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The Newspaper of Record for the Jewel of the Plains.

THIS WEEK

- 2 The Republicans cave again on an issue important to America's future.
- 3 Plans are being made for a community-wide Thanksgiving service.
- 6 The Clarendon College Theatre Department will take the stage this week.
- 7 And persistence is the key to successful fishing.

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

Tree lighting ceremony set for Thursday night

The Clarendon Girl Scouts, Brownies, and Daisies would like to invite everyone to join them Thursday, November 17, at 6:00 p.m. on the Donley County Courthouse Square for the annual Christmas Lighting Ceremony.

Entertainment will be provided by the scout troops along with the Community Church Children's Choir, True Church of God and Christ Choir, Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ Choir, First Methodist Church Handbells, Sister Mary Magdalene, the Assembly of God, Dan Hall, Jim Shadle, The Saints' Roost Band, and Santa Claus.

The downtown merchants will be open afterward for the first night of Late Night Shopping. Hot cocoa, cider, and snacks will be provided by the scouts.

Scouts to pick up food for PCS on Saturday

The Clarendon Boy Scouts Troop 433 will pick up donated food items on Saturday morning for the local Panhandle Community Services in Clarendon as part of the Scouting for Food program.

On Monday and Tuesday, Cub Scout Pack 437 distributed bags to residences in town. Residents are asked to fill the bags with non-perishable food items and place the bags on their front porch or curb on Saturday morning.

The Boy Scouts will collect the items at 9:00 a.m. Saturday.

Livestock project entry night planned

All livestock projects going to county, Fort Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, and Houston will need to be entered into the desired shows before the end of November.

The Livestock Project Entry Night will be November 21, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. at the Donley County Extension Office. All exhibitors and a parent must be present.

If you are unable to attend, call the Extension Office and make prior arrangements. Entries will not be accepted after November 30.

For more information, contact Leonard Haynes at 874-2141.

Hedley Senior Citizens raising building funds

The Hedley Senior Citizens are raising money to help construct a new building to replace the 100-year-old structure now in use.

They have applied for a grant, and all looks good. The new building will have a Community Storm Shelter, which will house approximately 80 people and will be handicapped accessible.

The group will hold a Thanksgiving Bake Sale and Mexican Pile-On at the senior center November 23 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with proceeds benefiting the building fund.

Honoring those who served

Local veterans receive praise

The citizens of Donley County last week paid their respect to the veterans who have served America and secured freedom for all who live here.

The Adamson-Lane Post 287 of the American Legion held their annual service at the Veterans' Memorial in Rowe Cemetery on Friday morning.

Doyle Messer conducted the ceremony and delivered the invocation. Following the posting of the colors, Andrea Musick sang the National Anthem, and T.C. Saye led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The featured speaker of the event was Gary Weatherly of Memphis. He graduated from Hedley High School in 1965 and served with the US Army from 1965 to 1968, during which time he served in Vietnam with the First Cavalry Division from November 1966 to November 1967.

"I feel very fortunate to have grown up in a patriotic community like Hedley," Weatherly said as he recalled how Vietnam veterans were welcomed home in Hedley with banquets when they were shunned in other parts of the country.

Weatherly said the military teaches responsibility and self-discipline, and he said he hoped today's fighting men and women will be remembered for the good they are trying to do.

Clarendon VFW Post 7782 also held its annual Veterans Day Service on Friday at the Donley County War Memorial.

The guest speaker was Joe McQuay, a 37-year veteran of the Marine Corps. The Bronco Band played several patriotic selections during the ceremony. Darrell Burton, pastor of the Martin Baptist Church gave the invocation. Post Commander Larry Pettit led the ceremony.

McQuay recognized all branches of the military and the importance of thanking the vets who are still alive. He also spoke about the generation now fighting in Iraq and how it is the soldier that gave us the rights of freedom, religion, speech, demonstration, and free trial.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the members of the Bronco Band laid flowers on the memorial.

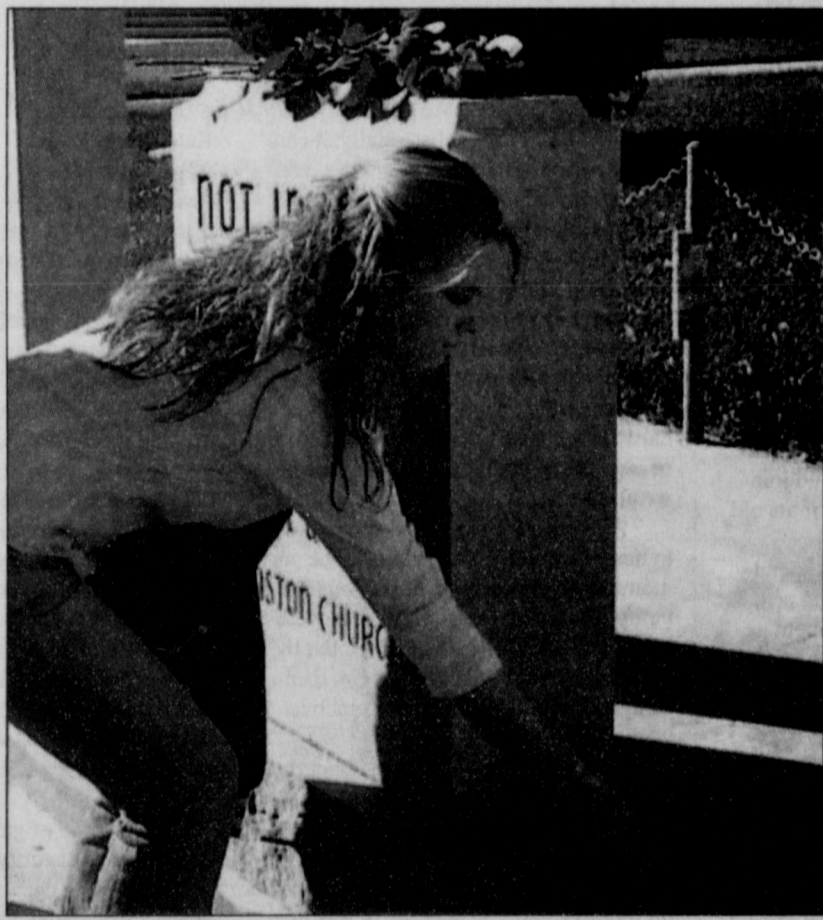
Local veterans also enjoyed a meal prepared by the Clarendon High School home economics class Friday at noon. The Clarendon Elementary children also presented a program to the vets and their guests.

A veterans' program was also held at the Vera Dial Dickey Library at Clarendon College on Monday.



Above: J.D. Skaggs and Roger Hagar raise Old Glory during the opening of the Adamson-Lane American Legion Post's Veterans Day service at the Veterans' Memorial in Rowe Cemetery last Friday.
Enterprise Photo / Roger Estack

Below: Bronco Band member Janae White places flowers on the memorial.
Enterprise Photo / Cheryl Johnson



City sales tax rebate leaps again

Clarendon's economy continues to produce higher sales tax returns, according to information released by Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn last Friday.

The city's November sales tax allocation soared 18.85 percent above the same period last year for a total rebate of \$25,615.41.

Clarendon started the calendar year with lower returns, but local sales produced increased returns for five months in a row before tapering off in August and then rebounded big in September. This month's allocation drives the city's year-to-date collections to an 8.14 percent increase of \$249,396.84.

Hedley and Howardwick also posted big gains this month. Hedley's rebate of \$755.37 was up from \$425.15, which reflects a 7.14 percent increase for the year. Howardwick was up 15.4 percent to \$1,192, and has seen a 2.49 percent increase on the year-to-date.

Statewide sales tax revenue is up, even though November sales tax allocations to 73 Southeast Texas cities, counties, special purpose districts and a transit system impacted by the hurricane are down \$2.3 million, or four percent, compared to November 2004. For 24 of the affected local entities, sales tax revenue is off by 20 percent to 73 percent.

Strayhorn reported that state sales tax collections rose to \$1.36 billion in October, up 5.9 percent, compared to October 2004. Texas cities received \$310.9 million in sales tax allocations, up 8.6 percent compared to November 2004.

October state sales tax collections and November sales tax allocations to local governments represent September sales reported to the Comptroller in October by monthly tax filers and July, August and September sales reported to the Comptroller in October by quarterly tax filers.

Voter turnout low for election

Most Donley County voters didn't care about last week's state constitutional amendment election, but on a percentage basis they did care slightly more than the rest of the state.

A total of 29.5 percent of local registered voters cast ballots here, which compares to 17.9 percent for turnout statewide.

A majority of local citizens who did vote approved six out of nine proposed amendments, and a majority of state voters approved those same six and approved Proposition One over Donley County's objection.

By far the greatest approval was given to Proposition Two, which defines marriage in Texas as being between one man and one woman. It

See 'Election' on page 3.

City aldermen may adopt state animal cruelty law

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen will likely adopt a state statute as city ordinance to deal with the issue of cruelty to animals following last Tuesday's regular meeting.

If approved, subtle changes would be made in the wording from Texas Penal Code Sec. 42.09, replacing the punishment and fine clauses to reflect the maximum penalties a municipality can impose.

The statute's definition of cruelty to animals would remain unchanged, reading "a person commits the crime of cruelty to animals if the person intentionally or knowingly tortures or seriously overworks; or fails unreasonably to provide necessary food, care, or shelter; or abandons; or

transports in a cruel manner; or kills, injures, or administers poison; or uses as bait in a race; or trips a horse.

A three-aldermen committee would also be set up to give those charged under the ordinance an avenue of appeal before a case went before the municipal court.

Alderman Michael Tibbets said this committee would not be included in the ordinance but would instead be set up by resolution and could be dissolved if there came a time when no one was willing to serve on such a committee.

Animal Control Officer Tony Ballard first expressed his concern about dogs being chained up without food or water in a letter presented

at the city's October 11 meeting. Ballard had submitted sample ordinances that would ban or limit keeping dogs on chains.

Residents John Morrow and Bobby Wood addressed the board concerning the proposed ordinance, and Wood said he wanted to make certain that people would not be prosecuted who took proper care of their dogs but who had to chain their dogs during the day because they cannot afford a fence.

"The issue is no longer dogs on chains," Tibbets said. "The issue is cruelty to animals."

The board will consider the new ordinance at its next meeting on November 22.

In other city business, Chris Sharp of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission addressed the board concerning STEP grants through the state Office of Rural Community Affairs.

Grants of up to \$350,000 are available for purchasing material for water and sewer line replacements. None of the money can be spent on labor, which could be donated from the community or be provided by city employees.

The board directed Sharp to begin the application process. Applications are due in March, and the grants will be awarded in June. The competition is statewide, but Sharp said there is interest in Austin to see

this money spread around the state.

