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NEWS at a glance

CC to celebrate women's history

March is Women's History Month, a time to celebrate the accomplishments of women throughout American history. This annual recognition focuses on the progress women have made and the mark they continue to make on history, their communities, and cultures.

Clarendon College will present the 2003 Women's History Month theme, "Women Pioneering the Future," next Tuesday, March 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the foyer of the Clarendon College Pampa Center at 1601 W. Kentucky.

The public is cordially invited to come and hear local trailblazers tell the story of bravery, courage, and determination of the clubs and organizations they belong to and how the remarkable work they do has changed their lives and the lives of others.

For more information, contact Jewel Houston at 874-9997.

Elementary taking Box Tops, labels

Clarendon Elementary School is still collecting Box Tops and soup labels for the PTA to use to purchase school supplies.

Students at the Functional Living Center counted 444 Box Tops for Education and 250 Campbell's Soup Labels for Education on March 5.

If you have either, please send them to school with any elementary student or drop them off by the elementary office. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

Local office will close March 19-20

Donley County Tax Assessor / Collector Wilma Lindley has announced the Motor Vehicle Office will be closed next Wednesday and Thursday, March 19 and 20, for continuing education classes in Amarillo.

CJH accepting GT nominations now

Clarendon Junior High is accepting nominations of junior high students (Grades 6-8) for the Gifted and Talented Program.

The G/T program is a program designed to serve academically advanced students. If you would like to nominate a junior high student for the G/T Program, please drop by the junior high office to obtain a nomination packet.

CJH Principal Marvin Elam must receive all nominations by March 26, 2003.

Inside:

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- 3 Two local electric company service-men receive safety awards.
- 6 A beef quality training class is planned for Childress.
- 7 And a Clarendon student breaks the school shot put record... again.

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

County declares constable office dormant

Donley County Commissioners closed the controversial office of Constable of Precincts 1&2 this week.

The vote to declare the office dormant was unanimous when the commissioners' court met in regular session Monday.

"We did this in accordance with an amendment to the Texas Constitution voted on in November, which was approved by a majority of voters in Donley County," said County Judge Jack Hall.

Local voters had approved the

amendment by a margin of 767 to 118.

The Precinct 1&2 Constable's office has been a source of controversy since Jimmy Swinney was elected to the post with 52 votes in a write-in candidacy in November 2000. The office had been vacant since John Topper last held the position on December 31, 1978. Swinney sued the county over his salary in June 2001 and later resigned from office after he failed to become a certified Texas peace officer.

Because Swinney never quali-

fied for office nor did his appointed successor, the position was eligible to be declared vacant under the guidelines of the new amendment.

The constable's office can be revived in the future by a majority vote of the commissioners' court. The people of the county can also petition to hold an election to reinstate the office.

In other county business, commissioners approved requests from Treasurer Becky Jackson and County Clerk Fay Vargas to attend training workshops.

The court voted to appoint Dr. John Howard as the County Health Authority.

The county policy manual was updated to prohibit any department or office from hiring as a part-time employee anyone who is already a part-time employee of another department or office. This would prevent such a person from becoming a *de facto* full-time county employee.

The court declined to participate in a state program to replace the bridge on County Road 20 at Lelia Creek. The county would have had

to pay \$34,000 in matching funds, and commissioners felt they county could repair the bridge on its own, the judge said.

Two names were drawn for the county grievance committee, and those people will be contacted and asked to serve.

A \$14,000 bond was approved for County Attorney Pro-tem Kaye Messer, and a report was received from Sheriff Butch Blackburn documenting the races of people ticketed and arrested during calendar year 2002.



In good hands

Associated Ambulance Authority Director Anita Aaron examines an 80-year-old Grand Junction, Colorado, motorist who rolled his car west of Clarendon last Saturday. Emergency crews, which were holding mock accident training about two miles away, responded immediately. Fortunately, the gentleman suffered no major injuries during the rollover.

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District to discuss rainfall enhancement Tuesday

The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District will present a program on rainfall enhancement Tuesday, March 18, at 6:30 p.m., at Steve's Steak Out in Clarendon.

Along with an evening meal, a program entitled "Rainfall Enhancement Programs: Facts, Myths, and Results" will be presented by the District.

Counties participating in the

rainfall enhancement program within the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District include all or parts of Armstrong, Carson, Donley, Gray, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Potter, Roberts, and Wheeler.

The program is designed to educate the public on general rainfall enhancement facts, provide a better understanding of why we chose to implement this program, explain

seeding processes, and finally provide seasonal results along with their economic impact on the region.

At the conclusion of the program, a question and answer session will follow to address public questions, concerns, and comments.

If you are planning to attend the presentation with the evening meal, please RSVP with the District Office at 883-2501 by March 17.

Hospital board takes no action on administrator

The Donley County Hospital Board took no action last Friday night regarding the position of District Administrator Alan Graham.

The administrator was arrested March 2 and charged with Driving While Intoxicated while he was driving one of the district's ambulances in response to an accident.

The hospital board met for 2½ hours in closed session, speaking one at a time to Graham, department heads, and district employees about

the situation.

After the closed session, board president Don Thornberry said the board will await an evaluation of the incident by the Texas Department of Health and said the legal charge must be given time to work through the judicial system. He also stated the board will be reviewing all board policies and will implement any warranted changes.

The health department's investigation is expected to take about two

weeks.

Graham resigned as a volunteer driver for the ambulance authority following the incident and has said he doesn't want the incident to cast a bad light on the service given by the local paramedics and EMTs.

Meanwhile, several employees of the Medical Center Nursing Home, while not condoning the incident, have expressed a desire for Graham to be kept on as administrator of the hospital district.

Filing deadling nears for local candidates

With just a week to go in the sign-up period, most local governments were still looking for candidates for the May 5 election.

Clarendon Mayor Tex Selvidge and Alderman Bob Watson have filed for re-election, but at press time no one had signed up for the second vacant alderman's position.

The City of Hedley has two incumbents - Abbey O'Neal and Bruce Howard - signed up for the Board of Aldermen, which has three positions up this year.

Howardwick has the mayor's office and two positions on the Board of Aldermen open this election, but no one has yet signed up.

The Donley County Hospital District has three positions open this year on the Board of Directors. Last week, the ENTERPRISE erred in report-

ing that no candidates had filed. In fact, incumbents Don Thornberry, Place One, and Andy Wheatley, Place Three, had signed up prior to that report. Since that time, incumbent Nelson Christie has signed up to run again and is facing a challenge from Alan Fletcher for the Place Two seat.

Updated trustee candidate lists from Hedley and Clarendon public schools were unavailable since both district offices were closed this week for Spring Break. Last week, CISD reported incumbents Joe Lemley and Wayne Hardin had signed up for re-election. HISD reported LeAnn Marcum was the only candidate last week for two positions on that board.

Citizens interested in running for these local positions have until 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, to sign up.

PTA, Cub Scouts to hold safety fair for local kids

The Clarendon PTA and Cub Scout Pack 437 will sponsor a Youth Safety Fair on March 25 at Clarendon Elementary from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The purpose of the fair is to educate parents and children about crime prevention, child abuse, and community services available to local families. A parent must accompany their child to the fair.

Part of the program includes viewing the movie, "It Happened To Me," which talks about sexual abuse in children. The award winning video was produced by the Boy Scouts of America to educate children about sexual abuse and the steps they should take to protect themselves.

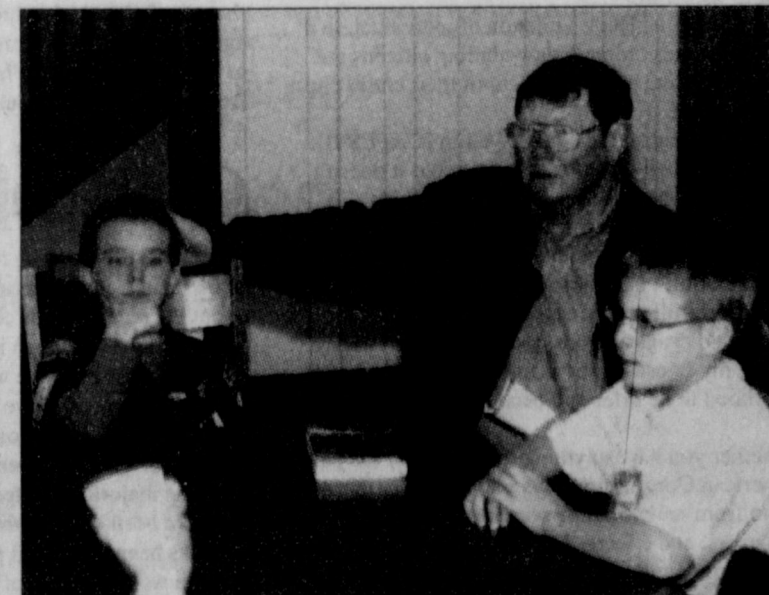
The video presents common situations in which sexual abuse might occur. Professionals have reviewed the content of the video and found it suitable for viewing by children as young as six years old. Amber Ford of Child Protective Services will be available for questions after the pro-

gram. The video begins at 7:00 p.m. Burton Memorial Library will show books that are available at the library on children's issues.

The Donley County Sheriff's Department will take pictures and fingerprints of the children. These cards assist law enforcement when a child has been reported missing.

The Associated Ambulance Authority will demonstrate bicycle safety and drug prevention. The Department of Public Safety will show proper seat belt and car safety seat procedures. Immunization information will also be available from the Texas Department of Health.

Other agencies including the Donley County Extension Service, Panhandle Community Services, and WIC will be on hand to discuss poison control and services available to assist families in the community. The Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department and the Girl Scouts will also have booths at the fair.



Civics lesson

Clarendon mayor Tex Selvidge spoke to Bradley Watson and Clayton Shields of the Den 3 Webelos last week about local government. The Webelos are earning their Citizen Activity Badge and were required to learn about local government and laws.

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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.

Terrorists win again with new airport security

The attacks of September 11, 2001, drastically changed America in many ways, and one of those changes reared its ugly head last month in the form of a new tool in the War on Terror. The Computer Assisted Passenger Prescreening System (referred to as CAPPSS II) is getting ready to come online and regularly violate the rights of decent Americans everywhere.

CAPPSS II is apparently a sequel to the original CAPPSS which was so successful it flagged up to 11 of the 19 September 11 hijackers but let them on the planes anyway because they didn't check their bags. By inference, I would take that to mean the other eight hijackers were not flagged.

