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NEWS at a glance

Crime doesn't pay for two-time drunk

Some criminals don't take their sentences seriously, according to County Attorney Pro Tem Kaye Messer.

Such was the case of 52-year-old José Estrada who pled guilty September 10 to Driving While Intoxicated charges and was given a \$1,000 fine and one year probation. Five days later, Estrada was arrested for DWI again with a 0.165 blood alcohol level — more than twice the legal limit.

Officials aren't sure what the man's blood alcohol level was at the time of his first arrest. Messer said the arresting officer reported he was too drunk to blow the Breathalyzer.

Estrada, who claims Clarendon as his place of residence, pled guilty to the second charge on September 16, had his probation revoked, and is now serving a nine-month jail sentence.

Hedley planning all-school reunion

A school reunion for all the teachers, students, and staff that attended or worked at Hedley School has been planned for October 12, 2002, during the 51st annual Cotton Festival. The reunion begins in the new school auditorium after the parade.

Refreshments will be served, and fellowship will be enjoyed. Anyone associated with the Hedley School is invited to attend.

Hootenanny will be held Saturday

Area churches will hold a Hootenanny this coming Saturday at City Park.

Games will begin 4:00. If you are interested in forming a team for volleyball, call Cherie Floyd at 874-3324. Deadline to enter is September 18. Other games will include horseshoes, 42 tournament, watermelon seed spitting, croquet, etc.

There will be plenty of food including hamburgers, hotdogs, and Frito pies beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Area youth bands and local singers will perform until 7:00 when an old-fashioned hymn sing will begin.

McCoy will speak at Hedley Lions

The Hedley Lions Club will host District Judge David McCoy to deliver his patriotic speech at the Lions Den in Hedley on Thursday, September 19, at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited.

Everyone is encouraged to attend to be reminded of what we have and the price paid for us to keep it.

Inside:

2 A reader takes Sen. Robert Duncan to task over his ideas on the Texas Judicial system.

4 The Cotton Festival is alive and well as Hedley makes plans for the 51st event.

7 Clarendon College gets a \$50k grant for technology improvements.

9 And the Burton Library will hold Story Hour next week.

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



Clean up duty

Tookie Thornberry and Janet Cooper were among the board members and volunteers helping to clean up around the Saints Roost Museum Saturday in preparation for next weekend's Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff. Fourteen wagaons are scheduled to compete, and tickets for the meal are on sale now at Hensons.

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Court schedules oral arguments in Swinney suit

Oral arguments have been slated for September 30, 2002, in the ongoing legal battle between former constable Jimmy Swinney and Donley County.

Swinney is appealing a January summary judgment by District Judge David McCoy, who ruled in the county's favor and said county commissioners had not abused their discretion when they set Swinney's salary at \$3,170 in December 2000.

"Mr. Swinney's argument is that the commissioners did abuse their discretion and that Judge McCoy erred in agreeing with them," said County Attorney Pro Tem Kaye Messer.

Messer said she continues to believe the county will prevail in the case.

"I'm still comfortable with the county's position," she said. "The law is clearly on our side."

In related news, the filing deadline for citizens seeking a position as a write-in candidate on the November ballot passed on September 6, and there are no candidates for the office of Constable of Precinct 1&2. That leaves the door open for the county to abolish the office if a proposed con-

stitutional amendment is approved, Messer said.

The proposal, HJR 2 would amend the Texas Constitution to allow the commissioners' court of a county to declare the office of constable dormant if that office has been vacant for at least seven consecutive years, according to the Secretary of State's office. The office could later be reactivated in the future upon a majority vote of the commissioners or by a vote of the people.

Messer said Donley County could take advantage of this because Swinney was never qualified to hold the constable's office and Gerald Mullanax, who was appointed after Swinney's resignation, resigned without qualifying. As such, the office has technically been vacant since 1971.

Swinney won a write-in campaign in November 2000 to fill the position of constable in Donley County's Precincts 1&2, which had been vacant for more than three decades. He took office in January 2000 and sued six months later. In September of last year, Swinney resigned after he failed the test to become a certified Texas peace officer.

County increases deputy salaries in new budget

Hopes for raises in the Donley County Sheriff's Department were realized last Wednesday when the Commissioners' Court passed its budget for 2002-2003.

The \$1.8 million budget was approved by a unanimous vote in a special session of the court and includes significant raises for all personnel within the sheriff's department.

Deputies' salaries will be increasing from \$18,680 to \$24,000, and dispatcher/jailers hourly wage will increase from less than \$7 per hour to \$8 per hour. The budget also includes more money to pay for overtime hours. The sheriff's salary will increase from \$20,834.88 to \$28,500.

"I'm really happy," said Sheriff Butch Blackburn. "I want to thank the commissioners, the city aldermen, and all the citizens who supported us."

Previously, Donley County law officers were among the lowest paid in the state, and Blackburn had been ranked as the fourth lowest paid sheriff among Texas' 254 counties.

"We will still be on the low end, but at least this will get us off the bottom," Blackburn said.

"We can now compete with counties around us that are the same size, and we'll be able keep good help."

The sheriff said he has only had one person voice opposition to the raises, although he knows there are

more people than that who are not happy with the increases.

Still, the department has received a great deal of support from other citizens, including two who spoke before the commissioners' court last month and asked for their taxes to be raised in order to pay the deputies more.

The news of the pay raises has already had a positive impact as Blackburn says morale in his department has improved 100 percent.

Chief Deputy Randy Bond said he's pleased with the raise and knows other deputies are also.

"It's nice to know that people care," said Bond, who will also be getting an extra \$1,000 per year for the extra duties he performs as

Blackburn's top lieutenant. "It's nice to have the support that we had."

Bond said the higher salary makes it more likely that he will stay in Donley County. He's particularly grateful that he no longer has to work two jobs to make ends meet. Previously, Bond had done part time work as investigator for the district attorney's office.

Blackburn said his employees deserved the raise for the good job they do for the county.

"People tell me what a good job I'm doing," he said. "Well, 90 percent of that is because of my employees. I'm very fortunate to have them."

County Judge Jack Hall said the key to being able to raise the officers' salaries was cooperation with the

City of Clarendon.

"I think it's really good that the city worked with the county, and we all worked together to make those raises possible," Hall said.

Commissioners also approved slight increases in the county ad valorem rate from 0.288297 to 0.293224 and in the county special (or road and bridge) rate from 0.084637 to 0.085873. A special debt component tax rate of 0.09745 was also passed to generate revenue to pay the courthouse restoration notes and the lease of patrol cars.

The total county tax rate increased from 0.372934 to 0.476549. The levy on the average Donley County homestead will increase by \$26.35.

County citizens honor those who protect, serve McCoy praises roles of citizens, veterans

More than 240 citizens filled the Bairfield Activity Center last Wednesday, September 11, to honor the men and women who protect and serve Donley County.

The ceremony was opened by local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, who presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dan and Brittany Hall sang the National Anthem, and Charla Crump gave the invocation.

Chamber of Commerce President Jim Blackerby welcomed the crowd.

"We're celebrating those who protect and serve us locally," he said. "They show us on a daily basis that they are our heroes."

Lacey Austin, a Clarendon College student from Lockney, recited a brief poem.

Clarendon Mayor Tex Selvidge and County Judge Jack Hall recognized the individuals and organizations which serve the citizens of the county. Those included the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, the Greenbelt Lake Patrol, the Texas Department of Transportation, the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Depart-

ment, the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Donley County Sheriff's Office, the Hedley Volunteer Fire Department, the Howardwick Volunteer Fire Department, the Associated Ambulance Authority, and the Clarendon Firebelles.

David Galassi, general manger of Burlington Northern-Santa Fe's Texas Division, offered his company's appreciation to all the men and women who helped this spring when two BNSF trains collided outside of Clarendon.

"Thank all of you for the kindness and generosity during the collision," Galassi said. "We witnessed many acts of heroism toward helping us and in saving our man's life."

Later in the evening, District Judge David McCoy delivered a patriotic address which touched on the September 11 attack of last year but focused on the extraordinary efforts of ordinary Americans and the American veteran.

"America is made what it is by American heroes," McCoy said. "Not by the Lincolns or the Washingtons; they have their place. I'm talking about ordinary Americans like you



District Judge David McCoy

and me."

The judge gave several examples of ordinary people who made a difference in the lives of others and paid tribute to a high school friend who gave his life in Vietnam.

McCoy's speech was followed by a Power Point presentation of patriotic images and a special arrangement of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" as prepared by Chil-

Tickets now available for cookoff

Tickets are on sale now for the seventh annual Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff to be held next Saturday, September 28, at the Saints' Roost Museum.

Museum officials say 14 wagons are signed up to compete for top prizes, and the day will provide great family entertainment for all ages.

The gate opens at 7:30 a.m. with breakfast and lunch concessions provided by the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce. The tradeshow starts at 10 a.m., and museum tours will be available throughout the day.

