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

Ground Water District keeps same tax rate

WHITE DEER - At their meeting on September 3, Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District's Board of Directors set the 2003 tax rate at \$0.0154 per \$100 valuation. This is the same rate the district adopted last year and will decrease revenues approximately \$30,000.

The final bill to property owners may vary from county to county because of differences in valuations. Property appraisals are made by the individual counties.

The district includes all or parts of Armstrong, Carson, Donley, Gray, Hutchinson, Hemp-hill, Potter, Roberts, and Wheeler counties.

The board also lowered the 2003-2004 budget by more than \$41,000.

Clarendon Class of '38 plans reunion Friday

The Clarendon High School graduating class of 1938 will meet for their 65th reunion on Friday, September 26, 2003.

Activities planned include a trip to the Bar H Dude Ranch Friday evening. The group will leave from the Western Skies Motel en route to the ranch.

Saturday morning after a breakfast get together, classmates, guests, and friends will meet at the Burton Memorial Library for registration, visiting, and picture taking until noon.

Saturday's agenda will conclude with attending the Col. Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff at 5:00 p.m. at the museum.

For those wishing to attend, a Sunday breakfast will be the time for good-byes and wishes for safe trips home.

USDA issues final crop payments for 2002

Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman has announced that USDA will immediately begin issuing final 2002-crop counter-cyclical payments for upland cotton, rice, and peanuts.

The final 2002-crop counter-cyclical payment rate for upland cotton is 13.73 cents per pound; for rice, \$1.65 per hundredweight; and for peanuts, \$95 per ton

Community choir looks for Christmas singers

Several local churches have joined together to begin working on a Christmas Cantata. The cantata will be presented in some of the local churches during the Christmas season.

If you like to sing, come join them on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. They will be meeting this Sunday at the First Baptist Church and rotate practice dates with the First United Methodist Church.

For more information, contact James Thomas or Debbie Roberts.

Museum to host cookoff this Saturday

A busy day is in store at the Saints' Roost Museum as the ninth annual Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff gets underway this Saturday, September 27.

Sixteen wagons are set to compete for top prizes, and the day will provide great family entertainment for all ages. Two other wagons were also scheduled to compete but had to pull out in recent days due to circumstances beyond the museum's control.

The gate opens at 7:30 a.m. with breakfast and lunch concessions

provided by Boy Scout Troop 433, and museum tours will be available throughout the day.

The tradeshow starts at 10 a.m. with exhibits by Kenneth Wyatt Galleries, Jack & Lindy Craft, Iron Buckboard Silver, Cowboy Fudge, G-B's, Cortney Shaller, Millie B's Country Corner, Delbert Trew, Clarendon Assembly of God, Ed Bright, Katherine Ariola, the Friends of the Library, and many more area businesses and organizations.

Patrick Robertson and KEFH-FM will provide music beginning

at 11 a.m. Live entertainment follows with afternoon performances scheduled by Dan Hall of Clarendon, Cozy and the Red River Valley Band of McLean, Robert Shelton of Clarendon, cowboy poet Oscar Auker of Clarendon, Dusty Michele Armstrong of White Deer, Gary Alan Bruce of Clarendon, and the Maskils of Panhandle.

The Chuckwagon meal will be served at 5 p.m. with a menu of chicken fried steak, potatoes, beans, and cobbler.

At 6:30, the museum will raffle

off a pair of James Owens Handmade Boots, and the cookoff awards will be presented at 6:45.

Admission to the all-day event is free. Tickets for the authentic Chuckwagon supper are \$10 each and can be purchased in advance at Henson's in Clarendon by calling 806/874-3517. Boot tickets are also available at Henson's or from any museum board member.

This year's cookoff will also be accompanied by the first Saints' Roost Gun & Knife Show located inside the Clarendon Community

Center. Admission to the show is free with a cookoff ticket or \$3 at the door. The gun show will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

On Sunday morning, cowboy church will be held under the tent at the museum with preaching by Shannon Hall of Loco, Okla.

Proceeds from the cookoff and the gun show will benefit the Saints' Roost Museum's continuing efforts to preserve the history of Donley County. The museum is located just off State Hwy. 70 South.



Centennial celebration

Clarendon first grader Chelsea Morris gets her free Dairy Queen ice cream cone as fellow classmates Reanna Jackson, Stone Schwertner, and Nate Cox patiently wait for their turn. Dairy Queen served free cones to students from Clarendon Elementary and all their patrons on Monday as they celebrated the 100th birthday of the ice cream cone. More than 900 cones were served, and the local DQ also raised \$200 for the Children's Miracle Network during the promotion.

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Sheriff arrests man who hit on girls

The Donley County Sheriff's Office is reminding kids to be wary around strangers following last week's arrest of an Amarillo man here.

Larry Lee Lincoln, age 39, was arrested and booked into the Donley County Jail on prohibited weapons charges after making advances on two local girls.

According to Sheriff Butch Blackburn, the juveniles came to his office after school last Thursday and reported a man in his 30s was trying to pick them up. The suspect had given his phone number to one of the girls, and Blackburn had the girl call the man.

The subject made several sexual

advances during the phone conversation and made arrangements for a date despite the girl's mentioning that she is a minor.

The sheriff met the subject at 8 p.m. that evening on the Clarendon High School parking lot, discovered prohibited weapons in the man's possession, and took the man into custody.

Lincoln has a lengthy criminal history and was on parole for delivery of a controlled substance. At press time, he was being held on second-degree felony charges and a Texas Department of Criminal Justice blue warrant, which is not bondable.

"I want to thank the two girls for having the mental fortitude to bring

this to my office," Blackburn said. "I believe this person is a predator of small children. Even though I can't mention the girls' names, they did the community and all area communities a service when they came forward."

Blackburn said the suspect possessed maps of several area towns and said he thought it looked as though the man was preying on small towns.

"The community needs to be aware that there are predators out there; and although we may not have many here, they can come from 60 miles away and be in our school parking lot," he said. "Kids need to be aware of the old saying, 'stranger - danger.'"

Students speak out about racial harmony

Kids at Clarendon High School spoke out to keep their student body united Tuesday morning after a note bearing a racial slur was left on the locker of one girl.

CHS Principal Larry Jeffers called an assembly following the Monday incident and said he wanted to "stop a destructive poison before it spread."

"As students of CHS, you are better than that," Jeffers said. "There is no one better or worse than you are."

Jeffers said teachers are busy trying to match the handwriting on the note, promised the offender would be punished, and then turned the assembly over to the students.

Crystal Smith was the first to

speak and said she thought the attitude behind the note should not be in Clarendon schools.

"It really wasn't cute," she said, "and I don't think I did anything to anybody to deserve that."

CHS Student Council President Tim Leeper apologized that such a thing had happened at his school and said he wants to see the person who did it punished.

"I feel sorry for the person who did this because it shows they are insecure and how immature they are," Leeper said.

Other students spoke one after another with each echoing the same theme of unity.

"It's us who's going have to change things," said Andrea Findley.

And Kate Bennett added, "What would make someone think they're superior just because of their skin? That's stupid."

The final speakers were Brittney Hall and Equilla Weatherton, who stood arm in arm and said even though they are different colors, they are best friends. Weatherton also said she had not experienced divisiveness during her life at Clarendon schools and did not want her senior year to be remembered for this one incident.

Jeffers said after the assembly he intends to bring in some speakers who can address the students on the topic of prejudice from their own experiences. He also plans to hold a forum for parents next Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the CHS Auditorium.

CC still feeling effects of state budget crunch

Clarendon College Regents approved a \$5.5 million operating budget for the 2003-2004 fiscal year during their regular meeting last Thursday.

The board also adopted a tax increase for the Clarendon College District, which changes the ad valorem rate from \$0.183240 per \$100 valuation to \$0.1987, an increase in the rate of slightly more than 1/2 cents. The total local tax levy accounts for only \$294,275 in income for the college.

The increase this year will cost the owner of a \$50,000 property an additional \$7.73 per year.

CC President Myles Shelton said the tax increase was necessary in the face of funding cuts on the state level. Clarendon College's direct state appropriation for fiscal year 2004 is \$356,887 less than FY 2003.

"We can't make it all up, but there is a portion we had to make up to continue to operate," Shelton said. "If we were fully funded, then we would be better off."

Community colleges in Texas haven't been fully funded since 1985, Shelton said. Now, the state is only paying about 51% of the cost of community college education expenses.

Earlier this year, state budget cuts led to staff reductions and increases in the tuition and fees paid by students, and Shelton said Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn has as much as said that the state budget was balanced on the backs of teachers, schools, and colleges.