The new system, "CAPPSS II: The Wrath of CAPPSS," which will be tested by Delta Airlines in three airports starting next month, will do a background check on every person buying a ticket on a commercial airliner and assign that person a threat level. Among other things, it will do a cross check of a potential passenger's credit report and their bank account activity.

If that doesn't send cold chills down your spine, then you are hopelessly out of touch with the concept of freedom and what it means to live in a free society.

If you believe the government, the system will not look at data based on race, religion, and ethnicity. That seems strange since statistically that would be the quickest way to pinpoint potential terrorists. After all, they're aren't a lot of 85-year-old Presbyterian women from Midland, Texas, who hijack planes and ram them into symbols of American power.

Here's another comforting thought. The government won't keep this information forever after it's through with the background check. It will only be on file... FOR 50 YEARS! That's what the Associated Press found in the Federal Register, but a transportation department spokesman told the AP - paraphrasing now - "Oh, that's just a typo." That's only for "people deemed security risks," the AP reported.

Yeah, right. And my Social Security number isn't really a national identification number either.

CAPPSS II will use a color-coded method for tagging passengers. I suppose this was inspired by Homeland Defense Secretary Tom Ridge's Crayola Warning System for terror alerts. Ticket purchasers will be defined as either green, yellow, or red. Green people are okay. Yellow people will get "extra screening," and red people won't get to fly. (My Cherokee blood thinks there's an insult somewhere in there for Native Americans.)

The Associated Press also reports, "Unusual behavior, such as purchasing a one-way ticket with cash, is supposed to prompt increased scrutiny."

I wonder what kind of security would be triggered if a fellow bought a one-way ticket to D.C. with cash two days after passing a background check to buy a new handgun, three months after his wife divorced him, five months after declaring bankruptcy after his business partner Mullah Mohamed embezzled all the company pension accounts, and two weeks after purchasing "A Visitor's Guide To The Capitol" and "How To Get a White House Tour" from Barnes & Noble. Think that guy might get a full lower gastrointestinal exam in windowless room at the airport?

I'm all for going and killing bin Laden and Saddam and hunting down all the other terrorist lowlives in the world. But trying to scare the hell out of the American people is the exact opposite of what our federal government should be doing.

"We can't let the terrorists win," you say. But they've already won. The American people are gladly giving up their liberties incrementally since September 11 in the name of "Homeland Security," and CAPPSS II is just the latest example.

The way we win the War on Terror is take the battle to the terrorists. I say we arm the pilots and a few flight attendants and tell them they can shoot to kill any person who tries to take over a plane. I guarantee that will be more effective than humiliating mastectomy patients when their surgical staples set off the metal detector or having people's underwear pulled out of their suitcases in a public spectacle.

CAPPSS II is a blatant violation of individual civil rights. It presumes ordinary, law-abiding citizens are guilty of something - anything - until their credit check proves otherwise.

I recently heard a lady say, "Well, it [CAPPSS II] seems like a violation of privacy to me, but it doesn't really bother me because I have nothing to hide."

Unfortunately, it seems like that's the attitude of a lot of people. "They can do a background check on me because I don't have anything to hide." "They can let a drug dog sniff my teenager's backpack because she doesn't do drugs and has nothing to hide." "They can search my house if they want to because I want my neighborhood to be safer and because I have nothing to hide."

Whether you have anything to hide is not the point. The American Constitution says you have the right to be secure from unreasonable searches in your person, house, papers, and effects. The burden is supposed to be on the government to show probable cause against you to get a warrant to subject you to a search.

CAPPSS II does an end-run around the Constitution and makes Joe Six-Pack the bad guy. It's not the kind of system which should be allowed to operate in a free country, and I hope a court somewhere will shut it down.

Flamingos, gators mark sorority pledgers

Spring Break. Those are two of the most beautiful words in the world. That means one whole week of no classes, no tests, no research papers, and no rehearsals! By the time you read this, I will be sliding down the slopes in sunny, snowy Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The most wonderful thing about Spring Break is that it marks the end of pledging, five weeks of intense humiliation for those seeking acceptance in sororities and fraternities.

Whitney and I are perhaps the only girls on our hall who were not pledging a sorority. We were surrounded.

There are three sororities at Hardin-Simmons: Sigma Alpha, Tri Phi, and Epsilon Pi Alpha. Sigma Alpha and Tri Phi have mascots, alligators and flamingos, respectively.

Tri Phi has a giant stuffed flamingo that someone has to carry every day. I think poor Sigmond the Flamingo is in desperate need of a bath by now.

Everywhere you turn, there is a girl carrying a pledge notebook and a stuffed alligator. They have to stay in their rooms all evening long waiting for the phone to ring just so they can answer, "This is Sigma Alpha pledge, Sarah."



life's Lessons

By Carrie Heims

Then when the call comes in, they have 20 minutes to get to "pledge lines." I'm not sure what they do in pledge lines, but they always come back loud and obnoxious and sometimes very dirty. Does not sound like fun to me.

They are required to greet members with long formal greetings. If they neglect this duty, they lose points. The members can also require them to greet the people around them.

Pledges move in herds. I was sitting at lunch in the cafeteria with a couple of friends who were Sigma Alpha members when a herd of alligators came to pay their respects to the three members. Each one had to greet three members plus their three guests. I was greeted 15 times. I laughed.

The one bright spot about pledging is impersonating other pledges. My favorite is a fraternity called Sigma Delta Sigma. Their mascot is the skunk. They have an awesome tradition fondly known as "the notebook."

Each pledge gets a small notebook where members keep notes about the pledge. If a member asks for a piece of gum and you have it: 5 points. If you are wearing a shirt from their least favorite NFL team: minus 10 points.

Whitney and I really liked this idea. We got our own notebooks and decided to keep an accurate and unbiased record. Immediately, Whitney lost 7.4 points for pointing a napkin in my drink at lunch, but gained 30 points for finishing her homework in less than 10 minutes before class.

A Sigma Delta Sigma member sitting behind us figured out what was going on, and subtracted 4 million points from my notebook for impersonating a Sigma.

The funny thing is that it is blatantly against scriptural principle. The Bible says, "Love keeps no record of wrong." According to my English professor, "I'm pretty sure they are all going to hell for that."

I decided I don't like any of those sororities. I don't want to jump through flaming hoops to earn my friends.

I am going to start my own social club. We can call it Oughta Date-a Theta. Sounds good to me.



US can't afford wait, see attitude on Iraq

One of the country's leading editorial writers, Charles Krauthammer, recently wrote that the central problem of the 21st century is "the conjunction of terrorism, rogue states, and weapons of mass destruction."

Most of us prefer not to think about that - the awful destruction and death that results from the combination of terrorist groups, outlaw states, and technologies that can kill millions. As unpleasant as the topic may be, however, we cannot afford to stick our heads in the sand.

The cold, hard reality of these times is that such weapons do exist, and they are spreading around the world. The truth is that there are groups and individuals whose primary aim is to kill as many Americans as possible, and they are quite willing to die to do it. Whether we fight back or not, America is at war.

September 11, 2001, was the opening shot in this new war. Iraq will probably be the next battlefield. Others will come, for this war will last a long time.

We hope that the actual fighting in Iraq will end quickly. There are serious dangers which our troops could face, including the use of chemical or biological weapons against them, and we trust that they will be as prepared as possible for whatever confronts them. No one doubts, however, that



Issue Update with Rep. Mac Thornberry

the U.S. military will prevail.

I have been asked, "Why now? We have lived with Saddam Hussein for more than ten years since the Gulf War. Can't we just wait and see what happens?" My answer is that we could decide to wait, but whatever the risks of military action now may be, the risks of waiting are far greater.

We know what kind of person Saddam Hussein is. He has murdered with his own hands; he is responsible for the torture and death of many, many people. We know that he has a very large number of chemical weapons and of biological weapons, and we know that he is using every resource available to him to acquire nuclear weapons. We know that he will not hesitate to use such weapons. He has used them before in war and against his own people.

We could decide to wait until he uses them again - or until he gives them to some terrorist group like Al Qaeda. But if we wait, our job will be even harder in the future, and the resulting devastation will not rest easily on our consciences.

Unfortunately there are some other nations that have a financial interest in continuing to work with the current government of Iraq. Others are taking a wait-and-see approach. The United States cannot afford to take such a path. We are the primary target, and we have the responsibility of world leadership. No one else can do it.

Our work will not be over once the shooting stops. Just as our continued involvement in Europe and in Japan after World War II led to decades of stability and economic growth, true success in Iraq will require years of effort. We will work with others - perhaps including some of those who refuse to join in the initial military action - to help the Iraqi people get back on their feet and to develop a stable, democratic government. We will have to look for ways to give the millions of Muslim young people around the world hope for a brighter future so that they will not be such easy prey for the terrorist recruiters.

Tough challenges lie ahead, but a bright light during these gloomy times can be found in America's past. We have faced tough times before at places like Valley Forge, Gettysburg, and Iwo Jima. Americans always have risen to the challenge, guided by our strong faith and indomitable spirit. I have no doubt we will do so again.

Graham should stay as MCNH administrator

I have been talking to the employees of Medical Center Nursing Home (MCNH) about the recent events concerning our administrator. Although it is unanimous that we do not condone what has happened, the majority have expressed their concern that he might lose his job. They don't want that to happen.

The majority also feel his name should not have been dragged through the press as it has been. Our local paper has been doing a wonderful job of reporting without the embellishments and in a fair manner. There are many people who have made just as serious mistakes, and their reputations were not dragged through the mud.

We do feel appropriate actions should be taken. I have total confidence and faith

in our hospital district board of directors to do what is right and just. I don't think this mistake should cost him his career.

We feel he is doing a great job. He has placed MCNH where it should be for the best patient care possible. And for his good work, we do support him.

We have an excellent staff doing a hard job and doing it wonderfully. We take pride in our work. Our administrator is a hands-on worker. He is not just an administrator; he is our co-worker.

I realize there are a lot of rumors around in the community. I would like to suggest for the public to come to MCNH and talk with the employees. They will give you an honest answer about how they feel whether it be positive or negative. This

is a free country with freedom of speech. Instead of listening to rumors, come find out for yourself. While there, you might like to visit with our residents. They would love to have visitors.

You are also welcome to come to our board meetings and see what a great job our board of directors is doing.

On a personal note, both my parents are at MCNH. I'm sure you realize how precious our parents are. If I had any doubt about the quality of the administrator or patient care, I would not have them there. I have total faith in MCHN for their care.