Patrick Robertson and KEFH-FM will provide music beginning at 11 a.m. Live entertainment begins at 2 p.m., and performances are scheduled all day and include Dan Hall of Clarendon, Thut Creek and Cozy Parsons of the Red River Steakhouse in McLean, Oscar Auken of Clarendon, the Saints' Roost Band, Christine Walls of Quitaque, Gary Alan Bruce of Pampa, and Buddy Payne of McLean.

The Chuckwagon meal will be served at 5 p.m. with a menu of chicken fried steak, potatoes, beans, **See 'Cookoff' on page five.**

editor's
Commentary



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

World should follow US, not condemn her

The United Nations is still being led around by the nose by Saddam Hussein as we go to press this week. After a tough speech from President Bush before the UN last week, Saddam has announced he will let the weapons inspectors back in his country and let them go wherever they want. Predictably, UN Secretary General Kofi Annan fell all over himself to accept the Iraqi offer.

The Bush administration is less enthusiastic and with good reason. No intelligent person thinks Saddam will really let the inspectors wander around his God forsaken country at will. It is only a matter of time before the United States will have no choice but to attack Iraq.

Just the mention of the idea that America will act unilaterally has elicited sharp criticism from other world leaders (with the exception of Britain). But do we really want to be held hostage to the foreign policy advisors in places like France, where they would be speaking German and eating sauerkraut if it weren't for us? I don't think so.

In recent days, Bush has said the United Nations must "show some backbone" or risk becoming as irrelevant as the League of Nations. He is absolutely right.

The United States, despite its faults, is the freest, richest, and most powerful nation on the face of the Earth. Rather than lecture us, the world would do well to emulate us.

A World Summit was held last month in South Africa where the blame for all the problems of the globe were laid at Uncle Sam's feet. Everything from deforestation of jungles to starvation in Africa is supposed to be our fault. Horse feathers, I say.

There is one thing my grandmother told me that has always stuck with me. When I was in junior high, we were hearing a lot about starving children in Africa and other places, and Hollywood stars were laying guilt trips on the American people in an effort to raise money for those poor souls. This really torqued off my grandmother, and at Thanksgiving she gathered us around and speaking to this issue, admonished us: "Don't you ever feel guilty for what you have. Your family has worked hard for 300 years to help build this nation and to earn everything we've got."

I always think of those words when some African nation is begging the United States for food, and I wonder what, if anything, they're doing to help themselves.

Starvation is rampant in Zimbabwe, for example. But the government of that nation recently turned down a shipment of food from the United States because it contained bioengineered grain. Can you believe that? My response if I ran the State Department would be to simply say to that country: "If you don't want our generous offer of grain, then you can die."

Much of the criticism of America comes down to one simple word: jealousy. Other people are jealous of our power, of our abundant food, of our luxuries (like indoor toilets), and – most importantly – of our freedom. Other nations could have those things, too. But to do so they must throw off oppressive dictators like Saddam Hussein, reject the destructive nature of socialism, and embrace the principals of capitalism, basic human rights, and liberty. For it is by those ideals – and those alone – that this world will find true peace and prosperity.

Idiot's still running Florida elections

The more things change the more they stay the same. Over in the Dimwit State, stupid Democrats have not yet figured out how to hold an election, and their constituents just can't seem to get the whole voting idea straight.

Florida held primary elections last week, and the race for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination ended with no clear winner. Bill McBride appeared to have beaten former Clintonista general Janet Reno, but before you could say "hanging chad," there were cries of "foul" and accusations of voting irregularities.

This was despite the fact that Florida had spent \$32 million to overhaul its election system and install new electronic voting machines. Naturally, the debacle was blamed on Gov. Jeb Bush.

But wait. The Republicans didn't seem to have any trouble with their primary, and when it came right down to it, the problems were centered in only two of the state's 67 counties – Miami-Dade and Broward. Those are the same counties that had such tremendous problems in 2000, and in both counties the local officials running the elections were... drum roll, please... Democrats!

I'm not saying all Democrats are incompetent. Our own county clerk is a Democrat, and she seems to do just fine when running our elections. It must just be, as Dave Barry has suggested, that these two Florida counties have the highest concentration of incompetent officials combined with the largest number of morons for voters.

I don't know which bothers me the most – the fact that these nimrods have had two years to practice and still can't get it right or the fact that plans currently call for letting them try to vote again in 2004.

Birthdays are special things to college kids

I made my first trip home this weekend. It was nice to know the place was still here even after I was gone. For every person I saw, I had to answer one of three questions: How's school? How do you like your roommate? And what does it mean to get all up in somebody's grill? I still don't know, yo.

If I had realized it was 210 miles (or about three hours in the car), I probably wouldn't have come home. I knew it wasn't just a hop, skip, and a jump, but I certainly didn't think it would take so long.

Nevertheless, I came home for my dad's birthday. He turned 49 years young on Sunday.

To most people, birthdays are dreaded things that mark our decline into old age. To us, that's a miracle. At one time, we weren't sure if my dad would even see a 40th birthday.

For those of you who don't know my family, my dad was diagnosed with a terminal kidney disease before my sisters and I were even born. He battled with dialysis, tumors, infections, hallucinations, and a plethora of other horrible things until his sister donated her kidney almost 10 years ago.



life's Lessons

By Carrie Heims

I remember being a very small child and knowing but not really understanding what was going on and how serious it was.

Now, my dad has two birthdays: his real birthday in September, and the day he came back from the dead in February. We celebrate them both and thank God we can celebrate either.

By another miracle of God, my dear friend and tennis partner turned 18 this weekend.

Now for something completely different.

Birthdays in college are very special things. We celebrate for days. It takes a while for everyone on the hall to realize it's your birthday, and then even longer for them to get something organized to do for you.

My next-door neighbor had a birthday last week. She is a photographer and collects buttons and pins to put on her camera

bag. I gave her my Misty Slush button I got while working at the Clarendon Dairy Queen with this message:

"This is an actual DQ button with actual DQ chocolate shake on it that I spewed everywhere on my last day of work."

"Let this be a tribute to and a reminder of all the menial jobs we've had and the bright, glittering, non-manual labor jobs that lie in our future."

We ate birthday cake in her room for a week.

We also celebrate half-birthdays, like when you turn 18 and a half. Mine is in November. Of course, you don't get presents for half-birthdays, but you do get embarrassed publicly.

It is a big week for birthdays. My sister turned 16 on Tuesday.

Sixteen is one of those landmark birthdays that doesn't really mean much in rural places like Donley County. Most kids have been driving since they were 13 anyway, so who cares that now they're legal?

If you have a birthday (or a half-birthday) in September, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy birthday and another beautiful year.



Malpractice solution requires cooperation

By Bill Hammond

Serious consequences await consumers, physicians, and the Texas economy unless dramatic changes are made to our state's medical malpractice insurance system. The signs of strain already are evident and will only worsen with inaction.

Members of the Texas Association of Business and the public have identified holding the line on rising health care costs as this state's top priority. When physicians are in the street protesting skyrocketing insurance rates, doctors are forced to either close their practices or leave Texas, and patients – many in this state's most medically underserved areas – are denied health care, then it's time for our leaders to step forward and meet the challenge. That time is now.

Outrageous jury awards and frivolous lawsuits are strangling the delivery of health care in this state.

The American Medical Association has identified Texas as one of 12 states that are in serious danger of doctor shortages because of the sharp increase in medical malpractice insurance premiums. The US Department of Health and Human Services estimates that a medial malpractice insurance system containing reasonable rates on non-economic damages will save taxpayers at least \$30 billion each year by reducing federal health-care spending.

TAB has proposed an eight-point plan to reform Texas' medical malprac-

tice insurance system. The reforms are designed to return financial stability to the marketplace and allow physicians to concentrate on patient care instead of defensive medicine.

The highlights of TAB's medical malpractice reform package include:

- Limit non-economic damages, such as pain and suffering, to \$200,000 for each claimant and establish in statute that the "economic damages" does not include punitive or non-economic damages.

- Ensure the bulk of any award goes to the claimant by establishing a sliding scale for attorney contingency fees of 33 percent for the initial \$100,000 in damages, with fees decreasing as the recovery increases.

- Strengthen expert witness requirements that are now being abused, and allow the defense to immediately appeal a decision on expert witness qualifications or a trial judge's failure to dismiss a lawsuit when expert witness reporting requirements are not met.

- Encourage the use of arbitration to settle disputes.

Lawmakers are taking notice. A special Senate committee and the House Insurance Committee have been directed to look into the medical liability insurance issue and to recommend legislation to the 2003 Texas Legislature.

Indicative of their public policy importance, the reforms also have been set to Gov. Rick Perry, gubernatorial candidate

Tony Sanchez, and lieutenant governor candidates David Dewhurst and John Sharp, the officials who will lead Texas and who also must commit to tackling this problem head-on.

Our proposals are modeled after legislation California adopted in 1975, and which observers have pointed to as a blueprint of solving the medical malpractice crisis.

