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

## Howardwick to host fourth fall festival

The fourth annual Howardwick Fall Festival in the Park will be held this Saturday, October 6, and a full day of activities are planned.

Sponsored by the City of Howardwick, proceeds from the day's activities will go to the city and its fire department.

Events begin at noon with vendors set up in the park and a car show, and a golf cart run is scheduled from noon to 2 p.m. Barbecue sandwiches will be available for sale starting at noon while supplies last.

At 3 p.m., there will be a drawing for a 39-inch HDTV, the car show winners will be announced, and an auction fundraiser will be held.

At 5 p.m., the band "One Way Rider" gets started for your listening enjoyment.

Everyone is invited to join the community of Howardwick for this fun filled day. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the fun.

## City aldermen issue \$1.35 million debt

The City of Clarendon issued \$1.35 million in bonded indebtedness during a called meeting last Thursday, September 27.

Members of the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to issue \$700,000 in general obligation bonds, which were approved by voters in a May election with the money going toward street improvements.

The board also voted unanimously to issue \$650,000 in tax notes for water and sewer line replacements under streets to be repaved.

The city will pay just 1.620 percent interest on the money it borrowed, and the final payments on the debt is scheduled for 2019.

## Businesses ask for help with FedEx box

Word just came in as the ENTERPRISE was going to press that FedEx has pulled its drop off box at the Clarendon Post Office due to a lack of use. This comes as a blow to local businesses who depend on that box to overnight packages via FedEx. Popular demand might be able to bring the drop-off box back. Interested businesses are urging folks to call 800-463-3339 and keep pushing zero until you get a human and request that the drop-off box be returned to the Clarendon, Texas post office.

## State plans to hold shot clinics here

The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold two Immunization Clinics in Clarendon this month.

Clinics will be held October 11 and 18 at the TDSHS office at Five Medical Drive, and the first 15 clients will be seen between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 and 3:30 p.m.

All clinic times subject to change or cancellation due to weather conditions or unforeseen scheduling conflicts.

## Clarendon woman gets five years for theft

A Clarendon woman will spend five years in the state prison after she stole tens of thousands of dollars from her employer over one and a half years.

Laura Hommel King pled guilty to the third degree felony of Aggravated Theft and agreed to let District Judge Stuart Messer determine her punishment. She faced jail time from two to ten years and a possible fine of up to \$10,000.

District Attorney Luke Inman's first witness during the punishment hearing was Johnny Floyd, owner of Floyd's Automotive Supply and 287 Tire & Tube, who had employed King as a bookkeeper beginning in August 2010.

Floyd said he slowly notice cash missing and then notice more money

missing as time went on. He eventually got a new bookkeeper and his former bookkeeper and they spent 30 days unraveling a pattern of theft that they believed totaled nearly \$75,000. Of that amount, \$51,902.81 was verified beyond a doubt.

Floyd said he confronted King about the missing money and said that she admitted she had taken it and promised to pay him back. He said he believed she probably started stealing from the time she went to work for him and continued until January 2012.

"I feel very sorry for her, and I told her that," Floyd said. "I feel more sorry for her parents and her children, but I feel no remorse (for pursuing this) because this isn't the first time she's done something like

this."

Floyd said the thefts had made him physically sick, that he couldn't eat or sleep, and that it had changed his plans for his business. He asked the court to give King the maximum sentence.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn was the state's next witness, and he testified that his office had spent about 85 hours going over records with Mr. Floyd and his bookkeeper, looking at hundreds of documents detailing almost \$75,000 in missing funds. Blackburn said he interviewed King after her arrest and that she had initialed each page of his report indicating that she admitted to taking the money.

"The amount of this theft - in Donley County - is mindboggling,"

Blackburn said. "We usually see \$1,500 to \$2,000. A theft of this magnitude in this county in this economy deserves the maximum penalty."

Taking the stand on her own behalf, King told defense attorney Matt Martindale that she first started taking the money to support her children, and she said that if she were to receive probation, she would make repaying Mr. Floyd her top priority.

King admitted she had gotten in trouble when she worked for the United States Post Office in 2005 and had spent 90 days in a federal prison camp and three years on probation following that incident. She said she could pay \$700 per month to Mr. Floyd to make restitution.

In closing arguments, Inman said his office recommended a ten-

year sentence based on the testimony given, and Martindale argued that prison time would serve no purpose since King would lose her job, lose her kids, and lose her ability to pay Mr. Floyd back.

Judge Messer told King she should have taken out a loan if she had needed money and shot down her attorney's argument for probation.

"You say it [jail time] won't work, but probation won't work for you," Messer said. "The federal government has tried that."

Messer ordered King be taken into custody of the Donley County Sheriff's Office, sentenced her to five years in prison, and ordered her to pay \$51,000 in restitution. She has the right to appeal his sentence.



## Owls name homecoming court

2012 HHS Homecoming Queen candidates this year are senior Sierra Wheatly, sophomore Kati Adams, freshman Charlie Neeley, and junior Kassie O'Dell. The queen will be announced at the football game on Friday October 12, 2012.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / KARI LINDSEY

## Goodnight house to be opened Saturday

The Armstrong County Museum Board of Directors is celebrating the restoration of the Goodnight House with a Public Open House this Saturday, October 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Everyone is invited to tour the 125-year-old home and grounds of Charles and Marianne Goodnight. The cost is \$5 per adult, children are free. All donations will be gratefully accepted. Cookies and lemonade will be served.

On Highway 287, turn south near the town of Goodnight into the property. Come see the home that now emulates much of its 1887 orig-

inal exterior as well as interior decor and furnishings. Visitors can walk the grounds, tour the bunk house, well house, Playa Lake, bird watching station, and more. Visitors may also see the Buffalo Gold Herd Wear store that is being completed at the entrance.

A unique new book, *Charles Goodnight: A Man for All Ages*, will be available for purchase at either the Goodnight House or the Museum. It is authored by Byron Price with photography by Wyman Meinzer. It features little-known facts about Goodnight as well as captivating pictures.



The 1887 Goodnight House.

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## Birds of a feather

Rebecca Swearingen took these photos of pelicans at Greenbelt Lake Saturday evening, September 22. She reported counting about 70 of the birds and say she has never seen more than two at a time there before.

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## City puts Little on 3 months probation

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen placed City Administrator Lambert Little on probation for three months following an evaluation of his performance last Tuesday, September 25.

The board met behind closed doors for more than an hour and a half to conduct the administrator's annual evaluation before calling Little into their meeting on the second floor of City Hall. Citizens left downstairs could hear yelling from Alderman Tommy Hill and later from Mr. Little before the board reconvened in open session after another hour and 15 minutes.

When the board reconvened, Mayor Larry Hicks asked if the aldermen wanted to take action following the closed session discussion. Alderman Abby Patten said she expected to see the city be run more effectively in terms of finances, employees, and resources.

Little suggested a three- or six-month probationary period with him meeting with the board once a month to see if he can reach their expectations. Alderman Tommy Hill said he would agree to three months "to see if everything can be done in the best interest of the city and the citizens."

The board then voted 3-2 for the probationary period with Hill, Patten and Jesus Hernandez in favor and Aldermen Will Thompson and Terry Noble opposed. Noble said he didn't feel like much would be happening in the next three months for Little to be fairly judged.

Hicks urged all the aldermen to come to Little's office to let him know personally what they expected of him.

In other city business last Tuesday, the board considered the tax rate for the 2013 fiscal year and voted to maintain the current rate of \$0.65 per \$100 valuation on a 3-2 vote with Hill, Patten, and Hernandez in favor and Thompson and Noble opposed.

The board of aldermen also approved the \$1.6 million 2013 fiscal budget also on a 3-2 vote with the yay's and nay's breaking along the same lines.

In public comments at the beginning of the meeting, the board heard from Robert Benson regarding the city's past sponsorship of the Junior Rodeo Cowboy Association and his desire for the city to sponsor it again and from Laura Paul regarding a complaint she had previously filed about concerns she has regarding a property in her neighborhood.

During a budget hearing before the regular meeting, editor Roger Estlack inquired about the size of the proposed municipal budget and the amount available for contingency expenses in the coming year, which is about \$10,900.

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

## Romney a little low on number getting checks

Forty-nine percent of the American public is on the federal teat, and they are sucking the old sow dry.

It is a fact straight from government sources, and it was published long before Mitt Romney was caught on an open microphone. The former Massachusetts Governor found himself in hot water with the leftists last month when he was "exposed" for saying behind closed doors that 47 percent of the American people would never vote for him because they are dependent on government checks.



**editor's commentary**  
by Roger Estlack

But months before he said it, an article in October 2011 by Brian Faler with Bloomberg News detailed that actually 49 percent of Americans get some kind of government check, and his number came straight from the United States Census... an organization run since 2009 by the Obama Administration. Furthermore, Faler wrote that 63 percent of all federal spending that year "will consist of checks written to individuals for which the government receives no services," and that fact came from the White House budget office.

By comparison, only 18 percent of Americans were on the government dole in 1940. The number of people getting assistance means it's hard for either party to enact meaningful reforms to rein in spending, and, as Romney said, it makes it harder for a conservative to get elected. The message of personal responsibility and self reliance rings hollow with nearly half of the populace, most of who are in favor of cutting any program... except the one that benefits them.

Able-bodied, lazy people on welfare is a problem, but there is so much more to it than that. There are Social Security and Medicare recipients who feel they paid into a system that now owes them benefits (even if many will receive far more than they pay in over a lifetime), there are college students receiving federal education grants (the number of which went up 70 percent in five years), and single or low-income parents who qualify for daycare assistance. All of these programs – and dozens and dozens of others – bleed the treasury, none of them are authorized by Constitution, and they all violate the concept put forth by our Founding Fathers that the federal government is supposed to be limited in its size and scope.

However well intentioned the programs were in their origins, we have reached a point where federal assistance – in all its many forms – threatens to bankrupt the government of the United States and the only way to stop it is at the ballot box. But there again, Mr. Romney is correct in his assessment because even the suggestion of reforms brings out the fire-breathing accusations from Democrats that Republicans just want to starve children, kill old people, and stop anyone from going to college.

Americans have to wake up to what's going on, and all the sacred cows have to be put on the budget altar. Otherwise, the \$16 trillion debt this nation has acquired will soon look like peanuts as the costs of retiring Baby Boomers and the mandates of Obamacare gut the treasury in the coming years.

Romney's problem wasn't that he wrote off half the electorate; it was that he told the truth. And the truth hurts.

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## District attorney seems soft on crime

After contemplating the outrageously lenient plea bargain agreement (nine months in county jail) between District Attorney Luke Inman and Gayle Edes, in return for her guilty plea to Injury to a Child by Omission, I got to thinking, which can be an adventure for me.

While explaining his rationale for the agreement, Mr. Inman stated, "The injury to a child case by omission was not something that we could file immediately due to factual and legal hurdles we had to overcome. It's not as simple as going forward against the perpetrator who actually committed the assault. There had to be forensic medical testimony that would support the injury occurred as a result of not seeking medical attention, and that part of the investigation took time."

I understand that Gayle Edes' health has suffered during these intervening months. If I were facing this charge my health would suffer considerably, too – although not as much as Chance Jones' health suffered. I'm still outraged that Mr. Inman basically let Gayle Edes walk. The dirty little fact that Chance died from his injuries apparently made little impact upon Mr. Inman's sense of moral and judicial outrage.

In the case of Gayle Edes, justice was not served. I wondered how justice is normally served in the 100<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. A two year search of CLARENDON ENTERPRISE records, which do not include all the case dispositions in District Attorney Inman's prosecutions over this period of time, I discovered that justice is usually served with a generous helping of leniency.

This leniency makes me wonder why this is so? One thing I've always loved about Texas is that we are a people who value law and order and are known

to be tough on crime.

Perhaps Mr. Inman just doesn't want to be bothered with trying cases in court. It's much easier, and probably cheaper, to plea bargain than to prosecute. After all, he does have a large area to cover, and it may be tiring to spend all his time driving around his district, totting all those files and depositions around. Why not just plea bargain those cases that don't involve unseemly death or injury? Now, a few of his cases involving injury did result in probation and deferred adjudication for the perps.

More than a few of Mr. Inman's cases involved some remarkable case dispositions. For example, in one case, a man pleaded guilty to kidnapping, a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree felony. He received three years probation – for kidnapping for heaven's sake!

Even worse, another fellow pled guilty to sexual assault of a child. His sentence? Probation, with deferred adjudication – which means he doesn't have to register as a convicted sex offender. Nice.

On that same day, another disagreeable fellow pled guilty to aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, and received two years probation with deferred adjudication. In case you didn't know, deferred adjudication means that if you keep your nose clean for the duration of your probation or sentence, your record is wiped clean of your crime.

Over this time period several people



**the quick, the dead, & fred**  
by Fred Gray

have plea bargained burglary of habit – which means they broke into an occupied house – into case dispositions that resulted in probated sentences with deferred adjudication. And we wonder why we have folks breaking into our local business, five of 'em at last count.

Included also, were a few cases of misdemeanor drug possession – marijuana for example – that also resulted in a couple of years of probation with deferred adjudication. Meanwhile, there was an ill tempered man who pled guilty to aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He also received probation with deferred adjudication. There must have been some really interesting extenuating circumstance for him to the receive a similar sentence as the guy won was busted for possession of pot.

Throw in the two idiots who stole some water meters, with accompanying accessories, who also received probation with deferred adjudication, and you get my point.

For whatever reasons, Mr. Inman does not seem to be too tough on crime, which is good for the offenders and not so good for the victims and law abiding citizens.

It's a shame because we (Donley County) have an exceptional sheriff and sheriff's department. Sheriff Blackburn and his chief deputy Randy Bond, along with the rest of the deputies, do an excellent job of keeping the peace. They are excellent investigators and are highly committed solving crimes and keeping us as safe as possible. Sometimes, the leniency of our district attorney may undo much of the good that they do.

If all this bothers you as much as it bothers me, you can always put pressure on Luke to repent and change his ways.



