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## THIS WEEK

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4 The granddaughter of Hedley's namesake attends the Cotton Festival.  
6 The Extension Service will host a workshop on the historic JA Ranch.  
7 And the Broncos walk over the boys from Shamrock.

All this and much more as The Enterprise reports in this week's fun-filled edition!

## Pancake Supper to be held this Friday

The Clarendon Lions Club will hold its annual Pancake Supper this Friday, October 16, in the Clarendon School Cafeteria beginning at 5 p.m. prior to the Broncos v. Quanah football game.

Tickets are \$5 each and are available from any Lion or at the door.

Proceeds support the charitable activities of the Lions Club.

## Alzheimer's group to meet October 20

The Alzheimer's Support Group will hold a meeting next Tuesday, October 20, at 4 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in Clarendon.

Support meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month.

For more information, contact Chandra Christopher at 259-2597.

## Parkinson's group to meet in Childress

The Childress Parkinson's Disease Support Group will meet next Monday, October 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the Living Center in Childress.

The public is invited to attend and learn more about Parkinson's Disease while fellowshiping with new friends.

The group meets every third Monday of the month in the same location each month.

## Scouts help collect food and clothing

Members of Boy Scout Troop 433 who are working on their Citizenship in Community merit badge will be volunteering every Saturday in October at the Downtown Ministry Center.

The Scouts will help take donations for the Clothes Closet and Food Pantry and will be available to pick up donations at local residences by calling 677-8709.

Items particularly needed right now are clean kids' clothes, kids' coats, blankets, canned foods, macaroni, rice, and beans.

## PCS to begin Angel Tree nominations

The Panhandle Community Services Annual Tree Project will begin accepting nominations from October 26 to November 25 for Donley County Residents only.

Applications for children ages 2 to 18 will be accepted. The child's age, clothes and shoe size must be included at the time of application.

From December 1 to 15, interested citizens of Donley County may come choose their angel or give a donation to help with the purchase of gifts. The gifts need to be wrapped and brought back to Panhandle Community Services on or before December 15.

Panhandle Community Services is located at 416 S. Kearney St. For more information, call 874-2573.

## Officials urge use of H1N1 vaccine

By Roger Estlack, Clarendon Enterprise

Local health officials are encouraging people to get vaccinated after a dozen probable cases of the H1N1 flu virus were treated in Donley County last week.

"We in Clarendon need to be aware that H1N1 is here and will be spreading," said Dr. John C. Howard of Clarendon Family Medical Center.

Last week, 12 local patients tested positive for influenza.

"We have not seen any seasonal flu at this point," Howard said. "If you have a positive test now, it's probably H1N1."

According to the Texas Department of State Health Services, most

of the population has some resistance to the seasonal flu virus, but this is not the case for the new H1N1 virus, which is commonly called the swine flu. State health officials are encouraging people to get vaccinated for both the seasonal flu and the H1N1 flu.

"We need to realize that H1N1 is out there and making the rounds," Howard said. "We don't see seasonal flu until late December."

H1N1 vaccination is recommended for pregnant women, people who live with or care for infants under six months old, young people between the ages of six months and 24 years, and people aged 25 to 64

with chronic medical problems.

"We'll be prioritizing who gets the vaccine," Howard said. "Pregnant women, kids with medical problems, kids without problems, and health care workers will be the first to get the vaccine."

The H1N1 nasal mist vaccine will be available at Howard's office within a week or two. This vaccine is a live attenuated (weakened) virus, which is for younger healthy people and is not recommended for anyone under the age of two, anyone who is pregnant, those with weakened immune systems, or people who will be around those with weakened immune systems.

Toward the end of the month, Howard's office will be getting the injectable inactivated vaccine, which can be given to anyone age six months and older.

"The injectable vaccine is made the same way the seasonal vaccine is, and there is no reason to expect it would cause any more side effects than a regular vaccine," Howard said. It is better to get the flu vaccine sooner rather than later because it takes about two weeks for the vaccination to take effect.

For those who do get the flu, some common sense precautions need to be followed. Howard advises people to stay home if they have a

fever and not to send kids to school if they have a fever. And if you think you have the flu, get to the doctor.

"If we catch it in the first 48 hours, we can treat it with anti-viral medications," Howard said. "But a lot of people contract and spread the flu before they come to the doctor."

To get on the list to receive the flu mist or injectable vaccine, call Clarendon Family Medical Center at 874-3531.

The Texas Department of State Health Services will also be holding flu vaccination clinics, and more information on those will be listed on our website - www.clarendononline.com - as it becomes available.



## Parade winner

Hedley Lions Club Sweetheart Kailee Burton and her float won the top award in that division during the parade at the 58th annual Hedley Cotton Festival last Saturday. Complete results of the festival are on page four.

COURTESY PHOTO / TANYA BURTON

## CC-Pampa Center to break ground

A groundbreaking ceremony for a new Workforce Center at Clarendon College Pampa Center will be held Thursday, October 15, at 1:30 p.m.

This new center is phase one in a three-phase overall plan and will include two buildings totaling approximately 23,000 square feet. The center will be situated southwest of the M.K. Brown Academic Center on part of the 55 acres recently purchased by the college.

One building will house cosmetology, nail technician, and vocational nursing courses. The second will house facilities for

welding, heating and air conditioning, and wind energy classes.

Phases two and three of the college's plan will add more classrooms, a library, a student center, dorms, and a cafeteria.

"We are excited about the expansion of the Pampa Center," College President Dr. William Auvenshine said. "Making education available at your home town is very critical and especially in today's economy where it's so expensive to go off to a university, we're bringing education where the people are."

"This new center will be a tes-

tament to the dedication of the staff, the Board of Regents, and the students of the Panhandle both current and future," Raymond Jaramillo, Vice President of the Clarendon College Pampa Center, said. "These students deserve the best facility that we can provide, and it is our goal to be able to provide the facilities necessary for success."

Construction on the new buildings will start immediately, and they are scheduled to be open for the spring 2011 semester.

The Clarendon College Pampa Center is located at 1601 Kentucky St. in Pampa.

## CISD encourages parents, students to help prevent flu

By Ashlyn Tubbs, Clarendon Enterprise

Due to several confirmed flu cases at each campus of Clarendon ISD, school officials and teachers are encouraging students and parents to take precautions to help maintain health during this flu season.

No significant number of flu cases have been reported from the Hedley school.

Students who start to exhibit flu-like symptoms, such as fever, headaches, coughing, sore throats, body aches and possible vomiting are encouraged to wash their hands frequently, cough into their shoulders and elbows instead of their hands, stay home when they are sick to keep from spreading it, and go to the doctor or remain home in order to lessen spreading and the severity of the illness.

"Getting out around people when you have the flu symptoms is the best way to spread it," CISD nurse Debbie Thompson said. "The flu is the most contagious right before you break out with a fever or most of the symptoms, but a lot of people don't realize that they have the flu until they get out and are exposed to people."

Student absences at school have increased over the past two weeks because of flu illnesses. According to Thompson, the majority of the cases have been from the elementary.

"We've run out of the antibacterial gel that was in classrooms last year, so we're requiring now that when the kids go to the bathroom, they have to use the soap in the restrooms," Clarendon Elementary principal Mike Word said. "We may even take a couple of breaks during the day to go have students wash their

hands to make sure their hands are clean."

Thompson says it is currently unknown whether the students are suffering from seasonal flu or H1N1 (otherwise known as the "Swine Flu") without further testing.

State and local health authorities, however, say that a positive influenza test at this point is probable H1N1 because seasonal flu has not been seen and usually doesn't arrive until late December.

"We don't need a scare about the H1N1 flu because the H1N1 flu and the seasonal flu pretty much have the same symptoms, and both viruses are treated with the same medication," Thompson said. "If you are healthy and take care of yourself just as you would with the seasonal flu, then you have no reason to be afraid of H1N1."

All cases of the flu in CISD have been mild. Students have recovered from the virus and returned to school within 72 hours.

"I see more people this year that are being responsible enough to not get around people when they have the flu," Thompson said. "That really helps reduce the risk of catching the flu, and it also causes the severity of the virus to be low."

It's still not too late to receive flu vaccinations. The Texas Department of State Health Services will be giving flu shots October 15, and although there is a shortage of children's vaccine in shot form, the nasal mist vaccine will still be available.

"I strongly encourage parents to take their kids to get vaccinated if possible because that is the number one protection against the flu for kids and adults," Thompson said.



## Winning smiles

Avery Sawyer, shown here with her dad, Clay, won first place in her age category in the Fire Prevention Poster Contest at the Clarendon Fire Hall Saturday. Complete results are on page three.

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# Teach kids about rights and freedom

According to President Barack Obama, making school days longer and extending the academic school year will increase learning and raise test scores among American children. However, it's not the length of the school year that is the problem so much as the quality of education being imparted to young people, especially when it comes to knowing American history and their rights--what we used to call civics.

