



Hospital District sets its proposed tax rate

By Janet Felderhoff
Muenster Hospital's Board of Directors considered a proposed tax rate at the Tuesday, Aug. 21 meeting. President Ronnie Weinzapfel remarked, "We were expecting a lot less tax money coming this year. We were thinking that the values were still going to be down, the economy was still down." Hospital Administrator Mi-

chael Kent noted that there is a large increase in the oil and gas and also the oil and gas equipment. "That's where our biggest increase in values have come from," he noted. "I understand that property values have either stayed the same or decreased."

It was discussed that production equipment will stay on the tax role, but the drill-

ing equipment is mobile and is already gone. They felt that drilling will not take place at the high rate that it has in the past year.

Board Secretary John Aytes remarked, "It looks like we have a one-time big bolt of lightning increasing the property values within the District, but it wasn't primarily the houses and the farms that have increased. It's just that the equipment was here and most of the production equipment got taxed for the first time out there. I'm talking about all the drilling that was done to the southwest of us. All the new valuation came from the southwest corner of the District. The production equipment will be there, but will go down over the years on a depreciation schedule and the drilling equipment will likely not reappear." He felt it would be cut considerably next year and recommended not cutting the tax rate this year. "It's time for us to take advantage of what the oil and gas situation has not provided us in recent years," said Aytes. The Board agreed that if they went down very dramatically, they could be in financial trouble the next year because you can only increase 8% a year.

Weinzapfel noted, "You have an opportunity here that you probably won't have

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School begins at MISD



Muenster ISD Pre-K teacher Collin Walker assists student John Fredrick IV with his first school "assignment" Monday morning, the opening day of school at MISD. Janie Hartman photo

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Service years recognized by the County Commissioners

By Janet Felderhoff
Commissioners Court proclaimed Aug. 27, 2012 as Judy Hunter Day in Cooke County, honoring her loyalty, dedication, excellent work, and contributions to the citizens of Cooke County and the office of County Treasurer. She is retiring after serving in the Treasurer's office for more than 25 years.

Hunter was employed as assistant treasurer on Jan. 1, 1987, and became Cooke County Treasurer on Jan. 1, 1999.

The proclamation said, in part, "Judy Hunter has loyally served the citizens of Cooke County and exhibited

all the characteristics of a professional in the performance of her duties for the past 25 years...the position of Treasurer requires hard work, personal sacrifice, dedication and professionalism;...entrusted with the supervision of all Cooke County assets; and has always gone above and beyond her regular duties to assist patrons and employees."

Jim Farquhar, chief juvenile probation officer, is retiring from Cooke County after 23 years of service. He was also honored by Commissioners Court with a proclamation honoring him on Aug. 27.

Farquhar began his ca-

reer as a juvenile probation officer on March 1, 1989 and has served as chief probation officer since 1995.

Jim's proclamation noted, in part, "Jim has served our community and the State of Texas with honor, dignity, and dedication;...works with the court system to help juveniles find the right path and become happy, productive citizens; and has continuously gone above and beyond his job duties to assist the youth in our community."

Sunday, Sept. 9 was declared as Presbyterian Centennial Sunday honoring the First Presbyterian Church in Gainesville.

Rains extinguish need for burn ban in Cooke County

By Janet Felderhoff
Cooke County has been blessed with plentiful rains recently. At the Monday, Aug. 27 meeting of Cooke County Commissioners Court, County Fire Marshal Ray Fletcher recommended that the county-wide burn ban be lifted. The ban was imposed on Aug. 13.

Fletcher commented, "It has greened up sufficiently throughout the area. We are still in some sort of drought. As far as fire, we are in a better position now."

The County's second required public hearing on a proposed tax increase drew one speaker. Herbie Sicking of Muenster asked questions about the budget including how many people the County employs and what some of the budget money was intended to pay for. He questioned employee raises. He feels that percentage raises

are unfair to those who make less money.

After the hearing, the court set Monday, Sept. 10 at 10 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom as the time to set the tax rate.

Commissioners considered whether to approve a contract with the Lake Kiowa Volunteer Fire Department (LKVFD), which spans the period of Oct. 1, 2011 to Sept. 30, 2012. The County pays each volunteer fire department \$6,000 with the contract. Most return it by within a couple of months of receiving it, but Kiowa did not.

Part of the concern was that some residents of Lake Kiowa want to shut that department down and form a new one. Jim Mead, president of the Lake Kiowa Property Owners Association Board of Directors, informed the Court of those plans. He

said that on Aug. 13, they gave notice to LKVFD intent to terminate the letter agreement that provides \$15,000 to the Department annually to provide fire protection and medical services. It has a six month notice and will become effective in February 2013.

Mead said, "Having the only paid volunteer fire chief in the County, we believe our fire department should one of the best in Cooke County. We are moving forward with a plan to provide our community and the surrounding area with the appropriate fire protection that we should expect."

Community Manager Randy Schmalz spoke of their concerns over the level of performance of LKVFD. He told of them arriving on the scene with only one or two firefighters, at times not

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At left - Cooke County Commissioners Court, from left, Commissioners Leon Klement and B.C. Lemons, Judge John Roane, Commissioners Gary Hollowell, and Al Smith honor County Treasurer Judy Hunter; above - Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Jim Farquhar and Judge John Roane. Both Hunter and Farquhar are retiring after many years of service. Janet Felderhoff photos

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from Muenster Chief of Police
Mark Blankenship

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The use of cell phones within these designated areas is prohibited by law. If you must take or place a call or text within these areas, pull over in a safe place and STOP.

Crosswalks are designated at certain intersections with WHITE markings. Children should use these designated crosswalks and not cross in the middle of the block, as drivers are less likely to see them there. Drivers should be aware of crosswalks and use caution when approaching them. Persons who are within a crosswalk DO have the right of way, but caution should be used none the less.

We ask that drivers do not park as to block the view of a crosswalk and not to park in intersections or driveways (public or private).

