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NEWS at a glance

Hedley League reschedules game

The Hedley Little League had to postpone their men's softball game due to rain. It has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 8, at 6 p.m.

The public is invited to come join the Hedley Little League for their first annual men's softball game for men young and old.

Admission is 50¢ for children and \$1.00 for adults. A concession stand with snacks and sodas will be available. All the proceeds will benefit the Hedley Little League.

HeadStart looking for new students

HeadStart will be taking applications for 3 year olds for the 2001-2002 school year on September 17, 18, and 19, at the Clarendon Elementary School.

Children must be 3 years old on or before September 1 and meet qualifications. Bring with you your child's birth certificate, income verification, immunization records, Social Security card, documentation of disability, and proof of any public assistance including HUD and WIC.

Call the school at 874-3855 or come by to set up an appointment from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the above dates.

For more information, call the school at 874-3855.

Rowe marker to be dedicated Sept. 8

A state historical marker will be unveiled at Rowe Cemetery near Hedley this Saturday, September 8.

The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. with participation from the Adamson/Lane Chapter of the American Legion and the Hedley School Choir.

The public is cordially invited to attend. Some seating will be provided, but everyone is encouraged to bring a chair.

Hospice presents grief education

PAMPA - BSA Hospice presents Grief Education and a Support Group for adults who have experienced the death of a loved one.

This program is offered free of charge to residents of Pampa and surrounding communities, as well as to families who have been served by BSA Hospice.

The Support Group will meet for five consecutive weeks beginning on Thursday, September 6 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All sessions are held in the BSA Hospice Pampa building, located at 800 N. Sumner. Please come 30 minutes early to complete registration or call 665-6677.

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All this and much more in this week's informative edition!

County budget wrangling continues

Donley County officials got their chance to respond to proposed cuts in their budgets last Thursday during a called session of the commissioners' court.

Three officials sought to preserve their secretaries' positions while Sheriff Butch Blackburn argued that personnel in his department deserve raises.

Commissioners made no decisions and were scheduled to take up the matter again on September 5.

"We have a 'can't do' attitude here," County Ag Extension Agent Leon Church said at Thursday's meeting. "I'd like to see that become a 'can do' attitude."

The proposed county budget for 2001-2002 called for the secretary in the Extension Office to be cut to half time.

"We're more than just [livestock] show jockeys," Church said. "The Cooperative Extension is an education organization."

Church said his office is involved with agriculture and community development, 4-H programs, and consumer science programs. He said the Extension has been instrumental in pro-

viding crop demonstration plots, cotton variety and fertility trials, moisture monitoring for peanuts, a roundtable lecture series, the Don Taylor business development series, the July 4th Craft Fair, and nutritional programs at the senior citizens centers in Clarendon and Hedley.

The Extension Office saved local residents \$115,000 in health screening fees over the last four years at the annual Health & Wealth Fair, he said. Church also pointed out there are 142 young people in 4-H and discussed the Walk Across Texas program his office sponsors.

"We can do all of those things because we have a fulltime secretary," he said.

County FCA Agent Sue Church also said that the local secretary has been asked to train the Extension's district secretary. Three other community members also spoke out in favor of the Extension's secretary, praising her commitment and performance on the job.

Pct. 1&2 Justice of the Peace Jimmy Johnson echoed complaints aired recently by some county officials who did not approve of the commissioners' handling of the proposed budget.

"I wish you had called us and told us the county was in a deficit," he said. "What disturbs me is that my employee found out about the cuts before I had a chance to tell her."

Johnson's court clerk was also cut to part time status in the proposed budget.

Johnson outlined the responsibilities of his clerk and told the court that she exercises her duties with a professionalism of which Donley County should be proud. He also said that Pct. 3&4 Justice of the Peace Ann Kennedy in Hedley is a personal friend of his, but that there is no comparison between his court and hers. Johnson said his court is busier with items such as felony arraignments, bail hearings, and delinquent taxes due to his office being in the county seat.

The justice said his office is not a revenue producer for the county on its own. He said his court produces revenue through tickets written by law enforcement agencies by being timely in handling its business.

"[My clerk] has been with me almost five years," he said. "It takes a long time to educate a court clerk to handle that type of business."

Tax Assessor/Collector Wilma Lindley also had her deputy's position cut to half time. She agreed with Johnson.

"I felt like [the court] should have called me in and talked about it," she said.

Lindley said the only people who don't use her office are the ones that don't own vehicles.

"Some days we're swamped," she said. "Some days we don't have very many people, but I feel like I should have the fulltime help because I need my vacation."

Sheriff Blackburn had no cuts in his personnel, but the proposed budget also had no pay raises for his deputies and dispatchers like he had sought.

"I know we're broke; we have been broke for 100 years," Blackburn said. "I wouldn't ask for my people a raise if we weren't paying our own way."

The sheriff pointed to the increased number of traffic tickets his department has issued since he took office in January, noting that it has dramatically increased county revenues.

"Already this year, we've written over See 'County Budget' on page 3.

Woman says man attacked her in truck

The quick response of deputies in Donley and Gray counties led to the arrest of a man suspected of assaulting a woman last week.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said a 31-year-old Farmington, New Mexico, woman told Gray County Deputy Jim McDonald that a truck driver had attempted to sexually assault her in his vehicle. Donley County Chief Deputy Randy Bond was dispatched to the mile marker 124, the Clarendon exit on Interstate 40, where he met McDonald and the complainant.

According to Blackburn, the truck driver picked up the woman in Amarillo and pulled off on the access road inside Donley County. The man reportedly held a knife to the woman's throat while he tore her clothes and attempted to assault her. The woman managed to get away, and the trucker drove off.

Deputy McDonald saw the woman running along the highway and stopped to help her.

The woman gave the deputies a detailed description of the assailant and his truck, which was put out to area law enforcement agencies. The truck was later stopped by the Beckham County Sheriff's Department in Oklahoma.

The driver was held by Oklahoma authorities until Sheriff Blackburn arrived Friday and arrested him. Michael Lyn Smith, age 39, of Cleveland, Georgia, was charged with aggravated assault and returned to Clarendon where he was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Jimmy Johnson. At presstime he was still incarcerated in the Donley County Jail.

"I would like to thank the Gray County Sheriff's Office and Deputy Jim McDonald," Blackburn said. "If not for the prompt response of Deputy McDonald and [Donley County] Deputy Randy Bond, we could not have caught this guy. He would have just been gone."

Blackburn said the subject denies the woman's charges but has a lengthy criminal history.



Meet my "bears" good friend

Clarendon first graders Jonah Sell and Amber Diehl introduce their teddy bears to Papa Bear (aka. Kevin Judd) last Thursday during their tea party. Earlier that week, the children posted signs around school for two bears that had gotten lost during their study on bears. Papa Bear found the two bears wandering in the park and returned them to the class just in time for the party.

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Hedley school takes on \$1 million building project

Hedley Public Schools will soon be embarking on a \$1 million new building following receipt of a grant recently.

Superintendent Bryan Hill said the Hedley Independent School District was notified of the grant during the first week of August by the Texas Education Agency.

The new facility will be located on the current school grounds, west of the Owl Gym and south of the main school building. After completion, the main entrance to the school will face west instead of south as it now does.

Plans call for four new classrooms and a combination multipur-

pose library/auditorium area. One of the new classrooms will be a lecture hall, and the multipurpose room will include computers, which will be wired to the Internet and accessible by community members.

The new facility will nearly double the space of the main school building, Hill said. The building will be of a metal frame construction with a metal roof and a masonry veneer exterior similar to the Bronco Gym in Clarendon, he said.

Architect Steven Butler of Canyon is currently drawing plans for the project. School officials hope to have the job completed sometime early in the 2002-2003 school year.

Hill said HISD originally applied for the TEA Instructional Facilities Allotment grant in 1999 and has been reapplying every year. The grant will cover approximately 83 percent of the cost of the new building. The remainder of the cost will be picked up by HISD taxpayers with 15-year bonds.

In November 1999, school district voters approved issuance of bonds to cover the district's match by a margin of 96-30. The condition of the vote was that the bonds would not be issued until the school was awarded the grant.

"Community support has been overwhelming," Hill said. While other area rural schools

are facing declining enrollments, the Hedley school has been on the upswing. Hill said 115 kids attended Hedley ten years ago. That number is now 189, growing steadily for the last seven years.

The school attracts approximately 50 transfer students from Clarendon, Memphis, and Wellington, Hill said.

More improvements may be in store for HISD's physical plant. Hill said the district is currently working on a grant application that would renovate the roof of the main building and update the facility to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Lubbock conference to focus on principles of character education for kids

LUBBOCK - Parents, educators, education administrators, childcare providers, health and human service workers, and others who interact daily with children should plan to attend the September 12 Character Counts! Community Awareness Conference at the Lubbock Civic Center.

The one-day conference will begin with registration at 8 a.m. and will conclude around 5 p.m. There is no registration fee.

The conference is designed to educate those who interact daily with

children on the sound principles of character education through the Character Counts! framework. This event is jointly sponsored by Texas A&M University, Texas Cooperative Extension, Texas Tech University, the Character Counts! Coalition, the Josephson Institute, Lubbock Christian University, as well as Anton, Frenship, and Slaton Independent School Districts.

"The Character Counts! framework was developed by the Josephson Institute of Ethics and has been widely adopted by a coalition of

the nation's foremost youth, education, and service organizations," said Colleen Chadwick, Texas Cooperative Extension South Plains District Director for Family and Consumer Sciences. "Texas Extension faculty have used this framework for several years as part of our Texans Building Character youth program."

"The curriculum teaches children the importance of practicing the six pillars of character - trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship - in their daily

lives. The September 12 conference will provide participants with a framework to further develop character-building teaching materials and tips on how to utilize these materials effectively.

Dr. Nat Cooper, director and founder of Lubbock Christian University's Center for Character Development, will serve as conference moderator. From 9 to 10 a.m., participants will hear opening remarks from Lubbock Mayor Windy Sitton.

Michael Josephson, founder of the Josephson Institute of Ethics, will give the morning keynote address at 10 a.m.

The Character Counts! Coalition includes more than 350 nationwide education and youth organizations which use the curriculum as a voluntary framework for citizen action in youth education.

