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The Newspaper of Record for the Jewel of the Plains.

THIS WEEK

- 2 Don't tag your chickens until their hatched; then tell Uncle Sam about it.
- 3 A new name may bring lower prices to local electric customers.
- 5 A study finds that hundreds of Panhandle residents die needlessly each year.
- 8 And the Relay For Life is coming your way in June.

All this and much more as The Enterprise reports in this week's action-packed edition!

City sales tax receipts increase again in April

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said Friday that the state collected \$1.57 billion in sales tax revenue in April, up 17.2 percent compared to April 2005.

Clarendon, Hedley, and Howardwick were among Texas cities receiving higher sales tax receipts.

The City of Clarendon received a rebate of \$29,120.99, up 4.08 percent from last April and pushing the year-to-date total ahead 8.4 percent.

Hedley was up 125.64 percent from \$522.16 last April to \$1,178.24 this year and is running 87.6 percent ahead for the year-to-date.

Howardwick is also up with 4.79 percent growth for the year-to-date and receiving \$857.72 for 6.8 percent growth in April.

May's sales tax allocations to local governments represent March sales that were reported to the Comptroller in April by monthly tax filers, and January, February and March sales reported to the Comptroller in April by quarterly tax filers.

Blackburn sets record straight on his future

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn wants to put to rest the rumors that say he is quitting and will not run for office again.

"I appreciate all those who have called and asked," he said, "but I am not quitting, and I plan on running for office several more times."

Blackburn says the rumors started after he put his house in Clarendon up for sale and told a few folks he wanted to move back to his family's farmhouse. Soon the word was that he was quitting and going back to farming, which is certainly not the case.

Turkey Strut Festival to be held this Saturday

The sixth annual Turkey Strut Festival will be held this Saturday, May 20, in downtown Clarendon.

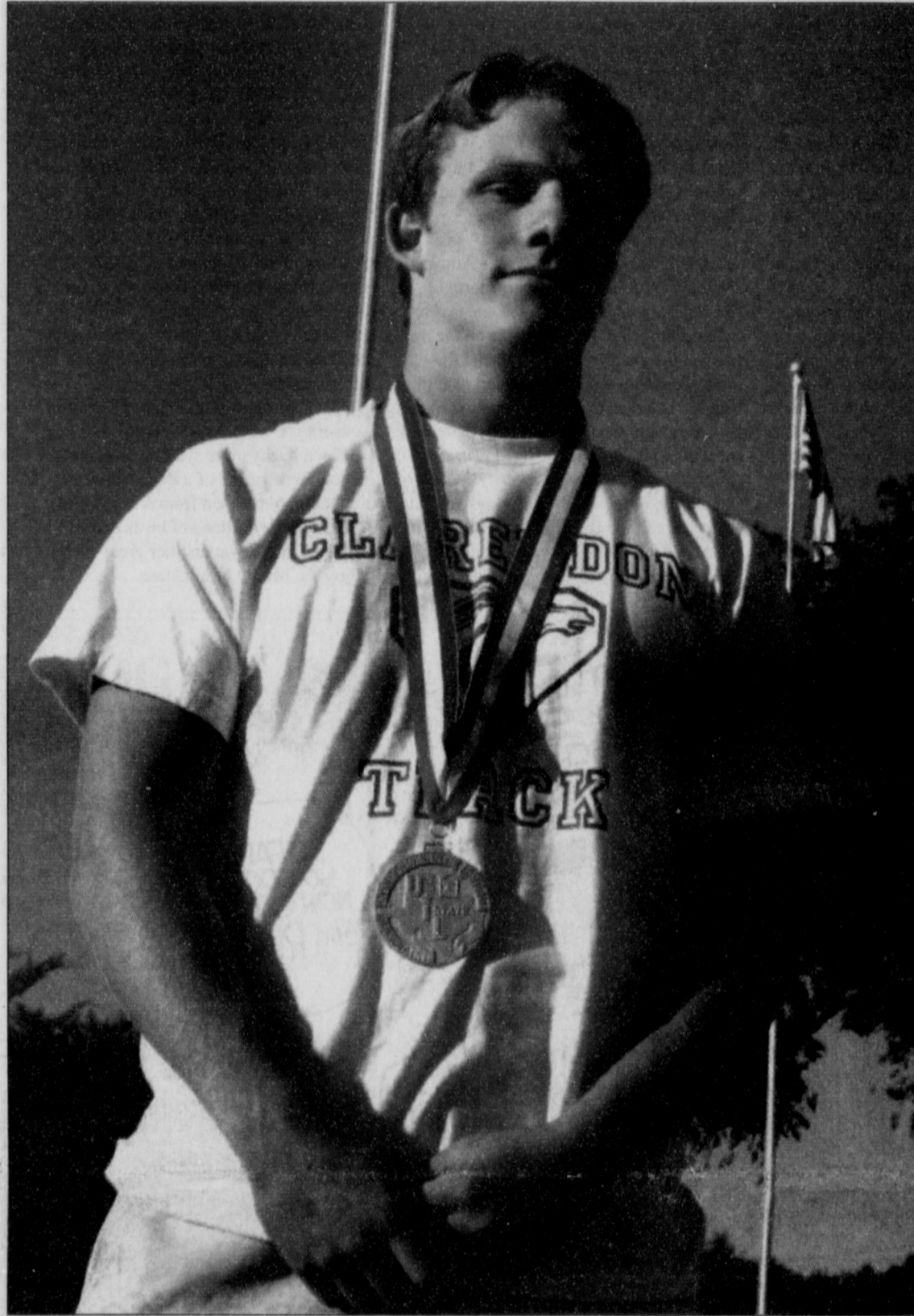
Sponsored by the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce and Destination Donley County, this year's festival will feature food, games, and contests of all kinds.

Chamber Executive Director says there will be no Turkey King election this year. Instead all the children attending will be little kings and queens of the festival.

Baccalaureate to be held this Sunday night

The Donley County Ministerial Alliance and the Graduating Class of 2006 will hold Baccalaureate on Sunday, May 21, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon.

All seniors, families, and community members are invited to attend.



Golden boy

Clarendon High School junior Brad Sell cleared 14'3" during the state pole vault competition in Austin Saturday and brought home the gold medal. Sell also set a new school record, topping the 14' vault that has stood untouched since 1989.

Enterprise Photo / Cheryl Johnson

McMorries wins mayoral election

Howardwick voters on Saturday chose as their new mayor a man who lost his life in service to that community.

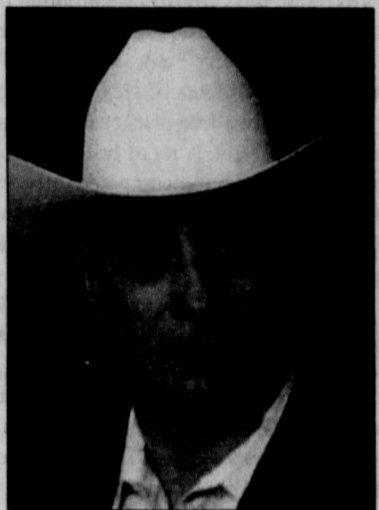
The late volunteer fireman James McMorries was elected 94-34 over his opponent Paul Bartlett.

McMorries died April 9, 2006, from injuries he sustained while helping battle the I-40 wildfire on March 12. The vehicle he was driving overturned, sending him and two other volunteer firemen to the hospital.

McMorries had filed to run for mayor but passed away after the deadline to remove a name from the ballot.

The Howardwick Board of Aldermen met Tuesday night to canvass the election and declare a vacancy in the mayor's office. They will meet next Tuesday to appoint someone to serve McMorries' term.

Howardwick voters also had a full slate of candidates to choose from for the board of aldermen. Incumbent Aldermen Lee Ann Cook and Sam Grider were reelected and will be



James McMorries

joined on the board by H.L. Buster Baird. Cook received 95 votes, Baird had 94, and Grider had 93.

Other candidates for aldermen were Susie Langford with 31 votes, Stanley Couch with 42, and Milton Brown with 34.

A total of 132 people cast ballots in this year's election in Howardwick.

Sheriff catches burglars red handed last week

Two Hedley men pled guilty last Tuesday after being caught in the act of burglarizing a rural home.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said he was following a suspicious vehicle at about 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 7, when he happened to glance at another strange vehicle, a late model Chevy pickup, parked behind the old Ferrol Floyd place on FM 2471 east of Clarendon.

