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NEWS at a glance

Early balloting is now underway

Early voting for this year's General Election began Monday, October 21, in the Clerk's Office of the Donley County Courthouse Annex.

Registered voters can cast their ballots during regular business hours. Early voting will continue through November 1, and the General Election will be held November 5.

Local citizens will be recognized

Forty members of the Donley County community will receive national recognition from the Veterans of Foreign Wars next week.

By recommendation of Donley County Memorial Post 7782 of the VFW, the local citizens will receive the VFW's National Life Saving Award on October 29, 2002, at 7 p.m. at the Bairfield Activity Center.

A special guest will be in attendance to assist in presenting this recognition.

The local heroes will be recognized for their actions after the train crash earlier this year near Clarendon.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Local sales tax rebate increases

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered \$299 million in monthly sales tax payments to local governments this month.

Clarendon's rebate was up 14.27 percent from the same period last year for a total of \$17,582.33. Hedley was down 15.60 percent to \$403.53, and Howardwick fell more than 47 percent to \$818.52.

October sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in August and reported to the Comptroller in September. The state's share of sales tax reported during this period was \$1.1 billion.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, November 8.

Character Counts training to be held

The Donley County Extension office will offer training in Character Counts to anyone interested in promoting positive character traits in youth.

The training will be held at the Clarendon School Cafeteria October 29 and November 5. Sessions are concurrent and each session starts at 4 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Dinner will be served.

If you have any question, or would like to register, call the Donley County Extension Office at 874-2141.

Inside:

- 2 Jimmy Carter has once again embarrassed the United States with a foreign policy blunder.
- 5 The Bronco Parents are making plans for their annual Fall Festival this weekend.
- 7 The fishing is excellent at Lake Greenbelt.
- 8 And the Broncos go 2-0 in district with win over Memphis.

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

Officials call tax petition 'invalid'

A petition being circulated to roll back Donley County property taxes is not valid, according to local officials, because the commissioners' court did not exceed the rollback rate under the law.

The petition, which was reported to have more than 500 signatures Monday, seeks to force the county to hold an election to allow citizens to vote on the tax increase which went into effect in October.

"We think the taxes went up over 30 percent, and we think we ought to have the right to vote on it," said petition organizer Don Smith.

But the county says the rollback petition is not going to have any bearing on the current tax rate.

"Under the tax code, a petition is only valid if the rollback rate is lower than the adopted rate," County Attorney Pro Tem Kaye Messer said. "The bottom line is that the petition is invalid."

County commissioners adopted a total tax rate last month of 0.476547

per \$100 valuation, an increase of 27.78 percent over last year's total rate. But despite the increase, officials say the rate is still lower than it could have been since the rollback rate was 0.494254.

When shown a copy of an August 22 notice published in THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE and excerpts of the state tax code, Smith said that he and his committee would need to review the information but that he thought the petition was still valid.

"I think by what we read and what our attorney advised us, this [the petition] is what we have to do," Smith said.

Paula Lowrie, Chief Appraiser of the Donley Appraisal District, says the county tax rate is composed of three elements this year: the General Fund rate, the Farm to Market (or Road & Bridge) rate, and the Debt Component rate. The debt rate is where most of this year's tax increase comes from, and that is where the controversy is.

Increases in the General Fund and Road & Bridge rates can only be raised eight percent without being challenged by a petition. But the Debt Component rate is limited only by the amount of debt service the county has for that year, Lowrie said.

This year, the county adopted a Debt Component rate of 0.9745 per \$100 valuation to make its payments on the tax notes funding the county's share of the courthouse restoration.

"The only remedy for stopping the debt rate would have been to seek an injunction in district court," Messer said. "That had to have been done between August 22 (when the county first published the proposed debt rate) and October 1 (when the tax bills were mailed). That was the only remedy, and the time has passed."

Lowrie agrees with the Messer that it is too late to stop the debt rate.

"We've already been through the process to set the rate," she said. "All the notices were published timely

and correctly."

Smith, whose committee was still gathering signatures at press time, says even if the petition is invalid, it still proves a point and could impact the upcoming elections.

"This really shows a lot of people are upset," he said.

County Judge Jack Hall said he believes politics is the motivation behind the petition drive.

"The people behind the petition are dwelling a lot on the fact that they never got a chance to vote on the courthouse tax notes [in 2000]," Hall said. "But it was all done properly."

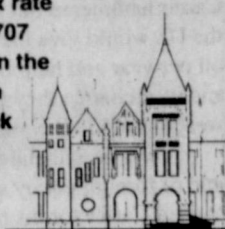
A special debt tax rate has been used before by local entities. The appraisal district says the Hedley school is using it to pay for their current bonds, the Donley County Hospital District had a debt rate for years, the Clarendon school has used it in the past, and even Donley County used a debt component rate to pay for bonds to build a new jail 20 years ago.

