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

Deadline to register to vote is Feb. 1

Texas Secretary of State Esperanza "Hope" Andrade and Donley County Tax Assessor Linda Crump are reminding Texans that February 1 is the deadline to register to vote in the 2010 Primary Elections.

Texans may find a voter registration application at county elections offices, some post offices, and libraries, or online at: www.votexas.org.

Crump also reminds individuals that if they have changed addresses across town, they need to update their voter registration information in order to vote.

Individuals may also check online to determine if they are registered or update their registration information if they have moved throughout the state. Any changes to a voter's existing registration should be made by February 1 to be applicable to the Primary Elections this March.

For information, visit: www.votexas.org or call the voter hotline at 1-800-252-VOTE (8683).

EQIP applications now being taken

The local Natural Resource Conservation Service is taking EQIP applications now.

The Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) offers financial assistance to landowners who wish to install needed conservation practices on their land to improve conservation needs.

To sign up, go by and visit with Weldon Sears, Dylan Hoecker, or Michael Willson from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday, at the local NRCS office at 321 S. Sully in Clarendon.

Assembly of God to hold special service

First Assembly of God in Clarendon would like to welcome everyone to their Fifth Sunday Singing on Sunday, January 31, at 4:00 p.m. They invite you to come share the Gospel in song and praise to God.

Shot clinic will be held here on Feb. 9

Texas Department of State Health Services will hold an Immunization Clinic in Clarendon February 9 at the TDSHS office at Five Medical Drive.

The clinic will be open from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for the first ten clients and from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. for the first ten clients at that time. Times are subject to change or cancellation due to weather conditions or scheduling conflicts.

CC okays bids for Pampa workforce center

The Clarendon College Board of Regents approved a bid package totaling more than $2.99 million for a new workforce education building at the CC Pampa Center during their regular meeting last Thursday.

Architect Jim Doche presented the bids and said estimates for the project had ranged as high as $3.3 million but noted that the bidding has been very competitive.

"There were 22 subcategories, and all but one had three or more bidders," Doche said.

One-third of the winning subcontractors – mechanical work, electrical work, and roofing – are from Pampa, and college officials were pleased that money would be staying in Gray County.

Work will begin within 30 days on the 23,000 square-foot project, which will be completed in 2011. The workforce center is being paid for by bonds paid for by Gray County residents and a donation of $250,000 from the David & Nora Payne Foundation.

During the meeting, Regent John Howard said he had heard some concerns from Donley County residents about the new Pampa project.

"People think that college taxes from Donley County are paying for this, and this is not the case," Howard said.

CC President Bill Auvenshine said taxes raised in Donley County are only used for the maintenance and operation of the Clarendon campus and noted that the tax revenue does not come close to paying the total bill.

"We have a $1.2 million maintenance and operation budget," Auvenshine said. "We collect about $403,000 in taxes from Donley County, but our utilities alone cost about $420,000. The rest of that budget is paid for by student tuition and fees."

The president also noted that Gray County residents are paying a five-cent tax for facilities in that county and, by law, have no representation on the Board of Regents.

Clarendon College has to maintain and expand its Pampa Center otherwise people north of I-40 would likely commute to Borger or Amarillo before coming to Clarendon.

The CC Pampa Center has seen significant enrollment growth this year, but Auvenshine said growth on the Clarendon campus is now limited due to the need for more student housing.

"What we need is more affordable housing for students," Auvenshine said. "Where is there to rent [in Clarendon]? Where would you live? We need another dorm, but we need the money to do that."

In other business, the board:

• Approved the purchase a new digital marquee for the Clarendon campus with help from the City of Clarendon and the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation as presented by Marketing Coordinator Ashlee Estlack;

• Moved the March board meeting to the fourth Thursday to avoid conflicting with spring break;

• Noted that filing for the May board election will begin February 6 and that the terms of Charles Deyhle, Ruth Robinson, and Susie Shields are expiring this year;

• Heard a preliminary enrollment report that showed a nearly 20 percent headcount increase over last spring; and

• Listened to a presentation from Dean of Students Tex Buckhaults about project that would help the 25 percent of the area population with no high school diploma get their GED and encourage them to further their education.



Shocking!
Salem Shelp had a hair-raising experience with static electricity. Eighth grade students were using a Van de Graaf generator to demonstrate effects of static electricity.

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Plea deals return four convictions

The 100th District Court heard four pleas resulting in four convictions when it met in Clarendon last Friday.

A total of $8,700 in fines was assessed as a result of the pleas that took place on January 22. In addition to the fines, the defendants were required to pay a total of $1,863 in court costs and $1,700 in restitution.

Donda Michelle Simpson was convicted and sentenced to two years in the State Jail Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice after pleading true to the allegations listed in the State's Motion to Adjudicate Guilt of Defendant. Simpson is required to pay $390 in court costs to Donley County and a $2,200 fine.

Simpson pleaded guilty December 22, 2008, in Donley County to the state jail felony of forgery and received two years deferred adjudication.

Simpson also was convicted and sentenced to five years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for the offense of possession of a controlled substance, a first degree felony. Simpson is required to pay $443 in court costs to Donley County and a $1,000 fine.

Ebony Butler was convicted and sentenced to four years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice after pleading true to the allegations listed in the State's Motion to Revoke Guilt of Defendant. Butler is required to pay $640 in court costs to Donley County and a $3,000 fine.

Butler originally pleaded guilty on November 6, 2008, in Donley County to the second degree felony of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit assault and received six years in the Institutional Division, TDCJ, but the sentence was probated for three years.

Jessie James Cariveau was convicted and sentenced to 12 months in the State Jail Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice after pleading true to the allegations listed in the State's Motion to Adjudicate Guilt of Defendant. Cariveau is required to pay $390 in court costs to Donley County; a $2,500 fine; and $1,700. in restitution.

Cariveau pleaded guilty on January 12, 2009, to the state jail felony of criminal mischief and received three years deferred adjudication.

Assistant District Attorney Greg Buckley, prosecuted the above cases for the State of Texas with the Honorable Judge Stuart Messer presiding.

TxDOT: Campaign signs on highway right of way illegal

CHILDRESS – During campaign season the landscape seems to bloom with a special kind of flower – the political sign. In some places campaign signs seem to be blooming like wildflowers even though it is still winter.

Campaign signs on public lands are illegal. Before you plant a sign, there are a few things you need to know:

It is illegal to place any signs on or within the right of way. This includes posting signs on trees, telephone poles, traffic signs and other objects on the right of way.

Campaign signs along Texas roads can be placed on private property with the owner's permission.

Campaign signs may be posted as early as 90 days before an election (no earlier) and must be removed within 10 days after the election.

Before placing a sign inside of incorporated city limits, check with the city for applicable ordinances.

Anyone running for office is reminded that it is illegal to put any sign on state highway right of way without authorization. TxDOT's regulatory authority allows the immediate removal of a sign placed on state highway right of way without prior notice, if the sign is not authorized by state law or approved by TxDOT. The penalty for violating this law is a fine of up to $500 per sign.

The law does not just apply to campaign signs. It is illegal to put any sign, including garage sale and business signs on state highway right of way without authorization. "Sign" is defined as any outdoor sign, display, light device, figure, painting, drawing, message, plaque, or other thing that is designed and/or intended to advertise or inform.

For more information contact Barbara Seal, Childress TxDOT Public Information Officer at 940-937-7288 or Twyla Hardin at 940-937-7124.


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Plan needed to address local housing



editor's commentary
by roger estlack

A growing community college is one of the keys that Clarendon can use to grow in the 21st century, but steps must be taken to aid and encourage that growth.

