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THIS WEEK

- 2 You'll never guess where some of the money from your water bill is going.
- 4 Registration starts Monday at Clarendon College for the fall semester.
- 5 Parental involvement is key to children's success in school.
- 7 And you can Meet the Owls this Friday night.

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

PPHM to showcase 'Stones and Bones'

CANYON - Some of the greatest paleontological and archeological discoveries in North America have been made in the Texas Panhandle, and many of the artifacts collected are housed at PPHM.

Moreover, the Archeology Department of PPHM has amassed one of the largest archeological and paleontological collections in the United States.

The Stones and Bones from the Collection exhibit, running from August 22, 2009, through January 31, 2010, will highlight the diversity of the museum's magnificent geological, paleontological and archeological collections.

Significant collections include Antelope Creek archeological sites, Triassic reptiles and amphibians, and Mio-Plio-Pleistocene animals; however, only a small percentage of this collection is on permanent display.

Visitors will learn when a rock is not really a rock and how to get involved preserving the natural and cultural history of the Panhandle Plains.

Chamber to host Kid Fish Saturday

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce will hold its 11th annual Kid Fish this Saturday at Greenbelt Lake's Kincaid Park.

The event begins at 9:30 a.m. and is free to children ages two to 12. All kids will receive a free t-shirt, fishing pole with bait, and a free hot dog lunch. Entry forms are available in this week's ENTERPRISE or from the Chamber office.

United Christians will meet this week

The United Christians' will hold their monthly fellowship breakfast on Thursday, August 20 at 7 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon. Everyone who would like to attend is welcome to join them. There will be a special program presented.

CISD to screen for pre-school, speech

Do you want to know how your three- or four-year-old child is doing academically and how his speech and language skills are developing?

Call the Clarendon Elementary office at 874-3855 to schedule an appointment to have your child screened by a speech therapist and qualified education personnel. The screening is free and will be held on Thursday, August 27. The child must be at least three years old on or before August 27, 2009.

Qualifying children will be eligible to attend a half-day session of preschool. Children will participate in activities that are planned and are age appropriate.

City budget talks focus on sheriff

How much to pay the Donley County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services will be the center of discussion next Tuesday when Clarendon Aldermen meet in called session for a budget workshop.

The proposed city budget for 2010 calls for the contract with the county to be cut by more than 52 percent - from \$130,000 down to \$61,500, but Sheriff Butch Blackburn is asking for a \$10,000 increase to \$140,000.

Blackburn addressed the issue during last Tuesday's regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen and said doing with less would hurt his department, and he aimed criticism at City Administrator John Webb.

"I think Mr. Webb thinks I'm supposed to do this for free," Blackburn said. "If we don't have this contract, we can't have 24-hour coverage. I will have to fire deputies."

Absent the contract, Blackburn said his office would answer calls in the city, but he presented an attorney general's opinion reinforcing the notion that the level of coverage is entirely the sheriff's discretion.

Blackburn also said that he, the city administrator, County Judge Jack Hall, and Mayor Chris Ford all met on July 8 to discuss the contract, and there the \$140,000 rate was proposed by him. He said he did not learn until the last week of July about the proposed cut and said the county has already filed its proposed

budget in the clerk's office.

The sheriff said he did not want to argue with the city and also proposed keeping the contract at \$130,000 and instituting a plan that would increase the contract annually based on the percentage of raise given to city employees.

Alderman Will Thompson was the most vocal supporter of the sheriff's department during the meeting.

"The primary thing a government should provide is protection for its citizens," Thompson said. "If it doesn't do that, it should not exist."

Mayor Ford praised Blackburn for doing a good job and also praised Webb for bringing options to the table, namely the options of enhanced animal control and code

enforcement in exchange for a reduction in the sheriff's contract.

Webb discussed the closeness of the budget and said the proposed budget is only nine percent over the current budget.

"We have a tight budget," Webb said, noting that the city has a lot of needs. "We have deplorable streets, deplorable water, deplorable sewer, and no drainage."

Alderman Larry Hicks made a motion to set \$140,000 as the budgeted amount for the sheriff, but City Secretary Linda Smith said such a motion was out of order based on the wording of the agenda.

Alderman Kyle Davis said he thought the board needed more time to consider the issue, and Hicks

withdrew his motion.

The board directed Webb to prepare alternate budgets keeping the sheriff's contract at \$130,000 and increasing it to \$140,000.

Those alternate plans will be discussed in a budget workshop in a called meeting on August 25 at 7 p.m.

In other city business, the board discussed the proposed tax rate for the coming year. Officials expressed confusion about the effective tax rate presented by the Donley Appraisal District. A motion was approved to set the ad valorem rate at \$0.6271 per \$100 valuation, but officials at City Hall this week said that motion may be rescinded when the board meets next time.



Mmm, mmm good

One-year-old Kyler Bell appears to be warming up for a seed-spitting contest during "Meet The Broncos" last Thursday night. A good crowd was present and enjoyed watermelon after being introduced to Clarendon High School's athletic line up.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ASHLYN TUBBS

Man draws eight years for assault

Four cases received sentencing in the 100th Judicial District Court including one local case last Friday in Memphis.

Steve Cory Gardner was convicted and sentenced to eight years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Institutional Division for the offense of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in Donley County. Gardner pleaded true to all the State's allegations in its motion to adjudicate.

