off into a ditch. The game warden was calling for a tow truck when he noticed the van catch fire. The game warden was able to remove the elderly man from the vehicle to a safe distance and call for the fire department. The game warden was able to keep traffic from venturing through the burning area until fire-rescue personnel showed up to extinguish the blaze.

Lost and found

On Feb. 24, a Dimmit

County game warden received phone call from the sheriff's office about a 911 call relating to a hunter who was lost on a 38,000-acre ranch near the Dimmit and La Salle county line. The game warden contacted a colleague, who was able to contact the hunter by cell phone. The hunter sounded extremely tired and panicked. The hunter's truck had broken down around 7 p.m., and it was now 11 p.m.

The hunter's partner, who was supposed to wait at the truck, had successfully walked back to camp and realized his buddy was not there but was unable to help since it was his first time on the ranch and he did not have keys to any vehicles. The lost hunter was eventually located at around 1 a.m. with the help of lights and sirens and the cell phone. He was returned to camp without injury. The hunter stated he thought he knew the ranch well enough to take a short cut across the pasture but got turned around.

Netter invasion

On Feb. 24, Val Verde County game wardens seized 300 feet of gill net from the Texas side of the Rio Grande and returned numerous fish to the water. The wardens were working several miles above the Pecos River when they located the net.

Whodunnit? Must have been a game warden

A number of District 1 and District 2 game wardens participated and assisted with the Who Dunit Camp at the Department's "Life's Better Outside" event at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. Wardens reversed their roles as game wardens and posed as hunters at a mock hunting camp. Hundreds of participants ranging from kids to grandparents enjoyed playing the part of a game warden and discovering several violations at the camp, including a stolen weapon, a weapon with a silencer, an improperly tagged set of antlers, an ice chest with deer meat beyond quartering, feathers and talons of a protected bird, undersized fish on a stringer, illegal fishing devices, and a bag of illegal narcotics.

Oysters on the half-ton

On Feb. 23, Galveston County game wardens caught a commercial oyster fisherman who was storing oysters in the back of his truck overnight. This is a violation of the Health & Safety Code, which requires commercial oysters to be refrigerated within 18 hours of harvest. The State Department of Health Services was contacted and 21 sacks of oysters were destroyed. Case pending.

Officer! Follow that boat!

On Feb. 22, Webb County game wardens were checking for water safety compliance on Lake Casa Blanca. After checking several boats, the wardens were approached by a fisherman and his daughter. The man said that a maroon and white ski boat was driving recklessly. He said the boat passed by him so closely that it pulled line off his reel and rocked his boat violently. He said he also noticed that the boat had several small children in it, and the adults appeared to be drinking beer.

The wardens began looking for the boat and were stopped by another fisherman who complained about the same boat. The wardens

located the boat and stopped it to perform a water safety inspection. Upon pulling up to the boat, the wardens noticed a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage. Float tests were performed, and the wardens escorted the driver to shore for standardized field sobriety tests. The man indicated multiple clues on each test. The driver was arrested for BWI, refused a breath analysis, and was transported to the Webb County Jail. Case pending.

It could have been worse

On Feb. 22, Victoria County game wardens were patrolling Lavaca Bay when they came across a boat that was high and dry on a sand bar. There were no occupants seen in the boat, but one was found on a spoil island a hundred yards away. The owner of the boat was found uninjured and transported to the boat ramp where his vehicle was located. He was grateful for the ride to the boat ramp.

Bad luck gets worse

On Feb. 21, Throckmorton and Shackelford County game wardens were working hog hunters in Haskell County when they began to follow a truck that was driving very erratically. After running on the wrong side of the road for about 1/4-mile, the truck was stopped. The driver was given field sobriety tests, which he failed. He stated that he had a few drinks because he was having a bad run of luck. The subject was arrested for DWI and turned over to the local trooper. His bad luck continues.

Those cast nets work real good

On Feb. 21, Webb County game wardens were checking fishermen near the Lakeside Subdivision on Lake Casa Blanca. The wardens noticed three men walking away from the shoreline. The men were carrying cast nets, and one of the males was carrying a stringer with several fish. The wardens asked the men if they had any more fish, and the men retrieved a cooler from the back of one of the trucks. In all, the men had netted nine tilapia, three undersized crappie, and one 22-inch bass. Fortunately, the bass was still alive and was able to be released back into the lake.

The wardens asked the men for fishing licenses and identification. The men said they did not have either. The fish and three cast nets, one being 15 feet in diameter, were seized.

Wouldn't a license have been cheaper?

