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The Newspaper of Record for the Jewel of the Plains.

THIS WEEK

- Salad sisters and yo-yo portions are part of the education problem in Texas.
- Local sales tax receipts keep producing higher monthly returns.
- Two organizations make plans for a Pampa benefit for victims of the wildfires.
- And the Lady Broncos lay claim to the district title.

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

Citywide clean up time will begin this Friday

City Hall reminds all residents that April 21 through May 1, 2006, will be city clean up days.

All dumping fees at the recycling center will be waived for city residents during this time, and those who are unable to haul off or dispose of tree limbs or junk are asked to call the city for assistance.

Also, the city reminds everyone that tree limbs, leaves, and grass should never be placed in city trash bins. Those items may always be dumped for free at the recycling center.

Meeting to discuss ideas for stock show

The Donley County Livestock Board will be holding a meeting on April 25, 2006, 7 p.m. at the Clarendon High School Ag. Building.

Everyone is invited to an open forum meeting to suggest and discuss any ideas or changes for the 2007 Donley County Jr. Livestock Show.

Hedley Senior Citizens items for garage sale

The Hedley Senior Citizens is asking the citizens for their donations of clothes, furniture, and anything in between for their garage sale to be held in Hedley.

Director Patsy Spier stated that funds raised during the garage sale will benefit their building fund to help repair their building.

Donated items should be in fairly good condition and must be brought to the Hedley Lions Den before Wednesday, May 3. Spier will have a key to the Lions Den from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. After 5:00 p.m., you can call Jim Mitchell at 856-5327, and he will meet you at the Lions Den.

The garage sale will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 6. Sandwiches, chips, and drinks will be sold at the sale.

For more information, please call Patsy Spier at 856-0143 or 856-5302.

Friendship Club will hear from candidates

The Howardwick Friendship Club will meet the candidates for mayor and city council during their regular monthly meeting on Friday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the Howardwick City Hall.

Everyone is invited to bring a covered dish and meet the candidates. A question and answer forum will follow the meal.

Turkey Strut date set

The annual Turkey Strut will be held in Clarendon on May 20. Events will be announced at a later date.

Wildfire threatens Lelia Lake

Donley County burned again last Saturday when high winds slapped electric lines into tree branches near the old Chamberlain community.

Clarendon First Assistant Fire Chief Jeremy Powell estimated 2,260 acres were lost in the latest blaze, which started about 3:30 p.m. near County Road 13.

"We did not lose any structures or outbuildings, but probably six houses were directly threatened," Powell said.

The fire burned across County Road 14, jumped FM 1260, and also jumped part of County Road 17

before being contained about one-half mile from the Lelia Lake community at 11:30 p.m.

"We were getting close to issuing an evacuation order for Lelia Lake," Powell said.

In addition to help from Hedley and Howardwick fire departments, mutual aid was brought in from fire departments in Claude, Groom, Memphis, Shamrock, Wheeler, Allison, Pampa, and Mobeetie. Donley County motorgraders and local ranches also assisted.

The Texas Forest Service dispatched two tanker planes and one

helicopter to help douse the flames. Powell also noted that Evans Fertilizer, Larry Helms, and Chancey Cruse gave assistance in fighting the fire.

County officials are still reminding everyone that a burn ban is still in full force, and they say it does include outdoor barbecue grills - even those that use propane.

Local authorities are making no exceptions in enforcing the ban. Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn told the ENTERPRISE more than a dozen citations had been written at Greenbelt Lake alone last weekend.



Smoldering remains and barren, smokey land is all that remained in the wake of Saturday's wildfire on CR13. Enterprise Photo / Ashlee Estlack

City proposes fine for illegal Dumpster use

Bringing your trash to town may cost you \$2,000 if you're caught illegally using city Dumpsters following last week's regular meeting of the Clarendon Board of Aldermen.

In regular session April 11, the board discussed the problem of local businesses and residents having their Dumpsters filled up by people from outside the city.

City officials noted said a clock could be set by the regularity that some rural residents bring their trash to town, and the board agreed that it is unfair for city residents and businesses to pay for trash service and then allow county residents to essentially dump for free.

Aldermen noted that some residences outside the city do pay to have city sanitation services and felt others should do the same if they want to use city Dumpsters.

The board approved the first reading of Ordinance 361, which sets a penalty of \$2,000 for persons, corporations, or other entities, who dump waste material inside the city without paying a monthly fee.

The ordinance must pass a second reading on April 25.

The aldermen also set April 21 through May 1 as the dates for the annual spring clean up, during which all fees at the city's recycling center will be waived for city residents.

Trash, tree limbs, appliances, and other junk can be brought to the center on Front Street, which 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.

Elderly, disabled, and other disadvantaged citizens who are unable or don't have the means to move debris from their property can call City Hall for assistance.

Aldermen Janice Knorpp said the city should print posters encouraging the clean up and buy

advertising in the local newspaper and on local radio to get the word out. Alderman Michael Tibbets said he liked the poster idea but said the city should not spend any money to promote the clean up.

Aldermen also met with City Fire Marshal Kelly Hill regarding the status of some properties in the city.

"People that let their property grow up are creating a fire hazard," Alderman Knorpp said. "It's serious, and we're going to do something about it."

Hill agreed that safety and nuisance ordinances should be used to help lessen dangerous situations and said the city needs to do its part by making sure alleys are clear.

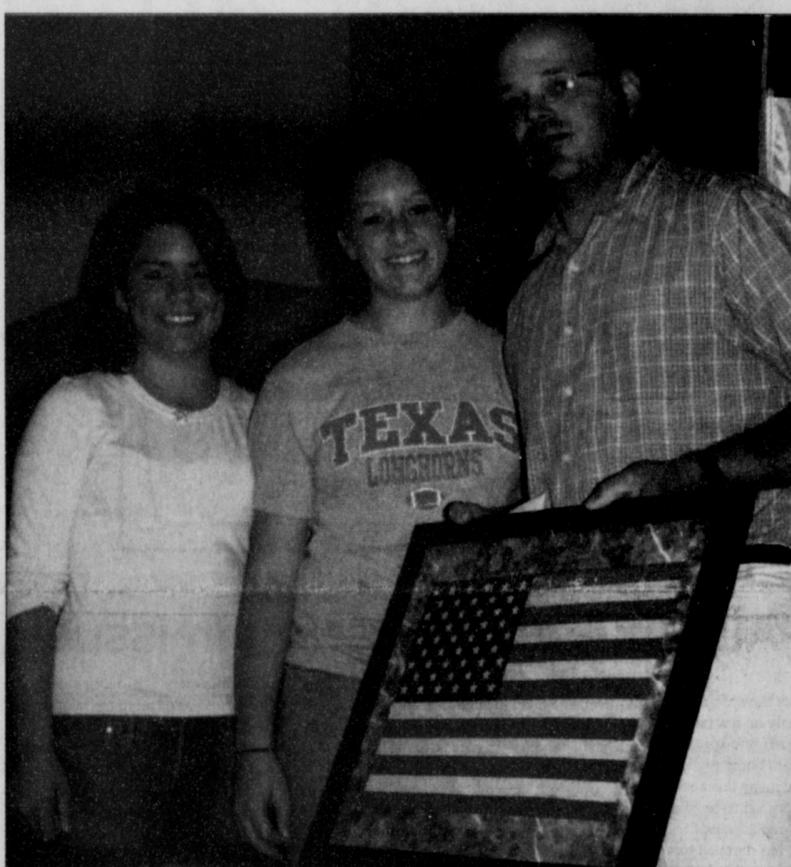
In other city business, LaDez Captain updated the board on his Eagle Scout project to improve the North Ward Park. He asked for \$1,300 to expand the basketball court to full size, and the board approved his request unanimously.

Aldermen reviewed the US Flag Code, and City Secretary Linda Smith said that Gov. Rick Perry's office informed her that while individuals and businesses can put a flag pole and fly the flag any way they want to, state agencies and other government offices must follow the flag code.

The issue was raised after the recent death of longtime volunteer fireman Lloyd McCord when local fire officials asked the city to lower the United States flag to half-mast.