"...the share of the state budget reductions borne by school folks will total \$1.1 billion in the next two years," Strayhorn wrote in the

September issue of her *Fiscal Notes* newsletter.

Shelton said the Legislature this spring mandated the formation of a study group to make recommendations about the future funding of higher education in Texas. The findings of the study group will not be released until 2005.

In other college business, regents received updates on construction projects now underway or nearing completion.

CC is nearing the closeout phases of the Livestock & Equine Center (LEC) and the softball field, both of which were built with donated money. The LEC is expected to be ready in October. The new dorm is operational and full of students. It was built with revenue bonds, which are funded by student fees.

Work continues on a new library facility, which has been mandated by the college's accrediting agency and will be built with donated money. CC expects to have blueprints next month and to begin construction by late December or the first part of 2004.

Regents discussed a possible lease of CC's property near Conway to a renewable energy company, but no action was taken.

A Request For Proposals (RFP) was discussed for a new motor coach, but the board decided to reject all the proposals.

In personnel issues, the board hired Cliff Sandin as a custodian at the CC Pampa Center, and regents learned of Ranch & Feedlot Operations instructor Jerry Gage's intention to retire after the current school year.



The Queen's Court

Lydia Hartman (right) was crowned as the 2003 Clarendon High School Homecoming Queen during halftime ceremonies in Bronco Stadium last Friday night. Other members of the homecoming court are Lacey Eads, Brandie Lockhart, and Beth Foster.

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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.

CHS students are examples of tolerance

During a press convention in 1998, we had as our featured speaker the publisher of the newspaper at Jasper, Texas. That's the town where some white men dragged a black man to death a few years ago, making that community a lightning rod for every commentary on racial tension throughout the country.

Jasper was not a hotbed of racism, as some portrayed it. But the actions of a very few tainted the image of the town in the eyes of the rest of the world. As I listened to Willis Webb describe the effects of that horrific event on his community, one thought kept running through my mind: "I hope I never have to cover a story like that." And thankfully, I haven't... at least not that bad.

The ENTERPRISE has, however, had to cover a couple of racially tense stories in recent history, and yet another one hits our pages this week. None of our local problems have risen (or some might say "sunk") to the level of major or life-threatening tensions, but these incidents are divisive and harmful nonetheless. They reflect poorly on our town, even though I firmly believe the vast majority of our citizens would denounce such actions.

When the news came to my office that a student had a note bearing a slur placed on their locker, I immediately did not want to have to think about such a thing happening at my school. I certainly did not want to go to the CHS Auditorium. I can't speak for all reporters, but I personally don't relish having bad news to report. And yet, I had to go to carry out the obligations of this newspaper.

On my way to the school, I was overcome with the sense of dread that accompanies having to write a negative news story. But I shouldn't have felt that way. I should have had more faith in the student body of my alma mater.

Principal Larry Jeffers set the right tone for the meeting and then rightly turned the floor over to the students. It took courage for those kids to stand up like they did and speak their minds, and the entire community should applaud them for their remarks.

Those young people spoke out against prejudice and for tolerance, against shutting people out and for including folks of all races, and against the notions of racial superiority and for equality. Their attitudes exhibit the best ideals of America, and they set the example that we should all follow.

We can look around the world and see what hate does — how it divides neighbors, territories, and peoples. We can look at our own history and see the injustices perpetrated here because of hate and prejudice. And we all know that still today there are vestiges of bigotry even in our own community.

Intolerance is typically not as blatant as it was during the days of segregation. But it still exists in the quiet whisper of a racial slur, the off-color remark, or the more overt acts such as posting a note on someone's locker.

Mr. Jeffers said that even referring to racial groups as "them" or "those people" can be offensive because "they" are really part of "us." Or to put it in terms some of the students used, dividing people by skin color or background is just plain stupid.

Incidents like this note at the school attack individuals for something beyond their control in an effort to make them something less than human. That is simply unacceptable.

Clarendon is made up of all sorts of folks. Our neighbors are different colors, have different backgrounds, and follow different religions. From that diversity our community draws strength from a wealth of talents, skills, and viewpoints.

It may seem like a contradiction that a diverse population makes us stronger, but it has been proven true in the American experiment. This nation is the mightiest on Earth because it aspires to the ideal that no one is better than anybody else.

It will probably never be the case that everybody likes everybody. But it is not really asking too much for people to be civil to one another, to respect each other's rights, and to judge people not by their appearances but by their conduct.

The school's effort to make our students more aware of racial intolerance is a good idea, but I'm not sure the problem really lies with the kids at all. As adults we should all be role models for living the way we know we should — by treating people as we would want to be treated. Unfortunately, there are a few kids who may not be seeing that behavior at home.

As a group, the students of Clarendon High School are far better than the one misguided soul who left that hateful note. The majority of the students don't look at their classmates and see black or white or brown; they usually just see their friends. There is a lesson to be learned there.

People are often complaining about the youth of America. I'm just as guilty for thinking that "the country's going straight to blazes" because of whatever fad that has teenagers in its grip. But if Tuesday's assembly is any indication of what's really going on in the heads of those kids, then I think we're going to be okay. As a matter of fact, in this instance, the kids can teach us a thing or two.



editor's commentary
by roger estlack

Weekend alone increases productivity

I neglected to mention last week that it was also my little sister's 17th birthday. I got an irate phone message from an anonymous source saying that I was a jerk face for not saying happy birthday.

I publicly apologize to her for this omission.

I spent the weekend alone for the first time this semester. My roommate went to visit some friends at Baylor in Waco.

It turned out to be an incredibly productive weekend.

I woke up Saturday at about noon. By two o'clock I had done my laundry, cleaned my room, and given myself a haircut.

I bought a new book and had it half way read by six o'clock.

I called up my new friend Amber to see if she wanted to go see a play.

Amber is one of my "co-stars" in the musical I am currently working on. Amber plays "Grace, the mill worker," "Woman in Cubicle," and "Woman." I play "Man,"

"Another Woman in Cubicle," and "Receptionist."

Amber grew up in Africa where her parents are missionaries on the Ivory Coast. I like to tease her about riding elephants, hunting gazelle, and I like to explain how we do things in America.

"No, you see, in America, we drive on the right side of the road."

"I don't know what you did in Africa, but in America, we don't eat those."

Of course, I know she's lived in America for a year and a half now. She is remarkably well adjusted.

Anyway, so Amber and I decided to go see a play starring one of our friends.

The theatre itself is a little hole in the wall. There may have been 20 people in the audience. It was a full house.



life's lessons
by carrie helms

The leading man had a prosthetic leg. This concerned me just briefly. I was more concerned with watching my friend kiss him with his greasy mullet and ridiculous beard. It was kind of gross.

The leg part didn't really bother me. I think I could live with a handsome guy with good hygiene and a fake leg. But a mullet and a peg leg? There's only so much a woman can take.

Humphrey Bogart was certainly the single shining moment in the whole thing. He appeared periodically to give advice to the leading man. "Why don't you just kiss her, kid? If that doesn't work, slap her around a little bit."

After I got back to my room, I stayed up until about 3 o'clock finishing my book. Then I had to stay up an extra hour pondering and analyzing and discussing the book with myself.

Like I said, it was an incredibly productive weekend.



Cancer institute works to stop disease

Did you know that September is the official "Hug a Texas Chef" month? Or that October was "Go Nuts Over Texas Peanuts" month? Texas calendars offer fun celebrations, lively holidays, and unique festivals; but in addition to the more light-hearted causes, the first months of fall have two sobering causes to trumpet as well: prostate and breast cancer awareness.

According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death for women. More than 211,000 women will be diagnosed in 2003 — nearly 14,000 of them in Texas. Thirty nine thousand will die this year. Prostate cancer is the second most common cause of cancer deaths in American men. In 2003, it is estimated that more than 220,000 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed — 13,200 in Texas. Nearly 29,000 men in the U.S. will die from this disease this year.

Although these statistics are disturbing, there is hope. Both cancers have this in common: early detection means better chances for recovery.

Breast Cancer
Early detection and treatment are the best strategies in decreasing the chances of having to remove the breast and prevent-

ing death. Mammograms are the best way to find breast cancer at an early stage when treatments are most effective. They are not fool proof, but after 40 years of research, mammograms are the best way to detect breast cancer. Regular self-exams coupled with clinical breast exams are the first line of defense. Women in their 20s and 30s are at a low risk for breast cancer, but they should have regular breast exams at least every three years. For women 40 and older, annual mammograms are recommended. Women with increased risk of breast cancer because of family history or past cancer should talk to their doctor about the best course of action.

