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## THIS WEEK

- 2 City leaders are to be commended for making steady progress on the street plan.
- 3 CISD Trustees vote to extend the contracts of school administrators.
- 5 New sewing machines are in store for Donley County 4-H clothing projects.
- 8 And Lady Broncos break in their new field with a win.

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

### County appoints Smith to be new treasurer

Donley County Commissioners this week appointed former county treasurer Wanda Smith to resume her old job.

Smith will succeed Treasurer Rebecca Jackson, who resigned last month to pursue a career in the private sector.

The commissioners' court met in called session Tuesday to consider five applicants and narrowed that field to two. They selected Smith after interviewing her and Phillip Wiggins that afternoon.

County Judge Jack Hall said Smith will take office as soon as she is bonded, which he hopes will be some time within the next week.

Smith was twice elected to the post of county treasurer before she filed to run for the Donley County Hospital Board in 1997, which constituted an automatic resignation of office under state law.

### Filing deadline nears for local candidates

Citizens wishing to serve on any one of six local boards have until the close of business next Monday, March 7, to sign up for this year's election.

The City of Clarendon will hold an election to choose two aldermen and the mayor for two-year terms.

The City of Howardwick will also elect a mayor and two aldermen. Each serves two-year terms.

Hedley's election will select four members of the board of aldermen, three for two-year terms and one for one year.

Two positions on the Clarendon ISD Board of Trustees are up this year. Hedley ISD also has two trustee positions open this year. Those seats are three-year terms.

The Donley County Hospital District will select three positions on its Board of Directors. The two-year terms are for Place 1, 2, and 3.

All local boards are elected at-large, but candidates for hospital board must sign up for a specific place.

This year's local elections will be held May 7.

### Immunization Clinic set for Clarendon

An Immunization Clinic offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases is scheduled in Clarendon at the former Texas Department of Health office on March 8, 2005.

The Texas Department of Health is now part of the new Department of State Health Services (DSHS). Its office is still located at Medical Drive #5 by the Medical Center Nursing Home. The clinic will be held 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the clinic.

## City to borrow \$800k to pave streets

The City of Clarendon will issue \$800,000 in tax notes to help finance a \$1.1 million paving project following last Wednesday's meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

Vince Vialle of First Southwest Company presented a debt service schedule to the board and said all three local banks had agreed to each take a third of the notes at interest rate of 4.15 percent for seven years - slightly higher than the 3.75 percent the city had hoped to get.

"The overall difference will be about \$13,000 over the life of the

notes," he said.

Vialle discussed options for bidding out the debt service, which would take at least two weeks and could generate a lower - or possibly higher - interest rate. But the board remained focused on getting financed for a project that could be completed this year.

"I don't think we have the time," Mayor Tex Selvidge said. "I think we need to bite the bullet and do it."

Alderman Michael Tibbets said he thought the city should go with the local banks, and Alderman Tommy

Hill made the motion to accept the 2005 bond series and authorize the mayor to sign the placement agreement with First Southwest. The motion carried unanimously.

Vialle said the city could have the money in hand by the end of March if all goes smoothly. The first annual payment would be due next February.

City engineer Che Shadle said his firm expected to finish shooting elevations last week and would immediately get to work on plans for the estimated 50-block project.

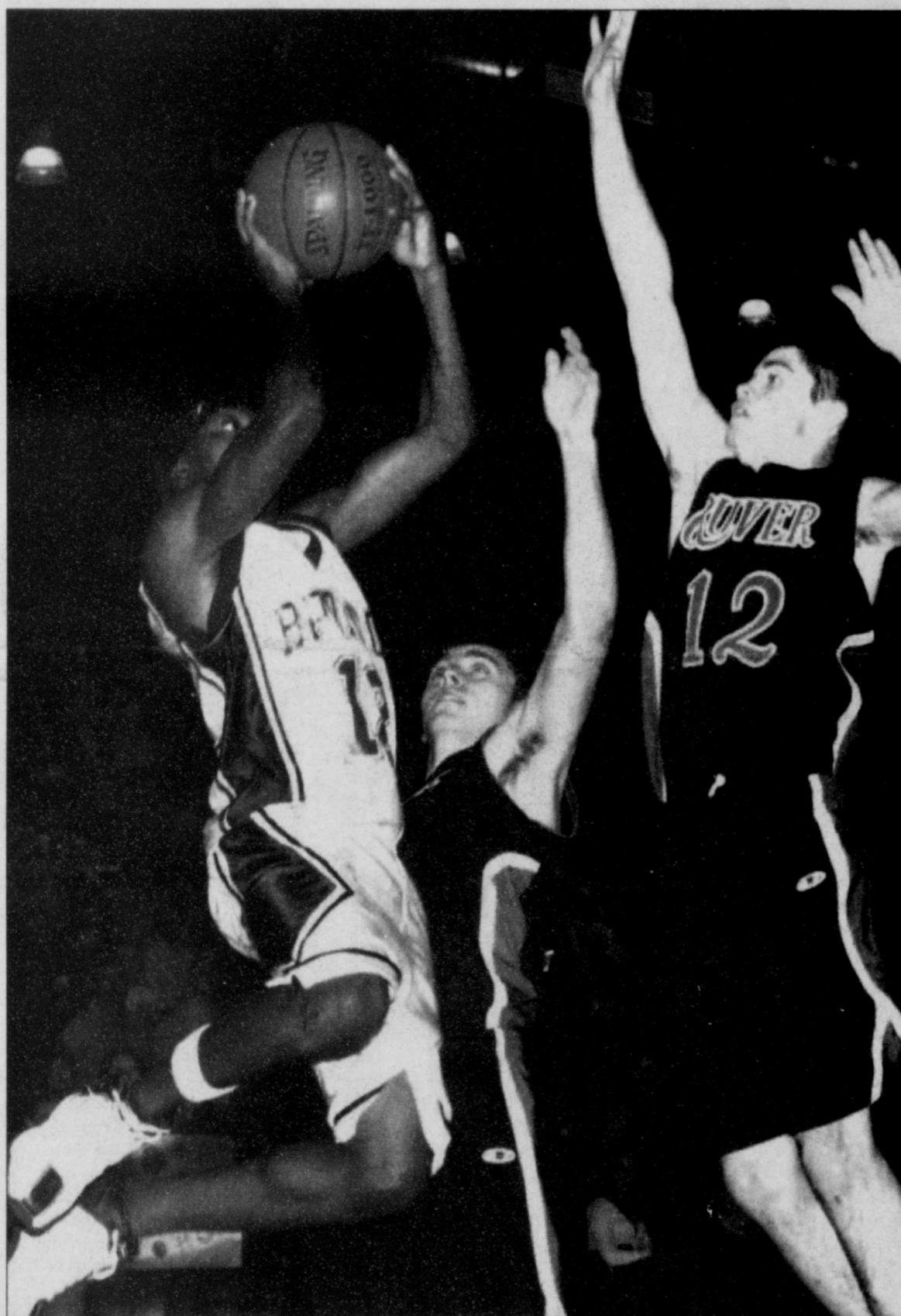
Those plans should be finished by the first of April, and the city would put the project out for bids at that time.

In other city business, Alderman Janice Knorpp gave the final report on the renovations at the Smiley Johnson Municipal Airport. The project was finished under budget, and the city will receive a refund in the amount of \$11,626.71. Knorpp recommended that money be put in a certificate of deposit marked Airport Maintenance Account and used strictly for future maintenance on the airport. The board congratulated

Knorpp on a job well done.

City Administrator Sean Pate discussed hiring contract labor to read water meters. The move would free up city workers to spend more time working on preparing streets and utilities for the upcoming paving project. The board asked him to present figures on the idea at the next meeting.

Mayor Selvidge asked the board to consider taking \$250 from the Motel Bed Tax to help pay for sand and clay at the new softball field. The board approved his request.



### Picture perfect

Clarendon sophomore Steven Ballard tries to sink one for the Broncos during last Tuesday's Area Championship match against the Gruver Greyhounds. The game was tied 49-49 when Gruver inbounded the ball and made a critical basket in the final two seconds.

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## Courthouse program receives award

AUSTIN — The National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers recently awarded a New Initiatives award to the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program for excellence in historic preservation.

Under the program, the 1890 Donley County Courthouse was benefited by a \$4.2 million restoration, which was completed in 2003.

The New Initiatives award recognizes an exemplary role in the creation and successful implementation of a new statewide project or program benefiting historic preservation.

The Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program, the first of its kind in the nation, was cited in the nomination as achieving spectacular results in its first five years of existence, pointing out that other states now look to Texas for leadership in preserving their historic courthouses.

To date, 22 historic courthouses have been restored and rededicated through the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program. Texas has more historic courthouses than any other state, of which 234 are eligible for the program. Currently 112 courthouses are participating in the program.

"This is one of the most expansive historic preservation projects undertaken by state government," said Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program Director Stan Graves.

"We are grateful to the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers for recognizing the breadth and detail of our work."

The National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers is the professional association of state government officials who carry out the national historic preservation

program as delegates of the Secretary of the Interior.

"Texas is setting a standard in historic preservation," said THC Executive Director Larry Oaks. "Along with preservation, we are discovering the benefit of economic development in these communities and a renewed pride and community participation among the residents."

The THC recently received the National Preservation Honor Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation for the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program. The Association for Preservation Technology International and the Texas Society of Architects both awarded a Citation of Honor to the program for its contributions to the built environment of Texas.

For more information, contact the THC's Architecture Division at 512/463-6094.

## Interim to replace Graham at MCNH Job ultimately going to top nurse

The Donley County Hospital District Board last week voted to begin searching for an interim administrator and made plans to fill the job permanently with someone who is already a top official at the Medical Center Nursing Home.

The district administrator's job became vacant February 22 when Alan Graham resigned following a February 21 called meeting in which the board asked him to step down or face termination.

Meeting again in called session Saturday, the board approved a motion to accept applications for the position of interim administrator until March 9, 2005, and also agreed to pay the tuition for MCNH Director of Nurses Vicky Robertson to get her nursing home administrator's license.

"Vicky is very interested in getting licensed," board member Onita Thomas said. "She only needs five

courses and a 1,000-hour internship under a licensed administrator."

