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City stops hospital's ambulance service plan

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen stopped a plan to dissolve the Associated Ambulance Authority Tuesday night.

The plan would have placed the ambulance service under the sole direction of the Donley County Hospital District and would have fitted into the district's hopes to concentrate all the medical services in the county on the property adjacent to the Medical Center.

The Ambulance Authority now operates as a division of the hospital district and is made up of Donley County, the City of Clarendon, and the district, each of which contributes \$15,600 annually to the Authority.

But under a "Memo of Understanding" passed by the hospital board on February 16, the district would have assumed direction of the Authority immediately, and the Ambulance Board would have been dissolved on June 30, 1999. At that time the city and county would no longer have made annual contribu-

tions to the service.

Members of the hospital board said their goals were to streamline operations of the ambulance service, mediate personnel disputes, and to get the service's third ambulance up and running. (One ambulance was shut down due to a lack of volunteers to run it.)

On Monday, the commissioners' court took up the Memo issue. Court members questioned what would happen to the Authority's assets and what better service the hospital district expected to provide.

Speaking for the district, Hospital Administrator Alan Graham said that under the existing contract between the three entities, the assets are already the property of the hospital district. But ultimately the assets are now and would still be the property of the people of Donley County, he said.

As to improved services, Graham said assisting with administrative problems would

free up the service's professionals to concentrate on saving lives and that getting the third ambulance back online is desperately needed.

Asked how the district could afford to pay for the service without the help of the city and county, Graham pointed out that the Authority runs at a profit with about \$64,000 in a cash management account. He echoed the hospital board's belief that the district could absorb the costs of the Authority due to the bonds being paid off on the Medical Center and a boost in tax revenues from an expected increase in property valuations.

Commissioner Bob Trout asked what would keep the district from selling the service as a recent board tried to sell the Medical Center. Hospital board chairman J.D. Shanks responded that the citizens spoke loud and clear at the ballot box that they did not want the facility sold and that future boards would do well to keep that in mind. He also indi-

cated that the same laws which made it difficult to sell the Medical Center would also make it difficult to sell the ambulance service.

Commissioner Andy Wheatly agreed with the hospital board's plan for ambulance service. He pointed out that if all the entities are involved, then why isn't the City of Hedley also contributing to the service?

"The hospital district represents the whole county better than the three entities," Wheatly said. "It would be better to have [the ambulance service] all in one place and be answerable to the whole county."

Commissioner Randy White commented that he wanted to hear from citizens on the matter, and Trout said that many of his constituents are against any changes. Ultimately the court unanimously tabled the matter until their next meeting on March 8.

On Tuesday night however, the city struck down the idea.

Mayor Tex Selvidge seemed to speak for the board saying, "I'm personally against it [the Memo]. I see no reason for us not to continue under the existing contract until it expires."

Graham countered that there was no down side to the idea and that the citizens of the county would still own the service.

"Change is not a bad thing," Graham told the mayor. "Let's look to the future."

But the Board of Aldermen approved a motion by Mac Stavenhagen, seconded by James Owens, to decline acceptance of the Memo. Alderman Billy Jack Land voted with Stavenhagen and Owens. The board's other members - John Tom Morrow and James Kuhn - were absent.

After Tuesday's meeting, Shanks said he did not know what action the hospital district would take in light of the aldermen's vote and that the board would have to discuss it later.

New city sewer facility in service

The City of Clarendon brought online last week a new sewer plant that should fulfill the city's needs for a long time to come.

Heavy rainfall in April 1997 inundated the city's old facility located in a playa lake north of town. The damage was extensive, and the need to replace the aging facility was enhanced.

The city obtained a grant to build a new facility. The cost of the plant itself was \$300,980.

The new sewer plant is a system of five lagoons, which uses natural processes to treat the city's wastewater.

Solids collect in a deep pit in the west end of the first lagoon where the lack of oxygen encourages the growth of microorganisms that consume the wastes.

The remainder of the waste water gradually fills up and flows from one lagoon to another where wind and sunlight oxidize and purify the water. The inlets to each lagoon is below the water level, thus reducing any unpleasant odors.

Che Shadle with OJD Engineering, the firm that designed the facility, says the new sewer treatment plant should last for about 50 years. After that time, Shadle says the pit that collects the solids should simply need to be cleaned out.



During an inspection by members of the Board of Aldermen, Che Shadle explained the workings of Clarendon's new sewer treatment facility. Shown here are Alderman James Owens, Mayor Tex Selvidge, engineer Che Shadle, and Alderman Billy Jack Land.

The contractor is still putting finishing touches on the sewer plant, and the city will be seeding grass on the banks of the lagoons to keep them from eroding.

According to Mayor Tex Selvidge, part of the \$388,770 grant also went to clean out and repair the main drainage ditch through town.

In conjunction with these improvements, the city also cleaned up and stabilized flood structures southwest of town. Those structures protect the city from the flooding that plagued the town in its early history.

Lady Broncos win Bi-District honors

The Clarendon Lady Broncos played their bi-district game on Tuesday, February 16, in Pampa against a good Spearman Lynxette team. Spearman was the third place team in district 5-2A.

The Lady Broncos, who had made the first round playoffs the last three years, were looking for their first bi-district win since the early 1970s. The young Clarendon team showed that they had come prepared early in the ballgame.

The Lady Broncos got off to a good offensive start. Senior Kim Alexander hit the opening points for Clarendon. Sophomore Courtney Newhouse hit a big three-point shot early in the game to help spark the Lady Broncos. Clarendon's pressure defense gave the Lynxettes trouble from the start of the game and helped the Lady Broncos to a 14-9 first quarter lead.

Spearman kept battling in the second quarter and made four of six free throws. The Lady Broncos continued to play pressure basketball and went into halftime with a 24-20 lead.

Both teams slowed down offensively in the third quarter as their defensive efforts tightened up. Clarendon's Alexander and sophomore Geri Butler put in four points a piece in the third. Spearman answered with eight points of their own and were still down by four with the final eight minutes to play.

The fourth quarter was a shoot out that was decided at the free throw line. The Lady Broncos were paced by freshman Kelley Lemley who scored 13 of her 15 points in the final quarter by driving the baseline, putting in a huge three

point shot, and making two free throws. Geri Butler hit six of eight crucial free throws as well as putting in two from the floor in the final minutes. Freshman April Bryley put in a three-point shot and made her two free shots, while Kim Alexander put in three of four from the charity stripe.

The Lynxettes went 10 for 10 from the free throw line in the final minutes and scored a total of 26 points to Clarendon's 31 in the final quarter. Spearman's effort was a good one, but not enough as the Lady Broncos were crowned bi-district champions with a 63-54 victory.

"It was a well played game by both teams. Spearman's record was not too impressive, but they can play some good sound basketball. And we had to play four quarters to beat them. Spearman played Canadian, who were the 5-2A champions, just a couple of weeks ago on Canadian's home court down to the wire. So I'm very proud of our team for jumping out to a good start, battling through the second and third quarters, then turning it up a notch in the fourth quarter to put it away," said Head Coach Steve Schmidt.

"We had a lot of good individual efforts which equaled up to one outstanding team effort. Everybody performed their particular role very well. The shooters, the rebounders, the ball handlers, the defenders, the hustlers... When the kids understand the game plan and everyone excels in their roll, we are a pretty good team. And that's what took place on Tuesday night," said

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Harned Sisters Auditorium gets new light system

Clarendon College Harned Sisters Auditorium is in the spotlight - literally. The facility is currently undergoing much needed improvements to its light system.

Fine Arts chairperson, Jim Stewart is excited about the increased capabilities the new system will provide the auditorium.

"We will be capable of practically doing any production the stage will handle," Stewart said. "This is the best lighting equipment you can buy."

The new equipment is coming from ETC, the same company that has equipped some of the most well known production halls including Carengie Hall.

According to Stewart, the lighting system in the auditorium is undergoing a complete overhaul with all new equipment.

"The old lighting system was an eye-sore," said Stewart. "But every old wire, conduit, and plug are gone."

Renovations on the lighting system will be completed by March 1. Just in time for the Clarendon College theatre production *Bus Stop*, scheduled for March 4, 5, and 6.

Bus Stop will show nightly at 7:30. Tickets may be purchased at the door at \$5 for adults and \$3 for children age 12 and under. You may also reserve tickets by calling the Clarendon College box office at 874-9664.

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Local Weather Report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec
Mon	15	71°	33°	-
Tues	16	74°	35°	-
Wed	17	60°	33°	-
Thurs	18	69°	34°	-
Fri	19	59°	25°	-
Sat	20	59°	33°	-
Sun	21	60°	23°	-

Total Precipitation For Month 0.02"
 Total Precipitation For Year 1.97"

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION AWARD WINNER 1998

Coaches name Lady Broncos to All-District

The 6-2A All-District girls basketball team was voted on by the district coaches in their meeting last Wednesday night.

Clarendon senior Kim Alexander (pictured top right) and sophomore Geri Butler (pictured bottom right) were named to the team and round out the eleven member squad.