Larry Hicks addressed the board concerning a house he purchased at 507 E. Fourth St., which is in the R2 residential zone. He said a local man would like to rent the property for use as a physical therapy office, but he wanted to make sure there were no zoning problems with that.

Several aldermen told Hicks they didn't have a problem with this, but Alderman Tibbets reminded the board that they had previously denied other businesses going into residential areas. Mayor Tex Selvidge said the city would need to check the wording of the ordinance and told Hicks they would have an answer by the next meeting.

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.

Republicans should stand up for America

So how do you like those energy prices?

Gasoline is still more than \$2 per gallon; natural gas is going through the roof; and according to a press release from Mutual Energy last week, the electric bill is about to be right on up there, too.

But our Republican Congress is on top of the situation, seeing to it that our nation finally gets a sound energy policy. Right? Wrong.

Two weeks ago it seemed as though there might be real progress on an issue that has been vexing America since the Clinton administration – to drill or not to drill in the Arctic National Wildlife Reserve (ANWR). Now, it's true that estimates peg the oil reserves in ANWR at between four and 12 billion barrels, which would last the United States six to 20 months if that were the only source we used. But the battle over ANWR is really a battle over mentalities.

On the one hand, you have people who say let's produce more of our own energy and the easiest way to do that is drill in Alaska and along our coastlines. And on the other hand, you have pie-in-the-sky environmentalists who think we can just switch over to alternative fuels and hybrid vehicles just like that. That's a nice long term goal, but in the here and now my Chevy runs on gasoline, and I like it best when it costs a buck-fifty or less per gallon. Our economy is going to be running on oil for quite some time, so we better be busy finding more of it.

Anyway, the GOP dominated House of Representatives had long supported the idea of tapping the several billion barrels of oil that are believed to be buried beneath the caribou's hooves. But Democratic tree-huggers and milk toast Republicans in the US Senate kept killing the idea. Then high energy prices ramped up America's demands for more domestic oil, and on November 3, the Senate voted to allow it.

How Majority Leader "Gomer" Frist managed to not screw this up is beyond me. But be that as it may, it seemed a slam dunk that those flea-ridden caribou were going to have to just move over and let the masters of this planet come in to extract Mother Earth's treasure.

But then tragedy struck in a way that has become all too familiar to died-in-the-wool conservatives. The Republicans caved. Usually these disappointments come from the Senate, but this time it was in the House, which is particularly frustrating.

Apparently a group of 15 moderate (i.e. liberal) Republicans from the Northeast (i.e. damn Yankees) were not only opposed to drilling for oil in that precious land to which no one ever goes, but they were also opposed to the spending cuts in the bill to which the drilling issue was attached. They couldn't stand the thought of curbing Medicaid spending, trimming the number of people on food stamps (including new restrictions for illegal immigrants getting food stamps), and a host of other budget cuts.

What kind of Republicans are these?

When I was just a young editor, Republicans were men with backbones. They had a Contract With America, and they got busy passing bills left and right, cutting programs, kicking deadbeats off welfare, and doing it all with a Democrat in the White House. They balanced the federal budget. They had lofty plans to eliminate entire federal departments, and they pined for the day when a Republican president would join them in battle and put the federal juggernaut in its old constitutional cage.

But no longer. Now Republicans are just spending, spending, spending; and instead of cutting programs, they've created this nightmare entitlement program called Medicare Part D to force the American taxpayer to pick up the tab for granny's pills. You think drugs are expensive now? Just wait until Uncle Sam has picked up the tab for the senior citizens for a while.

True conservatives are a rare breed in Congress today, and the Republican Party needs them more than ever. America needs a resurgence in the GOP – a return to its better days as a proponent of smaller government, balanced budgets, low taxes, and more personal freedom. They need to embrace their former love for the free market in everything from health care to energy. Federal regulation doesn't make those things cheaper; it makes them more expensive. Republicans used to understand that.

The ANWR battle isn't over. The deficit battle isn't over. But it remains to be seen if the Republican leadership has the political fortitude to get the job done. Last week, it appeared they didn't, and that's a bad sign for America's future.

Republicans need to stand together and hold the line on government growth and roll back restraints on the people of this country. They should remember the legacies of Reagan and Goldwater and Gingrich and try to govern they way those men would want them to.

If they do, then America will be better off, more free, and more secure.

Quotable

"Government isn't the solution to our problems. Government is the problem."

- Ronald Reagan

No-shave tradition begins second year

November is a month plumb chock-full of holidays: Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, my half birthday, and the second annual month-long celebration called No-Shave November.

Last year, I set up the leg hair growing contest for the residents of my dorm. I started off with a Halloween party and concluded with a hyper feminine movie night, complete with ice cream and certificates and razors for competitors.

This year, I had no ties to the dorms. I was barely on campus at all. One day in October, I went into the Student Union Building to get my mail, and I saw a flyer for my own event.

It had an addendum for "Nazarite November" for dudes who wanted to grow longer to God while they grew their beards (Nazarites were Jews who vowed to leave their hair uncut and to be consecrated for service to God).

I was flattered. Something I organized (I'm ashamed I didn't make it up myself) had almost become a tradition. I had left a visible mark on my campus: hairy people unite!

People were talking about it for weeks. A website with discussion forums was set up. Small support and Bible study groups were formed and met in homes and dorm rooms.

On October 31, everyone shaved their final shave and dug in for the long-haul.

Last year, I held on for the whole 30 days. Even longer, because I shaved my last on October 20. I held on through my own sister's wedding on November 27. By that time I was getting pretty disgusting.

I only made it two weeks this year. I'm playing Charles Schultz's immortal Peppermint Patty in "A Charlie Brown Christmas." We open this weekend. My costume is shorts, a t-shirt, and flip-flops. We're also skating on stage, and my tall socks tug on my leg hairs, and it is very uncomfortable.

Peppermint Patty is a tomboy and remarkably unfeminine. Add frumpy

clothes and hairy legs, and it's hard to feel like a girl!

I told the cast last night I was going home to shave. I couldn't take it any longer. Almost all of the girls in the cast were participating. They shook their heads in disappointment but thanked me for taking the lead. They wouldn't feel so bad if they caved before the show, too.

I got in the shower almost immediately after I got home. I picked up the razor, but I couldn't do it.

This is my cause! This is my protest! I brought it to Hardin-Simmons University, and I have single handedly changed the whole campus. How can I back down from my own cause? A little discomfort and I'm throwing in the towel!

That's not the Carrie that I know. That's not the girl I raised. I put the razor unused back into its little cradle. My stubbornness wins again.

I'm sure you are fascinated by my leg hairs and are so excited to know; but after two weeks, I am in the lead with hairs measuring 1/4 inch. I dare you to try and catch up.



life's lessons

by carrie helms

BAKING BY RANDI THOMAS-DISHART



Time to make headway in energy crisis

As Texans made sacrifices to help our Louisiana neighbors and prepared to endure a hurricane of our own, we noticed the price of gasoline rising. Several weeks later, ExxonMobil posted its highest quarterly profits ever of almost \$10 billion. When the price of gasoline rises, it affects almost everyone's day-to-day life; and when the price rises substantially, it can have a serious effect on everyone's livelihood, from airlines to agriculture. With that in mind, the Senate wanted to take a closer look at the industry, so we invited some oil-company executives to speak on the matter at a Senate hearing.

Profits are a normal and important facet of capitalism. Without the incentive to make profits, people will not risk their hard-earned cash to open up new businesses, providing the goods and services we all need.

At the same time, it is disconcerting to hear about record oil profits at the very moment we are seeing prices rise at the pump. If it were found that prices were being set, not by the free market, but by secret agreements not to compete, then Congress would be sure those practices were punished.

However, many of us remember that it was not long ago that the oil industry was going through a tough time. A sober look behind the headlines of record profits is revealing. For every dollar they take in, the oil industry earns an average of less than \$.08. Even ExxonMobil only managed to earn just under \$.10 for every dollar it took in. The profit margins in the oil industry are actually well below those in many other industries. Contrast ExxonMobil's \$.10 per dollar margin with Microsoft and Citigroup, each of which had profits of

over \$.33 per dollar. Other companies, like Merck, Cingular, and IBM all had profit margins at least twice that of Exxon.

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita were major reasons prices rose this autumn. Oil platforms in the Gulf of Mexico endured sustained winds of 175 mph, which caused substantial damage to much of our oil infrastructure: 35 platforms were destroyed, and 16 more were badly damaged. By early October, over 90% of oil production in the Gulf of Mexico was shut down.

Even worse, much of the oil that we did have could not be turned into gasoline. With Rita bearing down on them, refineries from Lake Charles, Louisiana, to Corpus Christi, Texas, were forced to shut down. Combined, we lost the capacity to refine 20% of the oil consumed daily in the U.S. Before the hurricanes, oil refineries were operating at 97% of capacity, so the shutdowns caused a substantial disruption in the supply of gasoline, forcing prices higher.

The supply of gasoline is vital to our economy and security. We need to have greater refining capacity so that when some plants are forced to shut down, others can pick up the slack. However, right now extensive and arcane federal regulations discourage businesses from making additional investments in refineries. In fact, no new refinery has been built in the U.S. since 1976.

To open a new refinery now, a com-

pany has to follow expensive and time consuming permitting requirements, often fraught with lengthy regulatory delays. Businesses contemplating such a long-term investment must consider, not just the environmental regulations that exist today, but also the regulations Congress or state governments might decide to impose upon them in the future. The legal climate is so unpredictable that businesses have chosen not to build new plants. To resolve this, Congress needs to provide businesses with a predictable and secure legal regime which will allow them to expand with confidence.

Since there is only so much oil in the ground, we also must diversify and start using new sources of fuel. There has been much talk about investing in alternative energy sources for years, but often it has been all hat and no cattle.

This year, Congress took serious measures to address this problem in the energy bill. We provided numerous incentives for businesses to invest in and start using alternative sources of fuel. We provided production tax credits, encouraging businesses to produce clean, renewable energy such as wind, biomass, and geothermal power. We also encouraged businesses to buy more of these renewable resources by offering businesses tax credits for purchasing alternative fuel and hybrid vehicles. We even provided a 30% credit for investments in alternative refueling stations, to make the practical side of the transition to new fuels more feasible. If just 20% of cars used fuel cell technology, we could cut oil imports by 1.5 million barrels every day.