Robertson, who had previously resigned as director of nurses to pursue another job, said she would rescind her resignation and stay in her current position. She said her classes would start in May and would take a maximum of one and one-half years to complete.

She also said the hospital district's paying for someone to get licensed in this manner was not unprecedented.

"This has been done before when Peggy Cockerham was an LVN, and they sent her to school to become an RN so she could become Director of Nurses," Robertson said.

Board members and Robertson both agreed to have something put in writing that would commit her to working for the hospital district or giving the district first right of refusal after she graduates.

## Motels get new owners

Clarendon's newest hotel is under new ownership this week after being open less than one year.

Steve Hall and his family have purchased the Best Western American Inn from Jimmy Sindah and his partners, and Hall says he likes everything about his new property.

"I looked at it for 20 minutes before I decided to buy it," Hall said. "I had been looking at Clarendon as a potential site to build a hotel for some time, and now I've got a new one without the hassle of building it."

Hall, his father Gerald, and his brother Mike have a combined 50 years of experience after opening and running the Best Western Country Inn in Vega since 1963.

Hall closed the deal with Sindah last Thursday and said he's looking forward to moving to Clarendon.

"I really want to work with the community," Hall said. "We want to

provide the kind of hospitality that will make Clarendon proud."

Hall says rates at the 50-room hotel will remain about the same, but he does intend to expand the continental breakfast and eventually change the name of the hotel to something more reflective of the local area.

"American Inn is a pretty common name," he said.

Sindah, meanwhile, has also sold the local Western Skies Motel and is reported to be pursuing a new venture in the Waco area, building a new hotel in Hewitt.

The Western Skies' new owner, G. Patel, says he took over on February 15 and doesn't plan on making any major changes to the establishment.

"Jimmy made lots of improvements, so we're going to keep it just the way it is," Patel said.



### Stealing the show

The suave and romantic Manola and Jesus (Robert Shelton and J.C. Blackburn) try to woo Olive (Amy Wilson) with flowers and chocolates during last Friday's performance of the "The Odd Couple (Female Version)" in Clarendon College's Harned Sisters Fine Arts Auditorium.

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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.

## Street paving getting closer to being reality

Still acting in unison, the Clarendon Board of Aldermen gave the nod to issuing \$800,000 in tax notes last week for what is shaping up to be a really good paving plan.

The idea of financing a sizable paving project with only revenue the city now has coming in, added with the money the city has in the bank already, is one that no one should find fault with. It's affordable, it's sensible, and — most importantly — it's doable.



**editor's commentary**  
by roger estlack

Exactly which streets will be included in the project won't be released until the plans are finalized in April, but the work is focusing on the west side of town and on areas that carry water. That's also sensible in that the plan is coordinated and geared toward managing what has been a major problem for Clarendon since the beginning — storm water runoff.

City crews are being lined up to do the rough cuts on the streets in order to make the paving job easier and cheaper. If all continues to go well, the engineers say the city should be able to pave and curb at least 50 blocks this year and possibly closer to 60 depending on how the bids come in.

All of our city leaders are to be commended for the cooperation they are showing thus far. They still discuss things thoroughly, but it appears they are all committed to making something good happen for this community and to making it happen now rather than later.

The challenge now for the city is to keep its eye on the ball and see the project through to its conclusion. And the bigger challenge is to carry this progressive attitude into the future so that, when this project is paid for in seven short years, another can take its place and still another seven years after that.

Think what an amazing difference it could be to have 150 or more blocks paved and curbed when this year's pre-schoolers graduate from high school.

Is there any limit to what Clarendon can accomplish when its leaders and citizens work together? Probably not.

## Watt leaves lasting mark on Enterprise

The ENTERPRISE lost a good friend last week with the passing of Peggy Watt.

Her weekly installments of "Watt's Happening" kept us entertained and kept people at home and away in touch with the daily goings-on in Hedley. She had worked for this newspaper under three different editors over the years, but she always provided the same homespun insights to her community.

From what I could tell, Peggy loved four things — her God, her family, her country, and her town; and she was a diehard supporter of each of those. "Some of the best people in the world live in Hedley, Texas," she wrote on numerous occasions.

There was not much question on where Peggy stood on things. We had that much in common, and this column was one of the first things she read each week. Failing eyesight required her to use a magnifying machine to slowly read the paper. Using it too quickly would give her motion sickness, and she frequently kidded me that reading my column made her sick.

That same failing eyesight also made it a challenge sometimes for us to decipher her typewritten column each week. Sometimes we had to move our fingers slightly off the home row of the keyboard to decode what she was trying to say.

"Watt's Happening" was a classic society column of the type not seen much any more. It carried the type of news that country newspapers like ours used to be known for. Who came to dinner, whose grandkids were visiting, who was on vacation, who moved away, who moved back, and what was happening at the local churches were all standard topics.

Yes, the column was a classic, but so was Peggy. On slow news weeks, she just talked about her own grandkids or the weather. Sometimes she'd venture away from "society news" and editorialize about all manner of things — from national politics to certain juvenile delinquents keeping people up at night to most recently "some jackass" who had a braying mule across town. And she loved to write for the paper because, as she put it, "It gives me a good excuse to be nosy."

The ENTERPRISE and its readers will miss Peggy Watt. I will miss her. I will miss the familiar "Hey, Boss" on the other end of the phone when she'd call to tell me how right I was in a certain editorial or to tell me how proud she was of this or that accomplishment of one of her grandkids.

In her final days, Peggy was beset by health problems. After weeks in the hospital, she called me in January to apologize for not getting her column in and for missing my wedding. She hoped to come home soon and resume her writing. But it was not meant to be.

We take comfort in knowing that Peggy is in a better place now — free from want and free from pain. She is gone but never forgotten.

## Revenge best served with chewing gum

Editor's Note: Carrie is off this week, so we present to you this classic from November 18, 2004, in a Best of Helms "Life's Lessons" Flashback.

I don't know if you got the memo, but I am single again. For maybe the second time in my life, I got dumped.

I have this sixth sense that tells me when a relationship is about to go down the tubes. I get this feeling in the pit of my stomach that things just aren't kosher, and that's usually when I jump ship: before things have a chance to get ugly.

In this case, I just didn't want to jump. I could see that things were being strained, that we weren't spending time together, that our conversation was shallow, and that we were both spreading ourselves too thin.

I could also see that he was nicer to other girls. He had sympathy to spare for everyone but me; and if there is one thing I need for emotional stability, it's sympathy.

Anyway, my Spidey senses were going crazy, but I managed to delude myself for a little while longer while I waited for the ax to fall.

When it finally did, I was ready. I didn't get angry. I didn't cry. I didn't yell. I didn't really say anything.

He claimed he did not have enough time to give to school and church and work and still have anything left over for me. On his list of priorities, I was expendable. In short, he left me because he had to write a couple of research papers and because he

was too cheap to take me out.

He walked me back to my dorm apologizing and hoping we could still be friends.

It has now been about a month since we broke up, and I have some theories that don't involve research papers or overdraft charges. One of them involves a friend from church who has not left his side since the day we broke up. I didn't know she even liked boys, but apparently I was mistaken.

I'm not going to lie. I was a little cheesed off by this. I thought I had at least earned a little honesty, but I exacted my revenge this week.

I was walking to the library Tuesday afternoon. I saw his car. I could only think of two reasons why he would be parked in that particular spot. Either he had some business with the registrar, or he was visiting her in the office where she worked.

I was still a long way off, heading straight for it. My first instinct was to scratch the length of his car with my keys, but permanent damage like that was just wrong. I thought I'd spit on it or give it the finger, but that wouldn't leave any mark at all. It would be a waste of energy and saliva.



**life's lessons**  
by carrie helms

I was just going to walk past it. Then, before I really realized what was going on, I took the gum out of my mouth and stuck it under his door handle. I laughed out loud, immensely pleased with myself.

I felt better. It was like with that piece of gum I released an incredible burden. I had built up all of this bitterness and animosity and just plain meanness.

You see, I didn't argue with him when I had the chance. Since then a million monologues have been stewing in my head.

But now, it was like every come back, every smart remark, every bitter thing that I had thought of was stuck to that piece of gum.

He'd go to open the door and get a handful of dirty words and conjectures about his sanity and sexual preference mixed in with all my philosophizing about life and love and the usefulness of the entire male population.

As he washed the sticky mess from his fingers, he'd hear my voice telling him exactly where he could turn in his research paper.

I truly believe that the gum was a gift from God. I hardly ever chew gum, but I randomly found a piece in my purse. If it hadn't been for the gum, I might have keyed the car; and what would I have gained by violence? Nothing.

Instead, I have peace. I have closure. I have an ending for my story.



## Texans stand out in supporting troops

Do not tell Staff Sgt. Kevin Hinds, a Guardsman from Orange, that the Texas National Guard is composed of "weekend warriors." He knows better. He has spent months in the mountains of Afghanistan helping train 800 Afghans to become soldiers. These Afghans will become the core of an army helping defend that country's fledgling democracy.

Sgt. Hinds' experience shows that the days when the men and women of the National Guard and Reserves could be called part-time soldiers are long past. Although they were always part of our military, they were originally planned to be mobilized in the event of all-out war, as well as to cope with domestic natural disasters or civil emergencies. Their role evolved into a more active participation in our national security over time, particularly when our armed forces were downsized after the end of the Cold War.

The Reserves and Guard shouldered an increasing part of our defense burden as the operational tempo of our military increased during the 90s, with peacekeeping duties in countries such as Bosnia and Haiti. However, after the 9-11 attacks in 2001, they came into their own. National Guard and Reserve troops protected vital installations throughout the United States. Others participated in the liberation of Afghanistan. Finally, the Guard and Reserves helped overthrow Saddam

Hussein's dictatorship and freed the Iraqi people.

Although the percentage of Reserve and National Guard troops serving in Iraq is slated to go down in the next troop rotation, today the mix stands at 50-50.

These men and women have all stepped up to do their duty to defend freedom. While they directly bear the burden of service, their family, friends and their employers also face demands during their tours of duty overseas.