Feb. 20, while checking bank fishermen at Lake Benbrook, a Tarrant County game warden observed two men fishing, each holding a fishing pole. When the game warden approached the two men, only one was fishing, and the second fishing pole was gone. The other subject later admitted to throwing his pole in the water because he did not have a fishing license. Case pending.

Gumshoe work leads to dumping charges

On Feb. 13, a Palo Pinto County game warden discovered paint cans that had been illegally dumped. Using the paint codes on the cans, the game warden visited the paint store and found the owner's name and address. After visiting with the resident, the game warden filed on the two subjects the home owner had hired to paint his house. Cases pending.



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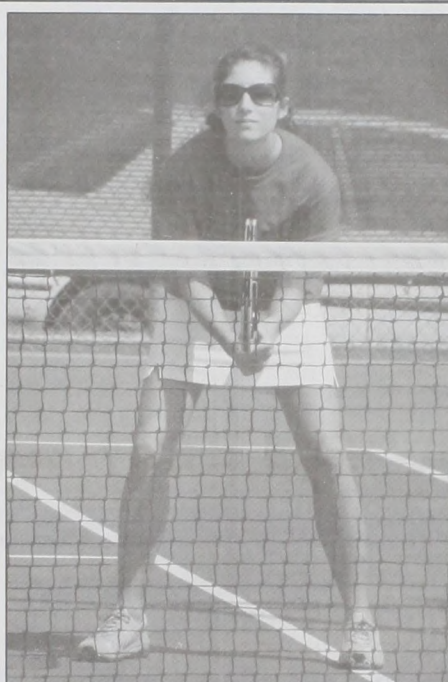
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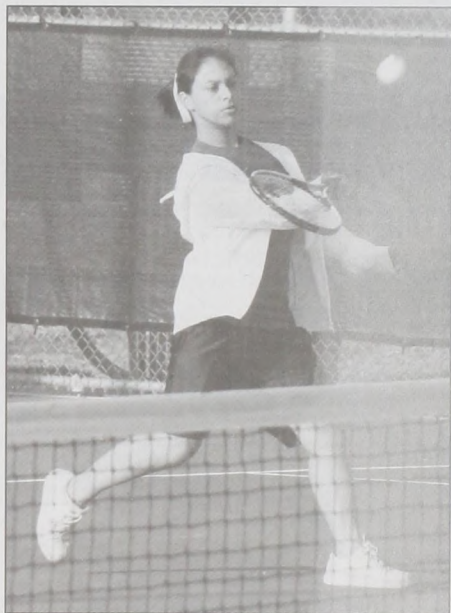
Lady Hornet Tennis at Princeton High School Tournament, clockwise, starting above - Emily Stoffels; Jordanne Hellman; Diana Velasquez; and Paige Morgan.



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LADY KNIGHT SOFTBALL NEWS

The Lindsay Lady Knights dropped two games, won one, and tied one over Spring Break, and placed 2nd in their own tournament for a 13-6-2 record going into District play.

On March 20, the Lady Knights lost against Wichita Falls City View 4-2. Five errors cost Lindsay the runs. "You could tell we were a little rusty coming off of Spring Break," commented Coach Robin Hess.

Rose Hermes and Bethani Eberhart scored. Defense was led by Megan Caillier and Natalie Rose. Alyx Ethington and Taylor Atkins together faced 30 batters.

On Saturday, Lindsay hosted a softball tournament, finishing 1-1-1 for 2nd place. Each team in the tournament played three games in a round robin format with time limit, drop dead competition. Grandview won the tournament, followed by Lindsay, Nocona, and Collinsville.

In game one, the Lady Knights tied 5-5 with Nocona. Ethington faced 27 batters, allowed 4 hits, struck out 6, and walked 8. All runs were earned. Scoring for Lindsay were Hermes, Caillier, Atkins, and Beverly Knabe.

The Lady Knights defeated Collinsville 7-1 in game two. Caillier, Eberhart, Hermes, Ethington, and Rose scored, with Jessica Thurman and Kayla Hess adding hits. Atkins faced 19 batters, allowed 4 hits, struck out 5, and walked 0.

The championship game saw the Lady Knights fall to Grandview 3-1. "We hit the ball well - we just hit it right to them," noted Coach Hess.

Ethington scored the run. Thurman had an RBI, with Hermes and Caillier adding singles. Atkins pitched to 33 batters.

Three Lady Knights earned a place on the All-Tournament Team: Alyx Ethington, Rose Hermes, and Bethani Eberhart.

Lindsay opened District play with a 16-1 win over Muenster Tuesday at Knight Field. Muenster scored in

the 1st inning and didn't threaten again the remainder of the game.