Clearly, the public schools are fostering civic ignorance. For example, a recent study of 1,000 Oklahoma high school students found that only 3 percent would be able to pass the U.S. Immigration Services' citizenship exam, while incredibly 93 percent of those from foreign countries who took the same test passed. Only 28 percent of Oklahoma students could name the "supreme law of the land" (the Constitution), while even less could identify Thomas Jefferson as the author of the Declaration of Independence. Barely one out of every four students knew that George Washington was the nation's first president. None of the students correctly answered 8 or more of the 10 questions, and 97 percent scored 50 percent or less.



## Speak truth to power

by John Whitehead

This problem is not limited simply to Oklahoma students. It's a national problem. For example, a similar study in Arizona found that only 3.5 percent of public high school students would be able to pass the citizenship test, a figure not significantly exceeded by the passing rates of charter and private school students, at 7 and 14 percent, respectively.

A survey of American adults by the American Civic Literacy Program resulted in some equally disheartening findings. Seventy-one percent failed the test. Moreover, having a college education does very little to increase civic knowledge, as demonstrated by the abysmal 32 percent pass rate of people holding not just a bachelor's degree but some sort of graduate-level degree.

Those who drafted the U.S. Constitution understood that the only way to guarantee that freedom would survive in the new republic was through an informed citizenry--one educated on basic rights and freedoms. As Thomas Jefferson wrote, "I know no safe depositary of the ultimate powers of the society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education." Jefferson also recognized that "[the People] are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty."

Unfortunately, as the aforementioned surveys indicate, most Americans are constitutionally illiterate, and our young people are not much better. Despite the millions of taxpayer dollars spent on education, our schools do a poor job of teaching the basic freedoms guaranteed in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Indeed, the major emphasis in public education today is on math and science. Yet even in those subjects, American students lag far behind when compared to students in other countries.

We would do well to heed Jefferson's advice on the subject of public education. He believed that pre-university education was to "instruct the mass of our citizens in...their rights, interests, and duties as men and citizens." As for university education, Jefferson said it was "to form the statesmen, legislators and judges on whom public prosperity and individual happiness are so much to depend."

Clearly, the ramifications of raising up untold generations of young people who are constitutionally illiterate are serious and far-reaching.

Instead of forcing children to become part of the machinery of society by an excessive emphasis on math and science in the schools, they should be prepared to experience the beauty of becoming responsible citizens. This will mean teaching them their rights and urging them to exercise their freedoms.

Some critics are advocating that students pass the United States citizenship exam in order to graduate from high school. Others recommend that it must be a prerequisite for attending college. I'd go so far as to argue that students should have to pass the citizenship exam before graduating from grade school. In fact, the goal of civic literacy is far from impossible. To pass the examination, one must only correctly answer six out of ten questions. To see how simple the test is, check it out at [www.rutherford.org](http://www.rutherford.org).

The federal bureaucracy lodged in Washington, DC, is out of control. Increasingly, under George W. Bush, the federal government disregarded the Constitution and systematically violated the civil liberties of American citizens on a mass scale. Unfortunately, Barack Obama is continuing a similar pattern.

And whose fault is it? When I was a child going to school, I was taught American history and how radical the so-called Founding Fathers were. I was required to take civics courses and I knew the Bill of Rights. And by the time I had entered college, I was protesting government encroachment of our freedoms and liberties.

I was also taught that if students didn't learn, it's because teachers didn't teach. The unfortunate danger we now face is a government no longer controlled by the people and which no longer feels responsible toward them. This is a problem created by the educational system, but it is one that could be remedied by it as well.



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# Getting off bottle is not an easy task

Kyndall will be 18-months October 26, and she is finally off the bottle. I know she should have been off a long time ago, but there were complications. So I am proud of this huge accomplishment. Don't judge me.

It's not as bad as it sounds; she was only allowed water in her bottle when she would lie down to go to sleep. I wasn't filling it with Dr Pepper or anything. And yes, I'm also aware that she was not supposed to be lying down with a bottle. Don't judge me.

It is hard to let your baby cry herself to sleep. When we moved her from her bassinet to her crib, I did. But there was only so much I could handle, so that's where the bottle came into play.

And then she turned into the best baby in the world. When she got sleepy, she would find her bottle and head to her crib. She would stand at her crib, saying "Momma" until I picked her up and put her down for a nap. Things got even better when we turned her bed into a toddler bed. She would go climb into bed on her own when she was ready. I was thrilled that she took something else from me besides being ornery and



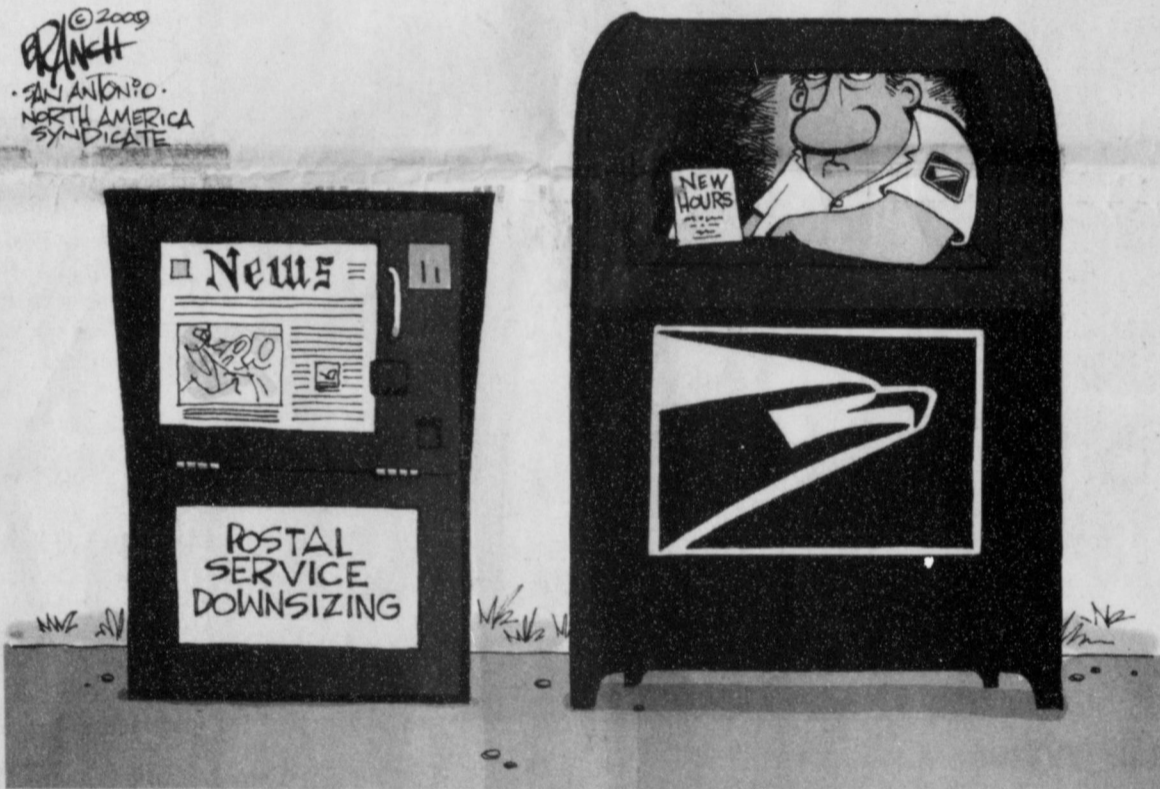
## baby steps

by Julie Shields

stubborn. Momma likes a nap too.

So while we were kicking the bottle habit, we accidentally fell into another. My big girl, who has been sleeping in her own bed for over a year now, will no longer sleep there. She's back in bed with mommy and daddy and both of the dogs. My dad thinks this is a good thing, which may explain why I slept in my parents room until I was in junior high. Don't judge me.

I figure Kyndall is only little once and one day I will look back and wish that I had held her more. So what's another night of tiny feet in the back compared to a lifetime of memories? That's my way of justifying it, don't judge me.



# We should take back Columbus Day

By Thomas A. Bowden

More than a century ago, America celebrated the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's voyage of discovery by hosting an enormous world's fair on the shores of Lake Michigan. This "World's Columbian Exposition" featured statues of the great explorer, replicas of his three ships, and commemorative stamps and coins. Because Columbus Day was a patriotic holiday -- it marked the opening chapter in American history -- the newly written Pledge of Allegiance was first recited in schools on October 12, 1892.

Nowadays, however, an embarrassed, guilty silence descends on the nation each Columbus Day. We've been taught that Columbus opened the way for rapacious European settlers to unleash a stream of horrors on a virgin continent: slavery, racism, warfare, epidemic, and the cruel oppression of Indians.

This modern view of Columbus represents an unjust attack upon both our country and the civilization that made it possible. Western civilization did not originate slavery, racism, warfare, or disease -- but with America as its exemplar, that civilization created the antidotes. How? By means of a set of core ideas that set Western civilization apart from all others: reason and individualism.