For many years, rural America in general has suffered from a declining population and the resulting toll that takes on local economies. But things are a bit different in Clarendon thanks to two main factors – recreation revenue brought in by visitors to Greenbelt Lake and the economic impact of Clarendon College.

While it's true that Kearney Street is not quite what it once was, this city is far busier that most towns of similar size. And, most notably, our population has been relatively stable over the last 40 years. Census counts from 1970 through 2000 have consistently been right about 2,000 people, and that will likely be close to the tally this year.

Dry conditions have dropped the level of Greenbelt Lake, but college enrollment has been on an upswing lately and has been setting records. Dorms have been filled beyond capacity at the beginning of each fall semester the last few years.

A big part of CC's growth is coming in Pampa where new workforce programs are attracting new students to the Gray County campus and spurring the construction of a $3 million workforce education center on that campus.

College officials believe the Clarendon campus could grow more also, but one thing is holding it back – affordable housing.

Twenty years ago, students would travel from many area towns to take classes in Clarendon, but today the price of gas and the popularity of online classes have created a situation where students only commute to Clarendon from about 30 miles – i.e. from Claude or Memphis. For CC to grow on its home campus, students will have to be able to live here. The college has 295 beds available, and CC President Bill Auvenshine told the ENTERPRISE this week he believes another 50 beds could easily be filled.

So what's holding back the development of more housing?

The newest dorms at the college were built with student revenue bonds, but Auvenshine says CC needs to either pay down those bonds or get more students before it can issue new bonds.

In the private sector, potential housing developers may want to see potential renters who could be here throughout the year rather than the nine months of a fall and spring semester. That could possibly be rectified with the offering of more summer and night classes and the development of a system that awards an associate's degree in 12 or 18 months. (With so many students taking dual credit classes in high school these days that ought to be do-able.)

But what's really lacking is a comprehensive plan or effort to address this issue. Officials from the college and the city ought to meet with rental property owners and other interested parties – such as the Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Corporation – to see what incentives could be offered to develop new housing.

This is not an issue that solely affects Clarendon College. School officials and others will also tell you that it is hard to find housing in Clarendon. Homes are for sale; but teachers, students, and others who prefer to rent are limited on their selections.

Local Housing Authority Director Tammy Christopher told the ENTERPRISE that she has more than 20 people on a waiting list for single bedroom apartments. She said that list was over 30 before the fall and also said many people don't apply for housing through her office because their income exceeds federal guidelines.

The need for more housing for low- and middle-income people and families seems clear. The city is already looking at annexation and other avenues to spur growth. Ways to encourage the development of new housing needs to be part of that discussion.

With a cooperative plan, college enrollment could grow right away, which in turn would spur more economic activity in Clarendon, and eventually lead to population growth in the decades to come.

Meanwhile...

Following last week's stunning election of a Republican to fill the Massachusetts seat in the US Senate formerly held by Ted Kennedy, President Obama has suddenly become a fiscal conservative and, at press time, was expected to call for a spending freeze during this week's State of the Union address.

The spending freeze would not affect defense spending, Medicare, Medicaid, or Social Security. According to FoxNews.com, the federal government currently has a budget deficit of $1.35 TRILLION, and Obama's proposal will save "up to $15 billion the first year." Which means the government would still be spending about $1.2 TRILLION that it does not have.

I like a sense of humor in a president, and this is certainly the most laughable thing to come out of Washington since way back in 2009 when they said spending an extra trillion dollars on nationalized health care would save the country money.

The White House clearly still does not get it.

Declining sales taxes impacts Texas

By Tom Pauken

This past week, the Texas Comptroller's office released the latest sales tax collection figures. December sales tax collections in Texas were down 11.6 percent compared to the same period last year.

This follows ten straight months of declines in sales tax revenue statewide since February 2009. Sales tax revenues are not only an important indicator of the health of Texas' energy, retail and construction industries, but also are an important source of revenue for state and local governments in Texas. They provide $44 billion, or 57 percent, of state tax revenue and about a quarter of the overall funding of state government.

With much of the federal stimulus dollars going to increased government spending, a part of that has trickled down to state and local governments. In 2009, federal funds comprised a little more than 30 percent of our state government's budget. In this fiscal year, this is expected to rise to 41.9 percent, then fall back to 29.9 percent when $12.1 billion in federal stimulus funds are removed in 2011.

Fortunately, Texas has been fiscally prudent in recent years, unlike other large states which went on spending sprees during the boom years and now face massive budget deficits. Gov. Perry and Texas' legislative leaders worked together in the 2009 session of the Texas Legislature to pass a balanced budget while setting aside money for a "rainy day fund" just in case the national economy worsened. And, it turned out that we needed that rainy day fund as Texas feels the effects of the worst national recession since the Great Depression.

Just two months into our 2010 fiscal year, Texas is more than $1 billion behind Comptroller Susan Combs' original budget estimate. If this trend continues, there will not be sufficient funds set aside in the rainy day fund to make ends meet in 2011. That's why Gov. Perry and our state legislative leaders are asking agency heads to come up with plans to cut five percent of their budgets in order to make sure the state budget is balanced in 2011.

That is a process we are currently engaged in at the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). It is not an impossible task. In 2003, Gov. Perry and our Texas legislators faced a $10 billion prospective deficit. They cut spending and successfully balanced the budget without raising taxes.

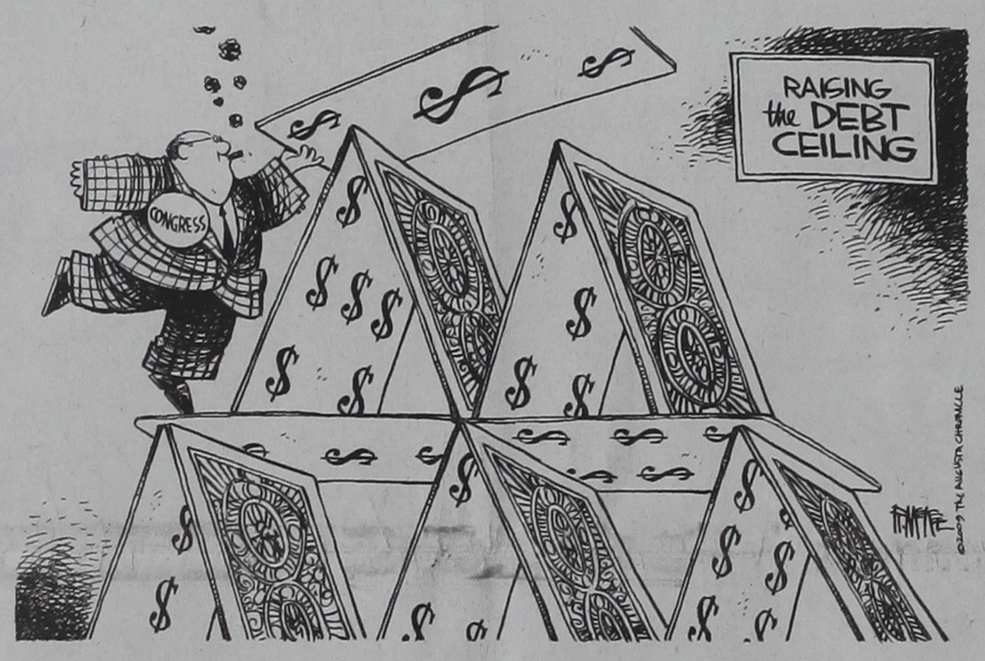
Many local governments in Texas have not been as prudent as our state leaders in preparing for these difficult economic times. The City of Houston spent $1.5 billion more than it brought in from 2004 to 2008. It made up that difference by issuing long-term revenue bonds and borrowing from its employee pension funds, endangering their future solvency. The problem is that the high debt levels in Houston were accumulated during good economic times. With tax revenues declining, it is likely that Houston's fiscal problems will get worse over the next few years, and Houston's municipal employees could be left holding the bag. The City of Dallas faces a similar problem as it overspent during the boom years. It has had to furlough employees, among other measures taken, in order to balance its budget this year.

