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THIS WEEK

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All this and much more as The Enterprise reports in this week's lively edition.

Cattle feeders prepare for 2006 convention

Cattlemen from throughout cattle feeding country of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico, and beyond are preparing for the 2006 Annual Convention of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) October 11-13 at the Amarillo Civic Center.

This year, TCFA and the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association will meet jointly as TSCRA convenes for its quarterly board and committee meetings.

In addition, members of the Texas CattleWomen will hold their convention at the same time.

For registration information, call (806) 358-3681.

Cattle producers seek quick disaster relief

Saying that cattle producers are facing some of the toughest times ever, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association President C.R. Sherron and Texas Cattle Feeders Association Chairman John Gillcrist have repeated calls for passage of disaster assistance for livestock producers.

"Disaster programs such as the Livestock Assistance Program, the Livestock Indemnity Program, and the Emergency Conservation Program need much greater funding to provide producers with monetary assistance," the groups said. "The cattle industry also needs tax relief extended to those forced to sell off breeding stock."

Early deadlines set for next week's Enterprise

THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE office will be closed Monday, September 4, for the Labor Day holiday, and deadlines have been set early for next week's issue.

All news, photos, ads, and classifieds need to be turned in by this Friday, September 1, at noon. Deadlines will return to their regular schedule for the September 14 issue.

Band Boosters plan meeting next Tuesday

The Bronco Band Boosters will meet Tuesday, September 5, at 6 p.m. in the Band Hall.

The important agenda items will include new officers and planning for the Mexican Pile-On, and the Boosters need a good attendance at this meeting.

Bronco Parents plan tailgate party Friday

The Bronco Parents will host a tailgate party in the west end of Bronco Stadium on Friday.

Old-fashioned hamburgers and cheeseburgers with chips, deserts, and drinks will be the menu. The cost is \$5 a plate, and serving begins at 5:30 p.m.

Tax freeze proposal on ballots

A tax freeze for citizens over the age of 65 and disabled citizens will go on the ballot this November for three local taxing entities.

Donley County, the City of Clarendon, and the Clarendon College District have all received petitions in recent days from the Concerned Citizens of Donley County bearing the required number of signatures to force the issue to a vote.

A petition for a fourth entity, the City of Hedley, was delivered to Moffitt Hardware instead of City Hall and will be considered next Thursday, city officials said.

Each entity will hold separate elections during the General Election on November 7 this year. If

the proposition passes, the dollar amount of ad valorem taxes on qualified homesteads would be frozen on January 1, 2007.

"No one knows exactly how it would effect us if it passes," said County Judge Jack Hall.

Paula Lowrie, Chief Appraiser with the Donley Appraisal District, said the freeze places a ceiling on the dollar amount of taxes for those that qualify.

"If the tax rate goes down, the taxes go down; but if the tax rate goes up, the taxes can't go above that ceiling," Lowrie said. "Of course, if you build a new garage or make improvements, then your taxes are adjusted and frozen at a new level."

The tax freeze would only apply

to declared homesteads and would not apply to business property or personal property, such as cars, boats, and planes.

A tax freeze already exists for the elderly and disabled for school taxes. The law does not allow for hospital districts and groundwater districts to be subject to similar petitions, Lowrie said.

Local boards expressed concern about the freeze but by law had to put the issue on the ballot after the Concerned Citizens obtained the signatures of more than the minimum five percent of registered voters.

Clarendon Alderman Janice Knorpp said at last Tuesday's city meeting that the freeze would handicap the city's ability to make

improvements.

"It puts us in a real bind to be able to do anything," Knorpp said. "[The Concerned Citizens] want the taxes frozen, but they want all the services."

Alderman Michael Tibbets questioned why anyone under the age of 65 would have signed the petition and said most of those who signed were probably really upset with the appraisal district.

"There are people over the age of 65 who can afford taxes," Tibbets said. "It's out of control appraisals that is driving this. We all want lower taxes, but services cost money."

"We all need to think about this clearly before we vote this fall," Tibbets said.

Approximately 120 signatures were needed out of 2,403 registered county and college district voters, and 220 valid names were on the petition.

A total of 113 valid names were on the petition to the city, more than the 64 that were required.

A copy of the petition is on file at the County Clerk's office and is available for public inspection. The petition contains the names of two elected officials - Clarendon Alderman Michael Tibbets and Hospital Board Chairman Alan Fletcher.

Howard City Hall said they have not received any petitions from the Concerned Citizens, but that city's tax rate is legally capped at 25 cents per \$100 valuation.



A timed exposure of Sunday night's lightning storm west of Clarendon gives the appearance of a sunset. Cloud to cloud lightning arced like a strobe light for more than half an hour before the clouds reached the city.

Enterprise Photo / Roger Estlack

Shelton among Odessa finalists

Clarendon College President Myles Shelton confirmed Monday that he is a candidate for the presidency of Odessa College.

"It's an interesting opportunity at a bigger school in a bigger community," Shelton said.

Odessa's search committee contacted Shelton and asked him to participate in their application process.

"I wasn't looking; they came to me," Shelton said. "In fact, I didn't respond to their first request."

With an enrollment of 5,000 students, Odessa is about five times bigger than CC. Odessa's president, Vance Gipson, is retiring, Shelton said.

The Odessa Board of Regents last Tuesday approved Shelton as one of three finalists to succeed Gipson. New Mexico Junior College President Steve McCleery and Western Texas College President Greg Williams are also finalists.

The interview process will be set up in September, and Shelton says he thinks a decision will be made in the next 30 to 45 days.

"We'll just have to see who is the best fit for the job," he said.

Shelton has led Clarendon College since 1999.

Heavy rains soak city as high winds take toll

General heavy rains soaked Clarendon and much of Donley County late Sunday night, but the accompanying high winds left quite a mess in the storm's wake.

A lightning show preceded the storm, which came in from the northwest. Cloud to cloud lighting lit up the sky like a strobe light for more than half an hour. Then the wind battered the city before the heavy rain

began. National Weather Service Cooperative Observer Tommie Saye recorded an official 2.99 inches from Sunday night's rain, and unofficial reports across the city varied from two to four inches.

County residents reported similar rainfall with more generally falling to the west of the city.

Winds upwards of 40 miles per

hour knocked down fences and broke tree limbs across Clarendon and drove rain into leaks people didn't even know they had.

A semi-truck went off the road west of town due to the water and wind, the sheriff's department said. Electrical and telephone services were knocked out in some parts of town due to the storm.

Sunday's rain came on top of a

cumulative 1.31 inches that fell last week; and while the drought is not believed to be broken, the country and local lawns are greening up considerably.

The rains have also reversed the decline of Lake Greenbelt, which was up by one-quarter of an inch Tuesday to a depth of 55.05 feet.

The region needs still more moisture to catch up for the year.



Lance Cpl. J.C. Blackburn



Lance Cpl. Nathan Floyd



Lance Cpl. Greg Wooten

Three Clarendon men serving USA in Africa

Three Clarendon men are now serving with the United States Marine Corps in Africa.

Lance Corporals Nathan Floyd, Greg Wooten, and J.C. Blackburn are being deployed to Djibouti, Africa. The natives of Donley

County have all been in training at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, since July.

Floyd, Wooten, and Blackburn all serve in the unit named Bravo Company, Anti-Terrorism Battalion. This unit is a part of a Provi-

sional Security Company 5.

The young men, all of whom are graduates of Clarendon High School, are going in support of the global war on terrorism and providing security patrols between Ethiopia and Somalia.

County budget falls below FY '06 total

Donley County Commissioners have proposed a \$1.8 million budget for fiscal year 2005-2006, reflecting a decrease in overall expenditures of \$81,318.

County employees would receive a three percent raise. Exceptions to that raise includes commissioners, who receive no raise, and the county attorney's office which will go from a current salary of \$25,200 to a new total salary of \$42,463, which includes the addition of a state supplement of \$20,833.

The county judge, by comparison, will receive a total salary of \$35,388, which includes a \$15,000 supplement from the state. That supplement is up \$5,000 from last year. The county sheriff will receive \$31,143.

County health insurance premiums are expected to decrease by about \$59 per employee per month.

The taxable value of ad valorem

property in the county has increased approximately \$4.2 million, and commissioners are proposing a total tax rate of \$0.488483 per \$100 valuation.

Budget hearings will be held at 9 a.m. on September 5 and 8 in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Courthouse. Final approval of the budget will come at a called meeting on September 15.

In other county business, the commissioners' court met in regular session August 14. Among the items of business considered by the court, bids were accepted for delinquent tax property in Clarendon as presented by the Donley Appraisal District.

The court approved an order of an election on November 7, 2006, to freeze ad valorem taxes on the homesteads of citizens who are disabled or are age 65 or older.

