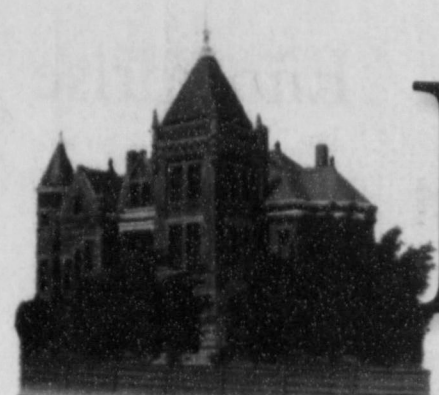


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All this and much more as *The Enterprise* reports in this week's amazing edition!

Board answers more MCNH sale questions

Half a dozen citizens attended last Tuesday's meeting of the Donley County Hospital Board, seeking more information about the pending sale of the Medical Center Nursing Home.

Board Chairman Alan Fletcher welcomed those in attendance and noted that the occasion marked only the second time in two years that someone had shown up to address the board on this issue. He also said the board was glad to have any questions.

"We don't want there to be any unanswered questions about this sale," Fletcher said.

Jim Philley of Clarendon led the questions and began by asking who the real estate firm is that is representing the buyer of the property.

The board said there is no real estate firm representing the buyer. Clarendon Realty, LTD, is the buyer according to the contract, but that is not a real estate firm of any kind. It is the name under which Community Care Management Services of Denton is doing business in Clarendon, Texas.

Philley also asked about the term of the agreement with the nursing home broker in Houston, to which the hospital district will pay a

commission when the sale is completed. Fletcher responded that the agreement is still in place because the district never terminated the agreement. Therefore, the commission must be paid.

The refunding of \$190,000 of the purchase price was the subject of Philley's next question. He said he understood the buyer needed that money to operate on initially, but he asked if the money was going to be returned to the hospital district at some point.

Fletcher said it would not be returned to the hospital district and explained how the contract figure of

\$1.25 million was derived.

"Our asking price was one million sixty thousand," Fletcher said. "It was their idea to add the extra money for operating funds." This, he said, saved the buyer from having to get two loans - one to buy the property and one for operating capital.

Philley then inquired about the financial health of the nursing home, noting that the district paid \$90,000 cash for a new roof and is paying \$400,000 cash for the new addition.

"We had \$490,000 on hand, but we were told the nursing home was in trouble," Philley said.

"The nursing home is in trouble," Fletcher responded.

Board member Mark C. White said MCNH has a projected budget surplus of \$5,000 this fiscal year. However, an increase in the federal minimum wage will drive up all wages and cost MCNH about \$50,000 in the next two years, plus other expenses are expected to rise about three percent.

"Our \$5,000 surplus is going to become a \$95,000 deficit in two years," White said.

Billie Shaffer asked how the district could borrow its way out of debt. Fletcher said on April 1 the

Methodists to hold fifth Sunday service

The First United Methodist Church of Clarendon will hold a special service this Sunday as part of its new series of fifth Sunday services.

Four times during the year, the church's schedule will be changed to allow a combination of the contemporary early service and the traditional service. On these Sundays only, the schedule will be as follows: Worship and Children's Church at 9 a.m., Sunday School at 10 a.m., and Potluck Brunch at 11 a.m.

Mark your calendar for this year's Fifth Sunday services on March 30, June 29, August 31, and November 30 at the First United Methodist Church. Bring a dish and join the fun.

Assembly planning fifth Sunday singing

The First Assembly of God Church will hold Fifth Sunday Singing this Sunday 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to participate and attend. The church located at Fourth and State Hwy. 70 South.

For more information, call Pastor Matthew Stidham at 874-9090.

Relay for Life now set for June 6-7

The Donley County Relay for Life has been rescheduled for Friday, June 6, and Saturday, June 7.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday night and end at 7 a.m. on Saturday morning at Bronco Stadium in Clarendon.

Teams are currently forming. If you are interested in participating, call Brandi Havens at 874-4804 or Ashlee Estlack at 874-4808 for more information.

Talent show set

The Clarendon School-Wide Talent Show benefiting St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital will be held Monday, March 31, at 6:30 p.m. in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center on the Clarendon College campus.

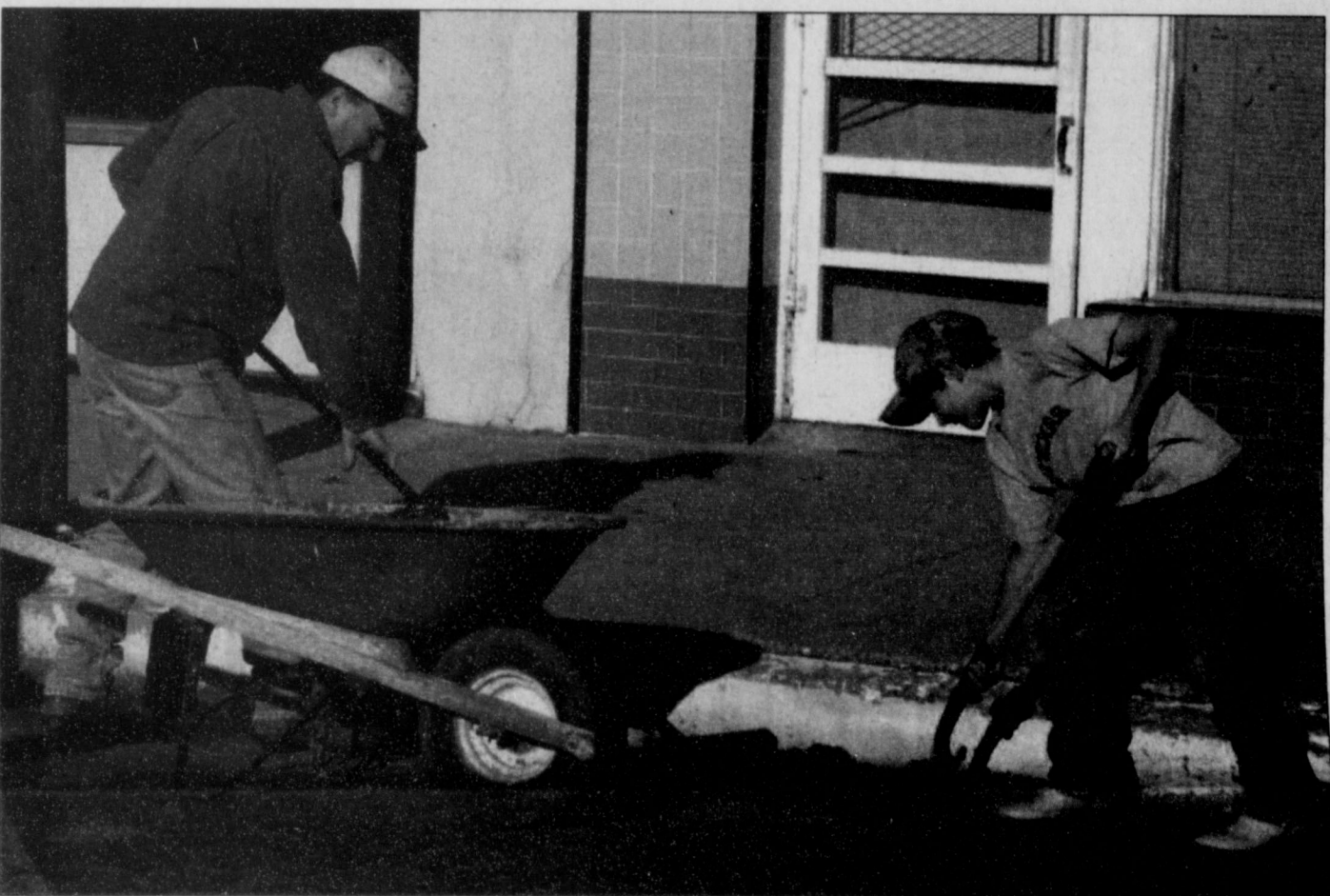
Hedley blood drive

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will host a blood drive in Hedley on Tuesday, April 1, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The drive will be held at the First Baptist Church, and every eligible donor will receive a t-shirt.