Throughout history, prior to the birth of Western civilization in ancient Greece, the world seemed impervious to human understanding. People believed

that animistic spirits or capricious deities had supernatural powers to cure diseases, grow crops, and guide the hunter's arrow toward his prey. To get the attention of these inscrutable spirits, people resorted to prayer, ritual, taboo, and human sacrifice, relying always on the mystic insights of shamans and priests.

This pervasive mysticism had practical consequences: festering disease, perpetual poverty, and a desperate quest for survival that made offensive warfare against human beings seem as natural as hunting animals. Such was the plight of America's Indians before 1492 -- and such was Europe's own plight, once the civilizations of Greece and Rome had given way to the mysticism of Christianity and the barbarian tribes.

It was Western philosophers, scientists, statesmen, and businessmen who liberated mankind from mysticism's grip. Once scientists revealed a world of natural laws open to human understanding, medical research soon penetrated the mysteries of disease and epidemic, allowing us to look back with pity upon American Indians and other historical victims of diseases now preventable and curable.

On a much wider scale, the Industrial Revolution employed science, technology, and engineering to create material goods in profusion, so that even people of average ability could become affluent by historical standards. By demonstrating how wealth can be created in abundance rather than stolen by armed

force, America and the West supplied a moral alternative to the bloody tribal warfare of past eras.

Western civilization's stress on the value of reason led inexorably to its distinctive individualism. Western thinkers were first to declare that every individual, no matter what his skin color or ancestry, is fully human, possessed of reason and free will -- a being of self-made character who deserves to be judged accordingly, not as a member of a racial or tribal collective. And thanks to John Locke and the Founding Fathers, individuals were recognized as possessing individual rights to life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness -- rights that made slavery indefensible and led to its eradication, at the cost of a civil war.

These are the facts we are no longer taught -- and the measure of that educational failure is the disdain with which Columbus's holiday is regarded in the country that owes its existence to his courage. It is time to take back Columbus Day, as an occasion to publicly rejoice, not in the bloodshed that occurred before Columbus's arrival and after, but in our commitment to the life-serving values of Western civilization: reason and individualism. We do so by honoring the great explorer who opened the way for that civilization to flourish in the New World.

Thomas A. Bowden is an analyst at the Ayn Rand Center for Individual Rights. He is a former lawyer and law school instructor who practiced for 20 years in Baltimore, Maryland.



Clarendon firemen stand with kids attending an Open House at the Clarendon Fire Hall last Saturday.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ANDRIA KIDD

## Clarendon Fire Dept. names poster winners

The Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department and Clarendon Firebelles hosted this year's Fire Department Open House last Saturday at the Fire Station.

Despite the rainy weather, several families attended the open house. The children were given rides in the fire trucks, enjoyed refreshments and received goodie bags filled with fire safety tips, coloring books, a fire helmet, candy and a balloon. Students from submitted Fire Prevention posters with the theme "Stay Fire Safe! Don't Get Burned" for this year's poster contest.

The posters were judged in four

different categories by the Clarendon Firefighters. The winners were as follows:

Headstart/PPCD and Pre-K: 1st Place, Avery Sawyer; 2nd Place, Taylor Halsell; 3rd Place, Samantha Wright.

Kindergarten and 1st Grade: 1st Place, Kailee Osburn; 2nd Place, Josiah Howard; 3rd Place, Madison Smith.

2nd and 3rd Grade: 1st Place, Gavin Word; 2nd Place, Melanie Nowlin; 3rd Place Jessica Lowrie.

4th and 5th Grade: 1st Place, Hannah Howard; 2nd Place, Whitney LaRoe; 3rd Place, Aubry Powell.

### the lion's tale by roger estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting October 13, 2009, with Boss Lion Chuck Robertson in charge.

We had 23 members, Lion Sweetheart Lauren Shelton, and one guest - Lion Jack King, PDG, of the Amarillo Downtown Lions Club.

The Pancake Supper is this Friday, October 16, at the Clarendon School Cafeteria at 5 p.m. Tickets are available from any Lion or at the door.

Lion King addressed the club regarding the Texas Lions Camp, which works with disabled and diabetic children at no cost to the kids or their families. He encouraged our club to continue supporting the camp over and above our usual dues.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

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Thur	8	60°	46°	-
Fri	9	71°	40°	.15"
Sat	10	61°	40°	-
Sun	11	45°	32°	.06"

Total precipitation this month: 0.50"  
Total precipitation to date: 14.47"  
Total precipitation in Sept. last year: 1.37"  
Total YTD last year: 10.55"

#### weekend forecast

Friday, Oct. 16  
Pt. Cloudy  
70°/42°

Saturday, Oct. 17  
Sunny  
67°/42°

Sunday, Oct. 18  
Sunny  
71°/50°

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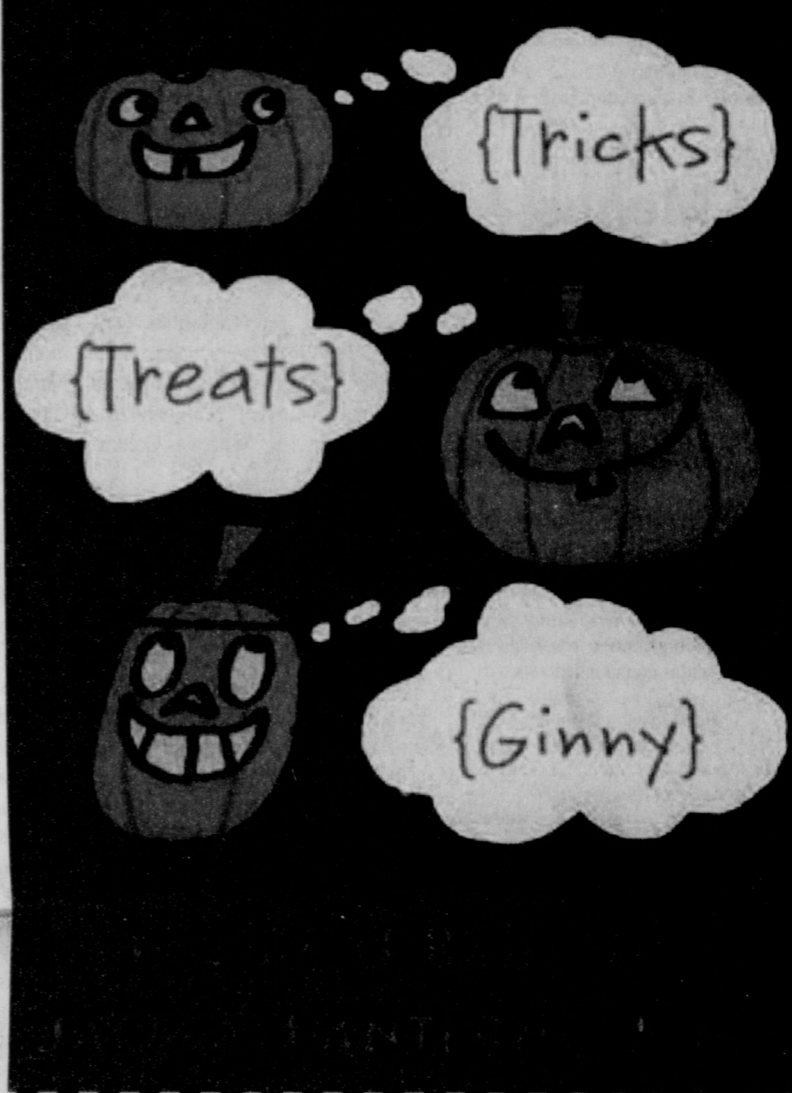
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- October 15**  
Colts v. Quanaah • 5 p.m. • in Quanaah
- October 16**  
Bronco JV v. Quanaah • 7:30 p.m. • in Quanaah
- October 16**  
Lion's Club Pancake Supper • 5:30 p.m. • Clarendon School Cafeteria
- October 18**  
Bronco v. Quanaah • 7:30 p.m. • at Bronco Stadium
- October 20**  
Alzheimer's Support Group • 4 p.m. • Donley County Senior Citizens
- October 23**  
Broncos v. Wheeler • 7:30 p.m. • in Wheeler
- October 31**  
Halloween
- November 17**  
Alzheimer's Support Group • 4 p.m. • Donley County Senior Citizens
- November 26**  
Thanksgiving Day  
4 p.m. • in Clarendon

### ★ Menus October 19 - 23

**Donley County Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Pork ribs, corn, fried okra, California blend salad, bread pudding, bread.  
Tue: Mexican casserole, buttered squash, pears & cottage cheese, sopapillas, chips & salsa.  
Wed: Chicken spaghetti, fried okra, fruit salad, strawberry cake, biscuits.  
Thu: Smothered steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, pears & cottage cheese, apple dumplings, rolls.  
Fri: Salmon croquets, steamed broccoli, buttered carrots, applesauce, peanut butter cookies, biscuits.