A contract between the Attor-

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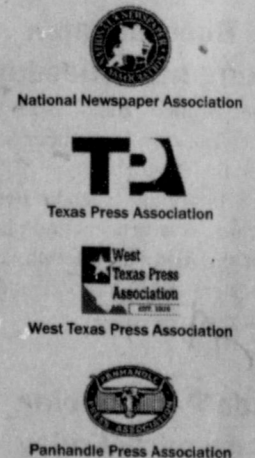
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Unfair squeeze will be result of tax freeze

Senior citizens in Donley County will have the opportunity to shift some of their tax burden onto the shoulders of younger residents this November when the question of a tax freeze is placed on at least three separate ballots, but the proposition ought to be defeated if fairness means anything.

The chance to saddle those under 65 with the responsibility of future tax increases is being brought to you by the Concerned Citizens of Donley County and less than ten percent of the registered voters in the county, the Clarendon College District, and the City of Clarendon.



editor's commentary
 by roger estlack

Don't you just love the way a vocal minority can really upset the apple cart? We elect qualified (and sometimes unqualified) men and women to serve on our boards and charge them with making decisions in the best interests of all the people; but if just five percent of "the people" don't like the way they do business, they can throw a monkey wrench in the whole works.

And so it is with this proposal which has forced our elected officials to call for three elections - one each for the county, city, and college - so that all of us can decide whether we just freeze the dollar amount of taxes paid on qualified homesteads by our seasoned citizens and those whom the Social Security Administration has defined as disabled.

There are several problems with this tax freeze proposal, not the least of which is a question of fairness. We are all in this together or we are not. We all want public services, but we are not all willing to pay for them. We all want the benefit of living here - as opposed to say Briscoe County, but we are not all willing to bear the responsibilities of living here that come with a county that boasts more opportunities and more assets than many of our neighbors.

If approved, those 65 and over will never have to pay more in taxes than they will on January 1, 2007, unless they make improvements to their homesteads. Even if city, county, or college district voters were to approve an issuance of bonds, the taxes of those residents would still not go up. Which begs the question: If this measure is approved, should not the elderly and the disabled give up their right to vote on such issues in the future?

Oh, many of you "Concerned Citizen" types recoil at such a thought I see. Well, I'll go you one better. If the measure is approved, those whose taxes are frozen should be disqualified from holding office on the board of any entity with a tax freeze in place. That's simple fairness - you should not be able to vote to raise the taxes of your fellow man when you yourself cannot possibly be subjected to those taxes. Otherwise, it is a classic case of taxation without representation.

Is it not enough that young Americans carry the weight of the Social Security system and the Medicare system? Is it not enough that the imminent retirement of the Baby Boomers threatens to consume both those systems? Is it now necessary for young Americans - those working to keep small businesses afloat and those struggling to provide for their own families - to be disproportionately responsible for paying for all local services while the most vocal members of AARP flit about in new RVs?

The motives of the "Concerned Citizens" are perplexing. By their own admission, they are most upset about the taxation of personal property by entities in Donley County; and at the heart of that fixation lie personal grudges against the employees of the appraisal district. And yet, this tax freeze does nothing to the tax on personal property. And the board of the biggest taxing entity in the county - the Clarendon school district - was told by those "concerned" that they are doing a great job.

In fact, the "Concerned Citizens" told CISD that they would be happy for the school to raise taxes on real property if they would just get rid of the personal property tax. Of course, given the fact that the state has a tax freeze on school property taxes for the elderly and disabled, their happy acceptance of an opportunity to raise my taxes doesn't seem all that altruistic.

And still the question remains of what services the "Concerned Citizens" would like to see eliminated if their wildest dreams of tax freezes and property tax abolition were to come true.

As the election date for tax freeze measure gets closer, Donley County voters of all ages need to search their hearts and think the proposal through. Is such a tax freeze on senior and disabled citizens - no matter how well off they are - fair to young families, or do you even care?

Meanwhile...

Two recent letters to the editor from members of the Concerned Citizens have gone unpublished, which might have some pondering the reasoning behind this. One letter contained factual inaccuracies, and the other cast stones at unnamed office holders who had supposedly treated the writer rudely.

The **ENTERPRISE** will, of course, print views in opposition to its own editorial stances, but it will not knowingly permit letter writers to misrepresent the facts or leave readers guessing as to the subject of the letter. To have your letter printed, get your facts straight and, if you're going to criticize a local official, tell us who it is that has maligned you so.

We do, however, thank the authors in question for signing their names, which is more than we can say for some writers in the past.

They cut me in for a piece of the action

Sorry I've been AWOL for a while. Turns out that wedding planning is exactly what I thought it would be. Hard work.

As soon as the reality of the situation set in, I got right to it. We got engaged on Friday and set a date on Monday, and by Tuesday I had my ring re-sized and the ceremony location booked.

We chose the chapel at Hardin-Simmons. I called the office to see if they had openings. "This is Carrie Helms, I just graduated..."

"I know who you are, Carrie Helms. It's Momma Sue!"

Momma Sue's daughter is the head of the Theatre department, and Momma Sue's been our go-to gal for costume advice for years. She works for the facilities office part-time.

I explained to her the reason for my call; and after a heart-felt congratulations, she assured me, "The date is yours. I'll hold it for you right now. Just come get the paperwork this afternoon."

My *Ultimate Wedding Planner and Organizer Checklist* told me the next step was booking a reception hall.

I called all the coolest places in town. Everyone was so nice and so upfront and told me everything I needed to know. They offered to show me around and do what they could to help.

"If it's all like this, this wedding stuff

is gonna be a breeze," I thought.

Then I hit a snag.

I called the country club where Jay and I have been on countless dates and Sunday lunches with his parents and grandparents.

"This is Carrie Helms, and I was looking at renting your location for a reception..."

She cut me off. "First off, we're a private club. We don't rent our location. You have to be a member..."

Then I cut her off. Miss Rudey. "My fiancée is a member. We're looking at January 6th."

She didn't even pretend to look up the date. "We're already booked for that night."

"Well, then. Thanks for all your help." Click. I scratched them off my list and made a mental note never to go back there.

That night, I was telling Jay and his parents about the whole conversation. "Didn't you tell them who you were?" he asked.

"Yes. I said, 'Hello, this is Carrie Helms...'"

"No, I mean, you didn't tell them you were marrying a Tippen?"



life's lessons
 by carrie helms

I took a moment to choose my next words very carefully.

Immediately, my feminist gut reaction took over, and I bristled up like a rabid dog. Is that who I am, now? Because for 22 years, I was under the impression that I had my own identity. I've gotten by just fine on my own name.

Now I'm some kind of groupie. The Tippens are the Abilene Mafia, and I'm a lackey. I'm a barnacle, a hanger-on. I can get nothing on my own merit. Well, I'll have none of it. I'm out.

I took a deep breath and suddenly realized we're not in Kansas anymore.

On my campus, in my hometown, in my circle, people know me. They get me. They hear my name, and they know my parents and grandparents, and they read my column, and we have a personal history together, and I'm a somebody to them.

But I'm not in my circle anymore. I'm a perfect stranger in this world, and being a lackey for the Tippen Cosanostra is just a place to start building a new somebody. Give me enough time and half a chance and they'll start calling me the Donna.

"You know what?" Jay's mom says, "I'll call Jody in the morning. Don't worry. We'll take care of it. Oh, and have I told about this florist I know? Peggy does good work. And she owes me a favor."

Welcome to the family.



Federal funds perserving best of Texas

By US Sen. John Cornyn

The first settlers in Texas typically found a way to buy small pieces of a large land grant and turn them into family farms or ranches. To Easterners, a portrait of early Texas would include a bustling agricultural community nestled amid a scenic rural vista.

Texas was built on expertise in raising cattle, planting cotton, and raising a wide variety of crops. Most of the production came from family homesteads, farms, and ranches.

There have been consolidations; but, even today, 200,000 or more farms and ranches are working in Texas. Privately owned rural lands in Texas take up nearly 85 percent of our state. Even as public attention goes elsewhere, one-quarter of our state's booming economy still depends on agriculture.

But "fragmentation" - the need to sell parcels of farm or ranch land to keep the rest of the acreage afloat - has become

a fact of life in rural areas, particularly scenic areas coveted for recreation or retirement uses. Between 1982 and 1997, more than 2.2 million rural Texas acres were converted to development; Texas lost more rural farming and ranching land than any other state.

Texas is growing rapidly. We enjoy a hospitable business climate, and many people want to live here. As urban populations boom, and more housing is built, attractive rural land is sold to accommodate the demand. The rising prices can bring wealth to some landowners.

How can a state retain the core of its beautiful rural character without threatening vital private property rights? One organization based in Austin, the Hill Country Conservancy, has an answer. The Conservancy brings together developers and environmentalists to preserve lands in one of our state's most beautiful wildlife and aquatic areas, the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer region in Central Texas.