All blood types are currently needed. The need is real. There is no substitute for blood. It can only come from volunteer blood donors.

For an appointment, call 1-877-574-8800.



Good citizens
Jim and Jake Owens did their part to make Clarendon a cleaner place to live Thursday morning, by shoveling and sweeping out the gutter on part of Kearney Street.

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Extension: Costs driving up retail beef prices

COLLEGE STATION - Rising feed and transportation costs continue to keep retail beef prices edging higher, a Texas AgriLife Extension Service economist said.

"One of the big stories this year as we start 2008 is we're seeing higher prices for consumer beef, whether it's at the grocery store or restaurants," said Dr. David Anderson, AgriLife Extension Service livestock marketing economist.

The annual average retail beef price for 2007 was \$4.16 per pound, which was 5 percent higher than 2006 and exceeded the previous 2005 record of \$4.09 per pound, according to U.S.

Department of Agriculture-Economic Research Service data. Factoring into the high beef prices is record-priced crude oil, which is increasing transportation costs for many beef suppliers, he said.

"There are higher costs of getting it to the store," Anderson said. "When we talk about \$100 per barrel oil, it ripples through the economy. Everything you get at a restaurant or grocery store, we have to get it from somewhere else."

Another reason is a leveling of beef production across the U.S., Anderson said. With fewer cows and calves in national inventory and

increased export demand for U.S. beef, "that's keeping pressure on beef prices," he said.

Meanwhile, profit margins have also been tough for stocker producers. Recent USDA data indicated there were fewer calves on wheat pasture.

"There were not a lot of calves on wheat pasture this year, so what is a seasonal low may hold up, and we could see some moderation in the springtime that we usually don't see. Consequently, we could see some heavier calf weight prices over the next couple of months simply because there's not that much supply."



Rebekah Howard

Howard's team takes second in nation again

Hedley's Rebekah Howard has achieved many things in her career as a basketball player.

She garnered all-state awards and played in a high school state title game and then went on to become a starter and major contributor for College of the Ozarks in Branson, Missouri, an NAIA Division II school.

Recently the 2004 Hedley High School graduate became the 17th Lady Bobcat to score more than 1,000 points for her career. She was the team's third leading scorer and leading rebounder and was their premiere post defender, according to Hall of Fame coach George Wilson.

The C of O Lady Bobcats were ranked first in NAIA Division II all year, entering the national tournament with only one loss and that to an NCAA Division II school much larger than theirs.

The national tournament is held annually in Sioux City, Iowa, and the

top-ranked Ozarks squad made short work of their first three opponents, winning by an average margin of more than 25 points per game. Teams from Oregon to Maine and California to Michigan competed, but the national semifinals were dominated by Midwest teams from Iowa, Nebraska, and Missouri.

The Ozarks played Hastings, Neb., in their national semifinal, and it took two gut-wrenching overtimes to decide the game in favor of the Lady Bobcats. Howard scored 15 points in that contest and pulled down 10 rebounds.

In the national title game, the Ozarks third title game in a row, pitted the Lady Bobcats against the third-ranked Lady Raiders of Iowa's Northwestern College and their national player Debbie Remmerde.

Howard and the Lady Bobcats had knocked Northwestern out of the tournament last year and led the championship game this year for nearly 35 minutes, but

Remmerde, who ended her career as the all-time leading scorer in NAIA Division II, brought her team back to tie the game with 5:26 left.

Remmerde scored 41 points in the game, was 16 for 16 from the free-throw line, and was unstoppable in the final minutes of the title game. The Ozarks had to again settle for a second place finish nationally.

Though disappointed to be denied a national championship, Howard can look back on some wonderful accomplishments and tremendous success in her cage career. While in college, her teams went 135-12, an astounding 0.918 winning percentage.

The last two years have been even better with teams going 68-4 with two of the four losses in national championship games.

Howard will graduate next December with a degree in English from College of the Ozarks.



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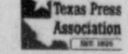
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guest commentary

Times turns out hysteria

By Alan Reynolds, Cato Institute

How bad does economic reporting get in a presidential election year? Consider last week's performance by *The New York Times*.

Exhibit No. 1: All the national papers, not just the *Times*, made a huge deal out of job losses during last two months of 22,000 and 63,000. The latter figure, the *Saturday Times* exclaimed, is "the biggest monthly loss in five years."

In fact, five years ago - January to August 2003 - nonfarm payrolls fell by 444,000. Did that massive job loss in 2003 mark the start of recession? Of course not.

Yet New York *Times* writer David Leonhardt declared an "End to the Good Times" on March 8 by claiming three consecutive months of job loss (it was actually one or two months, depending on which survey you use) proves "recession . . . is now unavoidable."

If that were true, then 2003 should have been the start of a really nasty downturn. Indeed, *Times* columnist Paul Krugman, in an interview with *Rolling Stone* that May, announced the economy "is, for all practical purposes, in recession - whatever they say officially." The economy has added 8.2 million payroll jobs since then.

Today's hysteria looks even more absurd if you dig into the data. Only half the unemployed in February had actually lost a job, and a fourth of those were temporary layoffs. The rest either quit or did not have a job before.

And half the unemployed were out of work for fewer than 8.4 weeks - down from an average of 8.7 weeks during the prior four months. Only 17.5 percent had been unemployed for 27 weeks or more - down from 19.3 percent in November.

Finally, only 4.8 percent said they were unemployed - well below the 5.8 percent average since 1960. Adding discouraged workers - those who say they've stopped looking for a job out of frustration - just lifts that jobless rate to 5.1 percent.

Exhibit No. 2: Peter S. Goodman's March 2 *Times* business feature asking, "Is a Lean Economy Turning Mean?"

Like Krugman and Leonhardt, Goodman tried to change the subject - from unemployment to the percentage of the population over the age of 16 that is working at a civilian job. But a drop in that employment-population ratio does not prove, as Goodman imagined, that it is "tougher than ever to find a job." It may just mean more people prefer to go to school, take care of children or retire - or serve in the military.

Goodman made much of the fact that "62.8 percent of all Americans age 16 and older were employed at the end of last year, down from the peak of 64.6 percent in early 2000." So what? Some 405,000 more young people were on active military duty in 2007 than in early 2000 - and only civilian jobs get counted among the "employed." There are also more aging baby boomers retiring.

Besides, early 2000 was the pinnacle of the high-tech stock bubble. Looking at 1993 to 2000 (the Clinton years) as a whole, 63.4 percent of the population was employed in civilian jobs - insignificantly different from last month's figure of 62.7 percent, despite the enlarged armed forces.

Exhibit No. 3: In a March 5 report, claiming low unemployment rates are "deeply misleading," Leonhardt suggested that full-time jobs have become so scarce that hundreds of thousands were supposedly forced to work in part-time jobs. "Over the last year," he said, "employment has risen by 100,000, but . . . there are also 600,000 more people who are working part time because they could not find full-time work."

In fact, the number of full-time jobs rose by 445,000 over the last year, while the number of part-time jobs fell by 297,000.

Moreover, the "part-time" category includes anyone who worked fewer than 35 hours during the survey week - often because they work in occupations with variable hours, like construction or retailing. Those working short hours "for economic reasons" (including bad weather and seasonal jobs) still add up to just 3.3 percent of all workers, and most aren't looking for a 9-to-5 schedule. The number of part-timers who said they "could only find part-time work" has fallen since December and is only 13,000 larger than a year ago.

Exhibit No. 4: In that March 5 report, Leonhardt frets about "the percentage of prime-age men (those 25 to 54 years old) who are not working . . . In January, almost 13 percent of prime-age men didn't hold a job, up from 11 percent in 1998 [and] 11 percent in 1988."

Only 2.5 percent of men who aren't in the labor force claim to have looked for work or to be discouraged from looking. Yet Leonhardt claims "various studies" show that "these nonemployed workers . . . would, in fact, like to find a good job" but "can no longer find work that pays as well."

This conflicts with other information that's readily available. For example, the University of Chicago's famed General Social Survey shows that the percent of Americans satisfied with their jobs has hovered near 86 percent for decades, while the percent who are "very satisfied" with their jobs rose from 44.9 percent in 1996 to 49.4 percent in 2006.