The Police Department **WILL BE enforcing traffic safety** laws in and around our schools in an effort to protect our children and young adults.

So please drive safely, **SAFE DRIVING IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.**

Supplement planned for Muenster history book

Twenty-three years ago, members of the History Division of the Muenster Centennial Committee gathered stories and histories of Muenster residents and businesses. These were published in *The Muenster Centennial History Book*. This popular book sold out of its first printing and was reprinted. There are still copies available in various locations in Muenster, including the Muenster Museum.

As time passed, many people who did not have their histories printed in the first edition inquired about another printing. Also, life continued and the histories that were printed had more information such as births, deaths, weddings, etc. The Historical Commission has been considering printing a supplement to the original book. It would include NEW information on families, businesses, and organizations already in the first

book and histories of those who were not in the first edition. Also, of new businesses and families in Muenster.

The first book required many volunteers and consumed many, many volunteer hours. A supplement will also take a lot of work to assemble and ready for printing. Before a final commitment is made by the Historical Commission to print a supplement, they must be assured that people are in-

terested and have volunteers willing to chair committees and do the long hours of work.

Are you willing to assist with this project? Do you have the time to serve as a typist or chairperson? If so, contact any Historical Commission member or call the Museum at 759-4788 and let them know what your area of interest is and for what you are willing to commit to as a volunteer.



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next year and we've got so many things that need to be done here."

If left at last year's rate of \$0.175 per \$100, the amount of taxes would be around \$187,511 more. The effective tax rate of \$0.148600 would bring in \$1,008,366, an increase of \$8,276 from last year. The rollback rate is \$0.160400.

Weinzapfel shared information that he gained at the 2012 Texas Healthcare Trustees Annual Conference in San Antonio. There were speakers from Washington D.C. and Texas. He said, "They didn't paint a real rosy picture for hospitals in the future. What I came away with was if we have money in the bank we need to keep money in the bank. Hospitals that owe a lot of money are going to have a real tough time in the future."

All Board members concurred that it would be best to maintain last year's rate of \$0.175 per \$100 valuation. Those present were Weinzapfel, Aytes, James Walterscheid, Danny Walterscheid, Jon Reed, and Bob Ambrose. Absent were Don Richardson, T.J. Walterscheid, and Mary Del Olmo.

There will be two public hearings before the Board sets the actual tax rate. They are scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 30 at 6:30 p.m. and the second on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Kent reported on the financial statement from June 2012 which is the end of the District's fiscal year. Cash on hand was \$2,288,100. Total receivables was \$1,291,231. Total liabilities was \$617,742 and excess of revenues over

expenses fiscal year to date was \$356,909.

Aytes remarked, "At the end of the (fiscal) year, we had a total gross revenue of \$10.8 million compared to last year's of \$9.7 million. So, we are \$1.1 million better in gross revenues this year than we were last year. The adjustments were considerably higher. They ate up all of the potential profit. The figure for adjustments was \$3.3 million compared to last year of \$2.2 million."

"Then the dreaded figure is operating expenses. This year \$8.6 million compared to \$7.6 last year. So we have jumped in the hole \$1 million." He noted the net loss was \$1.08 million.

Aytes explained, "The extraordinary expenses were lawyer fees, consulting fees, things that have been done that got put in expenses around the Hospital and around our operation. A lot of our expenditures have been capitalized. They don't show up in expenses. We're talking about \$325,000 for the generators. There's a lot of expenditures that show up in capitalization that don't show up in expenses. We've had a pretty rough year over all. When we get to the bottom line, we have \$366,909 and that compares to last year \$913,000 of tax money left over." He added that they knew what caused the expenses and that it was most unlikely that they would occur ever again, especially at the same time.

The Board was updated on the Meditech EHR progress. A core team of four was selected and will be sent to Boston for training. The re-

mainder of the training will be done here.

There were two bank proposals for lending the \$2 million required to purchase the mandatory electronic health record (EHR) system. Muenster State Bank's proposal was for interest rate of 2.65% for a period up to three years. Payments can be made along the way or made in one lump sum when the District is reimbursed by the government for the EHR system. Wells Fargo proposed a rate of 2.63% and required bigger payments. Bids were not received from a third bank, but they decided to make a decision.

With the slight difference in interest, the Board agreed it was best to stay local and voted to accept Muenster State's proposal. The vote was 5-0-1 with Weinzapfel abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

Kent reported that three RN candidates were interviewed for the chief nursing officer (CNO) position. Diane Neu was appointed to that position.

MMH recently changed Internet providers from DIR to Nortex fiber. This change increases download and upload speeds to satisfy the requirements for the cloud-based servers and allow more effective charting into the Meditech EHR. It also saves around \$150 per month.

In other business, the Hospital Board:

- Approved Bad Debt Write off totaling \$56,678.88.
- Approved physician credentialing for ER physician Larry Lipscomb, M.D. provided that he is approved by the medical staff at their next meeting.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO

Aug. 29, 1947
Emma Morrison of Muenster and her sister Belle Bertram of California reunited after 60 year separation. Buddy Yosten and little Jimmy Myrick have tonsillectomies. Eugene "Beans" Schmitz makes business trip to Oklahoma. New Arrivals: Mary to Robert and Elizabeth Knabe; Ronald to Adolph and Amanda Fuhrmann. John Eberhart honored on 80th birthday. Weddings: Agnella Pels and Lawrence Martin; Marie Felderhoff and Henry Spaeth. H&H Feed Store advertises "Rent our Electric Polisher Only 50¢ per hour."

50 YEARS AGO

Aug. 31, 1962
Fisher's sets Saturday for formal opening of big, modern food store. Bobby Pels will soon be back at work at Hofbauer's following hand surgery in Fort Worth. New Arrival: Henry to Robert and

Rosalee Bayer. Wedding: Janice Klement and Anthony Lamanna. Rosemary Hermes receives diploma from music school in Chicago. Stockmen's Feed Store advertises specials: milo \$2 per 100; barley \$2.30 per 100; syrup \$1.75 per 100.