Judy Haire, MCNH Employee Committee Chairman

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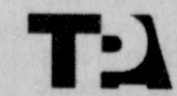
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Style show will highlight breast cancer survivors

Modeling the Cure, a Breast Health Education Style Show, will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2003, at the Church of Christ Family Life Center. The lunch and show begins at noon.

The event is sponsored by the Amarillo Area Breast Health Coalition and Donley County Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Committee. The show is a tribute to Breast Cancer Survivors and a Celebration of Breast Health Awareness. Paul Zorsky, M.D. of Women's Health Care Associates at Amarillo will be the speaker for the event.

Breast Cancer Survivors will model clothes, hair styles, and make up while their story is shared. Beauticians Leitha Watson and Donna Knorpp from Salon 306 have volunteered their talents for the event. Mary Kay specialist Julie Gates will be providing the make over for the models. Country Bloomers Flower Shop will provide the flowers for the models. Jim Douglas has graciously volunteered his photography talents.

A free lunch will be served, and door prizes will be given away.

If you would like to attend to support the Breast Cancer Survivors and to learn more about the importance of breast health and early detection of breast cancer, please RSVP at 874-2141.



The Lion's Tale
By Allen Estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting March 11 with Boss Lion Pro-tem Denise Bertrand in charge.

We had nine members and no guests. With most folks gone on Spring Break, the sum of our discussion centered on getting a new tea pitcher. One with a spout of some kind was the preference of the club over the current round-mouth model, which, it was stated by Lion Johnson, is hard to pour from without creating a mess. This will be taken care of straight away.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.



Cowboy talk

Roger Coxe talked to the Head Start class at Clarendon Elementary about cowboys during Texas week.

Digital photo courtesy of Clarendon Elementary.

AEP recognizes employees for outstanding safety record

American Electric Power Abilene distribution district employees Michael Morris of Clarendon and Leon Ward of Hedley are among the 135 members of the Abilene Distribution District to receive recognition for an outstanding safety record.

Steve Baker, manager of distribution systems, accepted the Certificate of Merit Award for Outstanding Achievement in Accident Prevention for the district employees during a two-day Leadership Conference held in Corpus Christi. Harry Gordon, vice president of the Corpus Christi distribution region, presented the award on behalf of AEP executive management, along with his thanks and congratulations.

The award was given to the

employees for their safety milestone of working without an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recordable accident since August 11, 2001. An OSHA recordable accident is any work-related injury that requires medical treatment beyond first aid.

"Dozens of opportunities for accidents arise every day, and the entire team must be consistently committed to making safety a priority, not merely an option," said Baker.

"I'm very proud of the men and women in our district and their consistent focus on working safely. The employees certainly deserve this recognition for their safety performance."

weather report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	3	41	24	
Tues	4	68	32	
Wed	5	72	19	
Thur	6	48	16	
Fri	7	68	19	
Sat	8	74	36	
Sun	9	75	24	

Total precipitation this month: 0.02"
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Total precipitation in March last year: 0.26"
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weekend forecast

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Looking Back

15 Years Ago

The Clarendon Press, Mar. 10, 1988
• W.B. Specialties is one of Clarendon's newest businesses and is owned by W.B. Bernabe. The store sells and repairs model airplanes and also offers classes in how to fly the planes.
• Melissa Milhoan, a sophomore at Clarendon High School, placed seventh at the Citizen Bee held in Amarillo by the Close-up Foundation. Also attending the bee were Jay Gage and Roger Estlack.

50 Years Ago

The Donley Co. Leader, Mar. 12, 1953
• TV enthusiasts in Clarendon were somewhat disappointed with the test pattern that was beamed from Amarillo's KGNC TV Channel 4 here Wednesday morning. Reports state that the test pattern was fairly good until the cloudy weather disappeared and the sun took over. The majority of reports stated that the TV screens appeared as snow banks with the test pattern barely discernible. Tom Kritser, General Manager of KGNC-TV, announced that the station will begin telecasting regular programs next Wednesday, March 18, 1953.

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March 5-19
Howardwick Art Show • Howardwick City Hall

March 10 - 14
Spring Break

March 15
Pet Vaccination Clinic • Clarendon Veterinary Hospital • 9 a.m.

March 16 - 22
National Agriculture Week

March 17
St. Patrick's Day

March 18
Modeling the Cure Style Show • Church of Christ Family Life Center • noon

Immunization Clinic • TDH Office • 9 a.m., 1 p.m.

Women's History Program • CC Pampa Center • 6:30 p.m.

Rainfall Enhancement Program • Steve's Steak-out • 6:30 p.m. • RSVP 883-2501

March 25
Sunshine Lunch • Steve's Steak-out • 11:30 a.m.

Youth Safety Fair • Clarendon Elementary • 6 p.m.

April 5 - 6
Clarendon College Alumni Reunion • Bairfield Activity Center • Details to come.

Community Menus

March 17 - 21

Clarendon Schools
Breakfast
Mon: Oats, toast, fruit, milk
Tue: Breakfast burritos, fruit, milk
Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk
Thu: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk
Fri: Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk
Lunch
Mon: Ravioli, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, cinnamon applesauce, rolls, milk
Tue: Stew with vegetables, cornbread, fruit mix, milk
Wed: Chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, lazy daisy cake, milk
Thu: Fish, French fries, coleslaw, hush puppies, apricots, milk
Fri: Barbecue sandwiches, beans, salad, fruit, milk

Hedley Schools
Breakfast
Mon: Cheese toast, dry cereal, canned peaches, fruit juice, milk
Tue: Eggs and sausage, toast and jelly, cereal, fruit juice, milk
Wed: Biscuit and gravy, sausage patties, butter and jelly, cereal, juice, milk
Thu: Blueberry pancake on a stick with syrup, cereal, juice, milk
Fri: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, peanut butter and toast, fruit juice, milk
Lunch
Mon: Spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, salad, rolls, fruit, milk, juice
Tue: Frito pie or chili cheese dog, chili beans, mixed fruit, milk, fruit juice
Wed: Hot Pockets or chicken and rice, corn, potato wedges, salad, fruit, milk, fruit juice
Thu: Chicken strips or steak fingers, potatoes and gravy, salad, fruit, rolls, milk, fruit juice
Fri: Cheeseburger, oven fries, lettuce and tomato, applesauce, mixed fruit, milk, fruit juice

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Catfish, macaroni and tomatoes, lump green, coleslaw, pistachio almond dessert, hushpuppies, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Tue: Hamburger with cheese, all the trimmings, fried potatoes, carrot and raisin salad, lemon fluff, hamburger bun, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Wed: Beef stew with vegetables, fried squash, pasta salad, carrot cake, cornbread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Thu: Chicken noodle soup, ham salad, fried okra, Waldorf salad, pineapple pudding, crackers, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Fri: Beef stroganoff, green beans, peaches and cottage cheese, cherry salad, roll, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken and dumplings, steamed broccoli, apple rings, cake, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee
Tue: Steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, banana pudding, roll, milk, tea, coffee
Wed: Beef stew with peas, carrots, tomatoes, potatoes, onions, and celery, macaroni salad, sliced peaches, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee
Thu: Butter beans and ham, French fries, pear and cottage cheese salad, pineapple whip, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee
Fri: Turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, sweet potatoes, English peas, cookies, fruit salad, roll, milk, tea, coffee

Eads' quilts makes impression at arts club

This week is Spring Break for the local public schools and the college. Is anyone left in town?

Last week, Les Beaux Arts Club held its March Guest Day meeting on Friday. The members who remembered to attend (including me!) were rewarded with a double treat. Chantelle Kelly came to play the concerto that won the Amarillo Young Performer's Competition for her. The "dinner music" was gorgeous. No wonder Chantelle won.

After the music, Genella Eads got up to tell everyone about her quilts. She covered the room divider in the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall with quilts from one end to the other and didn't bring half of the number she left at home. Her

mother taught her to quilt, she said, before she was old enough to hold a needle. She would sit snuggled next to her mother and finger-press open the seams between the pieces as her mother sewed them together. Genella lost her mother when she was still young, and those moments together when they were quilting were a treasured memory. The first time her future spouse took her home to meet his parents, she spotted a room with a quilt set up in the frame and knew she would fit right in.

She showed the members the Cathedral Windows quilt she's spent the last several years making and demonstrated how to make a single "window." I'm sure one or two members might have run right home to



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start their own Cathedral Windows. Me? I'll stick with the "Fast and Easy Baby Quilts." They're my speed.

When you see Tony Starnes around town, congratulate him. He was named Coach of the Year for the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, taking Clarendon College's men's basketball team to the playoffs this year for the first time in over twenty years. (They think the last time the Bulldogs went to the playoffs was in 1982, but no one is absolutely positive.) Way to go,

Coach Starnes!

The college baseball team won two games from New Mexico Junior College last weekend in Hobbs. This was the first time NMJC has lost a game at home in more years than anyone could recall. (Of course, given the way memories are sliding around here...) This portends good things for the college's baseball season.

I know Clarendon folks have scattered to the winds this week. Church attendance was a mite low this past Sunday. Some have gone to visit relatives. Others have ski trips or beach trips or other fun things planned. Some poor souls have "Honey Do" lists to take care of. Wherever you go and whatever you do, hope you have a great time.

Easy tips allow you to select healthiest fare in frozen food

It's time for dinner and the cupboard is bare, you are too tired to cook, and take-out is getting too expensive. What about that long aisle of frozen meals in the grocery store?

Old-fashioned "TV Dinners" have evolved into a wide range of contemporary meals. How can you choose the ones that are the most healthful and tasty?

Quick and easy frozen foods vary from beef, chicken, and pork to pasta, hot "pocket" sandwiches and vegetarian meals. Many are controlled in calories, fat, and sodium. Often, they are less expensive than take-out. Popping a frozen dinner in the microwave can spare you a messy kitchen, too.

However, some nutritional considerations should be kept in mind:

1. Look for meals that have the most vegetables. One roast turkey dinner might include mashed potatoes, but another might have carrots and green beans, too. Brands with healthy-sounding names may offer more vegetables and whole grains, but check to be sure they are among the first few items on the ingredients list.

2. Read the Nutrition Facts panel and compare different brands.



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Two meals might contain similar foods, but one might be considerably higher in sodium or saturated fat. A good rule of thumb is to look for no more than 800 milligrams of sodium and no more than 10-13 grams of fat in a meal that contains about 300-400 calories. That's about 30 percent of calories from fat.