The US job market has sometimes been better than it was in the past two months, but it has also been much worse (as in 2003) without telling us anything useful about the future.

Alan Reynolds is a senior fellow and author of *Income and Wealth* (Greenwood Press, 2006).

Wind jeopardizes spring art project

You may have noticed my column has been absent the last two weeks. The first week, I was finishing my thesis to turn in the first full draft. The next Monday was the start of Spring Break.

Jay still had to go to work, but I was completely free now that my thesis was all done. For a week, I had no library, no books, no laptops, and, for sure, no writing.

Instead, I channeled all of my energy into art projects.

On Day One of Spring Break, I went to the Habitat for Humanity resale store and bought one large wooden window, two medium-sized, metal-framed windows, and one sliding window unit.

I used them to make fake stained glass. Instead of cutting glass and leading it together, I glued tiny pieces of colored cellophane to the glass and sealed it with shellac.

I set to work immediately, making scale drawings of my designs on graph paper.

I made a Victorian pattern for the wooden window and decided to use the two metal windows as companion pieces.

The large unit was a unique challenge. I wanted to fix the window so that it raised and lowered. Each pane had its

own design; but when the window was raised, the panes combined to make a single design.

By Wednesday, I had the wooden Victorian window complete, faux leading and everything. I set it outside on our patio to keep out of the way.

The first of the metal windows was complete except for the leading, and it was outside drying its shellac. The second metal window was about a third finished and was napping on the couch when I went to bed.

At about 3:30 in the morning, we were awakened by a sharp bang, and the sound of broken glass.

I was sure that our crazy upstairs neighbor had finally lost it and was coming through the window to steal all of our medications.

I sent Jay to check it out since this was the main reason I got married in the first place. Married women don't have to get out of bed with baseball bats to accost intruders.

Jay came back in a second and said



life's lessons
by Carrie Tippen

everything was fine. One of my windows had blown over outside and shattered.

I jumped out of bed with a slow motion "Noooooo!" Not my windows! I had put about 36 hours of work into each one of those windows. I risked lead poisoning scraping old paint off of them. I risked tetanus and staph infection when I scratched myself with a rusty razorblade cleaning them.

I went to Home Depot five times that week and risked being patronized and offended every time I walked in the door. And I had one serious backache. All for art!

"I wish we had been robbed instead!" I exclaimed as I flew to the patio door with a broom to catch all of the tiny pieces of plastic. Maybe I could salvage them and glue them to another piece later.

Only when I went outside, I saw that the completed windows were still intact. It was the great big window unit I had not yet begun that fell over in the wind.

I promised God that I didn't mean it when I said I wished we had been robbed, and I went back to bed.

Artists and writers are extremely protective of their work. They don't take criticism well, and they don't cope with crashes, either.



US budget should create solutions

On March 14, the Senate passed the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Resolution which provides resources to keep our nation safe and improves America's ability to compete in a global market. Unfortunately, the budget also contains an historic tax hike that will burden American families and constrain our economic future.

One of the most important responsibilities of the Congress is to protect the American people. The budget allows us to do that by funding the U.S. Department of Defense, including all operations in the Global War on Terror. As our brave service members fight violent extremism around the world, it is imperative that we give them the resources they need to complete their mission.

It is also our duty to ensure that America remains a world leader in research, innovation, and technology. The budget supports this goal by increasing funding for research investment and improving teacher education in math,

science, engineering, and other technical disciplines

The budget also has major flaws.

It eliminates the tax cuts from 2001 and 2003 that generated record growth, and it imposes a \$1.2 trillion tax increase on American families - the largest tax hike in U.S. history. This will directly impact 43 million families across our nation, including many in Texas. An average one-wage-earner family of four with an income of \$50,000 will pay \$2,300 more per year in federal taxes. Twenty-seven million small businesses will be forced to pay \$4,100 more in taxes each year.

Ironically, the budget comes on the heels of an economic stimulus package that Congress passed a few weeks ago to



capitol comment
by sen. kay bailey hutchison

provide tax rebates to spur our struggling economy. Now, the majority party in Congress is burdening many of the very same people with more taxes.

This budget also fails to cut back on entitlement and discretionary spending that has ballooned out of control.

The next few years will present extraordinary opportunities and challenges for our nation, and we must ensure that our budget is correctly prioritized to keep America competitive and assure national security. We must cut back the increase in programs that are no longer necessary and scrub every agency to stop wasteful spending.

As our financial institutions battle a liquidity crisis that threatens our whole economy, we do not need a budget that reverts back to the same old tax and spend policies that have proven disastrous in the past. I will continue to work for a solution that keeps tax rates low while also investing in the priorities that are essential for our future.

Groundwater district is out of line

For some years agricultural producers have opposed cloud seeding in Donley County. C.E. Williams of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District fed us a steak and presented his story only to hear the vast majority of farmers and ranchers tell him to stop seeding. He was presented with a petition from owners and operators of a majority of the acres in Donley County, and the groundwater district ignored it. The Panhandle Livestock Association unanimously passed a resolution opposing seeding, and PGCD ignored them.

Years ago Briscoe and Swisher Counties passed resolutions against seeding, and PGCD was issued a permit that did not include those counties. At a hearing in Amarillo last month, Panhandle ranchers were told by Mr. Williams that he had seeded in Briscoe County and that he had a permit. Rank Cogdell had the permit, and Mr. Williams admitted that he had seeded once in Briscoe County. Documents obtained under the freedom of information act demonstrated that PGCD had ignored their permit for

at least three years. Their meteorologist admitted at an Austin hearing that there were multiple violations.

Earlier this month the Donley County Commissioners passed a resolution asking PGCD to stop seeding. With this resolution, Donley County joined Potter, Randall, Briscoe, Swisher, Moore, Hartley, Deaf Smith and Oldham counties in asking the district to stop seeding. PGCD asked that all of these counties except Donley and Potter be removed from their permit.

The law plainly states "The notice of intention required under Section 301.110 must be published at least once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in each county in which the operation is to be conducted." PGCD, ignored this when filing for their current permit and published only in the Amarillo paper. Under this Section 301.112, PGCD should have published in the Clarendon Enterprise as well as papers in the other 21 counties under the original permit.

Citizens of PGCD have no rights

to withdraw from PGCD and PGCD doesn't have to listen to us. They do have to follow the law, however. Several of us are tired of PGCD ignoring the laws and the desires of taxpayers in the district. We are asking anyone who agrees with us to contact Citizens for Responsive Government, 418 S Polk, Amarillo, Texas 79101 or Jay@ranches.org.

Jay O'Brien, Amarillo

Needing Texas info

My name is Joey Ballard. I am doing a state report on Texas. If you could, publish this in your paper and ask your readers to send me things that would help me understand Texas some more. If you have e-mail for me send it to: pslab@evansvilledayschool.org. If you have items to send me, please send them to:

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MCNH: Board answers more questions

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hospital district will lose about \$1 million worth of debt for the public. White said the proceeds of the sale will be placed in a trust with enough extra money (about \$375,000 in borrowed money) and set up so that the interest earned will offset the interest owed on the bonds, and the bonds will be called and paid off in 2011.

"My personal goal is to be debt free in 2011 and reduce hospital district taxes by about 30 percent," White said.

(Editor's Note: In late breaking news this week, White says it now appears the district will not have to borrow any money to put in the trust and that the district will be debt free in 2011 and possibly have about \$150,000 in the bank.)

Philly said he would like to see the hospital district abolished once it is debt free.

White said the district should

not be abolished; it should be kept intact to pay for indigent care and to continue to operate a top-notch ambulance service. He also cautioned that taxpayers could actually end up paying more in taxes if the county took up those responsibilities.

Dr. Richard Sheppard, who operates a dentistry office in Clarendon but lives in Booker and serves on the hospital board there, said he understands the board's situation regarding the financial future of MCNH. But he said he felt the board had made a mistake selling the nursing home and that quality of care would suffer. Sheppard also said he was concerned about what the sale of the professional services building would mean to him personally after his lease in the facility runs out.

Jean Stavenhagen also addressed the board about quality of

care concerns.

New administrator Billy Ray Johnston said maintaining the high quality of care at MCNH was his chief priority.