**Hedley Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Chicken stir fry, corn nuggets, black eye peas, cucumber, onion, tomatoes, cobbler, biscuits.  
Tue: Meatloaf, macaroni & cheese, cabbage, okra salad, banana pudding, roll.  
Wed: Ham & butter beans, fried squash, Cole slaw, peaches & strawberries, corn bread.  
Thu: Steak & gravy, baked potato, Harvard beets, tossed salad, cake, roll.  
Fri: Oven fried chicken, fried okra, California blend vegetables, lime jello, cabbage, pineapple pudding, corn bread.

**Clarendon CISD**  
Breakfast  
Mon: Cereal, wheat toast, fruit, milk.  
Tue: Sausage, biscuit, fruit, milk.  
Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk.  
Thu: Egg, wheat toast, fruit, milk.  
Fri: Cinnamon roll, juice, milk.  
Lunch  
Mon: Grilled cheese sandwich, chicken noodle soup, fresh broccoli w/ Ranch, strawberries & bananas, milk.  
Tue: Tacos, lettuce, tomato, pinto beans, fancy gelatin, milk.  
Wed: Turkey roast w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, roll, milk.  
Thu: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, seasoned corn, tossed salad, bread stick, peaches, milk.  
Fri: Chicken patty, broccoli salad, tater tots, orange, milk.

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Mon: Salisbury steak, potatoes & gravy, broccoli & cheese, salad, fruit, rolls, milk.  
Tue: Sub sandwich, lettuce & tomato, dill pickles, Sun chips, juice, milk.  
Wed: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, salad & fruit, sliced bread, milk.  
Thu: Fish, macaroni & cheese, salad, fruit, rolls & milk.  
Fri: Hamburger, lettuce & tomato, dill pickles, fries, milk & juice.

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## Hedley celebrates 58th Cotton Festival

The 58th annual Hedley Cotton Festival is over. We all had a great time except for the weather last Saturday. It was cold, but we still enjoyed everything.

We had a wonderful visitor, Bungy Hedley. She is the granddaughter of J.E.M. Hedley - the man our town is named after. She really enjoyed herself and wants to come back.

Joe Davis with KLSR provided entertainment on the street, and Anthony and Vicki Knowles jumped in and headed up the Kiddie Parade.

The car and tractor show winners were: Best of Show - 1948 8N Ford - Blackie Johnson, Best of Show - 1946 Ford - Grady Milton, First Place - 1966 Ford Mustang - Redell Johnston, Second Place - Mary Ruth White - 1965 Ford Mustang and Third Place - 1972 Dodge Charger - Redell Johnston.

The Float winners were: Lions Club Sweetheart - First Place, Hedley Class of 1959 - Second Place and Donley Cotton Gin - Third Place.

Several drawings were held during the festival. The winners: One

Half \$300 pot - Butch Blackburn, Lioness Club Quilt - Neal White, Cotton Bale - Johnnie Stiles, Patriotic Picture - Jan Ferris, Ag Boys Trailer - James Edward Potts, and the Hedley Senior Citizens BBQ Grill - Sharon Graves.



**chatty kathy**  
by Kathy Spier  
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The Hedley High School Reunion was held at the school house at 3:00 p.m., and there were several ex-students there. The Class of 1959 furnished the refreshments.

Thelma "Tate" Hodges was there, and she graduated in 1937. She told me she really enjoyed going to school at Hedley, and she remembers riding a bus from McKnight to Hedley. She was very glad that she could make it to the reunion and the Cotton Festival.

Along with her was Dorothy Ellis Tate Montgomery, who would have graduated in 1951 if she hadn't gotten married and moved to Cali-



J.T. Lamberson and his wife, Helen, driven by Vernon Patton.

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fornia. Everyone really seemed to enjoy getting together and reminiscing about Hedley School years.

The reunion next year will be held by Carolyn McPherson and Deloris Crump.

I found out that Calvin "Bubba" Holland will be singing, along with

Pam Forsyth, at the Clarendon Arts Festival on October 24, 2009. The band is called 2-4-1 and they will be at the Bairfield Activity Center at Clarendon College. Let's go hear Bubba sing and check out the Arts Festival. He will sing at 1:15 p.m. on October 24, 2009.

## Did Columbus do what we all think he did?

Monday was Columbus Day. Remember the poem: "In 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue, in the Nina, Pinta, Santa Maria and discovered America." Who was Columbus and is this true?

Christopher Columbus was born in Geona, Italy, in 1451. He was a self-educated, seafaring man who became obsessed with finding a western sea route to China, India, and the gold and spice islands of Asia. He was refused funding from his native Italy, but after much persuasion King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain came up with the necessary funds. On August 3, 1492, Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, with three small ships, the Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria. Okay. So far my school day poem is correct.

On October 12, they reached land, probably Watling Island, Baha-

mas. Uh oh, not America. Later that month Columbus sighted Cuba, which he thought was mainland China and in December the expedition landed on the island of Hispaniola which he thought might be Japan but was in reality the second largest island in the West Indies. He established a small colony with 39 men which he named Navidad.

Columbus returned to Spain with gold, spices, and "Indian" captives in March 1493 and was received with the highest honors by the Spanish court. He was the first European to explore the Americas since the Vikings set up colonies in Greenland and Newfoundland in the 10th century.

Columbus led a total of four expeditions to the New World discovering various islands, the Gulf of Mexico, and South and Central

America mainland, but he never accomplished his original goal, a western route to the great cities of Asia.

He died in 1506 without realizing what he did achieve, discovering the New World which would make Spain the wealthiest, most powerful nation on earth.

Okay. So he didn't land on North American soil, but he did find us, right? In 1892, President Benjamin Harrison urged citizens to participate in the 400th anniversary of Columbus' first voyage, Colorado was the first state to observe the holiday in 1905, President Roosevelt

declared it a holiday in 1937 and President Nixon declared Columbus Day a national holiday in 1971.

To answer the question, yes, Christopher Columbus did discover America in 1492 for the European countries. Thanks, Chris. I can't imagine learning to speak Danish or whatever language the Vikings spoke.

Well what a week of weather this has been, cloudy and cold with highs in the 40-50 range, lows 30-40. I think the lowest was 33 at my house. I know some will argue they had a freeze, but that was at midnight Saturday. I need to see the sun and know I would not do well in Alaska or Seattle where the sun doesn't shine for long periods of time. We have received some much needed rain but come on, sunshine, show yourself.



**wick picks**  
by Peggy Cockerham  
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### The Classy Class - Part I

## First graders embark on new journey in 1949

A history of the Clarendon High School Class of 1961 as compiled by Martha Jo Risley Shaller and Fellow Classmates.

### Into The Basement 1949-1950

Once upon a time - Monday August 29, 1949, at 9:00 a.m., to be exact - 86 little residents of Donley County ascended six tall, deep concrete steps to enter the front door on the north side of the Elizabeth Stevens ward school in Clarendon, Texas.

Many of these new first graders such as Frances and Wilma Mann, Beth Johnson, Frances Wallace, Janie Smith, Lee Ellen Bell, Larry King, Norma Self, Oveta Garman, Judy Thompson, Neel Carter, Martha Jo Risley, Jackie McClellan, Ronnie Hall, Alice Johnson and Sherry Montgomery were somewhat familiar with the large red brick school building because they had attended programs there with older brothers and sisters. The Goldston school district had been voted into the Clarendon school district that very month, so Howard Talley may have never been in that building before. A goodly number of the small people had a head start at schooling having spent the previous year attending Mrs. Nova Mears' kindergarten. Others, especially the rural kids, had mixed emotions about this new experience.

Mothers held the hands of this small band as they bravely, happily, hesitantly, or shyly began a great adventure that would unite them forever as The Class of 1961. Rosa Lee Rhodes carried tiny Grady because he had had an asthma attack due to the excitement of starting to school. Grady was actually five years old because his birthday was a few days away on September 1. Jewel Stewart had a daughter on either side as her twins, Marilyn and Karlyn, greeted friends including their cousin, Jackie McElroy. Gary and Johnny Longan were starting to first grade together this year, as were Mary Louise and Frankie McKinney. Cotton headed Beth was shyly hiding behind Vera Johnson's skirts. The never shy Sarah Antrobus was eager to get on with proceedings. And tall, dark, handsome Freddy Mulkey, as the son of one of the fourth grade teachers, really knew his way around. Most of the boys wore colorful short sleeved cotton shirts and jeans with the cuffs turned up to allow for growing room with a few self consciously wearing overalls. Several of the little boys good-naturedly pushed and shoved each other trying to estab-

lish leadership rights until their mothers yanked them by the arm or ear. You see, back in that far away time, mothers had no qualms about physically lining their youngsters' out in public. In fact, that let people know that they were good mothers expecting good behavior.