Donley County 2002 Tax Rate

| Adopted Rates | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| General | \$0.293224 |
| Road & Bridge | \$0.085873 |
| Debt Rate | \$0.097450 |
| Total 2002 Rate | \$0.476547 |

| Rollback Rate | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| General | \$0.293225 |
| Road & Bridge | \$0.085874 |
| Debt Rate | \$0.115155 |
| Rollback Rate | \$0.494254 |

Actual tax rate is \$0.017707 lower than the maximum or rollback rate.



SOURCE: Donley Appraisal District.



Splash of color

Workers were busy painting the windows of the 1890 courthouse last week as the project moves toward a December completion date. Brick masons have been restoring historic chimneys, and project managers say they will soon be installing the new metal cornice and gutters. Inside the building, staining of woodwork has been completed on the second floor and is beginning on the first floor.

Enterprise Digital Photo

Taxes, courthouse topics at forum

The restoration of the Donley County Courthouse and a petition to roll back local property taxes were topics for discussion when the Howardwick Friendship Club hosted a "Meet The Candidates Night" last Friday.

Five candidates for county offices were present for the forum, and each was given a turn to talk to potential voters.

County Judge Jack Hall outlined the duties of his job and discussed his qualifications before discussing the rollback petition. He held up a chart showing the rollback rate of 0.494254 and the county's adopted rate of 0.476549.

"The tax rate is not above the rollback rate," Hall said.

Hall said he stands on two platforms in his bid for re-election - opposition to former constable Jimmy Swinney's case against the county and support for the restoration of the 1890 courthouse.

"I am for this courthouse," Hall said. "It is a treasure. It is one of a kind. It houses our history, and it belongs to you and all the people of Donley County. I am for the nearly

\$3 million we got from the state."

Hall also said he didn't need someone to talk for him, and he asked people to look at their own consciences and cast their vote.

Jimmy Thompson, who is running against Hall, spoke next and talked of his background being raised in the county and serving as its sheriff for 20 years.

"I understand the people and understand that people are on a fixed income," Thompson said. "I don't know all the answers, but I'll find out."

Thompson said he differed with Hall on the rollback issue and said he supports it.

"I think the rollback is right," he said. "If I didn't think it was right, it wouldn't have been done."

Treasurer Becky Jackson discussed the duties of her job and asked for support.

"I feel I've done a good job and ask you to vote for that time and experience in order to save the county time and money," she said.

Jackson's opponent, Vicki Sloan, said she had made a lot of friends during her campaign and promised to

serve the people.

"If elected, I will serve with dignity and humility," she said.

Candidate for County/District Clerk, Vicki Knowles, said she was having fun campaigning and encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

After the candidates' forum, rollback petition organizer Don Smith was allowed to speak.

"All we're saying is you should have the right to vote when taxes go up that much," Smith said.

Howardwick Mayor Billy Woods asked Smith what he thought of the sheriff's department.

"I think the sheriff's department is fine, but that's not what this is about," Smith said.

"Oh, yes, it is," Woods retorted. "I think without the tax increase, half the sheriff's department would be gone," Woods said, referring to the battle to raise deputies' salaries earlier this year.

"We're not saying anything about the sheriff's office," Smith said. "This has nothing to do with that."

"But you're not giving all the pros and cons," Woods said.

7th Court dismisses Swinney's appeal

The legal battle between Donley County and former constable Jimmy Swinney may be at an end following the action of the Seventh Court of Appeals in Amarillo last week.

The court dismissed Swinney's appeal and let stand the January ruling of District Judge David McCoy, who had 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.

County Attorney Pro Tem Kaye Messer says Swinney now has the opportunity to ask McCoy to review the case again, but she doesn't think it will help him.

"I can't imagine that Judge McCoy is going to change his ruling," Messer said.

But the former constable's

lawyer may have a different view.

Quoted in an article in the AMARILLO GLOBE-NEWS, Canyon attorney Chuck Hester said McCoy "will make additional rulings and findings and then [the case] will probably be up on appeal if the findings are adverse to Swinney."

Messer, however, thinks county officials have the case behind them now.

"From a legal stand point, Swinney may still have a ray of hope, but from a practical standpoint, I think it's over," she said.

County Judge Jack Hall was pleased with the appeals court's ruling.

"I'm proud they dismissed the case," Hall said. "And I'm proud of the work Kaye has done for Donley County."

CC, county okay security plan

Clarendon College students are now under the protection of the Donley County Sheriff's Department after the county approved a contract between the two entities last week.

Under the terms of the contract, Clarendon College will pay the sheriff's department \$20,000 per year to provide campus security. In turn, the sheriff's office will patrol the campus, check the doors of the buildings three or four times each night, and provide security during basketball games.

Officers will also be issuing parking tickets on the college campus, and all Class C misdemeanor citations issued to college students on

the campus will be handled through college court.

