

editor's Commentary

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Dems flounder as president's popularity holds

I almost feel sorry for Democrats... almost. It seems they're having trouble finding a message that resonates with voters these days.

On September 11, President Bush's popularity skyrocketed as Americans rallied around the flag. In response, the Democrats patted him on the back for the War and tried to shoot him down with the Enron mess and their constant harping about the "Bush recession." Much to their chagrin, Bush became even more popular. One poll rated him as one of the top presidents in US history — outranking Reagan, both Roosevelts, Jefferson, and even George Washington himself (which I find hard to believe).

Now to make matters worse for the Democrats, the economy appears to be recovering. You could call it the Bush recovery, I suppose.

The head Dem in Washington, Sen. Tom Daschle, continues to lie and distort the facts in his effort to find any mud that will stick to Bush. Two weeks ago he and his colleagues began loudly criticizing the war effort, saying it was costing too much and didn't have a clear focus. There's nothing wrong with criticism, but these guys really would like the Commander-in-Chief to lay out all the war plans on C-SPAN, just so everybody knows what's going on.

A few days later, several of our fighting men were killed, and suddenly Daschle & Co. are back in lock step supporting the president. Wouldn't want to appear unpatriotic, you know.

Then Daschle made a big to-do about the so-called "shadow government" — the backup plan by which several key government people are kept out of harm's way so that critical government functions can keep running in the event a terrorist bombs DC, Putin pushes the wrong button after too much vodka, or an asteroid takes out the Eastern seaboard. The senate majority leader said his party knew nothing of the administration's plans and complained that he wasn't consulted.

Again, a few days later, Daschle half-heartedly had to back away from those statements when they turned out to be nothing more than bald-faced lies, making the South Dakotan look like a jackass.

Tuesday, Fox News' Carl Cameron reported that a party strategy memo says Democrats are worried about the upcoming election and that Bush's wartime popularity may leave them without a positive message to convey to voters.

"The nation wants to know whether the Democrats have ideas," the memo said.

Well, of course, they have ideas. But they're the same old, tired ideas the party has been shoving down our throats since the Great Depression. Democrats still stand for the same things — federal control of every aspect of our lives, higher taxes, and more government spending. Daschle even admitted to the last item Monday when he said in a speech that Democrats support more federal spending than the president does.

Next up for the Dems is to return to the scare tactics of the past. They will soon begin harping on "saving" Social Security and Medicare and start painting Bush and the GOP as the folks who want to kill old people, starve children, and close schools. Will that old message put a chink in Bush's armor? I doubt it.

George W. Bush is not invulnerable, but the public is not likely to turn away from him any time soon in favor of Democratic "ideas." In order to bring down Bush's popularity, he will either have to screw up big time, or the Dems will have to get down in the mud and play dirty politics. I'm betting on the latter.

Meanwhile...

Bush may be doing a good job with the economy and the War on Terror, but he really needs to find out who the heck is in charge at the Department of Justice.

I know Attorney General Ashcroft is supposed to be the jefe over there, but I'm talking about who's really in charge in the bureaucratic belly of the beast. Judging from news reports this week, I'd say there are some old Marxist Clintonistas still employed there, and they are still trying to kill the tobacco industry.

On Tuesday, the DOJ proposed tougher regulations on tobacco manufacturers. If the Health Nazis get their way, cigarette packages would have warning labels that cover 50% of the package, advertisements would be covered in warning labels, and in-store promotions and rebates would be banned.

Also under the proposal, tobacco companies would be forced to pay for a toll free "quit line" to help people stop buying their product. (That would be like trying to have newspapers fund programs to encourage illiteracy.) And the DOJ would really like to ban cigarette vending machines in order to — everyone say it together now — save the children.

"It's as if a group of lower-level bureaucrats got together in a back room and tried to dream up the most outrageous things they could ask for," said Mark Smith, a spokesman for Brown & Williamson Corp.

It seems that way because that's what happened, Mr. Smith.

It is well past time for the Executive Branch to grab these busybody pencil-pushers by the throats and throw them the hell out of the government. The War on Tobacco — which has long since become the War on Freedom — must come to an end now.

CBS special brings 9-11 back to surface

Like millions of Americans, I sat transfixed before the television on Sunday night. I wasn't planning on watching CBS's documentary 9/11, but I had a feeling that I needed to watch this 2-hour long film.

It has now been six months since terrorists invaded both our country and our lives. I'll never forget where I was on that fateful day and the emotions of anger and fear that washed over me. And, as the images of the documentary played, all of those old feelings again surfaced. My heart raced as the film showed firefighters racing up the steps of the World Trade Center, and I cringed every time that I heard bodies falling and hitting the dome of the lobby mezzanine. You could see the confusion and fear in the eyes of the firefighters who were featured in the documentary. Although I knew the ending to this tale, I sat on the edge of my seat the entire time.

America needed to see this film, as many citizens have terribly short memories. 9-11 was a foreign invasion on our mainland and the worst enemy surprise since Pearl Harbor. Thousands of innocent lives were lost due to the actions of radical Islamic warriors.

In a time of "instant gratification" there is no quick fix to this problem. I'm tired of hearing people say, "We shouldn't be threatening Iraq and calling North Korea an evil nation."

May I just say, "Hello, wake up and smell the coffee. Because the pot is no longer simmering, it is burning." If we do not rid the world of these sad mites, we'll never be safe again. Would Americans rather that we kill over there or have bloodshed on our own soil when the cow-



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ards decide to blow something else up? There are millions of people who detest us and would be honored to kill Americans.

I'm embarrassed by the number of yellow-bellied sissies that we have in this country. Freedom is not free; it comes at a cost. And guess what, bucko, it's our time to pay up! Our grandparents and their grandparents all fought for this way of life that we enjoy. Our generation hasn't had to lift a finger, and now it is crying "no fair" at the rules of the game. Sacrifices are going to have to continue, whether it be the lives of our servicemen, rationing goods, or inconveniences here at home. And whining from Democratic leaders such as Senator Tom Daschle of South Dakota has got to stop. Hey, Daschle, consider yourself weaned because your pork barrel politics is fixin' to run dry. Our military deserves the latest in technology, and the men and women who protect us everyday deserve a decent wage. It's embarrassing that many military families have to use food stamps to get by! President Bush understands that we have to invest in our military if we want to win this war.

Then there's the issue of the detainees at Camp X-Ray. These are criminals who really shouldn't be considered prisoners of war. They don't deserve air conditioning, IV fluid treatments when they go on hunger strikes, or any other luxuries. Maybe some of our fellow countrymen need to hear

horror stories about POW camps in Japan, Germany, and Vietnam. Then, let's see how good you think these Al-Qada and Taliban soldiers have it. I'd rather see them digging ditches or even sweeping their own mine fields that they set in Afghanistan. And little Johnny Taliban Walker should be shot for treason. And don't tell me the crap that he's a dumb kid who made bad decisions. He's doesn't deserve a day in court, and it's too bad that our troops didn't send him to Camp X-ray along with his other robe-wearing buddies.

And, if we really want to play dirty, why don't we empty out some of our nation's overcrowded prisons and send those guys overseas to fight? Give the prisoners the option to fight or sit in jail and rot. Hey, most of them are killers anyway, so why not turn them loose in Iraq? Perhaps they could go through a boot camp and receive training for the mission. Then, if they refuse to stand and fight, leave them overseas to enjoy a life of sand, camels, unleavened bread, and mutton. You can imagine when faced with that option, many would work for their country. There's nothing like killing two birds with one stone; we alleviate the prison problem and have instant ground troops.

We're supposed to be a nation comprised of unique individuals who enjoy more liberties and freedoms than any other country in the world. Instead, many have turned out to be forgiving, politically correct pacifists who hope the problem just goes away. I don't forget, and I don't forgive for acts like this. And maybe our Americans will recall their similar sentiments when reflecting upon the events of a mere six months ago.



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"HA!...THEY FELL for IT!"

Texans concerned about health care, jobs

By Bill Hammond

It's no secret that because of steadily rising costs, Texas employers have struggled for years to continue providing health insurance to their employees. Small business owners know this story as well as anyone; and for most businesses, health insurance is a top priority.

Most people expect their benefit package at work to include a health insurance component. It's almost a given in today's business world, an incentive to attract and keep valuable employees.

This state's employers are the primary source of private health insurance for those citizens who are fortunate enough to have coverage.

Business owners across this state have watched in dismay as rising health care costs, which they have almost no control over, fueled an increase in premiums of more than 10 percent last year. Employers are increasingly frustrated with the benefits they can afford to provide their employees even though health insurance is a substantial cost of doing business.

Against this backdrop, the Texas Association of Business & Chambers of Commerce (TABCC) recently commissioned a statewide survey to find where employees,

who are the citizens and voters of Texas, stood on the issue.

Somewhat surprisingly, the poll found 45 percent of Texans say health care is as important to them as their job or the economy and they view health care as one of the most critical issues facing their families. TABCC discovered that availability of health insurance isn't just an employer issue, but a broad-based consumer issue.

The pollster could not recall health care polling before as high as it did in this survey. Nearly half the 800 voters surveyed during the week of Feb. 10-14, 2002, ranked health care and economic concerns ahead of education, taxes, crime, and traffic.

Other key findings of the survey include: • Three in five voters are looking to the Texas Legislature to keep health care affordable. • 81 percent of voters identified holding the line on costs as the single more important health care issue. • 78 percent of poll respondents receive health insurance coverage through their employers.

All Texans are feeling the effects of a slowing economy. Employers are being squeezed between reduced profits and astronomical increases in their premiums. Since business owners are often

forced to choose between eliminating benefits and reducing their workforce to make ends meet, it's understandable that the public's top concerns are jobs and health care.

One fourth of Texas residents — almost 5 million people — lack health insurance, the highest percentage of any state in the nation. Inaction will result in insurance being priced out of the reach of more and more employers and employees, and the number of uninsured will swell.