25 YEARS AGO

Aug. 28, 1987
City adds 1¢ to ad valorem rate. Eric Gray, Sacred Heart faculty's newest teacher, brings more German pride. Obituaries: Alphonse Hoenig, 77; Theresia Felderhoff, 83; Dicky Rogers, 35; Mrs. Jimmie McMillion, 65. Weddings: Shawna Hellman and Billy Joe Tankersley; Virginia Koelzer and David Stoffels. New Arrival: Kallie to Jeff and Kim Gerstberger. Yard of the Month honors go to Jerry and Billie Fleitman. Police Chief Helen Tompkins stated there will be no warnings for school zone traffic violations - just tickets.

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Sunday, September 2, 2012	Monday, September 3, 2012	Tuesday, September 4, 2012	Wednesday, September 5, 2012	Thursday, September 6, 2012	Friday, September 7, 2012	Saturday, September 8, 2012
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm	LABOR DAY Fly Flags SH & MISD NO SCHOOL	Library open 10am-6:30 pm Cub Scout sign up 6:30 pm new VFW Hall	Library open 10 am-5:30 Kiwanis mtg. noon Center	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10am-6:30 pm	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm AARP Board mtg 10 am	Library open 10:00 - 2:30 Community Wide Garage Sale MYRA VFD BBQ
Sunday, September 9, 2012	Monday, September 10, 2012	Tuesday, September 11, 2012	Wednesday, September 12, 2012	Thursday, September 13, 2012	Friday, September 14, 2012	Saturday, September 15, 2012
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm	MMH Aux. mtg. 5:30 KMB mtg. 6:45 City Council 6:30 VFW mtg. 7:30	Library open 10am-6:30 pm MMH Tax Public Hearing 6:30	Library open 10 am -5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg. noon, Center MISD School Board SH Alumni & Supporters 8 pm	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Muenster Museum open 1-4pm M Historical Comm. mtg. 8 am	Muenster Museum open 1-4 AARP member luncheon 11:30	Library open 10:00-2:30

**Henry Yosten
1927 - 2012**

Mass of Christian Burial for Henry William Yosten of Muenster was held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 24 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Fr. Ken Robinson officiating. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Services were directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster.

Henry died at the age of 85 on Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2012 in Muenster.

Born July 30, 1927 to Frank and Mary Henschel Yosten on their family farm five miles northwest of Muenster, Henry was the youngest and grew up helping with the farm work. He graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1945. He joined the U.S. Navy, serving in Guam with duties in the Communications Center. He was discharged in August 1946, returned to Muenster, and began working as a mechanic while building a new home.

Henry married Mildred Irene Wiesman in Sacred Heart Church on Nov. 22, 1947. They lived in Muenster some 10 years where their first four children were born. While living in town, Henry worked as a co-owner of Tuggle & Yosten Motor Company. After Mildred's parents retired, the family moved to the Wiesman farm northwest of Muenster. They established a Grade A dairy business which they operated until retirement in 1985. Two more children were born after moving to the farm. Following their retirement, two of their sons operated the dairy.

Henry was a great family man, always putting his wife and children first. He really enjoyed his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and was a friend to many.

Survivors include daughters and their spouses Kathy and Tom Bonner, Carol and Gene Vogel, and Janette and Bob Hess, all of Muenster; sons and daughters-in-law Doug and Lynda Yosten and Melvin and Cheryl Yosten, all of Muenster; nine grandchildren and nine great-

grandchildren; and sister Josephine Mayer of Chicago, Illinois.

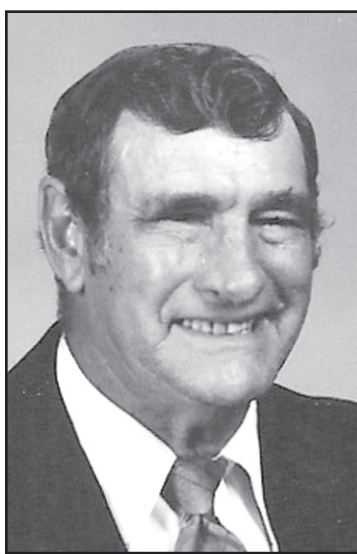
He was preceded in death by his wife Mildred; son Henry Francis Yosten; his parents; sister Veronica Durbin; and brothers Ferd Yosten and Felix Yosten.

During the funeral Mass, the First Reading was given by Stacie Kasperek. Amy Smith gave the Second Reading. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Tara Wenzel. Matt Smith, Brandon Smith, Carroll Wenzel, and Jacob Wenzel brought up the Offertory Gifts. Eucharistic ministers were Doris Koesler, Janet Voth, Carolyn Bayer, Viola Rohmer, and Willie Fisher. Altar servers were Sylvan Walterscheid, Willie Fisher, and Alvin Hartman.

Music ministers were Diane Grewing Linda Flusche, Christi Klement, and Gina Kolar. Songs included "Pilgrim Song," "Parable," "O Lord I Am Not Worthy," "Only In God," "Edelweiss Blessing," and "I'll Fly Away." For meditation, Gina Kolar, accompanied on guitar by her father Doug Yosten, sang "I Will Sing," a song she wrote in memory of her grandpa.

The eulogy was given by Walter Haynie, Cheryl Yosten's stepfather. He gave Henry's history and then spoke of Henry, saying in part, "Henry and I became fast family friends... He and I would ride around on the farm together talking about our WWII days... he played the accordion and used to sing in the Church Choir.

Amy Smith then spoke



Henry Yosten

about her grandpa, "There was always an adventure to be had... Some of my favorite memories were made at the farm... tractor rides, swinging from a rope in the hay barn, learning to drive in the pasture... Sunday lunches after church, family parties, and endless games of Sheep-head..."

"You were a man of great faith... a hard worker... a humble man... I will forever remember your laughter... your hugs and how much you loved us..."

Pallbearers were Andrew Yosten, Jeff Wenzel, Grant Kolar, Tony Voth, Darren Smith, and Ryan Kasperek.