A key tool is a federal government law, the Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program. The Hill Country Conservancy pays landowners for preservation agreements that transfer future land development rights to a non-profit trust, such as the Hill Country Conservancy, or a governmental entity. The original landowner can keep the property, with the rights-holder managing the agreement to ensure the land is not sold to developers. The entire arrangement is aided by matching funds from the federal government.

One of the main draws for businesses and individuals choosing Texas is the striking and scenic nature of our state. Anyone who has driven down the Capital of Texas Highway, walked or hiked in the incomparable Texas Hill Country, or taken a swim in the cool waters of the Guadalupe River can see the benefits that accrue when man watches over and protects our resources.

It's good for everyone that Texas stays naturally beautiful.

Traveler finds good people in Clarendon

My name is Florene, and I am a disabled widow. On the afternoon of July 27, I was traveling, and my car completely broke down on the side of the highway between Clarendon and Hedley. This has never happened to me before, so I was lost as to what to do.

I dialed 911 on my cell phone and got the Donley County Sheriff's Department. I must say that the young lady there was extremely helpful. She helped to pinpoint where I was and made herself available if I needed anything. She let me know when a tow truck was coming. I knew help was on the way! She helped me to remain calm. Thank you so much.

Before long, two TXDOT trucks with three guys in them pulled up. They were respectful and so kind. They shielded my car from traffic flying by and tried to ascertain what was wrong with my Jeep. Then a representative of the Sheriff's Department came along. He, too, was very helpful. The TXDOT employees stayed after their

shift was over to make sure I was okay. Thank you, guys!

Then the tow truck arrived. The deputy asked if there was anything else he could do for me. I said "Yes, I can't get up in a tow truck. Can you give me a ride to the hotel?" He said, "Of course."

As I was walking with my cane to the deputy's vehicle, I fell on the side of the road. Well, my dignity was damaged, but the deputy and the two truck drivers each took a hand and got me upright. Thanks, guys.

The deputy dropped me off at the Best Western and said to call on his department if there was anything else they could do.

The staff at the Best Western was great. Everyone in the hotel seemed to know of my quandary and asked me how I was doing. On the first evening, I called down to the desk to ask if anyone in town delivered food. I found out that there is no one, but the clerk said her husband was coming by in a little while and he would

pick up something for me. That's exactly what happened. Since I use a cane and have trouble walking and had no vehicle, I really appreciated that. On the second evening, another clerk offered to bring me food after her shift was over. She did so and would not take payment for it. She said she had had a bad day and needed to do something nice for someone. Thanks to all the staff at the Best Western.

After 16 long days, I was able to retrieve my Jeep from an auto shop west of Clarendon and bring it home to be repaired. Praise God it is now running with a new engine.

Small town America still lives! It renewed my faith in human nature to have such wonderful people go out of their way to help a total stranger. I won't soon forget Clarendon, Texas, and the wonderful people there.

Florene Dillingham
 Wichita Falls

¿Qué Pasa?

Your guide to "what's happening" around Donley County.

August 31
Hedley Lions Club Chicken Barbecue • Hedley School Park • 7 p.m.

Clarendon College Ice Cream Social • Bairfield Activity Center • 7 p.m.

September 1
Bronco Parents Tailgate Party • Bronco Stadium • 5:30 p.m.

Broncos v. Boys Ranch • Bronco Stadium • 7:30 p.m.

September 8 - 9
Clarendon Lions Club Dove Hunt • Call 874-2080 to register

September 10
St. Mary's Day Catholic Fundraiser • Clarendon Lions Hall • 11 a.m.

September 16
Clarendon Masonic Lodge Chicken BBQ • Call 874-2259 for tickets

September 23
Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff • Saints' Roost Museum

October 20
Clarendon Lions Club Pancake Supper • Clarendon ISD Cafeteria

October 24
Clarendon Lions Club Ladies Night • Lions Hall • 7:30 p.m.

Community Menus

September 4 - 8

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Chili Cheese Dogs, Chips, Pork 'N Beans, Pasta Salad, Rice Krispie Treats, Coffee, Tea, and Lowfat Milk
Tue: Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Glazed Carrots, Peaches, Texas Cake, Biscuits, Coffee, Tea, and Lowfat Milk
Wed: Chicken Fajita Meat, Grilled Veggies, Macaroni Salad, Pastries, Hoagie Bun, Coffee, Tea, and Lowfat Milk
Thu: Charbroiled Patties/Onions, Au Jus Gravy, Baked Potatoes, Autumn Fruit Salad, Coconut Cream Pie, Rolls, Coffee, Tea, and Lowfat Milk
Fri: Chicken Salad, Cheesy Broccoli Soup, Veggie Sticks, Apple Rings, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Crackers, Coffee, Tea, and Lowfat Milk

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Holiday
Tue: Polish Sausage & Cabbage, Fried Squash, Cucumber/Onion Salad, Corn Bread, Ice Cream
Wed: Steak & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Carrots, Waldorf Salad, Roll, Cake
Thu: Chicken & Dumplings, California Blend Vegetables, Jell-O Salad, Corn Bread, Lemon Pudding
Fri: Cheeseburgers, Tater Tots, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onion, Buns, Cobbler

Clarendon ISD Menu

Breakfast
Mon: No School
Tue: Oats, Toast, Fruit, Milk
Wed: Pancakes, Juice, Milk
Thu: Eggs, Toast, Fruit, Milk
Fri: Cinnamon Rolls, Juice, Milk

Lunch
Mon: No School
Tue: Pizza, Corn, Salad, Peaches, Milk
Wed: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Applesauce, Cake, Roll, Milk
Thu: Lasagna, Carrots, Salad, Fruit Mix, Roll, Milk
Fri: Ham Salad Sandwich, Chips, Carrot Sticks, Bananas, Milk

Hedley ISD Menu

Mon: No School
Tue: Carne Guisada, Refried Beans, Corn, Chips & Salsa, Salad & Fruit, Milk
Wed: Spaghetti, Cut Green Beans, Diced Peaches, Texas Toast, Frozen Yogurt, Milk
Thu: Fish Strips, Tossed Salad, Fresh Fruit, Mac & Cheese, Hot Rolls, Milk
Fri: Cheeseburger, Oven Fries, Lettuce & Tomato, Apple Sauce, Pudding, Milk

Beautification Club receives grant of \$500

The last week of August, where has the year gone. The school children are up and about, meeting the bus before 7 a.m. That is too early for me, but watch for them.

Thanks to the North Rolling Plains Resource Conservation and Development, the Beautification Club received a \$500 grant to help with the work on the park. With matching money and more volunteer work, we will soon have two park benches and another picnic table.

Each year for the past six years, Jim and I have gone to Colorado for

a reunion of the 12th TFW that were stationed at Phu Cat and Cam Rhan Bay, Vietnam during the war. The group varies in size, fourteen were there this year. We met four new faces, a couple from New Mexico, men from Alabama and Idaho. Mix that in with old friends from Illinois, Alabama, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Colorado, and us from Texas you have a diverse group. Two rode their motorcycles from Alabama, but I think they plan to come next year by car.

There are many stories told and

retold but the main focus is remembering the 117 men who lost their lives while in the 12th.

I hope we make the reunion next year.

Our drought has been bad, but each year as we traveled between Clayton and Raton, we wondered how ranchers



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and antelope survived. Then the rains came. The further north and west you travel, the more it has rained, the taller the grass and fatter the cattle. I understand the rains started July 3, and they are getting more and more each week.

When we got home, we had 1.90 in Jim's super-duper rain gauge, giving us 11.36 inches for the year. The weeds have sprouted up for the first time this year with lots of lawn mowing activity going on.

Have a safe Labor Day weekend.

TxDOT recognizes Benavidez for service during wildfires

CHILDRESS - Refugio Benavidez, Texas Department of Transportation's Donley County Maintenance Supervisor, was recognized August 21 for outstanding service at the annual Texans Caring for Texans ceremony in Amarillo. This award was presented by Roger Williams, Texas Secretary of State, Kel Seliger, Texas State Senator, and David Swinford, Texas State Representative.