I urge officeholders and candidates at all levels to make health care the top-level issue that Texas voters have identified it as and begin addressing the problem immediately. But little progress is likely without a commitment from all interested parties. That includes consumers, medical providers, insurance firms, pharmaceutical companies, state regulators, and business.

Health care is bigger than TABCC or any single group or industry. It is a non-partisan issue that is too important to be left to special interest groups. As a public policy issue, it should rank at the top of this state's agenda.

Bill Hammond is president and CEO of the Austin-based Texas Association of Business & Chambers of Commerce (TABCC), which represents 140,000 employers and 200 chambers of commerce.

Former local man is doing well with family in Dumas

Two years ago after my wife passed away on August 9, 1996, I started having health problems. First bladder surgery, then my right knee replaced, then almost a year later my left knee replaced after which my daughter moved me to Dumas where I had brought up all my five children.

I was self-employed until 1957 when I became employed at Pantex. I moved to Amarillo that year and then to Howardwick

in 1971. I retired from Pantex in 1979 after 22 years. I kept myself busy with vacuum cleaner sales and service as well as carpet cleaning until my wife took Parkinson's Disease in 1989. I cared for her (with some government help) until 1996.

Now I am recuperating from operations to correct blocked arteries, heart valve repair, pacemaker, etc. I'm going to cardiac rehab and walking as well as watching my

diet. Beyond that, God is taking good care of me. I'm helping my daughter and her husband in the Lao mission of the First Baptist Church. We're having singing (which I lead with my guitar) and Bible study at my house each Sunday evening.

John D. McVicker
Dumas

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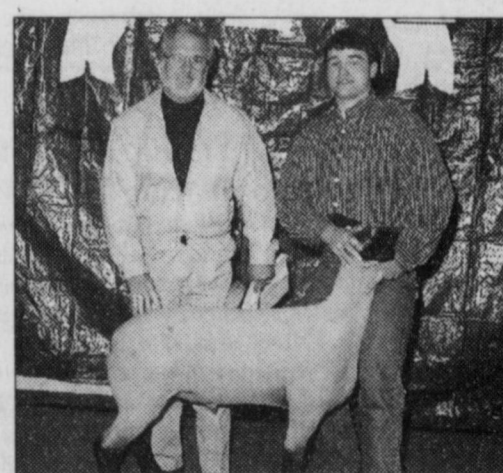
Grand Champion Swine

Exhibitor: Sade Rae Cobb
Buyer: Donley County Buyers Club



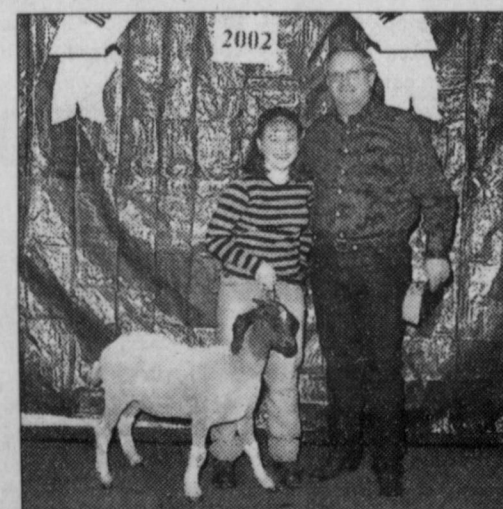
Grand Champion Heifer

Exhibitor: Sade Rae Cobb



Grand Champion Lamb

Exhibitor: Greg Wootten
Buyer: Donley County State Bank



Grand Champion Goat

Exhibitor: Kristen White
Buyer: Herring National Bank

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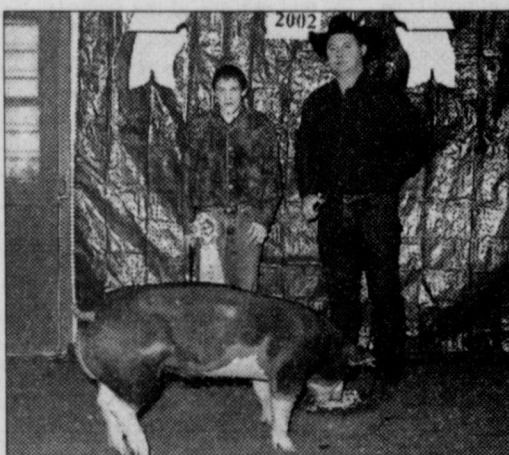
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Reserve Champion Steer

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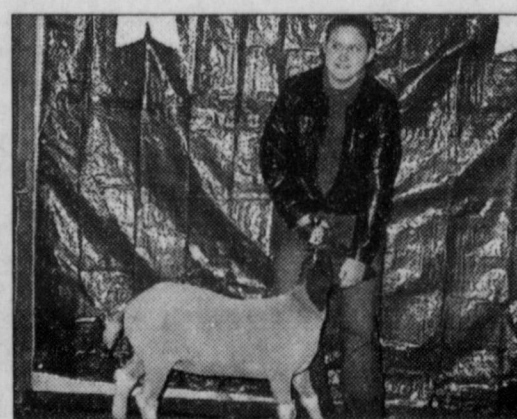
Reserve Champion Swine

Exhibitor: Brayden Bennett
Buyer: Greenbelt Electric Coop.



Reserve Champion Lamb

Exhibitor: Jordan King
Buyer: Hedley Lions Club



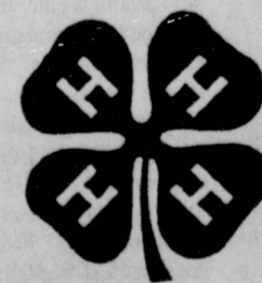
Reserve Champion Goat

Exhibitor: Ronna Edwards



Reserve Champion Heifer

Exhibitor: Jared Patterson
Buyer: Donley County Buyers Club



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

March 17
St. Patrick's Day

March 18
Breast Cancer Screening • Medical Center Nursing Home • 356-1905

March 19
Immunization Clinic • TDH Office • 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

PTK Car Wash • Bairfield Activity Center • 1 p.m.

March 21
United Christian Men's Breakfast • Methodist Church • 7 a.m.

March 23
CC Invitational Judging Contest

Income Tax Preparation Clinic • Panhandle Community Services Building • 9 a.m.

April 8 - 9
Farm/Ranch Computer Workshop • Clarendon College • 9 a.m.

April 6, 7
Clarendon College Ex-Students Reunion • Bairfield Activity Center

April 9
TPMHRM Public Forum • Court-house Annex • 5:30 p.m.

April 19 - 21
2002 Donley County Turkey Strut Festival

Community Menus

March 18-22

Clarendon Schools

Breakfast
Mon: Rice, toast, fruit, milk
Tues: Breakfast burritos, fruit, milk
Wed: Pancakes, fruit, milk
Thur: Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk
Fri: Breakfast casserole, juice, milk
Lunch
Mon: Corn dogs or PBJ sandwich, black-eyed peas, salad, French fries, fruit, milk
Tues: Ravioli with meat or PBJ sandwich, corn, salad, hot rolls, fruit, milk
Wed: Chicken fried steak or pizza, hot rolls, mashed potatoes, fried okra, pineapple cake, milk
Thur: Chef salad with turkey or hamburgers, crackers, celery sticks, pears, brownie, milk
Fri: Hot sliced turkey and cheese sandwich on homemade buns, lettuce, carrot sticks, potato chips, oranges, milk

Hedley Schools

Breakfast
Mon: Breakfast sandwich, toast and jelly, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk
Tues: Biscuit and gravy, sausage patties, butter and jelly, cereal, juice, milk
Wed: Pancake and syrup, sausage patties, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk
Thur: Breakfast burrito with salsa, cereal, fruit juice, milk
Fri: Peanut butter, muffins, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk
Lunch
Mon: Beef taco, pinto beans and rice, corn, tossed salad and fruit, cornbread, muffins, milk
Tues: Hot pockets or chicken and rice, corn on the cob, spinach, salad, fruit, milk
Wed: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, broccoli and cheese, salad, fruit, sliced bread, milk
Thur: Chicken Ritz or beef tips and rice, broccoli with cheese and sauce, fruit salad, vegetable salad, key lime pie, milk
Fri: Chicken on a bun or steak on a bun, later tots, lettuce, tomato, fruit, milk

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Meatloaf, mini baked potatoes, black-eyed peas, rosie applesauce, pumpkin brownies, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Tues: Smothered chicken, au gratin potatoes, Harvard beets, three bean salad, peaches and pears, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Wed: Taco soup, fried vegetable sticks, tropical fruit, pastries, cornbread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Thur: Oven fried chicken, macaroni and tomatoes, green beans, tossed salad, apricot cobbler with ice cream, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Fri: Swiss steak, parsley potatoes, Brussels sprouts, cherry salad, cinnamon crisps, roll, coffee, tea, milk

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Beef stew with peas, carrots, tomatoes, potatoes, onions, and celery, macaroni salad, sliced peaches, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee
Tues: Steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, banana pudding, roll, milk, tea, coffee
Wed: Chili and pinto beans, potato wedges, cucumber and onion salad, jelled fruit with whipped topping, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee
Thur: Roast beef, baked potato, English peas, pear and cottage cheese salad, pumpkin pie, roll, milk, tea, coffee
Fri: Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, refried beans, tossed salad, apricot cobbler, chips or crackers, milk, tea, coffee

Rogers helped put Clarendon 'on the map'

The big Braniff mail plane slowly comes to a stop on a dusty road used as an airfield east of Clarendon. It is January 23, 1935, and the field is almost deserted except for a few automobiles parked near the road.

Several people are emerging from them and moving toward the plane. The welcome committee consists of Mr. T.D. Hobart, the general manager of the JA estate, with his wife and son Fred; Clinton Henry; the JA Ranch manager; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bugbee; W.H. Patrick; Joe Goldston; Sam Braswell; J.T. Patman; and Otis Caraway.

