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All this and much more as The Enterprise reports in this week's miraculous edition!

Early voting underway at three local entities

Early voting by personal appearance is now underway for this year's General Elections.

Local voters can cast ballots for state and local races and on the proposed freeze on ad valorem taxes on the qualified homesteads of citizens age 65 and older and disabled citizens.

The tax freeze question appears on three separate ballots for Donley County, the City of Clarendon, and the Clarendon College District. If approved, the freeze would fix the dollar amount of taxes owed to those entities with the property tax statements that will be mailed out in October 2007.

Ballots for state and county offices and on freezing county taxes can be cast early by personal appearance at the Clerk's Office in the Courthouse Annex.

Early voting for freezing taxes in the City of Clarendon is taking place at City Hall, and early ballots on the same question for the Clarendon College District can be cast in the west offices of the CC Administration Building.

The early voting period will end at the close of business on Friday, November 3, 2006. This year's General Election date is Tuesday, November 7.

Fund established to aid McKinney family

A fund has been established at the Donley County State Bank to help with medical bills incurred by Frankie and Shirley McKinney. Anyone interested in making a donation to this fund may do so by visiting the bank or by calling 874-3581.

Prizes available for best biblical costumes

The All Hallow's Eve Team is inviting everyone to "trunk or treat" at the First United Methodist Church next Tuesday, October 31, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Church members will have their car trunks opened and filled with treats and surprises for everyone.

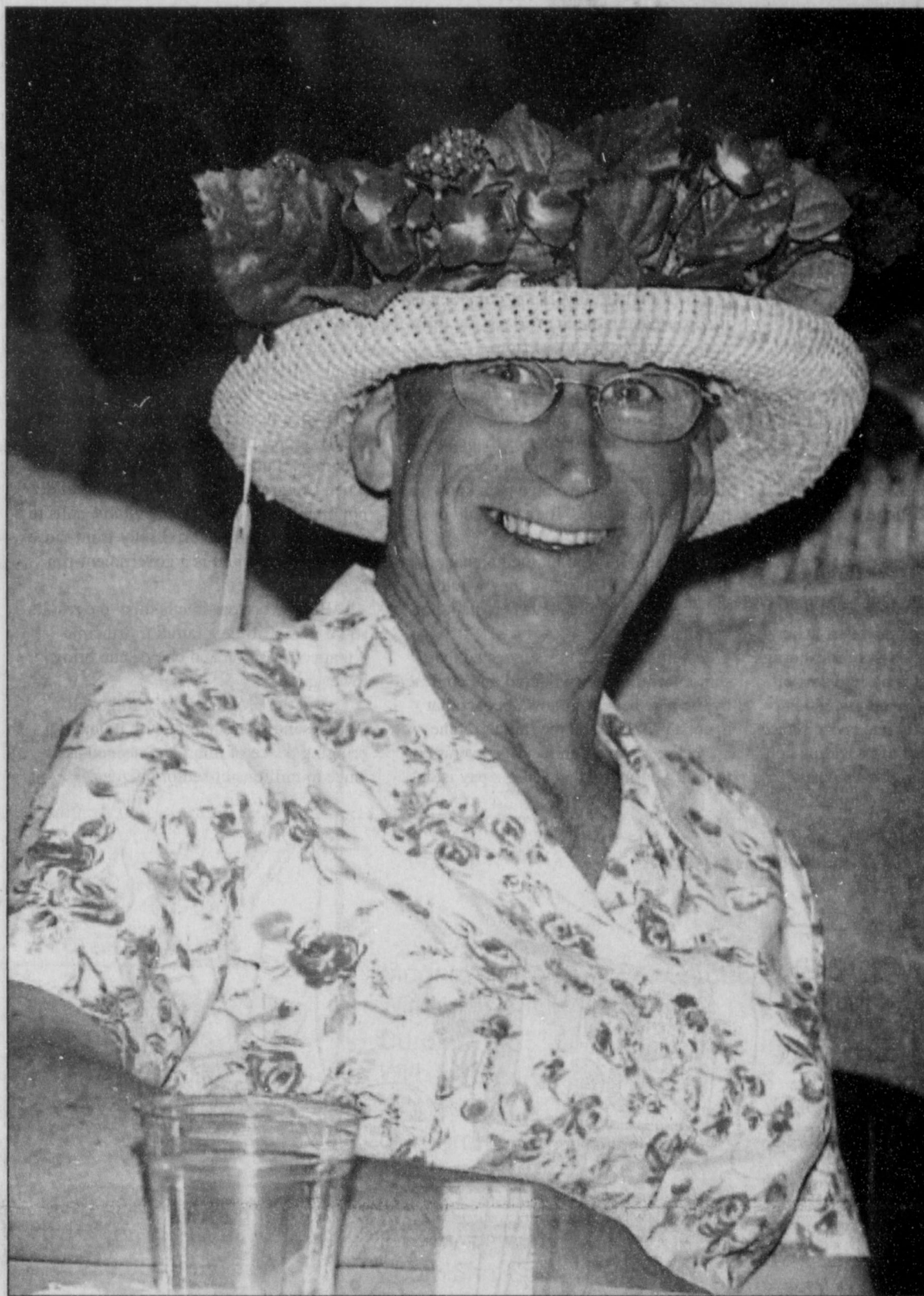
Prizes will be awarded for the best biblical costume in age categories from infants to high school seniors.

Readers urged to pick up forgotten pictures

THE ENTERPRISE still has a pile of forgotten pictures, and readers are asked to please come get them.

The discard date has been pushed back to November 3 due to the stork disrupting the office's usual hours last week. The pictures include those used in engagement, wedding, birth, and anniversary announcements as well as submitted news photos.

THE ENTERPRISE only accepts responsibility for submitted photos for ten days after publication.



Well, Howdeeee!

Bill Stavenhagen is "jest so proud to be here" as Minnie Pearl during "Celebrity Night" at the Bairfield Activity Center last Saturday. The fundraiser, hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, was held on behalf of the Donley County Junior Livestock Association to raise funds for a new facility north of Clarendon. At press time, chamber officials were still calculating how much money was raised.

Enterprise Photo / Karl Lindsey

TDA reminds producers of deadline

AUSTIN - Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs this week reminded eligible livestock producers in 216 Texas counties that applications for the federally funded Livestock Assistance Grant Program must be postmarked by November 13.

"The application must be postmarked by November 13, 2006, and mailed to TDA headquarters in Austin," Combs said.

Area counties eligible for the grant include Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Donley, Gray, Hall, and Wheeler.

The application must be addressed to: Livestock Assistance

Grant Program, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711. Incomplete applications and applications postmarked after Nov. 13 will not be considered.

Applications are available on TDA's Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us; at all TDA offices; and at Texas Cooperative Extension and U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency county offices in the 216 eligible Texas counties.

Producers with any questions are encouraged to call TDA at 1-800-TELL-TDA (1-800-835-5832).

Forage production losses may include costs incurred to buy

supplemental feed and hay, costs to relocate livestock to new pastures, feed transportation costs, the cost of emergency water supplies and the loss of forage production including hay and pasture.

Funds will be paid on a per head basis. Per head payment rates will be determined by the total number of livestock claimed by all eligible applicants and will differ for cattle and sheep based on standard animal units. The per head payment rate will be determined after all applications are received and processed.

Additional information about LAGP and the application process is available at 1-800-835-5832.

MCNH passes federal survey

Rare inspection finds only two issues

The Medical Center Nursing Home passed a rare federal inspection last week with only two minor deficiencies.

MCNH Administrator Vicky Robertson said five percent of nursing homes are randomly selected each year to be reviewed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and this is the first year anyone can remember the local home having such an inspection.

"We were told to expect as many as 10 deficiencies," Robertson said. "They didn't leave a stone unturned."

But after searching from October 16 to October 19, the federal team found only two items of concern - one for some reports that weren't up to date and another for medication times.

"They looked at the quality of life, quality of food, and quality of staff and said it was very obvious that our staff cares about our residents," Robertson said.

Inspectors told Robertson that

the community and the hospital board should be very proud of the nursing home.

"They were pretty impressed," she said. "They said it's highly unusual to find a facility in a rural area as good as ours."

The high marks from the federal level come just one month after MCNH received its annual state inspection.

"The state health team found zero deficiencies, and the life safety team found 13 deficiencies," Robertson said but noted that those deficiencies were not serious.

"One of the state deficiencies was that our plants were too big and that the branches of plants stuck into the 'egress path,'" Robertson said. "So we had to rearrange all of our plants, but everything major was fine."

Another infraction the state team found was that the door to the mop closet was not closed when the inspector happened to walk by, she said.

Local jobless rate falls to 3.7 percent

AUSTIN - Donley County's unemployment rate fell to its lowest point in 12 months in September with a smaller workforce and fewer people looking for work, according to information released this week by the Texas Workforce Commission.

Seasonally non-adjusted data from TWC showed 1,723 people employed out of a workforce of 1,790. August's data had 1,720 employed out of a workforce of 1,806.

The actual number of people looking for work fell from 86 in August to 67 in September, bringing the local unemployment rate to 3.7 percent - its lowest point since last October's rate of 3.4 percent.

Statewide seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment in Texas increased by 15,200 jobs in September and 226,200 jobs over the last 12 months, representing a 2.3 percent growth rate for the year.

The nation as a whole has seen job growth of 1.3 percent during the same period. Texas employers have added jobs for 24 consecutive months and 37 of the last 38 months. A total of 676,700 jobs have been added since July 2003. The September seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped three-tenths of a point to 4.8 percent.