Other team members are as follows: MVP - Desirae Stafford, Panhandle; Callie Akers, Quanah, Tiffanie Williams, Wellington, Laura Neusch, Panhandle; Leslie Whitaker, Panhandle; Alicia Ornelas, Highland Park; Rhonda McClendon, White Deer; Suni Jo Petty, White Deer; and Trenda Scott, Wellington.

Other Lady Broncos were also honored. Freshman Kelley Lemley, Sophomore Courtney Newhouse, Freshman April Bryley, and Junior Cat Chamberlain all received Honorable Mention honors.



Kim Alexander



Geri Butler

Forest Service issues Panhandle wildfire warning

In response to extremely dry fuel conditions and increasing wildfire activity in the Texas Panhandle, the Texas Forest Service has issued an extreme wildfire danger warning for the region and recommended that outdoor burning be postponed while dangerous conditions persist.

Though much of the Panhandle received significant moisture from snow, sleet, or rain a few weeks ago, the resultant increase in soil moisture didn't translate into reduced wildfire danger. Indeed, continued windy weather has sapped moisture from dormant vegetation, rendering it dry and extremely fire-prone.

At least 7,000 acres have burned in the Panhandle over the past two weeks, according to the Texas Forest Service. A fire started by a wheel coming off a trailer burned an estimated 3,000 acres off I-40 near McLean before being controlled by local firefighters. Pampa firefighters responded to a fire caused by electric lines that burned an estimated 2,000 acres before being stopped. Canadian firefighters responded to six fires

within the past week, the largest a 2,000-acre blaze near the Lipscomb-Hemphill County line. While the presence of rugged terrain contributed to the size that some fires attained before being controlled, the presence of such terrain over large areas of the Panhandle indicates that additional large fires are possible.

Reports obtained by the Texas Forest Service from Natural Resources Conservation Service offices in the Panhandle indicate that though the region is seeing some green-up of vegetation beginning to take place, additional precipitation and more warm weather will be needed to achieve a significant reduction in fire danger.

"Increased observance of outdoor fire safety precautions can help prevent potentially devastating wildfires from occurring," said Mahlon Hammetter, fire prevention specialist with the Texas Forest Service.

"Implementing safety precautions can help keep wildfires from occurring," said Hammetter. Observe bans on outdoor burning. Avoid using welding equipment near dry grass

and brush, or where vegetation can't be cleared from the work area, use a field sprayer or backpack sprayer to wet vegetation both in and downwind from the work area. Make sure all outdoor equipment such as mowers, chain saws, and vehicles are equipped with working mufflers. Dispose of smoking materials properly. Keep vehicles out of tall, dry grass so hot pollution control equipment doesn't come in contact with flammable vegetation.

Hammetter also recommended several fire safety practices to help safeguard homes and outbuildings. Establish firebreaks around buildings and between buildings and road right-of-ways. Keep vegetation closely mowed for at least 30 feet from buildings. Keep tall brush and grass out from under power or telephone lines to protect essential utility service. Maintain roads and bridges on your property so heavy fire trucks can get to your home and outbuildings. Identify your location with street name and house number, and make sure that your address is easily visible from roadways.

Check It Out

By Mary Beth Nelson



Another appealing variety of large print books has been recently received by Burton Memorial Library. Mysteries, Westerns, Christian fiction, romance novels, and biographies supply this section during the next four months.

Integrating mysteries *Stranger at the Wedding* by Frances Lynch, David Harper's *Patchwork Man*, *Stitches in Time*, by Barbara Michaels, and Belva Plain's *Carousel* among others, are available. *Summer of the Dragons* by Elizabeth Peters offers romantic suspense while Louis L'Amour combines the mysterious with Western in *Hunted Mesa*, a remarkable story of adventure set in contemporary American Southwest.

Stephen Fugate's *Hard Summer*, Jack Shafer's *The Kean Land*, Lauran Pairé's *Lockwood*, and Zane Grey's *Forlorn River* offer Western excitement. Other Western writers, Haycox, Field, Hansen, Kilgore, Edson, and Holt are represented in large print.

Well-told stories enhanced with light romance include *Try to Remember* by Vanessa James, *When Calls the Heart* by Christian fiction writer,

Janette Oke, and *The Carousel* by Rosamunde Pilcher (not to be confused with Bleva Plain's *Carousel* mystery).

Volumes I and II of *Bailey Chronicles* and *The Parson's Daughter* demonstrate Catherine Cookson's extraordinary writing talent for entertaining fiction.

James Herriot's warmth and humor will delight readers in *All Creatures Great and Small* as he amusingly narrates a first person account of his beginning career as a young veterinarian in the Yorkshire of England.

Reader's Digest Biographies of Thomas Edison, Hans Christian Andersen, and Charles Lindbergh are included with those of Henry and Clare Luce, legendary founder of *Time-Life* magazine empire, and Thor Heyerdahl who relates his and five companions' astounding 4300 miles voyage on a balsalog raft across the Pacific Ocean with only wind and current power.

All this marvelous reading plus more is in large print. Why not check it out?

Those shoes are made for walking!

By Sue Church, County FCS Agent

Teams of walkers and bikers in Donley County have registered to start a "Texas-size" trek to cover some 535 miles in the Walk Across Texas program.

The first team to register has been the Donley County State Bank Loaners, "Walking With Your Interest at Heart." Wouldn't you like to join them just for the health of it?

This is a statewide program designed just about anyone. It helps target simple measures leading to better health and changes in lifestyle. Individual teams of eight walkers and biking groups of four riders will report to team captains each week on how many miles each member logged.

The miles do not have to be walked as a group and participants never have to leave their neighborhood. The miles may be walked within an eight-week period which begins March 25 at the Walk Across Texas kickoff.

The 535-mile walk, which is the distance from the County Courthouse in Clarendon to Houston, is the goal set for all teams. For any team exceeding that distance, they may "trek" on to South Padre Island and back home again which would be a total of 1,634 miles.

For more information about the Walk Across Texas campaign, contact Task Force members Virginia Patten, Cennet Rhode or the Donley County Extension Office at 874-2141.

4-H clothing clinic to be held in Pampa

By Sue Church, County FCS Agent

A multi-county 4-H clothing clinic will be held at the Pampa Extension Office on Saturday, February 27, 1999, from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Among topics to be covered will be Fashion Design, Fabric Lab 101, Interview Techniques, Community Service Opportunities, and Design-A-

Shoe. If you are interested in attending, plan to bring \$2.00 for supplies and snacks, toiletry items for donation to the Tralee Crisis Center and an inexpensive pair of canvas tennis shoes for the Design-A-Shoe session.

Contact the Donley County Extension Office at 874-2141 to reserve a space for yourself and a friend.

Child Welfare Board holds first meeting

The Donley County Child Welfare Board met in the conference room of the Courthouse Annex at noon on February 11.

Lennie Sims from the Collingsworth County Child Welfare Board gave a program about the Regional Child Welfare Board.

Several committees were set up to handle various fundraising and educational programs, and plans were made regarding a booth at the upcoming Health Fair on March 25. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and the board is working with the sheriff's office to fingerprint the children in grades K-5 in Clarendon and Hedley.

County child welfare boards are appointed by the Commissioners' Court. Each board assists in recruiting foster and adoptive families and support foster and adoptive family organizations. The board also develops and supports community programs that enhance Child

Protective Services (CPS). The money raised by the board goes to provide needed items to the foster children of the county and to provide education materials and programs to the community.

Currently, Donley County has ten children in foster care.

According to an article by Stephanie Elizondo Grist in the *Amarillo Globe-News*, "Child abuse and neglect in Texas led to 176 deaths last year, up some 71% from the year before.... Child Protective Services may investigate some 100,000 reports of abused and neglected children a year... which represents still only 60% of all allegations in 1997-98."

The Donley County Child Welfare Board needs the support of the entire county to implement the programs needed. Donley County is in dire need of foster and adoptive parents. For more information, contact board president Bill Holden or County Judge Jack Hall.

Commissioners warn about illegal trash dumping

The Donley County Commissioners' Court is asking the citizens of Donley County for their help.

There is a portion of your tax dollars that is being used needlessly because certain individuals continue to dump their trash, broken furniture, and dead animals on our county roads. The clean up of this refuse is expensive.

The County Dump is open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays and is located on the County Road T off Hwy. 70 South.

Dumping trash on your roads is a Class "C" misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500. Persons found guilty of this charge shall receive the maximum penalty.

EDEN ON THE POTOMAC



Improved schools near top of state, federal agendas

One of the issues you'll be hearing a lot about this year is education. This is true of both Austin and Washington.



While most people agree that schools in Texas have gotten better when compared with other states, the same can't be said for the nation's educational system as a whole.

Nearly everyone recognizes we need to do something about this problem. The question is how

we go about doing it.