Employers play a significant role when a reservist is activated because many of them struggle when key personnel report for long tours of duty. Recently, I traveled to Addison to attend a ceremony recognizing an employer's commitment to our troops and their families. The company, Concentra, was receiving the 5-star award from the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve for its support for the men and women who make up our National Guard and Reserve forces.

Concentra is entering an exclusive club. Nationwide only one percent of the 8,500 companies who support their Guard and Reserve employees have achieved the



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

5-Star Level of Recognition.

In addition to the above, Concentra has done something new. It helped create the Military Spouse Corporate Career Network — called the MSCCN. This organization is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to providing career opportunities and job portability for military spouses through a nationwide network of employers. With the frequent transfers that are a feature of military life, many spouses have found it difficult to pull up stakes and find work. In addition, they have often found themselves having to start from the ground floor at each new community where their spouse has been transferred.

MSCCN was started, with Concentra's assistance, by volunteer military spouses to help spouses find jobs and build careers despite the frequent moves. This organization charges no placement fees to employers, service members, or military spouses and is funded through the support and commitment of its network members.

Texans stand behind our citizen soldiers because they are one of America's unique traditions. The shot heard around the world at Concord Bridge was fired by our first National Guardsman, a Minuteman. They are always on duty to defend our freedom, and it helps them to know that all of us appreciate the sacrifices they make on our behalf.

## Area residents should give local dentist a try

Well, we finally did it. We decided to give our local dentist, Dr. Sheppard, a try.

It was a very good experience. He and his staff were courteous and efficient and his prices are very reasonable. I know because I checked prices in Amarillo and Pampa.

What a blessing to not have to go out of town for dental services. If you haven't given his dental practice a try, I encourage you to do so. You'll be happy you did.

Ayesha Abdulla,  
Clarendon



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**DI team competes in Lubbock tourney**

The Clarendon Elementary School Destination ImagiNation (DI) team traveled to Lubbock February 19 to compete in the "Designing Bridges" challenge at the Northwest Plains Regional Tournament at Estacado High School.

The team designed, built, and tested a bridge made completely of wood with glue as an adhesive. They earned points based on the weight held multiplied by the bridge's span.

The Clarendon team competed with schools from Lubbock and Midland. Murfee Elementary School from Lubbock placed first. Clarendon placed second. Carver Center from Midland placed third.

Team members from Clarendon were Brooklyn Bailey, Cody Holman, Elizabeth O'Rear, Kenzie Perryman, Jentry Shadle, and Adam Topper. Parent volunteers were Darryl Perryman and Che Shadle. The team manager was Karen Simmons.



The Clarendon Elementary Destination Imagination Team competed recently in a tournament. Team members are (front) Jentry Shadle, Adam Topper, (middle) Kenzie Perryman, Cody Holman, (back) Brooklyn Bailey, and Elizabeth O'Rear. Digital photo courtesy of Karen Simmons.

**CISD Trustees okay renewal of administrators' contracts**

The Clarendon ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session February 21 in the CISD Functional Living Center.

Among the items of business considered, the board approved amending the budget items for asbestos removal, construction, and improvements to the softball and baseball fields.

Third grade teacher Tisha Ham gave a PowerPoint presentation about the third grade students' tsunami relief fundraiser, which generated \$2,136.66.

Paula Lowrie of the Donley County Appraisal District reported on the 2004 Comptroller's State Property Value Study. Her office is preparing to appeal the values assigned by the comptroller.

The board approved a motion to purchase fencing materials from Tex

Mex Supply for \$19,600.

An order of election was passed calling for an election on May 7, 2005, to choose two trustees.

Junior high principal Marvin Elam presented a list of subjects that are up for textbook adoption and gave each campus' recommendations. The board approved the list as presented.

Superintendent Monty Hysinger reported on the Tremcare Roof Management Program and also presented the 2004-2005 District Improvement Plan.

Administrative reports were presented by Elam, Hysinger, elementary principal Mike Word, high school principal Larry Jeffers, and athletic director Gary Jack.

Following a closed session, the board extended by one year the contracts of Jeffers, Elam, Word, and Jack.

**weather report**

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	21	70°	33°	-
Tues	22	71°	39°	0.11"
Wed	23	43°	33°	-
Thur	24	58°	30°	-
Fri	25	57°	30°	-
Sat	26	53°	38°	-
Sun	27	60°	27°	-

Total precipitation this month: 0.75"  
Total precipitation to date: 2.14"  
Total precipitation in February last year: 1.81"  
Total YTD last year: 2.93"

**weekend forecast**

Friday, March 4  
Mostly Sunny  
40°/27°

Saturday, March 5  
Mostly Sunny  
45°/25°

Sunday, March 6  
Partly Cloudy  
47°/26°

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**Clarendon, Hedley ISDs reduce injuries**

Clarendon ISD and Hedley CISD, two of more than 472 participating schools, received awards for saving their district money on insurance.

Clarendon received the Diamond Award for saving the district \$28,230. Hedley CISD received the Platinum Award for saving the district \$10,453. Clarendon ISD, represented by Mr. Monty Hysinger, Superintendent, and Hedley CISD, represented by Mr. Bryan Hill, Superintendent, were recognized by the West Texas Educational Association for success in implementing safety programs designed to prevent employee injuries in the workplace. The workers' compensation program has assisted Texas Schools in avoiding over 15,542 employee injuries since 1991.

Plus, districts have saved over \$184 million dollars through lower cost to the schools.

"Our insurance programs were created to offer the safest working conditions and the lowest cost for Texas school districts, creating savings of tax dollars while providing safer work environments for employees," explained Mr. Wesley Slade, CEO of CAS. "Fourteen years of success for this program is proof of the district's and CAS' commitment to providing Texas Schools with the safest working environment for school employees and the lowest cost to the district."

At CAS, their number one priority is providing the safest possible workplace for district employees while keeping costs at a minimum.

**BSA Hospice to offer grief session in Pampa**

BSA Hospice will offer "Grief: What to Expect," a one hour informational session designed to help bereaved individuals understand the grief process.

Sessions are presented the second Wednesday of each month.

Meetings are held in the Hospice Facility located at 800 N. Sumner in Pampa from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The public is invited to attend at no charge.

For more information, call BSA Hospice (806) 665-6677.

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### March 3

CSP Meeting • Bairfield Activity Center • 10 a.m.

### March 4

Lady Dogs v. El Paso Community College • Lady Bulldog Field • 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.

### March 7

Lady Broncos v. Childress • Softball Field • 5 p.m.

### March 7 - 11

Clarendon ISD Spring Break

Clarendon College Spring Break

### March 8

Immunization Clinic • TDH Office • 9 a.m.

Lady Broncos v. Fritch • Softball Field • 5 p.m.

### March 10

Broncos v. Hartley • McClelland Field • 4 p.m.

### March 14 - 18

Hedley ISD Spring Break

### March 17

St. Patrick's Day

### March 19

Bulldogs v. Western Oklahoma double-header • Bulldog Field • 1 p.m.

### March 27

Easter

## Community Menus

March 7-11

Clarendon Schools  
Spring Break

### Hedley Schools

#### Breakfast

Mon: Biscuit with sausage gravy, butter and jelly, cereal, juice, milk  
Tues: Breakfast bar, toast and jelly, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk  
Wed: Pancake on a stick with syrup, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk  
Thur: Biscuit and gravy, sausage patties, butter and jelly, cereal, juice, milk

Fri: Peanut butter and toast, muffins, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk  
Lunch

Mon: Spaghetti and meat sauce or Mediterranean chicken, broccoli, salad, fruit, rolls, milk  
Tues: Cheeseburger helper or chicken and rice, corn, salad, fruit, rolls, milk

Wed: Tacos, pinto beans, Spanish rice, fruit, salad, chips and salsa, milk  
Thur: Pizza or chicken and rice, tossed salad, fruit Jell-O, bread stick, milk

Fri: Hamburger with cheese, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato, apple crisp, milk

Donley County Senior Citizens  
Mon: Smoked sausage, steamed cabbage, parsley potatoes, pickled beets, apple rings, cornbread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Tues: Chicken salad, potato soup, vegetable sticks, peaches, chocolate cake, crackers, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Wed: Mexican pile on, rice, pinto beans, tossed salad, vanilla pudding, chips, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Thur: Pork tenderloin, creamed potatoes and gravy, vegetable medley, pea salad, bread pudding, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Fri: Spaghetti and meat sauce, steamed broccoli, creamed corn, peach salad, pear crisp, garlic bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Hedley Senior Citizen  
Mon: Chicken strips, potato soup, steamed cabbage, cucumber and onion salad, baked apple, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee

Tues: Steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, pear halves, bread pudding, roll, milk, tea, coffee

Wed: Meatloaf, macaroni and tomatoes, English peas, tossed salad, peaches and bananas, roll, milk, tea, coffee

Thur: Chicken and dumplings, steamed broccoli, apple rings, cake, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee

Fri: Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, refried beans, tossed salad, apple, chips or crackers, milk, tea, coffee

## Everything used to be available in downtown Hedley

Editor's Note: Peggy Watt passed away last Friday. In her memory, we present to you one of her finer columns from March 30, 2000, about life in Hedley and her life in particular.

By now almost everyone I know has heard that I'm moving. After more than thirty years on the ranch, I've decided to move to the city. I've rented an apartment in downtown Hedley. There's just one small problem. How am I going to fit eight rooms of furniture and thirty years' accumulation of stuff in a one-bedroom apartment?

But it's downtown. The Post Office is just about twenty feet from my back door, the Methodist Church is half a block away, and the Senior Citizens Center is only a block away. I can walk everywhere in Hedley and not get lost.

I'm reminded of a song that was popular a few years ago. It was called "Downtown." I don't know who sang it, but I can remember some of the lyrics. It went something like this:

*When you are sad and life is making you lonely, you can always go... Downtown.*

We've had some sad times

during the more than thirty years we've lived on the ranch, but the happy, good times far outweighed the sad ones.

The last four years have been lonely ones for me, but I expect I'd have been lonely whether I was alone on the ranch or in the midst of the biggest crowd in any city in the world.

*Just listen to the music of the traffic in the city.*

The traffic has never been very congested in Hedley since I can remember. I can't recall a single traffic jam. Now the streets are mostly deserted by dark. The occasional car on the streets now is usually some person returning from a shopping trip or an older one returning home from a doctor's appointment, hurrying to get to their recliner.