By addressing the real underlying problems, we can make serious headway in fulfilling America's energy needs.



capitol comment

by sen. kay bailey hutchison

Stores should keep Christ in Christmas

I just heard that a number of businesses will be dropping the Christ and Christmas from their advertisements and in store policy this Christmas holiday. It seems that their employees will be told to say "Happy Holidays" rather than "Merry Christmas" in order to not offend a very few people. I for one am offended by their actions and will be watching closely the ads begging for business from the Sears-K-Mart Corp. and also from Kohl's. I certainly will not be shopping those markets

until, and if, I hear something positive from them to the contrary, and I will be watching how other companies react.

Joyce Combs,
Howardwick

Readers thank school kids

A special thank you to all children and young people from Clarendon Elementary and Clarendon High School Student Council who honored the veterans on Friday,

November 11.

We enjoyed every minute and loved singing "God Bless America."

It was a wonderful experience for both of us, and we greatly appreciate all of the Veteran Thank You Notes from the children and the delicious meal provided in the Clarendon High School Home Economics Room.

God bless all of you.

Bill Hodges (US Army Veteran)
and wife, Judy

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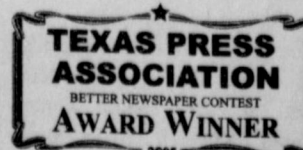
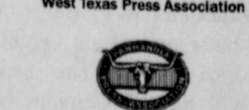
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Community Thanksgiving service to be this Sunday

The Donley County Ministerial Alliance invites the entire community and surrounding area to a Community Thanksgiving Service.

The service will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon on Sunday, November 20, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.

This is a wonderful opportunity for all of God's people to come together and give thanks in a worshipful way.

The Alliance is comprised of area churches that merge efforts in order to provide ministry to individuals at various times. Some of the services that the Alliance has rendered include fuel purchases and minor auto repairs for traveling individuals, and families, grocery purchases,

utility payment assistance, overnight lodging for stranded persons, assistance as needed on a case by case basis.

The Alliance works with the Donley County Sheriff's Office to avoid any abuse and misuse. The Alliance is not directed by doctrine but by the simple mission to serve the least, or those most in need, and by doing so serve Christ.

The funding of the Alliance is made possible by the faithful giving of those in the community to share in the blessings and the ministry of any in need.

All people of all faiths are invited to worship together and have in common the goal of sharing Christ by meeting needs.

Recipes needed for Bronco Cookbook

The Bronco Parents Organization is currently accepting recipes from all alumni and future alumni for the Bronco Cookbook.

The cookbook is a fund-raiser for the organization to purchase items for the Broncos and Lady Broncos. They hope to create some facts and stats pages about individual and team records.

All alumni are asked to submit one to three recipes. With your submission of a recipe, please include what category your recipes should be listed under, your name, what class you were in, and your email address. You can mail your submissions to Judy Thomas, Bronco

Parents Organization, PO Box 610, Clarendon, Texas 79226. Or email them to Judy at thomas.judy@clarendon.k12.tx.us. You can also reserve your copy of the cookbook at the same address.

Please indicate how many copies you want reserved for you; we will base our ordering on pre-orders. If you do not want your email address published please indicate so.

Email questions to the above email address or call 806-874-3855 days 874-5420 evenings.

The organization hopes that this book will give everyone a chance to renew old acquaintances or at least take a trip down memory lane.

Donley County 4-Hers qualify for State Roundup

CANYON - Panhandle 4-H members from 22 counties qualified on November 5 to compete in the Texas 4-H Roundup at College Station, June 5-9.

Donley County members Paul Goetze, Jason Pigg, Johnathan Pigg, and Jacob Pigg all qualified in their contests. Goetze placed first in the senior division of Horticulture. Jason, Johnathan, and Jacob placed second in the intermediate division

of the Horse Quiz Bowl.

4-H Roundup is a public speaking and talent event providing 4-H members the opportunity to share their knowledge and skills learned through 4-H projects.

More than 200 kids competed in the 30 activities, including speaking events, illustrated talks, method demonstrations, and performing arts. Recognition awards were given in ceremonies at West Texas A&M.

Election:

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was approved locally by a margin of 688 to 68 and statewide by 1,718,513 to 536,052.

Complete local results are as follows:

- Prop. 1. Rail Facilities Funding**
For 283, Against 410
- Prop. 2. Same Sex Marriage Denied**
For 688, Against 68
- Prop. 3. Regarding Economic Development Projects**
For 352, Against 320
- Prop. 4. Bail Denied for Pre-trial Release Violations**
For 607, Against 115
- Prop. 5. Commercial Loan Rates Defined by Legislature**
For 257, Against 421
- Prop. 6. Members Added to State Commission on Judicial Conduct**
For 372, Against 300
- Prop. 7. Reverse Mortgage Line of Credit Advances**
For 343, Against 333
- Prop. 8. Clearing Certain Land Titles**
For 353, Against 274
- Prop. 9. Increased Terms on Regional Mobility Authority**
For 293, Against 375

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I have enjoyed serving as your County Judge since 1998.

I am announcing my intention to run for re-election in 2006.

I will appreciate your support.

Jack Hall
Donley County Judge

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weather report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	7	73°	32°	
Tues	8	85°	52°	
Wed	9	89°	48°	
Thur	10	64°	31°	
Fri	11	71°	32°	
Sat	12	84°	49°	
Sun	13	81°	40°	

Total precipitation this month: 0.00"
Total precipitation to date: 17.23"
Total precipitation in November last year: 4.13"
Total YTD last year: 24.31"

weekend forecast

Friday, Nov. 18
Mostly Sunny
55°/30°

Saturday, Nov. 19
Mostly Sunny
57°/28°

Sunday, Nov. 20
Mostly Sunny
60°/31°

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November 21

Livestock Project Entry Night • Extension Office • 7 p.m.

November 22

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November 24

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December 1

Late Night Shopping • until 8 p.m.

December 3

Saints' Roost Museum Christmas Party • Clarendon Community Center

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Late Night Shopping • until 8 p.m.

December 9

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December 15

Late Night Shopping

Community Menus

November 21-25

Clarendon Schools

Breakfast
 Mon: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk
 Tues: Oatmeal, toast, fruit, milk
 Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk
 Thur: Eggs, toast, fruit, milk
 Fri: Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk
Lunch
 Mon: Burritos, corn, salad, fruit mix, milk
 Tues: Ham and cheese rolls, fries, baked beans, peaches, milk
 Wed: Chillburgers, beans, salad, apricots, milk
 Thur: No school
 Fri: No school

Hedley Schools

Breakfast
 Mon: Biscuit with sausage gravy, butter and jelly, cereal, juice, milk
 Tues: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, peanut butter and toast, fruit juice, milk
 Wed: No school
 Thur: No school
 Fri: No school
Lunch
 Mon: Hot dog with chili, French fries, sliced apples, salad, milk
 Tues: Sandwich, chips, lettuce and tomato, pickles, baby carrots, brownies, milk
 Wed: No school
 Thur: No school
 Fri: No school

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Meatloaf, macaroni and tomatoes, corn, apple rings, Rice Krispie Treats, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
 Tues: Roast beef with brown gravy, potatoes, carrots, onion, tomatoes and zucchini, peaches, banana walnut cake, rolls, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
 Wed: Barbecue beef sandwich, chips, calico beans, sauerkraut salad, blond brownies, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
 Thur: Closed for holiday
 Fri: Closed for holiday

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Chicken and dumplings, fried squash, Waldorf salad, cookies, cornbread, coffee, tea, milk
 Tues: Steak and gravy, baked potato, California blend vegetables, bean salad, pudding, rolls, coffee, tea, milk
 Wed: Mexican pile-on, Spanish rice, beans, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, strawberries and peaches, chips and crackers, coffee, tea, milk
 Thur: Closed for holiday
 Fri: Closed for holiday

Extension service talks turkey safety tips for holidays

By MaryRuth Bishop, County FCS Agent

As Thanksgiving approaches, cooking the traditional turkey dinner gives rise to anxieties and questions.

What kind of turkey should I buy? Should I buy a frozen turkey or a fresh one? How do I store my turkey?

A few simple steps will not only ease your holiday fears, but it will ensure a delicious and a safe meal for you, your family, and your friends. The following information may help you prepare your special Thanksgiving meal and help you countdown to the holiday.

Allow one pound of turkey per person.
 Buy fresh turkeys only 1 to 2 days before you plan to cook it.

Keep it stored in the refrigerator until you're ready to cook it. Place it on a tray or in a pan to catch any juices that may leak while in the refrigerator.

Do not buy fresh pre-stuffed turkeys. If not handled properly, any harmful bacteria that may be in the stuffing can multiply very quickly.

Frozen Turkeys: Allow 1 pound of turkey per person. Keep frozen until you're ready to thaw it. Turkeys can be kept frozen in the freezer indefinitely; however, cook within 1 year for best quality.

Frozen Pre-Stuffed Turkeys: USDA recommends only buying frozen, pre-stuffed turkeys that display the USDA or State mark of inspection on the packaging. These turkeys are safe because they have been processed under controlled conditions. Do not thaw before cooking. Cook from the frozen state. Follow package directions for proper handling and cooking. Allow 1 1/4 pounds of turkey per person.

Thawing Your Turkey: There are three ways to thaw your turkey safely - in the refrigerator, in cold water, or in the microwave oven.

In the refrigerator: Keep the turkey in its original wrapper. Place it on a tray or in a pan to catch any juices that may leak. A thawed turkey can remain in the refrigerator for 1 to 2 days. If necessary, a turkey that has been properly thawed in the refrigerator may be refrozen.

In cold water: Wrap your turkey securely, making sure the water is not able to leak through the wrapping. Submerge your wrapped turkey in cold tap water. Change the water every 30 minutes. Cook the turkey immediately after it is thawed. Do not refreeze.

Check your owner's manual for the size turkey that will fit in your microwave oven, the minutes per pound, and power level to use for

thawing. Remove all outside wrapping. Place on a microwave-safe dish to catch any juices that may leak. Cook your turkey immediately. Do not refreeze or refrigerate your turkey after thawing in the microwave oven.

Roasting Your Turkey: Set your oven temperature no lower than 325°F. Place your turkey or turkey breast on a rack in a shallow roasting pan.

For more even cooking, it is recommended you cook your stuffing outside the bird in a casserole. Use a food thermometer to check the internal temperature of the stuffing. The center should reach 165°F.

If you choose to stuff your turkey, the ingredients can be prepared ahead of time; however, keep wet and dry ingredients separate. Chill all of the wet ingredients (butter/margarine, cooked celery and onions, broth, etc.). Mix wet and dry ingredients just before filling the turkey cavities. Fill the cavities loosely. Cook the turkey immediately. Use a food thermometer to make sure the center of the stuffing reaches 165°F.

A whole turkey should be cooked to 180°F. To check for doneness, insert a food thermometer in the thickest part of the inner thigh without touching the bone. A turkey breast should be cooked to 170°F. Insert a food

thermometer in the thickest part of the breast to check for doneness.