I recently was in New York where the state government is refusing to write checks to local school districts because the Governor says that the state is insolvent. The governor of California has admitted that his state is effectively bankrupt and has gone to Washington looking for yet another bailout. Many municipalities across the country are, for all practical purposes, bankrupt.

Texas and our local communities are in much better financial shape than comparable governments in most of the rest of the nation. However, we need to heed the lessons of what is happening elsewhere and tighten our belts before we wake up to a set of unpleasant surprises.

With national unemployment continuing to be at double-digit levels and the American consumer worried about what the future holds, don't expect a sudden reversal of these trends of declining sales tax revenues and lower property values. It is a time for our elected officials at every level of government to figure out how to do "more with less."

Tom Pauken is the Chairman of the Texas Workforce Commission.



America's problem is civil obedience



speak truth to power
by john whitehead

When it comes to the staggering loss of civil liberties, the Constitution hasn't changed. Rather, it is the American people who have changed.

Once a citizenry that generally fomented a rebellion and founded a country, Americans are no longer the people they once were. Americans today live in a glass dome, says author Nicholas von Hoffman, a kind of terrarium, cut off from both reality and the outside world. In his words, they are "bobbleheads in Bubbleland. They shop in bubbled malls, they live in gated communities, and they move from place to place breathing their own private air in bubble-mobiles known as SUVs."

Most Americans, having been beguiled by materialism and technology, are more or less compliant lambs, only protesting when someone takes away their cell phone or causes them material discomfort. And if the specter of a terrorist attack (no matter how tenuous) is raised, most are willing to give over their rights in order to feel safer. Indeed, while the government inches ever closer to authoritarianism, many Americans are blissfully oblivious to the fact that a police state – even martial law – may be one terrorist attack away.

Whether the danger comes in the form of martial law being declared or the emergence of a 24/7 surveillance society, there is little hope that most Americans will resist. Why? Because the average American, young or old, knows very little about their history and lacks even a rudimentary knowledge of the Constitution or Bill of Rights. Like lambs to the slaughter, too many march in lockstep with whatever the government dictates, believing that to be patriotism. And those who do get a bit rowdy in voicing their disagreement with government policies, such as the Tea Party protesters, find themselves labeled "troublemakers" and made into easy targets for attack by the media, politicians and the like.

In the past, however, it has been the so-called troublemakers – those rowdy protesters who challenge the status quo – who have actually changed things for the better in America. When Birmingham, Alabama, became the epicenter of the civil rights struggle for African-Americans, Martin Luther King Jr. and others participated in peaceful protests such as mass marches and sit-ins. The police response was repression in the form of tear gas, dogs, fire hoses, and arrests, including that of King.

Yet as King acknowledged in his April 1963 "Letter from Birmingham Jail," demonstrations and objections to the status quo are sometimes necessary. Still, King was opposed to violent protests, preferring instead to encourage "tension." As he wrote: "there is a type of constructive, nonviolent tension which is necessary for growth … we must see the need for nonviolent gadflies to create the kind of tension in society that will help men rise from the dark depths of prejudice and racism to the majestic heights of understanding and brotherhood."

King's philosophy was undergirded by civil disobedience. This means of nonviolent resistance was used to great effect by Gandhi in his campaign for Indian independence from the British, in South Africa in the fight against apartheid, and of course by the civil rights movement, to name but three examples. Civil disobedience was also used to great effect at the Boston Tea Party.

Protests can take the form of stopping traffic, sit-ins, and other non-verbal forms of expression. The key, however, is standing on principle without wavering. As Henry David Thoreau wrote in his Resistance to Civil Government, or Civil Disobedience, inactivity by citizens can be more harmful to society than revolution:

There are thousands who are in opinion opposed to slavery and to the war, who yet in effect do nothing to put an end to them; who, esteeming themselves children of Washington and Franklin, sit down with their hands in their pockets, and say that they know not what to do, and do nothing … They hesitate, and they regret, and sometimes they petition; but they do nothing in earnest and with effect. They will wait, well disposed, for others to remedy the evil, that they may no longer have it to regret.

Thoreau goes on to note that for protest to be effective, it doesn't need to use force:

If a thousand men were not to pay their tax bills this year, that would not be a bloody and violent measure, as it would be to pay them, and enable the State to commit violence and shed innocent blood. This is, in fact, the definition of a peaceable revolution.

Peaceable or not, the United States has a long history of revolutionary and reactionary behavior. Thomas Jefferson was one such rebel. "What country before ever existed a century and a half without a rebellion? And what country can preserve its liberties if their rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance?" Jefferson wrote. "Let them take arms.... What signify a few lives lost in a century or two? The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants."

The figurative message of Jefferson's words should be heeded by all. His words illustrate the importance of political action. Jefferson, like Thoreau, like Martin Luther King, hated inaction and stasis. Each of these men believed that the status quo should be challenged when it was found lacking, and overturned when it yielded unjust results. Embracing that spirit today might lead to civil disobedience, but surely from time to time that is necessary. Without it, the civil rights movement would never have succeeded, the colonies of the United States would never have broken free from their British oppressor, and India might never have gained her independence.

Thomas Jefferson and those who followed took it as a rule of thumb that political progress stems from dissent. Under the First Amendment, people have a right to dissent. The great dissenters such as Martin Luther King Jr. were even willing to commit civil disobedience to force the government to assume its constitutional role.

But as author Howard Zinn points out all too well, "Civil disobedience is not our problem. Our problem is civil obedience."

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Skills development grants focus of seminar at CC

Clarendon College has partnered with Workforce Solutions to provide job training to local businesses through skills development grants from the Texas Workforce Commission.

On Thursday, January 28, at 10:00 a.m., staff from the Texas Workforce Commission, Workforce Solutions, and Clarendon College will speak with local employers who are interested in skills development grants. The seminar will be held in the Bairfield Activity Center on the Clarendon College campus and is open to all employers.

For the next two fiscal years the TWC has $90 million in Skills Development Funds to support high quality, customized job training projects across the state.

A business or a consortium of businesses identify training needs, and then partners with Clarendon College to fill its specific needs. Businesses work with college partners to submit proposals, develop custom curricula and conduct training. The Skills Development Fund pays for the training, the college administers the grant, and businesses create new jobs and improve the skills of their current workers.

This is a great occasion for businesses in our area to grow by partnering with both state and local organizations through no-cost customized training opportunities.

For more information, contact: Phillip Flores, Business Services Representative, Workforce Solutions Panhandle, at (806) 350-1606.

the lion's tale

by roger estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting January 26, 2010, with Boss Lion Chuck Robertson in charge. We had 19 members and no guests this week.

Lion Mike Word report that the school is getting ready for testing season, and Lion Debra Kuhl discussed events going on at the college.

There being no further business this week, we were adjourned.

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SWCD to hold EQIP meeting at Courson Center Tuesday

The Donley County Soil and Water Conservation District invites the public and agencies with interest to participate in the Local Work Group(LWG), led by USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist, to address county based funding for the 2010 Environmental Quality Incentives Programs (EQIP).