The reforms are designed to ensure that Texas' medical malpractice system fully compensates any patient injured through negligent acts. But at the same time, a stop must be put to trail lawyers who use our courts primarily to enrich themselves at the expense of consumers, patients, doctors, and our health care system.

The medical malpractice reforms are one component of a comprehensive package of proposals TAB has developed – and will unveil next month – to make health care more affordable and accessible in Texas.

The volunteer task force that developed these health care solutions had a single goal in mind: to make Texas a better place in which to live and work. We trust that our state's leaders and legislators will accept TAB's recommendations in that spirit: an earnest attempt to solve a common problem.

Bill Hammond is president and CEO of the Texas Association of Business.

Duncan prescribes liberal solution to courts

There is no room here for a point by point rebuttal of State Sen. Robert Duncan's column (9/5/2002) endorsing the liberal view that Texas judges should be appointed, not elected by constituents.

The liberal argument implies that all judges are corrupt if elected but would be virtuous if appointed because politics would be removed. This is ridiculous and the pro-appointment types know it. But, as they say in police dramas, "T he con is on."

Liberals imply that every judge who receives campaign contributions is a crook. Does the senator receive campaign contributions? Would he and his fellow legislators escape temptation if they were appointed? Does he advocate this for himself?

Who would appoint judges? Would

these people be devoid of any political philosophy and be so noble that they could not be considered as an "ideological constituency" as voters are labeled by the senator? How about the appointments of Judge Robert Bork and Justice Clarence Thomas and the savagery that befell them?

We have seen what appointed federal judges can do to our state and to society. "Despotic federal judges," as many have called them, have run Texas prisons and overhauled the election process of at least one large Texas city. More taxes were ordered by a federal judge in another state.

Texas has many state judges who are decent, honorable, ethical public servants who don't deserve to be slandered by liberals. They apply the law properly and are not beholden to any pressure group.

Although the senator chose to duck the issue, one of the leading liberal Texas publications that advocates this scheme, *The Dallas Morning News*, has declared that such a method would advance diversity – a liberal buzz word that means moving people into public office to achieve racial, ethnic, or gender "balance."

This is not political? Yes, that's all it is.

Politics is politics whether we like it or not. There is no perfect system of government. However, instead of appointing judges as dictated by a few political bosses, many feel that Texans should stick with the traditional method of people casting their vote for their chosen candidate.

Jack Roff, Irving

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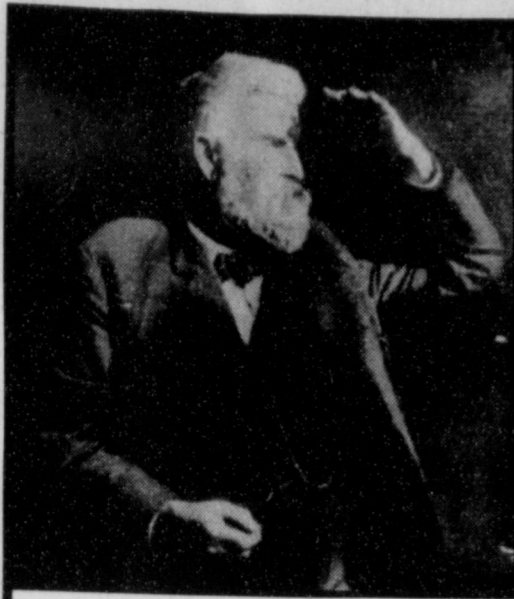
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Eighth Annual Col. Charles Goodnight CHUCKWAGON COOKOFF

Benefiting the Saints' Roost Museum in Clarendon

Schedule of Events

Saturday, September 22

7:30 a.m. Breakfast by Chamber of Commerce

10:00 Trade Show Booths open featuring Kenneth Wyatt Galleries, Jack Craft - Silversmith, Barbara Hill - Rae's Candles, Cortney Shaller - Jewelry, Western items by Joe & Betty Close, artwork by Greta Byars, a windmill demonstration by John Morrow, the Donley County Historical Commission, concho belts by Susan Brown, and other Western vendors.

12:00 Lunch by Chamber of Commerce

Entertainment All Day featuring local & area talent:

11:00 KEFH-FM 99.3
1:00 Dan Hall of Clarendon
1:30 Saints' Roost Jamboree Band of Clarendon
2:30 Thut Creek with Cozy Parsons of McLean
3:30 Oscar Auker - Cowboy Poet of Clarendon
4:00 Christine Walls of Quitaque
5:00 Gary Alan Bruce of Pampa

5:00 Chuckwagon Supper

5:30 Buddy Payne of McLean
6:30 Boot Raffle and Hay Auction
6:45 Chuckwagon Awards Announced

7:00 Clarendon College Drama Department presents "The Rat Catcher's Daughter or Death Valley Daze"

Sunday, September 23

9:00 a.m. Cowboy Church with Shannon Hall of Loco, Oklahoma

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Saturday, September 27

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Labor Department reviewing overtime payments at MCNH

Officials with the Donley County Hospital District confirmed last week that an investigation by the Department of Labor is underway concerning overtime calculations at the Medical Center Nursing Home. In a statement to the ENTERPRISE, District Administrator Alan Graham said the nursing department voted in July 2001 to change to 12-hour shifts, and as a result MCNH began calculating payroll in August 2001 based on the FLSA 8/80 rule after researching published information and relying on informal advice from council. Recently the US Department of Labor Wage Hour Division advised the district that the previous information received by the district was erroneous, the statement said. Affected employees will be remunerated for overtime hours based on revised calculations. The investigator looking into the matter was not immediately available for comment at press time.

Clarendon aldermen approve sheriff's contract

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen accepted a new one-year contract with the Donley County Sheriff's Department during their regular meeting last Tuesday night. The contract raises the city's payment to the county from \$100,000 to \$130,000 and requires that most Class C Misdemeanor cases within the city limits be filed in municipal court. It also requires the sheriff's department to enforce municipal ordinances in Clarendon. The board voted to accept the contract and authorized Mayor Tex Selvidge to sign it on October 1 contingent upon the Donley County Commissioners' Court approving their proposed budget which included pay raises for the department. Commissioners did approve that budget the next day. In other city business, a public hearing was conducted regarding

a community development grant project which will improve selected streets and drainage in the southeastern part of the city. No comments were received from any members of the public. A public hearing was also held last Tuesday night regarding the city's proposed ad valorem tax rate for 2002, and again no comments were made. During the regular meeting, the tax rate was set at 0.45555 per \$100 valuation. The City of Clarendon has had the same property tax rate since 1999. The depository bids were opened and discussed. Jerry Woodard of Herring National Bank and Walt Knorpp of The Donley County State Bank went over their bid packages with the board. Alderman Michael Tibbets moved to accept The Donley County

State Bank's bid; motion died for lack of second. Alderman Mark White moved to accept Herring's bid; motion died for lack of second. Alderman Tommy Hill moved to table the matter until the next meeting. Tibbets seconded, and the motion carried, 2-1. (White opposed, Alderman Bob Watson was absent, and Alderman Janice Knorpp abstained.) Purchase orders, work orders, and a time clock were discussed. The board voted unanimously to start using purchase orders and a time clock beginning October 1, 2002. The final draft of the Policy and Procedure Manual was reviewed and approved. The manual goes into effect October 1. A resolution authorizing the submission of a regional solid waste grant application to the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission for

FY 2003 was approved by a unanimous vote. The board of aldermen also considered a resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Program grant application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs. That resolution was approved as well. Librarian Carolyn Blackerby presented the names of members for the library board for the coming year. The aldermen approved the suggested members. The Friends of the Library requested handrails be installed in front of the Burton Memorial Library. Prices are to be presented at the next board meeting. The aldermen met in closed session for approximately two hours to discuss personnel issues. No action was taken following the closed meeting.

weather report
Day Date High Low Prec.
Mon 9 86° 67° 0.12"
Tues 10 86° 67° -
Wed 11 86° 61° 1.19"
Thur 12 83° 61° -
Fri 13 86° 63° -
Sat 14 86° 60° 0.09"
Sun 15 83° 60° -
Total precipitation this month: 1.54"
Total precipitation to date: 15.85"
Total precipitation in Sept. last year: 3.13"
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Saturday, Sept. 21 Partly Cloudy 75°/52°
Sunday, Sept. 22 Partly Cloudy 77°/49°
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Cookoff:

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and cobbler. At 6:30, the museum will raffie off a pair of James Owens Handmade Boots, and the cookoff awards will be presented at 6:45. The Clarendon College Theatre Department will present, "The Rat Catcher's Daughter or Death Valley Daze," at 7 p.m. 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. On Sunday morning, cowboy church will be held under the tent at the museum with preaching by Shannon Hall of LoCo, Okla. All proceeds will benefit the Saints' Roost Museum's continuing efforts to preserve the history of Donley County for future generations. The museum is housed in the former Adair Hospital just off State Hwy. 70 South.