Prostate Cancer
In the last decade, prostate cancer has become the most commonly diagnosed non-skin cancer in men. The National Prostate Cancer Coalition assesses the chances of getting prostate cancer are one in three if you have just one close relative, such as a father or brother, with the



capitol comment
by sen. kay bailey hutchison

disease. The risk is five-fold with two close relatives, and with three, it's 97 percent certain you'll get prostate cancer. Thirty percent of new cases occur in men under the age of 65. African American men are at special risk for the disease. They have the highest rate of prostate cancer in the world — nearly 60 percent higher than in white males and double the mortality rate.

The American Urological Association encourages routine testing for prostate cancer for men who are over 50. If there is a family history of the disease, regular testing should begin at 40. A healthy diet and regular exercise are also believed to help reduce the risk of prostate cancer.

Researching a Cure
In Congress, we recently fulfilled our commitment to double the budget of the National Institutes of Health, which houses the National Cancer Institute (NCI) — our nation's cancer research arm. With a nearly \$5 billion annual budget, NCI scientists are working with leading organizations to help stop these diseases in their tracks. With the government working hand-in-hand with private industry and researchers to find a cure, and the public doing its part to prevent and detect these diseases, we will put cancer behind us.

Readers speak out on paving question

Reading and re-reading your account of [the called city aldermen] meeting I note that not one of the aldermen wondered why the c.o. issue didn't pass. Apparently not one of them asked, "Where did we go wrong in our planning?" or "What could we have done differently?"

It was much easier just to rail against the voting public, wasn't it?

A side note: back in the eighties Mark White's daddy, Gene White, was on the Board of Aldermen. Fourth Street west was full of potholes. Gene had the city crew to dump several loads of sand on the street and grade it smooth. It was in the spring and the wind was blowing.

Billie Shaffer,
Clarendon

Editor's Response: Reading and re-reading your letter, I note that not once is there a positive suggestion on how to improve our streets. Why not put forth an alternative plan for improvements? I guess it's just much easier to rail against those in office.

Secondly, what Alderman White's father did or did not do two decades ago is irrelevant to his son's current efforts to improve this city. Let's try focusing on the future.

Fix the streets we have

Sometimes the person with the weakest argument resorts to name-calling. It did not seem to make a lot of sense to pave more streets until we can maintain the ones we have.

Chuck Stout,
Clarendon

What would God say?

You can't buy your way into heaven! The Lord is coming back soon. When these things start happening — look up!

Some have lived in this town for over 70 years and have made it fine. Want it fancy? Do it with your own money. Don't steal it from the poor!

I lived there in Clarendon years ago. Now some one wants it their way. Okay,

have it your way — you pay for it — not the poor!

When you stand before God, what do you think he will say? He will say, "It is as easy for you to get into Heaven as it is for a camel to go through the eye of a needle."

It is not your town! Wake up! It is not your town!

Ruth Shamp,
Corona, California

Editor's Response: We would have all paid for the streets because all of us would have benefited. The town survived for 30 years without a sewer system; and I'm sure some thought such a thing was "fancy," but it was necessary for growth and progress.

The town belongs to those who live here, ma'am. Some folks are newcomers, some families have been here since the beginning, but we should all work together.

As far as God's words on the day of my judgment, I'm certain they will be more like this: "Come in, my son. You've been through enough hell, and here the streets are paved."

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- **FREE ADMISSION!**
- **Museum Tours**
- **Western Trade Show**
- **Gun & Knife Show***
- **Live Entertainment**

Saturday, September 27, 2003

- 11:00 a.m. KEFH-FM-99.3 Patrick Robertson, Clarendon
- 1:00 p.m. The Maskils, Panhandle
- 1:30 p.m. Saints' Roost Jamboree Band, Clarendon
- 2:00 p.m. Robert Shelton, Clarendon
- 2:30 p.m. Dan Hall, Clarendon
- 3:00 p.m. Oscar Auker, Cowboy Poet, Clarendon
- 3:30 p.m. Gary Alan Bruce, Clarendon
- 4:30 p.m. Dusty Michele Armstrong, White Deer
- 5:00 p.m. National Anthem by Dusty Michele Armstrong

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CHUCKWAGON SUPPER at 5 p.m.

- 5:00 p.m. Cozy & The Red River Valley Band, McLean
- 6:30 p.m. Boot Raffle, Hay Auction, & Cookoff Awards
- 7:00 p.m. Cowboy Poets Oskar Auker & Justin Hagel

Sunday, September 28, 2003

- 8:00 a.m. Cowboy Church — Shannon Hall

Get Your Tickets Early!

Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at Henson's or by calling

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*Admission to the Saints' Roost Gun & Knife Show at the Clarendon Community Center is free with the purchase of a cookoff ticket. Regular gun show admission is \$3 at the door.

www.SaintsRoost.org

¿Qué Pasa?

Your guide to "what's happening" around Donley County.

September 26

CHS v. Nazareth • in Nazareth • 7:30 p.m.

HHS Homecoming • HHS v. Plainview Christian Academy • Owl Field • 7:30 p.m.

September 27

Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff • Saints' Roost Museum • Tickets on sale at Henson's

CC v. Trinidad State • Bulldog Gym • 2 p.m.

Community Choir Practice • First Baptist Church • 4 p.m.

September 27 - 28

Saints' Roost Gun and Knife Show • Clarendon Community Center • 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., noon to 5 p.m.

October 3

CHS v. White Deer • in White Deer • 7:30 p.m.

October 10

CHS v. Shamrock • in Shamrock • 7:30 p.m.

HHS v. Happy • in Happy • 7:30 p.m.

October 11

Hedley Cotton Festival • Details TBA

Fire Prevention Poster Contest • Clarendon Fire Hall • 10 a.m.

October 16

Bosses' Day

Bulldogs scrimmage v. Southwestern College • Bulldog Gym • 7:30

October 17

Lions Club Pancake Supper • Clarendon School Cafeteria • 5 p.m.

Community Menus

Sept. 29 - Oct. 3

Clarendon Schools

Breakfast

Mon: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk
Tues: Biscuits and sausage, fruit, milk
Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk
Thur: Eggs, toast, fruit, milk
Fri: Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk
Lunch
Mon: Burritos, corn, tossed salad, peaches and cream, milk
Tues: Chicken stir fry, vegetables, salad, crackers, fruit, milk
Wed: Barbecue chicken, potatoes, green beans, cake, rolls, milk
Thur: Beef stroganoff, beans, salad, fruit Jell-O, rolls, milk
Fri: Ham salad sandwich, potato chips, carrot sticks, fruit, milk

Hedley Schools

Breakfast

Mon: Breakfast bar, toast and jelly, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk
Tues: Egg sausage bake with cheese, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk
Wed: Not available
Thur: Not available
Fri: Not available
Lunch
Mon: Cheese and beef macaroni, green beans, sliced pears, salad, rolls, milk
Tues: Sloppy Joe on a bun, fries, oranges, salad, carrot sticks, milk
Wed: Not available
Thur: Not available
Fri: Not available

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Lemon pepper fish, mini baked potato, Brussels sprouts, coleslaw, peaches and bananas, cornbread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Tues: Crispy chicken sandwich, onion rings, zucchini and tomatoes, pea salad, strawberry poke cake, hamburger bun, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Wed: Mexican picon, beans, rice, tossed salad, cinnamon crisps, tortilla chips, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Thur: Sweet and sour pork chops, rice pilaf, winter vegetables, spinach salad, tropical apple crunch, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Fri: Santa Fe chicken, chili beans, corn, rosy applesauce, peanut butter cookies, roll, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Ham salad sandwiches, potato wedges, lettuce, tomato, onion, ice cream, bread, coffee, tea, milk
Tues: Salisbury steak, broccoli and rice casserole, fried okra, tossed salad, cherry cobbler, roll, coffee, tea, milk
Wed: Roast beef and gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, apple rings, banana pudding, roll, coffee, tea, milk
Thur: Baked chicken, vegetable sticks, California blend vegetables, Waldorf salad, brownie, roll, coffee, tea, milk
Fri: Beef stew with peas, carrots, and potatoes, macaroni salad, sliced peaches, corn muffin, coffee, tea, milk

Local talent to be cookoff entertainment

So how many of you came out to shiver through the Homecoming game last Friday night? I don't know about you, but I half froze, and I had a coat on. I know those Homecoming Queen nominees had to be much, much colder in their fancy dresses. Beth Foster, Brandy Lockhart, Lydia Hartman and Lacey Eads all looked gorgeous - but cold.

Congratulations to Queen Lydia Hartman, and we're all glad she (and the other girls) didn't turn into human icicles. I was amused to see her paying off a bet after the game. She bet against herself, that she wouldn't win Homecoming Queen.

Her friends had more faith.