3. Supplement your frozen meal with other healthful foods. If your frozen meal is not adequately filling, add some packaged tossed salad, some leftover cooked veggies, or a cup of vegetable soup. A whole-grain roll on the side and a piece of fresh fruit can satisfy your hunger and add nutritional benefits.

4. Even less expensive than buying a frozen meal is freezing your own healthful home-cooked meals packed in individual, healthy-sized portions in microwave-safe containers. Just pop one out of the freezer when you need a quick meal. For food-safety, any frozen food you are carrying from home for lunch should be kept frozen until microwaved.

Hedley residents take road trip to the Hub City

The weather has been absolutely perfect for the past few days. Sunny skies, gentle wind blowing but no rain. I guess it hasn't been perfect, but it's sure been nice. Maybe it will rain before the week is over. I hope so.

I've been riding the transit bus to Amarillo the last few weeks. Wednesday they forgot to stop and get me. I called the office about 8:00 a.m., and the lady said she'd call the bus driver and see where they were. She called me in a few minutes and told me the bus was at Claude. I missed my treatment that day. The doctors asked me that we not miss any treatments because the toxins build up in our tissue and do whatever they do. Miss many treatments, and it will kill you.

Janette Burns is going to take me to Amarillo Monday.

I've been hearing on television that the state of Texas is 11 billion

dollars short on their budget. Last November, I heard Carole Keaton Strayhorn speaking in Amarillo, and she said she had invested billions of dollars in secure places so that Texas wouldn't be caught short. What I want to know is...what happened to that money? And what happened to all those billions of lottery bucks? According to the Lottery website, the lottery paid more than 10 billion dollars to the general fund and 5 billion to the school fund.

I voted for Mrs. Strayhorn because she assured me that Texas schools were assured of funds for several years. Oh, she was Carole Keaton Rylander then.

Friday must have been my lucky day. When I finished my treatment, Jeneda Gray was there and brought me home. I'd not been here for more than five minutes when Guy came. He didn't stay but about two hours, but I was glad to see him for



Grab your partner

The Head Start class at Clarendon Elementary enjoyed the fiddle music of Jimmy Adams during Texas week recently.

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just a little while. He'd not been here since before Thanksgiving. Just after he left, my niece, Lisa Mullins, and Faith stopped by and brought me a tiny cassette player with earphones so that I can listen to tapes while I take my treatments. Then Dorothy Brinson came by for a while.

I've not had so much company since I moved to town. Keith came by one day and changed some light bulbs for me. He comes by real early in the morning or late at night because he works. Actually, six thirty is a tad early, but it beats wandering around the house in the dark.

Dorothy Brinson and I went to Lubbock Sunday. We met my children, Leon and Linda Couch,

there and had lunch and a nice visit. Langly and Mariah had to go to Friona with the one act play cast and didn't get home until the wee hours Sunday. We missed a turn in Lubbock and drove all over the town trying to find the right road. I can't see street signs so she had to watch for the signs and the road at the same time. We finally asked some girls where we wanted to be, and when she told them, they said they'd rather take us to where we wanted to be than try and tell us.

We finally found Leon, right where he said he'd be. We sort of took a wrong turn coming home but wound around and got back to Hedley anyway.

Su-San came and took me to see Mother Saturday. She's doing better than she was last week. Her cut head is almost healed, and she said she was feeling lots better.

Senior citizens planning lunch this Sunday

By Vida O'Neil

Mark your calendars and tell all your friends to come to the Center on Sunday, March 16. We will be having a brisket lunch with all the trimmings and homemade desserts. We will serve from 11:30 until 1:00. The plates will be \$5.00 per person, and take-outs are available since this is a fundraiser. The proceeds will go to the Donley County Senior Citizens Nutrition fund.

This Friday the in-house fundraiser will be a gift certificate for \$200.00 from Delores Crump to be used in her shop. She has manicure, pedicure, jewelry, or make-up available. We appreciate Delores for her donation.

Wednesday we have our first craft class. Y'all come and join us for an afternoon of fun. We will start at 1:30. We will hold these the second Tuesday of each month. We will have different crafts and teachers; so if you are interested to teach or just to learn a new craft, come to the center.

We had 24 from the center to go to Hedley for the appreciation dinner Thursday. The food and entertainment were excellent, and we appreciate the invitation. The members of the choir served our food as well as entertained us, and they did a wonderful job.

Get well wishes last week were sent to Cecil Rhinehart, Frieda Tucker, and Marie Hill.

Our condolences to Clea Shults (loss of sister) and to the family of Polly Sarich.

Reminders:

March 10, 17, 24, 31: Dance Club, 6 p.m.
March 11, 18: Game Night, 6 p.m.
March M-W-F: Exercise with Dawn, 9 a.m.
March 25: Birthday/Anniversary Supper, 6 p.m. Hedley Choir
March 28: Hall Co. Blood pressure clinic, 11:30 a.m.

Christian Men to hold breakfast next Thursday

The United Christian Men's Breakfast will be held Thursday, March 20, in the Methodist Fellowship Hall at 7 a.m.

David Lowry will present the program on plans for a Family Crisis Center for men and women. Our 21st century society gives Christian people an opportunity to help others. Come bring your family and enjoy a good breakfast, fellowship, and a good program.

South Plains names local student on Dean's List

Geri Butler from Clarendon has been named to the Dean's Honor List for the fall 2002 semester at South Plains College.

Students named to the Dean's List must maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA while enrolled in at least 12 semester hours.

"It's always a pleasure to recognize the students who have been named to our honor lists," said Dr. Kelvin Sharp, vice president for academic affairs. "They have worked hard and demonstrated excellent study habits in order to maintain high grades, and SPC is very proud of them."

Caprock State Park to host nature activities

Caprock Canyons State Park will hold several activities during March including hikes and a tour through the Caprock Canyons Trailway.

They will host a nature hike on March 15 and March 22 beginning at 9:00 a.m. This is a guided nature hike that lasts about one hour. It is suited for almost all ability levels.

Join a local historian and watch a slide show to learn about the historic Caprock Canyons Trailway on March 15 at 7:30 p.m.

A cyclist and a photographer will take you on a photographic journey through the trail of Caprock Canyons on March 22 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

All events are open to the public. For more information, call 806-455-1492.

Graham receives visitors

Jim and Rachel Graham of St. Louis, Missouri, spent a few days in Clarendon with Viola Graham.

Pauline "Polly" Sarich

1912 - 2003



Polly Sarich passed away peacefully on February 28, 2003, of natural causes at the age of 90. She was born on October 31, 1912, in Scott City, Kansas, and grew up in Telluride, Colorado, where she was active in her school's functions including special acrobatics, and married her first husband, Ingo Swann.

After moving to Tooele, Utah, she trained as a nurse specializing in delivery and post-natal care of infants. She later worked at Tooele Ordinance Depot in personnel achieving a high GS rating. She was later offered a post at White Sands Proving Grounds and moved to El Paso, Texas, in 1956.

There she met John A. Sarich, and they were married in September 1957, a wonderful blessed union that lasted thirty-seven years. John was on special assignment from Bell Labs; and after his tour at White Sands was concluded, they moved to Stanhope, New Jersey, where she was immediately offered a post in personnel at Bell Labs.

When John retired in 1972, they moved to the Howardwick and Clarendon area where they became members of the community and their church. Polly was also an active member and past Matron of Eastern Star, an affiliation she valued and felt honored to have.

Polly was preceded in death by her daughter, Marlys Leigh Husband, in 1988 and by John Sarich in 1994. Polly then lived with her second daughter in California until 2000 when her advanced osteoporosis necessitated care in a nursing home in Canoga Park, California. She is survived by her daughter, Murleen Dee Ryder; her son, Ingo Swann; six grandchildren; and eleven great grandchildren.

Polly asked that her obituary include an expression of profound thanks and gratitude to all of the many in Clarendon and surrounding areas that enveloped her and John in life-sustaining friendship.

Services for Polly, who asked to be cremated, will be held at 1:30 p.m. on April 6 at the First Presbyterian Church in Clarendon, with the Reverend Robin Gantz officiating. Interment of her ashes will be in Citizens Cemetery.

Beef quality training to be held in Childress

Beef producers can get free training to help them become more competitive by attending one of nine Texas Beef Quality Producer Programs scheduled from March through June.

The Texas Beef Quality Producer Program is a multi-level program that teaches the principles of Beef Quality Assurance, a proven system of sensible management practices that help improve the quality and safety of beef, explains John E. Dudley, president of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

"It's crucial for cattle producers of all sizes to commit to a management strategy that inspires consumer confidence in beef products," emphasizes Dudley. "All beef producers are invited; you don't have to be a member of TSCRA to participate in these free programs!"

A TBQP program has been scheduled for June 17 in Childress.

Level I of the Texas Beef Quality Producer program involves an intensive six hours of training related to beef quality, beef safety, and the relationships between beef production and the environment.

Beef quality topics include all points in the production chain that can influence the health and performance of cattle or the eating quality of beef. These include breeding and genetic selection, utilization of animal health products, cattle handling, nutrition, and culling management.

Beef safety topics include how to manage injection sites and how to avoid pathogens, foreign materials, and antibiotic/chemical residues.

Environmental issues are covered because caring for natural resources ensures that cattle production is ecologically and socially sustainable. Topics include forage management, soil fertility, use of pesticides, and

disposal of dead animals.

Level II provides Texas cow-calf producers and stocker operators with the opportunity to become certified in Beef Quality Assurance. Previous Level I training is required.

Level II involves developing a treatment protocol book, a veterinary drug order (VDO), and a quality management plan. Participants must work with their personal veterinarians to develop the treatment protocol and VDO, and the veterinarians must sign statements verifying that they worked with the trainees to create the records.

TBQP instructors review the documents and issue a certificate stating that the producer has been trained in Beef Quality Assurance.

Participants will take home items that display their commitment to BQA, certificates of completion to verify their training in BQA, a checklist of Best Management Practices to implement, a comprehensive handbook, and two general CEUs for a pesticide applicator's license.

"Producers who make a commitment to Beef Quality Assurance are improving the quality and safety of beef for the consumer and improving their own market access," says Dudley.

Although the programs are free, persons planning to attend are asked to RSVP at least one week in advance so planners can prepare for the right number of participants. To RSVP or for more information, call TSCRA at 1 (800) 242-7820, ext. 145 and ask for Melanie Tittor.