## Better approach to energy policy

Since Thomas Edison and the Spindletop gushers that started the Texas oil boom, America has been the world leader in energy development. From electricity to nuclear power, American technology and industrial innovations have fueled global economic transformation with new forms of energy.

Today, we're pioneering in new areas like conservation and green energy technologies. And America can continue to be the global energy leader for decades to come – if the White House and Congress can come together to support a balanced energy policy.

For the past three-and-a-half years, however, the White House has pursued an anything-but-fossil-fuels policy, rather than a practical energy plan that utilizes all our options. Billions of taxpayer dollars have been funneled into solar, algae, wind and other emerging green energy areas that may prove effective in coming years. In the meantime,

however, tighter federal regulations have been suffocating coal, oil and gas development.

Stifling energy development kills our chance to create the millions of jobs we need to reach a full economic recovery. In fact, as the national economy has barely crawled along, the states that have done best are the ones, like Texas, that have continued their long-standing, sensible policies that encourage energy development.

The Administration's continuing opposition to building the Keystone XL pipeline is another telling indication. Building the pipeline and taking advantage of oil produced by our friendly



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

Canadian neighbors could lower the price of gasoline for every American, and it also would create thousands of construction jobs, new refinery jobs in Texas, and an infinitely preferable alternative to buying oil from unfriendly countries.

A sound energy policy could revitalize our economy. It would also have benefits for our foreign policy and national security. Rather than continuously throwing up road blocks to our domestic energy industry and obstructing states that encourage energy development, the Administration should adopt balanced policies that can lead to U.S. energy independence: prudent testing of green energy alternatives, creative conservation and efficiency efforts and aggressive development of domestic energy resources – opening up offshore areas to exploration and drilling, taking advantage of our shale gas deposits, and building the Keystone pipeline.

## Romney has a pattern of success

As Donley County Republican Chairman, I've spent a lot of time the past 6 months talking to folks about the political climate in Washington. My purpose has been to understand how our citizens think, and are concerned about the future.

I've been trying to boil all the positives and negatives into a simplified statement that will make it easy for our citizens to make a decision as to the future we want in the United States.

On one hand you have the Obama future, which is a picture where the US becomes like Europe, where the citizens over there are use to free medical care, shorter work week, and expecting more

from their government. A lot of government mandates and control. The result is at least 3 countries are facing bankruptcy.

On the other hand if you evaluate what the US has been the past 235 plus years, a country that has been working for freedom, the expectation that every person will work to build a more prosperous future, and be self reliant. These concepts were available to every person, because there has not been a lot of restriction from the government.

The big problem our grand kids will have is to figure how to handle our 16 trillion of national debt, especially when interest rates our government pays

increases from about 2% to 4% and higher? Our families can't live on borrowed money, neither can our country. We are stealing from our grand children.

You may not think much of Mitt Romney for one reason or other, but a vote for Obama is a vote to make matters much worse, with more of the same failure. A vote for Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan is a chance to make our county much better.

Mitt Romney has a success pattern, as Governor in a Democratic state, as well as business, and the leadership to make the 2002 Salt Lake Olympics a successful proud event. Success breeds Success.  
Tom Stauder

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## The Family of Chance Mark Jones speaks about his death and the aftermath

*Editor's Note: The following is a statement by Heather Hill, who had taken the late Chance Mark Jones in to raise as her own son before he ended up in the custody of his biological father, Robert Monroe Babcock in late 2010.*

I have sat in front of my computer many times since we came home Monday, September 17, 2012 trying to figure out what to say...I am at a loss for words. For the past 20 months I have tried to be strong and have had little time to grieve. Instead I have prepared myself for war.

After Robert was convicted and sentenced, I felt the way many people did - relieved that justice had been served. But those feelings were short lived because I had tricked my mind into believing when you fight really hard for something you normally are rewarded. But, my reward never came, Chance was still gone.

So to respond to Gayle's plea hearing on [September 17] is difficult because I know that no matter how hard we fight Chance is never coming home. Should she have received a harsher punishment? YES. But, I am very thankful for all the hard work and dedication that Luke Inman, Hattie Sanderson and all of the individuals involved in helping fight for justice. Everyone worked so hard for a little boy who deserved so much better than to have suffered at the hands of his own blood. I have read very few articles about Chance's death unable to bear the truth, but I have read every



single comment that has been posted by readers from Clarendon to Oklahoma and was never able to respond because I didn't want to do anything to jeopardize the upcoming cases. I feel that I have waited long enough... Chance Mark was LOVED by so many people and I am thankful every day to have had the opportunity to hear him say, "I love you."

Many people make the comment that Chance was never given the chance to be truly loved by

anyone. This is the farthest thing from the truth; Chance was loved so deeply by so many people. If anyone were to truly look at the pictures of Chance they would see his amazing smile and glowing eyes know that he was a happy child. Chance Mark had an amazing non-blood related family that would have fought to the ends of the earth to keep him safe. Chance touched so many people's hearts with his humor and beautiful smile and why anyone would ever want to harm him is unimaginable. I am reminded every day of how precious life is how fast it can all be taken away.

Memories and pictures of Chance is all that we have left and what happens to Robert Babcock and Gayle Edes is now in God's hands and they too will suffer their own punishment. They were never apart of Chance's life and will never be seen as anything more than murders - father and grandmother are not titles that they deserve.

Chance Mark Jones will never be forgotten and his memory will live on forever in our hearts. If you take anything away from Chance's story please remember this, "Don't take a Chance, against child abuse," because you can never bring them back once they are gone. You have a voice where many children like Chance did not. Speak up and help to prevent a child from ever having to suffer the way that Chance did... no-one deserves to be hurt, especially a child.

Heather Hill

*Editor's Note: The following is comments from Vicki Harrison, the great aunt of the late Chance Mark Jones.*

This is the story of events and how I and others feel about what needs to be told. I thought you might like to know a few more details about what happened. The fact that Gayle Edes will only serve 90 days in a county jail instead of a prison and 10 years probation in the county of her choice, for a plea of guilty to a first degree felony is just wrong. Isn't that like saying to someone that I am a little bit sorry but what I did isn't that bad? Gayle can still see her friends, drive around free, sleep in her bed and most of all live her life.

I am not sure why the DA decided to offer her a plea but I do not feel like it was best for what she did. I admit I do not know all the ins and outs of the law but it seems like she just got a slap on the hand compared to what she deserved. At the time she was the only person who could have helped her grandson. She knew what her son, Robert, was doing and did absolutely nothing to prevent any more of it or to stop it.

Before Chance Mark went to live with Robert, he was a happy, healthy smart four-year old boy. He lived with a couple in Post, Texas, who loved and adored him. He had other "family" that cherished him. The couple in Post were more his parents than anyone had ever been. They took Chance, his sister, and their mother in when they had nowhere else to go. Chance's mom had made bad decisions and burned a lot of bridges with the people that could have helped her. Chance had a stable home with this couple and he loved them as much as they loved him. Most of the time, Chance's mom did her own thing, and this couple cared for Chance and his sister.

As things went on it became obvious to this couple that Chance's mom was still making bad choices and about to leave and take these two kids to who knows where. So it was decided it was time to call CPS. CPS came to the house and ask Chance's mom to submit to a drug test. She refused. She told them she had used drugs, and they were in her system. Instead of taking custody of the children or sending the mom somewhere, CPS allowed this woman, who just admitted she had drugs in her system, to decide what would happen with her kids till there was a hearing.

CPS told her that the kids could stay where they were. They could live with a relative or that she could stay there with the kids as long as she was not alone with them because

there had been some abuse on her part. Since she was mad that this couple had turned her in, she decided the children could go stay with their fathers - men neither one of them were close to at the time.

Chance's sister had a dad that had known Chance's mom for at least a year before Chance was born. This man thought he was Chance's dad and gave Chance his name. Chance's mom started asking for cash from him and when she was angry would tell him that Chance is not your son. So the man asked for a paternity test and said he would set up child support. Well when Chance had just turned four it was proven that Chance was not his son, but the daughter was his. That is when two other men were tested and it discovered that Robert Babcock was his dad. When CPS and Chance's mom notified Robert about what had happened with Chance and that he could live with him. Robert had met Chance one other time, at the paternity test.

Robert, who knew nothing about kids and did not know Chance, came to town that day. Outraged that Chance's mom would have abused a 4-year old. (She was accused of slapping him and his sister and spanking with a belt), he wanted Chance to go with him then. It was finally decided that he and Chance needed time to have visits and get to know each other over the next few months. Robert did a few visits with Chance and in less than a month decided he was taking Chance to live with him. Robert was told we would do anything to help them or if he needed anything just to call.

Once with Robert, Chance was not allowed to talk to anyone who had loved him or cared about him. No one was allowed to see him and sometimes there was just no answer to calls or text messages. When Robert did answer all he would say is that Chance was fine. Also once Chance was with Robert, CPS was not involved as before. Robert was the biological dad.

It took less than one month for this man that was known to others for his temper to beat Chance to death. Robert beat Chance time and time again over an eleven day period. Robert was very careful to hide it from everyone. Everyone, except Gayle. She had been to Robert's house. She had seen Chance and how he had to be suffering, saw the bruises and what was happening. She was the only other person around Chance besides Robert. She knew what was going on and did nothing. She was his last hope and she had let him down.

When 911 was finally called

by Robert, it was too little too late. When Chance was at the hospital, Gayle was there. Again the people that loved Chance and truly cared for him were not allowed to see him there, to speak to him to let him know they had not forgotten him and that they loved him. Gayle, yet again sat in the room with Chance, knew what had happened and saw that little body and how he had been battered from the top of his head to the tops of his feet and still said nothing. She heard the doctors, the nurses, the officers and others talk about how that little boy must have suffered and how badly beaten and bruised he was. She sat there and looked at him and showed no guilt, no shame and little emotion. She had been Chance's last chance and she had failed him. Did she understand that she was just as guilty as Robert?

I believe in my heart that God looked down from Heaven and saw Chance and what was going on and told him that if he was not going to be allowed to be with the people that loved and cared for him that he belonged in Heaven with him. Gayle was a grandmother to this little boy and yet she watched him die because she did not step up. How does a person do that? She could have saved him and her son. Now she has lost her son to the prison system and a precious little boy to death.

She should know that Chance would have loved her if only he had been given the chance. His heart and his love was big enough for all to share. My question is, does she even care? I am part of the family that loved Chance and knew he was one of us from the day he was born.

When child abuse touches a family as it has us with Chance, it leaves a hurt, a hole in your heart and a burning desire to try to stop this from happening to anyone else. DO something, tell someone, take some kind of action. If it is physical or emotional it is abuse. If it is a woman, man or child, it is abuse. Do NOT stay silent. You may be someone's last chance. If you are not sure, find a way to have someone check it out.

Everyone in our family wears a bracelet to remind us of our love for Chance and how we can help others. That bracelet simply says, "Don't take a CHANCE" We realize that if you do nothing there can be a high price for that person to pay and for the people that love that person.

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- October 8**  
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- October 12**  
Clarendon Broncos v West Texas • 7:00 p.m. • Clarendon
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- October 19**  
Clarendon Broncos v Panhandle • 7:00 p.m. • Panhandle
- October 26**  
Clarendon Broncos v Stratford • 7:00 p.m. • Clarendon
- Hedley Owls v Montley County • 7:30 p.m. • Hedley
- October 31**  
Halloween
- November 2**  
Clarendon Broncos v Sunray • 7:00 p.m. • Clarendon
- Hedley Owls v Groom • 7:30 p.m. • Hedley
- November 6**  
Election Day
- November 9**  
Clarendon Broncos v Memphis • 7:00 p.m. • Memphis
- Hedley Owls v Silverton • 7:30 p.m. • Silverton
- November 11**  
Veterans Day
- November 22**  
Thanksgiving Day

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**Menus**  
October 8 - 12

**Donley County Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Ham sandwich, tomato & lettuce, broccoli & raisin salad, pineapple delight, iced tea/2% milk.  
Tue: Macaroni/beef/tomatoes, turnip greens, black eyed peas, cornbread, applesauce, iced tea/2% milk.  
Wed: Beef pot roast, roast carrot & peppers, wheat roll, peach cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.  
Thu: Taco pie w/salad topping, pinto beans, chuckwagon corn, tortilla, peanut butter cup, iced tea/2% milk.  
Fri: Fish substitution, mustard greens, marinated cucumbers & onions, cornbread, peanut butter cookies, iced tea/2% milk.

**Hedley Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Cream mushroom steak, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, whole wheat rolls, brownies, iced tea/2% milk.  
Tue: Ham & pinto beans, corn bread, spinach, corn, orange/pineapple cup, iced tea/2% milk.  
Wed: Baked chicken/dumplings, whole wheat roll, tossed salad, winter fruit cup, iced tea/2% milk.  
Thu: Pork chop & gravy, black-eye peas, spinach, wheat roll, baked apples, iced tea/2% milk.  
Fri: Salmon patty, baby lima beans, cole slaw, corn bread, tropical fruit, iced tea/2% milk.

**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 fajitas, beans, salad, orange, salsa, milk.  
Tue: Fish, sweet potato fries, cole-slaw, mixed fruit, milk.  
Wed: Country fries steak w/gravy, potatoes, green beans, hot roll, peaches, milk.  
Thu: Chicken spaghetti, salad, baby carrots, fresh apples, bread stick, milk.  
Fri: Beef & cheese burrito, salad, apple sauce, salsa, milk.

**Hedley ISD**  
Mon: Corn dog, baked beans, sliced tomatoes & cucumber, apple-pineapple delight, milk.  
Tue: Nacho Grande, garden salad, refried beans, orange smiles, chocolate chip cookie, milk.  
Wed: Chicken sandwich, oven fries, fresh veggie cup, fruity gelatin, milk.  
Thu: Beefy macaroni, garden salad, baby carrots, fresh grapes, breadsticks, milk.  
Fri: Pepperoni or cheese pizza, crunchy broccoli salad, seasoned corn, fresh fruit, milk.