Alderman Tibbets suggested that, in keeping with the flag code, the city should obtain a city flag and that the mayor would have the authority to lower the city flag as appropriate. The board agreed with this plan, but no action was taken.

City Superintendent Jim Roberts updated the board on the street project and said the contractor has said it will be finished by May 1, 2006.



Clarendon Junior High students Jill Luna and Caitlyn Christopher present CHS teacher and Navy Gunner's Mate 2 Rock Marker with a plaque for his service to the United States in Iraq. Enterprise Photo

CISD students welcome sailor home

By Carmen Hamilton, Clarendon NHS Vice President

The students and teachers of Clarendon High School held a surprise "Welcome Home" assembly for science teacher Rock Marker Monday afternoon in the CHS Auditorium.

Marker, who is a Gunner's Mate 2nd Class in the Navy Reserve, went to Iraq with the NMCB22 (Naval Mobile Construction Battalion) and has been overseas for the majority of the school year.

The assembly, which was also attended by Clarendon Junior

High students, commenced with the presentation of the colors by Boy Scouts Cody Scrivner, Dalton Askew, LaDez Captain, and Bret Carter and a short speech by National Honor Society President Samantha Myatt.

After the assembly recited the "Pledge of Allegiance," junior Katie Askew sang "America," and a very surprised Marker gave a short thank you speech.

Junior high students presented him with a plaque, and the student body was invited to come forward and greet him before returning to class.

"I was deeply moved and surprised," Marker said of the assembly. "I am extremely grateful for it."

The gratitude is mutual, however, as the members of the town remember what a selfless and noble service he has done for his country and the fact that he has come home safely.

The students are, of course, happy and relieved to have their friend and teacher home and back in the classroom, as is Marker's family.

Welcome home, Mr. Marker, and thank you for your service.

Spivey to speak during CC alumni reunion Saturday

Former Texas State Bar president Broadus A. Spivey will be the featured speaker this Saturday during the 68th annual Clarendon College Ex-Students Reunion.

A CC alumnus, Spivey was president of the State Bar in 2001-2002 was born in Hall County, and attended schools in Lakeview, Friendship, Memphis, and Goodnight before coming to Clarendon High to play football. He was president of his senior class and president of the student council at CHS in 1954.

He married the former Ruth Ann King after they completed two years at Clarendon College, and the couple moved to Austin to continue their education at the University of Texas.

He graduated from the UT

School of Law in 1962. He practiced law in Lubbock for ten years and then returned to Austin where he has practiced law as a civil trial lawyer in all kinds of civil litigation. He has been with the firm Spivey & Ainsworth, P.C., since 1998.

Spivey has received several recognitions and was elected Dean of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers in 1999. That same year, Spivey was presented the President's Award by the president of the State Bar of Texas when he and three other lawyers represented the State Bar in its attempt to disbar a prominent Houston attorney. Spivey put in about 1,500 hours on the case and only received \$1 as compensation.

Spivey is the son of the late

Claude C. and Mary E. Spivey, both of whom were longtime Clarendon residents. Spivey's father-in-law, the late R.Y. King, was a lawyer in Donley County from 1913 to 1958 and was a tutor and moral inspiration for Broadus during law school and his early years of law practice.

The CC reunion is open to all current and former students, faculty, regents, and supporters of the college. Classes being recognized this year are 1956, 1966, 1976, 1981, and 1986.

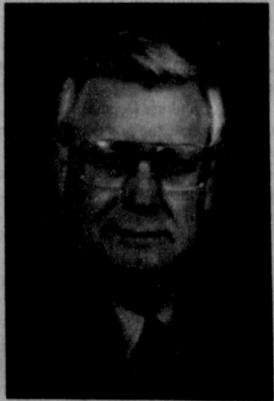
Registration will start at 10 a.m. in the Bairfield Activity Center. All Alumni are invited to enjoy brunch during the registration period. Campus tours will be available. If you would like to participate in the

Silent Auction, bring your items with you when you register. A business meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m.

At 2:00 p.m. a matinee of "Kiss or Make Up," will be performed in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center. A reception for all honor classes will be held at the Vera Dial Dickey Library at 5:00 p.m.

The Alumni Banquet and Silent Auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the BAC. Spivey will give the keynote at the banquet, and the Distinguished Alumnus Award winners will be announced at this time. CC's outstanding current students will also be honored.

For more information, contact Darlene Spier at 874-3571, ext 102. The cost of banquet tickets is \$15.



Broadus Spivey

WARNING: The following column is an editorial (i.e. an opinion, a point of view) and may contain ideas with which some readers may freely disagree. It could be harmful to liberals, socialists, and other small mammals. Read at your own risk.

Legislature not up to task of education

The Texas Legislature convened Monday to tackle the perennially vexing issue of school finance, and as expected the baloney is already spewing forth from Austin.

This column previously outlined some of the problems with the solution put forth by Gov. Rick Perry and former comptroller John Sharp. While it does appear to offer some relief from ad valorem taxes, the plan does not offer a long-term answer for financing public schools, mainly because it relies too heavily on a state budget surplus that will someday not be there.



editor's
commentary
by Roger Estlack

Perry is trying to keep Legislators focused on the tax at hand by discouraging the introduction of side issues – such as when the school year will start and when school board elections will be held – but you can beat everybody's pet cause will eventually makes its way into this debate.

The governor does at least deserve some credit for coming up with some plan – or having someone come up with one. That's something anyway, but it remains to be seen if the party leadership and their lackeys will fully embrace it. Long gone is the concept of doing what's good for Texas. It has been replaced with what's good for Craddick, Dewhurst, and Perry; and typically, those guys can't agree on what's good for the three of them.

Then you have Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, who is running for the Governor's Mansion herself, making her big announcement this week. She had her staff look under the furniture and in some closets and surprise, surprise! They found \$5.9 billion!

Not only is there all this cash that no one knew about, but they got to looking at the budget and found another \$2.3 billion that has already been appropriated but not spent. Now when does that ever happen? It sure as heck wasn't in the TxDOT budget.

"A few short years ago, we faced significant fiscal problems," Strayhorn said. "Now we are in a position to undo some of the missteps taken back then and move the state forward in the area of educating our children."

Umm... right.

It's worth pointing out that Strayhorn always finds plenty of money in state coffers... as long as she's running for office. Once she's elected, however, the gravy train seems to come to an abrupt halt. Readers will recall that just before the state's "significant fiscal problems," Strayhorn was running for reelection and promising the sun and the moon to high school kids and their parents all across the state.

Oh, yeah, baby! We were going to send every kid to college. Heck, the state was going to pay for at least one maybe two years of a community college education if you played your cards right. She said the state had the money to pay for it all, but then she got reelected and the money disappeared.

Strayhorn herself cautions against the Perry plan, noting that surpluses won't last forever and that the "economic engines will cool eventually." My guess is the engine of the newly discovered \$5.9 billion will throw a rod on November 8, 2006 – the day after Election Day.

Solving the school finance mess will require more than sleight-of-hand accounting, it will require an overhaul of the tax system that can stand the test of time; and so far, a proposal like that doesn't seem to be forthcoming.

Of course there are real savings to be found in state spending. In a purely political – but not illogical – suggestion, Strayhorn recommended abolishing the governor's slush fund, the Texas Enterprise Fund, which was used to give millions to Toyota while school and college budgets were being filleted.

The state could also, it seems, save some money by firing the Health Nazis over at the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), who never fail to come up with new ways to brainwash and torture young Texans.

Just a few days ago, the Associated Press reported the TDA has flooded Texas schools with booklets about "portion control" to stem the tide of the supposed "childhood obesity crisis." An elementary school in Irving spent an entire week on nutritional education and brought in "The Salad Sisters" to sing to the little skulls full of mush: "Salad is good. Salad is smart. We're the Salad Sisters, and we're speaking from the heart." That's your tax dollars at work, friends.

The Agriculture Department should deal with crop rotations and grazing practices, and elementary curriculums should be left to the teachers. Little Johnny doesn't need to know that the correct portion size for vegetables is the size of a yo-yo. He needs to know how to read and write and spell and add and subtract.