*Linger on the sidewalks where the neon lights are pretty.*

I think the only neon light in Hedley is the small one that Bill Carson has hanging in the window of Moffitt Hardware and Feed Store. The Lodge Hall is lit only two nights a month, and Henry Stephens doesn't have one in his boot and shoe repair shop. There's none at the Post

Office nor the Justice of the Peace office.

The Senior Citizens has a party about once a month, but they're usually finished by 10:30. The Lions and Lioness Clubs meet once a month.

*Don't stand around and let your troubles surround you, there are movie shows... Downtown.*

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**watt's happening**  
by peggy watt  
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## Men steal show in CC's female 'Odd Couple'

I have to share the wonderfulness of the past weekend's play put on by the Clarendon College Theater Department. And I'm not just saying that because my kid was in it. It was truly an enjoyable, entertaining event. (But my kid was great, too.)

*The Odd Couple (Female Version)*, as presented by the college, was a fabulously funny evening (or afternoon, depending on which performance you attended) of entertainment.

The casting was perfect. There could never be a better Florence Unger than Stuart Womack, and I don't care if you go to Broadway to find one. She had the voice, the gestures, the facial expressions — the whole package. Amy Wilson as Olive Madison played fabulously against

Stuart's Florence.

Tennessee Brown made a wonderfully tall and authoritative Mickey the Cop, her innate niceness showing through like it should, and Chelsea Harada as the ditzzy Vera had the part nailed. Joenea Horn played the smart-alec Sylvia with sharp-voiced glee, and Scarlett Sperry was delightfully over the top as Renee, flailing around the stage as the Puratron sucked all the air from her lungs. Then there were the two Spanish gentlemen.

J.C. Blackburn and Robert Shelton came in at the eleventh hour to take over the roles of Jesus and Manolo Costazuela when Director Bill Huey couldn't find — or lost — the actors he originally had cast in the roles, and they did their best to steal the show. They didn't succeed

in taking over completely, but it wasn't for lack of trying. The bit with "the boys" popping up and down waiting for the ladies to sit and the one with Jesus scooting closer and closer to an uncomfortable Florence on the sofa had the audience in stitches. And that was before they got to all the jokes written into the dialogue.

If you missed it, you truly missed a whole lot of fun. And I'm not just saying that.

Quickly, before I forget to mention it, the Art Club is going to Tulia



**around town**  
by gail shelton  
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Next week is spring break at both the college and public schools. I'm going to try to remember to turn in a column before I leave town, but if I don't — well, I guess I'll see you the week after. Take care.

## Depression has no age limit

AMARILLO — Life is full of changes. But as a person ages, those changes may come more frequently and be harder to face, said an expert from Texas Cooperative Extension.

And that could lead to depression.

"Though there is no one cause for depression, a sense of loss may be the greatest cause," said Andrew Crocker, Extension program specialist in gerontology and health. "Loss is common in the older adult population: loss of independence, loss of friends and family, loss of income."

But this sense of loss isn't the only cause of depression, he said. Depression is also sometimes caused by chemical imbalances in the brain. Some cases of depression seem to have no explanation. Depression isn't all that uncommon either, especially among older people.

"Experts estimate that about 25 percent of adults over age 65 have one or more symptoms of depression," Crocker said.

Whatever the cause, Crocker said, and whatever the symptoms, "The thing to remember about depression is that it is mostly treatable with therapy, medications, or both."

The first step is admitting there is a problem, he said. "Only then will you or your loved one be able to seek the treatment needed." Treatments may include support group therapy — which may be available at low or no cost from local senior organizations — or one-on-one counseling. Medicare or personal health insurance may help cover the cost of these treatments.

"The best recommendation is to stay active: physically, mentally, and socially," Crocker said. "Remember not to stretch yourself too thin in the process. You will know when you have taken on too much."

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unique style of combining western mystery with Indian culture. Readers will find additional suspenseful writings from Tom Clancey, Mary Higgins Clark, Nora Roberts, Sidney Sheldon, Jonathan Kellerman, Anne River Siddons, and others too numerous to mention in one article.

Janette Oke's *When Calls the Heart*; Rosamune Pilcher's *The End of Summer*; Lori Wick's *Wings of the Morning*; and Jan Karon's *Out to Canaan* are only four of numerous available inspirational, as well as romantic writings. Romance writers Fern Michaels, Faith Baldwin, Karen Robards, and Judith Krantz, among others, are also represented in large print.

Erma Bombeck's wonderful humor is, once again, related in her *Family...The Ties That Bind... And Gag!*

Ladies, some of you won't want to miss humorist Judith Virost's amusing book of verse, *Suddenly Sixty and Other Shocks of Later Life*, in which she speaks directly with wit and charm to the sixty-ish woman.

You'll find her writing style delightful in this touching book as she offers "plenty of laughs, a few tears, and cover-to-cover truths."

**check it out**  
by mary beth nelson

*Barbara Bush Reflections: Life After The White House*, as well as Betty Boyd Caroli's *First Ladies*, provide interest and insight to the manner in which these well-known American ladies handled their political experiences.

A revised edition of Billy Graham's Christian classic, *Peace With God*, written over 30 years ago, is now written in large print.

*The Last Stand of the Tin Can Sailors* by James D. Hornfischer is quoted to be an "extraordinary World War II story of US Navy's Finest hour." It is "told from point of view of men who waged steel-shattering battle. It takes us into the heart and mind of an iron-willed, self-made

executive officer leading his men through two hellish days and nights amid oil, blood, sharks, and madness, and turned a crushing defeat into a momentous victory that would lead to the final surrender of America's ruthless imperial foe."

Most of the large print books are permanent in our library except for a group which rotates every three months through the Texas Panhandle Library System, and which are authored by many of the writers previously discussed. The current collection will remain in the library for two more months before they are replaced by new selections. You may want to examine them soon. Jerri and her staff will be glad to direct you to them. What wonderful literature... and so easy on the eyes! Why not check it out?

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Fred was usually at Mr. Wilson's when I ran across the street after the show. He would buy me a cherry Coke, and we'd sit at one of those little round tables and talk. Rather, I'd talk, and he'd listen.

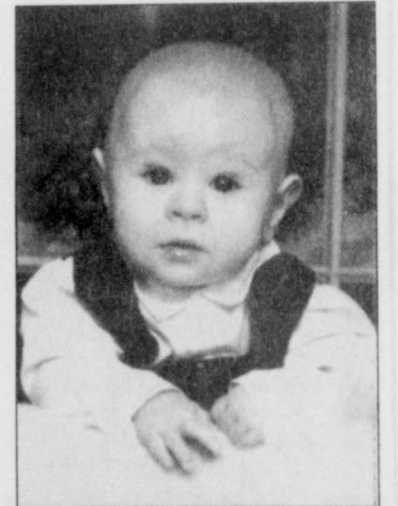
It wasn't until years later that I learned that he'd talked to my parents about those Saturday afternoon cherry Cokes.

All I knew then was that Fred was my friend. A quietly determined man who'd already been away to college and fought the war half way around the world, and a small, skinny, homely girl who'd never been, and would never go, far from Hedley.

The amazing thing was that he stayed my friend for almost fifty years. My best friend.

Downtown... everything is waiting for you downtown.

Well, we'll see.



Brock Riley Braddock

### New Arrival

Stephanie and Bradley Braddock of Amarillo announce the birth of their son, Brock Riley Braddock. He was born on June 10, 2004, and weighed 6 lb. and 11 oz and was 19 1/4 inches long.

Brock has a sister, Brianna Faith. His grandparents are Mary and Wayne Cole of Clarendon, Sharon and Jim Braddock of Pampa, and Sharon and Wayne Miller of Dalhart. Great grandparents are Betty Collins of Amarillo, Dorothy Sims of Clarendon, and Doris Arm of Childress. Great great grandmother is Bertha Andrews of Childress.

### Senior Citizens hire new cook

By Marlee Sharp

We welcome our new salad/dessert cook, Adenia Baird. She has experience as a cook, working for the school system in the past. She is the daughter of Doris Mills.

The winner of the mirror was Nell Gray.

Remember our game night is every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m., except for the last Tuesday of the week, which is Birthday/Anniversary night. If you like to play dominoes or cards, then you should come and join in on the fun. This is free of charge and open to the public.

Those with birthdays for the week of February 28 — March 6 are Joe Robinson, Charles Penix, Naomi Green, Onita Thomas, Mary Giesler, Doyle Littlefield, Dixie Howard, and Cennet Rhode.

Our get well wishes go to Mary Banister. We send our condolences to the families of J.D. Shanks and Peggy Watt.

Reminders:  
Tuesdays: Game Night, 6 p.m.  
M-W-F: Exercise Group, 9 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sunday: Inspirational Singing, 2 p.m.

### Williams on SFA list

James Williams of Clarendon has been named on the Dean's List for the 2004 fall semester at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Williams is a pre-physical therapy major and is the son of Roy and Barbara Williams of Clarendon.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must be enrolled in 12 or more semester hours and maintain a grade point of at least 3.0.



## Donley County 4-H to receive sewing machines

By MaryRuth Bishop

John and Annette Douthat love 4-H.

These generous Louisiana natives are quite familiar with the 4-H community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills as they have been donating sewing machines to Louisiana State University Cooperative Extension Service 4-H agents through their business, AllBrands.com, for 25 years. Each year, the winners of 4-H sewing contests and fashion revues at LSU receive sewing machines as their prizes, encouraging development of what John Douthat describes as "lifetime skills."

This year, however, the Douthat's benevolence went national.

The Douthats, owners of one of the leading Internet retailers of all brands of sewing machines, vacuums and appliances, contacted National 4-H Council with an offer to donate and distribute 750 serviced Brother sewing machines (valued at more than \$100,000) to 4-H programs across the country entirely free of charge.

"We like the fact that 4-H is committed to teaching lifetime skills, whether it is sewing or anything else, and that they give awards recognition on all levels - county, state, national - to the youngsters. We have never been involved on the national level. This is our way of showing the industry that they should support 4-H, which is doing a better job than any other organization in the country in

teaching kids to sew," John Douthat said.