Scoring for Lindsay were Rose Hermes and Bethani Eberhart 3 runs each, Megan Caillier, Natalie Rose, Beverly Knabe and Haley Hughes 2 runs each, and a score by Kayla Hess and Taylor Atkins.

Pitcher Alyx Ethington faced 14 batters, allowing 1 hit, striking out 7, and walking 3.

The JV Lady Knights won 15-0 over Muenster. Rane Morrison was the winning pitcher, facing 14 batters, allowing 1 hit, and getting 9 strikeouts.

Getting runs were Erin Copeland 4, McKenzie Neu and Morrison 3 each, Katie Arendt 2, and 1 apiece by Kayla Davis, Taylor Pelzel, and Cassidy Clark. Camille Hale and Amelia Haverkamp each had an RBI.



Junior Varsity Lady Knight Katie Arendt waits for the pitch in Tuesday's District win over Muenster. Alyx Ethington is the pitcher for the Lady Hornets. Janie Hartman photo

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KNIGHT BASEBALL

The Lindsay Knights lost their first baseball game last week to Archer City 18-4. Spring Break limited the Knights' practice, putting them in a bind. Dax Fleitman, Travis Skinner, and Todd Bezner all pitched. "I think the game will be much different the next time we play," commented Coach Cody Bounds.

The Knights were then victorious, defeating Muenster 16-1. "The boys played very well and are coming around," the Lindsay coach added. "Bezner pitched extremely well and the defense played great behind him. Our bats came alive and the boys did a good job of putting the ball in play."

Lindsay dropped a District game with Petrolia Tuesday 12-2. "The score really doesn't show how tight the game was for the most part," noted Coach Cody Bounds. The score was 4-2 going into the 6th when things fell apart for the Knights. Frank Cornett and Blake Hunter scored for the Knights.

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"Don't pug your pastures" is the advice a Texas AgriLife Extension Service expert offers producers who received much-needed rain last week on recently burned pastures.

Dr. Wayne Hanselka, AgriLife Extension range specialist, said pugging is a term used when too many cattle or other livestock are kept too long on wet pastures with limited or no forage. The result is intensively trampled soil which leads to soil compaction, poor plant growth, and greater fertilizer requirements on tame pastures.

He said if the practice continues, the damage would increase to the point that pastures start to rapidly decline in quality, sometimes permanently.

"All of Texas is suffering from months of no rain," Hanselka said. "Recent rains across a wide swath of Texas last week followed by warm weather this week has producers as eager for spring green-up as are their cows. But just because it rained once doesn't mean we're out of the woods yet. Those unfortunate enough to have suffered the ravages of a fire this winter must realize any grass they have left has little or no stored nutrients in its root system."

"Grazing the first green on burned pastures could easily kill the grass or weaken it so a continuing drought would kill it. Stressed grass needs time before it is grazed and the necessary soil nutrients must be added if cutting hay is the intent."

Hanselka advises producers to keep feeding on well-drained, heavily turfed areas

or if no such area is available to drylot the cows, providing selling the animals is not a consideration.

Hanselka said cutting losses by destocking is the most logical way out when no other pasture is available. But when years of herd genetics are at stake, he concedes that for some producers this is not an option.

He said the sparse green which the recent rains will soon bring to many decimated pastures will not be enough to keep cattle fed.

"A cow needs 35-40 pounds of dry forage a day just to maintain her," Hanselka said. "What little they are getting now is hurting the grass far more than it is helping the cattle."

"Cows typically waste as much forage through trampling, dunging, and other activities as they eat," he said. "There are also losses due to insects, plant maturity, and decay. So just leaving cows in a damaged pasture can be devastating whether there is anything for them to eat or not."

Hanselka said when the rains finally do return, erosion and subsequent leaching and loss of topsoil are other serious problems producers who over-graze will face.

"Look down the road," he said. "When it looks like it can't get any worse, just know when it comes to poor pasture management, it can."

For more information, contact Hanselka at 361-265-9203, c-hanselka@tamu.edu.

TDA market recap

For the week ending March 21, feeder cattle prices at Texas auctions were mostly steady to as much as \$7 higher per hundredweight. Higher fed cattle prices and seasonally lower supplies contributed to the increase.

Grains were higher because of concerns about dry weather on the Plains, wet conditions in the Midwest, good export sales, and a weaker dollar.

As for futures markets, feeder cattle, finished cattle, cotton, wheat, corn, and lumber were higher than a week earlier.

Some locations in East and South Texas reported up to an inch of rain last week, but most of the state received trace amounts at best. Topsoil moisture remains very short to adequate statewide and pastures are in very poor to fair condition.