Registration for the program begins at 7 a.m. The Level I program begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m.; Level II begins at 3:30 p.m. and ends at 5:30 p.m.

A complimentary lunch will be provided.



Texas Public Schools Week

Clarendon School Superintendent Monty Hysinger receives a bundle of bookmarks from Clarendon Lodge #700 Worshipful Master Russell Estlack and Secretary Allen Estlack to celebrate Texas Public Schools week last week. The Masons of Texas have been strong supporters of the public education system since the days of the Republic.



Hedley School Superintendent Bryan Hill receives a bundle of bookmarks from Clarendon Lodge #700 Secretary Allen Estlack to celebrate Texas Public Schools week last week. The local lodge also distributed the "Take Time To Read" bookmarks to the Burton Memorial Library and the Clarendon College Library.

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We want to thank our loyal fans. No team has better fans than we do. Your support has encouraged us from pre-season to the state championship.

We would also like to thank our parents for their loving support. Without you our goals would never have been realized.

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Sarah Bolin #43

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Obituaries

Hinckley

Margaret Ann Jenkins lost her battle with cancer on Monday, March 3, 2003.

Margaret was more familiarly known to her family and friends as Marty. She was born to Dr. Oscar L. and Mina Bourland Jenkins in Clarendon, Texas, on September 30, 1928. The family moved to the Dallas area in 1940, and Marty graduated from Highland Park High School in 1946. She graduated from Stevens Junior College in 1948 and was in the Class of 1950 at Southern Methodist University.

Marty was very talented musically and earned a full scholarship to Interlocken to continue her studies of the bass and piano. While at Stevens, she played bull fiddle with the Kansas City and St. Louis symphony orchestras.

Marty married Jere Bobb Hinckley in 1951, and they were blessed with four sons and a daughter. Mary and Jere worked in the family businesses, the Gay 90's Ice Cream and Hinckley Cold Storage. Marty developed the recipe for the ice cream that was used to make the Nutty Butty Bars that were sold for many years at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas.

Marty and Jere were avid folk and square dancers and were founding members of the Texas International Folk Dance Committee.

Having children had interrupted Marty's college work at SMU, but Marty was never one to give up. When her second son entered SMU, Marty went with him, completed the credits she was missing, and both she and her son graduated from SMU in December 1977.

Marty always said, "Don't cry a tear for me when I'm gone. I've enjoyed every experience God gave me." She gave her love, time, and help freely to her family, friends, and community.

Through the years she was active in PTA, Garden Clubs, Boy Scouts, and every bridge club that would have her. Marty financially supported her church and many good causes. She helped many people

learn how to water ski and play her favorite game, bridge. Her children's friends loved coming over to the house and always said she was the greatest mom. Marty was always there when someone needed her.

Marty was preceded in death by her parents and daughter, Mina Elise.

She is survived by her four sons and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 7, 2003, at the Sparkman Hillcrest Northwest Highway Chapel in Dallas. Interment was held at Hillcrest Memorial Park immediately following the service. Reverends Larry Ravert and Hall Hinckley officiated.

Reynolds

Funeral services for Edgar Lee Reynolds, age 78, were held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2003, at Coulter Road Baptist Church in Amarillo with Brother Ron Whill and Rev. Bryan Knowles, officiating. Burial was held in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Schooler Funeral Home, of Amarillo.

Mr. Reynolds died Saturday, March 8, 2003, in Amarillo. He was born in 1924 and married Charlene Owens in January 19, 1946. Mr. Reynolds served as a corporal in the U.S. Army during World War II in England, Germany, and Belgium and hauled ammunition to George C. Patton in the European Theater. He worked for the J.R. Porter Ranch in Clarendon, Jenkins Brick & Supply, and the Transportation Department of Mason & Hanger-Pantex where he retired after 28 years of employment. Mr. Reynolds played basketball for Gholston and Clarendon in the Caprock League in the 1950's and coached YMCA baseball during his four sons' years growing up in the Palo Duro High School area.

Mr. Reynolds' list of medals include the American Theater Campaign Medal, the EAME Campaign Medal with 4 Bronze Stars, the Good Conduct Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

He was preceded in death by a son, Edgar Lynn Reynolds, in 1937, and by two sisters and 4 brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Charlene Owens Reynolds of the home; one daughter, Janet Dianne Macon and husband David of Amarillo; 3 sons, Danny Reynolds and wife Anne of Arcadia, OK; Henry Reynolds and wife Debra of Amarillo; and Barry Reynolds of Amarillo; 3 sisters, Martiel Webb of Amarillo; Marie McCracken of Clarendon; and Lorine McAnear of Clarendon; 12 grandchildren; and 2 great grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to BSA Hospice, PO Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79109 or to Coulter Road Baptist Church (General Fund), 4108 Coulter Road, Amarillo, TX 79109.

Blanton

Funeral services for Evelyn L. Blanton, age 88, were held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday March 11, 2003 in the First Baptist Church in Claude with Dr. Charles Davenport and Rev. Janet Edwards, officiating. Burial was held in Claude Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, of Clarendon.

Mrs. Blanton was born October 11, 1924 in Armstrong County where she lived her entire life. She married Russell Blanton on December 1, 1935 at Claude. Mrs. Blanton was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Claude.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1977, and by two sisters and 3 brothers.

Survivors include one son, Joe Blanton and wife Shere of Claude; two grandchildren, Russell Blanton of Claude, and Toni Thomas and husband Craig of Claude; two great grandchildren, Preston and Macy Thomas of Claude; a sister-in-law Lili B. Bagwell of Claude; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family asks that memorials be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation or to a favorite charity.

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Hedley Aldermen hold regular meeting

The Hedley Board of Aldermen met in regular session March 3.

Greg Green, who is the GIS Coordinator for the Regional 911 Network, addressed the board. He told city leaders about the services his department could provide to help the City of Hedley get street addresses standardized. Green will look at the community's addresses and draw up a plan for future consideration.

The board voted to call an election for May 3, 2003, for the purpose of electing three aldermen. Jean Taylor will serve as election judge, and Randy Shaw will be the early voting clerk.

Aldermen also considered and approved a proposal by Raymon Thomason to disassemble and remove the old elevated water storage tank.

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NFIB reports state spending out of control

An NFIB national study examining how state spending has dramatically increased in the last two decades has added fuel to the argument against tax hikes.

NFIB/Texas, the state's largest small-business advocacy group, today vowed to fight any state tax increase proposals. Noting that state spending not low taxes has caused a budget deficit, the group called on the Texas Legislature to hold the line on spending.

"The general trend in state legislatures, including Texas, has been to increase spending without regard to the long-term consequences," said NFIB/Texas State Executive Director Jeff Clark.

"Small-business owners and their employees should not have to pay for the state's spending spree by paying more in taxes to clean up our budget mess. During this difficult economic time, the last thing we should do is raise taxes. It's time to trim the fat and reassess the proper role and size of government."

The study found that all states' expenditures rose from \$191 billion in fiscal year 1977 to \$1 trillion in fiscal year 2000. The sharpest growth occurred in the last 15 years of the period with a 40 percent increase between 1986 and 2000. However, Texas showed an increase in the last 15-year period of 48.5 percent.

"This study proves that our budget woes are a result of living beyond our means," continued Clark. "We need to reduce spending not increase taxes on the backbone of the state economy, small business. Not only do they employ the majority of the workforce, but they also create the most new jobs."

Clark said there has been much debate in the Legislature on how to solve the budget crisis, and small-business owners definitely have an opinion. A recent NFIB/Texas survey revealed that 78 percent of small-business owners supported the Legislature's reducing spending to address the revenue shortage.

The same survey found that 96 percent did not think the Legislature should adopt a state income tax to make up for the revenue loss.

More information is available on-line at www.nfib.com/TX.



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Refugio Benavidez (left) supervises EMT students Mike Haire, April Judd, Crystal Crump, Brent Aaron, and Jason Collier as they run through a rescue scenario down the steep steps of City Hall. A class of 19 EMT Basic students was an all day affair from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and numerous scenarios were set up by Benavidez and the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department. Students had to safely extricate "patients" from confined spaces, down stairs, dangerous scenes, and wrecked vehicles. Fire department members demonstrated techniques used to gain entry into vehicles in a number of mock crash scenes, which were set up by Floyd's Motor Co. & Body Shop at the rest area at US 287 and SH 70 North.

Digital photo courtesy Associated Ambulance Authority

Opportunity Plan announces scholarship deadline

College tuition. Two simple words, which together can cause unwanted stress and unwelcome headaches. As college costs continue to increase each year, the need for financial aid increases as well. The Opportunity Plan, Inc. of Canyon is a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to assist college students in defraying educational expenses.

Thanks to the generosity of area businesses, civic groups, families, and individuals, the Opportunity Plan awarded 376 students with more than \$357,000 in scholarships for the 2002/2003 school year. Students in the panhandle area are given first priority for more than 100 scholarships, which are administered by the program.

The Opportunity Plan, Inc. is currently accepting scholarship applications for the 2003/2004 school year. Deadline to submit an application is April 1.

Students can access the scholarship application online at www.opportunityplan.com or through the Opportunity Plan offices at 504 24th Street in Canyon, (806) 655-2528.

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On February 6, 2003, VALOR Telecommunications of Texas, LP (VALOR) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to establish surcharges to recover lost revenues and increased costs associated with seven hundred thirteen (713) Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) routes implemented in and between VALOR's Texas telephone exchanges and in many instances, exchanges of other local telephone companies. The application is filed based on the Commission's Substantive Rule 26.221 titled, "Applications to Establish or Increase Expanded Local Calling Service Surcharges".

ELCS expands a local calling scope to include one or more additional telephone exchanges, if customers in a petitioning exchange approve by ballot, the payment of an ELCS fee in lieu of long distance charges. The costs and lost revenues associated with VALOR's surcharge application are those not recoverable through the ELCS fee.

In the application, VALOR proposes to implement on an interim basis a monthly per line surcharge of \$.99 for residential customers and \$1.98 for business customers beginning with the April, 2003 bill cycle. This proposed surcharge will apply in addition to any monthly ELCS fees. If rates at or above the level of the interim surcharges are not ultimately approved by the Commission, VALOR will refund all or part of the interim surcharges, as directed by the Commission. Ultimately, VALOR seeks approval of monthly surcharges of \$3.38 for business lines and \$1.69 for residential lines to replace the interim surcharges. Additionally, the application proposes that customers currently billed ELCS fees lower than \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line, will have those fees raised to \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line.