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) experienced

the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 3.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted). The Amarillo MSA was second at 3.6 percent, followed by College Station-Bryan MSA at 3.7 percent.

In September, hiring activities remained strong in Manufacturing. Employment in this industry experienced its second over-the-month job increase since July, adding 3,400 jobs. This increase brings the total employment in the Manufacturing industry to its highest level in over three years. The annual growth rate rose from 0.6 percent in August to 0.9 percent in September, representing the addition of 8,400 jobs since September 2005.

"For the first time in Texas history, nonagricultural employment reached the 10 million mark over the last two months," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. "With a record of 10,020,400 jobs, expansion continues to be broad-based across many industries and geographic areas."

"A declining unemployment rate and continued job growth are both positive signs for Texas workers," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton.

Initial claims for unemployment compensation in September 2006 were 47,016, down 30.1 percent from September 2005.

Extension researchers studying bacteria in local creek

VERNON - Elevated levels of bacteria in streams can affect water quality, the health of the aquatic ecosystem, and activities such as fishing, swimming and wading, a Texas Agricultural Experiment Station researcher said.

Dr. John Sij, Experiment Station agronomist in Vernon, and his team are working on what might possibly be a showcase study for Texas. He and his team are measuring water quality of a rangeland watershed, part of which falls in Donley County.

"This may be one of the first efforts on small streams such as this to get scientific involvement from Step 1, the impairment, through the entire process of identifying the sources of non-point pollution and looking for solutions through

a watershed management plan," Sij said.

Working on the project with Sij are Phyllis Dyer, research technician; Mark Belew, research associate; and Cody Pope, research technician.

As a part of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's Clean Rivers Program, limited testing was conducted on Buck Creek in the southeast corner of the Texas Panhandle. Tests showed bacterial levels (E. coli) in the water there were sometimes elevated, indicating a potential water quality problem, Sij said.

Landowners and the Soil and Water Conservation District were concerned that possible government regulations could impact agriculture without knowing the source

and scope of the contamination, Sij said. The Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board and Texas Water Resources Institute were contacted.

The two entities requested the Experiment Station at Vernon conduct a three-year study to determine the degree of impairment and possible solutions, he said.

Any pollution of the water would be regulated under the Clean Water Act, enforced by the Environmental Protection Agency. The first steps were to define the problem, Sij said. The creek is spring-fed from a rural watershed, which includes crops and grazing lands.

Buck Creek is part of the Red River Basin. Located in the subwatershed of the Lower Prairie Dog Fork of the Red River, it is an unclas-

sified freshwater stream, he said. The watershed is 289 miles square.

No identifiable point sources of pollution have been determined, he said, so any contamination would come from the watershed itself or non-point sources.

According to EPA guidelines, a single sample of E. coli should not exceed 394 colonies per 100 milliliters and a geometric mean of not more than 126 colonies per 100 milliliters, he said. Anything greater than 25 percent requires the stream to be listed as impaired.

In the Buck Creek samples collected prior to the Experiment Station's involvement, the allowable level of E. coli was exceeded in three different samples and the fecal coliform samples exceeded allow-

able rates in eight different samples, Sij said.

"People swimming or wading in the creek might have been at risk," he said.

"Our objective is to determine the load of the pollutant that a body of water can receive and still maintain its beneficial uses," Sij said.

The load must be allocated among all potential sources of pollution within the watershed, and measures to reduce pollutant loads will need to be developed as necessary, he said.

Agriculture should not be considered the only source of pollution, Sij said. Wildlife could be a significant contributor of contamination.

"We know cattle can be a prob-

See 'Creek' on page 5.

WARNING: The following column is an editorial (i.e. an opinion, a point of view) and may contain ideas with which some readers may freely disagree. It could be harmful to liberals, socialists, and other small mammals. Read at your own risk.

Birth of child recalls Dad's wise advice

I witnessed a miracle last Thursday night. It wasn't anything that hadn't been seen before by doctors and nurses around the world. Nor was it anything new for billions of mothers and fathers throughout the ages. But it was a miracle nonetheless.

I had seen childbirth before — on television anyway. When I was nearly five, I saw a special on PBS that left nothing — and I mean *nothing* — to the imagination. And so it was that I knew where my baby brother came from not long after that. My Dad used to recall that my first question upon seeing Russell was, "Did the baby have blood on him when he was born?" When he answered yes, I was satisfied that all had gone like it was supposed to.

No televised delivery can compare to the actual birth of a child — especially your own child. Watching and even helping, to some small degree, with the delivery, I felt the same things many men feel — awe in the power of God, amazement that my wife and I with His help had created a new life, some degree of worry as I felt the weight of parental responsibility settle on my shoulders, and, of course, thankfulness for whoever created modern painkillers.

But one feeling stood out more than anything — a deep and abiding respect for the miracle of motherhood. I stood in wonder of what my wife was going through for the sake of our son; and, although I had seen her give of herself for his sake the past nine months, nothing compared to what I was seeing as her whole being focused on the solitary duty of bringing him into the world.

I busied myself with trivial duties that I hoped would bring her some comfort, and I eagerly did anything the nurse told me to do. For nearly an hour, it was just the three of us; and the world outside the door of the hospital room just didn't seem to exist. Then the room erupted with nurses, and soon Dr. May appeared just in time to call for a couple of more pushes.

And just like that, there he was — our son. It's hard to describe what happens in that split second where one goes from being an "expectant father" to being a real father. I think I was mostly lost in a state of wonder at that moment, but she became a mother instantly — just like she was created for that purpose.

Growing up, my Dad taught me to always respect my Mom. "She gave you life," he said. "And you can never repay her for that."

He was right, as usual. And now, I suspect, he would have some more advice — to always respect my wife — for she has given me a son, and I can never repay her either.

Meanwhile...

In the days leading up to Benjamin's birth, many people told me how that event would change my life. And they were largely correct, except for one person who thought it would change my politics. That hasn't happened. In fact, if anything, I'm more of a diarchard now than before.

Becoming a parent necessarily means worrying. That's another thing I learned from my Dad. You have to think about the really important things. Do I have enough income to support this kid? Do I have enough life insurance in the worst-case scenario? Where will I put the sandbox and how will I haul enough sand to fill it?

Yes, planning for the future is important, and it's something all parents do although some more than others.

A better future is something this newspaper has always worked toward. Throughout its history, it has been dedicated to pursuing the issues it thought would best provide for Donley County and its future generations. And under the banner of THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE, it has always sought a better quality of life and more opportunities for our citizens.

Admittedly, not everyone agrees with the editorial stance of this newspaper, and that's fine. If no one ever disagreed with it, it probably wouldn't be doing its job.

It is, therefore, with an eye to the future that I urge you to go vote. Go vote for Kinky Friedman for governor because Bell hasn't got a chance, Grandma has run out of steam, and Goodhair has let us down. Go vote for Mac Thornberry because he's probably the only honest Congressman (except maybe for Rep. Ron Paul). And go vote for anybody but Susan Combs for comptroller.

But most importantly, go vote against the tax freeze. Vote against it three times — at the county, at the college, and at City Hall.

Freezing the property taxes of elderly and disabled citizens is patently unfair to future generations. It is unfair to the soon-to-be-taxpayers just now getting out of school who will bear the full brunt of freezing taxes on the Baby Boomers, and it is unfair to young families who are struggling to make ends meet.

If you are a young or middle-aged parent, gather up all your friends and vote "no" on the tax freeze for the sake of yourself and your children.

There are other options to ease the burden on senior citizens. But this one is simply a bad idea that can never be undone and should not be supported.



editor's commentary by roger estlack

Evaluate results of Medicare drug plan

By US Sen. John Cornyn

In 2004, with President Bush's backing, Congress approved major changes to Medicare, the health insurance program covering most Americans over 65. A new prescription drug benefit known as Medicare Part D was added.

The legislation was controversial, and it still is. Some critics said the drug benefit was too expensive, an expansion of government that added to an unacceptably-large federal deficit. Others said the program was too miserly and didn't meet all urgent needs. On the other hand, recent reports indicate that seniors are satisfied with the program and that it's working well.

We've now had nearly a full year's experience with the program. It's worthwhile to look at what has happened under Part D to date. Medicare has changed markedly in the 40 years since President Lyndon Johnson signed legislation creating Medicare. Remarkable new drugs now play a vital role in ongoing treatment of long-term conditions, supplanting hospital care and out-patient treatment in many cases. Many of the 43 million Americans now enrolled in Medicare depend upon these pharmaceuticals.

Historically, Medicare paid for physician and hospital expenses and some vaccines but reimbursed no drug costs, even for retirees on fixed incomes. Part D now assists seniors with the costs of most drugs they take regularly at a projected cost of \$880 billion over ten years.

Part D relies heavily on private sector competition, with a goal of providing consumer choice and holding down costs. To

enroll, a senior chooses a plan from a private insurer and pays a monthly premium for the drug coverage.

The Medicare prescription drug benefit enables seniors to save an average of \$1,100 a year. They also obtain near-complete "catastrophic" coverage if their drug expenses rise above \$100 per week. The lowest-income seniors, those eligible for Medicaid benefits, pay little to nothing for their drug benefits.

How has it worked? Generally, the reports are positive. More than 20 million Americans have already signed up for the drug benefit, and major polls show more than 80 percent enrolled are satisfied with the program. There have also been welcome savings in costs — due largely to competition built into the system. Seniors in Texas have more than 50 private insurance programs to choose from.