In other business, the board canceled the district's May election as all races are uncontested.

The board also heard a report from ambulance service director Anna Howard, who addressed the area-wide shortage of paramedics and how that was impacting the Associated Ambulance Authority. Openings are available even in Amarillo, and the shortage in the workforce is driving wages higher.

Area ambulance services are paying higher wages and offering benefits, and the hospital district will have to deal with that as time goes by. Two fully staffed ambulances are essential to serving Donley County, Howard said.

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Wed	19	60°	31°	-
Thur	20	72°	35°	-
Fri	21	80°	43°	-
Sat	22	74°	29°	-
Sun	23	63°	31°	01°

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Total precipitation in March last year: 5.08"
Total YTD last year: 5.53"

weekend forecast

Friday, Mar. 27
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Saturday, Mar. 28
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High Card Ranch and Conley Ranch team.

COURTESY PHOTO

Local team wins WRCA rodeo

The High Card Ranch and Conley Ranch won first place, beating eleven other teams from across the country, at the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo WRCA Ranch Rodeo in Denver, Colo. on March 15, 2008.

The team consists of Jerry Hodge, Josh Halsell, Aaron Shahan, Jeffrey Conley, and Chad Conley.

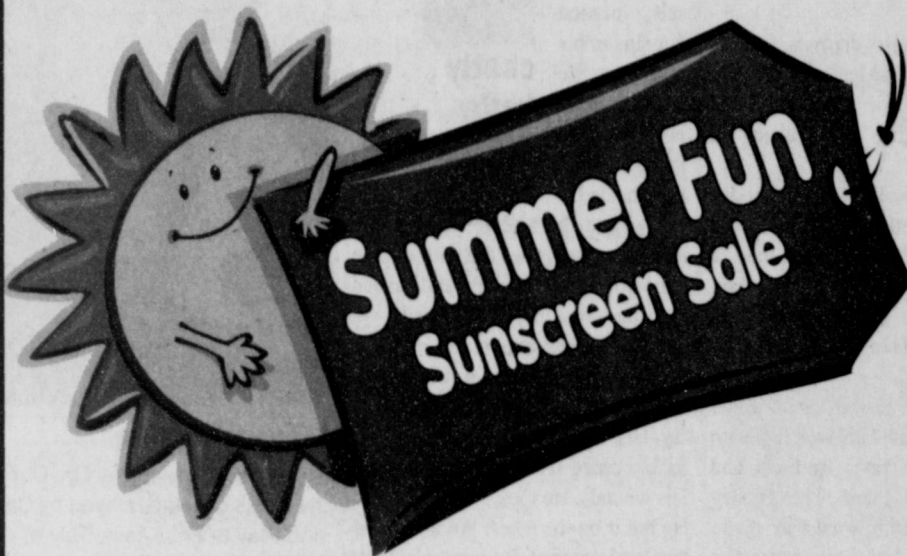
High Card Ranch is located near Clarendon and Ashtola. The ranch is a purebred longhorn cow/calf operation and raises over 250 bulls a year to lease around the country to serve as Amarillo heifer bulls. Jerry Hodge of Amarillo owns the ranch, and Joshua Halsell of Clarendon manages the ranch. Aaron Shahan is a day worker for the ranch.

The Conley Ranch is located in Quanah. The ranch is run by the

Conley family with cousins, Jeffrey Conley and Chad Conley, representing the ranch. The family ranch runs about 2000 head of yearlings and cares for about 400 cattle.

The team earned first in the wild cow milking, second in the stray gathering, fourth in the ranch sorting, eighth in the ranch branding, and second in the ranch bronc riding. Team captain Josh Halsell rode a Harry Vold Bronc to a score of 84. Second place overall went to the Thompson Ranch near Munday, Texas; and the Haythorn Ranch of Nebraska placed third.

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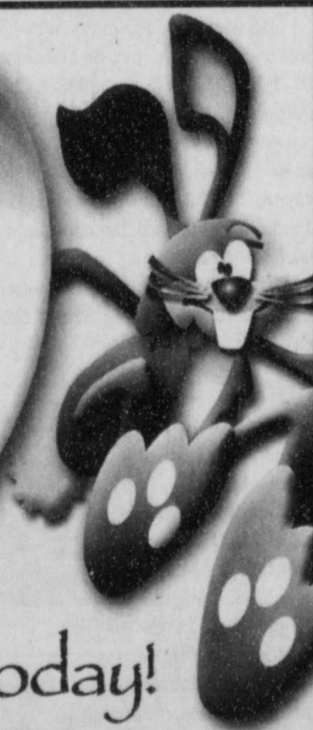
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¿Qué Pasa? Community Calendar

March 27
Health Fair • Bairfield Activity Center
8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

March 28
Broncos v. Childress • In Childress • 5 p.m.

Walk Across Texas begins.

March 29
Clarendon College Invitational Judging Contest

Donley County Democratic Convention • Courthouse District Courtroom • 10:00 a.m.

Lady Broncos v. Borger • In Borger • 11:30 a.m.

March 31
Student Council Talent Show • Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center • 6 - 9 p.m.

Broncos v. Borger • In Clarendon • 4 p.m.

April 1
April Fool's Day

Hedley Blood Drive • First Baptist Church • 3:30 p.m.

Menus

March 31 - April 4
Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken salad, French fries, salad, cherry dump cake, biscuits.
Tue: Hot steak sandwich, creamed gravy, mashed potatoes, salad, lemon pudding.
Wed: Baked ham, potato salad, fried okra, applesauce cake, bread.
Thu: Chicken nuggets, diced beets, broccoli/rice casserole, fruit salad, cookies.
Fri: Sloppy Joes, tater tots, green beans, salad, cherry crisp.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Hamburger steak, grilled onions, gravy, tater tots, black eye peas, muffin, fruit, biscuit.
Tue: BBQ Chicken, tater tots, beans, corn salad, stewed apricots, roll.
Wed: Stuffed bell peppers, corn nuggets, buttered squash, pineapple/cottage cheese, pudding, roll.
Thu: Steak, gravy, baked potato, peas, carrots, tossed salad, strawberry short cake, roll.
Fri: Cheese burger, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, onion, cookies, fruit, bun.

Clarendon CISD
Breakfast
Mon.: Cereal, toast, pears, milk
Tue: Sausage, biscuit, gravy, peaches, milk
Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk
Thu: Eggs, toast, jelly, apricots, milk
Fri: Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk

Lunch
Mon: Corn dog, black eye peas, salad, fruit, milk.
Tue: Frito pie, corn, salad, fruit, milk.
Wed: Turkey, gravy, potatoes, green beans, fruit, roll, milk.
Thu: Chicken taco, pinto beans, salad, fruit, milk.
Fri: BBQ pork, sandwich, oven fries, coleslaw, jello, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD
Mon: hot dog, chili, grated cheese, fries, bananas, milk.
Tue: Enchiladas, grated cheese, refried beans, tossed salad, milk.
Wed: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, cut green beans, frozen fruit bars, rolls, milk.
Thu: Salisbury steak, corn, tossed salad, cinnamon apples, wheat rolls, milk.
Fri: Hamburger, hamburger salad, baked beans, pickles, onions, olives, crispy rice treat, milk.

H-wick club enjoys festive Easter celebration

The Howardwick Friendship Club met Friday night with 52 present to enjoy good food and hear Dan Hall sing.

Carol Jean McWilliams and helpers spent extra time decorating City Hall in an Easter theme with bunnies, eggs, baskets, and beautiful Easter lilies lining the tables. We celebrated one birthday - Dan Hall's daughter - and two anniversaries - Vernon and Greta Byars and Dan and Michelle Hall. Congratulations to everyone and many more.

It is always a pleasure to listen to Dan sing, and he did not disappoint us. He began the program with

Jim's favorite song "Oh, Beulah Land," and ended with "God Bless the USA," a song that gets you on your feet. He is in the process of recording a CD, watch for the announcement next month and if you are a fan, buy one for yourself and more for gifts.

I hope you had a nice Easter. Our plans were to spend it at my cousins, Wesley Webb's ranch south of Hedley but the cold weather and wind kept us home.