The Mexican Pile-On was a big success. Thank you to all those whose hard work made it one. Special thanks go to the cafeteria workers who chopped vegetables so the parents didn't have to, to James Thomas for cooking, to Debbie Howard for phone work above the call of duty, and to everyone who came and supported the Bronco Band.

Now for the upcoming events. Book Club on Thursday this week at 5 p.m. at the library. If you love reading, and enjoy talking about what you read, come join us. We're not reading anything in particular just now - just

talking about the books we've read.

And the Chuckwagon Cookoff is this weekend. There will be entertainment and activities all day Saturday, and a gun and knife show both Saturday and Sunday. Lots of our local folks are providing the entertainment - I don't know when the other folks are performing exactly, but Robert Shelton's music is at 2 p.m. In case you wanted to know.



around town
by gail shelton
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Cotton Festival plans continue to shape up

I think autumn has arrived about a month early. I went to bed Wednesday night with the air conditioner on and woke up during the night cold, so I turned it off. When I got up Thursday morning, the wind was blowing out of the north and was almost freezing. It was cloudy and looked like snow almost all day. The sun finally came out late that evening.

I had to wear a jacket Thursday and Friday. Cathy said she had some light frost on her windshield Friday morning.

I talked to the former Marie Butler one day last week. She and her sisters are in charge of the refreshments at the Hedley School reunion to be held in conjunction with the Cotton Festival. It will be held in the cafeteria of the school, and she

asks that those attending bring finger goods such as sandwiches, cookies, chips, dips, and desserts.

Other plans are in the works for the 52nd Cotton Festival. Rumors went around a few years ago that the festival would cease after the fiftieth one, but somehow it keeps going on. People who live away from Hedley always want to come back for it, but they don't do any of the work it takes to put it on.

The late Billy Wilson told me once that it's a willing world. A few of the people are willing to do the work, and the rest are willing to let them. How true!

Rhonda Shaw and her kids, LaRae and Ben, attended the Tri-State Fair last week. Rhonda said the food was good.

Keith and Karen took Rance and his cousin Tanner to the Fair. Reese stayed with his other grandparents, Helen and Buddy Ford. I asked Keith when I was going to get to keep him, and he told me he didn't know. He didn't make those decisions.

I had lunch Sunday with Su-San in Memphis. We got there early, before the church crowd came, so we didn't see many folks we knew. We did see Marie Bland's brother, Jimmy Spruel, and David Phelps. David and



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by peggy watt
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Grant will help finance EMT class for ambulance service

The Associated Ambulance Authority recently received a grant for \$5,000 from the Texas Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA).

Ambulance Director Anita Aaron said the rural education grant would help the authority offset the cost of its upcoming EMT-Intermediate class, which is scheduled to start January 5.

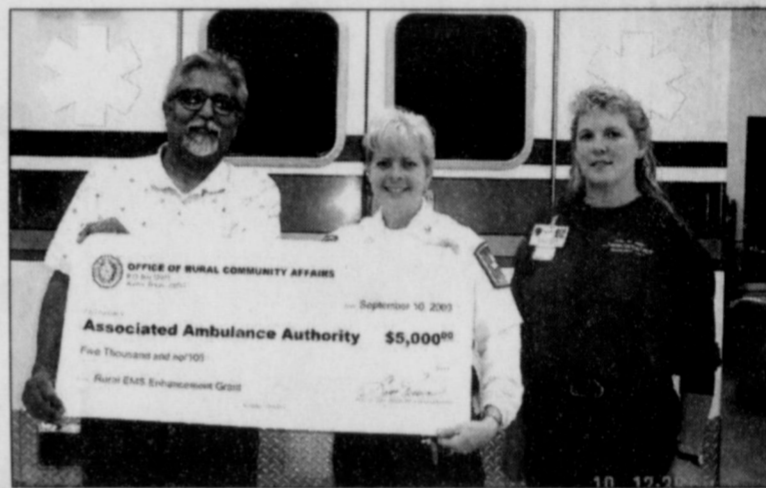
The class would usually cost students \$1,000 each plus textbooks; but with the grant, the authority hopes to bring that price down to about \$250.

Currently, the authority is host-

ing an EMT-Basic class at Clarendon High School in conjunction with Clarendon College.

Eight seniors are enrolled in the class, which is taught on the school's A-days by Aaron, fellow Associated Ambulance Authority personnel Debra Hill and Anna Summers, and several guests.

Aaron said the class gives high school students the chance to get a good look at emergency health care service as a profession and offers them a potential work path as an EMT-B as they go through college.



ORCA Field Office Representative Alvino Lopez presents a check to Anita Aaron and Anna Summers of the Associated Ambulance Authority.

Digital photo courtesy Associated Ambulance Authority

Grandparenting more than it used to be

AMARILLO - Raising children is never easy. But when the person doing the raising is an older adult who has already brought up his or her own children and is ready to slow down, it can be even tougher.

Whether through death of a parent, disability, substance abuse, incarceration or any other reason, more and more grandparents are becoming primary care givers for their own grandchildren. On its "Grandparents Raising Grandkids" Web site (<http://grandparentsraisinggrandkids.tamu.edu/>), Texas Cooperative Extension cites statistics that show about 8 percent of children in the United States are being raised by their grandparents.

This is a major life change for many older adults, and one they might be reluctant to accept. But help is available, said Andrew Crocker, Extension gerontology specialist based in Amarillo.

"Whether you are an after-school care giver or you have primary parenting responsibilities, you are helping to shape your grandchild's life," he said. "No matter how great or

small your role may be, information is available (to help) find solutions and cope with problems you may be facing. Support groups that can help may also be available in your area."

The extra financial responsibility that comes with raising a child can be an enormous concern for older adults, especially those living on a fixed income.

"Between trying to buy clothes and supplies for school, paying for medical and dental services, and buying groceries to feed a growing child, your pocketbook may be stretched a little thin," Crocker said. He advised first looking for help through some available government agencies, such as:

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF): provides supplemental income to families with children younger than 18. Call (888) 834-7406 or go to <http://www.dhs.state.tx.us/programs/TexasWorks/TANF-FAQ.html>
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI): may be available when a grandparent receives Social Security and meets other guidelines.

Visit <http://www.ssa.gov/notices/supplemental-security-income/> or call the local Social Security office.

- Medicaid: provides basic medical care for qualifying children. Go to <http://www.dhs.state.tx.us/programs/Elderly/medicaidQandA.html> or call (888) 834-7406.

- Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP): a national program designed for children in families with too much income to qualify to Medicaid but not enough to afford private health insurance. Call (800) 647-6558 or visit the Web at <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/chip/index.html>

- Food stamps: helps qualifying families. Go to <http://www.dhs.state.tx.us/programs/FoodStamps/FoodStampFAQ.html> or call (877) 556-2200. Extension's program, Better Living for Texans, may be able to help too: <http://blt.tamu.edu/>

For more information on these and other programs and how to qualify for them, visit the State of Texas Assistance and Referral System Web site at <http://www.txstars.net/servlet/>

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Getting back into the day-to-day rhythm of life with a child can take some doing, too, for grandparents who have been out of the child-raising mode for a long time.

"For some grandparents rearing their grandchildren, it may have been 20 or 30 years since the last time they helped with homework or had to discipline a child," Crocker said. "These and other issues are important, not just for the success of the child in school, but also for their success in life."

Crocker and other experts say some of the issues these full-time care-giving grandparents must face are setting goals; guiding; disciplining and teaching; determining and monitoring; nurturing; listening and speaking; providing food, clothing and shelter, as well as health care and a safe environment. The children also need their family and cultural heritage preserved as much as possible.

For information, contact a county extension agent or visit the Web at <http://grandparentsraisinggrandkids.tamu.edu/>

Cancer society asking for your vehicle trade-ins

The new 2004 car models are out this fall. New styles, low financing. Are you thinking of trading in your used car or truck? You may be able to turn your trade-in into a tax benefit and help in the fight against cancer by giving your vehicle to the American Cancer Society's Cars for a Cure program.

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Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Denny
Photo by Alan Mills

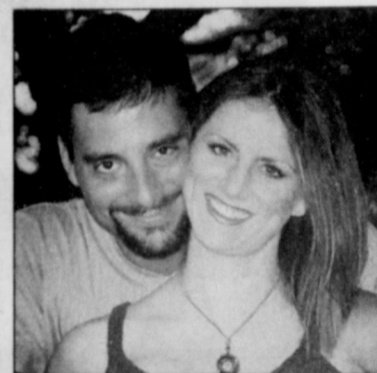
Denneys to celebrate 60th anniversary

The children and grandchildren of Marshall and Dorris Denney of Clarendon will host a 60th wedding anniversary for the couple on October 4, 2003, at the Church of Christ Family Life Center beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Marshall and Dorris were married on October 2, 1943, in Carlsbad, New Mexico. Marshall worked for Anderson Clayton for 30 years before his retirement.