The doors to the airplane open but no mail bundles or sacks are being unloaded. A man with rumpled clothing and uncombed hair falling over his face climbs down from the plane. He is carrying a suitcase with several ropes attached to the luggage. His name is Will Rogers. He has come to Clarendon to see the famous JA Ranch and visit his long-

time friend, Ewing Halsell from Higgins, Texas.

Rogers was in Austin putting on shows to benefit crippled children. Halsell wired him to meet at the JA in Clarendon before Rogers returned to his home in California. They had become friends when Rogers ran away from Kemper Military Academy in Missouri and came to Higgins to work on the Halsell ranch back in 1898.

Rogers had flown to Ft. Worth to catch the Braniff and, by special permission of the postal department, had been flown to Clarendon. The Braniff Company wired the Western Union agent, T.W. Welch, to have a "reliable taxi" meet the plane for an important visitor. Welch called Otis Caraway, the Buick dealer, who agreed to make the arrangements.

When the party drove into Clarendon, Rogers stopped long enough at Western Union to send his daily column to New York where



time will Tell

By Jean Stavenhagen

It would appear in over 500 American newspapers the next day. The message was taken by Welch, then relayed to Amarillo and on to the offices of the McNaught Syndicate. It was believed that Clarendon got a dateline in all the papers that carried Will Rogers' column and "got squarely on the map."

Word spread quickly in town that the internationally famous entertainer was in Clarendon and crowds of curious people began to gather around the telegraph office. The JA party of people managed to speed Rogers away to the ranch headquarters where he spent the rest of the day. During the night, he was taken to Amarillo and flew to Claremore, OK, the next day to visit his sister before going on

to California.

Later that year, August 1935, Will Rogers died in a plane crash near Point Barrow, Alaska, with his good friend, aviation legend Wiley Post. Rogers once stated, "When I die, my epitaph is going to read: 'I joked about every prominent man of my time, but I never met a man I didn't like.'"

In October 1937, Harold Keith's biography, *Will Rogers, A Boy's Life*, was published by the Thomas Crowell Company of New York. Keith interviewed many people to gather information about Will Rogers before he began to write. A Clarendon man, Wesley Knorpp, was a valuable source of information for the writer since he was a classmate of Rogers in 1896 during the time they attended Scarritt College of Neosho, MO. His name is mentioned in the Acknowledgements section of the biography. Wesley Knorpp is the grandfather of Walt and Todd Knorpp.



Christina Wootten

Wootten to be honored at WTAMU this Friday

Christina Wootten, a senior general business major from Clarendon, has been nominated for Student Employee of the Year at West Texas A&M University.

Wootten is a student worker in the Business Office. She has worked in the position for a year and a half.

The WTAMU Student Employee of the Year winner will go on to the regional competition, according to Elise Copeland, coordinator of Student Employment Services.

All nominees will be recognized, and the winner will be announced at a reception at 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 12 in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center.

PTK chapter inducts 20 new members at CC

Clarendon College's Iota Phi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa recently welcomed 20 honor students into its membership ranks.

Phi Theta Kappa, a National Honor Society for Junior Colleges, elects members on the basis of grade point averages and courses credit earned. At Clarendon College, Phi Theta Kappa members must maintain a 3.0 GPA.

The following students were inducted as new active members for the spring semester: Lacy Dashedell Austin, Kress; Marinda Leigh Carter and Cassidy Dion Hiltbrunner, Shamrock; Esther Chavez, El Paso; Dedra L. Christopher, Ashley Elizabeth Roys, and Aaron Douglas Kidd, Clarendon; Karin Kay Fritz, Fredericksburg; Pamela Elaine McCleskey and LaRae Joann Shaw, Hedley; Monica Munoz, Childress; and Belinda Frances Spencer, Pampa.

Fall inductees included: Josh Keith Adams, Abilene; Andrew Ewan Graham, Sydney, Australia; Yolanda L. Mejia, Memphis; Chungu Nkhazi, Ndola, Zambia; Cassandra Jane Paff and Michael James Pelley, Port Macquarie, Australia; Sunni Jo Stages, Shamrock; and Kelly Jae Swindell, Childress.

For more information about Clarendon College or Phi Theta Kappa, call (806) 874-3571.

Self-help group available for those facing MS

A local self-help group for people with multiple sclerosis, their friends, and family will meet on Tuesday, March 26, at the First Baptist Church in Wellington at noon.

It is a brown bag program, facilitated by Vickie Westmoreland. The program will be a group discussion.

For more information, call the Panhandle Division of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society at 806-468-7500 or 1-800-FIGHT MS.

Ford graduates at ACU

Chandra Gail Ford of Clarendon graduated from Abilene Christian University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science Magna Cum Laude during the December Commencement.

Stone to speak at men's breakfast next week

Don Stone will be the guest speaker for the United Christian Men's Breakfast next Thursday, March 21.

The breakfast is held in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church. It begins at 7 a.m. and concludes at 8 a.m. so the men can go to their jobs.

Grahams have visitors

Rachel and Jim Graham from St. Louis, Missouri, visited this weekend with Viola and Mike Graham.

Senior Citizens dinner held at Hedley church

Shortly before midnight Monday, flames burst through the roof of Pick and LaQuita Cox's home southeast of Hedley. The frame house sustained considerable damage to the upstairs, one bedroom, and the outside wall. No one was injured, and the fire department worked quickly to put the fire out.

Marie Adams's sister and brother-in-law, Janet and Richard Conins of Amarillo, visited with Marie one day last week. They celebrated Marie's birthday.

The wind and sand have really been blowing. The fields that have been plowed are pretty quiet, but those that haven't have really been blowing. It reminds me of the sandstorms of the '60s.

The Baptist Church was the scene of the Senior Citizens' dinner Tuesday night. Approximately 100 people enjoyed a delicious dinner of brisket, baked potatoes, green bean casserole, and dessert. Everyone received at least one door prize. The Hedley Junior High chorus sang several songs for the '50s. The Hedley High School choir sang several songs, and Bryan Hill and Bruce Howard also sang. Everyone enjoyed the evening.

Steven Mullins is spending some time with his mother, Nancy Mullins. Steven lived in Nashville, Tennessee.

We have another new neighbor. His name is Bill Hall, and he works at the Hedley Feedlot.

Dale Adams of Alamosa, Colorado, visited recently with Mike and Lori Wallendorf.

Dorine Conatser told me the mocking birds that nest in her pecan trees each year have returned. I guess that means that spring is almost here. The lilac bush behind my house is budding.

Kan Ellis and Audra Stewart



watt's Happening

By Peggy Watt
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came by one day last week, and we went to Amarillo.

I remember when Elsie Shaw had a "variety store" in Hedley. You could buy almost anything there from sewing thread to kitchen appliances to clothes. I bought a coat there once. It was blue with silver buttons and had a beautiful scarf that wound around the neck with one end draped down in back, and the other draped down in the front. It was the prettiest coat I ever owned.

Buford and Jerry Holland went to Quanah Friday and fetched her aunt, Pauline Jones, to spend the weekend. They visited the Medical Center Nursing Home and the Veterans' Hospital nursing home where Pauline's son lives. Pauline attended church with the Hollands Sunday morning.

A group of kids from Hedley High School will travel to San Antonio this weekend to compete in the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association contest. Those who are going are Lora Lewellen, Samuel Howard, Dustin Knowles, and Josh Collins who are seniors; Lauren Hill, Jimmie Marcum, Lisle Rowland, juniors; Lacy Wallendorf, Treva Rowland, sophomores; and Stephen Howard, freshman. Bruce Howard and Linda Rowland are the sponsors.

My son Guy, who lives in Las Animas, Colorado, had some business in Clarendon with Wilma Lindley and met me at the dialysis clinic this morning. We had a short visit, and I'm finally going to get my Christmas tree taken down.



Housing Authority honors Graham

B.L. "Mutt" Graham was presented a plaque by Bob McCombs Wednesday night at the Clarendon Housing Authority's annual meeting. Mr. Graham is retiring from the Board of Directors after serving 18 years of dedicated service, fifteen of those years as Chairman of the Board. McCombs has served as Vice-Chairman and has now been elected as Chairman.

Photo courtesy of Clarendon Housing Authority.

State bar college recognizes Texas attorneys at luncheon

The College of the State Bar of Texas recognized 4320 attorneys as members of the College during its Annual Awards Luncheon on February 9 in Austin.

The College is an honorary society made up of lawyers who strive to keep their legal knowledge and skills at peak levels through attendance of an extraordinary number of continuing legal education hours, at least twice the required minimum.

Established in 1982 by the Supreme Court of Texas, the College counts in its ranks most of the leaders of the legal profession in Texas,

including many judges. Only about six percent of Texas lawyers qualify to become members.

The College is the only organization of its kind in the United States and was the first to provide attorney recognition for making the commitment to lifelong learning, a need now widely acknowledged across many professions.

Recognized as new or maintaining members of the State Bar College from this area were Judy Kaye Messer, Memphis; Randall C. Sims, Amarillo; and Broadus A. Spivey, Austin.

Frozen foods make quick, tasty, nutritious meals

Have you noticed how many Americans are in a hurry? Americans are spending less and less time preparing meals. As a result, the need for quick, easy, and tasty meals has made the frozen food market soar.

March is national frozen food month; and although our economy has slumped a bit, sales of frozen foods haven't chilled. In 1999, supermarket sales of frozen foods were estimated at more than 27 billion dollars. This figure is expected to grow as new products enter the market to meet the needs of consumers. According to sales, some of the most popular frozen food products include seafood (\$990 million in sales), breakfast foods (\$896 million), potatoes and onions (\$857 million), meat (\$829 million), and desserts and toppings (\$760 million). Frozen garlic bread accounted for 40% of the frozen baked goods sales of \$385 million dollars alone.

