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

American Legion plans Memorial Day service

The Adamson-Lane Post 287 of the American Legion will have Memorial Day services at the Rowe Cemetery in Hedley at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

The service will feature the presentation of an American flag flown with honors at Al Asad, Iraq, presented to the men and women of Donley County by Gunnery Sergeant Michael D. Gay.

Two post members will receive certificates of continuous membership for sixty years - Alvie T. Clay, to be presented during the services, and W.T. "Wimpy" McPherson, to be presented at his home in Amarillo and televised by ads on KVIL-TV.

Bright Newhouse, a Korean War veteran of the United States Air Force, will be the speaker for the day.

The program will conclude with the roll call of the 200 deceased veterans buried in Rowe Cemetery, followed by the laying of the memorial wreath and the playing of "Taps."

Donley County seniors to graduate this Friday

Clarendon and Hedley High Schools will hold commencement exercises this Friday evening.

CHS seniors will graduate at 8 p.m. in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center, and HHS will hold commencement in the Owl Gymnasium also at 8 p.m.

Deadline approaching for emergency funds

Producers in counties affected by the recent wildfires may be eligible for financial assistance through the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP). The deadline to apply for the cost-share program is May 31.

"One reason the fires in our area were so devastating is that thousands of miles of fences were burned. These funds can help restore those fences, but folks who are interested must apply before the deadline," said US Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon).

ECP provides farmers and ranchers with emergency funds and technical assistance to rehabilitate ranches and farmland damaged by natural disasters. Producers should contact their county FSA offices for information.

Early deadlines set for next week's Enterprise

THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE will be close Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day, and deadlines for next week's issue have been moved up.

All news, photos, and ads must be turned in by noon this Friday, May 26, in order to be in the June 1 edition.

Deadlines will resume their regular schedule for the June 8 edition.

Selvidge steps down as mayor Aldermen tap mayor pro-tem as Clarendon's new leader

Clarendon Mayor Leonard "Tex" Selvidge stepped down Tuesday night after serving the city for 14 of the last 30 years.

"I just think it's time for me to resign," Selvidge said prior to Tuesday's regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen. "I could serve another year, but we need to start some more projects, and I don't want to start one and not see it finished."

The mayor said the completion of the 2005 street-paving project seemed to him like a good time for

change.

Selvidge leaves office after leading the city longer than any other mayor since Clarendon was incorporated in 1901. He served a total of 12 years as mayor, taking the position first from 1977 to 1980 and returning to office in 1997.

Selvidge also served as member of the Board of Aldermen in 1976 and 1981.

He said serving his community was something he thought everyone should do.

"I've always felt like if you're going to live somewhere, you ought to give something to it," Selvidge said. "It would thrill me if every election we had 10 or 12 people running for every spot on every board in the county."

Selvidge said he always tried to put the community's interests first; and he said on the rare occasions he was called on to break a tie, he tried to vote for his convictions.

"I'm not saying I did a better job than anyone else would have,

but I hope I contributed something to the community," he said. "I'm sure some would disagree, but everyone is entitled to their opinions."

Selvidge says he's proud to have been a part of several moments during his times in office, including the recent street project, the numerous grants received to improve the city, the updating and codification of the city ordinances, and the development of the city-county library downtown.

City Secretary Linda Smith had

kind words for the city's outgoing chief executive.

"I've enjoyed working with Tex," Smith said. "He's always been good to me, and he's been a good mayor."

Alderman Mark White was chosen by the board to serve the remainder of Selvidge's term and was sworn in as Clarendon's 35th mayor, and his predecessor thinks he will do a fine job.

"I think the city will be in good shape," Selvidge said.



All-Star Athletes

The 2005-2006 Broncos and Lady Broncos were recognized during the annual sports banquet Saturday night at the Bairfield Activity Center. The highest honors went to (left from top to bottom) Cody Scrivner, Stephen Ford, and Ty White, who jointly received the Clyde Wilson Award; and to Top Bronco Will Betts and Top Lady Bronco Haley Shelton.

Enterprise Photo / Cheryl Johnson

HHS names Shaw, Davis top students

Hedley ISD is pleased to announce the valedictorian and salutatorian for the graduating class of 2006.

Benjamin Lee Shaw has been named valedictorian with an average of 95.5655. He is the son of Randy and Ronda Shaw of Hedley and has attended Hedley schools since 1993.

Ben is involved in UIL Academics - Current Events, Social Studies, and Literary Criticism, National Honor Society where he serves as president, FFA, Business Professionals of America, One Act Play, Student Director of OAP, Senior Class President, and Yearbook Staff.

He placed third in the State UIL Current Events Competition. He was also voted by his classmates as Most Likely to Succeed. He was named the Young Man of the Year by the Donley County Chamber of Commerce.

Ben's hobbies include reading

books, playing video games, and watching movies. He is also involved in several community service projects including planting trees at Rowe Cemetery and helping the Hedley Volunteer Fire Department raise funds for a grant for a new fire truck.

Ben plans to attend Clarendon College and eventually obtain a Master's Degree in Architecture at Texas Tech.

Holly Joy Davis has been named salutatorian with an average of 93.944. She is the daughter of Keith and Shari Davis of Wellington. She attended Wellington ISD until her freshman year when she transferred to Hedley High School.

During high school, she was

involved in cross country, basketball, track, tennis, Senior Captain, Team Tennis, Regional Runner-up, 11th Place State, and Tennis - District Champ.

She has served the community with the Nickel Drive for Local Troops, Thanksgiving food drive, Christmas gift baskets, Christmas bags, American Heart Association, and the Hedley Senior Citizens Banquet Door Prize.

She plans to attend college at Seward College and major in Chemistry. After getting her bachelor's degree in chemistry she plans to attend pharmacy school.

The top eighth grade boy and girl are Dylan Pettit and Kailee Burton. Dylan is the son of Brian Pettit and Tanja Widener and the stepson of Jade Widener. He is 13 years old and lives in Memphis. He will

See 'Top Students' on page 3.



Ben Shaw



Holly Davis

Plans set for July 4th activities

Plans continue to take shape for the 129th annual Saints' Roost Celebration to be held June 30 through July 4 in Clarendon.

Activities begin Friday, June 30, with a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Stanley Auto Ranch, and that night at 7:30 the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association will hold the first night of its annual ranch rodeo at the arena behind Stanley's. An open-air dance will follow the rodeo.

COEA's events continue Saturday, July 1, with a ranch horse competition at 10 a.m. and the second and final night of the ranch rodeo at 7:30 with another dance to follow. Downtown merchants will be open Saturday, and other activities include a Depression lunch downtown at 11 a.m. and the annual Henson's turtle race at 3 p.m.

Sunday afternoon will be dedicated to the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department as it celebrates its centennial with an open house at the Fire Hall from 2 to 4 p.m.

Local merchants will be open all day Monday for your shopping convenience, and COEA will host a kids' rodeo for cowpokes ages 16 and under at 7:30 p.m.

The big day this year will be Tuesday, July 4, as the celebration returns to its traditional date and traditional location on the Courthouse Square. The craft fair will begin at 10 a.m., and the Old Settlers Reunion will follow at 10:30 a.m. The Shriners' Barbecue will begin at 11 a.m.

The Western parade will return to its 2 p.m. timeslot this year and will be followed by the Clarendon Lions Club's annual Cowpatty Bingo contest at the Lions Hall.

COEA will close out the celebration with a ranch bronc riding competition at 7:30 p.m.

Prospective craft fair vendors should contact the Donley County Extension Office, and those interested in being in the parade should call the Chamber of Commerce. COEA will continue its traditional role of handling the publicity of the celebration in the form of posters and advertisements.

Those planning to host other activities during the 129th Saints' Roost Celebration are asked to call the Chamber at 874-2421 to get on the calendar.

Trash to Treasures promotion expands to local communities

The first ever "Trash To Treasures" city-wide garage sale slated for Saturday, June 17, just got bigger and will include nearby communities of Howardwick, Hedley, and Lelia Lake.

THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE and A Fine Feathered Nest, Inc., have teamed up to sponsor "Trash To Treasures," the first of what they hope will become an annual event to coincide with Father's Day weekend.

Popular demand has led the ENTERPRISE and A Fine Feathered Nest to agree to expand the event outside of Clarendon to other local communities.

"Dozens of families have garage sales

scattered throughout the year," said ENTERPRISE publisher Roger Estlack. "The idea here is to coordinate those sales, have them on the same day, and try to draw the biggest possible crowds to the sales."

Residents who wish to participate in this year's "Trash To Treasures" are asked to come by the ENTERPRISE before 5 p.m. on Friday, June 9, to sign up for the promotion. For just \$20, each household will get 50-word advertisement in the Big-E Classifieds and the exclusive "Trash To Treasures" garage sale kit, which includes tips for holding a successful sale, price stickers, and two yard signs.

In addition, the ENTERPRISE will print a city map the week of the event indicating the location of each sale and will promote the citywide garage sale in area newspapers and with local radio ads.

The two sponsors intend for "Trash To Treasures" to be something that not only will help residents earn more money at their garage and yard sales but will also bring people from out of town to Clarendon to spend the day visiting our neighborhoods and patronizing our local merchants and restaurants.

Local merchants are encouraged to plan special promotions or sidewalk sales to coincide with the event, and advertising space will be made available on the back of the "Trash To Treasures" map. A Fine Feathered Nest's Chriss Clifford will be visiting local merchants to encourage them join in the event.