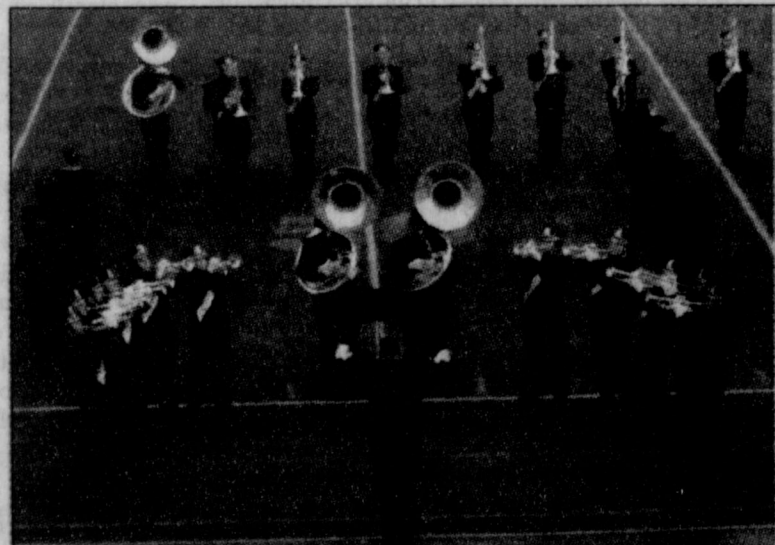
"I think it's a win-win situation," said Sheriff Butch Blackburn.

"Before, they were paying more than this to have a security guard, and we had to handle all their criminal cases. This will work for them, and the money will go into our overtime budget."

CC President Myles Shelton likes the contract also.

"It provides an added measure of security for our students, and I'm looking forward to working with the sheriff's office," he said.

The contract took effect on October 15.



Top-rated band

The Clarendon Bronco Band received the Division One ratings during marching contest last weekend. Shown here is the ensemble performing "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy." For complete details, see the related story on page three.

Photo courtesy Bronco Band.

Burton Library kindles kids' imaginations

Burton Memorial Library was filled with children for the Imagination Station story time October 19.

Two firemen from the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department brought their respirators and turn out gear for a demonstration on fire safety to 37 children and several adults. Then the children talked about people who wear masks for their jobs — firemen, doctors, football players, and SCUBA divers were mentioned.

Several stories were read about imagination and dreams. One story was about a little girl who imagined that her dog could be a dragon in a wagon. Another story was about grandpa who had a really wild, imaginary adventure.

After story time, the children were allowed to create their own mask using their imagination and creativity. The masks will be on display until the end of the library Open House on Saturday, October 26. Donation jars will be available for you to cast your monetary vote for your favorite mask. Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners. The donations will go toward supplies for the children's reading program.

VFW Post planning Veterans Day events

The Donley County Memorial Post 7782 of the VFW announced this week that their annual Veterans Day Ceremony will be held November 11 at the Donley County War Memorial on the Courthouse Square.

The ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. in keeping with the tradition of Armistice being signed on the 11th day of the 11th month at the 11th hour.

Many area civic groups will be in attendance, and a special guest has been invited to participate. Also performing at the ceremony will be the award-winning Bronco Band and the Hedley School Choir.

The ceremony will proceed as planned unless it rains.



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Bronco Band earns top honors at regional Marching Contest

The Bronco Band earned Division One honors at the UIL Region I Marching Contest held Saturday at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo.

The band competed against eleven other 1A schools to earn the title. Sunray and Stratford also received top honors.

The bands performed for three judges and each judge wrote comments on the score sheet. One judge, Arturo Valdez of Fort Worth, wrote that the Bronco Band had

"excellent sounds." He also noted that the band was able to perform at this level because they had invested time on fundamentals.

"Learning, commitment, and pride are evident in this band," Valdez wrote.

All three judges gave the Clarendon band a Division One rating.

The band has 72 members, including 23 seniors and eight juniors. They are under the direction of Todd Baker and Jennifer Willison.

Tickets on sale for museum Christmas party

Mark your calendars for the annual Museum Christmas Party to be held Saturday, December 7, 2002, at the Clarendon Community Center.

The Christmas Party features a delicious barbecue dinner with all the trimmings. Beer and set ups are

provided, and a live band will also be available.

At midnight, somebody's ticket to the party will win them \$5,000.

Tickets are \$50 per couple and are available in advance from any Board Member or from Henson's.

weather report

| Day | Date | High | Low | Prec. |
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| Mon | 14 | 60° | 32° | |
| Tues | 15 | 69° | 35° | |
| Wed | 16 | 69° | 37° | |
| Thur | 17 | 75° | 40° | |
| Fri | 18 | 69° | 44° | 0.03" |
| Sat | 19 | 71° | 55° | 0.13" |
| Sun | 20 | 57° | 39° | 0.13" |
| Total precipitation this month: 3.31" | | | | |
| Total precipitation to date: 19.94" | | | | |
| Total precipitation in Oct. last year: 0.08" | | | | |
| Total YTD total last year: 25.12" | | | | |

weekend forecast

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| | Friday, Oct. 25 AM Showers 55°/37° |
| | Saturday, Oct. 26 Mostly Cloudy 57°/35° |
| | Sunday, Oct. 27 Rain/T-Storms 53°/36° |

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Looking Back

20 Years Ago

THE CLARENDON PRESS, October 21, 1982
 • Donley County 4-H members, Melody Moreman and Richard Richardson were named the Gold Star award winners for 1981-1982 at the 4-H Awards Banquet in Clarendon.