The sheriff approached the residence and noticed a man behind the pickup and antique furniture and appliances in the back of the truck. The backdoor of the residence was

kicked in. Blackburn identified himself as the sheriff and asked the man, 47-year-old Jerry Allen Kocurek, if he knew who owned the residence. The suspect replied, "No." The sheriff then asked if the man had the right to take any property from the house, and he again replied, "No."

Deputy Mike Spier arrived on the scene, and a search of the house found 51-year-old Rex Hazelwood Marshal III inside.

Both men received five years probation and a \$2,500 fine for burglary of a habitation.

City offers dumping service for rural residents

Clarendon Aldermen took up the issue of trash service for rural residents during their regular meeting May 9.

Last month the board made it illegal for any unauthorized person or corporation to use a city Dumpster without paying a monthly fee to do so. The action was aimed at some rural residents who bring their trash to town and fill up Dumpsters that are being paid for by city residents.

Aldermen at Tuesday's meeting noted that many rural residents were upset with the city but said that anger is misplaced.

"They need to be talking to their county commissioners," Alderman Mark White said, noting that the

county dump is only open three days a week.

City officials agreed that it would not be practical to extend the municipal sanitation service to all rural residents but felt something should be done to meet their needs.

"I think people should pay a residential [trash] rate and dump during regular hours at the city's recycling center," Alderman Bobbie Kidd said.

The board agreed with Kidd and approved a motion to allow county residents to bring bagged household trash to the recycling center for the monthly fee of \$13.60 plus tax.

The board also voted to have the school, college, and TxDOT pay the posted charges for using the center.

The recycling center is located on Front Street across from the grain elevator and is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, and from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

In other city business, the board heard from several neighbors of a residence located at 719 W. Sixth regarding the dilapidated house at that address. Grett Betts addressed the board and presented letters from fellow neighbors, who called the house an eyesore and a hazard.

He said the house is being used by underage drinkers and drug users and called it a breeding place for skunks, rats, roaches, and other vermin.

City Fire Marshal Kelly Hill

said he had inspected the property and said he did not believe it was a fire hazard. He also said it would not fall under the city's dangerous structure ordinance if the owner would take a few steps, including skirting the house, securing the porch, and covering the openings of the house.

The board voted to send the property owner a letter and give him 30 days to repair and secure the structure or the city will take action to tear down the house.

The board considered and approved a motion allowing OJD Engineering to start the planning for a new water tower that might be funded under a Community Development Block Grant. The west tower

has been in service since the 1920s and is in need of repairs. Alderman Kidd had recommended locating a new tower at a higher elevation and eliminating both the west and east towers.

Aldermen considered nominations for the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. Alderman Knorpp, who is on the CEDC board, reported that Sherol Johnston and Myles Shelton both expressed a desire to stay on but said Jerry Woodard had expressed his willingness to step down. The board voted 2-0 to appoint Johnston, Shelton, and Steve Hall to the CEDC board. White and Knorpp abstained as members of the CEDC board.

Howardwick department busy fighting fires, raising money for new fire truck

A grassfire got the attention of residents in Howardwick last Thursday when an electric transformer exploded and ignited a blaze on the north edge of the city.

Fire Chief Robert Cole said the fire was extinguished very quickly and did not burn a large area. An estimate of the size of the fire was not available.

Despite the countywide burn ban being lifted, the danger of grass fires still remains; and everyone should still use caution when burning outdoors.

"The rain we've gotten has helped," Cole said, "but three or four 90-degree days and we'll be right back where we were."

Firefighters from Clarendon also responded to the fire.

While it keeps ready for any new fires, the Howardwick Fire Department also continues

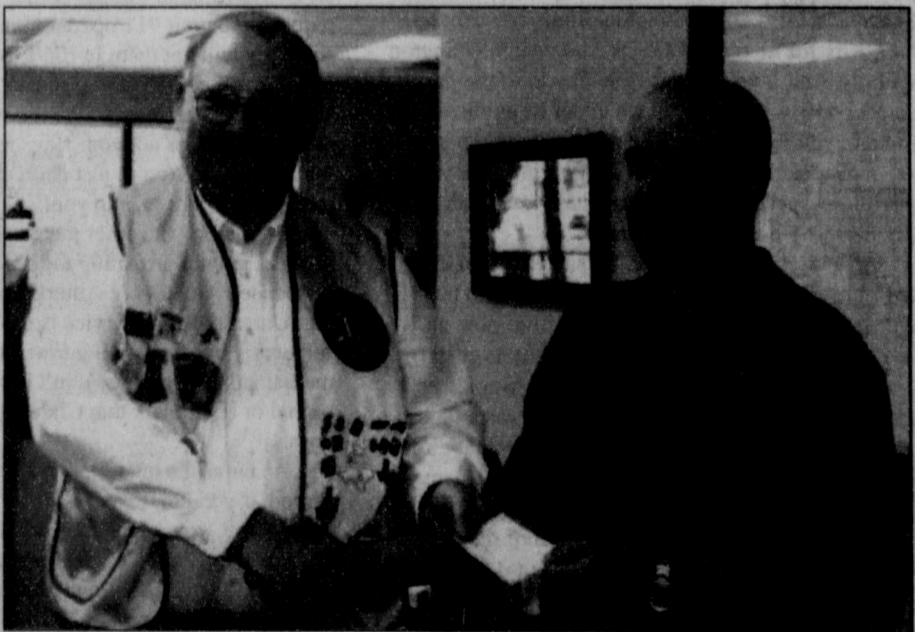
working to raise money to replace the truck it lost during the I-40 wildfire on March 12.

Cole says the city has ordered a new truck through a grant it received from the Texas Forest Service, but Howardwick must come up with ten percent of the funds to pay for it.

A community garage sale will be held this Friday and Saturday at the Howardwick Fire Hall to raise funds for this cause.

On Monday, the Clarendon Lions Club presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 to the fire department. The money came from the Panhandle Lions Foundation, which gathered funds from area clubs, Lions Clubs International Foundation, and the Texas Lions Foundation.

Since March 13, the Panhandle Lions Foundation has distributed more than \$20,000 to families who lost homes in the wildfires and fire departments that lost equipment.



Clarendon Boss Lion Mark C. White presents a check for \$1,000 from the Panhandle Lions Foundation to Howardwick Fire Chief Robert Cole. Enterprise Photo / Roger Estlack

guest commentary

Government like a parasite on economy

By David Boaz

One of the biggest success stories of the American economy in the past decade is the Internet search firm Google. After a humble start in a Stanford University dorm room, the company went public in 2004 and now has a stock price of about \$370 per share.

Founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin and many other wealthy officers of the company got rich the only way you can in a free market: by producing something other people want. A lot of brilliant people worked long hours producing computer software that hundreds of millions of people chose to use, in the midst of a highly competitive market that offered lots of other options.

But in our modern politicized economy - which National Journal columnist Jonathan Rauch called the "parasite economy" - no good deed goes unpunished for long. Some people want to declare Google a public utility that must be regulated in the public interest, perhaps by a federal Office of Search Engines. The Bush administration wants Google to turn over a million random Web addresses and records of all Google searches from a one-week period. Congress is investigating how the company deals with the Chinese government's demands for censorship of search results by Chinese users.

So, like Microsoft and other companies before it, Google has decided it will have to start playing the Washington game. It has opened a Washington office and hired well-connected lobbyists. One of the country's top executive search firms is looking for a political director for the company.

What should concern us here is how the government lured Google into the political sector of the economy. For most of a decade the company went about its business, developing software, creating a search engine better than any of us could have dreamed, and innocently making money. Then, as its size and wealth drew the attention of competitors, anti-business activists, and politicians, it was forced to start spending some of its money and brainpower fending off political attacks. It's the same process Microsoft went through a few years earlier, when it faced the same sorts of attacks. Now Microsoft is part of the Washington establishment, with more than \$9 million in lobbying expenditures last year.

By Washington standards, Google is still a bit player, with lobbying costs of less than \$1 million per year.

Seasoned Washington players have been patronizing about Google's political innocence. Technology lobbyist Rhett Dawson says that the company "is quickly going through a maturation phase. ... It pays to pay attention to Washington." Lauren Maddox, a former Newt Gingrich aide recently hired by Google, says that the company's lobbyists are explaining to them that the "policy process is an extension of the market battlefield."