"Citywide garage sales have proven successful in other communities, and we believe Clarendon can benefit from the same kind of coordinated effort," Estlack said.

Remember: The deadline for "Trash To Treasures" is Friday, June 9, at 5 p.m.

Call the ENTERPRISE at 874-2259 today to sign up or come by the office at 105 S. Kearney in Clarendon.

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.

Clarendon well served by Selvidge

The City of Clarendon has been fortunate to have as its chief executive a man who has given much of his life to serving his community in one form or another. Mayor Tex Selvidge has carried out his duties faithfully, and it was with regret that the Board of Aldermen accepted his resignation Tuesday night.

Likewise, it is with sadness that this column bids him farewell as a city servant.

Being mayor is not an easy task, and not just every man or woman is up to it. As citizens we have entrusted Tex – we are all on a first name basis with him – with the duty of administering our city and presiding over the Board of Aldermen. In fact, in the 105 years since this city was incorporated, no other person has been entrusted with that task longer than he has.

Clarendon was first privileged to have Tex as a city leader in the 1970s, and he served as mayor from 1977 to 1980 – with a stint as an alderman book-ending that term. In 1997, this community returned him to office and has reelected or chosen not to challenge him ever since.

One could say that this longevity is due to his popularity, that he knows everyone, and that most everyone likes him. But that would be selling the man short.

As your correspondent at the city meetings, I have watched Tex deal with tough and complex issues on topics that frequently had no clear answer and more than once split the board. Time and again he would guide the aldermen, point them toward the path he thought was right, and, above all, what he thought would benefit the city.

"We have to keep in mind what's best for our people," he has told them on more than one occasion. "Put aside your personal feelings and do what's best for the people."

And no matter how heated the argument, the board did frequently follow the direction he gave them. It wasn't always unanimous, but that never seemed to bother Tex, at least not publicly. He staunchly maintained that it was fine to disagree with him and that everyone is entitled to his or her opinion.

Let us all remember what Tex has taught us by example about doing your best to work to improve our community. We all owe him a debt of gratitude we cannot repay, and we should all thank him for what he has done for us.

Ode to a Fallen Festival

Longtime readers will recall that back in 2001, your humble editor was overwhelmingly elected as Donley County's first Turkey King. It was the will of the common bird, which was evidenced by the fact that your faithful monarch was chosen not as a declared candidate but by a stealth write-in campaign that turned conventional poultry politics on its head.

When my term was up I graciously abdicated the Fowl Throne and relinquished my command to my successor, who in turn stepped down when his time came and so on and so forth from one reign to the next as one regal bird after another led our flock down the path of progress.

But as the original king – the monarch emeritus, if you will – I have watched with furrowed brow and heavy wattles as one Turkey Strut Festival after another has come and gone with seemingly less interest and less attendance than the one before. And so it was that I was distressed when the time for this year's festival passed by almost without notice, and the date for the annual transition of power was abruptly moved to the 20th of May – a time not like April when our species flocks and frolics and mates but a warmer time when we begin to sweat 'neath our feathers.

Lo, I became even more distressed to learn there would be no transition, no new king to lead our kind. And whilst I did sympathize – nay, empathize – with the busy schedules of those who are the powerbrokers of the poultry part, I felt that something great and grand had been lost and that our great Turkey civilization had fallen as surely and decidedly as mighty Rome did.

Still I summoned the courage that had been vested in me by my fellows to those many years ago and, feeling it incumbent on a bird of my station, made a brief appearance at this year's festival. But I was overcome with emotion when I saw not throngs of people but only a dozen or so little chicks dancing about never the while realizing that their feet were but kicking up the dust of what was once a great and glorious empire.

My tail feathers drooped as I returned to my royal transport, and it was then that I came to the clear and undeniable conclusion that it was over. What had started with fun and laughter and a whole community in stitches has since collapsed and passed over to the great beyond – not with the heavy sigh of one whose life has been troubled but with a giggling gobble, gobble of one who just remembered the punch line of joke from long ago.

The neck of our great celebration now lies stretched on the butcher's block, awaiting the final axe to fall that will mark the terminus of its reign on earth. And as I lay down my crown and kick the dust on to the grave I pray that time will recall our days with pleasure, and that future generations will know we tried to do our best for all bird-kind.

The Turkey Strut is dead. Long strut the turkeys!



editor's commentary by roger estlack

Graduates will be new leaders of Texas

By US Sen. John Cornyn

At ceremonies across Texas this month, high schools, colleges and universities are holding their commencement exercises. Thousands of proud young citizens are being recognized for their accomplishments and moved forward to the next challenges of their lives.

I had the honor of delivering three commencement speeches on May 13: at Texas State University in San Marcos, at Concordia University in Austin and at the Texas Tech University School of Law in Lubbock.

I told the Concordia graduates I was aware that I was the only thing standing between them and their diplomas at that moment. They laughed politely. But I also assured them it was truly inspiring to be present as a new generation of Texans enters the 'real world,' where they will shape the future for us all.

In my remarks to these graduates, I spoke of goals and dreams, of government and good citizenship, and of patriotism and public service. As I look back on that day of commencement, I realize that the most important advice for our state's graduates is this: work hard and achieve much, but remember to believe in something greater than yourselves.

Former Texas Chief Justice Jack Pope, a close friend and mentor, gave timeless advice when he spoke at a commencement more than a half-century ago:

"Styles in graduation talks, much like styles in fashion, change with the times, but the message remains constant: You are on the threshold of life's journey. But what will be the object of your trip?"

"Will it be your goal to obtain all the money in the world? If it is, understand it is unlikely that you will ever attain that goal. Will it be your goal to attain lasting fame? If it is, understand that will last for a time, but not forever. Will it be your goal to serve society? That will be the only goal that endures."

I couldn't agree more. We're living in a time of unprecedented prosperity, offering virtually unlimited opportunity. But not everyone shares in that prosperity – sometimes through no fault of their own.

We are incredibly blessed, at this time in history, to be living in Texas and in the United States of America. We are the envy of the world. A major reason is the generous, giving nature of our people, and the liberties we all enjoy.

Our graduates have enormous power to affect the futures of the communities, states and the great nation in which they live. That's because free people, working in their communities and motivated by high ideals, can accomplish more than any government program, more than any grant money, more than any bureaucrat. They can change this world.

Consider the life of one man in Austin, homeless earlier in his life, who joined

with five other parishioners of Saint John Neumann Catholic Church eight years ago to start "Mobile Leaves and Fishes." At first, the six simply delivered sack lunches from their cars to the indigent in Austin. As more volunteers appeared, the efforts expanded. Then trucks were donated, and churches in Austin and San Antonio joined up. The founders' spirit has rippled through these communities, and has extended all the way to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. The organization now has seven trucks and – more importantly – some 6,000 volunteers.

Nothing matches the power of individuals helping others in an hour of need. There are thousands of Texans who work daily – without fanfare – to help their fellow man. They can provide what government cannot – the warmth of a handshake, the empathy of a heart.

My hope for all our Texas graduates is that during their time in school they've developed not only the ability to achieve their personal dreams, but also the desire to serve others.

Winston Churchill once wrote: "We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give." And so I left these bright graduates with a challenge: use your God-given talent to lift someone else up, to set an example for those who will follow – to leave this earth even better than you found it. I am confident these bright Texans will meet the challenge.



May is time to honor America's military

As a nation, it is important to observe and participate in holidays and events that celebrate our national heritage. National Military Appreciation Month provides all Americans an opportunity to recognize the incredible sacrifices of our nation's armed forces and to reflect on our rich military history.

On April 30, 1999, the United States Senate passed a resolution that designated May as National Military Appreciation Month. This resolution called on the people of the United States, in a symbolic act of unity, to observe a National Military Appreciation Month to honor the current and former members of the Armed Forces, including those who have died in the pursuit of freedom and peace. A concurrent resolution, later agreed to by both the House of Representatives and the Senate, established May, in perpetuity, as National Military Appreciation Month.

May is an ideal time to honor our servicemen and women, as this year we celebrate Loyalty Day on May 1, VE Day on May 8, Military Spouse Day on May 12, Armed Forces Day on May 20, and Memorial Day on May 29.

Members of the armed forces and their families truly understand the meaning of commitment and sacrifice. While many Americans have served this great nation in varying capacities, it is the men and women who have served as soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines who have put their lives on the line. They have endured frequent deployments and long family separations in sometimes hostile environments to protect freedom and uphold the rule of law.

The very essence of being a member of our armed forces is defined when a recruit takes the oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States. This single act of commitment is significant because the military truly values the superiority of principle.

Military service builds character, as the words "duty," "honor," and "country" have special meaning. General Douglas MacArthur eloquently explained this during his legendary address to the Corps of Cadets at West Point on May 12, 1962: "Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you want to be, what you can be, what you will be. They are your rallying point to build courage when courage seems to fail, to regain faith when there seems to be little cause for faith, to create hope when hope becomes forlorn."

During Military Appreciation Month, we must remember the scale of the War on Terror in which we are now engaged. It is a global war fought against determined enemies. Our tyrannical foes control their countrymen through oppression and fear while resorting to ruthless tactics against



capitol comment by sen. kay bailey hutchison

those who champion peace and freedom. Defeating these enemies will require the determination, skill and courage of those who wear the uniforms of America's military forces.

I steadfastly stand behind our troops. As Chairman of the Senate's Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee, I work to make sure that supporting those who risk their lives to protect our freedom is always a priority.