The couple have five children including Joe and his wife, Sandy, of California; Gene and his wife, Pam, of Clarendon; Marsha and her husband, Ken, of Dalhart; Larry and his wife, Sherry, of California; and Debbie and her husband, Chris, of California. The couple also has 16 grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

Friends and family are invited to attend the celebration at the Family Life Center, located at 300 South Carhart in Clarendon.



Beau Waters and Sara Selke

Selke, Waters plan December wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Selke of Waco announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Sara Alyse Selke, to Mr. Beau Waters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Waters of Livingston, Texas. Sara is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Hennigh of Clarendon.

The wedding is planned for December 20, 2003.

Sara currently works as the youth administrator at Antioch Community Church in Waco. Beau is a graduate of Texas A&M. He is presently the Program and Grounds Director at Riverbend Retreat Center outside of Glen Rose, Texas.

WT awards diplomas to summer graduates

Degrees were officially conferred on 261 West Texas A&M University students during summer commencement exercises August 16 at the WTAMU Event Center in Canyon.

The University awarded 175 baccalaureate and 86 master's degrees during the exercises.

Those graduating from Clarendon include Charles C. Green, BBA General Business; and Misti M. Koontz, BS Agribusiness. James L. Potts of Hedley also graduated with a BS in Biology.

Martin Quilt Club meets

The Martin Quilting Club met at Betty Jean Williams' home on September 18, 2003, for lunch. Quilting and visiting was the order of the day.

Those present were Pam Casteel, Eva Lee Swinney, Jo Shaller, Gay Cole, Ann Bunyan, Verdie Tipton, Ruth Lindley, Josie Burgess, Pearl Hermesmyer, and Betty Jean Williams.

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CC enrollment up slightly over 2002

Enrollment at Clarendon College this fall is up just slightly over last year, but CC President Myles Shelton points out that things are headed in the right direction.

Figures after the twelfth class day show a total of 971 enrolled system-wide, up two from last fall.

"We are in good shape," Shelton said. "The trend is up. We expected to be at 1,000 overall; but as it is, we're better off than a year ago or five years ago."

CC's student population totaled 782 in 1998. The peak over the last five years was in 2000 when enrollment hit 1,001 students.

Shelton said the college set recruiting goals, but only the men's and women's basketball programs met or exceeded those goals.

"We have to have goals," he said. "Excellence is a journey, not a destination; and we're looking to do something everyday to make Clarendon College a little better."

The CC Pampa Center posted a big increase in enrollment with a total of 223 students, up from 185.

The home campus has 376 students enrolled, and dorm occupancy is at 90 percent. The new dormitory, Regents Hall, is full, Shelton said, and there will be no problem meeting the payments of the revenue bonds issued for its construction.



Field trip

Clarendon Elementary first graders took a field trip to Jack and Fredie Jo Moreman's apple orchard on September 15. They were in search of a "little red house with no doors, no windows, and a star inside." As luck would have it, Mr. Word cut open an apple and there hidden inside was a star. Mrs. Gribble and Mrs. Tubbs had the students discover the parts of the trees to compare and contrast the trees. The students were allowed to pick apples to take home. The teachers appreciate the Moremans for providing a classroom off school property.

Digital photo courtesy of Clarendon Elementary

Commissioners approve budget, tax rate

Donley County Commissioners approved a \$1.9 million budget when they met in called session last Wednesday, September 17.

The county also set the combined tax rate for the 2003-2004 budget year at \$0.50645 per \$100 valuation, an increase of 2.99 cents. The new tax rate will cost the owner of a \$50,000 property \$14.95 per year.

In other county business, the court canvassed the votes from the September 13 Constitutional Amend-

ment election. A resolution applying for an indigent defense grant was approved.

The court voted to allow Justice of the Peace Ann Kennedy to attend training in Lubbock and accepted a letter of resignation from County Agent Gary Rudolph, who is moving to Denver.

Commissioners heard requests for donations from Debra Hill of the Associated Ambulance Authority and Willard Skelton of the Saints' Roost Museum. No action was taken.

Howardwick Aldermen hold regular meeting

The Howardwick Board of Aldermen met in regular session September 9.

Colby Waters with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission reviewed the preliminary code of ordinances. Each alderman took a copy to look over and make changes. An engagement letter to have Gordon Maddox do the audit for

fiscal year 2002-2003 was approved. The city had started the second mowing, and Alderman Donald Holaday is mowing the rights-of-way.

Alderman H.L. Baird reported the city has sent out lot of letters in the past 1½ months and said there has been good compliance.

Jim Cockerham was appointed as the assistant emergency manager.

weather report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	15	75°	47°	-
Tues	16	80°	48°	-
Wed	17	96°	60°	-
Thur	18	88°	55°	-
Fri	19	70°	40°	-
Sat	20	72°	41°	-
Sun	21	83°	52°	-

Total precipitation this month: 2.43"
Total precipitation to date: 15.97"
Total precipitation in Sept. last year: 2.32"
Total YTD total last year: 18.63"

weekend forecast

Friday, Sept. 26
Partly Cloudy
76°/46°

Saturday, Sept. 27
Partly Cloudy
80°/50°

Sunday, Sept. 28
Partly Cloudy
82°/51°

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Looking Back

15 Years Ago

THE CLARENDON PRESS, Sept. 22, 1988

• Kayla Hunt was crowned the 1988 Homecoming Queen for Clarendon High School last week. Other members of the queen's court are Linde Bowling, Andrea Edwards, and Jill Kidd.

• A severe hail storm knocked most of the green bolls off the cotton southeast of Lelia Lake last Thursday. Ernest Lamberson reported hailstones as big as baseballs, some of which froze together. Several quail and rabbits were killed by the hail.

50 Years Ago

THE DONLEY CO. LEADER, Sept. 24, 1953

• The Bronchos turned the dope bucket upside down last Friday night when they defeated the Claude Mustangs, 18-0, in a hard fought game. Max Johnson and Bill Dale Hill were the scorers for the Clarendon team.

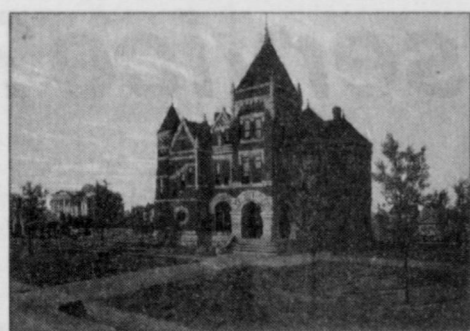
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Cummins, Ritchie earn top honors at Truck Rodeo

CHILDRESS - Danny Cummins and Mike Ritchie of the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) Childress District Donley County Maintenance Section were the top finalists in their section at the district Truck Rodeo held at the Childress Airport.

Texas Department of Transportation sponsors the Truck Rodeo as part of the fleet safety training. Drivers are scored on seven driving events: Stop Line, Straight Line, Alley Dock, Serpentine, Diminishing Clearance, Offset Alley, and Vehicle Inspection.

For more information on this or any other TxDOT project, contact Barbara Seal, 940-937-7145.



Local TxDOT employees Danny Cummins and Mike Ritchie were the top finalists in TxDOT's district Truck Rodeo held recently in Childress. Digital photo courtesy of TxDOT

Clarendon School Trustees discuss several issues during meeting

The Clarendon ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session September 16.

The District GT Handbook and Matrix was approved as presented by Mike Word, Karen Simmons, Andrea Hall, and Tashia Duncan.

The board voted in favor of a motion not to request proposals for property/liability/vehicle insurance

and to continue coverage through the Texas Association of School Boards.

The trustees voted to purchase a 72-passenger Blue Bird school bus through the TASB Buy-Board Cooperative Purchasing program.

Superintendent Monty Hysinger led a discussion regarding needed brick repair on some areas of the high school and old gym buildings.

The board voted to nominate the following people to the Donley County Appraisal Board: Dan Hall, Johnny Floyd, and Wayne Hardin.

Administrative reports were given by Hysinger, Athletic Director Roger Hoeltzel, Counselor John Taylor, CHS Principal Larry Jeffers, CJH Principal Marvin Elam, and Elementary Principal Mike Word.

Pitts completes basic training

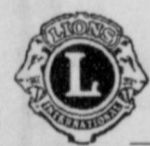
WEST POINT, NY - Cadet Robert Pitts, son of Connie Pitts of Grandview and David Pitts of Clarendon, completed Cadet Basic Training at the US Military Academy.



