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

## Bell, Howard win HISD board election

Voters in the Hedley Independent School District Saturday chose Dana Bell and Mark Howard to be the newest members of the Board of Trustees there.

The two men bested a field of six candidates for the two open positions on the board. The seats are currently held by Lana Ritchie and Bobby Lindsey, but they chose not to seek re-election.

Eighty-one people cast ballots in the election, and complete results are as follows: Dana Bell 69, Mark Howard 32, Donnie Chambliss 22, Connie Wheatly 17, Michael Metcalf, Sr. 12, and Dee Smith 4.

## Primary voting now underway for GOP

Early Voting began Monday, May 14, in the Texas Republican Primary.

Local voters can cast ballots at the Donley County Courthouse Annex for several potential Republican candidates, including those seeking to represent Donley County in the State House of Representatives — Rep. Jim Landtroop, former Rep. Gary Walker, Mac Smith, and Ken King.

Candidates seeking to represent Donley County in the State Senate are Sen. Kel Seliger and Randy Rives, and Congressman Mac Thornberry is being challenged in the primary by Pamela Lea Barlow.

Early Voting continues through May 25. The Primary Election will be held on May 29.

## Chamber social to be held this Friday

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce will hold another Business After Hours Social on Friday, May 18, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Clarendon Post Office.

Lori and Rex Burns will host the event, and all chamber members will be asked to submit two names for nomination to the chamber board.

All members and prospective members are welcome to attend and to network and share ideas.

## Citywide garage sale set for June 2

The sign-up period for the seventh annual "Trash To Treasures" garage sale event is underway.

Residents who wish to participate are asked to come by the ENTERPRISE before 5 p.m. on Friday, May 25, to sign up.

For more information, call 874-2259.



A section of Third Street near Bronco Stadium holds water following weekend rains. This is one of the streets that will be repaved and curbed now that voters have approved \$700,000 in bonds.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

## Get 'er done Voters approve bonds

Clarendon voters gave the green light Saturday to a \$700,000 bond election that will fund street improvements.

The election was marked by low turnout with only 12.6 percent of eligible voters participating, but 58.5 percent of those voting favored the bonds. The final vote tally was 79 in favor, and 56 opposed, and City Hall says it will begin getting ready for the work right away.

"There is a 30-day waiting period before we can issue the bonds," City Administrator Lambert Little said, noting the city can begin making some preparations right away.

"We need to identify utility

lines that will need to be replaced before we repair the streets, particularly under Sixth Street," he said.

The city expects to need only minor engineering work done to design curbs that will align with existing curbs and to create specifications for the seal coating and paving.

Little said the city should be able to go to bids on the project by the end of June, and he hopes to have the project completed by the end of August.

"We are going to have to do some scheduling to orchestrate this work so that we get it done while school is out," Little said, referring specifically to the work near Bronco

Stadium.

Mayor Larry Hicks was pleased with the election results.

"I think it's going to be a great thing for the city, and I can't wait to get started," Hicks said.

Little said city aldermen will meet May 17 to canvass the election.

In other city business, the Clarendon Board of Aldermen met last Tuesday, May 8, and took the following actions:

- Approved a draft contract with Greenbelt Water Authority for the sale of city groundwater with the price of 45-cents per thousand gallons and sent it to Greenbelt for consideration;

- Accepted the resignation of Municipal Judge Bob Watson with regret, approved Ordinance 401 having to do with the organization of the municipal court, and tabled consideration of appointing a replacement for Watson;

- Approved \$4,500 from the Hotel Occupancy Tax fund for use by the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association to promote and advertise the Saints' Roost July Fourth Celebration;

- and Approved Ordinance 400 adopting standardized international building, plumbing, electrical, and other codes for use by the city for the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

## City sales tax revenue climbs slightly in May

City sales tax revenues were up in Clarendon for the month of April, according to figures released by the state comptroller's office Friday.

The city received \$34,395.00, which up 1.43 percent compared to the \$ 33,908.49 that Clarendon received during the same period last year. The year-to-date figure is lower 8.10 percent with \$131,595.28 collected in 2012.

Hedley's sales tax revenue was down 22.61 percent to \$692.34, and the year-to-date there was off 24.47 percent at \$2,343.59.

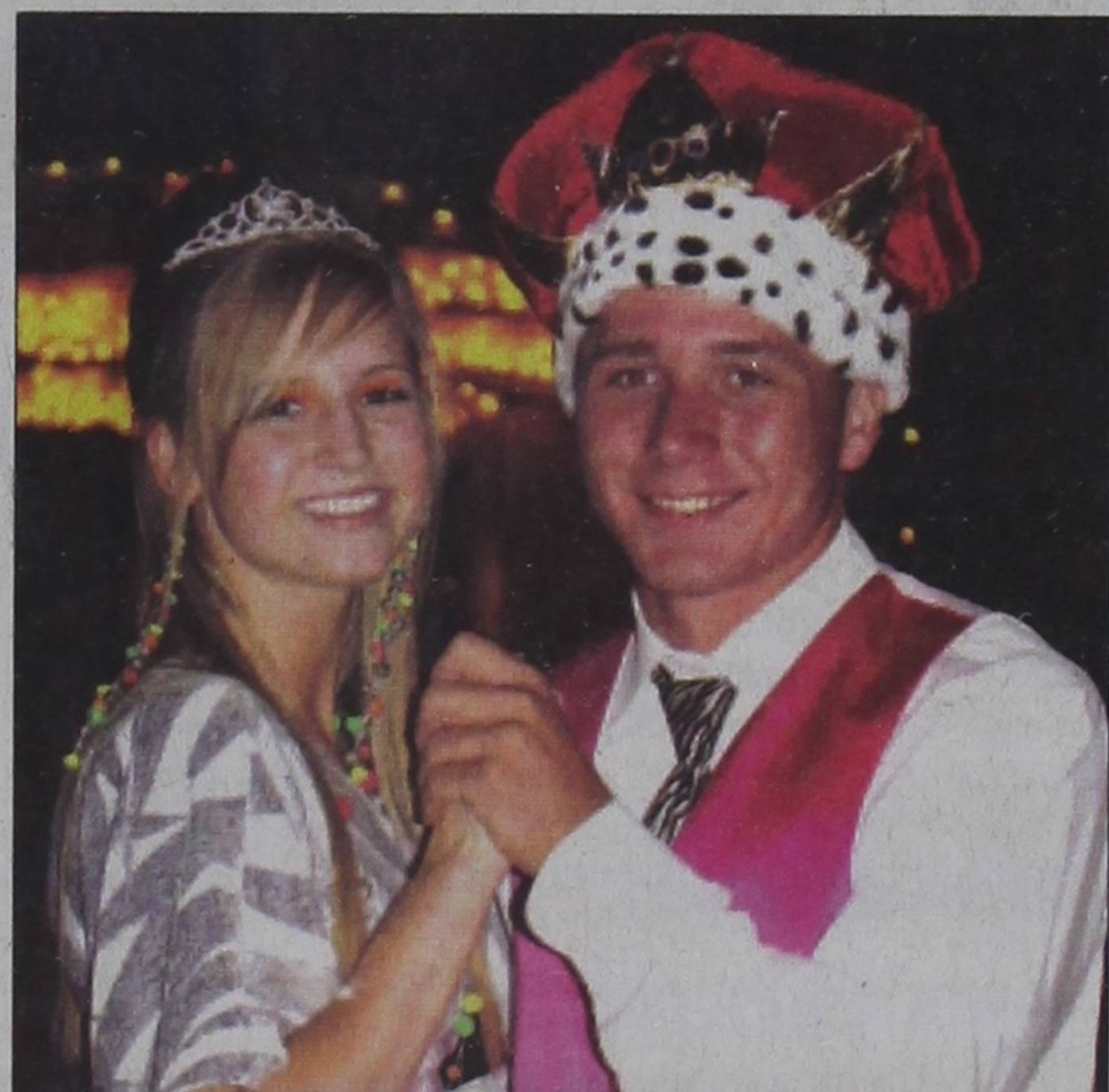
Howardwick, which increased its sales tax rate last fall, saw its revenues increase 105.03 percent to \$1,374.51 and is now running 29.31 percent ahead for the year-

to-date at \$6,390.73.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced that state sales tax revenue in April was \$2.07 billion, up 10.9 percent compared to April 2011.

"Sales tax revenue has now increased for 25 consecutive months. Recent strength in sales tax collections continued in both business and consumer spending categories," Combs said. "Growth was led by the oil and natural gas-related sectors, while significant gains also came from retail trade and restaurants."

The sales tax figures represent monthly sales made in March as well as January, February and March sales by businesses that report tax quarterly.



## Owl Royalty

Prom queen Kassidy Burton and king Chris Blackburn share a dance during Hedley's prom.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / KARI LINDESEY

## CC names top honor graduates for 2012

Clarendon College recognized Martha Smith, Scott Cone, and Joyse Gammage for their achievements at spring commencement on Friday, May 4.

Martha Smith of Clarendon received the Walter B. Knorr Outstanding Academic Achievement award.

Selected by the faculty, a student is chosen for the Knorr Award on the basis of overall academic excellence, grades earned,

scholastic papers and/or projects completed, and other indicators of scholastic achievement.

Smith has worked at Clarendon College for 12 years and in 2009 went back to school to earn an Associate in Science degree. She was named the Clarendon College Employee of the Year in 2005 and has been a co-sponsor of the international student organization at Clarendon College. She per-



Smith



Cone



Gammage

formed in the college play "Kiss or Make-up" in 2006 and is a member of the Clarendon Community Choir and

the worship committee at First United Methodist Church in Clarendon.

See Honor students on page 7.

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**Evangelicals, Republicans and Mitt**

The Republican Party is often referred to as "the party of Lincoln." The GOP began as a political movement dedicated to the abolition of slavery and to preventing the destruction of the Union by wayward Southerners. A less well-known characteristic of the GOP's early years was its grounding in evangelical Christianity of the Second Great Awakening.

Now, not all Republicans were evangelicals, nor were all evangelicals Republicans. However, many of its supporters brought a religious zeal to the political issues of the time, including immigration and the extension of slavery into the western territories. A similar zeal is present today.

The Republican position on political issues resulted, largely, from their belief that America was God's Chosen Nation and before His blessing could be cast upon the people, the nation must be cleansed of its sins. That cleansing was the American Civil War.

The initial national Republican convention was held in Philadelphia in July 1856. It was a period of great strife and confrontation on the issue of slavery and increasing concern about immigration, often resulting in violent clashes between Protestants and Catholics in the burgeoning cities.

One of the attendees described the convention as "a Methodist conference rather than a political convention". Another participant characterized the party platform as "God's revealed Word." The convention delegates drafted a platform condemning the "twin relics of barbarism" - slavery and polygamy. Contrasting with today's national movement to legalize same sex marriages, there was no pending national epidemic of people choosing multiple marriage partners. "Polygamy" was a code word for "Mormon," another scorned religious

group in the GOP's list of banned faiths.