As we remain committed to maintaining and supporting the finest armed forces in the world, we must be equally dedicated to caring for our veterans when they come home. In my committee, I make a special point to see that veterans receive proper medical care and have access to excellent hospitals and doctors who are researching the treatments our veterans need most.

I invite all Texans to join me in honoring our nation's heroes. Our recognition is important to our warriors, and it further strengthens America's collective consciousness about the virtues and values of military service.



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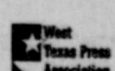
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Jaci Copelin and Ben Shaw (right) presented the check to volunteer fire fighters Lon Adams and Mark Montgomery.

HHS play raises money for fire department

The Hedley One Act Play presented *The Saga of Katy and The Gambler's Lady* for the public on Tuesday, May 9, to a crowd ready for laughter. The crowd was not disappointed as the cast put on a stellar performance and raised \$200.

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attend Hedley High School next year. After he graduates, he plans to attend UCLA or UT and major in criminal science investigation. He is very interested in making the world a safe place to live. In Dylan's spare time he enjoys playing sports and playing with his pets. Kailee is the daughter of Blain and Tanya Burton of Hedley. She received the Presidential Award for Outstanding Performance and was recently nominated for Education in Action - Lone Star Leadership Academy in Houston. She placed first in the 400-meter dash at the District Meet in Silvertown and will be a varsity cheerleader for the Hedley Owls during the 2006-2007 school year. She is very active in the Youth Ministry at Hedley First Baptist Church. She plans to pursue a career in medicine.

CC Regents approve three new technical programs

The Clarendon College Board of Regents swore in two new members and elected new officers during their regular meeting May 18 in the VIP Room of the Bairfield Activity Center. The oath of office was administered to returning regents Delbert Robertson and Doug Lowe and to new regents Jerry Woodard and John Howard. Charles Deyhle was elected as the board's new chairman, succeeding Mike Butts, who chose not to run for reelection to the board. Susie Shields is the board's new vice-chairman, and Robertson continues as secretary. Among the items of business considered by the board, the regents accepted a bid on tax delinquent property by Michael and Suzie Rhinehart. The board approved several proposals for furniture in the amount of \$22,526 and an additional \$39,665 to be billed in fiscal year 2007. The purchases include furniture for the new administrative offices being installed in the former college library, all new furniture in the first floor classrooms of the Administration Building, six new cubical offices in the CC Pampa Center, replacement furniture for the TV nooks in the Bairfield Activity Center, and new furniture for the secretaries in the east end of the Administration Building. The board approved the creation of three new technical programs - Criminal Justice, Management & Entrepreneurship, and Heat, Air Conditioning, & Refrigeration. Classes for the first two programs will be available in Clarendon, Pampa, and Childress, while the heating refrigeration courses will be offered only at CC's new center in Childress. Regents heard a preliminary report on hail damage to CC facilities. The roofs on the CC Automotive Building downtown and the former president's house on Collinson Street were totaled. An engineer has been called in to look at the other roofs on campus. In personnel issues, the board accepted the resignation of Kent Miller, who taught classes at the Roach Unit in Childress.

weather report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	15	85°	46°	-
Tues	16	77°	44°	-
Wed	17	82°	44°	-
Thur	18	89°	53°	-
Fri	19	94°	55°	-
Sat	20	101°	58°	-
Sun	21	103°	65°	-

Total precipitation this month: 2.05"
Total precipitation to date: 4.87"
Total precipitation in May last year: 1.35"
Total YTD last year: 7.38"

weekend forecast

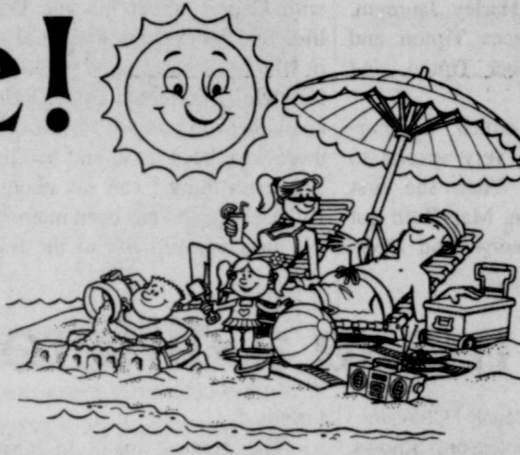
Friday, May 26
Sunny
93°/64°

Saturday, May 27
Partly Cloudy
91°/63°

Sunday, May 28
Partly Cloudy
93°/62°

Information provided by Tommie C. Saxe
50 yr Cooperative Observer, National Weather Service

It feels like Summer Time!



Floats, Goggles, Ear & Nose Plugs, Pools, Lounge Floats, Flip Flops, Sandles, Hats,



And much, much more!

Nutrition Tips

By: Paul & Elmonette Bivens

Always tell your doctor when you are taking nutritional. You may not like what they say, but experience and education are on their side.

Some Questions About Glucosamine from last week:

Glucosamine and diabetics? There is some concern but just test regularly and you will know if your blood sugar is rising. I do not see how there can be enough glucose in glucosamine sulfate to raise blood sugar but if yours does, it does.

Why didn't I mention chondroitin along with glucosamine and MSM? Chondroitin is a huge molecule and doesn't appear to be easily absorbed from the intestinal tract. It also seems to add a lot to the cost of the product. It is in a lot of formulas; and if you like that formula, I wouldn't let it concern me one way or another.

Many so called cartilage builders contain vitamin C, bovine cartilage, and other items. These are okay but I would not spend a lot of extra money for them. Just use common sense; and if one brand doesn't help, try another. There is no magic cure.

If cartilage is truly built, I believe more knees would be "healed." I think it is adding to the viscosity of the joint and helping to protect cartilage and bone left.

Two sure fire ways to help yourself to loose weight is to ride a stationary bike, with doctor's approval. If you're 50 lbs. overweight, a lot more than your knees is going to be hurting, and the bike will help strengthen your knees without impact. Once again, get your doctor's ok.

Graduation Gifts

from Every Nook & Cranny

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May 29

Memorial Day

June 2

Members Appreciation BBQ • Saints' Roost Museum grounds

June 9

Trash To Treasures Deadline • 5 p.m.

June 14

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June 17

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June 18

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Wed: Smothered pork chops, mini baked potato, glazed carrots, macaroni salad, coconut cream pie, corn muffin, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Thur: Chili rellenos, fiesta corn, refried beans, tossed salad, Neiman Marcus cake, chips and salsa, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Fri: Chicken strips, creamed potatoes and gravy, broccoli au gratin, peaches, cookies, biscuits, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Hedley Senior Citizens

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Wed: Ham salad, potato wedges, corn, tossed salad, Rice Krispie Treat, sliced bread, coffee, tea, milk

Thur: Steak and gravy, baked potato, green beans, pears and cottage cheese, roll, cobbler, coffee, tea, milk

Fri: Meatloaf, macaroni and tomatoes, fried squash, pickled beets, roll, pudding, coffee, tea, milk

Twilight Red Hatters meet in the park

The Twilight Red Hatters met in the City Park last Thursday with 19 Red Hatters and a "Reduction!" Roxanne Hamilton is their latest member to receive her Red Hat.

This is the second Reduction in the last three months. In March, Rhonda Aveni received her Red Hat with a covered dish cruise party at the City Library. This leaves them with one Pink Hat, and they would like to encourage the under 50s to join. They have a great time at their meetings, which are held once a month, usually the third Thursday, at a local restaurant.

In April the Twilight Red Hatters met at the Asian Café and were treated to a great buffet dinner. This club is great fun! It is a chance to play dress up and go out in the community and show off their beautiful outfits!

Sign up for citywide sale

The Trash To Treasures city-wide garage sale is coming Saturday, June 17 in Clarendon. Call 874-2259 for details and sign up by June 9 to participate.

Howardwick Dumpsters for residents only

Well, the big garage sale sponsored by the fire department was a huge success in spite of the heat.

Jerry Daniels, along with a rubber chicken, was the cheerleader; and each sale caused that chicken to squawk. Most sales were a quarter, so that poor old chicken had lost his squawk by Saturday afternoon, and the crew loaded up the remains and sent it off to Amarillo and the flea market up there.

Bobby Murdock, Bill Barton, Buster Baird, Harold Stevens, and Doc Holliday spent last week cleaning up around the trash Dumpsters and at the limb dump. The fence

around the limb dump has been repaired, and a key is necessary to get into the limb dump.

This is open to Howardwick residents and is for limbs and leaves only. Plastic bags should be opened and dumped and bags taken out for disposal. The key may be obtained at City Hall, or phone numbers are posted at City Hall.

The Dumpsters are for household trash only of Howardwick residents. Metal, lumber, and any other items for dumping go into the roll-off and require a key, permission, and money, depending on the items being dumped. Your cooperation will be

appreciated.

Nelda and Sam Grider are bragging about a new granddaughter. Her name is Maigyn Joye Ellis, the daughter of Gavin and Ansley Ellis of Friona. She was born May 11 and weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz. She has two sisters and a brother at home, and grandmother Nelda says she is beautiful. Nelda should know. This



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by Peggy Cockerham
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makes 14 grandchildren, eight girls and six boys.

Bobby and Donna Murdock are bragging about two grandchildren graduating from high school. Amber Murdock is graduating from Fort Stockton High School Friday and Tyler Henry from Odessa High Saturday. Congratulations to these two young people.

Have a safe Memorial Day weekend. Graduation and the holiday will coincide, and we can expect many visitors, so be vigilant. Watch for bicycles, golf carts, and four wheelers because we don't want someone injured.