Rosary/wake, led by Fr. Ken, was held Thursday evening at the funeral home. "Just A Closer Walk With Thee" was sung by Doug Yosten, Gina Kolar, Diane Grewing, Susie Bullion, and Linda Flusche.

Memorials may be made to ABBA or to Sacred Heart Trust Fund.

**Faye Bishop
1922 - 2012**

Funeral for Faye McCurley Bishop was held Tuesday, Aug. 28 at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Chapel in Gainesville. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery. Mrs. Bishop died Aug. 25, 2012 in Gainesville.

Born Feb. 14, 1922, in Roff, Oklahoma to William Riley and Tallie Elizabeth McCurley, she was a graduate

of Crowell High School, and married Glenn B. Bishop in Kilgore on May 19, 1942.

Faye was the wife of a gospel preacher for more than 50 years and worked with him serving Churches of Christ in California, Florida, New Mexico, Arkansas, and Texas. She was a member of the Broadway Church

of Christ in Gainesville for many years, and most recently attended the Commerce St. Church of Christ.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law Dwayne and Mikie Bishop of San Saba, Texas, and Phil and Susan Bishop of Texarkana; daughter and son-in-law Cindy and Charles Brown of Gainesville; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, two brothers, and five sisters.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hilltop Haven Christian Care Center, 308 E. College St., P.O. Box 39, Gunter, TX 75058.

**Hazel Blythe
1917 - 2012**

Funeral for Hazel Blythe, age 94 of Gainesville, was held Aug. 30 at First Baptist Church in Dumas with burial in Northlawn Memorial Gardens in Dumas under the direction of the Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home. Visitations were held in Gainesville and Dumas. Hazel died Aug. 27, 2012.

Hazel Geneva Wibbing Blythe was born in Fort Smith, Arkansas on Dec. 27, 1917 to Fred Charles Wibbing and Bertie Rose Brothers Wibbing. She attended school in Cavanaugh, Arkansas. She met the love of her life, George William Blythe at Cavanaugh Baptist Church and on March 23, 1935 they eloped. Several years later, they moved to Dumas where they lived until her husband's retirement to Fort Smith in 1975. Upon his death in 1977, she returned to Dumas where she lived until moving to Lake Kiowa to live with her son Benny.

Hazel was a homemaker, and was active in the community as a member of the Pilot Club, Eastern Star, Ladies Bowling League, and volunteer at the Pioneer Museum. As a member of First Baptist Church, she was a member of WMU, the Happy Timers Choir.

Survivors include sons and daughters-in-law Don Barbara Blythe of Fritch, Texas, and George William Jr. "Bill" and Jill Blythe, James and Dianne Blythe, and Benny and Georgia Blythe, all of Lake Kiowa; son-in-law Larry Lambert of

Dumas; brother-in-law Elmo Blythe of Dumas; sister-in-law Martha Lou Puett of Red Bluff, California; sister-in-law Flonnie Blythe of Fort Smith; 12 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, daughter Rose Ann Lambert, brothers Andrew Wibbing and Harlan Wibbing.

**Evelyn Koesler
services set**

Evelyn Ann Koesler, age 86 of Muenster, died Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2012. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, Aug. 31 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 10 a.m. Rosary/wake service was held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 30 at McCoy Funeral Home in Muenster.

We cannot change the cards we are dealt, just how we play the hand. - Randy Pausch

"When Life Changes" offered by Home Hospice

Are you or someone you care about having difficulty coping with the death of someone special in your life? Do you dread spending special days alone without that person? Do you find that your life has changed dramatically and you need some guidelines to cope?

Guidance for navigating these uncharted waters is available from Home Hospice of Grayson, Cooke, and Fannin counties. "When Life Changes" will again provide a safe place to talk about grief and listen to others who are experiencing grief beginning Sept. 10 and continuing weekly from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Hospice office, 505 W. Center Street in Sherman.

Death of a loved one and the resulting loss causes a great deal of stress in our lives. "Grieving is difficult," stated Jolene Senek, LBSW, CT, GC-C, bereavement coordinator for Home Hospice. "It is a landscape we may never have navigated before and one which is often best walked armed with information and support. Loss and the accompanying grief can

cause a huge upheaval in our lives and even if we thought we were doing okay, we may suddenly find ourselves lost and feeling very lonely," stated Senek.

"Even though our grief is as unique to each of us as our fingerprint, it helps to share the threads of common loss experiences. It can be comforting to come together for support," states JoCarolyn Chambers, LCSW, who will be facilitating this informational and supportive group.

Anyone who is grieving is welcome to attend the "When Life Changes" on Mondays and may bring a brown bag lunch along if they desire. This seminar, offered at no charge, will focus on the changes that often accompany grief and strategies to aid healing such as journaling, self care, establishing the significance of your loved one, and much more.

Anyone who needs additional information or directions, or would like to register for these sessions, may call 940-665-9891 or 903-868-9315. Registration is requested so that adequate materials will be prepared.



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KEEP MUENSTER BEAUTIFUL YARD OF THE MONTH for July was awarded to Chris Stoffels who lives at 520 N. Cedar. His residence sports a lush, well-manicured lawn. Flower beds filled with shrubs and colorful flowers wrap around the house. In bloom now are lantana, periwinkles, and rose bushes. Shrubs include Indian Hawthorne and Japanese boxwood. He also has a live oak and cedar tree. To make a Yard of the Month nomination, contact any KMB member or call the *Muenster Enterprise* at 759-4311. Janie Hartman photo

Sr. Lucy Gantt makes initial profession of vows

Sr. M. Lucy Gantt, FSGM, made her initial profession of vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience with the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George on the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, Aug. 15 in Alton, Illinois. The Most Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, bishop of Springfield, Illinois officiated with five bishops and approximately 75 clergy concelebrating.

Attending were her parents Douglas and Valerie Voth Gantt and sister Becky of Gainesville, and aunt and uncle Linda and Mark Fuhrmann of Muenster.