Microsoft went through the same hazing, though with more of an edge. A congressional aide said, "They don't want to play the D.C. game, that's clear, and they've gotten away with it so far. The problem is, in the long run they won't be able to."

Sorta like, "Hey, Bill, nice little company ya got there. Shame if anything happened to it."

And companies get the message: If you want to produce something in America, you'd better play the game. Contribute to politicians' campaigns, hire their friends, go hat in hand to a congressional hearing and apologize for your success.

The tragedy is that the most important factor in America's economic future - in raising everyone's standard of living - is not land, or money, or computers; it's human talent. And some part of the human talent at another of America's most dynamic companies is now being diverted from productive activity to protecting the company from political predation. The parasite economy has sucked in another productive enterprise.

The slowdown of the American economy over the past few decades can be blamed in large measure on just this process - the expansion of the parasite economy into the productive economy. The number of corporations with Washington offices has shot up, along with the number of CEOs who visit Washington regularly. And if you thought the growth of the parasite economy would slow down under Republican government, you'd be wrong. The number of companies with registered lobbyists is up 58 percent in six years, and official spending on lobbying has risen from \$1.5 billion to \$2.1 billion in that time.

In 1998, Bill Gates wrote, "It's been a year since the last time I was in D.C. I think I'm going to be making the trip a lot more frequently from now on."

And that's what the parasite economy is costing America. The founders of Microsoft and Google and other innovative companies are going to waste their brains on protecting their companies rather than thinking up new products and new ways to deliver them.

Google's new presence in Washington is entirely understandable, but it is a tragic symbol of the diversion of America's productive resources into the unproductive world of political predation and the struggle to resist it.

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Lone Star State keeping watch on birds

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

As prices for oil and gas remain unacceptably high, Texas is turning to alternative energy sources. Texas already leads the nation in generating electricity through wind power - much of it in the Panhandle. Now there are proposals to build big wind turbine farms along the Gulf near Galveston and Corpus Christi.

But there are complications. Environmentalists point to the Texas coast as a prime travel route for hundreds of bird species migrating to and from Mexico and Central America. Researchers are making certain the wind farm propellers will pose no danger to the migrating birds. It's all a reminder that virtually every "easy" solution to our energy supply problems has a potential downside.

It also points out the growing importance of birds to Texas. Bird-watching has become one of the state's more popular pastimes and tourism attractions. The American Birding Association has named Texas the best place to bird-watch for five consecutive years. "Birding," as it's known, is our state's fastest-growing form of nature tourism.

Great birding venues exist all across our state. A watcher with good eyesight can see 10 types of hummingbirds in the

Davis Mountains in West Texas. Bird watching can be combined with general enjoyment of the wilderness - near Alamo, Texas, you might see various birds, but-terflies and even a rare ocelot at the Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge. In the often tropical weather of the Rio Grande Valley, birders may spot spectacular visitors such as a Mexican northern jacana, with its bright yellow-green wings.

But the Texas Gulf Coast is properly described as the crown jewel of bird-watching venues. The Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail spans the entire 624 miles of our Gulf Coast, from Beaumont to Brownsville - the first of its kind.

Included in this vast spread - big even by Texas standards - is the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, just north of Rockport, winter home to the endangered whooping crane. Further south on the trail, native birds such as the oriole, the fly-catcher and the kingfisher congregate in a much-visited state park on the Rio Grande.

Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park, near Mission, houses the headquarters of our World Birding Center. It's a collaboration of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services and nine Valley communities. The 10,000-acre center's mission is protecting

native habitat and increasing awareness and appreciation of birds and wildlife. It opened officially only in 2003, but it's already world famous.

The Center is actually nine different sites. It includes a wide array of habitats along a 120-mile stretch from South Padre Island west to Roma, Texas. The Center promises visitors a "birders' eye view" of the seasons in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. In winter, there are warblers, sparrows and purple martins. The spring brings swallows and migrating raptors. Summer offers the long-billed curlews and orchard orioles. With autumn arrive buntings, cuckoos and ruby-throated hummingbirds.

This is all great for Texas tourism. In 2001, wildlife-associated recreation - fishing, hunting, and wildlife-viewing, including birding - contributed \$4.7 billion to the Texas economy. Nature tourism alone contributed \$301 million in additional local tax revenues.

Texans are fortunate indeed. Almost year-round, we need look no further than our own backyard to watch a woodpecker negotiate the trunk of a tree, or listen to a mockingbird croon from a tree branch. Watching the millions of birds that live in or visit Texas is yet another great way to enjoy the beauty of our state.



Reader says death, taxes facts of life

Ok. Let's get real here. We all know we are going to have to pay taxes! It is one of the laws of the world. You don't have to do anything but live, die, and pay taxes. Right?

I am not a big fan of taxes and agree that the personal property tax is in need of retirement. If the tax board wants to raise the taxes on my home fine, but don't penalize me because I own a boat or RV or a newer vehicle. That is just wrong. I don't care who you are.

However, having seen first hand how the ambulance service is funded as well as the nursing home, I definitely see need to have a hospital tax.

Ambulance services for the most part run in the red. They don't make money. The reason for this, besides the cost of equipment and supplies, is the fact that a large portion of the services provided is never paid for at all. I agree that the rest of the tax-paying base should not be responsible for the bills that are not paid by others; but, as we all know, that is the way our government is run. If the ambulance service does not service the area you live in, it is simply because their response time is probably longer than that of the service that does provide service to you.

If you want the Clarendon ambulance service to respond to your home, you can request it to your 911 operator, and I am sure they will get them in route to your location. Of course, if you're having a heart attack, you may not be too worried about whether or not your taxes are paying for the service. You're just damn glad that someone is there to help you!

Believe me the other area ambulance services are not providing the service that Associated Ambulance Authority is providing. Our ambulance service is called on frequently by surrounding towns to provide mutual aid because they don't have the personnel or equipment that Clarendon EMS does.

As far as the nursing home is concerned, if you don't have a family member living there, you might consider that some day you may. I hope that if the need ever arises and I have a family member that needs to be cared for, the MCNH will be available for my family or myself. It is convenient, and it is good to have people you know and live near taking care of loved ones.

These are a few things to consider when it comes to taxes. I don't like them either and agree some of them need to be abolished but do see the need for others.

Oh, and be nice to the tax ladies. They are like everyone else just trying to make a living in a job they probably don't enjoy anymore than you enjoy yours.

Steve Sell, NREMT-P
Clarendon

USDA program creating huge burden for citizens

This letter should only be of interest to people who eat, buy the food for others to eat, or worry about the amount of money the government spends.

My concern is the USDA's "National Animal Identification System" that will put every animal that could be food for human consumption in a national database that will track every animal, even horses, from birth to death. The startup cost is projected to be 33 billion dollars. That's \$115.78 for every man, woman, and child in the US.

I have raised show chickens since the 1940s. I will tell how the plan would affect me and others in our area who raise poultry, cattle, swine, horses, sheep goats, etc. We will be required to have GPS coordinates for satellite assisted location of houses, farms, or ranches and to supply the owner's name, address, and phone number for government identification.

I would have to pay for three of these locations: one for my son's place where the incubator is, one for my home where the breeding birds are primarily located, and one for the rented range layer house where we have growing pens.

Under the NAIS program, when a chick is hatched, it would have to have a permanent identification number. This has to be reported to the government in 24 hours. If we move the chick to my house the next day, we have to make another government report within 24 hours. If that bird is moved on to the growing pens, it's another 24-hour report. Every time a bird moves to a new location (such as the vet's, a new owner's place, a chicken show), each move must be reported to the government within 24 hours. Another report must be made when the bird dies or is slaughtered.

During the show seasons, we may show 50 to 75 birds at each show. Since

permanent identification for chickens will be between 30 and 50 cents per bird, the fees will not only be expensive but the reporting will be a monstrous job.

But I'm not just talking about our birds. Let's say, for instance, that you order 100 chicks for family use. You won't just pay for the chicks; you would also have to pay for the tags and the labor to attach them. In addition, you will have to provide the government database with your name, address, and phone number; and you will have to have a GPS for your home or farm. And every time you prepared one of these birds for Sunday dinner, you will have 24 hours to report the death of that bird.