Bishop, Peacock exchange vows during outdoor service

Wedding bells rang on Friday, May 19, for MaryRuth Bishop and James Peacock. The couple was joined in matrimony by George Howard at the Church of the Silent Teacher located in Clarendon at Seventh and Leroy. The ceremony was attended by close friends and relatives and followed with a catered meal by Misty Warren. Honor attendants were children of the couple: Nicole and Larry Beames and their children Cire and Harley Jauregui, Matthew and Rebecca Tipton and their daughter Amber Tipton, and Ryan Peacock.

The park at which the ceremony was held is very special to MaryRuth's heart. When she first moved to Clarendon, MaryRuth got acquainted with George and Dixie

Howard as she walked around her neighborhood. George and Dixie's home burned a couple of months later, and they decided to use the land to begin a park that would be available to all residents of Donley County. So as George and many helpers began work, MaryRuth got the benefit of continual changing scenery on her walks.

Before meeting James, MaryRuth had an opportunity to visit with George about his and Dixie's life. She remembers a special story in which George shared with her the following comments from Dixie. "I knew that life was not a bed of roses; there have been good and bad times. The main thing I can say about life with George is it has been interesting. We have enjoyed life to the fullest,



James Peacock and MaryRuth Bishop

and I know I have been loved."

MaryRuth's reply was "I want that!"

Soon after, she met James, and

they have begun the more mature years of their life together. Laughing, crying, and sharing an interesting life. Each knowing they are loved.

Try to make a difference in world around you

By MaryRuth Bishop, County FCS Agent

I don't think everyone knows that. Most people grew up being told they could make a difference, not that they do make a difference. As a result, some people believe they can choose to be neutral, making neither a positive nor a negative difference.

In practice, that just isn't so.

Have you recently encountered a person who didn't seem engaged? Perhaps he or she seemed wrapped up in his own private world, and you were left with the impression that you weren't important enough to gain admittance. Don't you hate to be ignored that way?

If you were to press that person, he might tell you he was simply being "neutral." He might not have been helpful or interested in you, but he wasn't doing you any harm.

That kind of rationalization is akin to the bystander at a mugging who chooses not to get involved. The fact is he has acted, in this case negatively, by not getting involved.

In practical terms, neutrality is

a myth.

The greatest insult in business or in life is indifference. You can't engage the world in a meaningful way by being "neutral." The perception on the part of others will be that they don't matter enough for you to engage with.

The point is that everyone makes a difference. The choice we all have is whether we want to make a positive difference or a negative one. The important question isn't, "Did you make a difference today?" The important question is, "What kind of difference did you make?"

For instance, have you made a positive or a negative difference to:

Your client or customer, who was in a pinch and needed immediate attention?

Your son or daughter, who wanted you to read to him or her when you were busy preparing for the next business day?

The stranger on the way to work who said good morning to you without getting a response?

The positive or negative impact you have on each person above vary only in magnitude. The principle is the same. When you choose not to make a positive difference, you almost always make a negative one.

Our actions and behaviors matter more than we realize. What we choose to do can improve, even if only in some small way, the quality of another person's day or life.

It sounds corny to some, but making the world a better place — your home, community, company, country or planet — is what motivates and drives each of us when we act as leaders or friends. If you see an opportunity to make things better, why ignore it?

How are you leaving your mark in life?

All of us want our lives to be significant, to believe we'll do something, somehow, that will be remembered. But for most of us, the best evidence we can leave that we passed through life is to lead when we are able, and follow when we

can't. Leadership isn't a mysterious art practiced by only a select few. It is the daily response of each man and woman who wishes to make a positive difference in the world, and make it a little bit better place as a result of their efforts.

The marks in life we leave — our legacies — are most often left not in stone or steel, in history and politics, poetry or literature, but in the lives of other people.

As we enjoy Memorial weekend please remember those who made a mark on your life. Be thankful for those soldiers who were willing to fight in a war to protect our freedoms and the freedoms of others. Be glad that we have the opportunity to be leaders as well as supporters to our public officials and those who are willing to step up to the plate of life.

(Adapted from *You Don't Need a Title to be a Leader: How Anyone, Anywhere Can Make a Positive Difference*, Currency, September 2006 release)

Library supporters plan photo contest for kids

The Friends of the Library are hosting a photography contest for all youth from kindergarten through senior age.

The contest is to be of local area landmarks, such as the museum, wild flowers, windmills, cows, trains, homes, or anything of that nature.

Winners will receive a monetary award of the following: First Prize \$50, Second Prize \$35, and Third Prize \$15.

Winning photos will become a part of a package of note cards the Friends of the Library sells for a fundraiser. Currently the package includes a note card with the courthouse. The photographers name and the picture location will be added to the back of the note card.

All photos will be displayed at the library and the public will be

invited to view photos from June 14-July 6.

The requirements are: No photo larger than 8x10 inches. (prefer regular photo copy 3½ x 5"). All photos to be posted on core board or poster board no larger than 11 X 14". Frames are not required or requested. Winners give up all copyrights to the photos.

The entry form must be filled out and attached to the back of the picture. Entry form must state where landmark is located (i.e. windmill on RO ranch.). The entry deadline is June 9 at the Burton Memorial Library. This contest is open to all Donley County youth.

If you have any questions or to pick up an entry form, contact Jerri Shields at 874-3685 or Gail Shelton at 874-9186.

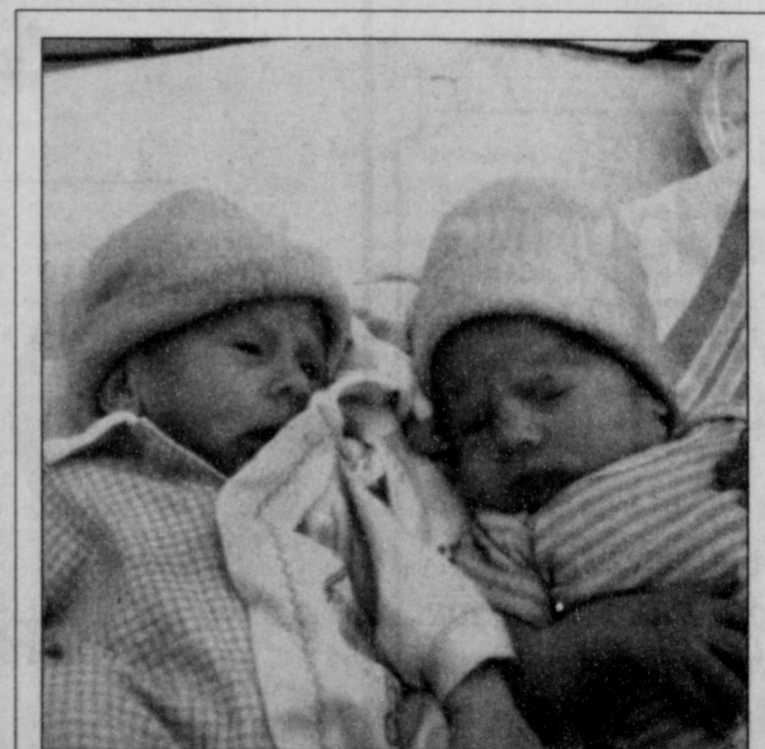
SWOSU names locals to honors lists

Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Weatherford has announced both the President's and Dean's Honor Rolls for the 2006 spring semester.

An undergraduate student who earns all A's in 12 or more hours during the summer semester qualifies for the President's Honor Roll. There were 455 students who were named

to the President's Honor Roll, including Josh Collins of Hedley and Kevin Green of Clarendon.

There were 634 students on the Dean's Honor Roll after completing 12 hours of undergraduate work with a GPA of 3.5 (B) or higher, with no grade lower than a (C). Local students on the dean's list were Britney Bennett and Joe Don Patterson



New Arrivals

Roger and Rachel Wade are proud to announce to arrival of their twin boys, Riley John and Reagan Vestal, born on April 13, 2006. Proud grandparents of the twins are Travis and Tonja Ruthardt of Clarendon, Mark and Sheila White of Clarendon, and Larry Wade of Abernathy. Great grandparents are Louis and Judy Ruthardt of Groom, Helen Wade of Abernathy, Mary Jane Smith of Amarillo, and Delbert and Ava White of Quail. Great great grandparents are Bess Ruthardt of Bogata, Texas, and Vergie White of Clarendon.

Ambassador program taps Hedley student

Kristen Dwight, a 10th grade student at Hedley High School, has been accepted into the People to People Student Ambassador Program, an educational travel program founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Dwight will explore Europe for 20 days in summer 2006 as member of the Amarillo delegation.

By participating in the Heart of the Mediterranean itinerary, Dwight can earn academic credit while getting to know the people, culture and history of the places visited. Dwight will take part in a variety of activities such as live with a host family in Malta, see the Leaning Tower of Pisa and come face to face with the "Mona Lisa" at the Louvre Museum.

Acceptance into the Student Ambassador Program is an honor. After being invited to enroll, Dwight submitted letters of recommendation and successfully completed an interview process. Before departing, Dwight will attend several orientation meetings with program leaders and fellow delegates to learn about the destination and prepare for the journey.

President Eisenhower founded People to People during his presidency in 1956 with citizen leaders including entertainer Bob Hope, Olympic champion Jesse Owens, amusement entrepreneur Walt Disney, and Hallmark Cards founder Joyce Hall.