John Douthat admires 4-H's impact on individual youth. "My wife and I have judged the casual garment contest, and the youth get very excited about their own creations. It gives them a personal identity of themselves and something different than they see on the street. We like that 4-H gives them that opportunity," he said.

John, a former Florida State FFA officer, drew his passion for 4-H from his wife, Annette, and cousin, Mary Ann Crawford both former Texas 4-H members. Mary has been involved in 4-H throughout her life; and, today, she teaches 4-Hers to sew in her home. Annette is a former 4-Her who was very involved in leadership

roles and sewing projects.

John Douthat said he has witnessed the positive effects of 4-H firsthand, and he believes the future of the sewing industry depends on 4-H. He said he hopes other suppliers will follow his lead. "[4-H is] into urban as well as rural areas, and we think that the future of the sewing industry depends on how good of a job 4-H agents and volunteers do in giving these youngsters successful experiences in sewing," he said.

Donley County 4-H will be receiving two of these sewing machines. The clothing project will begin on March 7. Interested youth can call the extension office at 874-2141 by Friday, March 4, to sign up for sewing workshops on March 7 and 8, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

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## Obituaries

### Watt

Funeral services for Peggy Joe Mullins Watt, age 67, were held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 27, 2005, in the First United Methodist Church in Hedley with Sharon Alexander of Memphis, officiating. Order of the Eastern Star rites will also be conducted. Cremation followed on Monday. Arrangements were under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mrs. Watt died Friday, February 25, 2005, in Amarillo. She was born September 26, 1937, in Donley County near Hedley. She lived in the Hedley area most of her life. She married Fred Akers Watt in July 1969 at Hedley.

She was a homemaker and had a degree in journalism. She had worked as a journalist and as a Certified Nurse Aide. Her weekly column about life in Hedley, "Watt's

Happening," was a longtime feature in THE CLARENDON PRESS and THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE.

She was a member of the Childress Order of the Eastern Star, the Clarendon Rebekah Lodge, and the Daughters of the Nile. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Hedley.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1996.

Survivors include two daughters, Su-San Couch and Lori Guerra, both of Memphis; four sons, Leon Couch, Keith Watt, and Guy Watt, all of Hedley, and Thunder Denton of Houston; two brothers, Leonard Mullins of Fritch and William Mullins of Springfield, Missouri; and ten grandchildren.

### Coots

Funeral services for Wanda Laverne Jennings Coots, age 73, were held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Febru-

ary 26, 2005, in Robertson Chapel of Memories in Clarendon with Chaplin Bob Thomas of Odyssey Hospice, officiating. Burial was held in Rowe Cemetery in Hedley under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mrs. Coots died Wednesday, February 23, 2005, in Amarillo. She was born in Windy Valley, Donley County, Texas, on November 1, 1931. She had lived in Hedley and Amarillo most of her life. She had worked as both a waitress and cook in several places in the area. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Hedley.

Survivors include two daughters, Sharon Alexander of Amarillo and Debbie Rutledge of Wichita Falls; one sister, Lois Watson of Amarillo; five grandchildren, Amber Miles, James Alexander, Tammy Baze, all of Amarillo; Tiffany Garcia of Wichita

Falls; and Clint Rutledge of Kileen; and five great grandchildren.

### Osburn

Lula Mae Osburn, age 101, died February 24, 2005. Services were held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 27, 2005, in Wade Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Brad Dancer officiating. Burial was held in Dawson Cemetery.

Mrs. Osburn was born December 28, 1903, in Navarro County, near Dawson, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Clyde Osburn.

Survivors include one daughter, Mary Ann Sawyer Craft; two grandsons, Dan and Ted Sawyer; four great grandchildren, Mjsti Watson and husband Cody, Clay Sawyer, Jamie Sawyer, and Kallie Sawyer; and five great grandchildren, all of Clarendon.

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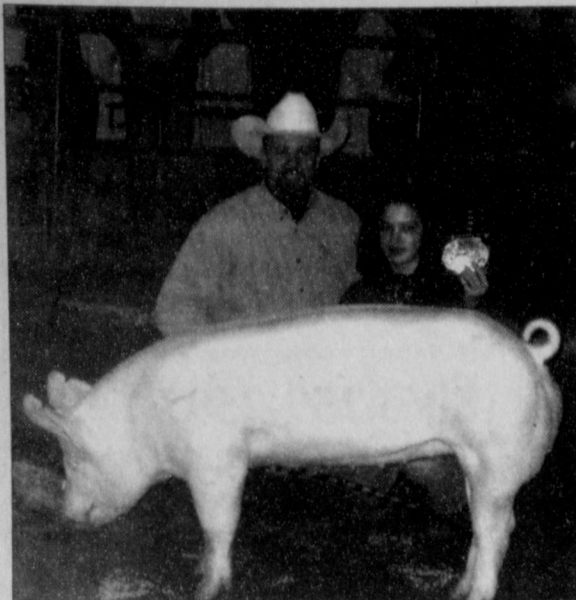
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**Thornberry has Reserve Grand**

Amber Thornberry (left picture) showed the Reserve Grand Champion York Pig during the Sunray Livestock Auction recently. Ashlyn Thornberry (right photo) had the Breed Champion Hampshire. The girls are the daughters of Drew and Lesa Thornberry of Sunray and the granddaughters of Don and Tookie Thornberry of Clarendon.

Courtesy Photo.

**4-H Spotlight**

By Ashlyn Tubbs  
This week's 4-H Spotlight is on 11-year-old Skyler Greer. Skyler has been in 4-H for two years and has participated in the Donley County Livestock Show, livestock judging, and photography.



"I like 4-H because I get to learn a lot about the community, and I like to do the activities," said Greer.

Skyler's hobbies and interests include playing sports and riding horses. His family activities include playing video games and riding horses with each other. In school, Skyler has participated in UIL, and right now he is playing Little Dribblers basketball.

The 4-H club members are glad that Skyler is in 4-H. We hope that he will continue to come to all of our meetings and participate in all of the 4-H projects that we have to offer.

Stay tuned next week for our next 4-H Spotlight!

**Process may delay approval of well permits**

With the adoption of the March 24, 2004, Rules, the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District broadened the scope of its well permitting and registration process.

The process was designed to further ensure the rights of water owners while allowing the District's 50/50 Rule to be met. With these new rules come a few more guidelines that need to be followed closely by landowners who have intent of drilling a new well. Please allow 7-10 business days before the drill date for District employees to verify your application, check well spacing and site, and declare the application administratively complete. They understand some circumstances require prompt drilling (replacement well), but majority of the time landowners can plan for future drilling, allowing the District ample time to complete the permitting process.

However, if you are planning to drill multiple wells 4" or larger, (which may produce 265 gallons per minute or more), in the same year within the landowner's contiguous acreage, you will need to complete a multiple well permit. This permit requires a minimum of 60 days from start to finish. The permitting process is longer due to the fact that a hearing must take place and all bordering landowners must be notified.

The following will help you to determine if you need to complete a permit or registration applications: well permit applications are required for wells to produce over 17.4 gallons per minute, domestic or livestock wells to be drilled on less than 10 acres, and all multiple wells to be drilled on a track of land; well

registration applications are required for wells to produce 17.4 gallons per minute or less on a tract of land 10 acres or larger and for monitoring and rig supply wells.

One final note, all new wells with 4" pumps or larger will require a meter at landowner's cost. Please check with the District for proper spacing of meter installation. You may purchase a meter from the District at a discounted cost, or you may purchase a meter from a commercial manufacturer that is approved by the District.

By following these rules, not only will you help expedite the permitting or registration process, but you will also be helping conserve water for your own use and for the use of future generations.

For more information, contact the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District at 806-883-2501.

**PPHM to hold invitational Western Art, Sale**

CANYON - From March 5 through April 3, 2005, the Friends of the Southwestern Art of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society and Museum will sponsor the sixth annual Panhandle-Plains Invitational Western Art Show and Sale.

This event provides the only museum-quality venue in northwest Texas for currently working artists who focus on the American West. The proceeds of the invitational benefit area residents by funding addition to the Museum's art collection and bringing the finest in historic "southern" western art to the region. Past invitatorials have funded the purchase of works of art by W. Herbert

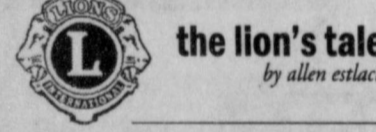
Dunton, Victor Higgins, Gina Knee, and Walter Mruk.

The PPHM has a history of exhibiting the work of Southwestern artists, beginning with the Coppini Academy of San Antonio's annual exhibitions in the 1950s through the Amarillo Rotary Club exhibitions in the early 1990s. Inviting gifted and sought-after artists to exhibit in the Panhandle-Plains Invitational complements the Museum's outstanding historic Southwestern art collection. Consequently, the invitational is curated like any other museum exhibition, and only the highest-quality work will be shown.

Some fifty artists from Texas,

New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, California, and Oklahoma have been invited to the exhibition. Among the exhibiting artists are Emilio Caballero, Barry Jones, Don Ray, Jack Sorenson, Amy Winton, Jim Ward, and Marilyn Yanke, from the Texas Panhandle area; and Gerald Balciar, Curtis Fort, Walt Gonske, Veryl Goodnight, Mimi Litschauer, Doug Scott, Greg Skol, Curt Walters, and Hollis Williford from outside the region.

A fixed-price sale will be held at the Museum on Saturday, March 5, 2005, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Foran Galleries. Objects will be for sale through April 3, 2005.



**the lion's tale**  
by allen estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting March 1, 2005, with Boss Lion Monty Hysinger in charge.

We had 20 members and one guest: Vice District Governor Lida Vars. Lion Vars said the district convention will be held April 23 and 24 in Dumas, and there will be an officers training program at WT on May 21 with Hedley native Aubrey Cherry giving the seminar. She also encouraged everyone to make plans to attend the international convention in New Orleans next year when Quitaque's Jimmy Ross will become president of Lions International.