Keep in mind that the NAIS program is not just for chickens. It includes all kinds of poultry as well as cattle, swine, sheep, goats, horses, etc.; and it covers their every move from birth to death.

Our local ranchers will be affected on a huge scale. Everybody in this country knows that every calf just won't be born on the same day. Not only will the rancher have to try to keep the cow away long enough to implant an ID chip on each calf born, he will also have 24 hours to make his report. Every time he moves that cow or calf to a new location not physically attached to that pasture, he will have another 24-hour report.

If the kids participate in an equine program, a rodeo team, or if they just ride to exercise their horses off the home property, it's a report. Every move 4-H and FFA members make with their animals will require reports to the government within 24 hours of that move.

Under NAIS, the small owners will have to keep up with every animal from birth to death, but the feedlot owners will operate under one GPS identification number. Big broiler producers will be able to raise hundreds of thousands of broilers under one number. It is not just the cost to the producers, but can you imagine how many people operating computers it will take to record and process all of this information?

I don't have any idea that we can influence many government officials, but I do believe that Mac Thornberry will understand the situation if we can get the word to him.

Allen Estlack,
Clarendon

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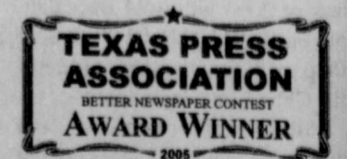
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Local electric provider to become SWEPCO

Change could drop costs 20 percent

Residents in Clarendon, Hedley, and some rural areas of Donley County will soon see a change in the name on their electric bills and could see a decrease in their electric bills this fall.

The change will affect 7,000 local and area customers of Mutual Energy, a retail division of AEP Texas. An application now before the Public Utility Commission of Texas would move those customers to Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO), which is also a division of AEP Texas.

The change is being made because these customers in Donley, Childress, Collingsworth, Hall, and Wheeler counties and all of SWEPCO's 168,000 customers receive energy from the Southwest Power Pool electric grid, and AEP Texas believes it makes sense for all these customers to be served by the same retail provider.

The change is expected to bring lower electric prices to the area with an annual estimated savings of 15 to

20 percent depending on customer usage and classification (i.e., residential, commercial, industrial, etc.)

"SWEPCO looks forward to serving these customers in the Texas Panhandle along with our other customers in East Texas and to providing the same level of service with some of the lowest rates in the state," said SWEPCO president and COO Nick Akins.

The change will be implemented in approximately four months. Customers' bills will look the same but will have the SWEPCO name instead of the Mutual Energy name.

Local AEP Texas employees will remain in place but will work under the SWEPCO brand on their trucks and uniforms. AEP Texas will still maintain the delivery of electricity to local customers.

SWEPCO and AEP Texas are units of American Electric Power, an energy company based in Columbus, Ohio, that owns more than 36,000 megawatts of generating capacity in the United States.



Every penny counts

In an effort to assist the fire department, Hedley ISD conducted a Penny Drive in the month of April. The odd numbered classes competed against the even numbered classes, and the victors were the even numbered classes. The drive raised \$419 in pennies. Pictured with the check and the pennies are Ben Shaw, Assistant Fire Chief Lon Adams, and fire department member Mark Montgomery.

Silver Haired election to be held next Tuesday

An election will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2006 to choose four candidates to represent the Panhandle at large in the 11th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature in Austin.

Polls will be open in the Donley Senior Citizen Center from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2006, under the direction of election judge Marlee Sharp. Eligible voters do not have to be a member of the senior citizens center, but they must be at least 60 years old, a registered voter, and a resident of the Panhandle. Each voter gets one ballot and may vote for four candidates.

Six candidates are competing for the four positions. Five candidates, Alan Abraham, Jean Clark, Sandra Henderson, Herman Hill and Betty Trotter, are from Amarillo. Chester Cunningham from Fritch.

The Silver-Haired Legislature will meet in September to advocate for senior citizens.

weather report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	8	76°	56°	-
Tues	9	87°	60°	-
Wed	10	85°	52°	0.10"
Thur	11	67°	45°	-
Fri	12	75°	46°	-
Sat	13	90°	50°	-
Sun	14	90°	56°	-

Total precipitation this month: 2.04"
Total precipitation to date: 4.87"
Total precipitation in May last year: 1.35"
Total YTD last year: 7.38"

weekend forecast

	Friday, May 19 Partly Cloudy 95°/57°
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By: Paul & Elmonette Bivens

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- May 20**
Turkey Strut Festival • Details TBA
- May 21**
Clarendon Baccalaureate • Methodist Church • 7 p.m.
- May 22**
Clarendon High School Awards Assembly • CHS Auditorium • 10 a.m.
- May 26**
CHS Commencement • Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center • 8:00 p.m.
- HHS Commencement • Owl Gymnasium • 8:00 p.m.
- May 29**
Memorial Day
- June 2**
Members Appreciation BBQ • Saints' Roost Museum grounds
- June 17**
Trash To Treasures • Clarendon Citywide Garage Sale
- July 4**
Saints Roost Celebration • Details TBA

Community Menus

May 22-26

Clarendon Schools

Mon: Corndogs, black-eyed peas, fries, fruit, milk
 Tues: Pizza, corn, salad, fruit, milk
 Wed: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, milk
 Thur: Sack lunch - sandwich, chips, carrots sticks, fruit, milk
 Fri: Sack lunch - ham and cheese sandwich, chips, pickle, fruit, milk

Hedley Schools

Mon: Fish sticks, macaroni and cheese, peas and carrots, tossed salad, yeast roll, milk
 Tues: Chicken strips, potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, salad, fruit, milk
 Wed: Pizza, corn, tossed salad, dipping sauce, breadstick milk
 Thur: Hot dog with chili and cheese, fries, salad, fruit, fruit juice, milk
 Fri: No School

Donley County Senior Citizens
 Mon: Lasagna, corn, asparagus, tossed salad, fried peas, garlic toast, bread, coffee, tea.
 Tues: Catfish, black-eyed peas, hominy casserole, coleslaw, orange pineapple cake, hushpuppies, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
 Wed: Enchilada casserole, beans, garden salad, jell-O with fruit, chips and salad, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
 Thur: Steak fingers, creamed potatoes with gravy, California blen vegetables, broccoli salad, sugar cookies, biscuits, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
 Fri: Turkey and dressing, yam patties, green beans, fruit salad, fudge pecan pie, rolls, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Chicken salad, tater tots, fried okra, cantaloupe, cake, sliced bread, coffee, tea, milk
 Tues: Steak and gravy, scalloped potatoes, buttered carrots, Jell-O salad, lemon pie, roll, coffee, tea, milk
 Wed: Chicken and dumplings, California blend vegetables, Waldorf salad, peaches and bananas, cornbread, coffee, tea, milk
 Thur: Roast beef and gravy, broccoli casserole, Harvard beets, pineapple and cottage cheese, brownie, roll, coffee, tea, milk
 Fri: Barbecue on a bun, chips, beans, coleslaw, pudding, bun, coffee, tea, milk

Retired teachers group to meet next Monday

The Donley County Retired School Personnel Association will meet on Monday, May 22, 2006, at 6 p.m. at the Clarendon Church of Christ Family Life Center.

This meeting will be to install new officers for 2006-2007. There will be a business meeting and a report on the state meeting held in Amarillo. It should be an informative meeting. DCRSPA will provide the snack.

So come and be informed and have a good fellowship.

Extension service explains difference between drinks

By MaryRuth Bishop, County FCS Agent

Energy drinks should not be confused with sports drinks. Sports drinks, such as Gatorade, Powerade, and Allsport, are formulated to supply optimal amounts of carbohydrates and electrolytes for endurance exercise, to help rehydrate, and to balance the body's chemistry.

What are carbohydrates?
 "Carbohydrates are sugars and starches found in foods like breads, cereals, fruits, vegetables, pasta, milk, honey, syrups, and table sugar. Carbohydrates are the preferred source of energy for your body. Regardless of origin, your body breaks down carbohydrates into glucose that your blood carries to cells to be used for energy. Carbohydrates provide 4 calories per gram. Your body cannot differentiate between glucose that comes from starches or sugars. Glucose from either source provides energy for working muscles."

For exercise or physical exertion lasting less than 1 hour:
 Plain water works just fine and is cost effective.