Gardner originally pleaded guilty to the offense of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon on June 11, 2007, in Donley County and received five years deferred adjudication, a \$1,500 fine, and \$363 in court costs.

Haydn Shawn Maddox pleaded guilty and was placed on probation for a period of ten years for the first degree felony offense of aggregation of amounts involved in

theft. Maddox was indicted by a Hall County Grand Jury on September 2, 2008, after a lengthy investigation by Texas DPS Ranger Jay Foster. Maddox was arrested for the first degree felony after he was indicted.

"This excellent investigation by Ranger Foster resulted in a plea that hopefully will give the victim back what was stolen from them," said District Attorney Luke Inman. "It's difficult to make a victim whole after a major theft like this case, but it is always an area of focus by this office to attempt to get money returned to a victim."

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Maddox was required to pay \$200,000 in restitution of which \$10,000 was paid in full at the time of the plea. Maddox must also complete 100 hours of community service. See 'Court' on page 3.

Shoppers get tax holiday for back-to-school items

AUSTIN - Shoppers will save more than ever before during the annual sales tax holiday - which now includes more than two dozen school supply items in addition to clothing and backpacks.

Families will save an estimated \$65.7 million in state and local sales taxes, according to Texas Comptroller Susan Combs.

The annual sales tax holiday weekend is this Friday through Sunday, August 21-23. State law designates the weekend of the third Friday in August for the sales tax holiday.

"Most families are on tight budgets and it can be a real challenge to buy kids the clothes and

supplies they need for a new school year," Combs said. "To help out, the Legislature has added many school supplies to the list of tax-free items during the sales tax holiday. The tax break on school supplies alone will save families nearly \$9 million in state and local sales taxes this year."

The sales tax holiday covers school supplies, school backpacks and most children's and adults' clothing and shoes priced less than \$100. Lists of tax-free clothing and school supplies can be found at www.ttaxholiday.org

The annual August tax-free shopping spree has saved shoppers around \$442 million since 1999.

July sales tax revenue climbs for local cities

Sales tax revenues for the City of Clarendon rose more than two percent when Texas Comptroller Susan Combs delivered July allocations last Friday.

The city's revenue from July collections was \$33,025.97, which was up 2.3 percent from the same period last year. That brings the year-to-date figure to \$203,525.24, down 0.4 percent.

Hedley's rebate for July

increased 6.85 percent to \$888.24, but the year-to-date figure is still down more than 13 percent at \$4,417.16.

Howardwick saw a big jump in its July sales tax revenues with a 180.35 percent increase to \$2,514.74, which brings that city's year-to-date figure to \$8,693.18, up 10.56 percent.

The comptroller said the state collected \$1.65 billion in sales tax

revenue in July, down 11.6 percent compared to one year ago.

"Sales tax collections in July were again down significantly as major sectors of the economy, such as retail trade; oil and natural gas; and construction, remain weak," Combs said.

"The sharp drop in revenue is a reflection of the current poor performance of these sectors as well as unusually strong sales tax collec-

tions in July 2008."

Combs sent \$544 million in August sales tax allocations to local governments, down 6.8 percent compared to August 2008. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to local governments are down 2.2 percent compared to this time last year.

Combs sent sales tax payments of \$367.4 million to Texas cities, down 6.5 percent compared to last August. Calendar year-to-date, city

sales tax revenues trail 2008 by 2.3 percent.

August sales tax allocations represent sales taxes collected in June by businesses that report sales taxes monthly, and sales taxes collected in April, May, and June by quarterly filers.

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be delayed until Monday, September 14.



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

City, sheriff back at odds over contract

The sheriff wants \$140,000 from the city. The city administrator proposes \$61,500. Let the games begin.

The current disagreement between Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn and Clarendon City Administrator John Webb is not productive, and at this point both sides need to step back and look at what is best for our entire community — which sometimes isn't strictly bound by the city limits.



editor's commentary
by roger estlack

More than two decades ago, the city's police department was abolished, and Clarendon contracted with the county for law enforcement services. It was seen as the best course of action; and although the contract negotiations can get a bit tense at times, it is still the most economical solution for the city.

The two parties have quibbled over the years about the amount of the contract, which has increased from \$60,000 in the mid-1990s to the present \$130,000.

In order to make the negotiation of the contract easier, the city and county agreed last year that representatives of both parties should meet in July to hammer out the rate for the coming year. This would give both parties a clear picture of what they were dealing with as they began budget preparations in late July and into August.

But as is the case with so many situations, there was a break down in communications following this year's meeting on the subject. The sheriff requested an increase to \$140,000; and while it's not apparent that city officials ever agreed to that amount, it is apparent that no one mentioned cutting the contract rate by 50 percent or more. Now it's the middle of August with September fast approaching and both the city and the county have proposed budgets that differ vastly on this subject.

For his part, John Webb says the sheriff's department is too busy with criminal cases to do code enforcement — which is in the contract, and he wants the city to hire a code enforcement officer and animal control officer. He admits that the city's proposed budget did not specifically address those positions, but he says the city would be better off enhancing its code enforcement and animal control rather than paying the sheriff for the job he has to do anyway.