Frozen foods are not only convenient, but they are also a way to

save time, money, and reduce waste. When a consumer buys a bag of frozen vegetables, for example, the picking, dicing, and chopping have already been done. You don't pay for (or get) the stalks, pits, skins, and rinds; you get food that is 100% edible. All one has to do is remove the package from the freezer, heat, and serve. Another example is frozen pizza. No need to make the dough, spread the sauce, slice the vegetables, and shred the cheese. Just remove the packaging and cook. No assembly required.

Although frozen foods seem foolproof, they are certainly not indestructible. In fact, when selected and stored improperly, the quality of frozen foods can diminish considerably. To help consumers select and store frozen foods to ensure the highest quality the National Frozen & Refrigerated Foods Association offers the following tips:

(1) Choose packages that are clean and firm. Packages that are



family care Corner

By Dawn Watson
COUNTY FCS AGENT

discolored or have large amounts of frost may suggest that the package has not been kept at a proper temperature.

(2) Buy only ice-free, undamaged packages.

(3) When shopping for food, make the frozen food department your last stop in the supermarket.

(4) Pack all frozen food together to help maintain temperature.

(5) Return home immediately from the grocery store and place all frozen foods in the freezer.

(6) Keep your freezer temperature at 0° F or less, and

(7) If frozen foods need to be thawed, use the refrigerator to ensure maximum quality.

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Be sure to refrigerate any leftovers immediately. Menu idea: Serve with a tossed salad or green beans and garlic bread or rolls.

For more information about frozen foods, give me a call at 874-2141.

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Hedley family escapes harm during house fire last week

A family near Hedley is counting their blessings after narrowly escaping when their house caught on fire late last Monday.

The blaze damaged the kitchen and part of one bedroom in the home of Pick and Laqueta Cox. The rest of the house suffered smoke damage.

"God saved our lives, but he used the smoke detectors to do it," said Laqueta Cox.

Cox said she, her husband, and her daughter, Janette Burns, were in their beds when the smoke alarms went off sometime after 11 p.m. They grabbed a few belongings and fled the home. They called 911 on a cell phone, and Mr. Cox shut off the power to the house.

The Hedley Volunteer Fire Department responded almost immediately, and Cox said she was amazed at how fast the Clarendon Volunteer

Fire Department responded.

"They got to our house [southeast of Hedley] 16 minutes after the call went out."

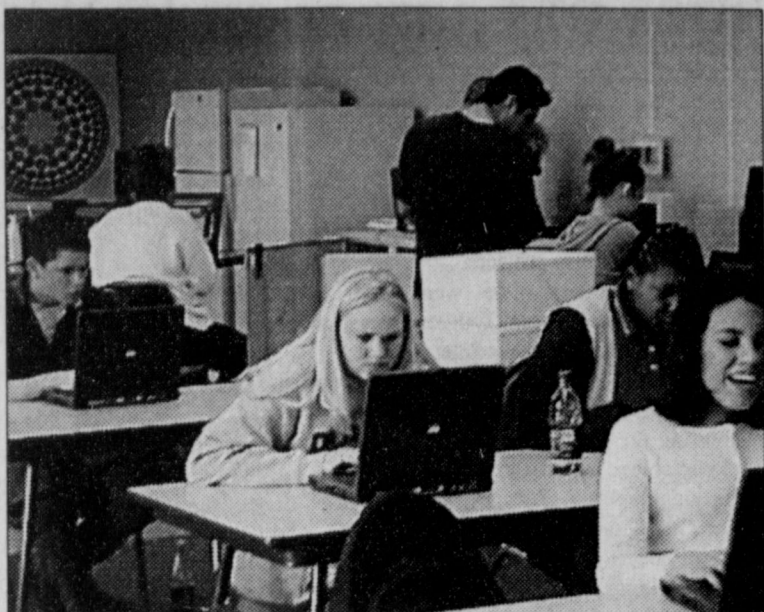
Local EMS and the Donley County Sheriff's Department also responded.

Hedley Fireman Randy Shaw said the fire might have been caused accidentally from grass being burned nearby earlier in the day. Sparks may have gotten into the wall and smoldered there for sometime, he said.

Most of the family's belongings were saved, and the home was insured, although not for replacement cost.

In the meantime, the Coxes have moved in with their son Carl and his wife Christy. Friends and neighbors have been very generous with gifts of food and money.

"All we really need is continued prayers," Cox said.



The game of life

The students in Family and Consumer Sciences and DCP recently participated in the Texas LifeSmarts competition. LifeSmarts is an educational program that deals with real life issues such as consumer rights and responsibilities, personal finance, technology, health and safety, and the environment.

Digital photo courtesy of Tasha Duncan

Free income tax help available March 23

By Dawn Watson, County FCS Agent

For those wanting to get their taxes completed and in the mail before the last minute, help is on the way. A representative from the Amarillo IRS office will assist individuals and families with their tax returns on Saturday, March 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Panhandle Community Services Building in Clarendon.

Those individuals taking advantage of this free service are asked to bring W-2s and 1099s for income earned during 2001, social security cards for those claimed on the return, and a copy of their 2001 return. For those needing additional forms or answers to tax questions, the IRS representative will be available. Appointments are not necessary. Assistance will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The clinic is sponsored by the Donley County Extension Office. For more information call 874-2141.

weather report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	4	42°	5°	-
Tues	5	63°	24°	-
Wed	6	70°	33°	-
Thur	7	77°	27°	-
Fri	8	81°	29°	-
Sat	9	79°	20°	-
Sun	10	53°	21°	-
Total precipitation this month: 0.00"				
Total precipitation to date: 1.49"				
Total precipitation in March last year: 1.50"				
Total YTD total last year: 4.50"				

weekend forecast

	Friday, March 15
	Mostly Cloudy
	65°/37°
	Sat., March 16
	Partly Cloudy
	70°/35°
	Sunday, March 17
	Mostly Sunny
	75°/37°

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lion in new Texas investments and \$874 million in increased Gross State Product in 2003.

Because Texas taxpayers would have more of their money in their pockets to spend on their priorities, Texas' state tax receipts for the three-year period 2003-2005 could be expected to increase by more than \$66 million, while the cost to the federal government would be less than one percent of the costs of existing state and local tax deductions.

Comptroller Rylander strongly endorsed a proposed federal law that would allow Texans to deduct state and local sales taxes from their federal income tax returns. The proposed bill is S.B. 291 by U.S. Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tennessee.

"This is a win-win for Texas taxpayers and Texas government. I urge Congress to quickly adopt legislation that will put hard earned money back in the pockets of hard-working Texas families," Rylander said.

Looking Back

20 Years Ago

THE CLARENDON PRESS, March 18, 1982
• Deborah Payne, a junior at Clarendon High School, was named a finalist to participate at the Miss Northern Texas National Miss Teenager Pageant to be held at Clarendon College later this spring.

• Christie McAnear brought home the Reserve Champion Heifer honors from the Houston Livestock Show.

50 Years Ago

THE DONLEY CO. LEADER, March 14, 1952
• Hubert Charles Heatherly was announced the winner in final eliminations at the Junior Spelling Bee last Friday after he beat out Bobby Lesley of Hedley and Mary Sue Rhoades of Ashtola.

I would like to thank everyone who helped make my birthday so special. A special thanks to Scott and Claudia Elliott, all the employees at Herring National Bank, Will and Brenda Chamberlain, everyone at Guys and Dolls, Evelyn Shaw, Mike Butts, Terri Floyd, and all my friends and family. You all are so wonderful to me, and thank you for making my birthday so memorable.

I love you all!

Cennet Rhode

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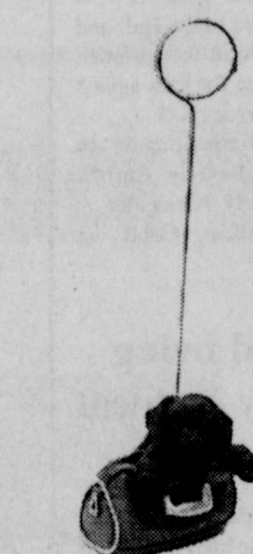
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New column follows activities of Clarendon EDC

Welcome to a new column for THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE. The purpose of this column is to keep you informed on the current events of the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation (CEDC).

In future columns we plan to discuss what is the CEDC, why was it formed, and what is its function?

We will also discuss how the CEDC is funded (Your Tax Dollars) and how this money is being spent.

The present Board of Directors consists of Dee Dee Autry, Tex Selvidge, Mac Stavenhagen, Todd Knorpp, Jerry Woodard, Dr. Myles Shelton, and me as President.

The CEDC meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting is held at the City Hall and is an open meeting. The Board invites and encourages all citizens to come to the meetings.

In the March meeting, County Judge Jack Hall gave the CEDC board a tour of the Courthouse restoration project. We all came away amazed at how the interior is coming along. This will be a building that Donley County will be proud of. The Donley County Historical Commission is presently working to raise funds to help with this project. If you can help or you or your group would like a tour, please contact Judge Hall.

The CEDC Board obligated \$15,000 dollars to be paid to the Donley County Historical Commis-



bob's Whittling
By Bob Watson

sion for the courthouse project.

In other business, we were brought up to date on our Tourism Brochures (they are at the printers) and the Mulkey Theater. The CEDC has been working with the owners on acquiring the Mulkey. There are grants available to restore the Mulkey to its original looks.

The CEDC and the Chamber of Commerce are exploring occupying the same building. There would not be any mingling of duties; however,

it would allow the office to be open to the public daily, and we would be able to answer each other's phones.

Darrel Leffew, General Manager of Clarendon Manufacturing & Distributing Company, met with the Board requesting help in working with the railroad in obtaining additional property. The Board requested that I look into this and also attempt to obtain the Railroad property just east of Kearney. This would provide additional day parking for RV trailers and motor homes while shopping.

Remember, the City Council, CEDC, and Donley County Commissioners' Court are open meetings. You are invited and encouraged to attend.

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Mental health officials plan to hold public forum here in April

Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation (TPMHR) will be holding its annual public forum on April 9, 2002, at 5:30 p.m. at the Donley County Courthouse Annex.