The only nutritional nursery rhyme kids in this state need is "Beef. It's what's for dinner." And if the salad industry wants to create a Tomato Check-Off to promote their products, that's fine.

Our schools need help. They need a better funding system and less meddling from Austin. Solving those problems is imperative to turning these kids in to good, productive taxpaying adults. But it's doubtful that this Legislature is up to the task.

Almighty delivers message about kids

I had a series of signs from God this week. All of them point to the fact that I should never reproduce.

Saturday night at the Cracker Barrel I was waiting on a table at the very back of the restaurant. I had to pass between two parties of 10 on either side of the aisle, a veritable gauntlet of tables and chairs and trays of food smothered in gravy.

I successfully avoided all the snares except one. A baby. The baby was sitting in a high chair at the end of the table in the aisle, a really stupid place to put a baby who could be killed by a hot bowl of turnip greens or a clumsy bus boy at any moment.

I looked at the baby and smiled. It was a normal smile. It wasn't a big one; there were no teeth. I just made a friendly face.

It was a cute baby in a frilly pink number and patent leather mary janes and lacey socks, and she had one tooth and curly black hair plastered with mac and cheese. I was just thinking, "Aww. That's sweet."

The baby looked at me. Her face turned bright red and contorted into a human face-pretzel. And she screamed. Screamed bloody murder and would not be

consoled.

My boyfriend Jay said maybe she was making a potty and that made her cry. I said that didn't make me feel better because then my face makes kids poop.

Eeww, and I just realized that meant the kid pooped in public! And at the table, no less! Oh, I just can't stand it.

I avoided eye contact with all of the children at church Sunday morning. It was Easter so I knew they would all be at their cleanest and best dressed. I wanted to pet one because this would be the only time I could feel comfortable that it was relatively germ-free. But I was afraid I'd break it.

Then Monday morning, I went to my Scene Design class to work on my drawings and to go back to the world where there are only grown ups. My professor was there with his year old grandson. He couldn't go to daycare because he had a fever.

This was the third time a baby had



life's lessons
by Carrie Helms

crossed my path in as many days. If I was going to break this chain, it would have to be now. I told the class about my screaming baby experience and that I was certain babies instinctively knew to hate me.

Mr. Wheeler assured me it was not my fault. Babies can cry for a million different reasons or no reason at all, but they can't hate. Prove it, I said. He sat Gerny Baby Jake in front of me.

"Hi, Baby Jake!" I cooed. I had a bag of Mrs. Baird's donuts that I had been nibbling on. "Wanna donut? Can you say donut?"

And his face got that pretzel look, and it was over.

I'm better with dogs. Jay's dog Molly is in love with me. She's old and arthritic; but when I come over, she runs through the house to greet me at the door.

"It's my Molly, my sugar, my sweetness! I love you!"

She looks at me with her big blue eyes and lies down right there in the doorway, and I rub her belly.

Puppies love me; why don't babies?

It's settled. I'm having a great big family of dogs.



Note to Austin: Remember main issues

By Linda Bridges

Gov. Rick Perry wants the special legislative session to work only on rearranging the Texas tax system. An effort to spread more equally the tax burden borne by businesses makes sense, since many businesses carry a heavy load as other businesses duck through loopholes in the franchise tax.

Meanwhile, the state has dumped too much of the cost of operating schools onto the backs of local taxpayers. Texas needs to shift some of that tax burden from local homeowners back to the state.

However, Perry was not forced to call this special session because the business tax is unfair, or because property taxes are too high. He called this session because courts have ruled that the school finance system is broken and must be fixed.

Perry touts his plan as one that raises new taxes only in order to reduce property taxes. That also means that schools get no new money. I can hear some of you saying, "Schools always say they need more money; they can never get enough." Before you buy that argument, consider some of the special circumstances that our schools face today.

School enrollment in Texas grows by about 80,000 students each year. Each of those new kids needs a classroom, a desk,

a teacher, and a textbook. The new classrooms must be kept clean, the school buses need drivers, and the school cafeteria needs lunches. Schools need more than \$500 million more each year just to keep up with this enrollment growth.

After Hurricane Katrina, our public schools welcomed about 45,000 new students whose families fled the devastated areas. Local schools had to come up with more than \$250 million to take in those evacuees.

State lawmakers have demanded better performance on tougher tests from Texas students. So far schools have met the challenge. However, we cannot expect our 4.4 million schoolchildren to hit higher and higher levels unless we give them the additional help they need to make the grade.

Since 2003, the legislature actually has gone in the opposite direction, with cuts in education spending on personnel and programs that add up to more than \$4 billion per biennium. We are not talking about cutting fat. Funding for textbooks, advanced placement courses, and basic skills programs was slashed, along with many other vital educational programs. Texas teachers have not received a pay raise from the state since 1999. While failing to provide pay raises to teachers, the legislature actually

cut health-care compensation for school employees by \$500 or more per year in 2003. That cut continues in force today.

This special session has its genesis in a court case filed by school districts over the twin issues of adequate and equitable school funding. In his ruling in favor of the school districts, the trial judge noted that, unless the state government fulfills its responsibility to fund education, Texans in the future will be less educated, poorer, and more needy. The judge summed up by saying, "Education is expensive, but ignorance costs more."

Governor Perry and the leaders of our legislature should remember that the fundamental issue facing the new special session of the legislature is the problem of adequate, equitable school funding. If they neglect their responsibility to fund schools, then the judge's grim prophecy could become reality. To keep tabs on the special session, be sure to check our weekly "progress reports" at www.tft.org

Linda Bridges is president of the Texas Federation of Teachers, which represents more than 51,000 teachers, paraprofessionals, support personnel, and higher-education employees across the state. TFT is affiliated with the 1.3-million-member American Federation of Teachers.

No place can compare to Donley County

It is with great pride that the McCord family wishes to say "thank you" from the bottom of our hearts. The outpouring of heart felt sympathy and the welcome home that was given to my father, Lloyd McCord, on his day of return home was almost overwhelming.

I was not surprised with the homecoming he was provided with, as it very simply reminded my family of the Panhandle way of life. Folks care and love one another in the Panhandle, and even more so in Donley County and the volunteer fire department family.

I will admit, the volunteer fire department family is a special family made up of loving, giving, caring individuals who do not have a selfish bone in their bodies. My father's funeral was a special occasion for the McCord Family, but to our appreciative joy it also became a special occasion for the community blessed with many good families. I always knew the folks at home were special but never more

so than on March 14, 2006. The affectionate appreciation for my father that was displayed through his funeral service and his final ride on the Seagraves fire truck and the lowering of the county flag was more than we ever expected or imagined. What a send off Dad received from his fire department family and the Donley County leaders!

Sometimes, if you never have something, you cannot miss it. I am, of course, referring to the many blessings you folks in Donley County have to be thankful for. Or at least, you should be. You have a fine newspaper, schools, churches, county leaders, and the best, most dedicated, best trained, most loyal volunteer fire department in this fine state. I have lived in many places in my lifetime, but none can or will match up to Clarendon and Donley County.

Clarendon will always have a special place in the McCord family's heart, as it did in my mother and father's hearts. They loved Clarendon, and Dad especially loved

his fire department family. He missed them so much when he moved to Anson, but he never forgot them or failed to wear his fire department hat that he treasured. He gave many years to the fire department and community, but it was because he loved the community, not for political ambition.

Last but not least, please do not take your community or your community leaders or your fire department for granted for you could find yourselves without. Think about who you will call if you have a fire or need expert help for a rescue. And take comfort in the fact that you and your family will be taken care of to the full extent by a trained professional. Not many communities have this luxury, and think about it. It is a luxury! You have a special community. Embrace it! Cherish it! Love it! Thank the Good Lord everyday that you are blessed to live in such a community.