The club presented Lion Vars with several sacks full of old eyeglasses that have been donated by the community. The glasses will be recycled and given to people in poor nations who could not otherwise afford them.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

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**Making The Grade**

**Hedley Honor Roll**

**"A" Honor Roll**  
First grade: Brooke Martin, Heath McCleskey, Brooklyn Montgomery, and Chase Sharp.  
Second grade: Kati Adams, Kortney Burton, Sheridan Hoyer, Maddie Verstuyft, and Wyatt Wheately.  
Third grade: Deborah Howard.  
Fourth grade: Austin Adams, Lydia Howard, Zach Sargent, and Sierra Wheately.  
Fifth grade: Kayla Elam and Lindsey McLaren.  
Sixth grade: Jenny Allen, Reid Copelin, and Miriam Garcia, Braden Montgomery, Jasie Sargent, and Kaylee Shields.  
Seventh grade: Kallee Burton and Marlee Sargent.  
Eighth grade: Skyler Conatser.  
Ninth grade: Kristin Dwight.

**"AB" Honor Roll**  
First grade: Clay King, Claiton Moore, and Trent Moore.  
Second grade: Kristin LaFavers and Grayson Morris.  
Third grade: Denver Chambliss, Maggie Collins, Kyle Lindsey, Kristen Limer, Jacob Owens, and Bailey Wood.  
Fourth grade: Caden Farris, Kent LaFavers, Laci Like, Jamie Lollar, Kari Maldonado, Alex Mejia, and Brady Montgomery.  
Fifth grade: Joey Allen, Kassidy Burton, Willie Lewis, and Jacob Ramirez.  
Sixth grade: Brandon Benton, Tamra Burnam, Timber Burnam, Mathew Grueter, Laura Howard, Katerina Johnson, Monica Miller, Ami Tribbie,  
Tenth grade: Ruth Howard.  
Eleventh grade: Holly Davis and Julie Funderburg.  
Twelfth grade: Eric Alston, Stephen Howard, and Will Waldendorff.

Kallee Verstuyft, and Alex Warminski.  
Seventh grade: Danny Garcia, Haley Hall, Alex Sharp, and Morgan Wheatly.  
Eighth grade: Peter Howard, Shandy Koetting, and Kately Shields.  
Ninth grade: Kimberly Jackson and Danielle Smith.  
Tenth grade: Brayden Bennett, Jaci Copelin, Betty Cruz, Katie Gregory, Justin Kellas, and Seth Koetting.  
Eleventh grade: Derek Evans, Catherine Gahan, Megan Hall, Kayla Klingler, and Ben Shaw.  
Twelfth grade: Sarah Bozin, Roper Copelin, Emily Edmondson, Courtney Ellerbrook, Mathew Glover, Allison Hill, and Cole Liewellyn.

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**Drugs in the News**

**Clot-Disolving Drug Effective Several Hours After Stroke**

Researchers have discovered a substance in the saliva of bats that dissolves blood clots. The experimental substance is DSPA (desmoteplase), a compound that has the same action as existing drugs, streptokinase and tissue plasminogen activator (alteplase). These drugs are referred to medically as thrombolytics (drugs that break down clots). Extensive study has focused on their ability to dissolve clots in the brain and restore neurological functioning in persons who have suffered a stroke.

Only alteplase is currently approved in the US for use within three hours of a stroke. The good news about DSPA is that researchers have discovered it can restore blood flow to the brain as long as nine hours later. Over half of those receiving high-dose DSPA had restored blood flow from three to nine hours after a stroke. More time equals better results. Ongoing studies in Europe, Asia, and Australia are evaluating DSPA further.

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# Lady Dogs defeat Odessa in final minutes

By Sandy Anderberg

The CC Lady Bulldogs are in a fight to maintain their position in the WJCAC. They gained a big win over Odessa Junior College, but lost a little ground when they took on South Plains College at home February 24. Clarendon defeated Odessa College on the road February 21 as they made a last half surge to earn the 56-54 win. According to Coach Rusty Kennedy, the Lady Bulldogs battled back from a 29-22 deficit.

Lauren Hill, a Hedley high school four-year starter and Lady Bulldog standout, hit four straight three-pointers to turn a seven-point

Odessa lead into a three-point advantage for the CC women.

The scoring turnaround occurred with five minutes left in the game, and the Lady Bulldogs went on to get the win.

Scoring: Lauren Hill 17, Meghan Hyde 13, Camille Thompson 11, Chelo McElrath 11, Whitney Warrior 3, Sedra Watkins 1.

Later in the week, CC went up against South Plains who is the number two-ranked team in the nation and was defeated 54-63 despite playing hard and coming back from a huge deficit.

"We were down by 22 points at

the half," Kennedy said. "We posted a 24-6 run on them to start the second half to make a game of it."

Scoring: Hill 18, Hyde 13, McElrath 6, Watkins 6, Alisha Sladek 5, Thompson 2, Kristin King 2, and Stephanie Sanders 2.

The 19-9 Lady Bulldogs will host Frank Phillips College March 3 at 5:50 p.m.

According to the coaches, this is a huge game for both the Bulldogs and the Lady Bulldogs.

"This is a big game for both the guys and the girls," Bulldog Coach Tony Starnes said. "It is crucial that we win to secure a spot at the confer-

ence tournament.

"We cannot stress enough how important it is for everyone to come out Thursday night and cheer on both teams."

Starnes went on to say how appreciative the Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs are of their fan support this season.

"The men are 6-0 at home, and we would like to make it 7-0," Starnes said. "Come out and help us get a big win over Frank Phillips."

The Bulldogs' game will follow the Lady Bulldogs at 8:00 p.m. The Region 5 Tournament will be held March 10-13 in Lubbock.

# Owls beat Happy for bi-district crown

By Will Verstuyft

The Hedley Owls traveled up to Canyon to play at the West Texas A&M Event Center against the Happy Cowboys for the Bi-District game.

The Owls got out to an early start and took the lead from the Happy Cowboys, 21-19. The Owls would continue to play hard, but the Cowboys outscored them by 1. The score at the half was 31-30.

The Owls were determined to keep playing hard, but once again the Owls failed to outscore the Cowboys. At the end of the third the Owls were down by 1. In the fourth the Cowboys tried to stall the ball to win, but the Owls didn't see it that way. The

Owls managed to steal the ball a few times to take the lead back; and after a few foul shoots, the Owls managed to go up by 3. The Owls kept the Cowboys from scoring and would end up on top to win the Bi-District game 49-46.

It was the Owls' first playoff victory in 25 years.

Scoring for the Hedley Owls were: Will Wallendorf 18, Eric Alston 15, Wes Shields 8, Cole Llewellyn 4, Stephen Howard 3, and Matthew Glover 1.

The Hedley Owls played their last game of the season last Thursday night against the Ft. Elliot Cougars in the Area Playoff game.

The Owls jumped on the Cou-

gars to go up 4-0, but by the end of the first, the Cougars made a run of their own to take the lead 4-14. The Owls in the second quarter outscored the Cougars, but it wasn't enough to take the lead. The Halftime score was 17-26.

In the Third the Owls tried to get things started, but they were outscored by 5. The Owls attempted to make a comeback in the fourth, but they only managed to outscore them by 8. The Owls lost their final game 54-62.

Scoring for Hedley were: Eric Alston 14, Will Wallendorf 13, Cole Llewellyn 10, Wes Shields 8, Matthew Glover 4, Will Verstuyft 3, and Stephen Howard 2.

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# Wrangler State Rodeo Finals set for Gonzales area

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The finals will be held May 12-15. The top three contestants in each event will advance to the National Finals that will be held in Gallup, New Mexico, July 5-9. At the Nationals there will be \$50,000 worth of scholarships given out.

If this year's State Finals is a success, the Texas High School Rodeo Association will adopt this division into their general membership next year. This rodeo is available to any 6th-8th grade child in the state of Texas.

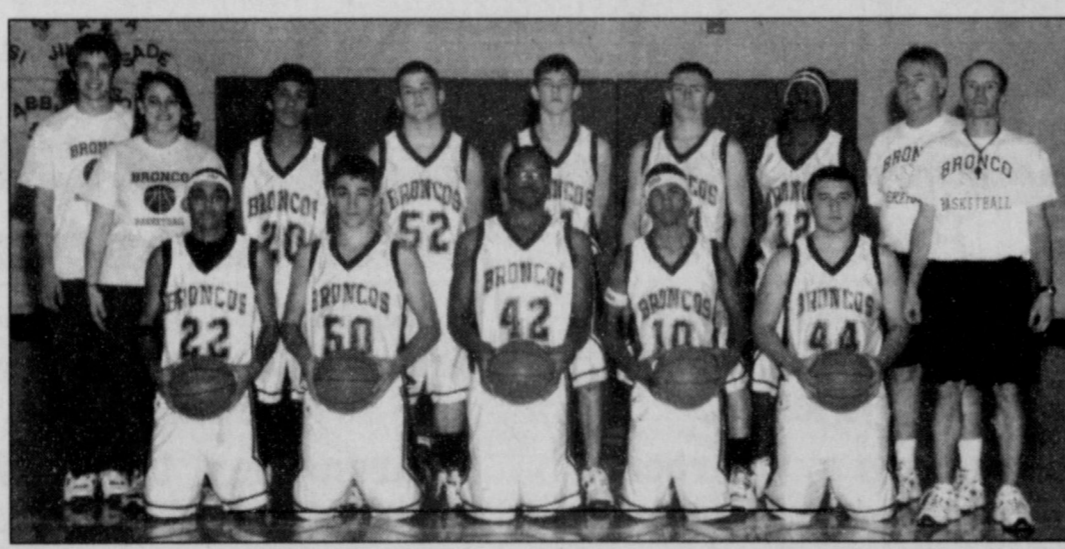
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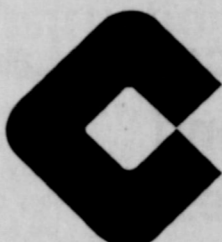
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## Broncos fall to Gruver, lose area crown

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos' 51-49 season-ending game with Gruver was a bad news/good news scenario for the young team. Bad in the fact that the Broncos' dream of a state appearance was shattered, but good as their hope for next year is bright, and the team is very optimistic they will be back better than ever.