Having served as a military commander, Eisenhower believed that ordinary citizens of different nations could make a difference where governments could not. People to People Student Ambassador Programs is based in Spokane, Washington, and has been coordinating educational trips for 50 years.

Quilting Club meets

The Golden Needles Quilting Club met on May 18, 2006, at the Agape Church with Betty Jean Williams from Turkey as hostess. They enjoyed quilting, visiting, and lunch.

They finished their quilt at this meeting.

Those present were Pearl Hermesmeier, Donna Barnes, Josie Burgess, Ann Bunyan, Eva Lee Swinney, Dortha Reynolds, and Betty Jean Williams.

The June meeting will be with Eva Lee Swinney on June 16, 2006, at the Agapé Church Building.

Everything Will Be Okay

By Mary Beth Nelson

"I just wish everything would be okay," sighed my good friend after confiding a frustrating problem.

Later, I considered what we humans mean by "everything's okay." Is it never having conflict, either physical, mental, or spiritual? If perfection is required for your comfort, things will never be "okay" for anyone.

God is so generous with abundant blessings. That does not mean we will never be expected to face difficult situations. Once we accept obstacles as a natural part of life, we are more likely to achieve peace of mind. We know Paul realized this from his encouraging comment, "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:13).

During times when circumstances do not work out as we prefer, anxiety will not improve the situation. We must remember there are things beyond our control. Perhaps that is what the young child in cartoonist Bil Keane's "Family Circus" meant when she expressed "God never takes a vacation cause He can't find anybody good enough to fill in." I completely agree. We are NOT good enough to "fill-in" for God. However, with constant faith renewal that God is in charge, we can believe that "everything will be okay."

Bible Thought: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." (Philippians 4: 6 NIV)

Mary Beth is an inspirational writer who has been published in numerous books and publications.

Obituaries

Edes

Funeral services for Herbert D-yle Edes, age 61, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 12, 2006, in Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors Ivy Chapel in Amarillo with Dick Marcear of the Church of Christ at the Colonies, officiating. Burial was held in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Amarillo.

Mr. Edes died Wednesday, May 10, 2006. He was born November 10, 1944, in Amarillo. He worked as a truck driver and rancher most of his life. He also worked as a butcher for many years. He served in the US Army First Cavalry Infantry from 1963 to 1970 during which time he served two tours in Vietnam. He received the rank of Staff Sergeant and was awarded the Distinguished Service Award, the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star (September 16, 1968), and the Silver Star (age 23). A soldier who served with Herb stated that no one but him knew he had received the Silver Star; and when he told the officials in Washington, DC, Herb's response was that everyone should have received it. He will be greatly missed by his loved ones and friends.

He was a Catholic. He was preceded in death by his father, Carl Edes, Sr., and mother Mattie Edes Harris.

Survivors include a daughter, Leah and husband Brian Price of Waco; a grandson, Trey Price of Waco; two brothers, Carl E. Edes, Jr., and wife Judy of Berryton, Kansas, and Melvin Edes and wife Kathy of Amarillo; a twin sister, Gayle Edes of Clarendon; nephews, Randy Edes, Allen Shankles and wife Carrie, Ken Dorris and wife Amy all of Amarillo, and Robert Babcock of Lubbock; nieces, Lisa Edes of Amarillo; great nieces, Jordan Dorris of Dallas and Alexia Shankles of San Francisco,



Edes

California; and great nephew, Eric Dorris, of Amarillo.

Fedric

Funeral services for Stephen Milton Fedric, age 81, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 22, 2006, in the First United Methodist Church in Wellington with Rev. Charles Addington, Pastor, and Rev. Michael Breedlove, Pastor of the Trinity Fellowship Church in Wellington, officiating.

Mr. Fedric died Saturday, May 20, 2006, in Wellington. He was born in Claude and lived in Stratford until 1935 when his dad, Remer Fedric, began working at road construction and moved his family to follow the work. Steve went to 17 schools in Texas before graduating from Claude High School in 1943. He joined the Navy soon after graduating and was sent to the South Pacific with the construction battalion "Sea Bees," where he helped build air strips on a number of islands. He returned to the states in 1946 and was discharged from the Navy a few months later. Steve married Marjorie Gilbert at Claude on June 1, 1947. They lived in Hereford and Amarillo before moving to Clarendon where they farmed for 22 years and raised their family. In 1972, they moved to Perryton for a short time, then to Pampa where Steve worked for Permian Corp. hauling crude oil for 15 years. After retirement, they made their home near Pampa until the summer of 2005 when they moved to Wellington. Steve loved the Lord, his family, and the church. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in



Fedric

Wellington.

Survivors include his loving family and wife; two daughters, Cheryl Sanders and husband Bob of White Deer and Lanita Moore and husband Bud of Lubbock; two sons, Mitch Fedric and wife Tana of Bridgeport, Texas, and Randy Fedric and wife Bonnie of Wellington; seven grandchildren, Robert Moore, Dusty Harrison, Andy Starnes, Jana Moore, Justin Moore, Cody Fedric, and Coby Fedric; and six great grandchildren.

Mann

Memorial services for Glenn Alan Mann, age 56, were at held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 13, 2006, in Robertson Chapel of Memories with Bright Newhouse, Church of Christ Minister, and Eddie Stegall, minister of the Clarendon Church of Christ, officiating. Cremation took place in Fort Worth and interment was held at Citizens Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mr. Mann died Thursday, May 11, 2006, in Hurst, Texas. He was born December 11, 1949, in Clarendon and was raised in Clarendon. He was a resident of Georgia before moving to Hurst 20 years ago. He had been a truck driver most of his life. He was a US Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, for which he received numerous commendations and awards for his military service. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gordon V. Mann on April 21, 1991; and a brother, Wayne Mann on July 29, 1971.

Survivors include his mother, Irene Brians Mann of Lubbock; a sister, Shirley Bobbitt and husband Emmett of Lubbock; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests that memorials be to the Clarendon Church of Christ Family Life Center Fund.



the lion's tale
by allen estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting May 23, 2006, with Boss Lion Mark C. White in charge.

We had 21 members and four guests - Phil Fletcher, guest of Lion Debbie Hamilton; Scarlet Estlack, guest of Lion Russell Estlack; Landon Lambert, guest of Lion Judy Burlin; and Lana Barnett, guest of the club.

Mrs. Barnett presented our program on the Texas Plains Trails Region, which includes all the Panhandle and South Plains counties. This 52-county region is the largest in the state. They have 450,000 brochures available to the public with short descriptions of the major towns in each county and the attractions there. They also have a deck of cards with one card for each county, and these are available at the Chamber of Commerce office.

We reminded those who are going to set out and take up flags Monday. There being no further, we were adjourned.

Thank You

Thank you to Clarendon, Howardwick, the Texas Panhandle, and as far away as Virginia for your cares, concerns, donations, hospital visits, and most of all your prayers for the loss of my beloved husband, James McMorries. There were so many donations and flowers sent with no address and some with no name so please know that you are appreciated.

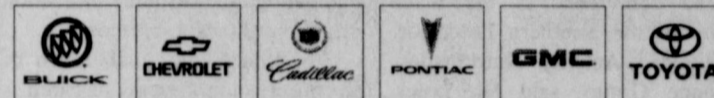
James was a wonderful man with a huge heart and we all miss him dearly.

Thank you again for everything and for making our home in Howardwick a place I want to stay forever.

Tanis McMorries

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4-H Spotlight

By Ashlyn Tubbs

This week's 4-H spotlight is on Lee Tolbert. Tolbert is 15 years old. He has been in 4-H for three of those years. The 4-H activities that he has participated in are showing animals in the Livestock Show and photography. He placed 1st, 2nd, and received Grand Champion overall for showing his pig in the Donley County Livestock Show.

"I like 4-H because you get to get out and see people and places, you learn how to work together, and it teaches you to be a leader," Tolbert says.

Tolbert's hobbies and interests are lifting weights, hunting, riding 4-wheelers and dirt bikes, and riding horses. His family activities are hunting, fishing, going to the stockshow, and attending the stockshow and Church together. His church/community activities that he is involved in are going to the Community Fellowship Church and attending the First United Methodist Church for Youth on Wednesday nights. His school activities include football, basketball, track, and band.

The 4-H club members enjoy having Lee in our group. We hope that he will continue to come to all of our meetings and participate in all of the 4-H activities that we have to offer.

Be sure to stay tuned next week for our next 4-H spotlight!



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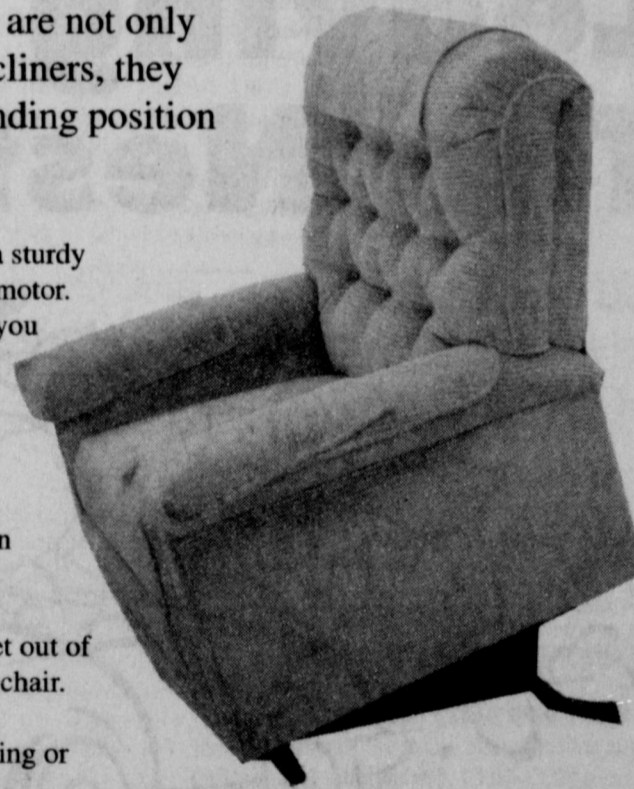
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FSA reminds producers to sign-up for DCP

Agricultural producers have until June 1, 2006, to sign up for the 2006-crop Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program (DCP), said Bruce Ferguson, County Executive Director with the Donley County Farm Service Agency (FSA).