Next year, 88 percent of beneficiaries in Texas will have access to coverage with a lower premium than they are paying in 2006. There are also options that cover generics and preferred brand name drugs through a limited coverage gap, known as the "doughnut hole," for a monthly premium as low as \$44.

But seniors who hit the gap have already saved \$1,100 that they wouldn't have received had the Part D benefit not been enacted.

While some critics suggested that seniors would be bewildered and confused by the new benefit, it now appears that is not a problem and the initial glitches are being resolved. In fact, the average monthly premium that seniors pay is only

\$24, far lower than the \$37 originally predicted — thanks to competition among plans. And that is holding steady for 2007 — a rare case where medical-related expenses are not going up.

Even more impressive are the lower drug prices resulting from negotiations between insurers and drug manufacturers. Overall estimates of Part D prescription drug spending are 21.5 percent lower than last year's estimates. The projected cost to taxpayers has been reduced by \$30 billion over the next five years.

For helpful information, seniors can visit the Medicare website at www.medicare.gov to review all the plans — with or without a "doughnut hole" coverage gap — available to Texans next year. Information about 2007 plans in Texas also is available by calling the Medicare Hotline (1-800-MEDICARE) or the Texas Health Insurance Information, Counseling, and Advocacy Program (1-800-252-9240).

I am a fiscal conservative. I look skeptically at proposals for new government programs. I admit to having mixed feelings when Congress approved Part D, and I do not intend to support the inevitable calls to expand the program, especially from those whose ultimate aim is a government-run health care system.

But the bottom line is this: the results so far demonstrate a familiar principle — that competition and choice can bring lower prices.

And the program is working well — most seniors are happy with it, and it's bringing peace of mind and needed assistance to millions of senior citizens.

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Americans are more than right vs. left

By David Kirby and David Boaz

Journalists these days tell us that we're a country split down the middle, liberal vs. conservative, red America vs. blue America. Liberals and conservatives read different books, watch different networks, and go to different churches.

But in fact, a substantial number of Americans don't fit into that liberal-conservative dichotomy.

Our new research finds that 15 percent of American voters are libertarian rather than liberal or conservative. People generally say that a liberal favors government intervention in the economy and protection of civil liberties, while a conservative is opposed to both economic intervention and the expansion of civil liberties. Libertarians oppose government intrusion into both the economy and personal freedoms.

Our research drew on recent data from the Gallup Poll, the Pew Research Center Typology Survey, and the University of Michigan's American National Election Studies. We used questions on both economic and social issues that would allow us to distinguish libertarians from liberals and conservatives.

In all of these calculations, we use a broad definition of libertarian. We include

both individuals who would self-identify as libertarian and individuals who hold libertarian views but may be unfamiliar with the word. It is clear that many people who hold libertarian views don't self-identify as libertarians. One Rasmussen poll found that only 2 percent of respondents characterized themselves as libertarians, even though 16 percent held libertarian views on a series of questions.

Gallup consistently finds about 20 percent of respondents to be libertarian. We used a narrower definition, and we found that in 2004 libertarians accounted for 13 percent of the voting-age population and 15 percent of actual voters.

In a closely divided electorate, that's clearly enough to swing elections.

Our data show that libertarians have generally voted Republican — 66 percent for Ronald Reagan in 1980, 74 percent for George H. W. Bush in 1988, and 72 percent for George W. Bush in 2000. But they are not diarchard Republicans. John Anderson and Libertarian Party candidate Ed Clark got 17 percent of the libertarian vote in 1980, and Ross Perot took 33 percent of the libertarians in 1992.

But for those on the trail of the elusive swing voter, the real news is 2004. The

libertarian vote for Bush dropped from 72 to 59 percent, while the libertarian vote for the Democratic nominee almost doubled. It's not hard to imagine why. Libertarians didn't like Bush's record on excessive federal spending, expansion of entitlements, the federal marriage amendment, government spying, and the war in Iraq. Kerry didn't offer libertarians much except that he was not Bush, but he still narrowed the Republican majority among libertarians from 52 points to 21 points.

Who are the libertarians? They can be found in all parts of the country and all demographic groups, but they are more likely than the average voter to be male, well educated, affluent, and living in the Mountain and Pacific West. They are more likely to own stock than other voters, making them a central part of the "investor class."

And libertarians who don't like the domination of politics by the religious right and the big-government left should do what unions, African Americans, and Christian conservatives have done: organize.

David Boaz is executive vice president of the Cato Institute. David Kirby is executive director of America's Future Foundation.

Reader urges citizens to get out to vote

I am writing this letter today for the purpose of encouraging people of all political persuasions to get out and vote in the upcoming election on Tuesday November 7th. They can also vote early beginning on October 23rd.

Voting is such a privilege and responsibility of all American citizens. Sometimes we may think that our one little vote won't make a difference, but it really does. It is our chance to let our elected officials know what we want. We may think, "Well

I don't like some of the things my candidate has or has not done, so I just won't vote." If this is your attitude, you will wind up just punishing yourself more than the candidate you want to send a message to.

Just think how hard it is for just two folks who love each other to agree on everything, so it is unrealistic to expect the person you give your vote to, to please you all the time. I would encourage everyone to choose your candidates carefully, by

what not only they, but their party affiliations stand for, deciding which ones you most closely agree with and go vote for that candidate.

I am a very passionate American and think that America is the best place this side of Heaven to live; and if you live in Texas, then you are doubly blessed! Please go out and stand up for your values and beliefs and exercise your right to VOTE!

Lura Helms, Clarendon

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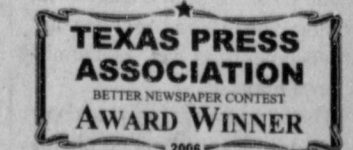
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Hospital board reviews finances

The Donley County Hospital Board considered several items during their regular meeting last Tuesday, October 17, in the Conference Room of the Medical Center Nursing Home.

Two Certificates of Deposit were cashed out to help pay for annual insurance premiums for auto, real, and personal property and workers' compensation totaling \$62,541.72. The board discussed paying off the Community Services Building note; and Administrator Vicky Robertson said the hospital district would need to purchase a \$2,300 heavy-duty shredder since it was required to permanently shut down its incinerator.

The Associated Ambulance Authority reported sixty-two calls for the month of September.

Budget amendments were reviewed and approved.

Holly Eads gave the indigent care report and said one new application and one six-month review were denied for having income levels above the guidelines. One claimant is

pending SSI review with a potential liability to the district of \$1,959.12, and the balance due to Northwest Texas Hospital is \$7,413.22 with another payment due in November.

Board chairman Alan Fletcher reported that 26 percent of Donley County residents are below the federal poverty level and said the indigent care budget for next year should reflect that ratio.

The facility analysis of the nursing home was discussed. The report on the analysis of the ambulance service will be received next month, and the ENTERPRISE will cover both reports at that time.

Denise Foster presented the 2005-2006 audit report, which was approved by the board.

Changes to the policies for PRN employees, indigent care, and the district's 401(k) plan were considered and approved.

The board also approved three bids on tax delinquent properties as presented by the Donley County Appraisal District.

Centramedia ranks fourth nationally

Centramedia, a Pampa-based provider of wireless Internet, has announced that it is ranked number four among national wireless Internet service providers, according to a study published in the September/October 2006 issue of BROADBAND WIRELESS BUSINESS.

Centramedia reaches 9,600 subscribers and provides wireless Internet access to the eastern two-thirds of the Texas Panhandle.

"Centramedia is positioned in the Texas marketplace to meet the needs of businesses and consumers alike," said Mike Williams, corporate officer of the Rice Companies to which Centramedia belongs.

"Being nationally recognized as a leading Internet provider is excellent news not only for Centramedia, but for our customers and future customers as well," said Jaylene Watkins, Centramedia marketing communication director.

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Tues	17	75°	53°	-
Wed	18	81°	51°	-
Thur	19	56°	41°	.08"
Fri	20	62°	41°	-
Sat	21	76°	46°	-
Sun	22	54°	31°	-

Total precipitation this month: 3.04"
Total precipitation to date: 17.97"
Total precipitation in Oct. last year: 1.20"
Total YTD last year: 15.83"

weekend forecast

Friday, Oct. 27
Mostly Sunny
74°/42°

Saturday, Oct. 28
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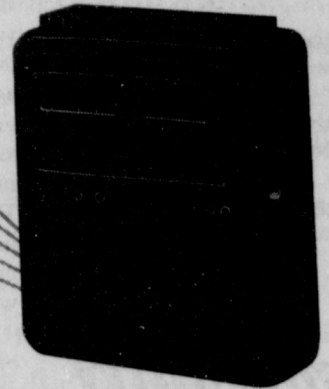
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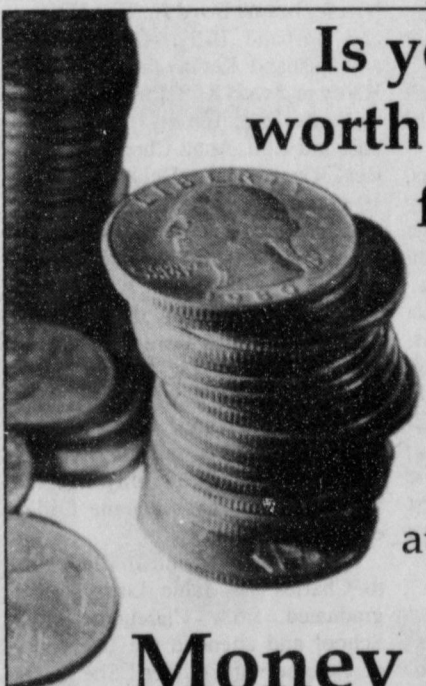
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Meet the Author • Mariwynn Webb • Her-ring Bank • 10 a.m.