Corn planting was 44% complete and grain sorghum was 25% planted. Cotton, rice, and soybean planting are also underway. The winter wheat crop is in mostly fair to very poor condition with 7% of the acreage headed.

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for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the shooting and killing of three head of cattle on a ranch approximately 3 1/2 miles north of Marysville on CR 408 on the day or night of March 5. Please call Cooke County Sheriff's Office 665-3471 with information.

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Light Weight Steers & Heifers - \$3-\$6 HIGHER. Feeder Steers & Heifers - \$4-\$6 HIGHER. Packer Cows & Bulls - \$1-\$3 HIGHER. Top 75% Pairs - \$950-\$1350. Top 75% Bred Cows - \$900-\$1075. Top 75% Bulls - \$950-\$1500. Sold at Friday's sale MARCH 20 were 2997, compared to 702 the previous week. Sold at Tuesday's sale MARCH 10 were 443 Goats, 183 Sheep, and 168 Hogs. The numbers from last week were 630 Goats, 105 Sheep, and 166 Hogs. Results follow:

Feeder Steers (per lb.)	200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.16-1.35; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.16; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.07-1.26; Nos. 2 & 3, .90-1.07; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.10-1.15; Nos. 2 & 3, .80-1.05; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 1.01-1.13; Nos. 2 & 3, .85-1.01; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, .94-1.06; Nos. 2 & 3, .85-.94; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, .88-1.03; Nos. 2 & 3, .70-.88.	Pregnancy-tested, 3 to 9-year-olds - Large Frame - \$750-\$920; Medium Frame - \$456-\$725.	Ewes (per lb.)	Thin NT, Fat 40-45; Barbados (per head) - \$30-\$50; Ewes \$30-\$80; Bucks \$50-\$330.	
Feeder Heifers (per lb.)	200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.13-1.29; Nos. 2 & 3, .90-1.13; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, .99-1.10; Nos. 2 & 3, .85-.99; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, .91-1.01; Nos. 2 & 3, .75-.91; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, .89-1.05; Nos. 2 & 3, .75-.89; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, .82-.98; Nos. 2 & 3, .72-.84; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, .78-84; Nos. 2 & 3, .65-.72.	Cow/Calf Pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - Large Frame - \$850-\$1050; Medium Frame - \$600-\$850.	Goats (per head)	Kids 20-35 lbs. \$20-\$45; 35-55 lbs. \$30-\$80; 55-75 lbs. \$55-\$100.	
Slaughter Cattle (per lb.)	Grade #1-2, 1.200-2.050 lbs. #1-3, 44-52; Calf Steer Cows (per head)	25-50 lbs. \$20-\$40; 50-75 lbs. \$20-\$40; 75-120 lbs. \$20-\$40; 120 lbs-up \$20-\$40.	Yearlings (per head)	75-120 lbs. \$75-\$135.	
Sheep (per lb.)	Grade #1-2, 1.200-2.050 lbs. #1-3, 44-52; Calf Steer Cows (per head)	25-50 lbs. \$20-\$40; 50-75 lbs. \$20-\$40; 75-120 lbs. \$20-\$40; 120 lbs-up \$20-\$40.	Nannies (per head)	Stockers \$35-\$100; Milk Type \$30-\$50; Slaughter \$65-\$95; Thin \$15-\$40.	
Goats (per head)	200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.13-1.29; Nos. 2 & 3, .90-1.13; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, .99-1.10; Nos. 2 & 3, .85-.99; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, .91-1.01; Nos. 2 & 3, .75-.91; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, .89-1.05; Nos. 2 & 3, .75-.89; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, .82-.98; Nos. 2 & 3, .72-.84; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, .78-84; Nos. 2 & 3, .65-.72.	Boars (per lb.)	300 lbs up \$7.50-\$11.00; 300 lbs. 20-30; Light wt. NT.	Billies (per head)	120 lbs up \$120; Breeders \$115-\$140; Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny NT, 3/4 Nanny NT, Full Nanny NT 1/2 Billy NT, 3/4 Billy NT, Full Billy \$125-\$150.

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Mexico to exclude U.S. meat from tariffs

Wire reports indicate U.S. meat exports will be excluded from Mexico's tariff increases planned for 90 U.S. agricultural and industrial products.

A spokesman from Mexico's agriculture ministry said the list does not include beef, pork, or poultry. Mexico's national meat council also confirmed all meat products would be exempt. No word yet on how U.S. grain and soybean exports might be affected. The U.S. Grain Council speculates that corn and grain sorghum will also be exempt from the tariffs. Mexico is expected to publish a complete list of U.S. goods to be hit with the duties sometime yet this week.