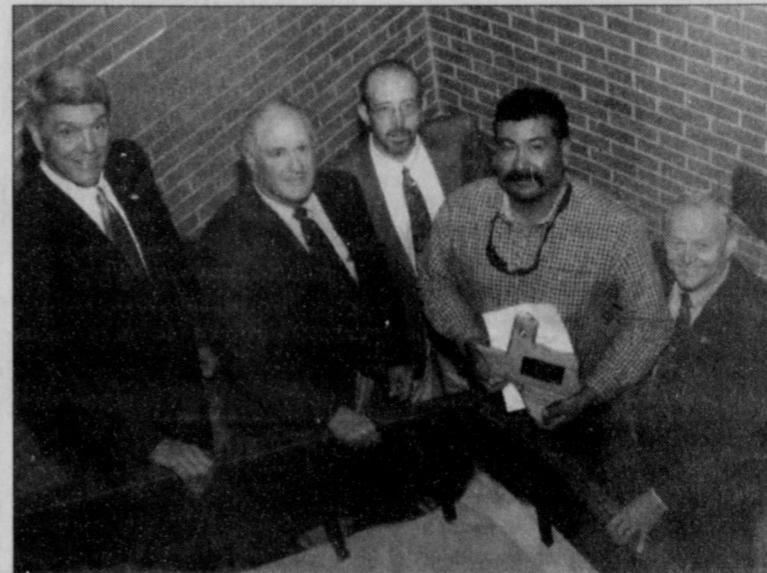
Texans Caring for Texans is comprised of state and public service agencies who nominate one employee or a team of employees for recognition of outstanding service to the community.

Benavidez was recognized for his leadership in the March 2006 wildfires in the Texas Panhandle.

During these fires, he coordinated equipment and personnel to cut perimeter guards around the fires while also providing traffic control for road closures on IH-40 due to smoke.

He is also a Donley County Volunteer Fireman and captain of their rescue operations, as well as a Level II Instructor, donating time to teach at many area schools. Benavidez says that one of his greatest honors was being recruited as an instructor for the Municipal Texas Fire Training School at Texas A&M University on the Fire Fighter II Ladder project.

For more information call Barbara Seal, Childress District Public Information Officer at 940-937-7145.



From left to right: Roger Williams, Texas Secretary of State; Kel Seliger, Texas State Senator; Tracy Cain, TxDOT Wellington Area Engineer; Refugio Benavidez, TxDOT Donley County Maintenance Supervisor; and David Swinford, Texas State Representative.

Bombeck provides light-hearted reading

Are you ready for some light-hearted, yet thought provoking, reading? Many of us remember Erma Bombeck as our favorite journalist and author. You who are unfamiliar with Bombeck's entertaining writings can refreshingly treat yourself from her numerous selections in Burton Memorial Library.

Erma's death in 1996 continues to leave a void in literature and journalism worlds. Her witty, down-to-earth writing style made her one of America's favorite humorists for 30 years. The fact that she could laugh at herself allowed readers to identify and take a lighter view of some of their own daily experiences. Her amusing approach to daily events is evident in her book titles.

When You Look Like Your Passport Picture, It's Time To Go Home

is an "uproarious tale of her travels to the four corners of the globe."

Bombeck refers to motherhood as the "biggest on-the-job training program" ever in *Motherhood, The Second Oldest Profession*. She affectionately describes the joys, pangs, fulfillment, frustration, and a mix of personalities, ages, emotion, and attitudes about mothers.

Her most autobiographical book presents a loving and laughing perspective as she looks back on her own 43 year marriage and the timeless passages that make the "honorable estate of matrimony the highest-risk, highest-reward profession of all". Title? *A Marriage In Heaven or Too Tired For An Affair*.

If Life Is A Bowl of Cherries, What Am I Doing In The Pits? and numerous others provide more avail-

able entertainment.

Avid readers of Erma's 4500 newspaper columns will relish *Forever Erma*, a collection of her most requested columns, including her first one, "Children Cornering Coin Markets" (January 1965), and the final one, "Let's Face It" (April 1996). A tribute section, remembrances from friends, admirers, and colleagues, combine the final pages. Art Buchwald, popular journalist and humorist states, "Erma's gift to the country was a gift of humor".

In my next article, I plan to review one of Erma Bombeck's



check it out

by mary beth nelson

greatest writing challenges: *I Want To Grow Hair; I Want To Grow Up; I Want To Go To Boise*. This book concerns children surviving cancer. It is an unusual book because Erma, herself, was uncertain that she could write about such a sensitive subject in a positive way. But she did.

I think you will truly enjoy the book as you read the wonderful attitudes of children from ages three to teenage with whom she visited, and the honest feelings and humor they displayed during their discussions. You may be surprised at the humorous situations that occur throughout the book. It will entertain you as well as tug at your heartstrings.

My next article will reveal interesting details.

Erma Bombeck was quite a lady. Why not check it out?

Twilight Hatters meet to plan fall season

On Thursday, August 24, 2006, eighteen Red Hatters and one Pink Hatter had their monthly meeting at the Dairy Queen. This club has many activities planned for the Fall season.

On September 16, they are going on a shopping trip to Amarillo to the Annie's Arts and Crafts Show at the Civic Center. Anyone wishing to go, meet at the Dairy Queen at 9:00 a.m. For more information on this activity, contact Nancy Davis at 874-3349.

The Red Hatters' September meeting will be at the Crazy Little Café in Claude on Thursday, September 28. The car pool will meet at the Dairy Queen by 5:30. They will be providing entertainment - karaoke anyone?

Of course, the Hedley Cotton Festival Parade would not be complete without the Twilight Red Hatters' float, and a planned trip to the Gem Theatre in Claude on November 4 to see the "Home on the Range Gang" will be a lot of fun.

On December 9, the Red Hatters will be dressing up in their finery for their annual Christmas Party at the Clarendon Country Club. The party is planned for noon, and more information will be coming shortly.

The Twilight Red Hatters have a great Fall season planned; we would love for you to come and join us.

Golden Needles Quilting Club holds meeting

Golden Needles Quilting Club met at the Agape Church with Pearl Hermesmeyer as hostess with quilting, visiting, and lunch. We finished our quilt before lunch. Our ladies quilted real fast this time.

Those present were: Eva Lee Swinney, Josie Burgess, Ann Bunyan, Tiny Alderson, Jo Shaller, Gay Cole, Betty Jean Williams, Dortha Reynolds, Pearl Hermesmeyer.

Shot clinic to be held in Clarendon Sept. 12

An immunization clinic will be held Tuesday, September 12, at the Department of State Health Services at Five Medical Drive in Clarendon.

Childhood immunizations will be given from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. and from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Addition:

Last week's story about the 2006 Kid Fish tournament omitted the name of Cayden D'Costa, who had the Prettiest Fish in the 4-6 age group.

Search for WesTexas Idol begins with open auditions Sept. 16

CANYON - It's time for Panhandle singers to warm up their vocal cords for the first round of open auditions at the annual WesTexas Idol contest Saturday, Sept. 16 at West Texas A&M University.

The auditions are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the First United Bank Center (FUBC) and serve as the first step in the search for the winner of the WesTexas Idol title. The competition is the University's version of

the popular reality show American Idol and earns the eventual winner an opening gig at the Oct. 5 Merle Haggard concert at the FUBC.

Panhandle vocalists between the ages of 16-35 will audition acapella before a panel of judges. Entry fee is \$5 per person, and 24 singers will advance to the next round. The second-round singers will then be critiqued by the contest judges in a Top 24 Concert at 7 p.m. Sept. 21

at the FUBC, and the number of Idol contenders will be cut to three.

The final three will perform at a post-game concert following the WTAMU-Northeastern State football game Saturday, Sept. 23 at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium. The judges are out of the picture on this round, and fans will vote for their favorite at www.wtamu.edu/idol.

The three finalists will appear once again at the Homecoming

concert featuring Merle Haggard and Trent Willmon at 7 p.m. Oct. 5. The winner of the second WesTexas Idol contest will be announced, and he/she will perform as the evening's opening act.

In addition to the opening act gig, the winner will receive 10 hours of professional studio time at Studio 66 to cut a CD single along with a performance video recorded and produced at the new WTAMU Schaeffer

Broadcast Studio. The winner also will make a guest appearance on KWTS-91.1 FM.

Sunday afternoon's on the Kat, 101.9, Tuckness is Amarillo's own homegrown singer/songwriter.

Sponsors for this year's Idol competition are First United Bank, KWTS-91.1 FM, Studio 66 and WTAMU. For information about rules and a downloadable registration form, visit www.wtamu.edu/idol.

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the 2005/2006 school year, about one million completed Live Homework Help sessions.

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GreenLight Gas buys pipelines

GreenLight Gas announced Tuesday the purchase of the natural gas distribution of Brunello Partners LLC, which provided natural gas service to 491 customers and the 12 miles of pipeline system of Thalia Pipeline, Ltd.

GreenLight General Manager Brent Wheeler said the purchase was about providing service.

"People want service, and they expect it," Wheeler said. "With our headquarters in Memphis, we can provide the residences of Crowell and surrounding areas with the great service that GreenLight Gas is known for."

GreenLight Gas is a wholly-owned, not-for-profit subsidiary of Greenbelt Electric Cooperative, Inc., in Wellington and Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc., in Floydada. GreenLight is the smallest not-for-profit gas utility in Texas that owns both pipeline and distribution assets. Any profit earned by the system does not go to investors but rather into the infrastructure badly in need of repair.