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# Twitter taunts lead to malware, not Facebook video

Twitter users, don't fall for this! A new scam uses direct messages to tease potential victims with a link to an embarrassing Facebook video. Try to view the clip, and you'll download a virus.

How the Scam Works: You receive a Twitter direct message that seems to be alerting you to a video of yourself posted on Facebook. Senders try to grab your attention by implying that the video is embarrassing. Variations of the message include:

- rofl they was taping you
- how did you not see them taping u
- whatt are you doing in this fb vid ?
- what on earth you're doing on this movie
- OMG your in this
- what on earth could you be doing in our vid

The message contains a link that appears to go to a Facebook.com address. But users who click on it are greeted with what appears to be a video player and a warning message that "An update to YouTube player is needed." The message says it will install an update to Flash Player 10.1, but the file that downloads isn't a new version of Flash. It's a virus.

I Think I've Found a Scam. What Should I Do? If another Twitter user is sending you links to malware or other spam, report them to Twitter by following these instructions.

If you notice that your account is being used to send spam messages, your account has likely been hacked. Follow Twitter's instruction here to reset your password and revoke connections to third-party applications.

For More Information: For tips on how you can avoid phishing scams and prevent your account from being hacked, see Twitter's "Safe Tweeting" help page.

Scam Targets Seniors' Social Security Benefits

By Blake Ellis @CNNMoney  
In a new scam targeting seniors and the disabled, identity thieves are fraudulently rerouting Social Security benefits to their own bank accounts and prepaid debit cards.

It's pretty straightforward: Identity thieves get their hands on the personal information they need, like a full name and bank account number. Then they contact the Social Security Administration and request that payments be rerouted to their own accounts.

That's what happened to 64-year-old William Combs, a disabled Vietnam War veteran from Brookville, Ohio. He said identity thieves have now stolen his tax refund, two months' worth of Veteran's disability benefits and most recently, one of his Social Security disability payments. Combs said he immediately notified each agency about his missing payments. While he eventually received his tax refund,

he still hasn't received the \$5,400 in Veteran's disability payments that disappeared earlier this year. And it took about a month for him to get his \$2,000 Social Security payment, after his benefits check didn't show up in the mail in August.

"My landlady is going to kick me out... I went a whole month with nothing to eat but peanut butter and crackers," said Combs. "I had to take a loan from a credit union to pay rent one month, and I had to borrow money from my daughter to pay rent the other months -- and that's the last thing in the world you should do. I was crying when I asked her."

The Social Security Administration said it can't comment on or verify individual cases.

Senior Victims Lose Average of \$140,500 to Financial Abuses

This scam is emerging at the same time the Social Security Administration is actively encouraging all beneficiaries to switch to direct deposit to meet a new regulation requiring the agency to stop sending paper checks. Patrick O'Carroll, Inspector General of the Social Security Administration, said in a Congressional hearing last week.

Some seniors see their payments get rerouted to prepaid cards after falling prey to lottery scams that ask victims for their personal information and bank account details in order to claim big prizes, said O'Carroll. Prepaid cards are especially attractive to identity thieves because they aren't linked to bank accounts and can often be used anonymously -- making them difficult to trace.

As of Aug. 31, the inspector general's office received more than 19,000 reports of "questionable" changes or attempted changes to a beneficiary's direct deposit information, and continues to receive about 50 reports like this every day. Social Security Administration spokesman Mark Hinkle said that number represents only a tiny fraction of the 711 million payments that the Social Security Administration made electronically over the same period of time. Some of these reports are the result of typing errors, not fraud, he added.

Identity Theft 911, a company that helps identity theft victims, started hearing reports of this kind of scam only recently. Over the past year, Mark Fullbright, senior fraud investigator at Identity Theft 911, has seen six instances of scammers rerouting Social Security benefits onto prepaid cards -- five of which occurred this summer.

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The inspector general said the Social Security Administration needs to better verify a beneficiary's identity when making changes to his or her account. Among its recommendations: that the administration block attempts to change direct deposit information for people who say they have been victims of fraud and that it alert beneficiaries of changes immediately through automated e-mails, text messages or letters sent to old and new addresses. It also suggested developing unique routing numbers for prepaid cards, since "these cards are particularly tempting tools for benefit thieves." To protect your identity, be wary of any calls or e-mails from people asking for personal information. You can also tell the agency that no changes may be made to your account unless you appear in person with sufficient ID by visiting [www.socialsecurity.gov/blockaccess](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/blockaccess). If it's been three or four days since you were supposed to receive your benefits payment or you receive a letter confirming a change to your direct deposit information that you didn't authorize, take action immediately, Fullbright said.

The Social Security Administration said anyone who believes they are victims of fraud should contact the inspector general at <http://oig.ssa.gov/report-fraud-waste-or-abuse>.

## H-wick Annual Fall Festival October 6

Do you have your calendars marked for Saturday, October 6, for a fun day at the Howardwick Fall Festival? It begins at noon; and if you have not seen the nice addition to the park, a covered pavilion, now is a good time to check it out.

There will be vendors selling items, raffle tickets on sale for donated items, a car show and a Golf Cart Run in Howardwick. Now come on. You may have participated in a bike run but a golf cart run? That's original.

These great cooks will be selling barbeque sandwiches all day. I hear a large pit has been constructed by Keith Taylor to cook all the briskets needed. Sounds delicious. A food booth will be set up by the firemen selling baked items and possibly other goodies.

Around 3 p.m., car show winners will be announced, the drawings begin with one lucky person taking home a 39" HDTV and the

auction will begin with Ed Brooks as auctioneer. Around 5 p.m., the music starts with the group "One Way Rider" entertaining. Bring your lawn chairs and prepare to have fun.



**'wick picks**  
by peggy cockerham  
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This is a fund raiser for the City of Howardwick and Howardwick Fire Dept., please help support them. Food, a special gift, a nice auctioned item you really, really want and music under the stars while visiting with old friends or making new ones. What a fun day!

We have been so blessed with around two inches of rain this week. The cotton farmers may wish it had waited, but everyone else is delighted to see the rain. Cool weather and rain is in the forecast all

week. If you plan to come to the festival, Saturday you may need your umbrella, but that's okay. Maybe the lake will have enough water to swim next year.

Please continue to pray for our sick and hurting. I will say about myself, my back, legs and hip are better and I give the glory to Jesus and His loving hands. I am not well, but I have learned to take each little improvement as a gift from Him and I am now using a cane most of the time instead of the walker.

Some of my children were here this weekend and were amazed and happy at the improvement I have made. I continue to listen closely to that small, still voice and try to follow the path He makes for me. My advice is get the help of the doctor you need, if the one you are using doesn't help change doctors. This worked for me. Ole Jim is happy too, not as much cooking but he still has dish-pan hands.

## Date set for Cotton Festival

Hedley lost a very dear friend last week. Doyle Messer passed away last Tuesday and was buried on Friday, September 28. Please keep the Messer family in your prayers. Mr. Messer loved his Lord, and he is with Him today. Let's Rejoice! Mr. Messer was loved by the Hedley community, and he will be missed. He was a very special man to me.

The Hedley Cotton Festival is coming up on October 13, 2012. We hope you all come and enjoy it with us. The Hedley Entertainment Committee has really been working to get the Cotton Festival up and running. We hope to see you there.

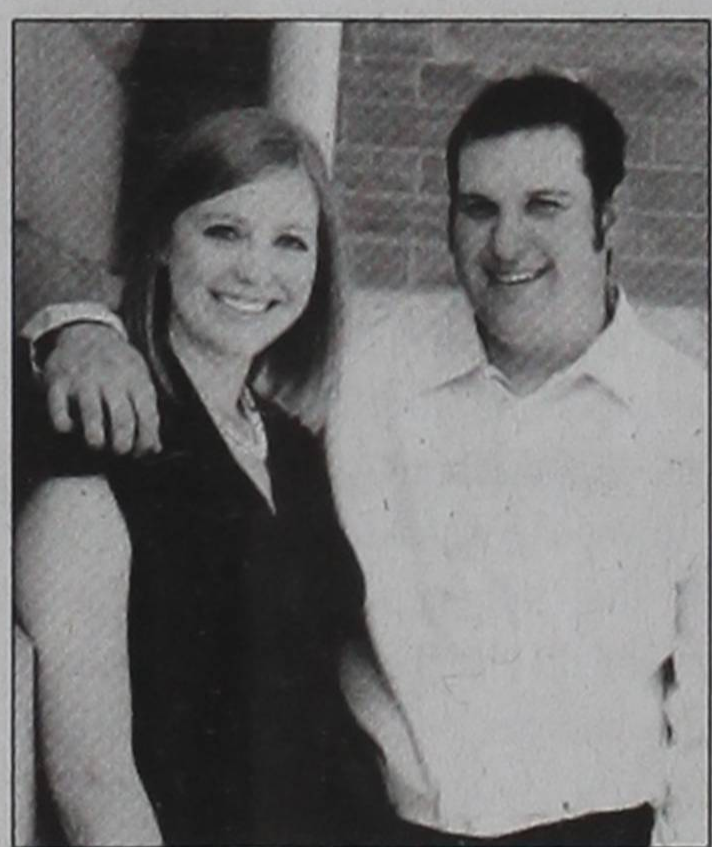
Recipe: Brownie-Mallow Bars: 1 (19.8 ounce) package brownie mix, 1/2 cup vegetable oil, 1/4 cup water, 2 eggs, 1 (10.5 ounce) package miniature marshmallows, 2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips, 1 cup peanut butter, 1 tablespoon butter, 1 1/2 cups crispy rice cereal. Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C). Grease a 9x13-

inch baking dish. Mix brownie mix, oil, water, and eggs in a large bowl until smooth; spread into prepared baking dish.

Bake in the preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, 28 to 30 minutes. Sprinkle marshmallows over brownie and continue baking until slightly melted, about three minutes more. Remove from oven and cool completely. Heat chocolate chips, peanut butter, and butter in a saucepan over low heat; cook and stir until smooth. Remove from heat and stir in rice cereal. Spread over cooled brownies. Refrigerate until firm; slice brownies to serve.



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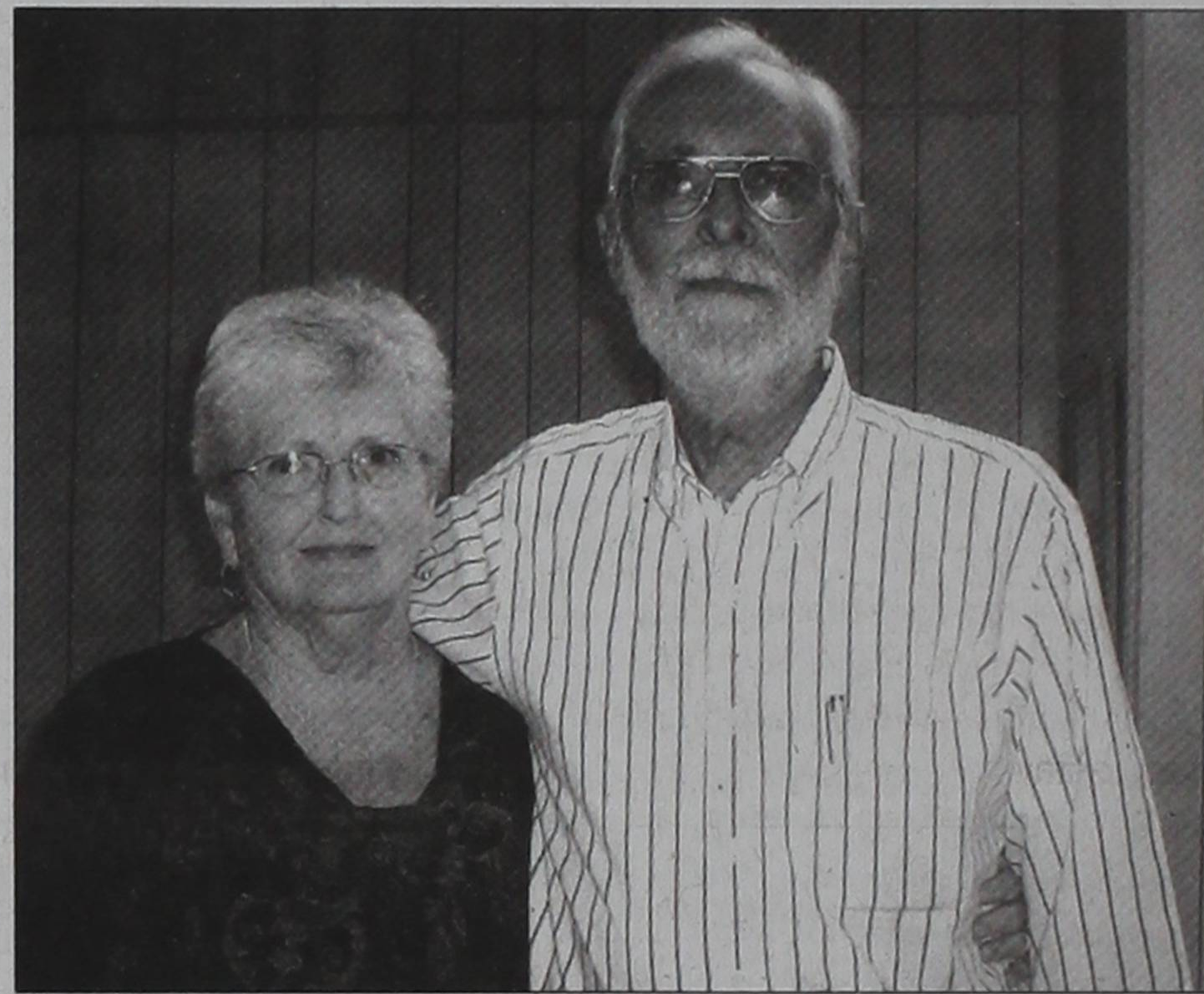


## Thomas, Messer to wed

Gary and Judy Thomas of Clarendon and Angela Tate of Seymour are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Claudia Thomas of Amarillo, to Jason Messer of Clarendon. The couple will be wed October 20, 2012, at the Church of Christ in Memphis, Texas. The prospective bride is employed as an accountant by J. Brex Oil Company. The prospective groom is the son of Terry and Z'Ann Messer of Seymour. He is a lineman for AEP/Southwestern Electric Power Company and is a member of the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department and the CVFD Dive Team.