Pitts

Pitts entered the military academy on June 30, 2003. Cadets learn basic military skills, including leadership, through a demanding Military Program which begins on their first day at West Point. Most military training takes place during the summer, with new cadets undergoing Cadet Basic Training - or Beast Barracks - the first year. Military training is combined with military science instruction to provide a solid military foundation for officership.

Pitts graduated from Clarendon High School in 2003. He plans to graduate from West Point in 2007 and be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the US Army.



the lion's tale

Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting September 23 with Boss Lion Marvin Elam conducting the meeting.

We had 19 members and two guests: Will Burlin, guest of Lion Judy Burlin; and Scarlet Estlack, guest of Lion Russell Estlack.

The annual Lions Pancake Supper will be October 17, the first home district football game. The supper will be held in the high school cafeteria. Tickets will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids under 12.

Cleaning of the Lions Hall was discussed and will be brought back up later. In community news, the Chuckwagon cookoff is Saturday.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

Hedley JV undefeated

By Tangela Copelin

The Hedley JV Owls played the Miami Warriors on Tuesday, September 16, at Hedley to blow the Warriors away with a victory score, 53-14.

In the first half, Seth Koetting ran in four TDs rushing. At the end of the half, Brayden Bennett caught an interception, then fumbled which was recovered by Will Verstuyft. Hedley took an early lead, 28-8.

The Owls came out strong again in the second half, scoring another four touchdowns from Jose Equia with one of those being a kick-off return for 50 yards. Koetting made one of three of his PATs. Jonathon Griffin and Equia both had interceptions in the fourth quarter.

The Hedley JV will play on September 25 at 6:00 at Owl Field.

Elementary continues collecting BoxTops

Clarendon Elementary School is continuing to collect BoxTops for Education and Campbell's Soup Labels for Education this year.

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Miami drops Hedley, 59-14

By Tangelia Copelin

The Hedley Owls played the Miami Warriors on Friday on the Warriors' home turf.

The Owls started the game well with Wes Shields intercepting the ball, which put the Owls in position for Eleazar Centeno to score on the second play of the game. Kale Brandon was unable to make his PAT.

The Owls continued to struggle with the Warriors, only scoring one other time with Shields running the ball in for the TD and Brandon making the PAT. The final score was 59-14.

"The Owls were unable to pull off a win because they couldn't seem to get themselves together to execute their offensive game at their normal level of play," according to Coach Mejia.

The Owls will play Plainview Christian Academy on Friday in Hedley's homecoming game. Come out and support these young athletes in their endeavors.

JV Broncos host Hart

The JV Broncos went up against Hart for the second time this season in eight-man action. Hart defeated the Broncos, 35-6.

Coach Roger Hoeltzel feels despite the loss that the Broncos did a better job of containing Hart's speed.

"The last time we did not do a good job of containing their speed, but we made a few adjustments and controlled some of their speed."

The Broncos' only score came from quarterback Michael Bruce as he ran the ball in on an option. The Broncos will work hard to improve and will continue their eight-man schedule on Thursday, September 25, at Claude.

Junior varsity players are freshmen Lance Ford, Chad Sanchez, Wes Christopher, and John Vaught. Sophomores are Jesse Rodriguez, Michael Bruce, Stephen Ford, Cody Scrivner, Danny Derry, Jeremy Utsey, Morgan Robinson, and Ty White.

Colts lose to Wellington

Eighth grader T.J. Brown scored the only touchdown for the Colts in their game against the Firecrackers September 18 in Wellington. Wellington won the game, 32-6.

Brown ran 24 yards, leading to their only score; and the extra point failed. Fellow teammate Dalton Askew made several key runs and blocks to help in the scoring, according to Coach Mike Ray.

"We are continuing to improve but are having trouble putting four quarters together," Ray said. "We play hard for two quarters and keep it close just to allow a few big plays. The scoring does not show just how close the game really was."

The Colts will travel to Claude Thursday, September 25, to take on the Mustangs. The game will begin at 5:00 p.m.

HJH posts first victory

Hedley Junior High won their game against Miami Junior High last week by a score of 13-12.

In the first quarter, Kaleb Hall scored a TD with the PAT being good. The Owls scored again with Brandon Montgomery making the score at the half, 13-6.

The Owls allowed the Warriors to score once more, bringing the score 13 to 12. The Owls got back into the game and stopped the Warriors from scoring to win the game, 13-12.

The Owls had some hard hits in this game by players Jody Hinton, Jesse Cariveau, Andy Alston, Patrick Lambert, Deston Chambliss, Frank Saunders, and Sam Lovely.

The Owls have an open week but will resume play on Thursday, October 2, in Samnorwood against the Eagles.

State-ranked Panthers roll over Broncos

By Sandy Anderberg

They knew going in that it would be a tough game against 2A Panhandle in their 2003 Homecoming game. But the Broncos did not lie down and quit; they continued to battle until the final buzzer in their 71-6 loss to the Panthers.

According to coach Roger Hoeltzel, the Broncos knew they would have to play well to have a chance against the Panthers.

"They are a very experienced and tough team," Hoeltzel said.

The coaches were proud of the Broncos for their tough defense in the first quarter.

"We slowed down their offense in the first quarter," Hoeltzel said. "And even though our offense has improved, we were not consistent enough against that quality of football team to put points on the board."

The Broncos will continue to work hard to prepare for the beginning of District play in three weeks.

"Our goal is still to improve, and we want to get ourselves in position to be competing for one of the playoff spots," Hoeltzel said.

Next week the Broncos will travel to Nazareth for their first game away from home. The game will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Russell wins one-person scramble at CCC

By Sandy Anderberg

Steve Russell put together two rounds of 118 to win the Clarendon Country Club One Person Scramble held September 20-21. Russell topped the 58-person field by three strokes in the 36-hole tournament.

Second place in the championship flight went to Price Barton, who shot a 121. Chris Linqvist, James Baker, Jr., Jason Payne, and Mike

Santos tied for third place with a 122. The first flight winner was John Goodwin, who shot a 127, and second place went to Tommy Lyles with a 129. Ray Lott and David Green tied for third place with a 132.

Bob Smith was the winner of the second flight with a 135, and Kelly Clark was second with a 136. Al Ramsey and James Baker, Sr., tied for third place with a 138. Theresa

Shelton and Steve Nurek tied for first place in the third flight with a 147 while Blaine Bolton, Nickless Leathers, and Sherol Johnston tied for third with a 148.

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10 Matt McCabe	Jr	Rec/DB			
11 Bradley Sell	Fresh	Rec/LB	Head Coach: Roger Hoeltzel		
12 Chase Thornberry	Soph	QB/DB	Assistant Coaches: Mike Ray, Brad Elam, and Wade Calloway.		
20 Dusty Martindale	Sr	RB/DB	Student Trainers: Lydia Hartman and Jeremy Jeffers		
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Farm Safety and Health week slated for September 21-27

The 60th Annual National Farm Safety and Health Week is being observed on September 21-27, 2003.

This year's theme, "Secure Your Farming Future through Safety and Health", focuses on the importance of protecting the lives and livelihood of farmers and ranchers and securing the safety of the nation's food and water resources.

National Farm Safety & Health Week is an annual observance of the National Safety Council (NSC) to commemorate the hard work and sacrifices of our nation's farmers and

ranchers. During this year's recognition, the NSC will work with its agricultural members and its partner in agricultural safety and health, the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety, to provide fact sheets and other information, education and training on farm safety, health, and security issues.

"Farm Safety & Health Week is a time for all of us to thank the nation's farmers and ranchers for their important contributions in providing food for our world," said NSC President Alan McMillan. "It is also a time for farmers

and ranchers to focus on important safety and health issues, including the safety of children and young adults that perform farming duties, safe use of tractors and equipment, and safe use of guards and retrofits on farm machinery."

"This year, we have an additional, important focus on farm security issues," McMillan said. "Farmers have an important role in securing the safety of the nation's food supplies, water resources, and farm chemicals."

Agriculture had the second-highest rate of deaths due to unintentional

injuries of any industry in 2002, with a rate of 21 deaths per 100,000 workers. (The overall occupational injury death rate for all industries in 2002 was 3.6 deaths per 100,000 workers.)

More than 3.4 million people worked in the agriculture industry, and 730 died from work-related injuries in 2002. Another 150,000 people suffered disabling injuries in 2002.

For more information about National Farm Safety and Health Week, please visit the NSC website at <http://www.nsc.org/farmsafe.htm> for details.