October 27
Broncos v. Wellington • in Wellington • 7:30 p.m.

Owls v. Chillicothe • Memorial Field • 7:30 p.m.

October 28
Meet the Authors • Burton Memorial Library • 1 p.m.

Fall Carnival & Chili Supper • Clarendon Community Center • 5:30 p.m.

October 29
Daylight Savings Time ends

October 31
Halloween

"Trunk or Treat" • First Assembly of God • 6:00 p.m.

"Trunk or Treat" • Methodist Church • 6:30 p.m.

November 7
Election Day

November 11
Veterans Day

November 23
Thanksgiving

Community Menus

Oct. 30 - Nov. 3

Donley County Senior Citizens

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Tue: Hobo stew, macaroni salad, cup cakes, corn muffins, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Wed: BBQ chicken, baked beans, onion rings, potato salad, apricot cobbler, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Thu: Liver & onions, potatoes au gratin, fried squash, pickled beets, cookies, biscuits, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Fri: Navajo tacos, Spanish rice, autumn fruit salad, apple cake, chips & salsa, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Catfish, Onion rings, mixed greens, cole slaw, corn bread, bread pudding
Tue: Spaghetti & meat sauce, fried okra, tossed salad, garlic roast, butterscotch pudding
Wed: Steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, Harvard beets, pea salad, roll, cobbler
Thu: Beef stew with tomatoes, potatoes, carrots, peas, veggie sticks, jello salad, corn bread, orange
Fri: Cheeseburger, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, onion, bun, cookies

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Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk
Thu: Eggs, toast, fruit, milk
Fri: Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk
Lunch
Mon: Chicken nuggets, beans, salad, fruit mix, milk
Tue: Spaghetti, corn, salad, peaches, roll, milk
Wed: Turkey roast, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, mandarin oranges, roll, milk
Thu: Beef enchiladas, pinto beans, rice, salad, pineapple, milk
Fri: Hotdog, fries, salad, banana, milk

Hedley ISD

Mon: Pizza, Corn, Tossed Salad with Ranch Dressing, Milk, Fruit
Tue: BBQ Beef on a Bun, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Sliced Apple, Chips, Milk
Wed: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Fruit, Rolls, Milk
Thu: Fish, Mac & Cheese, Corn on the Cob, Salad, Fruit, Rolls, Milk
Fri: Submarine Sandwich, Lettuce & Tomato, Dill Pickles, Fruit, Salad, Juice, Milk

Highway 70 bridge is finally finished, open

After many months, I can report the bridge is open, and it was worth the wait. It is wider with less curve and no more 40 MPH. Construction and cleanup is still in progress, but the bridge itself is open.

A full house showed up at Friendship Club Friday night, including many candidates running for office and their families. We appreciate those people coming out and speaking to us on different issues.

October birthday folks were Dorothy Arnold and Steve Reynolds, and celebrating an anniversary were Charles and June Elliot.

New officers were elected for Friendship Club as follows: Peggy Gaston, president; Pat Steinbrugge,

vice president; and Carol Jean McWilliams, secretary-treasurer. Good luck to this crew. I know they will continue the tradition.

Bill and Pat Barton have moved back to Amarillo, and Bill resigned as alderman after serving for several terms. Pat Butler has accepted the appointment to the open seat and will finish Bill's term. Thank you, Bill, for your service, and good luck, Pat.

Congratulations, Roger and Ashlee, on the birth of your baby boy, Ben. Your lives have changed forever.

Jim and I had fun at the Steak and Shrimp Fun Night held Saturday at the Bairfield Activity Center to raise money for an activity center for

4-H and FFA. It is really a much-needed community center and will be open to everyone. I saw people from Clarendon and Hedley but was disappointed in the few Howardwick people attending. Remember the response to our need in the fire department, and we should join the rest of our county in supporting our future - the children.

Our condolences to the family

of Madelyn Jones Hicks who died October 15 in Houston. She was a very nice person and one of the best quilters I have had the pleasure to know.

Time change is Sunday, October 29, with the end of Daylight Saving Time. Put your clocks back one hour and stop saving that time. Does that make sense to you? How can you save time by moving your clock around? I know Ben Franklin mentioned it in some of his papers but come on, "daylight saving?" I like the Irish name, "Irish Summer Time."

How about "USA Sun Time." That has a nice ring to it and describes what we are doing - following the sun, not saving time.

Burton Library has great collection of biblical fiction

Do you enjoy biblical fiction? If so, you're in for a treat when you discover Lois T. Henderson's novels. Mrs. Henderson's writings adhere to basic truth of the stories as told in Bible. Her accurate research allows presentation of biblical fact intertwined with imaginary events. Through her special talent of weaving drama and history together, she became one of America's leading writers of biblical fiction.

Several of her books depict lives of remarkable women with whom many of you are familiar through the Scriptures. The books, *Lydia*; *Ruth*; *Abigail*; *Priscilla and Aquila*; portray each heroine's "faith in God, her own inner strength, and an example of courage and hope for all readers."

Lydia relates a fascinating look at the life and times of ancient Macedonia. As a successful and influential businesswoman in Philippi, a beautiful city thriving under Roman rule, Lydia sought the truth and became Paul's first Christian convert in Europe. Readers experience conflicts and joys in Lydia's newfound faith in God.

In the novel, *Ruth*, readers witness a loyal devotion demonstrated by the young woman for her mother-in-law, Naomi. Gentle, humble Ruth non-reluctantly leaves her native land to enter a new, strange culture in order to remain with her mother-in-law. The author interestingly recounts Ruth's work in the fields as she supports herself and Naomi; her marriage to Boaz; and her development into a strong, courageous woman.

Abigail, the beautiful wife of a monarch warrior, is based on the dramatic books of I and II Samuel.

The beginning of the novel acquaints readers with Abigail as a child in a loving home and continues through an unhappy marriage to Nabal. Readers are drawn into the story as her courage is built by God through devotion to Samuel's teachers and faith in Israel. This extra-ordinary woman becomes David's third wife with an enduring faith.

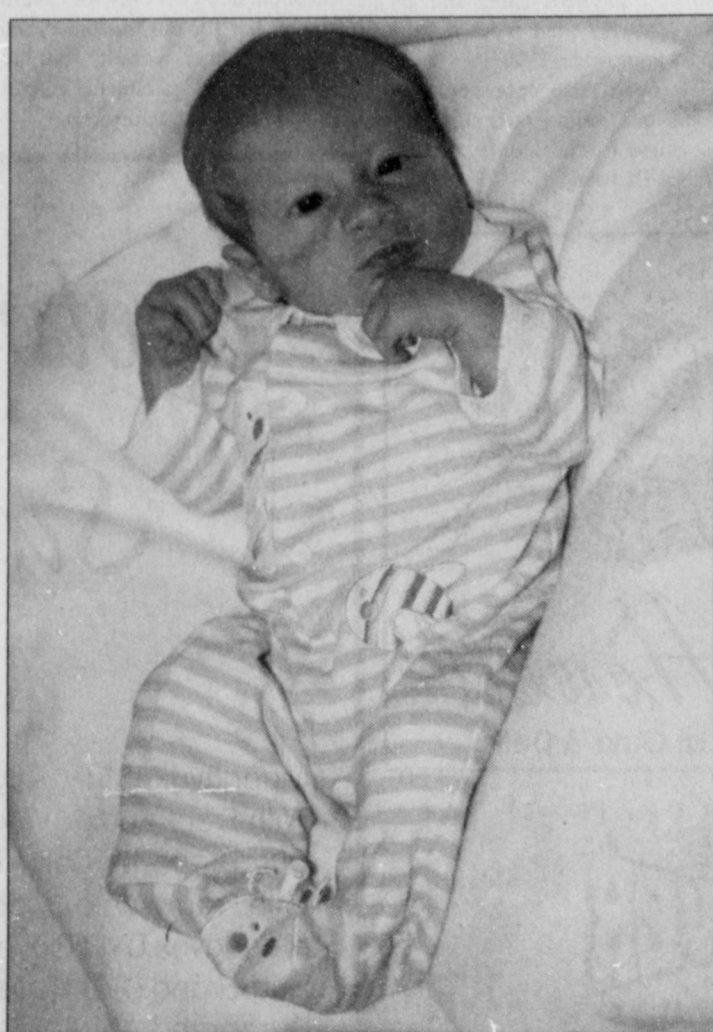
Priscilla and Aquila remains true to the biblical account contained in Paul's epistles and draws upon historical information concerning the era, 48 AD to 54 AD. The author relates their encounter with the Apostle Paul as they become his fellow workers. Paul's trial with riotous crowds, murderous plots against his life, and other threatening dangers are vividly brought to life. Martial issues of respect, obedience, devotion, and trust in Priscilla and Aquila's relationship as husband and wife are interestingly described. Priscilla's discontent with the traditional role of women in her day is revealed in this writing.

Author Lois Henderson had completed twenty-seven chapters of *Priscilla and Aquila* at the time of her death in 1983. Harold Ivan Smith, very familiar with Henderson's research and plot details, wrote the final eleven chapters, which dramatically end the story.