The LWG meeting will take place at the Courson RFO Center at Clarendon College. This meeting will be on Tuesday, February 02, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

The LWG will make recommendations on resource concerns to be addressed, eligible practices, payment schedule and ranking for county-based funding.

One of the guiding principles of the 2002 Farm Bill is that conservation programs are locally led. Through the stake holder meeting the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders to get program priorities. This meeting is open to the public.

EQIP was established in the 1996 Farm Bill to provide voluntary conservation programs for farmers and ranchers to address significant natural resource concerns. Nationally, it provides technical and financial assistance to address natural resource concerns.

Administered by the NRCS, EQIP was reauthorized in the 2002 Farm Bill and awards financial assistance to agricultural landowners who will apply for assistance and incentive practices which provides significant environmental benefits. In Texas, NRCS provides funding to each county to address local high priority resource concerns.

For more information regarding this upcoming meeting, call the USDA Service Center office in Clarendon at (806)874-3561 ext. 3.

Floydada wind expo to connect industry with area landowners

FLOYDADA – The Floyd County Friends Unity Center in Muncy will be transformed into a wind energy hot spot on March 4, 2010. Wind energy developers, consultants, transmission service providers, manufacturers and many other industry professionals will set up shop in order to connect with local land and business owners.

The event will be free and open to the public, but it will also be free for companies who want to promote their services or products. Interested companies are being offered the opportunity to set up an information table or booth free of charge.

Caprock Plains Wind Energy Association (CPWEA) is hosting the event in order to help bring all the pieces of the wind energy development puzzle together. Wind energy events, specifically trade shows, are held around the country year round, but the voice most often missing is that of local landowners and community members. This wind energy expo is meant to help wind industry professionals make connections with the local land and business owners as well as important community leaders who serve as an integral part of wind energy development in any rural community.

Several transmission service providers, developers and other entities involved with wind energy development have already expressed interested in being involved in the expo, but there is still plenty of room for more exhibitors to sign up.

CPWEA is a non-profit landowner association working to recruit wind development to the region and help revitalize rural communities. Contact CPWEA by phone at (806) 983-2793 or by email at info@caprockplainswind.com.

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weather report

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Tues	12	67°	33°	-
Wed	13	67°	28°	-
Thur	14	56°	31°	-
Fri	15	63°	26°	-
Sat	16	74°	28°	-
Sun	17	62°	33°	-

Total precipitation this month: 0.06"
Total precipitation to date: 0.06"

weekend forecast

Friday, Jan. 29
Mostly Sunny
36°/10°

Saturday, Jan. 30
Mostly Sunny
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Sunday, Jan. 31
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Community Calendar

January 29
Lady Broncos v. Memphis • 6:30 p.m. • in Bronco Gym

Broncos v. Memphis • 8 p.m. • in Bronco Gym

January 31
Fifth Sunday Singing • Assembly of God • 4 p.m.

February 1
Last Day to Register to Vote

February 2
USDA EQIP Meeting • CC Courson Center • 2 p.m.

February 6
First Day to Sign Up for Local Elections.

February 9
TDSHS Shot Clinic • 10:30 a.m.

February 14
St. Valentine's Day

Menus

February 1 - 5

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Chili rellenos/cheese sauce, pinto beans, fried okra, fiesta salad, lemon pudding, chips/salsa
Tue: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, peas, tomatoes/cottage cheese, blueberry pie, garlic toast.
Wed: Smoked sausage, cabbage, fried squash, potato salad, banana cake, cornbread
Thu: Chicken strips & gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, fruit salad, chocolate cake, biscuits.
Fri: King Ranch Chicken, mixed vegetables, corn, tossed salad, banana pudding, chips/salsa.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Cheeseburger, tater tots, lettuce, tomato, onion, banana pudding
Tue: Steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, Harvard beets, tossed salad, peaches & strawberries
Wed: Chicken strips, broccoli soup, green peas, corn salad, pineapple whip, cornbread
Thu: Beef stew, potatoes, carrots, onions, peas, tomatoes, macaroni salad, cake, cornbread
Fri: Catfish, onion rings, spinach, coleslaw, baked apples, cornbread

Clarendon ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk.
Tue: Sausage, biscuit, gravy, fruit, milk.
Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk.
Thu: Egg, toast, fruit, milk.
Fri: Cinnamon roll, juice, milk.
Lunch
Mon: Chicken nuggets, mixed vegetables, carrot sticks, sparkly apple, milk
Tue: Taco salad, beans, cinnamon apples, milk
Wed: Meatloaf, potatoes, green beans, peaches, roll, milk
Thu: Pig-in-a-blanket, baked beans, broccoli & cheese, pears, milk
Fri: Ham and cheese sub sandwich, chips, lettuce, tomato, pickle, orange, milk

Hedley ISD
Mon: Pizza, pig in a blanket, corn, salad, pineapple crushes, break, crackers, milk.
Tue: Nachos with ground beef, chicken fajitas, pinto beans, salad, pear halves, chips, salsa, milk.
Wed: chicken nuggets, chicken fried steak, green beans, salad, sliced peaches, wheat rolls, milk.
Thu: Pizza, oven fried cat fish, black eyed peas, salad, mixed fruit, wheat rolls, milk.
Fri: Hamburger with cheese, oven fries, salad, pickles, fruit, milk.

CC athletics having a busy week



happenings on the hill
by ashlee estlack, cc marketing coordinator

It's sports, sports, sports this week at Clarendon College.

The men's and women's basketball teams are on the road this week. Both teams are traveling to LaJunta, Colorado, to play Thursday, January 28.

The Lady Bulldogs will return home on Monday, February 1, to take on Western Texas College at 6 p.m. in Bulldog Gym

The baseball team will kick off the season next week with games Friday, February 5, and Saturday, February 6, in Laredo.

The men's and women's basketball teams will travel to Lamar, Colorado, on Saturday, February 6.

The softball team will kick off their season at home on Saturday, February 6, against Trinidad. A double header is schedule for 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The Lady Bulldogs will be on the road the following week traveling to Vernon for a double header on Tuesday, February 9 at 1 and 3 p.m.

Baseball will open at home on Tuesday, February 9, at noon against Wayland Baptist JV.

Men's and women's basketball will both be on the road again to Bacone on Tuesday, February 9.

The men's basketball team travel to Clovis, NM, on Thursday, February 11, to play Cannon Air Force Base at 5 p.m.

School counselors from around the Panhandle will be on campus Wednesday, February 3, for a Counselors' Roundtable.

This event will update the school counselor's on what's new at Clarendon College and what they can do to help their students continue their education at Clarendon College.

An H1N1 Flu Shot Clinic will be held in the Bairfield Activity Center on Thursday, February 4, from 1 to 5 p.m.

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Cooking isnt' as easy as following recipe



'wick picks
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I have come to the conclusion the reason I hate to cook is because of the decisions made before I even get to the kitchen.

The new recipe I was using called for several canned vegetables added to sweet Italian sausage. Well, forget finding sweet Italian sausage in the Texas Panhandle. I settled for hot links. Canned zucchini turned into fresh cooked in the microwave. I found canned carrots and butterbeans and then went to the canned tomato section.

Yes, I said section. At one time in the recent past you could send your ten-year-old grandson in the store for a can of tomatoes and you knew he would return with whole tomatoes. Well times have changed. The selection has expanded to whole, crushed, diced, petite diced, no salt added, Italian and Mexican seasoning, onions, peppers, and many options I don't remember in at least three sized cans. The recipe was pretty good, but I doubt I will make it again. It takes too much energy to shop for.

It is quiet in Howardwick – people keeping warm and fighting colds. The Baptist Church had a nice program with singing and food with about 35 in attendance.