The Mormons of the day possessed many irksome characteristics. Most Mormon converts were from Britain, both greater and lesser - like the Irish. Anyone who has had extensive contact with Brits understands that they can be a feisty, contentious lot. The Mormons were required, as part of their religious duties, to go out and proselyte non-members. And they weren't shy in their efforts to point out the correctness of Mormonism and the incorrectness of the other Christian faiths. Evangelicals and other more serious minded Christians did not take kindly to their admonitions.

Most irksome was their propensities to romance, then convert, then marry; or, convert then romance, then marry fetching young women - regardless if they were single, betrothed, or married. Naturally, the men folk looked askance upon such behavior. In the back woods of Arkansas, an enraged husband, who took exception to Parley Pratt's attentions towards his wife, proceeded to dispatch Parley, who was Mitt Romney's great or great-great grandfather. So, the people complained to their leaders in Washington. Things got so bad that the president sent an invading army to Utah in order to set things right by occupying the Utah Territory and arresting Brigham and the boys for their uncivilized behavior. The timely intervention of an influential Army Colonel, who had befriended the Mormons, was the only thing that prevented Brigham's

arrest and the subsequent occupation of Salt Lake City.

While the Republicans did not invent evangelical politics, they were, however, the most successful political organization to merge faith and policy. With Abraham Lincoln (who denounced religious bigotry and polygamy) as its standard-bearer in the 1860 presidential election, Republican rallies exuded an evangelical fervor that blended religious and military pageantry.

In 1856, the Republican Party platform included planks that were against expanding slavery into the western territories; Catholic (Irish) immigration, legal or otherwise; an expanded view of the definition of marriage (Mormon polygamy); and an unwillingness to compromise its core principles.

Not much has changed. In 2012, the Republican Party includes planks that disavow illegal immigration (mostly from Catholic Mexico and the Americas), an expanded view of the definition of marriage (same-sex marriage), and an unwillingness to compromise its core principles.

Even though the Republican Party's ticket is now lead by a Mormon candidate, many LDS fundamentalists secretly hope that same-sex marriage will gain national acceptance. If this happens, they believe that the expanding definition of marriage will ultimately lead the legalization of plural marriage, the next logical step.

I'm not sure the Republican Party fully understands the LDS Church's teaching that a Mormon leader will someday rise to power and establish a theocracy in which the United States is saved from ruination caused by our falling away from God.

Mitt's nomination is getting really close to that idea. The LDS Church has come a long way in the last 157 years.



**the quick, the dead, & fred**  
by fred gray

**City must deliver on new streets**

Without much fanfare or enthusiasm, the citizens of Clarendon gave the go ahead for the city to issue \$700,000 in bonds to do some street work.

The 12 percent turnout was not impressive, but having a 58.8 percent approval was a solid majority. A total of 135 people took the time to go the polls on the issue. Seventy-nine of them can take partial credit if the project is a success; 56 of them can say "I told you so" if it flops; and 934 other eligible voters have no right to complain no matter what.



**editor's commentary**  
by roger estlack

The apathy surrounding this issue was what was interesting. No one was actively pushing for the bonds, and there wasn't a lot of vocal opposition to them either. The matter generated no letters to the editor, two comments on the Enterprise's Facebook page, and 31 responses to an online poll on ClarendonLive.com.

It is interesting to point out, however, that the ClarendonLive.com poll accurately predicted Saturday's election results. The poll showed 56 percent of respondents in favor of the bonds.

The opinion of your humble editor even vacillated in the days before the election before finally deciding to support the measure. The reason for that support was simple: We made some progress in 2004, and we're used to financially supporting that bond payment, so let's keep moving forward.

With the election behind us, the city must now move forward to be good stewards of the trust that a majority of voting citizens have imparted to them. Screw this up, and it will be a long time before Clarendon supports another project of any kind coming from City Hall.

Of the two comments we received on Facebook, one said "\$700,000 won't touch the street problem," which is an excellent point - but it is a start; and another said, "I have no confidence in our city officials at this time," which likely sums up the feelings of many citizens and possibly 88 percent of possible voters.

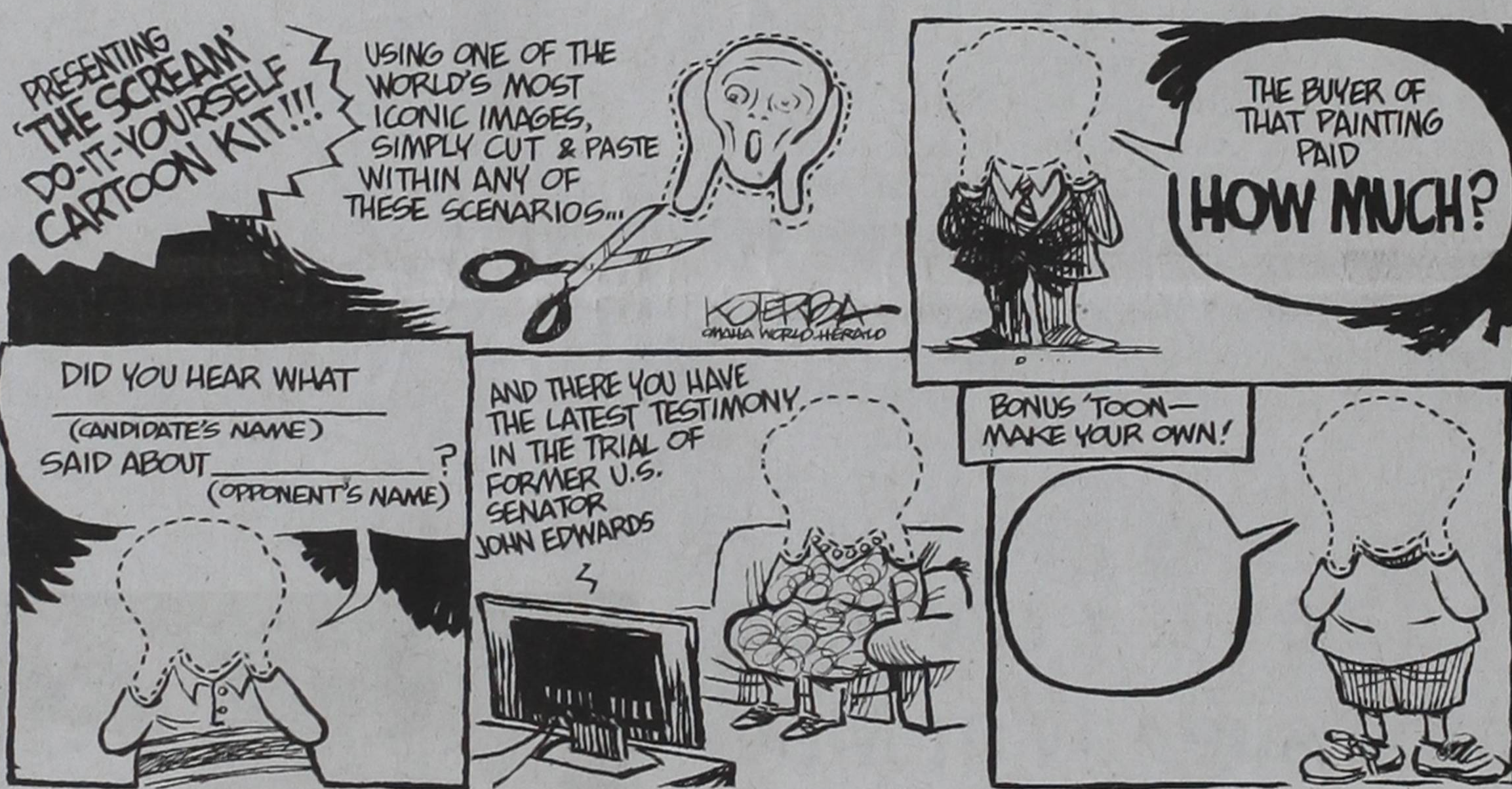
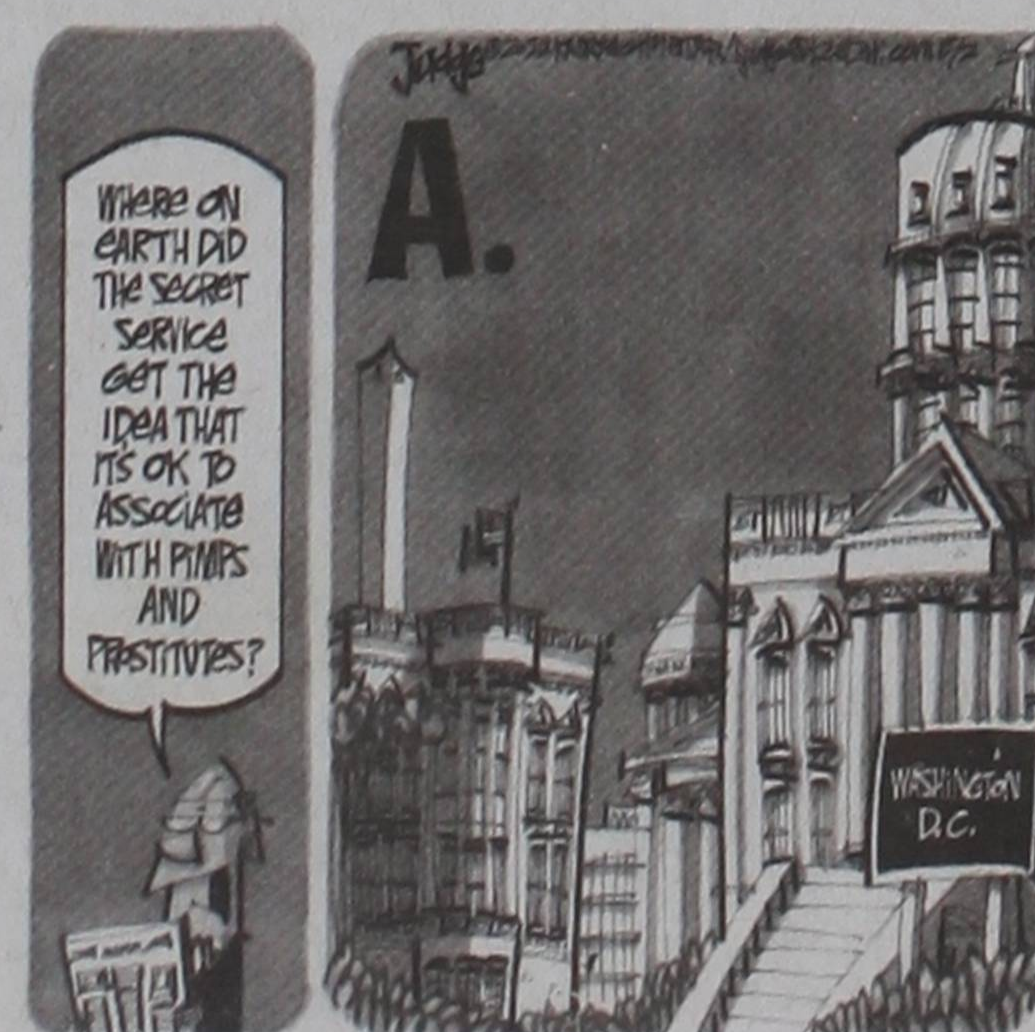
The biggest problem with City Hall's street project is that it includes seal coating two streets on the college campus, work that the city estimates will cost \$50,000. Those streets are the responsibility of the Clarendon College District. Now that city voters have approved the bonds, the city should approach the college regents in the spirit of cooperation and ask them to come up with at least half the money to do those streets. If the college can't or won't do this, then the city needs to spend its money elsewhere.