The big snow and rain forecast for Easter Sunday brought us 0.02 inches of rain, the total for the year at our house is 0.68 inches. To say we

need rain is an understatement, a big thunderstorm would be very welcome.

Our condolences to the family of Carlos Stinson who passed away March 22. He was the grandson of Maudie and the late J.C. Barefoot, who were long time residents of Howardwick. Carlos had been in Medical Center Nursing Home for about three years,

and Maudie moved into Clarendon a short time later, but they were still members of our community. He will be missed.

If you are with the Fire Department, a city employee, with emergency management, or anyone else who has been contacted, don't forget NIMS class Saturday at City Hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. until completed. This is very important to qualify our community for grants and other awards.

Our nursing home is experiencing flu-like symptoms with many ill. Please put them high on your prayer list.

Hedley Methodists plan community sing-a-long

The Hedley Methodist Church invites you all to a "Community Gospel Sing-a-long" on Sunday, March 30, at 6:30. Refreshments will be served.

We will also enjoy a Quartet from the Wheeler Methodist Church. Come join us for some good old fashioned singing and praising of our Lord.

Also, the Hedley Methodist Church enjoyed a Sunrise Easter Service last Sunday and then a Brunch with home made pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon and a fruit plate. Then we had regular service at 10:45.

The James Edward and Timber Potts family came to worship with us. Tonja and Travis Ruthardt and son were also there. The Hedley Methodist Church wants to invite anyone to come worship with us at any time.

Thought for the Day: I Peter 2:24: "Christ himself carried our sins in his body to the cross. It is by his wounds that you have been healed."

Christ has never complained about how heavy we are with sin; He simply has taken that sin and carried it to the cross. By His wounds, we are carried forevermore.

By the wounds of Christ our Savior, Our sins have been forgiven. By His death upon the cross, We have a place secured in Heaven. By His wounds, He took our shame And He hid it on the cross. We have won the final victory Because He took the loss.

Donley County native celebrates 102nd birthday

Willie Hodges Roberts was born to William Ed and Eva Sue Hodges on March 12, 1906, in Clarendon, Texas. Willie was their third and youngest daughter and lived as a young girl in the Goldston Community. In 1918, her father bought 800 acres located five miles west and two miles north of Clarendon in the Martin Community, where Willie attended Martin School.

Willie grew up working hard on the family farm where she learned to hitch up the horses, plow the fields, pick and hoe cotton, shock feed, milk cows, can and cook. In 1925, Willie met a young man, Charlie Buck Roberts, who worked for Monroe Achord's Dairy. They married on October 4, 1925, in the Hodges home. Buck worked in the cotton gin that fall, and the next year he leased a farm from Frank Boreland. On July 1, 1930, a daughter was born, and they named her Joveda Faye.

In 1932, their home caught fire and burned to the ground, destroying all they had worked for. The following year they moved to a sandy land farm in Lelia Lake, Texas. They enjoyed singings and ice cream suppers with their neighbors, the Floyds, Wilsons, and Williams.

On July 20, 1937, a son named Charles Ray was born to Buck and Willie. He was delivered by Dr. Jenkins in the Wilson home. They leased a farm from Turner Nichols in Ashtola, Texas, and lived there four years.

In 1948, Willie's mother, Eva Hodges died. Buck, Willie, and their two children moved back to the home to care for Willie's father, Ed Hodges. A year later, Ed rented the farm out and moved into Clarendon. Buck leased a dairy farm from Bob Harvey, located west of Clarendon. Buck and Willie milked 50 cows twice a day for the next four years and sold milk to the Borden

Company.

In 1951, Buck and Willie bought 300 acres located six miles west and two miles north of Clarendon. Buck developed asthma in 1936, which later developed into emphysema. Buck died February 17, 1964, and is buried in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

Willie moved into Clarendon the next year where she continued to work for Rexall Drug Store. In 1965, Willie moved to Amarillo and bought a house in the Avondale addition. She worked at the Amarillo Air Force Base until it closed. She joined Trinity Baptist Church and worked at the church nursery for 26 years. Willie lived alone in her own home until she was 98 years old. She moved to Seville Assisted Living in July 2004. Her only son, Charles, died in October of 2004. She has seven grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, and eleven great great-grandchildren.



Willie Hodges Roberts

Willie now resides at The Arbors in Amarillo, Texas. She celebrated her 102 birthday with family and friends. She contributes her long life to good, clean, Christian living and hard work. She loves the Lord Jesus and is looking forward to seeing Him face to face.

Firemen receive awards during annual banquet

The Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department held a family night March 15 and honored several firemen and Firebelles with awards.

Billy Holman was named the 2007 Fireman of the Year, Jackie Bell received the 2007 Rookie of the Year, and Rhonda Howell was honored as the 2007 Firebelle of the Year.

Also being recognized were the firemen who received their pins for years of service for the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department as follows: 30 year pin - Ernie Johnston; 25 year pin - Kelly Hill and Kyle Hill; 20 year pin - Fu Benavidez, Roy Bertrand, and Jerry Morris; 15 year pin - Billy Holman and Joe Howell; 5 year pin - Chuck Robertson, Blake Osburn, Kevin McAnear, and Zack Robinson.

Tournament to help Project Graduation

The mothers of the senior class at Hedley ISD are hosting a Little Dribbler's Tournament March 27 - 29.

Thursday and Friday the games will begin at 4 p.m., and games will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday. All proceeds will go to Project Graduation.

Everyone is invited to come support the Little Dribblers and the senior class of Hedley with Project Graduation.

Golden Needles Club holds March meeting

The Golden Needles Quilting Club met at the Shaller home Friday, March 21, with quilting, visiting, and a wonderful lunch. The ladies didn't quite get their quilt finished.

Those present were Josie Burgess, Ann Bunyan, Dortha Reynolds, Mary Lynn Manning, Gay Cole, Rose Lee Watson, Francis Smith, Eva Lee Swinney, and hostess Jo Shaller. The April meeting will be held at the Cole home.

Johnston shoots age

Seventy-nine-year-old Slick Johnston shot well enough on the golf course last week to match his age with a 79.

Johnston also won the men's game on Wednesday out of a field of 15 players. He shot a net score of 65 to take the top spot.

Todd Curry turned in a 67 for second, and Redell Johnston shot a 69 for third. Jeff Walker finished with a 70 for fourth place.

The Annual Spring Six Man Skins Game will be played Sunday, March 30. There will be a Men's and Ladies' Golf Association membership drive Saturday morning, April 5. Call the country club for info.

Obituaries

Hicks

Billie Faye Ashcraft Hicks, age 80, died Wednesday, March 19, 2008, in Clarendon.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 21, 2008 in the First Baptist Church in Clarendon with Rev. Lance Wood, Pastor, and Rev. Truman Ledbetter, officiating.

Interment was in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon, and arrangements were under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Billie was born October 24, 1927, in Alvarado to John and Lola Wright Kimbrow. She married John Calvin Ashcraft on April 2, 1946 at Denton. He preceded her in death on November 5, 1996. She later married Alvin Hicks. He preceded her in death on February 13, 2002. She had been a resident of Clarendon most of her life. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husbands; her parents; several brothers and sisters.

Survivors include a daughter, Fern Watts and husband James of Clarendon; two sisters, Lula Owen of Clarendon, and Betty Bryant of Mesquite; a brother, Kirby Kimbrow of Burleson; a brother-in-law, James Ashcraft of Clarendon; two grandchildren, Tammy Christopher and husband Clay of Clarendon, and Jerry Stegall of Pampa; five step-grandchildren, Elizabeth Watts of Mineral Wells, Debbie Hickman of Clarendon, Jamie Kaye Ristau, Patty Bell, and Linda Massey all of Honey Grove; five great grand-

children, Caitlyn Christopher and Elizabeth Christopher, both of Clarendon, Lane Stegall, Sonny Stegall, and Britany Stegall all of Groom; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to the Medical Center Nursing Home, PO Box 1007, Clarendon, Texas 79226 or Citizens Cemetery Association, PO Box 983, Clarendon, Texas 79226.

Hopper

Kermit Hughes Hopper, age 91, died Friday, March 21, 2008, in Clarendon.