The President and many of his allies on Capitol Hill believe that the federal government should take the leading role in solving the problems we face. They would issue new rules, lay down new mandates and centralize decision making in Washington. They are even proposing that teachers should be required to take a new federal competency test.

I believe we should take the opposite approach, and that states, parents and local school boards should take the lead in fixing our classrooms. Washington already attaches too many strings to

the dollars being sent to our communities. There should be less federal intrusion — not more — in solving the problems being faced by our schools.

There are currently more than 800 federal education programs spread out across 39 federal agencies, each with its own set of restrictions. If new federal programs were the answer to improving our schools, America would have the top educational system in the world.

But we do not — which is why one of the key questions to be asked this year in Washington will not only be whether these programs work, but whether we need more.

More flexibility will improve our nation's schools

Capitol Comment by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

Although newcomers to Texas often wonder why so many schools and streets and buildings carry the name Lamar, the native born take for granted that we would want to honor Mirabeau B. Lamar, third President of the Republic of Texas -- and the father of Texas public education. It was Lamar who proposed that the state use revenues from public lands to endow our schools.

For more than 150 years, Texans have benefited from his wisdom and foresight. Our education system has been the means of achievement for millions of us. I am proud to be a product of that system, from first grade in Lamar Elementary School through the University of Texas, where I earned both a bachelors degree and law degree.

Texas is still leading the way in education, setting an example for the entire country. Texas students and schools are held to rigorous curriculum and performance standards. Every Texas high school senior must take and pass each part of the three-part Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (or "TAAS") exam.

These improvements in Texas are not the result of a complex federal program or set of mandates. Rather, they are the direct result of Texans realizing that the expectations they had of their schools and of their students had to be raised.

Congress is grappling with the question of what the federal government's role should be in shaping public education policy. I think the answer is clear: states and local governments establish public schools, their taxpayers support them -- and it is they who are responsible for the schools' per-

formance.

I want to see Texas' success story repeated across the country. I have introduced a bill in the Senate that seeks to redefine the federal role in education from one of bureaucratic mandates handed down from above to one of providing financial support but allowing states and communities to set their own policy and standards.

To succeed, schools need to be able to find and hire good teachers. My bill addresses the teacher shortage by expanding on a successful Defense Department program that encourages retired military and other professionals with substantial career experience to enter the classroom and teach.

A good example of why this is needed can be found in Greenville, Texas, a town of about 35,000. A friend of mine, who majored in French in college and taught French at a private school, got married and moved to Greenville with her husband. They couldn't offer French in the Greenville High School because they did not have a qualified teacher. My friend was dying to go into the classroom and teach French, but she could not because she did not have her teacher certification.

So she had to commute 30 miles to the nearest college for two years to become certified to teach in Greenville. That is ridiculous.

What I would like to do is offer school districts more options to provide quality education, especially in languages and computer technology. We have people who retire at the age of 55 from high-tech companies or the military, or homemakers who decided not to continue their careers when they had children, but who are experts in French or Spanish or computer technology. I want to make

it easier for them to become certified to teach, and that is what the "Careers to Classrooms" part of my bill would do.

It would provide grants to states to create programs in which qualified potential teachers with specific professional expertise receive assistance in making a transition to the classroom.

In addition, my legislation would establish Student, School and Teacher Excellence Grants to reward states and school districts that demonstrate the most success or improvement in the quality of education they provide.

The legislation also encourages school construction through tax-free treatment of private activity bonds to build new schools or to renovate old schools in high-growth or low-income districts. My bill would encourage more of these public-private partnerships, in which private companies build, and school systems receive new schools without adding to taxpayer debt.

By including all states and virtually all-federal education programs under an expanded "Ed-Flex" program, my legislation untangles the web of federal regulations that drain billions of dollars and thousands of hours and teachers away from our schools.

This bill would provide under-performing schools greater flexibility in hiring first-rate professionals and give students to those schools greater choice in the schools they attend.

There is no more important issue facing America than ensuring that our public schools prepare our children for the challenges of the next century. The more options we have, the better chance all children in America will have to get a quality education and reach their full potential.

AHA, Texas Affiliate releases cardiovascular death statistics

AUSTIN — On an average day in Texas 156 residents die from cardiovascular diseases, according to data released by the American Heart Association (AHA), Texas Affiliate. The AHA compiled these statistics using 1997 mortality information recently released from the Texas Department of Health.

Cardiovascular disease (CVD) remains the number one killer in Texas, claiming the lives of 57,050 people in 1997 (40 percent of the 142,569 Texas residents that died). That translates into two of every five

deaths. As a comparison, in the same year cancer was the state's second leading cause of death, claiming 32,144 lives. Accidents accounted for 7,150 deaths and 1,196 people died of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection in 1997.

Locally, Donley County statistics show that of the 63 deaths in Donley County, 24 were directly related to CVD. Nationally, statistics show that from 1986 to 1996 the number of deaths from cardiovascular disease has declined only 2.0 percent. One reason for this small decline is that the

total U.S. population and particularly the population of middle-aged and older people, is increasing. Another reason is that recent advances in medical treatment have allowed more people to survive previously fatal cardiovascular events, and now these people are dying of subsequent cardiovascular illnesses.

The mission of the AHA is to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke. To accomplish this, the association concentrates its efforts in four areas: education, community service programs,

research, and revenue generation. Last year the Texas Affiliate reached over five million people in Texas with interactive programs and awarded over \$7.4 million in research funding in Texas.

A non-profit health organization funded by individual and corporate donations, the American Heart Association, Texas Affiliate is the state's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to reducing disability and death from heart and blood vessel diseases.

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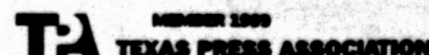
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Lady Broncos



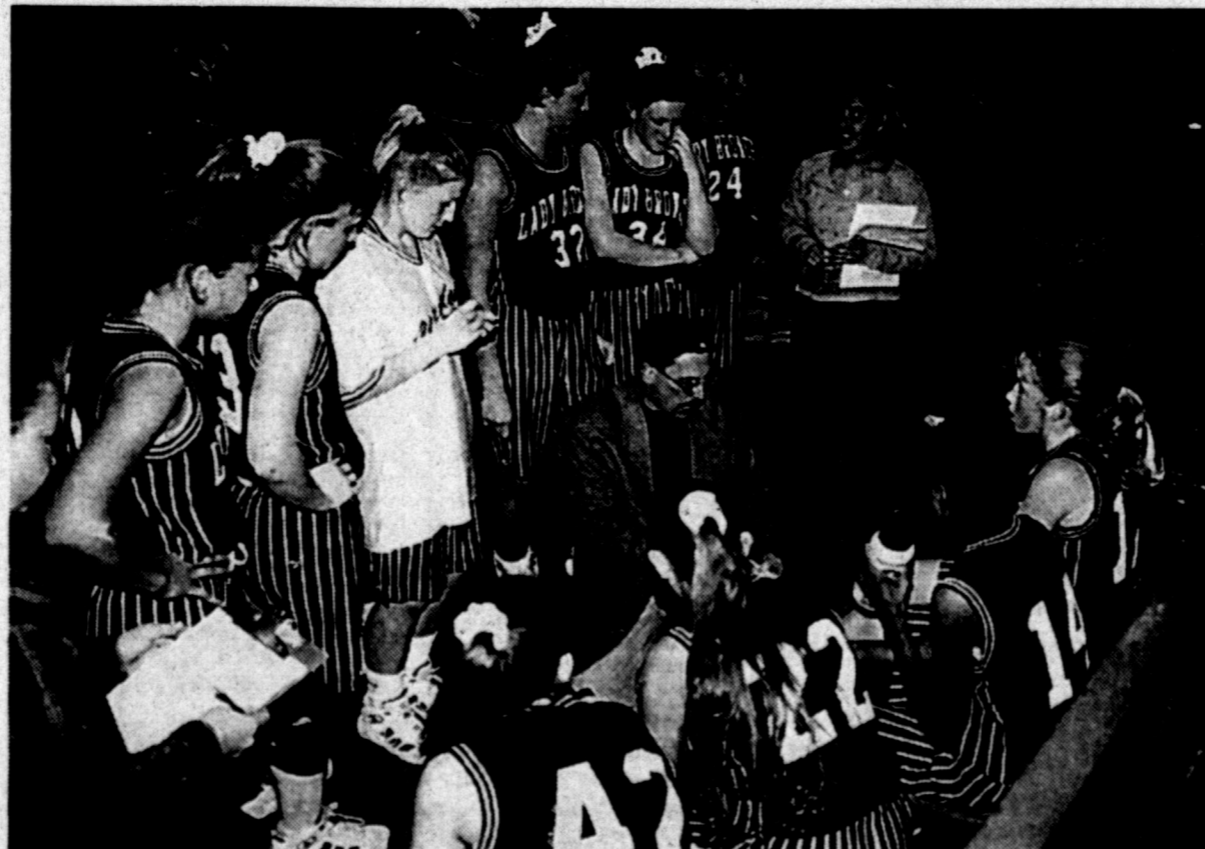
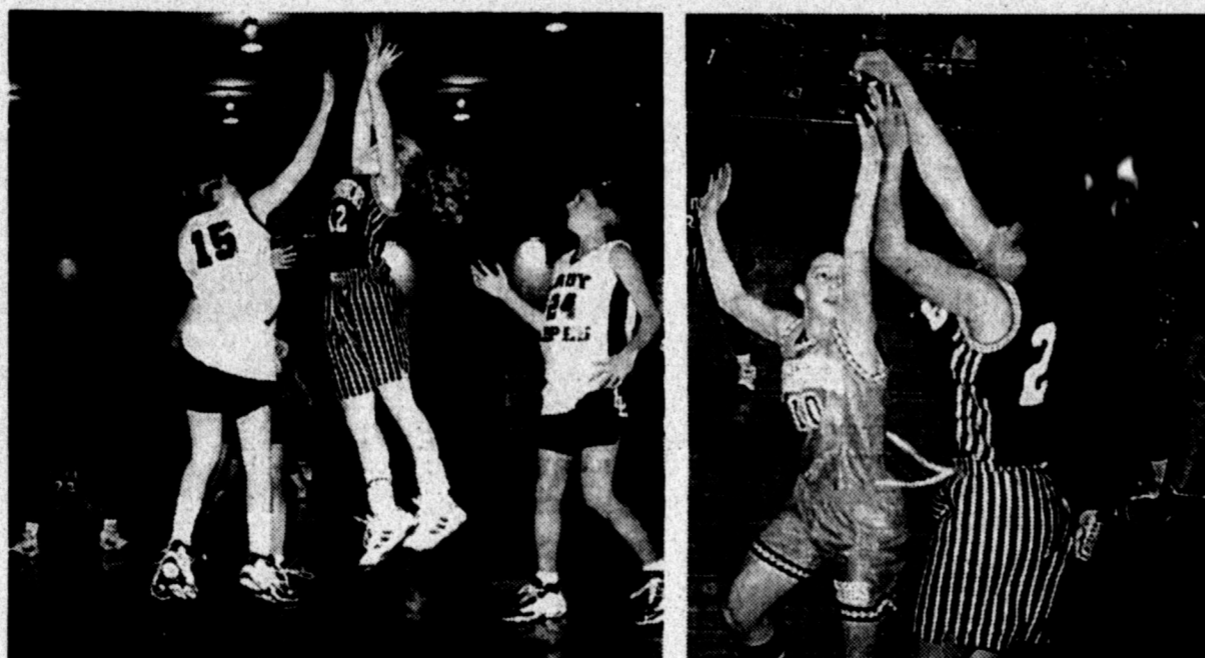
1998-99 Clarendon Lady Broncos