Obituaries

Melton

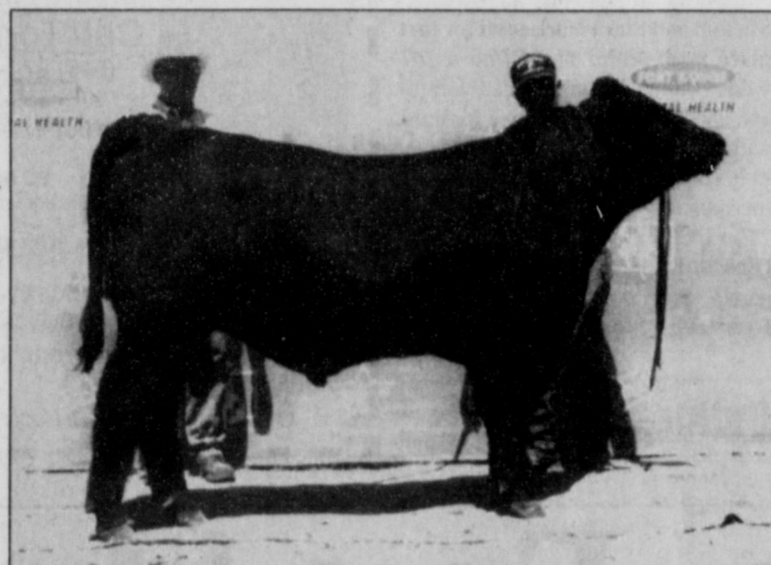
Funeral services for Billie Melton, age 70, were held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, September 22, 2003, at the First Baptist Church of Stratford, Texas, with Dr. Genoa Goad, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Howardwick, and Mr. Larry Evans, minister of the Church of Christ in Stratford, officiating. Burial was held in Stratford Cemetery under the direction of Morrison Funeral Directors of Dumas.

Mrs. Melton died Friday, September 19, 2003, in Dumas. She was born March 19, 1933. She married Kenneth Melton on March 24, 1955, at Turkey, Texas. He preceded her in death in 2002. She was owner/operator of Kwik Chex grocery in Amarillo for several years. She was a resident of Stratford for twenty years and a former resident of Amarillo and Howardwick. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Howardwick.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 2002 and by a son, Robert Lynn Baker, in 1968.

Survivors include two daughters, Laura Smith and her husband Miles of Stratford and Kennetha Seawright and her husband Kevin of Stratford; two brothers, Edward Page of Iowa Park and Bobby Page of Littlefield; three grandsons, Chandler, Robert, and Jon; and two great grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be made to Memorial Hospice, 224 E. 2nd, Dumas, Texas 79029.



Reserve champion

Richard Stotts of Clarendon had the reserve grand champion bull at the 2003 Wyoming State Fair Angus Show on August 14 in Douglas, Wyoming. Regal Flyer 2701 is a May 2002 son of SAR Luke 605 and first won intermediate champion bull.

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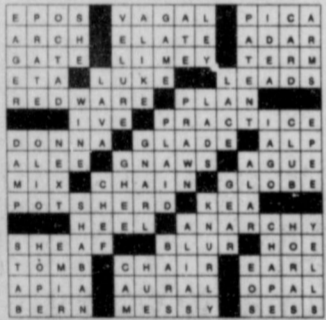
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IN SW CLARENDON, NICE 3 BEDROOM - One newly remodeled bath, living/dining, kitchen with range and dishwasher, utility, wood burner fireplace, 2 car port, covered brick patio, fenced back yard at 1013 W. 8th St. for \$49,500

RECENTLY REMODELED - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, kitchen, dining, living, utility, central heat and air, metal siding, 1 car garage, 1 car port, cellar, fenced back yard, storage building at 610 W. 3rd for \$46,500.

PRETTY LANDSCAPING & NICE BRICK - 3 bedroom, 1 & 3/4 baths, living/kitchen/dining with built-in oven, cooktop, and dishwasher, utility, attached 1 car garage, 1 car port, central heat and ref. air, fenced backyard, yard building, and cellar at 604 S. Johns for \$69,500. \$66,000

LARGE HOUSE & GOOD BUY - 4 bedroom, 2 bath, modern kitchen with built-in Gen-air cook top and double oven, dishwasher, utility, large den/living/dining area with wood burner fireplace, concrete cellar, well or city water option, 121 sq. ft. storage/well house building at 203 S. Wells for \$54,900. REDUCED TO \$39,900.

FOR ONE-HALF (1/2) OF LISTING PRICE - West Clarendon, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, living, utility, sunroom, all brick, 1 car port, storage shed, fruit trees, corner lot at 700 S. Johns St. - list price \$69,500. **RELOCATING TO \$15,000.**

CLARENDON COMMERCIAL - Clarendon's most beautiful downtown building, better known as Greene's Dry Goods Store Building, but suitable for countless types of business, 5192 sq. ft. ground floor, 4196 sq. ft. mezzanine, and 2875 sq. ft. basement, wide stairway up and down, lots of shelving and showcases, in good condition and priced for only \$65,000.

GOODNIGHT - 30 acres including house with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, kitchen, utility, den, living, attached 3 car port, new plumbing - wire - and septic system, well with sub pump, nice concrete cellar, storage van. 1/4 mile north of Goodnight for \$59,000.

LELIA LAKE - ALL GRASS - 160 ACRES South of Lelia Lake - surrounded by ranch land on 3 sides, good for hunting deer, turkey, quail, and dove. Financing negotiable - for \$69,000.

LELIA LAKE - 4 1/2 miles S., 160 acres, 115 ac cropland, balance native grass, new circle irrigation system and lots of underground pipe, natural gas, additional domestic well, abundant deer and other game, joins big ranch country on county maintained road for \$150,000.

LELIA LAKE - 4 miles S., 150 acres, with 113.4 acres cropland including 36.6 acres in CRP, balance grass, irrigation well with side-roll system, natural gas, paved F/M road to corner of property, lots of deer and other game, joins big ranch country for \$108,000.

GREENBELT - EXCEPTIONAL HOME - 3 levels, 3 bedroom, 3 bath, kitchen with all built-ins, dining/living, den, utility, wood burner fireplaces on two levels, built in television, oversized attached garage and storage, additional attached 3-car port, central heat and ref. air, landscaped with sprinklers, 2 lots back up to Carroll Creek, boat dock, (owner will sell with or without furniture and fixtures) at 105 Tyng. House only for \$135,000. REDUCED TO \$129,900

GREENBELT - W-A-T-E-R-F-R-O-N-T-L-O-T-S (2) - with great view overlooking Greenbelt Lake from the residence which has 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen, dining, utility, central heat & air, and 2 wood burning stoves. Also basement which can be third bedroom, plus large 816 sq. ft. den. A great place to relax and enjoy the view. Fenced yard, 2 car port, and nice shop/storage building at Lease Lots 148 & 149 for \$98,500. REDUCED TO \$87,500

GREENBELT - NICE HOUSE BUILT ON SITE - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, kitchen/dining, living, utility, FULLY FURNISHED - INCLUDING KITCHEN, neat, clean, and ready to move in at 251 Plainview Ln., Saints' Roost for only \$20,000.

GREENBELT - MOBILE HOME - (OWNER FINANCING NEGOTIABLE) 56' x 12' with 10' covered porch - full kitchen, unattached 3-car port, shop, storage building, fenced back yard, well, septic system, above ground pool, on two lots at 162 Angel St. for \$17,500. REDUCED TO \$16,500.

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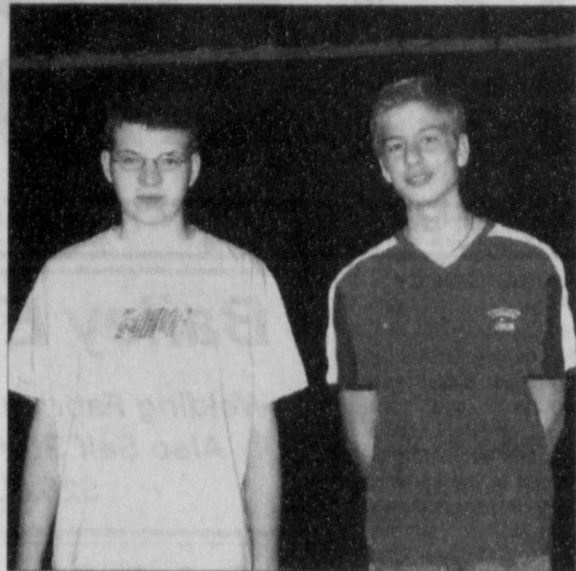
Hedley FFA places at fair

By Tangela Copelin
Various Hedley FFA members participated in the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo this past week.