The purpose of the annual public forum is to inform community members of the services currently being offered by the agency, gather feedback regarding satisfaction with services, address any unmet needs identified by the residents of Armstrong, Collingsworth, Donley, and Hall Counties.

A regional office that offers mental health services, as well as the Satellite Center, which provides services to individuals with mental retardation, serves residents of Armstrong, Collingsworth, Donley, and Hall Counties.

The local outpatient psychiatric clinic offers mental health services to adults who suffer from severe mental illness and to children and adolescents in need of mental health intervention. This clinic has helped to

maintain the stable emotional and behavioral functioning of chronically mentally ill people, reducing homelessness, harmful behavior, court commitments and hospitalizations that are costly to the community.

Services in the Satellite Center include vocational training at the workshop and job coaching in the community workforce. Support is also provided in the area of nursing, psychology, and service coordination. These services aid in achieving qual-

ity of life and community participation acceptable to the client.

Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation would like to encourage all citizens with an interest in the issues of mental health and mental retardation to attend this forum.

For more information, contact Margaret Cervantez at 806-349-5645 or Dina Martinez at 906-349-5647.

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Something More asks for donations and volunteers

The "Something More" After School Program is asking for help from the community to continue its work.

The program needs a good used vacuum cleaner, an evaporative cooler for the summer months, any used toys in decent condition for ages 5 to 12 (especially for dress up), paper goods, cups, plates, napkins, and plastic forks and spoons.

People are also encouraged to call if they have an interest or hobby they would like to share with the kids in the program, and churches are being asked to help with transportation to relieve the two churches which are already involved.

Several people already donate their time and talents to the program, but more volunteers are still needed.

Something More meets every Wednesday afternoon except for school holidays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Clarendon Lions Hall and from noon to 2 p.m. in the summer. The program is open for kids ages 5 to 12 years old in grades K-5.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Beverly Burrow at 874-2078, Beverly Alexander at 874-9447, or Alice Cobb at 874-3712.

Pot of Gold being given away by local senior citizens

By Vida O'Neal

The weather has been awfully windy. It's March, so hold on to your hats and come down to the center. You don't want to miss Friday's Fundraiser. There's real gold in our pot!

We are selling chances on a Pot of Gold to be given away Friday at noon. The Pot of Gold was donated by Paulette Kidd. We appreciate her cleverness for this fundraiser.

Thursday, March 14, is our March Fundraiser Supper. The board members will be cooking German sausage, red beans, coleslaw, and cornbread with all the trimmings and homemade desserts. Yum! Yum! We will be serving from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Take outs are available, and the \$5 per person benefits our nutrition fund.

We appreciate the help of Nelson Christie and Bill Kerlee for unloading the Food Bank truck.

We send Get Well Wishes to Bertha James, Betty Phillips, Louise Riley, and Sherman Cosper.

Our condolences to the family of Archie Archuleta, to Roy Chaveaux (loss of sister), and to Verdine Tipton (loss of granddaughter).

Reminders:

March 11, 18, 25 - Dance Club, 6 p.m.

March 12, 19 - Game Night, 6 p.m.

March 14 - German Sausage Fundraiser, 5:30 p.m.

March 26 - Birthday/Anniversary Supper, Jay Riley & Co., 6 p.m.

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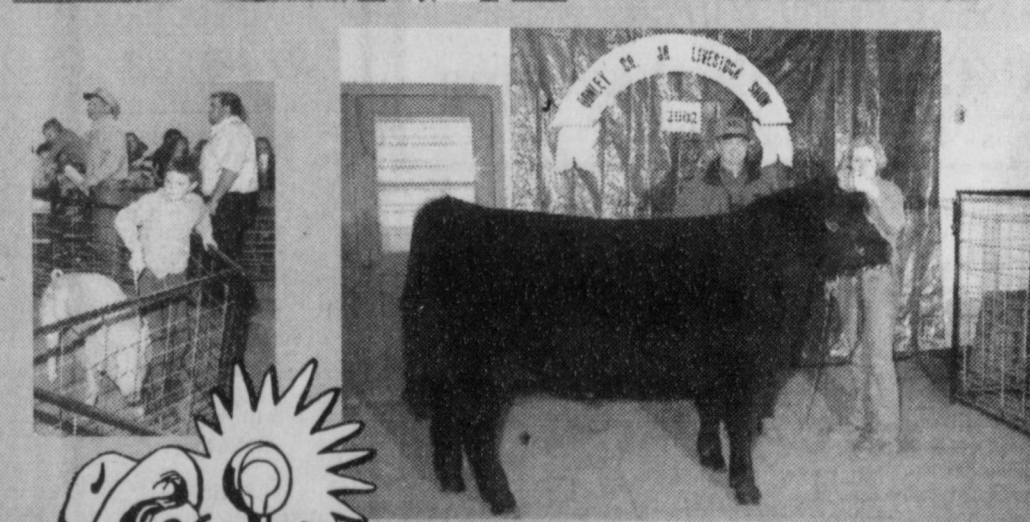
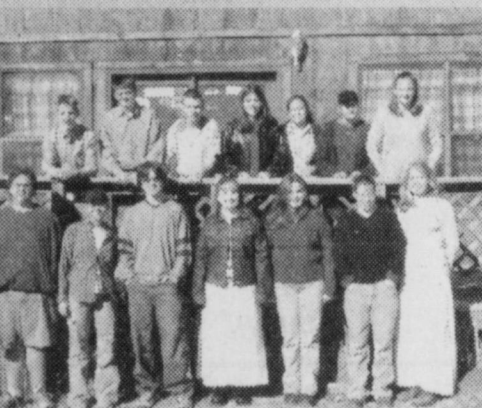
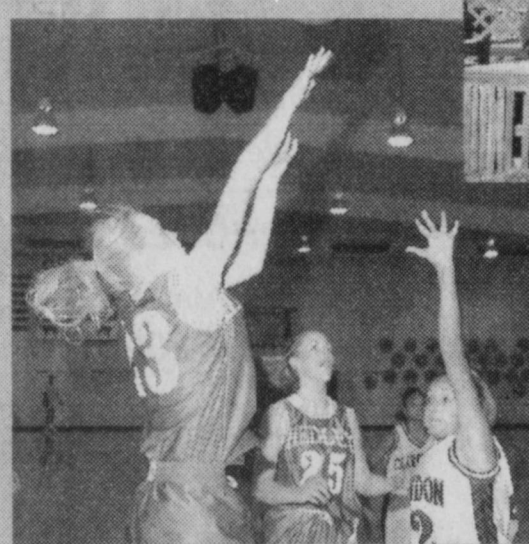
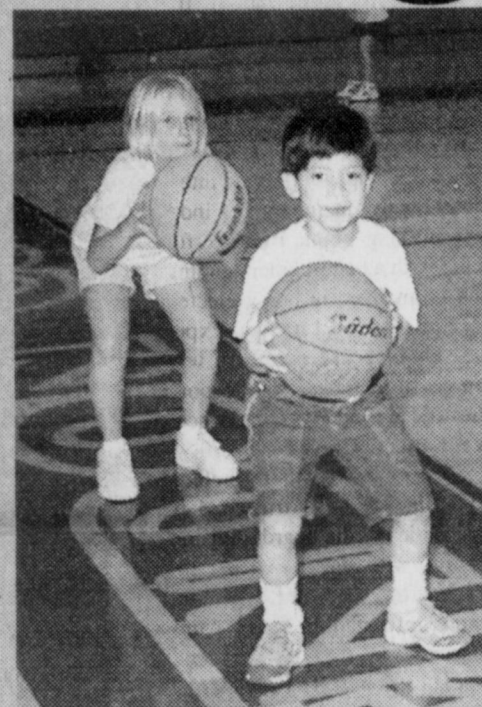
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Coaches name Hedley kids to district teams

Several Hedley athletes have been named to the 3-A Division II All-District basketball teams as chosen by the coaches from the respective schools.

The girls' coaches selected the following for the first team: Lauren Hill, Hedley; Amanda Conrad, Groom; Lora Llewellyn, Hedley; Rebekah Howard, Hedley; and Kristina Davis, Groom. Candace Bohr, a Groom senior, was named the Most Valuable Player.

Those selected to the second team were Haley Bennett, Hedley; Amber Solis, Hedley; Nichole Bar-

nett, Groom; Rachel Matthews, Samnorwood; and Amanda Daugherty, Lefors.

Others receiving Honorable Mention recognition were Staci Britten and Lauren Crowell from Groom, Kasi Woodard from Hedley, Katie Barnes and Savannah Smith from Lefors; Randi Riley and Nikki Hefley, Shale Steel, and Danielle Dampier from McLean; and Rosanna Ramos from Samnorwood.

The boys' coaches selected Josh Collins as the district's Most Valuable Player. Josh is a senior at Hedley. First Team selections were as follows:

Clay Britten, Groom; Bradley Conatser, Hedley; Ricky Vaughn, Lefors; Aaron Bugg, Hedley; and Andrew Johnson, Lefors.

Those selected to the second team were Garrett Britten, Groom; David Evans, Hedley; Doug Fields, Groom; Jessie Ramos, Samnorwood; and Cody Babcock, Groom.

Those receiving Honorable Mention recognition were Lance Ollinger and Luke Pavlousky from Groom, Shane Mangelsdorf from Hedley, Josh Jackson from Lefors, Chris Sparling from McLean, and Jeff Hammond and Justin Egner from Samnorwood.

Lady Bronco softball team plays two at home

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos hosted Childress March 5 and were defeated 10-13 in the full seven-inning game.

Janey Aduddell was the starting pitcher and gave up only 4 bases on balls. According to Head Coach Kathy Barton, the Lady Broncos committed ten errors in the game, allowing Childress to score on every error.

"Every error gave them a run," Barton said. "We will have to cut down on that part of our game. We

did a lot of things right and played really well for our 2nd game."