No.	Name	Height	Class
10	Courtney Newhouse	5'5"	SO.
12	Kelley Lemley	5'6"	FR.
14	April Bryley	5'6"	FR.
20	America Santos	5'4"	JR.
22	Kristen Glover	5'6"	FR.
23	Geri Butler	5'8"	SO.
24	Kim Alexander	5'8"	SR.
30	Jamee Sparks	5'6"	SR.
32	Lindsey Shelton	5'11"	SO.
33	Cat Chamberlain	5'7"	JR.
34	Johnnie Sparks	5'6"	SR.
42	Shannon Cooper	5'8"	SO.
44	Janey Aduddell	5'5"	FR.

Manager: Claire Rodriguez
and Elizabeth Simmons
Head Coach: Steve Schmidt
Asst. Coaches: John Tom Morrow
and Kirby Hatley

*Congratulations to the CHS Lady Broncos
from your proud supporters:*

- Mike, Rhonda, & Michael Newhouse
- Joe, Rose, & Regan Lemley
- Faye Bryley
- Jim, Cindy, Taylor, & Lauren Shelton
- Pearly Butler
- Trey & Diane Chamberlain
- Clifford & Ann Alexander
- Ramona Santos
- Tony, Cythie, Johnny,
Jamee, & Michael Sparks
- Vickie Tolbert
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Hedley Choir to compete at Regional UIL Meet

The Hedley High School Choir will be competing at the Region I UIL Competition on Saturday, February 27. The competition involves vocal groups and soloists from all over the Texas Panhandle and will be held at the West Texas A&M University campus.

Hedley's choir will be performing "Til the Stars Fall From the Sky" and hoping to bring a number one rating. Five choir members will also perform a madrigal by Thomas Morley entitled "Not Is the Month of Maying." The small ensemble includes soprano Rachel Howard, alto

Ashley Hill, first tenor Brian Williams, second tenor Lynnette Jett, and bass Jason Myers.

On Tuesday, March 2 the choir will be performing at the Big Texan in Amarillo, singing a spiritual called "Take Off Those Rags Lazarus" and a medley of old hits entitled "Bobby Socks Rock."

If you would like to hear them that night be sure and call in reservations to the Big Texas soon. On Tuesday, March 30 the choir will be performing at the Clarendon Senior Citizens' after the meal (program begins just prior to 7:00 p.m.).



The Hedley High School Choir will be competing at the Region I UIL Competition on Saturday, February 27 at the WTAMU campus. Members of the choir are (kneeling) Josh Collins, Lynnette Jett, Samuel Howard, Rachel Howard, Lora Llewellyn, Lindsey Brinson, Rachel Bennett, Marissa Wells, Jason Myers, Jared Patterson, (standing) Dustin Knowles, Brian Williams, Derrick Todd, Ashley Hill, Debi Hall, Cassie Moore, Amber Solis, and Crystal Solis.

Photo courtesy of Bruce Howard

CLDAP program to be discussed in Hedley

A meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on February 26, 1999, at the Hedley Lions Club to discuss the Crop Loss Disaster Assistance Program (CLDAP).

"The CLDAP program provides disaster assistance to farmers who suffered losses due to natural disasters in 1998 as a single year loss, multi-year losses in three or more years from 1994-1998 for which an indemnity was paid," said Steven Orr, Donley County FSA County Executive Director. "Producers may not receive a payment under both the single and multi-year provisions so USDA will make payments using the higher of the two losses."

Sign-up for CLDAP will continue through March 12, 1999. Producers wishing to obtain more information should contact the Donley County FSA Office at 806-874-3561.

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Holden takes first in VFW District Essay Contest

The Donley County Memorial Post 7782 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary is proud to announce that Christine Holden, an eighth grade student at Clarendon Junior High, has placed first in District 13 of the VFW.

The district covers 17 VFW Posts in the Panhandle and over 30 school districts.

Christine competed at the local level of competition in November

along with 24 other students from Clarendon and won a \$50.00 Savings Bond from the Donley County Post and its Ladies Auxiliary. By winning the District, Christine will receive an additional bond of \$100 and will advance to the Department of Texas Level with the hopes of winning the National VFW prize of a \$5,000 Savings Bond.

Best of luck to Christine during the next level of judging.

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10 Years Ago

The Clarendon Press,
February 23, 1989

Hedley Public Schools have received a grant to participate in the United TI-IN Star Network which utilizes satellite relayed programs from different regions.

25 Years Ago

The Donley County Leader,
February 28, 1974

The Hedley Owls advanced to the Region 1-B Tournament at Levelland by defeating Allison Tuesday night in the Amarillo Civic Center and claiming the Class B Bi-District honors.

50 Years Ago

The Donley County Leader,
February 24, 1949

The Adair Hospital will re-open March 1, 1949, as a county institution. The election authorizing the commissioners court to lease the hospital was on Nov. 2, 1948, and passed, 1295-226.

Howardwick city aldermen hold two meetings

The Howardwick Board of Aldermen met in regular session on February 9, 1999, at 7 p.m. in Howardwick City Hall.

Tommy Gray gave the fire department report and said one of the trucks needed to have a tank replaced because it is leaking. The board approved the purchase.

The board approved a contract and resolution for solid waste.

Millie Dishong gave an update on the solid waste grant. A sign still needs to be erected displaying hours, prices, and what items are permissible to dump. The board tabled this matter.

Nancy Davis reported on the low water crossing. She said that the dirt work to build a dam had started and hoped that the work would be finished in five to six weeks. The board voted to take out the old crossing after the new one is finished.

On February 19, 1999, the board met in a special meeting at 10 a.m.

Ed Barrett appeared before the board to discuss prices he had obtained from other cities for solid waste and his recommendation for what the city should charge. The board approved two signs for the solid waste.

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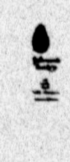
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WTU starts 'Think Child Safety' program

West Texas Utilities Company has implemented the state recognized "Think Child Safety" program throughout its 53,000-square mile service territory.

WTU service trucks now display the "Think Child Safety" decal on each side of the vehicles' rear quarter panels. The brightly colored decals let children know that the employee driving the truck is someone they can trust to help them and stay with them during an emergency.

Company vehicles displaying the decals are designated as Mobile Safety

Vehicles and are equipped with two-way radios or cellular phones to call for emergency assistance. Each driver is trained in CPR techniques and first aid.