Sr. Lucy is the granddaughter of Lou Voth of Muenster and the late Ray Voth.

This fall, Sr. Lucy will be teaching at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio.



Sr. M. Lucy Gantt, FSGM

“Seasons of the Heart” offered by Home Hospice

A four-part grief workshop offering insights on grief including myths about grieving, factors that make our grief unique and health coping skills, and much more, will be offered in three locations in September by Home Hospice of Grayson, Cooke, and Fannin counties. On Tuesdays – Sept. 4, 11, 18, and 25, JoCarolyn Chambers, LCSW, social worker for Home Hospice, will lead this seminar at the T.E.A.M. Center, 806 W. 16th Street in Bonham from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and in Sherman at Home Hospice’s office, 505 W. Center Street, from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. In Gainesville, the seminar will be held on Thursdays, Sept. 6, 13, 20, and 27, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Community Room of Muenster State Bank, 1601 W. Hwy 82.

For those whose lives have changed by the loss of someone they love, this four-week seminar provides the opportunity to share with others who are going through similar experiences, recognize

and identify feelings and emotions that are felt, as well as providing the opportunity for developing tools and strategies that can be helpful.

“Seasons” was specifically designed to incorporate practical information to individuals as they deal with the normal feelings of grief including anger, guilt, confusion, frustration, and adjustment. Individuals who have attended this four-part seminar over the past two years have been able to acknowledge a new understanding of their own personal grief journey that they are on and also acknowledge a rediscovery of joy and gratitude.

This group is offered free of charge to all in the community who are healing from the loss of someone in their life, but registration is required so that adequate materials may be prepared. Contact Jolene Senek, LBSW, CT, GC-C, for more information or to register, 903-868-9315 or 940-665-9891, or jolene.senek@homehospice.org.

In the Service

Navy Seaman Joshua A. Timmins, son of Kristi L. and Darrel W. Timmins of Lindsay, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois.

During the eight-week program, Timmins completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot

camp is “Battle Stations.” This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. “Battle Stations” is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork, and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment. Its distinctly “Navy” flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Timmins is a 2011 graduate of Lindsay High School.

District I meeting topic for August VFW Auxiliary

Members of the Ladies Auxiliary Post #6205 met Aug. 20 with President Frances Bayer conducting the meeting.

Bayer reported on the District I meeting she attended Aug. 19 in Lewisville Post # 9168. State President Kathy Wewe was present and Frances had the honor of being conductress to escort the State President in

with the colors. She brought back special pins and tickets to purchase that benefit the cancer funds.

District I originated on Aug. 18, 1949, so they were celebrating the anniversary at the meeting in Lewisville.

Members voted to contribute to the Hospital Pledge Month Program.

It was reported by President Bayer that the Patriot’s Pen and Voice of Democracy essay information was delivered to the schools. She also took some flag etiquette information to be presented to the students.

Mary Lee Hennigan served refreshments to members.

Meeting Notice

Brown Bag Book Review

A Brown Bag Book Review is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 6, at noon in the NCTC Library Lyceum - Gainesville Campus. Ray Green will review *The Hewey Calloway Trilogy* by Elmer Kelton. It consists of three novels about the life and adventures of a cowboy. The titles are *Six Bits A Day*, *The Good Old Boys*, and *The Smiling Country*. *The Smiling Coun-*

try was made into a TV movie starring Tommy Lee Jones and Sissy Spacek. NCTC’s Roger Boyce had a small part in the movie, which was filmed in the Del Rio area. Interesting characters from the years between the 1880s to the 1910s are created by author Elmer Kelton and set in the area around Midland, Alpine, and the Davis Mountains of Texas.

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SCHOOL

Let's get physical - as classes begin at Muenster ISD



Coach Trey Gray welcomes 40 Kindergartners to Physical Education class Monday morning, the first day of school at Muenster ISD. Coach Jeff Smiley assists Janie Hartman photo

At what point is a child's backpack too heavy to be safe?

As kids return to school this August, don't wait for them to complain about back pain. Instead, pay attention to their posture and keep an attentive eye on all of the items that are loaded into their backpack each day.

Experts recommend that kids carry no more than 10 to 15% of their body weight, but that doesn't always seem to be the case. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) more than 13,700 kids ages 5-18 years old were

treated in hospitals and doctors' offices for injuries related to backpacks.

EXPERT ADVICE

"When used correctly, backpacks can be a good way to carry the necessities of the school day," said orthopaedic surgeon and American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) spokesperson Melanie Kinchen, MD. "Backpack injuries are commonly caused by wearing overloaded backpacks, as well as lifting and carrying them incorrectly. Parents and teachers should guide kids to take preventative measures. Start by choosing a backpack that is appropriately sized for your child or have them use a rolling backpack as an alternative to carrying their heavy load on their shoulders."

AAOS SAFETY TIPS

- Always use both shoulder straps to keep the weight of the backpack better distributed.
- Tighten the straps and use waist strap if the bag has one.
- Remove or organize items if too heavy and place biggest items closest to the back.
- Lift properly and bend at the knees to pick up a backpack.
- Carry only those items that are required for the day; leave books at home or school, if possible.
- Keep walkways clear of backpacks to avoid tripping over them.
- Parents also can help with backpack-related pain:
 - Encourage your child or teenager to tell you about pain or discomfort that may be caused by a heavy backpack, like numbness or tingling in the arms or legs.
 - Purchase a backpack appropriate for the size of your child and look for any changes in your child's posture when he or she wears the backpack.
 - Watch your child put on or take off the backpack to see if it is a struggle. Do not ignore red marks on the shoulders if your child or teenager expresses discomfort.
 - Talk to the school about

lightning the load. Keep the load under 10-15% of the child's body weight.

- Be sure the school allows students to stop at their lockers

throughout the day.

Teachers can help by following these tips:

- When planning lessons, take into consideration ways to

lighten a child's backpack load.

- Allow enough time for kids to stop by their lockers to drop off books.