USDA will accept late-filed DCP applications through September 30, 2006, if accompanied by a \$100 late fee. Producers will be unable to apply for 2006 DCP payments after September 30, 2006. Sign-up for the 2006 DCP began October 1, 2005.

"I encourage farmers and growers to sign up for DCP by June 1 by visiting the USDA FSA office or by using the convenient online DCP service," said Ferguson. "This program

plays an important role in providing producers income support."

The program provides payments to eligible owners, operators, landlords, tenants, or sharecroppers on farms enrolled for the 2002 through 2007 crop years. There are two types of DCP payments - direct payments and counter-cyclical payments. Direct payments are tied to acreage bases and yields. Because direct payments provide no incentive to increase production of any certain crop, the payments support farm income without distorting producers' current production decisions.

Counter-cyclical payments provide support counter to the cycle of market prices as part of a federal

farm program "safety net" in the event of low crop prices. Counter-cyclical payments for a commodity are only issued if the effective price for a commodity is below the target price for that commodity.

The 2002 Farm Bill requires producers sign annual contracts through 2007 to participate in DCP. Producers may choose not to participate in DCP in any year. USDA has issued more than \$28 billion in DCP payments to producers since the program began in October 2002.

Producers may also sign up for DCP online at http://www.fsa.usda.gov/egov/edcp_default.htm. Applicants must have an active USDA eAuthentication

Level 2 account to use the service. This requires filling out an online registration form at <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov> and visiting the local FSA office for identity verification.

The online service allows producers to choose 2006 DCP payment options, assign crop shares, as well as sign and submit their contracts over the Internet. The service was designed to reduce paperwork and speed up contract processing at FSA offices.

The DCP was authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 and is administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency.

Conservation group to meet in Amarillo in June

AMARILLO - Conservation practices and updates about developing technology will be the topic of visiting researchers, crop consultants, chemical representatives, and producers at the Southern Conservation Systems Conference June 26-28 here.

The 28th annual Southern Conservation Systems Conference: "Improving Conservation Technologies to Compete for Global Resources and Markets" is scheduled for June 26-28 at the Fifth Seasons Inn, 6801 Interstate 40 West.

The conference is the main activity of the Southern Extension and Research Activity - Information Exchange Group, said Dr. Louis Baumhardt, U.S. Department of

Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service soil scientist and local coordinator for the conference.

This group uses the conference as a forum for exchanging information on conservation systems among researchers, Extension, Natural Resources and Conservation Service personnel, crop consultants, ag-chemical companies and farmers, Baumhardt said.

The main objective of the conference is to expand the use of conservation practices in the southern US to reduce soil erosion, environmental degradation, and resource utilization (irrigation water for instance).

To achieve this goal, much of the conservation systems research is directed at developing technologies

that increase farm yields and/or profitability while improving the quality of soil and water resources for agricultural, domestic and recreational uses, Baumhardt said.

This year's program features a producer panel discussion of conservation systems used on dryland and irrigated farms, with some that integrate livestock grazing, he said.

More than 20 presentations and about 40 poster reports will describe research that integrates livestock into forage, grain and fiber cropping systems or implements sensor and tillage technology to increase the efficiency of water, ag-chemicals and energy use, Baumhardt said.

A half day tour on June 28 will highlight local concentrated feeding

operations, commercial farms using conservation tillage, and research sites for developing and quantifying efficient irrigation application practices, wind energy generation, and residue management systems, he said.

Continuing education units have been applied for from both Texas Department of Agriculture and Texas Certified Crop Advisors.

Conference registration costs are \$120, with students getting a discounted rate of \$50. The fee covers two lunches, refreshments during breaks, conference abstracts and proceedings, and the optional tour.

For additional information and developing program, go to <http://www.cprl.ars.usda.gov/SCSC.htm>.

Emergency farm loan applications now being accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for damages and losses caused by fire on March 12, 2006, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located at 321 Sully Street in Clarendon, Larry Goetze said today.

Donley County is one of six recently named by the Secretary of Agriculture eligible for loans to cover physical and production losses resulting from the fire and high winds.

FSA Farm Loan Manager Larry Goetze said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agriculture business, whichever is less. For

farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Goetze said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until December 20, 2006; but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing with possible delays into the new farming

season," Goetze said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations, or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

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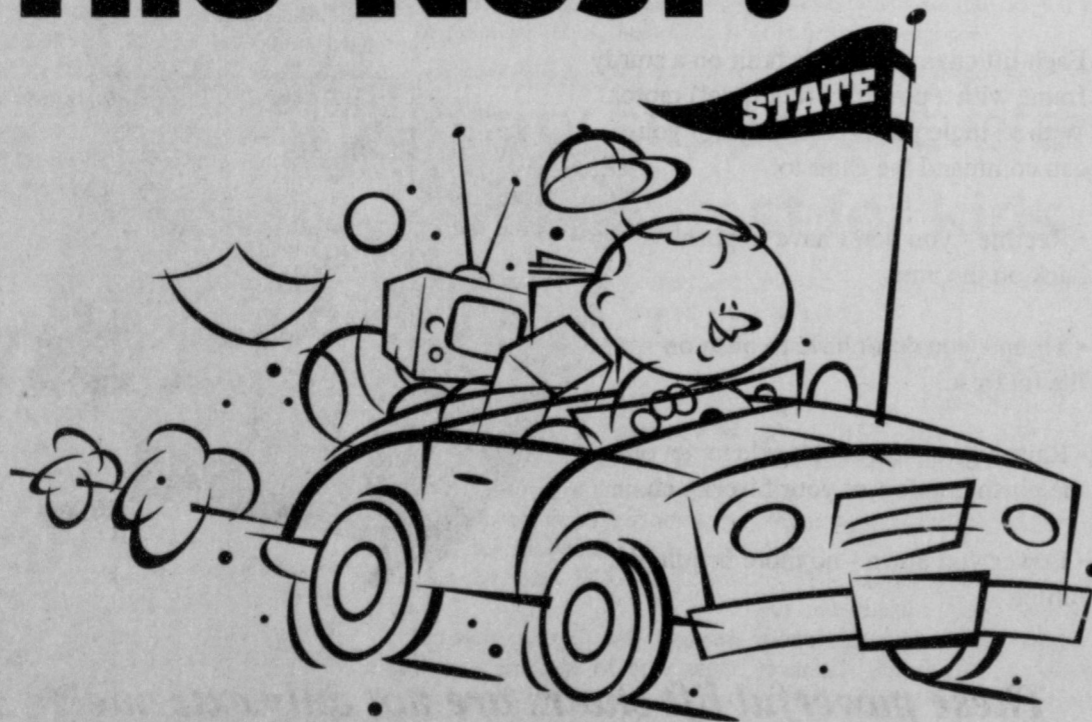
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Hospital board considers capping indigent expense

The Donley County Hospital Board met May 16 in the Conference Room of the Medical Center Nursing Home.

Administrator Vicky Robertson said the nursing home census was at 53 and that three Medicare accounts were ready for billing. She also said a decrease in calls for the ambulance service in April will result in decreased accounts receivable in the coming months.

The board approved Robertson's request to pay off an equipment note for the ambulance service in the amount of \$9,622.37.

In the indigent care report, Holly Eads reported processing two new applications. One was denied, and one was approved.

The board discussed putting a per person cap on indigent expenses and voted in favor of seeking a legal opinion on this from attorney Chuck Hester of Canyon.

The board reviewed resolutions previously passed by the board which may be in conflict with the hospital district's enabling legislation and repealed those resolutions.

Chairman Alan Fletcher discussed the need to appoint someone to fill the vacancy on the board created by the death of Onita Thomas, and he nominated Mark C. White for that position. The motion carried, and Mr. White will be sworn in at the next meeting.

A bid from Michael and Suzie Rhinehart on tax delinquent property in Clarendon was considered and approved.

The board approved a clarified and revised vacation policy as submitted by Robertson. The board also acknowledged a legal opinion from attorney Jim Shelton that competitive bidding laws require bids on expenditures over \$25,000. Previous information stating that bids must be obtained for expenditures over \$2,000 was in error.

Robertson reported that a van was available from a local dealer for \$24,224.99 and said the van could be equipped with a wheelchair lift and tie-downs for \$7,465 by Open Road Mobility. Half the conversion costs will be paid by funds raised by last fall's poker run, and the van will be used to transport residents to appointments and on nursing home outings. The board approved these expenditures.

The board discussed and approved purchasing a T1 system through Valor Telecom in the amount of \$15,613.77.

Preliminary budgets were submitted to the board for the nursing home and the ambulance service.