What are electrolytes?
 "Electrolytes are nutrients that affect fluid balance in the body and are necessary for our nerves and muscles to function. Sodium and potassium are the two electrolytes most often added to sports drinks. Generally, electrolyte replacement is not needed during short bursts of exercise since sweat is approximately 99 percent water and less than one percent electrolytes. Water, in combination with a well-balanced diet, will restore normal fluid and electrolyte levels in the body." However, replacing electrolytes may be beneficial during continuous activity of longer duration, especially in a hot environment.

Here are some guidelines that may help:

For extended periods of exercise or for physical exertion lasting 1 hour or more:
 Sports drinks containing carbohydrates and electrolytes help prevent dehydration and restore important minerals lost through perspiration, and they produce better hydration than water.

If the flavor of a sports drink is more appealing, that's fine to drink, too. Just remember, sports drinks are not calorie- or cost-free.

If you know you will be doing vigorous physical activity, such as participating in a race, sports event, or football practice, it is recommended that you schedule hydration. The following schedule for

fluid intake can help you maintain adequate hydration:

• Weigh yourself before the activity.

• Consume 2-3 cups of fluid about 2 hours before the event or practice.

• Consume 1 cup of fluid 15 minutes before the event or practice.

• Consume ½ to 1 cup of fluid every 15 minutes during the activity.

• Weigh yourself after the activity, and consume 2-3 cups of fluid for every pound lost.

Remember that during warm, humid days, sweat does not evaporate very quickly from your skin, making the need for scheduling hydration even more important. Cool beverages are the best choice, since they are absorbed better than warm beverages. If you have traveled to a new climate and are not acclimated

to the heat, use the hydration guidelines above; have adequate sodium in your diet, and progress gradually in your exercise training to prevent heat cramps and dehydration.

A properly formulated sports drink should contain 4-8 percent carbohydrates (about 10-19 g per 8-ounce serving, respectively), electrolytes (sodium and potassium), and water. Most sports drinks on the market are formulated to meet these criteria; however, all sports drinks are not created equal, so read the label to be sure you are getting the right balance. You may also want to read the label for the type of sugar used. Fructose as the primary source of sugar appears to be absorbed more slowly and may cause stomach distress in some people. Look for drinks that contain more glucose or sucrose, rather than fructose.

Sawyer, Jackson exchange vows

Jamie Lynn Sawyer and Levi Wayne Jackson, both of Hobbs, New Mexico, were married Saturday, April 8, 2006, at the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon. The Rev. Tom Garmon officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Dan Sawyer and Sonja O'Neal of Clarendon. Grandparents of the bride are Loy and June Davis and Mary Ann Sawyer of Clarendon, all of whom attended the wedding; and Gladys Sawyer, and the late Edward Sawyer.

The groom is the son of Richard and Sarah Jackson of Georgeress, and Jay and Sarah McNealy of El Dorado.

Maid of honor was Courtney Newhouse. Matron of honor was Misti Watson, sister of the groom. Bridal attendants were Kalli Sawyer, sister of the bride, and Nichole Shanklin.

Best man was Cole Jackson, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Matt Buehler, brother of the groom, Clay Sawyer, brother of the bride, and Taylor Read.

Flower girl was Boston Curry, sister of the bride. Ring bearer was Brady Miller, nephew of the bride.

The colors of the wedding were hot pink and black.

The bride chose roses, lilies, freesia, stephanotis, lisianthus, and wax flower.

Special music was provided by soloist Lezlie Stickland, cousin of the bride, who sang "I Will Be Here."

The wedding reception was



Mrs. Levi Wayne Jackson

at the Community Building at the Clarendon Rodeo Grounds. Reception attendants were Laurie Strickland and Lisa Stickland, cousins of the bride.

The bride graduated from

Clarendon High School in 2001. She received a bachelor of science degree in Food and Nutrition in 2005 from Texas Tech University. She is working at Dr. Kernan's Office of Internal Medicine in Hobbs, New Mexico.



Anna Summers and Buddy Howard

Summers, Howard announce engagement

Larry and Deborah Summers of Stinnett are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Anna Summers, of Clarendon to Buddy Howard of Clarendon. Buddy is the son of George and Sue Howard, also of Clarendon.

The couple will wed on June 24, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon. Family and friends of the couple are

invited to join the celebration.

The couple will reside in Clarendon.

Anna is a paramedic at Associated Ambulance Authority in Clarendon. Buddy is employed at Pantex. He is a volunteer fireman with the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department and a volunteer EMT-Intermediate with the Associated Ambulance Authority.

Novel details life, accomplishments of Texas doctor

Was she amazing? You decide.

In Burton Memorial Library's *May Owen, MD*, author Ted Stafford depicts the character of a woman whose goal, perseverance against many obstacles, led her to become one of Texas' outstanding medical doctors. During a six-decade career, she experienced progress from simple folk remedies to highest technology.

May was born to immigrant parents in Falls County, Texas, in 1891. Her family farm duties began at age 2 when she gathered cook-stove wood. She loved and experienced almost every phase of farm life. She could break a wild horse faster than her brothers. Her mother died before May started to school, leaving more responsibility to eight children.

From the time May entered first grade, her greatest joy was learning and reading. Her family could not

understand her intrigue for reading. The only book in the house was the Bible, seldom used except on special occasions. While still a young girl, she read from Genesis to Revelations several times. A teacher or neighbor occasionally loaned her a book. The County Vet furnished veterinary journals.

At age nine, May announced her desire to become a doctor at a time when women doctors were practically unheard of. Her father appreciated everything the country school offered, but never encouraged high school. He considered her dream of medical school ridiculous and outrageous.

After arrangements made by her oldest brother, May, age 21, entered Texas Christian University in Fort Worth to receive her high school diploma. During the first fall

at TCU, she traveled home on weekends to help with crop harvesting. Returning to school on Monday mornings, her desired for more education never faltered.

Dr. Truman C. Terrell became a dynamic factor in May's life, assuring her of college completion, offering opportunity of work in his professional medical lab, and suggesting medical school after graduation.

May received many medical school rejections before she was finally accepted to Louisville Medical School. Assuming there would be other women students, she was surprised to find she was the only one.



check it out by mary beth nelson

The male students, curious about a woman from Texas with medical aspirations, were not too pleased about her attendance there. None spoke to her after the first session. Readers will be amused at the circumstances in which they accepted May and would, later, admire her as an equal.

After valuable experience at Mayo Clinic, New York's Bellevue, and Scott and White Hospitals, May returned to beloved Texas, confident that she could deal with any situation in her specialty.

First Texas Medical Association Woman President and Texas Women's Hall of Fame induction are only two of May's numerous distinguished honors.

Her life was one of humility, modesty, determination, and generosity. Humble and modest because,

always sharing credit and acknowledging others for successes, she never tried to become known because of her accomplishments. Determination showed through her love and devotion to medical research to benefit others.

Generosity was evident in her physical and financial aid willingly given to students. Almost 500 current doctors began their profession through Dr. Owen's personal efforts. The May Owen Irrevocable Trust for student loans which began decades ago is still active.

This exceptional lady Texan maintained alertness, working until the day before she died in 1988, three weeks before her 97th birthday.

Owen's entertaining and fascinating biography is located in Burton's Texas Collection. Why not check it out?

Byars leading efforts on Community Center

If you want a bargain, the place to be Friday and Saturday is in Howardwick at the fire department. Lots of items have been donated for the garage sale, and it is easy to find, so come out buy something and help a good cause, matching funds for a new fire truck.

The election results are in, and this was the largest voter turnout in the history of our town. Deceased fireman James McMorries' family can add one more honor, mayor of Howardwick. James and family had

lived here about a year. I met him one time, but what an impact he has had on our community! The city aldermen will appoint a mayor to run our town after all the paper work is complete. Also winning the election were aldermen Lee Ann Cook, Sam Grider and Buster Baird. Congratulations, everyone!

Greta Byars has been working at the Community Center and needs help with painting walls and floors, scrubbing, replacing windows, putting in air-conditioning, and finally

covering the lower walls and putting on gutters. One or two hours of work or volunteering for one job will be greatly appreciated.

I get to brag again. We have a new great-grandson. Weston Lee Trumper was born May



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15 in Houston to our granddaughter Amanda and Darrin Trumper. His grandparents are Gary and Candy Cockerham, and through the magic of the Internet, we received 15 pictures last night. He weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz. and entered the world hungry. This makes four great-grandsons. What a lively house ours will be when they all come to visit!