The net annual effect on the revenues of VALOR will be zero since the requested surcharge replaces lost revenues and reimburses VALOR for the increased cost of service associated with ELCS. The estimated total lost revenues and increased costs VALOR seeks to recover through this proceeding is \$7,601,145 annually.

If you have questions about the proposed surcharges or would like further information, please call VALOR at 1-877-520-5220. The Public Utility Commission has assigned Project No. 27363 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible and no later than April 14, 2003, the intervention deadline. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7138.

AVISO

El 6 de febrero de 2003, VALOR Telecom de Texas, LP (VALOR) sometió una solicitud a la Comisión Pública de Servicios de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas) para establecer sobrecargos para recuperar las ganancias perdidas y los costos incrementados relacionados con siete cientos trece (713) rutas implementadas del Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales (Expanded Local Calling Service) entre los despachos centrales de teléfono de VALOR de Texas y en muchas instancias, despachos de otras compañías locales de teléfono. La solicitud se sometió basada en la Regla 26.221 de la Comisión titulada, "Solicitudes para Establecer o Incrementar los Sobrecargos de Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales".

ELCS extiende el alcance de llamadas locales para incluir uno o más despachos de teléfono adicionales, si los clientes de un despacho hacen una petición de cambio que es aprobada por voto para pagar un cargo de ELCS en lugar de sobrecargos de larga distancia. Los costos y ganancias perdidas relacionadas con los sobrecargos de la solicitud de VALOR no son recuperables a través de la cuota del ELCS.

En la solicitud, VALOR propone implementar temporalmente un cargo mensual por línea de \$0.99 por cliente residencial y \$1.98 para clientes comerciales empezando con la facturación del ciclo de Abril, 2003. Este cargo propuesto se aplicará en adición a cualquier cargo mensual ELCS. Si las tarifas al o sobre el nivel de los sobrecargos temporarios no son ultimadamente aprobados por la Comisión, VALOR reembolsará todo o parte de los sobrecargos temporarios, indicados por la Comisión. Ultimadamente, VALOR busca aprobación de sobrecargos mensuales de \$3.38 por líneas comerciales y \$1.69 por líneas residenciales para reemplazar los sobrecargos temporarios. Adicionalmente, la solicitud propone que los clientes que actualmente son facturados con tarifas ELCS más bajas de \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial, tendrán un incremento de tarifas a \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial.

El efecto anual en las ganancias de VALOR serán cero siendo que los sobrecargos solicitados reemplazan las ganancias perdidas y reembolsa a VALOR por incremento en el costo del servicio relacionado con ELCS. El costo estimado total de las ganancias perdidas y el incremento de costos que VALOR tiene como fin recuperar a través de este procedimiento es \$7,601,145 anualmente.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de los sobrecargos propuestos o si necesita más información, por favor llame a VALOR al 1-877-520-5220.

La Comisión de Servicios Públicos ha asignado el Proyecto No. 27363 a este procedimiento. Las personas que deseen intervenir o comentar en o sobre estos procedimientos deben notificar a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas tan pronto como sea posible y no más tarde del día 14 de Abril 2003, fecha límite de la intervención. Para intervenir o para más información, escriba a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas), 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. También puede solicitar más información llamando a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos al (512) 936-7120 o al (888) 782-8477. Personas con impedimentos de hablar o del sentido de oír con teléfonos de textos (TTY) pueden comunicarse con la Comisión al (512) 936-7138.

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Williams breaks CHS shot put record again

By Sandy Anderberg

Senior James Williams has broken his own record that was set just a little over a week ago. Williams set the record and took the win by just under four feet at the Berger relays Saturday, March 8.

His throw of 59'1 1/2" went down in the record book as his personal best and the Clarendon High School record. Williams also won the discus with a throw of 156'1", which was almost 23' better than the second place finisher.

Fellow senior Richard Anderson finished 4th in the 100-meter dash

with a time of 12.13.

The Lady Bronco 400-meter relay finished 4th with a time of 53.36. Members of the relay are Destiny Weatheron, Equilla Weatheron, Brandi Lockart, and Haley Shelton. Williams took first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.91 with E. Weatheron finishing 2nd with a time of 13.00. Shelton finished 7th, and her time was 13.98.

Clarendon claimed 3rd place in the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:52.96. The team consisted of Lockart, D. Weatheron, E. Weatheron, and Williams.

With a time of 26.77 in the 200-meter dash, Williams finished in 2nd place. D. Weatheron jumped a distance of 32'8" in the triple jump, which was good enough for 5th place. Shelton jumped 30'6 1/2" in the triple jump and 14'4 1/2" in the long jump for a second-place finish.

Friday, March 7th, the Broncos and Lady Broncos participated in the Spur track meet. James Williams claimed another 1st place in the shot put with a distance of 56'7" and 1st in the discus with a throw of 152'6". Patrick Childs and Judge Smith finished tied for 5th place in the high

jump at a height of 5'8".

Destiny Weatheron finished 4th in the long jump with a jump of 14'4" and 2nd in the triple jump with a distance of 31'6 1/2".

Coach Mike Ray is pleased so far with the Broncos' and Lady Broncos' effort so far this season.

"We are throwing and jumping well," Ray said. "We are running well for being early in the season. We will be ready for the District meet in about three weeks."

March 22 will be the Claude meet, and March 29 they will compete in the Shamrock meet.

Lady Broncos beat Academy

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos clocked up eleven hits in their 17-3 win over Ascension Academy March 7 at home.

Junior Lacey Eads slammed a home run and two singles to aid the Lady Broncos in their win. Sophomore Shanna Shelton helped with three singles, and Haley Shelton added a single and a triple. Shelton also got the call from the mound, and Christine Holden was the catcher. Jamie Simmons hit a single, as did Kaitlyn Howard and Sarah Depew.

Coach Kathy Barton was pleased with her team's play.

"We played very good," Barton said. "Haley (Shelton) had a strong pitching game, and Lacey (Eads) did a great job relieving her for her first time out. We cut our errors down drastically, and that really helped. We look forward to the Berger JV tournament on Saturday. It will be a very good experience for us."

The Lady Broncos will meet River Road March 11 in Amarillo. The game will begin at 4:30 p.m.

CHS golfers face harsh weather

By Sandy Anderberg

The weather was less than favorable for the Broncos and Lady Broncos as they competed in the Wellington Golf Tournament March 3 and 4.

Senior Ronna Edwards, two-time District Champion and 3-year Regional qualifier, shot a 96 for the 18-hole round. That was good enough to put her in a tie for 6th place. Kelsey McQuien shot a 115.

The Broncos had five golfers participate on the boy's side. Jeremy Howard turned in a 103, Tim Leeper shot a 115, Taylor Shelton 118, Kevin Green 119, and Andy Roberts shot a 123.

"The weather was bad, and it kept getting worse," coach Mike Ray said. "We're a young team, but we keep improving each meet."

The Broncos and Lady Broncos will play in the Shamrock Tournament March 17 and 18.

Applications available for basketball camp

Applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp.

The camp is by invitation only, and children ages 10-19 are eligible to apply.

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Clarendon tourney a success despite weather

By Sandy Anderberg

The Herring National Bank/Herring Crop Insurance/Suna AutoMall Clarendon Classic was held February 28-March 1 at McClelland Field. Several teams participated despite the cold and windy weather.

Sanford-Fritch varsity defeated the Broncos 16-4. Jeremy Howard and Kevin Green were the pitchers and Adam Leeper the catcher. Clarendon posted several errors, which helped Sanford-Fritch to the win. In the next game, the Broncos faced off against Boys Ranch and were defeated 0-12. Bryan McFarland was the losing pitcher. Green also pitched in the game, and Leeper was the catcher.

In the final game the Broncos

defeated Sanford-Fritch JV 17-0. Todd Hoeltzel was the pitcher, and Adam Leeper was the catcher. Hoeltzel added two doubles, and Lee Stegall hit a home run and a double to aid the Broncos in their win.

"Despite the weather, the tournament went pretty well," coach Brad Elam said. "We did not play very well until the last game. JC Blackburn has been hitting the ball well and had a huge home run. Hoeltzel pitched great in the last game, also. Hopefully, we will have all of the cobwebs worked out by our first district game."

The Broncos began district play March 4 against Shamrock and got the 9-2 win over the Irish. Hoeltzel got the call for the mound,

giving him a 4-1 record for the year.

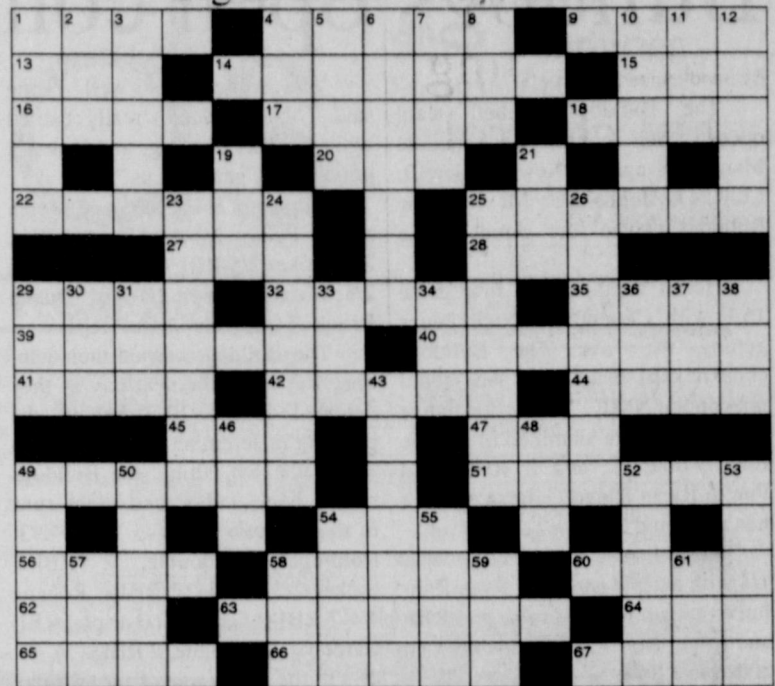
Hoeltzel, Blackburn, and Howard each slammed a double in the Broncos' win.

"We started off a little cold,"

Elam said. "We left too many runners in scoring position, and we did not hit the ball very well. We struck out 15 times, which is too much. However, we played well enough to win our district opener. Howard did a great job of getting on base, and Blackburn continues to hit the ball well. Hoeltzel is hard to hit when he pitches, and he struck out 17 for the day."