Looking Back

20 Years Ago

THE CLARENDON PRESS, September 16, 1982
County Judge W.R. Christal signed an order proclaiming September 19-25, 1982, as Farm and Ranch Safety Week. He was joined at the signing ceremony by Lacy Lee Noble and Johnny Gerner. A 100-car coal train derailed near Clarendon at 1:30 a.m. on September 12, 1982. Fourteen cars were derailed by what was believed to be a faulty switch box.

50 Years Ago

THE DONLEY CO. LEADER, Sept. 18, 1952.
Wilson Still of Macon, Georgia, will deliver a citizenship address at next Tuesday's Lions Club meeting. Still is the assistant manager of the National Cotton Council. The junior high Colts will open their season against Claude in Broncho Stadium this week. Starting for CJH will be Jimmy Phillely, Chester Mann, Donnie Davis, Claude DeBord, Winvell Trussell, Eddie Baten, John Payne, Steve Reynolds, Lynval Arthur, and Corky Wilson.

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Obituaries

Price
Funeral services for Harvie Newton Price, age 82, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2002, in the First Baptist Church in Clarendon with Rev. Truman Ledbetter, Pastor; Rev. James Ivey Edwards, Pastor of the First United Methodist Church; and David Wilson, Pastor of Body of Christ Church in Pampa, officiating. Burial was held in Citizens Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mr. Price died Tuesday, September 10, 2002, in Clarendon. He was born April 1, 1920 in Emmett, Navarro County, Texas, and was a resident of Amarillo before moving to Clarendon in 1954. He married Nannie June Davis on October 8, 1947, at Wellington. He owned and operated Price's Truck Stop in Clarendon from 1954 until 1986 and then Price's Tire Service from 1986 until retiring in 1999. He was a US Army Air Corps Veteran of World War II and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Clarendon.

Survivors include his wife, June Price, of Clarendon; two daughters, Cindy Caldwell of Pampa and Susie Shadle of Clarendon; two sons, Bill Price of Clarendon and Rick Price of O'Donnell; four sisters, Vernon McCullough of Lancaster, Norma Dee McKelvy of Abilene, Joyce Bettis of Amarillo, and Betty Baumgardner of Wellington; ten grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Casket bearers were Kenneth Youngblood, Alan Stanley, David Baumgardner, Joe Baumgardner, Troy Cow, Bob Havens, Larry Rothwell, and Dennis Davis, and nephews of Mr. Price. Honorary bearers were the Harley Riders.

McQueen

Services for Charley L. McQueen, age 78, of Ransom Canyon were held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, September 13, 2002, at the First Presbyterian Church in Lubbock with Rev. Bo Lewis officiating. Burial was held at Evergreen Cemetery in Southgate, Kentucky. He died Sunday, September 8, 2002.

Mr. McQueen was born on September 25, 1923, in Wellington, Texas, to Eddie Marvin and Gretchen Christianson McQueen. He graduated from Hedley High School in Hedley, Texas, in 1942, and joined the US Marines, serving in World War II, the Pacific Theater, Marshall Islands. He graduated from the University of Texas in Austin with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 1950. He worked for Anderson Clayton Company in Abilene, Texas, and Recife, Brazil. He moved to California, joining EF Hutton and earning

his license to be a financial planner. He then worked for Salomon Smith Barney until his death. He married Jean Margaret Tillman on April 18, 1974. The same year, he moved to Lubbock. He served as an Alderman on the Ransom Canyon City Council for seven years. Charley McQueen served as a docent at the ranching Heritage Center for 20 years. He served as a deacon and elder at First Presbyterian Church in Lubbock.

He is preceded in death by a daughter, Sharman Eilane McQueen. Survivors include his wife, Jean Margaret McQueen, of Ransom Canyon; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jeffrey Charles and Anlyn McQueen of Laguna Hills, California; and Ted and Denise Tillman of Garden Grove, California; one daughter and son-in-law, Holly and Doug Carpenter, of Long Beach, California; four grandchildren, Grant, Jennifer, Trey, and Jillian; and a brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Martha McQueen of Pinole, California.

Payton

Graveside services for Frank Donald Payton, age 75, were held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 14, 2002, in Citizens Cemetery with Don Stone, Church of Christ minister from Clarendon, officiating. Burial was held in Citizens Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mr. Payton died Wednesday, September 11, 2002, in Amarillo. He was born August 5, 1927, in Goes Station, Ohio, and had lived in Clarendon since May 2001. He was a US Air Force Veteran.

Survivors include one daughter, Josephine Webb of Clarendon; two sons, Kenneth Payton of Groom and Rickey Payton of Woodward, Oklahoma; five grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

Johnson

Private graveside services for Mary Kathryn Hennessy Johnson were held at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 2002, at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Denver, Colorado.

Mrs. Johnson passed away September 13, 2002, at Clarendon Medical Center Nursing Home in the loving arms of her daughter, Annie, and surrounded by the loving staff of the home.

Mrs. Johnson, affectionately known as Marzie, was born in Joplin, Missouri. Although Marzie refused to confirm the year of her birth, it is believed she was born June 16,

1909. Marzie married Napier E. Johnson in Kansas City, Missouri, and the couple moved to Denver in the 1940's. Mr. Johnson preceded her in death in 1974. Mrs. Johnson moved to Amarillo in 1988 and to Clarendon in 1995.

In Clarendon, for several years, she lived with special caregivers, Mike and Suzie Rhinehart, their sons and loving daughter, Sage.

Survivors include a daughter, Annie Johnson Roach, son-in-law Thomas Lynch Roach, III, and grandson McCullough Johnson Roach, all of Clarendon; and step-granddaughter, Katharine Ashley Roach of Amarillo. A grandson, Thomas Lynch "Jack" Roach, IV, preceded her in death in 2001.

Also surviving is her son, Jerome Baxter Johnson of Costa Rica; granddaughters, Brandy Marie Johnson of Arizona, Lorraine Dorrance of Denver, and Tanya Goggins of Las Vegas; and grandson Kelly Johnson; and six great grandchildren.

Marzie's twinkling blue eyes, good humor, and mischief will be missed by all.

The family asks that any memorials be directed to the Thomas Lynch "Jack" Roach, IV, Memorial Scholarship Fund at Clarendon High School or to Clarendon's Medical Center Nursing Home.

Jones

Pauline Jones, 88, went home to be with her Lord on Sunday, September 15, 2002. She died in Quanah, Texas.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 18, 2002, in Robertson Chapel of Memories with Rev. Harold Elliott of Fort Worth, officiating. Burial was held in Citizens Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Ms. Jones was born October 23, 1913, in East Texas and had been a long time resident of Clarendon before moving to Quanah three years ago. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Clarendon.

She was preceded in death by a son, Danny Ray Cearley, on November 6, 2001.

Survivors include one son, John Cearley of Amarillo; a daughter-in-law, Vickie Cearley of Quanah; six grandchildren, Dean Cearley of Amarillo; Angie Thorne of Louisville, Kentucky; Gregory Cearley of Hereford; Doug Cearley of Quanah; and Kimberly Cearley of Quanah; and eight great grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be to the Donley County Senior Citizens Association or the Community Fellowship Church in Clarendon.

Howardwick aldermen consider water rates

The Howardwick Board of Aldermen met on Tuesday, September 10, in the Howardwick City Hall to discuss the water rates in that city.

Curtis Campbell of the Red River Water Authority was present for the discussion, and the aldermen agreed to approve the following rates if accepted by the RRWA: First 2,000 gallons or less per month, \$30; next 5,000 gallons per month, \$2 per 1,000 gallons; and over 7,000 gallons per month, \$3 per 1,000 gallons. Campbell will advise the aldermen of the authority's decision and send a new ordinance for approval.

Fire Chief Joe Zeyen gave his department's report. A FEMA grant for radio equipment has been approved. Theresa Zeyen was recognized for her work on this grant.

The aldermen adopted a tax rate of 0.25 per \$100 valuation, and the budget for fiscal year 2002-2003 was approved.



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Johnson

Panhandle Regional Advisory Council to hold meeting Thursday

Panhandle Regional Advisory Council (RAC) for the Texas Panhandle will be performing their annual needs assessment at the General Membership meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 19, in the Pavilion Auditorium of Northwest Texas Hospital at 7201 Evans in Amarillo.

The public is invited to participate in a forum to identify areas for improvement in the Panhandle

Regional Trauma System, through attendance at the meeting, in writing to the RAC office, or via e-mail to hkaye@arn.net.

The Panhandle RAC includes representation from all hospitals, EMS services, and First Responders in the Texas Panhandle.

The mission of the Panhandle RAC is to reduce injury-related deaths by development and con-

tinuous improvement of a regional trauma system, facilitation of professional education in treatment of trauma, and injury prevention through public education.

The needs assessment will be utilized for short-term and long-range planning and for allocation of RAC financial resources in the area.

For more information, contact the RAC office at 358-7114.