Friendship Club will meet Friday night at 6:30. Bring a dish and an appetite and enjoy the spring weather.

Boone graduates with music degree

A native of Clarendon received a diploma from Wayland Baptist University in an April 29 ceremony held in Plainview.

Megan Roberts Boone earned a Bachelor of Music degree in instrumental music education. The daughter of Jim and Debbie Roberts, Boone graduated *magna cum laude*. She earned the Outstanding Student in Instrumental Music award and was named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities* at the recognition chapel.

Study shows carelessness leads to death

Texas Panhandle residents are dying needlessly, according to a new study released by the Panhandle Regional Advisory Council of Trauma Service Area A and the Donley County Hospital District's Associated Ambulance Authority.

The council reviewed 200 fatal traffic crashes reported by the Texas Department of Public Safety, beginning in 2001 through the present and found that a total of 231 people died and another 175 were injured. Sixty-six percent of these crashes were due to distraction of the driver, and the average age of the driver was 45.

"Why are we killing ourselves

with carelessness?" program manager Kay Harris asks. "Outside Amarillo and off the Interstates there is little traffic. Many of the roads in the Panhandle are straight with a view for miles. At least 80 percent of the time, the weather is dry and clear and not a factor that causes anxiety."

Harris said familiar roads and familiar drives lead people to eat, talk on cell phones, discipline children, and spend time adjusting the stereos instead of paying attention to the road. Familiar trips with little traffic also lessen the impulse to buckle up.

To prevent unnecessary deaths on the road, Panhandle residents need

to buckle their safety belts, use child safety seats, and pay attention to driving. Loss of control of a vehicle is the biggest killer in the Panhandle, causing two-thirds of traffic crashes and resulting in collisions with oncoming vehicles and rear-end collisions with vehicles going the same direction as well as collisions with bridge abutments and trees.

The council says if occupants aren't buckled in during a rollover, they can expect to bounce violently around inside the vehicle or be partially or fully ejected from the vehicle. Ejection brings the possibility of severe lacerations, being

struck by the vehicle, or having the vehicle land on you. A door can come open and close violently on a human occupant hanging partially out of the vehicle. These and other possibilities lead to long stays in critical care, months of rehabilitation, and a high likelihood of dying.

The study found that excessive speed and/or failure to yield alone caused less than 20 percent of the fatal accidents reviewed. However, speeding and failing to yield went hand in hand with loss of control and resulting collisions and rollovers.

Alcohol involvement data was not available.

Seniors hold several successful fund-raisers

By Lyndia Meaker

The Donley County Senior Citizens Center had its annual Mother's Day Bake Sale on May 13. We do not know the outcome as of yet, but we do appreciate all the donations.

There was a good turnout for our Cinco de Mayo lunch. We had Mexican Pile On, and everyone had a good meal as well as good fellowship.

The Silver Haired Legislature voting will be held on May 23 at the Center from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Don't forget to come and voice your opinion by voting.

We observed Armed Forces Day on May 15. We all need to remember our service people wherever they are and be proud of the job they are doing to keep this country free.

Memorial Day is coming on May 29. Don't forget to remember your loved ones that have passed on as well as any service member that has died in the service for our country.

Once again we have ice for sale at the center. We are open from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

If you need ice at night, on weekend or holidays, call Lyndia at 584-3729 or Kathy at 874-1651.



At the finish line

Clarendon Cub Scout Pack 437 held their annual Pinewood Derby on Saturday at the First United Methodist Church Gymnasium with nine cars vying for the top spot. The overall winners of the Derby were (back) Justus Burton - first place, Marshal Johnson - second place, Taylor Smith - third place, Austin Lowry - fourth place. (front) Wyatt Papa - Coolest Looking Car, Tyler Smith - Funniest Looking Car, and Zack Cornell, Slowest Car (Turtle Award) and Least Looks Like a Car Award.

Photo by Cheryl Johnson

Locals' granddaughter competes in Florida

Jenna Courtney of St. Cloud, Florida, recently competed at the Gymnastics Nationals in Nashville, Tenn., where she placed first on the floor exercises and fourth all around. Jenna is the daughter of Bud and Diana Courtney of Florida and the granddaughter of Lyndel and Carolyn Moffett of Clarendon.

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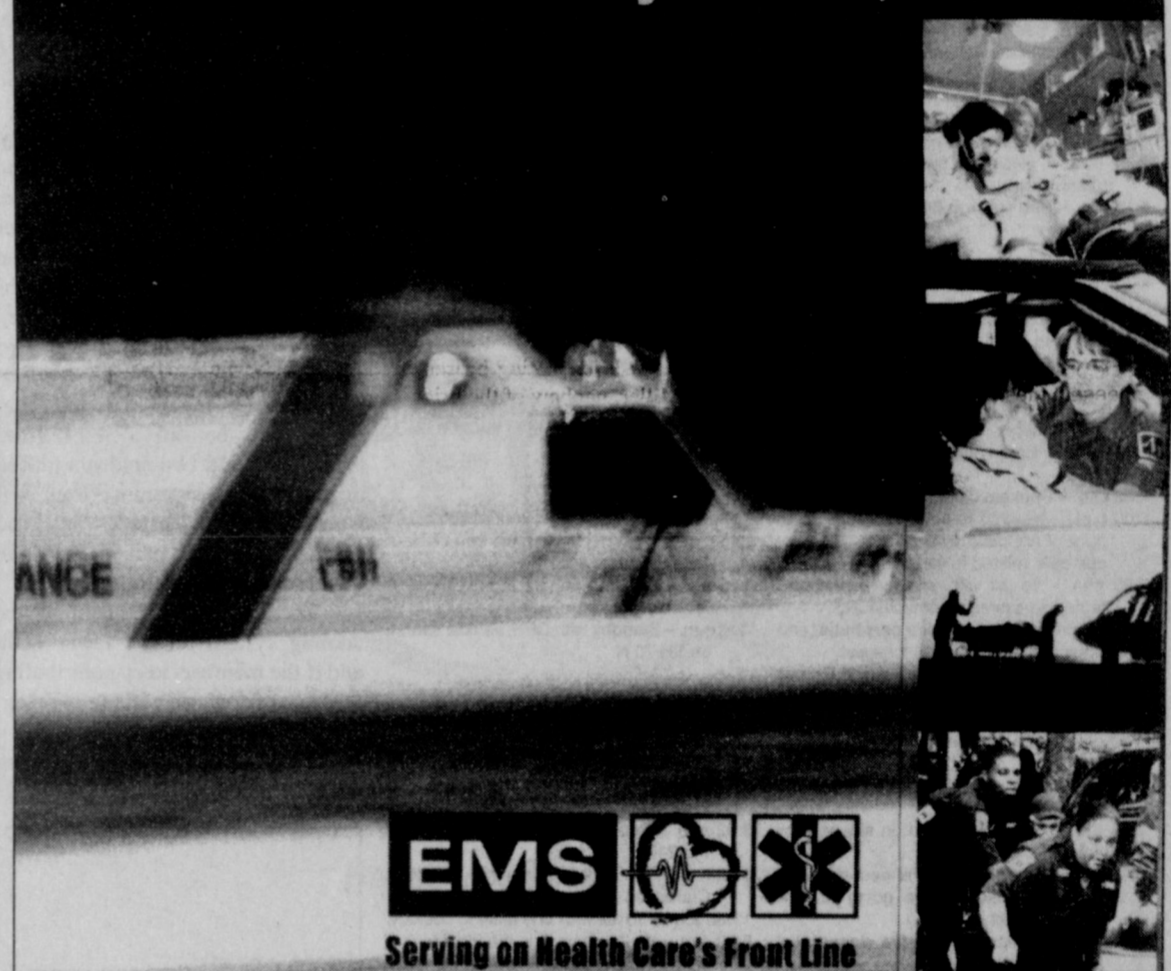
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Obituaries

Mann

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

Mr. Mann died Thursday, May 11, 2006, in Hurst, Texas. He was born December 11, 1949, in Clarendon and was raised in Clarendon. He was a resident of Georgia before moving to Hurst 20 years ago. He had been a truck driver most of his life.