• On Friday morning, October 15, a new ambulance was delivered to Associated Ambulance Authority in Clarendon for use by the local Emergency Medical Services teams. The unit had been on order since early July.

50 Years Ago

THE DONLEY CO. LEADER, October 23, 1952.
 • Lest Clarendon merchants forget the forth-coming First Annual Donley County Cotton Festival being held in Hedley on October 31 and November 1, Bob Harris, General Chairman and President of the Hedley Booster Club, presented Queen Wanda Lee Hansard and other members of the Royal Party in an entertainment program Tuesday noon at the regular meeting of the Lions Club.

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Forty-two former residents attend local tri-community reunion

By Jaunita Meador

The three communities of Chamberlain, Hudgins, and Windy Valley held their annual reunion on October 13, 2002, at the Donley County Senior Citizens building with forty-two present.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal.

Those registering were Lacy Lee Noble, Ara Paulk Garland, Gene Putman, Wilma Spier, Jean Baten,

Roy Chauveaux, Olace and Madelyn Hicks, Gene Jones, Myrl Cole Brown, Lacy and Mary Lee Noble, Wilma Cole Paxton, Jessie and Romaine McAllister, Bailey Estes, Jimmie Lee Cole Matheson, Don and Lynn Matheson, LaRae Shadle Pittman, U.G. and Eva Lee Swinney, Bob Aduddell, Jerre Bretthauer, Ike Noble, Joyce Johnson Jackson, Nell Gray, Billie Hicks, George and Marilee Self, Norma and Darrell

Hinkle, Naomi Green, Opal Ramsey, Bill and Donna Swinney, Samantha Barnes, Vicki Swinney Sloan, Lovie Woods Taylor, Nancy Taylor, LaQuitta Lewis, Bobbie Floyd, and Jaunita Meador.

The Cole family was the largest family present with seven members. Wilma Cole Paxton from Phoenix, Arizona, traveled the farthest.

Teachers present were LaRae Shadle Pittman and Jimmie Lee

Matheson.

The oldest lady present was Myrl Cole Brown, age 89; and oldest man present was Roy Chauveaux, age 93. The youngest lady present was Samantha Barnes, age 7; and the youngest man present was Bill Barnes, age 51.

The next reunion will be October 12, 2003, at the Donley County Senior Citizens Center. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

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Bronco Parents plan Fall Festival this Saturday

The Bronco Parents' Fall Festival Extravaganza will be held Saturday, October 26, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the Old Gym. The Bronco Parents donate their time to the organization to benefit the Clarendon Athletic Program. All proceeds from the festival will help support Bronco/Lady Broncos athletics throughout the year.

This year's festival will feature 24 exciting booths, games, the fabu-

lous cakewalk, scooter races, and a concession stand. Don't miss out on the chance to 'throw a wet sponge' at your favorite coach or take a picture with a Bronco football player. They will also have a costume contest for children in kindergarten through twelfth grade. Winners will be announced at 8:00 p.m. Numerous door prizes including CD Walkmans, a stereo, a TV, and more will also be awarded from local merchants

throughout the evening.

All Bronco Parents are encouraged to help set up beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. There is a lot of work to be done and any help would be appreciated.

There will be great prizes raffled off in several drawings throughout the night.

Young and old alike will enjoy the evening, so come out and support your Broncos and Lady Broncos.

Last Week's Solutions

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The Clarendon Firebelles and the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department will present the Haunted Firehouse on Saturday, October 26, beginning at 8:00 p.m.

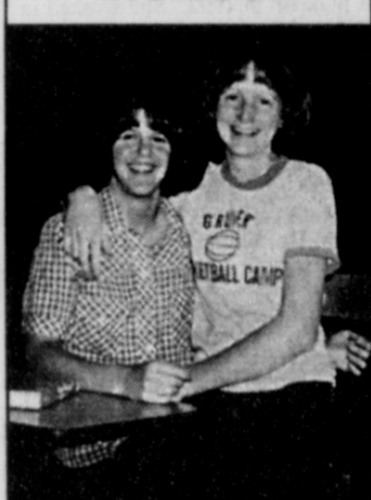
The Haunted Firehouse will be located in the basement of the Fire Department, behind City Hall. The cost is \$2.00 per head. Some material may not be suitable for small children.

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MCNH to host Trick or Treating for local kids

No tricks, just treats at Medical Center Nursing Home's annual Halloween Party on Thursday, October 31, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Come join the fun with all their ghouls and goblins handing out goodies. They will treat you with hotdogs and all the fixings. Afterwards, there will be trick or treating door to door with the residents.

They will also sponsor a coloring contest. Contest rules are available in this issue. Winners will be announced Thursday evening.

Come on out and fill the kids up before they start on the sweets.

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Lamb, goat validation set for October 30

Lamb and goat validation will begin at 4:30 p.m., October 30, at the Clarendon High School FFA pens. All 4-H and FFA lamb or goat exhibitors should attend.