Webb says Blackburn, as the county's chief law enforcement officer, must by statute enforce the law inside the city and must provide 24-hour coverage as the operator of the 911 system.

Blackburn agrees with that but notes that the level of protection is left to his sole discretion and says that a reduction in funds can only mean one thing — a reduction in personnel.

In a nutshell, if the city reduces the sheriff's contract to a 1996 level, deputies will be fired. And when you place a 911 call at 3 a.m., the call will be answered, and someone will be dispatched to help you. The question is will that person be on patrol and ready to respond? Or will that person be off duty at home in bed in his BVDs?

Clarendon benefits the most from the sheriff's department. It has the most calls into the sheriff's office in large part because the greatest concentration of the county's population dwells in the city. You may not always see the officer or officers on duty, but they are there, patrolling our city and working to keep the criminal element of our society in check.

Our sheriff and his deputies keep watch on our merchants' stores and quietly drive through our neighborhoods at night to make sure all is well. Do they catch everything that goes on? No. But how much less would they catch if their ranks were cut in half?

Sure animal control is important, but we've managed that in the past. And yes, it would be nice to have some better code enforcement, but why can't the city administrator do that? Many citizens would probably rather see him do that than see him run a shovel.

Former mayor Tex Selvidge on this issue used to urge the Board of Aldermen think of the big picture. "What is going to do the most good for our people?" he would ask them. The aldermen are faced with that question now, and it is up to them to answer it.

Meanwhile...

Disregarding the comment made at last week's Board of Aldermen meeting that the city has "deplorable water," the City of Clarendon actually has a "superior" water supply. That's according to Greenbelt Water Authority, the State of Texas, and the sign on the edge of town.

So is it a little strange then that the city spends \$1,095 per year for water dispensers? That's bottled water delivered to four different locations — City Hall, the sanitation department, the library, and the City Barn.

The money for the last of which, \$355, is paid for by the budget for the water and sewer department. In other words, the money our citizens spend to buy water from the city is used by the city to buy water in a bottle.

That's nice. It just makes you feel all warm and fuzzy about paying your water bill.

Take a road trip across our state

This summer, I finally tackled a New Year's Resolution. Like most people, our family photos were calling — make that screaming — to be put into photo albums I bought years ago.

As I sorted and scanned the piles of loose pictures (and there are a ton, because Rick is quite the gifted photographer), I got to relive everything from holiday, birthday and wedding celebrations to proms, pajama parties and vacations.

Oh the memories of road trips with Griffin and Sydney when they were still in grade school. Each year, we'd pile into the car and hit the wide open Texas highway for one last adventure to close out the summer. I wouldn't trade in even one of those moments; our car packed with games, snacks and maps, the excitement of catching sight of our final destination and countless hours tromping around creek beds in search of arrowheads.

As many times as I've traveled our beautiful state, I'm still awestruck by the great variety of things we can enjoy. Texas is one of the few places where you can drive a few hours in any direction and experience everything from

dude ranches to cosmopolitan cities.

I've had the opportunity to promote Texas here at home, as well as all over the country and the world alongside representatives from many Texas cities. And I have to tell you, international travelers look to Texas as a destination. The entire state of Texas is such a desirable place to vacation in fact, that in 2008, more than 194 million domestic visitors traveled to and within Texas. Total direct travel spending in the state that year reached \$60.6 billion.

The Gulf Coast Region alone saw total direct travel spending of \$17 billion in 2008, which was a 7 percent increase over the previous year.

Needless to say, Texas tourism is big business, even in the state's smaller towns and cities. It has of course been affected by the slowdown in the economy, but we are blessed that it hasn't been as drastic as what we've seen



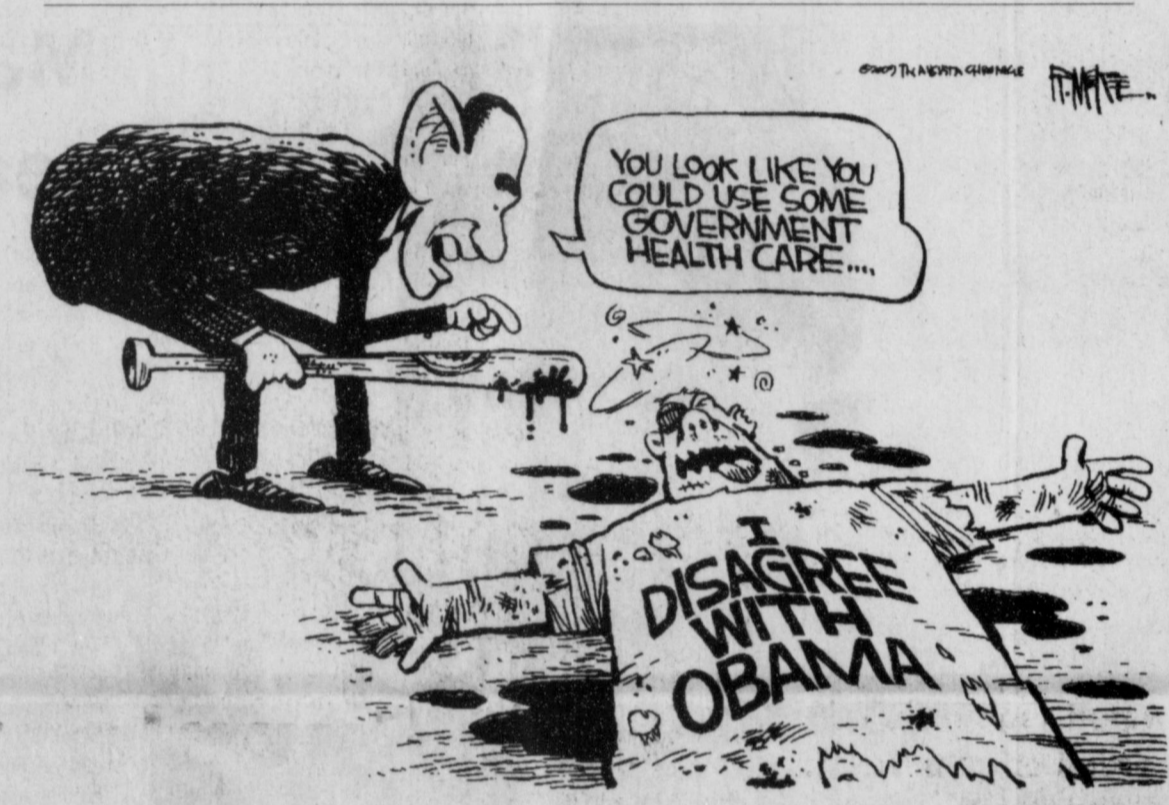
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by first lady anita perry