The Bi-District game against the number 14th ranked 1A team in the state was a battle from the opening tip-off. Many lead changes occurred throughout with the Broncos holding the one-point advantage at the break.

After ending the third period at 33 all, the Greyhounds took advantage of the numerous free throws they were allowed to shoot and gained back a slight lead with just seconds

left on the clock. The Broncos then put it through the hoop to take the game to a tie once again. Gruver owned the ball with 2.1 seconds on the clock and put it in for two points to get the win.

Despite the loss, it was a winning season for the Broncos who finished as District Champions.

"We came out and accomplished many of the things we wanted to, especially on the defensive end," Coach Wade Callaway said. "Gruver is a tremendous perimeter team, and we held them to 1 for 13 from the 3-point line. Unfortunately, we had some open looks and went 0 for 10 from behind the arc.

"On the positive side, we only committed 12 turnovers, which was a season low. We were ready,

and our kids gave their absolute best. Clarendon should be proud of their effort and attitude. It was a great game with 10 ties and 10 lead changes, but we just came up short to a very good team."

Callaway was complimentary about the enthusiasm of the great crowd that followed the Broncos.

"I want to thank all of the fans who showed up," Callaway said. "I would like to say thanks to our two seniors, Grady Swearingen and Jesse Gowdy. I am very proud of their attitude and maturity throughout the season in spite of facing quite a bit of adversity.

"The way they handled this season and the challenges it presented to them will serve them well in the future. Our future is bright;

however, we have to be able to get in the gym and shoot and have the dedication to get in there and improve our individual games if we want to seriously talk about Austin next year.

"I believe the sting of this game will be motivation enough to get that done. It was a great season, and I was proud to be along for the ride."

Scoring: Ben Smith 13, Steven Ballard 9, Chase Thornberry 7, Ladez Captain 7, Will Betts 6, Quentin West 4, and Michael Randall 3.

It was a great season for the 2004-2005 Broncos, one that was very successful in many ways. Sometimes success cannot be measured by a score or a record, but by how big the heart is, and if that is the case, then the Broncos had a very successful year.

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## Lady Broncos finish second in HP contest

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Bronco track team is off to a great start with a second place showing out of 14 teams at the Mean Sting Relays at Highland Park in Amarillo Saturday, February 26. The Lady Broncos competed against mostly 2A and 3A schools at the meet.

The 400-meter and 800-meter relays both finished well with a second and fourth place finish respectively. The foursome of Shelby Watson, Kaitlyn Howard, Regan Lemley, and Haley Shelton's time was 54.2 in the sprint relay and 2:00 in the 800 relay.

Individually, Jessica Hernandez ran a 14:21 in the 3200-meter run and placed 8th, and Haley Carter ran a 7:24 in the 1600-meter run. Erin Holland finished with a time of 21.25 in the 100-meter hurdles and ran the 300-meter hurdles in a time of 64.1. Kaitlyn Howard also ran the 300-meter hurdles and placed third with a time of 54.5. Haley Shelton won the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.73. Zan Burks ran a 14.62, and Jill Cornell finished at 15.20.

The winner of the 400-meter dash was Shelby Watson with a time of 64.1, and Jessie Howard placed fifth with a time of 71.2. Samantha Myatt also participated in the 400-meter dash. Regan Lemley ran a time of 28.7 in the 200-meter dash, Burks finished with a 31.1, and Cornell turned in a 32.0. Shelton's jump of 15'7" was good enough to take the top spot in the long jump, and Destiny Weatheron was not far behind with a 15'5", which was good enough for third place. Cornell's best jump was 13'4". Shelton covered a distance of 33'2" in the triple jump and grabbed the third spot while Weatheron finished fourth with a leap of 33'. Lemley's best was 28'7". Katie Askev had a throw of 29'4" in the shot put, and Kasandra Ballard and Chrystal Smith were participants.

The Broncos sent only a few contenders, and they finished in the 10th spot. Brad Sell captured the top spot in the pole vault with a height of 11'. Jeremy Utsey ran second in the 200-meter with a time of 24.60.

The Broncos and Lady Broncos will participate in the Borger track meet March 6.

## Thornberry named All-District MVP

In a season that reflected his ability and leadership, junior Bronco Chase Thornberry was named the Most Valuable Player of District 2-1A. The MVP selection was voted on by coaches in the district.

Joining Thornberry to the All-District team is fellow junior Michael Randall and sophomores Steven Ballard and Ben Smith. Claude's selections were juniors Ben Cook and Cash Crowell. Memphis added sophomore Timmell McFalls, and Quannah named senior P.J. Jackson and junior Justin Wilson. Named to the team from Wellington were seniors Taylor Allred, Rob Ingram, and Scott Sims.

Two Lady Broncos were named to the All-District team on the ladies' side. Seniors Shanna Shelton and Destiny Weatheron were selected to the team, and junior Haley Shelton received an honorable mention.

## Lady Broncos win maiden game on new field

By Sandy Anderberg

It is a brand new year for the Lady Bronco softball team, and they not only have a new coach at the helm, but they also have a new playing field as well.

Coach Gary Jack is the signal caller for the 2005 Lady Broncos, and his debut as head coach reaped a big win over 3A River Road at home, posting a final score of 9-8.

Clarendon got on the board first, but they allowed the Lady Cats a big scoring second inning. The Lady Broncos answered back in the third to tie the game at four all. The Lady Broncos pecked away at their opponent and finished with a big run in the seventh to take the win.

Haley Shelton was on the mound, and Kaitlyn Howard held the duties behind the plate. Destiny Weatheron knocked in a big double, and freshman Erin Holland went deep with a triple to aide the Lady Broncos in their one-point win.

"Overall this was a very good first game," Jack said. "We did what we had to do to win. With very little practice, I think we did a good job of staying focused during the game."

Jack cited several Lady Broncos that did a great job in the game.

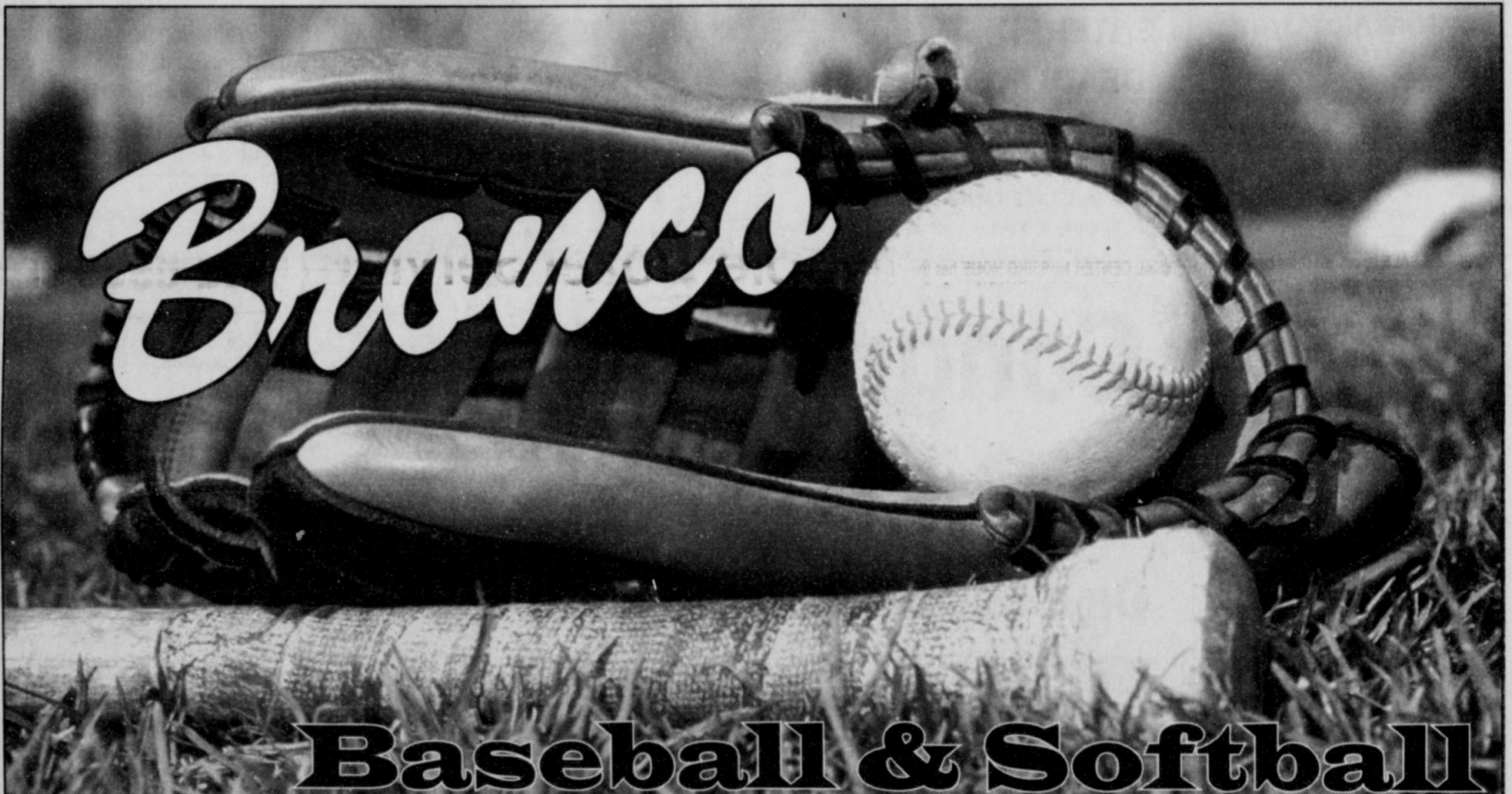
"Defensively, Howard did a very good job catching, and Kristin White had a very good game at third base. Haley Shelton pitched well for a first game, and Sarah Depew

made a nice hustling play from the outfield. Shanna Shelton had a solid game at first base; and offensively, Howard, White, and Holland hit the ball well."

Jack also noted that it was Holland's big hit in the seventh inning that drove in the winning run.

"This group is going to get better each week," Jack said. "I would like to thank all those who helped build the new softball field. Stan Shelton, Randy White, Mark White, Bud White, Ken Shelton, Ty Jack, Kelly Hill, and Eddy Eads. Thanks for all your help and time."