For more information on this event, contact Colleen Chadwick at 806-746-6101 or David Vinson at dvinson@frenship.k12.tx.us.

editor's
Commentary

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NPT The column has been rated NPT by the Enterprise Institute For Reader Friendliness. A 5 star rating is awarded.



Donley County taxes are lower than neighbors'

As I write this, the budget crunch continues to eat away at Donley County officials. Tensions seem to be running high in the Courthouse Annex as the proposed budget cuts have pitted departments against each other, when the county's common good should be the goal. Add to that, the "grapevine" talk that would have you believe everything was just peaches and cream before 1998.

But I should also say up front that by the time you read this, commissioners may have solved every problem and made everyone happy when they met on Wednesday. I hope they did.

In the meantime, let us examine some facts. Contrary to what you may hear on the street and what you may think, our county taxes are some of the lowest around.

COUNTY PROGRESS magazine's May issue compared the 1999 tax rates of all 254 counties in Texas. What they found may open some eyes around here.

Donley County's total tax rate that year was 0.33636 per \$100 valuation, which to hear some people talk is simply astronomical. However, Hall County residents were being taxed at a rate of 0.585 per \$100 valuation; Carson County had a rate of 0.38814; and Briscoe County was coming in at 0.6398. Collingsworth County residents were paying a stunning rate of 0.8872.

Armstrong County was the closest to Donley with a rate of 0.34654. That may not be a good thing for them. As we go through our budget dilemma, THE CLAUDE NEWS is reporting that Armstrong County has the lowest tax assessment in the state and is trying to deal with fixing its courthouse - it missed out on the first two rounds of state grants - and with bringing its aging jail up to state specs. They are looking at increasing taxes this year by 7.99 percent, which may not be enough.

In fact, out of 254 counties, only 24 had a county tax rate lower than Donley's in 1999, and each of those had total appraised property values higher (in some cases much, much higher) than ours.

Information on how many other counties tax personal property (such as cars) was not readily accessible because of the holiday Monday. But what is clear is that if you have a house or a piece of land, you will not find a lower county tax rate in any of the counties adjacent to Donley. Our commissioners and our citizens need to think about that.

Don't muddy this issue by talking about city taxes, school taxes, college taxes, or hospital taxes. The issue is county taxes. If you want county services, you'll have to pay for them. And if we keep our tax rate too low for too long, we could find ourselves in the position of not being able to take care of business like Armstrong County or facing really steep budget and service cuts like Randall County did last year.

Yes, Donley County citizens want to keep taxes as low as possible. But we also want our commissioners' court to run a financially sound county, and sometimes that means they have to raise taxes. That is their job and their responsibility.

Raise deputies' pay

We get a lot of bang for our buck in Donley County, and we are fortunate to have some people who are doing an excellent job for not much money. Nowhere is this truer than in our sheriff's department.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn should be complimented for sticking to his guns last Thursday. He stayed with the commissioners even as they met late into the night, constantly fighting for his employees. It is too soon to say whether his fight will have been in vain or not.

It is simply sickening what Donley County pays the men who diligently protect its citizens from druggies, thieves, and worse. Ask yourself, would you go after an armed suspect for less than \$9 per hour? These guys would. They go on every call from loose cattle to domestic calls to major crimes.

Figuring on a 40-hour workweek, a deputy by my calculations makes about \$8.98 per hour. The highest paid fulltime sanitation worker for the City of Clarendon makes \$8.89 per hour, and the city's highest paid employees in the water department earn \$9.32 per hour.

Sheriff Blackburn has said he would settle for increasing deputy salaries from \$18,680.58 to \$20,000. A more appropriate figure would be \$24,000, but the sheriff's figure is a good place to start.

Sheriff Blackburn's department is doing a good job and is bringing in increased revenue by stepping up traffic control. His department boasts more experience than any nearby county of comparable size in terms of years on the job. Each deputy is more than qualified to carry out his duties, and each has an advanced certification.

The dispatchers are also deserving of a raise. They are the ones citizens rely on when they need an ambulance, have a fire, or need an officer. Additionally, they must run the jail and oversee the prisoners. Certainly that is a job that deserves more than \$6.97 per hour.

Every county job is important, but the people in the sheriff's office - in big ways or small ways - hold lives in their hands. They deserve to be paid at a level commensurate with their experience, their duties, and their performance. To do less is an insult to them and shameful for the county.

Texas should ensure citizens good education

By Henry Cuellar, Secretary of State of Texas

Let's talk about one of the most important issues facing any society: education.

As a state, our goal should be to ensure every Texan has the opportunity to get a quality college education. There was a time when a high-school diploma was enough to provide a decent job and a decent quality of life. Those days are gone. In our world, higher education is necessary if Texans are to succeed in today's job market.

The state is working to help put college within the reach of many Texans through financial aid and other assistance programs. If those programs are to be effective, Texans must know about them. During 14 years as a state representative, including two terms as Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Education and the vice-chair of the House Higher Education Committee, I was committed to putting education where it belongs - as our state's number one priority.

A cornerstone of state financial aid programs is the TEXAS grant program. I am proud to have been the author of this legislation that made \$100 million available to college bound Texans in 1999, making the TEXAS grant the largest state financial program in Texas history.

The program was so successful that Governor Rick Perry and the 77th legislature increased its funding to over \$280 million. The work of the 77th legislature creates a number of new programs. The TEXAS Grant II program makes financial aid available for students who wish to attend public two-year colleges such as community colleges or technical schools. To qualify for a grant, students must be Texas residents who show financial need and meet other requirements.

Another innovative program was launched by House Bill 877, allowing the immediate family of certain public servants killed in the line of duty to attend public colleges and universities without having to pay tuition, fees, room and board, or textbooks. Public servants covered by the bill include peace officers, probation officers, parole officers, jailers, and firefighters, among others. Individuals are covered for the length of their undergraduate studies or 200 credit hours, whichever comes first.

A similar program provides tuition and fee exemption for the children of disabled fireman, peace officers, game wardens, and employees of correctional institutions. This program covers the first 120 undergraduate credit hours or until age 26, whichever

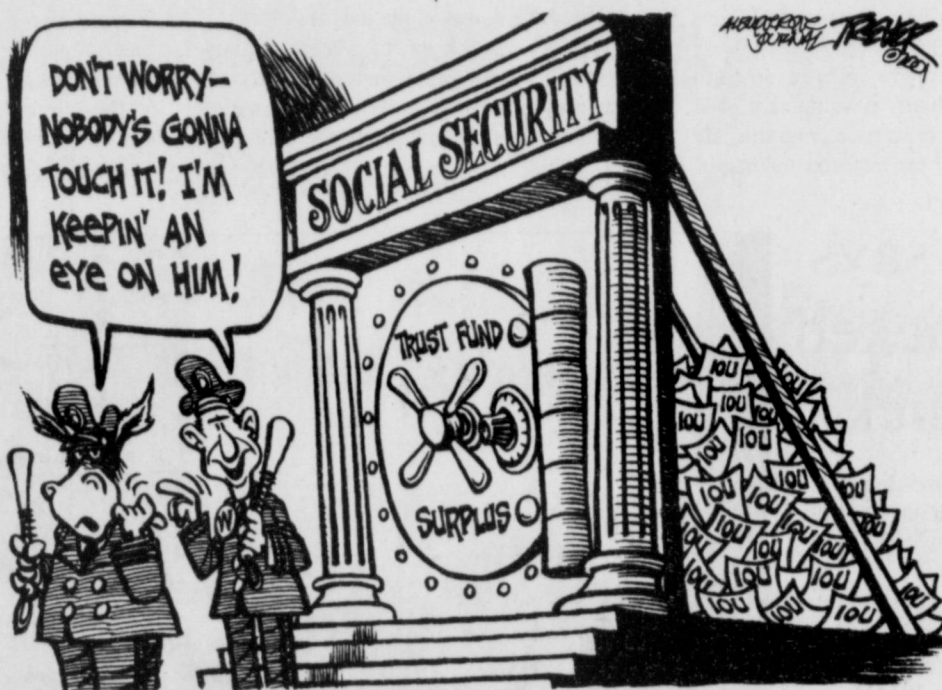
comes first.

Many people need to take out student loans to finance their college education. Loan repayment and loan forgiveness programs exist to benefit many graduates who use their skills for the public good. These programs include: attorneys working with the Office of the Attorney General, attorneys working in certain non-profit organizations, students in alternative certification programs who commit to at least five years of teaching in Texas. It also covers teachers who work in locations or teach subjects where there is a shortage of qualified instructors.

Information about these and other programs can be obtained from the financial aid office at any public college or university.

More information on these programs can be found on the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's innovative website at www.collegefortexas.com or by calling the Center for Financial Aid at 1-877-782-7322.

These programs help give Texas the kind of educated workforce that it will improve the quality of life of residents and allow the state to play a major role in the global economy. More importantly, it is what the young people of Texas deserve.



Reader: 'No reason for county to be broke'

Sir, I read in the August 23, 2001, CLARENDON ENTERPRISE that the County Treasurer Becky Jackson stated the county had run a deficit for at least the last five years and had been paying for it out of the reserves of the General Fund. The General Fund had been depleted to \$355,221.07 in October of 1998 according to Mrs. Jackson. On July 20, 2001, this reserve was down to \$70,229.12.

I have in my possession a copy of a CD from the Herring National Bank with issue date of January 20, 1999. The Road & Bridge Fund was \$549,590.99. The General Fund was \$424,722.37. The Lateral Fund had \$10,378.90. The Security Fund had \$19,384.44. Which comes to a grand total of \$1,004,056.70. This does not count the receipts from January, turned in on the first of the month. Neither does it include what was in the Treasurer's account. But, one-third of the fiscal year's bills had already been paid, as bills were paid on the second Monday of each month.

Will Chamberlain and Dude Cornell went out of office on December 31, 1998. Donley County had been in the black, financially, for years. It is hard for me to understand that in less than three years, the county is broke. The Treasurer submits a monthly budget report to the County Commissioners' Court every month. The County Treasurer also submits to each elected officeholder a monthly report of their budget detailing funds remaining in their budget.