in other regions of the U.S. Travel is still one of the most important export-oriented industries in Texas. Spending by visitors generates sales in areas such as lodging, food services, recreation, transportation, retail and gasoline service stations, to name a few.

The industry also provides a significant contribution to job creation. During 2008, travel spending in Texas directly supported 544,400 jobs. State and local government also benefit from travel and tourism in the form of excise taxes on the goods and services purchased by visitors.

When you live in a place as great as Texas, it's sometimes easy to forget just how much there is to do and see, right here in our own backyard. But there is truly something for everyone. So, if you have a couple of days off coming your way, I encourage you to support the amazing cities and towns in Texas that are working hard to create distinct destinations. To make it easy for you, there are great travel planning tools at www.travelstx.com, whether you want to visit the Texas Coast, the Hill Country or anywhere across the state.

Now, who's ready for a road trip?



Government must slow spending

By Dr. Mark W. Hendrickson

About 50 years ago, Sen. Everett Dirksen (R-IL) uttered his famous quip, "A billion here, a billion there, and pretty soon you're talking about real money."

Today, we're talking about a trillion here, a trillion there — a thousand-fold increase in the scale of government spending, part of which is attributable to the shrunken purchasing power of the dollar due to inflation, and part to the unrelenting expansion of government.

"Trillion" is an easy word to say. It rolls effortlessly off the tongue. This is unfortunate, because the ease with which we talk about trillions of dollars can keep us from grasping how enormous this sum is. Let this sink in: If you had been spending a million dollars a day, 365 days per year, how far back in time would you have to go to have spent your first trillion? Since the founding of our republic in the 1780s? Farther. Since Columbus stumbled upon the New World? Farther still. Since the birth of Christ? Nope, not yet. 2009 years of spending a million dollars a day wouldn't even bring you three-quarters of the way to your first trillion.

Our country's GDP is in the range of \$13-14 trillion. The private sector, from which all the financing for government must come, totals around \$10 trillion. As the 2008 "Financial Report of the United States Government" informed us, the private sector was already on the hook for \$65 trillion of government liabilities before Barack Obama became president. At a normal growth rate of three percent per year (far above our current growth rate), GDP would increase by around \$400 billion this year, generating less than one percent of the wealth needed to pay for those government liabilities (to say nothing of the trillions of personal and corporate debt that Americans owe).

Tragically, at the very time that Uncle Sam needs to be put on a severe fiscal diet, Team Obama is embarking on a glutinous government spending orgy. On top of \$3 trillion of spending in this year's regular budget, Obama added \$787 billion in his mislabeled "stimulus" package. He wants over \$600 billion more as a "down payment" on universal

health care, which translates into more trillions in spending in ensuing years to actually achieve that goal. In addition, \$3 trillion has already been allocated under the TARP plan — a down payment on what TARP inspector general Neil Barofsky says eventually may total \$23.7 trillion to rescue our bankrupt financial system.

The simple fact is that our \$10-trillion private sector cannot afford this spending splurge. Our economic future, both near-term and long-term, is being scuttled.

Near-term the biggest threat comes from taxes. The only way to increase consumption today (and whatever government taxes will quickly be consumed) is to devour more of the wealth that has already been produced, namely, consuming capital and transferring assets from those that have them to those who want them (i.e., a socialistic redistribution of wealth). Since capital is our economic seed grain, there will be less business formation, employment, and production in the coming months.

Incidentally, the more the economy shrinks under the burden of new taxes, the lower government tax revenues will fall, and the sooner Social Security and Medicare programs will have their day of reckoning; so, the intermediate-term looks bleak, too.

Let me explain in another way how tax increases will harm us: If a cap-and-trade tax is adopted by the Senate and does what its proponents want it to do (i.e., dramatically raise the price of energy), the current shrinking of the private sector will accelerate. Since virtually everything we consume requires energy to produce and transport, prices in general will rise. That means that most Americans (everyone except the rich) will be able to afford fewer purchases, resulting in less production and fewer jobs. (Speaking of fewer jobs, if Obama's healthcare reforms are passed and taxes are raised on businesses to help pay for them, that can't help but reduce employment, too.)