Love,

Lloyd & Jessica McCord and family

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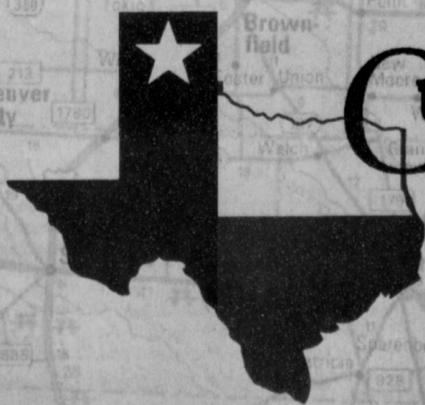
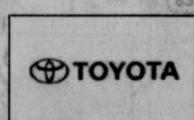
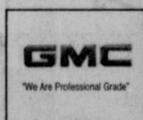
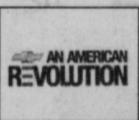


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- April 24-28
Clarendon Schools
- Breakfast**
Mon: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk
Tue: Oatmeal, toast, fruit, milk
Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk
Thu: Eggs, toast, fruit, milk
Fri: Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk
- Lunch**
Mon: Chicken nuggets, fries, beans, oranges, milk
Tue: Dunkers with meat sauce, salad, corn, fruit mix, milk
Wed: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, cake, rolls, milk
Thu: Pizza, corn, salad, peaches, milk
Fri: Hamburgers, chips, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fruit, milk
- Hedley Schools**
Lunch
Mon: Spaghetti and meatballs, green beans, tossed salad, applesauce, rolls, milk
Tue: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, broccoli and cheese, salad, fruit, rolls, milk
Wed: Beef or chicken fajitas, grilled peppers and onions, pinto beans, tossed salad, mixed fruit, milk
Thu: Fish strips, tossed salad, macaroni and cheese, fruit cup, rolls, milk
Fri: Cheeseburger, oven fries, lettuce and tomato, applesauce, mixed fruit, milk
- Donley County Senior Citizens**
Mon: Lemon baked chicken, mixed vegetables, potatoes and white sauce, pickled beets, lemon pudding and topping, bread, coffee, tea, low fat milk.
Tue: Mexican pise on, Spanish rice, pinto beans, tossed salad, peanut butter pie, chips and salsa, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Wed: Spaghetti bake, steamed cauliflower, hominy salad, pineapple cake, garlic toast, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Thu: Riblets, fried squash, potato salad, strawberry and bananas, white chocolate macadamia cookies, rolls, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Fri: Turkey and dressing, yam patties, green beans, fruit salad, Vida's pie, rolls, coffee, tea, lowfat milk.
- Hedley Senior Citizens**
Mon: Chicken salad, vegetable sticks, corn, pear and cottage cheese, ice cream, sliced bread, coffee, tea, milk
Tue: Fried chicken and gravy, mashed potatoes, steamed broccoli, apple rings, banana pudding, roll, coffee, tea, milk
Wed: Mexican casserole, potato wedges, Mexican corn, bean salad, Jell-O with fruit, chips and crackers, coffee, tea, milk
Thu: Steak and gravy, parsley potatoes, German cabbage, cantaloupe, cobbler, roll, coffee, tea, milk
Fri: Fajita chicken stir fry and tortillas, Spanish rice, fried okra, tossed salad, brownie, coffee, tea, milk

Head Start program looking for children

Parents and guardians of children who will be four-years-old on or before September 1, 2006, can apply for Clarendon's Head Start program at Clarendon Elementary.

The federally funded program is free to qualifying families, who must meet income guidelines, be on public assistance, have a child with a documented disability, or have a child in foster care. The program is full-day instruction providing two meals, snack, and supplies.

Application day is Tuesday, May 2, 2006. Call Clarendon Elementary at 874-3855 for an appointment and for information on what to bring.

Howardwick retires McMorries' number

Last week was a sad week in our community with the death of our fireman, James McMorries.

His funeral was held Wednesday, April 12, at the Paramount Terrace Christian Church in Amarillo with every county in the Panhandle represented by firemen. The Color Guard from Amarillo Fire Department served as pallbearers, and selections were played on the bagpipes.

The Howardwick Volunteer Fire Department was well represented led by Fire Chief Robert Cole. Mayor Pro-Tem Marvin Elam and wife Sharon and City Secretary Dianna Knight also attended as well as other citizens.

Cole announced equipment donated to the department includes a Chevrolet Suburban, a fire truck from the Claude fire department, and a truck donated by the forestry service.

The chief also announced James McMorries' number 434 will be retired as well as fire truck number 413.

Another big fire happened Saturday south of US 287 on FM 1260 at County Road V and had our firemen out from 3:30 until 10:30 p.m. Campers around the lake had campfires and received tickets.

Come on, people! Use a little common sense and don't start any

fires. They are saying the latest fire in Amarillo was started by a tossed cigarette. What damage a campfire could do!

I had a wonderful Easter with my daughter in Wichita, Kan. We went to church, had the big dinner with ham, and an egg hunt with four little boys ages one month, 2 years, 3 years, and 6 years. Luke, the one-month-old, didn't do much

egg hunting; but the older ones, Jake, Erik, and Ryan, tore the yard up; and we got lots of pictures.

We missed the Sunrise Service, but Donna Murdock reports it began at 7:00 a.m. with music by Donnie Hall and services conducted by Dr. Genoa Goad.

Fifty people attended the breakfast at City Hall that consisted of sweet rolls, biscuits and gravy, egg casseroles, and biscuits with sausage and cheese. The weather was perfect with no wind.

Dorothy Arnold fell and broke her left wrist; she happens to be left handed so put her and Dean both on the prayer list.



'wick picks
by *peggy cockerham*
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CC to stage comedy 'Kiss or Make Up'

The Clarendon College Theatre Department announces the opening of "Kiss or Make Up", a comedy written by Jack Sharkey and directed by William R. Huey.

Performances are scheduled for Friday, April 28, and Saturday, April 29, at 8:00 p.m. and a matinee on Sunday, April 30, at 2:30 p.m. at the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center Auditorium.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, and free to all Clarendon College Board of Regents, administration, faculty, staff, CC students, and high school theatre groups.

The cast includes Christy Jones of Childress, as Casey; Katie Washington of Childress, as Morgy; Trevor Thompson of Pilot Point, TX, as Franklin; Matt Kirkscey of Troy, TX, as Barney; Dennis McMenamy of Clarendon, as Hanley; Jeff Conner of Elk City, OK, as the Policeman; and Martha Smith of Clarendon, as Eloise.

The show surrounds architect Morgiana Kendrick who has found true love at last in the person of

Hanley Swope, a city planner for whom she has designed the zoo's new crocodile house. The problem is that, to forestall incessant queries as to why she's not married, she has over the years created an imaginary husband and daughter.

Now the Treasury Department, in the person of neophyte agent Barney Benson, is investigating why her husband has not paid taxes. Morgy cons Casey, a neighbor, into posing as her daughter for Hanley's visit, but Casey's fiancé shows up to announce their engagement and she tries to palm off Barney as her visiting brother. A policeman arrives to investigate a peeping tom report thanks to Barney's inept surveillance as all are attacked by parasitic crocodile crabs just when the fiancé's Bostonian mother shows up to meet her son's intended.

This comedy of mistaken identities, federal foolishness, and desperate romance is one that will have audiences howling.

For more information contact Bill Huey at 874-3571, ext 141.



Birthday girl

Billie West (right) celebrated her 77th birthday last week while she was on duty at the Clarendon Dairy Queen. DQ manager Karen Spruell (left) says West, who also works for Donley County and cleans houses, is "an inspiration to us all."

Remember safety tips for fire exposed food

By MaryRuth Bishop, County FCS Agent

Food exposed to fire can be damaged by the heat of the fire, smoke fumes, and chemicals used to fight the fire. Food in cans or jars may appear to be okay, but the heat from a fire can activate food spoilage bacteria. If the heat is extreme, the cans or jars themselves can split or rupture, rendering the food unsafe.

One of the most dangerous elements of a fire is sometimes not the fire itself, but toxic fumes released from burning materials. Discard any raw food or food in permeable packaging cardboard, plastic wrap, screw-topped jars, bottles, etc. stored outside the refrigerator. Food stored in refrigerators or freezers can also become contaminated by fumes. The refrigerator seal isn't airtight and fumes can get inside. Chemicals used to fight the fire contain toxic materials and can contaminate food and cookware. Food that is exposed to chemicals should be thrown away. The chemicals cannot be washed off the food. This includes food stored at room temperature, such as fruits and vegetables, as well as food stored in permeable containers like cardboard

and screw-topped jars and bottles. Cookware exposed to fire-fighting chemicals can be decontaminated by washing in soap and hot water. Then submerge for 15 minutes in a solution of 1-teaspoon chlorine bleach per quart of water.