## Quilting Cub Met

The Golden Needles Quilting Club met at Jossie Burgess home for quilting lunch and quilting. Didn't quite finish the quilt. Those present include Wilma Lindley, Wilma Lindley, Wilma Callis, Barbara Helms, Francis Smyth, Ann Bunyan, and Jossie Burgess.



Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bode

## Bode speaks at Retired Personnel meeting

The Donley Retired School Personnel Association met Monday, September 24, in the Church of Christ Family Life Center.

The program was presented by Dick Bode of Alanreed. Mr. Bode was born in Holland and is a naturalized citizen of the United States, and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He spoke to the group about "What it means to be an American."

Mr. Bode was a young boy when Germany invaded Holland. He spoke about the hardships, hunger, and struggles he and his family endured during the five years of German occupation and then the

family's years of waiting to finally be able to immigrate to the United States and become American citizens. At the end of his speech, Mr. Bode passed around photos from those war days and then answered many questions. The meeting was attended by 19 Association members and 10 guests.

The next meeting of the Donley County Retired School Personnel Association will be November 26, 2012 in the Family Life Center. The Association meets bi-monthly on the fourth Monday. All retired personnel are invited to attend and bring a guest.

## Good Sams Club met in Elk City

The Chaparral Sams Chapter of the Good Sams International Club met September 14, 15 & 16 at Elk Creek RV Park, Elk City, Okla.

Host/hostesses were Larry and Eva Reich and Jay and Verna Teague. The host couples provided breakfast for the group and hosted the meals at the Simon's Catch restaurant and the Western Sizzlin restaurant.

The members enjoyed the 39th Fall Festival Craft Show at the Elk City convention center. The Elk City Livestock auction was attended by the men.

Chapter President Tom Ether-

edge conducted the business meeting. Rudie Tate gave the opening prayer. Officers presented their reports including JoAnn Meyer, secretary; Virginia Etheredge, treasurer's statement and Trail Boss, Edwin Meyer, reported on meetings for the remainder of the 2012 chapter year. Mr. Meyer also asked the members to make recommendations for camping schedule in 2013.

The following members attended: Tom and Virginia Etheredge; Larry and Eva Reich; Jay and Verna Teague; Rudie and Karon Tate; and Edwin and JoAnn Meyer.

## Comptroller's office offers vital resource for business owners looking for answers

AUSTIN – During the month of October, the Comptroller's office will conduct 17 free taxpayer seminars across the state. At these seminars, taxpayers can learn how to properly fill out tax forms, and file and pay taxes electronically. Information about e-services will also be available to help taxpayers manage their accounts online. Comptroller representatives will be on hand to answer questions and provide assistance to attendees.

"We want to empower Texas business owners by making resources and information accessible. Con-

ducting these seminars and making our tax specialists available provides guidance for businesses," said R.J. DeSilva, spokesperson for the Comptroller's office.

A complete list of locations, dates and times of the taxpayer seminars is available at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/seminars.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/seminars.html). Those who are unable to attend the seminars can call the Comptroller's tax assistance line at 1-800-252-5555. Tax forms and tax information can also be found on the Comptroller's website, [www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us).

## Comptroller's office to conduct webinar

AUSTIN – The Comptroller's office will offer a free webinar on open-space land on Thursday, October 11, 2012. The webinar will provide an overview of the legal requirements for appraising open-space land. Productivity values from open-space land, such as agriculture and timberland, are determined by the appraisal process.

Appraisal district staff, property tax professionals, taxpayers and landowners will find the presentation both informational and useful.

Landowners have specific responsibilities and rights in the appraisal process including the fol-

lowing:  
Applying for the special appraisals;

Notifying the Central Appraisal District when land no longer qualifies for special appraisal; and

Having the right to protest market or productivity value, change of use or non-qualification for special appraisal.

Comptroller representatives will be on hand to answer questions and provide assistance to attendees of the webinar, which is from 2 – 3 p.m. To sign up for the free webinar go to <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/webinars.html>.

## Salt cedar beetle damage widespread after warm summer

AMARILLO – Salt cedar along the waterways of the southern and eastern Panhandle is rapidly being defoliated and dying back, and one Texas A&M AgriLife Research entomologist believes he knows why.

When salt cedar beetles from Uzbekistan were released in 2006 by Dr. Jerry Michels and his entomology crew in parts of Lake Meredith and the Palo Duro Canyon, it was thought they would be more prolific eaters of salt cedar than other beetle species tried before.

Salt cedar displaces native vegetation and impacts the availability of water, Michels said. Numerous projects have been conducted across the state to see if salt cedar beetles can help control the salt cedar along the infested waterways. If the beetles repeatedly defoliate the trees for several years, the salt cedar will die back and leave more water. YouTube Preview ImageBut the initial releases of beetles didn't take off and establish themselves immediately, for one reason or another, Michels said. They just never seemed to make it from one season to the next.

"However, we've had such a surprise this year," he said. "This species of beetle has exploded all across the area from Wichita Falls to north of the Canadian River on the eastern side of the Panhandle and all the way west into the Palo Duro

Canyon."

Michels said he believes it can mostly be attributed to weather.

"We had a hot summer and it warmed up earlier, so we think they came out earlier and began multiplying quicker," he said. "And we didn't have a late season freeze in the spring that typically kills off a bunch, so they had a chance to rapidly multiply."

At the time of their release, the beetles from Uzbekistan seemed to be most suited to the climate at this latitude and longitude, and Michels said this year could be proof.

"We started getting calls about dying salt cedar in June and they just kept coming," he said. "We were happy with what we initially saw, and now we are just blown away when we are looking at the watersheds and river drainages – we've found the defoliation every place we've gone."

That includes west of Texas Highway 70 along the Canadian River and all along the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River as it travels east out of the Palo Duro Canyon to Estelline and the Red River north of Childress.

Michels said more research will be needed to try to determine what species the beetles are and track their path from the various release points. He and other entomologists will be

tracking their movement to help better understand what helped them to thrive this year.

"Where these infestations originated is a bit unclear," he said. "We made releases of this species at Palo Duro Canyon in 2007. The Palo Duro Canyon study was flooded out. The cages were destroyed and we figured the beetles were carried downstream."

But, Michels said, other releases of this species were made near Matador by Chip Ruthven, manager of the Matador Wildlife Management Area, in coordination with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Dallas in 2004 and later.

"The one thing that may give us a clue as to what and where the beetles came from is the work James Tracy, a doctorate student at Texas A&M University, is doing."

Michels said the Matador beetles may have interbred with another species of the beetle from Tunisia that had been released in the Pecos River area, and the Palo Duro Canyon beetles came from a group in New Mexico that may have hybridized with a species of the beetle from Crete. Multiple releases were made at early sites, beginning as early as 2004 with some from Posidi, Greece.

"We may be able to tell where the current beetles come from by

looking at the amount and type of hybridization we see in the beetles we collect," he said.

Michels said some of the beetles released have worked, while others didn't. But there has been some hybridization taking place through the years.

"These beetles come out every spring, but because many years have a late freeze, they have a hard time multiplying into effective numbers," he said. "This year, it was warm early and there was rain and all the plants greened up and they had food and began mating early. With no freeze to kill them off, we ended up with several generations in one summer," Michels said.

He said they generally expect the salt cedar beetles to produce four generations each summer, but this year, "I think we definitely got more. They thrive in heat, so they are going like gangbusters."

But Michels said even with this kind of die-back of the salt cedars this year, it will take two to three years of defoliation to kill the trees completely.

"If after this year this wasn't enough of a population growth to keep them here permanently, then they will never establish," he said. "But I think we have enough that will over-winter and they will stay around."

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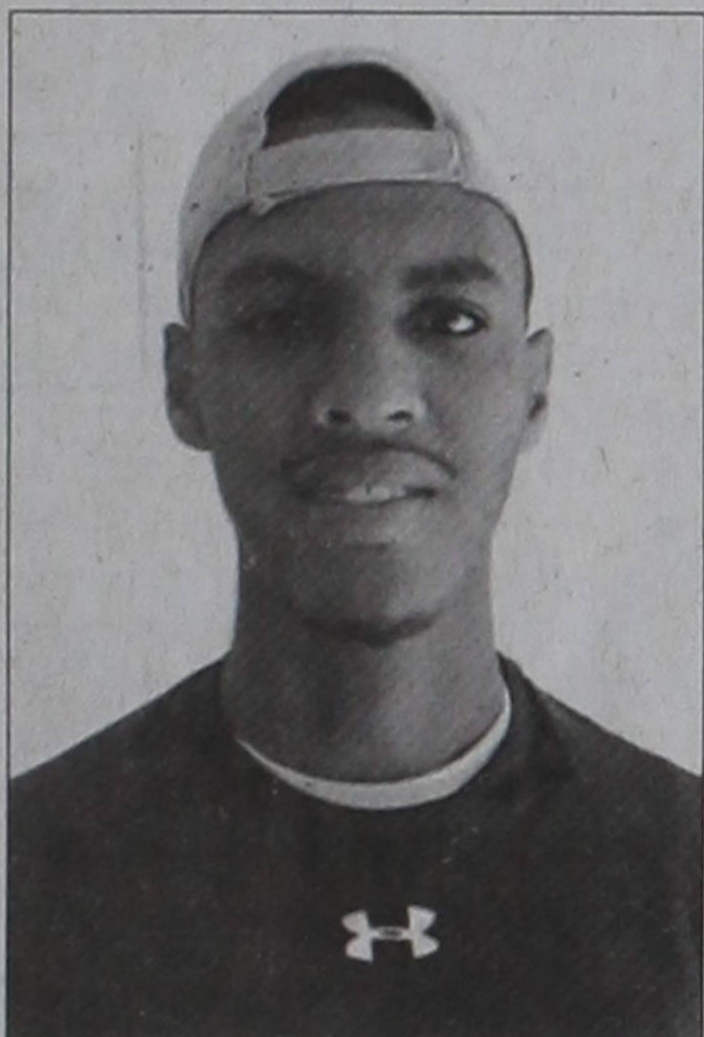
Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway invites you and your family to partake in all the fun activities during October.

Throughout the month of October, Caprock Canyons State Park is promoting archeology awareness with many interpretive programs including: "All about Archeology" which is a program for kids ages 12 and under to learn more about the concept of archeology and participate in their own mock archeological dig.

The program will be conducted on Saturday, October 6 and 13 at 2:00 p.m. in the Children's Discovery Center. Other programs promoting archeology awareness are slide-show presentations including "Paleos of the Panhandle" at 7:15 p.m., Saturday, October 6, and "Archeology of the Canyonlands" at 7:15 p.m., Saturday, October 20.

A special program featuring Outstanding Entertainer Duo of 2010, KG & the Ranger, will be held Saturday, October 13 at 5:00 p.m. Prepare to be totally enchanted as this multitalented husband and wife duo take you on a beautiful, lighthearted, toe-tapping musical journey way out west. They yodel in harmony, spin a lariat, and their fantastic harmony singing brings a fresh new sound to the vintage songs they sing. If you have fond memories of cowboy movie stars, or if you just like to daydream about the wide open spaces and riding horses, you won't want to miss this show.

Park entrance fees apply: adults, \$4; seniors, \$2; children under 12, free. All programs are free with paid park entrance fee. Call 806-455-1492 for more information. Programs are subject to cancellation due to weather.



Tes Tesfay

## Tesfay wins NMJC Invitational, Becerra takes fifth

For the first time in the history of the Clarendon College cross country program, a Bulldog brought home first place in a meet.

Tes Tesfay, a freshman from Stafford, TX, won the New Mexico Junior College Invitational in Hobbs, New Mexico, on Saturday, September 29, with a time of 27 minutes and 31 seconds.

He completed the soggy 8k course just 30 seconds ahead of teammate Hector Becerra, a sophomore from Harlingen, TX, who finished the race in fifth place. Both runners ran their best times of the season.

The team finished in second place, just 17 points behind the winning team. The remainder of the Clarendon College Bulldog squad finished as follows:

Bulldogs: Eli Corona, 15th; Louis Calderon, 16th; Lucas Spencer, 17th; Casey Broderson, 18th; Jesus Contreras, 19th; and Jarvis Weaver, 20th.

Lady Bulldogs: Bree Coons, 15th; Estefany Lemus, 18th; Melanie Kowalski, 21st; and Giovanna Luna, 22nd.



Brandon Miller caught the ball and ran it in for a touchdown against the Claude Mustangs last Thursday night.

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# Obituaries

## Fowler

Lillian Fowler, 81, died September 26, 2012, in Tehuacana, Texas.

Services were held on Saturday, September 29, 2012, in the First Baptist Church in Hedley with Michael Gilchrist, officiating. Burial followed at Rowe Cemetery in Hedley. Arrangements were under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Lillian was born January 23, 1931, in Bray to Sam and Flora Sanders. She married Jimmy Fowler in 1973 in Hollis, Oklahoma. She had lived in Hedley most of her life before moving to Tehuacana 5 years ago. The most outstanding thing about Lillian is that she was a generous giver. She was a member of the First Assembly of God in Waco.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her daughter, Billie Wilson; and her sister, Oretta Potts.

She is survived by 3 daughters, Kathy Collier and husband Gary of Waco, Betty Shelton and her companion Frank Compton of Tehuacana, and Neava Vidlar and her



Fowler

companion Leland Terry of Floyd, NM; her brother, Tracy Sanders and wife Sharon of Eastland; 7 sisters, Joyce Woodard, Helen Lindsey both of Hedley, Jean Rice and husband Pete of Arizona, Betty McGuire of Eastland, Tobytha Wiggins and husband Billy of Wheeler, Sammy Housden and husband Kenneth and Dolores Simpson and husband Terry all of Eastland; 6 grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren.