If taxes will damage the short-term, borrowing money to pay for all these new spending programs will maul the long-term. Massive borrowing would

increase the tax burden on Americans far into the future. Many of those who will bear that burden aren't old enough to vote yet, or haven't even been born. That's taxation without representation if there ever was such a thing.

The third possible source of funds for these trillions and trillions of spending plans is to simply have the Fed create trillions of new dollars. Sooner or later, whether in the near term or long term, such a massive inflation of the supply of dollars would depreciate if not destroy the greenback.

In a hyperinflation scenario, savings would be vaporized, markets would be discombobulated, food shortages and economic chaos would ensue, and martial law might supplant our Constitution. We would be reduced to poor serfs under the supervision of some latter-day Caesar or committee of Caesars.

This is the grim future we are facing if government continues to spend trillions and trillions of dollars. We are on a collision course with fiscal disaster.

Dr. Mark W. Hendrickson is an adjunct faculty member, economist, and contributing scholar with The Center for Vision & Values at Grove City College.

Reader: Paper helps me hold on to home

I know I could read the ENTERPRISE online, but when I hold the newspaper in my hands it feels like I still have a little piece of Clarendon with me. Even though my Daddy and Mother (P.C. and Opal Messer) are gone, I'm 600 miles away, and I've been gone for 34 years. Clarendon will always be home to me in my thoughts and especially in my heart.

The care and pride you take in publishing THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE means so much. Your grandfather would be so proud of the great job you are doing.

Thank you for helping this Clarendon girl stay connected to her precious hometown.

Sincerely,
Katrina (Messer) Hutson,
Vanderbilt, Texas

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Court: Several reach pleas

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service, along with all the other conditions of probation.

If Maddox violates any condition of probation, he could face up to 99 years or life in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Johnnie Bee Blanford was convicted and sentenced to three years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Institutional Division for the offense of possession of controlled substance in Hall County. Blanford pleaded true to all the State's allegations in its motion to revoke.

Blanford originally pleaded guilty to the offense of possession of controlled substance on November 6, 2008. Blanford received five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Institutional Division, but the sentence was probated for a period of five years, a \$1,000 fine, \$140 restitution, and \$376 in court costs.

Charles Zackary Wilks pleaded guilty and was placed on probation for a period of five years for the second degree felony offense of burglary of a habitation.

Wilks was arrested in Childress County on July 23, 2009. Wilks pleaded guilty to a complaint and information filed by the State on August 8, 2009. Pursuant to the plea agreement, Wilks is required to pay a \$2,000 fine to Childress County, and is also required to pay \$2,027.58 in restitution and \$376 in court costs. If Wilks violates probation, he could face up to 20 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Inman was the prosecutor for the State of Texas on the case and the Honorable Judge David Gleason was presiding by assignment.

The district court also met last Thursday in Childress and handed down sentences in two cases with the Honorable Judge Dan Mike Bird presiding by assignment.

Carla Dee King was convicted and sentenced to 9 months in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, State Jail Facility for the offense of possession of controlled substance. King pleaded true to all the State's allegations in its motion to adjudicate guilt of defendant.

King originally pleaded guilty to the offense of possession of controlled substance on September 18, 2006, in Childress County and received three years deferred adjudication; \$1500 fine; and \$140 in restitution.

Don Channing Beavers was convicted and sentenced to three years and six months in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Institutional Division for the offense of driving while intoxicated 3rd or more in Childress County. Beavers pleaded true to all the State's allegations in its motion to revoke.

Beavers originally pleaded guilty to the offense of driving while intoxicated 3rd or more on May 7, 2007. Beavers received five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Institutional Division, but the sentence was probated for a period of five years; a \$3,000 fine and \$343.50 in court costs.

This week the court met in Panhandle on Monday with the Honorable Judge Stuart Messer presiding.

Shane Farrell Thomas pleaded guilty and was placed on probation for a period of two years for the class a misdemeanor offense of unlawful use of a criminal instrument. Thomas pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication.

Thomas was arrested in Carson County on February 19, 2008. Thomas was indicted by a Carson County Grand Jury on June 5, 2008. Pursuant to the plea agreement, Thomas was required to pay \$2,000 fine to Carson County; \$140 restitution; and \$313 in court cost. If Thomas violates probation, he could face up to one year in the county jail.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting August 18, 2009, with Boss Lion Chuck Robertson in charge.

We had eleven members and no guests this week. End of summer and start of school activities were blamed for the low attendance, but the quality was still high.

Lion Bill Auvenshine updated members on improvements at the College, and Lion Judy Burlin reminded everyone of the Chamber's Kid Fish this weekend at Lake Greenbelt.

The Boss Lion said the club now has its own website at www.lionwap.org/clarendontx. Updates and club information will be posted soon.

There being no further business. We were adjourned.