Methodist Church to hold prayer hour

The First United Methodist Church is calling for an hour of prayer each day between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m.

The community is invited to join the Pastor and membership at noon in mourning and to pray for a fast end to the conflict. The altar will be open for all to come and pray for our President and legislators as this country prepares for a possible war with Iraq.


Everyone is welcome to join with the congregation of First United Methodist Church.

MS group to meet Sept. 25

A self help group for people with multiple sclerosis, their friends, and family will meet on Wednesday, September 25, at the First Baptist Church, 1106 15th, Wellington at Noon (brown bag lunch).

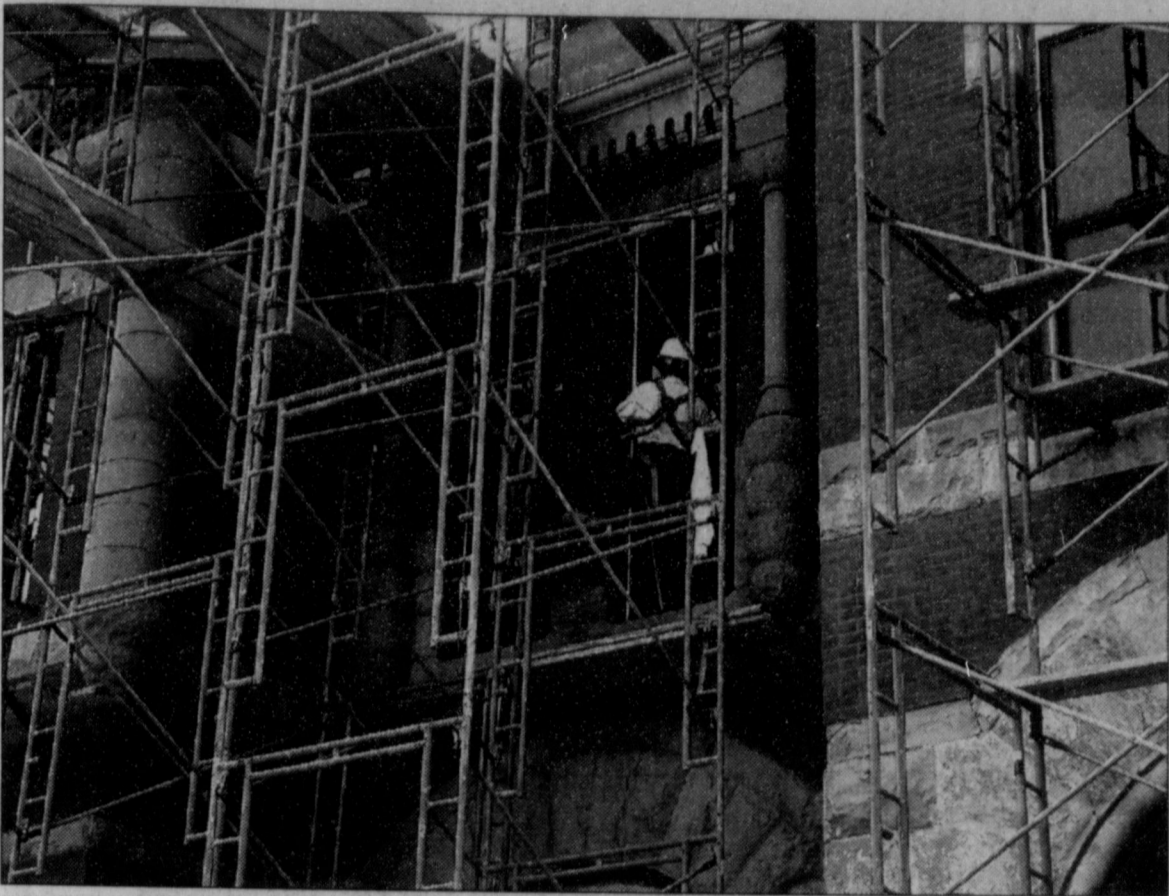
The program will be given by Joe Meegan, PA. Mr. Meegan is a physician's assistant at the Wellington Clinic.

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Window dressing

Workers on the Donley County Courthouse restoration project have been busy installing new and refurbished windows in the 1890 building. The entire structure has been scaffolded now, and repairs on the brickwork should begin right away.

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CC receives \$50k grant for technology

Clarendon College has received a grant award for \$50,000 from the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board for technology enhancements.

Although many institutions of higher education already have Internet access, this grant will provide CC with stronger infrastructure and modern technology, including videoconferencing equipment and workstations.

In the Texas Higher Education Coordination Board's plan entitled, "Closing the Gaps," goals were established for all of the state's higher

education institutions that emphasize four major themes: participation, success, excellence, and research. This grant initiative recommended strategies in which infrastructure can assist in accomplishing some of the goals established in "Closing the Gaps."

Clarendon College will use the grant funds for online registration software, new computers, and other various projects.

"Our institution is eager to begin this project," said Will Thompson. "We are excited about the possibilities that technology offers students

and potential students. We want everyone who attends Clarendon College to be successful."

Since its creation by the 74th Legislature in 1995, TIF has awarded approximately \$1.2 billion in telecommunications grants to school districts and charter schools, two and four-year colleges and universities, public libraries and branches, public and not-for-profit healthcare facilities, innovative Discovery collaboratives, and community network collaborations.

For more information, contact Clarendon College at 806-874-3571.

Historical commission still raising funds

The Donley County Historical Commission has begun what it calls its final appeal to raise funds for the restoration of the 1890 Courthouse.

Individuals, families, organizations, and businesses are being offered the opportunity to have their names permanently affixed to the wall of the Courthouse lobby. For a donation of \$1,000 or more, donors will receive a 3" x 5" bronze plaque with 1/4" raised letters to commemo-

rate their family or organization.

Donors who have already contributed \$1,000 or more will automatically receive the plaque. Other businesses and individuals who have made donations below \$1,000 can add to their previous gift in order to reach the level to receive a plaque.

Families are encouraged to pool their donations in a group effort to honor either their entire family or a pioneer ancestor.

The cast bronze plaques will accommodate three lines of 20 characters each and will be ready for the dedication of the courthouse later this year.

Those wishing to make a donation may send their gift to Courthouse Restoration Fund, PO Box 905, Clarendon, TX 79226. A form will be provided for \$1,000 donors to specify what they want on their plaque. For information, call 874-3905.

TxDOT offers signage advice to candidates

During the campaign season, the landscape blooms with a different flower—political signs. And while on private property they may be a thing of beauty, the Texas Department of Transportation says on public lands they are illegal.

TxDOT offers some tips to candidates regarding the placement of signs. Do not place campaign signs on or within any public right of way as this is prohibited by state law. This includes trees, telephone poles, traffic signs, and other objects on the right of way. Signs in violation will be removed by authorities.

If a candidate is thinking of placing a sign inside the incorporated city limits, he should make sure to check with the city as signs may be subject to local ordinances.

Candidates can legally place signs on private property along all highways in Texas with the permission of the owner.

Signs must meet some criteria. They must be made of lightweight material and can be up to 50 square feet in size. Signs may be placed as early as 90 days before an election, but no earlier. Signs must be removed within 10 days after an election.

"The law is intended to keep highway rights of way clean and uncluttered so that official traffic control signs are clearly visible," said TxDOT Childress District Engineer Craig Clark.

A person placing an unauthorized sign in a highway right of way can be fined up to \$500 per sign, and the law does not apply to just campaign signs but includes business and garage sale signs as well.

Museum officials plan new exhibit

A General Merchandise store is currently being planned as a new exhibit at the Saints' Roost Museum, and officials there are asking for the community's help.

Certain artifacts are being sought for the project. If you have one of these items and are willing to donate it to the museum, you are asked to call any museum board member or bring the item by the museum during its hours on Saturday or Sunday afternoons.

Items needed include: canvas ducking, army blankets, lanterns, Dutch ovens, water bags, washboards, wash tubs, bridles, snuff cans, horse collars, horse hobbles, iron skillet, crocks, shoe button hook, wooden churn, horse yoke, horse blankets, rope, wire cutters, barbed wire, cowboy hats, wooden barrels, wooden kegs, tin cups and plates, cigar cans, calico, smoking tobac co, cigarette papers, chewing tobacco, horn shoe spoon, cotton cords, iron pots, spinning wheel, old hair brush and comb set, tin coffee pot, flour sacks, feed sacks, old trunks, scales, old dominoes, kerosene lamps, treadle sewing machine, coffee cans, old buckets, twine, coffee grinder, spurs, razor strap, harmonica, fiddle, bridle bits, guns and shells, and powder horns.



Guess Who's Turning 50?

We will be celebrating Larry Watson's 50th Birthday at Clarendon City Park on Saturday, September 28, at 3 p.m. Come and join us for cake and punch.