The higher tariffs are in retaliation for the cancellation of a pilot program that allowed Mexican trucks to enter the U.S. One U.S. market analyst said he expects the issue to be resolved in due time. He does not think it will lead to an escalating trade war between the two countries.

Ag briefs

Tax note: Out of pocket cash is not deductible unless supported by a receipt.

Tax note: A receipt is needed for any single check of \$250 or more, or no deduction.

Tax note: No more than \$5,000 of household goods to charity within a year, or an appraisal is required.

Need a copy of past IRS returns? For a \$57 charge, Form 4506 can be used to make the request. Forms are found at www.irs.gov

COUNTY AGENT REPORT

Wise water use is a critical issue for your landscape

An adequate supply of high quality water has become a critical issue for the future prosperity of Texas. Booming populations have increased the demand on the state's already limited supply of high quality water. In addition, seasonal fluctuations in rainfall and periodic droughts have created a feast-to-famine cycle in Texas.

In urban areas of Texas, about 25% of the water supply is used for landscape and garden watering. Much of this water is used to maintain traditionally high water-demanding landscapes, or it is simply applied inefficiently. Here in Cooke County, 80% of that water comes from non-renewable aquifers, which gives us a reason for even greater concern.

In an attempt to reduce the excessive water use, Texas AgriLife Extension is educating Texans on the principles of Earth Kind landscaping to help preserve and protect our most valuable natural resource. Traditional landscapes may incorporate one or two principles of water conservation, but they do not utilize the entire concept to reduce landscape water use effectively.

Earth Kind landscaping incorporates seven basic principles which lead to saving water: planning and design, soil analysis, practical turf areas, appropriate plant selection, efficient irrigation, use of mulches, and appropriate maintenance. You can learn more about these principles at <http://earth-kind.tamu.edu/>.

By incorporating these seven principles, you can help preserve our most precious natural resource - water.

Earth Kind landscapes need not be cactus and rock

gardens. They can be green, cool landscapes full of beautiful plants maintained with water-efficient practices. The same green Texas-style landscape which we are accustomed to can be achieved and still conserve water.

2009 wheat crop showing signs of stress

The recent rain gave hope to many of the farmers in the area that the wheat crop would develop and produce adequately this year. In some instances that may be the case, but in others it appears to be too little, too late.

The first problem that has been noted this year is that some fields have begun to head extremely early. Discussion with Dr. Gaylon Morgan, State Small Grains specialist, has revealed the belief that the drought stress the crop experienced this winter has caused the wheat to "go reproductive" earlier than normal this spring. This is not a problem, if we can avoid a late season frost.

A second problem is the fact that some fields simply did not germinate well, or the drought delayed germination so long that the plant did not tiller fully. The concern with this is easy to understand, there will be less stems for seed heads to develop on. This will obviously affect production.

Finally, producers should be aware of the possibility for diseases caused by vectors, such as aphids or mites. In particular, instances of "Barley Yellow Dwarf" and "High Plains Virus" are a possibility. Barley Yellow Dwarf is a problem that we are familiar with here in Cooke County, but High Plains Virus (HPV) is not. The disease was identified in the Great Plains in 1993. The HPV usually occurs along with Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus, because they are both transmitted by the same vector,

the Wheat Curl mite. Symptoms of doubly-infected plants are severe chlorosis, strong mosaic, severe stunting, and rapid plant death.

Wheat's potential for production can be estimated with three simple measurements: row width, tillers per row, and seeds per head. If you can get these measurements and want to estimate yield potential, you can contact the Extension office to obtain a copy of "Estimating Wheat Yield Potential" or you can access it at <http://varietytesting.tamu.edu/wheat/docs/mime-6.pdf>.

This publication will provide a chart, which a producer can use to plot their information to calculate expected yield.

Dates to remember

March 24 - Marketing Club Meeting, Gainesville Farm Bureau, 7 p.m.

March 27 - USDA FSA Program, "Informational Producer Meeting," First State Bank Conference Building, 1:30 p.m.

March 28 - Composting Demonstration, NCTC Little Theater, 10 a.m.

April 1 - Hamburger Drive Thru, County Show Building, Fairgrounds.

April 18 - Household hazardous waste collection, Cooke County Justice Center, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

April 30 - (3 CEUs) Small grains tour; Hwy 82, East of Muenster - 10 a.m.

May 1 - (2 CEUs) Intensive grazing tour, meeting location TBA - 1 p.m.

May 8 - Northwest Dairy Days; Dublin, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

It's a funny thing about life; if you refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it.