Graveside Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 24, 2008, in Rowe Cemetery in Hedley with Bright Newhouse, Minister of the Hedley Church of Christ, officiating.

Interment was in Rowe Cemetery in Hedley with arrangements by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mr. Hopper was born November 11, 1916, in Hopper, Ark. to Jim and Julia Hopper. He married Susie Lucille Walls on June 27, 1937 at Clarendon. He was known to many people as "Toopie." He farmed in Hall County for some time. He moved to Happy in 1953. From 1969 until his death he had been a resident of Clarendon and Donley County. He was a member of the Hedley Senior Citizens. He was a member of the Hedley Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his wife, on October 19, 1980; his parents; a daughter, Judith Maria Nusz in 1984; two brothers, Ted and Wesley; and four sisters, Cora, Mae, Alice, and Lila.

He is survived by two daughters, Ramona Elliott and Lawana Selvidge,

both of Canyon; two brothers, Ramond Hopper of Oklahoma, and Don Hopper of Clarendon; three grandchildren, Rhena Cathey of Canyon, Tisha Brooks of Houston, and Barry Nusz of Amarillo; six great grandchildren; and one great granddaughter.

The family requests memorials be to the Hedley Senior Citizens.

Moffett

Oleta Bell Koontz Moffett, age 87, died Saturday, March 22, 2008, in Amarillo.

Services were at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25, 2008, in the First Baptist Church in Clarendon with Rev. Lance Wood, Pastor, officiating and Jerry Koontz, her nephew, assisting.

Interment was in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon with arrangements by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mrs. Moffett was born February 23, 1921, in Donley County. She was the twelfth of thirteen children born to Ulysses Grant Koontz and Mary Belle Mangus Koontz. She married Curtis W. Moffett on September 21, 1943, in Clarendon. They farmed in Donley County until the early 1990s. She was a housewife. She was an inspiration to her family and the ones close to her. She became blind in 1973 but continued to prepare meals, wash dishes, do laundry, and keep house until August 1999 without complaint. She never got to visually see her grandchildren and great grandchildren, but she could describe them better than those who could see them. She had a keen memory; and whenever someone in the family needed to know when

something happened, she would be the one to ask.

She was preceded in death by her husband on January 22, 2000, and her parents.

Survivors include two sons, Lanny Moffett and wife Jondel, Lyndel and wife Carolyn both of Clarendon; a daughter, Cheryl Phillips of Clarendon; seven grandchildren, Chris Phillips and wife Candra, Brendan Moffett and wife Danielle, Deana Phillips, Lana Jarvis and husband David, Tessa Moffett, Cindy Sadler and husband David, and Bud Courtney and wife Diana; 11 great grandchildren; and Otha Eddleman of Claude.

The family requests memorials be to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for the Blind, 4400 B Shoal Creek Blvd., Austin, Texas 78756-3213, or to Medical Center Nursing Home, PO Box 1007, Clarendon, Texas 79226, or to Odyssey Hospice

Stinson

James Carlos Stinson, age 42, died Saturday, March 22, 2008, in Clarendon.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 25, 2008, in Shamrock Cemetery in Shamrock with Rev. Dale Miller, Pastor of Red Marble Ministries in Memphis, officiating.

Interment was in Shamrock Cemetery in Shamrock with arrangements by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mr. Stinson was born October 4, 1965 in Amarillo to James Everett and Frances Eloise Barefoot Stinson. He

had been a resident of Clarendon and Donley County for almost 15 years. He was well liked by everyone who knew him. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Howardwick.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Frances Conner, on December 29, 1996, and his grandfather, J.C. Barefoot on April 10, 1999.

Survivors include his father, James Stinson and wife Judy of Wayne, Okla.; his grandmother, Maudie Barefoot of Clarendon; and a sister, Candice Stinson.

The family requests memorials be to the Donley County Senior Citizens Association.

Mann

Irene Brians Mann, age 87, died March 24, 2008.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 26, 2008, in the Clarendon Church of Christ with Bright Newhouse, Minister of the Hedley Church of Christ, officiating.

Interment was in Citizens Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Mann was born June 8, 1920, in Telephone, Texas, to Frank Everett and Emily Amanda Medlin Brians. She married Gordon V. Mann on February 28, 1937, at Childress. She was a resident of Clarendon from 1939 until moving to Lubbock a few years ago. She was the secretary at Clarendon Mfg. and Dist. Co. for 15 years before her retirement. She

had been a member of the Clarendon Church of Christ since 1947.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband on April 21, 1991; two sons, Wayne Mann on July 29, 1971 and Glenn Alan Mann on May 11, 2006; and a grandson, Scott Bobbitt on May 11, 2005.

Survivors include a daughter and son in law, Shirley Kay and Emmett Bobbitt of Lubbock; three grandchildren; Lisa Raney and husband Chris, and Gregg and Grant Mann; and nine great grandchildren, Kaytlin, Maggie, Reagon, Tyler, Travis, Sarah, Paul, Matt, and Jessica.

The family requests memorials be made to Citizens Cemetery Association or to the Clarendon Church of Christ Family Life Center.

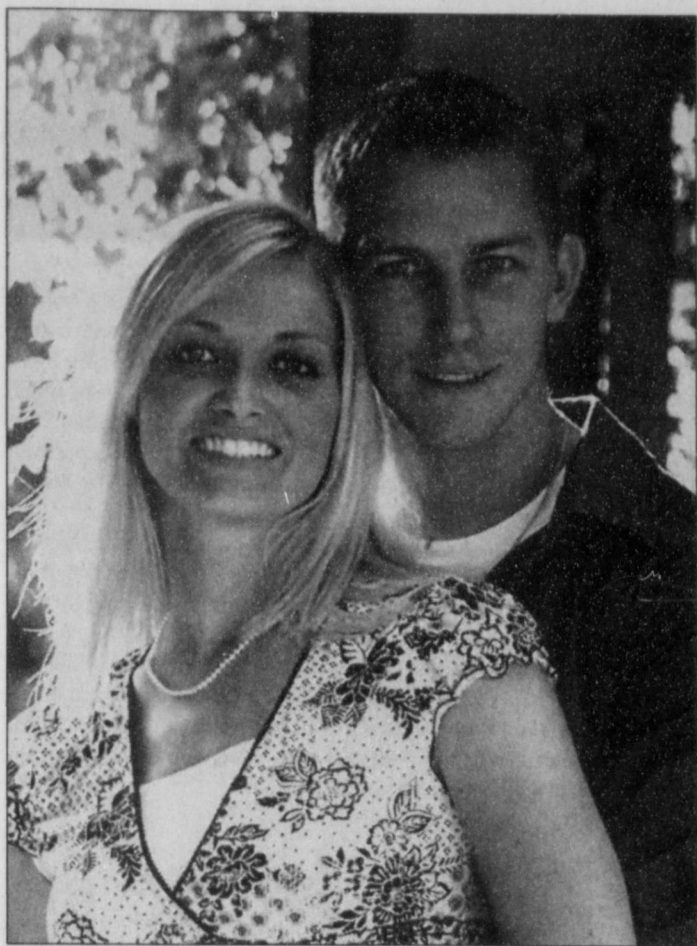
Sieg

David Andrew Sieg, 50, died Friday, March 21, 2008.

There will be a memorial gathering for "Big Dave" on Saturday, March 29, at 6 p.m. at the Giles Café. Everyone is welcome to come for food and friendship. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Turner at 856-5439.

Mr. Sieg was born in Salem, Oregon, to Edwin and Mary Blom Sieg. He was a long time Oregon resident before moving to Donley County approximately 6 years ago. He had worked as a store clerk.

Survivors include his father, Edwin of Lyons, Oregon; two daughters, Andrea Nicole and Marilyn Desiree of Oregon; a brother, William of Beaverton, Oregon; a sister, Susan Wells of Salem, Oregon; and his girlfriend, Kathy Turner of Giles.



Lauren Hill and Blake Christenson

Hill, Christenson plan to wed

Bryan and Debbie Hill of Hedley are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren D'Ann, to Blake Christenson of Aledo, son of Mike and Kristi Christenson.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Hedley High School and received a Bachelor's Degree in general studies in 2007 from Henderson State University. The prospective groom is a 2001 graduate of Aledo High School. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Education in 2005 and a Master's Degree in Sports Administration in 2006 from Henderson State University.