If your turkey has a "pop-up" temperature indicator, it is recommended that you also check the internal temperature of the turkey and center of the stuffing with a food thermometer - 165°F for stuffing; 170°F for breasts; 180°F for whole turkeys.

For quality, let the turkey stand for 20 minutes before carving to allow juices to set. The turkey will carve more easily.

Remove all stuffing from the turkey cavities.

It is safe to cook a turkey from the frozen state. The cooking time will take at least 50 percent longer than recommended for a fully thawed turkey. Remember to remove the giblet packages during the cooking time. Remove carefully with tongs or a fork.

Storing Leftovers: Cut the turkey into small pieces; refrigerate stuffing and turkey separately in shallow containers within 2 hours of cooking. Use leftover turkey and stuffing within 3-4 days; gravy within 1-2 days; or freeze these foods. Reheat thoroughly to a temperature of 165°F or until hot and steaming.

There is a pamphlet available at the Donley Extension Office with more information for a safe holiday season.

Grant from NRCS will help improve Howardwick Park

The Howardwick First Baptist Church had a crowd of 82 Sunday for the Thanksgiving dinner.

Turkey and dressing were cooked by Dorothy Arnold and Shirley Ennis, and an extra pan of dressing was made by Liz Stone with "the trimmings" brought by everyone else. Yum-yum, that sounds good. I'm looking forward to turkey and dressing next week.

The Beautification Club and the City of Howardwick have received a grant from the North Rolling Plains Resource Conservation & Development (NRCS) to help fund the work in the park.

John Crowell of Pampa, coordinator of the program, will meet with us Tuesday, November 22, to discuss the grant and also discuss other grants available.

After meeting with Mr. Crowell, the regular meeting of the Beautifica-

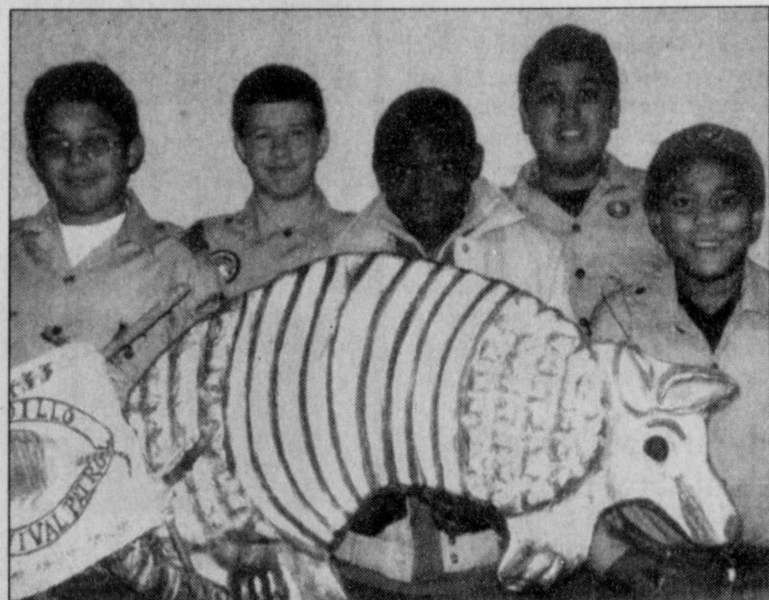
tion Club will be held with a long agenda. We will plan the lighting of the park, the Christmas lighting contest, and finish the new Santa display at the park. I encourage all members to attend this Tuesday meeting.

Friendship Club meets Friday, November 18, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall for Thanksgiving. Let's all attend, meet and visit with our neighbors, and give thanks for our blessings.

Cora Bland reports Joe McCutchen is in BSA hospital but at last report was improving. Please add this family to the prayer list.



'wick picks
 by Peggy Cockerham
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Patrol election

Troop 433's Armadillo Patrol held an election recently with the following Patrol members being selected to fill positions: (front) R.J. Nino, Assistant Patrol Leader; Quincy Harris, Quartermaster; Aaron Dean, Chaplain Aid; (back) Neil Devin, Patrol Leader; and Mat Williams, Scribe.

Picture courtesy of Karla Devin.

Preparing for bird flu nothing to sneeze at

COLLEGE STATION — In spite of wide-spread news reports, avian influenza isn't a problem in this country yet, said Dr. Carol Rice, Texas Cooperative Extension health specialist. Avian influenza — also known as 'bird flu' — could have the potential to become the next pandemic, according to recent reports.

But ordinary flu is a problem in this country, and protecting yourself and your family from this disease is a more immediate concern. And the most important first step in protecting against this annual outbreak is to get a flu shot, Rice said.

"The Centers for Disease Control says the flu shot should be available in most communities," she said. "October and November are the best times to get vaccinated. The vaccination is recommended for all people who are at high risk of complications of flu." Those at high risk include people with chronic diseases such as

diabetes or emphysema, the elderly over 65, nursing home residents, or people in close contact to others at high risk, such as home care givers, children and health care workers. A nasal flu vaccine is available in some areas too, Rice said. This type may be more expensive than the more traditional shot and is not recommended for everyone.

"It's for healthy people age 5 to 49," Rice said, "and those who are not pregnant."

To find out where flu shots are available locally, Rice recommended visiting the Web at <http://www.lungusa.org>.

Other practices can help lessen your chances of getting or transmitting the flu too, she said. The importance of washing hands can't be stressed enough, Rice said.

"You can get the flu by touching things with the flu virus on them and then touching your eyes, nose, or

mouth," she said.

Use tissues when you sneeze, and stay home if you get sick. Symptoms of the flu include high fever, headache, tiredness, sore throat, dry cough, nasal congestion, and body aches, Rice said.

"The flu is spread by coughing and sneezing," she said. "Most people can infect others one day before the symptoms appear and up to five days after. Stay away from other people during these times."

Nausea and vomiting may also occur with the flu, but these are more common among children than adults, she added.

Get medical care if you think you have the flu, Rice said.

"If you truly have the flu and get to a physician within two days of the onset of symptoms, you can shorten the duration" of your case, she said, because this is when anti-virals can be used to treat the flu.

"In spite of the similarity of symptoms, the flu "is much worse than a cold," Rice said. "You know you're really, really sick (when you have the flu). It's really important to go to the doctor within two days of the onset of symptoms, or the antiviral is not going to do much good."

If someone in the family catches the flu, some precautions can help keep the disease from spreading to the other family members.

For one, be sure to wash dishes in the hottest water available, preferably in a dish washer, Rice said. And keep the sick person as isolated from the rest of the family as possible. Make sure the care giver washes his or her hands thoroughly after visiting the sickroom.

For more information on this and other health issues, visit Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Web site at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> and click on the link to Health.

Firebelles plan annual Christmas Gift Drive

The Clarendon Firebelles are planning their second annual Christmas Gift Drive for the youth of Clarendon.

It is their wish that any child or young person (under the age of 18) be able to wake up to gifts to open on Christmas morning that their family would not normally be able to provide. Therefore, they are asking the community to help. Donations may be made to any Firebelle or taken to Hillary McAnear at the Herring Bank.

The Firebelles want to enable the parents to give the gifts in the tradition of their faith or family custom. To make this happen, they need the parents to contact them with their child's need and pick them up at the fire station on the Saturday before Christmas.

To receive gifts for your child, please send the information to: Firebelles, PO Box 1064, Clarendon, Texas 79226 or take it to Rhonda Aveni or Denise Bertrand by November 18.

PCS accepting applications for Angel Tree

Panhandle Community Services through December 14, the interested citizens of Donley County may come in and choose their angel, or they may give a donation to help with the purchase of gifts. The gifts will need to be wrapped and delivered back to PCS on or before December 16.

The PCS office is located at 416 S. Kearney, behind the Post Office. For more information, please call 874-2573.

Ag Day Trip

Hedley fifth graders listen to Mike Reeves with the Southwest Dairy Farmers of Southwest Dairy Center in Sulphur Springs talk about the process of milking a cow. The presentation was part of Ag Day in Memphis held last week where students from Valley, Memphis, and Hedley learned about farming and ranching. Along with a milking demonstration, the children learned about how cotton, corn, and peanuts are farmed and how beneficial they are to society.

Photo by Hall County Herald.

Retired school teachers to meet next Monday

The Donley County Retired School Personnel Association will meet on Monday, November 21, 2005, instead of Monday, November 28, 2005, at the Clarendon Church of Christ Family Life Center at 6:00 p.m.

Connie DeBord, president, will preside over the business meeting. The program will be given by the Hedley Choir, which is directed by Bruce Howard.

Please, do not miss this enjoyable evening of good music, fellowships, and snacks.

November Miracle

By Mary Beth Nelson

I seldom enter a new November without fondly remembering a previous November day, several years ago, when I was blessed to witness a special "miracle" from God's creation. No, the temperature was NOT 80 degrees as we have recently experienced. It was a blustering day with temperatures in the thirties. I was almost wondering if this type of day could possibly offer much beauty when my telephone rang. The voice of my neighbor, across the street, cheerfully greeted me as I picked up the receiver.

"Hey, Mary Beth, what are you doin'?" If you're brave enough to face the elements, come over. There's something you need to see!" Both of us knowing I appreciated a challenge, I immediately reached for coat, hood, and gloves to secure warmth while crossing the street. As she opened the door, she grinned while asking me to come look out her kitchen window. The view was typical November... dull looking grass, stripped trees, and bare shrubs. We walked outside to the back fence where lilac bushes had been planted. She already knew the beautiful surprise awaiting. One of the swaying branches displayed a row of small, lovely lilac blossoms. To us, the unseasonable scene was beautifully amazing. A little miracle, indeed!

Throughout the day, I continued to think of the tiny lavender "treasure" tightly attached and clinging to the branch. To one's imagination, the blossoms almost seemed determined to outwit the fierce, threatening wind. I suddenly thought, "Wouldn't it be great if humans could (or would) strongly defy wrongful temptations that confront and try to overtake us instead of giving in to them?"

We need to "attach ourselves" to God's Word and promises. If we continually seek the Lord's righteousness, and increase our faith in His love and care, we can be sure He will help us survive the "threatening winds" of life, just as the delicate lilacs experienced survival on the swaying branch.

Bible Thought: "Seek the Lord and His strength, seek His presence continually." I Chronicles 16:11 and Psalms 105:4 (RSV)

Mary Beth Nelson is an inspirational writer who has been published in several books and magazines.

Obituaries

Hamilton

Funeral services for Carolyn Elizabeth Whitworth Hamilton, age 90, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9, 2005, in the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Tom Garmon, Pastor, officiating. Burial was held at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.