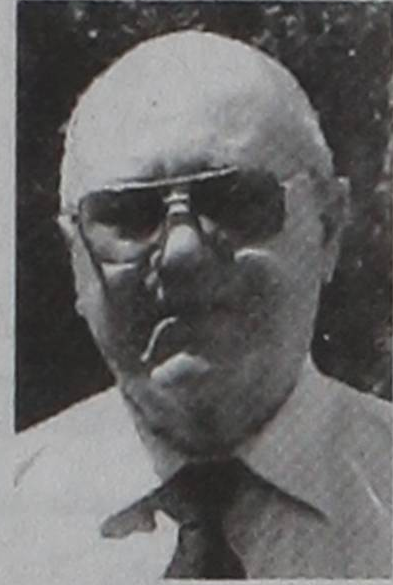
The family request memorials be sent to St. Jude's Childrens Hospital.

## Messer

Doyle Messer, 90, died Tuesday, September 25, 2012, in Clarendon, Texas.

Services were held Friday, September 28, 2012, in the Hedley Church of Christ with Bright Newhouse and Don Stone, officiating. Burial followed at Rowe Cemetery in Hedley. Arrangements were under the direction Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Doyle was born September 13, 1922 in McKnight to O.F. "Pete" and Lillie Ruth Hickerson Messer. He married Susan Evelyn Fancher on March 19, 1953 in Hollis, Oklahoma. He was a US Army Air Corps



Messer

veteran serving during World War II. He had been a resident of Hedley most of his life where he farmed and also taught Vocational Ag at Hedley ISD and Quail ISD. He was the past president of Rowe Cemetery Association, past president of the Donley County Hospital District, Past President of the Hedley Lions Club, and was currently serving as the president of the Hedley Sr. Citizens. He was also a member of the Hedley Vol. Fire Dept., Donley County Retired Teachers Association, Hedley American Legion Adamson-Lane Post 287, and the Hedley Church of Christ. He enjoyed spending time on his farm and spending times with his grandkids and great grandkids and showing his cows.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his wife.

He is survived by 2 sons, Stuart Messer and Lyndon Messer of Hedley; a daughter, Angela Hines and husband Mike of Round Rock; a sister, Nelda Mae Hudson of Amarillo; 5 grandchildren, Ashton Hines and wife Karen of West Monroe, LA, Aaron Hines of Round Rock, Meagan Miksch and husband Dustin of Austin, Kimberly Messer of Memphis, and Peter Messer of Memphis; 2 great grandchildren, Luke and Allie Kate Hines of West Monroe, LA.

The family request memorials be sent to Rowe Cemetery Association Fund or the Christian Relief Fund / Box 19670 / Amarillo, TX 79114-1670.

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## Moss

Donald Joe Moss, 72, died Saturday, September 29, 2012, in Clarendon.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, October 2, 2012, in Goodnight Cemetery in Goodnight with Rev. Anthony Knowles, officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mr. Moss was born November 5, 1939, in Clarendon, Texas to Arnie Marion and Etta Johnson Moss. He had been a lifelong resident of Donley County. He enjoyed gardening, coon hunting, driving a tractor, and most of all, he loved to farm. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a great grandchild, Trinity Brogdon.

He is survived by a son, David Moss of Clarendon; 2 daughters, Carrie Moss of Clarendon, Becky Swearingen of Amarillo; 2 sisters, Patsy Jean Moss of Lubbock, Jesse Traylor of Alto, Texas; 5 grandchildren; and 1 great grandchild.

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Over the years, we can see in our nation the lack of protection of our older people but even more so the lack of regard for children. There has been a trend that crimes committed against these two groups go relatively unpunished. Abortion is one of these atrocities. Another is sex crimes or molestations of children. The criminals who do these crimes are habitual offenders and often aren't given any time to serve or very small sentences. They are often put on probation and given at least one more shot to molest again. Crimes involving money or the rape of an adult, seems to draw a harsher sentence than a crime against a child. Why is that? I believe when we made it legal to kill unborn children that we devalued children's lives.

Even in our own community we saw a child murdered and the accomplice was given probation and little time to serve. Ask yourself this question, "Would the driver of a getaway car get just probation if Herring Bank or Pilgrim's Bank was robbed?" I think we know the answer to that. In Leila Lake, we had another child molester caught and given only probation. It is a scary thought how little value our children have today. This criminal is going to walk the streets free and we know that these type criminals often reoffend. Whose poor child is next? It is a matter of time if you look at the statistics. This isn't just in our area. These abusers of children often get probation. Why do we put up with this? Because our nation and communities have turned away from God, that's why. We protect those who are important or can vote. We protect those with money and influence. But the poor child, who has no value to society, is left to defend himself.

My prayer is that we change that philosophy in our own community first. If every small town made that commitment, maybe, in time, we could change the country. But, it has to start in our homes first. May God give us the courage to take care of His weakest.

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# Sheriff's Report

## September 24, 2012

- 12:09 a.m. - Out w/complainant 100 block North Sully
- 11:10 a.m. - See complainant - resident in Howardwick
- 5:54 p.m. - Out @ residence in Howardwick
- 6:29 p.m. - Loose livestock 400 block West 9th
- 9:15 p.m. - EMS assist 800 block East 4th

## September 25, 2012

- 2:28 a.m. - Caller reporting broken glass 200 South Jefferson - Deputy & Owner on the way
- 3:33 a.m. - Deputy reporting broken glass 500 block West 2nd - Owner notified
- 3:45 a.m. - Caller reporting broken glass 800 block East 2nd - Deputy & owner notified/Also

advised Sheriff

- 1:10 p.m. - Out on 3rd Street with complainant
- 1:30 p.m. - EMS assist 300 block Rosenfield
- 2:38 p.m. - Out @ Annex
- 8:20 p.m. - Courtesy ride to rest area
- 8:33 p.m. - EMS assist 300 block Walleye
- 9:42 p.m. - EMS assist - CC Arena

## September 26, 2012

- 9:44 a.m. - To jail 3 in custody
- 11:10 a.m. - See complainant in Lobby
- 2:06 p.m. - transport to Amarillo
- 3:54 p.m. - EMS assist 5th & Koogle
- 5:31 p.m. - Report of alarm - Co Rd 7
- 8:30 p.m. - Units paged for fire FM 1754

## September 27, 2012

- 6:13 a.m. - Residential fire alarm 11700 block FM 2362 - Units paged
- 7:19 a.m. - Report of alarm - Co Rd 7

- 7:38 a.m. - Report of vehicle in ditch East of Lelia Lake - DPS responding
- 8:30 a.m. - EMS assist - Medical Center Nursing Home
- 8:40 a.m. - Dispatched to see complainant Ayers St
- 10:06 a.m. - EMS assist - 900 block West 2nd
- 1:07 p.m. - EMS assist - Medical Center Nursing Home
- 2:44 p.m. - Out @ Clerk's office

## September 28, 2012

- 1:39 a.m. - Dispatched to help with Raccoon - North 70
- 4:20-4:36 p.m. - Reports of Tornado southwest of Clarendon
- 7:28 p.m. - Reporting suspicious vehicle close to Railroad tracks near 1260
- 8:45 p.m. - To jail one in custody
- 9:22 p.m. - Reroute to Randall Co with previous subject
- 11:58 p.m. - To jail with one in custody

# Celebrate Texas Archeology Month

AUSTIN - October is Texas Archeology Month (TAM) featuring fairs, fun, educational opportunities, and demonstrations of indigenous crafts at a site near you.

Experience the real life of the Caddo Indians, including live performances, bow and arrow demonstrations, and guided tours at Caddo Mounds State Historic Site on October 6.

Enjoy the natural beauty of McKinney Falls in Central Texas as you participate in wilderness survival hikes, rock climbing, fishing, and archery during the Falls Fest TAM event on October 13. Every weekend in October visitors to Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument in the Panhandle's Potter

County will have the rare opportunity to tour Native American village ruins and petroglyphs.

These sites are only opened to the public during TAM. Admission is free, but reservations are required. Flint knappers from across the southwest will demonstrate their skills in replicating stone tools and weapons during the two-day Flint-fest at this same location on the first of the month. The Burleson County Historical Museum in the Brazos Trail Region will host a special presentation on October 4 on Native American lifestyles of the Brazos Valley and archeology in and around Burleson County. These and other events are taking place across Texas throughout October. Find out

what and where events are taking place with the 2012 TAM Calendar of Events, now available online at www.the.state.tx.us.

Sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission (THC) in conjunction with the Texas Archeological Society and the Council of Texas Archeologists, TAM draws thousands of Texans each year to a wide variety of events, helping promote the historical significance of the state's archeological sites and highlighting the importance of the contributions made by professional and avocational archeologists.

To learn more about TAM events, visit the THC website or contact the THC's Archeology Division at 512.463.6096.

# Broncos outplay, outlast Booker

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos needed every bit of the clock to stay one step ahead of the Kiowas in their 59-56 win on the road Friday night. Despite a desperate effort on Booker's part to take the lead and the win, the Broncos stayed strong and finished the game with the three-point advantage.

In a game full of offense and 115 combined points, the Broncos stayed solid even after relinquishing a huge lead to the Kiowas late in the game. A couple of fumbles for the Broncos could have been disastrous, but they were determined to take the win.

"It was a wild and crazy game," head coach Gary Jack said. "We were leading by 25 points with ten and a half minutes to go, and they kept chunking it at us. They ended up scoring three times in the fourth quarter. It was a hard offense to slow

down." Booker capitalized on fumbles committed by the Broncos and put points on the board to narrow the gap.

"We played hard," Jack said. "Our line did a great job blocking. Adam Topper, Rowdy Speed, Austen McNelly, J.D. Baxter, Tres Hommel, John Pigg, and Tyler Burch played hard. Trajen Johnson and Ryan Isbell did a good job blocking in the backfield as well. We tried to use the clock by running the ball, and they had trouble stopping our offense. It was a good way to end our non-district games. They are a good team."

Baxter recorded 16 tackles, a blocked punt, and an interception and Chance Rowland had five tackles. Trevor Cobb posted eight tackles, one sack, and two interceptions, while Diego Santos had 10 tackles and one fumble recovery. John-

son racked up seven tackles, Corey Barker had two tackles and one sack, and Jonah Sell had seven tackles. Isbell had seven tackles and one fumble recovery and Chance McAnear earned four tackles.

Tyler Burch had six tackles and one fumble recovery, Jordan Stone had two tackles, and Adam Topper had three tackles. Offensively, Charles Mason was on fire and carried the ball 42 times for a total of 321 yards and six touchdowns. His seventh touchdown of the night came on a 78-yard kickoff return. The Broncos had 384 total yards.

The Broncos will have a much-deserved rest next week and will begin their district season October 12 at home against West Texas High beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Bronco Stadium.

(Note that all District games will begin at 7:00 p.m.)

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Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 6 noviembre de 2012 para votar en la Eleccion General para elegir electors para elegir electors presidential electors, Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la legislatura, y oficiales del estado, condado y del precincto.

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- Box 101 - Bairfield Bldg-Clarendon College
- Box 102 - Howardwick City Hall
- Box 201 - County Courthouse
- Box 301 - Assembly of God Fellowship Hall
- Box 303 - Hedley Lions Club
- Box 401 - Family Life Center-Clarendon Church of Christ

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## Colts defeat White Deer; Booker

The seventh and eighth grade Colts played different teams last Thursday at home, but walked off the field with the same results. Both teams destroyed their opponents in Bronco Stadium. The seventh grade won 26-6 and the eighth grade team nabbed a shutout at 48-0.

In the seventh grade game, Nathan Shadle put the Colts on the board first with a 66-yard kickoff return to help his team go 6-0. Colt Wood earned the next six on a 40-yard run before adding a 10-yard run for six and the eighth grade team won 26-6 and the eighth grade team nabbed a shutout at 48-0.

"The boys played well in their first live game," coach Steve Reynolds said. "Many of these guys haven't played organized football before, so this was a great start for them. The line of Justin Christopher, Clayton White, Raylyn Shelton, Harley Jauregui, Alex Bilbrey, and Grayson Burch blocked well. Colt

Wood, Joshua Cobb, and Demarjae Cortez did very well running the ball."

The Colts were tuned in defensively as well.

"Defensively, Nathan Shadle, Colt Wood, Payton Havens, Raylyn Shelton, and Kade Hunsaker played well."

The eighth grade Colts came alive in their big win over Booker. Keandre Cortez struck first for the Colts on a 63-yard run for six and added the two-point bonus. Later in the game, Cortez ran back a free kick return for 58 yards for a touchdown after Justus Burton earned the Colts a safety.

Clay Koetting scored twice, once on a three-yard run and again on a 19-yard run and made good on one PAT. Clint Franks added a three-yard run and a two-point conversion. Riley Shadle connected with Chance Lockhart on a 12-yard pass for six, threw a PAT to Burton, and ran in a PAT as well.

"These guys played very well

on both sides of the ball," Reynolds said. "Booker threw the ball so we saw a different offense than they are used to seeing. They adjusted well and made the plays to stop them. Defensively, Justus Burton, Clay Koetting, Randy Aguilar, Seth Greer, and Marshal Johnson made a lot of tackles."

The Colt offensive struck several times and Reynolds credited the Colts for making good decisions.

"Offensively, Riley had probably his best day passing the ball," Reynolds said. "Keandre, Clay, Riley, and Clint made good decisions running the ball. Up front on the line we had to move some people around due to injuries but they performed well. Ethan Ballard, Devin Lucero, Seth Greer, Marshal Johnson, and Randy Aguilar all did a great job."

The seventh and eighth grade Colts will play October 11 on the road against West Texas Junior High in Stinnett. The seventh grade begins at 5:00 p.m. and the eighth grade game will follow.



### Ready to rumble

7th grade team runs out to start the game.

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### Touch down

Nathan Shadle runs in for a touch down.

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Colt player Payton Havens makes the block for Colt Wood, as Alex Bilbrey number 61 guards his flank.