Biblical Fiction fans will find much reading pleasure in these enticing novels. Why not check it out?

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by mary beth nelson



Benjamin Allen Homer Estlack

Enterprise couple reveals special edition

ENTERPRISE OWNERS Roger and Ashlee Estlack of Clarendon are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Benjamin Allen Homer, who arrived at 10:28 p.m. on Tuesday, October 19, 2006, in Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Benjamin weighed 8 lbs., 3.8 oz. and was 21 1/4" long.

Benjamin was named in honor of his father, grandfather,

and great-grandfather and also for the great American Ben Franklin.

Proud grandparents are Helen Estlack and the late Allen H. Estlack, Jr., and Doug and Nancy Kidd, all of Clarendon. Great-grandparents are Bob and Joan Kidd, the late Billy and Billie Jo Johnson, the late Homer and Athlyn Estlack, all of Clarendon; and the late Arlin and Bernice Hartzog of Bovina.

Obituaries

McKinney

Shirley Ruth McKinney, 62, died October 22, 2006, at Amarillo Texas. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 25, 2006, in Robertson Chapel of Memories with Rev. Bryan Knowles, Baptist Minister, and Rev. Robert Burns, Assembly of God Minister, and Rev. Matt Stidham, Pastor of the Clarendon Assembly of God Church, officiating. Services were under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Interment was held at the Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon. Mrs. McKinney was born January 28, 1944, in Paris, Texas, to Lee Roy and Edna Bernice Bird Johnson. She had been a resident of Donley County most of her life. She married Frankie Gene McKinney in November 1965 at Clarendon. She had worked as an LVN at Medical Center Nursing Home for 10 years prior to her retirement. She was a homemaker and a member of the Community Fellowship Church in Clarendon.

Survivors include her husband, Frankie McKinney of Clarendon; one son, Chris McKinney of Clarendon; one sister, Carol Jones of Amarillo; two brothers, Don Johnson of Canadian and Jerry Johnson of Mound Ridge, Kansas; several nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews; and great great nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Byron Burrow, Gary Vinson Jr., Joseph Yankie, Jonathan Yankie, Andrew Vinson, and Michael Shadle.

Honorary Bearers were Ron Burleson and Doug Burleson.

Memorials can be made to American Diabetes Assn. or Juvenile Diabetes Assn.

Bennett

Florine Butler Stephens Bennett, 89, died Sunday, October 22, 2006, at Amarillo, Texas.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, October 26, 2006, in the Church of Christ in Clarendon with Eddie Stegall, Minister, and Don Stone, Church of Christ Minister, officiating. Burial was at Memorial Park Cemetery in Amarillo. Services were under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mrs. Bennett was born January 24, 1917, in Deeplake to J.H. and Mattie Anthony Butler. She married Elbert Stephens on January 3, 1939, at Memphis. He preceded her in death in March 1969. She married Bill Bennett on October 13, 1970, at Amarillo. She had been a resident of Clarendon and Donley County since 1974. She was a homemaker and member of the Church of Christ in Clarendon. Special thanks Dr. Amit Trehan and staff at BSA Hospital.

Mrs. Bennett is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, and one sister.

Survivors include, her husband, Bill Bennett of Clarendon; one daughter, Betty Parr and husband Lonnie of Amarillo; one son, Jimmy Bennett and wife Oleta of Amarillo; five grandchildren, Vay Ender, Keith Parr, Steve Parr and wife Misti, and Larry Bennett, all of Amarillo; Rhonda Bennett of Lubbock; three great-grandchildren, T.C. Parr, Arian Parr, and Austin Parr.

Memorials can be made to the High Plains Children's Home.

Scroggins

Patricia Ruth Land Scroggins, 70, died Sunday, October 22, 2006, at Memphis. Services and interment were held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 24, 2006, in Rowe Cemetery in Hedley with Rev. Lance Wood, Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Clarendon, and Patrick Robertson, officiating. Services were under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mrs. Scroggins was born in Hedley, Donley County, Texas to Jack and Mary Magdalene "Maggie" McCalister Land. She had been a resident of Donley County for more than 40 years. She married Billy Ray Scroggins in 1955 at Las Vegas, Nevada. He preceded her in death in 1991. She had worked as a bookkeeper, landscaper, and most recently as a nurses' aide at Medical Center Nursing Home in Clarendon prior to her retirement. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Clarendon.

Survivors include one daughter, Lynda Mattingly and husband James of Tulsa, Oklahoma; one son, Sam Martin of Amarillo; and a grandson, Billy Jack Mattingly of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Memorials may be made to the Rowe Cemetery Association.

Mauck

Ethel "Evelyn" Mauck, 82, died Wednesday, October 18, 2006, in Amarillo. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 20, 2006, in First Assembly of God in Memphis with Rev. Mike Davis, Pastor, and Rev. Daniel Downey, Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Memphis, officiating. Burial was at North Fairview Cemetery in Memphis. Services were under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc.

Mrs. Mauck was born July 9, 1924, in Plaska to Louis H. Greeson and Minnie Ethel Thomason Greeson. She married Robert Mauck on July 17, 1940, in Hall County. She was a member of the First Assembly of God in Memphis.

Mrs. Mauck is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; 2 brothers; 1 sister, and one son-in-law.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Barbara Moore and husband Sonny of Amarillo, and Sandra Newbrough of Memphis; 4 grandchildren, Dion Moore, Stacy Moore, David Newbrough and wife Sherry, Melissa Shelton, and husband Jeff; 7 great-grandchildren; Kegan Moore, Colby Newbrough, Kaylee Newbrough, Clint Newbrough, Rodie Shelton, Eli Shelton, and Kamren Shelton.

Memorials can be made to the Fairview Cemetery Association, First Assembly of God in Memphis, or a favorite charity.

Hardy

Ina Mae Hardy, 44, died Thursday, October 19, 2006, in Amarillo. Services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 24, 2006, in Robertson Chapel of Memories with Rev. Jeff Riles of Amarillo, officiating. Services were under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc.

Cremation took place at City View Crematory in Vega.

Ms. Hardy was born February 5, 1962, in Amarillo and was a resident of Indiana before moving to Donley County 12 years ago. She married Jimmy Boyd January 5, 2001. She was employed at Allsup's Convenience Store in Clarendon for the past several years. She was a non-denominational church member.

Ms. Hardy was preceded in death by her mother, Iris Harbour and a brother, Billy Hardy.

Cattle Feeders elect new leaders

During its 2006 Annual Convention in Amarillo, the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA), named the officers and directors who will lead the group for the coming year.

Don McCasland of Clovis, N.M., is chairman of the board; Walter E. Lasley of Stratford is chairman-elect; and Monte Cluck of Gruver is vice chairman.

Cattle feeders elected to one-year terms on the board of directors are Mike Engler of Amarillo, Tom E. Fanning of Buffalo, Okla.; Don McCasland of Clovis, N.M.; Jonny Miller of Amarillo; Daryl Berlier Owen of Amarillo; and William W. Sneed of Dalhart.

Directors chosen for two-year terms are Michael Bezner of Dalhart; Lapha LaRoe of McLean; Walter E. Lasley of Stratford; Steve Lewis, DVM of Hereford; Lonnie McDonald of Muleshoe; and Bob Tabb of Dimmitt.

Directors elected to three-year terms are Ben Brophy of Wichita, Kan.; Monte Cluck of Gruver; Lin Cope of Guymon, Okla.; Shuck Donnell of Muleshoe; Tom McDonald of Dalhart; and Jack Scoggins, Jr., of Rio Grande City. In addition, the two immediate past chairmen serve on the TCFA board. They are Charlie Sellers of Amarillo and John Gillcrist of Kansas City, Mo.

Quilt club meets

Golden Needles Quilting Club met October 19, 2006, at the Agape Church with Barbara Helms as Hostess.

There was quilting and visiting. Hostess Barbara served lunch. The quilt was Grandmother Flowers Garden colors were orange and purple. We took the quilt out of the frame.

Those present were Gay Cole, Josie Burgess, Pearl Hermesmeier, Jo Shaller, Betty Jean Williams, Barbara Helms, Ann Bunyan, and Eva Lee Swinney.

The November meeting will be with Jo Shaller hosting.

Aaron on TTU honor list

Clarendon High School graduate Matthew Carl Aaron was named to the President's List at Texas Tech University for the Summer II semester. Aaron is a junior nursing major.

Correction:

Last week's article about the 55th annual Cotton Festival incorrectly identified Helen Lamberson as "Helen Lambert." The ENTERPRISE regrets the error and any confusion it may have caused.

Survivors include her husband, Jimmy Boyd; her step-father, Robert Harbour; children; Jerry Hardy and wife Rachel, Thomas Boyd and wife Nicole, Jimmy Boyd Jr., Tina Holmes and husband Billy, Tamara Boyd and husband Kevin; brothers, Greg Hardy and wife Kim, Phillip Harbour and wife Lisa, Tommy Harbour and husband Ron, Anna Chandler, Milly Beal, Tina Johnson, Debbie Harbour; 10 grandchildren; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

Rhea

Sara E Rhea, 81, died October 18, 2006. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday at Trinity United Methodist Church with Rev. Scott Richards officiating. Services were under the direction of Schooler Funeral Home. The family received visitors at the funeral home Friday evening.

Mrs. Rhea was born in Clarendon to Charles and Janie Lowry. She graduated from Clarendon High School and attended the University of Colorado at Boulder. She was a longtime member of Trinity United Methodist Church and an active member in the women's group, UMW.