Hamilton

Mrs. Hamilton died Monday, November 7, 2005, in Amarillo. She was born June 29, 1915, in Beaumont, Texas, and was a resident of Clarendon for 37 years. She married Clarence Leroy Hamilton on November 23, 1938, at Hale Center. Mrs. Hamilton was affectionately known as "Slim," "Mother," "Nanny," "Mrs. Hamilton," "Sis," and "Aunt Sis." She attended Texas Tech and was a teacher and writer. She belonged to many organizations including Fun After 50, the first Senior Citizens in Clarendon, Koshari Sorority, and Panhandle Pen Women. She was a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Clarence Hamilton; a grandson, B.J. Hamilton; and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Whitworth.

Survivors include one daughter, Carol Hinton of Clarendon; a son, Butch Hamilton and wife Debbie of Clarendon; a sister, Nancy Kennon and husband Mike of Athens, Geor-

gia; a brother, Bill Whitworth and wife Evelyn of Borger; grandchildren, Belinda Guy, Brett Bryant and wife Dawnye, Blake Bryant, and Haley Hamilton Lott and husband Ray; great grandchildren, Trevor Guy, Tia Guy, Barron Bryant, and Amber Bryant; a great great granddaughter, Bailee Bryant; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests that memorials be to the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon.

Richerson

Funeral services for Eva Mae Richerson, age 86, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 11, 2005, in the First United Methodist Church in Shamrock with Rev. Todd Dyess of Amarillo and Rev. Terry Lowe, Pastor, officiating. Burial was held in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.



Richerson

Mrs. Richerson died Wednesday, November 9, 2005, in Amarillo. She was born September 27, 1919, in Slocum, Texas, to Tony and Tory Holcomb. She moved to the Tell Community with her family as a young girl. She graduated from Lakeview High School in Lakeview, Texas, and worked in Memphis and Amarillo. At the time of her death, she was the only surviving sibling of ten children. "Daisy" married her beloved M. Glenn Richerson on November 15, 1942. For 45 years they owned and operated Richerson Funeral Home in Shamrock, retir-

ing in 1991. She was a very active member of the First United Methodist Church having helped start the Annual Missions Fun Auction and Bazaar. She had served as Matron of Eastern Star, President of the Emerald Study Club, Chairman of the Library Board, member of the Pioneer West Museum Board, Treces Amigas, and Irish Helping Hands. She and Glenn founded Meals on Wheels in Shamrock in 1997. Together, they were Grand Marshalls of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in 2000. They loved and served their community of Shamrock dearly.

She was preceded in death by her son, Mark Glenn, on December 30, 1988, and by her husband, Glenn, on October 20, 2003.

Survivors include her daughter, Toni Gail Richerson of Richmond, Texas; an "adopted" daughter, Silvana "Bunny" Blanco Mannarini of Milan, Italy; seven nieces; 13 nephews; and a host of friends in Shamrock and Houston.

Gattis

Graveside services for James Harold Gattis, age 66, were held at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2005, in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon with Rev. Tom Garmon, Pastor of the First United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Rob-

ertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

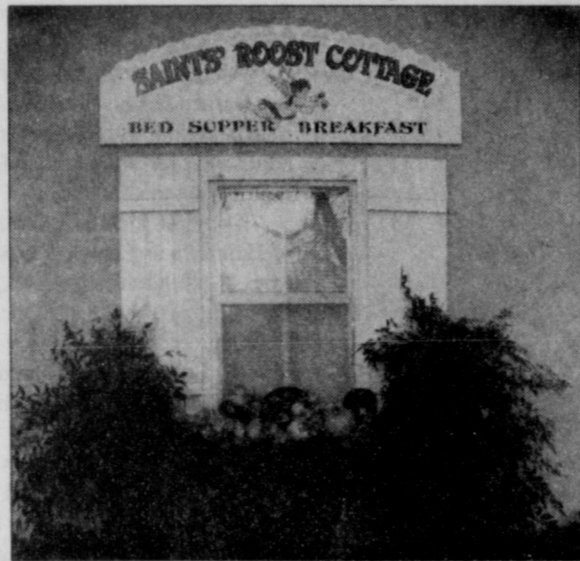
Mr. Gattis died Thursday, November 10, 2006, in Mesquite. He was born May 31, 1939, in Memphis, Texas, to Thomas and Ruby Gattis. He grew up and spent the first part of his life in Brice before moving to Dallas 35 years ago. He was married to his beloved wife Sandi Cannon Gattis for 28 years. Mr. Gattis also served in the US Army from the years of 1962-1963. He was employed by Baxter and Sons Elevator Co. and was head of the construction department and also served as an elevator mechanic as well. He was also a member of the VFW Post in Garland, Texas, where he has been a member for several years. He was also a Methodist.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Tommy Gattis, on September 5, 1999.

Survivors include his wife, Sandi Gattis of Dallas; six daughters, Liz DeLorge of Irving, Mela Knight of Garland, Shanna Nelson of Rockwall, Jessica Gattis of Rockwall, Shelia Gattis of Dallas, and Gelvia Gattis of Dallas; one son, Joe Gattis of College Station; one sister, Mary Ida of North Carolina; and seven grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be sent to the VFW Post in Garland.

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the lion's tale
by allen estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting November 15, 2005, with Boss Lion Mark C. White holding the gavel.

We had 15 members and one guest: Ashlee Estlack, guest of Lion Roger Estlack.

The junior high UIL competition is being held here this week at Clarendon College. The high school is playing basketball at Tulia this week.

Ask the boss lion about his bird flu story. There being no further business, we were adjourned.

Friendship Club to meet

The Howardwick Friendship Club will meet for their annual Thanksgiving meal on Friday, November 18, at 6:30 p.m. at Howardwick City Hall.

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Master Marketer Program to be held in Amarillo

AMARILLO - The profit margin is so minimal in grain crops, producers need a way to lock in a profit, according to one Panhandle producer. Nathan Sargent of Stinnett has found a way. He just needs to get more proficient at it, he said.

Sargent is planning to attend a second Master Marketer Program training to increase his proficiency with futures, something he expects to pay off in the long run.

Master Marketer is a national award-winning risk management education program provided by Texas Cooperative Extension. Students learn how to develop marketing plans, evaluate marketing alternatives, manage production and price risk, and execute a risk management and marketing plan. Dr. Steve Amosson, an Extension economist here and program coordinator said.

The 64-hour curriculum is offered as four, two-day sessions held every two weeks. It is the most

intensive marketing/risk management training provided by Extension anywhere in the U.S., he said.

The next Master Marketer Program will be held in Amarillo, starting in January.

Increasing net returns by as much as \$250,000 in the next 10 years can be a reality, said Amosson.

In a two and one-half day post-training survey, previous Master Marketer participants indicated their gross income increased by more than \$30,000 annually on average, based on what they had learned in the training.

"There is no reason that program graduates shouldn't receive this level of increased returns for the next 10 years," Amosson said. After attending classes in Vernon, Sargent said he was able to market some grain and make more money than if he hadn't had the class. "Taking the class is like any other tool," he said. "You have to learn to use it; and once you use it,

there's always a chance of upside profit. It was worth the price of the class."

With markets so volatile, Sargent said he wanted a way to lock in prices because they change so rapidly. By taking the class, not only did he get to hear experts on the futures market, but he was able to learn from other producers what they are doing, he said.

"Interested participants should weigh carefully the registration fee, the time commitment, and travel costs associated with the program against the potential of a \$250,000-plus increase in returns during the next 10 years before signing up for the program," Amosson said. "Personally, I can't think of a good reason not to sign up for the program."

At the sessions, professionals in industry and universities from across the country teach a wide range of topics to enhance marketing/risk management skills. Case studies,

group discussions and simulation exercises will be used wherever possible, Amosson said. Students will gain experience with tools they can use on their own farm and ranch operations when they leave the class, he said.

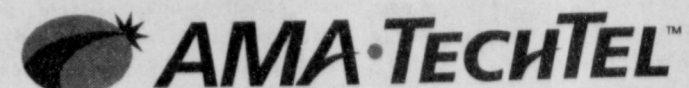
The first two-day session is set for Jan. 11-12. The registration fee for the program is \$250, which includes noon meals and educational materials.

Partial program costs are covered by grants from sponsors, including the Texas Farm Bureau, the Cotton State Support Committee and the Risk Management Program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

For more information or to register, contact the local Extension agent or call Amosson at (806) 677-5600.

Due to the hands-on nature of the course, attendance will be limited. The deadline for registration is January 3, but producers should not wait to register.

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Panhandle residents have an opportunity in December to get rid of unwanted pesticides, home chemicals; and used motor oil.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Texas Cooperative Extension, and Texas Department of Agriculture are joining together to sponsor a Texas Country Cleanup.

"Don't Dump Them!" cleanup event is scheduled on December 5 at the Gray County Show Barn, located at 12125 E. Frederic in Pampa. The dump will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There will also be dump programs held in Dumas and Hereford.

The waste collection is free and open to all Texas residents. Pesticides, paints and thinners, antifreeze, household batteries, aerosol cans, photographic chemicals, mercury thermometers, used motor oil and filters, lead acid batteries, herbicides, gasoline, other automotive products, cleaners and pool chemicals are among the items that will be accepted.

No plastics will be accepted at these collections. In the past, triple-rinsed plastic containers were taken, but they will not be collected at any of these locations.

No wastes will be accepted from chemical dealers. Also, no tires, radioactive materials, explosives, compressed gas cylinders, herbicides containing 2,4,5-TP, or pesticides or wood preservatives containing pentachlorophenol will be accepted.

For information on how to safely transport and handle waste materials, call the TCEQ at (512) 239-3150 or visit www.tceq.state.tx.us/assistance/AgWaste/agwaste.html.

For more information about the dump program in Pampa, contact the Gray County Extension Agent, Brandon McGinty, at 669-8033.



Feathers and Fairy Dust

Girl Scout Brownie Troop 118 had a Feathers & Fairy Dust tea party on November 8. Those participating were (back) Boston Curry, Kameron Shields, Cire Jaurequi, Eliza Dickinson, Kaylee Fulton, MaRae Hall, (front) Blayne Layton, Brooke Smith, Aubryanna Powell, Haley McManus, and Sarah Williams.

Photo courtesy Crystal Fulton

CC troupe to perform 'Crimes of the Heart'

The Clarendon College Theatre Department will be performing "Crimes of the Heart" on November 18, 19, and 20.

The performances on Friday, November 18, and Saturday, November 19, will be at 8 p.m., and the performance on Sunday, November 20, will be at 2:30 p.m.

All three performances will be in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center in Clarendon. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, and free to high school theatre groups.