Keep Margaret Pettit in your prayers. She suffered a stroke and is receiving therapy while staying in Amarillo with her son, Larry.

Keep our troops and our country in your prayers; both need them now.

Ex-Students making Cotton Festival plans



chatty kathy
by kathy spier
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I am writing this article on January 20, 2010, because I will be out of town when I need to turn it in. I know some of you may remember R.L. and Dean Nivens who used to live at Hedley. Their daughter, Shirley, is my sister-in-law (Jack's wife). We got word this morning that R.L. passed away in Ft. Worth. They live in Burleson, a few blocks from Jack and Shirley. R.L. has been sick for a while, but they had to rush him to the hospital this week and then found out he had lung cancer. He died sometime around 6:00 a.m. this morning.

I don't know the arrangements yet, but Mom and I will go down and be with them. If you need Shirley's address is it Shirley Spier, 119 SW Moody, Burleson, TX 76028. Please keep them in your prayers.

The Hedley ex-students had a meeting in Amarillo on Friday, January 15, to discuss some options to make the Cotton Festival bigger and better this year. Some great ideas came out of the meeting, so we will toss them around for a while. We would like to see all Hedley ex-students come this year to represent their class in the parade. So, please get the word out and have them contact me, Kathy Spier at 806-856-5302 or pkspier1@windstream.net.

Recipe: Lemon Whippersnaps: (A fun to make unusual cookie) 1 (18 ½ oz) pkg.lemon cake mix, 2 ¼ cups Cool Whip, thawed, 1 large egg, shifted powdered sugar. Combine cake mix, cool whip and egg until thoroughly blended. Sift powdered sugar on waxed paper then drop mixture by teaspoonfuls into powdered sugar and roll to coat. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-15 minutes, or until light brown.

The Hedley Senior Citizens would like to invite anyone to come eat with us.

WTAMU names fall honor students, graduates from Clarendon, Hedley

West Texas A&M University has named more than 1,200 students to honor lists for the fall 2009 semester. Of that total, 498 were named to the President's List and 739 students were named to the Dean's List.

Students named to the President's List must have a grade point average (GPA) of 4.00 and carry a minimum class load of 12 undergraduate hours.

Local students on that list included Morgan B. Hysinger, a sophomore Mass Communication – Broadcasting major, and Niki R. Roberts, a sophomore Pre-Medicine major, both of Clarendon.

Those named to the Dean's List must have a GPA between 3.50 and 3.99 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

Local students making the dean's list were: from Clarendon - La Dez D. Captain, a junior Speech Communication major, Meghan P. Gribble, a junior Social Work major, and Jon A. McGlaun, a junior Criminal Justice major; and from Hedley - Ruth A. Howard, a sophomore Generic Special Education major, Jason E. Sargent, a senior General Studies major, and Newt H. Scott, a senior Pre-Engineering major.

Degrees were officially conferred on 486 West Texas A&M University students during fall commencement exercises Dec. 11 at the First United Bank Center. The University awarded 385 baccalaureate degrees, 101 master's degrees and one doctoral degree.

Graduating from Clarendon was Judith L. Thomas, with an MSN degree in Nursing.

Saddle exhibition opens in Amarillo

A celebration of the design, style, and grace of the western saddle has opened to the public for the first time.

Like any tool, the saddle became an extension of those who used it and because of that became subject to personalization. That unique personalization and embellishment is the basis for a new exhibition opening at the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame & Museum in January 2010. The Art of the Western Saddle will feature 15 glorious examples of the saddle maker's art.

The exhibit will continue through July 31, 2010 at the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame & Museum in Amarillo.

CC names local students to honor lists

Clarendon College has named students to its President's and Dean's lists for the fall 2009 semester.

Those on the President's List each achieved a grade point average of 4.0 while completing at least 12 credit hours. Students from Donley County are Mindy Burrow, Kaysea Christopher, Deidre Lewis, and Gwendolyn McCary, all of Clarendon, and Danielle Smith, of Hedley

Those on the Dean's List, each achieved a grade point average of between 3.6 and 3.99 while completing at least 12 credit hours. Students from Donley County are Sade Faas-Cobb and Doris Terrell, both of Clarendon, and Cole Llewellyn and Christina Woodard, both of Hedley.

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That's an easy question, right? John 3:16 tells us that He came so that we might have eternal life. The fact is, if not for Jesus, we would have no hope at all as none of us would ever lead a sin-free life. God has always demanded justice and has always required a blood sacrifice for our sins. Hewbrews 10:4, "For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins." Since the scriptures tell us that animal sacrifices weren't sufficient, there had to be a perfect sacrifice. Hebrews 10:10, "By this we will have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."
We see Jesus had to come because of our sins and we needed a perfect sacrifice. He also came to be our example, to give us direction in how to live and be holy. 1Peter 2:21, "For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps....." The Lord taught us how to love our fellow man, ourselves and God. He taught us how to be a servant and how to have compassion for others. He taught us how to forgive and how to take persecution without seeking revenge.
There are other reasons we could point to that show why Jesus came to earth. I think all who profess Christianity would agree that it was essential to our salvation that Jesus came to earth and died for us. Jesus said He was the "way" and no one could come to the Father except through Him. Why is it then, that so many who claim to be Christians will still say that they believe in the end, God just won't be able to send people to Hell? You've heard this sentiment before. Well intentioned people saying that even if people have no faith or won't obey the gospel call, God's just going to have sympathy on them anyway. This belief not only goes against what God has said in scriptures, but it would make Jesus coming to earth and being murdered for our sins of no value. It was in vain if God isn't going to send some to eternal punishment. The great commission in Matt. 28:19-20 would be "busy work" for the apostles if God wasn't going to condemn some people on Judgment day!
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Hedley Owls win by one point

By Tangela Copelin

The Hedley Owls played long time rivals the Groom Tigers on Tuesday, January 12, in Groom.

The Owls started the game keeping pace with the Tigers outscoring them the first half 21 to 20. The third quarter the Owls began to lose their momentum and allowed the Tigers to outscore them 30 to 40. The Owls were never able to overcome the point deficit and lost this district game.

Scoring: Reid Copelin 17, Brandon Benton, 13, Kolby Foard 7, Nicco Bennett 3, and Dylan Pettit and Jacob Widener each had one point this game.

The Owls took on the McLean Tigers at home on Friday, January 15. The game proved to be one of the most exciting games the Owls have played all year. The players all knew that to be contenders for the district title they had to win the game.

With that in mind, the boys hit the court all determined to do whatever was necessary to win the game.

At the end of the first quarter of play, the Owls were down 8 to 20. With sheer determination, the Owls closed the gap to 5 points by the half.

Coming out of the locker room the Owls hit the court fired up ready to turn the tide in their favor.

Pulling together as a team, the boys ended the 3rd quarter up 46 to 42. With foul trouble hitting the Owls, Kolby Foard, a leading rebounder for the Owls, fouled out leaving the Owls scrambling to come up with the ball. Despite the set-back, the Owls continued back and forth with the Tigers until the final 2 seconds of the game with the score tied the Tigers put up one final shot.

At the ring of the buzzer, the only Hedley Owl senior rebounded the ball being fouled. This costly mistake by the Tigers allowed the Owls the chance to win. With no time left on the clock, Dylan Pettit shot his first free-throw and missed. With the crowd holding their breath, Pettit took his last shot and as the ball swooshed the net, Pettit turned to his team-mates with a shout of triumph as the Owls won the game 63 to 62.

Scoring: Benton 27, Copelin 15, Bennett 8, Widener 6, Evan Thompson 4, Foard 2, and Pettit the winning point of the game.