Both are currently employed by Weatherford ISD.

The couple plans to marry June 7, 2008, at Willow Park Baptist Church in Weatherford, Texas.

Clarendon HS, JH taking G/T nominations

Clarendon High School and Junior High School are accepting nominations of high school (Grades 9-11) and junior high school (Grades 6-8) students for the Gifted & Talented program. The G/T program is designed to serve academically advanced students.

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Nearly all references to dancing in the Bible are referring to dances of celebration, and there is no stated condemnation. What does this prove? It doesn't give evidence to support the notion that all dancing is sinful. The question we need to ask is, "Is ALL dancing o.k. by the Bible?"

Let's go to Galatians 5. In the list of "works of the flesh", we see the words uncleanness and lewdness. Your Bible may use the word lasciviousness. This could and would include acts of vulgarity. There are some dances that could include this. On a popular news program they were showing some dancing that goes on at some proms and teen gatherings that basically was an imitation of a sex act. Surely that would be considered vulgar! Then there is the apparel of what people wear to a dance. Immodesty can make anything sinful. Matthew 5:28, Jesus warns against lusting after someone. Lack of clothing and vulgar movements would tempt any red-blooded man or woman!

Then there is the question of how close are the two dancers in proximity to each other. Is there any male among us who wouldn't be "excited" if the dancing we were doing included pressing against a lady or as some call it "belly rubbing"? If you say that doesn't affect you, you either need to go to the doctor or you're lying to yourself.

As the season of proms approaches, ask yourself these questions first: Will the clothing on my child cover them appropriately? What kind of dancing will be taking place? Is it vulgar? Will my child be "pressed" against another person in a way that entices? Sadly, will there be drinking before or after? Let us ask ourselves these questions and answer them after educating ourselves and with honesty.

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Broncos slam Booker Kiowas, 17-6

By Sandy Anderberg
The Broncos gained two big wins over the week against Booker and Memphis to go to 6-0 in District play (9-1 overall) by defeating Booker 17-6 and Memphis 6-3.
In the Booker game, the Broncos and Kiowas played fairly evenly for the first three innings. The fourth inning, the Broncos broke loose and added three runs while hold-

ing Booker scoreless. That was the difference the Broncos needed to go ahead and seal the win.

The Memphis game proved to be a little closer for the Broncos as they trailed the Cyclones until the fourth inning.

"It was a close game throughout," Coach Brad Elam said. "They were able to score two early runs in the first, but we held them to only

one more run the rest of the game." According to Elam, Troy Chambless pitched his first game and did a great job.

"Troy pitched an outstanding game and gave up only those two early runs," Elam said. "Austin came on in relief in the fifth to hold down Troy's first win. Offensively, we struggled to hit the ball hard."

Trevor Leeper reached base

three times, had 1 RBI's, and scored two runs.

"Devin Noble was the hitting hero," Elam said. "He hit a double to bring in three runs in the fourth to take the lead, and he also had two hits and four RBI in the game."

The Broncos will continue their season Friday, March 28, at Childress at 5 p.m. and at home against Borger March 31 at 4 p.m.

Lady Broncos bust Booker, San Jacinto

By Sandy Anderberg
The Lady Kiowas rallied late, but could not overcome the Lady Broncos as they went on to defeat Booker 6-4 and San Jacinto 13-2 at home. Senior Sade Cobb moved to 4-1 from the mound, which helped her team go 8-2 overall and post a 1-0 District record.

"Sade pitched well for us," Head Coach Gary Jack said. "She struck out 11 hitters and only allowed two hits."

The Ladies struck first in the Booker game when they added two

runs in the third. After going scoreless in the fourth, they added one and three runs in the last two innings to seal the victory. Booker only managed one run in the fourth and three in the sixth.

"We had a little trouble hitting their slow pitcher," Jack said. "When we did hit, they seemed to catch it. But we came out and played when we had to. Jenci White had some big hits for us, and one came in the sixth when we had bases loaded. That was a big difference in the game."

The Ladies jumped on San

Jacinto early in the next game and scored five runs in the first three innings. The Lady Patriots could not get anything going, and the Lady Broncos took advantage of that and got the win.

"Janae White had a single and double for us," Jack said. "Danielle Ford hit two triples, and Macy Shadle had one triple in the game. Erin Holland and Abby Patten had good hits for us, too."

Freshman Danielle Ford got the call against the Lady Patriots and threw seven strike outs in five

innings while only allowing two hits.

The junior varsity Lady Broncos defeated San Jacinto 5-4 with Emilie Clark on the mound.

"She did a great job for us," Jack said. "She struck out seven and also hit the ball well."

Also, according to Jack, Chelsea Covey and Caitlin Christopher both had good hits in the game.

The Lady Broncos will play a District game at Follett Friday, April 4, at 4:00 p.m. and play Bushland at home April 7 also at 4 p.m.

Broncs finish second at S-E

By Sandy Anderberg
The Broncos came through with 105 total team points to finish second at the Springlake-Earth track meet last week.

All three relays placed, and the sprint relay bested the field with a time of 46.77. Those running the relay were Mike Crump, Stephino McCampbell, Alton Gaines, and Glenn Weatherton. The 800-meter relay took second with 1:39.97, and the 1600-meter relay was fourth with a time of 3:50.77. McCampbell, Johnny Ballard, Chris Crump and A. Gaines ran the 800 while Chris and Mike Crump, Johnny Gaines, and Ryan Hill took on the mile.

100-meter Mike Crump 2nd 11.63, Weatherton 3rd 11.67; 200-meter A. Gaines 2nd 24.05, Aaron Gordon 6th 25.27; 800-meter J. Gaines 4th 2:16.89, Hill 6th 2:19.92; high jump A. Gordon 2nd 6'2", A. Gaines 3rd 6'2", J. Gaines 5th 5'8"; long jump A. Gaines 1st 19'8", Weatherton 4th 19'4.25", M. Crump 5th 17'9"; triple jump J. Gaines 6th 37'8.50".

Lady Broncos-7th as a team with 16 points: 100-meter Kia Bryley 2nd 13:07, Holly Phillips 13.76; 200-meter Bryley 3rd 28.20. 400-meter dash: Ashlyn Tubbs 1: 17.97. Shot put: Deidre Lewis 6th 28'6". Discus: Deidre Lewis 79'3".

JV Broncos also 2nd

800-meter relay 2nd 1:52.33 (Clayton Shields, Justin Schilling, Dylan Wright, Troy Chambless); 1600-meter relay 4th 4:16.26 (same as 400); 100-meter RJ Nino 6th 13.10; 200-meter Shields 5th 26.40; 400-meter Brayden Phillips 3rd 1:02.10; 800-meter Schilling 4th 2:39.15, Bradley Watson 5th 2:51.30, Chambless 6th 3:03.04; 110-meter hurdles Phillips 3rd 20.50, Mathew Thomas 4th 20.90; 300-meter hurdles Thomas 6th 59.48; 1600-meter run Ty Tubbs 1st 6:25.68, Thomas 2nd 6:36.71; 3200-meter run Tubbs 1st 14:20.07; high jump Phillips 2nd 5'5"; long jump Shields 1st 16'6.25"; triple jump Phillips 1st 35'5.50", Wright 2nd 32'7", Chambless 4th 31'8"; shot put Tre Brown 1st 38'4"; discus Brown 3rd 94'1", Nino 9th 77'9".

The next track meet for the Broncos and Lady Broncos will be the District Meet March 31-April 1 at White Deer. Those placing high enough at the District Meet will advance to the Area meet at Panhandle April 8.

The Junior High athletes will compete in the District Meet at White Deer March 29.

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This is big news since there are not a lot of drugs available for this type of cancer. According to news reports, the FDA overruled one of its advisory committees that had voted against approving the drug for this cancer type. The committee did not think the benefit of slowing breast tumor growth was worth the risks of drug side effects, which include high blood pressure, blood clots, and heart attack. The approval, however, was based on a clinical trial in which Avastin slowed the spread of cancer by an additional 5.5 months when used with paclitaxel compared to women who received paclitaxel alone.