Fletcher was reported to be meeting with local business owners to arrange time off for ambulance volunteers, and the board approved a motion to have Fletcher and board member Don Thornberry represent the district in meeting with area counties to set up mutual aid agreements.

A committee was also appointed consisting of Fletcher and board members Gene Hommel and Bright Newhouse to formulate ideas for recruiting more ambulance service volunteers.

Following a 22-minute closed session, the board approved salary caps for the district's top administrative positions, including Administrator, Assistant Administrator, Director of Nursing, and Director of Operations for the ambulance service.

These positions will be eligible for bonuses up to three percent effective July 1, 2006, with the exception of the administrator, who will receive a prorated amount for up to six months. All other employees will receive up to a three percent increase in wages on the anniversary date of each employee.

In open floor discussion, there were no comments from the floor.

Breast cancer screening to be held June 19

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at the Associated Ambulance Authority Building on Highway 70 in Clarendon on June 19, 2006.

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Callaway takes position at Caprock High

By Sandy Anderberg

Flashback to 2000-2001-basketball season: The Broncos were ready to begin the year under the guidance of a new coach with great anticipation. Wade Callaway was excited as the students and was eager to begin his teaching and coaching duties at CHS.

"We began our time here in an exciting way," Callaway said. "Our first son Creed was born June 27 and June 29 we moved to Clarendon."

Callaway's love for young people covered the classroom as well as the court and while at CHS, he taught World Geography, Teen Leadership, Biology and AP Biology.

"We have seen several things 'live' via our video conference lab in the classroom," Callaway said. "We have seen open heart surgery and a total knee replacement. We've also gone on virtual zoo tours and witnessed a human autopsy."

His time on the court with the Broncos was time well spent and during the first two years posted a 22-38 record overall. But the last three years at the controls, Callaway racked up a 55-33, 21-9 in district play and went 10-0 in the 2004 season.

"We were suppose to have all

five starters back from that district championship team this past season," Callaway said. "However, all five were lost before the season due to injury, personal problems, or transfer. In spite of this we finished third in our district at 6-4 behind two state-ranked teams, Claude and Memphis. We did, however defeat Memphis once during that season."

Under Callaway, the Broncos were honored with many All-District selections, state rankings, and tournament championships.

Callaway coached many highly ranked tennis teams as well. He guided Amina and Uthala Abdullah to the state championship twice and also took Chase Thornberry to that tournament once.

"Amina and Uthala have gone on to be players for Seward County where they have both qualified for the National NJCAA Tennis Tournament," Callaway said.

In addition to coaching basketball and tennis, Callaway was very involved in the junior high programs in these sports and was an assistant high school and junior high football coach. He will be missed to say the least.

On to the present and Callaway's

move to a 4A school where he will be at the helm of the boy's basketball program and a Biology teacher.

"Caprock is coming off a historic run in basketball," Callaway said. "They have made the playoffs three straight times, but unfortunately, only 0.7 points per game are returning off of those successful teams. In spite of our inexperience, youth, and lack of size, the kids believe they are going to win and will work hard to get it done. It will also be very helpful to have two full-time assistants who have already helped me tremendously."

Callaway and the Longhorns will have a very tough district that includes Palo Duro, Dumas, Hereford, Pampa and Randall High.

"It will be a challenge, but we feel the Lord's hand in all of this and that gives us a great deal of confidence and encouragement."

Callaway wants everyone to know that their time in Clarendon has been very special to them.

"Bethany and I have since added two more children with another on the way," Callaway said. "We have met many dear people and I have had the privilege of working with some of the finest people in the state at CHS:

Larry Jeffers, Brandon Word, Brad Elam, Steve Myatt and support staff such as Ron Burleson, Betty Mays, Carlton Turvaille, and Valorie Ashcraft.

"Our church and many community members have been very supportive as well: Renee Betts, Theresa Shelton in their hard work with tournaments, etc., Jerry Woodard who supported the Broncos, Sue Thompson, Lynne Mathiason who helped at the scoring table, and Sandy Anderberg for her work at the paper and help at the scorer's table.

"Also the Abdullah family and Tony Starnes who helped in ways too numerous to count. We have met some great young people and I look forward to keeping up with many of them and the successes they are bound to experience!"

Fast forward to the future: Wade Callaway will be greatly missed in the halls and on the court at CHS. His zest for life and unmatched energy will always linger in the Bronco Gymnasium as the Broncos continue down the road that Callaway has helped to pave.

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Clarendon golf tournament draws several teams

By Sandy Anderberg

Twenty-three teams took part in the Three-Man Scramble held May 20-21 at the Clarendon Country Club, which consisted of 36 holes.

The first flight winner was the team of H. Barnett, B. Hutcherson, and T. Crockett with a 107. Second place went to A. Graves, T. Stroud, and L. Phillips with a 111, and third place was won by A. Maon, Pendergraft, and K. Neal, who turned in a total score of 112.

A. Segura, F. Segura, and

McCallister won the first flight turning in a 126. J. Permenter, B. Smith, and E. Sullivan tied for second and third with A. Ramsey, M. Santos, and S. Jarnigan with a 127.

The second flight winner with a total of 128 was the team of J. Wetzel, R. McClure, and R. Lamnack. G. Leathers, T. Esch, and J. Esch finished second with a 132, and the team of G. Washington, B. Morrison, and W. Miller was third shooting a 133.

Tom Stauder won the weekly

men's game out of a field of 16 players with a 65. Redell Johnston and Ellis Knight tied for second place with a 67, and Carroll Duncan shot a 68 for fourth. Dan Ashford set one stroke under his age of 85 as he turned in an 84.

Wanda Nazworth's 64 took top honors in the weekly women's game. Maxine McLaughlin was second with a 68, and Quida Gage shot a 72 for third.

The winner of the Friday night nine-hole scramble was Redell John-

ston, Wanda Nazworth, Jarad Lax, Michael Thompson, and Bobbie Conrad with eight under par. Four other teams competed in the scramble and came in at six under, three under, and three under.

The nine-hole scrambles will be held each Friday night at 6:00 pm and the CCC is offering free green fees on Friday with a paid price of a cart. There will be a Two-Person Scramble June 3-4. For more information on the happenings at the CCC you may call the Pro Shop at 874-2166.

Abdullah sisters play in National Tournament for Seward

The Seward County Community College women's tennis team ended their remarkable season in 10th place at the NJCAA Women's Tennis National Championship Tournament in Tucson, Arizona, recently.

The Lady Saints' Uthala Abdullah of Clarendon finished in the Top Eight of the National Tournament. Uthala Abdullah won her first two matches before falling in the round of eight.

Amina Abdullah, also of

Clarendon, won first round matches before dropping her Round of 16 competitions. In doubles play No. 2 doubles pair, Amina Abdullah and Uthala Abdullah continued their strong play together finishing 2-1 in the tournament, while reaching the Round of Eight (Quarter Finals).

The Abdullah twin sisters defeated Pima Community College, 6-2 and 6-1 in the first round, and then knocked off Eastern Arizona College, 6-1 and 6-2. The Abdullahs

finished their year with a 6-2 and 7-5 loss to Lee College.

The Lady Saints tennis program had a banner year in 2006 with a third place finish at the Region VI Tournament, 10th place finish at the National Tournament, and a final ITA national ranking at No. 20.

Four singles players received Top 90 final national rankings, and all six players competing in doubles received rankings in the top 60 in the country.

West named District MVP

By Sandy Anderberg

Senior Quentin West has been named the District Most Valuable Player as selected by the participating district coaches.

West has been a strong force on the mound for the Bronco baseball team as well as other Bronco sports.

"Quentin was unanimous," Coach Brad Elam said. "No one nominated anyone else. He deserved it; he dominated the district."

Other Broncos named to the All-District team was catcher Dalton Askew, infielder Stephen Ford, and outfielder Jon McGlaun. Infielder Austin Howard was named to the second team.

"All honors were deserved as these players were at the top of their district," Elam said.

Congratulations!

Bulldogs to hold tryouts next month

Clarendon College will be hosting baseball tryouts for its 2006-2007 team this June.

Tryouts will be held on Sunday, June 4 and Saturday, June 24, at 1 p.m. with registration beginning at noon both days.

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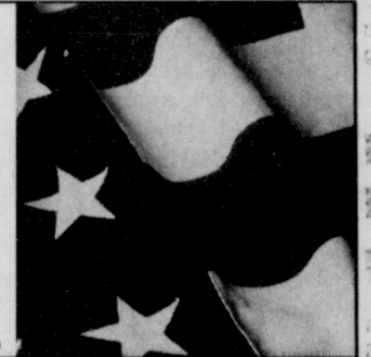
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Review by the Appraisal Review Board: If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board.

The appraisal review board (ARB) is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals and other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the appraisal district to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice a protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notification of the time, date, and place of the hearing. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You and the appraisal district representative will be asked to present evidence about your case. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at 307 S. Sully or P O Box 1220, Clarendon 79226; phone 806-874-2744.

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator: After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. As an alternative and within the same time period, you may file a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district in certain cases.

Tax Payment: You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More information: You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at 307 S. Sully or P O Box 1220, Clarendon 79226; phone 806-874-2744. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P O Box 13528, Austin, TX 78711-3528.

DEADLINE FOR FILING PROTESTS WITH THE ARB*

Usual Deadline: On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause. Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines: For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually Feb. 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

*The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

TxDOT supporting drug/alcohol free graduation parties

CHILDRESS – Nineteen schools in the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Childress District have agreed to hold an after graduation "drug/alcohol free" party for their students. These schools will be reimbursed for the expense of their parties in amounts ranging from \$260 to \$375.