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HEIFERS

0-200 lbs.: \$130 to \$230;
200-300 lbs.: \$80 to \$130;
300-400 lbs.: \$69 to \$100;
400-500 lbs.: \$30 to \$113;
500-600 lbs.: \$33 to \$99;
600-700 lbs.: \$73 to \$93;
700-1000 lbs.: \$44 to \$700;
1000+ lbs.: \$44.50 to \$800.

COWS

Head: \$420 to \$710;
Pairs: NT;
Wt.: \$20 to \$61.

BULLS

500-900 lbs.: \$45 to \$102;
900+ : \$42.50 to \$77.

CAFE

0-200 : \$80 to \$180;
200-400: \$40 to \$105;
400+ : \$80 to \$110.

Thank You!

The Friends of Muenster FFA, FCCLA, and 4-H would like to thank the patrons listed below for their generosity and support of our youth at the Cooke County Youth Fair. This year a total of \$22,400.00 was spent on the students of our community who participated in the Youth Fair. This money is spent completely on premiums for their projects.

We hope you had an opportunity to attend the Youth Fair this year and see the hard work and dedication these students have for their animals and their projects. You would know that the money you contributed went to a very great cause - the youth of our community.

Thank you, again, for your contributions. It is people like you who make this a success!

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THIS year's Buckaroo Rodeo will be age appropriate obstacle courses for each group:
Wheel Barrow Racing Calf Branding Pony Express
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Buckaroo Rodeo is Saturday, March 28th beginning at 8:00 a.m.

EVENTS TIMES ARE SATURDAY	8:00 p.m.	Toddlers Only (under age 3)
	5:00 p.m.	K-3 rd Grades
	6:00 p.m.	K-3 rd Grades
	7:00 p.m.	Adult/Child Team
	8:00 p.m.	Junior Ranch Hands (4 th -6 th grades)

An exciting and fun category is our Adult/Child events. Moms, dads, grandpas, and grandmas, even big brothers or sisters... we want you! Partner up with your little buckaroo for loads of fun in our 700 event.

The Ranch Rodeo will be held on Sunday, March 29th beginning at 2:00.

Events will include Double Mugging, Team Sorting, Un-decorating and Team Roping
Entry fee is \$200 per 4 member team. Each event will pay \$200 to the top team.

Over all team winners will be awarded:
1st place - \$400 plus belt buckles
2nd place - \$350
3rd place - \$300
4th place - \$250

Please contact Vickie for an entry form or if you have any questions. 940-736-3293

(All proceeds benefit Sacred Heart Catholic School)

Thornberry introduces his package of tax reform bills

"The federal government has tremendous power to reach into the pockets of every American and take out what it wants to fund its activities. People are willing to grant government that power as long as they believe the system to be fair and that it takes no more money than is necessary to achieve important national goals," said Congressman Mac Thornberry (TX-13). "I am very concerned that this compact between the people and their government is now broken. "Smart tax policy could help end the recession and get the economy growing again. Small business is the engine that drives the American economy, so the effect of tax policy on small business is important. In these troubled economic times, we need to help small businesses survive and grow."

Congressman Thornberry proposed the following "smart tax" goals that are keys to rebuilding economic growth:

1. Congress should make clear that taxes will not go up. Small business needs the certainty of no tax increases so they can have the confidence to grow and invest.
2. The tax code should not punish those who work hard and are successful. We want small business owners and others to work hard, grow their business.
3. The tax code should encourage capital formation so that small businesses can

create jobs and expand. 4. Rather than penalize industry, the tax code should bolster key industries, such as the energy industry, upon which our entire economy depends.

Thornberry has sponsored or cosponsored the following bills:

HR.205, a bill to permanently repeal the Death Tax;

HR.25, The FAIR TAX promotes freedom, fairness, and economic opportunity by repealing the income tax and other taxes, abolishing the Internal Revenue Service, and enacting a national sales tax to be administered primarily by the States;

HR. 301, the Economic Growth Through Tax Stimulus Act of 2009, a bill to make the 2001 and 2003 tax relief permanent; Further reduce marginal individual income tax rates by 5% for the next five years; Reduce the top business and individual income tax rate to 25% for the next five years;

HR.871, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the taxable income limit on the allowance for depletion shall not apply in 2008 to domestic marginal oil or gas wells;

HR. 1470, the Equity for Our Nation's Self-Employed Act. A bill to allow the self-employed to deduct the cost of health insurance premiums as a business expense and to forego payroll (FICA) taxes on these costs.

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- Accepted the proceeds from auction of Precinct #2 Road and Bridge Department surplus items in the amount of \$40,185.95.