The first grade classrooms were in the basement, so upon entering the front door, we turned to the left and went down stairs into a dimly lit area. Mrs. Donald (Amna B.) Ballew waited in her neat high ceiling wooden floor room. In Mrs. Jolly (Mabel) Johnson's room right across the hall was a wonderful feature. She had plywood cut out in the shape of a giant shoe that students could go behind and peek out the windows. That shoe was a source of pride for Mrs. Johnson's students, and the rest of us always looked longingly at it when we visited her room. Both rooms had coat closets. I know for a fact that hiding in the coat closets was not approved of.

Eighty-six small sweaty bodies more than filled those two classrooms. That first day the students were divided between Mrs. Ballew and Mrs. Johnson. Looking back now, I can imagine that this large number of war babies overwhelmed the teachers. A national teacher shortage was also felt in Clarendon. Several weeks went by before a third teacher was recruited to further split our group. Miss Monett Neville, newly moved to Clarendon, was an art major who had never had an education class and certainly had never taught first grade. She and her class learned together. Miss Neville boarded with the Frank Whites just across the park from the school. Even though Miss Neville was young and attractive, I was relieved to be able to stay with motherly Mrs. Ballew with whom I was quite comfortable even if she didn't have giant plywood Old Lady Who Lives in the Shoe creation in her room. Barcus Antrobus brought a small table and chair set to put behind "the Shoe" so Sarah could hostess tea parties when the kids were allowed to play there.

A few town kids would go home for lunch, but most of us would hungrily line up in single file behind our teachers and march over to the cafeteria in the basement of the J. High building. The cafeteria began serving meals on Tuesday, August 30, for a flat fee of 25 cents per meal according to the August 25, 1949, edition of *The Donley County Leader*. The term "flat fee" I take to mean that every meal first grade through high school cost the

same. Tickets could be purchased by the week or by the month.

That same front-page newspaper article declared that vaccination for smallpox is required for all students who have not been vaccinated and all students entering the first grade for the first time must present a birth certificate upon enrollment. How many of you remember getting your smallpox vaccination? Was it completely healed up by the time school started? Does your scar still show?

Perhaps because of shock at the number of first graders, we didn't get our books until the first real day of school. As a bit of nostalgia, Dick and Jane fabric, books, and related information appeared the mid 1990s. Do you remember the name of Dick and Jane's pets, their little sister, what color the family car was?

Didn't we have a cool playground directly east of our building? Today, it doesn't seem half as large as it was then. But I couldn't wait to get to that slide in the shady southwest corner. I loved going down the slide so much that after the first month of school my mother decided she would have to invest in buying nylon panties for me because I was sliding the bottoms out of the cotton bloomers that she had made to match my homemade dresses. And the cables that served as the playground fence were great to turn flips on. There was a tall metal May Pole in the very middle of the playground. It had chains with hand hoops hanging down on each end. Some child in the past must have been flung off into outer space and never seen again because we were forbidden to even touch that dangerous item.

Just as a matter of information and hopefully interest, the businesses that advertised in the local newspaper the week we started to school were: Rexall Drug, Bryan Clothing Co., West Texas Utilities, C. D. Shamburger Lumber Co., Hudson & Taylor Paint Store, Farmers Exchange Gro. & Market-Grade A Steak 65 cents a pound, Murphy-Spicer Funeral Home, Donley County Abstract, Simpson Mill & Feed Store, Dulaney Motor Co., Clarendon Food Store-Coffee 55 cents a pound, Army-Navy Store, Clifford & Ray Grocery & Meats-Dressed fryers 59 cents a pound, White Auto Store, Kemp Machinery Co., Household Supply, Greene Dry Goods-Tex 'N Jeans Double Knees sizes 6-16 \$2.25, Dulaney Farm Supply, Stocking's Drug Store-since 1885, Noblitt Sales Co., George's Cleaners, Mears Merit Furniture, Tillie's Beauty Shop, A.R.

### Arts Club to hold festival next week

Clarendon's Les Beaux Arts Club will host the Clarendon Arts Festival on October 24 and 25 at the Bairfield Activity Center.

The festival will be open to the public and free of charge. A Fine Arts Day for Students is being offered on Friday, October 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for Panhandle area students and is an opportunity for students to attend the show with guided tours and exposure to musical performances offered by The Amarillo Symphony, Amarillo Opera, Lone Star Ballet, Amarillo College Music Department and other local performing artists.

To schedule your group, please contact Cula Jo Trout at 806.874.3612 or by email: chrissclifford@yahoo.com.

Students are also encouraged to enter the Junior Art Exhibit. This exhibit will be an opportunity for area students to participate in a Juried event. A packet of information is available for parents, teachers and principals to distribute to "emerging artists" with entry forms, rules and event flyers. Please contact Arts Committee Chairwoman, Chriss Clifford at 806.874.1767 or by email: chrissclifford@yahoo.com for additional information concerning this enriching event.

### Star parties to be held at state park

In conjunction with the Amarillo Astronomy Club, Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway invites you to enjoy the amazing night skies with two star parties this weekend.

Beginning at dusk on each night Friday, October 16, and Saturday, October 17, AAC members will have their telescopes available for the public to get a closer look at celestial bodies.

Lawn chairs, binoculars, and your own telescope may enhance your viewing experience, but are not required.

Park admission: adults, \$3; seniors, \$2; children 12 and under, free. For more information, please call 806-455-1492.

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The Clarendon P.T.A. was very active during our school days. They met one Friday afternoon a month in the large study hall/auditorium of the Junior High Building. Since teachers were expected to attend, special arrangements were made for students. Each grade's students were expected to put on some cute and impressive program for one or two of those Fridays. The annual Halloween Carnival was a major money raising activity for the P.T.A.

With the first grade's big musical production scheduled to be performed before the March meeting of the P. T. A., the teachers all got into high gear assigning parts and teaching the little poems and songs. Starting the first of March we even marched over to the Junior High Building and instead of going downstairs to the cafeteria, we went up two flights of stairs to the huge study hall with the e-nor-mous stage where we would be performing our little hearts out.

I'm sure the remaining two months of school were slow after the excitement of Mother Goose's Birthday Party. But we somehow managed to finish up on May 18, 1950, and we ran out the front door like wild animals turned loose upon the world yelling, "School's out, school's out, The teachers let the mules out."

A young World War II veteran named Joe Jones was Clarendon's mayor when we started to school. He had brought a bride, Svea, from Sweden back to Clarendon. When the Korean War started in 1950, he was recalled into the military, and Major Hudson was named to finish out Mayor Jones' term. Mr. H. T. Burton was the Superintendent of the Clarendon schools. Harry S. Truman was the President of the United States of America.

# Muggin' contest to be held at equine center

Clarendon College will be holding a groundbreaking ceremony this Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in Pampa for two new technical buildings. Complete details on the groundbreaking can be found on page one.

Student Services will be hosting "Dash for Dollars" this Thursday night at 7 p.m. in the Bairfield Activity Center. If you've ever seen the people on TV in the plastic tube trying to catch dollars as they swirl around then you can appreciate this game. Our students will play "Let's Make a Deal" and other game shows

in order to qualify to take a turn in the tube. It should be a lot of fun. Stop by if you'd like some entertainment.

The volleyball team will travel to Vernon this Saturday, Oct. 17, and will play at 2 p.m.

A Muggin'/Doctoring will be held Saturday, Oct. 17, in the Live-stock/Equine Center. For more information on the event you can call Susan Pool at 806-433-3088 or Stephanie Spillers at 806-681-5157.

Baseball will take on Seward County at home on Saturday, Oct.

17, with the time to be announced.

Women's basketball will be in Carrollton that same day to play in the JUCO Super Scrimmage, while the men's basketball team will be in Plainview taking on Wayland Baptist.

People will be on campus next week preparing for the Clarendon



**happenings on the hill**  
by ashley estlack,  
marketing coordinator

Arts Festival in the Bairfield Activity Center. The Festival will be open to the public on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 25, from noon to 4 p.m. For more information on this festival call Chris Clifford at 806-874-1767.

"Clarendon College Night at the Maze" will be next Tuesday night, Oct. 20, at 8 p.m. at the Bar H Maze north of town.

If you have any questions about any of these happenings feel free to give me a call at 806-874-4808.

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## Obituaries

### Browning

Naveta Thelma Farnsworth Browning, 95, died Monday, October 5, 2009, in Amarillo.



Services for Mrs. Browning were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 10, 2009, in the Clarendon Church of Christ with grandson Brad Thompson, officiating and grandsons, Jerry Keeley, Trace Browning, and Steven Browning, assisting. Interment followed at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon. Services were under the arrangement

of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mrs. Browning, the eldest of nine children, was born May 22, 1914, at Gage, Oklahoma to Fred and Bernice Farnsworth. She graduated from Canadian High School in 1933 and attended Wayland College where she received a teaching certificate in 1936. In 1940 she received a Bachelor of Arts degree from West Texas State Teacher's College at Canyon, TX. While teaching at a rural school between Adrian and Vega, TX, she met Harold Browning and they were married May 13, 1941. She taught full-time until Harold was discharged from the army and then continued teaching as a substitute. She was very active in the Vega ISD Parent Teacher's Association. The Brownings farmed and ranched in

Oldham County thirty three years then moved to Lelia Lake in Donley County in April 1975. In 1998 they moved into Clarendon, TX. She was a member of the Church of Christ where she was very active in the benevolence program, providing food anytime it was needed. She also served as a Sunday school teacher and worked in the World Bible School Program.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Browning and her grandson Lynn Thompson, three brothers, and one sister.