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## USDA to host two webinars on hispanic and women farmer and rancher claims process

COLLEGE STATION – USDA Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) Acting State Executive Director James B. Douglass today announced that two (internet-based virtual meeting) webinars are scheduled in October to discuss FSA, Rural Development (RD) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) program updates as well as the USDA Hispanic and Women Farmer and Rancher Claims Process. The claims process opened September 24, 2012 and closes on March 25, 2013. The webinars are scheduled for October 2 and October 18 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

As announced in February 2011, the voluntary claims process will make available at least \$1.33 billion for cash awards and tax relief payments, plus up to \$160 million in farm debt relief, to eligible Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers. There are no filing fees to participate in the program.

"I encourage producers who want more information about USDA programs or the claims process to register for one of these webinars," said Douglass. "The webinars are free and open to the first 1,000 participants who register," he said.

Douglass emphasizes that these

webinars are intended as forums to discuss the general plan for the claims process and USDA webinar hosts will not be able to discuss the details of any individual claim during the course of the webinars.

To view the webinar schedule and register, please go to [http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA\\_File/tx\\_hwwebinar2012.pdf](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/tx_hwwebinar2012.pdf).

For more information regarding USDA programs and the Hispanic and Women Farmer and Rancher Claims Process, please contact Eddie Trevino in the Texas State FSA Office at (979) 680-5221 or via email at [eddie.trevino@tx.usda.gov](mailto:eddie.trevino@tx.usda.gov).

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Wed	26	90°	57°	1.17
Thur	27	96°	63°	-
Fri	28	90°	59°	-
Sat	29	92°	59°	-
Sun	30	69°	57°	.16

Total precipitation this month: 2.20"  
Total precipitation to date: 20.38"

### weekend forecast

	Fri., October 5 Partly Cloudy 77°/ 50°
	Sat., October 6 Partly Cloudy 57°/ 41°
	Sun., October 7 Cloudy 69°/ 49°

Information provided by:  
Tommy C. Sayer  
50 yr. Cooperative Observer, National Weather Service

## History contest open for high school students

AUSTIN – The Friends of the Governor's Mansion's annual history competition for high school students, "It's Your History," is now underway.

The Friends invite students to learn more about their Texas heritage by creating a PowerPoint presentation about the history of their county. Winners are selected in several categories, including Best Overall Project, Best Images, and Best Research. Schools will receive \$500 for each winning project. Students must register no later than October 30, 2012. Projects will be due at a yet-to-be-determined date in December 2012.

Friends of the Governor's Mansion is a Texas nonprofit corporation. For more information about the contest and the Friends, visit the Friends of the Governor's Mansion website at [www.txfgm.org/contest](http://www.txfgm.org/contest).

## Local FSA office makes CRP, DCP announcements

Donley County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Acting Executive Director Renee W. Shields announced this week that FSA will issue Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) payments during the first few weeks of October.

"FSA will issue the payments timely as long as all producer eligibility requirements are met," said Shields.

CRP and DCP payments could be affected if producers have not submitted the required Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) forms. Affected producers will need to submit the proper AGI forms before payments can be issued. In addition, producers who signed up for CRP emergency haying and grazing and did not pay in advance will notice that their annual rental payment was reduced by the acreage that was hayed or grazed.

For more information on CRP and DCP payments, contact the Donley County FSA office at 806-874-3561.

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# Herring named to Texas Heritage Hall of Honor

The Texas Heritage Hall of Honor welcomed five new members September 28, opening day of the 2012 State Fair of Texas in Dallas. The new inductees, distinguished by their contributions to agriculture and ranching in the State, will bring the elite membership total to 65 prominent Texans.

Henry M. Beachell, John S. Cargile, Cornelius Taylor Herring, Bill Sims and Swante Magnus Swenson have been elected to membership for 2012. The Texas Heritage Hall of Honor was established in 1992 by the State Fair of Texas to recognize lifetime achievement in agriculture.

Cattleman, oilman and banker "Colonel" Cornelius Taylor Herring of Amarillo was a native Texan and pioneer cattleman. He was actively involved in the first gas well in the Texas Panhandle. Comanche Chief Quannah Parker was considered a good friend and became a partner in Herring's cattle and horse ventures. In the early 1880s, Herring, the son of a Confederate Army soldier, landed contracts to build portions of both the Texas and Pacific and the Cotton Belt railroads. Herring was the first president of the Tri-State Fair and West Texas Chamber of Commerce. He founded the C.T. Herring Banking Company in Vernon and owned

13 lumber companies throughout North Texas. He built Amarillo's Herring Hotel in 1926, which was one of three oil-boom era hotels built in the 1920s, and the only one still surviving, though not currently operating as a hotel. He was an active member of the Texas Southwest Cattle Raisers Association, Inc. for 40 years. Herring died in 1931.

Noted Texas and USDA agricultural researcher Henry M. Beachell of Pearland created and introduced nine new varieties of rice. At one time, his work accounted for more than 90 percent of U.S. long-grain production. Beachell's work with high-yielding, short-statured rice varieties helped alleviate human hunger and suffering throughout the world. During his more-than-70-year career, he helped establish the nation's first rice research laboratory with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He received the World Food Prize - often considered the Nobel Prize in food and agriculture - in 1996. Beachell died in 2006 at age 100.

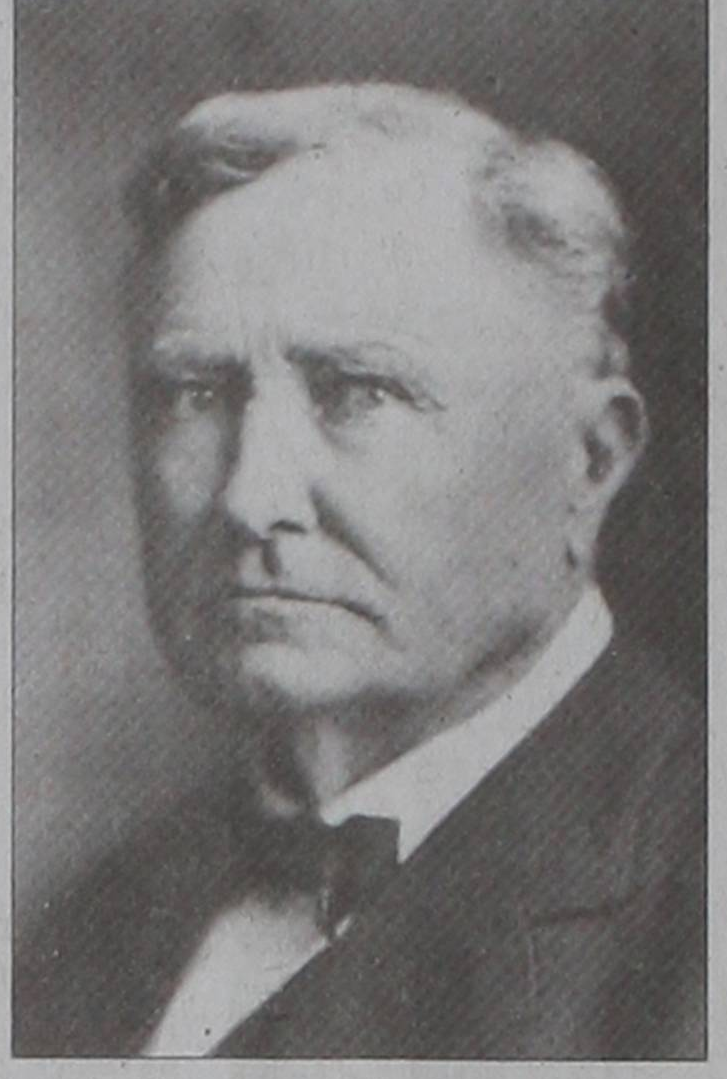
John S. Cargile of San Angelo served as president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association and the American Sheep Industry Association.

He was a strong advocate for the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center now known as Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center. On the civic front, he served as president of the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce and was active in United Way, West Texas Boys Ranch and more. Cargile and his sister Carolyn owned the Producers Livestock Auction, the nation's largest sheep sales center and Texas' largest cattle auction. He died in 2011.

In 1996, Bill Sims was chosen to receive the Texas A&M Distinguished Texan in Agriculture award. Through his association with the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, he has had great influence on the Texas and U.S. sheep, goat and ranching industries. He held office as a Texas senator for 14 years and was chair of the Natural Resources Committee. In addition to serving on several other senatorial committees, he successfully secured a grant to bring animal fiber research capabilities from California to Texas. Sims currently resides in his native Paint Rock.

Former merchant and banker Swante Magnus (S.M.) Swenson of Stamford became one of Texas' largest land owners. Emigrating from Sweden, Swenson paved the

way for the town of Stamford to be established by bringing in railroad service and developing commerce to unsettled territory. He developed the first herd of good grade Shorthorns and registered Hereford bulls. Swen-



Cornelius Taylor Herring

son is also known for instituting the Texas Cowboy Reunion; the Swenson Land and Cattle Company is one of the oldest continuously family operated ranches in Texas. He died in 1896.

For more information contact the State Fair public relations office at pr@bigtex.com or 214-421-8715.



Caleb Cobb ran for the Broncos in the three-mile contest. Cobb finished 45th at 20:45.

COURTESY PHOTO / ALICE COBB

## 4H Awards Banquet held on Sept. 25

The 4H held its annual Awards Banquet on Tuesday, September 25, at the Donley County Activity Center. Attendees enjoyed a delicious dinner consisting of brisket - prepared by Big Boy's BBQ, beans, various side dishes, and banana pudding prepared by the 4H Food and Nutrition Group.

This banquet recognized participation for the 2011-2012 school year. Each member received a certificate for his/her project involvement.

Several members received plaques for their dedication: Gold Star Awards, Tres Hommel and Austin Adams; Bronze Star Award, Chardy Craft; Outstanding Young 4-H member male, Blaine Ellis; Outstanding Young 4-H member female, Hannah Hommel; I Dare You Awards, Jake Owens and Caden Farris; Rookies of the Year, Braylee Shields and Izzy Craft; and Outstanding 4-H Member Achievement and State Council Member, John Pigg.

The 4H members have numerous opportunities to excel due to parent and community members' involvement. During the banquet, the following people were recognized for helping with a variety of projects: Friend of 4-H, Johnny Treichel; Silver Spur Award, Jenifer Pigg; Silver Spur Award, Guy Ellis; and Club Manager, Laura Hommel.

The club also expressed its appreciation of Leonard Haynes, the Donley County Extension Agent, for everything he does for our club and our community, exemplifying the 4H motto: "To Make the Best Better".



### 4H Banquet

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### 4H honors

Donley County 4H Members recognized at last week's banquet included (back) Jake Owens, Austin Adams, Tres Hommel, John Pigg, Caden Farris, (front) Izzy Craft, Braylee Shields, Chardy Craft, Blaine Ellis and Hannah Hommel.

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## Author to speak about dust bowl

CANYON - Using documentary filmmaker Ken Burns' new film, The Dust Bowl, as its centerpiece, PPHM and several Texas Panhandle cultural organizations are collaborating to present Days of Dust during fall 2012, which revisits the Dust Bowl's effect on the area.

As part of this effort, PPHM will present a morning program featuring Timothy Egan, author of The Worst Hard Time, on Thursday, October 11 at 10:30 am in the Derrick Room. Facilitated by PPHM Executive Director Guy C. Vanderpool, the program will examine the local, state and federal responses to the Dust Bowl and implications of those responses in the present and the future.

Cost of the program is \$10 and includes museum admission; PPHM members and WTAMU faculty, staff and students are free of charge. For more information about the Days of Dust programs and events, go to daysofdust.org.

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**Church of Christ:** 300 S. Carhart • 874-2495  
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**Community Fellowship Church:** 12148 FM 2162 874-0963 • Pastor: Larry Capranica  
Sun. School: 10 a.m. • Sun. Service: 11 a.m. • Sun. Evening: 6 p.m.

**First Christian Church:** 120 E. Third St. • Pastor: Darrell Burton • Sunday Service: 5 p.m.

**First Assembly of God:** 4th St. & Hwy. 70 South  
Pastor: Matthew Stidham • Sun. School: 9:45 a.m. • Sun. Service: 10:40 a.m. • Sun. Evening: 6 p.m. • Wed. Youth: 6:15 p.m. • Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.

**First Baptist Church:** 300 Burgee St. • 874-3833  
Rev. Lance Wood • Sun. School: 9:45 a.m. • Sun. Service: 10:55 a.m. • Sun. Evening: 6 p.m. • Kid's Activities: Wed. 6 p.m. • Youth Study: Wed. 7 p.m. • College Ministry: Wed. 9 p.m.

**First Presbyterian Church:** Fourth & Parks 874-9269 • Pastor: Rev. Robin Gantz  
Fellowship: 10:30 a.m. • Sun. Service: 11 a.m.

**First United Methodist Church:** 420 S. Jefferson 874-3667 • Pastor Lloyd Stise  
Sun. School: 11 a.m. • Sun. Service: 9:45 a.m.

**Jesus Name Apostolic Church:** 720 E. Montgomery • 874-2388 • Rev. Calvin Burrow  
Sun. Services: 3 p.m. • Wed.: 7:30 p.m.

**Body of Christ Ministries:** 511 E. 5th St. • Pastor: R.W. Ellerbrook  
Saturday Evening: 6 p.m. • Sunday Discipleship Class 10:30 a.m. • Sunday Service: 11:30 a.m. • Wednesday Services: 7 p.m.

**Christ's Kids Outreach Ministry:** 111 W. 5th Temporary Lions Hall • Janet/Steve Carter • 874-2007 • Sunday Breakfast 9:30 a.m. • Sunday Praise & Worship 10 a.m. • Sunday School 10:30 a.m. • Wednesday 5 p.m.