A few simple steps should allow you to save family possessions from the smoke and soot that has left them soiled and emitting odors that are not only unpleasant but unhealthy as well.

1. How to start:
If soot has been deposited, it will be necessary to deal with it before starting cleaning and odor relief. Soot is oil and as much as possible should be removed with a powerful vacuum. Do not use any upright vacuum or any machine or attachment using brushes or beater bars on sooty fabrics as they will force soot into your possessions making them much more difficult to clean.

Hold the nozzle slightly above the surface and let the vacuum do the work in lifting soot from the surface. Remember to cover any carpets immediately after cleaning so that they will not be re-soiled during your

other clean-up efforts.

Carpets:
You may wish to have a professional carpet cleaner come in after you have finished the rest of your restoration. If not, you can rent either a rotary scrubber or an extraction machine from a tool rental outlet or from some supermarkets.

Scrub the carpet wet and either go over the carpet while wet with a wet vac or let the carpet dry and vacuum well.

If you use an extractor or what is often called steam or injection cleaning, it is necessary to use special detergents that create little or no foam so that suction power is not lost leaving soap and soil in the carpet. It may be a good plan to clean carpets twice; once before and once after repairs to prevent soil from being ground into carpet during clean-up and to get out any soiling from repairs afterwards.

Hand or machine washing clothes or other fabrics:

Smoke odors can remain in fabrics for a very long time until all of the unburned chemicals have been removed, and many of them are invis-

ible to the eye. It may be necessary to wash items anywhere from one to five times to get complete results.

To aid in deodorizing, an overnight soak is recommended. Using a bucket, your washing machine, or a bathtub mix ½ cup of liquid detergent per gallon of water and submerge articles completely, then leave all night. Drain and launder as usual the next day and repeat as needed.

For items that can be bleached, add laundry bleach, as normal during the wash cycle. For hand washing, follow the recommended soak and manually wash the items in the container you have chosen.

Get as much ventilation as possible both to speed drying time and for added relief from smoke odors, which are unhealthy as well as unpleasant.

Terry towels will still make an excellent cleaning tool or good sized sponges if you have them. Remember it is always necessary to rinse off soap before it dries as soap scum can be as hard to remove as some of the stubborn stains you can encounter during your restoration.

For information, call Donley County Extension at 874-2141.



Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Garrison

Faulkner, Garrison exchange vows

Lacey Lynn Faulkner and Christopher Bryan Garrison, both of Clarendon, exchanged wedding vows during a ceremony held on April 7, 2006, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Clarendon. Edward Turner officiated the ceremony.

Lacey is the daughter of Jack and Connie Faulkner of Clarendon. Christopher is the son of Michael Garrison and Julie Sides, both of Clarendon.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Jack Faulkner.

Kerrie Dunlap, best friend of the bride, of Perryton served as Maid of Honor.

A wedding reception was held at the Donley County Senior Citizens Center in Clarendon following the ceremony.

The couple spent their wedding trip at Palo Duro Canyon.

Doering to display work

The Galleries at Sunset Center in Amarillo will have a "Birthday Bash" to celebrate their first anniversary of Panhandle artists in their town studios.

Clarendon artist Sammie Doering, along with other Panhandle artists, will have their works displayed at the Panhandle Art Center also at Sunset Center.

The dates of the birthday bash are: Friday, April 21, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, April 22, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, April 23, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Art will be on display and for sale. There will be entertainment all weekend and children's activities.

Have You Stumbled Lately?

By Mary Beth Nelson

Perhaps one of the saddest things we can do is become a stumbling block to others. Are we concerned for those whose faith does not seem as strong as ours? Is there tendency to tell them they are wrong if they disagree with us? Are we judging? Is it our responsibility to pass judgement on others? Romans 14:1 tells us to "accept him whose faith is weak without passing judgement on disputable matters."

Ask yourself, "If I thought I was learning to please God the best I can, and someone abruptly declared I was completely wrong, how would I feel toward that person and myself? Would I keep 'stumbling' and be too discouraged to overcome my weaknesses?"

If you are a fan of Bil Keane's "Family Circus" cartoon, you may remember Grandmother advising the children, "Whenever you find a stumbling block, use it for a stepping stone." Did she mean "learn by mistakes and try harder?"

Judging others can be a stumbling block we create for ourselves. Romans 14:19, "Make every effort to do what leads to peace and mutual edification," clearly explains how to prevent judging. Do you think it could also help change weaknesses into "stepping stones" to create a more productive life for the Master?

Bible Thought: "Therefore, let us stop passing judgement on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brother's way." (Romans 14:13, NIV)

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



Four generations of Wilson descendants recently met in Clarendon for this photo. Pictured are great grandmother, Pat (Wilson) McAnear, of Cresson, grandmother, Jamie (McAnear) Jackson of Tahlequah, Okla., mother, Kayla (Quimby) Tannehill, and Jaylyn Rae Tannehill, both of Tahlequah. Jaylyn is wearing a dress handmade by her great-great grandmother, the late Dolly (Tate) Wilson, featuring a lace inset used from the lace to create her great-grandmother's wedding gown and made for her grandmother when she was an infant.



Five generations of the McAnear Family were together on March 18 to celebrate the arrival of Jaylyn Rae Tannehill, who starts the fifth generation for this family. Pictured are her great-great grandmother Juanita (Higgins) McAnear, her great-grandfather, James A. McAnear Jr., her grandmother, Jamie (McAnear) Jackson, and her mother, Kayla (Quimby) Tannehill, and Miss Jaylyn. James and wife, Pat reside in Cresson, and Jamie & Randy Jackson and Kayla & Cody Tannehill reside in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

USDA offers \$20 million to assist telemedicine

TEMPLE – Agriculture Under Secretary for Rural Development, Thomas C. Dorr, today announced the availability of \$20 million in grants to rural communities to strengthen distance learning and telemedicine programs in rural America.

"The specialized health care and enhanced educational opportunities brought by modern technologies saves lives and promotes opportunities essential to the advancement of rural areas," said Dorr.

"USDA Rural Development's funding for distance learning and telemedicine will help to bring technology into rural America to build strong and vibrant communities."

"Distance learning and telemedicine systems are powerful tools for rural Texas," said Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development Texas State Director.

"Through technology, students and families can participate in classes not previously available to them, and people who live in rural areas can access expanded health care options."

In Fiscal Year 2005, Texas was awarded nearly \$2.5 million to be distributed through the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program. The education projects helped schools provide students with

advanced educational tools. Distance learning projects provide funding for computers and internet connections in schools and libraries. The vast array of study options available to rural students through distance learning technologies literally brings the world to their doorstep.

Telemedicine projects are providing new and improved healthcare services beginning with patient diagnosis, through surgical procedures and post-operative treatment.

Applications for the \$20 million in grants must be received by June 12, 2006, and will compete nationally for funding. The application guide and materials can be obtained online at <http://www.usda.gov/rurdev/dlt/dlt.htm> or by contacting the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program at (202) 720-0413.

USDA Rural Development strives to see that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing technical assistance, funding, and other programs that help rural Americans build strong economies to improve their quality of life.

For further information regarding USDA Rural Development Programs, contact the State Office at (254) 742-9700 or visit our website at <http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.



Arriving In Style?

Kelby Shields, Dustin Thomas, Jindy Gregory and Justin Dillman got a special limo ride to attend the Hedley Prom recently. The tow truck was provided by Panhandle Road & Field service.