Lady Broncos lose to Wellington

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos competed hard to the end, but were unable to match up with the Wellington Lady Rockets on the road Friday night. The Lady Rockets defeated Clarendon, 64-26.

The Lady Broncos fell behind 5-33 in the first half of play and Wellington was able to take the momentum they gained into the second half of play for the win. The Lady Rockets proved to be too much for the Lady Broncos on their home court but will have to face off in Clarendon in the second round of District play. Scoring: Haley Hall 7, Trevela Dronzek 6, Lydia Howard 4, Danielle Ford 4, Kia Bryley 3, and Elissa Holland 2.

The Lady Broncos will play Memphis at home Friday, January 29, and travel to Quanah Tuesday, February 2.

Broncos fall to Wellington

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos traveled to Wellington Friday night for a match up with the Skyrockets for the number one spot in District 3-1A.

The game was neck and neck for three quarters until the final period when the Rockets opened a big lead and took the 59-44 win.

The Broncos led by one point at the end of the first quarter, but went into the half trailing by one. The Skyrockets opened a bigger lead after the break, which resulted in the Broncos' trying to rally back. They were plagued by turnovers, and fouls sent Wellington to the free throw line several times.

Clarendon played hard and was determined to get back in it, but time was against them, and the Broncos were defeated.

Scoring: Johnny Gaines 14, Stephino McCampbell 10, Tre Brown 9, Brayden Phillips 6, Glenn Weatherton 3, and Forrest Yelverton 2.

The Broncos will take on Memphis at home Friday, January 29, at 8:00 p.m. and would like to invite the community to come out and support them as they gain another District win. They will travel to Quanah Tuesday, February 2.

Lady Owls fall to Tigerettes

By Tangela Copelin

The Lady Owls took on the Groom Tigerettes in a head to head match-up last Tuesday in Groom.

The Lady Owls played a tough defensive game against their opponents not allowing them to score much the first half, but allowing their opponents to take the lead which in the end cost them the ball game.

Scoring: Kaylee Shields 14, Kallie Verstuyft and Kassidy Burton 5 points apiece, and Haley Chambless 3 points.

On Friday, January 15, the Lady Owls took on the Lady Tigers from McLean. The girls were slow putting points on the board and ended up losing the game 29 to 58.

Scoring: Shields 12, Verstuyft 7, Chambless 5, Sierra Shelp 3, and Sierra Wheatly 3.

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Bulldogs lose by two

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon College Bulldogs have had a great season so far and, despite a 90-92 loss to Otero Junior College last week, are determined to continue to post wins.

Coach Tony Starnes says his team does not lack effort.

"We played hard in the first half, but really got outplayed in the second," Starnes said. "We made plays the first half and did not make the same plays in the second. We give Otero JC a lot of the credit, and I shoulder a lot of the blame for not having the guys ready to play in the second half."

Scoring: Javier Ramos 14, Eric Taylor 14, Victor Martinez 13, Chris O'Neal 13, and Labron Sanders 13.

The Bulldogs will get the chance to revenge their loss when they play Otero again January 28 in LaJunta, Colo., and travel to Lamar Community College February 6.

They will play Lamar again on February 22 in their next home game beginning at 8:00 p.m.

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Drugs in the News

Osteoporosis Drug May Reduce Cancer Risk

According to a new review of post-menopausal women, those who were taking a bisphosphonate-type drug for osteoporosis had greater than 30 percent fewer instances of invasive breast cancer compared to those women who did not take a bisphosphonate. This review came from a group of participants in the Women's Health Initiative (WHI). The WHI is a large on-going study of over 150,000 post-menopausal women. This most recent review was conducted as a result of a previous trial published in *The New England Journal of Medicine*. In that trial pre-menopausal women with breast cancer were given zoledronic acid (Zometa) to support bone health. They were found to have less recurrence and spread of existing cancer and less cases of new cancer in the opposite breast. Examples of bisphosphonates include alendronate (Fosamax), ibandronate (Boniva), risedronate (Actonel).

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Bronco & Lady Bronco Basketball

Friday, January 29

Lady Broncos v. Memphis in Clarendon, 6:30 p.m.

Broncos v. Memphis in Clarendon, 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 2

Lady Broncos v. Quanah in Quanah, 6:30 p.m.

Broncos v. Quanah in Quanah, 8:00 p.m.

Lady Broncos

3	Jentry Shadle	Fr.
10	Jill Luna	Sr.
11	Danielle Ford	Jr.
12	Kia Bryley	Sr.
12	Lydia Howard	Fr.
20	Lauren Shelton	Sr.
23	Haley Hall	Sr.
24	Trevela Dronzek	So.
25	Domnique Mason	Sr.
33	Caitlyn Christopher	Sr.
40	Deidre lewis	Sr.
44	Elissa Holland	Sr.

Head Coach: Randy Yelverton
Assistants: Kasey Bell & Shanna Shelton
Managers: Ieshia Trevino, Kylie Phillips & Lora Thornton
Superintendent: Monty Hysinger

Broncos

2	Glen Weatherton	Sr.
3	Josh Krumwiede	Sr.
5	Matt Henderson	Sr.
10	Justin Shillings	Jr.
12	Johnny Gaines	Jr.
15	Brayden Phillips	Jr.
23	Stephino McCampbell	Sr.
24	Forrest Yelverton	Fr.
25	Chris Crump	Jr.
32	Mike Crump	Jr.
33	Jadon Thorton	Sr.
42	Dylan Wright	Sr.
50	Tre Brown	Sr.

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Bronco Junior Varsity destroys Panhandle

The Bronco junior varsity is working on a perfect season as they claimed another victory over Panhandle at home Monday night. It never was a contest as the Broncos won 52-22.

The Broncos jumped out to the early lead and clicked offensively and defensively. Cole Ward and Adam Topper gave stellar efforts inside as they led their team to the win and finished in double figures. Trajen Johnson provided some inside muscles as well.

Also, the hustle of Diego Santos, Cody Wood, and Wes Williams caused several turnovers that the Broncos were able to capitalize on.

Clarendon hit a rhythm defensively as they only allowed their opponent six points in two quarters.

"I was pleased with the way the kids hit their stride in the game," coach Alton Gaines said. "They are understanding our offense, and their defense comes naturally. We were very pleased with the outcome. Our hard work is paying off."

Scoring: Ward 15, Topper 13, Wes Williams 6, Johnson 6, Santos 5, Tyler Burch 4, and Wood 3.

Friday night, the Broncos traveled to Wellington and narrowly defeated them 40-38. A slow first quarter hindered the Broncos and they trailed by three points going into the second period. But they regrouped and took control of the game to tie the score at 24 at the break. They were able to grab the lead after the break and hung on to get the win.

"We were pleased with a District win," Gaines said. "But we have to understand we just can't walk into a gym with the 'W'. But we were able to start executing and we hit another gear to get the win."

Scoring: Johnson 12, Ward 10, Topper 9, Williams 6, and Santos 3.

The Broncos will continue their district schedule Friday, January 29, at home against Memphis at 5:00 p.m. They will travel to Quanah February 2.

Lady Bronco JV wins big against Rockets; 46-25

The Lady Bronco junior varsity was on the road to Wellington Friday night and completely dominated them 46-26.

The ladies left no question as to who was the better team in the contest and jumped out to the early lead. Wellington was left scrambling to try to put together some kind of offense. But the Lady Broncos were on their game and extended their lead over the Lady Rockets to bring home the win.