City Administrator Lambert Little is on the agenda for the Board of Regents meeting this week, there to ask for an easement to allow the city to spend its funds on college property. Little really needs to ask for some money while he is there. Understandably, given Clarendon's track record, the regents may not want the city getting its hands on the streets at the college. But the regents bear some responsibility for not getting their streets sealed, and they are now showing signs of deterioration. The college has an \$8.9 million budget. If they can't find \$25,000 in there to help out, then they might need to consider their own bond election.

Besides that, most of the streets Mr. Little has selected need to be worked on. Certainly those that bound three sides of Broncho Stadium are highly traveled and visible to by both locals and visitors, and the same can be said for Sixth Street at the ballparks.

The citizens have spoken, they have given the city fathers some slack to get something done, and hopefully they won't hang themselves with it. We have to keep moving forward, but we also need to hold our city officials and employees responsible for how these streets turn out and how they are maintained. There can be no more half-ass jobs. There can be no more shoddy workmanship, poor patching, and generally sloppiness.

It is time for progress, and it is time that we demand results from City Hall.



**'Tax-mageddon is on the horizon**

Unless Congress and President Obama can reach agreement by the end of this year, steeply higher taxes -- amounting to about half a trillion dollars annually -- will slam the economy and most taxpayers, starting January 1, 2013. For starters, 25 million middle income taxpayers will be hit for the first time by the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT).

This "Tax-mageddon" looms because the President and the Democrat majority in the Senate have for the past three years remained insistent on raising taxes. Congressional Republicans have fought to hold the line against higher taxes. But because the disagreement on tax policy so far is not reconciled, approximately one hundred tax cuts are set to expire at the end of this year and a half-dozen new taxes to pay for the Obama health law are set to take effect on January 1. Here is some of what's in store:

- **Alternative Minimum Tax.** As indicated above, 25 million more middle income taxpayers will be hit in 2013 with an estimated \$118 billion in higher taxes. (Note: the AMT was enacted in 1969 to ensure that a couple of hundred millionaires would pay their "fair share.") For instance, currently the exemptions are \$48,450 for individuals and \$74,450 for married couples filing jointly. If Congress fails to enact relief by the end of this year, the exemptions will return to \$33,750 for individuals and \$45,000 for married couples filing jointly.

- **Deduction of state and local taxes.** The deductibility expired at the end of 2011. It was put in place with amendments offered by Congressman Kevin Brady and myself. Because Texans aren't saddled with a state income tax, loss of the sales tax deduction will be particularly costly for Texas taxpayers.

- **Marriage penalty.** I sponsored S. 11, the Marriage Penalty Relief Act of

2011, which addressed the perverse tax penalty on married couples. But the previous income tax penalty on marriage is set to kick in again for 2013, if we can't extend it.

- **Child tax credit.** The credit will be halved from \$1000 to \$500 for 2013.
- **Estate taxes.** The so-called "death tax" reverts to a 55 percent rate in January of next year with a \$1 million exemption. Many of America's family-owned small businesses will be hit hard by this tax hike.

- **Investment and Job Creation:** Capital gains will increase to 20 percent, and dividends will be taxed at ordinary income tax rates. Specifically for those individuals and couples earning more than \$200,000 and \$250,000 respectively, two new healthcare reform surtaxes will force the capital gains and dividends tax rates even higher: capital gains to 23.8 percent and dividends to 43.4 percent. Raising capital gains and dividends tax rates will drain away critical private investment capital that entrepreneurs and startup businesses need to expand their enterprises and create jobs.

Also set to take effect in 2013 are a half-dozen new taxes that were enacted in 2009 to pay for the Obama Health Care Law. These taxes will increase taxes on affected small businesses, drive up costs of medicines and health insurance, and jeopardize job-based health insurance coverage for millions of working Americans and their families. (Note: The Supreme Court is expected to rule on ObamaCare's constitutionality in June or July.)

The risk of inaction on these tax

issues for our economy and our country is enormous. If you're employed, you will pay more in taxes in 2013. If you're unemployed, it will be harder to find a job. If you run a business, it will be harder to stay in business, much less hire more people.

Notwithstanding the truly catastrophic economic consequences, there has been a conspicuous lack of urgency from the President and Congressional Democrats about addressing these tax increases. The strategy at the White House seems to be: (1) do nothing until after the November election; and (2) blame a government shutdown and economic meltdown on Congress if it doesn't approve higher taxes before the end of 2012.

Speaker of the House John Boehner has wisely indicated that the House of Representatives will vote before the November elections to extend all of the current tax rates, credits, and deductions that are set to expire at the end of the year. Waiting until the last minute, as was done in 2010, is not a responsible way to govern. At best, delaying tax policy decisions puts businesses' and families' financial decisions on hold - which is also bad for our weak economy.

A simpler, fairer income tax system, based on lower, flatter rates, would turbo-charge economic growth and private sector job creation. The alternative is more of the same turmoil that has pushed the national debt above \$16 trillion and is keeping unemployment above 8 percent.

The right thing to do for our country is to call a truce in the election year political games. But we shouldn't just stop at preventing the end-of-the-year Tax-mageddon. The President and Congress should put comprehensive, pro-growth reform of the entire tax code at the top of the legislative agenda for this summer.



**capitol comment**  
by sen. kay bailey hutchison



**Texas A&M beef cattle short course set for Aug. 6-8**

COLLEGE STATION – The 58th annual Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course, conducted by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, is scheduled for Aug. 6-8 at Texas A&M University in College Station.

A variety of cattle production management topics will be presented at this year's short course including a weather outlook, said Dr. Jason Cleere, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist and conference coordinator.

"Our topics this year will fit right into what Texas beef producers are experiencing with forage management, beef cattle management and beef cattle marketing," Cleere said. "The long-term cattle market outlook is one of many other topics that will be discussed in the 22 different cattleman's college sessions at the short course."

Dr. Joe Paschal, Texas AgriLife Extension livestock specialist, discussed beef cattle genetics at the 2011 Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course. The 2012 short course will feature the latest in beef cattle research and management strategies. (Texas AgriLife Extension Service photo by Blair Fannin)

The general session will feature a virtual tour of a U.S. feedyard and U.S. beef packing plant, a presentation on what consumers want

to know about raising beef, as well as challenges and opportunities for ranchers in the next 20 years. Sessions will be held at various locations on the Texas A&M campus with the main general sessions at Rudder Auditorium.

"Planning committee members from around the state have met with us and helped us put together another outstanding program," he said. "The short course has become one of the largest and most comprehensive beef cattle educational programs in the U.S."

The cattleman's college portion of the three-day short course provides participants with an opportunity to choose workshops based on their level of production experience and the needs of their ranch, Cleere said.

"These concurrent workshops will feature information on introductory cattle production, management practices in the areas of forage, nutrition and reproduction, record keeping, brush-busting, cattle handling, landowner issues and much more," he said.

In addition to classroom instruction on Aug. 6-7, participants can attend one of the popular demonstrations on the morning of Aug. 8.

"There will be demonstrations on chute-side calf working, cattle

behavior, penning, selection and brush-busting," Cleere said. "These provide an opportunity for ranchers to see beef cattle production practices put to use."

"The goal of the short course each year is to provide the most cutting-edge information that is needed by beef cattle producers, and this year is no exception."

Participants can receive a Texas Department of Agriculture private pesticide applicator's license during the short course and can earn at least seven pesticide continuing education units if they are already licensed, Cleere added.

An industry trade show will be held during the event, featuring more than 110 agricultural businesses and service exhibits.

Registration is \$160 per person and includes educational materials, a copy of the 600-page Beef Cattle Short Course proceedings, trade show admittance, admission to the prime rib dinner, lunches, breakfasts and daily refreshments.

Registration information and a tentative schedule will be mailed to previous participants in May, but can also be found on the short course website at <http://beef.tamu.edu>.

Producers can register online at <http://beef.tamu.edu> or contact Cleere's office at 979-845-6931.

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Thur	10	81°	46°	-
Fri	11	78°	50°	.50
Sat	12	61°	50°	.70
Sun	13	73°	50°	T

Total precipitation this month: 2.56"  
Total precipitation to date: 9.23"

**weekend forecast**

Fri., April 18  
Mostly Sunny  
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Sat., April 19  
Mostly Sunny  
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**CATEGORY 1**

1. Do you snore?  
 Yes  
 No  
 Don't know

If you snore:

2. Your snoring is:  
 Slightly louder than breathing  
 As loud as talking  
 Louder than talking  
 Very loud - can be heard in adjacent rooms

3. How often do you snore?  
 Nearly every day  
 3-4 times a week  
 1-2 times a week  
 1-2 times a month  
 Never or nearly never

4. Has your snoring ever bothered other people?  
 Yes  
 No  
 Don't know

5. Has anyone notice that you quit breathing during your sleep?  
 Nearly every day  
 3-4 times a week  
 1-2 times a week  
 1-2 times a month  
 Never or nearly never

**CATEGORY 2**

6. How often do you feel tired or fatigued after your sleep?  
 Nearly every day  
 3-4 times a week  
 1-2 times a week  
 1-2 times a month  
 Never or nearly never

7. During your waking time, do you feel tired, fatigued or not up to par?  
 Nearly every day  
 3-4 times a week  
 1-2 times a week  
 1-2 times a month  
 Never or nearly never

8. Have you ever nodded off or fallen asleep while driving a vehicle?  
 Yes  
 No

If yes:

9. How often does this occur?  
 Nearly every day  
 3-4 times a week  
 1-2 times a week  
 1-2 times a month  
 Never or nearly never

**CATEGORY 3**

10. Do you have high blood pressure?  
 Yes  
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Community Calendar

### May 25

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### May 28

Memorial Day

### May 29

Republican Primary • 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. • Donley County Courthouse

### June 1

Hedley Graduation • 7 p.m. • Hedley Gym

### June 2

Trash to Treasures Garage Sale Event

## Menus

May 21 - 25

### Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, Italian vegetables, broccoli, garlic toast, autumn Jello salad, iced tea/2% milk.

Tue: Salmon patty or chicken strip, baby lima beans, cole slaw, cornbread, tropical fruit, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Chicken tenders/gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, turnip greens, wheat roll, mandarin oranges, iced tea/2% milk.

Thu: Sweet & sour chicken, long grain rice, snap peas, stir fry veggies, wheat roll, lazy cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Chopped BBQ/sauce, whole wheat bun, pinto beans, grandma's potato salad, mandarin oranges, iced tea/2% milk.

### Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Beef stroganoff/noodles, whole wheat roll, mixed vegetables, winter fruit cup, iced tea/2% milk.

Tue: Chicken salad sandwich, lettuce, tomato, onion, macaroni salad, carrot sticks, watermelon, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Country fried beef patty, creamy yellow, turnip greens, wheat roll, apricots, iced tea/2% milk.