She was survived by three daughters, Sue Thompson and husband Marvin of Clarendon, Patty Browning and Tippy Browning both of Lamesa; two sons Bill Browning and wife Susan of Amarillo, Sam Browning and wife Linda of Miami;

three sisters, Lola Kerr of Midland, Marjorie Garrison, of Otis Orchard, WA, Alice Munford of Boulder, CO; one brother Johnny Farnsworth and wife Janie of Memphis; eight grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter and many loving nieces and nephews.

Casket bearers were Jeffery Browning, John Browning, Steven Browning, Trace Browning, J. K. Hester, Jerry Keeley, Jeb Stone, Justin Thompson, and Will Thompson. Honorary casket bearers are Mrs. Browning's granddaughters.

The family suggests memorials be to The Hali Project, 4515 Cornell, Amarillo, TX 79109 or The High Plains Children's Home of Amarillo.

Sign our online guestbook at www.RobertsonFuneral.com.

## Copper Breaks to study ancient history at park

QUANAH - The state wide observance of Texas Archaeology Awareness Month will continue on Saturday October 17, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at Copper Breaks State Park with Tony Lyle's presentation on prehistoric archaeology.

Lyle is the regional archaeologist for the Panhandle-Plains area of Texas. He supports on-site park and wildlife management area staffs with monitoring, protection, and preservation of archaeological sites, historic sites and structures, as well as artifacts, archives, and exhibits.

Some of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department installations for which he is responsible include Copper Breaks State Park, Caprock Canyons, Palo Duro, Abilene, Lake Arrowhead, and Big Spring. He also assists in planning for repair and other projects which might have any impact on the long term preservation of archaeological sites.

"In our parks, we have to walk a tightrope between making sites and resources available to the public, while, at the same time, we are obligated to preserve and protect those sites intact for future generations," said Lyle.

Texas Archaeology Awareness Month is a state wide observance organized by the Texas Historical Commission to promote appreciation of scientific archaeology, Native American cultures, prehistory, and stewardship of our state's irreplaceable heritage sites.

Copper Breaks State Park will continue its participation in Archaeology Awareness Month on Saturday April 24 with park manager David D Turner's discussion of Historical Archaeology in Texas and Virginia.

In addition to the Campsite Talks, the popular Meet the Longhorns program is held every Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

Visitors have a chance to get a close meeting with part of the official State of Texas Longhorn herd.

For more information on the special events schedule, or other Copper Breaks events or facilities, contact the park daily during business hours at (940)839-4331. Copper Breaks State Park is located 13 miles south of Quanah and eight miles north of Crowell on State Highway 6.



### Honor students

The Donley County State Bank held an A Honor Roll Luncheon on Friday, October 9, 2009, for the students at Clarendon High School. Pictured are (top) Tony Sisomsouk, Jentry Shadle, Brandi Mays, Deidre Lewis, Jency Burton, Lauren Shelton, Anna Ceniceros, and (front) Dominique Brady. Not pictured, Lydia Howard.

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The question is would you take the job under these conditions? My guess is yes. How many jobs are there that you could earn that kind of cash?

Certainly the reward for working for this company is substantial. It is nothing compared to the reward we can receive by becoming Christians and living by God's "manual". Why is it most of us would work for the imaginary company above and agree to those rules, but when it comes to God's word and His ways that we want to change things? Has He not offered us something much greater in return? Jesus once said, "Not everyone who says 'Lord, Lord' will enter heaven, but he who does My Father's will..." (Matt. 7:21). Jesus knew that many would claim to be following His precepts but in reality were only doing what they wanted to do.

Some people take jobs and won't work under the guidelines that are given them. They either are fired or they quit because of their unwillingness to conform. It is the same way with religion. Many won't follow all of the Lord's guidelines because they would have to give up something in their lives. Some either quit or distort God's word and make it fit their wishes. God is not going to tolerate that just as our bosses wouldn't either.

The point is we can't change God's word by subtracting what we don't like or adding something that we do. There are hundreds of different religious groups in our country. All do things differently. Does God accept all of their practices? My prayer is that we all would seek to do His will and His will only. Judgement Day is a little late to find out we were wrong.

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## NOTICE OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION

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To the registered voters of the County of Donley, Texas:  
(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Donley, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, November 3, 2009, to adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas.

Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 3 noviembre de 2009 para adoptar o rechazar la enmiendas propuestas constitucional asi como fueron sometidas por la 81a Legislatura Sesion Regular, de la Estado de Texas.

### LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES

Direccine(es) de las casillas electorales)

- Box 101 - Bairfield Bldg-Clarendon College
- Box 102 - Howardwick City Hall
- Box 201 - County Courthouse
- Box 301 - Assembly of God Fellowship Hall

- Box 303 - Hedley Lions Club
- Box 401 - Family Life Center- Clarendon Church of Christ

EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE WILL BE CONDUCTED EACH WEEKDAY AT: **DONLEY COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX - CLERKS OFFICE. BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 a.m. AND 5:00 p.m. BEGINNING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009 (entre las 8:00 de la manana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 19 octubre, 2009) AND ENDING ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2009 (y terminando el 30 octubre, 2009).**

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AMARILLO - Landowners can get a first-hand look at the difference prescribed burning can make to rangeland five and 10 years later during the "Gathering at the JA: Prescribed Fire in Ranching Systems" field day on Oct. 23.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Texas AgriLife Research will sponsor the field day from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the JA Ranch at Paloduro.

To get to the JA Ranch, go south out of Claude on State Hwy. 207 for 13.6 miles and turn left on Farm-to-Market Road 2272. Turn left on FM 2272 for 6.1 miles to County Road 21 and follow it almost 10 miles to the ranch headquarters.

"Prescribed burning is one of

the most beneficial, cost-effective practices in the range management toolbox," said Ken Cearley, AgriLife Extension wildlife management specialist in Canyon. "With proper training and preparation, prescribed fire can be expected to significantly increase range productivity and usefulness for both livestock and wildlife."

Attendees will have the opportunity to see examples of the successful application of fire for rangeland improvement and will learn many of the ins and outs of its implementation from experienced practitioners, Cearley said.

Early registration will be \$25 and must be made by Oct. 16 to guarantee a steak at lunch, said Dr.

Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist. The fee will be \$35 thereafter and at the door.

Registration can be made by mailing a check to Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Amarillo, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79106 with the check payable to "Texas AgriLife Research," or by calling Ronda Fisher at 806-677-5600.

The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. with a JA Ranch welcome and then the group will tour various areas on the ranch that have undergone prescribed burns sometime during the past 10 years, McCollum said.

This will not be training on how to conduct a prescribed burn, he said. Instead, JA personnel will discuss

at each stop when a burn was conducted and what they tried to accomplish. AgriLife Research, AgriLife Extension and Texas Tech University resource personnel will be available to discuss the results.

About noon, the group will return to the headquarters for a steak lunch. During the lunch, the Texas Panhandle Prescribed Burn Association will discuss their organization and how they work with landowners who want to implement prescribed burns.

After lunch, the tour will resume at other sites. The program will end by 3 p.m.

For more information, contact Ted McCollum at 806-677-5600 or Ken Cearley at 806-651-5760.

## Food allergies reality for millions every day

By MaryRuth Bishop, County Agent

Imagine being admitted to the hospital because you ate a peanut butter and jelly sandwich or a bowl of cereal with milk.

For millions of American kids, that image can be all too real. Each year millions of American kids are affected by food allergies, said two Texas Cooperative Extension experts in a recent HealthHints Newsletter.

"Approximately 6 percent of children are affected by food allergies," said Dr. Carol Rice, Extension health specialist. "The eight most common food allergies are milk, egg, peanut, tree nut - including walnuts and cashews - fish, shellfish - including shrimp and crab - soy and wheat."

But what exactly is a food allergy? Janet Pollard, Extension associate for health, gave this definition: An allergy is a "response to food (that) occurs when the immune system thinks a certain food is harmful and creates disease-fighting antibodies - called Immunoglobulin E or IgE - to try to protect the body." During this process, the immune system sends chemicals into the bloodstream in order to remove the food protein from the body, and these chemicals cause allergic symptoms.

A food allergy is not the same as a food intolerance, Pollard said.