He was a US Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, for which he received numerous commendations and awards for his military service. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Irene Brians of Lubbock; a sister, Shirley Bobbitt and husband Emmett of Lubbock, and several nieces and nephews.

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

Knight

Funeral services for Bertha Ellen Neal Knight, age 97, were held at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2006, in the First Baptist Church in Groom with Rev. Knight officiating. Burial was held in Groom Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mrs. Knight died on Friday, May 12, 2006, in Claude. She was born to Charlie Washington Neal and Daisy Bradley Neal in Rhea, Ark., on January 30, 1909. She attended high school in Mead, Okla.; and in 1930 she moved to Groom, along with her daddy, her sister, and brothers. She married Floyd Elwood Knight on April 26, 1934, at Sulphur, Okla. She taught Sunday School for 20 years. Then for 15 years she taught the junior boys and girls in Training Union on Sunday nights. She became the Groom Branch Librarian in 1951 and retired on July 31, 1990. Bertha enjoyed working with the Women's Missionary Union and served as President of Night Circle. In later years, she was a member of the TEL Sunday School class and was active in the Senior Citizens Association.



Knight

She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd, on February 3, 1965; her parents; her brothers, A.D. and wife Ethel Whatley Neal, Leslie and wife Dor Brown Neal, William J. Neal; her sister, Nellie Ford; one niece; and one nephew.

Survivors include her sister-in-law, Floreta Neal of Kansas City, Missouri; several precious nieces and nephews, and many cherished friends.

Pallbearers included eight of Bertha's Training Union boys: Barry Fields, Troy Ritter, Bobby Pool, Donald Burgin, Johnny Burgin, Lanny Frederiksen, Tony Treadwell, and Ronnie Mashburn.

The family requests memorials be to the Groom Branch Library or the First Baptist Church in Claude.

Vaughn

Services for Lucille Vaughn, age 89, were held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2006, at the First Baptist Church in Groom with the Rev. Bryan Knowles and the Rev. David Kelley, officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors Bell Avenue Chapel in Amarillo.

Mrs. Vaughn died Monday, May 1, 2006. She was born August 21, 1916, in Duvall, Oklahoma, to Joe Harvey and Pauline Murdock Bridges. She married Roy Vaughn

on August 2, 1950, in Silverton. Her family remembers that her family meant the world to her. She loved to cook, play 42, and was an avid angel collector.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Roy Vaughn; a daughter, Doris Black; seven brothers; and two sisters.

Survivors include a son, Dennis Vaughn and wife Kathy of Groom; two daughters, Betty White and husband Bud of Clarendon and Darlene Ledford of Skellytown; a brother, G.W. Bridges of Friona; a sister, Inez Johnston of Clarendon; ten grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; and 17 great great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be to BSA Hospice, PO Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Sheriff's Report: Officers check on illegal dumping in city limits

May 8
7:23 a.m. - See caller on Sully and 4th for possible vandalism.
12:40 a.m. - Assist EMS in the 12000 block of CR W.
1:27 p.m. - Out at annex.
2:30 a.m. - See complainant in the 100 block of Rosemarie Dr. in Howardwick for harassment.
3:24 p.m. - Back to same location in Howardwick.
3:33 p.m. - Trespass warning to subject.
7:44 p.m. - Reported fight in progress at baseball field.
9:17 p.m. - See caller at 6th and Koogle.

May 9
2:47 a.m. - Business alarm in the 600 block of W. 2nd St.
6:23 a.m. - Check subject with livestock at Ayers Rd.
8:33 a.m. - See caller in the 600 block of W. 2nd for theft.
1:30 p.m. - Check residence in the 600 block of Collinson.
7:29 p.m. - Broad scale rotation, advised NWS.
7:33 p.m. - Spotters called out.
8:00 p.m. - Need to remove vehicle from in front of fire department doors. Numerous calls related to weather.
9:22 p.m. - To jail with one male and one female in custody. Contacted INS.
9:56 p.m. - Two deputies, fire personnel, and equipment to Childress to assist.
9:59 p.m. - Others still out spotting in Donley County. Reports from residences throughout Donley County about various severe weather conditions.

May 10
1:30 a.m. - Out at college.
1:35 a.m. - Vehicles parked on sidewalk by cafeteria.
2:05 a.m. - Next storm just hit west side.
2:14 a.m. - Looks like it's going to split around Clarendon.
3:02 a.m. - Deputies and fire department back from Childress.
1:21 p.m. - Out in the 600 block of W. 4th St.
1:45 a.m. - Out at DA's office.
2:46 p.m. - Out at Clarendon College about a vehicle illegally parked.
3:37 p.m. - Truck ran off roadway on SH 70 N just south of I-40.
4:23 p.m. - Reported fight in progress on US 287 at Hedley.
5:58 p.m. - Out at Medical Center Nursing Home.
8:01 p.m. - Welfare check in the 200 block of E. 3rd St.

8:11 p.m. - Checking for 3-wheelers reported in the 800 block of Gorst.
8:54 p.m. - Abandoned vehicle on US 287 at Lelia Lake on north side.
9:17 p.m. - Disturbance in the 600 block of W. 4th - loud music.

May 11
7:39 a.m. - Pedestrian at CR R.
7:41 a.m. - To Randall County Juvenile Detention.
8:00 a.m. - Out at Grand Jury.
8:50 a.m. - Out at courthouse for CPS hearing.
2:52 p.m. - Out at Clarendon College for break-in at dorm.
4:48 p.m. - Out with subject who didn't pay for gasoline in Hall County.
5:44 p.m. - Accident on US 287 at CR 7.
6:38 p.m. - Fire at Howardwick, transformer blew.
6:50 p.m. - Check possible fire north of US 70.
8:21 p.m. - EMS assist on US 70 S.
10:52 p.m. - Family dispute in the 200 block of S. Janny.

May 12
2:13 a.m. - Loose livestock on FM 2362.
3:48 p.m. - Welfare check in the 200 block of Janny, Howardwick.
4:55 p.m. - Serving papers at residence on Swanson St.
7:10 p.m. - Standby with DPS, vehicle search on SH 70 N.

May 13
12:45 a.m. - Loud music in the 400 block of W. 4th.
1:24 a.m. - Disturbance at Kincaide Park at Greenbelt Lake. Large group with fireworks.
3:02 a.m. - See caller in the 12000 block of FM 2471.
11:28 a.m. - Illegal dumping in North Clarendon.
11:30 a.m. - To jail with one male in custody.
8:29 p.m. - Welfare check in the 200 block of Janny, Howardwick.
9:20 p.m. - Check reported fire on N. SH 70.

May 14
2:31 a.m. - Secure building on US 287 at SH 70 S. Manager also on the scene.
2:33 a.m. - See complainant in the 700 block of E. 4th St.
7:55 p.m. - See caller in the 400 block of E. Browning.

Summary
Arrests - 4 Fire - 2 EMS - 15



the lion's tale

by allen estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting May 16, 2006, with Boss Lion Mark C. White in charge.

We had 19 members and two guests: Mary Shields, who presented our program, and Scarlet Estlack, guest of Lion Russell Estlack.

Our program was about Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, its history, and its tradition of helping young people. They are planning a big fundraiser and special event - the fifth annual Youth Cowboy Poetry & Music Gathering on Father's Day weekend. They asked everyone to spread the word and to come support these kids.

Lion Hysinger reported that school will be out a week from Friday and said two students placed in state UIL competition. Brad Sell won the gold in the pole vault, and Carmen Hamilton placed fourth in the academic competition.

The club looked again at the cooling system for the Lions Hall; and if the members keep contributing as they are now, we will put in refrigerated cooling.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

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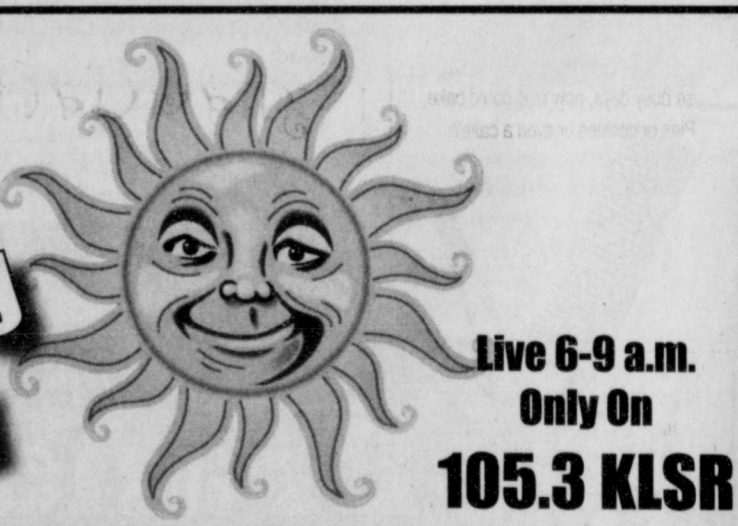
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Drugs in the News

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Sell wins the gold at state

By Sandy Anderberg
Junior pole-vaulter Brad Sell has been waiting patiently for his turn, and it finally came when it counted the most. Sell vaulted his way to a gold medal in the State Track Meet held May 13 in Austin.