They will be validating lambs and goats for major shows as well as the county show. All lambs and goats must be validated by November 1 to be eligible to show at major livestock shows.

For additional information please contact the Extension office at 874-2141.

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The Lion's Tale
 By Allen Estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting with on a handful of members and two guests present. A large number of Lions were either out of town or attending the Something More luncheon this week.

Boss Lion Myles Shelton conducted the meeting and introduced our guests: Mike Briggs, a guest of the Boss Lion; and Game Warden Gary Hunt, who was our program.

Hunt discussed the upcoming seasons and said he is seeing lots of quail this year, which should be good for the hunters. He also said pheasant season is not looking good at all to the south of us this year.

Lion Shelton discussed the club's upcoming 80th anniversary banquet next Tuesday and noted there will not be a noon meeting that day. The banquet will be at 7 p.m., and all Lions need to call the Boss Lion to RSVP.

There will also be no Lions meeting on November 5.

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Medical Center Nursing Home Halloween Coloring Contest for kids age 3-12



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Fish biting like crazy at Lake Greenbelt

The fishing at Lake Greenbelt is fantastic. The sand bass are running in large schools. When you get into them, hold on because the bite is fast and furious. The crappie are scattered, but they are moving to their winter holes in the trees in deep water. Catfish are biting very good in shallow water and in the main creek channels. The best baits have been shad, minnows, and stink bait. The walleyes are moving from their summer deep holes to the main lake points and mouths of the main creeks. They are feeding on ghost minnows and shad. Night fishing is your best bet when looking for walleyes.

I went fishing last Wednesday and Thursday, and I did very good. I was fishing the main lake channel in 25' of water. I caught a lot - and I mean a lot - of good, quality fish. I am proud to say I am a firm believer in catch and release. I released 75%

of the fish I caught, including a 20 lb. flathead, a 5 lb. smallmouth, about 40 or 50 sand bass, and several other fish including a few 15" walleyes.

This fishing trip was in the top 10 of my best fishing here at Lake Greenbelt. I caught over one hundred pounds of fish, and they were all caught off the bank with rod and reel. I fished hard day and night. Out of the 50 hours at the lake, I only slept about eight. Minnows and bluegills were the top baits. I will be fishing again some time this week.

The Donley County Bass Club had their last bass tournament here at Lake Greenbelt this past Saturday. The weather got the best of us. The first two hours of the tournament were perfect. The bass were biting, and then the rain came and came hard. After fishing in the pouring rain with a stiff north wind for about an hour, we all said... well, I really can't men-



outdoor Life
By Gary Dziedzic

tion what we actually said. But when it started to thunder and lightning, we decided to call it quits and end the tournament. It was going to be a six-hour tournament, but we ended it after three hours. Oh well. You can't always have perfect weather when fishing. Mother Nature sometimes has her own ideas.

This coming weekend, Saturday, October 26, through Sunday, October 27, is a special Youth Only season for whitetail deer and turkey. Texas Parks and Wildlife Hunter Education is required for all those born after September 1, 1971, who intend to hunt. Only licensed hunters 16 years of age or younger may hunt. Good

luck to all the young hunters!

Archery season will end October 27, 2002. You must have an archery stamp for deer and turkey during an Archery Only open season. Dove season runs through October 30, 2002. In the north hunting zone, the bag limit is 15. The statewide general season for quail begins October 26, 2002, and runs through Sunday, February 23, 2003. The bag limit is 15 quail. The general hunting season starts November 2, 2002, and ends January 5, 2003. Good luck to the hunters! And for you non-hunters, go fishing. The fish are biting great!

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.

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

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Besides snapping up favorites from among the books that will be for sale, library patrons will be able to "Guess the Pumpkin's Weight" for a nominal fee and vote for their favorite mask in the children's mask contest display.

A number of youngsters will be reciting poems at various times for the entertainment of the library's guests.

Come down and see the results of the remodeling and pitch in to help raise funds for further updating and that perennial library need: new books, videos and other materials.

It should be an entertaining morning, so come join in the fun.