The cast includes Amber Hagy of Henrietta as Lenny, Joanea Horn from Clarendon as Chick, Jason Wilhelm of Tulia as Doc, Katie Washington of Childress as Meg, Brandi Lockhart of Clarendon as Babe, Trent Shreffler of Shamrock as Barnette.

"Crimes of the Heart" is written by Beth Henley and directed by William R. Huey.

Senior seminar addresses holiday grieving

AMARILLO - Dealing with the holidays in the absence of a loved one can be difficult, but Texas Cooperative Extension's monthly Senior Seminar will discuss ways to help the grieving survive.

"Holiday Grieving - 'Tis for Sissies, Too" will be presented by Jim Holston, a certified facilitator for the American Cancer Society's "Life After Loss Program." Holston has worked in the hospice arena for more than 20 years and has a master's degree in communications.

He will give techniques to customize the holidays to make them better or at least manageable when grieving the death of a loved one.

Also, Holston will give suggestions on ways to survive and even surpass one's own expectations.

The program will begin at 1:30 p.m. on December 8, in Meeting Room 115 of the Amarillo Senior Citizens Center.

Refreshments will be served. Door prizes will be provided by Scott's Flowers and the Amarillo Senior Citizens Association.

The Senior Seminar program is sponsored monthly by the Potter County Coalition on Aging and the Amarillo Senior Citizen Association.

For more information, contact Sue Church, Extension agent in Potter County, at 373-0713.

Those Who Mourn -

The heart of every human being will sooner or later be touched with grief. It is inescapable. The second beatitude of the Sermon on the Mount addresses itself to this human dilemma. "Blessed are they that mourn." (Matthew 5:4) This does not mean that it is better to weep than to laugh. Jesus is not saying that we should go through life with a long face and a wry look, as some Christians are prone to do. However, mourning, sorrow, and grief are a part of the human experience in the fallen condition.

Grief is the human response to loss. It may be the loss of position, employment, prestige, finances, relationship, or of someone we hold dear and love. If grief is extended, it will turn to despondency and ultimately despair. In such a state we will see no way out and become hopeless. Grief may also be a reaction to an anticipated loss; this is often called depression. In this state, we experience anxiety that heaps the feasts of the future upon us. What we need is comfort.

Jesus came to redeem us from our griefs and sorrows. He lived a human life in which He experienced humanity to its fullest. He was "a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief... Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows." (Isaiah 53:3, 4) Jesus became the High Priest Who is touched with the feeling of our infirmities; He ever lives to make intercession in our behalf before the Father. (Hebrews 4:15) In our sorrows and grief we are invited to come boldly to the throne of grace; there we may obtain mercy

and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:16)

Consider the people we see each day; the people we pass in the store or on the street. Many may be experiencing sorrow and grief, even though they may not show it or speak of it. They experience deep within their heart, expressing only in the whisper of an anxious soul alone in the darkness. Pray that God will send us those who mourn, who grieve, who sorrow that they may find the comfort that the Gospel offers in Christ. He is the only source of peace, comfort, and hope.

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Just keep on keeping on when fishing

I finally was able to find the time to go fishing this past week. The fishing was rewarding but tough. Here's what I mean.

I decided to try some walleye fishing one night at Lake Greenbelt. I started about 8:00 p.m.; and on the fourth cast, I caught a three-pound walleye. I thought, "Boy! This is going to be a great night of walleye fishing!" Six hours later, about 2:00 a.m., I was still looking for walleye number two, or any kind of fish. I had made at least a couple of hundred casts and had no takers. I went from "Boy, this is going to be a great night" to "Boy, this is a slow night."

I was getting tired and cold, so I docked the boat and took an hour nap in the truck. The arthritis in my shoulders just loves it when I sleep in an upright position with five layers of

clothes on. Geez! So naturally when I got up, I was stiff as a board and couldn't raise my arms above my chest. That was fun.

As I staggered out of the truck, I realized it was colder than heck, I was tired, and I couldn't move my arms without pain. I had just fished six hours without a bite. Why would I even think about going out to fish for those elusive walleyes? The answer: because I love the hunt of my favorite fish. If it were easy, I know personally it would not satisfy the challenge in me that makes fishing fun and rewarding.

Anyway, I drank some lukewarm coffee, got in the boat, and there I went. It's 30°, the wind is blowing, and it is pitch dark. I got to a spot that usually has walleye around it, and one hour later, nothing. My trolling

motor is just a buzzing, and I came across a secondary point. Bam! I caught a walleye. Then I caught three sand bass in a row, then another walleye, and another and another. I fished that point for about an hour and caught four walleye. The biggest was about 4 lbs. and the smallest about 2.5 lbs. I also caught six sand bass.

As the morning sky started to appear, the fish stopped biting. I fished another three hours and just caught a few little large-mouth bass, and that was that. I fished 14 hours hard: 13 hours nothing, and about



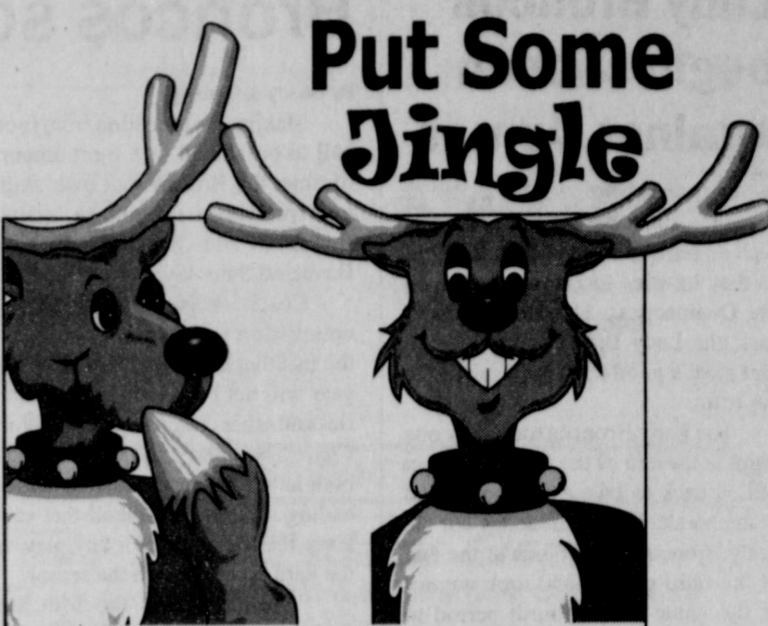
outdoor life
by gary dziedzic

an hour of catching fish and having a ball.

The moral to this story: Don't give up. Just keep plugging because you never know when you might find that hot spot that even a cold, tired, and arthritic guy like me can find. It also doesn't hurt to be a little bit stubborn when you enjoy the challenge of the great outdoors.

Tip of the Week: All of the fish I caught were feeding on shad. The lures I used were a black and white shad rap and a blue chrome Rapala minnow. The wind helped a lot, also!

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The Grand Finale will feature a special appearance by Dr. Charles Townsend, noted expert on Western Swing music, from Canyon.

The performance will include a special musical number by Master of Ceremonies, Dodge City Marshall Allen Bailey. The South Plains Playboys and Dixie Dewdrops, directed by Professor Joe Carr from South Plains College of Levelland, will be center stage with guest musicians Darcie Deaville of Austin; Story Spinner, Lorelee Cooley from Pampa; Balladeer Judy James of Weatherford; and Buddy, Tina, Pat, and Ray Wright from Lubbock.

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Lady Broncos begin season against Dumas

By Sandy Anderberg

The 2005 basketball season is well under way for the Lady Broncos as they traveled to Dumas to take on the Demonettes. Despite the 26-35 loss, the Lady Broncos played hard and gave a good showing against the 4A team.

The Lady Broncos trailed by one point at the end of the first period but rallied back to take a two-point lead at the break. The Demonettes cut the Lady Broncos' lead to one at the end of the third quarter and took control of the game in the fourth period to hand the Lady Broncos the nine point loss.

"We came out ready to play," Coach Steve Myatt said. "We just didn't maintain our intensity. But we played great defense, especially in the first quarter. We were all over them."

The Lady Broncos found themselves in foul trouble, and that allowed Dumas to take control in the fourth quarter to get the Lady Broncos down.

"We need to learn to maintain our intensity, despite adversity," Myatt said. "I am proud of the way they played. They played hard."

High scorer for the Lady Broncos was senior Kaitlyn Howard with 12 points. Fellow senior Holly Cornell added six points. Others scoring were: Haley Carter 3, Haley Shelton 2, Samantha Myatt 1, and Caitlan Hall 1.

The Lady Broncos will play in the Highland Park Tournament November 17-19 and will have their first game at home November 22 against Childress beginning at 5:30 p.m. (Note the early starting time.) They will play Hedley November 29 at home beginning at 6:30 p.m.

JV Lady Broncos fall

The Lady Bronco JV was defeated by the Demonettes by a narrow margin that could have easily gone the other way as they began their season on the road against Dumas.

The final score was 27-30 as the Lady Broncos could have used two more minutes in the game. The maroon and black rallied back from a six-point deficit at the end of the third period to come within three points when time ran out.

"The girls didn't quit," Coach Kasey Bell said. "Defensively, we put a lot of pressure on the Demonettes, and we were able to force turnovers. Offensively, we were not able to take advantage of their turnovers."

The Lady Broncos added a big finish to the 28-minute game as they made a good run for the lead in the last period of play.

"We had a big fourth quarter," Bell said. "We scored 16 points and nearly pulled ahead at the end. These ladies never quit and fought hard till the end. I'm proud of the effort I saw in our opening game."

Scoring: Macy Shadle 12, Sarah Scrivner 5, Erin Holland 4, Janae White 3, Bailey Starnes 2, and Abby Patten 2.

The Lady Broncos will host Childress at home November 22 beginning at 4:00 p.m. and will play Hedley at home November 29.

Abdullah ranked 42 in pre-season poll

LIBERAL, Kan. — The Seward County Community College women's tennis team received a No. 15 International Tennis Association (ITA)/National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) national pre-season ranking. The Lady Saints tennis team has received a national ranking the past six years including a No. 5 national ranking in 2002 and 2004.

The Lady Saints also had two singles players and one double's duo ranked nationally in the pre-season rankings.

Freshman Amina Abdullah from Clarendon has been ranked No. 42 in the pre-season poll. Abdullah recorded the most wins on the team this fall (7) and teamed with her twin sister, Uthala, this fall for the Lady Saints No. 2 doubles team.

The Lady Saints Region VI Tournament this coming spring will be April 21-23 in Wichita.

Broncos scrimmage at Bushland

By Sandy Anderberg

Making the transition from football to basketball in a short amount of time, the Broncos put their skills to a preseason scrimmage against Bushland and Highland Park at Bushland Saturday, November 12.