"It was an extremely good shooting night from our guards," Coach Kasey Bell said. "We were able to execute our presses and take advantage of turnovers. I'm really proud of how they came out and played hard."Scoring: McKayla Cartwright 13, Marqueda Gaines 8, Emily Clark 5, Maci White 4, Elizabeth O'Rear 4, Jency Burton 3, Anna Ceniceros 3, Amber Keelin 2, Ashlyn Tubbs 2, and Cheyenne Kosechata 2.

The ladies will play Memphis at home Friday, January 29, and travel to Quanah Tuesday beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Colts trample over Bucks

The Clarendon Colts traveled to White Deer Monday, January 18 and brought home two big wins. The seventh grade put together a great strategy and defeated the Bucks 30-20.

The game was tied at six all after the first quarter, but the Colts opened a two-point lead at the break. They gained momentum in the second half of play and executed their offense and defense, which put the game out of reach for White Deer. Charles Mason played great offensively and put up 20 points. Zack Laroe and Cedric McCampbell each added four, and Zach Watson and Austin Lowry had one apiece to help their team.

The eighth grade connected on both ends of the court as well and handily defeated White Deer 46-23. After two quarters of play, the score was fairly close with the Colts holding a slight advantage.

In the second half of the game, the Colts found their rhythm and turned up the heat on their opponent. They took a huge lead into the final period and easily put the Bucks away.

Inside men Tres Hommel and Terance Wilson were workhorses under the bucket and finished with 13 and 10 points respectively.

Scoring: Hommel 13, Wilson 10, Cody Harjo 9, Chance McAnear 8, Ashton Smith 4, and Zach Cornell 2.

The seventh grade Colts took part in the Miami Tournament over the weekend and took on Shamrock in the first round. The Colts had to play some eighth graders as Shamrock combines their seventh and eighth grade teams. The Colts struggled in the game, which allowed Shamrock to take control early.

The Colts could never rebound offensively and foul trouble plagued them.

Scoring: Mason 8, Brandon Miller 5, Montana Hysinger 4, and Laroe 2.

The Colts matched up with Booker in the next round and were defeated 13-50. The Colts played hard, but just could not get anything going.

"We struggled a bit in this tournament," Elam said. "Not to make excuses, but it was more of an eighth grade tournament, and we opened by playing an all eighth grade team. We played well at times but were outmatched. Foul trouble hurt us in both games. I was proud of their effort."

Lady Colts slam White Deer

The seventh and eighth grade Lady Colts played on the road Monday, January 18, and both teams gained a big victory over the Lady Bucks.

The fourth quarter was the difference for the seventh grade Lady Colts as they outscored their opponent by two points to get the 20-18 win. The ladies held a slight advantage after the first quarter of play but allowed White Deer to play to a tie after three. Their defense kicked in, and they were able to stop the Lady Bucks when it counted, and crucial free throws helped to seal the win.

Scoring: Taylor Gaines 7, Skyler White 6, Abby Johnson 3, Reanna Jackson 2, and Caitlyn Nowlin 2.

The eighth grade followed suit and cruised to an easy win at 34-20. The ladies put their offense in gear in the first half of play and took a huge lead that overwhelmed White Deer. They added an offensive surge in the last period of play to secure their victory.

Scoring: Deborah Howard 8, Phara Berry 8, Jacy Hill 6, Ryann Starnes 4, Savannah Topper 3, Haley Ferguson 2, Zhanae Bassett 2, and Camra Smith 1.

The seventh grade Lady Colts participated in the Miami tournament and took third place in the tournament. They took on the host team in the first round, which consisted of seventh and eighth graders, and they were defeated 21-36. The Lady Colts had a slow go at the beginning of the game and the Miami eighth grade took control of the game early. But they were able to rebound in the second half and get their offense going.

Scoring: White 8, Gaines 8, Johnson 3, and Jackson 2.

The ladies took on the Booker eighth grade in the next round and narrowly defeated them 30-28. After playing the first quarter to a tie, Booker took a small advantage into the locker room, but the Lady Colts stormed back in the third quarter to outscore their opponent by eight points to make up the difference and take a four-point lead. They were able to hold on in the last quarter to get the win.

Scoring: Jackson 10, Gaines 8, White 6, and Johnson 6.

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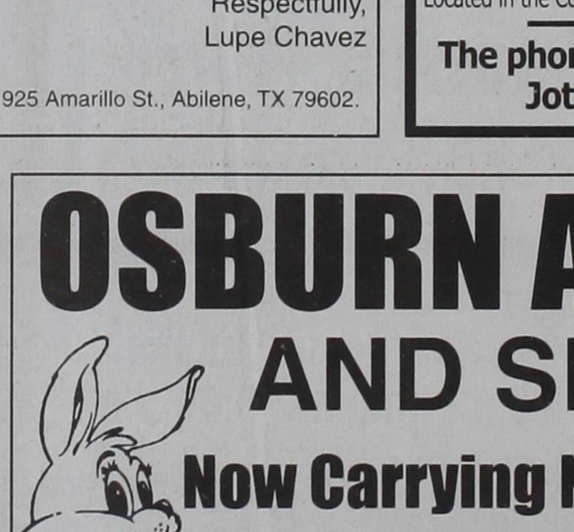
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Maurine Skipper, 81, died January 22, 2010, in McLean.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday January 26, 2010, at Forest Hill Baptist Church 1021 North Apache in Amarillo with Rev. Walt Ellis Officiating. Interment followed at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Skipper was born on March 28, 1928, in McLean to C.O. "Ott" and Laura Goodman. She graduated from McLean High School. Mrs. Skipper worked a number of Years for T.G.&Y. Store of Amarillo and the Amarillo ISD. She was Past Matron OES Bonita 184, OES Vega 528 and OES Amarillo 787. She also belonged to the Assembly 246 SOOB and was a Past Queen of The Nile.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister Maxine Stroud.

Survivors include her husband, Milton Skipper of Amarillo; four sons, N.D. Skipper and his wife Ann of Gray, Tenn., Calvin Wayne Skipper and his wife Jackie of Lubbock, Patrick Skipper and his wife Venus of Amarillo and Mont Skipper and his wife Mary of West Valley, Utah; one daughter, Shelia Taylor and her husband Mitch of Amarillo; two brothers, Kenneth Goodman and his wife Sue of Amarillo, and Keith Goodman and his wife Ann of Ft. Worth; one sister; Marjorie Fish of McLean; and many beautiful grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Sheriff's Report

January 18, 2010

1:09 a.m. – APD reporting adult male in stolen vehicle reported en route to Clarendon.
1:13 a.m.- Notification of male subject possibly en route from Amarillo to College dorm.
1:30 a.m.- En route to reported disturbance 200 Blk. Charles St. Howardwick, barking dogs.
1:39 a.m.- Deputy & sheriff dispatched to family dispute 4000 Blk. FM 1260 S.
2:23 a.m.- En route to jail; taking statements.
11:30 a.m.- Out at Howardwick residence.
12:50 p.m.- See caller Rosenfield; unruly child.
5:15 p.m.- 200 Blk. Charles St. Howardwick; dog complaint.
6:34 p.m.- Co. Rd. X; civil service

January 19, 2010

1:48 a.m.- Transport stranded motorist to Hedley residence.
2:22 a.m.- Transport stranded motorist to Clarendon.
6:27 p.m.- At residence 5th & Collinson Sts.
6:40 p.m.- At College dorm.

January 20, 2010

11:36 a.m.- At Annex
4:18 p.m.- Two vehicle accident, S. Jefferson at W. 3rd St.
5:24 p.m.- Complaint of loud music at baseball field.
8:23 p.m.- Single vehicle rollover, Hwy 287 at MP 183.