- Approved District Attorney Change Fund in the amount of \$50.

- Approved voting machine rental agreement with Era ISD for the May election.

- Approved American Express acceptance agreement for processing credit card payments.

- Accepted insurance settlement in the amount of \$5,775.24 for a Sheriff's Office 2005 Crown Victoria damaged in an accident.

- Approved donation of furniture to the Cooke County Library valued at \$848

from Knight's Furniture, donated by Friends of the Cooke County Library.

- Approved the sale of property struck off to Cooke County for delinquent taxes.

- Declared excess phone inventory as surplus to be sold at auction or by sealed bid.

- Approved loaning 44 x 8 truck box from Road and Bridge Precinct #2 to the Valley View Volunteer Fire Dept. for temporary storage.

- Approved the re-subdivision of Lake Kiowa lots 1244 and 1245 and 1538 and 1539, located in Precinct #2.

- Approved monetary donation of \$25 from Calvin Davis to the Cooke County Library.

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on the homestead's tax lien. No taxing unit can start or continue a lawsuit to collect delinquent taxes. There are no penalties on delinquent taxes during the deferral period; however, a tax deferral does not cancel penalties that were already due.

All deferred taxes and interest become due when the homeowner or surviving spouse no longer own and live in the home. If the tax debt remains unpaid, penalties may be imposed and taxing units may take legal action to collect the past due amount.

If a homestead is located

in a taxing unit that overlaps into Cooke County, the homeowner need only apply for exemptions at the Cooke County Appraisal District.

For further details about property tax deferral, contact Cooke County Appraisal District, 201 North Dixon, Gainesville, TX 76240, 940-665-7651. Further information is also available on the HYPERLINK "http://www.window.state.tx.us" State Comptroller's Web site, www.window.state.tx.us, or by calling the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at (800)252-9121.

All Region honors



Muenster Lady Hornets Taylor Klement (13) and Samantha Endres (3) were named to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) All-Region Team. The Lady Hornets as a team were ranked #16 by TABC this past season.

Janie Hartman photo

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about 1,800 participants in the BLT program in 2008.

Cooking Well With Diabetes is a five-week lesson on diabetes education. Some-

thing she noted is very important now that NTMC has discontinued its diabetes education program due to lack of funding. There are about 2300 people in the County with diabetes and that number is growing, she said. Cooking well is a four week lesson on reducing carbohydrates in your food and the way you prepare your food.

Neu also works with the Extension Education Association which has around 80 members. There are five clubs in the County.

Other classes Neu provides include Child Care Providers Classes, Cancer Education, Medication Education, Food Protection Management which trains food managers.

Phyllis Griffin, 4-H and Youth Development extension agent, introduced the County Council officers. They were charged with reporting on the various facets of 4-H in Cooke County. Club officers are trained by Council officers in August for the coming year so they know what to with their club.

Some of the competitions and educational opportunities offered through 4-H include Dairy judging, Life meetings teaching life skills, Fashion Show where members learn to sew their own clothing and how to present themselves, Shooting Sports, Horsemanship, Wildlife, Livestock Show, Food Show, plus more.

One service that the 4-H members provide is Birthday in a Box. A cake mix, balloons, and other party materials are placed in a box that is mailed to soldiers or delivered to shut-ins.

Griffin reported having 216 educational programs last year. There were over 10,000 contacts by volunteers. She reported more than 59,000 individual contacts via phone, e-mail, office, on site, and the web for her and the 270 volunteer leaders last year who gave 1,193 volunteer hours.

Becker remarked, "We feel like we are very much a part of the community. I think that everyone who works in our office really likes being part of the community. It is a neat experience to work in Extension and through Extension."

Wedding gift-basket suggestions

Spicing up the kitchen
Americans are cooking more and more in their own kitchens thanks to a troubled economy, and every working kitchen needs a good set of spices. American Spice has a starter spice kit already assembled, or you can create your own, matching the tastes of the bride and groom.

If your friends already have an established spice collection, check out the jams, salad dressings, or barbecue sets which come in many different sizes and flavors. Tuck in a few drying towels, a chef's apron or hat, cooking utensils, and a recipe box, and your cook is set to create some amazing treats and meals.