Sell cleared the pole at 14'3" to gain the win over the top seeded Brad Tatum from Gail Borden who passed each height before 14'6".

The vault was Sell's personal best and a new school record. The previous record at Clarendon High School stood at 14'0" and was set by Brook Grisham in 1989. Previously, Sell's best was 13'9", which was how he earned a spot at the state meet.

Sell cleared 14'3" in his second attempt at that height, and Tatum passed until he got to 14'6", which was a height he had to jump to take the win from Sell. Both vaulters failed to clear the bar at 14'6", and Sell was named the winner.

"I am so proud of Brad and the effort he gave at the state meet," Coach Johnny Niño said. "His hard work has finally paid off for him, and there is no one more deserving than Brad."

According to Niño, Brad has been working for this since he was in the seventh grade. His determination to improve was unmatched, and he has worked with great diligence to



Clarendon junior Brad Sell clears 14'3" at the state pole vault competition last Saturday. Photo by Melody Hysinger

not only get the gold, but obtain the new school record as well.

"Brad had a lot of help in his preparation for this year's season," Niño said. "But most of it came from himself. He was the one who was out there all the time practicing and pushing himself. He's been chasing that record all year, and I am so proud that he finally achieved it."

After clearing 14'3", Sell had the opportunity to try 14'6", but failed on all three attempts. He was close, however, and Niño believes it is within his reach.

"Brad almost cleared 14'6" on two attempts. He was over the bar and just barely skimmed it with his chest on the way down."

Niño feels could have jumped 15'0".

"If he had cleared the 14'6", I know that he could have cleared 15'0". His adrenalin was running, and he was strong enough to do it. It is definitely in him to jump 15'0" or better. I know that next year he will achieve it."

Congratulations, Brad, on the gold medal and a great year!

Country Club to host three-man scramble

By Sandy Anderberg
Sherol Johnston won the weekly women's golf game at the Clarendon Country Club with a 75.

Quida Gage shot a 76 for second, and Maxine McLaughlin was third with a 77.

The winner of the Friday night scramble was the team of George Leathers, Joel Layton, Bobbie Kidd, Keith Kidd, and Quida Gage at five under par. Three other teams participated and came in at four under par.

A Three-Man Scramble will be held at May 20-21. Cost for the tournament is \$210 plus the price of a cart. The two-day event will consist of 36 holes. You may call the Pro Shop at 874-2166 to enter.

The Friday night nine-hole scrambles will be held each Friday night at 6:00 p.m. The CCC will also be offering free green fees with the paid price of a cart each Friday, so be sure to take advantage of the warm spring weather.

Global Torch Relay to reach Clarendon May 20

A relay run across America dedicated to the cause of world harmony will pass through Clarendon on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Runners in the USA World Harmony Run are carrying a flaming torch to symbolize harmony through sports. Among those supporting the World Harmony Run is the Bar H Dude Ranch, who will be providing complementary accommodations for the runners during their stay in Clarendon.

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Broncos see playoff dream fade with loss

By Sandy Anderberg

The district champion Broncos faced Booker in their first playoff game of the 2006 season and were denied the opportunity to continue in post-season play, as they were defeated 0-8 by the Kiowas.

According to head coach Brad Elam, the Broncos had trouble in the beginning and could never find a rhythm.

"We started out slow and were never able to get things going," Elam

said. "Offensively, we never really mounted a threat."

After playing to a 0-0 tie in the first two innings, the Kiowa struck first in the third with one run. They added two more runs in the fourth.

"We did a good job of putting the ball in play and only struck out one time," Elam said. "But we did not hit the ball very hard. We hit it right to them and they made the plays."

Booker went on to add one run in the sixth inning and four big runs

in the seventh.

"Defensively, we had some let downs," Elam said.

"They were able to take advantage of them. I thought we would get the sticks going any time and we would start hitting the guy, but we never did. We had great season, and it is unfortunate that we ended the season this way."

The Broncos ended their season as district champs with a 14-5 record overall.

American Cancer Society Relay for Life set for June 16

The American Cancer Society will host their annual Relay for Life June 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Clarendon College track.

This year's events include a Survivor's Walk at 6:30 p.m., a Lumunaria Lighting Service at dark, and lost of food and games for all those participating.

Twelve teams will be walking to raise funds for cancer research.

Part of the proceeds raised during the Relay will directly benefit the Donley County Unit. These funds are used for Donley County patients for cosmetic needs, travel funds for treatment, and any other supplies a cancer patient in Donley County may need.

Each group walking is hosting special fund-raising events to raise money for the walk. You can also

honor a loved one who has battled or is battling cancer, by purchasing a lumunaria candle. The votive candles are nestled in sand and your loved one's name is printed on the bag for a glowing tribute. For a donation of \$5 per candle you can help the American Cancer Society fight cancer. Proceeds from the lumunaria sales will benefit the Donley County Unit of the American Cancer Society.

Jackson nominated Student of the Year

LaDarius Jackson, son of Dean and Jackie Gardner Jackson and grandson of Beatrice Smith of Clarendon, has been nominated for the 2006 Student of the Year.



Jackson

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You, and each of you, are commanded to appear and to answer before the 100th Judicial District Court of Donley County, Texas, at the Donley County Courthouse, at 220 W. 4th Street, Clarendon, Texas 79226, at or before 10 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, being at or before 10 a.m. on Monday, June 19, 2006, then and there to answer the petition of Marjorie Roy, Individually and as Trustee in cause Number DCV-06-06287, styled Marjorie Roy, Individually and as Trustee v. Gerald Edward Shipman, Individually and as Executor of the Estate of Florence C. Shipman, Deceased, and as Trustee of the Shipman Family Revocable Trust dated November 28, 1994; if living, and if deceased, the unknown heirs of Gerald Edward Shipman, and the successor personal representatives and beneficiaries of the Estate of Florence C. Shipman, Deceased, and the successor trustees and beneficiaries of the Shipman Family Revocable Trust dated November 28, 1994; Katie B. Shipman; if living, and if deceased, the unknown heirs of Katie B. Shipman; Jeff Hammonds, if living, and if deceased, the unknown heirs of Jeff Hammonds; Ivey Alene Hill; James Raymond Hill, if living, and if deceased, the unknown heirs of James Raymond Hill; and, the unknown heirs of Michael Thomas Hill. The Plaintiff's First Original Amended Petition filed on May 8, 2006, discloses that the nature of the suit is as follows: The suit is an action for partition of the Northwest one-fourth (NW 1/4) of Section No. 39, Block 21, Certificate No. 11/2173, Abstract No. 78, H&GN RR Co. Survey, Donley County, Texas, containing 160 acres of land, more or less, for a receivership, for declaratory judgment relief, attorneys' fees, related equitable relief, and costs of court. Defendants are believed to hold a 120/6000ths interest in the foregoing described real property. The attorneys for the plaintiff are Charles G. White, 500 S. Taylor, Suite 505, LB201, Amarillo, Texas, Telephone (806) 342-0145, Fax (806) 342-0705 and Garland D. Sell, Sell & Griffin, 504 South Polk, Suite 101, Amarillo, Texas 79101, Telephone (806) 374-3765, Fax (806) 374-4269. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve it and make due return according to requirements of law, and the mandates of this citation.

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BUDGET HEARING

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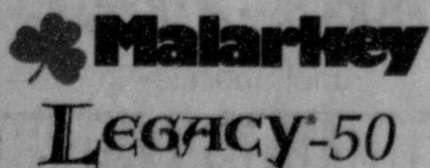
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