Survivors include her two daughters; Kathy Bullard of Spring, TX, and Melissa Tague of Amarillo, TX; her son, Don Michael Rhea and his wife Peggy of Amarillo, TX; her brother, Sam Lowry of Clarendon, TX; seven grandchildren, Brent, Melanie, Krista, Amanda, Kyle, Aaron, and Elizabeth; and four great grandchildren, Ashleigh, MyKayla, Autumn, and Sara Grace.

Memorials can be made to "Olivia's Angels" c/o BSA Hospice P.O. Box 950 Amarillo, Texas 79176 or Trinity UMC 3402 South Jackson, Amarillo, TX 79109

Creek: Continued from page one.

lem, but we have turkey, hogs, deer, beaver, raccoons, birds and other animals using this stream as their water source," he said.

The study established 13 monitoring sites along the creek in Donley, Collingsworth, and Childress counties. In 2004, the E. coli numbers were high, exceeding water quality standards in many samples.

During the drought of 2005-2006 in the watershed, stream flow was greatly reduced, as were bacteria numbers, Sij said. Numerous sites were dry for months at a time.

Spring flow has been limited by vegetation and an increase in the irrigation along the creek, he said. That, coupled with several years of drought, have lessened the flow of

the stream. Some sites, however, have maintained water year-round, and others are gaining water due to recent rains, Sij said. These will continue to be monitored for several more years.

Phase I, the bacterial monitoring phase, is essentially complete, and Phase II is concentrating on bacterial-source tracking, he said. The Phase II study will identify the animal sources contributing to the contamination, as well as their relative contribution to the total bacterial load.

The ultimate goal is to educate stakeholders and develop a Watershed Protection Plan so water quality will be able to support a healthy aquatic ecosystem and recreational activities, Sij said.

CC Regents approve several repair contracts

The Clarendon College Board of Regents awarded several contracts when they met in regular session October 19, 2006, in the VIP Room of the Bairfield Activity Center.

Regents selected Amarillo Winair Co. to install two new heating and air-conditioning units for the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center at a cost of \$13,600.

Contracts for roof repairs were awarded to three separate companies. Locklear Brothers will replace the roof on the college automotive building downtown for \$20,000; Francis Brothers will repair the roof

of the Bairfield Activity Center for \$13,790; and Paramount Builders will repair roofs on the college house and garage, Regents Hall, Vaughn Hall, and the college maintenance building for \$6,150.

The board also approved the purchase of a stock trailer and a flatbed trailer for \$18,850.

In other business, the December meeting was rescheduled for December 14, bids on tax delinquent property were approved, and regents directed CC President Myles Shelton to consult with an architect regarding transportation facility needs.

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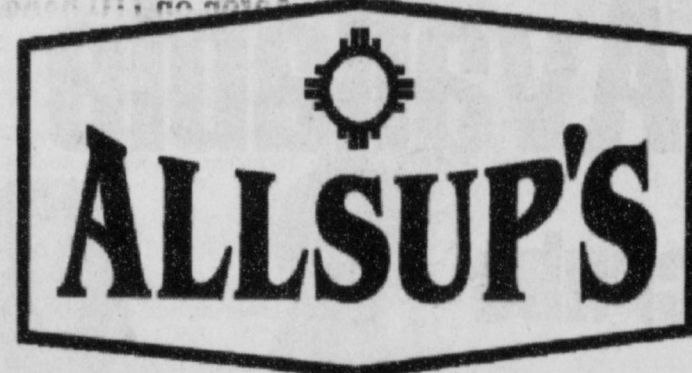
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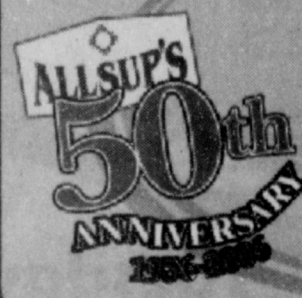
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Successful season

The Clarendon PeeWee Football team was 5-0 in division play before being beaten in the league championship this year. Shown here are (back) Coach Buddy Howard, Parker Womack, Jacob Hewett, Dustin Crump, Coach Casey Cobb, Wesley Keelin, Coach Randy Crump, Jose "Jr." Cinceros, Johnathon Taylor, Coach Wesley Hatley, (middle) Cooper Bilbrey, Caleb Cobb, Rance Hargrove, Wyatt Wheatley, Zack LaRoe, Jacob Bishop, Montana Hysinger, Zach Watson, (front) Ray Jaramillo, Klaiton Moore, Blaine Ellis, Charles Mason, Bryce Hatley, Grayson Morris, Heath McCleskey, and Israel Osburn. Not Pictured are players Desmond Johnson and Devion Johnson and coaches Tex Selvidge and Monty Hysinger. Courtesy Photo

Hedley runners travel to meet in Canadian

By Tangela Copein

The Hedley High School and Junior High Cross Country runners competed on Monday at Canadian in the 2006 District Cross Country competition.

In the high school boys' division, all four runners placed in the top ten and will be competing in the regional meet at Lubbock. Those boys were: Danny Garcia, 6th place; Archie Sharp, 7th place; Dustin Thomas, 9th place; and Will Verstuyft, 10th place.

In the girls' high School Division, the girls' team placed 3rd overall as a team and will compete in regionals in Lubbock. Placing in the top ten were, Jaci Copein 3rd, and Ruth Anne Howard 8th. The rest of the team members in order of their finish were: Marlee Sargent, Elizabeth Garcia, Kristen Dwight, Kelby Shields, and Shandy Keetting. Kailce Burton ran in the JV division and placed 1st.

In the junior high girls' division, the Lady Owls won first place as a team with three of the five team members placing in the top 10. Haley Chambless placed 1st, Kaylee Shields placed 4th, Jenni Allen placed 8th, and Kallie Verstuyft placed 11th. Cassidy Burton and Jasie Sargent came in later to help the team in their yearlong endeavor to win district.

The Hedley Junior High boys had three boys compete in the district meet. They were: Reid Copein, 5th; Troy Chambless, 11th; and Braden Montgomery, 14th.

Regional competition will be November 4 at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock.

Clarendon runners compete at district contest in Amarillo

By Sandy Anderberg

Clarendon High School Senior runner Shelby Watson ran 29th at the District Cross-Country Meet held at Thompson Park. Her time was 15:29 for the two-mile course.

Abby Patten finished 38th with a time of 16:21, and Samantha Mendez was 44th with a time of 17:48. Mariah Benavidez ran the meet but did not finish.

The Lady Colts finished seventh as a team, and those running were: Amber Keelin 17th 15:51; Ashlyn Tubbs 25th 16:30; Holly Phillips 34th 16:51; Kae Lea Hewitt 40th 17:27; Trevla Dronzek 57th 19:25.

Johnny Gaines placed second with a time of 12:31, and Daniel West ran 21st in a time of 15:32.

"Even though nobody advanced to the Regional Meet, I am proud of how hard they worked this season," Coach Steve Myatt said.