Sheriff's Report: Semi-truck knocks out power for five hours

- within city limits of Hedley.
- Oct. 14**
7:55 a.m. - To 3rd and Hawley, standby while subject claims missing property (bicycle).
8:36 a.m. - Take report - vehicle struck while parked in 400 block of S. Kearney.
3:23 p.m. - Check reported disturbance on Palacio St. in Howardwick. Go-carts on roadway.
9:43 p.m. - Out in 200 block of S. Kearney.
9:56 p.m. - Assisting disabled motorist E. of city limits.
- Oct. 15**
1:24 a.m. - Driver of semi struck power pole on US 287 at N. SH 70 and left the scene. AEP contacted, also Highway Dept. Description of vehicle put out to counties, west bound US 287.
5:50 a.m. - City wide power off. Switch over.
6:05 a.m. - Assisting resident on 6th and Gorst.
6:10 a.m. - Power back on.
8:14 a.m. - EMS assist. Adult male allergic reaction in 500 block of 1st St.
11:14 a.m. - Check reported vehicle hit and run in 100 block of E. 1st St.
1:01 p.m. - Check disturbance in 800 block of E. 4th St. - loud music.
2:59 p.m. - Dispatched to 200 block W. 4th - burglary of vehicle.
10:24 p.m. - Reported traffic accident
- Oct. 16**
6:32 a.m. - Dispatched to residence in 200 block of Charles in Howardwick. Deliver message of traffic accident in Armstrong County.
2:07 p.m. - To 5th St.
5:52 p.m. - To residence in 300 block of W. Rosenfield, child struck by a rock.
9:57 p.m. - En route to check pick up not belonging to the caller at his residence.
11:10 p.m. - EMS assist in 300 block of E. 3rd. Female having seizure.
- Oct. 17**
1:05 p.m. - To Sheriff's Office taking statements.
8:30 p.m. - Assist stranded motorist.
- Oct. 18**
12:33 a.m. - Dispatched to disturbance in 400 block of W. 8th St.
6:44 a.m. - To 100 block of S. Kearney. Business owner reporting theft.
10:30 a.m. - Funeral procession escort.
10:50 a.m. - Out in 600 block of E. 2nd. Complaint of motorhome parked in parking lot.
1:34 p.m. - Out in 600 block of E. 2nd.
5:20 p.m. - Serving legal papers on S. Carhart.
9:26 p.m. - All emergency units to reported fire on US 287 at S. Taylor St.
- Oct. 19**
10:11 a.m. - Assist disabled motorist on 2nd and Carhart Streets.
4:10 p.m. - Dispatched to residence in 200 block of E. 4th. No response on 911 call.
8:05 p.m. - Disturbance in 200 block of E. 5th St.
11:19 p.m. - Dispatched to apartment in 600 block of S. 6th. Complaints of excessive noise.
- Oct. 20**
5:05 a.m. - Dispatched to Medical Center. No response on 911 call.
2:34 p.m. - Out in 300 block of S. Jefferson.
3:53 p.m. - Check report of vehicles racing in 900 block of W. 3rd.
6:39 p.m. - Out on N. Hartzell.
7:06 p.m. - Taking property damage report on US 287 at S. Jefferson.
8:33 p.m. - Secure building in 200 block of W. 4th St.
9:42 p.m. - Assisting DPS.
- Summary**
Arrests - 3
Fire - 1
Ambulance - 7

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Broncos shut down Cyclones

By Sandy Anderberg
The paramedics were on stand by Friday night at the Clarendon-Memphis football game. Not just for the players but also for the Bronco fans as the game went down to the final tick on the scoreboard in the Broncos' nail-biting 25-22 win over the Cyclones.
Perfect in district play thus far, the Broncos were determined not to go down against Memphis. They held the Cyclones out of the end zone just long enough against a clock that seemed to stand still. Their team play seemed to be key in their win.
"The kids maintained a belief in themselves and the team that they could win the game," Head Coach Roger Hoeltzel said. "It was good to get our second district win."

Clarendon jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the first quarter as sophomore Tim Sanchez ran the ball in from 12 yards out. Todd Hoeltzel's kick failed. Memphis answered back in the second period with two scores of their own as they took the lead away from the Broncos. But the Broncos played aggressively and stormed back into the end zone on a 1-yard run by Hoeltzel to only trail by 2 points at the break.

The Broncos went on to dominate the third quarter and the game as Hoeltzel took it in from 6 yards out to go up 4 points. The Broncos' next score would come by the way of a blocked and stolen punt attempt by the Cyclones. Freshman Will Betts helped himself to the ball on Memphis' 25-yard line and easily ran it in for the Clarendon TD. Hoeltzel added the extra point to take the score to 25-14.

Memphis would get one more score in the last period to come within 3 points of the Broncos. Their pass attempt failed as the clock went to triple zeros giving the Broncos the win over the Cyclones.

"Their goal line stand was a super feat," Hoeltzel said. "They were very tough mentally in the last seconds and we were extremely proud of their effort."

According to Hoeltzel, the Broncos are closing in on their goal for the year.

"This win over Memphis was a big step toward the goal the kids have set, and that is to win a District Championship. They showed tremendous perseverance in the game."

Hoeltzel was pleased with the team play from the Broncos.

"We had several big plays that contributed to our victory. There were a multitude of players in on each play."

"The line did a great job, and we were able to move the ball against a faster Memphis team. Our line will have to continue that good blocking throughout our remaining schedule."

Hoeltzel also said he appreciates the crowd for their tremendous support.

"The crowd really got behind the kids. We are extremely appreciative of their support."

The Broncos must next face Wellington, a team that is also perfect in district play. Clarendon will play the Skyrockets in Bronco Stadium this Friday, October 25, at 7:30 pm.