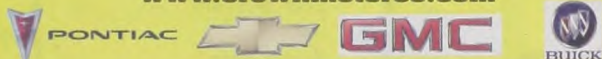
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- WESTERN FAMILY NONCOATED Aspirin Tablets 500 CT. \$3
- WESTERN FAMILY, SELECTED VARIETIES Antacid Tablets 70-150 CT. 2 FOR \$5
- WESTERN FAMILY, REGULAR OR SUPER Open End Tampons 20 CT. 2 FOR \$4
- WESTERN FAMILY Effervescent Pain Relief 36 CT. 2 FOR \$5
- WESTERN FAMILY BUBBLE BATH FOR KIDS OR ASST. Foaming Milk Bath 32 OZ. 2 FOR \$4
- WESTERN FAMILY MINT OR PEPPERMINT Mouthwash & Gargle 33.8 OZ. 2 FOR \$3
- WESTERN FAMILY, CAMOMILE OR LAVENDER Body Powder 13 OZ. 2 FOR \$4
- WESTERN FAMILY, SELECTED VARIETIES Skin Care Lotion 10 OZ. 3 FOR \$4

Fischer's Quality Meats



HEAVY BEEF, BONELESS

Loin Strip \$4.99
LB.

PILGRIM'S PRIDE, GRADE "A"

Split Fryer Breast \$1.19
LB.



Fresh Ground Round \$2.69
LB.

- PREFERRED TRIM, BONELESS BEEF Rump Roast LB. \$1.99
- TENDERIZED Beef Cube Steak LB. \$3.49
- PREFERRED TRIM, BONELESS BEEF Eye of Round Roast LB. \$2.89
- LENTEN SPECIAL, FROZEN Whole Catfish LB. \$3.49
- BONE-IN REGULAR Cook's Ham Steak LB. \$2.99
- LENTEN SPECIAL, FROZEN Catfish Fillets LB. \$3.09
- ASIAN GOLD 71/90 CT. TAIL OFF Cooked Shrimp 2 LB. \$9.99
- ALL MEAT Shurfine Wieners 12 OZ. 79¢
- SHURFINE Beef Wieners 12 OZ. \$1.99
- MARKET SLICED Boiled Ham LB. \$1.59
- WISCONSIN MARKET CUT Colby Cheese LB. \$2.19
- SHURFINE SELECT GROUP Lunch Meat 12 OZ. \$1.29
- SHURFINE Beef Bologna 12 OZ. \$2.19
- SHURFINE Corn Dogs 1 LB. \$2.19
- 2 PACK, 14 INCH, SUPREME OR PEPPERONI Mama Rosa's Pizzas 40.6 OZ. \$4.99

Fresh Produce

- LARGE RED, GREEN, OR BLACK Seedless Grapes 99¢ LB.
- LARGE Red Globe Grapes LB. 99¢
- NEW CROP TEXAS 1015 SWEET Yellow Onions 2 LBS. \$1
- FRESH BRAEBURN OR Fuji Apples LB. 99¢
- FRESH Bosc Pears \$1.29 LB.
- RED, GREEN, OR ROMAINE Leaf Lettuce EACH 99¢
- CRISP Fresh Celery EACH 89¢
- TEXAS RIO STAR Red Grapefruit 3 FOR \$1
- GREENER SELECTION OR CLASSIC ROMAINE Dole Salads 10-12 OZ. 2 FOR \$3
- FRESH Navel Oranges LB. 79¢
- CELLO PACK Crisp Radishes 6 OZ. 2 FOR \$1
- FRESH TROPICAL Coconuts EACH 89¢
- CELLO PACK Whole Mushrooms 8 OZ. 2 FOR \$3
- LARGE GREEN Bell Pepper EACH 69¢
- LARGE RED Bell Pepper EACH 89¢
- FRESH GOLDEN Pineapple 2 FOR \$5

Dairy & Frozen Foods

- SHURFINE ASSORTED VARIETIES Whipped Topping 8 OZ. TUB 99¢
- SHURFINE Reduced Fat Buttermilk or LO-FAT Chocolate Milk HALF GALLON 2 FOR \$4
- SHUR SAVING American Singles 10.6 OZ. 4 FOR \$5
- SHURFINE ASSORTED FLAVORS BREAK'N BAKE Cookie Dough 16 OZ. 2 FOR \$4
- SHURFINE Sliced Strawberries 24 OZ. \$2.99
- SHURFINE DEEP DISH Pie Crusts 12 OZ. 2 FOR \$3
- SHURFINE Corn on the Cob 4 CT. 2 FOR \$4
- CRUNCHY FILLETS OR STICKS OR BATTERED FILLETS Shurfine Frozen Fish 19.2-24 OZ. \$3.99
- SHURFINE ORIGINAL OR FLAKY BUTTER Crescent Rolls 8 CT. 2 FOR \$3
- SHURFINE English Muffins 6 CT. 99¢
- SHURFINE JUMBOS Cinnamon Rolls 5 CT. 2 FOR \$4