Thank You

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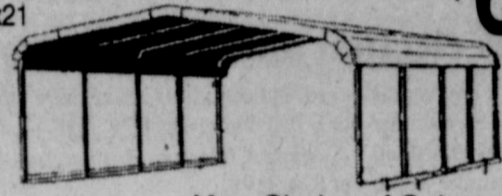
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Explanatory Brief for HJR 2
HJR 2 would amend the constitution to allow the commissioners court of a county to declare the office of constable dormant if that office has been vacant for at least seven consecutive years. The records of a constable office that is declared dormant will be transferred to the county clerk. If the office is declared dormant, the previous officeholder does not continue to hold the office. The office may not be filled by election or appointment unless the commissioners court votes to reinstate the office or a majority of votes cast in an election held on the issue favor reinstatement. The reinstatement election may be held if the commissioners court on its own motion orders such an election, or the reinstatement election must be held if the commissioners court receives a petition signed by 10% of the registered voters of the constable precinct.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows:
"The constitutional amendment authorizing the commissioners court of a county to declare the office of constable in a precinct to be dormant if the office has not been filled by election or appointment for a lengthy period and providing a procedure for the reinstatement of the office."

Este es el informe explicatorio sobre la enmienda propuesta a la constitución que aparecerá en la boleta el 5 de noviembre de 2002. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamar al 1/800/252/8683 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

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Officers respond after vehicle takes out gas meter

Sept. 9
12:44 a.m. - Check security of alley entrance in 100 block of S. Kearney.
7:14 a.m. - Alarm in 100 block of E. 3rd.
1:20 p.m. - Out at residence on 5th St.
3:38 p.m. - Stand by on trailer repossession.
Sept. 10
2:19 a.m. - To jail with one male driving with license suspended.
5:35 p.m. - Reported break in of vending machine in E. US 287.
9:20 p.m. - All units to jail.
Sept. 12
5:25 a.m. - EMS assist in 700 block of Main St., Hedley.
8:05 a.m. - To Jericho to check reported possible criminal mis-

CHS Homecoming Reunion to be next week

A CHS Homecoming Reunion is scheduled for Friday, September 27, for all CHS ex-students and teachers. A pep rally on Friday will kick things off. It will be held at the High School Gym. The time has not yet been announced. There will be a Mexican Pile On Supper at the school cafeteria beginning at 5:00 p.m., and tickets will be available at the door for \$5.50.

Vargas makes election announcements

Donley County Clerk Fay Vargas announced this week that a volunteer from the Republican Party is needed to work as the Election Judge at the Community Center or it may not be available as a polling place November 5. Vargas also reminds citizens that October 7, 2002, is the last day to register to vote in the year's general election. Registrations sent in by mail must be postmarked by October 7. If anyone has moved within the county, they need to check to see if they are still in the same voting precinct as their registration

Nazarene Church to hold healing service

Scott Brim, a young man from Amarillo, will be sharing his personal testimony of how God healed him three times. His testimony will not only inspire you as to your believe in God and that God is the ultimate healer. Services will be held at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday morning at Clarendon Church of the Nazarene, which is located at Third and Hawley. Pastor Bill Hodges encourages those of you in our community who are sick in body to come and expect God to heal you. Scott will be accompanied by Brian Caison, whose faith and beliefs in God's healing power will touch you. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Lion's Tale
By Allen Estlack

Clarendon Lions Club held their regular noon meeting September 17 with Boss Lion Myles Shelton in charge and 15 members present. We have new flags in and are looking for more participation from the people in town. We passed out tickets for the Pancake Supper on October 4. A James Edwards painting of the courthouse will be given away by the Donley County Historical Commission. Tickets are \$1 each or 12 for \$10. We will be one of the sponsors of the Chuckwagon Cookoff. The Club voted to begin giving a Lion of the Year and Lions Distinguished Service Award each year at the annual banquet in October.

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chief.
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2:13 p.m. - EMS assist in 300 block of S. Taylor, Hedley.
2:21 p.m. - Out at residence in 300 block of E. Montgomery St.
10:15 p.m. - En route to jail with one female. Mental health adviser also en route.
11:31 p.m. - To Nwth facility.
Sept. 13
3:35 a.m. - Family disturbance in 100 block of E. 5th St.
6:47 a.m. - Attempting to locate driver of semi blocking roadway in 800 block of E. 2nd St.
6:03 p.m. - Property damage done by vehicle in 900 block of W. 2nd St.
6:38 p.m. - At marina for single vehicle accident.

7:43 p.m. - Deputy advised being flagged down by driver in 400 block of W. 2nd.
7:46 p.m. - Back to 900 block of W. 2nd.
Sept. 14
3:26 a.m. - Checking downed line W. of Hedley.
8:30 p.m. - Out at residence in 1100 block of E. 3rd, family dispute.
8:39 p.m. - To jail with one male in custody for assault causing injury to family member.
8:54 p.m. - At residence in 800 block of E. 4th. Checking reported unattended juveniles - 7 years old to 8 years old.
10:31 p.m. - Dispatched to 300 block of Barcus. Vehicle struck gas meter.
10:42 p.m. - Emergency services and GreenLight Gas also contacted.

11:07 p.m. - To jail with one male in custody - driving while intoxicated.
Sept. 15
3:43 a.m. - Out at residence in 600 block of W. 3rd.
4:16 a.m. - Out at residence in 600 block of W. 3rd again.
10:30 a.m. - Out at E. Barcus.
10:52 a.m. - To jail with four males in custody - one for driving while intoxicated and three for public intoxication.
11:28 a.m. - To jail with one person in custody.
Summary
Arrests - 13
Fire - 2
Ambulance - 7

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Many dove still around the Panhandle

Last Thursday was the last Mel Phillip's Fun Fishing Tournament at Lake Greenbelt. The fishing pressure should ease up some, and bass fishing should really start picking up in the next two months. There were 38 entrants, and half of them caught fish. The bass fishing was slow. First place was won with only 5.5 lbs. There are still two Fun Fishing Tournaments left before the Tournament of Champions on October 13. There will be one of the tournaments at Baylor Lake next Saturday and the other at Ute Lake two weeks later.

The Donley County Bass Club will have four more tournaments this fall. There will be a club meeting this Thursday, September 19, at JAMZ.

Parents, this is just a reminder that September 26 is the end of the "Go Fishing With Gary" essay con-



outdoor
Life
By Gary Dziedzic

test. I am looking forward to the overnight fishing trip, and I hope the kids are excited, too. Please turn in the essays at THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE office.

The dove hunting for the state of Texas has been very good. The Panhandle area still has many dove around. The shotguns have been smoking. I still have not had the chance to hunt yet, but I hope I get to go soon.

Lately when I have had some time off, I have been playing golf instead of fishing. I would like to say that the Clarendon Country Club

has been in great shape all year. The rain has kept the course green and very enjoyable. We have had rain at the right time, and all the hard work Mike Santos and his crew have done to the golf course has been wonderful.

Fishing Tip of the Week: The dragonflies are in full swing of mating, and they are laying eggs in the moss. Using small topwater lures can make a big difference when hunting for bass near the moss beds.

Hunters, may you always be safe and respect the land you hunt. Fishermen, catch a few fish for supper and release a few fish to ensure another great fishing day. Good luck to all!

If you have any information or comments, please e-mail me at gdol@nts-online.net.

Story Hour to be held at Burton Library

Story Hour at Burton Memorial Library will be Saturday, September 21, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

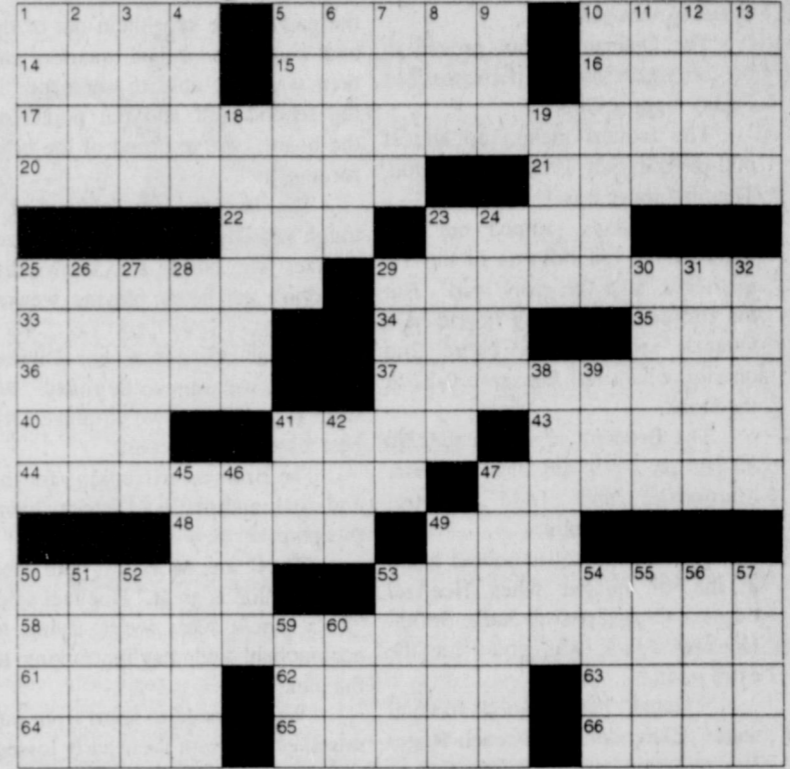
Children of all ages are invited to come join the fun with stories and crafts. "Doggie Days" will be the theme for this story time. Stories about dogs and other pets will be read, and a fun craft will be done for the children to take home.