In the 2nd game, the JV Lady Broncos came out gunning for the Lady Cats. Destiny Weatherston was on the mound for the game. Weatherston gave up only 1 base on balls, and the Lady Broncos went on to defeat Childress 11-2.

The junior varsity game has an hour and fifteen minute time limit and is made up of varsity players also.

"We don't have separate varsity

and junior varsity teams so the 2nd game is a mixture of both teams," said Barton. "The girls get a lot of playing time."

Barton is pleased with her team's practice ethics. "The girls are practicing really well and trying hard to make themselves better. They seem to really enjoy the sport."

The Lady Broncos will play March 15 and 16 in Amarillo at the Empire Tournament.

Good luck, Lady Broncos.

School Board Candidate Workshop to be offered

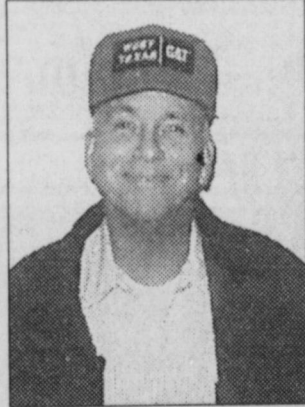
(Amarillo, TX)—Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop, Thursday, March 21, 7-9 p.m., at the Region 16 Education Service Center (5800 Bell Street, Amarillo).

The workshop will provide interested community members and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a local trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include what it's like to be a trustee, key responsibilities of the board, division of authority with staff, how to campaign constructively, and where to find more information. Participants will also view *A Call to Service*, a Texas Association of School Boards' video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to anyone and admission is free. For more information about the workshop, call Brenda Canul at TASB, 512-467-0222, extension 6104, or check the TASB Web Site at www.tasb.org for other dates and locations.

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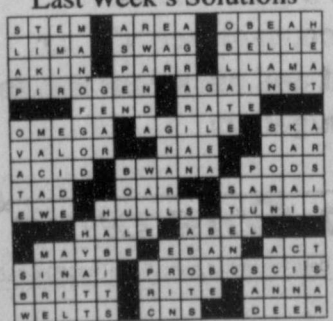


DAVID PITTS

David has been a member of the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department for 17 years and has been a rural mail carrier for 16 years. For the past 12 years, he has served as the department's secretary and treasurer. His son Eric is at home. David has two grandkids and says he is an all around nice guy.

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Last Week's Solutions



The Lion's Tale

By Allen Estlack

Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting March 12, 2002, with Boss Lion Pro Tem Roger Estlack conducting the meeting.

We had 11 members and three guests. MaKale Van Bakel and Blake Van Bakel of Amarillo were guests of Lion Mark C. White, and Helen Estlack was a guest of Lion Roger Estlack.

Lion Bobbie Thornberry moved that we elect Lion Walt Knorpp to be Cow Patty Bingo Chairman, and Lion Jim Blackerby seconded. The vote was unanimous. Congratulations, Lion Knorpp.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

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I want to thank everyone that attended and put together my "colorful" surprise Saturday.

It's wonderful to have such great friends and family. The ride, the gathering of friends and family, decorations, entertainment, and both meals were great.

What a way to turn 50!!

Love ya all, Vida



Kiker wins at Ft. Worth

Matthew Kiker of Allison won first place Hereford in the Junior Livestock Show at the 2002 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show held in Ft. Worth recently. He is the grandson of Jim and Audrey Garland of Goodnight.

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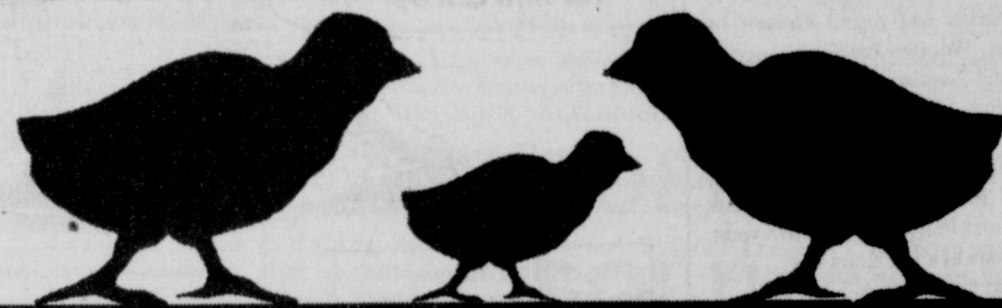
Date	Opponent
Mar. 11-12	Memphis
Mar. 18	Clarendon (Boys & Girls)
Mar. 25-26	Shamrock
Apr. 2-3	District Clarendon (first round)
April 8-9	District Wellington (second round)

CHS Tennis

Date	Contest	Participants	Site
Mar. 1	Vega Invitational	High School	Amarillo
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Mar. 4	Quanah Tournament	Boys	Quanah
Mar. 5	Quanah Tournament	Girls	Quanah
Mar. 20	Wellington Tournament	Doubles	Wellington
Mar. 22	Wellington Tournament	Singles	Wellington
Mar. 28	Dual Meet	High School	Clarendon
Apr. 4-5	District 6-2A Meet	High School	Pampa

CHS Track

Date	Opponent
Mar. 2	Top O' Texas Relays
Mar. 9	Borger Relays
Mar. 22-23	Hereford Invitational
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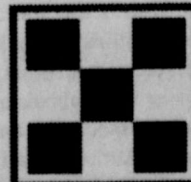
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Bulldogs split four ballgames with Frank Phillips

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon College baseball team split four games with Frank Phillips College March 1 and 4 to put them in a tie for 2nd place in the WJCAC.

According to coach Trent Petrie, things didn't go so well for the Bulldogs in the first two games. "We played horrible," Petrie said. "They were our worst games so far this year. We should have stayed in bed; it was just pathetic."

CC allowed Frank Phillips to defeat them 0-2 and 1-8. Jarad Smith and Joel Flores were the losing pitchers in the games.

The Bulldogs traveled to Borger March 4 to even the score with Frank Phillips. Australian

native Simon Walshe got the call to pitch and gave up only one earned run in the game. Victor Rodriguez was 2 for 3 with 2 triples. Tate Seideman was 2 for 4 with one RBI. Newcomer Chris Stephens hit 1 for 4 with a double and one RBI, and Angel Rohena was 1 for 3 with a sacrifice fly and 3 RBI's. Sophomore Adam Klestinec was 2 for 4 with one RBI, helping his team to the 8-1 win.

Pitching great in the 2nd game was Josh Adams. He ended the game with 11 strikeouts and allowed 5 earned runs, which all came in the 1st and 2nd innings. The Bulldogs held them scoreless the last 5 innings and slammed Frank Phillips 14-5.

It was Rodriguez with the hot bat again as he

went 3 for 5, which included 2 home runs and 3 RBI's. Teammate Andrew Graham hit 3 for 4 with one double, one RBI, and a sacrifice fly. Michael Pelley had his bat going to finish 2 for 4 with a home run and 2 RBI's. Seideman was 3 for 5 with a double and one RBI, and Klestinec was 3 for 4 from the plate.

Petrie was much happier with his team after the two wins.

"These were good wins for us," Petrie said. "We hit the ball really well and played good defense. Hopefully this will give us some momentum going into our next games."

Clarendon will face off against El Paso March 15 and 16 in El Paso.

Broncos beat Lefors in 7 innings

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos took on Lefors March 5 and defeated them 9-1 in 7 innings.

Senior pitcher Cody Watson got his 2nd win of the season, and Coach Brittain praised his team's effort.

"We played mistake free baseball against Lefors. I was hoping for that kind of play as we go into District."

The Broncos are working hard

to improve, and Coach Brittain feels the Broncos will be the 'sleeper' team in District play.

"I think we're really going to surprise the other teams with our level of play."

The Broncos will be active over spring break as they participate in the Tulia Tourney March 14th-16th. Times on Thursday are 10:00, and on Friday they will play at 3:00. Saturday times will be announced after Friday's play.

CJH kids play hard for AHA

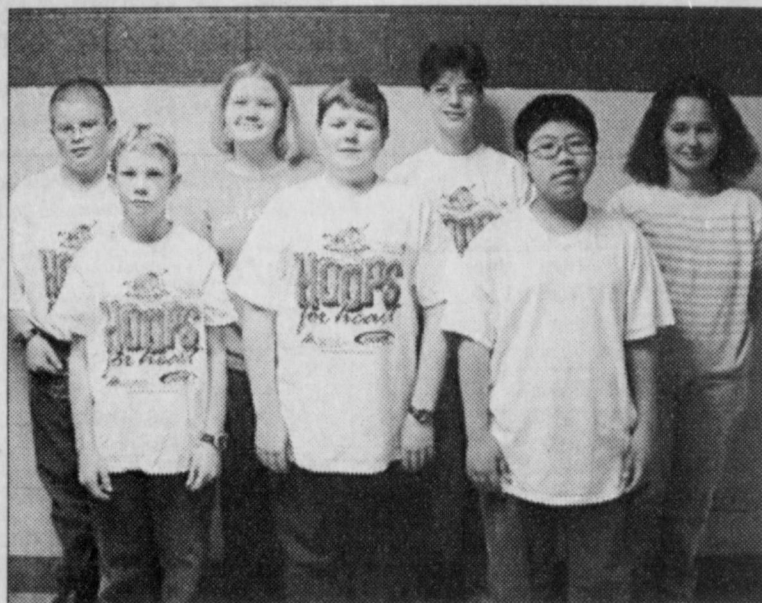
Several Clarendon Jr. High students recently participated in Hoops for Heart, sponsored by the American Heart Association.

Seven students raised \$542.50. Donations were made to the students, and they in turn played basketball in their physical education time during school. Coaches Danny Brittain and Mike Ray were the adults in charge of the event. The students were rewarded with prizes equal to the amount of money that each of them raised.

"The kids did a great job collecting money for the American Heart Association," Brittain said. "We appreciate those who donated."

Sixth grader Michael Brooks raised the most money with \$204.50. Chris Teideman was close behind Brooks with \$125.00.