A county budget is a contract that is made between the County Commissioners' Court and the people. The fiscal year in Donley County starts October 1 and runs until September 30 each year. And if there was \$355,221.07 left in the General Fund, not counting Road & Bridge, Lateral Road, or Security Fund, on October 1, 1998, at the end of their fiscal year, the previous County Commissioners' Court had us in sound financial condition. There is no excuse for Donley County to be broke.

William J. Thompson,
Clarendon

Former county officials take exception to recent editorial

In answer to the editorial dated August 23 about the past county court members not willing to spend money and maintenance on the courthouse. From the years 1979-1998 the county court members received a PRPC and Texas Historical Commission matching grant to redo the

courtroom and courthouse back to reusable conditions. The stain glass window was re-leaded and covered for protection. All the bricks were repointed, a new roof, and gutter and downspouts were put on. Removed asbestos from pipes in the basement and treated courthouse for termites. Pouring a concrete floor redid the basement, shelves were put in for organizing and storing records. A new boiler was installed, and a retainer wall was poured on the south side of the courthouse to keep water from running in the basement. The sidewalk on the west side was redone. The courthouse was made handicapped accessible by putting in an elevator, ramp, and redoing bathrooms. This was approved and passed by the state (Texas Historical Commission).

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Buford Holland
J.R. Graham

Editor's Note: I would refer the gentlemen to the March 9, 2000, issue of the ENTERPRISE which detailed the physical problems facing the courthouse and state flatly that those conditions did not occur overnight or in the short period of time following 1998. The report is easily accessible at www.ClarendonOnline.com (just click on the courthouse logo). I would also say that anyone can visit the courthouse and take one look at the window sills to see that maintenance has been lacking.

Things were not just fine and dandy before 1998. A 1997 report by the Texas Courthouse Alliance concluded: "The Donley County Courthouse retains a remarkable amount of its original historic fabric. Unfortunately, much of this fabric is in a state of disrepair or is obscured by incompatible modern additions and alterations. The building is in critical need of a complete rehabilitation."

It is true that a lot of work was done on the courthouse in the early 1980s. Much of that work was good and helped prolong the life of the building. But other portions of the work have had a detrimental effect on the courthouse. For example, recent studies have found the retainer on the south side of the building is actually trapping water beneath it next to the foundation and contributing to the deterioration of the basement wall. Also the gutters and downspouts are inadequate for the size of the building and are contributing to

water damage to both the interior and exterior of the building.

A major renovation project every 20 years is no substitute for proper regular maintenance. We will have a splendid courthouse when the current project is complete, but it will all be for naught if the citizens of the county and their elected representatives are unwilling to spend the money to keep it up.

ProNews director changing tone of news coverage

Growing up in Borger, I used to watch Channel 7 news all the time. Strange as it was for a small town kid, I loved to sit and watch the local news. In fact, it's what drove me to become a journalist. Now, I suppose I've come full circle - I was recently named News Director at Channel 7.

These days, it's obvious the news media certainly isn't what it used to be. And like many of you, I believe the TV news media as a whole is moving in the wrong direction.

Today's news seems overly negative, sensational, biased, and sometimes downright disrespectful of the very people it's supposed to serve. Sadly, that seems to be the trend in local television news outlets across America.

But now, as news director, I want to personally assure our viewers that we will not follow that trend.

I'm a lifelong resident of the Texas Panhandle. I want to produce a newscast that's based on what I learned here: common sense and quality journalism, not overrated hype and sensationalism. That means more in-depth local news, more responsible coverage, and more accountability to our viewers.

Hard work. Common sense. Responsibility. Respect. That's what we mean by "Working in the Panhandle Spirit."

Our commitment to excellence is based on these ideas, and that commitment applies to all of our people, in all of our departments.

If you're a ProNews 7 viewer, thank you. I believe you'll like our new campaign. If you don't watch ProNews 7, I hope you will give us a second look. In either case, I hope you'll feel free to contact me personally at any time if you ever have any concerns or suggestions about your local TV news.

Dusty Green,
Amarillo

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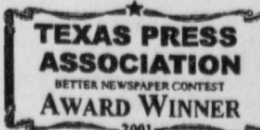
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City endorses two proposals for abatements

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen announced their intentions to begin tax abatement processes on two businesses during their regular meeting last Tuesday. Applications were presented by the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation on behalf of Bayou Medical Ltd. (Dr. John Howard and family), which plans to build a new clinic south of the Medical Center Nursing Home, and Bill Cornell, who is building a new feed and farm supply store at Second and Orpe Streets.

Clarendon EDC Director Helen Parker spoke to the board concerning tax abatement policies and guidelines. The board made changes to the guidelines and accepted them. Aldermen also voted to amend Ordinance 323 to change the identification of Industrial Reinvestment Zone #1.

Hospital District Administrator Alan Graham presented a request to have the cul-de-sac in front of the Medical Center Nursing Home designated as Medical Center Drive and to have physical addresses assigned to current and future buildings there. The hospital district will continue to maintain the cul-de-sac. The designation is for 911 and delivery purposes. The city granted the request with odd numbers on the south and even on the north to stay in keeping with city street addresses.

In other city business, the order of the code of criminal procedure for the Municipal Court was approved, and the library policy and procedure manual was tabled for review. Alderman Bob Watson was appointed to the Panhandle Emergency Medical Service Advisory Board, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's rental contract on the city radio tower was renewed. Aldermen met for nearly an hour in closed session to discuss pending litigation relating to the animal and livestock ordinance. No action was taken.

Anonymous mailing is not from Clarendon boy

Anyone who recently received an article in the mail printed from www.washingtonmonthly.com should be aware that the author, Thad Hall, is not the same person as the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hall of Clarendon.

The mailing was the work of a local coward who frequently sends unsigned mail to local people.

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County budget: Commissioners struggle with finance issues

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300 traffic tickets," the sheriff said. "That's a total of \$98,210.25 if they were all paid. What has been collected is \$52,817.45. I don't believe y'all were getting that under the previous administration."

Blackburn said he is the fourth lowest paid sheriff in the state and said the county is asking his deputies to work for "welfare wages."

Blackburn earns a salary of \$20,834.88. His deputies earn \$18,680.58 annually, and dispatcher/jailers earn only \$6.97 per hour.

The sheriff said average pay for counties this size is approximately \$27,000 per year. He realized Donley County couldn't meet the average, but said it should do better.

"We're putting these [deputies] out here on the highway, they're going on calls that not very many people want to go on, and the reason they're doing that is because they want to

They're not doing it for the pay. We need to at least pay them a wage where they don't qualify for food stamps.

"If you want to save money, we can send these rented radar units back and forget about the \$52,000 we've already collected."

For their part, members of the commissioners' court said they did not question the job any department was doing, but that the county only has so much money. The court also pointed to a health insurance benefit that the county provides to its employees - the premiums for which have increased from \$60,000 annually in 1998-99 to \$120,000 in 2000-01 and is expected to cost \$157,000 in the coming year.

County Clerk Fay Vargas said the health insurance provides excellent coverage, but other county officials questioned the high cost of insuring

family members under the program.

After returning from a lunch recess, the court spent the afternoon looking for ways to restore the secretaries to fulltime in the proposed budget. Commissioners considered raising taxes to just under the legal rollback limit and also looked at hiring a fifth deputy whose job would primarily be traffic control.

As the afternoon progressed, the court was discussing across the board pay raises for most employees that might be paid for by higher taxes and increased revenue from traffic control. Attention focused on a four percent raise, and Sheriff Blackburn said that a four percent raise "on not very much is not very much" and still pushed for higher raises in his department. Blackburn told commissioners he would settle for a four percent raise for his dispatchers but wanted to increase deputy salaries to \$20,000

annually with the chief deputy getting an additional \$1,000.

Commissioners recessed for dinner and reconvened after 8 p.m., and at that time commissioners began discussing having two departments share a secretary and not having such a big tax increase.

Commissioner Donnie Hall told the sheriff, "You're not going to get what you want."

Blackburn responded that his office did not want to take on the added burden of a fifth deputy if it meant just a "Mickey Mouse" four percent raise.

Judge Jack Hall told the commissioners he thought the court should take more time to consider the budget and not rush to any decisions. He requested the commissioners talk to citizens to find out what they want, and another called meeting was set for Wednesday, September 5.

weather report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	27	79°	62°	0.05"
Tues	28	87°	62°	-
Wed	29	88°	62°	-
Thur	30	85°	63°	-
Fri	31	86°	64°	-
Sat	1	87°	59°	-
Sun	2	88°	61°	-

Total precipitation this month: 0.00"
Total precipitation to date: 21.91"
Total precipitation in September last year: 1.1"
Total YTD total last year: 18.22"

Weather Facts

The T for September 2000 was on Sept. 24. Sunday night rain measured 0.91" and will be recorded Monday morning at 8 a.m. This moisture will be showing in next week's report and maybe we will have more to report.

weekend forecast

	Friday, Sept. 7 Sunny 89°/63°
	Saturday, Sept. 8 Thunderstorms 87°/61°
	Sunday, Sept. 9 Thunderstorms 88°/62°

Looking Back

20 Years Ago

THE CLARENDON PRESS, SEPT. 3, 1981

• Donley County's Lewis Ranch won top honors during the annual Budweiser Texas Ranch Roundup in Wichita Falls last month. The Lewis cowboys beat out 11 other teams. Those participating included Burl Holler, Ricky Lowe, Johnny Hill, Billie Farley, Don Hall, Harley Longan, Bob Boston, Jenks Boston, Jackie Longan, and Walter Gussier.

• Clarendon's Minnie Cannon's tomato plants have overtaken her bell pepper plants and are producing whopper tomatoes. This week she brought in an 18 oz. tomato.

50 Years Ago

THE DONLEY CO. LEADER, SEPT. 6, 1951

• F.L. "Tige" Hill, prominent farmer in the Midway community, narrowly escaped death last Friday afternoon when a Continental Trailways bus went out of control and completely rolled over the Mercury driven by Hill. The car was crushed like a crumpled match box.