Stewart Dodson, a paramedic for the city of Paris, Texas, developed the "Think Child Safety" program in 1990. He recognized the need to raise safety awareness among children to reduce injuries and deaths.

The Mobile Safety Vehicle became a project extension of the original program in 1993 by incorporating community-based companies and ser-

vices that have high visibility and public trust. These added resources expand the ability to render aid and speed response time in an emergency.

"We are very pleased to be involved with the 'Think Child Safety' program. WTU has the equipped vehicles and qualified employees that allow us to provide yet another valuable service to our customers," said Paul Brower, WTU General Manager and President.

"We want children and adults to know they can rely on us when they need help," he added.

WTU awards scholarship to Clarendon College

West Texas Utilities Company presented Clarendon College with a scholarship check in the amount of \$2,500 on Friday, February 19.

The contribution will be placed in the West Texas Utilities Company Scholarship Fund. Scholarships from the fund will be awarded annually to Clarendon College students beginning in the fall of 1999. The scholarships will be presented to students who are WTU residential customers or children of WTU electrical residential customers.

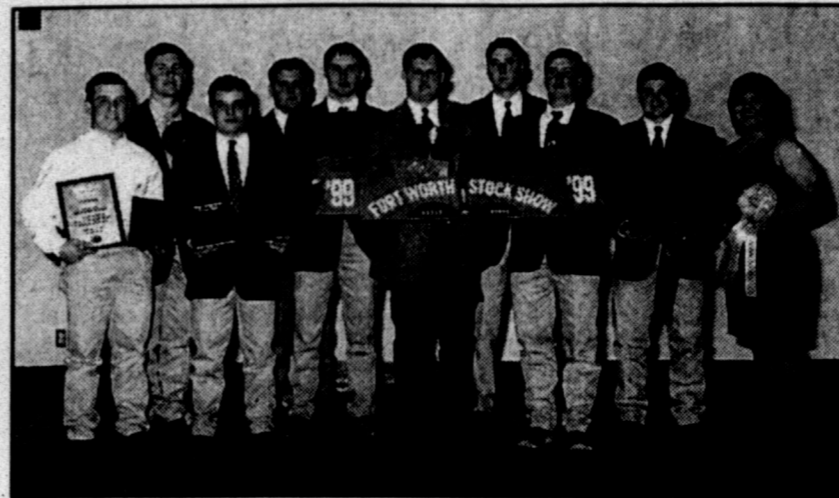
The West Texas Utilities Company Scholarship Fund was established in 1995 to assist students who are continuing their undergraduate studies.

For more information about this scholarship or other financial aid information, please contact Clarendon College at 874-3571.



Jeff Thigpen with West Texas Utilities Company presented Clarendon College with a scholarship check to Raymond Jaramillo, Clarendon College's Business Manager.

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The Clarendon College Meat Judging Team recently took champion honors at the 1999 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth. Members of the team are Michael Tatsch, Harper; John Nelson, Inez; Thomas Tatsch, Harper; Coach Bradley Price; Les Heddeleston, Satana, KS; Seth Christian, Satana, KS; Jason Byrd, Ft. Sumner, NM; Grant Turner, Amber, OK; Garret Denkler, San Antonio; and Lyda Hebbroville. The team placed first in beef grading, beef placings, and total placings. They also placed second in questions and third in pork and lambs.

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MIP class to be offered in Clarendon and Pampa

Clarendon College will offer classes for youth that have been charged with minor in possession.

Minor in possession classes will be offered each month in Clarendon and Pampa. Youth will be required to attend two three-hour sessions before receiving credit for the course. The cost of the class is \$40 payable at the beginning of the first session.

The March MIP classes for Clarendon are scheduled for Monday, March 8, and Tuesday, March 9, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The class will meet in the Administration Building.

Classes in Pampa are scheduled for Monday, March 22, and Tuesday, March 23, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Participants should meet at the Pampa Center at 900 N. Frost.

For more information, please contact Matt Satterwhite in the CC Counseling Center at 874-3571.

CC to offer PC Maintenance and Repair Course

Clarendon College's Computer Technology department will offer a PC maintenance and repair course on Thursday evenings from 7-9 beginning March 4 and ending April 8. The cost of the course will be \$25.

The class will meet at the Downtown Center in Clarendon. Lee Rippetoe will be the instructor for the course.

The course is part of the continuing education courses offered at Clarendon College.

For more information or to register for the PC maintenance and repair course, please contact Clarendon College at 874-3571.

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Hedley Menus March 1-5

Hedley Senior Citizens
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Tues: Steak and gravy, baked potato, green beans, tossed salad, peaches and bananas, roll, milk, tea, coffee
Wed: Baked ham, Harvard beets, sweet potatoes, fruit salad, chocolate pudding, roll, milk, tea, coffee
Thur: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, pea salad, apple cobbler, roll, milk, tea, coffee
Fri: Mexican pile on, Spanish rice, refried beans, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, apricot halves, chips or crackers, milk, tea, coffee

Hedley Schools
Breakfast
Mon: Sausage on a stick, cereal, graham crackers, milk, juice
Tues: Breakfast burrito, cereal, milk, juice, graham crackers
Wed: Pancakes, sausage, cereal, milk, juice, graham crackers
Thur: Breakfast burrito (sausage and egg), cereal, graham crackers, milk, juice
Fri: Muffins, cereal, milk, juice, graham crackers

Lunch
Mon: Pizza, butter corn, salad, fruit, cheesecake, milk
Tues: Meat and cheese nachos, salad, fruit, broccoli and cheese, pinto beans, milk, cookie
Wed: Chicken strips with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, fruit, rolls, cake, milk
Thur: Fish nuggets, green beans, mix vegetables, salad, fruit, roll, milk
Fri: Childog or Frito Pie, baked beans, oven fries, salad, fruit, milk, cookie

Clarendon Menus March 1-5

Clarendon Schools
Breakfast
Mon: Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Tues: Pancakes, juice, milk
Wed: Eggs, toast, juice, milk
Thur: Pancakes, juice, milk
Fri: Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk

Lunch
Mon: Corndogs, black-eyed peas, French fries, cookie, milk
Tues: Frito pie with meat and cheese, salad, fruit, graham crackers, milk
Wed: Salisbury steak with brown gravy, hot rolls, creamed potatoes, green beans, cake, milk
Thur: Turkey pot pie with vegetables, hot rolls, fruit, cookie, milk
Fri: Hamburgers with cheese, lettuce, pickles, tomato, onion, French fries, peach cobbler, milk

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Sweet and sour pork chops, broccoli and cauliflower au gratin, turnip greens, autumn fruit salad, pastries, roll, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Tues: Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, green beans, pickled beets, peach cobbler, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Wed: Chicken fajitas, pinto beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, apricots, tortillas, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Thur: Cheeseburgers with all the trimmings, tator tots, purple plums, pineapple cake, hamburger bun, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Fri: Butter beans with ham, fried okra, carrot copper pennies, tropical apples, cornbread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Hospital board holds regular meeting

The Board of Directors of the Donley County Hospital District met on February 16, 1999, in the Dining Room of the Medical Center Nursing Home at 7 p.m.

The board approved a Memo of Understanding between the district, the county, and the City of Clarendon regarding the Associated Ambulance Authority. The memo will allow for reorganizing of the of the Ambulance Authority including enforcing the hospital district as sole authority and relieving both the city and county of their financial commitments and board representation. Priorities of the reorganization will include implementing a chain of command and grievance procedures, strengthening the EMS organization, and returning the third ambulance to service.

Administrator Alan Graham reported that the nursing home census was 42 with one vacancy. He also said the staff of the Medical Center had been reviewing safety and emergency procedures due to recent power outages suffered by other nursing

homes in the area.

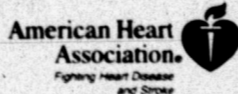
Mr. Graham also reported that general/professional liability insurance had been obtained through the Texas Hospital Insurance Exchange. The policy covers the hospital district as well as the ambulance authority.

The board accepted changes in the Medication Aide Policy.

A copy of the criteria for the R.L. Gilkey scholarship was presented to the board for review and input.

Board member Nelson Christie addressed the board regarding informing the community of activities of the board and the nursing home. Holly Eads was directed to begin submitting board minutes for a summarized to the publication in The Clarendon Enterprise.

In other hospital business, Mrs. Eads gave the indigent care report, Peggy Cockerham gave the Director of Nurses report, the tobacco settlement money was discussed, Onita Thomas reported on the ambulance board meeting, and the upcoming election was discussed.



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Owls prepare for playoffs with practice games

The Hedley Owls traveled to Childress High School on Tuesday, February 15, to play the Wellington Sky Rockets for a playoff practice game.

The Owls played the Rockets a close game throughout the first quarter and were only down 3 points after the first 8 minutes. However, in the second quarter Wellington started to take over and took a 10 point lead at halftime, 25-35.