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Saturday, March 29

Lady Broncos v. Borger
in Borger, 11:30 a.m.

Monday, March 31

Broncos v. Borger
in Clarendon, 4:00 p.m.

Lady Broncos

- | | |
|------------------------|-----|
| 2 Danielle Ford | Fr. |
| 3 Jenci White | Jr. |
| 4 Erin Holland | Sr. |
| 5 Abby Patten | Sr. |
| 6 Emily Clark | Fr. |
| 7 Miranda Miller | Fr. |
| 8 Macy Shadle | Jr. |
| 9 Brandi Mays | So. |
| 10 Destiny Smith | Sr. |
| 12 Janae White | Jr. |
| 15 Jillian Luna | So. |
| 16 Chelsey Covey | Fr. |
| 23 Sade Cobb | Sr. |
| 24 Jill Cornell | Sr. |
| 25 Dominique Mason | So. |
| 33 Caitlyn Christopher | So. |
| 44 Elissa Holland | So. |

Head Coach: Gary Jack
Asst. Coach: Kasey Bell
Stats: Trisha Hewett & Mariah Benavidez

Broncos

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| 1 Devin Noble | Jr. |
| 2 Johnny Gaines | Fr. |
| 5 Stephino McCampbell | So. |
| 6 Trevor Leeper | Sr. |
| 7 Brayden Phillips | Fr. |
| 8 Billy Cenicerros | Jr. |
| 9 David Roberts | Fr. |
| 10 Austin Howard | Sr. |
| 11 Derrick Shelton | Jr. |
| 12 Dalton Askew | Sr. |
| 13 Stephen Fowler | Sr. |
| 14 Troy Chambless | Fr. |
| 21 Dustin Ford | So. |

Coach: Brad Elam
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 1:38 p.m. - Annex to post citations. Several acts of vandalism reported from property owners, 100-200 Blks. Of S. Kearney and S. Sully Sts. Also damage to the display lights at County Courthouse.
 8:40 p.m. - See caller, 300 Blk. W. 2nd St.

March 18, 2008
 2:54 a.m. - Trucker at odds, may be problems if they stop.
 8:45 a.m. - At Courthouse.
 9:18 p.m. - See caller, Clarendon College at dorm, vandalism.

March 19, 2008
 8:32 a.m. - Single vehicle rollover, 7 miles W. Hwy 287.
 11:07 a.m. - At County Extension

Office.
 2:27 p.m. - See complainant, Hwy. 287 W.; theft.
 3:48 p.m. - JP Office.
 3:55 p.m. - To City Park, dog bite.
 11:01 p.m. - Activity around school building, juveniles.

March 20, 2008
 10:15 a.m. - Housing Authority.
 10:25 a.m. - Assist DPS, Hwy. 287 MP 172.
 1:11 p.m. - Vehicle accident, hwy. 287 at S. Kearney St.
 1:31 p.m. - Rosenfield St., theft.
 3:30 p.m. - Grass fire, 2 1/2 m. E. Hwy. 287.
 6:48 p.m. - Serve legal papers, Howardwick.
 6:51 p.m. - See business owner, hwy. 70 N.; about new alarm.
 11:43 p.m. - Stopped gas drive off, vehicle will return to Clarendon.

March 21, 2008
 1:00 a.m. - Vehicle hit deer, Hwy. 70 N.; no injury.
 2:03 a.m. - Barking dog, area of S. Google and W. 8th Sts.
 7:13 a.m. - Single vehicle rollover, 2 miles E. Hwy. 287.
 2:53 p.m. - Escort funeral procession.
 4:36 p.m. - Welfare check, 400 Blk. W. 2nd St.
 6:36 p.m. - See complainant, Ayers Rd. near Rodeo grounds; possible domestic dispute.
 6:39 p.m. - Second unit on scene.
 8:15 p.m. - Back to Ayers Rd.
 8:54 p.m. - Illegal fireworks, Lot 98 Greenbelt Lake.

March 22, 2008
 4:42 a.m. - Single vehicle rollover, Hwy. 287 near Lelia Lake.
 9:56 a.m. - See complainant, 800 Blk. S. Kearney; distraction pri-

vate and city property.
 2:14 p.m. - Back to res., 800 Blk. S. Kearney St.
 10:34 p.m. - Possible prowler, 500 Blk. Carhart St.

March 23, 2008
 8:35 a.m. - Business alarm, 100 Blk. S. Kearney St.
 3:28 p.m. - Out, 400 Blk. E. Burkhead.
 9:04 p.m. - EMS assist, 300 Blk. E. 6th St.

Arrests - 2
 EMS - 5
 FD - 19

Constable's Report

March 17 - 23
 Citations - 17
 Calls - 8
 DPS K9 Assist - 1

Scrivner, Green win awards during Houston stock show

Khaki Scrivner and Kaysea Green participated at the Houston Livestock Show in the Junior Commercial Steer Program, March 10 - 14.

The program resembles a feed-lot program. Contestants feed a pen of three head of cattle to a minimum weight of 1,050 and a maximum weight of 1,450. An electric ultrasound is performed on each animal to establish ribeye size and amount of backfat. Individual steers are also graded on the hoof, choice, select, or standard.

A record book is kept containing expenses of their steer pen, cost, vet, and feed. An oral interview is

given and a quiz is taken, and cattle are sold.

Following the competition was an awards banquet with a steak dinner and sale checks to exhibitors. Khaki won Sr. Rookie, and Kaysea had a top pen of steers grading Choice 2 on all three steers. Both girls received over \$3,000 for their steer project.

Khaki is the daughter of Curtis and Ruth Ann Scrivner of Turkey, Texas. She is a sophomore at Valley High School. Kaysea is the daughter of Jason and Jody Green of Clarendon and is a junior and will graduate in May from Clarendon High School with plans to attend



Khaki Scrivner and Kaysea Green COURTESY PHOTO

Clarendon College and WT. Khaki and Kaysea bought their steers from local rancher John Hall of Hedley.

Khaki and Kaysea prove success can be achieved with hard work, dedication, and excellent cattle.

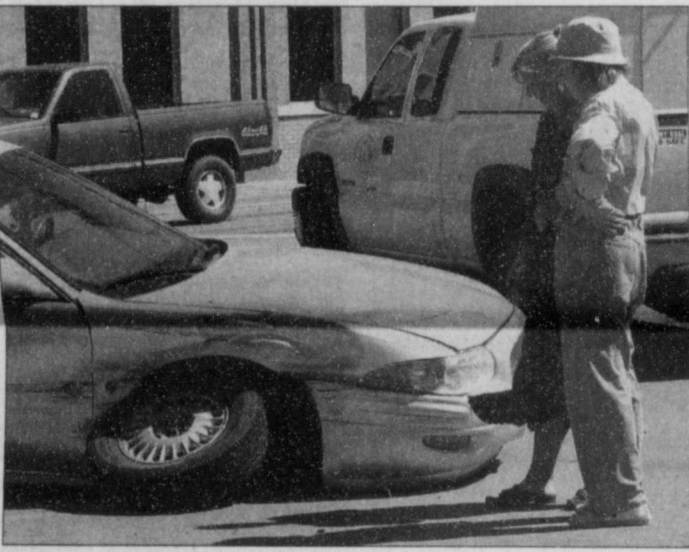
the lion's tale by roger estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting March 25, 2008, with Boss Lion Richard Sheppard in charge.

We had 17 members, Lion Sweetheart Abby Patten, and three guests present - Ashlee and Ben Estlack, guests of Lion Roger Estlack, and District Gov. Bob Langhorne.

The district governor said Lionism is doing well in our district. A new club is being chartered in Silverton and has 33 members already with the possibility of that number rising to 40 before the charter is issued. A new club is coming to Kress, and folks in Bushland are being canvassed about chartering a new club there.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.



Aftermath
 Dikki Howell (right) examines the damage to her car Friday afternoon following a collision at the intersection of US 287 and Kearney Street. Donley County Chief Deputy Randy Bond said Howell failed to yield the right of way and made an unsafe left turn off the highway in front of an oncoming pickup driven by Jarad Lax. No injuries were reported from the accident, and no citations were issued.

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