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wearing their self-contained breathing apparatus or wearing their cylinders, and of fire trucks driven without working taillights or sirens. "Today, the Department is barely a glimmer of what it once was," commented Schmaltz who felt it was once a very good asset to Lake Kiowa.

Schmaltz contended that, "The Department's leadership routinely violates their own safety rules and procedures." According to Schmaltz, one director said he responds to fires without required gear because he can't take the heat. Another responds in shorts, a tee shirt, and dew rag.

Two other people from Lake Kiowa gave statements of medical incidents which concerned them.

Joe Rider, LKVFDF fire chief of 25 years, defended his Department. He said that in the last 25 years, they have not had one house completely burn down and in almost 50 years of existence, no fireman has ever been injured. "The biggest problem out there is lack of communication," he stated.

Rider feels the LKVFDF has as good a response in time and numbers as any other Cooke County volunteer department with the exception of Muenster. Most of the departments have members who work in places that prevent them from responding to some calls.

Mead said that they were not asking the Court to withhold funds for the past year. They were only present to

inform them of their future plans.

Commissioner Al Smith expressed dismay that any firefighter in Cooke County would respond to a fire without wearing required gear. He had attended classes about wildfires. Smith said, "They talked about how some firemen show up at these severe incidences and they are really more like fuel than they are firefighters. Then other firemen end up having to protect them." He had commented that you won't find that in Cooke County.

Since LKVFDF performed a service in the County over the past year, Commissioners all voted to sign the contract which was finally returned two weeks ago.

A write-off for uncollectible Cooke County EMS ambulance billings in the amount of \$2,320,274.64 received approval. They were from a period of three years.

EMS director Kevin Grant explained that the typical nation-wide collection rate for a 9-1-1 system is about 38%-46%. Cooke County collects about 44%.

The Court approved a resolution regarding the Texoma Meals on Wheels Program. It certified that Cooke County made a grant of \$3,150 to the Tri County Senior Nutrition Project, an organization that delivers meals to homebound persons in the County who are elderly and or who have a disability. It also stated that it certifies the organization's accounting system or fiscal agent. This enables the organization to apply for

grant funding.

In other business, Commissioners Court:

- Approved a change to the Cooke County policy on holidays. Employees may have up to 96 hours of holiday pay on the books. If they have over that number at the end of the calendar year, they forfeit those hours. There will be a one-time payout before the end of this calendar year to all employees with more than 96 hours due.

- Approved consolidating polling places for the Nov. 6 General Election. They will be the same as in the Primary Elections.

- Approved the 2013 Cooke County Appraisal District budget. It includes replacing a vehicle and a 3% raise on merit.

- Appointed Judge Roane and Auditor Shelly Atteberry to a committee to oversee the building of a new EMS facility.

- Approved renewal of a lease agreement and any necessary changes with the Texas Facilities Commission for the Highway Patrol and Driver's License offices.

- Received and filed for record the 235th District Court order setting the salaries of the auditor, first assistant auditor, second assistant auditor, third assistant auditor, fourth assistant auditor, and 235th District Court reporter.

- Approved advertising for bids for ground maintenance services for the Justice Center, and for vending services in the Courthouse and Annex building.

Lunch Menus

WEEK OF SEPT. 3 - 7 MUENSTER ISD

- Mon. - No school.
- Tues. - Beef tacos, lettuce, tomatoes, pinto beans, baby carrots, peaches, animal crackers.
- Wed. - Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, baked chips, apples, broccoli and cauliflower, animal crackers.
- Thurs. - Salisbury steak, cheddar potatoes w/grav, corn, pineapple, hot wheat rolls.
- Fri. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, oven fries, baby carrots, pork and beans, apple sauce.

LINDSAY ISD

- Mon. - No school.
- Tues. - Pepperoni pizza sticks w/marinara, spinach salad, peaches, orange juice.
- Wed. - Ham and cheese sandwich w/trimmings, chips, apples, peanut butter cup cookie, grape juice.
- Thurs. - Chicken spaghetti, carrots, pineapple, batter bread, orange juice.
- Fri. - Hamburger w/trimmings, oven fries, oranges, ice cream.

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SPORTS



John Paul Hesse bats away an attempted Pirate pass in last week's Tiger scrimmage with Petrolia. This Friday, Sacred Heart will host another Pirate team when Collinsville comes to town as regular season play begins.

Janie Hartman photo



Two in a row - The Gunter quarterback got sacked twice in two consecutive plays, by Dalton Bartel (top) and Hunter Klement (above), in last week's scrimmage. Muenster travels to Ponder this Friday night. Janie Hartman photos

Tri-County Fishing Festival Sept. 21

The 20th Annual Tri-County Fishing Festival will be held Friday, Sept. 21 at Waterloo Lake in Denison. Fishing contest runs from 8-11 a.m. with lunch and prizes to follow.

Any resident of Cooke, Fannin, or Grayson County, 50 years of age or older, is eligible to participate. To guarantee a t-shirt, register by Sept. 7. Cost is \$5 (including t-shirt) or \$3 for lunch only. Awards to be given for Biggest Fish, Smallest Fish, and Most Fish. There will be casting contests with men and women divisions.

For more information or to register, contact the Sherman Senior Center, 903-892-7316.

HORNET FANS INVITED TO TAILGATE AT PONDER

Muenster Hornet fans, it is time again to tailgate at Hornet out-of-town football games. The first tailgate will be in Ponder, Friday, Aug. 31. Hope to see you there.

Lady Knight volleyball

The Lindsay Lady Knights competed in pool play of the Lu Allen Memorial Tournament last weekend. In the first game, they were defeated by Denton Calvary by scores of 10-25, 19-25. In the second pool play game, Lindsay defeated Denver City by scores of 25-16, 25-22, then defeated Petrolia by scores of 25-18, 25-17.