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Tues	11	100°	66°	.32"
Wed	12	92°	66°	
Thur	13	94°	62°	.18"
Fri	14	90°	66°	
Sat	15	95°	65°	1.15"
Sun	16	95°	66°	

Total precipitation this month: 2.60"

Total precipitation to date: 11.78"

Total precipitation in July last year: 2.50"

Total YTD last year: 4.75"

weekend forecast

Friday, Aug. 21
Sunny
90°/62°

Saturday, Aug. 22
Sunny
91°/64°

Sunday, Aug. 23
Sunny
94°/65°

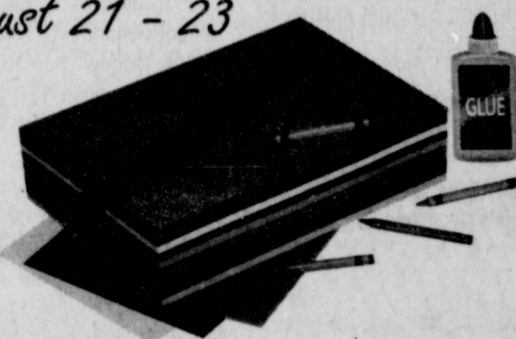
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United Christian's Breakfast • FUMC Fellowship Hall • 7 a.m.

August 21
Broncos v. WT High • Scrimmage • in Stinnett • 5 p.m.

August 22
VFW Breakfast • VFW Hall • 8 to 11 a.m.

Kid Fish at Greenbelt Lake • 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. • Kincaid Park

August 24
Clarendon & Hedley Schools Begin Classes

August 27
Bronco JV v. Wellington • Bronco Stadium • 5 p.m.

August 28
Broncos v. Claude • Bronco Stadium • 7:30 p.m.

September 4
Homecoming • Broncos v. Vega • Bronco Stadium • 7:30 p.m.

September 5
Buck'n Blow Out Rodeo • 7 p.m. • Free BBQ at 5 p.m. and Kids Steer Riding at 6 p.m.

September 7
Labor Day

September 26
Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff

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Menus

August 24 - 28

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Mexican casserole, corn, cucumber & squash & tomatoes, chocolate pudding, chips & salsa.

Tue: Roast & brown gravy, mashed potatoes, green peas, carrot & raisin salad, banana pudding, rolls.

Wed: Lasagna, corn, garden salad, blonde brownies, garlic toast.

Thu: BBQ chicken, steamed broccoli, potato salad, apple cake, bread.

Fri: Teriyaki chicken on fried rice, egg rolls, oriental vegetables, tapioca pudding.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, buttered squash, cantaloupe, ice cream, biscuits.

Tue: Roast beef salad, French fries, sliced tomatoes, lime jello & pineapple with cottage cheese, watermelon, sliced bread.

Wed: Steak & gravy, scalloped potatoes, green beans, garden salad, lemon pie, roll.

Thu: Mexican pile-on, Spanish rice, beans, lettuce & tomatoes & onions, pudding, chips & crackers.

Fri: Catfish, onion rings, turnips & greens, Cole slaw, cobbler, sliced 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: Chicken nuggets, corn, salad, fruit, milk.

Tue: Taco salad, carrot sticks, apple, milk.

Wed: Turkey roast, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, roll, milk.

Thu: Toasted cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, fruit, milk.

Fri: Hamburger w/ cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickles, chips, fruit, milk.

Registration starts Monday for fall classes

Summer is officially over at Clarendon College, but it's not too late to get signed up for fall classes.

Registration dates for this semester are scheduled for Monday, August 24, and Tuesday, August 25, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Evening registration will be held on Monday, August 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. Registration will be held in the Bairfield Activity Center each day. Classes begin Wednesday, August 26.

Welcome Week is jam packed with activities and will kick off on Sunday, August 23, when the dorms open and the remainder of the students return to campus.

We will start off with a Back to School Cookout on Sunday night

from 6 to 8 p.m. in the BAC. Movie night is planned for Monday night at 7 p.m. in the Harned Sisters Auditorium.

The volleyball team will open at home on Tuesday, August 25, at 6 p.m. against Vernon College. We hope you'll all come out and pack the gym.

Following the scrimmage, the ever popular Homemade Ice Cream Social is slated to begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the BAC. This is one of the most popular activities on campus, and the students love the homemade ice cream provided by the churches in town. Thanks to everyone who helps make it so successful. If you would like to bring

ice cream for the students, give me a call at 874-4808. We always welcome more churches who would like to participate.

A campus wide Study Club will meet in the BAC at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, and a Back to School Dance is planned for Thursday night from 9 p.m. to midnight in the BAC.

The week will wrap-up as we take a bus to Amarillo for Midnight Bowling from midnight to 2 a.m. on



happenings on the hill
by Ashley Estlack,
marketing coordinator

Friday.
On Sunday, August 30, we hope you'll all stop by the softball field for the annual Faculty/Staff v. Softball Team Slow-pitch Softball Game. The game will start at 7 p.m. at the softball field and is a lot of fun to watch. If you haven't been before, you should really plan to come.

If you would like more information about registering for classes, stop by and see us anytime or call us at 874-3571. We are open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday. The Schedule of Classes for all locations is available on our homepage at www.clarendoncollege.edu. Unleash your potential!