The month of October will be "imagination" month. Children will be encouraged to participate in a mask contest. All supplies will be available for the children to imagine and create their own mask. Watch for details later.

Children's storyhour is a time to introduce children to the joys of reading, a hobby that will last a lifetime. Children ages 3 and up are invited to come and participate. About 40 children participated in the summer reading program, and they are continuing the fun with a monthly story hour. If you would like more information, call the library.

Remember to mark your calendar for Saturday, September 21, at 10:00 and come join the fun.

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VFW, Ladies Auxiliary hold joint meeting, dinner

By Juanita Meador
VFW and VFW Ladies Auxiliary of Post 7782 met in a joint meeting on Tuesday, September 10, at 6:00 p.m. at the VFW Hall with a covered dish dinner.

The Commander, Dale Powers, called the meeting to order. The Chaplain of the Ladies Auxiliary opened with a prayer.

Carol Holden, President of the Ladies Auxiliary, welcomed everyone and gave hopes for a good year. She invited members to attend local, district, and state meetings.

Bill Holden, Quartermaster, outlined their plans for the Voice of Democracy contest, which applicants

must have their applications in by November 1. Last year, Carrie Helms won the local contest and placed second in the state competition.

Mr. Holden also stated that they will honor November 11, 2002, with an observance at 7:48 a.m. at the VFW Hall and then hand out poppies to everyone that say, "We remember 9-11-01."

He also discussed having a picnic on Sunday, September 22 at 1:00 p.m. A covered dish or your specialty would be appropriate. Members and their families are welcome.

A garage sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on October 4 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on October 5 at the

VFW Hall.

The Commander asked if any member or committee had a report. There was none.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and each organization went into its separate meeting.

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary met at 7:00 p.m. with eleven members present. Several items of business were taken care of.

Marie Hill was selected Volunteer of the Month for August 2002.

Their next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 8, 2002. Make plans to attend at 6:00 p.m. for a covered dish dinner joint meeting.

College Prep Night to be held at Clarendon High

Donley County Extension and Clarendon High School will host a Junior and Senior College Prep Night on September 30.

The meeting will be in the High School Auditorium from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Guest speakers include Marion Wilmoth and Linda Frye from Clarendon College, Joyce Eldridge from Amarillo College, John Taylor from

Clarendon High School, Dave Corley from Panhandle Plains Student Loan Center, and Ambassadors from Texas Tech University.

Some of the topics that will be covered include: TASP - When, Where, and Who should take this test?; Financial Aid - who gets it and what do I need to apply?; Recommendation letters for scholarships; Financial Aid beyond grants, and

resume writing.

The first 35 students to arrive will have their name placed in a drawing for a \$100 scholarship. If more than 35 students attend, a second drawing will take place. Scholarships are donated by the Panhandle Plains Student Loan Center.

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Cyclones edge out junior high Colts

The Colts took it down to the wire Thursday night on Memphis' home field, but they came up short in their effort to end the game in a tie. The final score was 16-14.

Memphis had the upper hand in the first half as they went up 14-0 over the Colts. But the Colts started fresh in the 2nd half as Steven Ballard intercepted a Cyclone pass and took it 45 yards for the score. TJ Brown made good on the 2-point conversion on a pass from quarterback Brad Sell.

It was Ballard again in the last period of the game, scoring on a 35-yard run. The Colts held Memphis scoreless in the 2nd half, and they only had to convert the extra point to end the game in a draw. But the pass was intercepted by the defense, and they returned it for 2 points to give the Cyclones the win.

"Our defense played well at times," said coach Mike Ray. "We stopped Memphis at key times and caused many turnovers. But our turnovers were the nails in our own coffin."

The Colts have a week to work on eliminating the number of turnovers committed.

"If we eliminate our turnovers and capitalize on their turnovers, we will control the game," Ray said.

The Colts and Cyclones extended their match up with a 5th quarter. The Colts scored two touchdowns and Memphis scored one. Dalton Askew and Sell each took it to the end zone, and Chad Sanchez recovered a fumble.

The Colts will face Wellington at home this Thursday, September 19.

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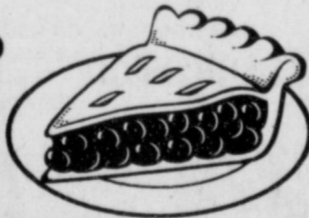
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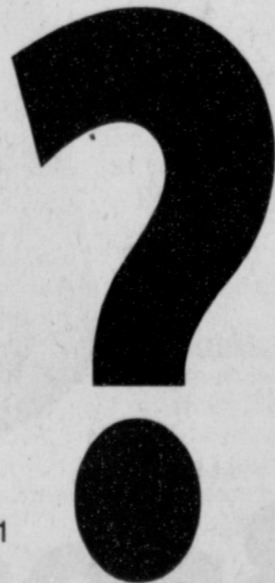
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Indians scalp Broncos

By Sandy Anderberg

The Quanah Indians proved to be too much for the Broncos last Friday night at Quanah.

The Indians racked up almost 600 yards to only 196 for Clarendon. The final score was 41-14.

The Indians jumped out and scored three touchdowns in the 1st quarter to take the early lead. But the Bronco defense dug in and held Quanah scoreless the entire 2nd quarter, which left the score 0-27 at the break.

The Broncos scored in the 3rd quarter on a 67-yard pass to Dusty Martindale, and Todd Hoeltzel kicked the extra point.

The Bronco squad scored again in the 4th quarter when Hoeltzel threw a 33-yard pass to Judge Smith. Hoeltzel's kick was good for the extra point.

"Quanah has a good football team," Clarendon head coach Roger Hoeltzel said. "They were able to exploit our mistakes and capitalize on them."

The Broncos' second half effort was pleasing to Hoeltzel.

"We regrouped and played a much better half the second half of

the game. We kept them out of the end zone the second quarter, and then we were able to come out in the second half and put points on the board. We're proud of the boys for that."

The Broncos are looking at a tough pre-District season. Hoeltzel realizes that, but he also knows that we don't get better playing weaker teams.

"When we get to our District schedule, we want to be ready. We want to know that we've played the best teams that we could."

The Broncos are looking for the end goal, and that's a District championship.

"They are working hard and their attitude is great," Hoeltzel said. "They know what we're trying to accomplish, and they're sticking to the plan."

"We just need to learn from our mistakes and from these early losses, and then we'll be better for it," the coach said.

The Broncos will be on the road again as they travel to Panhandle this Friday, September 20, to take on the 2A Panthers. The game will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Lady Broncos compete in Wellington C-C meet

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos participated in the Wellington Cross Country Meet Saturday, September 14. Several of the runners received medals for effort in the 2-mile run.

Jessica Hernandez finished 6th with a time of 12:18 and received a medal for her effort. Sarah Depew also received a medal finishing in 23rd place with a time of 13:09. Also running were, Shanna Shelton 13:42; Haley Shelton 13:54; Lacey Eads 14:00; and Jessie Anderberg 14:18.

The following junior varsity runners ran as well at the meet and received a medal: Kaitlyn

Howard 7th 13:56, Destiny Weatherston 8th 13:59, Anndria Kidd 9th 14:05, Claudia Thomas 12th 14:17, Brandi Betts 17th 14:59, and Lacey Anderberg 28th 16:18.

The lone Bronco runner was Bryan McFarland, and he finished in 14th place with a time of 19:26 for the 3-mile course.

Also competing in the meet were these Colts and Lady Colts: Xenia Buckhaults 9th 13:25, Shelby Watson 18th 13:42, Haley Carter 27th 13:58, Regan Lemley 34th 14:28, Audrey Bennett 35th 14:29, Erica Depew 38th 14:45, Abby Patten 40th 14:45, Jill Cornell 49th 15:02, Jessie Howard 66th 15:41, Kelsea Hoeltzel 73rd 16:29,

Jessie Perales 74th 16:38, and Erin Holland 76th 17:10.

Running for the Colts were Brad Sell 2nd 11:53, Jon McLaughlin 11th 13:05, Andrew Thomas 15th 13:18, Ladez Captain 29th 15:03, and Caleb Shadle 31st 15:19.

Overall coach Kathy Barton was pleased with the effort. "We ran extremely well for this being the first meet. I am very proud of all the kids."

The next cross-country meet will be Saturday, September 21, in Amarillo with the JV running at 9:00 a.m. and the varsity running at 9:40 and 10:00 a.m.