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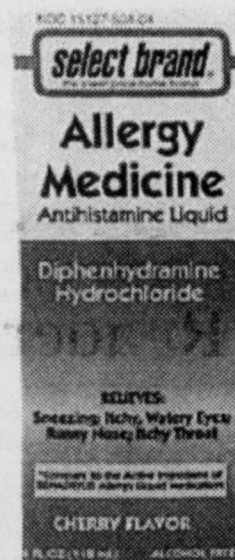
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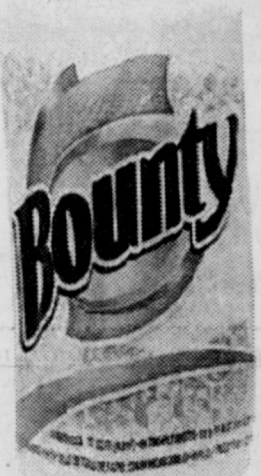
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September 2 - 9

Nazarene Revival • Nazarene Church • 7 p.m.

September 4

Breast Cancer Screening • Medical Center Nursing Home • 356-1905

September 6

Immunization Clinic • Hedley School • 8:30 a.m.

September 7

Broncos v. Claude • Bronco Stadium • 7:30 p.m.

Owls v. Ft. Elliott • Ft. Elliott • 7:30 p.m.

September 8

Saints' Roast Jamboree • Harned Sisters Auditorium • 7 p.m.

September 9

St. Mary's Day • St. Mary's Catholic Church • 11 a.m.

September 14

Broncos v. Shamrock • at Shamrock • 7:30 p.m.

Owls v. Trinity Christian • Owl Field • 7 p.m.

September 15

Wildflower program • Saints' Roost Museum • 10:30 a.m.

September 17

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic • Medical Center Nursing Home • 356-1905

Community Menus

September 10-14

Donley County Senior Citizens
 Mon: Meatloaf, mini baked potato, winter mix vegetables, apricots, oatmeal raisin cookies, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
 Tues: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, spinach, three bean salad, pear crisp, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
 Wed: Sliced ham, steamed cabbage, black-eyed peas, rosy applesauce, butterscotch pudding, cornbread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
 Thur: Salmon patties, macaroni and cheese, green peas, tossed salad, mixed fruit, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
 Fri: Barbecue chicken, baked beans, onion rings, potato salad, peach cobbler and ice cream, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Hedley Senior Citizens
 Mon: Chicken and dumplings, black-eyed peas, carrot and raisin salad, pear halves, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee
 Tues: Navy beans and ham, French fries, cucumber and onion salad, banana pudding, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee
 Wed: Steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, pea salad, apricot cobbler, roll, milk, tea, coffee
 Thur: Catfish fillet, broccoli soup, onion rings, coleslaw, sliced peaches, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee
 Fri: Meatloaf, broccoli casserole, corn, tossed salad, baked apple, roll, milk, tea, coffee

Clarendon Schools
 Breakfast
 Mon: French sticks, fruit, milk
 Tues: Breakfast sandwich, juice, milk
 Wed: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk
 Thur: Cinnamon rolls, juice, and milk
 Fri: Coffeecake, fruit, milk
 Lunch
 Mon: Fish sticks or PBJ sandwich, French fries, coleslaw, tushpuppies, apples, milk
 Tues: Turkey tetrazzini or pizza, hot rolls, carrots and peas, fruit cocktail cake, milk
 Wed: Beef stroganoff or hamburgers, tossed salad, green beans, peaches, hot rolls, milk
 Thur: Pizza sticks or PBJ sandwich, corn tossed salad, oatmeal cookies, milk
 Fri: Pigs in a blanket, baked beans, French fries, apple cobbler, milk

Hedley Schools
 Breakfast
 Mon: Egg sausage bake with cheese, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk
 Tues: Breakfast bar, toast and jelly, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk
 Wed: Pancake on a stick with syrup, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk
 Thur: Biscuit and gravy, sausage patties, butter and jelly, cereal, juice, milk
 Fri: Peanut butter and toast, muffins, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk
 Lunch
 Mon: Beef or chicken fajitas, grilled peppers or onions, pinto beans, tossed salad, mixed fruit, milk
 Tues: Fish nuggets, macaroni and cheese, black-eyed peas, salad, fruit, corn, rolls, milk
 Wed: Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, broccoli and cheese, rolls and honey, salad, fruit, milk
 Thur: Spaghetti and meatballs, green beans, tossed salad, applesauce, rolls, milk
 Fri: Ham and cheese subs or Philly steak subs with lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions, and olives, mixed fruit, cookies, chips, and milk

The Happy Surfer: Helpful sites dress up your PC

By Larinda Brown

Let us start off with the simple things. Most "newbies" find themselves as particular about their computer's appearance as they are their home, their car, etc. I know from personal experience that you can only change your desktop and wallpaper so many times with what your PC comes loaded with until you are bored to tears. Until about six months ago, I was unaware of the many different websites that offer free, exciting, original themes for your computer.

If you are longing for something truly unique, try www.themesunlimited.com. This particular site offers so many varieties and categories that you could easily spend hours searching to find the theme that suits you. Themesunlimited.com is easy to maneuver around in from topic to topic. More importantly, the downloading and installation from this site is a snap. Some themes are even self-installing, which appeals to the "newbie" even more.

Several more sites are listed at the end of this article; however, themesunlimited.com seems to offer the most wide variety of downloadable "pretties." It is not rare to find a theme that you like and find that the fonts, the wallpaper, the cursors, start up and shut down screens, screensavers (complete with music), the whole shooting match, being all-inclusive. Download once, and you get them all, which is handy. However, not

every theme is like that. But once again, this is easy to find out because each theme comes with a preview and description of what comes with it.

I must give the folks at themesunlimited.com one more pat on the back. They update every day with new authors and new themes, so there is always something new and exciting to peruse. The only negative thing at this point that I can find about this site is that occasionally you will find a theme that is not downloadable from their portal, so you must keep clicking and linking until you get to the author's site. Other than that, this website easily gets an 8 on a 1 to 10 scale based on creativity, ease of use, and just plain fun.

Other websites that you might want to visit if nothing at themesunlimited.com strikes your fancy: www.ScreensandThemes.com, www.Free-theme.com, and www.DesktopFreebies.com. As usual with any and all of these sites, there are multiple links to many other sites of the same type.

My one and only warning with these cool, entertaining and in some cases, even bizarre themes, is to make sure that the theme you choose, is supported by your platform (Mac, Windows 95,98, or 2000). Most of them are supported by all operating systems, but I have run into a few that are not Windows 2000 compatible.

Next time, we will talk about "kid friendly" Internet surfing. Happy surfing.



100 years of Grace

A reception was held Sunday for Grace Leathers at the First Baptist Church in Clarendon in honor of her 100th birthday. Many friends and relatives came out to wish her well. Leathers, who still lives on her own, was born on September 6, 1901, in Tennessee but has lived most of her life right here in Donley County. In 1940, she her family — husband D.E., son Johnny, and daughter Margaret — were named the "Typical American Family." As part of that honor, the Leathers traveled to Washington, DC, to meet President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Grace also was given the honor of christening a US Liberty ship, the S.S. *Nathaniel Scudder*. Pictured with her here are David Leathers, Johnny Leathers, Grace, Matthew Leathers, and Richard Leathers.

Enterprise Digital Photo

Grass grows wild after clouds drop 3 inches of rain

Terry Collins mowed our grass Saturday. It's amazing how fast the grass grows when it's had about three inches of rain on it. I can pour gallons of water through a hose onto it, and it won't grow an inch; but let the least little shower fall from the sky, and it grows by leaps and bounds. Especially the grass burrs and carpet weeds. Even I can see how they grow. I can't pick them out of the good grass except when I step on a sticker; then I can tell the difference.

Terry can't seem to be able to tell the difference between grass and flowers. I've struggled all summer to grow zennias. About the time they started to bloom, Terry mowed part of them down. Just left the stalk about an inch high. I put a fence around the morning glories and cages around the

tomatoes, but didn't think to protect the zennias.

Ruth's flowers are thriving in spite of her absence. She is at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston receiving medical treatment. Her sunflowers are higher than my head, and the blossoms are about six or seven inches across. She grows them to feed the birds. Her morning glories and four o'clocks are covered with blooms.

Hopefully she'll be home before too long and can tend to them herself.

My mother fell one day last week and cut a gash in her forehead. Leon came and took her to the doctor. She didn't require any stitches, but her face is bruised. She told me she was

watt's Happening

By Peggy Watt
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sore in places she never knew she had places.

Mark and Stephanie Mallory, Taylor, and Jordy of Amarillo visited with Stephanie's grandparents, Buford and Jerry Holland, Sunday evening.

Mrs. Juanita Brown visited in May with her son, John, and his wife, Kay. It was John's birthday. I'm not sure which one but know he's several years younger than me.

Billy Mullins ate dinner with me Sunday evening. I like to cook and seldom have anyone to cook for. I

like to see folks enjoy my cooking.

I made some peach pickles last week. It had been years since I'd made any. The peaches I got were picked green and didn't ripen like I wanted them to, but I peeled them anyway. They were hard as rocks almost, but maybe they will soften in the syrup.

I got along alright until I started to close the top on the last jar. Then the darn thing slipped and turned over on the cabinet. I spilled that sticky stuff all over the cabinet top, stove top, down the front of the cabinet drawers, all over me, and all over the floor. I mopped the floor three times before all the sticky was gone.

I may never make any more sweet pickles.

Hall County to hold 111th anniversary celebration

The Hall County Picnic and Reunion Committee and the Memphis Chamber of Commerce would like to invite all area citizens to Hall County's 111th anniversary celebration to be held on September 15.

Events begin on Thursday, September 13, with lunch in Turkey. The Hall County Picnic Association will be serving hamburgers, beans, chips, and soft drinks beginning at 11:30 a.m.

On Friday, the Picnic Association will be serving hamburgers on the

south side of the square in Memphis beginning at 11:00 a.m. The Preservation Foundation will also hold a bake sale on Friday beginning at 9:30 a.m. on the square.

The annual Cowboy Breakfast, sponsored by the Memphis Chamber of Commerce, will kick things off on Saturday at 7:00 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center on the southeast corner of the square in Memphis. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased from Chamber of Commerce board members or at the breakfast.

The annual parade is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. that morning with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Memphis Farmers Gin.

The Arts and Crafts Market, also sponsored by the Memphis Chamber of Commerce, begins at 10:00 a.m. on the square on Saturday and will close at 6:00 p.m.

Booth spaces are \$15.00 each, with electricity made available for an additional \$5.00.