Obituaries

Conatser



Edith Dorine Conatser, 86, died Thursday, August 13, 2009, in Amarillo.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, August 17, 2009, in Rowe Cemetery in Hedley with Don Stone, Church of Christ Minister, officiating. Burial was held at Rowe Cemetery in Hedley. Services were under the arrangement of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mrs. Conatser was born December 26, 1922, in San Saba, Texas, to Andrew and Ella Hopkins Word. She married John Anderson "Johnny" Conatser on January 7, 1948, in Pampa. She had been a resident of Hedley since 1960. She was an avid fan and supporter of the Hedley Senior Citizens. She loved her grandchildren and her great grandchild with all of her heart. She loved visiting with friends and family. She cared for her flowers and loved caring for her chickens. She was also very talented and made coat hangers for many people. She loved to travel and loved the mountains. She was a member of the Hedley Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, on September 7, 2002; her parents; two brothers; and a sister.

Survivors include her son, John L. Conatser and wife Diane of Memphis; three grandchildren, Jason Conatser of Hedley, Bradley Conatser of Phoenix, AZ, and Skyler Conatser of Memphis; and a great grandchild, Jaycee Conatser of Geronimo, Oklahoma.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice of Amarillo, Rowe Cemetery Association, or the Hedley Senior Citizens.

Summer rains bring out furry residents at Howardwick

Well, the painting is complete, furniture is back in place, and most of the stuff is unpacked and rearranged with some going into the attic or the dump. I have a beautiful home. It was worth the time and trouble and exceeded my expectations. Thanks, Chris and Terri, on a job well done.

August 24 is the first day of school which will bring that big yellow school bus to our streets again, so watch for those kiddos around it. Texas law requires any vehicle approaching a stopped school bus picking up or discharging students to stop until the bus begins to move or the visual signal is no longer actuated. The danger zone around a school bus is about 10 feet; and since you cannot predict what a child will do and we all know how quickly they can move, please be careful. Children are our most precious resource.

My second oldest great-grand-

son, Jacob Jahay, began school today in Wichita, Kan. His mom is Sasha Sheer Jahay, and his grandmother is Colleen Fross. Some may remember them. The babies grow up fast.

The good Lord smiled last week, and we got over 2.50 inches of rain total at our house. The rain seems to have brought the wildlife out, some not too welcome like the family of four skunks that spent about an hour checking out our place.

There were two adults and two babies, and they were very pretty with big fluffy tails, but we were happy to watch them leave.



wick picks
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Hail to thee

Life Scout Ty Tubbs (left) hangs the words to the Alma Mater in the Bronco Gym last week as a project for his Eagle Scout rank with help from fellow Scout, Brandon McAfee, and his father Laban Tubbs.

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Check out youth section at Burton Library

Before another summer becomes completely history, Burton Memorial Library expresses special appreciation to Jodi Green and Haleigh Lewis for their successful efforts in providing guidance and enjoyment for those who participated in the Summer Reading Club.

Another end of summer activity was the annual Library Photography Contest in which photographer contestants entered individual photos of Donley County scenes.

Congratulations to winners Krista Reynolds, Hannah Hommel, and Lilly Carr. Their outstanding talent is demonstrated in three beautiful, winning photos currently on display in the Library.

You might give yourself a treat by coming to view the photo work of these aspiring young photographers of which our community can be very

proud.
Teachers: I realize you do not need to be reminded that you and your students will be getting acquainted in a few days. What an exciting time for all!

I still remember the freshness of each new school year when I was part of your profession. I remain thankful for the blessing of truly enjoying every minute of my entire 30 years of teaching.

Even though Clarendon's excellent schools are well equipped with exceptional Elementary and High School libraries, our city library staff hopes you will also include its assistance in supplementing classroom needs.

Burton Memorial Library continues to maintain one of the best Youth Libraries in the Panhandle. As you are already aware, Clarendon children and adults are fortunate to

have access to so much available literature for various ages that cannot be replaced by television or computers. Classic adventures, Westerns, mysteries, humor and biographies by famous authors: Cleary, Wilder, Stevenson, Estes, White, Gipson, Martin, Keene, Dixon, James, Kipling, Bunting, Blume, Erickson, Stine, and many others are offered to young readers for qualified reading.

Several appealing series to spark special interest in Science and Social Studies areas are obtainable. The books, with high interest and containing a wealth of information, can serve as basis for extended



check it out
by Mary Beth Nelson

research for Grades Fourth-Sixth. Grades Second and Third will enjoy reading many for themselves, but they will need guidance with others.

Loaded with attractive photos, Grades Kindergarten-First will delight as a teacher simplifies information to their level. Additional interesting and informative references for Kindergarten-College level are also available.

Best wishes for a successful and productive year from Burton Memorial Library, a great asset to Clarendon and surrounding areas. Why not check it out?

Special Notice: Burton Memorial is still accepting donations to assist the "Support our Troops" project of sending supplies to Iraq. List of needed supplies are available for your convenience. Thank you for your past interest and contributions.

35 producers attend beef class in Canyon

Over 35 cattle producers recently attended the checkoff-funded BEEF 706 session held at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

The two day hands-on experience is a producer program designed to educate cattlemen about factors impacting the safety and quality of beef. This session was unique in that it was designed for feedyard managers and employees.

During the seminar producers were given the opportunity to evaluate live cattle, fabricate and evaluate carcasses. Throughout the session attendees also learned about choice and select spread, grid marketing and branded beef programs.