Thu: Ham & Beans, spinach, seasoned corn, orange pineapple cup, country apple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Tilapia w/lemon, whole kernel corn, cole slaw, hushpuppies, cherry crisp, iced tea/2% milk.

### Clarendon ISD

#### Breakfast

Mon: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk

Tue: Sausage, biscuit, gravy, fruit, milk.

Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk.

Thu: Egg, toast, fruit, milk.

Fri: Cinnamon roll, juice, milk.

#### Lunch

Mon: Beef nachos, pinto beans, salad, fruit, milk.

Tue: Chicken nuggets, mixed veggies, salad, fruit, milk.

Wed: Fajita chicken, loaded mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, roll, milk.

Thu: Turkey & Cheese sandwich, chips, fruit snack, fruit, milk.

Fri: Ham & cheese sandwich, chips, fruit snack, fruit, milk.

### Hedley ISD

Mon: Diced ham, cheese, ranch dressing, broccoli salad, fruit, breadsticks, milk.

Tue: Taco's, chips & salsa, pinto beans, applesauce, tossed salad, milk.

Wed: Chicken pot pie, beef & mac, mashed potato/gravy, green beans, wheat rolls, salad, milk.

Thu: Sliced turkey, potatoes/gravy, corn, salad, fruit, rolls, milk.

Fri: Cheese burger, oven fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, fruit, milk, cookies.

## Dodson reunion is May 26

Invitations have been sent and final plans are being finalized for the 55th Annual Dodson Ex-Students Reunion on Saturday, May 26. Dodson Town Hall will open at 9 a.m. for those who want to come early.

Mary's Country Cooking will serve lunch at noon. Reservations should be made by May 21. Cost is \$13 per plate.

Please contact Barbara Roberson at home, 806-447-2857, on her cell.

806-886-2047 or at 300 13th Street, Wellington TX 79095.

# Tips to avoid catalog and online sales dangers

Over the Internet, by telephone or by mail, consumers now range far beyond their local shopping malls. The advantages of catalog and online shopping, in terms of selection and convenience, are obvious. But there are dangers as well. With a few precautions, however, you can shop safely.

Although many companies also accept checks and money orders, most online and catalog sales are made by credit card. There are advantages to using a credit card. Most importantly, it is easier to dispute charges you paid to a seller with a credit card if the goods are not delivered or they were misrepresented.

When ordering from a catalog, keep in mind that seeing a picture or reading a description of an item is not the same as inspecting the product in person. Since many catalogs contain enlarged pictures of items, check the text of the advertisement to be sure of the actual size of the item.

Be aware that it is more difficult to judge the quality of the product when you cannot handle it or see it or test it in person. The quality may be lower than it appears in the ad. This is particularly true of off-brand merchandise. Find out if the same prod-

uct is sold locally so you can see if the quality meets your expectations.

Check the company's policy on returning merchandise, particularly if you are buying an item, such as clothing or shoes, that may or may not fit as you expect. The performance of the product may not match the ad's claims. Weight-loss, curative, nutritional and body-enhancing products are especially notorious for misrepresentations. The more outrageous the claim, the more likely the product will not live up to it. Make sure you will receive everything that is pictured. Often several items are shown in the photograph but only one or two of them are actually sent to you.

Double-check the text of the ad before ordering to see if it lists exactly what you are paying for; don't rely on the picture alone. Be realistic! Someone who offers a product for a much lower price than everyone else may be selling a cheap knock-off that you will be disappointed with.

Timely Receipt of Merchandise is another pitfall to watch for. Under federal law, you must receive merchandise you ordered from a catalog within a reasonable time after placing your order. If the seller cannot

ship on time, you have the right to cancel. If the seller advertises a six-week wait, that is a reasonable time. Generally, if the seller does not state a delivery time, 30 days is considered reasonable. If your shipment is delayed, the company must notify you of the new delivery date and allow you to cancel the order if you choose not to wait the extra time. If you have already paid for the product with cash, check or money order, the seller has seven days to refund your money. If you bought on credit, the seller has one billing cycle to adjust your account.

If the seller is unable to ship within the promised time period the products you ordered, the law requires the seller to notify you of your right to cancel the order. The company must send you a postage-paid business-reply envelope or provide a toll-free number so that you can cancel your order or inform the seller that you still want the product. If the company informs you that it

cannot promise you a definite shipping date, you should cancel your order. Even if you consent to an indefinite delay, you still have the right to cancel the order if 30 days pass and you have not received the order.

How can we be sure of Safe Shopping Online? When you enter your credit card or other personally identifying information, check to make sure you are using a secure server. Look in the location bar for "https://" instead of "http://." The "S" means secure. Beware of on line auctions.

Understand how online auctions work: the auction generally does not verify or stand behind the merchandise being sold or the veracity of representations made about the merchandise. However, a respectable online auction will make an effort to look into alleged abuses. You should report your complaint.

Be extremely cautious about clicking on ads you see on the Internet, even on well-known sites. Websites that sell advertising space do not generally endorse advertisers or the claims they make or the products they advertise.

The Internet is largely unregulated. Crooks can set up sites that

look like they sell products or collect money for charities when in fact all they do is collect credit card numbers, take the money and run. When buying from a company you never heard of, look for a physical address on their website and try to obtain some independent information about the company before making an order.

Remember No Unsolicited Offers. The best way to protect yourself from a host of scams and swindles is simply never to respond to unsolicited offers. This means that you should never purchase something offered by SPAM - an email from a stranger or a company you never heard of.

Also, one thing to remember, you should also be skeptical of telemarketers, strangers who call you with offers. Even if the caller identifies with a company you trust and an offer you find interesting, be skeptical. Hang up and call the company yourself, using a number you find for yourself, to make sure you are talking to the real company. Fraudulent offers may also arrive in the mail, mixed in with legitimate coupons and catalogs. Familiarize yourself with some of the most common scams, such as sweepstakes and lottery scams, and avoid them.

## Hedley Methodist Youth to hold bake sale

The Hedley Methodist Youth Group will be holding two separate Bake Sales in two different towns on two different dates: May 19 in Memphis at Thriftway and May 26 in Clarendon at Lowe's. Please help with donated baked items and then come by and buy something. They are earning money for camps. They have approximately 20 kids who want to go to camp and it cost about \$255 for each child. Please help in any way you can. These kids are so excited to learn about Jesus and

we need to help them in their quest. Please contact me if you have questions or Kandra O'Dell, 856-5271.

The Hedley Senior Citizens has had some wonderful people step up and sponsor the AR-15 Rifle that they are raffling off. From Hedley, the White Farms and the Taylor Ranch; from Memphis, Kevin Hudleston (Donley County Gin), Dale Miller (DMIC), Kathy Fowler (Fowler Insurance), Blackie and Shirley Johnson (Memphis Mini Storage), and from Clarendon, Paul

Bivins (Outpost), Mike Butts (Mike's Pharmacy), Floyd's Automotive, Guy Ellis (Clarendon Veterinary Hospital), and Robertson's Funeral Directors.

These are wonderful people who have stepped up and helped the Senior

## Baxter Black to perform at 'Bluebonnets & Boots' benefit

Baxter Black will share his poetry and his talents at the 2nd annual "Bluebonnets & Boots" benefiting ASCA on June 16 at 7:30 pm at the Amarillo Senior Center, 1220 S. Polk.

Baxter Black can shoe a horse, string a bob wire fence and bang out a Bob Wills classic on his flat top guitar. Cowboy poet, ex-veterinarian and sorry team roper, he has more hair around his lip than on his head. Raised in New Mexico, spent his workin' life in the mountain west tormenting cows, now he travels the country tormenting cowboys.

Since 1982, Baxter Black has been rhyming his way into the national spotlight, and now stands as

the best selling cowboy poet in the world. He's written several books (including one rodeo novel and its sequel), recorded over a dozen audio and video tapes, CDs and DVDs, and has achieved notoriety as a syndicated columnist and radio commentator. From the Tonight Show and PBS to NPR and the NFR, Baxter's wacky verse has been seen and heard by millions. His works are prominently displayed in both big city libraries and small town feed stores.

Baxter lives in Benson, Arizona, between the Gila River and the Gila monster, the Mexican border and the Border Patrol and between the horse and the cow--where the action is. Everything about Baxter

is cowboy; his cartoonish mustache, his personality and his poetry. He hasn't changed a thing about his subject matter or his delivery. He makes a living shining a spotlight on the flaws and foibles of everyday cowboy life, the day-to-day ups and downs of people who live with livestock and work the land. He demonstrates that it is the truth in his humor that makes it funny. Driven by a left hand sense of humor Black evokes laughter just by being there.

He still doesn't own a television or a cell phone, and his idea of a modern convenience is Velcro chaps.

This former large animal veterinarian can be followed nationwide through his column, National Public

Citizens. Thanks to them, Jim Copeland and the Bar H Dude Ranch our hunting package was all donated. This package is worth about \$3,500.00. Tickets are \$10.00 ea or \$50.00 for a book of 7 (2 free tickets with a book).

I'll be out and about selling tickets, but if you want some please call me at 806-856-5302 or send a check to me at PO Box 119, Hedley, TX 79237 or Hedley Senior Citizens at PO Box 216. Please make checks payable to Hedley Senior Citizens.

Radio, public appearances, television and also through his books, CDs, videos and website, www.baxterblack.com.

So, in a nut shell (where some believe he may have evolved) there is considerably more to Baxter than just an entertainer. He is the real thing. Because, as he says, "It's hard to be what you aren't." Baxter's philosophy is simple enough - in spite of all the computerized, digitized, high-tech innovations now available to mankind, there will always be a need for someone who can "think up stuff".

For more information about tickets or sponsorships, contact Jelaine Workman at 374-5500.

## Old Paths Primitive Baptist Church finds a new home

The Old Paths Primitive Baptist Church, which was constituted in December, 2005 and, until recently met in the Panhandle Community Services Center at 416 S. Kearney, is now meeting at their new home at 601 Hereford Lane (Corner of Hereford Lane at Tx HWY 70) in Howardwick. The new building was begun in the spring of 2010 and, though not fully finished, is nearing completion. For more information, please contact elder Lyman Little at 874-5374.

## United Christians Breakfast to be held Thursday

The United Christians May Breakfast will be at 7:00 Thursday morning May 17, 2012, at the Fellowship Hall. Methodist Church come out and enjoy a good breakfast and fellowship with a group of Christian men and women.

The program will be brought by Larry Capranica, of the Community Fellowship Church.

Come out for a good meal and hear a Christian program and you can get to work by a little after 8:00.

## H-wick enjoys wonderful rain

Hey, how about another inch and half of rain? That's what we got the last couple of days, and this Panhandle is looking good. The Indian blankets are beginning to bloom alongside the buttercups and wine cups. How pretty wild flowers are!

Our covey of quail are still around and turkeys were in the back yard also. The deer are finding adequate food and are not around as much. The drought thinned the herds also which is fine; they were beginning to take over.

I hope all you Mothers had a nice day Sunday. I did. Two of my children were here, a grandson and great-granddaughter. I am sure you know which kept us entertained, that little one-year-old blond.