Wellington then outscored the Owls 10 points in the third quarter to seal away the win. The Owls fought back in the final quarter and outscored the Rockets 25-19, but it was not enough for a win. The Owls lost to Wellington, 58-74.

Scoring for the Owls were Roger Wade, 26; Dustin Monroe, 12; Cody Graves, 11; Jeremy Wells, 5; and Russell King, 4.

On Saturday, February 20, the Owls traveled to Miami High School to compete in another practice game against the Canadian Wildcats.

Hedley got off to a slow start, being down 19-35 at halftime. Although the Owls gave a great effort against the Wildcats, it was not enough to pull off a win. The final score was 36-60.

Scoring for the Owls were Jeremy Wells, 15; Roger Wade, 11; Creed Stephens, 5; Russell King, 4; and Josh Collins, 1.

BULLDOG

BASKETBALL BEAT

Clarendon College Lady Bulldogs

Monday in Clarendon vs. Midland - score at the half: 21-31, final score: 45-64

Leading scorers for the Lady Bulldogs: Shayla Weatherly, 17; Kiri Neptune, 8; and Roni Henderson, 6.

Thursday in Hobbs, New Mexico vs. New Mexico Junior College - score at the half: 22-27, final score: 53-71. Leading scorers for Clarendon College: Shayla Weatherly, 10; Kiri Neptune, 10; and Kasey Parks, 9.

Clarendon College Bulldogs

Monday in Clarendon vs. Midland - score at the half: 32-34, final score: 58-62. Leading scorers for the Bulldogs: Nate Jones, 15; Charncy Ephriam, 11; Danny Anaya, 8; and Jauron Moreland, 8.

Thursday in Hobbs, New Mexico vs. New Mexico Junior College - score at the half: 39-44, final score: 78-87. Leading scorers for Clarendon College: Nate Jones, 27; Byron Dixon, 19; Danny Anaya, 12; and Charncy Ephriam, 12.

The Lady Bulldogs and Bulldogs will finish their conference season at home on Thursday, February 25, against South Plains with the women's game starting at 5:50 p.m. The teams will travel to El Reno, Oklahoma to face Redlands on Saturday, February 27, for their final games which will start at 6 p.m.

Parents seek donations for graduation party

The Senior Parents and the Texas Department of Public Transportation will be sponsoring their annual all-night alcohol/drug-free graduation party for the 1999 Clarendon Seniors. This takes the support of the entire community.

Any business or individual wishing to donate services, food and drinks, door prizes, gift certificates, or monetary resources is asked to contact or send donations to Mr. Larry Jeffers, Clarendon High School, PO Box 610, Clarendon, TX 79226-0610.

Bronco Parents to meet

Bronco Parents who are working on decorations for the tables, walls, and stage are urged to attend a planning meeting on Monday, March 1, at 5:00 in room 306 in the high school.

All parents interested in finalizing plans or helping are asked to attend another meeting on Thursday, March 4, at 5:30 in the same room.

Parents please remember to buckle your child up in the rear seat. Do not ever, for your child's safety, place a rear-facing child safety seat in the front seat of any vehicle containing a passenger side air bag. This public service message was brought to you by the CHS Student Council DASH Committee and The Clarendon Enterprise.

Lady Broncos: Bi-district champs drop area game

Continued from page one.

Schmidt.

Besides scoring, the Lady Broncos had other factors that contributed greatly to their win that deserve mentioning. Point guard Courtney Newhouse had only one turnover. Cat Chamberlain took two charging calls. Kim Alexander had eleven rebounds. April Bryley had six rebounds. And the team went 70 percent overall from the free throw line.

Scoring for the Lady Broncos were Geri Butler, 20; Kelley Lemley, 15; Kim Alexander, 12; April Bryley, 7; Courtney Newhouse, 6; and Shannon Cooper, 3.

The Lady Bronco's win put them in the area championship game against the number one team in the state. Clarendon faced Abernathy at Caprock High School in Amarillo on Friday night.

The Lady Broncos showed no signs of nerves and played solid basketball from the opening tip off.

Sophomore Geri Butler started Clarendon off right as she scored eight in the first quarter. Senior Kim Alexander got into early foul trouble which hurt the Lady Broncos' defensive efforts

against Abernathy's 6'2" post player. Clarendon hung tight and were only down by three at the end of the first eight minutes.

The Lady Broncos continued to use great pressure defense and caused several Lady Lope turnovers in the second quarter. The Lady Broncos got within one with three minutes left in the first half but could not convert on three separate trips down the floor. Clarendon went into halftime down 23-31.

The Lady Broncos were persistent in their game plan throughout the second half. Clarendon went a little cold shooting in the third while Abernathy's two leading scorers heated up. The Lady Broncos were down 14 with eight minutes to play.

The young Clarendon squad hustled to the very last buzzer and outscored the Lady Lopes 17-15 in the final quarter. Although the Lady Broncos lost the game 50-62, they came away with some invaluable experience and with hope for a very bright future.

Scoring for the Lady Broncos were Geri Butler, 22; Kelley Lemley, 10; April Bryley, 8; Kim Alexander, 4; Courtney Newhouse, 4; and

Shannon Cooper, 2. Other members of the 1998-99 squad were America Santos, Kristen Glover, Lindsey Shelton, Cat Chamberlain, Johnnie Sparks, Jamee Sparks, and Jancy Aduddell.

"We wrapped up our season against the number one team in the state, playing as hard and tough as ever. We played without fear, and we played until the final buzzer. I'm very proud of the effort by the entire team. They gave it all they had," said Coach Schmidt.

"A lot of shots that usually go in just rolled out. We had a few fouls that really hurt and a few costly turnovers. Just a few more breaks our way and we might have pulled off a huge upset. And I think Abernathy might tell you it was plenty close enough for them.

"Even though the girls were upset with the defeat, I think this game may bring about more enthusiasm about what they have the potential to do in the next several years. When you see that 46 of 50 points were scored by freshmen and sophomores, and that some of the best defensive efforts were by the underclassmen against a senior dominated Abernathy squad,

that gets you excited," said the Head Coach.

"We'll have to work hard in the spring and summer to improve strength, quickness, and shooting. If the girls will keep their hunger and enthusiasm and put in the work, they'll have a bright future.

"I appreciate the community for getting out in good numbers and being very vocal in their support of the girls. It was very encouraging. I would encourage them to come help fill the stands when the 99-2000 season comes along. They'll see some exciting basketball.

"My deepest appreciation goes to John Morrow and Kirby Hatley for assisting me this year. Their wisdom, patience, and hard work were extremely helpful throughout the long season.

"Also, I would like to show my gratitude to Coach Osuna and his staff. They've been a real pleasure to work with. Finally to all the parents who have shown tremendous support and patience during the highs and lows of our season, you are a big reason for our success," said Coach Schmidt.

Hedley Honor Roll

'A' Honor Roll

First grade: Cole Farris, Lindsey Glover, Katie Morrow, Marlee Sargent, and Alex Sharp.

Second grade: Skyler Conatser, Peter Howard, Shandy Koetting, Archie Sharp, and Kelby Shields.

Third grade: Andrew Alston, Shye Downer, Jonathan Edmonson, Samuel Lovely, Danielle Smith, and Julie Woodard.

Fourth grade: Brayden Bennett, Jaci Copelin, Seth Koetting, and Callie Wynn.

Fifth grade: Meagan Downer, Julie Funderburg, and Ben Shaw.

Sixth grade: Stephen Howard and Heaven Welch.

Seventh grade: Brittney Bennett, Treva Rowland, Lacey Wallendorff, and Kasi Woodard.

Eighth grade: Lauren Hill and Lisle Rowland.

Ninth grade: Josh Collins, Lora Llewellyn, and Marissa Wells.

Tenth grade: Rachel Bennett and Lana Wallendorff.

Eleventh grade: Lowell Ellerbrook, Ashley Hill, Rachel Howard, Russell King, and Hollie White.

Twelfth grade: Cody Graves, Susan Grecian, Lynnette Jett, and Kristi Parker.

'AB' Honor Roll

First grade: Danny Garcia, Haley Hall,

and Elissa Holland.

Second grade: Amber Burnam, Nikki Burnam, Elizabeth Garcia, Erick Holland, and Amanda Musick.

Third grade: Jesse Cariveau, Deston Chambliss, Jody Hinton, and Erin Holland.

Fourth grade: Katie Gregory and Ruth Howard.

Fifth grade: Megan Hall, Travis Hrbacek, Andrea Musick, and Wes Shields.

Sixth grade: Eric Alston, Roper Copelin, Emily Edmonson, Courtney Ellerbrook, Matthew Glover, Allison Hill, and Will Wallendorff.

Seventh grade: Blake Frye, Rebekah Howard, and Joe Patterson.

Eighth grade: Bradley Conatser.

Ninth grade: Dustin Knowles and Amber Solis.

Tenth grade: Rhett Holland.

Eleventh grade: Megan Manning, Dustin Monroe, and Brian Williams.