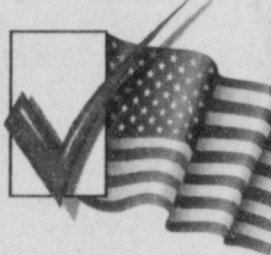
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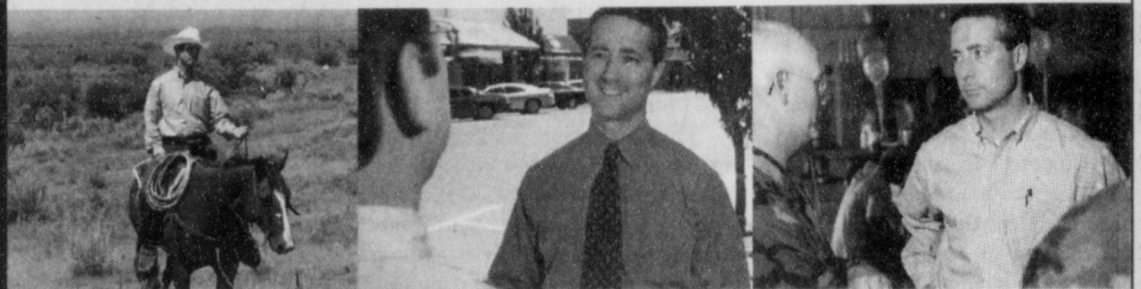
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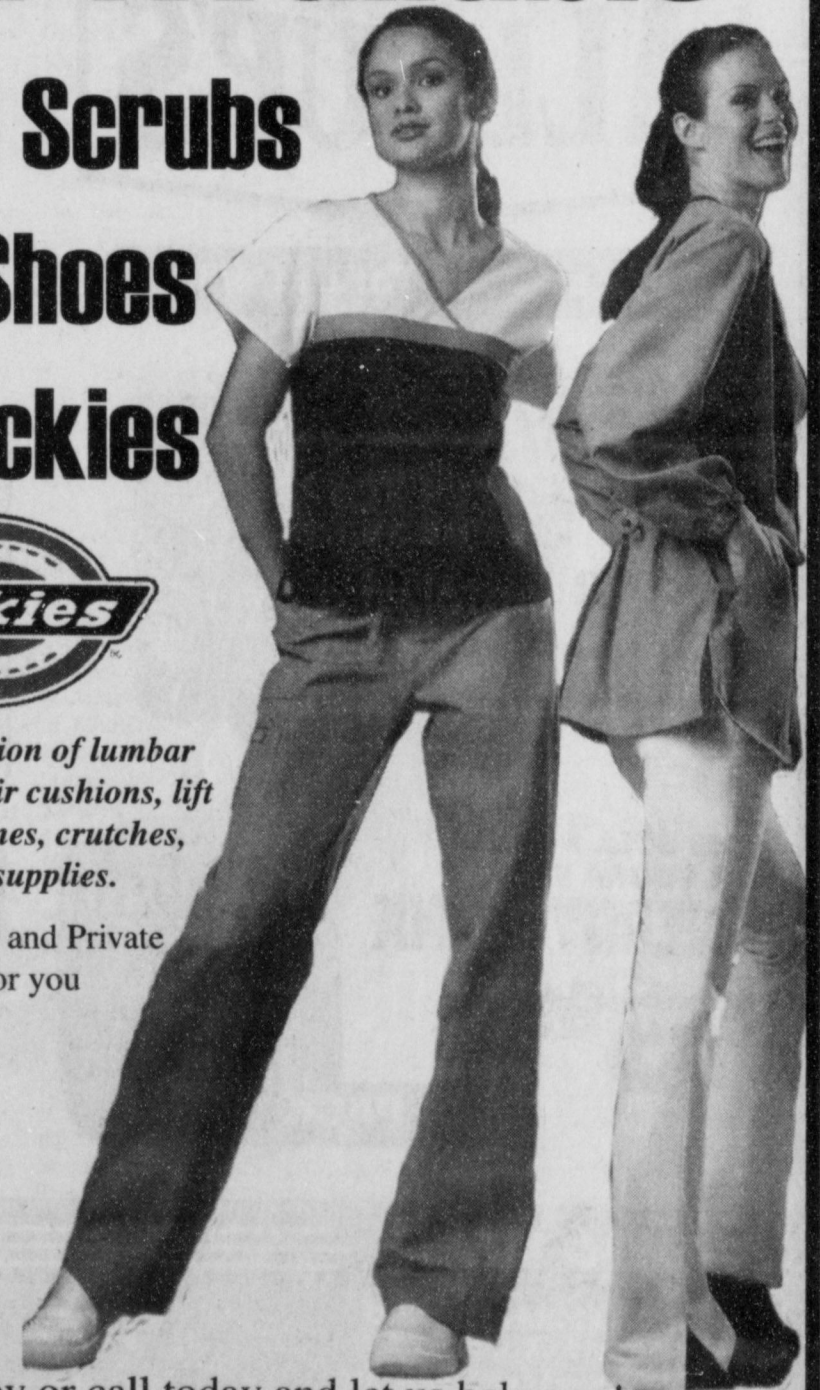
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Owls beat Wildcats, 32-28

By Tangela Copelin

Once again the Hedley Owls entered last Friday night's game as underdogs, but the Owls showed heart and determination are what counts when you're down but not out.

The Owls stepped on the field Friday night with 12 players to Crowell's 29 players.

The first quarter had the Owls and Wildcats pitted against one another in a head to head battle with neither team being able to score. The second quarter the Owls finally scored when Will Verstuyft connected to Tyler Pepper for a TD. The PAT was not good. After that, the Wild Cats scored twice before Brayden Bennett put pressure on the Wild Cat quarterback which caused him to throw an interception that was caught by Dustin Thomas, putting the Owls in good position.

Brandon Montgomery began a push for Owl yardage that ended

when Seth Koetting scored an Owl TD. Isaias Ramirez's PAT was good, which brought the game 20 to 20. Next the Cats scored, but the Owls quickly responded with Pepper connecting to Dustin Thomas for a TD. The PAT was not good, and, with the Owls down by two points, the defensive line stepped it up.

Thomas recovered the onside kick, putting the Owls in position for Koetting to score again. With the Owls now in the lead, the ballgame became one of pure determination to see who would come out the victor. The Owls played tight defense. Bennett stepped up to once again put pressure on the Cats offense, deflecting a pass that allowed the Owls to take over possession of the ball. They downed the ball to end the ball game with the Owls winning 32 to 28.

The Owls will play Chillicothe on Friday, October 27, at Memorial Field at 7:30 p.m. for the last home game of the season.

Broncos lose to turnovers

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos dominated Wheeler on the stat board, but five turnovers dictated the scoreboard as the Broncos lost 27-36 to the Mustangs at home October 20.

Clarendon racked up 298 yards in total offense compared to only 257 for the Mustangs in the District game, but Wheeler capitalized on all five Bronco mistakes to take the win.

The Mustangs put six on the board first as they drove early in the game to go up by seven. That score was the only earned touchdown by the Mustangs as all of the other scores came from Bronco turnovers.

"We had major turnover trouble Friday night," Head Coach Gary Jack said. "We helped their cause with the trouble we had. Crazy things happened for us. We are getting better every week, but we're also going through some growing pains right now."

The Broncos' first score came in the second period on a two-yard run by senior Brad Sell, who had 20 tackles in the game.

"Brad tackled large for us," Jack said. "David Gordon had his best game overall. He caught six or seven passes, one touchdown, seven tackles and one interception."

Sophomore quarterback Nathan Gribble racked up 187 yards passing and accounted for a touchdown on a one-yard run. He also threw two touchdowns the night.

"Our offensive line played well," Jack said. "John Vaught, Wes Christopher, Stephen Fowler, Devin Noble, Derrick Shelton, and Scott Fowler drove Wheeler backwards all night. They did a good job of blocking."

It still came down to mistakes by the Broncos that made the big difference on the scoreboard.

"The guys are playing hard, and we are very proud of their effort," Jack said. "They only drove on us once the entire night and earned a score. The other scores came from our turnovers. Had we been able to wipe out the turnovers, the game would have been ours."

The Broncos will face Wellington on the road next Friday night.

"We have to win out," Jack said.

"We have to defeat Wellington on the road and then beat Shamrock and Quannah to have a chance at the playoffs. If we can beat Wellington, that will give us some confidence going into our last two games. They are throwing the ball more, but they are young like we are. We need to take care of business."

The game will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Wellington Friday, October 27.

Stats: Alton Gaines 8 tackles; Brad Sell 20 tackles; Devin Noble 6 tackles; Wes Christopher 11 tackles; Stephen Fowler 13 tackles; John Vaught 8 tackles, 1 sack; Danzel Wilson 6 tackles, Derrick Shelton 5 tackles; David Gordon 7 tackles, 1 interception.

Wellington women plan supper Friday evening

The Wellington Professional Women's Club will host a baked potato supper this Friday in the elementary cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m. in Wellington. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

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26	Jadon Thornton	Fr.	5'9 150
32	Brad Sanchez	Jr.	5'3 135
33-60	Devin Noble	So.	5'10 180
40	Tyler Spillers	Fr.	5'9 130
44-50	Wes Christopher	Sr.	5'9 180
54	Stephino McCampbell	Fr.	5'9 180
55	Stephen Fowler	Jr.	5'10 210
56	Tre Brown	Fr.	5'9 200
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66	John Vaught	Sr.	5'11 195
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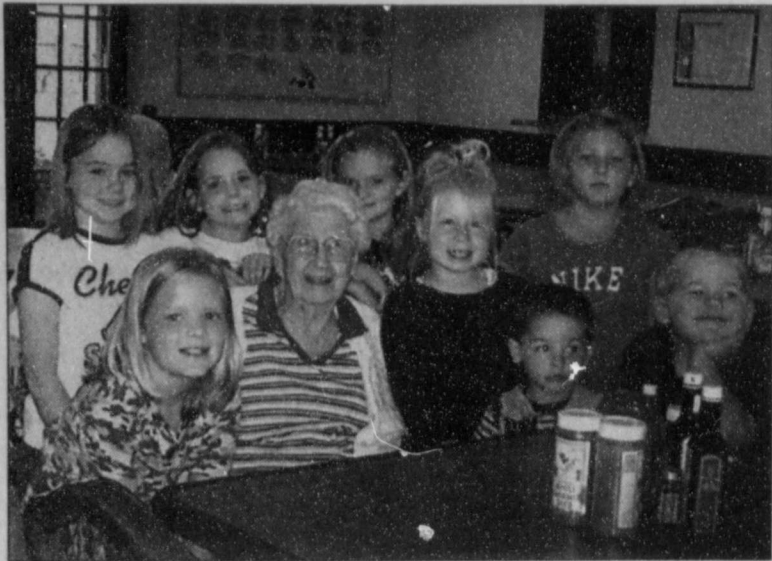
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Colts blast Wheeler, remain undefeated

The Clarendon Colts continued their undefeated season last week as they let loose on the Wheeler Colts 44-14 in the combined seventh and eighth grade game.

After Bradley Watson scrambled to recover a Wheeler fumble, Mike Crump ran it in from 20 yards for the touchdown and added the two-point conversion to put the Colts up early in the game.

Johnny Gaines was next to score as he had a dash of 45 yards on a bootleg. Tyler Morris found the end zone for the next Colt score on a 35-yard pass from Gaines, who also ran in for the extra point. Chris Crump made good on the next Colt score before Brayden Phillips intercepted a Wheeler pass that set up a Phillips 30-yard reception from Gaines.

The final score came when Chris Crump ran a kick off back from 70 yards out with Chris Blackburn adding the bonus.

The Colts will take on Wellington at home Thursday, October 26, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Hedley Junior High falls to Crowell by one

The Hedley Junior High Owls football team gave their fans a game to remember Thursday, October 19.