Hedley Owls fall to Silvertown, 48-0

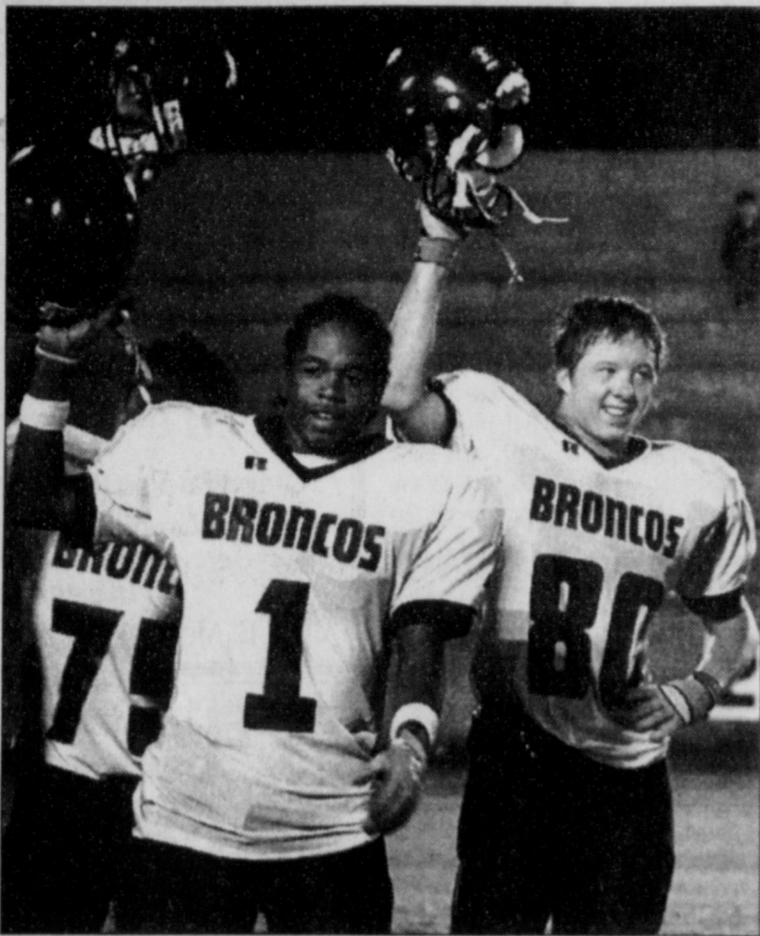
The Hedley Owls suffered their first district loss on Friday night when they were defeated by the Silvertown Owls, 48-0.

Silvertown took an early lead in the ballgame with a 26 yard run by Red Ivory. Dustin Hale PAT kick was good. Ivory scored again in the first quarter on a 5-yard run. Hale's PAT attempt was unsuccessful.

Second quarter saw Ivory score on a run of 43 yards and 37 yards. Hale completed one of the PAT kicks bringing the halftime score 35-0.

Hedley made some defensive adjustments in the second half to hold Silvertown to only two touchdowns. Ivory scored both times, and Hale added the PAT kick.

Hedley will travel to Motley County this Friday to take on the Matadors at 7:30 p.m.



Judge Smith and Taylor Shelton lift their helmets after the Broncos' victory over Memphis last week. The maroon team will face Wellington this Friday in Bronco Stadium. Photo courtesy CHS

Colts get revenge on Memphis Cyclones

Redeeming themselves for the earlier 2-point loss against Memphis, the Colts left nothing in their bags of tricks as they defeated the Cyclones, 30-8, Thursday night in Bronco Stadium.

Steven Ballard got the first score of the game when he ran back a punt from 25 yards out. The Colts scored again in the second period on an 82-yard run by Ballard. Both extra point attempts failed.

It was the Cyclone's turn at the beginning of the second half as they narrowed the gap, 12-8.

But Ballard was unstoppable against the Cyclones as he scored two more times, one of which was a 65-yard run. Quarterback Brad Sell also put it across the goal line on a 5-yard keeper.

Ballard and Austin Howard made key interceptions. Wes Christopher and Sell each recovered a fumble.

"The kids did a great job against Memphis," Coach Mike Ray said. "They did a lot of things right and played hard."

The Colts will travel to Wellington Thursday, October 24, to battle the Firecrackers. The game will begin at 5:00 p.m.