**St. John The Baptist Episcopal Church:** Rev. Jim Aveni • 301 S. Parks St. • 874-2511  
Sun. Service: 11 a.m.

**St. Mary's Catholic Church:** Corner of Montgomery & McClelland Fr. Arokia Raj Samala • Sun. Mass 11 a.m.

**St. Stephens Baptist Church:** 300 N. Jefferson St. Pastor: Roy Williams • Surf. School: 10 a.m. • Sun. Service: 11:15 a.m. • Wed.: 7 p.m. (weather permitting)

**True Church of God & Christ:** 301 N. Jefferson St. Pastor: Jeff Riles • Sun. School: 10 a.m. • Sun. Service: 11:15 a.m. • Wed.: 7 p.m.

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**Church of Christ:** 110 E. Second St.  
Minister: Bright Newhouse  
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**First Methodist Church:** 200 N. Main St.  
Pastor: Gary Boles  
Sun. Service: 9:30 a.m. • Sun. School: 10:30 a.m.

**First Baptist Church:** 210 N. Main St. 856-5980  
Pastor: Bruce Howard  
Sun. School: 10 a.m. • Sun.: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. • Wed.: 7 p.m.

Howardwick

**First Baptist Church:** 222 Sherwood Blvd. 874-5326  
Reverend: Dave Stout  
Sun. School: 10 a.m. • Sun. Service: 10:45 a.m. • Sun. Evening: 6 p.m. • Wed.: 6 p.m.

**Old Paths Primitive Baptist Church:** Corner of Hereford Lane at HWY 70 874-5374  
Pastor: Lyman Little  
Sun. Services: 10:30 a.m.

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**Martin Baptist Church:** US 287 W  
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**Hedley War Horse**

Coltin Kingston carries the ball in the game against the Happy Cowboys.

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**Owls find despair in Happy**

By Fred Gray

Last Friday night, September 28, 2012 Hedley traveled to Happy to engage the Happy Cowboys in a football game. Somewhere along the way - they lost their way, and the Happy Cowboys were happy indeed, winning 64-8.

Sometimes in life, particularly when young people are concerned, stuff happens, and it is extraordinarily difficult to fully understand what happened.

When great disappointment causes our young people to feel less than optimum about themselves, we need to do all we can to ameliorate their dejection.

The Hedley Owls are a good football team and I hope they remem-

ber that. They work well together and pull for each other. They are fun and exciting to watch as they compete on the gridiron.

Last Friday they lost their focus and lost a football game. They did not diminish themselves. I'm sure they will work with their coaches and learn from this experience. After all, that is the point of sports - to help us grow. Their behavior on the field, in the face of excruciating disappointment, was sterling. Sometimes that is enough. It is a virtue to be appreciated and respected.

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**Shelton runs third,  
team finishes tenth**

By Sandy Anderberg

Runner Audrey Shelton claimed third place in the cross-country meet in Lubbock on Saturday, September 29. She was only twenty-four seconds out of first place finishing the two-mile course in a time of 13:06.8. Sarah Luttrell was the second Lady Bronco to finish and came in at 14:36.4 for 47th place.

Caleb Cobb and Lee Buckhaults ran for the Broncos in the three-mile contest. Cobb finished 45th at 20:45 and Buckhaults came in 60th with a time of 21:35.

Individual results: Deborah Howard 83rd 15:22.5; Abby Johnson 93rd 15:26.9; Phara Berry 101st 15:34.9; Jessica Cenicerros 117th 15:48.4.

The runners will compete in the Canyon CC Meet October 6.



Running in Lubbock on Saturday, September 29 is Phara Berry coming in at 101 place with a time of 15:34.9.

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

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting October 2, 2012, with Boss Lion Russell Estlack in charge.

We had 18 members and one guest this week. Brian Fuller was the guest of Lion Pat Westergaard.

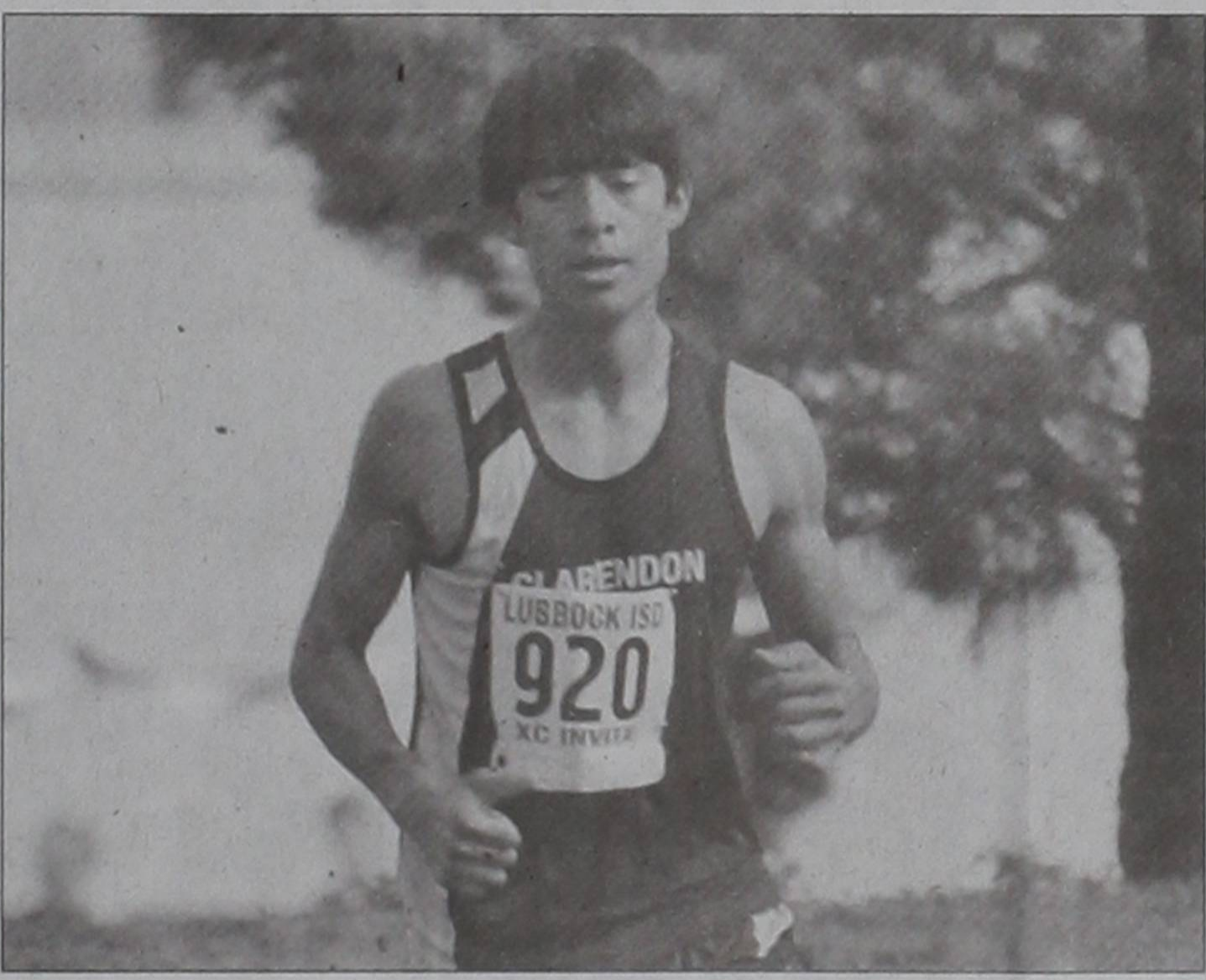
Lion Tex Buckhaults reported the college livestock judging team had one a contest in Garden Center, and Lion Mike Word reported on cookie dough sales and other public school activities.

Lion Lambert Little said the city was into day two of its new budget and "so far, so good." He also said the city had issued \$1.5 million in new debt last week for water, sewer, and street improvements.

Lion Chandra Eggemeyer said bids will be opened this week for exterior work on the Mulkey Theatre and that work should begin in the next few days.

Lion Little gave a short program on Grover Cleveland, the 22th and 24th president of the United States and the only man to serve non-consecutive terms as president.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.



Lee Buckhaults ran a time of 21:35 for the Broncos in the three-mile contest.



Deborah Howard placed 83rd with a time of 15:22.5 at the cross country meet in Lubbock last Saturday. The Broncos will run in the Canyon CC Meet on October 6.

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"Everyone must be prepared to take care of themselves and their neighbors in an emergency," Marisa Frazier, Interim Executive Director of the Eastern and Texas Panhandle Chapters said.

"No one can predict where or when disasters will strike, so we have to be prepared 24/7. Volunteers are the reason we can do that. If you've been thinking about getting involved but haven't done it yet, then come on down on October 6th from 9am to Noon and take your first step

toward becoming an American Red Cross disaster relief worker."

Registration is not needed prior to the training, only you and a friend. We will open our office doors and begin training those interested at 9 a.m. This basic training course will give you information on the American Red Cross as well as volunteer opportunities for you to step in and make a difference. The team in the Eastern Texas Panhandle is filled with wonderful volunteers, now all we need is some more members to help strengthen the team.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Molly Mabery, the Volunteer Coordinator, at Molly.Mabery@redcross.org or call our local office to get more information on the training, at 806-669-7121.

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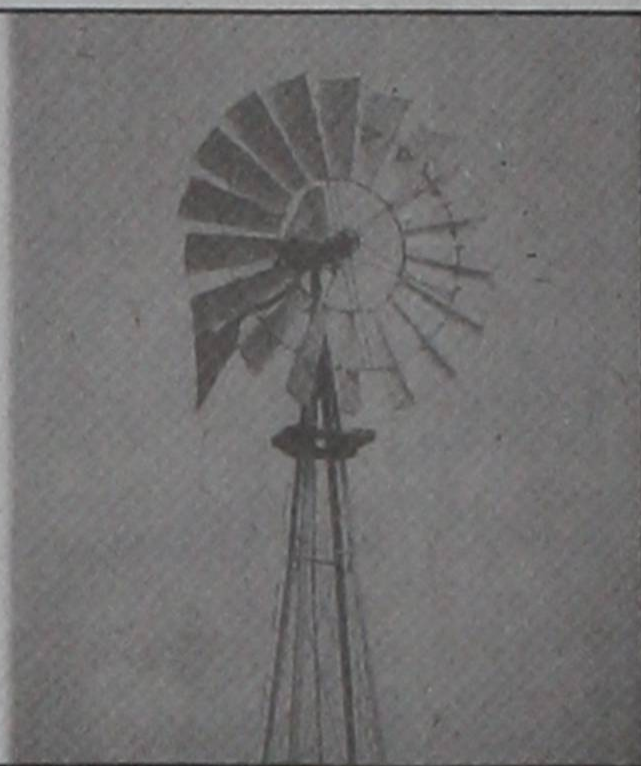
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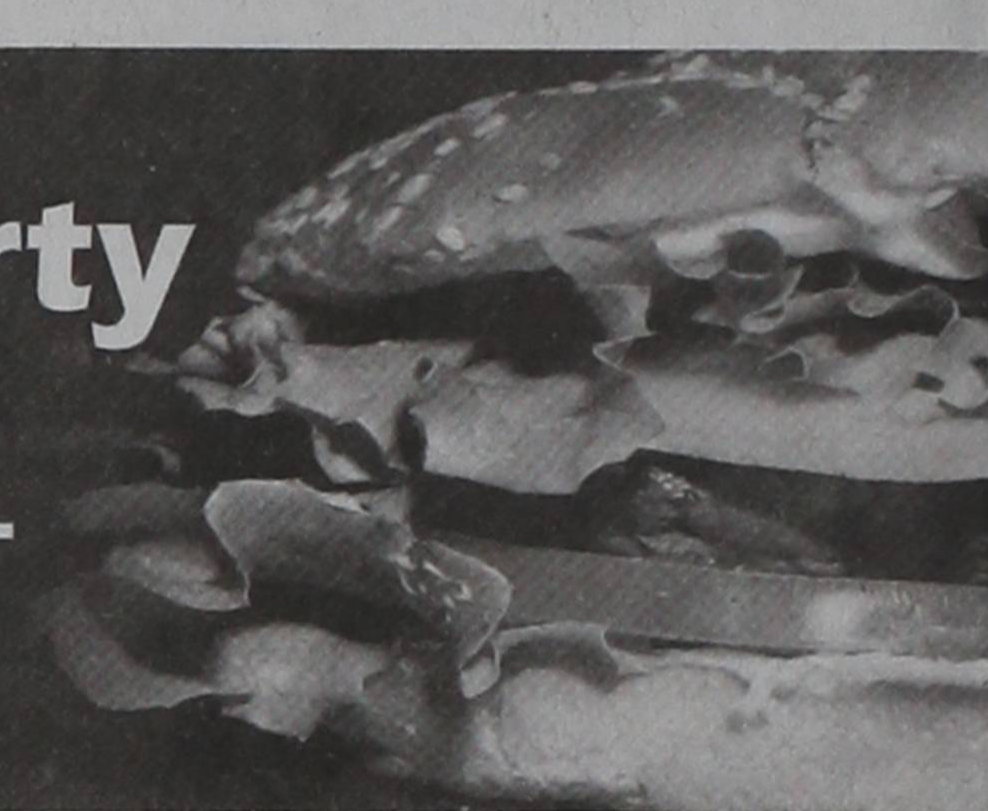
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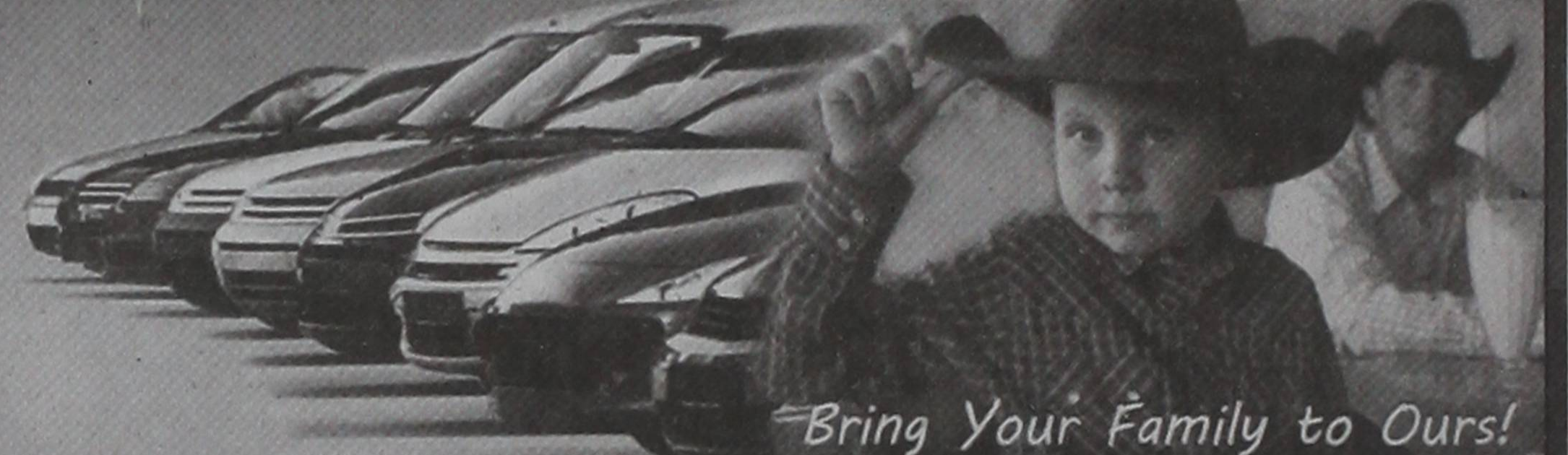
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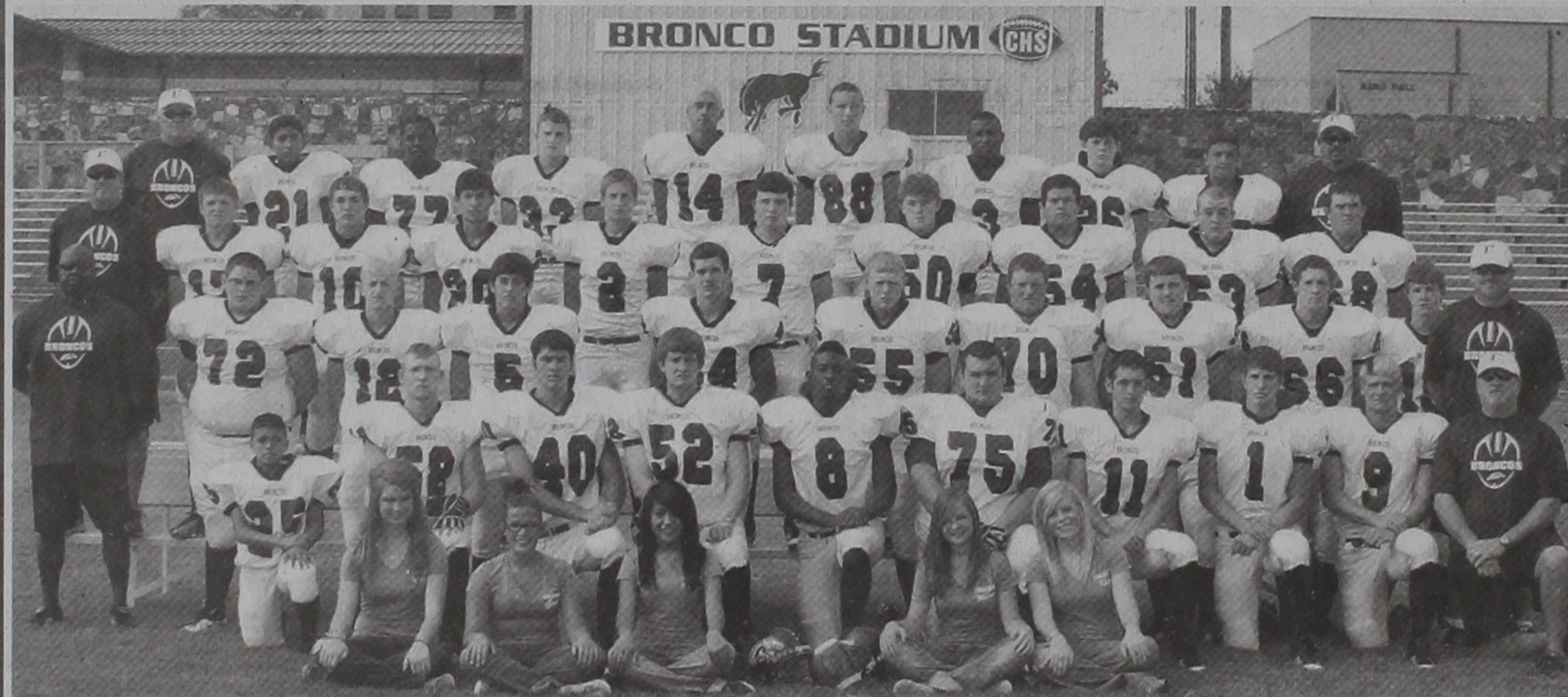
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## American Cancer Society fights to end breast cancer