She wore a pink and white striped sun dress and carried a pink purse. She is talking some, and her favorite game is laying her hand over the ear as a cell phone and saying,

"Hello."

Everyone gave me flowers - an orchid corsage, a bouquet for the table, hanging baskets, and flowers to plant in the yard. Since I love flowers and enjoy caring for them, these were perfect gifts.

Debra Hubbard reports the garage sale at the Community Center raised some money for the city and fire department and would like to thank everyone who came out and supported our community.

Early voting has begun. You may vote at the Courthouse Annex in Clarendon unless you choose to vote on regular Election Day, May 29. Just vote.



The Friends of the Library: Chrissy Woodrome, Jerri Shields, Mary Vorheis, Dorothy Brinson, Frances Smith, and MaryRuth Bishop.

## Friends of the Library receive flag

TSgt. Ben Vorheis, son of Mary Vorheis, who is stationed at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan with a Combat Search and Rescue team, sent a special American flag to the library that was flown on one of their missions.

Along with the flag is a framed document stating that it is presented to Burton Memorial Library in appreciation for support and caring

for our military troops involved in "Operation Enduring Freedom."

Friends of the library sent recordable story books to a unit in Afghanistan so that the military members could record their own voices as they read the story to their children at home. The military members then sent the books to their sons and daughters who are anxiously waiting for Daddy and Mommy to

come home to them.

This shipment is just one of the many that have been sent overseas to the troops by Friends of the Library members and patrons who put items in the Troop Box at the Library.

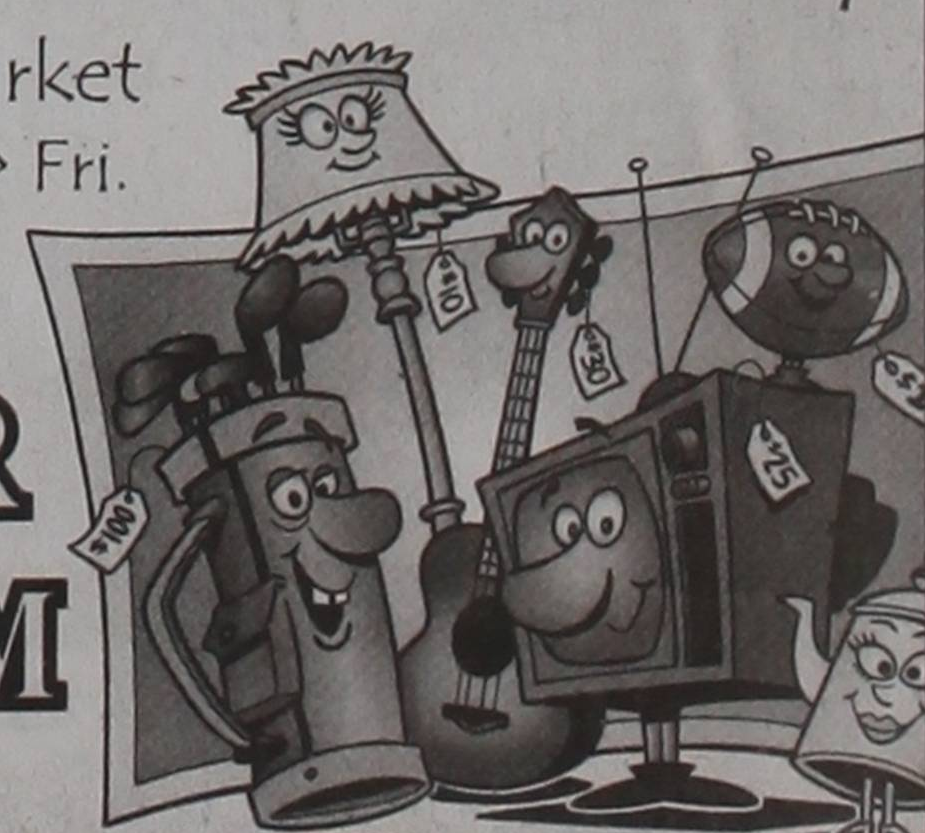
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## Pantex granted funding for projects in bill

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon), the Vice Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, last week announced that the Committee approved the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (H.R. 4310) by a vote of 56 to 5.

The bill authorizes \$642 billion in total spending for the Department of Defense and the national security programs of the Department of Energy, including funding for programs at Amarillo's Bell Helicopter plant and for operations at Pantex.

"Clearly, we are operating in a time of declining resources. Our debt and deficit mean we have to make difficult choices," said Rep. Thornberry.

"Already, defense has taken half a trillion dollars in cuts. And while this bill also makes significant savings, it keeps our promises to our troops and veterans and ensures that our military can continue to defend the country effectively. In fact, the Committee adopted an amendment

that prevents DoD from doing any planning or preparations for a new round of base closures this year," he continued.

Locally, the annual defense policy bill authorizes funding for programs at Bell Helicopter and Pantex. Bell Helicopter projects funded include a total of \$2.109 billion for the V-22 Osprey program, \$851.5 million for Huey (UH-1Y) and Cobra (AH-1Z) helicopters, and \$346.348 million for the Kiowa Warrior helicopter. These amounts include the purchase of new aircraft, upgrades and modifications to existing ones, and research and development. Bell Helicopter's Amarillo plant is the primary location for work conducted on the Osprey and Huey/Cobra programs. The facility also performs work on the Kiowa Warrior helicopters.

In addition, the defense bill also authorizes a new, multi-year contract to purchase 98 V-22 aircraft over the next five years for the Marine Corps, the Department of the Air Force, and U.S. Special Operations Command.

The legislation also provides approximately \$690 million for Pantex for weapons assembly and disassembly, weapons evaluation, research and development, and other funding for staff and support. This represents a nearly 17 percent increase, or approximately \$100 million dollars, over the President's most recent budget request.

"Our part of Texas plays an important role in our nation's defense and this bill continues that tradition. Even while we are cutting programs and spending, this latest defense bill shows sustained and strong support for local assets like Pantex and Bell. It really is a testament to their fine work and solid reputations," said Thornberry.

Overall, the legislation authorizes \$536 billion for the Department of Defense's base budget, \$88 billion for operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, and \$18 billion for the Department of Energy's atomic energy defense programs.

Included in the legislation is a 1.7 percent across-the-board pay

raise for all members of the Armed Forces in 2013. The bill rejects the proposed increases by the Obama Administration for higher fees for current military personnel and retirees under Medicare. Additionally, it puts limits on future increases in pharmacy co-payments for the first time.

In response to the Obama Administration's request to cut the end-strength of the Armed Forces, the legislation seeks to preserve military readiness by slowing the pace of personnel reductions. It places an annual cap on any reductions in the size of the ground force, including limiting reductions of Army personnel to no more than 15,000 annually in fiscal years 2014 through 2017. The bill would allow personnel who may be forced to leave military service as a result of reductions in manpower to have full access to military family housing for six months.

Thornberry said he was hopeful the House Leadership would bring H.R. 4310 to a vote by the full House before Memorial Day.

## Gage fires off win in men's golf game

By Sandy Anderberg

Golfer Jerry Gage took the top spot in the weekly men's game last Wednesday when he shot a net 67. Todd Curry claimed second with a net 69. Gail Leathers won low gross in the women's game on Thursday and Tanis McMorries was low net with a 65.

The nine-hole scrambles are played each Friday night at 6:00 pm and you are encouraged to call ahead to enter before 5:00 pm. There will be an 18-hole scramble on Memorial Day and entries are being taken at the Pro Shop.

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## Transportation options for elderly

COLLEGE STATION – The question of when to stop driving is often a concern for older individuals and their families. They may disagree about whether someone can drive safely and if an older person may fear losing independence or become a burden to family and friends, according to researchers.

"Transportation issues can be compounded in rural areas where it can be 25 miles to the nearest grocery store and driving may be the only transportation option," said Alicia Israel, a graduate student in agricultural economics at Texas A&M University. "Rural residents who do not drive face a higher risk of isolation."

Researchers from Texas A&M University, the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas Transportation Institute recently surveyed Atascosa, Polk, and Parker county residents to learn about attitudes toward public non-medical transportation options for the rural elderly. A number of researchers have already studied transportation for medical reasons, researchers said. The release of the study's findings in May, which is Older Americans Month, provides an opportunity for families and communities to consider safe transportation options for the rural elderly, Israel said.

"I was really excited to work on this project because I grew up in a small rural community," said Israel, who wrote a master's thesis based on the study. "I have seen firsthand the isolation that can be caused when an older person can no longer drive, and I hope this research helps the rural elderly to remain active in their communities."

At least two-thirds of survey respondents in all three counties knew elderly family members and elderly friends who had at least some difficulty driving, according to the results.

Twenty-six percent of Atascosa respondents, 32 percent of Polk respondents and 27 percent of Parker respondents believed they would live to be older than age 75 and need

transportation assistance.

"It's not surprising to see that many people see that other people have difficulty driving but don't believe they will need help," said Dr. James Mjelde, a professor in the department of agricultural economics at Texas A&M and the lead researcher on the project. "People tend to believe they can remain self-sufficient when it comes to driving. That can be one of the reasons that it is hard for older people to give up their keys."

On the other hand, 67 percent of Atascosa respondents, 62 percent of Polk respondents, and 45 percent of Parker respondents were not aware that their county had public transportation options, Mjelde said.

"Even among respondents who were aware of the services, about half were not familiar with the local service area, scheduling, fares, or options for senior citizens," he said.

Texas has rural transportation districts covering the state. However, services vary between districts and counties.

Linda Cherrington, a researcher with the Texas Transportation Institute, said "transportation districts may need to increase marketing efforts and help potential customers learn about the services that can help elderly persons maintain their independence."

"The survey was conducted as part of a broader study analyzing willingness to pay for transportation services for the elderly," Cherrington said. "The study was funded through the University Transportation Center for Mobility at the Texas Transportation Institute."

Atascosa and Polk counties were selected for the survey because they were rural counties representative of two distinct regions in the state, South Texas and East Texas, she said. Parker County in North Central Texas was selected because of its larger population base.

More information about transportation districts and their services is available at <http://texastransit.org/attachments/rurals.pdf>.

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Seasonal allergic rhinitis, commonly known as hay fever, is caused by outdoor allergens. One in five Americans may experience symptoms of sneezing, watery eyes, sore throat, dry cough as well as headaches and fatigue. Exposure to ragweed, pet dander and dust may trigger symptoms of seasonal allergic rhinitis. Other risk factors may include having other allergies and exposure to second hand smoke.

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# SCHOOL LIFE

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### Proud Bronco

After winning the bronze medal at the State Track Meet Wes Williams poses with his coaches Alton Gaines and Johnny Nino.

PHOTOS BY MONTY HYSINGER

### Williams jumps to bronze at state contest

By Sandy Anderberg

Senior Wes Williams' suitcase was a little heavier when he came home from Austin last weekend where he participated in the State Track Meet.

For his efforts in the long jump, Williams brought home the bronze medal for third place in that event. His jump of 22' just missed the second place silver medal by one-half of an inch.

"Wes competed well," coach Johnny Nino said. "He had a little trouble getting on the board, but he kept his composure and fought though that. He got the 22' jump on his next to last jump.