The picnic in Memphis City Park will begin at 6:00 p.m. Tickets to the

barbecue dinner are \$7.00 each, and picnic tickets will provide admittance to the dance Saturday evening. Tickets will be available at the Reunion and Picnic booth on the square and at the park.

Live music will be provided for the dance beginning at 8:00 p.m. in the park.

For more information about the picnic or for entry forms, call the Memphis Chamber of Commerce office at 806-259-3144 or Pat Snider, Parade Chairman at 806-259-2245.

Back to books without time limits, taboos, tests, or teachers

By Bulldog Bookworm

Be honest now, did you really understand, let alone enjoy, the Shakespeare, Chaucer, or Dickens you had to read as part of your high school English Lit. class?

Didn't think so! But, have you ever wondered since escaping from school just what all the hullabaloo was about and why the names of those incomprehensible and boring authors kept coming up? Was there ever a nagging doubt in the back of your mind that you might have missed something, that maybe these ink-spilling tormentors of high school seniors may have had something going for them, something you might have missed?

Now is the time to find out! Without the pressure of class times, tests, and nagging teachers telling you what you can and cannot read, you can return to investigate just who these so-called "great" authors are and whether or not they live up to their reputations.

Where does this quest for the truth about the "great" writers begin? The Clarendon College Library of course! The library is open seven days a week. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday, 7:30

a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. So what's "Willy" written lately?

The "Bard of Avon" hasn't written a lot recently, but a lot has been written about him and other authors of note. Recently received at the library are the latest volumes of "Bloom's Major Writers" series which puts all the cogent facts about a writer into an easy-to-read and to-the-point format. The library also recently received Oxford University's latest in the "British Library of Writers' Lives" series, one of which concerns Shakespeare. For a play-by-play insight in the works of the "Bard," we have "Twayne's New Critical Introduction into Shakespeare."

(If the bookworm had had these study aids way back when, the redoubtable Mrs. Boffinger might have been persuaded into handing out a less embarrassing grade at the end of a very confusing semester of English Literature.)

Of course Shakespeare is not the only author whose works are enlightened by these books. Chaucer is there as well as Dickens, Joyce, Fitzgerald et al. We even have a book on Samuel Johnson written by John Wain. (But not, unfortunately, vice versa.)

Going back to school without all of the rules and restrictions to check out what you may have missed is enjoyable as well as enlightening. In all fairness, however, it must be said that not all discoveries lead to intellectual re-evaluations. After careful re-examination Bookworm still finds James Joyce to be a pretentious dilettante whose prose could bore the scales off an armadillo.

Library cards... don't leave home without them!

Library cards will be required for all transactions this year at the Clarendon College Library. We honor cards from all Panhandle Libraries, but you must bring your card with you if you want to borrow items. If you do not have a library card, we will make one for you upon being shown proper identification.

Texas Library Association meeting

The Texas Library Association will celebrate its centennial at the 2002 Texas Library Association Conference in Dallas April 23-26, 2002. Association districts meet annually to promote professional development, conduct official business, and elect officers.

This year's chair-elect, Jewel Austin, library director at CC, will

host the district meeting on Friday, September 14, 2001, at the Bairfield Activity Center. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. with the program beginning at 9 a.m. Dr. Estelle Owens of Wayland Baptist University will be the guest speaker. The theme for the district meeting is "Preserving the Past, Shaping the Future." Topics to be addressed by Dr. Owens include: "Our Multicultural Past, Drippings from the Altar, or Thoughts on Teaching," and "In Defense of Discipline, Why the Last Person on Earth Should be a Historian."

The public is invited. If you are interested, contact Jewel Austin at 874-3571 or Carolyn Blackerby at 874-3685 to register. Registration fee is \$10 for non-members. This will include breakfast and lunch.

New books in bunches

As is always when a new semester begins there are lots of new books to log in and get on the shelves. Here are a few of the new titles ready to be checked out: *My Story, My Dream* by Celine Dion; *Angel on my Shoulder* by Natalie Cole; *Theodore Roosevelt and the Great White Fleet* by Kenneth Wimmel; and *Don't Let Your HMO Kill You* by Theodosakis and Feinberg.

Senior Citizens continue drive for new members

By Vida O'Neal

It is now time for the 2002 Membership Drive which will begin September 2001 for the year of 2002. When you are ready to renew your membership, just let Pattye, Vida, or the desk clerk know; and we can fix you up. We hope to increase our membership this year, so tell all your friends to come join and have fun with us in 2002.

On October 6 the Ranch Dance Fiddle Band will be back, and we will try to arrange another trip to the Gem Theatre in Claude. Please call Pattye or Vida for this show. It is wonderful. We need to know by September 25 if you would like to go. These tickets go fast, so let us know so we can get reservations.

On October 20, we have planned a one-day bus tour with Skeet's Tours and Travels. The folks from Foley, Alabama, will be bringing fresh seafood, fried green tomatoes, oyster shuckers, shrimpers, arts and crafts, and Black Gospel Choir, just to name a few of the things Alabama will be bringing to Guymon, OK. If you do not like seafood, other food will be available. This sounds like lots of fun, so come join us for the tour to Guymon, OK. The bus tour price is \$45. The motorcoach will provide complimentary soft drinks, water, and snacks. The deadline for reservations on the tour will be September 13.

Get well wishes go to Flo Branigan, Jane Hillman, Jack Leeper, Opal Ramsey, Sharon Thomas, and Ricci Tunnel.

We also wish Mrs. Grace Leathers a very Happy 100th Birthday!

Reminders:
 Sept. 6: RSVP Banquet, 6:00 p.m.
 Sept. 10, 17, 24: Dance Club, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 11, 18: Game night, 6:30 p.m.
 Sept. 13: Hearing Aid Clinic, 10:30 a.m.; Fund-raiser - hamburger cookout, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
 Sept. 25: Birthday/Anniversary Supper, 6 p.m.
 Sept. 28: Hall Co. Blood Pressure, 11 a.m.

Girl Scouts welcome Hill as junior troop leader

Clarendon Girl Scout Service Unit would like to extend a great big welcome to Kim Hill. She has volunteered to be the new Leader for our 4th Grade Junior Troop.

The 7th and 8th grade Cadet troop lead by Terri Askew is going to Bar H Ranch this month to ride horses. Only the registered and pre-registered girls can participate. If you have not registered and want to participate, call Terri Askew very soon.

September 23 will be Girl Scout Fun Day. Treva Rowland, a Senior Juliette, has organized a Fun Day of Games from 2:00 to 4:00 at the City Park. Come prepared to have fun.

If you have would like to become a part of Girl Scouts please call Denise Bertrand at 874-3372.

Inspector says nursing home one of top four in area

The Donley County Hospital Board held its regular meeting August 21 in the conference room of the Medical Center Nursing Home.

The board discussed Helen Land's vacant seat on the board. A letter was submitted by Millie Dishong offering to serve. The board tabled this item.

Belinda Montana presented the report for the Associated Ambulance Authority. Total calls for July were 66; total amount billed was \$23,855.83.

Census for the nursing home was given as 49 with two potential admissions.

Administrator Alan Graham reported that all information had been submitted to Southwest Securities to begin bidding on tax notes for the nursing home renovation project. The

board will meet at 12:30 p.m. on September 6 to accept the bids. The notes will be issued on September 28, and the construction note with the Community Bank will be paid in full. Board chairman Don Thornberry signed an authorization for Donley County Hospital District to consent to Southwest Securities submitting a competitive bid for the series 2001 bonds.

Graham reported drywall is being installed, taped, and textured in the Community Services Building, and electric and gas services have been dealt with. He was scheduled to meet with the Texas Department of Health on August 28 to finalize their lease for space in the building. The lease with Panhandle Rehabilitation Services has been finalized and mailed

to them for signatures.

Graham told the board that an Informal Dispute Resolution had been scheduled regarding the alleged asbestos abatement violations and fines incurred. The TDH reduced the fines to warnings at the time of the IDR. TDH also reported that a total of four complaints were unsubstantiated.

The nursing facility underwent its annual survey beginning August 7 with only two deficiencies written by the health team, both of which were isolated findings. The Life Safety Code entered and exited on August 9 with only one deficiency cited. The Life Safety inspector cited Medical Center Nursing Home as one of the top four facilities in the Panhandle region.

In the indigent care report, Holly

Eads reported approving one application. Two inmate applications were denied as one inmate was on Medicaid and another inmate had two vehicles which put him above the resource limit. Another application was denied for having income above the guidelines.

The board granted a tax waiver to the Clarendon Housing Authority for taxes accrued through March 31, 2001.

No action was taken on workplace procedures regarding violence, concealed weapons, and consent forms.

The board discussed maintaining the same tax rate of the last two years of \$0.18022 per \$100 valuation. A hearing was set for September 6 before formal adoption of the rate.

St. Mary's Day set for September 9

St. Mary's Parish of Clarendon, the oldest active parish in the Texas Panhandle, will be hosting its fourth annual St. Mary's Day on Sunday, September 9, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the church grounds at the corner of Montgomery and McClelland Streets.

A mouth-watering, mesquite barbecued beef dinner with all the trimmings will be served. There will also be musical entertainment, country store items, and a quilt raffle. Tickets for the meal are \$6.00 for

adults and \$3.50 for children under the age of 9. Take out meals will be available as well.

This celebration serves as a time to recognize the history of the church as well as a fundraiser for a much needed parish hall. For tickets or more information about the event, contact Leon Church at (806) 874-2926.

St. Mary's Day brings people from far and wide. Make this a time to dine with family and friends while supporting the efforts of St. Mary's Parish.

Donley County Historical Commission meets

By Jean Stavenhagen

The Donley County Historical Commission met on Thursday, August 30, in the conference room at the Courthouse Annex.

Chairperson Jean Stavenhagen opened the meeting with an update concerning the dedication ceremony for the Rowe Cemetery marker in Hedley on September 8. The DCHC and the Cemetery Board will finalize plans this week. Stavenhagen stated that the Jericho Cemetery marker should be ready for placement within the next few months.

Judge Hall reported on the present status of the courthouse restora-

tion project requesting the support of the DCHC in raising additional funds for construction needs. John Kiehl, a representative from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, presented some suggestions for fundraising projects stressing the need for community support as the restoration of the historic courthouse will benefit everyone.