AUSTIN — According to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 226,870 new cases of invasive breast cancer and 39,510 deaths from breast cancer are expected to occur among women in the U.S. in 2012. The American Cancer Society offers 24/7 support to those diagnosed with breast cancer and their loved ones.

In fact, one out of every two women turn to the Society for help and support following their breast cancer diagnosis. This October, the Society will be using National Breast Cancer Awareness Month to remind women about the importance of breast health.

"The American Cancer Society encourages all women to put their health first. We want women to understand the benefits of eating a balanced diet, maintaining a healthy weight, exercising regularly and limiting alcohol intake," said Joy

Carthel, health initiatives director at the American Cancer Society, West Texas region.

"More than 2.9 million breast cancer survivors will celebrate a birthday this year thanks to early detection and improved treatment."

Breast cancer is a leading cause of cancer death in women, second only to lung cancer. The Society is reminding women 40 and older to have a yearly mammogram and clinical breast exam.

Also, the Society recommends that women ages 20 to 39 receive a clinical breast exam at least once every three years. The five-year survival rate is 99% for breast cancer that is diagnosed in the earliest stages.

The American Cancer Society is the most effective breast cancer-fighting organization in the world, and is doing the most to help people

with breast cancer today and works tirelessly to find cures to end the disease tomorrow. The Society has spent more on breast cancer research than on any other cancer, and has played an important part in many major breast cancer research breakthroughs in the past century, including demonstrating that mammography is an effective screening test for breast cancer, the development of tamoxifen and herceptin, and knowledge that genetics, poor diet, lack of exercise, and moderate drinking increase a person's cancer risk.

The Society also offers newly diagnosed women and those living with breast cancer a variety of programs and services to help them in their breast cancer experience.

• The Reach To Recovery program helps newly diagnosed patients cope with their breast cancer experi-

ence. Reach To Recovery volunteers offer the unique understanding, support, and hope from the perspective of someone who has survived breast cancer.

• The Look Good Feel Better program helps breast cancer patients manage the physical side effects of treatment. Patients gain beauty techniques to help improve their self-esteem and quality of life, but also a sense of support, confidence, courage and community with other cancer patients in the program.

• The Guestroom program and Hope Lodge Lubbock offers patients and their caregivers free lodging for those receiving treatment far from home.

• The Society offers free information to help make treatment decisions and access to its programs 24/7 through 1-800-227-2345 or cancer.org.

## Bronco JV wins in first half

The Bronco junior varsity football team only needed one half of play to defeat the Claude Mustangs at home Thursday night. The 64-0 shutout was a show of total dominance and control by the Broncos.

Coach Brad Elam claimed the Broncos played their best football against Claude. "It was the best game of the year by far," Elam said. "The kids came into the game chomping at the bit to play and it showed. We dominated all phases of the game were very physical. We were able to take it to them on both sides of the ball and we jumped on them to the tune of 26-0 after the first quarter and 42-0 by halftime."

According to Elam, Caleb Cobb got things going on a three-yard run for six and Bryce Hatley added the two-point conversion. It was the first of three conversions for Hatley alone and he helped on four more. Cobb made good on more touchdowns on the night from one yard out and Brandon Miller added the extra points.

Dillon Nickell scored six points on a 40-yard run and another six on a

two-yard run and Miller added to the total with a 60-yard punt return (Izzy Osburn conversion) and a 20-yard touchdown run. Romello Smith got into the action with a 65-yard punt return and Hatley and Miller teamed up again for the double bonus. Smith also had a 51-yard interception return.

"It was a big game in all phases," Elam said. "We scored on offense, defense, and special teams. These guys get their names in the paper for scoring, but they could not have done this on their own. Our line dominated both sides of the ball. On offense, the holes were huge to run through and were opened by David Johnston, Johnathon Taylor, Zach Watson, Montana Hysinger, and Cedric McCampbell. McCampbell, Taylor, Hysinger, and Johnston were equally dominant on defense. The defense had another great game limiting Claude to only one first down and that came on a penalty. They also recorded a safety."

The Broncos will have an open date October 4 but are scheduled to play at West Texas October 11.



### Domination

Taking down a Claude Mustang is Caleb Cobb and Israel Osburn at last Thursdays game at the Bronco Stadium. The Broncos held the Mustangs and won the game 64-0. The Broncos next game will be against West Texas on October 11 at Bronco Stadium.

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## NNA welcomes open government decision by appeals court

The National Newspaper Association today expressed its approval of a decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit that upholds the Texas Open Meetings Law. A group of city government officials had argued that requiring them to discuss their work in open meetings was a violation of their own free speech rights.

But the court said the Texas law's requirements were not a First Amendment violation.

"Transparency is furthered by allowing the public to have access to government decision making," the court said.

The case is *Asgeirsson v. Abbott*, handed down Sept. 25, 2012. Asgeirsson and a group of fellow city council members in Alpine, TX, have carried on a long-running court battle over the Texas Open Meetings Act because of the criminal penalties

in the law. Following two indictments against city council members for holding e-mail discussions about public matters without complying with open meeting requirements, local officials sued. Though the indictments were dropped, some local council members continued to argue that fear of criminal prosecution was inhibiting their free speech. Over more than six years, dozens of local Texas officials and five cities have been involved in multiple appeals because of the open meetings law's requirements.

The appeals court's decision today upholds a district court decision that the open meetings law may affect the officials' speech, but that because the law applies regardless of the content of the speech it does not offend the First Amendment.

NNA President Reed Anfinson said the court had put the emphasis

in the proper place: the public's right to know.

"This was an issue about public officials having an obligation to speak their minds in front of their constituents. Doing so requires courage at times, but it is essential so that these public servants are on the record with their thoughts.

Whatever they have to say may be insightful or show simple common sense on a matter before the elected body. But their comments can also reveal prejudice, ignorance, and self-serving motives, all of which the voting public has a fundamental right to hear and judge," Anfinson said.

NNA appeared in an amicus brief before the court authored on behalf of Belo Corp. and other newspaper associations by James Ho, an attorney with Gibson Dunn and Crutcher in Dallas.

## Bold flavors of Spain come to Amarillo underground

AMARILLO — Underground dining is the hottest trend in Dallas among up and coming young chefs, and Amarillo native, Chef Robert Clifford is bringing the new dining concept to Amarillo on Saturday evening, October 6. The chef's dinner parties are held in various locations, donated by the owners (i.e., art galleries, museums, old warehouses, restaurants, private residences, and the occasional private garden.) The menu is typically extraordinary to show off the culinary skills of the chef, sometimes including complimentary hand crafted cocktails and usually at the very least five to seven courses. Top that off with live music and you will experience an evening you won't soon forget.

Here's how it works: You receive notice of the dinner via email or Facebook. Respond by purchasing your ticket ASAP. (Limited seating, these things sell out quickly.) Attend the dinner party, there you will find

a place to unwind and relax, a place where you get to meet new people and a place where you will eat one of the most inspiring meals of your life. Behind the ingenious concept of it all is Chef Robert Clifford, a rising young talent in Dallas. Think of it as a secret society, where you will experience tranquility and culinary greatness and do feel free to bring bottles of wine for yourself and to share with your new friends.

Chef Robert's October event is called Paella Patio Party and will be held in his client's private garden, the event is available to the first 70 people that make reservations. The menu includes his signature dish DFW Paella; which includes rosemary chicken, gulf shrimp and imported Spanish dried chorizo. Paella is a rice dish infused with saffron and sofrito; it's cooked over an open flame in a traditional paellera. In addition to world-class paellas, Chef Clifford also caters a full com-

plement of tapas selections. End the evening with a unique flan or chef's signature dessert involving Spanish blue cheese? You have to attend to find out.

Chef Robert Clifford is an award winning, ACF Certified Culinarian. As a fifth generation Texan, Chef Clifford knows how to create big flavors in the backyard. Drawing on southwestern, Spanish-Mediterranean, and classic southern cuisine, his signature style takes the guest to a place both familiar and a world away with every bite. He was awarded 2010 Student Culinarian of the Year by the Texas Chefs Association, Dallas Chapter, and also continues to win numerous awards for his culinary and presentation skills. He is a graduate of El Centro College in Dallas, Texas.

To learn more and to make reservations for this unique event, register at <http://chefrobertclifford.pinging.com/PaellaPatioParty>.

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**Drugs in the News**

**New Medication May Reduce Pancreatitis Risk**  
 A recent study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) reported that statins may reduce the risk of pancreatitis in persons with normal or mildly increased triglycerides. Statins are a class of medications used to lower cholesterol levels. Pancreatitis is the inflammation of the pancreas. The pancreas releases the hormones (insulin and glucagon), as well as digestive enzymes that help in the digestion of food. Pancreatitis ranges from a mild self-limiting episode to a severe or fatal event.

This analysis in JAMA opposes early observational studies and suggests that statins may reduce the risk of developing pancreatitis among individuals with normal to slightly elevated triglyceride levels. In this study, researchers concluded that statins lowered the risk of pancreatitis by 23 percent. Researchers emphasized that these findings are specific for individuals with normal or mildly increased triglycerides, and not applicable to individuals with very high triglyceride levels.

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