"Wes has worked hard all year and it showed with the success he had in the long jump and the 100-meter dash. I would like to thank Wesley for all his hard work this year and throughout his high school career. I would also like to thank Coach Gaines for all his hard work with all of the jumpers - girls and boys."



Senior Wes Williams competing in the long jump event at the State Track Meet.



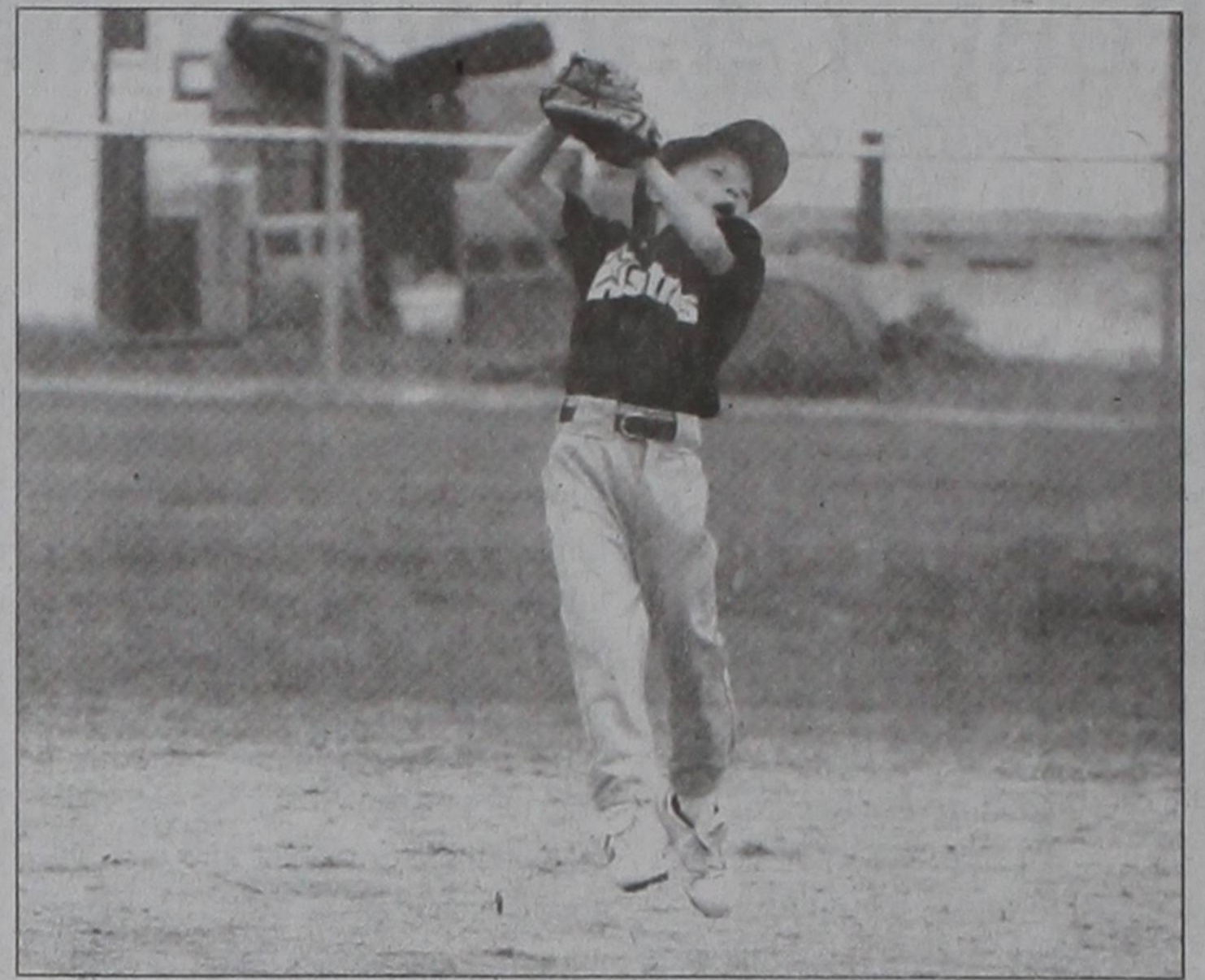
Mikayla Shadle received the Semper Fidelis Award for band during the spring concert at Clarendon High School on May 10.

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Trevela Drozek received the Outstanding Senior Bandsman and the Jacob Dean Smith Scholarship.

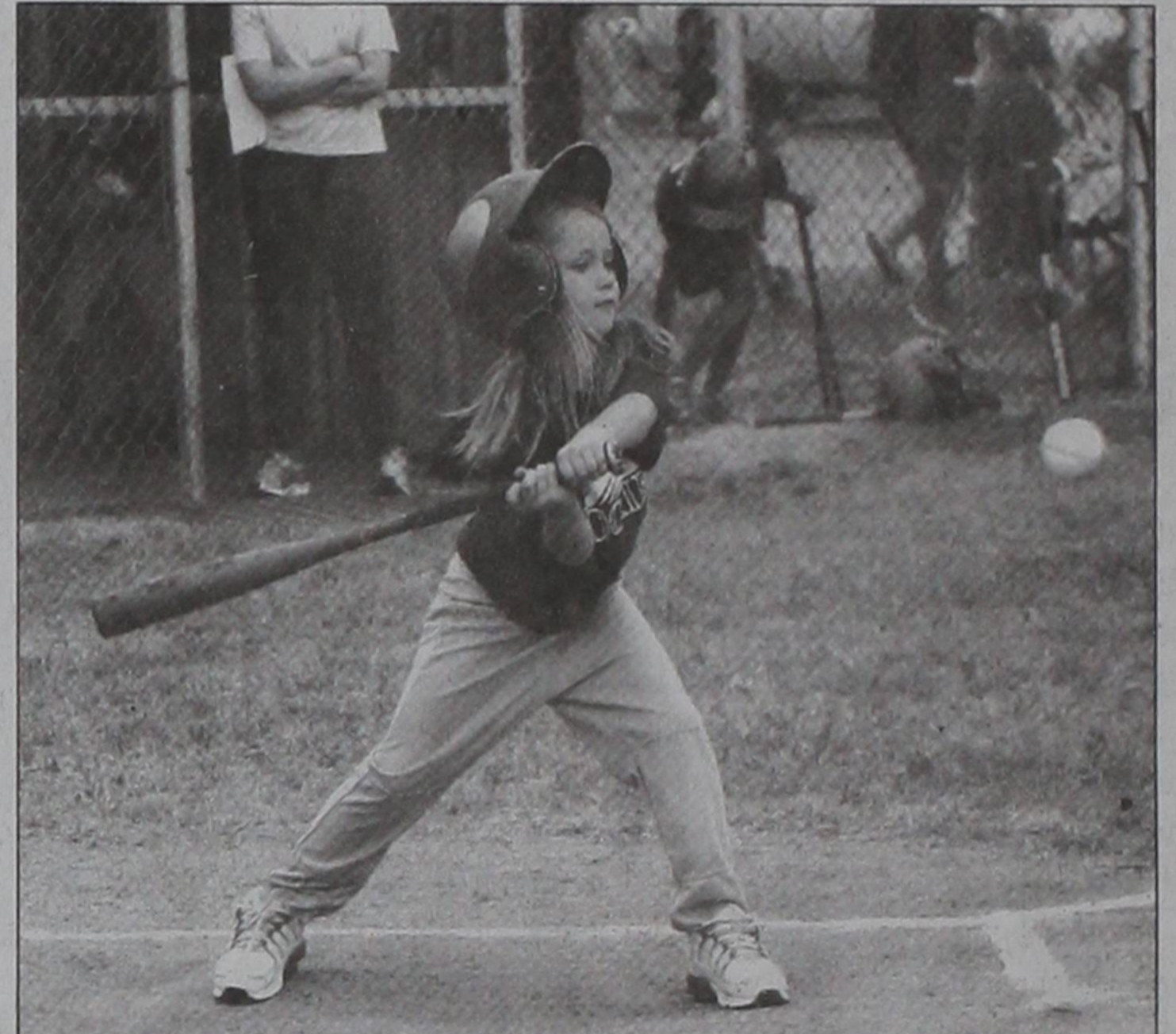
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### Nice catch

At his coach pitch game, Jody Pigg catches a fly-ball for the Stars team.

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### Batter Up

Batting for the Rockies is April Franklin at her coach pitch game.

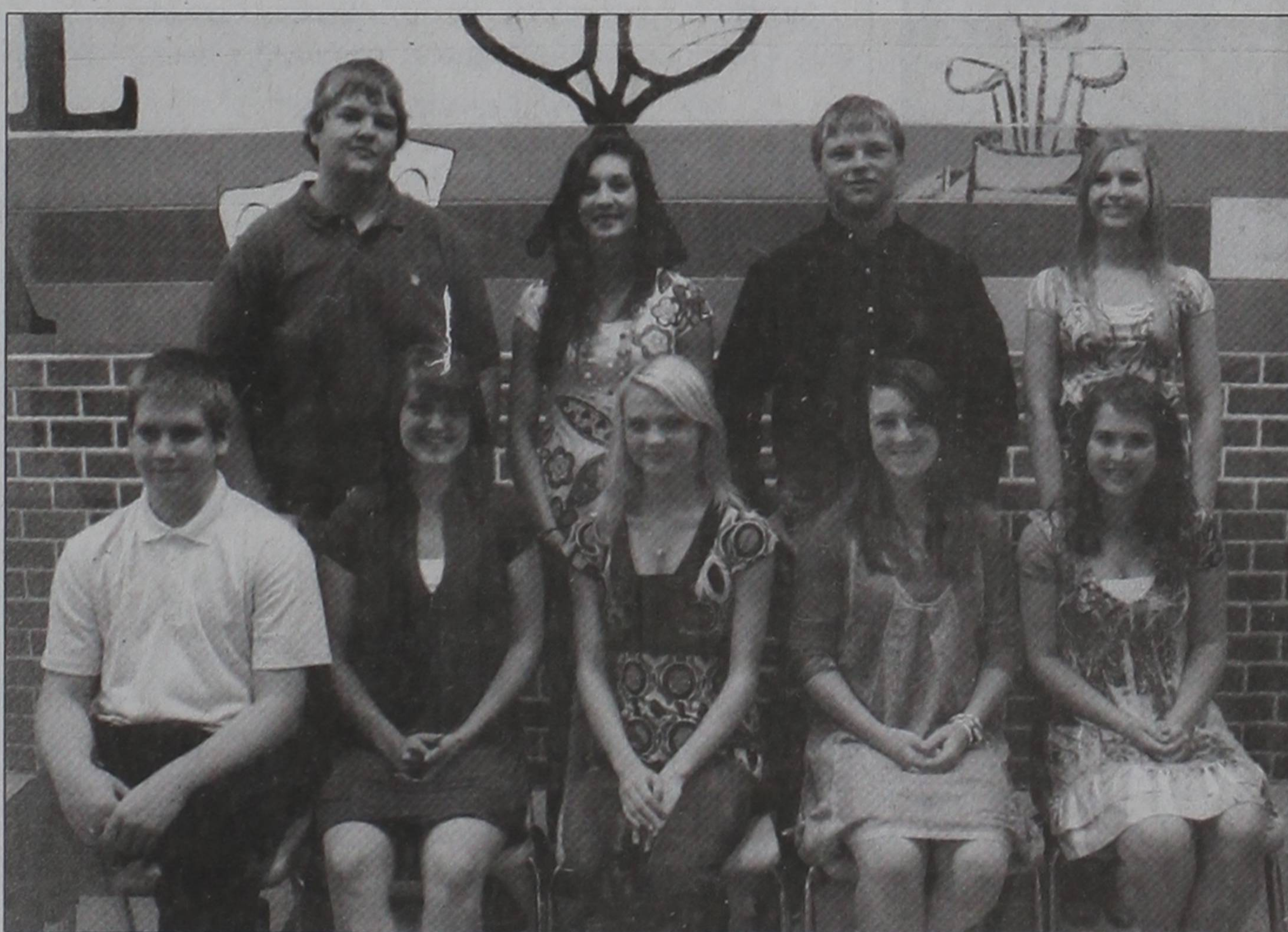
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### Tall ride

Brandon Evans and Becca Butler wait as Nicco Bennett helps Kadee Riggs out of the "Prom Car" during the Hedley Prom on Saturday.