Coach Wade Callaway was optimistic about what he saw despite the fact that all five starters from last year will not be playing due to injuries and other circumstances. Seniors Chase Thornberry and Quentin West both have sustained possible season ending injuries in football that may leave them doubtful for any play on the hard court early in the season.

"Quentin makes the fifth and final starter from last year's bi-district game that was supposed to be back, but who will not be," Callaway said. "Quentin's been battling a chronic shoulder problem, and he injured it once again. We are going to sit him out the remainder of the season."

Callaway quickly chose to look at the positive of this year's Bronco varsity squad.

"The scrimmage went well, and the kids played hard," Callaway said.

"We got in six eight-minute quarters of play and won four of them."

Callaway also looked to the experience he has returning from last year's season.

"Four of the players we have starting now have extensive varsity playing experience including many starts in varsity games," Callaway said. "Will Betts, Michael Henderson, Jesse Rodriguez, and LaDez Captain are back for us, and we are anticipating the possible return of Chase Thornberry sometime in the second semester as he is progressing nicely from a torn ACL in football."

The Bronco squad also includes new talent from the JV team last year, and Callaway is encouraged by what he has seen so far.

"We have some newcomers who will step in and fill the void," Callaway said. "Morgan Robinson, Stephen Ford, Bret Carter, Alton Gaines, Brad Sell, and Calvin Edwards are doing a great job for us and will only get better!"

Looking ahead, Callaway feels the Broncos have a good chance this season to be in contention for another great district showing.

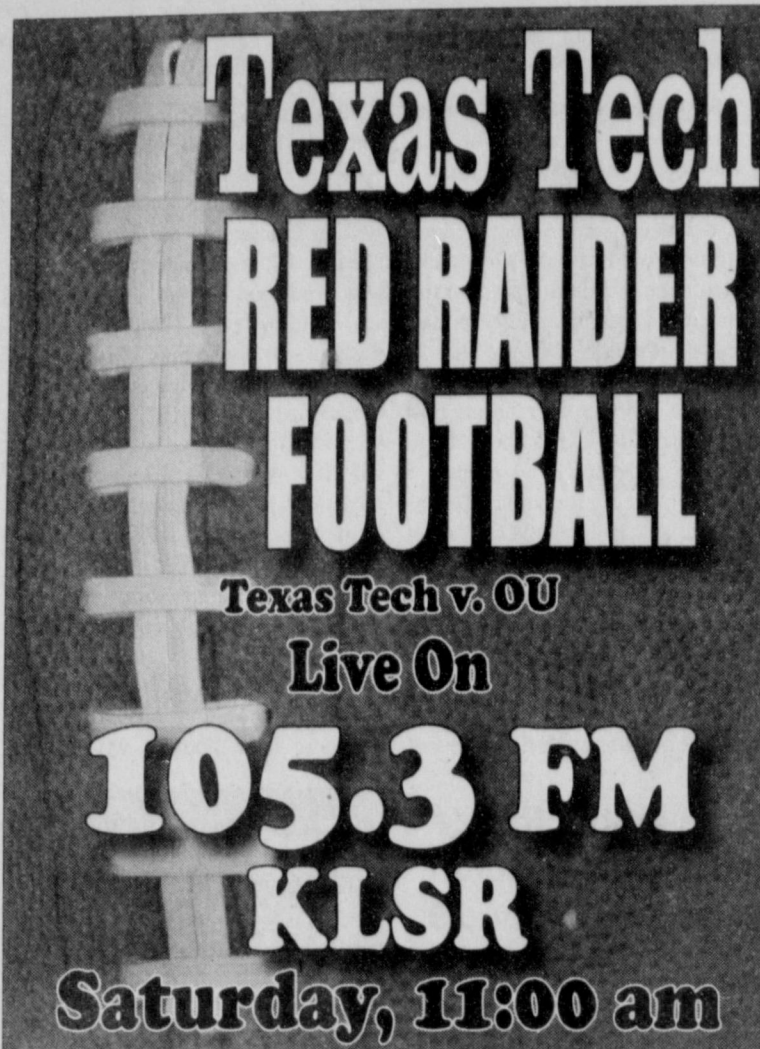
"Although many on the outside looking in are counting us out, we are confident that we will be in there competing for another district title," Callaway said. "These kids work too hard and have put in too much time and effort to lie down. We appreciate the support from the community, and we encourage everyone to come out and catch the games!"

The Broncos will participate in the Highland Park Tournament beginning Thursday, November 17. They will play games Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The Broncos' home opener will be November 22 against Childress beginning at 7:00 p.m. Note the early start time.

The junior varsity scrimmaged against Highland Park and Bushland as well with good results, according to Coach Brandon Word.

"The guys played great," Word said. "Dalton Askew was a highlight as he dunked the ball against Bushland. Danzel Wilson dominated, and all of the other Broncos played consistently."

The JV's first home game will be November 22 against Childress beginning at 4:00 p.m.



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30 Stephen Ford Sr.
40 Bret Carter Sr.
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Lady Broncos

3 Kaitlyn Howard Sr.
10 Jessi Howard Jr.
11 Jill Cornell So.
12 Shelby Watson Jr.
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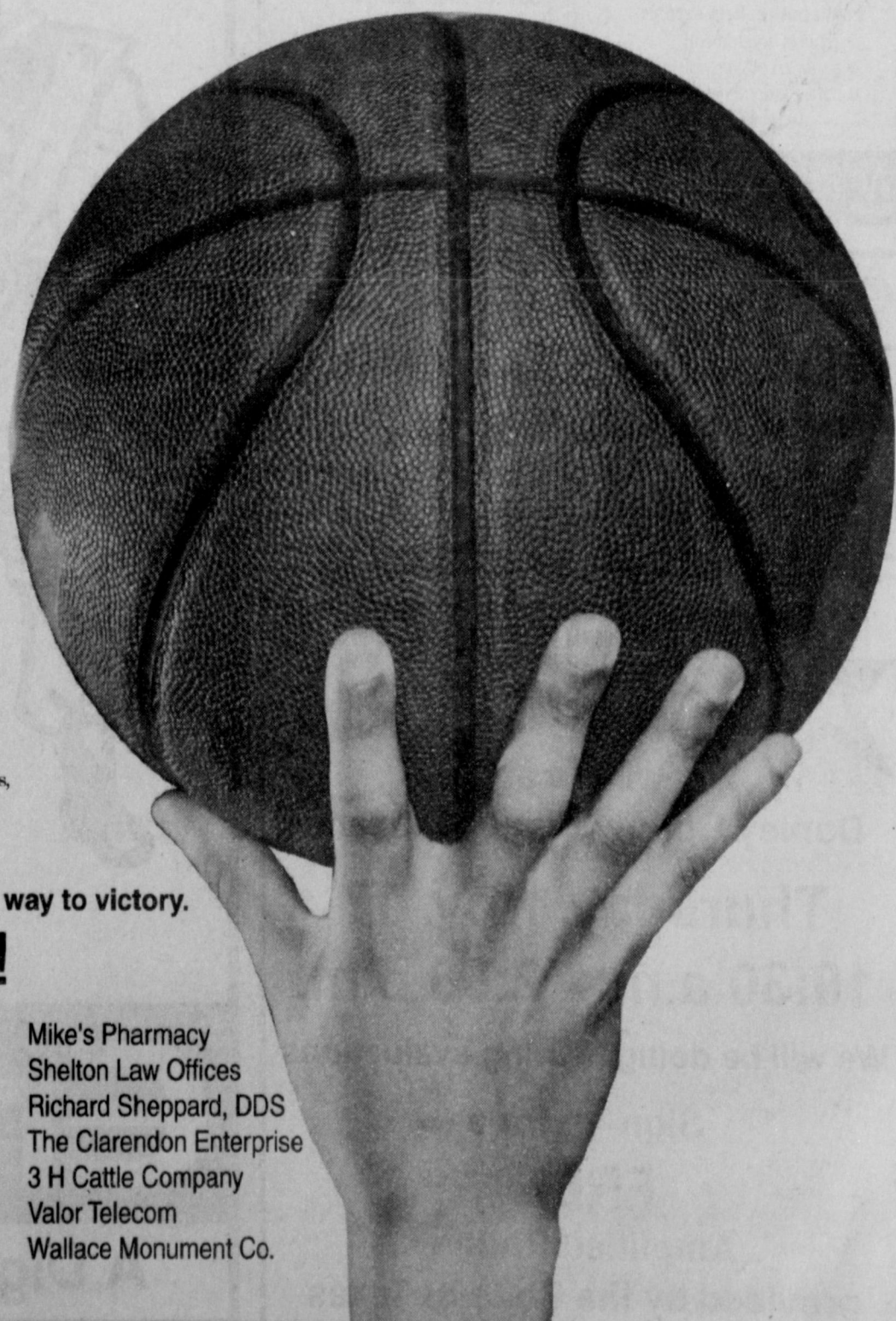
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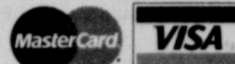
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The family of Grady B. Jones would like to express their gratitude to those who stopped by, sent plants, cards, called, and brought food during out time of grief. Special thanks go to the Medical Center Nursing Home, City Council and City of Clarendon, East Texas Container, Geneva and Gary Mays, Mary and Connie McAnear, Linda and Monty Smith, Julie Sides, Debbie Roberts, and Lorrie Mays. There are no words to express our appreciation for all you've done.

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This is to say thank you for the words and acts of kindness expressed for Johnny Hermesmyer during his illness and death. They were all greatly appreciated.

His Family

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VERY ATTRACTIVE - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, living, kitchen/dining with built in oven & range, dishwasher, disposer, microwave, fans, carpet, central heat, 1 car port, fenced back yard, insulated shop building, storage building plus fruit and nut trees at 609 W. 8th St. for \$29,500.

PARTIALLY REMODELED - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, kitchen with range and dishwasher, living room with built-in entertainment center, utility, unfinished basement unattached, oversized 2-car port framed to add yard building, fenced front yard, good location @ 710 S. Allen for \$32,500.

CLARENDON COMMERCIAL:
IT'LL DO MOTEL - A nice "Mom and Pop" business with 8 rental units plus 2 rental apartments in addition to living quarters for owner/operator and a choice location at intersection of US Hwy. 287 and Parks St. for \$125,000. REDUCED TO \$110,000

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH BUILDING - suitable for use as/is for groups or organizations. Excellent location for DAY CARE FACILITY and building could be easily converted for that use. Also easily converted to residential property. Central heat & ref. air already in parts of the building. Lots of square footage, located at 511 E. 5th St for \$39,900.