Twelfth grade: Jeremy Gatlin, Melissa Gibbons, Penney Longan, Jason Myers, Donnie Owens, Patrick Reed, and Crystal Solis.

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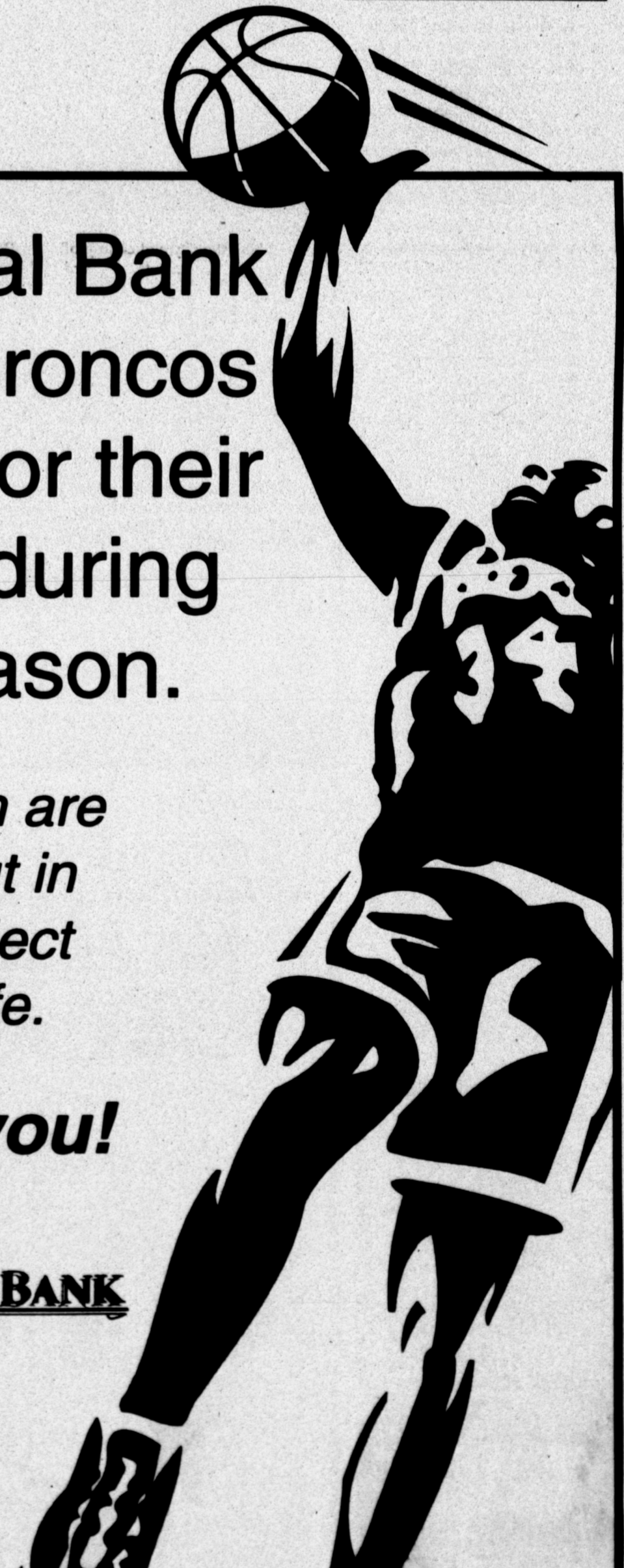
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Downer and Rowland take top honors at County Spelling Bee

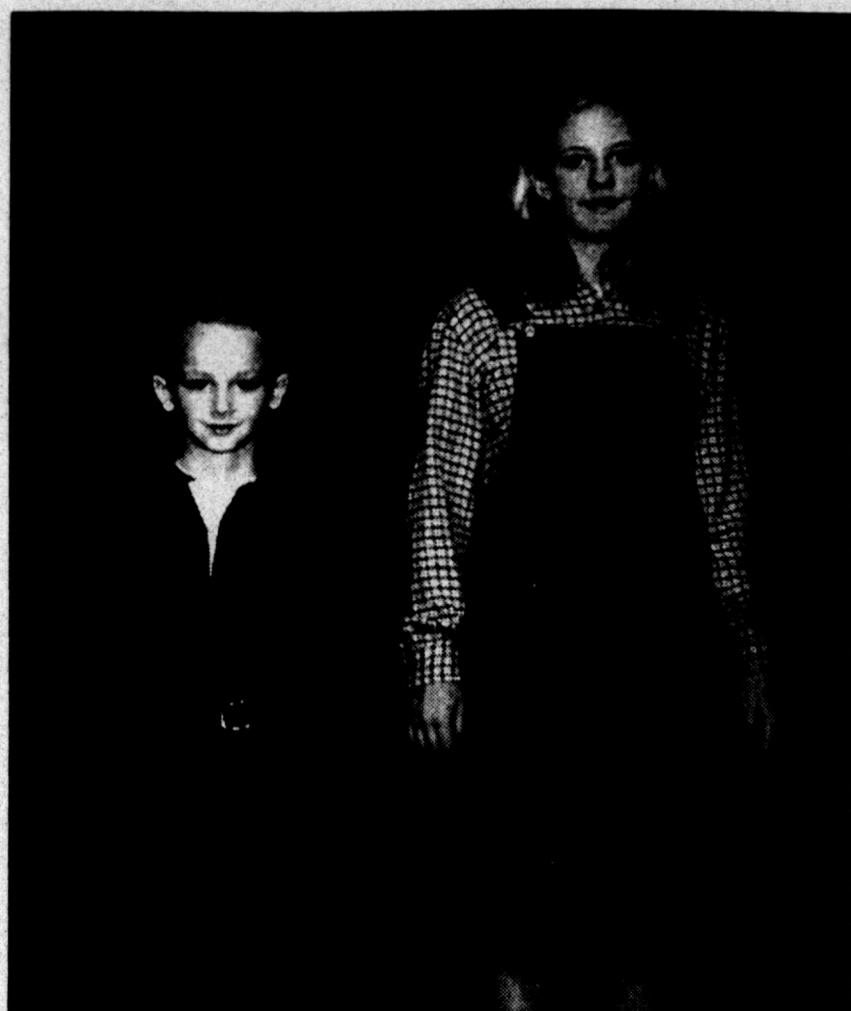
The Donley County Spelling Bee was held in the Clarendon High School Auditorium on February 10.

The winner of the junior division was Shye Downer of Hedley. Shye is the son of Chris and Trish Downer. Shye is also involved in basketball and Boy Scouts.

The winner of the senior division was Treva Rowland of Hedley. Treva is the daughter of Mike and Linda Rowland. Treva's other interests include basketball, cheerleading, Girl Scouts, and 4-H.

Other participants in the junior division were Julie Funderburg, Brayden Bennett, Meagan Downer, Jaci Copelin, and Katie Gregory, all of Hedley. In the senior division, Lacey Wallendorff and Brittney Baxter of Hedley and Otis Scrivner, Dusty Martindale, Anna Chester, Destiny Weatheron, Kari Steen, Jeremy Howard, Philip Vorheis, and Bryan MacFarland of Clarendon participated.

Jean Stavenhagen was the pronouncer at the contest. Mary Beth Nelson and Helen Land were the judges.



Shye Downer and Treva Rowland, both of Hedley, were the winners in the recent Donley County Spelling Bee held at Clarendon High School.

Photo by Helen Estack

Texas celebrates National FFA Week, Feb. 22-26

AUSTIN — Texas FFA members join thousands of other high school students across the country in observance of National FFA Week, February 22-26, 1999. The National FFA organization is made up of more than 450,000 students preparing for leadership roles and career opportunities in the science, business, and technology of agriculture.

FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. The organization has over 7,000 local chapters located throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands. Local

state, and national activities and award programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom.

The Texas FFA was chartered in 1929 and currently has the largest membership in the national organization with 975 local chapters and 55,521 members. Texas FFA membership represents approximately 13 percent of the national membership total. The Texas FFA Association headquarters is located in Austin and in 1997-98 presented over \$1,000,000 in scholarships to members.

There are approximately 1,500 agriculture science teachers in Texas who serve as advisors for the local

FFA chapters. More than 100,000 high school students are enrolled in agriculture science and technology classes where they not only learn about the importance of agriculture science but also gain valuable skills through participation in career development events, leadership development events, and supervised agriculture education projects.

Texas' 71st annual FFA Convention will take place July 7-9, 1999, in Amarillo. State officials estimate over 7,800 members and guests will attend this year's activities.

For more information about the Texas FFA contact your local high school agriculture science teacher.

Fun Fishing Tournaments scheduled at Greenbelt

The schedule for the 1999 Fun Fishing Bass Tournament has been released with seven of the eighteen tournaments being held at Greenbelt Lake.

The entry fee remains at only \$25 and local anglers can test their skills on the local lakes against some of the best anglers in the region. Other lakes included on this year's schedule include Lake Baylor (near Childress), Ute Lake (near Logan, New Mexico), and Lake Meredith.