Also participating were Brittany Davis, Edie Mincey, Ellen Naranjo, Smith Sisomsouk, and Paul Goetze.



Pictured are: (back) Chris Teideman, Edie Mincey, Brittany Davis, Ellen Naranjo, (front) Michael Brooks, Paul Goetze, and Smith Sisomsouk.

Digital photo courtesy CJH

CHS tennis players take top honors

The Broncos and the Lady Broncos traveled to Quanah to participate in the Quanah Tennis Meet March 6 and 7 and came home with two championships.

The Broncos won a singles championship as senior Greg Wootten breezed his way through the tournament. Wootten had an easy time in the preliminaries and found himself in the finals. Wootten bested his opponent in the 2-set win 6-1 and 6-0.

Juniors Taylor Shelton and Jordan Zehr teamed up for a 2nd place in doubles. They made easy work of their first opponents from Quanah and Petrolia. The team went to the finals against Knox City. They lost in the finals 6-0, 6-1.

Amina and Uthala Abdullah were the lone Lady Bronco competitors in the meet. They played tough tennis and brought home 1st place for CHS.

The team faced Childress in the opening round and had a shutout against them at 8-0. The Abdullahs faced off Chillicothe in the 2nd round and defeated them 8-2. Those wins sent the team into the semi-finals, where they won 6-2, 6-4. Going up against another Childress team for the finals, the twins played great tennis and easily defeated them 6-2, 6-2.

Both Broncos and Lady Broncos are scheduled to play March 20 and 22 in the Wellington Tournament.

Coaches pick HHS kids for All-Star ball teams

Coaches representing their schools and The Texas Six-Man Football Coaches Association have released the names of local basketball players to play in the annual All-Star Basketball Game. The All-Star games culminate the annual coaches clinic during mid-July.

Lora Llewellyn was chosen to represent the North girls' team. Lora is a senior at Hedley High School. Lora averaged 12 points and 7 rebounds per game for the Lady Owls who were District 3-A Champs and Regional Finalist. Lora is the daughter of Shelia Llewellyn of Hedley.

Josh Collins was chosen to represent the North boys' team. He is a senior at Hedley High School. Josh averaged 18 points, 3 rebounds, 7 assists, and 5 steals per game for the Owls, who were District 3-A Champs. Josh is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Collins of Hedley.

The selected all-stars will meet and register in Lubbock on July 16. The coaches association and the Lubbock Sports Authority will entertain them during the week as they practice and prepare for Friday's All-Star Basketball Game.

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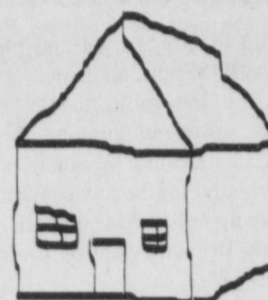
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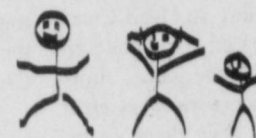
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Lady Broncos v. River Road in Amarillo, 5:00 p.m.

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Greg Wootten	Sr
Jeremy Ray	Sr
Jarad Lax	Sr
Cody Watson	Sr
Todd Hoeltzel	Jr
Lee Stegall	Jr
Bryan McFarland	Jr
Jeremy Howard	So
JC Blackburn	So
Adam Leeper	So
Justin Johnson	So
Dusty Martindale	So
Tim Leeper	So
Ty Lewis	Fr
Coach Danny Brittain	

Lady Broncos	
2 Destiny Weatheron	Fr
3 Christine Holden	Jr
4 Laura Dziedzic	Fr
7 Brittney Hall	So
8 Sarah Depew	Fr
10 Lacey Eads	So
11 Amina Abdullah	Fr
12 Kayla Martindale	Fr
15 Janey Aduddell	Sr
16 Brandi Betts	Jr
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Clarendon Order of the Eastern Star #6 Stated meetings: First Thursdays, 7:30 pm; Refreshments served at 6:30 pm Margaret Ann Pettit - W.M. Opal Ramsey - Secretary

Clarendon Lions Club Regular meeting each Tuesday at noon. Jerry Woodard, Boss Lion Monty Hysinger, Secretary

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2252 SQ FT BRICK with attached oversized 725 sq ft garage, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, kitchen, utility, large living room with wood burner fireplace, office, well/city water option, front yard sprinkler, back yard pool, 2 nice storage buildings, 5th wheel port, choice location at 604 W. 5th for \$99,800. REDUCED TO \$95,000.

LOOKING FOR HOME & LARGE SHOP? Nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath, kitchen with dishwasher and range, living, NEW central heat and air, large unattached 1,040 sq. ft. shop/garage with auto door openers and work bench, fenced back yard with dog kennel at 1010 E. 3rd for \$44,500.

LARGE HOUSE & SHOP BUILDING - 4 bedroom, 2 bath, modern kitchen with built-in Gen-air cook top and double oven, dishwasher, utility, large den/living/dining area with wood burner fireplace, concrete cellar, well or city water option, 121 sq. ft. storage/well house bldg., 1,200 sq. ft. shop all on 3 lots at 203 S. Wells for \$54,900. **FOR QUICK SALE, DRASTICALLY REDUCED TO \$48,000.**

GREAT PRICE for this 2 1/2 bedroom, 2 bath, kitchen with dishwasher and range, dining, living, central heat & air, carport, fenced backyard on two lots at 519 S. Goodnight for only \$9,500.

3,128 SQ. FT TWO STORY IN WEST CLARENDON - 3 bedroom and 1 bath up, 1 bedroom, bath, kitchen, dining, living, large living/den & foyer down; high ceilings, some hardwood floors, nice quality goods, but needs extensive update and repair. On 4 1/2 choice lots at 602 S. Bugbee for \$49,000.

RECENTLY TOTALLY REMODELED - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, kitchen, dining, living, utility, central heat & air, metal siding, 1 car garage, 1 car port, cellar, fenced back yard, storage building, @ 610 W. 3rd for \$57,500. REDUCED TO \$48,000.

CLARENDON HOUSE & 9.3 ACRES - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, living, kitchen, attached 2 car garage, concrete cellar, well with sub. pump, various out buildings & storage bins - joins city on South for \$55,000. REDUCED TO \$48,500.

CLARENDON APARTMENT HOUSE - (Good income investment) Nice 2-story brick with one 1-bedroom unit, one 2-bedroom unit, and three efficiency units plus one storage unit all on one lot in downtown at 314 S. Jefferson for \$65,000.

THE PERFECT SETTING FOR A RANCH HOME OR HUNTING RETREAT - 572.5 acres of ranch land with an unobstructed view overlooking the adjoining historical JA Ranch and the adjoining High Card Ranch. All native grass except for just the right amount of cultivated acres for seeding wheat or similar plants most enjoyed by the rancher. The ranch is that frequent the ranch to feed. Paved road to the entrance and only 8 miles from Clarendon for \$400.00 per acre. **(OWNER WILL CONSIDER SELLING ONLY SOUTH 1/2, MORE OR LESS).**

CLARENDON - HUNTING RANCH - 615 acres m/l, 5 miles south of Clarendon, enter from paved F/M road, includes small acreage on rim of canyon for possible building sites with beautiful unrestricted view, all grass on rolling to rough terrain, DEER, QUAIL, AND TURKEY frequent the installed feeders and drink from two wells, one with submersible pump and one with windmill. Will not be available long at \$325 per acre.

CLAUDE - 972 acres 6 miles west, 1/2 miles frontage on paved FM 1151, 193.8 acres in CRP (\$6,074.00 annual income), balance in grass, 3 domestic wells (owner would sell 655 acres only or sell all together) - a good investment at \$375.00 per acre.

LELIA LAKE - HOUSE AND 2 1/2 ACRES - 1,681 sq. ft., stucco, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, living, dining, garden room, unattached garage, like-new metal roof, well with submersible pump, acreage is fenced, reasonably priced at \$35,000.

LELIA LAKE - ALL GRASS - 160 ACRES South of Lelia Lake - surrounded by ranch land on 3 sides, good for hunting deer, turkey, quail, and dove. Financing negotiable - for \$69,000.

LELIA LAKE FARM/RANCH - 120 Ac. cultivated, 40 Ac. grass - South of Lelia Lake, 6" irrigation well, 1/4 mi. underground pipe, 2 - 1/4 mi. side rolls, 292 Chev. engine negotiable, domestic well with sub. pump, joins major ranch making for very good deer, turkey, quail, and dove hunting. Financing negotiable - for \$106,000.

GREENBELT - VERY NICE AND READY TO MOVE IN - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, kitchen/dining/living, utility, central h/a, (some furniture and appliances will remain with house), carport, fenced back yard, RV pad with hookup, 4 storage buildings, all on landscaped lot at 182 Angel for \$40,000.

GREENBELT - Split-level: Up - living/den with wood burner fireplace, kitchen, 1 bath, 1 large bedroom, enclosed porch, central heat. Lower - 1 bedroom, 2 car garage. Good location in Country Club Central. **OWNER RECEPTIVE TO REASONABLE OFFER.**

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Clarendon A2S kids compete in tournament

By Karen Simmons

A team of fifth grade A2S (G/T) students from Clarendon Elementary School competed in the Northwest Plains Regional Destination Imagination Tournament on Saturday, March 2, in Lubbock, Texas. The students competed in the "Dual Dilemma" challenge and placed second.

The team designed, built, and tested two Structures, one pre-built (built prior to the Tournament) of balsa wood, paper, and glue, and the other site-built (built on site at the Tournament) of balsa wood and duct tape. The site-built structure weighed 92.80 grams (3.248 ounces) and was 9 7/8 inches tall while the pre-built structure weighed 93.13 grams (3.25955 ounces) and was 7.50 inches tall. The pre-built structure held the maximum weight of 300 lbs. without crushing. It took the team 11 minutes to build the site-built structure. The testing of the structures took place during the team's Presentation.