"Our primary interest in purchasing the assets from Brunello was motivated because the communities needed natural gas service," said Lighthouse General Manager Bill Harbin, "and we wanted to provide that service to the residents with the cooperative philosophy of service before profit."

Greenbelt Electric General Manager Stan McClendon agreed, saying, "Any time we can add customers to our base, it has the effect of spreading fixed costs over more consumers and therefore, lowering costs for all customers."

GreenLight Gas serves approximately 4200 customers and transports natural gas, operates and maintains over 90 miles of line in the towns of Clarendon, Dodson, Estelline, Hedley, Lakeview, Memphis, Paducah and Wellington. In addition, GreenLight Gas serves the unincorporated areas of Samnorwood, Newlin and Lela Lake.

SHOP AT HOME.

Gov. Perry appoints task force to reform property appraisals

DALLAS – Gov. Rick Perry announced last week that he is creating the Texas Task Force on Appraisal Reform (TFAR) to study and make recommendations on how to address Texans' continuing concerns over skyrocketing property appraisals. He appointed Tom Pauken of Dallas to chair the advisory group.

"Earlier this year, we provided Texas property owners with the largest property tax cut in state history – a 33 percent reduction in their school property tax rates over the next two years," Perry said. "Now we need to address the rest of that equation: the silent tax hikes of rising appraisals."

"If people are going to pay more in taxes to local government," Perry said, "it ought to come because of a vote and not the appraiser's note."

In his executive order creating the panel, Perry directed the TFAR with establishing a system for gathering public input throughout the state. The order also directs the

Task Force to develop recommendations to improve the current tax appraisal process so that taxpayers are not burdened with tax levies that continue to rise rapidly while providing a long-term, stable source of revenue for essential government services.

Perry asked for the recommendations prior to the start of the next session of the legislature on January 9.

Perry stated he wants the task force to, "strike a proper balance between protecting taxpayers and ensuring funding for essential services. I have asked them to put everything on the table – no sacred cows, and no pre-arranged conclusions."

The appointment of the Task Force continues Perry's long-standing goal of providing Texans relief from skyrocketing appraisals and property taxes that drive the dream of home ownership out of the hands of many young Texans, and force many senior Texans out of their

homes because they can no longer afford the taxes.

Perry has previously called on the legislature to cap annual property appraisals to protect Texans and to limit growth in property tax revenues to inflation plus population growth.

Last week, he said he wants the commission to develop its own independent recommendations while keeping the plight of the taxpaying public foremost on its mind.

Perry also took issue with the contention that the savings from this summer's historic school property tax cut will be undermined by appraisals.

"The question is not what you are paying today compared to last year, but what you are paying today compared to what you would have paid under the previous rates," Perry said. "By any fair measure, millions of Texans will realize significant savings on their school taxes, including a one-third reduction starting in the fall of 2007."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING on the Donley Appraisal District Budget

The Donley Appraisal District Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2007 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held at 7:00 PM on September 11, 2006, at the appraisal district office at 307 S Sully Street, Clarendon, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$202,605
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	\$ 8,641
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	3
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	3

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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Senior officers

The Class of 2007 has elected officers for the 2006-2007 school year. Serving the senior class will be (l to r): Jessi Howard, Secretary; Haley Carter, Vice President; Regan Lemley, President; and John Vaught Treasurer. The senior class and parents will work at the concession stand during the September 8 football game.

Hospital board approves hiring facility consultants

The Donley County Hospital Board voted to contract to perform an operational analysis of both the Medical Center Nursing Home and the Associated Ambulance Authority when they met in regular session August 15.

Board chairman Alan Fletcher suggested the analysis be performed after the idea came up at a town hall meeting last month.

A consultant from Baptist Community Services will study the nursing facility, and an EMS consultant will look at the ambulance service.

In other district business, Administrator Vicky Robertson reported MCNH has a census of 53 residents with one in the hospital, and she said the ambulance service responded to 86 calls in July, which was a record call volume.

Robertson said a new helipad has been installed near the ambulance barn and said Anita Aaron will speak to the city about assistance with purchasing a windsock and wire hazard markers.

In her Indigent Care Report, Holly Eads said there were no new applications for the month. Five six-month reviews were mailed to current clients. Fletcher reported that attorney Chuck Hester will submit a legal opinion regarding a cap on indigent care expenses.

The board approved new guidelines for tax abatements as presented by Will Thompson on behalf of the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation.

The board also accepted a bid on tax delinquent property as presented by the Donley Appraisal District.

Breast cancer screens to be conducted here

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at First Baptist Church in Hedley on September 27, 2006.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

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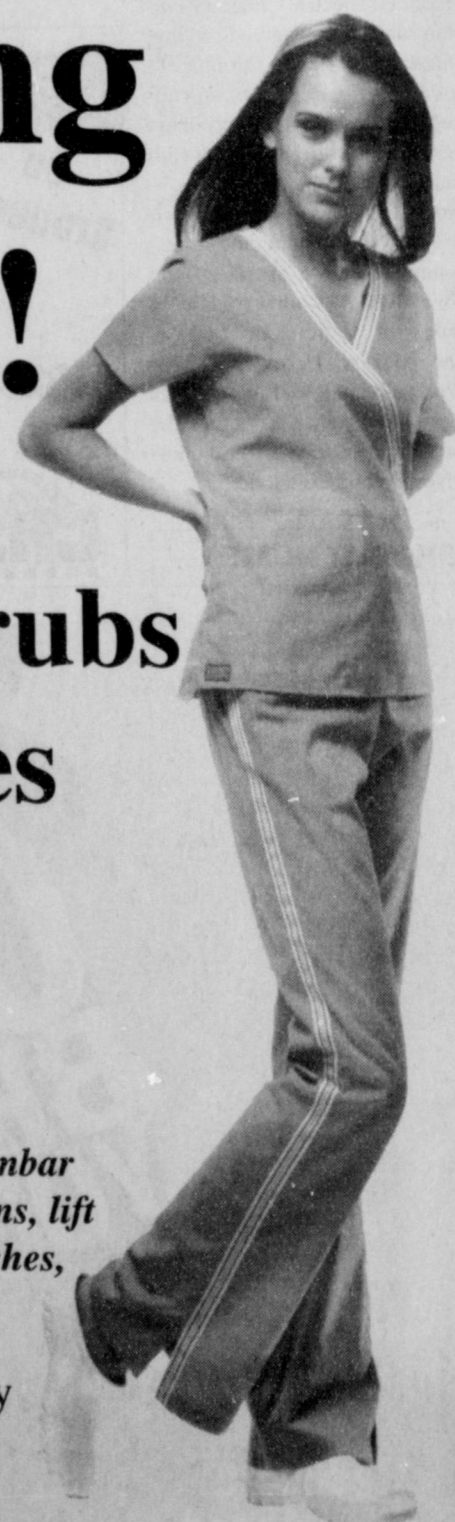


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Young Broncos ready to face Boys Ranch

By Sandy Anderberg
The Broncos have spent the week preparing not only for their last scrimmage, but their season opener against Boys Ranch September 1.

The young Bronco team scrimmaged against San Jacinto Thursday night and walked away with a little more experience under their belt.

"We did some good things," Head Coach Gary Jack said. "We did make some mistakes, but we have guys that are doing a lot of things right. We are working on eliminating those mistakes.

"Our defense played well," Jack said. "Several guys made big plays for us. Offensively, our line did a good job blocking, and our backs had some opportunities for big gains. Overall, it was a good scrimmage for us, and we saw a lot of good things, and it also showed us where we need to improve. We know we will have to play hard every week. We feel once we get into our game planning, it will be better for us because we are such a young team."

Jack knows the Broncos will have to play hard when they play Boys Ranch Friday night.

"They are big and very competitive," Jack said. "But the guys are looking forward to it, and they are working hard to improve."

The game will be played in Bronco Stadium and begins at 7:30 p.m. The Bronco Parents will have a tailgate party beginning at 5:30 before the game. The Bronco junior varsity will begin play September 7 against Memphis at home.

4-H encourages youth to reach their potential

The Texas 4-H Creed is "Learn By Doing," which is what Donley County 4-H is all about. The common theme for 4-H is youth learning and growing in citizenship, leadership, and life skills. 4-H enables youth to have fun, meet new people, learn new life skills, build self-confidence, learn responsibility, and set and achieve goals.

4-H is available to all boys and girls in the third through 12th grades. First, you join 4-H by attending a club meeting or coming to the Donley County Extension Office located at 414 S Kearney. The first meeting this year is September 5 at the Family Life Center at 6:00 p.m.