Bracket play began Saturday. Lindsay came away with one win and two losses. In the first round, Lindsay was defeated by Nocona. Scores were 25-12, 14-25, 17-25. In the second round, Lindsay lost to Wichita Falls Christian by scores of 25-27, 25-14, 24-26. In the third round, Lindsay defeated Petrolia by scores of 25-13, 25-20.

The Lady Knights were defeated by the Callisburg Lady Cats 0-3 on Tuesday evening. Scores were 17-25, 20-25, 9-25. Stats were: Nicole Fleitman 9 kills (K), 5 blocks (B), 11 digs (D); Tara Atkins 2 D, 19 assists (A); Scout Tatum 2 D; Jalyn Anderle 2 aces (AC), 11 K, 3 D; Briley Fleitman 5 D; Elizabeth Wallace 2 B, 2 D; Megan Holt 3 D; Chandler Herr 2 D.

Step Up to Scale Down program to start Sept. 4

Do you feel the need to Step Up and Scale Down? Step up to Scale Down is a 12 week educational program being offered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Cooke County. This program is based on the USDA 2010 dietary guidelines and is intended to help participants choose a healthful eating plan within their calorie requirements to achieve and maintain a healthy weight. Some of the weekly sessions will include topics such as setting goals, creating a healthy plate, label reading, meal planning,

and moving to lose.

Two class times are being offered. Participants can choose to attend on Tuesdays at 12:15 starting on Sept. 4 in the Grand Jury room at the Cooke County Courthouse or on Tuesday evenings at 6 pm at the Cooke County Library. There is a one-time \$10 fee to participate. This fee helps to cover program expenses.

If you would like more information on this program or would like to register, contact Angel Neu at (940)668-5412 or by email at adneu@tamuedu.

Junior Varsity Lady Knights

The Lindsay JV Lady Knights improved their record to 11-2 last weekend by winning the Paradise JV tournament. Lindsay started with a win over Perrin by scores of 25-9, 25-14. In the second game, they defeated Nocona Orange by scores of 25-16, 25-17. The third game, they faced Nocona Black and defeated them by scores of 25-13, 25-14. In the Championship game, they started out non-aggressive and lost the first game 17-25. They re-grouped and won the second game 25-23 and then won the third game 15-13.

On Tuesday night, the JV Lady Knights improved their record to 12-2 with a win over the Callisburg Lady Cats by scores of 23-25, 25-21, 25-15. According to Coach Robin Hess, "We started out slow and non-aggressive again, and finally regrouped and came away with a win." Stats were: Sarah Fuhrmann 2 kills (K), 10 assists (A); Kailei Klement 3 K; Sydney Ott 3 aces (AC) 9 K; Hayley Skinner 2 AC; Madison Green 2 A; Mackenzie Myrick 2 K, 3 blocks.

Next action will be next Tuesday at S&S.

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Texas producers likely to hold on to hay

It is possible that some Texas hay growers may sell to Midwestern cattle operations, but according to experts with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, that scenario is unlikely.

"Anything is possible, but I'm not sure (East) Texans will be comfortable doing that even with the rain we had this year," said Dr. Vanessa Corriher, AgriLife Extension forage specialist. "I think we're just running a little scared."

Thanks to timely rains, much of East and North Texas had reasonably good hay production in 2012, she said.

As of July 24, about 30 East Texas counties comprised the only part of Texas not rated in either extremely dry or in one stage of drought or another, according to the U.S. Drought

Monitor. Early Drought monitor reports show better moisture conditions for Central Texas. Associated with the better conditions were some good hay yields.

"A lot of our producers, whether they had livestock or were strictly into hay production, depleted a lot of their stocks last year," she said. "I think the attitude this year has been to rebuild those

stocks—to refill those barns they emptied last year—and try to prepare themselves for winter feeding. And there's always the potential for another extended drought in Texas."

More information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website.



No-till could help maintain crop yields despite climate change

Reducing tillage for some Central Great Plains crops could help conserve water and reduce losses caused by climate change, according to studies at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Research leader Laj Ahuja and others at the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) Agricultural Systems Research Unit at Fort Collins, Colorado, superimposed climate projections onto 15 to 17 years of field data to see how future crop yields might be affected. ARS is USDA's chief intramural scientific research agency, and this work supports the USDA priority of responding to climate change.

The field data was collected at the ARS Central Great Plains Research Station in Akron, Colorado. The projections included an increase in equivalent atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO2) levels from 380 parts per million by volume (ppmv) in 2005 to 550 ppmv in 2050. The

projections also included a 5-degree Fahrenheit increase in summer temperatures in Colorado from 2005 to 2050. The ARS scientists used these projections to calculate a linear increase of CO2 and temperature from 2050 to 2100.

Ahuja's team used the Root Zone Water Quality Model (version 2) for crop rotations of wheat-fallow, wheat-corn-fallow, and wheat-corn-millet to see how yields might be affected in the future. They simulated different combinations of three climate change projections: rising CO2 levels, rising temperatures, and a shift in precipitation from late spring and summer to fall and winter. They ran the model with the projected climate for each of the 15 to 17 years of field crop data for each cropping system.

When the researchers used all three climate factors to generate yield projections from 2005 to 2100, the yield

estimates for the three cropping systems dropped over time. Declines in corn and millet yields were more significant than declines in wheat yields.

Ahuja also simulated earlier planting dates and no-till management to see if either change reduced yield losses, but only the no-till option helped. In the wheat-fallow rotation with no tillage, wheat yields were higher than with conventional tillage through 2075. But by 2100, when summer temperatures had increased by 8 degrees F, even the no-till yield advantage was lost.

Just a thought

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Federal Appeal Court overturns EPA's cross-state air pollution rule

The state's top energy regulators of oil and gas production and coal mining applauded the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit's decision to overturn a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency rule on cross-state air pollution.

Chairman Barry T. Smitherman, who was a party to the lawsuit against EPA, said, "The EPA is clearly out

of control, and the courts are agreeing with us. In the last two days, we've had appeals courts invalidate two EPA actions that were seen to be illegally adopted. I will continue to fight the Obama EPA in court, and I'm confident we will keep winning."