The team presented a two-segment skit showing a contrast between horizontal and vertical. In segment one, the skit was based on the city of "Horizon Hills." The team members presented segment one lying down on the ground horizontally. In segment two, the skit took place in "VertiVille"



Coach Roger Hoeltzel (middle) stands on a structure that the fifth grade A2S students built for Northwest Plains Regional Destination Imagination Tournament on Saturday, March 2, 2002, in Lubbock. The students placed second in the tournament. The structure is built of paper, balsa wood, and Elmer's glue. Pictured with Hoeltzel are Audrey Jones, Caitlin Clark, Amelia Taylor, Leigh Ann Layton, Charlea Hoeltzel, Derrick Shelton, Morgan Hysinger, and Karen Simmons.

Digital photo courtesy of Karen Simmons.

ille." The students stood vertically during the second segment. The costumes were designed to show horizontal lines during segment one and vertical lines during segment two. The prop was a mini-blind that changed from "Horizon Hills" to "VertiVille" when twisted. The team also inte-

grated an Improv Item (a manila folder) into the skit. The team also sang and danced to a song they wrote called "He Had a Heart Attack."

The team members for 2001-2002 are Derrick Shelton, Audrey Jones, Charlea Hoeltzel, Leigh Ann Layton, Caitlin Clark,

Morgan Hysinger, and Amelia Taylor. The team managers are Roger Hoeltzel and Karen Simmons.

Preston Smith Elementary School from Lubbock ISD will be representing the Northwest Plains Region at the state tournament in Houston.

Sheriff's Report:

Officer dispatched to home to help parents with an unruly child

March 4, 2002

7:06 a.m. - Checking on driver at 200 block of Second St.; possible flat tire.
8:05 a.m. - Dispatched to business alarm 200 block S. Kearney St.
9:35 a.m. - Escorting inmate to court.
9:41 a.m. - Constable advised livestock out at Third and Railroad in Hedley.
1:38 p.m. - Dispatched to residential alarm 600 block West Fifth St.
2:03 p.m. - Responding to 911 call from Hedley; caller advised threats had been made.
8:11 p.m. - Responding to residence southwest of Clarendon; parent having problem with unruly child.

11:17 p.m. - Clarendon and Hedley emergency units dispatched to residential fire east of Hedley.

March 5, 2002

1:28 p.m. - Emergency units dispatched to grass fire southeast of town.
9:00 p.m. - Out at Second and Orpe.

March 6, 2002

11:57 a.m. - Out to take a statement on stolen property at 100 block North Kearney St.

March 7, 2002

3:58 a.m. - Dispatched to accident at Sherwood Boulevard at Highway 70, Howardwick.
4:57 a.m. - Out at 400 block West Fifth;

EMS call.

7:45 a.m. - En route to Highway 273 to check on report of debris on roadway.

7:14 p.m. - Checking on disabled vehicle on southwest Highway 287.

9:30 p.m. - Checking on reported suspicious activity at rodeo grounds; vehicle left running with two small children inside; deputy located mother. Another vehicle left scene hurriedly, incurring tire and wheel damage.

March 8, 2002

12:18 p.m. - Dispatched to CR 12; reported burglary.
3:02 p.m. - En route to reported accident

on 287 near Giles.

March 9, 2002

10:47 a.m. - Deputy and Constable respond to fire in Giles.

5:19 p.m. - Checking on trespassing call in Howardwick.

6:23 p.m. - Responding to EMS call to 300 block of North Rosenfield.

March 10, 2002

3:44 p.m. - En route to Greenbelt Lake; attempting to locate disabled boat.

Summary:

Arrests 0
Fire Calls 6
Ambulance Calls 12

Commissioners' Court holds March meeting

The Donley County Commissioners' Court voted to have woodwork in the offices of the 1890 courthouse stained rather than painted when they met Monday.

Approval of the change order for the courthouse restoration will add an estimated \$2,200 to the cost of the project, but Judge Jack Hall said the work was something the court wanted done.

Also in the court's regular session Monday, commissioners approved a mileage reimbursement for Doug Lowe to attend a veterans conference in Lubbock next month and voted to allow County Clerk Fay Vargas to attend a school in Austin.

Two names were selected for the County Grievance Committee for 2002. Those people will be contacted and asked to serve.

The court authorized the renewal and relocation of the machine to issue hunting and fishing licenses through the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife. The machine had

been located in the Tax Assessor/Collector's office and will now be in the Clerk's office.

An update of county maintained roads from the Texas Department of Transportation was approved. There are 351 miles of road maintained by the county.

A burn ban was enacted for Donley County due to dry conditions.

Commissioners approved a resolution supporting House Joint Resolution 81 in the 107th United States Congress, which calls for prayer to be reinstated in public schools.

Proclamations were approved declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and Fair Housing Month.

The county adopted a complaint procedure for the Texas Community Development Program grant for the current fiscal year, and Rhonda Aveni was named the local fair housing/equal opportunity standards officer.

Several factors tell conditions of range land

By Gary Rudolph, County Agent

Determining range condition involves more than just looking for green plants and evaluating soil moisture. Range condition is more appropriately determined by comparing the present vegetation composition to the potential or climax vegetation of a range site. Range sites are typically determined by soil type, and plant species may vary as soil types vary.

A relatively easy way to determine plant species in a range site is via the pace transect method. In this sampling technique, one walks in a predetermined direction from a permanently marked location inside a range site. At every other step, the person records the species of plant

closest to or underneath the toe of his or her boot. A minimum of 100 plants is recommended with 500 giving greater accuracy.

Once the desired number of plants are recorded, the percent composition for each species can be calculated (for example, 10 buffalo grass plants per 100 = 10 percent). The percentages of each plant species are then totaled and compared to the percentages recommended by NRCS. Range sites with 76-100% of the climax vegetation are considered to be in excellent condition, 51-75% good, 26-50% fair, below 25% poor.

For assistance regarding this topic, contact the local Extension office at 874-2141.

Pickens' Panhandle water plans to be discussed

Water has so many crucial uses that its stewardship is even more complex than other natural resources. This Friday, March 15, at 9:00 p.m. on PBS, Bill Moyers will talk to T. Boone Pickens, a Texan who made his fortune in oil and now is mining water.

The interview is part of a new PBS series, NOW with Bill Moyers,

which airs Fridays on KACV-TV.

"I got together with my neighbors, and we put together 150,000 acres. And we're trying to market water now," says Boone Pickens.

To learn more about the NOW with Bill Moyers episode on water, visit KACV's web site, kacv.org and click on the NOW banner on the home page.



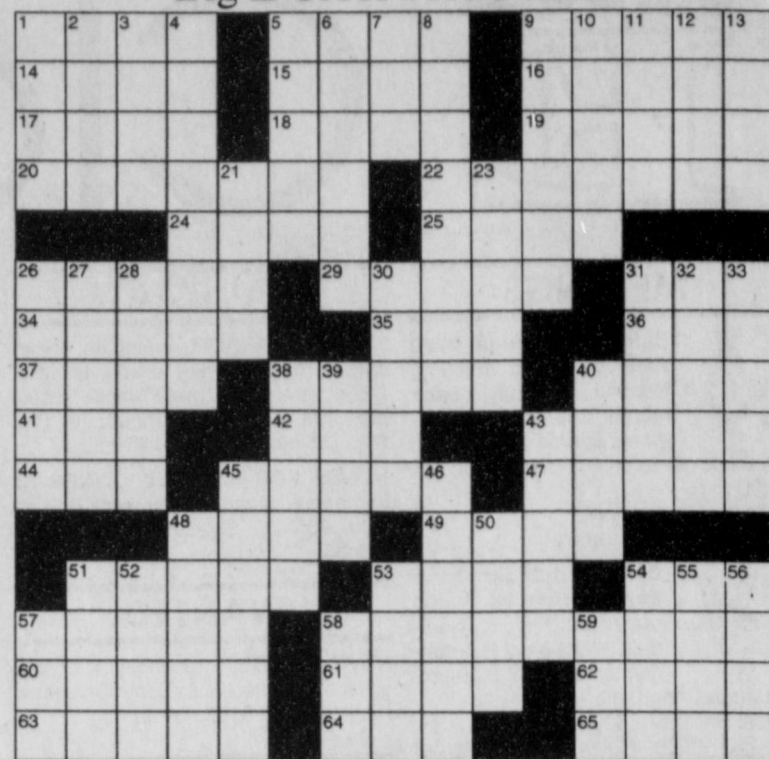
Masons mark Public School Week

Members of Clarendon Lodge #700 A.F.&A.M. last Thursday distributed 3,000 bookmarks to the Clarendon and Hedley school districts in honor of Public School Week in Texas. Shown here are Worshipful Master Allen Estlack with CISD Superintendent Monty Hysinger (above) and HISD Principal Terry Stevens (below).

Enterprise Digital Photos



Big E Crossword Puzzle




ACROSS

1. Express by writing
5. Fashionable
9. Dinner
14. Throw
15. Venice beach
16. Medium
17. Song
18. Paragon
19. Angry
20. Kettle drums
22. Inflicted
24. Indication
25. Brew
26. Muslim wise man
29. Voluble
31. Intelligent
34. Turns
35. Mislead
36. Golf score
37. Encircled
38. Representative
40. Equid
41. Cold
42. Express pleasure
43. Poorly sorted sandstone
44. The 7th letter of the Greek alphabet
45. A satellite of Saturn

DOWN

12. Position
13. Ran, run
21. Directions
23. Resist
26. Multitude
27. Segregated
28. A country in East Africa
30. Commencement
31. Keep up
32. Anorak
33. Trapped
38. Subarctic forests
39. Edible roots
40. Harelike rodent of Argentina
43. Speech
45. Falling star
46. Role models
48. Antiodacyl
50. Antelopes
51. Spy
52. Bedouin
53. Puerto
54. Alike
55. Winged
56. Philippine Island
57. Discharged
58. Raincoat
59. Central Standard Time

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