DCHC members present were: Judge Hall, Jean Stavenhagen, Janice Weatherly, Jack Moreman, Wayne Riggs, Lyndon Messer, and Millie Dishong. Guests were: John Kiehl, Commissioner Buster Shields and Roger Estlack.

Brands must be re-registered by Feb. 22

Re-registering of livestock brands and marks is now ongoing in the County Clerk's office and continues until February 28, 2002.

All brands and marks on Texas livestock must be re-recorded with the clerk according to a law passed in 1971. The clerk can record brands only for this county. Producers running livestock in other counties must register there also.

Brands that are not re-recorded in this six-month period will become available for use on a first-come basis. It is illegal to brand livestock with-

out first properly recording the brand with the clerk.

"Even if you don't own cattle or horses, you can register a brand," writes Kristen Tribe of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

"For instance you may have a 'family brand' no longer in use that you'd like to maintain for historic or nostalgic purposes."

An \$11 fee is charged in Donley County for registering a brand in one location. Additional locations cost \$5, and separate brands are \$11 each.

Immunization Clinic set for Clarendon, Hedley

Immunization Clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases is scheduled for Hedley on September 6, 2001, and in Clarendon on September 18, 2001.

The Hedley clinic will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Hedley School.

The Clarendon clinic will be held 9:00-12:00 and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

at the Texas Department of Health Clinic located inside the Associated Ambulance Authority office at 114 S. Sully Street (across the street from City Hall).

The Texas Department of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size and the ability to pay.


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We would like to extend birthday wishes to

Grace Leathers
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This special lady has seen a lot in her lifetime. Her family was named the "Typical American Family" in 1940 and met President Roosevelt. She survived the "Dirty Thirties" and has christened a Liberty ship.

Grace - you are truly a unique woman, and we hope that you have a wonderful birthday!

Clarendon Insurance Agency

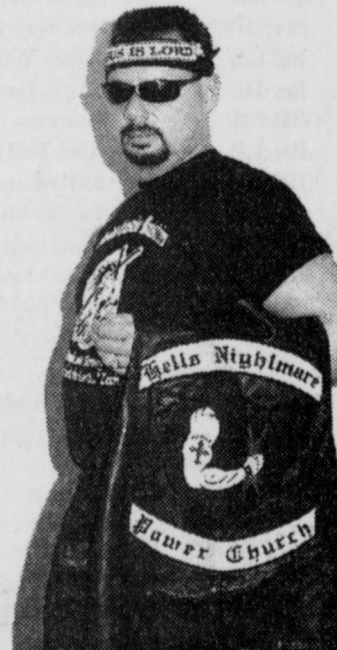
Revival is moving at Clarendon Church of the Nazarene

ALL THIS WEEK - 7:30 Nightly
Everyone is invited to come and attend these phenomenal services.

SPECIAL SERVICES SATURDAY NIGHT
Jerry McGee
Former drug runner for the "Hell's Angels" will ride a Harley Davidson in to the church to preach his sermon **"From the Harley to the Cross"**

Every person join us!

Clarendon Church of Nazarene
One block off Hwy. 287 on 211 S. Hawley




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Clarendon

Calvary Baptist Church
US 287 E • 874-3156
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 7 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m.

Church of Christ
300 S. Carhart • 874-2495
Minister: Brian Gochenour
Sun. Bible Class: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.

Church of Nazarene
209 S. Hawley • 874-2321
Pastor: Bill Hodges
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service: 10:30 p.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m.

Community Fellowship Church
416 S. Kearney • 874-2516
Pastor: Bryan Knowles
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Service: 11 p.m.
Sunday Evening: 7 p.m.

First Assembly of God
501 McClelland • 874-2195
Pastor: Gene Allen
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service: 10:50 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
300 Bugbee Ave • 874-3833
Pastor: Truman Ledbetter
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service: 10:55 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m.

First Christian Church
120 E. Third Street
874-3212
Minister: Leonard Holt
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service: 10:45 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church
Fourth & Parks • 874-9269
Pastor: Smiley Johnson
Every Sunday: 11:00 a.m.

First United Methodist Church
420 S. Jefferson • 874-3667
Pastor: James Ivey Edwards
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday: 8:30, 10:50 a.m.

Jesus Name Apostolic Church
720 E. Montgomery
874-2388
Sunday Services: 3 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.

St. John The Baptist Episcopal Church
301 S. Parks St. • 874-2231
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Corner of Montgomery & McClelland
Fr. Neal Dee
Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

St. Stephens Baptist Church
300 N. Jefferson St.
Pastor: Melvin Brooks
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sun. Service: 11:15 a.m.
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. (weather permitting)

True Church of God in Christ
301 N. Jefferson St
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sun. Service: 11:15 a.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m.

Hedley

Church of Christ
110 W. Second St.
Minister: Bright Newhouse
Sun. Bible Class: 10 a.m.
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
210 N. Main St.
874-5980
Pastor: Bruce Howard
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m.

First Methodist Church
200 N. Main St.
Pastor: Neeley Landrum
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.

Howardwick

First Baptist Church
222 Sherwood Blvd. 874-3326
Pastor: Genoa Goad
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 6 p.m.

Martin

Martin Baptist Church
US 287 W • 874-2025
Pastor: Darrell Burton
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m.

Trice

Brief Deliverance Tabernacle
867-3029 or 867-2012
Pastor: Louis Bennett
Sun. Service: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
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Broncos scrimmage against Wheeler, get ready to face Claude

By Sandy Anderberg

With their opening game right around the corner, the Broncos have been working hard in practice and have taken their scrimmages very seriously.

Last Thursday night, the Broncos went up against the Wheeler Mustangs in a scrimmage, which according to head coach Roger Hoeltzel, was beneficial in all areas of the Broncos' game plan.

"We knew they (Wheeler) would run the ball more, and that gave us the chance to solidify what

we're trying to do defensively," Hoeltzel said. "We made improvements where we needed to."

Offensively, the Broncos were able to run the ball. The quarterbacks were able to do read the defense they way they needed to do because the offensive line worked hard and did their job.

"The offensive line really improved since their first scrimmage," said Hoeltzel.

"We got a lot accomplished with this scrimmage, and we came out of the game healthy."

The Broncos will go up against the Claude Mustangs in their season opener Friday night at

Bronco Stadium. They'll be big and physical, which is something the Broncos will have to face all year.

"Our line is big," said Hoeltzel. "But being able to match up with everyone we play will be a test for us."

Hoeltzel is looking for really big plays from the secondary and the linebackers to stop Claude.

This week's opener will be an exciting game to watch. Come on out and cheer the Broncos on as they begin their 2001 season. Kick off is at 7:30 p.m.

Fishing at Lake Greenbelt improving as weather cools down

Fishing at Lake Greenbelt is improving slowly. With the cooler nights and the beneficial rains we have been having, the water temperature is starting to cool down. This will start the fish's natural instinct to start feeding for the winter.

Fall fishing can be some of the best fishing of the year. Fish will gorge themselves on whatever bait is most available. Shad and ghost minnows are tops on the menu; but crawdads, bluegills, and insects are a close second. I usually get serious about fall fishing at the end of this month.

For the next week or so, nighttime bass fishing under the moon should be pretty good. Dark colored buzz baits, jitterbugs, and plastic

worms work best for me here at Lake Greenbelt. I have a friend that fishes Lake Mackenzie at night, and he uses nothing but spinnerbaits. He catches largemouth bass and hybrid stripers. He uses single Colorado blade spinnerbaits. His favorite colors are chartreuse and black and solid white with a white spinner blade. I hope everyone goes out and tries this once because it's a lot of fun. But, be careful motoring your boat around at night.

The first weekend of dove season



outdoor Life


By Gary Dziedzic

has passed. By talking to several of my friends who hunted and found it was slow going. The migrating doves just haven't made it here yet. I have seen a few more dove this week, but nothing like last year. Hopefully we can get some cold fronts up North to pull these birds South.

Recipe: Dove Kabobs (with a different twist)

Load skewers alternating dove with your favorite veggies such as onions, peppers, zucchini, tomatoes, etc. The different twist is to marinate the whole skewer in Italian dressing 12 to 24 hours before grilling. This gives the veggies an added zing, too.

Fishing Tip of the Week: Grasshoppers will catch you catfish. Fish 2' to 10' deep at night. Coves and open water flats are the best locations.



Saturday Morning BREAKFAST BUFFET

Serving scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, sausage, and more!

The buffet opens at 6 a.m.

Hedley Cafe

Hwy. 287, Hedley
664-5372

Would your business like to sponsor the sports ad? Call 874-2259.

Scavenger hunt to stock pantry

The Main Street Ministry center is trying to build the pantry stock up before wintertime comes and heating bills soar higher.

September 8 at 7 p.m. the youth of the community are invited to participate in a scavenger hunt to collect food. Youth will be divided into teams and assigned an area of town to canvas. The team that collects their list and returns first will win prizes.

After the hunt there will be a fellowship with a talent show and some games. If you have a talent that you want to share, contact Eddy Helms to get on the program.

This will be an opportunity for the youth to become involved with the community and for the community to help those in need.

Some of the non-perishable items the pantry needs are canned meats, canned vegetables, and cereals. If you do not have what the youth ask for, any donation will be accepted.

As we approach wintertime the need for food increases. Wintertime also brings the need for warm clothing and coats. If you can help with these needs, have these, items handy for the night of Saturday, September 8, when the youth come hunting.

Clarendon family buys home with PCS help

A Clarendon family of five is now experiencing the thrill of moving into a home of their own thanks to a homebuyer assistance program offered by Panhandle Community Services.

This program is for those who want to buy a home of their own but do not have a lot of extra cash lying around. It allows qualifying families to borrow the down payment and closing costs interest free and not have to repay it until the home is paid off or sold.

"If Panhandle Community Service had not helped us with our down payment, we would not have been able to purchase our home," said the Clarendon homebuyer. "We are so happy to be living in our new house and appreciate their help."

"We're so pleased to have been able to assist this family in getting into their home," said Robbie Hill, Center Coordinator. "Others interested in utilizing this program to get into a home should contact us to see if you qualify for this program."