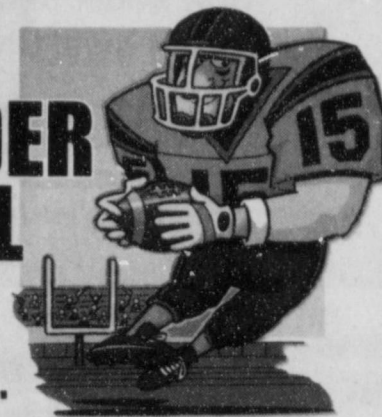
The Crowell Wild Cats quickly scored, and Reid Copelin received the ball and ran it all the way back for the first Owl TD. The Cats scored again, but the Owls retaliated with Braden Montgomery pushing in a TD. Copelin recovered a fumble to allow Montgomery to score. Chamberless ran in the extra point.

The second half had the Cats scoring immediately, but the Owls retaliated with Montgomery scoring and Foad running in the extra point. Montgomery once again scored and Foad ran in the extra point to bring the ball game to a one point game. The Cats scored, but the Owls quickly responded with another Montgomery TD, but the extra point was not good. The Owls lost 40 to 41.

The Owls will take on the Chillicothe Eagles on Thursday night in Chillicothe beginning at 5:00.

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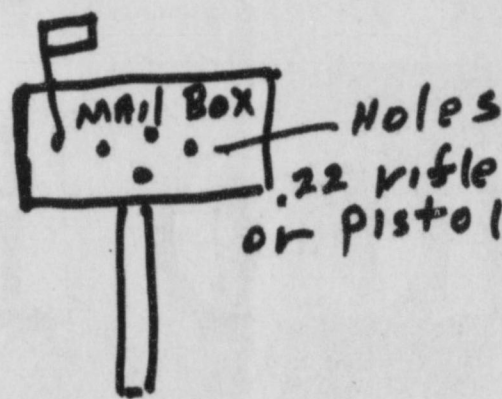
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Researchers indicate that Contrave works by activating a center in the brain that is associated with appetite, while blocking beta-endorphin, which they feel is responsible for limiting weight loss. According to a spokesperson for the company that makes and is testing Contrave, studies are underway to evaluate the effect of the drug on high-calorie foods.



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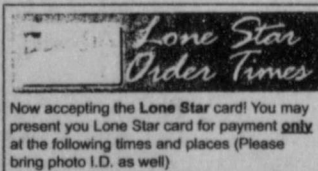
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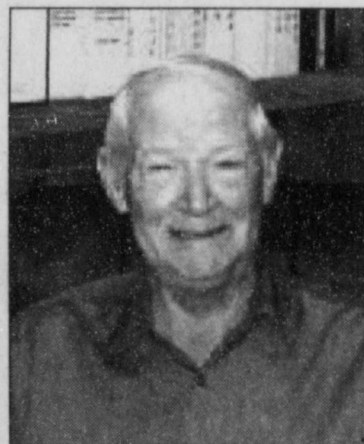
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• 605 W. 7th. Two lots, stucco, two story with metal roof, 4-5 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car port, 1 car port, old storage building. \$50,000 - \$40,000: \$35,000.
• 512 S. McLean St. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, CH/A. \$59,500.

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• 328 Angel St. - 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, basement, storage building with carport attached. \$43,000 - \$38,000: \$35,000.
• 477 Nocona Dr. - 3 bedroom, 2 bath double wide with fire place and central heat. 12x40 single wide storage building. Sitting on approx. 1 acre. \$48,000 - \$45,000: \$44,000.

• 125 Lubbock Ln. 2 bed, 2 bath mobile home. New carport, C/H. Partially furnished storage buildings-full of equipment. Fenced. \$18,000.
• Lots 11-13 - 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, CH/A, 3 levels, 2 car garage. \$85,000.

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7.14 ACRES & FULLY REMODELED HOUSE - including new plumbing and new wiring - with 3 bedrooms - 1 & 1/2 baths - large living room - dining - modern kitchen with breakfast nook and built in appliances & plentiful cabinet space - utility - central heat & refrigerated air - good metal barn - city water - just inside the extreme West City Limits with frontage on paved FM 2162 - all for \$82,500.

10 ACRES AND RURAL HOME - with 5 bedrooms - 2 baths - office - den/living - kitchen - utility - central heat - refrigerated window units - well with sub. pump - shop with attached car port - storage shed - acreage is all grass - located on paved FM 2362 only 4 miles from Clarendon for \$79,900. SHOWN BY APPOINTMENT.

NEAR SCHOOL ON RECENTLY PAVED STREET - brick - 1,404 sq. ft. - on corner lot - 2 bedroom - 2 bath - kitchen - dining - living - utility in enclosed porch - concrete basement - unattached garage/work shop - appliances remain with house - 712 W. 7th St. for \$44,900.

RECENTLY REMODELED 2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH - Living, kitchen, utility, unfinished basement, refrigerated air window units, fans in all rooms, metal siding and metal roof, 2 car port with metal framework for shop building, wiring and plumbing have been replaced, fenced front yard. Convenient location at 710 S. Allen for \$35,000.

JUST RIGHT FOR A SINGLE OR A COUPLE - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, living room, kitchen/dining, built-in, range, dishwasher, garbage disposer, microwave, fans, central heat, oversized one-car port, large insulated metal building in back yard storage building, fenced back yard, well located @ 609 W. 8th St. for \$32,500.

HEDLEY

FURNITURE, FIXTURES & APPLIANCES INCLUDED - with purchase of this 3 bedroom - 2 bath - well maintained home PLUS an enclosed and air conditioned 28' X 24' porch designed for entertaining - also - attached shop & nice yard on 4 lots @ 408 Reeves St for \$39,500.

RETIREMENT HOME FOR SINGLE OR COUPLE - 2 bedroom - 1 bath with new wiring, plumbing and metal roof - well maintained and conveniently located within easy walking distance to post office, churches, school and Senior Citizens Center @ 301 Main St. for \$22,000.

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October 16, 2006

1:59 a.m.- Suspicious activity at Community Center; Front St.
4:50 p.m.- EMS assist 600 Blk. W. 4th St.
5:51 p.m.- Welfare check; 200 Blk. Janny St., Howardwick

October 17, 2006

7:28 p.m.- 1500 Blk W. 5th St.; Standby child visitation exchange
10:51 p.m.- See caller at 1500 Blk. W. 5th St.
11:03 p.m.- To jail with one female in custody; disorderly conduct

October 18, 2006

9:55 a.m.- 600 Blk. Sims
11:19 a.m.- Check reported assault in progress; South Lake entrance
4:14 p.m.- Clerk's office; post citation and pick up restraining order
5:48 p.m.- At Clarendon College ballgame
8:31 p.m.- With DPS accident; Vehicle v. Deer; Hwy 70 N. 1/2 mile of Filter Plant
9:00 p.m.- En route to above location

October 19, 2006

3:05 a.m.- See complainant E. 287; Trucks running disturbing campers
3:23 a.m.- Truck moved on; City Noise Ordinance
12:31 p.m.- See complainant at 600 Blk. W. 2nd St.
12:56 p.m.- To jail with one male in custody; disorderly conduct
2:49 p.m.- See complainant in Sheriff's Office Lobby; possible assault
5:42 p.m.- See complainant 200 Blk. S. Koogle
5:51 p.m.- 100 Blk. Goodnight; Looking for juvenile
6:04 p.m.- Have located juvenile to 2nd Location
10:21 p.m.- Clarendon College to patrol
10:36 p.m.- Hwy 287 at S. Goodnight; Caller reporting suspicious activity - No one in the area

October 20, 2006

1:49 a.m.- At Clarendon College
2:45 p.m.- Reported family dispute; 500 Blk. W. 5th St.
5:16 p.m.- Found set of keys; Clarendon College parking lot

October 21, 2006

1:12 a.m.- Hedley school; Burglary of Vehicle
12:39 p.m.- See subject in Sheriff's Office Lobby
8:46 p.m.- Vehicle accident; Barcus & Hawley Sts.
9:01 p.m.- See caller 700 Blk. Goodnight
9:17 p.m.- Family dispute with possible weapon. 200 Blk. S. Parks St.
9:29 p.m.- To jail with one female in custody; assault with weapon

October 22, 2006

3:53 p.m.- EMS assist 300 Blk. S. Jefferson St.
8:33 p.m.- See complainant on Hwy. 70 N. milepost 124
9:01 p.m.- Check reported fire I-40 milepost 121
10:09 p.m.- Reported loud music Faker & Browning St

Arrests-4
EMS-11
Fire-1



Motocross winner

Clarendon High School senior Martin Oliver placed second in the 250cc class this past Sunday at Clutch City Motocross in Amarillo. Earlier in October, he received a fourth place trophy for his winning race in the same class in the Main Event at the Amarillo Arenacross. Oliver has been racing competitively for more than four years and has quite a collection of trophies to show for his efforts. He is the 18-year-old son of Rick and Marianne Rattan.

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- ◆ Fought to strengthen and secure our borders by doubling the number of border patrol agents - and in the process of doubling the number again.
- ◆ As Chairman of the Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, Senator Hutchison is a leading advocate for our troops and our veterans.
- ◆ Led the way for Texas universities to gain over \$500,000,000 in research funding.
- ◆ Outstanding Legislator Awards from the National Federation of Independent Business, the Association of the U.S. Army, and the American Legion.
- ◆ Helped secure over \$3.8 billion in Hurricanes Katrina and Rita recovery aid for Texas.

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