"Food intolerance occurs when a person's body is unable to metabolize an ingredient, such as milk sugar," she said. "With intolerance, a person may be able to eat small amounts of the offending food without symptoms, while larger amounts may result in an adverse reaction, such as gastrointestinal symptoms."

Food allergies are usually more serious, she said, and can affect different parts of the body, including skin, digestive system and respiratory system.

Rice listed some of the more common symptoms of food allergy as hives, swelling or itchy red rashes on the skin; eczema; itching or swelling of the lips; gastrointestinal problems including cramps, nausea and vomiting, and diarrhea; itchy, watery eyes; runny or stuffy nose; sneezing;

coughing and wheezing.

Some allergy symptoms can be severe or life-threatening, she said. These include: difficulty breathing or swallowing, tightness of the chest, itching or swelling in the tongue or throat, a change in the voice, a drop in blood pressure, fainting and shock.

"The most severe allergic reaction is known as anaphylaxis or anaphylactic shock," Rice said. "Anaphylaxis can be fatal, either through swelling that shuts off the airway or through a dramatic drop in blood pressure." This condition can be characterized by hives, swelling of the lips, tongue, throat or eyes, difficult in breathing or swallowing and low blood pressure, she said.

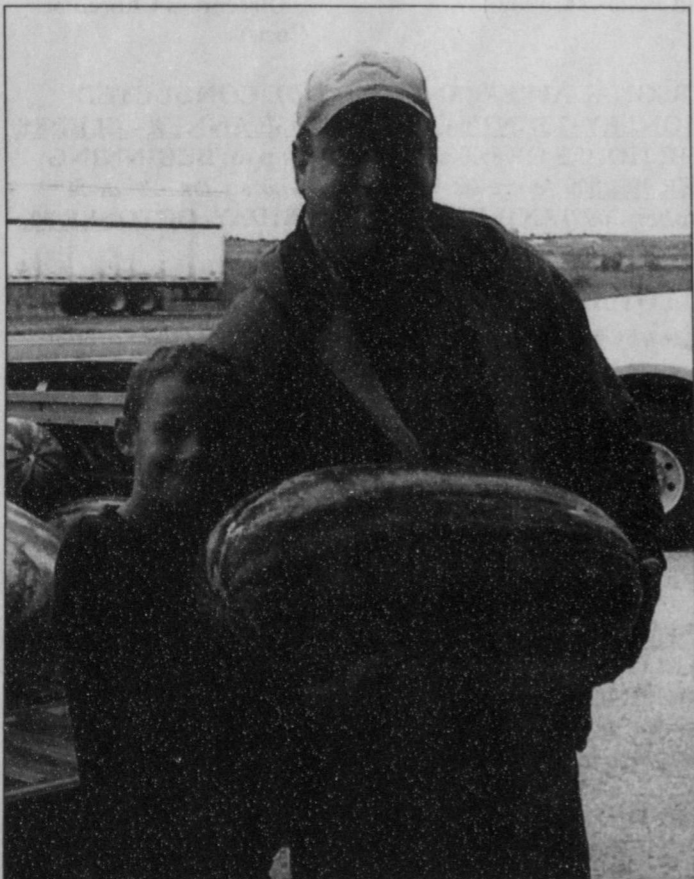
If a parent suspects his or her child has a food allergy, the most important thing to do is get an accurate medical diagnosis, Pollard said.

"Eliminating foods based on 'perceived' allergies can eliminate important nutrients from your child's diet, which can affect his or her mental and physical development," she said. "On the other hand, ignoring mild food-allergic reactions can also be harmful as a more severe reaction can result at another introduction of the offending food."

Because avoiding the problem foods is the only way to deal with allergies, parents should also have a 'game plan' for their child's safety, Rice said. That includes: always reading food labels to make sure of ingredients; letting friends and relatives know about the child's allergy and dietary limitations; getting a medical alert bracelet or necklace for the child to wear all the time; making sure the child carries emergency medication if necessary; and getting the child's school involved.

Because a food allergy can be life-threatening to a child, parents, schools, students and medical professionals can work together to reduce the child's exposure to allergy-inducing foods, Rice said.

For more information please contact MaryRuth Bishop, Family and Consumer Science Donley County Agent at 874-2141.



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### Bronco JV stop White Deer cold

On the very first drive of the game, the JV Broncos set a standard in their game with White Deer last Thursday night to go 5-1 on the year.

They were able to take it in for their first six points when Devonte Hardaway connected on a three-yard run. Forrest Yelverton added the two-point conversion to go up by eight. The very next time the Broncos touched the ball, they scored again.

"On the next series, Yelverton scored from 20 yards out," Elam said. "We led 14-0 after the first quarter."

But the scoring did not stop there as Hardaway scored again on a 40-yard quarterback sneak early in the second quarter.

"Late in the half, Hardaway took a screen pass from Yelverton and ran 50 yards for the final score," Elam said.

Elam thought the Bronco offense looked good but could tell it had been more than a week since

their last game. "Offensively, we looked pretty good early, but you could tell we had been off a week," Elam said. "Our blocking was pretty good at times and our backs, Forrest, Devonte, and Brady Miller ran and blocked well."

Despite their good play, the Broncos had two fumbles in the game. But it was not enough to detour them from their objective.

"Defensively, I thought we played really well as a team," Elam said. "We did make some individual mistakes but were able to shut them down. Brady Miller, Chris Shults, and Trent White had outstanding games; and Troy Chambliss had an interception in the second half. We have some kids that are really stepping up and have shown great improvement since the first of the year and the players continue to work hard."

The Broncos JV will play Quannah on the road October 15 beginning at 7:30 p.m.



### Ticket winner

Tommy Hill (center) was the winner of the recent drawing at Clarendon Auto Supply for two tickets to the January 3 Cowboys v. Eagles game at the new Cowboy Stadium. The tickets were presented by Doug and Nancy Kidd of Clarendon Auto Supply.

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### Hedley Junior High beat Groom

The Hedley Junior High Owls traveled to Groom last Thursday to take on the Groom Tiger Cubs.

The Owls began the game with a bang. Kyle Lindsey stripped the ball from the Cubs running back to put the Owls in good scoring position, but unfortunately the Owls could not gain enough yards for a 1st down. The Owls and Cubs went back and forth for the first half of the game with neither team scoring and going into the locker room tied 0 to 0.

The Owls came out of the locker room - or bus in this case - ready to play some football. The first play out of the box the Cubs fumbled, and Lindsey recovered the ball to run it 55 yards for a TD. The extra point attempt was not successful. The Cubs returned the favor with a TD of their own, and the extra

point was good. Denver Chambliss immediately retaliated with an Owl TD. Groom returned the favor, and once again Lindsey answered back. Groom ended the 3rd quarter with a TD of their own leaving the Owls trailing by one point going into the 4th quarter 18 to 19.

The fourth quarter had both teams fighting it out defensively to see who would end up winning the game. Lindsey, Ruthhardt, and Chambliss all put forth an extreme effort to stop the Cubs from scoring and succeeded, but left the Owls only 4 seconds on the clock to retaliate. Fortunately for the Owls, 4 seconds was all they needed. Lindsey took the ball and ran in an Owl TD, and the Owls won the game 24 to 19.

The Junior High Owls have an open week but will play in Lefors on October 22 at 6:00 p.m.

### Colts slam Shamrock boys, 36-0

The Colts moved to 3-1 for the year with a huge 36-0 shutout over Shamrock last Thursday night on the road.

Despite the less-than-ideal weather, the Colts played hard and were unwavering in their objective.

Charles Mason rushed for one of the Colt touchdowns, and Chance McAnear was credited with three scores rushing and one passing. The strike thrown by McAnear was to Brandon Miller for six. Mason and Cody Harjo each rushed for a two-

point bonus. Defensively, Tres Hommel and Zach Cornell each recovered a fumble, while Zack Laroe intercepted an Irish pass.

"The guys played really well especially considering the sloppy conditions and wet weather," coach Clint Coley said. "We started off strong and took complete control of the game early on."

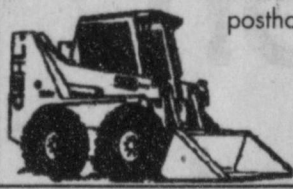
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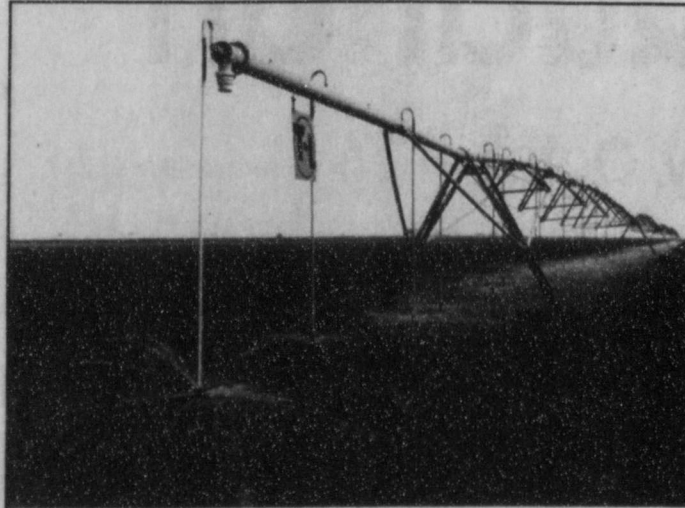
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# Court hears pleas, returns one conviction

Three pleas took place which resulted in two deferred adjudications and one conviction when the district court met in Clarendon on October 5.