Lady Bulldogs suffer string of losses as season gets underway

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Bulldogs are hard at it and making every attempt to pull together as a team under the guidance of new head coach Bo Pagliasotti.

The Lady Bulldogs are well into their schedule and will have begun their Conference play by press time.

They hosted Vernon College September 11 and lost 22-30, 15-30, and 20-30.

Despite the loss, Coach Pagliasotti was pleased with their defense.

"We had 40 digs in the match;

they played good defense."

Friday and Saturday, the Lady Bulldogs traveled to Vernon to take part in the 12-team Vernon Tournament. In the first game, CC faced Cisco Junior College. They lost to Cisco 25-30 and 9-30. Receiving errors hindered the Lady Bulldogs.

They faced Lon Morris Junior College in the second match and lost 20-30 and 22-30. Ashlie Loven served 2 aces in the game, and the team managed 11 kills.

Their next opponent was the

University of Arkansas. The Lady Bulldogs lost 11-30 and 20-30.

There were 9 assists and 11 kills. Audain added 2 block solos.

Saturday, the Lady Bulldogs went up against Collin County Community College out of Plano. Collin won both games 30-16 and 30-24.

Handley and Jenny Miller had 8 assists, and Audain stayed strong offensively with 7 kills. Tie Turner added 2. Miller had 2 block solos while Loven and Krystal Baxter each added one.

In the last game of the tournament, CC faced North Central Texas from Gainesville. According to Pagliasotti, this was the best match of the tournament, but the Lady Bulldogs lost 20-30 and 21-30.

The Lady Bulldogs will play Garden City September 19 at home at 7:00 p.m. They will travel to Corsicana September 20 to take part in the Navarro Tournament. Tuesday, September 24, they will be on the road again playing Midland continuing their Conference play.

Coach asks Broncos to link together

Coach Hoeltzel has asked the Broncos to link together. Placed in their lockers at the Bronco Field House is a poem, which reads as follows:

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That there is no place for a fool.
So I carry this link in my pocket
To remind me many a time
That a human without conviction
Isn't worth a simple dime.
- Norm Parker

The Bronco Boosters are asking all of you Bronco Fans to link together with the Broncos by signing a link or more to form a chain. By October 4, the first district game, they hope to have a chain the length of the Football Field. Help them show the Bronco that we are linking together to help support them this season.

The links are located at Every Nook and Cranny, Kidd's Texaco, Cornell's Country Store, J&W Lumber, Clarendon Office Supply and Printing, Donley County State Bank, Herring National Bank, Community Bank, Medical Center Nursing Home, Donley County Senior Citizens, and Duckwall's.

Bronco JV falls short against Memphis

The Bronco junior varsity fought hard against Memphis but came up short against the bigger Cyclone team. The final score was 27-0.

According to coach Wade Callaway, the Broncos played hard and moved the ball well.

"We moved the ball well on several successive possessions but came up short of the end zone."

The Broncos had their passing game going as quarterback Chase Thornberry completed several passes to Matt McCabe and Tim Sears. Will Betts, Will Drackley, and Thornberry each ran the ball hard as they tried to score with their running game. But things just didn't work for the Broncos, and they couldn't break through the Cyclone defense.

The Broncos will have home field advantage against Wellington Thursday, September 19, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

City clean up a success

City Superintendent Jim Roberts reports the citywide clean up was well received last weekend.

Several local citizens took advantage of the city's offer of free dumping. The total of visitors to the recycling center was not available.

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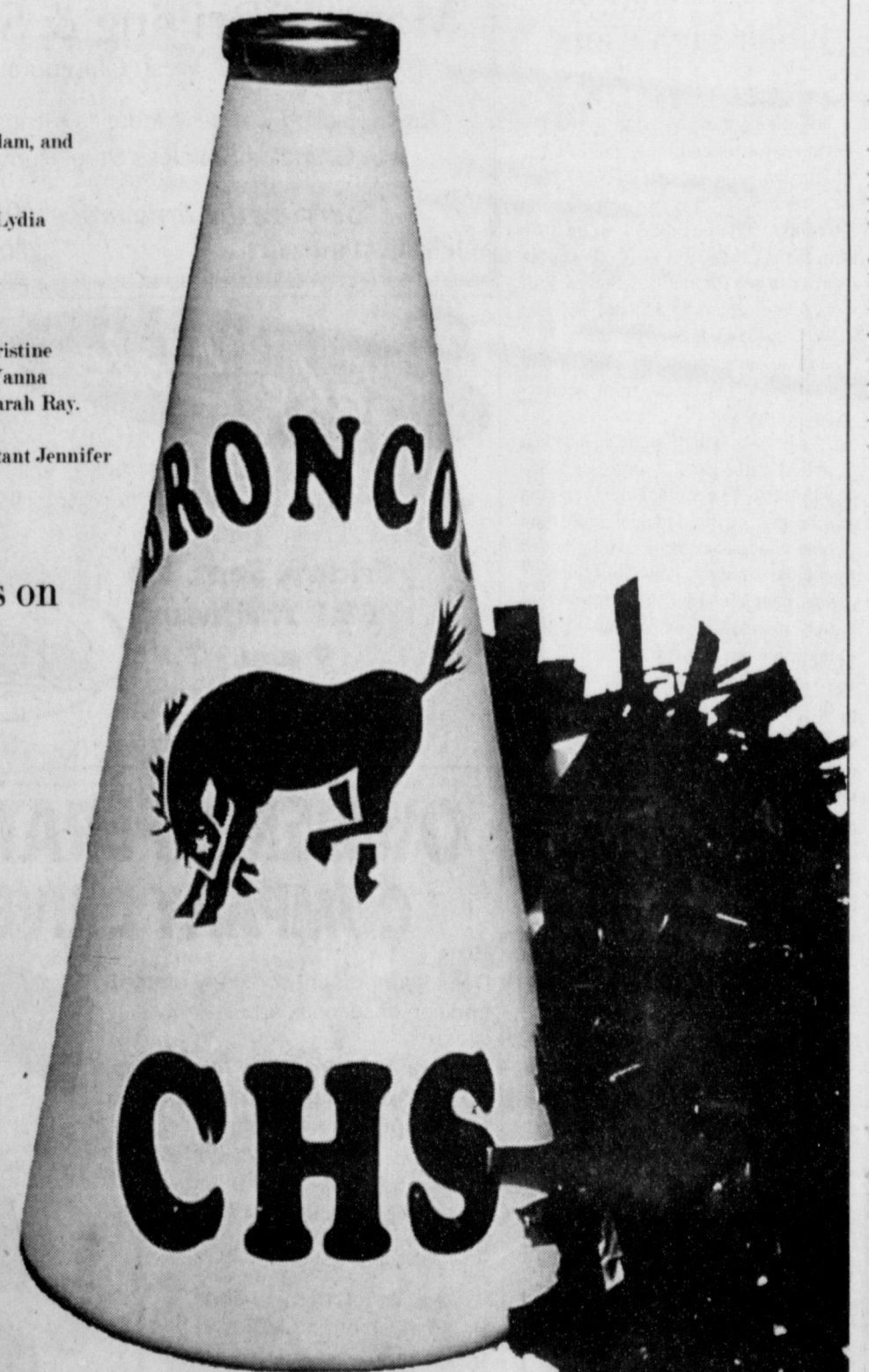
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12	Todd Hoeltzel	Sr	QB/DB	
20	Dusty Martindale	Jr	RB/DB	
32	Tim Sanchez	Soph	RBLB	Student Trainers: Serenity Shay and Lydia Hartman
33	Jeremy Howard	Jr	Rec/DB	
42	Patrick Childs	Sr	RBLB	
54	Adam Leeper	Jr	OL/LB	Manager: Kaitlyn Howard
56	Chuck Robertson	Sr	OL/DL	
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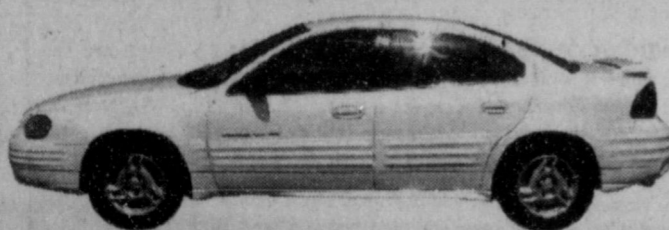
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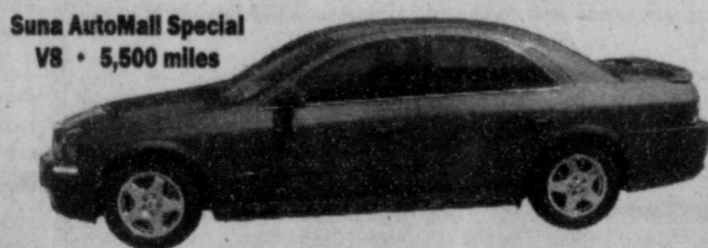
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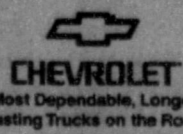
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