The girls go to Fritch March 4 and host Childress and Fritch March 7 and 8. Games start at 4 p.m.



# Baseball & Softball

Broncos		
4	Tyler Lewis	Sr
5	Grady Swearingen	Sr
6	Trevor Leeper	Fr
7	Michael Bruce	Jr
8	Scottie Willis	Sr
10	Austin Howard	Fr
11	Kaleb Shadle	Fr
12	Dalton Askew	Fr
14	Jon McGlaun	Fr
15	Quentin West	Jr
17	LaDez Captain	So
19	Will Betts	Jr
20	Morgan Robinson	Jr
21	Stephen Ford	Jr
22	Jesse Gowdy	Sr
23	Tim Sanchez	Sr
25	Clint Watson	So
45	Chase Thornberry	Jr
48	Keifer Burton	Fr
50	Wes Christopher	So
65	Cody Scrivner	Jr
99	Will Drackley	Jr
Coach: Brad Elam		
Managers: Vanna Holton, Anndria Kidd		

**Broncos**  
Clarendon v. Boys Ranch  
Friday, March 4, at 4:00 p.m.  
at Boys Ranch

Clarendon v. Caprock  
Saturday, March 5, at 1:00 p.m.  
Double Header at Caprock  
Clarendon v. Paducah JV  
Monday, March 7, at 4:00 p.m.  
in Paducah

Clarendon v. Lockney  
Tuesday, March 8, at 5:00 p.m.  
in Lockney

**Lady Broncos**  
Clarendon v. Fritch  
Friday, March 4, at 5:00 p.m.  
in Fritch

Clarendon v. Childress  
Monday, March 7, at 5:00 p.m.  
in Clarendon

Clarendon v. Fritch  
Tuesday, March 8, at 5:00 p.m.  
in Clarendon

Lady Broncos		
2	Destiny Weatheron	Sr
3	Kaitlyn Howard	Jr
4	Laura Dziedzic	Sr
5	Abby Patten	Fr
6	Erica Depew	So
7	Amina Abdullah	Sr
8	Sarah Depew	Sr
10	Uthala Abdullah	Sr
11	Haley Shelton	Jr
12	Jessie Howard	So
14	Kristin White	Jr
15	Jill Cornell	Fr
16	Sarah Scrivner	So
17	Shanna Shelton	Sr
18	Erin Holland	Fr
19	Sade Faas	Fr
20	Jamie Simmons	Sr
21	Amanda Mendez	Fr
23	Holly Cornell	Jr
Head Coach: Gary Jack		
Assistant Coach: Kasey Bell		
Manager: Caitlan Hall and Shelby Watson		

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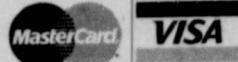
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Linda Crump - W.M. Crystal Crump - Secretary

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### Sheriff's Report:

# Accidents, drug users keep officers busy

**Feb. 21**  
7:24 a.m. - Disabled vehicle on US 287 at Ashtola.  
7:47 a.m. - Transporting driver to get fuel.  
2:41 p.m. - Accident on US 287 at S. Koogle.  
5:51 p.m. - Rural fire on CR 18 and FM 1260 S.  
9:15 p.m. - Disabled vehicle on US 287, east of city limits.  
9:38 p.m. - Semi burning on US 287 at Goodnight.

**Feb. 22**  
12:04 a.m. - Disturbance in the 400 block of Wood - barking dog.

**Feb. 23**  
2:36 a.m. - Welfare check in the 900 block of E. 3rd St.  
12:01 p.m. - See complainant on S. Bugbee.  
4:09 p.m. - See resident in the 600 block of W. 4th.  
11:11 p.m. - See complainant in the 300 block of E. 6th, terrorist threat.

**Feb. 24**  
1:19 p.m. - Minor accident in the 400 block of S. Kearney.  
1:39 p.m. - Out at Annex.  
3:50 p.m. - Stand by - retrieve property in the 200 block of S. McClelland.  
10:05 p.m. - Out at Clarendon College.

**Feb. 25**  
12:56 a.m. - Deliver message to local resident in the 500 block of S. Goodnight.  
12:15 p.m. - Single vehicle rollover on US 287, one mile W. of Ashtola.  
5:43 p.m. - Serving legal papers to Clarendon resident.  
8:59 p.m. - At college dorms.  
9:14 p.m. - Serving legal papers on S. SH 70.  
9:39 p.m. - To jail with one male in custody for possession of marijuana less than 2 oz/possession of drug paraphernalia.

10:27 p.m. - Suspicious activity at Howardwick City Park and City Hall area.

**Feb. 26**  
8:36 a.m. - Assisting DPS with vehicle search on US 287 at Lelia Lake.  
8:34 p.m. - Suspicious activity in the 200 block of S. Bugbee.

**Feb. 27**  
7:21 a.m. - Assisting EMS in the 300 block of S. Taylor.  
10:56 a.m. - To jail with one male in custody. Out of county warrant.  
5:14 p.m. - See complainant in the 1100 block of E. 3rd.  
7:35 p.m. - See complainant on E. 4th St. 9:08 p.m. - Out at 4th and Hawley.

**Summary**  
Arrests - 4  
Fire - 5 EMS - 7

## Nation's beef inventory rising; prices to remain steady

COLLEGE STATION - An increase in the nation's cattle inventory has signaled a rebuilding phase among beef herds, according to a Texas Cooperative Extension livestock economist.

"Beef cows are up one percent nationwide," said Dr. David Anderson, Extension economist for livestock and food products marketing. "The highlight is that we've ended the last cycle, and we've started a new cycle - a rebuilding phase."

The nation's beef cattle inventory is at 33.06 million head, according to recent data released by the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Heifers, young female cattle, are also being held back from slaughter and retained in herds.

Texas replacement heifers were up 70,000 head, which accounted for one-third of the nation's increase in total replacement heifers, he said. Fed cattle prices will remain in the \$80 per hundredweight through the summer, Anderson said. Prices are then expected to dip seasonally into the upper \$70s. Feeder cattle averages will be "in the high \$90s for the year."

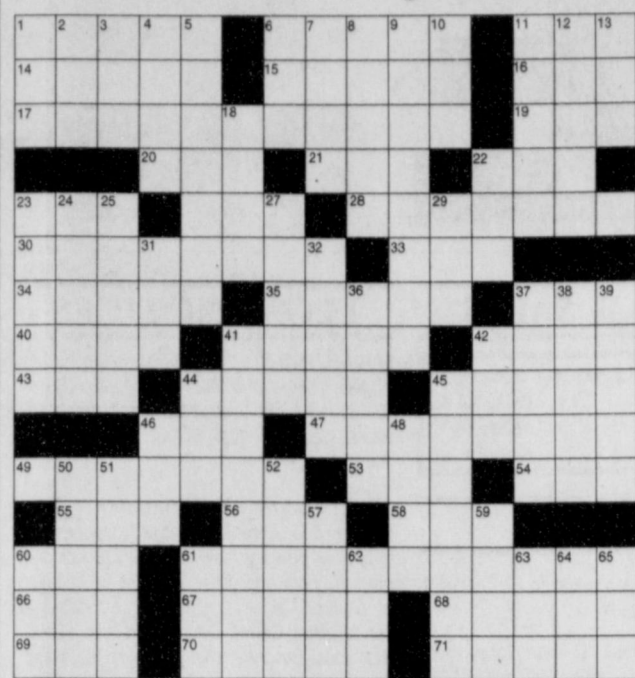
Cow-calf producers can also expect continued high prices.

"Calf prices for 500-pound to 600-pound calves will average \$110 to \$115 per hundredweight for the year," Anderson said.

High beef prices result in higher prices at retail markets. That has likely caused consumers to mix their buying choices at supermarket outlets.

"Consumers will switch to different things. If pork or poultry looks better, they will do it simply based on price," Anderson said. "But that acts to keep a lid on beef prices at the grocery store."

## Big E Crossword Puzzle



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Heroism
  - 6. Shade
  - 11. Flavor enhancer
  - 14. A representation of a person
  - 15. Charges
  - 16. Environmental Protection Agency
  - 17. Kowtow
  - 19. Rio, Texas
  - 20. Lilly, drug company
  - 21. Australian flightless bird
  - 22. Former OSS
  - 23. Stores data
  - 26. Railways
  - 28. Undergo training or instruction
  - 30. Disinclined to talk
  - 33. Large African antelope
  - 34. Terminate
  - 35. Fortified
  - 37. Some
  - 40. Type of fur
  - 41. Informal terms for money
  - 42. A slight indication
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. By way of
  - 2. Current unit
  - 3. Drink
  - 4. A way to look
  - 5. Choose again
  - 6. Flying saucer
  - 7. 1760 yards
  - 8. Elderly pompous reactionary
  - 9. Swelled again
  - 10. Residue
  - 11. Disseminates widely to the public
  - 12. Weapon
  - 13. Girl
  - 18. Stack
  - 22. Central processing unit
  - 23. Jams
  - 24. An accounting entry
  - 25. Rocklike
  - 27. Trap
  - 29. The late parts of a temporal sequence
  - 31. Gall
  - 32. Ligneous plants
  - 36. Molten rock in the earth's crust
  - 37. Purgatives
  - 38. Suckle
  - 39. Gossip
  - 41. Robbers
  - 42. Time zone
  - 44. Quid pro quo
  - 45. Creators
  - 46. U.S. Pres.
  - 48. Negative
  - 50. Classical music for the stage
  - 51. Garrulous
  - 52. Isaac's mother (Bib.)
  - 57. Walking with your feet in water
  - 59. A distinctive feature
  - 60. Talk
  - 61. Monetary unit of Spain
  - 62. Comfortable and secluded
  - 63. Type of input
  - 64. Hole in one
  - 65. Leave

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<b>SHURFINE Biscuits</b> \$1	<b>SHURFINE Cream Cheese</b> \$1	<b>SAUSAGE</b> \$1.99	<b>SHURFINE PEARS</b> 99¢
<b>SHURFINE Biscuits</b> \$1	<b>SHURFINE Butter</b> \$1	<b>SAUSAGE</b> \$1.99	<b>SHURFINE PEARS</b> 99¢
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