Photo by Kari Lindsay

weather report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	10	84°	43°	-
Tues	11	85°	57°	-
Wed	12	86°	47°	-
Thur	13	92°	52°	-
Fri	14	96°	66°	-
Sat	15	97°	67°	-
Sun	16	89°	54°	-

Total precipitation this month: 0.00"
 Total precipitation to date: 2.48"
 Total precipitation in April last year: 2.04"
 Total YTD last year: 6.03"

weekend forecast

	Friday, April 21 Iso. T-Storms 86°/55°
	Saturday, April 22 Iso. T-Storms 86°/53°
	Sunday, April 23 Iso. T-Storms 84°/50°

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

City sales tax receipts climb

AUSTIN – Local cities continue to enjoy higher sales tax receipts according to information released Friday by Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn.

Clarendon's rebate for March was up 10.4 percent for a total of \$18,859.54, and the city's year-to-date figure is up 9.86 percent compared to the same period last year.

The City of Hedley's rebate was \$531.72, which is up from \$377.51 last March and reflects a 40.84 percent increase. That city's year-to-date figure is more than 76 percent ahead of last year.

Howardwick also was showing growth with a \$876.56 rebate that

was 9.66 percent ahead of the same period last year and a year-to-date total running 4.3 percent ahead.

The state itself received \$1.36 billion in sales tax revenue in March, a 13.2 percent increase compared to March 2005.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent April sales tax allocations of \$249.3 million to Texas cities, up 17.8 percent compared to April 2005. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are running 15.5 percent higher than last year.

State sales tax revenue for March, and April payments made to local governments today, represent sales that occurred in February.

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Cattle Raisers, WRCA plan wildfire benefit

FT WORTH — Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and the Working Ranch Cowboys Association will host a benefit on Sunday, May 7, for victims of the Panhandle wildfires.

The event will be held from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the M.K. Brown Center in Pampa, Texas. All monies raised will go to the Cattlemen's Disaster Relief Fund.

Activities will begin with entertainment by the Western music trio Palo Duro, followed by cowboy humorist Curt Brummett.

A brisket supper will be served at 5 p.m.; there's no specific charge,

but donations are requested and will be contributed to the disaster fund.

From 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. there will be a concert and church service led by Paul and Susie Luchsinger.

Bidding on silent and live auction items will be interspersed throughout the event.

There's no charge to attend any of the activities, but the hosts request that those planning to attend RSVP so they can plan accordingly. To RSVP, call toll-free 1 (800) 242-7820, ext. 192.

For more information on the benefit, call WRCA at (806) 374-9722 or TSCRA Field Inspector

Scott Williamson at (940) 889-2269.

The Working Ranch Cowboys Association is based in Amarillo, Texas. It was founded in 2001 to "provide financial and other assistance to working ranch cowboys and their families who are suffering significant hardships and who are not otherwise able to provide for their needs."

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is a 129-year-old trade organization whose 13,600 members manage approximately 5.4 million cattle on 70.3 million acres of range and pasture land, primarily in Texas and Oklahoma.

Lambert participates in trial lawyers' college

Clarendon attorney, Landon P. Lambert, was one of eighty lawyers selected from across the state of Texas to participate in the 30th Annual Texas Criminal Trial College in Huntsville recently.

The college was a weeklong intense affair running from Sunday, March 26, to Friday, March 31, of this year. Topics covered included all phases of a trial, from opening statement to closing arguments, with all major departures in between.

The goal of the course was to improve trial advocacy skills and

tactics for those selected to attend. Instructors included some of the best criminal defense lawyers and former prosecutors from across the state including Tim Evans, Rick Hagen, Dan Hurley, Philip Wischkaemper, Ron Spriggs, and Randy Wilson, to name a few.

Lambert served as the lone attendee from rural West Texas, with others coming from more urban areas of the state. The application process was rigorous, and the course had only a 40 percent acceptance rate.

"The experience is one that I will

never forget," Lambert said. "I would like to personally thank Judge David McCoy and Rush S. Wells for recommending me to this very high profile school."

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals sponsored this year's trial college through a grant from the state of Texas in order to improve the quality of criminal defense work within this state.

Lambert is currently running for Donley County Attorney and says he looks forward to putting newly acquired trial advocacy skills to use.

Court declares County Government Week

The Donley County Commissioners' Court met in regular session April 10 in the Courthouse with a short agenda.

Commissioners adopted a resolution proclaiming April 23-29, 2006, as County Government Week, recognizing county officials and employees across Texas as being dedicated people who provide services ranging from law enforcement to disaster response to library services, just to name a few.

The court approved a request

by Republican County Chair Tom Stauder to use the Courthouse for a party primary runoff election.

Commissioners chose a location on Sully Street near the sidewalk leading to the main entrance of the Courthouse as the location for a future state historical marker for the building.

The court also adopted a resolution presented by the Texas Association of Counties that calls for the abolition of unfunded mandates and opposing revenue caps.

Obituaries

Gunderson

Ansley M. Spencer Gunderson, age 30, died on April 13.

Death was instant when her car hit a trash hauler doing a U-turn on Highway 101 in Marin County, California.

Ansley graduated from Shawnee Mission East High School in 1991, attended Wellesley College, and graduated from University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. Her career started at the age of 13 working in the University of Kansas Medical School for Dr. S. K. Day at his research laboratory. In his retrospective address to colleagues upon leaving KU Med, Dr. Day singled Ansley out as a person of significant importance who assisted him in writing successful grant proposals. Ansley worked for Accenture consulting where her goal was to be one of the youngest women partners.

Ansley married Martin Gunderson on September 16, 2000, in Northfield, Minn. They lived in St. Paul,

Minn., Charlotte, North Carolina, and Monrovia, Calif.

In addition to her career efforts, Ansley provided many testimonials about her 12-step recovery at annual conventions, prison meetings, and other opportunities, as she always encouraged others to maintain their programs. Ansley was an exceptional speaker, providing a source of sparkle and fun at any gathering. She is remembered as a very beautiful woman who captivated everyone she touched, with a vibrancy and quality for life that was exceptional.

From a very young age, Ansley always talked about being 30 years old, which she did achieve with grace and love for God and family that were beyond words.

She is survived by her husband, Martin Gunderson, her parents, Merlin and Jacqueline Spencer of Leawood, Kan.; her sister, Heather Spencer of Amenia, New York; her maternal grandmother LaTrice Bell Kent of Shawnee, Kan.; and her paternal grandmother, Alice M. Spencer of Rockwell City, Iowa.

A celebration of her life was held in Kansas City on April 18, at Pilgrim Chapel. Final services will be at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Northfield, Minn., at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 22.

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A message from the Clarendon-Donley County Chamber of Commerce.
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the lion's tale
by allen estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club met Tuesday, April 18, 2006, for their regular Tuesday noon meeting with Boss Lion Mark C. White in charge.

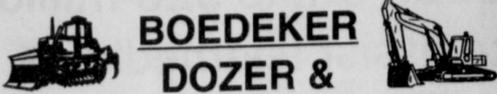
We had 16 members and one guest: Lion Bill Horne of Pampa, a guest of Lion Guy Ellis.

Lion Roger Estlack reported that the Clarendon College Ex-Students reunion will be this Saturday on the college campus.

The club discussed the need to replace or repair the evaporative air-conditioner on the roof of the Lions Hall and voted to have this seen about. We also discussed replacing our vintage furnace with a newer one and begin the process of maybe one day having central heat and air in the building.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

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"A" Honor Roll
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Third grade: Kati Adams, Kortney Burton, and Sheridan Hoyer.
Fourth grade: Deborah Howard, Kyle Lindsey, Jake Owens, and Bailey Wood.
Fifth grade: Austin Adams, Caden Farris, Lydia Howard, and Zach Sargent.
Sixth grade: Keesidy Burton, Kayla Elam, and Lindsey McLaren.
Seventh grade: Reid Copelin, Laura Howard, and Kaylee Shields.
Eighth grade: Kallea Burton, Dylan Pettit, and Marlee Sargent.
Ninth grade: Peter Howard.

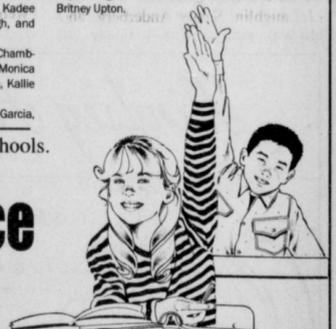
Tenth grade: Kirstin Dwight.
Eleventh grade: Ruth Howard and Katie Morgan.
Twelfth grade: Holly Davis and Ben Shaw.