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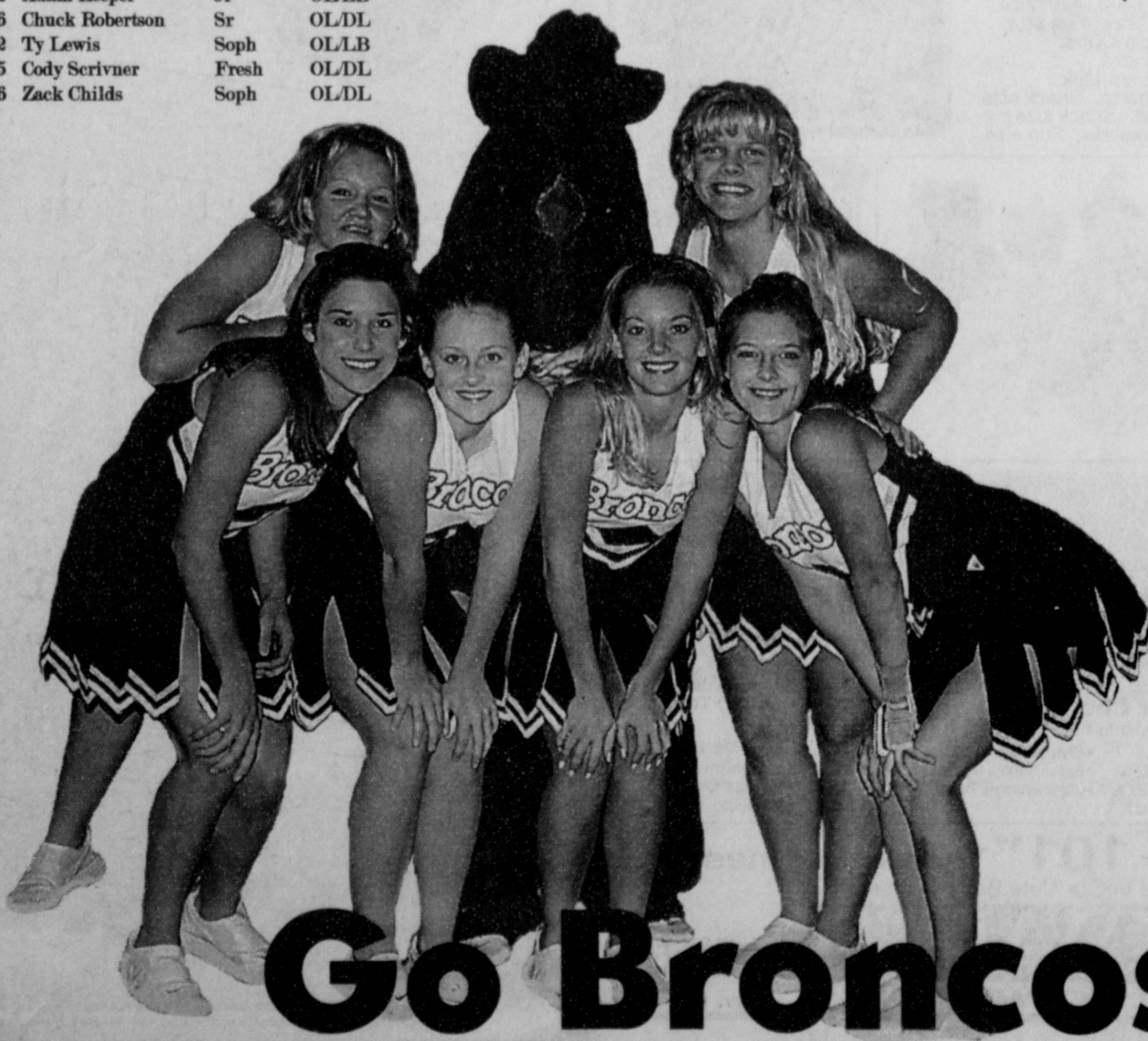
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2002 Bronco Roster

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|----------------------|-------|--------|--|-------|--------|
| 1 Judge Smith | Sr | Rec/DB | 70 Eric Pitts | Sr | OL/LB |
| 5 Drew Sell | Jr | Rec/DB | 72 Otis Scrivner | Jr | OL/DL |
| 9 Cameron Word | Sr. | RBLB | 73 James Williams | Sr | OL/DL |
| 10 Tim Sears | Soph. | Rec/LB | 75 Juan Ramirez | Fresh | OL/DL |
| 11 Chase Thornberry | Fresh | QB/DB | 80 Taylor Shelton | Sr | Rec/DL |
| 12 Todd Hoeltzel | Sr | QB/DB | 86 Richard Anderson | Sr | Rec/DB |
| 20 Dusty Martindale | Jr | RB/DB | Head Coach: Roger Hoeltzel | | |
| 22 Morgan Robinson | Fresh | Rec/LB | Assistant Coaches: Mike Ray, Brad Elam, and Wade Calloway. | | |
| 25 Will Drackley | Fresh | RBLB | Student Trainers: Serenity Shay and Lydia Hartman | | |
| 32 Tim Sanchez | Soph | RBLB | Manager: Kaitlyn Howard | | |
| 33 Jeremy Howard | Jr | Rec/DB | Cheerleaders: Brandi Martindale, Christine Holden, Terra Kidd, Brittney Hall, Vanna Holton, Haley Shelton, and mascot Sarah Ray. | | |
| 36 Stephen Ford | Fresh | Rec/DB | | | |
| 40 Will Betts | Fresh | RBLB | | | |
| 42 Patrick Childs | Sr | RBLB | | | |
| 50 Michael Henderson | Fresh | OL/DL | | | |
| 54 Adam Leeper | Jr | OL/LB | | | |
| 56 Chuck Robertson | Sr | OL/DL | | | |
| 62 Ty Lewis | Soph | OL/LB | | | |
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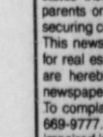


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