January 21, 2010

12:08 a.m.- See caller 700 Blk. W. 2nd St.
6:08 a.m.- Advised Childress Deputy & Trooper in pursuit of vehicle westbound on Hwy 287, now in Hall Co.
6:52 a.m.- To jail one male in custody
10:29 a.m.- At Annex
6:53 p.m.- At College dorm

January 22, 2010

5:34 a.m.- EMS assist 200 Blk. E. 4th St.
11:46 a.m.- Courtesy transport to Armstrong Co. Line
3:10 p.m.- See caller at Lelia Lake Gin
5:51 p.m.- At Hedley High School Gym

January 23, 2010

10:04 a.m.- At Hedley High School Gym
1:58 p.m.- Dispatched to jail; problems with people in lobby
3:29 p.m.- To jail with two adult males; possible marijuana greater than 2 oz and less than 5 lbs.
7:39 p.m.- Contact made with driver parked at local fast food.
9:10 p.m.- See caller 5th & Ellerbee Sts.

January 24, 2010

1:31 a.m.- Check area 5th & Ellerbee Sts.
10:31 a.m.- Red tagged abandoned vehicle Co. Rd. 13 & Co. Rd. R
11:27 a.m.- Unable to locate defiant juveniles reported headed South on bicycles from 500 Blk. W. 4th St.
11:03 p.m.- EMS assist Co. Rd. 21

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Donley County Fire!

A prayer and/or praise vigil has begun in this county and will continue around the clock with one hour slots available for volunteers. This vigil should generally focus on inviting the presence of God in our midst to revive His church in our county, state, country and world.

A weekly focus will be posted in this ad as well as any news or updates. If you feel the call to pray and/or praise one hour per week for God's presence to move here in wonderful ways, call 806-874-1313 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. and ask to sign up on prayer schedule. God Bless you all.

"Keep the Fire Burning"

1 Thessalonians 5:16-19 "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not put out the Spirit's fire."

WEEKLY FOCUS: ***Youth of Donley County***

Slots taken 102 • Available 66

REMEMBER TO VOTE
March 2, 2010

Colleen Owens
Justice of the Peace
Precincts 3 & 4

- I would greatly appreciate your vote on March 2.
- I have 2 1/2 years experience as Judge Kennedy's clerk.
- I have completed the 10-hour court personnel course on policies and procedures.
- I am familiar with all the court computer programs.
- I have served the City of Hedley as Council Member and as Mayor of Hedley.
- My roots are in Donley County, and my husband and I have established our permanent home here.
- I feel that my experience plus my commitment to serve the people of Donley County most qualifies me for this position.

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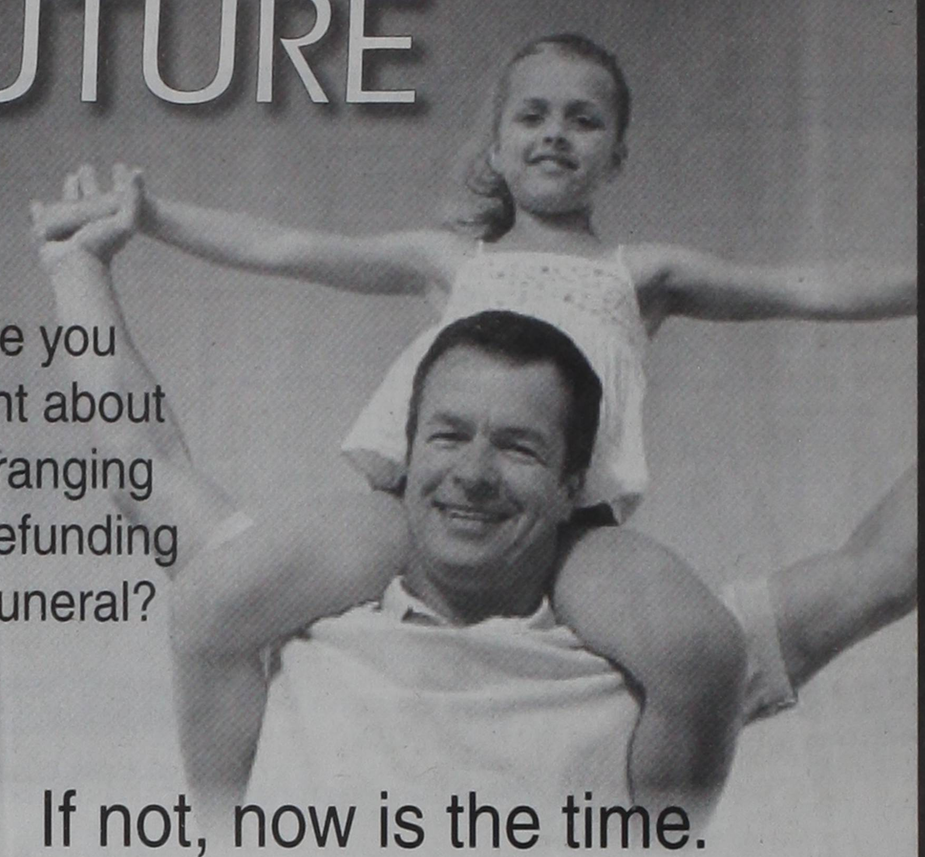
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Think About Your FUTURE



Have you thought about prearranging and prefunding your funeral?

If not, now is the time.

There are over 60 decisions that have to be made at the time of need and many people have taken advantage of what Robertson Funeral Directors has to offer by prearranging and prefunding their funerals. Our entire staff understands the difficulty in making these important decisions, which is why we would like to sit down and walk you through the planning process and answer any questions you may have so that all arrangements are exactly as you would want them.

Some benefactors of prefunding your funeral:

•Locking in at today's prices.
{Preneed funeral trusts work different than life insurance. Life insurance has no guarantee on funeral costs, but preneed funeral trust freezes the current cost of funerals ultimately saving you and your families hundreds and even thousands of dollars. Funerals have tripled over the last 20 years, and will continue to rise in the coming years.}

•Plans with various payment options
{Single premiums, 12 months, 18 months, 3-10 year payment plans!}

•Plans that fit ANY budget
{There 2 types of plans when prefunding a funeral. Dollar for Dollar and Insured Plans.
1.Dollar for Dollar plans are 0% interest financing and what you pay in is exactly the total cost. The only negative of the plan is if the plan is not paid off before death occurs the family assumes the balance.
2.Insured plans have insurance built into them to where if the balance is unpaid before death occurs, the insurance pays for the remaining balance. The only negative of the plan is that there is interest built into your premiums.

•Accidental Death Coverage
{Plans cover accidental death and no additional cost to your plan}

•Irrevocable Assignments to Shield your precious funds from government aid
{All plans can be irrevocably assigned to prevent the government from touching your assets. If you had to be placed in a nursing home or assisting living facility, this does NOT count against you as asset when applying for government aid.}

•Children, Grandchildren, & Great-Grandchildren Protection
{Your children, grandchildren, & great-grandchildren that are unmarried, from birth to 18 years of age and are NOT in the military have benefits available if death were to occur up to $5000 coverage at no additional cost to your preneed funeral plan.}

•YOU choose your service preference, merchandise, and control what you want on your plan.
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•Transfer your current preneed funeral plan to us and save!
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•Personalized Burial and Cremation Packages are available.
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•Prearranging and recording your personal information to save time
{When you also prearrange you also record personal information that we will have to have at the time of need and are able in a sound mind to document the important details for death certificate, obituary, and your personal wishes.}

Call or Come by today to schedule an appointment with one of our licensed funeral directors / preneed agents.

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