The tournament will hit Clarendon March 13, April 17, May 15, June 10, July 8, August 12, and September 11.

The Fun Fishing Tournament Trail has become the largest bass tournament circuit in the region with an average of 62 entries per event during the 1998 schedule. During the 1998 season more than 300 anglers entered at least one event.

This tournament trail should continue to grow because of the extremely reasonable \$25 entry fee, because the top money winners share the secrets of their success before receiving their prize money, and anglers are not forced to spend several nights at the lake in order to compete in a weekend

two-day tournament.

For anglers who want to learn how the experts are catching bass on the local lakes, there is no faster way than to participate in these events. After the weigh-in is complete, a special drawing for \$50 cash and/or prizes Luck-of-the-Draw is held. Each contestant is eligible to win even if they failed to catch a keeper bass during the tournament.

Kids under 17 may enter free when accompanied by an adult contestant. The \$25 entry fees may be paid at the registration, and there are

no late fees or membership dues. Registration is conducted at the lake and opens one hour before the tournament begins.

During the early part of the fishing season, these Fun Tournaments will begin Saturday mornings at 7:00 a.m. or safe light, and will last until noon. During the summer they will switch to Thursday evening 6-9 p.m. Any changes or extra hours of fishing will be announced at registration.

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Money matters when products don't perform

By Sue Church, County FCS Agent

Have you ever purchased an item such as an electronic device that didn't work when you got it home? You attempted to return the item but were refused both a refund and a replacement. What were your rights as a consumer?

Every new product sold in the United States is covered by a warranty known as the Warrant of Merchantability. This means that if the product does not work as intended, you have a right to a refund of the purchase price or to have the product replaced. How long you are covered by a Warrant of Merchantability depends on your state of residence. But you are certainly covered for two days.

Can a merchant limit this warranty's power? Yes under the following conditions:

* A sign states that all products, or a specific product, is sold "as is." This means that you have no rights to a refund or a replacement if the product does not work.

* A sign near the cash register states that purchases of sale items are final. If it is a sale item, you may not be able to return it or receive a refund.

* Merchants sometimes post signs stating, "No Cash Refunds: exchanges only on returns." Your only option is to exchange the item.

If there were no visible signs at the check register, the item you purchased is covered by the Warrant of Merchantability. Return to the merchant. But before you go have in mind the solution you want, a copy of the sales receipt, and a cool and collected frame of mind.

Most merchants want satisfied customers. However, if the merchant refuses, you still have several options available:

1) If you charged the purchase in your home state and it was for \$50 or more, write to the firm who issued your credit card. Ask them to remove the charge from your account. Explain the circumstances, include a copy of the charge statement. Within four to six weeks, the charge will be removed from your account.

2) If you did not charge the purchase or the it was less than \$50, call the national headquarters of the manufacturer or importer, and ask the name and mailing address of the president. Write to the president explaining your problem, the solution you

request and a copy of your sales receipt. The company president will usually see that your problem is resolved.

3) Manufacturers often include either a limited or full warranty with products. Full warranties must be printed on the outside of the package. They may cover all or only part of the product. A full warranty provides the following protection for a specific period of time:

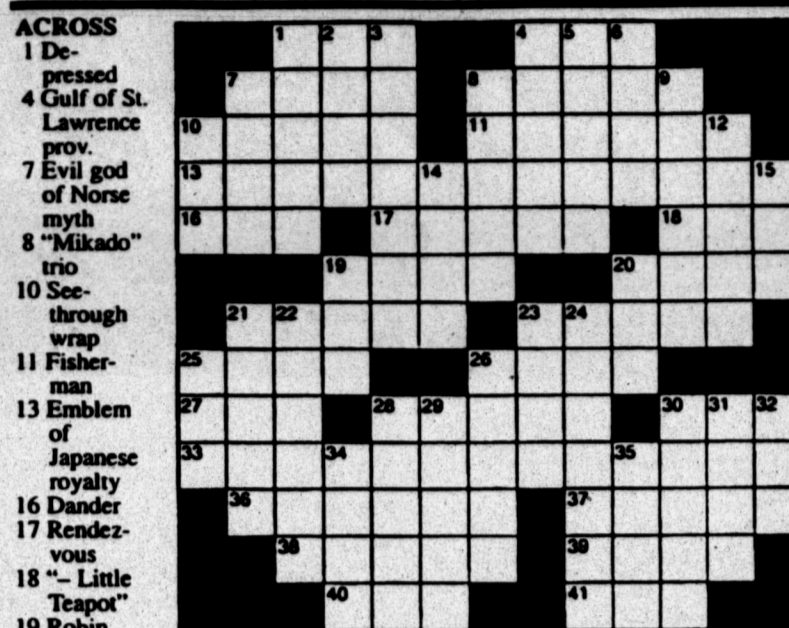
— If your product does not work, the product will be replaced or your money refunded.

— A limited warranty provides significantly less protection. If your television is protected by a full warranty, get it repaired.

4) If your claim is still not resolved to your satisfaction, small claims court is an option. Check with the clerk of the court to find out costs and procedures you must follow.

Again, merchants are very conscious of maintaining goodwill with their customers. However, if you don't feel the problem was satisfactorily resolved, the above strategies should help you receive the satisfaction you expect.

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Farmers have several tools to fight boll weevil on high plains

LUBBOCK — Seven mild winters in a row and more overwintering habitat have helped push boll weevil numbers to unprecedented levels on the High Plains.

A 1997 economic impact study on weevil damage estimates that the Texas South Plains alone could lose \$500 million annually in lost production, processing and jobs if weevil numbers go unchecked.

"We haven't had a harsh, weevil-killing winter in the last seven years, and our Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) grasslands provide an additional habitat for migrating weevils to hide and survive the winter," said Dr. Don Rummel, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station research entomologist in Lubbock and chairman of the Texas High Plains Boll Weevil Task Force. The task force is composed of 12 Texas A&M University, Texas Tech University and agribusiness scientists and consultants.

Further aggravating the problem is the weevil's apparent adaptability to the High Plains climate.

"Their rapid spread during the past five years leads us to believe we now are dealing with cold-hardy weevils that can successfully overwinter just about as far north as cotton can be grown on the Texas High Plains," Rummel said.

Drought in 1996 and 1998 didn't slow the weevil's progress significantly, and High Plains producers are still deciding whether they want to participate in the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation's eradication effort now operating in three other Texas zones.

But farmers can fight back by cleaning up sites where weevils hibernate, by managing their cotton crop for early maturity and timely harvest, and by applying in-season chemical treatments when needed, task force scientists say.

"Destroying the brushy, leaf-litter habitat that harbors overwintering weevils is crucial. Prune tree branches on existing windbreaks and use wider

tree spacings on new windbreaks so you can get in there with a tractor and disk the litter under," said Dr. Jeff Slosser, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station research entomologist in Vernon. "Clean up leaf litter on old farmsteads and in fencerows."

"Consider a combination of burning and herbicide treatments (tebuthiuron) to remove native stands of sand shinnery oak. Shredding isn't enough to control native brush because it encourages re-sprouting and re-accumulation of leaf litter."

Farmers also can burn their CRP grasslands in winter, using a prescribed burn plan approved by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, to reduce overwintering weevil numbers. Haying or grazing CRP land also will reduce weevil habitat but requires special permission from Farm Service Agency officials, the task force noted.

"Any area near a cotton field that has accumulated plant debris is a potential harbor for weevils and should be cleaned up," Slosser said. "But treating these areas with insecticide is

useless — there aren't any products labeled for this, and they aren't likely to reach sedentary weevils hiding in plant debris."

Producers can also suppress weevil numbers and crop damage by managing their crop to shorten the time between planting and harvest. Short-season management strategies that will help reduce the window of crop vulnerability include: preplant irrigation to provide 3 to 6 inches of stored soil moisture, planting when soil temperatures and weather favor good stand establishment, planting a moderate stand of 30,000 to 50,000 plants per acre, avoid full-season picker cottons, lean toward well-adapted stripper varieties, planting high-quality, treated seed to ensure healthy seedlings, scout for early-season insects and treat if necessary to avoid loss of early squares, monitor the crop during early squaring and bloom, keep up with crop progress, ensure good fertility prior to the crop reaching cut-out, reduce irrigation after cutout to gradually dry the soil and hasten boll maturity and opening, use harvest-aid

chemicals to prepare plants for an early harvest, destroy stalks as soon as possible after harvest, to prevent regrowth.

Farmers can learn more about managing and reducing boll weevil populations from Boll Weevil Management in the Texas High Plains — an entomology fact sheet currently available through county Extension offices. A guide to boll weevil management also is available on the Internet at <<http://insects.tamu.edu/extension/bulletins/b-1721.html>>.

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Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting on February 23, with Boss Lion Jimmy Blackerby in charge.

We had 18 members and no guests. Lion Bell led the singing and Clayton Ferris furnished the music.

There was no business so we were entertained by the Boss Lion with stories of doubtful truth after which we were adjourned.

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