The Broncos will play Wellington March 18 at home and at Memphis March 21. Both games will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Big E Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- Sketch
- Escapade
- Monetary unit of Angola
- Yes vote
- Row
- Build up
- Prison
- Borough of New York City
- Pace
- Adam's wife
- Missing
- Ward, actress
- Tropical American cuckoo
- Consciousness of identity
- Boast
- A confusion of voices and other sounds
- Hindu sacred writing
- Pulls back
- Small object of curiosity
- Allege
- Daughter of Asopus and Metope (Class. Myth.)

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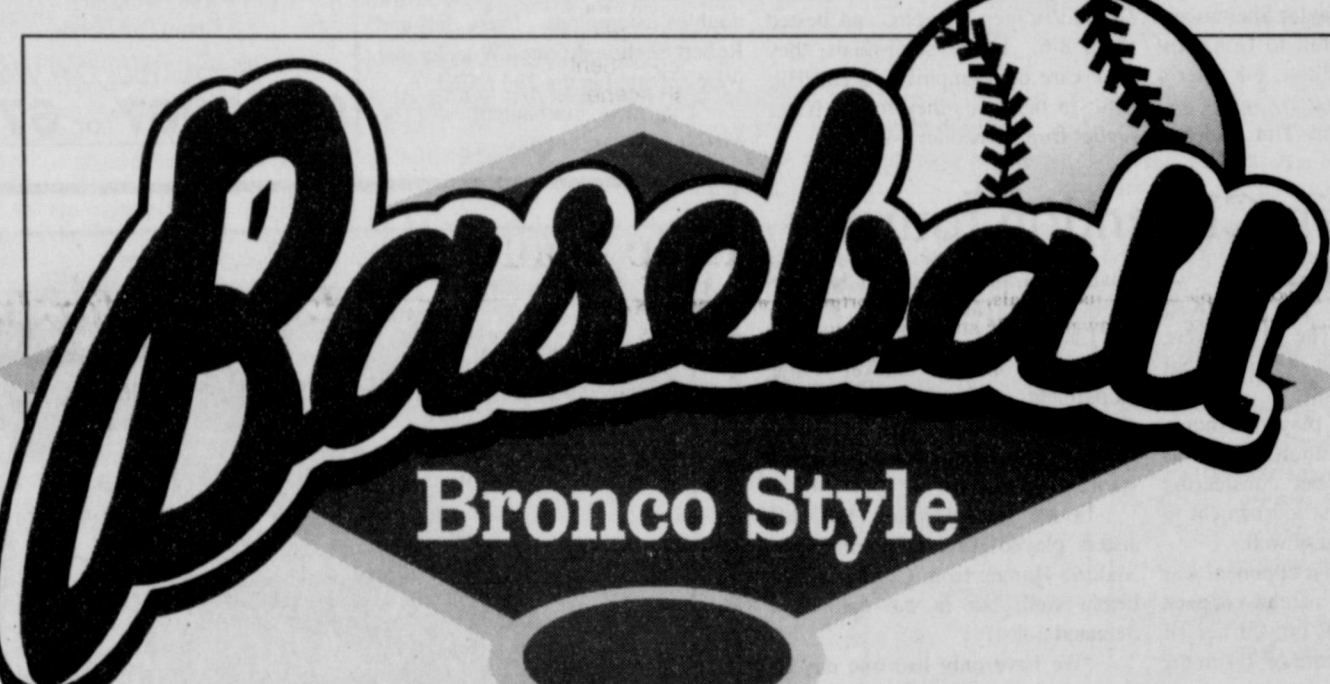
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- A shag rug made in Sweden
- Protects the chest
- Young bear
- Swiss river
- Saying
- Bulky grayish-brown eagle
- King
- Look out
- Before
- Urge forward

CLUES ACROSS

- Starchy food grain
- Meadow
- Engage in a contest
- A citizen of Tripoli
- Flowering shrubs
- Annoy
- False god
- Chocolate beverage
- Vile
- Bristle of barley
- Agreeable sound
- Eiver
- Promontory
- Twiggy
- Dull color

CLUES DOWN

1. Increase motor speed
- Someone who is highly skilled
- Residue
- The outward flow of the tide
- Lilly, drug company
- Medical practitioner
- Fed
- Otagia
- Auricle
- A kind of person
- Father of Leah and Rachel
- Kidney and lima
- Enthusiastic
- Bashfully
- A strong cord
- Article of commerce
- Reverence
- Mongrel dog
- Some
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CLARENDON COLLEGE is soliciting subcontractor proposals for the construction of a new Equine Facility. Proposals are to be received in the Business Office at Clarendon College, 1122 College Drive, P.O. Box 968, Clarendon, TX 79226 by 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 24, 2003. For plans or questions regarding this project, contact the construction manager, Plains Builders, Inc. at (806) 355-8191. 12-2tc

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RFP #9916

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Bulldogs open conference play at 2-2 CC men attend NJCAA tourney

By Sandy Anderberg

The Bulldog baseball team opened their conference schedule March 7-8 against New Mexico Jr. College in Hobbs, New Mexico. The Bulldogs played four games in the two-day event.

Hobbs captured the first game 15-9 with Clarendon's Nick Pauza getting the loss. The Bulldogs chocked up several hits but could not contain NMJC. California native Adrian Abraham slammed in a home run, 2 doubles, and 2 RBIs; and Puerto Rican Ringo Galarza added a home run and 2 RBIs.

Australian Adam Pelley was 1/4 with a triple and RBI, Ryan Rohlinger helped with a double and RBI, and Angel Rohena hit 2 doubles and added one RBI.

The second game of the double header went the Bulldog's way as they defeated NMJC 13-12. Nate Melek was the winning pitcher, and Curtis Reneau got the save.

Coach Trent Petrie was pleased with the win.

"We swung the bats well," Petrie said. "Nate (Melek) really battled while he was pitching, and it was a good hitting game for us."

Abraham 3/4-3 RBI's, 2 stolen bases; Pelley 2/4-double, 4 RBI's; Zac Stokes 2/5-RBI; Carlos Cardenas 2/3; Mike Patterson 2/4-RBI; Dustin Brooks 1/4-2 stolen bases, RBI.

The Bulldogs carried their winning ways into the next day as they defeated Hobbs 10-3 behind the pitching of Jeremiah Stewart. Down 3-2 in the 6th inning, the Bulldogs rallied back and scored eight runs in the last two innings. Pelley 2/3; Rohlinger 2/4-double, 2 RBI's; Stokes 2/3-double, 2 RBI's; Rohena 1/4-2 RBI's; Galarza 1/3-triple, RBI; Cardenas 1/4-double, 2 RBI's.

In the final game of the two-day series, the Bulldogs came up short by only one run as the game ended 10-11. The losing pitcher was Reneau and Marcus White was the opening pitcher. Rohena and Galarza each slammed in a home run in the Bulldogs attempt at the win.

"We were up 6-2," Petrie said. "The guys kind of died in the 9th inning. Marcus (White) pitched a great game but just got tired. They hit well."

Rohlinger 2/5; Stokes 1/4-double, RBI; Rohena 1/5-home run, 3 RBI's; Galarza 1/4-home run, 2 RBI's; Cardenas 1/3-triple; Brooks 1/3-double.

Earlier in the week, the Bulldogs went against Barton County Jr. College out of Great Bend, Kansas, and came out on the winning side 13-6. Melek got the win; and Stokes, Rohena, and Galarza each slammed in a home run. Abraham 2/4-2 stolen bases; Rohlinger 1/4-double, 2 RBI's; Stokes 2/4-home run, double, 3 RBI's; Rohena 3/4-home run, triple, 2 RBI's; Galarza 3/4-home run, double, 2 RBI's; Brooks 2/4-RBI, 2 stolen bases.

The second game of the double header didn't go Clarendon's way, and they were defeated 1-10. The losing pitcher was Pauza. Rohlinger 2/4; Stokes 2/3-double.

March 4 the Bulldogs took on Seward County College from Liberal, Kansas. The Bulldogs fell short in both games as they lost to Seward County 9-12 and 2-7.

In the first game the score was tied in the 5th inning at 9 apiece, but the Bulldogs let it slip away. Stewart was the losing pitcher. Abraham 2/5-RBI; Pelley 2/3-3 RBI's; Stokes 2/3-3 RBI's; Cardenas 2/3-2 doubles.

In the second game Stokes was 1/3; Galarza was 1 for 2, and Brooks 1/3 with one RBI.

"We just didn't hit well," Petrie said. "We didn't swing our bats well. We're proud of our guys," Petrie said. "They go out every time and expect to win. Seven of our nine losses so far this season have been against great teams that are ranked in the top 30 of the nation."

The Bulldogs are currently 11-9 overall and 2-2 in conference play.

The Bulldogs will host New Mexico Military Institute March 14 and 15 at home beginning at noon on both days.

By Sandy Anderberg

The Bulldogs competed in the NJCAA Region V Tournament in Dallas March 6-9. They faced Collin County out of Plano in the first round and were narrowly eliminated. 76-68.

Freshman guard Alex Robles was the high scorer for the Bulldogs, finishing with 24 points.

The Bulldogs advanced to the Regional Tournament by finishing in the top four in the WJAC conference. Collin County finished first in

the Northern League, which allowed them a spot in the tournament as well.

Despite the loss, head coach Tony Starnes was pleased with his team's play.

"The guys played hard," Starnes said. "We were really proud of their effort. We didn't shoot as well as we should have, but they played hard. They represented their school and conference well."

This year's Region V title was captured by South Plains College.

Clarendon High hosts 16-school tennis tournament

By Sandy Anderberg

Clarendon hosted a tennis tournament March 3-4 with approximately 168 players from 16 schools.

In boys singles Chuck Robertson defeated Jared Stone from Claude 8-5 and Kris Hogue from Highland Park 8-4 before falling to would be singles champion Dan Seal from Childress 0-8.

Matt McCabe also won his first match of the tournament as he defeated Brandon Jenkins 8-0. McCabe lost to Nathan Burson in the 2nd round 1-8.

Tim Sears also competed in the tournament, but was defeated by

Lance Ollinger 2-8.

Kelsey McQuien competed in girls' singles and lost to Holly Davis, Wellington, 1-8. Kaitlyn Howard faced Holly McCurly from Fort Elliott and was defeated 1-8. Lauren Needham from Wellington went on to claim first place.