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The Hedley National Honor Society welcomed new members recently. Shown here are members Caden Farris, Sierra Shelp, Austin Adams, Cassidy Burton, Joey Allen, Cassie Pickle, Emilee Blum, new member Kassie O'Dell, and new member Kristen Liner.

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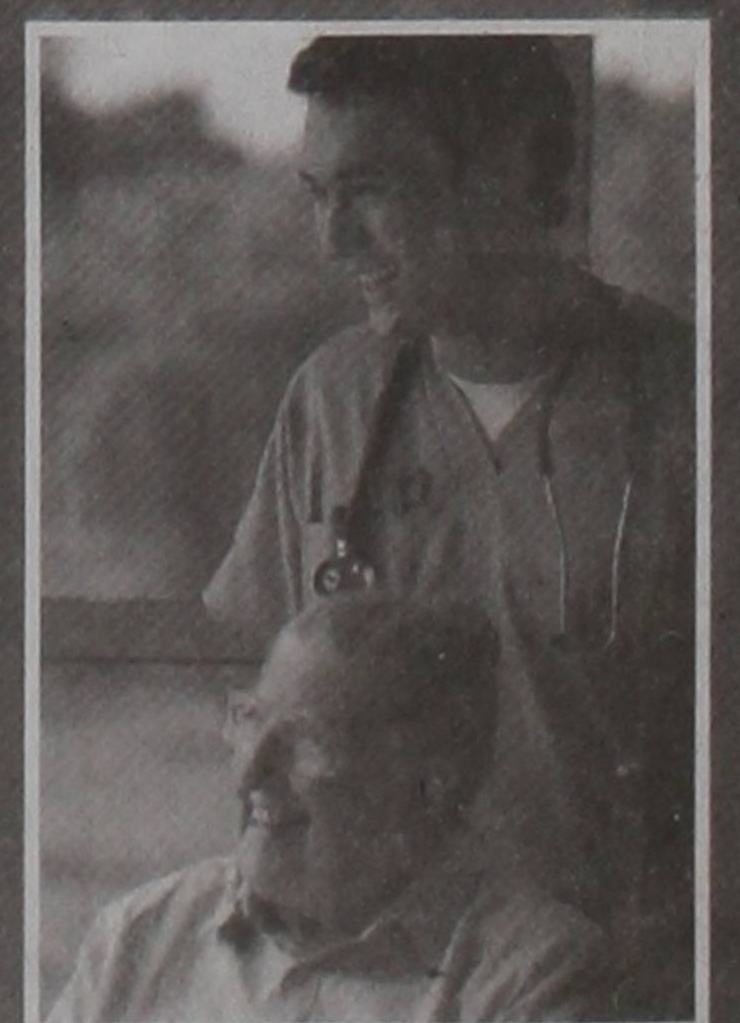
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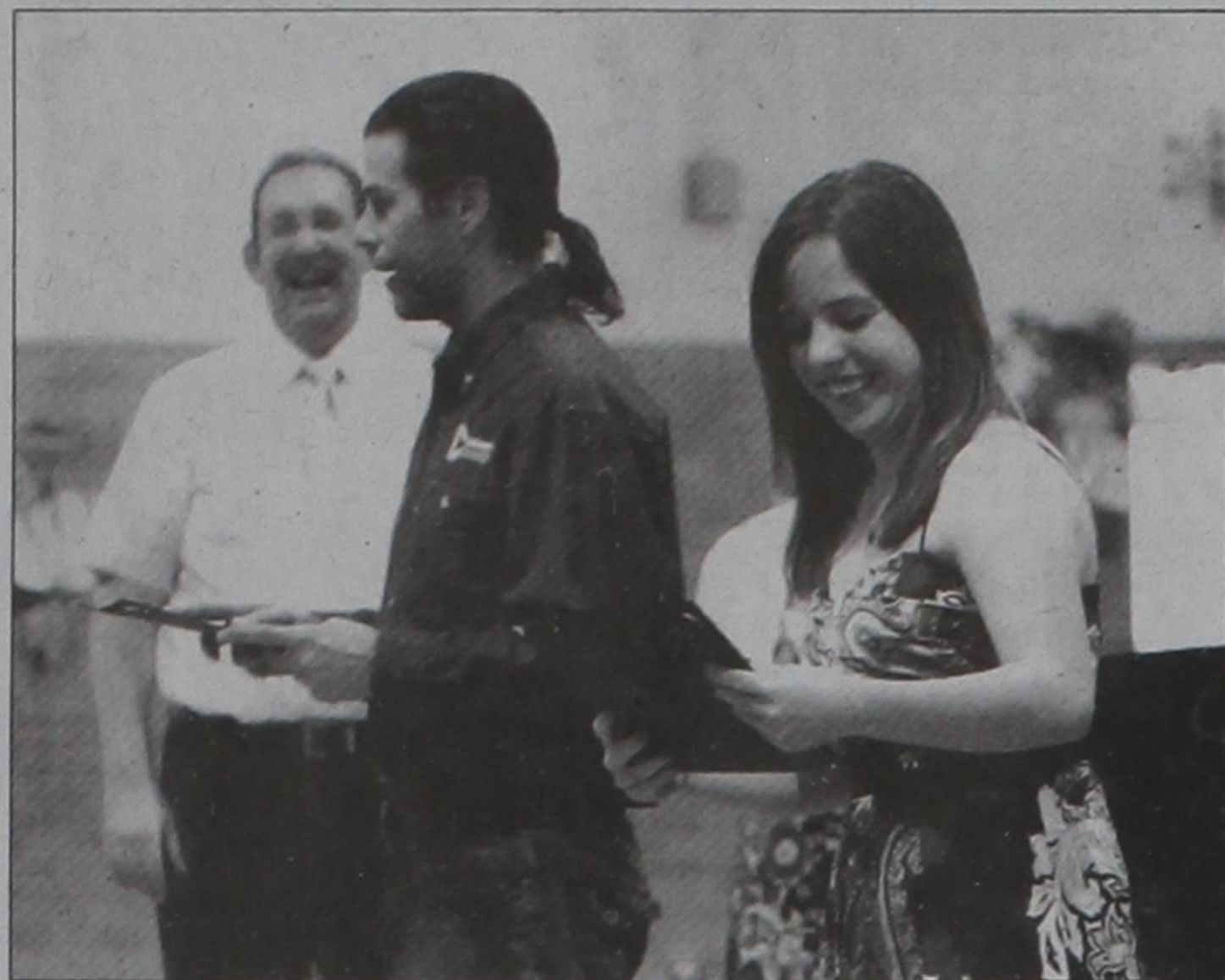
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Jerah Luna received the John Phillips Sousa Award and was the winner of the Betsy Ellerbrook Scholarship.

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Sophomore, Kristen Liner signs the National Honor Society register book during the recent induction.



First Graders (back) Brandon Hatfield, Rowdy Eytcheson, Adriana Araujo, Anna Randall, and Finley Cunningham show off their newly hatched baby chicks.

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Showing off their new additions to their first grade class is Kaye-Breeze Burnett, Samantha Wright, Damien Jaramillo, and Emberly Gonzalez.

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First graders Avery Sawyer, Angel Silva, Corina Wyrick, and Ulexis Chavez love on their new chicks that hatched in Mrs. Gribble's classroom.

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## Top Students: CC students Cone, Gammage honored

Continued from page one.

Smith's favorite pastime is gardening and caring for plants, and she volunteers each year to beautify the campus with the flowers that greet students and visitors at the academic center each day. She is a second mom for many students at the college and, along with her husband, is one of the biggest Bulldog and Lady Bulldog fans in town.

Smith's name will be engraved on the Walter B. Knörpp Outstanding Academic Achievement trophy that is permanently displayed in the Vera Dial Dickey Library as tribute to her academic performance at Clarendon College.

Scott Cone of Glenwood, New South Wales, was named the Top Honor Graduate at the CC spring commencement.

The Top Honor Graduate is selected each April based on guidelines of overall grade point average and outstanding academic achievement.

Cone came to Clarendon College from Australia to further his education and improve his baseball skills. He is a member of the Clarendon College Bulldog Baseball team and graduated with an Associate in Science degree.

He will be transferring to West

Texas A&M University in Canyon this fall to major in Biology.

Joyse Gammage of Pampa received the Outstanding Graduate award at the CC spring commencement.

The Outstanding Student honor awards not only academic achievement, but also leadership, integrity, and character. In order to receive this award, the student must be voted on by the full-time faculty. The Outstanding Student Award originated in 1965 with the Clarendon Jaycees. Upon the disbanding of the Jaycees, Clarendon College took upon itself the continuation of the tradition into the present.

Gammage is an Amarillo native who now lives in Pampa with her husband and 4 daughters. She has a family, works as a veterinary technician at a Pampa vet clinic and attended Clarendon College. Prior to attending CC, she attended Palo Duro High School.

Looking past CC, Gammage plans to attend West Texas A&M University in the fall with future plans of attending the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M where she hopes to achieve her childhood dream by earning a Doctorate in Veterinary Science.

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I believe that is the reason for more "tea party" folks. Of course they are demonized by those who would continue status quo. Make no mistake. If you are for morals/religion, lower taxes, less government intrusion in our lives, less social programs for the lazy, you are deemed a fanatic or nut. Isn't that something? The very reason this country was founded was to get away from those that would control our religious freedoms and rule us as serfs and slaves. I guess they were fanatics that ultimately did cling to their guns and religion. They won that freedom for us, now there are those that would take it away. Some would take it away for their own power and others have sold their heritage to keep the "free stuff" flowing instead of earning it on their own.

When you read Romans 13, it is a chapter about being subject to the authorities. Of course we know that holds up to a point. When the authorities are against God, then we must obey God. Peter was faced with this quandary. How did he deal with it? Ac 5:29 But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men." There it is. We are to be subject to the authorities except for when they cross God. We live in a better situation than Peter and the other apostles in that they lived under a totalitarian government where the people had no voice. We do! We have enslaved ourselves by allowing our country to be taken over by godless heathen! They were and still are a minority in this country. It won't be long that won't be true.