A total of \$14,000 in fines was assessed as a result of the pleas that took place on October 5. In addition to the fines, the defendants were required to pay a total of \$1,440 in court costs and \$22,000 in restitution.

Shawn Gonzalez pleaded guilty to the first degree felony offense of

aggravated sexual assault and was sentenced to 10 years in the institutional division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Gonzales was indicted by the Donley County Grand Jury on November 10, 2008, for the offense which took place on July 18, 2008, at the rest area located on Interstate 1-40 in Donley County.

Pursuant to the plea of guilty to the charged offense, the State recommended a sentence to the court not to exceed 10 years.

After evidence was presented by the State and defense, Messer convicted and sentenced Gonzales to 10 years.

Amber Dawn Morris pleaded guilty to two offenses, receiving deferred adjudication on two second degree felony offenses for burglary of a habitation.

Morris was arrested for burglary of a habitation on June 8, 2009 for the offenses that took place May 27, 2009 and June 3, 2009. Morris was indicted for both offenses by a

Donley County Grand Jury on June 22, 2009.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Morris is required to pay a \$4,000 fine to Donley County, pay \$22,000 in restitution and \$780 in court costs. If Morris violates probation, she could face up to 20 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

District Attorney Luke Inman was the prosecutor for the State of Texas on all cases with the Honorable Judge Stuart Messer presiding.

## Sheriff's Report

October 5, 2009

6:55 a.m. - Checking vehicle stopped, Hwy 287 at Co. Rd. 17.  
8:31 a.m. - At courthouse.  
8:33 a.m. - At courthouse.  
1:15 p.m. - Transport female from Sheriff's Office to 100 blk S. Kearney St.  
1:18 p.m. - At courthouse.  
2:45 p.m. - Out at Hwy 70 N.  
7:20 p.m. - Paper service, 700 blk S. Koogle St.

October 6, 2009

12:03 a.m. - Paper service, 300 blk S. Jefferson St.  
6:14 a.m. - Checking stranded motorist, 4 miles E. Hwy 287.  
7:07 a.m. - Remove animal carcass, Hwy 70 N.  
9:10 a.m. - See caller, 1300 blk W. 5th St.  
9:28 a.m. - Out at college.  
11:32 a.m. - Check semi parked in turn lane, 500 blk W. 2nd St.  
12:19 p.m. - Vehicle accident on Co. Rd. W. N. of Co. Rd. 17.  
4:19 p.m. - Paper service, 700 blk S. Koogle St.  
11:04 p.m. - See subject at Sheriff's Office lobby.  
11:17 p.m. - EMS to Sheriff's Office.  
11:53 p.m. - Deputy following ambulance to Northwest Texas Mental Health Facility.

## Skins game delayed until this Sunday

By Sandy Anderberg

Because of the inclement weather last Sunday, the Six-Person Skins game will be held Sunday, October 18, at 1:00 p.m. at the Clarendon Country Club. You may call the Pro Shop for more information.

Todd Curry bested a field of eight other players and was the winner of the weekly men's game on Wednesday with a net score of 67. Bob Hornberger and Bo Morrison tied for second with a net 68.

The dining room will be open each Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday for noon buffet. The CCC is also offering free green fees each Friday with the paid price of a cart.

October 7, 2009

12:31 a.m. - EMS assist, 300 blk Rosenfield St.  
5:43 a.m. - Back in county.  
7:15 a.m. - Transport to Quannah for probation hearing.  
12:51 p.m. - Out at school.  
1:11 p.m. - At City Hall.  
1:14 p.m. - At Annex.  
1:41 p.m. - At college.  
1:47 p.m. - At business, 100 blk S. Kearney St.  
6:08 p.m. - Welfare check, Co. Rd. 19.

October 8, 2009

8:16 a.m. - At residence, S. Collinson St. in reference to abandoned vehicle.  
10:36 a.m. - Single vehicle accident, Hwy 70 N. MP 122.  
7:31 p.m. - Check activity at residence 200 blk Tyng St., Howardwick.

October 9, 2009

10:15 a.m. - At Clarendon elementary school.  
11:23 a.m. - Front St. with stranded

motorist.

2:41 p.m. - Stand by at grass fire, Hwy 70 N.  
3:15 p.m. - Disturbance, 500 blk W. 2nd St.; see manager.  
3:21 p.m. - Transport subject to residence.  
3:36 p.m. - Deputy returning business keys to 600 blk W. 2nd St.  
3:43 p.m. - At courthouse.  
3:53 p.m. - N. Jefferson St., warrant service.  
3:55 p.m. - Second location.  
4:00 p.m. - To jail, one male in custody; third DWI.  
4:13 p.m. - Paper service, Hwy 287 E.

October 10, 2009

12:48 a.m. - EMS Assist, 500 blk W. 2nd St.  
9:03 a.m. - Dispatched to Sheriff's Office to serve Criminal Trespass Warning.  
4:28 p.m. - Paper service, 200 blk Martindale St.  
6:48 p.m. - Stranded trucker, Hwy 287 near MP 171.

October 11, 2009

12:24 a.m. - Check area, 600 blk Collinson St.  
10:18 a.m. - EMS assist, S. Goodnight St.  
4:32 p.m. - Responds to alarm, 600 blk E. Harrington St.  
8:15 p.m. - Courtesy transport to Armstrong Co.  
11:13 p.m. - See caller, 600 blk S. Collinson St.  
11:27 p.m. - Reported disturbance, Rosenfield St. Apartments.

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Arrests - 2 EMS - 13  
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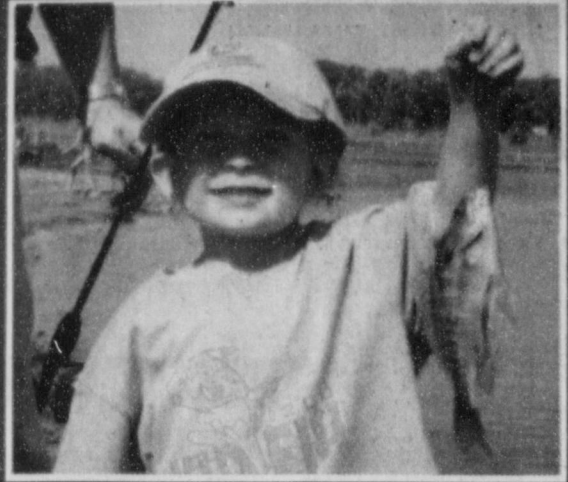
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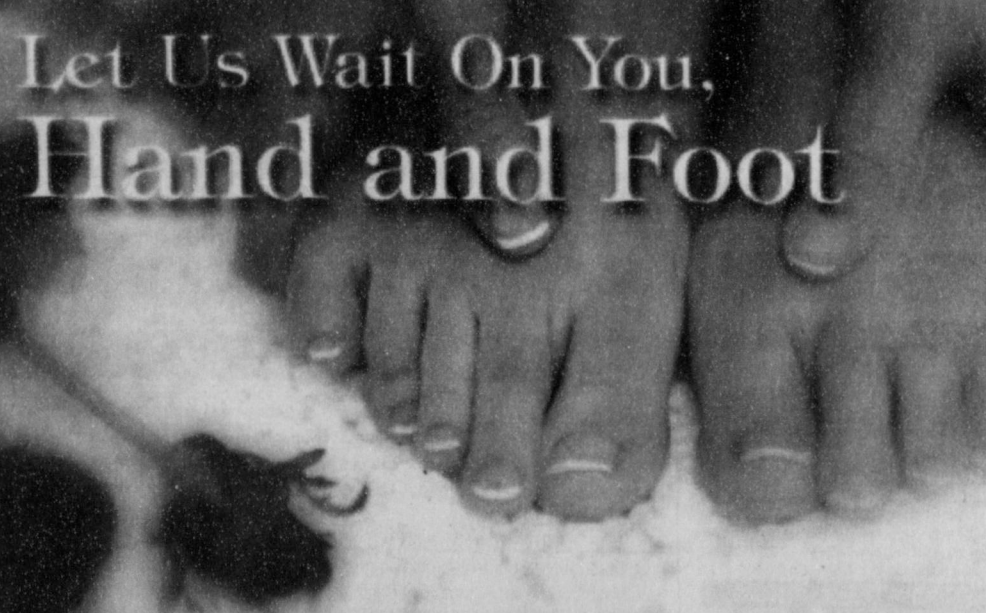
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