Second, you choose one or more projects that you would like to work on through the upcoming year. In a project group, all members work on the same project area together. In a community, club members of various ages work on a variety of projects and support the activities of members. Projects are chosen from among 100 project areas offered; or if you don't see the one you like, you can create your own.

Third, you attend club meetings, project meetings, and meet together to learn and have fun. Projects popular in Donley County include: Livestock Judging, Steer, Swine, Goat, and Sheep Projects; Public Speaking; Photography; Community Service; Leadership Activities; Clothing and Textiles; Food and Nutrition; Method Demonstration; Wood Working; and Grass Identification. If these do not meet your interest, there are over 90 others to choose from. There are no fees to join 4-H.

In the 2006 the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation and the Texas 4-H youth Development Program awarded over \$1 million in scholarships to Texas 4-H graduating high school seniors.

For more information, contact Leonard Haynes, County Extension Agent at 874-2141.



All Star

Cortnee Thornberry, a sophomore Bronco cheerleader, was selected as a 2006-2007 UCA All Star Cheerleader at Texas Tech. All Stars must be evaluated in a rigorous tryout before an audience of more than 400 and a panel of judges. All Star Cheerleader is an honor that a small percentage of cheerleaders achieve.

Courtesy photo

Ramsey weekly winner at CCC

By Sandy Anderberg

Al Ramsey put together a round of 63 (net) to take first in the weekly men's game at the Clarendon Country Club last week. Jesse Lincycomb turned in a 64 for second, and Jerry Gage shot a 66 for third place. Dan Ashford (86 years old) shot under his age with an 84.

Sherol Johnston won the women's game with a 71 and Maxine McLaughlin was second with a 75.

Despite being played in the middle of a thunderstorm, the Friday night scramble was won by the team of Doug Kidd, Audie Watson, Jarad Lax, and Lea Ferguson after a coin toss at six under par. The other two teams did not finish due to the weather.

There will be an 18-hole scramble on Labor Day, September 4, beginning at 2:00 pm. Cost for the scramble will be \$15.00 plus the price of a cart.

The CC will still offer free green fees on Friday with the paid price of a cart, and the Friday night scrambles will begin at 6:00 pm. You may call the Pro Shop to enter all tournaments at 874-2166.

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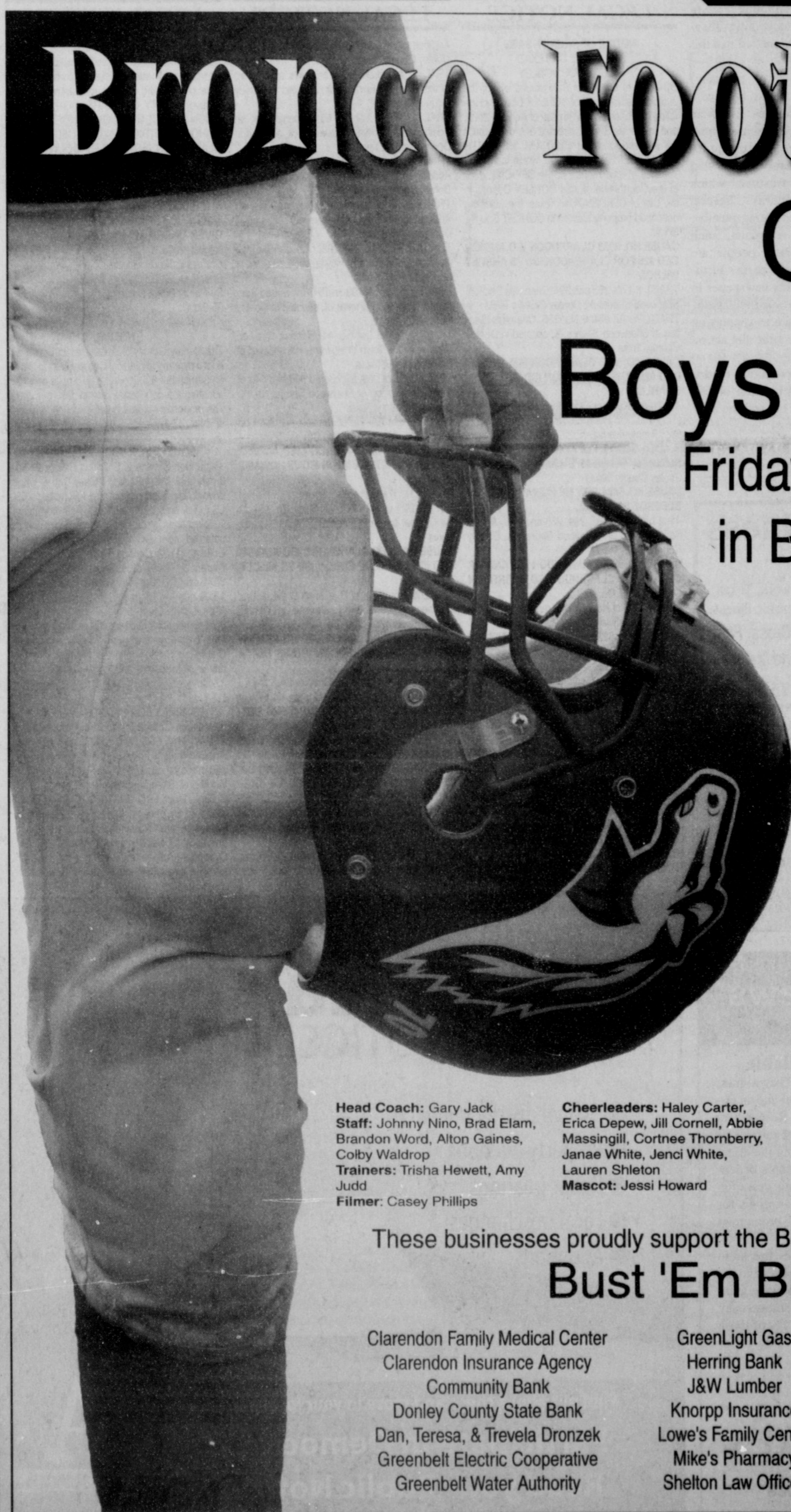
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3	Aaron Gordon	So.	5'11	145
5	Tyler Drackley	Sr.	6'2	165
7	David Gordon	Sr.	6'2	165
8	Dylan Medley	Fr.	5'10	180
9	Nathan Gribble	So.	5'7	145
10	Glenn Weatherston	Fr.	5'5	115
11	Bradley Sell	Sr.	5'8	160
19	Jesus Hernandez	So.	5'7	125
24	Lance Ford	Sr.	5'9	150
26	Jadon Thornton	Fr.	5'9	150
32	Brad Sanchez	Jr.	5'3	135
33	Devin Noble	So.	5'10	180
34	Kaleb Shadle	Jr.	6'1	165
40	Tyler Spillers	Fr.	5'9	130
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
63	Scott Fowler	Jr.	5'10	225
65	Dominique Mason	Fr.	5'2	160
66	John Vaught	Sr.	5'11	195
70	Dylan Wright	Fr.	5'9	140
73	Danzel Wilson	Fr.	6'2	280
75	Lee Tolbert	Fr.	5'7	165
77	Derrick Shelton	So.	6'2	200
80	Dustin Ford	Fr.	5'6	140
84	Chad Sanchez	Sr.	5'8	170
85	Nathan Judd	Fr.	5'7	135
88	Ryan Hill	Fr.	5'9	120
89	Ty Tubbs	Fr.	5'9	110

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SWCD meeting to gather comments

The Donley County Soil and Water Conservation District invites the public and any agencies with interest to participate in a Program Development Group meeting to be held at the RFO Classroom in the Courson RFO Center at Clarendon College on September 7 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to request participation and invite comments from a broad range of local agencies, organizations, businesses, and especially farmers and ranchers that have an interest in natural resource conditions and needs.

The discussion in the Program

Development Group will help the Local Work Group (LWG), led by Weldon Sears, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist, to address county based funding for the FY2007 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The LWG will make recommendations on resource concerns to be addressed, eligible practices, cost share rates, and ranking for county based funding.

One of the guiding principles of the 2002 USDA Farm Bill is that conservation programs are locally led. Through stakeholder meetings

the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders set program priorities. These meetings are open to the public.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program was established in the 1996 Farm Bill to provide a single, voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers to address significant natural resource concerns. Nationally, it provides technical and financial assistance to address natural resource concerns. Administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, EQIP was reauthorized in the 2002 Farm Bill and awards cost share

assistance to agricultural producers who will apply cost share and incentive practices which provide significant environmental benefit. In Texas, NRCS provides funding to each county to address local high priority resource concerns.