Drew Sell and Robert Shelton teamed up in the boys' doubles and were defeated by Hathaway/Hathaway from Fort Elliott 2-8 after a first-round bye. Taylor Shelton and Chase Thornberry fell to Gonzales/Kirkpatrick, Fort Elliott, 0-8 after a first-round bye, also.

Matt Aaron and Tim Sanchez

went up against Hogue/Brewer, Highland Park, and defeated them 8-3. They faced Barton/Lemens, Wellington, in the 2nd round and were defeated 1-8. Roach/Roach from Memphis went onto win first place in boy's doubles.

Sisters Amina and Uthala Abdullah finished 2nd after defeating three other teams. They took a 1st round bye and faced Forrest/Schaefer defeating them 8-4. They met Conrad/Homen, Groom, and bested them 8-6. In the semi-finals, they took care of Memphis duo Hill/Hill 8-6. In the finals they fell to Issac/Gullet from Canadian 7-9.

The Clarendon tennis players also participated in the two-day Vega open the week before. Kaitlyn Howard defeated Wellington 9-7 in the first round, but lost in the 2nd round. The Abdullahs lost in the championship round 1-6, 6-1, and 2-6 to Vega.

Matt McCabe lost in the first round, as did Matt Aaron. Taylor Shelton and Chase Thornberry made the semi-finals, but lost to the doubles' champions. Drew Sell and Robert Shelton defeated Wheeler, but were defeated in the 2nd round.

The next tournament will be March 19 at Wellington.

Hedley Owls compete in Clarendon tourney

By Tangela Copelin

The Hedley Owls tennis team competed in their first tournament of the year in Clarendon on March 4, 2003.

This tournament consisted of sixteen schools. Due to the Lady Owls' basketball success, the tennis team only prepared one day before going into competition.

The team consists of Shane Mangelsdorf, Aaron Hanes, Kale Brandon, Cole Llewellyn, Stephen Howard, Travis Hrbacek, Lauren Hill, Kasi Woodard, Brittney Bennett, Allison Hill, Sarah Bolin, and Kyra Stevens. They are coached by Danny Mejia. The team showed good

performance at the tournament.

Kasi Woodard played Kati Barnes of Lefors. The games were very close throughout the match, but Kasi was defeated 5-8.

Kyra Stevens played Andrea Hathaway from Ft. Elliott. Kyra was also defeated 0-8, but considering that this was her first tournament to play in, she played very well.

Sarah Bolin's first opponent was from Canadian. The match went back and forth, but Sarah proved herself the winner with a score of 7-4 in the tiebreaker.

In the second round, Sarah Bolin played another tough match. Her opponent was Kelli Burgin from

Miami. Sarah played well but lost 5-7 in the tiebreaker.

Lauren and Allison Hill competed in the doubles bracket of the tournament. The first round they played Farnum and Warminski from White Deer. The match was a good starter as they won 8-2.

In the second round, the Hill sisters played Amanda Conrad and Malorie Homen from Groom. They began well, but in the end were defeated 6-8.

"We have only had one day of practice before this tournament," said Coach Mejia. "My girls played well, and I am proud of their performance."

Sheriff's Report:

Local officers respond to variety of calls

Mar. 3
10:32 a.m. - Escort funeral procession.
4:34 p.m. - Check loose livestock 1000 block Faker.
6:28 p.m. - Out at 100 block N. Gorst.
7:01 p.m. - Family dispute at Hwy 287 in Hedley.
7:12 p.m. - To jail with juvenile female.
9:28 p.m. - Respond to possible stranded motorist. C.R. 11.
9:38 p.m. - Sheriff dispatched to same location.
10:17 p.m. - To jail with 1 male in custody. Public intoxication.

Mar. 4
District Court
11:50 a.m. - Check reported possible break in. 200 block W. 8th St.
3:07 p.m. - Fight in progress. 200 block S. Kearney St.
4:24 p.m. - Dispatched to jail. Disturbance in lobby.
4:40 p.m. - 2 females booked into jail. Disorderly conduct.
8:17 p.m. - Check disturbance 1100 block W. 3rd St. Possible trespassing.

Mar. 5
2:21 a.m. - Suspicious activity. 100 block McLean St.
9:24 a.m. - To jail with 1 female in custody. Gray Co. Warrant.
12:33 p.m. - Caller reporting two male juveniles prowling around his business. E. Hwy. 287 Clarendon.
8:05 p.m. - Attempt to locate reported disabled vehicle on N. 70.
9:10 p.m. - Dispatched to 800 block Carhart. Assault. Weapon involved.
9:30 p.m. - To jail with 1 male in

custody. Aggravated assault. Victim en route to N.W.T.H. with ambulance.
10:41 p.m. - Back out at scene 800 block S. Goodnight Clarendon.

Mar. 6
2:39 p.m. - Reported break in N. Hwy. 70. Several buildings entered.
8:44 p.m. - Out with stranded motorist. Hwy. 287.
8:59 p.m. - Out with driver of vehicle; caller reported suspicious activity near his residence.

Mar. 7
5:06 a.m. - To residence 1600 block White St. to take report on destruction of property.
5:26 a.m. - Out 700 block Wood St.
8:46 a.m. - Out at rural residence W. of town.
5:30 p.m. - EMS assist. 600 W. 6th.
6:03 p.m. - Bringing stranded motorist to town.
6:40 p.m. - Out at N. Sully. Unexplained smoke.
7:43 p.m. - 400 block N. Baily, Hedley. Reported possible assault.
9:55 p.m. - Welfare check. 600 block Gary St. Howardwick.
11:47 p.m. - To business at 287 and S. Taylor to take complaint.
11:53 p.m. - In pursuit to N. 1st and White St.

Mar. 8
12:17 a.m. - 500 block S. Koogle. Fight in progress.
12:22 a.m. - To jail with 1 male in custody. Public Intoxication.
12:59 a.m. - To jail with 1 male in custody. Public Intoxication.
1:12 a.m. - All to traffic accident at Hwy. 287, Hedley.
10:43 a.m. - Assist stranded

motorist.
11:40 a.m. - Out at 287 and S. Parks.
1:28 p.m. - Assist motorist at Hwy. 287 and Jefferson. Westbound lane blocked.
2:27 p.m. - Traffic accident 1 mile W. on 287.
3:08 p.m. - Vehicle fire W. of Clarendon on 287.
5:12 p.m. - To jail with 1 male and 1 female in custody. Marijuana possession.
11:11 p.m. - Welfare check. 800 block W. 2nd St. Clarendon.

Mar. 9
12:05 a.m. - Out at 100 block N. Goodnight.
12:06 a.m. - To jail with 1 in custody. Public intoxication.
1:59 a.m. - Out at 200 block of N. Goodnight.
12:11 p.m. - Out at 287 and S. Parks.
1:28 p.m. - Check on stranded motorist. 287 W. of Ashtola.
8:37 p.m. - Check pedestrian in roadway. E. Hwy 287.
11:34 p.m. - EMS assist. 100 N. Sully St.

Summary
Arrests-9
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Panhandle project hatching rural businesses

AMARILLO - Not all incubators contain perky, peeping baby chicks.

A little more than a year ago, a new kind of incubator - actually a hub-and-spoke network of incubators - started taking in and nurturing young companies in the Texas Panhandle. The concept's application holds promise statewide.

Not exactly a new idea, Business incubators began more than 30 years ago, proved successful and operated mostly in cities - large ones with lots of resources. But, things are changing.

Setting up a network of incubators to create jobs in the country, "now, that's the novel part," said Dr. Don Taylor, executive director of the Rural Business Incubator, recently established in the Texas Panhandle under the wing of West Texas A&M

University's Office of Business Services.

"Rural decline has been evident for decades with few bright spots for change on the horizon," said Dr. Bob Robinson, district director for Panhandle agriculture programs with Texas Cooperative Extension. "Preserving the benefits found in rural Texas is a top issue on the minds of many Texans today."

This issue was raised again and again as Extension concluded its recent Texas Community Futures Forums, where citizens were asked to voice their hopes and concerns for their communities, rural and urban, Robinson explained.

"Rural economic and community development topped our list of issues."

The Texas Legislature last session created the Office of Rural Com-

munity Affairs to provide programs for rural communities that focused on the state's health, economic, and community development.

Area and state leaders soon joined hands to support creation of the incubator project - \$1.5 million was provided by the state legislature and \$1 million by the U. S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration. The goal is to address the needs of Texas Panhandle communities, where population declines pose a continuing threat to the region's economy.

This network of incubators has its hub in Amarillo, where the first tenant, Sage Oil Vac Systems, is manufacturing its patented, revolutionary oil change equipment under the watchful eye of Taylor and his associates.

The network assists basic

income companies, or those that bring in 'new money' from outside a community. Basic or primary income generators are not retail or service businesses, Taylor said.

Satellite incubators with facilities similar to those in the hub are being established across the region. Initially, six will open in Borger, Childress, Dumas, Hereford, Pampa and Plainview. A total of 20 will be linked in the future. Participating communities will sponsor a renovated building to house the young startups that will lease space and services.

"Incubators in rural communities will require resources, some of which won't be available there," he said. "That's why our solution uses the central hub concept in a community large enough to support some of the overhead."

Lawmakers will address issues at Cattle Raisers convention

FT. WORTH - Top state and national lawmakers will provide insight on current issues and hear the concerns of cattle producers during Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association's annual convention March 23-26 in San Antonio.

U.S. Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas) and John Cornyn (R-Texas) and U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla (R-Texas) will address the board of directors on Monday, March 24. The board meeting is open to all convention participants.

Likely to be discussed is the effect of preparations for war with Iraq on funding for Farm Bill programs and President Bush's plans to push for a tax cut.

Historically, war and tax increases have gone hand in hand. There has been an increase in taxes during every war but one since the American Revolution. The single exception was the war against Mexico in the 1840s.

Rep. Bonilla brings a unique perspective to the question. He currently

serves as chairman of the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee and sits on the Defense and Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittees.

Convention participants will also hear how the critical state budget deficit could affect state agricultural programs.

On Monday morning, State Rep. Rick Hardscastle (R-Vernon), chair of the Texas House Agriculture and Livestock Committee, will address the joint meeting of the Legislative and Tax and Natural Resources and Environment Committees. Hardscastle will describe budget challenges and other livestock issues being considered during the current Texas legislative session.

Proposed cuts in funding have already led the Texas Animal Health Commission to delay bovine tuberculosis regulations on Mexican-origin cattle. And, the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station has been forced to close research stations in Munday, Yoakum, and Angleton.

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