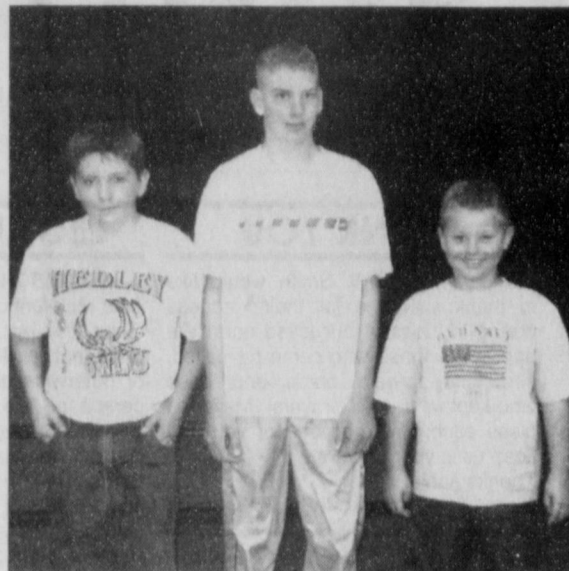
Austin Adams placed second in the heavy weight Hamp class, as well as, second in the heavy-weight Cross class. Dustin Thomas placed second with his heavy weight Spot, and Lee Tolbert placed third with his heavy weight Spot.

Travis Hrbacek and Ben Shaw also participated at the fair, placing sixth in the Plant ID contest.

Congratulations to all these FFA participants for their accomplishments and for all their hard work.



The Hedley FFA team of Ben Shaw and Travis Hrbacek placed sixth in the Plant ID contest at the Tri-State Fair recently.



Hedley FFA members Lee Tolbert, Dustin Thomas, and Austin Adams exhibited pigs at the Tri-State Fair livestock show last week.

Digital photo courtesy Hedley ISD

Sheriff's Report:

Wide variety of calls keep sheriff's department busy

Sept. 15

1:16 a.m. - Welfare check north of Lella Lake.
1:43 p.m. - Out in 900 block of S. Goodnight, unsupervised child.
2:24 p.m. - Single vehicle (semi) rollover at Lella Lake at US 287.
7:26 p.m. - Out with subject on CR 9.
9:07 p.m. - Out in 100 block of S. Kearney.

Sept. 16

8:44 a.m. - See complainant on US 287 at S. Taylor - theft.
11:34 a.m. - At rest area on I-40.
12:04 p.m. - To N.W.T.H. psychiatric facility with subject at rest area.
1:40 p.m. - EMS assist in 500 block of S. Carhart - electrocution.

Sept. 17

4:48 a.m. - Transporting juvenile male from 500 block of W. 5th to 700 block of Goodnight.
10:48 a.m. - 100 block of S. Kearney, vehicle locked with child inside.
5:24 p.m. - Residential alarm NW of town.
6:33 p.m. - Out in 600 block of Rosenfield.

Sept. 18

2:39 a.m. - Security check of business on N. SH 70.
7:12 p.m. - EMS assist on US 287 at Lella Lake.
8:34 p.m. - To jail with one male in custody.

9:50 p.m. - Possible prowler on SH 70 South.

Sept. 19

1:42 a.m. - Break-in on he 100 block of Billy, Howardwick.
10:51 a.m. - All out patrolling on highways for suspect out of Amarillo.
4:46 p.m. - Out in 300 block of E. 6th St for possible break-in.
9:05 p.m. - E. Rosenfield residence of subject of gas drive-off.
11:42 p.m. - To jail with one male in custody.

Sept. 20

9:06 a.m. - EMS assist in 1400 block of

W. 8th St.
11:46 p.m. - Vehicle vs. cow, three miles east on US 287.

Sept. 21

10:49 a.m. - EMS assist in 1000 block of S. Faker.
12:47 p.m. - Dispute in 300 block of N. Rosenfield.
1:45 p.m. - Disturbance on 7th and Johns.
5:11 p.m. - EMS assist on CR 13.
6:21 p.m. - Motorcycle vs. cow, 3 miles west of Clarendon.

Summary
Arrests - 4
EMS - 9

USDA announces grant funds for PCS

AMARILLO - Bryan Daniel, Texas State Director for USDA Rural Development, announced last week that Panhandle Community Services was awarded a \$157,920 grant through the Rural Housing Service Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) program.

USDA funds will be used to assist 35 families with essential home repairs in 26 Panhandle counties. The estimated population of these counties is 360,000, with nine

percent being very low income. Each county will receive assistance based on the total population, percentage of low income and amount of funds available, and areas of greatest need. The funds will be used to conserve energy and improve accessibility for the handicapped.

For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the USDA Local Service Center in Amarillo at 806-468-8600, ext. 4.

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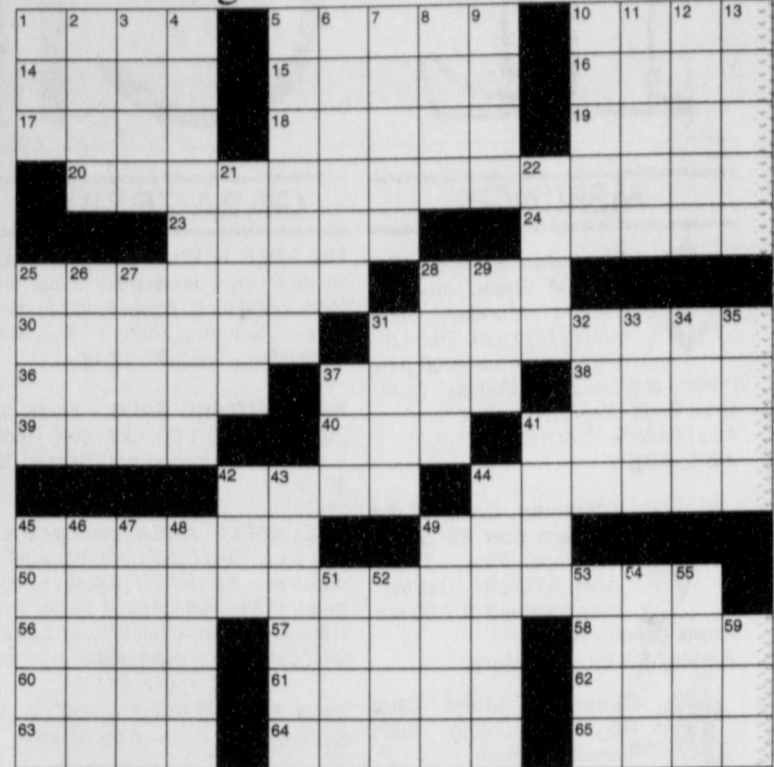
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Big E Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- Auricles
- Cubed
- Former Russian ruler
- Expression of annoyance
- City in Finland
- Former coin of Pakistan
- Cloak
- Savory jelly
- In a way, overlay with wood
- Futile effort
- Peers
- Yellow-fever mosquitoes
- Graduates
- Virus that causes tobacco mosaic, abbr.
- Friendly greeting (Arabic)
- Inattentive
- Talk idly or foolishly
- Resistance unit
- Lake, one of the Great
- Ratio of the opposite side to the hypotenuse
- Perish
- Lariat
- Imitated
- Police forces
- Come on

CLUES DOWN

- Sun up in New York
- Beside one another
- Finger millet
- Tie
- Schematic
- Part of a shoe or boot
- Organized crime heads
- Greek goddess of discord
- Cut into cubes
- Fastener (obsolete)
- Samuel Jackson, US golfer
- Native to Egypt but cultivated widely for its aromatic seeds
- Rattling breaths

CLUES ACROSS

- No seats available, abbr.
- Give up
- Murdoch, author
- Extends
- A British peer ranking
- Affable
- The most powerful members of a society
- Drainpipe
- Trade agreement
- To criticize harshly
- Turner and Williams
- Mother of Perseus
- A way to hollow
- Cobras
- Coin of Georgia
- Bator, Mongolian city
- Domestic
- Wife
- Scolded
- The sediment from fermentation of an alcoholic beverage
- Amounts of time
- Locale
- Mediterranean and Caspian
- Lyric poem
- Top of motor vehicle
- Honorable title (Turkish)
- Tin alloy
- Put in advance
- T.J., "Dallas" character
- A dark region on the surface of the moon
- Expel from one's property
- Start over
- Makes no changes
- Circle of light
- Lily genus
- Mail, abbr.
- Swiss river
- Angular unit, abbr.
- 33-inch music discs

Hwy. 287 Clarendon

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COMBO NO. 1	2 CORN DOGS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$1.99
COMBO NO. 2	2 HOT LINKS WITH BREAD & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$1.99
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COMBO NO. 4	SAUSAGE/EGG BISCUIT & 16 OZ. COFFEE OR 22 OZ. FOUNTAIN DRINK	\$1.29

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