For more information, call the USDA Service Center office in Clarendon at (806) 874-3561. Service Center locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

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Parks Advisory Committee urges \$85 million increase

AUSTIN – Texas State Parks Advisory Committee Chairman and former state senator John Montford today told the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission his committee recommends allocating the entire amount of state sporting goods sales tax to parks, a move which would effectively increase funding by about \$85 million per year if adopted by the Texas Legislature.

Montford briefed the commission on the final report from the advisory committee, which was appointed by commission Chairman Joseph Fitzsimons in April.

"It will not be enough to simply repair or restore the park resources and historic sites that have fallen into disrepair due to budget cuts," Fitzsimons said. "In the long run, it is equally important to build a funding structure that allows us to meet the challenges of a growing state. We now have specific recommendations to do so, thanks to Chairman Montford and the committee members who have given their time and credibility to this cause."

"It is clear to this committee that the financial problems facing our Texas park system must be addressed now," Montford said. "Funding for state parks is an investment in eco-

nomi, personal health, and cultural benefits for the citizens of Texas. Increased park investment can be provided from the existing sporting goods tax that is paid by the users of the park system, which will rise with increased use of the system."

Asked about political support for implementing committee recommendations in the upcoming Texas legislative session, Montford had this to say:

"Will this objective be easy? No. The legislature has to balance a number of other priorities. But there is growing support for a substantial and sustainable source of funding for parks, especially when we show that park funding is an investment which yields valuable returns. Several other factors are generating positive momentum. Voter referenda, such as Proposition 8, show people are willing to pay for our parks. Virtually every major Texas newspaper in recent months has devoted either editorial or column space to supporting our state parks. The time for action is now."

The advisory committee report, plus background information on the sporting goods sales tax and the economic benefits of state parks, is on the TPWD Web site.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF DONLEY

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of DONLEY County in the following cases on the 8th day of August, 2006, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 10:00 A.M. on the 5TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2006, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said DONLEY County, in the City of CLARENDON, Texas, the following described property located in DONLEY County, to wit:

CAUSE NO. 6033 CLARENDON ISD AND/OR CED #25 FOR CLARENDON ISD VS ANSLEY WILSON

TRACT 1: Lots 293 and 294, Cherokee Section, Sherwood Shores IX, Donley County, Texas
 TRACT 2: All of Lot No. 295, Cherokee Section of Sherwood Shores IX, situated in Donley County, Texas

CAUSE NO. 5845 CLARENDON ISD AND/OR CED #25 FOR CLARENDON ISD VS ARKON CHARLES

All of Lots Number One Hundred Seventy-two (172) and One Hundred Seventy-three and One Hundred Seventy-four (174) of the Cherokee Section of Sherwood Shores IX, situated in Donley County, Texas

CAUSE NO. 5484 CITY OF HOWARDWICK VS BLEDSOE SUE ET AL

All of Lots Nos. 233, 234, 235 and 236, Arrowhead Section of Sherwood Shores IX, Donley County, Texas

CAUSE NO. 5939 CLARENDON ISD AND/OR CED #25 FOR CLARENDON ISD VS BRITTEN CHRISTOPHER L

All of Lot 346 of Nocona Hills, an Addition to the City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas

CAUSE NO. 5229 DONLEY COUNTY VS FORTNER NICK

TRACT 1: All of Lot No. 80, Apache Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, situated in Donley County, Texas

TRACT 2: All of Lot No. 1, Peyton Place Section of Sherwood Shores IX, situated in Donley County, Texas

CAUSE NO. 5853 CLARENDON ISD AND/OR CED #25 FOR CLARENDON ISD VS HALL BRYLE GENE

All of Lots No. 599 and 600 of the Red Feather Addition to the Town of Howardwick, situated in Donley County, Texas

CAUSE NO. 5317 DONLEY COUNTY VS HELTON GENE W

TRACT 1: All of Lot No. 51, Nocona Hills, an

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Addition to the Town of Howardwick, situated in Donley County, Texas

TRACT 2: All of Lot 59, Nocona Hills, an Addition to the Town of Howardwick, situated in Donley County, Texas

TRACT 3: All of Lot No. 65, Nocona Hills, an Addition to the Town of Howardwick, situated in Donley County, Texas

TRACT 4: All of Lot No. 67, Nocona Hills, an Addition to the Town of Howardwick, situated in Donley County, Texas

TRACT 5: All of Lot No. 82, Nocona Hills, an Addition to the Town of Howardwick, situated in Donley County, Texas

TRACT 6: All of Lot No. 296, Nocona Hills, an Addition to the Town of Howardwick, situated in Donley County, Texas

TRACT 7: All of Lots 93 and 94 Arrowhead Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, situated in Donley County, Texas

TRACT 8: All of Lot No. 44, Nocona Hills, an Addition to the Town of Howardwick, situated in Donley County, Texas

TRACT 9: All of Lots Numbered 540 and 541 of Seminole Addition of Sherwood Shores No. IX, in Donley County, Texas

TRACT 10: Lot 185, Huron Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, situated in Donley County, Texas

CAUSE NO. 6046 CLARENDON ISD AND/OR CED #25 FOR CLARENDON ISD VS HOWARD MARY A

All of Lot No. 6 and the West twelve and one-half feet (12-1/2') of Lot No. 5, in Block No. 144, of the Original Town of Clarendon, Donley County, Texas

CAUSE NO. 5862 CLARENDON ISD AND/OR CED #25 FOR CLARENDON ISD VS MILLER BRIAN K

All of Lots Nos. 77 and 78, Carroll Creek Acres, of Sherwood Shores IX, situated in Donley County, Texas

CAUSE NO. 5876 CLARENDON ISD AND/OR CED #25 FOR CLARENDON ISD VS SMITH PHILIP

All of Lots Nos. 49 and 50, Country Club North, Sherwood Shores IX, Donley County, Texas

CAUSE NO. 5390 DONLEY COUNTY VS STEPHENS BILLY F

All of Lot 22 of Pueblo Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, situated in Donley County, Texas

CAUSE NO. 6133 CLARENDON ISD AND/OR CED #25 FOR CLARENDON ISD VS TARRANT OIL CO

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ALL BIDDERS MUST REGISTER WITH THE TAX OFFICE PRIOR TO SHERIFF'S SALE. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 8th DAY OF August, 2006.

Charles E. Blackburn, Jr.
 Sheriff, DONLEY County, Texas
 By Randy Bond, Deputy
 35-3tc

NOTICE

The Donley County Hospital District Board will hold a meeting at Medical Center Nursing Home on September 8, 2006 at 12:00 p.m. to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2006. The proposed tax rate is 0.189448 per \$100.00 of value. 37-1tc

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL # 9951:

Clarendon College is Soliciting Proposals For: 3 new vehicles (1 Sedan; 1 Crew Cab 4-wheel drive dualy diesel pickup; and 1 Suburban 2500 LS 4x4 or equivalent vehicles). Full information, specifications, and proposal documents may be obtained from Dr. Myles Shelton, Clarendon College, 1122 College Drive, P.O. Box 968, Clarendon, TX 79226 or by phoning (806) 874-3571 ext 101. Proposals are to be received by 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 14, 2006 "Due Date". Clarendon College reserves the right to negotiate with any/all proposers at any time, before or after submission of a proposal. Clarendon College reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technicalities. 37-2tc

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL # 9952:

Clarendon College is Soliciting Proposals For: 2 NEW TRAILERS (1 32' Stock Trailer and 1 32' Flat Bed Trailer). Full information, specifications, and proposal documents may be obtained from Dr. Myles Shelton, Clarendon College, 1122 College Drive, P.O. Box 968, Clarendon, TX 79226 or by phoning (806) 874-3571 ext 101. Proposals are to be received by 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 14, 2006 "Due Date". Clarendon College reserves the right to negotiate with any/all proposers at any time, before

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ORDINANCE NO. 363

An Ordinance of the City of Clarendon, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances and prohibiting certain actions, which constitute Disturbing the Peace.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Clarendon, Texas:

That the Code of Ordinances, City of Clarendon, Texas, is hereby amended by adding an Article to Chapter 9 to be numbered Article 4, Section 9.46, which section reads as follows:

9.46 Disturbing the Peace Prohibited:
 A. Prohibited Acts. It shall be unlawful for any person intentionally or knowingly to disturb the peace within the City Limits.

B. Definitions. Disturbing the Peace shall include: 1) All acts considered as disorderly conduct under Section 42.01 of the Texas Penal Code, as amended; 2) The creation or allowing of any unreasonable loud, disturbing and unnecessary noises in the City; 3) The creation of allowing of any noises of such character, intensity, and duration as are reasonably calculated to be detrimental to the life or health of any ordinary reasonable person, or disturb the comfort and response of any reasonable person of normal sensibilities in the vicinity.

C. Penalty. Any person who shall violate any provision of this Section 9.31 shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined in an amount not to exceed the maximum amount allowed by law. Each violation shall constitute a separate offense.