"All" Honor Roll
First grade: Jennifer Brinkley, Desirae Martinez, Casey McCleskey, Frank Ramirez, Madison Shelp, Braddon Stephens, and Kylie Wood.
Third grade: Zack Altman, Grayson Morris, Justin Riggs, Maddie Verstuyft, and Wyatt Wheatly.
Fourth grade: Denver Chambliss, Maggie Collins, Oscar Felan, Kristen Limer, Zach Martinez, and Seth Ruthardt.
Fifth grade: Jamie Lollar, Sierra Wheatly, Jadee Widener, and Jodee Widener.
Sixth grade: Joey Allen, Chelsea Galvan, Willie Lewis, Josh Liewelty, Jacob Ramirez, Kadee Riggs, Sierra Shelp, Ashton Wansbrough, and Rance Watt.
Seventh grade: Jennifer Allen, Haley Chambliss, Tanner Gross, Katterinna Johnson, Monica Miller, Braden Montgomery, Ami Tribble, Kallie Verstuyft, and Alex Stephens.
Eighth grade: Brittany Galvan, Denny Garcia,

B.J. Like, K.J. Marshall, Brittney Netterville, Alex Sharp, and Morgan Wood.
Ninth grade: Nikki Burnam, Skyler Conatser, Elizabeth Garcia, Lauryn Kellas, Shandy Koetting, Alexa Miller, Amanda Musick, Archie Sharp, and Kelly Shields.
Tenth grade: Lori Bugg, Jonathon Edmonson, Kim Jackson, Danielle Smith, and Julie Woodard.
Eleventh grade: Shawna Barker, Brayden Bennett, Lesley Centeno, Jaci Copelin, Betty Cruz, Jonathan Giffin, Katie Gregory, Seth Koetting, and Will Verstuyft.
Twelfth grade: Mariah Couch, Derek Evans, Julie Funderburg, Carmen Garcia, Megan Hall, Kayla Klingler, Andrea Musick, Wes Shields, and Britney Upton.

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Hedley's Davis earns chance at regionals

By Tangela Copelin

Hedley had several tennis players competing in the district tennis tournament. Various Owls did well, but only one will advance to regionals.

In the JV boys' division, Peter Howard won 1st place and Tyler Pepper won 2nd place. In the girls' JV division, Skyler Conatser won 1st place, and Amber Burnam placed 4th. In the girls' doubles, Charlie Widener and Paige Martin won 1st place, and Betty Cruz and Ruth Anne Howard won 2nd.

In the varsity boys division, Jon Giffin advanced to the semi-finals to place 3rd. Boys' doubles had Wes Shields and Dustin Thomas pitted against some tough opponents in the semi-finals; but due to a loss in a playback match, they placed 3rd.

In the girls' doubles, Katie Gregory and Kayla Klinger advanced to the semi-finals, as well as, Julie Woodard and Kristen Dwight. Both teams were defeated and had to play each other for third, but due to injuries Gregory and Klinger defaulted. Woodard and Dwight went on to play a playback match but were defeated. They placed 3rd in district.

Mixed doubles had Jonathan Edmonson and Shandy Koetting advancing to the semi-finals where they lost to place 3rd in district.

Girls' singles had Shawna Barker advancing to the semi-finals, but she ended up only placing fourth against some tough competition. Holly Davis won 1st place and lost



Hedley Regional Qualifier Holly Davis and Coach Danny Mejia.



Third Place: Back Row, Left to Right: Wes Shields, Jon Edmonson, Dustin Thomas, Jon Giffin and Coach Danny Mejia. Front Row, Left to Right: Shandy Koetting, Kristen Dwight and Julie Woodard.

only two games in the district tournament and will advance to the regional tournament in Levelland on the 26th and 27th.

Coach Danny Mejia stated, "I

am very proud of our strong showing throughout the year, we have a solid team in all classifications. And I wish the best of luck to Holly Davis at regionals."

Nine-hole scrambles begin at country club

By Sandy Anderberg

With the warm spring weather comes more activity at the Clarendon Country Club, and the first weekly nine-hole scramble of the season was held last Friday night.

The winner of the scramble was the team of George Leathers, Maxine McLaughlin, Sandy Anderberg, and Jesse Lincycomb at four under par. Coming in at two under par was the team of Jerry Gage, Sherol Johnston, Bobby Dodson, and Michael Thompson. Also finishing at two under were Wanda Nazworth, Gail Leathers, Steve Nurek, and Quida Gage.

Bonnie Crofford won the women's game held April 10 with a 65. Sherol Johnston was second with a 67, and Wanda Nazworth was third with a 68. Bob Kelly's 65 topped the men's game in a field of 16 players, and Dan Ashford shot a 67. Ashford, who is 85, 'shot his age' with a gross score of 81. Redell Johnston, Jesse Lincycomb, and Mike Santos tied for third with a 71.

A 36-hole Century Tournament will be held April 22-23 and will be flighted by age. The cost of the tournament is \$140 per team plus the price of a cart; and for more information, you may call the Pro Shop at 874-2166. The Friday night nine-hole scrambles will start 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.

Copelin advances to regionals in track

By Tangela Copelin

Several Hedley Owl tracksters ran in the area meet on Thursday, April 13, but only one will advance to regionals in Lubbock.

Carmen Garcia barely missed being able to run in the regional meet placing 5th in both the 3200 and the 1600. Also, running at area were Elizabeth Garcia and Seth

Koetting, but they were unable to advance this time.

Jaci Copelin will advance to regionals in 3 events. She placed 4th in the 100 hurdles, 4th in the long jump, and 1st in the 300 meter hurdles to advance.

The regional meet will be held in Levelland on April the 28th and 29th.

Watts advances to regionals in golf

Charle Watts may be the only golfer Hedley has, but she shines through on the golf course with her outstanding playing.

She won the district golf tourney by shooting a 92, with the next closest golfer only shooting a 110. Watts will play in the regional golf tournament on April 24 and 25 in Lubbock.

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Drugs in the News

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Currently, the most accepted treatment for female hair loss is topical minoxidil (Rogaine), which has been shown to be effective; however, it is often not tolerable. Finasteride (Propecia) is a medication that is approved to treat male hair loss. This drug can cause harm to male fetuses, so it should not be used in women who are of childbearing potential.

A recent study published in the Archives of Dermatology enrolled 37 women with female pattern hair loss who were taking oral contraceptives. All of the women were given finasteride 2.5 mg daily over 12 months and were subsequently evaluated by photography and questionnaires. Overall, 62% showed some improvement of hair loss. Upon evaluation of photographs, 23 patients were rated as improved and 12 patients were shown to have increased hair density.

Due to the small number of patients enrolled, more studies will be needed to determine which types of female hair loss respond best to this drug.



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Lady Broncos claim district title

By Sandy Anderberg
The Lady Broncos reached one of their goals last week to become District champs and have the opportunity for post-season play. They did it in big style as they went 6-0 (13-1 overall) in district play for the 2006 season. The ladies only suffered one loss in regular play, and that was early in the season to West Texas. They are currently ranked number eight in the State Coaches Poll.

slow start, they rallied to win 9-4. Haley Shelton was on the mound and Jessi Howard was behind the plate. Shelton threw 11 big strikeouts in the game to help her team to the five-run win.
"Booker gave us their best game of the season," Head Coach Gary Jack said. "They have improved from the first time we played them, and we got off to a pretty slow start."
The Lady Broncos found themselves behind going into the fifth inning. That is when a two-run single

by freshman Janae White changed the momentum for the maroon and white, and things began to go the Lady Broncos' way.
"We had been leaving people on base all day," Jack said. "We just couldn't get them home, and then Janae hit a good base hit up the middle to drive in two runs."
Kaitlyn Howard followed White's lead shortly after as she slammed an in-the-park homerun that scored three. That hit along with great defensive plays by the Lady

Broncos allowed them to take control of the game and get the win.
"This was a good way for us to end district," Jack said. "Now we will focus on the playoffs."
The Lady Broncos will play a few warm-up games between now and the first week of May when post-season will begin. As of this time, they are unsure whom they will face in the opening round of the playoffs. They do, however, have a warm-up game scheduled April 25 at home against West Texas High at 4:30 p.m.