Commissioner David Porter said, "This court ruling will help ensure that we can keep the lights on in Texas. If the EPA had its way, Texas lignite mines would have

been shut down, thousands of Texas jobs would have been threatened, and power prices would have increased."

Commissioner Buddy Garcia said, "The EPA's process for this rule was flawed, and its model was not based on good science. We must work together to base these type of rules on the facts and not attempt to turn rules into 'gotcha tactics.'"

To learn more, please visit <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/>.

TDA market recap

For the week ending Aug. 25, feeder cattle price trends at Texas auctions ranged from \$8 lower per hundredweight (cwt) to \$10 higher. Texas direct feeder cattle sales were also mixed with a limited test on most classes. At the Oklahoma City National Stockyards, feeder cattle were \$3 lower to \$2 higher. Tight feeder supplies and prospects they will get even tighter this fall continue to support higher prices. However, variable quality, high grain prices, and poor pasture conditions in many areas pulled some markets lower. The fed cattle cash trade was unchanged from the previous week, and wholesale beef prices were about \$1 lower.

Wheat prices increased early in the week in response to reports of a smaller Russian crop, but weakened later as beneficial rains fell in parts of the U.S. winter wheat growing area. Corn and grain sorghum prices were modestly higher as prospects for a smaller U.S. crop were partially offset by weak export demand.

Corn was 64% mature and 56% harvested, both higher than the average for this date. Grain sorghum was 71% mature and 57% harvested, also ahead of the normal pace. Rice harvest was 59% complete compared to 72% on average. Pasture conditions improved slightly with 17% of the acreage now rated in good to excellent condition compared to 16% a week ago; 53% was rated poor to very poor; and 30% was rated in fair condition.

County Agent's Report

Preparing for winter pastures

Here in North Central Texas, conditions allow for use of cool season annual grasses and legumes as a reliable source of forage for winter and spring grazing. These may be over seeded into perennial pastures, such as bermudagrass or planted into prepared fields. The reasons to use cool-season annual forages include extending the grazing period and improved animal performance because of their high nutritive value. Cool-season annual forages often can help save producers money because they can be a less costly substitute for energy and protein supplements purchased off the ranch.

Annual ryegrass and small grains (rye, wheat, and oat) are the primary cool-season annual grasses used for over seeding warm-season perennial grasses. Small grains are usually mixed with the annual ryegrass to extend the grazing season. The small grains provide more forage production in autumn and winter than annual ryegrass but they mature from late March to mid-April, while annual ryegrass is most productive through spring.

Many people also like to add legumes such as arrowleaf clovers, vetch, or sweetclover. Cool-season legumes are more soil specific than grasses and therefore producers must know their soils and select the best adapted legume species. For specific information on different annual cool-season forages, you may want to visit <http://stephenville.tamu.edu/>. Under "topics" click on "forages." Here you can read up on expected tonnage, planting dates, seeding rates etc.

General planting recommendation is to over seed cool-season annual forages from four to six weeks before the average first killing frost of the year (which is generally during the first part of November in Cooke County). Therefore, cool-season grasses are planted in from mid-September through October.

Optimum planting date is early October but will vary with location, production goals, ground or soil condition, and type of winter pastures. When using these forages for over seeding pastures, early establishment is often difficult because of the competition from the perennial summer grass. If a good stand of Bermuda or other summer grass is present, it is advisable to wait to plant until night temperatures are consistently below 50°F. This will slow growth of the warm-season perennial grass.

While over seeding warm-season perennial grasses with cool-season annuals has many benefits, there are a few management concerns. Because the growing seasons overlap in autumn, management practices to reduce the warm-season grass competition are necessary for early cool-season forage production. Remember that cool-season forage production and distribution is dependent on species, seeding rates, and planting methods. Finally, growing seasons of winter-annual forages and summer perennial grass also overlap in spring which delays spring recovery of the warm-season grass.



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- BLUE BUNNY, ASSORTED FLAVORS
Ice Cream
144 OZ. FAMILY SIZE **\$6.99**
- PLAINS REGULAR OR SLIM N'TRIM
Cottage Cheese
12 OZ. CTN. **\$1.79**
- SARA LEE SELECT VARIETY
Cheese Cake.....17-19 OZ. **\$4.99**
- MRS. SMITH'S SELECT VARIETY
Fruit Cobbler.....32 OZ. **2 FOR \$7**
- AUNT JEMIMA SELECT VARIETY 10 COUNT
Frozen Waffles.....12.3 OZ. **2 FOR \$3**
- SELECT VARIETY
El Charrito Dinners.....11 OZ. **2 FOR \$3**
- SELECT VARIETY FILLETS OR STICKS
Van de Kamp's Fish.....14-26.4 OZ. **\$5.49**
- DANNON SELECT VARIETY
Oikos Greek Yogurt.....5.3 OZ. **10 FOR \$10**
- KRAFT PRE-PRICED \$2.79
American Singles.....12 OZ. **2 FOR \$4**
- SELECT VARIETY
Simply Potatoes.....20 OZ. **2 FOR \$4**
- TROPICANA SELECT VARIETY PREMIUM OR 50
Orange Juice or Beverage.....59 OZ. **\$3.79**
- PILLSBURY SELECT VARIETY
Crescent or Sweet Rolls.....8-13.9 OZ. **2 FOR \$4**

Natural Light Beer



30 PACK CANS **\$20**

Dr Pepper
ASST FLAVORS 24 PK CAN **\$5.99**

Milwaukee's Best Beer



24 PACK CANS **\$14**

Health & Beauty Care

- COLGATE SELECT VARIETY
Toothpaste.....6.4 OZ. **\$1.99**
- SELECT VARIETY
Dial Bath Bars.....3 PACK **\$2.99**
- ALWAYS SELECT VARIETY PANTILINERS OR
Maxi Pads.....16-40 CT. **2 FOR \$5**
- COUGH MEDICINE
DayQuil or NyQuil.....8 OZ. **\$5.79**