CHOICE COMMERCIAL CORNER LOT - and 1,536 sq. ft. building with frontage on Hwy. 287 at intersection with Gorst St. includes 4,329 sq. ft. concrete paving for \$45,000.

HEDELY - 3 BEDROOM BRICK, 1 1/2 BATHS - nice kitchen with good cabinets and counter tops, breakfast nook, large den/dining with built in book case, utility, large entry, almost new central heat and ref. air, new double pane/easy clean windows throughout, shop and storage room in garage, chain link fenced back yard, 2 yard buildings, many fruit and nut trees and grape vines. 1,576 sq. ft. living, 616 sq. ft. attached double garage with openers at 407 W. Railroad St. for \$60,000. REDUCED TO \$55,000.

HEDELY - COMMERCIAL BUILDING - 4,560 sq. ft., brick, Main Street on corner lot, central heat and ref. air, 2 bathrooms, 2 vaults, kitchen, interior easily converted for many uses for \$49,000.

GREENBELT - BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM BUILT HOME - 4 BEDROOMS, 3 BATHS - (bedroom(s) and bath on each of three levels) modern kitchen includes range, refrigerator, dishwasher, and abundant cabinet and storage space - control the inside temperature with central heat & refrigerated air plus two wood burning fireplaces in the winter, or step outside on either of two large covered decks to enjoy the beautiful view and fresh air while lounging or cooking out or just watching the deer, turkey, quail, and numerous varieties of other birds that frequent the premises in search of food as they graze along the adjoining Carroll Creek or sometimes on the landscaped yard complete with sprinklers. Also included is an attached 1-car garage plus a built-on 3-car port and a new yard building. Super buy at \$138,000.

GREENBELT - SMALL TRAILER ON 2 LOTS - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, living, kitchen with refrigerator and range, propane heat, 2 window air units, nice barbeque grill, furniture presently in house included at 36 Swanson St. in Howardwick for \$11,000.

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Sheriff's Report:

Officers bust two females for dope possession

Nov. 7
 2:24 a.m. - See caller in the 700 block of S. Goodnight - possible prowler.
 2:40 a.m. - Out with subject in the 700 block of S. Goodnight - trespass.
 2:52 a.m. - Assist constable on US 287 at Hedley - business alarm.
 10:48 a.m. - Funeral escort.
 11:32 a.m. - Out at CC gym.
 12:02 p.m. - Out at residence on 5th St.
 2:53 p.m. - At business on Rosenfield.
 5:14 p.m. - Out on N. Sully.
 8:08 p.m. - Out at residence on N. Sully.
Nov. 8
 2:14 a.m. - Out with males on foot in the 200 block of S. Goodnight.
 5:39 a.m. - See caller at CC dorm.
 6:00 a.m. - At residence in the 200 block of S. Goodnight.
 9:02 a.m. - Dispatched to Hedley High School.

9:30 a.m. - To jail with one male in custody for possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
 12:47 p.m. - Assisting DPS with vehicle search.
 2:05 p.m. - Out at clerk's office.
 3:58 p.m. - Dispatched to CR R for suspicious activity.
 4:00 p.m. - To jail with two females in custody for possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
 7:15 p.m. - At residence in the 900 block of S. Koogle.
 8:01 p.m. - At CC gym.
 9:48 p.m. - At CC gym.
Nov. 9
 5:22 p.m. - Assisting EMS in the 700 block of E. Montgomery.
 9:04 p.m. - Out in the 100 block of McClelland.
Nov. 10
 9:41 a.m. - Welfare check. Location not noted.
 10:49 a.m. - Out at Hedley High School.

3:47 p.m. - To jail with two males in custody for evading with motor vehicle/reckless driving/open container.
 4:52 p.m. - Looking for male child unable to be located at school.
 5:02 p.m. - Located male child in music room at school.
 5:45 p.m. - Fight in progress at CC dorm.
 8:48 p.m. - Possible poachers on CR 21 to CR Z.
Nov. 11
 4:04 p.m. - See caller in the 900 block of W. 2nd.
 5:52 p.m. - See complainant in the 100 block of S. Goodnight.
 6:19 p.m. - To jail with one male in custody for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon/felon possession firearm.
 7:22 p.m. - Disturbance at Howardwick - loud music.
 8:17 p.m. - Dispatched to Clarendon College.
 9:23 p.m. - To jail with one male in

custody.
 11:29 p.m. - Back to CC dorm.
Nov. 12
 12:18 a.m. - EMS assist in the 600 block of E. Burkhead.
 1:04 p.m. - Disturbance at 8th and Johns - loud music.
 1:27 p.m. - See complainant in the 1100 block of Hartzell.
 4:01 p.m. - Check report of smoke SW of Clarendon.
 9:45 p.m. - Fence line burning on CR P.
Nov. 13
 12:52 a.m. - Reported disturbance in the 300 block of S. Faker.
 7:31 p.m. - Landing zone for LifeStar in Hedley.
 8:47 p.m. - Out at CC.

Summary
 Arrests - 8
 Fire - 4
 EMS - 9

Amarillo to host annual Farm and Ranch Show

The 21st annual Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show will be held November 29 through December 1, 2005, at the Amarillo Civic Center. With an annual attendance of over 30,000 producers from Texas and the surrounding states, the event is the largest annual indoor farm show in Texas. The show will feature over 800 exhibits from over 400 leading manufacturers displaying the latest agricultural products and services, as well as a comprehensive educational program. The 21st annual Farm and Ranch Management Symposium, which is sponsored and developed by the Texas Cooperative Extension, will offer valuable crop management information, and attendees will be eligible for pesticide license and certified crop advisors continuing education units. The event will be

moderated by Leon Church, TCE, Potter County Agricultural Agent. The fifth annual Texas Commodity Symposium will provide producers and businessmen with essential agricultural information pertaining to more than one commodity. The event is organized by the Corn Producers Association of Texas, Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Texas Grain Sorghum Association, Texas Wheat Producers Association, and the Texas Peanut Producers Board. A special trade seminar, entitled "Doing Business With Cuba," will discuss the Cuban market for food and agricultural products, the process of exporting products, and the necessary licenses for doing so. The seminar is sponsored by WTAMU Small Business Development Center, Texas-Cuba Trade Alliance, Texas Corn Growers, Texas Wheat Grow-

ers, and Texas Sorghum Producers. The show will also host the third annual Panhandle Beef Conference, an Ag Appreciation Luncheon, and a series of health screenings, offered by West Texas A&M University, Division of Nursing, that includes flu shots, hearing screenings, and cholesterol and glucose screenings. Attendees will also have the opportunity to register to win a 50-hour lease of an 8400 Massey Ferguson Tractor, courtesy of AGCO. Admission to the show is free. The show is open Tuesday and Wednesday, November 29 and 30, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Thursday, December 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information on attending or exhibiting at the event, visit www.farmshows.com or call 1-800-827-8007.

USDA debuts soil survey information Web site

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Texas State Conservationist Larry Butler recently announced the launch of the USDA Web Soil Survey website that provides secure public access to the national soils information system. This site is a simple yet powerful way to access and analyze soils data that contributes to every aspect of public and private land use and development. To view the website go to <http://soils.usda.gov/survey>. The website has been designed with three easy-to-use features: Define, View, and Explore. It operates much like Internet sites that provide locator and directional information. When viewers visit the web soil survey, they are asked to "Define" a geographic area of interest by selecting a state and county or just by highlighting an area or areas. Once a location has been defined and projected on the screen, the viewer has the choice to print the map and related information, save it to their hard drive, or download the data for use in a geographic information system (GIS). The viewer also can "Explore"

the designated location for specific soils data giving the viewer important information on soil suitability in relationship to usage. This flexibility provides the viewer an opportunity to build a customized report that addresses the viewer's individual needs. Information can be delivered in a variety of formats to include print, CD, DVD, or other media. Currently, NRCS has soils maps and data available online for more than 95 percent of the nation's counties and anticipates having 100 percent in the near future. The site will be updated and maintained online as the single authoritative source of soil survey information. In Texas, there are 232 survey areas available from the web soil survey that contain maps and reports of soil properties and soil usage. Soil survey books for approximately 20 survey areas are also available and more will be added as they are converted to electronic format. Approximately 11 counties in Texas are in the initial mapping stages and do not have a published soil survey or maps available; however, some soil reports may be available for these survey

areas. In the near future, ecological sites descriptions will be available for the survey areas. Soil survey books are still available in paper format and on CD from your local NRCS field office or the Texas state office located in Temple. Soil surveys began in 1899 as part of the nation's earliest efforts on behalf of cooperative conservation. Known as the National Cooperative Soil Survey, it has evolved into a partnership of state and federal agencies working together to collect, classify, interpret, and provide soils information. Today, this site provides critical soils information for land developers, farmers, home buyers, and city planners. The ability to deliver internet access to the public enhances cooperative conservation efforts. For years, the familiar soil survey books were free to the public in most NRCS field offices, but these are being replaced through the use of the Internet. People without computer access will be able to acquire soil survey information from any NRCS field office or by going to the local library.

4-H Spotlight

By Ashlyn Tubbs
Addison Warren is 8-years-old, and this is her first year in 4-H. She has participated in the following 4-H projects: Food and Nutrition, where she learned how to cook pretzels, how to make soup; and she participated in the Donley County Food Show where she won a cutting board and a ribbon. "I like learning how to cook and garnish food in 4-H because I always have fun. I want to learn to cook like my mom," Warren says. Warren's hobbies and interests include collecting seashells and rollerblading on her porch and sidewalk. Her family activities are riding bikes together, skating, and going to Amarillo. The community activities she is involved in include Kids' Choir at the Community Fellowship Church and going to G.A.'s. Warren's school activities are that she is on the Spelling and Ready Writing UIL Teams.



Drugs in the News

Weight Loss Drug May Go OTC
 The manufacturer of the prescription drug *Xenical* (orlistat) has requested that the US Food and Drug Administration approve this drug as an over-the-counter (OTC) product. Xenical works in the intestines to block absorption of some of the fat that a person eats. If Xenical is approved for OTC use, it would be the first time a prescription weight control drug has made the switch to non-prescription status. One reason listed as justification for the switch is the increasing issue of too many Americans being over weight and the need for self-care, weight control products. Recently, a lower dose 60 mg version of Xenical (the prescription version dose is 120 mg) was tested in mildly overweight adults - 15 to 30 pounds above their ideal body weight. The results were compared to a similar group who got placebo (a fake drug). Over four months, approximately 36% of those who took Xenical experienced a weight loss of more than 5% of their starting weight. Only 28% in the placebo group experienced that type of weight loss. Xenical users also experienced a drop in blood pressure and total cholesterol.

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