For more information about this program, call Panhandle Community Services at 874-2573.

Literacy Council seeks volunteers

The Friends of the Library Literacy Council is in desperate need of volunteers to become tutors. Tutors will help adults learn to read or study for the GED.

It can take as little as two hours a week of your time to make a difference in someone's life. For more information, call Ayesha at 874-2794 or the Burton Library at 874-3685.

Bronco Football

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CHS vs Claude

Friday in Bronco Stadium

7:30 p.m.

2001 Bronco Roster

1 Landon Shields	Sr	Rec/DE	60 J.C. Blackburn	Soph	OLLB
5 Drew Sell	Soph	Rec/DE	62 Tyler Lewis	Fresh	OLLB
7 Greg Wootton	Sr	Rec/DE	63 Brandon Herndon	Fresh	OLDL
10 Jarad Lax	Sr	Rec/DE	64 Robert Johnson	Soph	OLDL
11 Jeremy Ray	Sr	QB/DB	66 Zack Childs	Fresh	OLDL
12 Todd Hoeltzel	Jr	QB/DB	70 Steven Wilson	Soph	OLDL
14 Judge Smith	Jr	Rec/DB	72 Otis Scrivner	Soph	OLDL
20 Dusty Martindale	Soph	RB/DB	73 James Williams	Jr	OLDL
22 Scottie Willis	Fresh	Rec/DB	74 Lewis Lacey	Fresh	OLDL
25 Patrick Childs	Jr	RB/LB	75 Brandon Moody	Fresh	OLDL
40 Cameron Word	Jr	Rec/LB	77 Alex Polly	Jr	OLDL
44 Larry Wilson	Soph	RB/DB	79 Kelly Linquist	Sr	OLDL
54 Adam Leeper	Soph	OL/LB	80 Taylor Shelton	Jr	Rec/DE
55 Antonio Wilson	Sr	OL/DE	86 Tim Anderson	Jr	Rec/DB
56 Chuck Robertson	Jr	OL/DL	89 Micah Sparks	Sr	Rec/DE
58 Brian Thompson	Sr	OL/LB			

Head Coach: Roger Hoeltzel

Assistant Coaches: Joe Gifford, Danny Britain, Mike Ray, and Wade Callaway

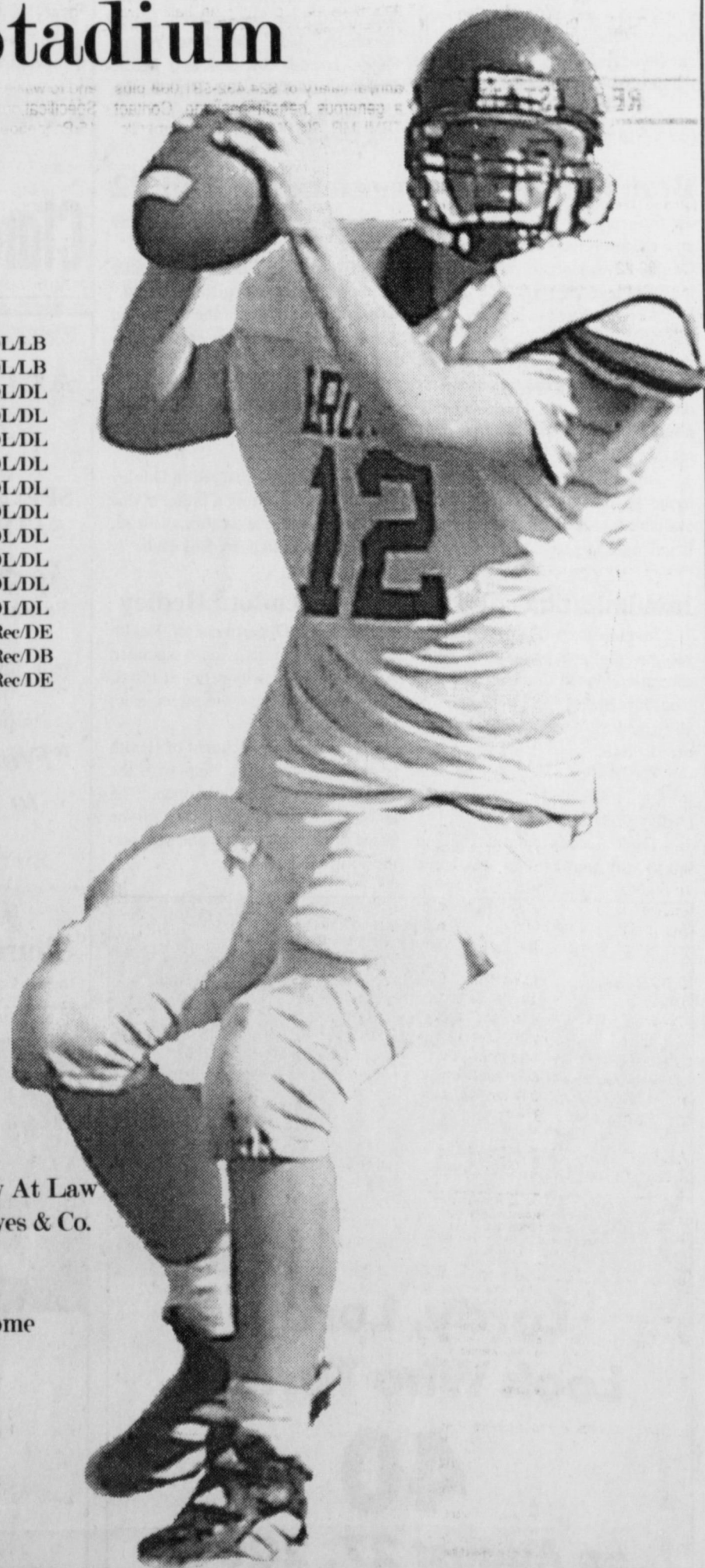
Student Trainers: Serenity Shay and Lydia Hartman

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Greenbelt Electric Cooperative
Greenbelt Water Authority
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J&W Lumber
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Med-Link Services
Mike's Pharmacy
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Wallace Monument
White's Feed & Seed



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Classifieds

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874-2259

MEETINGS

Clarendon Lodge #700 AF&AM Stated meeting: Second Monday each month, 8:00 p.m. Refreshments served at 7:00 p.m. Practice sessions: Fourth Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Allen H. Ecklack - W.M.
Larry Hicks - Secretary

Clarendon Order of the Eastern Star #6 Stated meetings: First Thursdays, 8:00 p.m. Refreshments served at 7 p.m.
Margaret Ann Pettit - W.M.
Opal Ramsey - Secretary

Clarendon Lions Club Regular meeting each Tuesday at noon.
Jerry Woodard, Boss Lion
Monty Hysinger, Secretary

Clarendon Girl Scouts Unit leaders meeting: Second Tuesday, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church,
Denise Bertrand, Membership Specialist, 874-2846

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting each Monday at 7:00 p.m. & Saturday at 7:00 p.m. at 305 S. Kearney St.

Donley Co. Memorial Post #7782 of the VFW Stated meeting: First Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.
J.D. Hopper - Commander
Bill Holden - Quartermaster
Post Home Phone No: 874-VETS
Bingo - Saturdays, 7:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saints' Roost Museum
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GARAGE SALES

CHILDREN'S EXCHANGE is now receiving and selling nice maternity clothing. 4515 S. Georgia. 806-352-6244. 36-2tc

GARAGE SALE: Saturday, September 8, 7:12 Goodnight at the back of the house. 9:00 a.m. 37-11c

ESTATE SALE IN MEMPHIS: 915 Cleveland. Friday and Saturday, 9:00-4:00. Large and small appliances; living, dining, and bedroom furniture; roll top desk; Christmas, craft, and sewing supplies. Lots of butterfly what-knots. West on Hwy. 256 to 10th, left to Cleveland. Watch for signs. 37-11c

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HUGE GARAGE SALE: 108 W. 3rd in Hedley. Saturday only, 8:00-7:37-11c

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GARAGE SALE: Three family, new jewelry, jewelry parts, 4 bicycles, toys, child's battery operated 4-wheeler, men and women's clothes, boots, 10x10 awning with sides, bedroom suit - \$350, and lots of nice stuff. 621 Collinson. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 7-8. 37-11p

HOWARDWICK COMMUNITY BUILDING - north end of City Park. Multiple families. Proceeds to Howardwick Beautification Club. Friday & Saturday, September 7-8, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. 37-11nc

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Texas Panhandle MHMR is seeking a S.T.A.R. (Services-To-At-Risk youth) counselor in the Clarendon area to provide counseling and skills training to youth and their families. Duties include screening, crisis intervention, collaboration with child-serving agencies, and action planning. A bachelor's degree in social, behavioral, human services, or related field plus one-two years case-worker experience is required. A master's degree in one of the fields, two years caseworker experience, and 1-3 years working with youth and their families is preferred. This position offers an annual salary of \$24,432-\$31,068 plus a generous benefit package. Contact TPMHMR, 901 Wallace Blvd, Amarillo, TX. 806-358-1681. EEO/Affirmative Action Employer. 36-2tc

HELP WANTED: All positions. Under new management. Apply in person at Pizza Hut. 34-4tc

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District: Childress
Contract 6075-38-001 for INSTALLATION OF ABOVE-GROUND TANK SYSTEM in DONLEY County will be opened on September 27, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$91,386.00. Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
NPO: 4530
State Office: Construction Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704, Phone: 512-416-2540.
District Office(s): Childress District, District Engineer, 1700 Ave F NW, Childress, Texas 79201, Phone: 940-937-7100.
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CITY OF HOWARDWICK BUDGET HEARING
The City of Howardwick will hold the 2001-2001 Budget Hearing on Tuesday, September 25, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. in Howardwick City Hall. 37-11c

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CLARENDON COLLEGE PROPOSED TAX RATE
Clarendon College will hold a meeting at 11:45 a.m. on Thursday September 20, 2001 at the VIP Room of the Bairfield Activity Center, Clarendon College Campus, Clarendon, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for the year 2001. The proposed tax rate is .18324 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in Clarendon College District by 5.26% over the effective tax rate. The 2001 proposed tax rate of .18324 is the same rate as the 2000 tax rate of .18324. 37-11c

THANK YOU

Thanks to all involved with the Eagle Scout Project that marked and numbered the lots on the back side of the lake for emergency personnel.
Floy Barrow

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Obituaries

Taylor

Memorial graveside services for Ernest B. Taylor, age 85, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 31, 2001, in Citizens Cemetery with Jerry Davey, Pastor of Pleasant Valley Christian Church in Amarillo, officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

He was born August 23, 1916, in Canton, Van Zandt County, Texas. He had lived in Donley County most of his early life, having moved to Amarillo in 1951. He married Amolene Mary Tollett on January 7, 1938, at Clarendon. He was a truck driver for Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Company for several years and later was self-employed as a carpenter before his retirement. He was born a triplet. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Amolene Taylor of Amarillo; two sons, Ronald W. Taylor and Tony Richard Taylor, both of Amarillo; a daughter, Joyce McDonald of Billings, Montana; 16 grandchildren; and 24 great grandchildren.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be to IHS Hos-

pital of Amarillo or to BSA Hospice in Amarillo.