In Texas, traffic crashes, half of which involve alcohol and other drugs, are a leading cause of death and serious injury for young people ages 15-19. TxDOT started the Project Celebration program in 1984, to give students the opportunity to celebrate graduation without alcohol and drugs.

TxDOT Childress District is comprised of the following counties Wheeler, Donley, Collingsworth, Briscoe, Hall, Childress, Hardeman, Motley, Cottle, Foard, Dickens, King, and Knox. The schools in the TxDOT Childress District that plan to hold a project celebration event are: Benjamin High School, Fort Elliott High School, Childress High School, Chillicothe High School, Clarendon High School, Crowell High School, Hedley High School, Knox City High School, Patton Springs High School, Motley County High School, Paducah High School, Quannah High School, Smanorwood High School, Shamrock High School, Silvertown High School, Spur High School, Wellington High School, Wheeler High School and Memphis High School.

For more information about this program or any other TxDOT issue, contact Barbara Seal Childress District Public Information Officer at 940/937-7145.

Fire Department Fundraiser Dinner set for June 9

A special catfish dinner will be held to benefit the three volunteer fire departments of Donley County on Friday, June 9, at the Lions Den in Clarendon. The dinner will be served from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. and is sponsored by St. Mary's Catholic Church.

The head chef has indicated that they are in need of six fryers to help prepare the catfish, which will be served in addition to hush puppies, coleslaw, and beans.

All citizens of Donley County are invited to attend this dinner to show additional support for our brave volunteer firemen who have spent long hours fighting all the fires in our area.

The net proceeds from this dinner will be given to the fire departments of Clarendon, Hedley, and Howardwick. Suggested minimum donation is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12.

Thornberry backs bill to prevent tax increase

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. House of Representatives acted recently to keep the country's continuing economic growth from being derailed by tax increases. Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) voted in support of H.R. 4297, the "Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005," which passed the House by a 244-185 vote.

"Without this bill, millions of Americans from all walks of life will be hit with higher taxes. That is not what we need at a time when our economic recovery is moving along," said Thornberry.

H.R. 4297, which is expected to be considered by the U.S. Senate later this week, will keep approximately 15 million Americans from being vulnerable to the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT).

The bill also blocks increases in the tax rates for dividend income and capital gains income - action that the U.S. Treasury Department estimates will save 28 million families an average of almost \$990 on their 2006 tax returns.

Although he is pleased with the passage of H.R. 4297, Thornberry said more work remains to be done.

"This bill is a good one, but it does not eliminate all potential tax increases this year. I expect us to vote soon on other legislation to hold the line on taxes," said Thornberry.



Aldermen Sam Grider, Lee Ann Cook, and Buster Baird receive the oath of office from Howardwick City Secretary Dianna Knight.

Howardwick swears in three aldermen

The City of Howardwick administered the oath of office to three aldermen during a called meeting last Tuesday.

Following the canvassing of the May 13 election, incumbents Lee Ann Cook and Sam Grider were joined by H.L. "Buster" Baird in taking the oath.

The board also acknowledged the late James McMorris as the winner of the mayoral election.

Mayor Pro-tem Marvin Elam declared the office of mayor to be vacant, and a meeting was set for

May 23 to appoint a new mayor.

In other city business, Howardwick aldermen met in regular session May 9 with a full agenda. The board reviewed the city's commercial zoning ordinances and restrictions, and Elam reviewed information from the Texas Municipal League. The board voted 4-1 to leave the restrictions unchanged.

Alderman Bill Barton reported that the tree limb dump is in bad shape and needs repairs, and Alderman Grider said the city still has a dog problem.

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I'm in good company, I'm up here with God.
Come to my grave and visit with me,
I gave my life so you could be free.
Today is Memorial Day throughout this great land,
There's avenue of flags, parades, and bands.
I can hear music, the firing squad and taps,
Here comes my comrades, the legionaries, the bluecaps.
One of them just put a flag on my stone,
Some day he'll have one by his own.
Some think of this day as just a day free from toil,
While others are busy working the soil.
They say they have plans, other things to do,
Don't put us aside as you would an old shoe.
Come visit my grave in this cemetery so clean,
This is what Memorial Day means.
There are many of us lying in wakeless sleep,
In cemeteries of green and oceans deep.
It's sad that for many who fought so brave,
Now no one comes to their grave.
They died so you could have one more year free,
Now can't you save this one day for me?
There are soldiers, sailors, airmen up here,
Who went into battle despite their fear.
I've been talking up here to all those women and men,
If they had to do it over, they'd do it again.
Look, someone is coming to visit my grave,
It's my family, for them my life I gave.
My wife, I remember our last embrace,
As I left the tears streamed down your face.
I think you knew the day I shipped out,
I wouldn't return, your lives be turned about.
There's my daughter that I used to hold,
Can it be that you're nearly twenty years old?
Next month is to be your wedding day,
I wish I could be there to give you away.
My son's here too, dad's little man,*

*Always love your country, do for it what you can.
There is one thing that really did bother,
Is seeing you grow up without the aid of a father.
I wish you could all hear me from up above,
That's a father's best gift to his children is love.
And what better way to prove my love to the end,
Is that a man lay down his life for his friends?
I see its time for you to go home,
Your visit made it easier to remain here alone.
Don't cry honey, you look so sad,
Our children are free you should be glad.
Daughter, thanks for the bouquet so cute,
Thank you son, for that sharp salute!
Come again, I forgot, you can't hear me from up here,
But I know you'll come visit me next year.
I hope all veterans are treated this way,
On this day to remember, Memorial Day.
---Author Unknown*

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Former Pantex workers to meet

Former Pantex workers are invited to attend a town hall meeting in Amarillo on June 2.

The town hall meeting is part of the Pantex Former Worker Program (FWP) funded by the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Environmental Health. The program is administered by Drexel University School of Public Health through a contract for services. It is under the Direction of Arthur L. Frank, MD, PhD, a physician board-certified in Occupational and Preventive Medicine, to assure occupational medicine expertise in the performance and interpretation of medical screening tests. A local office has been established to identify and assist eligible former workers with enrollment paperwork.

The town hall meeting will provide a forum to share information about the national former worker program, summarize general findings from the local screenings to date, answer questions about both the screening program and the Energy Employee compensation program (EEOICPA) administered by the U.S. Department of Labor. Suggestions for identifying former workers so they can be made aware of the opportunity to participate will be welcomed.

Individuals who formerly worked at the Pantex Plant and may have had work-related exposures are eligible to participate in the medical screening program. Participation in the program is voluntary. There is no cost to enroll in the program or for the medical screening tests. The town hall meeting for Pantex former workers will be held Friday, June 2, 2006, from noon to 2 p.m. in the Amarillo Senior Citizen Association building, 1217 S. Tyler. Lunch will be served, so reservations are required. All former workers are encouraged to attend. The deadline for reservations is May 25, 2006.

To find out more about the Pantex Former Worker Program, or to make reservations contact Sarah at 378-8939.



Turkey struttin'

Samantha Hinton (left) guides Lane and Makenzie Hinton during the a game of musical squares during the annual Turkey Strut Festival last Saturday in Clarendon.

Enterprise Photo

Radio course to be offered in Quanah

The Three Rivers Foundation "3RF" announces a one day amateur radio course for the No Code Technician License to be held in Quanah on June 10.

The class will begin at 8:00 a.m. in the Three Rivers Ball Room in downtown Quanah. Instructors Curtis Foote, Rod Jackson, and Bill Price will cover all material required

for the exam. This class will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. At 6 p.m., the test will be given by the volunteer examiner group from the Wichita Falls Amateur Radio Society.

The cost of the class is \$29.95. This includes the cost of study material and the exam. Pre-registration is required. For information, call Bill Price at 663-2900 or 669-5105.

Checkoff working to bolster beef sales

Seasonal increases in beef supply coupled with higher costs and oversupply of competing proteins make for a bleak outlook as summer approaches, but the Beef Checkoff Program has a plan.

In an effort to keep beef in high demand, TBC will expand current marketing programs, while working to extend the national effort.

The \$400,000 state campaign, approved by the TBC Executive Committee in April, centers on summer grilling and runs through September, extending the promotion through Labor Day.

Efforts include expanded radio advertising in smaller markets to build on the national extension in the major markets and increased consumer promotions including

retail storefront events in Houston, Dallas/Fort Worth, Austin, San Antonio and the Rio Grande Valley. TBC will work in cooperation with partners and major retailers to expand in-store promotions and point of sale materials.

"Summer grilling and beef go hand in hand," said Leo Vermedahl of Dalhart, chairman of TBC's Board of Directors, "therefore it is the perfect time to 'beef up' our marketing efforts."

On the national level, funded by the Beef Checkoff Program through the Federation of State Beef Councils, the Federation leadership approved two million dollars to expand existing efforts while focusing on aggressive consumer advertising and a promotional campaign.

The effort includes radio advertising, retail promotions, an intensive public relations push, and widespread product sampling in cooperation with major retailers.

"The goal of the beef checkoff is to build long term beef demand, with the understanding that there are times when supply issues create the need to increase program areas that have proven effective in moving additional tonnage in brief periods of time," said Vermedahl. "This state and national effort is a good example of the partnership working together to move beef during the summer months," he added.

For more information on these and other TBC programs, please visit www.texasbeef.org or call (800) 846.4113.

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