D. Severability. In the event any clause, phrase, provision, sentence, or part of this Section 9.31 or the application of the same to any person or circumstance shall for any reason be judged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this Section as a whole or any part or provision hereof other than the part declared to be invalid or unconstitutional; and the City Council of the City of Clarendon, Texas, declares that it would have passed and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, whether there be one or more parts.

Passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Clarendon, Texas, on this 22nd day of August, 2006.


[s] Mark White, Mayor

Attest:

[s] Linda Smith, City Secretary
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Drugs in the News
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 One physician involved in studying Chantix provides tips as to how to quit smoking, such as staying away from other smokers and using replacement activities such as a specific exercise or chewing gum. One report indicates that 70% of the 45 million American smokers say they want to quit. Another report indicates that less than 7% of those who actually try to stop smoking on their own are able to do so for more than 12 months.

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Clarendon Order of the Eastern Star #6 Stated meetings: First Thursdays, 8:00 pm; Refreshments served at 7:00 pm Clarissa Dallas - W.M. Naomi Green - Secretary

Clarendon Lions Club Regular meeting each Tuesday at noon. Jim Shelton, Boss Lion. Russell Estlack, Secretary

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FOR SALE CLARENDON - HOUSE

ON THE "OLD COLLEGE BLVD." AND IN IMMACULATE CONDITION - 2 bedroom (optional 3rd bedroom or den) - 1 bath - modern kitchen with built in appliances and plentiful cabinets/dining/living - utility - central h/a, plus fans - NEW 832 sq. ft. garage/shop with openers - concrete cellar with electricity - large fenced back yard with trees and metal yard building - nice landscaping - choice location @ 520 W. 5th St. for \$84,500.

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.

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
NICE STUCCO IN GOOD NEIGHBORHOOD - 1,362 sq. ft. - 3 bedrooms - 2 bath - modern kitchen with built-ins - dining - living - utility - attached 2 car garage with opener - storage building - front & back yards enclosed with chain link fence - all appliances and tools go with property @ 403 Johnson St. for \$35,000.

PARTIALLY REMODELED - including the addition of a nice den with wood burning stove - 2 bedroom - 1 bath - living room - kitchen - utility - unattached 2 car garage / shop building - front & back yards enclosed with chain link fence - all appliances and tools go with property @ 303 Short Street for only \$39,500.

8.23 ACRES & HOUSE ON OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN - 3 bedroom - 1 bath - kitchen/breakfast nook - living/dining - utility - central heat and ref. air - fans - stucco with metal roof - barn - storage building - on city water & sewer system @ 103 SE 6th St. for \$35,000.

COMMERCIAL

IT'LL DO MOTEL - OWNER MUST SELL DUE TO FAILING HEALTH - A nice "Mom and Pop" business with 8 rental units plus 2 rental apartments in addition to living quarters for owner/operator and a choice location at intersection of US Hwy. 287 and Parks St. for \$125,000. REDUCED TO \$110,000.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH BUILDING - suitable for use as/is for groups or organizations. Excellent location for DAY CARE FACILITY and building could be easily converted for that use. Also easily converted to residential property. Central heat & ref. air already in parts of the building. Lots of square footage, located at 511 E. 5th St. for \$39,900.

GREENBELT

NEAR COUNTRY CLUB - WITH VIEW OF LAKE - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, kitchen with built-ins/dining, den, utility, covered porch, fish pond, large new barn, storage building, paved parking area, all on 4 choice lots - a great buy at \$59,500. REDUCED TO \$57,000.

FARM/RANCH

BEAUTIFUL AND WELL SECLUDED SMALL RANCH - 125 acres of native grass with hundreds of black walnut, cotton wood and other native trees bordering White Fish Creek surrounded by big ranch country about 7 1/2 miles S/E of Alanreed. A large seep pond (with fish) and live water from the creek provide abundant water for the deer, turkey and numerous varieties of wild game and birds that frequent the premises. Some financing negotiable. SEE WEBSITE FOR PICTURES. Show by appointment. REDUCED FROM \$275,000 TO \$237,500.

640 ACRES - 150 acres CRP, 150 acres native grass, one windmill. Conveniently located about halfway between Amarillo and Dalhart with one mile frontage on paved FM 1151 plus one mile on County Road 22.

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Sheriff's Report

Law reminds citizens to keep alleys clear

August 21, 2006
 8:18 a.m.- At grammar school
 10:58 a.m.- Check reported vandalism at Lelia Lake residence
 11:58 a.m.- See complainant on Hwy 287 W.
 12:11 p.m.- To jail with 1 male in custody; theft
 2:59 p.m.- At District Attorney's office
 10:28 p.m.- EMS assist at 600 Blk of Gorst St.

August 22, 2006
 9:32 a.m.- Welfare check at 1100 Blk. E. 3rd St.
 11:07 a.m.- Train stopped at Ayers St crossing; unauthorized rider
 11:26 a.m.- To jail with 1 male in custody; interference with railroad property.
 4:31 p.m.- At clerk's office.
 9:06 p.m.- See caller 700 Blk. Goodnight St.
 10:43 p.m.- See caller at 287 at S. Koogle St.

August 23, 2006
 12:22 a.m.- Complaint of dogs barking on Hwy 287 at S. Hawley St.
 12:56 a.m.- EMS assists at 2900

Blk. Hwy 287 W.
 10:53 a.m.- At JP office in Hedley.
 10:53 a.m.- At courthouse
 7:53 p.m.- 4th St. Serve legal papers
 8:13 p.m.- W. 6th St.

August 24, 2006
 12:19 a.m.- EMS assist 100 Blk. S. McClelland
 12:28 p.m.- See caller 200 Blk. E. 6th St.
 10:10 p.m.- See caller 100 Blk. E. 6th St.
 11:41 p.m.- EMS assist 700 Blk. S. Wood St.

August 25, 2006
 4:08 a.m.- Check vehicle in field FM 1260 N.
 6:40 a.m.- See complainant 400 Blk. W. 4th; hit and run
 6:51 a.m.- 600 Blk. Carhart; have located vehicle involved with hit and run
 7:52 a.m.- Out 300 Blk. W. 2nd St.
 8:04 a.m.- Dispatched to Sheriff's Office
 3:18 p.m.- Dispatched to Sheriff's Office. To jail with 1 female in custody; Attorney General

warrant for criminal non support
 7:38 p.m.- Welfare check 200 Blk. E. 2nd, Hedley.
 9:45 p.m.- Caller reporting possible gunshots. 300 Blk. 1st St.

August 26, 2006
 5:50 a.m.- Vehicle accident on Hwy 287, one half mile East
 11:39 a.m.- See caller 700 Blk. W. 2nd St.
 3:27 a.m.- Dispatched to Sheriff's Office
 7:04 p.m.- At 6th and 3rd St. to serve papers
 11:48 p.m.- Business alarm North of town
 11:50 p.m.- Business alarm one half mile West on Hwy 287

Summary
 Arrests-3
 EMS-15 Fire-2

Reminder: Alleyways just like roadways need to be kept clear of debris and vehicles. Vehicles parked in alleyways create hazardous conditions for emergency vehicles and personnel. Make sure your alleyway is passable at all times. This is a ticketable offense.

Quanah to host 23rd annual Fall Festival

The Quanah Chamber of Commerce is putting the final touches on this year's annual Fall Festival. Booths are filling up quickly with many varieties of arts, crafts, food, entertainment, and games. Since it's sure to be another exciting and fun packed day, they are asking that you make plans now to join them in historic downtown Quanah, Texas, on September 9, 2006.

The Antique tractor show will be on 3rd Street in the block east of the Courthouse. Registration begins at 10 a.m., judging at 1 p.m., and awards presented at 2 p.m. Entry fee is \$5 with all entries receiving a dash plaque. The three categories include Antique 1938 & older, Classic 1930-1959, and post Classic 1955-1961. First, second, and third places are awarded in each category. Special awards are Best of Show, Travel Award, Most Unique, People's Choice, Most Promising, and Rarest Tractor. The tractor show is sponsored by O'Neil Well Service, Hardeman County Farm Bureau, and the Chamber of Commerce Ag Committee.

Other activities for the day include Cow Patty Bingo, located on the corner of 3rd and Main in the missile lot. Squares are \$5, and you need to choose your square before 3 p.m. Check it out for a chance to win \$300!

Also on the agenda is the Ranch Heritage Branding Wall. For a fee of \$35 you can have your registered brand placed on the wall, also located in the missile lot.

QA&P Museum tours will be from 10 a.m. - 4p.m.

Prior to the Fall Festival on September 7, the Pease River Playhouse in Goodlett, Texas, will host a historical drama of Cynthia Ann Parker called "Her Eyes were Blue".

For more information, call 940-674-2477.

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