I pray that all through this country will stand and try to take this country back. Ignore the insults and the "elites". Don't let them define you or limit your choices. A free country has become less free. Those who claim they are pro-choice are lying. They aren't really pro-choice, unless you choose exactly as they do. I'm saying people can pursue immoral stances, but there are still enough of us that could stop them from ruling us if we stood together and stop being bought off with the "freebies." Think about it.

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### May 7, 2012

1:14 a.m. - EMS assist - 200 block E Montgomery  
10:37 a.m. - EMS assist - Medical Center Nursing Home  
9:49 p.m. - EMS assist - 600 block E 2<sup>nd</sup>

### May 8, 2012

8:57 a.m. - EMS assist - 12300 block Co Rd S  
10:31 a.m. - Welfare check - 100 block Diane  
11:47 a.m. - Out at Annex  
8:02 p.m. - EMS assist - 400 block W 5th

### May 9, 2012

4:46 a.m. - Courtesy ride from Greenbelt Lake times 3  
9:07 a.m. - Out at Annex  
11:09 a.m. - Dispatched to minor accident - Subway parking lot  
1:47 p.m. - EMS assist - Clarendon Family Medical Center  
3:18 a.m. - To jail with one in custody  
3:54 p.m. - Units dispatched - minor accident 1<sup>st</sup> and Daniels - Hedley

### May 10, 2012

3:57 a.m. - Report of disabled vehicle Southbound Rest Area 287  
4:35 a.m. - Located car @ Northbound Rest Area 287  
11:11 a.m. - See complainant 1100 block W 5th  
7:07 p.m. - Report of young child walking in road 5th & Koogle  
7:17 p.m. - Child in custody of

### Grandmother

10:18 p.m. - EMS assist - 500 block Hartzell  
10:35 p.m. - EMS assist - 300 block W 2nd

### May 11, 2012

3:13 a.m. - EMS assist - 300 block W 2nd  
7:12 a.m. - Welfare check 800 block S Carhart  
2:56 p.m. - Dispatched for vehicle in median 287 & Co Rd 8  
11:21 p.m. - To jail with one in custody

### May 12, 2012

3:35 a.m. - Report damage to Outpost by Semi  
1:55 p.m. - Report of cattle South 70 & Co Rd U / Notified Deputy & Owner  
6:50 p.m. - Report of female causing problems 400 block W 2<sup>nd</sup>



### Chick it out

The first graders at Clarendon Elementary had baby chicks hatch in their classrooms this week. With the help of the Donley County Extension office they placed eggs in incubators in their classrooms on April 19th and this week approximately 21 days later the baby chicks hatched and came chirping their way into 1st grade. Makenna Shadle, Kenleigh Dunham, Jayde Gribble, April Franklin, and Jacquaviyon Brown.

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## PROPERTY TAX PROTEST and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these procedures if you have a concern about:

- \*the market or special appraised value placed on your property;
- \*the unequal appraisal of your property;
- \*the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll;
- \*exemptions that may apply to you;
- \*qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal;
- \*the taxable status of your property;
- \*which local governments should be taxing your property;
- \*the ownership of property;
- \*the change of use of land receiving special appraisal;
- \*any action taken by the appraisal district that applies to and adversely affects you.

**Informal Review:** Your Appraisal District staff urges you to review the value records of your property. The Appraisal Review Board hearings are set for July 3, 2012, at the Donley County Appraisal District office. Some protests result from errors or misconceptions which we are pleased to correct.

**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. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The law provides that before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD shall each provide the other with a copy of any written material intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. In most cases 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:** 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you. 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) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

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**Container Workshop to be held Saturday by Master Gardeners**

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Brandon Boughen, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent in Potter County, invited everyone to, "Come learn how to create your own container garden. You will take home a beautiful container that you will put together at the workshop."

Plants and soil will be furnished, Boughen said.

Participants will need to bring a container that is 12 to 16 inches in diameter and about as tall.

Be sure it has a drain hole, he advised, and also, bring gloves and a trowel.

The cost is \$40 per person, Boughen said.

Call 806-373-0713 or register online at <http://potter.agrilife.org/> forms to reserve plants and material by May 16. Checks should be made payable to Potter County Master Gardeners and mailed to 3301 E. 10th Ave., Amarillo, Texas 79104.

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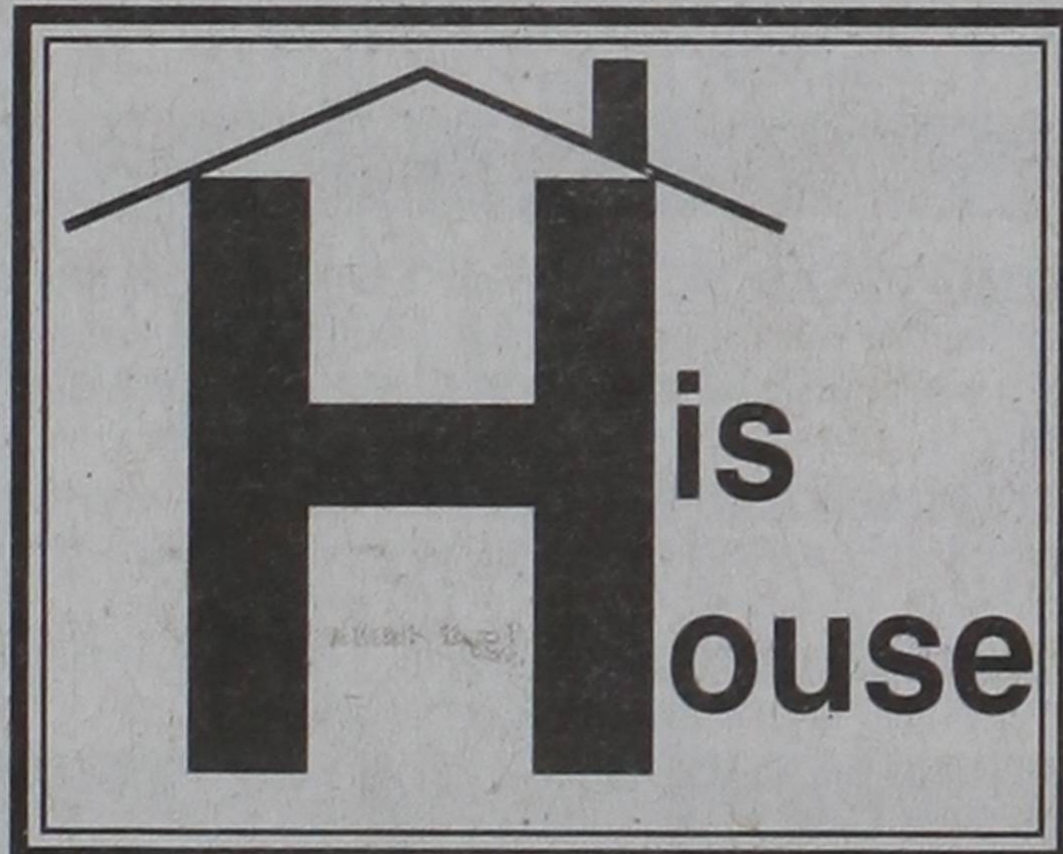
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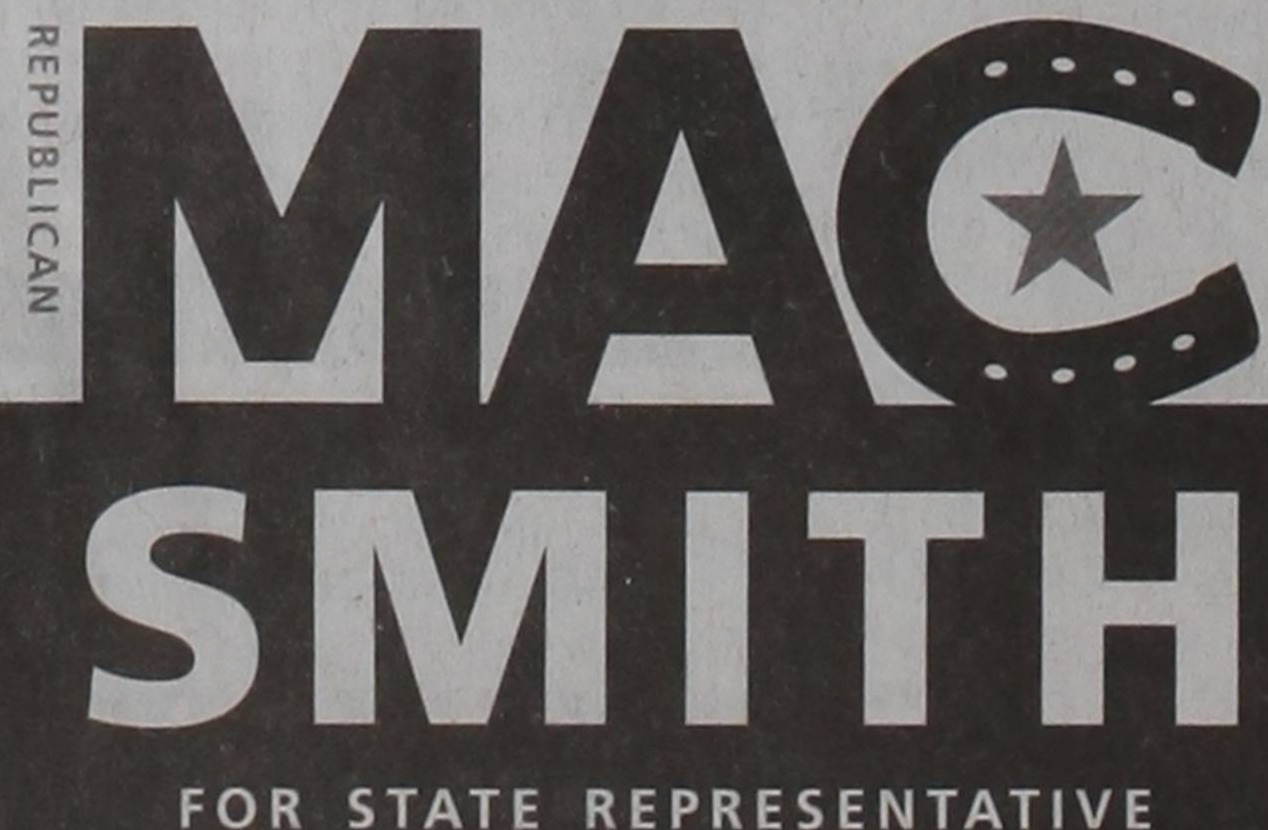
Recently, a local company was looking to move because of lack of office space in our area. This company was one step away from LEAVING. Mac, and his family business, responded and helped them find a solution so they would not have to move away. Local jobs were not only saved, but a big hit on the local economy was avoided. This is the kind of action Mac also wants to put to work as our State Representative. SAVING EXISTING JOBS AND ATTRACTING NEW JOBS WILL BE GOAL #1 FOR MAC.

**MAC'S PLEDGE:**

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