Hitt

Rev. Horace Burdett Hitt of Cisco died Monday, July 30, 2001, at Eastland, Texas. Services were conducted at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 2, 2001, at Pioneer Baptist Church at Pioneer, Texas. Rev. Lane Franks officiated, assisted by Rev. Dwaine Clower. Burial was held in Crossroads Cemetery near Ranger under the direction of Kimbrough Funeral Home.

Mr. Hitt was born on Jun 10, 1925, south of Tell in Childress County. He was the son of Horace Water and Emma Lee Johnson Hitt. He attended the Tell School for several years and graduated from Lelia Lake High School in Donley County in 1943.

Mr. Hitt was a farmer, rancher, and a Baptist minister after the war. He served in mission churches in New Mexico, Utah, Southside Baptist Church at Tell, and several churches in the Eastland County area, Farmington, New Mexico, and Andrews, Texas. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Pioneer Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, the

former Frances Rushing of Cisco; three sons, Bobby Hitt of Austin, Stanley Hitt of Dallas, and Bill Hitt of Breckenridge; four daughters, Shelia Cabe of Denver, Colorado, Debbie Stoltzfus of Morgantown, Penn., Carla Griffith of Ephrata, Penn. and Shala Rodgers of New Holland, Penn.; a sister, Louise Hitt Copeland Sexton of Palestine; a brother, Don Hitt of Farmington, New Mexico; 15 grandchildren; and four great grandchildren. He is also survived by several cousins and other relatives in the Childress area.

Chapman

Graveside services for Ruth Elvira Chapman, age 94, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 25, 2001, in Llano Cemetery in Amarillo with Paul Sneed officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of N.S. Griggs & Sons Funeral Directors in Amarillo.

Mrs. Chapman died Thursday, August 23, 2001, in Amarillo. She was born in Eldorado, Oklahoma.

She grew up in Miami, Pampa, and Lefors. She married Alexander M. "Bud" Chapman on August 24, 1938, in Clayton, NM.

Mr. Chapman preceded her in death on March 5, 1985. Mrs. Chapman had ranching interests at Endee, MN, and Broken Bow and Tryon, Nebraska. She was the owner of Orchid Beauty Salon. She had been a beautician for more than 50 years with salons in Shamrock, Vega, and Amarillo. She was a member of the Central Church of Christ.

Survivors include four daughters, Roxie Thomas Brownlee of Clarendon, Clara J. Chapman Driggs of Denver, Victoria E. Grogan of Fritch, and J. Rose Chapman Ballard of Phoenix; a sister, Rose Hall of Clarendon; 23 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; and 28 great great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to High Plains Children's Home and Family Services, 11451 S. Western St., Amarillo, TX 79118; or to a favorite charity.

Big E Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
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 5. Degrade
 10. Catch sight of
 14. Collect
 15. Outdoes
 16. Orthodox Islam
 17. Like a new father
 20. Work surface
 21. Understands through intuition (slang)
 22. Allow
 23. Vegetable root
 25. Delays
 29. Power unit
 33. Tailor
 34. They _____
 35. Hoof
 36. Ordered around
 38. Monkeys' vantage points
 41. Obeah
 42. Primates
 44. Manservant
 45. Renewals
 48. Mixture
 49. Opera feature
 50. One of 12 sons of Jacob
 51. Old World lizard
 54. Suffers a nervous breakdown
 59. Like a newborn babe
 62. Hawk
 63. Bewilder
 64. Czech river
 65. Privation
 66. Cola
 67. Interpret
- DOWN**
1. Acknowledgment (abbr.)
 2. Light
 3. Clod
 4. Hebrew calendar month
 5. Decreases
 6. Muddle
 7. As fast as can be done (abbr.)
 8. Engine additive
 9. Compass pt.
 10. Part of some contracts
 11. Turn away
 12. Opens a lock
 13. Laughs
 18. Expunge
 19. North-central Indian city
 23. Districts (abbr.)
 24. Phil _____, former CIA
 25. Small drum
 26. Brick
 27. Rationale
 28. Lasting records (abbr.)
 29. Family unit
 30. Coral island
 31. Pith helmet
 32. Petulant
 37. Iranian
 39. Smoothly
 40. Small amount
 43. Field or snow
 46. Most unexciting
 47. Toward the mouth
 48. African country
 50. Martial-art places
 51. Afresh
 52. Indian sacred city
 53. Kwa
 54. Raise an objection
 55. Cain and _____
 56. Type of tree
 57. Nuclear near reach weapon (abbr.)
 58. Promised land
 60. Nucleotide (abbr.)
 61. The woman

Sheriff's Report:

Drunk man lets air out of tires

- August 27**
- 4:00 a.m. - Gas drive off in 800 block W. 2nd St.
 - 9:58 a.m. - Threatening telephone calls.
 - 1:18 p.m. - Attempted burglary in Brisco County. Advised subjects traveling in this direction.
 - 2:12 p.m. - Out with vehicle passing illegally in construction zone.
 - 8:33 p.m. - Out at residence on CR 7A.
 - 10:24 p.m. - Possible juvenile walking on N. SH 70.

September 1

- 12:06 a.m. - Vehicle with loud music in 400 block of S. Koogle.
- 1:15 a.m. - Vehicle following rental truck with flashers.
- 8:56 a.m. - Dogs barking and disturbing neighborhood in 700 block of Johns St.
- 9:00 p.m. - Person on bridge at lake.
- 9:14 p.m. - Fight at Sandy Beach at Lake Greenbelt.

September 2

- 12:20 a.m. - Intoxicated male letting air out of tires at Dawn St. in Howardwick.
- 12:28 a.m. - To jail with one male in custody.
- 1:44 a.m. - Business alarm in 900 block of W. 2nd St.
- 1:56 a.m. - Vehicle with loud music south bound on S. Koogle St.
- 2:15 a.m. - Out at Kincaid Park.
- 2:37 a.m. - Vehicle with loud music on S. Koogle St.
- 3:02 p.m. - Residence alarm at Howardwick.
- 6:41 p.m. - Single vehicle rollover 5 miles W. of Hedley.
- 8:45 p.m. - Several weather approaching Clarendon.
- 10:03 p.m. - Assisting motorcyclist on W. US 287.

Summary for Aug. 27 - Sep. 2
 Livestock Out: 4
 Arrests: 3
 Ambulance Calls: 2
 Fire Calls: 0
 Wrecker Calls: 3

August 28

- 7:53 a.m. - Vehicle reported off the roadway 1/2 M. E. of Lelia Lake; possible accident. Not occupied.
- 8:05 a.m. - Subject soliciting money for bus fare on US 287 at Jefferson St.
- 12:46 p.m. - Vehicle reported driving at excessive speed at 7th St. and Johns St.
- 2:01 p.m. - Assault of female on I-40. Weapon involved.
- 11:56 p.m. - Loud music from vehicle; may be attempting to strip disabled vehicle in 700 block of W. 6th St.

August 29

- 12:53 p.m. - Hit and run at US 287 at Carhart St.
- 1:41 p.m. - Out at residence at 3rd St. and Faker St.
- 1:42 p.m. - Disabled truck at US 287 at S. Kearney St.
- 1:45 p.m. - En route to jail with one female in custody.
- 4:01 p.m. - Subject reported stranded, possible disabled vehicle on N. SH 70.
- 5:03 p.m. - Calves out E. of Lelia Lake. Owner notified.
- 10:44 p.m. - Out with pedestrians at US 287 at CR LL.

August 30

- 3:07 a.m. - Dog continues to bark in 500 block of E. 4th St.
- 6:10 a.m. - Possible intoxicated driver west bound on US 287 9-10 miles W. of town.
- 12:23 p.m. - Reckless driver traveling at excessive speed near school.
- 8:27 p.m. - Business alarm at 200 block of S. Kearney St.
- 8:56 p.m. - College students blocking roadway.
- 8:59 p.m. - Vehicle traveling at high rate of speed on W. 3rd St.
- 10:44 p.m. - En route to jail with one female in custody.

August 31

- 2:26 a.m. - Possible intoxicated driver on N. SH 70 in south bound lane.
- 7:43 a.m. - Vehicle spinning tires making abrupt turn in and out of school parking lot.
- 8:02 a.m. - Minor accident on E. side of Hedley School
- 11:09 a.m. - Two motorcycles traveling excessive speed E. of Clarendon in west bound lane.
- 1:02 p.m. - Possible hit and run of vehicle at City Park.
- 6:34 p.m. - Vehicle hung up on curb at Koogle St. and 4th St.

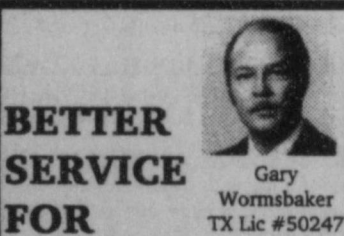


The Lion's Tale
 By Allen Estlack

Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting September 4 with 18 members and one guest. Boss Lion Jerry Woodard was in charge.

We voted to support the Girlstown Coat and Shoe Fund and passed out Pancake Supper tickets. The supper will be held October 12 at the Clarendon School Cafeteria.

Our program was presented by Robert Moore of the Texas Liver Coalition. Twenty-five million Americans suffer from liver or liver-related diseases. Hepatitis is the most serious liver disease facing the nation today.



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Last Week's Solutions

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