Broncs still on top

By Sandy Anderberg
The Broncos continue to reign supreme in District 2-1A as they are near to wrapping up the 2006 regular season. The Broncos are currently 7-0 in district play and 12-4 overall.
Their latest win came over the weekend as they played a double-header with Samnorwood. The Broncos won the first game 15-3 and won the second 29-0. Both games ended in five innings. Sophomore Austin Howard (3-1) was on the mound in the first game, and freshman Devin Noble (2-0) took control of the second game.
"Austin pitched five strong innings and added three hits and three RBIs, and Devin hit a long homerun," Coach Brad Elam said.
The Broncos were not in any danger in either game but used the time to hone their skills to prepare for Wellington April 20 on the road.
Noble only gave up two hits

in the second game and, according to Elam, added three hits which included two doubles and three RBIs.
"Alton Gaines hit his first homerun of the year and drove in four runs," Elam said.
Earlier in the week, the Broncos traveled to Sanford Fritch and were defeated 10-15 and 12-15.
Jon McGlaun and LaDez Captain had long triples, and Captain's came with the bases loaded.
The second game began great for the Broncos, but they cooled in the later innings according to Elam.
"Alton pitched well for us the first two innings," Elam said. "Stephen Fowler had two hits and two RBIs. Joel Horn added two hits in his first game."
The Broncos continue district play April 20 at Wellington at 4:30 p.m., and will play Memphis at home Monday, April 24, at 4:30 p.m.

Bronco golfers come in fourth

By Sandy Anderberg
Several Bronco golfers participated in the district golf meet held in Borger April 10-11. The team finished in fourth place but failed to advance to the next level.
Only the top two teams earn the right to advance, and those teams were Stratford and Sunray.
Senior Chase Thornberry bested the Bronco field with an 87 and 81 for the 36-hole tournament. Jeremy Utsey finished behind Thornberry with an 88-85.
Also playing on the fourth place team were Quentin West (94-99), Joel Horn (100-99), and Will Betts (102-103). Competing on the Bronco second team were Tyler Drackley, Ty White, John Vaught, Keifer Burton, and James Almond.
"Despite the terrible strong winds, the guys played well," Coach Gary Jack said. "We were fourth out of 14 teams, so I was pleased with their effort."

CHS athletes head to regional meet

By Sandy Anderberg
Several Broncos and Lady Broncos competed good enough at the district track meet to earn the right to compete at the area meet held April 12 at Panhandle. Those finishing in the top of their event will be advancing to the regional meet in Levelland.
Haley Shelton earned the opportunity to advance to the regional meet in the long jump with a third place finish in the area meet. Shelton's best jump was 15'7 1/2". Katie Askew's best in the shot put was 30'10", but was not enough to continue on. Jessi Howard's jump of 7'0" in the pole vault was good enough for fifth place but not enough to advance.
Two Broncos will be advancing to the next step with good finishes in the area meet. LaDez Captain jumped to a personal best of 43'8" in the triple jump, which earned him a second place medal. Brad Sell competed in the pole vault and jumped to 12'0" to place fourth and earn a spot on the Regional team.

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8 Billy Cenicerros	Fr
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10 Austin Howard	So
12 Dalton Askew	So
13 Stephen Fowler	So
14 Jon McGlaun	Jr
15 Quentin West	Sr
17 LaDez Captain	Jr
21 Stephen Ford	Sr
23 Brad Hagood	Jr
24 Zach Rattan	Fr
25 Clint Watson	Jr
45 Joel Horn	Jr
48 Keifer Burton	So
50 Chris Herndon	So
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Broncos

Clarendon v. Wellington
Fri., April 21 at 4:30 p.m.
at Wellington

Clarendon v. Memphis
Mon., April 24 at 4:30 p.m.
at Clarendon

Lady Broncos

Clarendon v. West Texas High
Mon., April 24, at 4:30 p.m.
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Lady Broncos

1 Holly Cornell	Sr
2 Jessi Howard	Jr
3 Kaitlyn Howard	Sr
4 Erin Holland	So
5 Abby Patten	So
6 Erica Depew	Jr
7 Jenci White	Fr
8 Macy Shadle	Fr
9 Britenic Saitta	Fr
10 Abbie Massingill	Fr
11 Haley Shelton	Sr
12 Janae White	Fr
13 Haleigh Lewis	Fr
14 Kristin White	Sr
15 Niki Roberts	Fr
16 Sarah Scrivner	Jr
19 Courtney Judd	Jr
20 Zan Burks	So
21 Amanda Mendez	So
22 Casey Phillips	So
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The 2006 Lady Colts track teams.

Lady Colts claim second place during district track contest

The seventh grade Lady Colts finished in second place in the district meet that was held at Wellington.

The 800-meter relay consisting of Holly, Phillips, Kelsey Floyd, Kaliegh West, and Danielle Ford finished in second place. West, Phillips, Ashlyn Tubbs, and Ford took third place in the 400-meter relay; and the 1600-meter relay placed fourth. Members of that relay were Miranda Miller, Natalie Rodriguez, Kelsey Mullins, and Amanda Reynolds.

The eighth grade Lady Colts took third place in the meet. The 800-meter relay finished fourth; and members of the team were Lauren Shelton, Kiki Hill, Caitlyn Christopher, and Brittany Sanchez. The 1600-meter relay came in fourth; and running that relay were Shelton, Deidre Lewis, Elissa Holland, and Christopher.

"I was extremely proud of the girls' performance this track season," Coach Cara Hathaway said. "They have worked hard all season long; and because of different circumstances, several girls from both grades had to

compete in events that they had never performed in. When fear could have taken over, each girl stepped up and accepted the challenge with courage. I really enjoyed coaching them this season."

7th grade individual results: 800-meter run Tubbs 3rd, Reynolds 4th, Mullins 5th; 100-meter dash West 4th, Jaquetta Harris participated; 200-meter dash Phillips 1st, Ford 2nd; 1200-meter run Annie Patten 3rd; high jump Ford 1st; long jump West participated; triple jump Ford 3rd; shot put Miller, Reynolds, and Floyd participated; discus Miller, Rodriguez, and Floyd participated.

8th grade individual results: 100-meter dash Kia Bryley 2nd; Mariah Benavidez 5th, Jill Luna 6th; 200-meter dash Bryley 1st, Benavidez 4th; Luna 6th; high jump Benavidez 6th; long jump Bryley 2nd, Benavidez 3rd, Luna 4th; triple jump Bryley 3rd, Luna 4th; shot put Lewis 4th, Holland 3rd, Brandi Mays 6th; discus Lewis 2nd, Mays 4th, Holland 6th.

FSA taking emergency loan applications now

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by extreme wildfire threat that occurred from December 1, 2005, and continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located at 321 Sully Street in Clarendon, Larry Goetze said recently.

Donley County is one of 25 counties eligible for loans to cover losses resulting from wildfires.

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

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA Emergency Loan," Goetze said.

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4-H Spotlight

By Ashlyn Tubbs

This week's 4-H spotlight is on Kaylee Sciacca. Sciacca is 9 years old, and this is her first year in 4-H. The 4-H activities she has participated in are clothing and food and nutrition.



Sciacca

"My favorite 4-H activity is clothing because it's fun to see things and create things and then have people to model it for you. It's just fun knowing that you're making the world a better place," Sciacca says.

Sciacca's hobbies and interests are reading, writing, and drawing. Her family activity that she enjoys is having movie nights together. Some community activities that she is involved in are participating in pageants for the St. Mary's Catholic Church and participating in the Donley County Girl Scout Troop. Sciacca has also participated in UIL, representing Clarendon Elementary School. She got a 1st in spelling, a 6th in creative writing, and a 4th in music memory. She is going to play softball, too.

The 4-H club members enjoy having Kaylee in our club. We hope she will continue to participate.

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