The gate to plate look at cattle production is led by Texas AgriLife Extension meat science experts.

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Parental involvement contributes to children's academic success

By MaryRuth Bishop, County Agent

Caregivers, teachers, peers, extended family, media, heredity, and the environment all contribute to a child's development; however, parents (if present) are the most powerful influence in the lives of their children. Parental involvement not only shapes development during the initial years of life, but also during the adolescent and adult years.

Given this important role, to what extent should parents be involved in their children's development? According to the National PTA, "Parental involvement is the participation of parents in every facet of the education and development of children from birth to adulthood, recognizing that parents are the primary influence in their children's lives."

Parents have a tremendous responsibility to be involved with their children both inside and outside the home.

Decades of research have demonstrated that the more involved parents are in their children's development, the greater chance children have to succeed, particularly in their

academic performance. Consistently, researchers have discovered that greater parental involvement in a child's education is associated with: higher student grades and test scores, better attendance, higher rates of homework completion, more positive student attitudes and behavior, higher graduation rates, and greater enrollment rates in post-secondary education.

When parents are involved, children achieve more regardless of their socioeconomic level, ethnic/racial background, or the parents' educational level (Henderson & Mapp, 2002).

As recent research on early brain development has shown, positive parental involvement needs to begin long before children enter into formal schooling arrangements. The early years of a child's life are critically important for healthy brain development, attachment formation, and language acquisition. When parents become actively involved with their children at an early age, they lay a foundation for learning that will benefit children for the rest of their lives.

Lesser prairie-chicken brochure available

LUBBOCK - A new brochure titled "A Shared Future" details how the lesser prairie-chicken is an indicator of rangeland health and part of the West Texas heritage.

The brochures also explain how it could affect agriculture and rural property if the bird is listed as threatened or endangered, and what landowners and others can do to conserve wildlife habitat and safeguard the region's economy, outdoor

recreation opportunities and natural legacy.

The 12-page, color publication emerges at a time when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is considering whether to place the bird on the federal threatened or endangered species list.

To obtain a brochure, contact Laura Wood with the Dorothy Marcille Wood Foundation at (817) 716-3963.

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Drugs in the News

New Antiplatelet Drug Approved
A blood thinning (antiplatelet) drug called prasugrel (Effient) has been approved by the FDA. In clinical trial, Effient has shown its ability to lower the risk of blood clot formations in the arteries of persons who undergo angioplasty. It was studied in over 13,000 individuals in a trial that compared it with clopidogrel (Plavix), a popular blood thinner medicine. The number of non-fatal heart attacks was recorded. Those who took Effient had 2% fewer non-fatal attacks compared to those who took the other drug. However, the risk of bleeding was greater among those who took Effient than with those who received Plavix. With the approval of Effient, the FDA is requiring the manufacturer to provide health professionals an extra warning (called a black box warning) related to significant bleeding that can occur.

Angioplasty has become a common procedure in the US and other countries. It involves the use of a tiny balloon to open clogged heart arteries. While the artery is opened, a mesh wire stent is inserted. Blood thinning drugs are also given since the blood tends to clot around the site where these stents are placed.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Hedley CISD will hold a public meeting at 06:00 PM, 08/31/2009 in Board Room 3rd & Jones Hedley TX. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	1.04 /\$100
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	0.06 /\$100

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations	0% Increase	15% Decrease
Debt Service	2.4% Increase	0% Decrease
Total Expenditures	0% Increase	14.3% Decrease

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value
(as calculated under Section 26.04 Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value of all property	131219301	143496906
Total appraised value of new property	536989	250929
Total taxable value of all property	39990907	44621003
Total taxable value of new property	536989	250929

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$250000

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	1.04	0.06	1.10	2931	9319
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	1.02957	0.06186	1.09143	3623	8648
Proposed Rate	1.04	0.06	1.10	3660	9757

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	20865	20602
Average Taxable Value of Residences	5865	5602
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	1.10	1.10
Taxes Due on Average Residence	64.52	61.62
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		2.90

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.10. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.10.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	100000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	9097

Ag waste collections scheduled

AMARILLO—The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Texas AgriLife Extension Service have scheduled three waste pesticide collections in September around the Panhandle.

"This collection is not only for agricultural producers," said Rick Auckerman, AgriLife Extension agent for Deaf Smith.

"Homeowners are welcome to bring old paints or old pesticides or any chemicals, batteries, anything they have, they are more than welcome to bring them."

The last time a collection was held in Deaf Smith County, Auckerman said, about 20,000 pounds of pesticide were gathered. And people came from as far as Amarillo and Lubbock.

"We know there are still chemicals related to sugar beets, so bring them in," he advised area producers.

The collections are open to all Texas residents. Among the items accepted will be crop-related chemicals, oil/oil filters and other automobile fluids, lead-acid batteries, paint, fluorescent bulbs and pesticides used on livestock. Properly rinsed, empty plastic pesticide containers also will be taken.

Do not bring tires, radioactive or explosive materials, fertilizers, propane or butane cylinders larger than 20 gallons, biomedical wastes or ammunition, the AgriLife Extension agents advised.

All collections will run from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The collections are scheduled as follows:

• Sept. 14 in the Moore County Gin, 11800 U.S. Hwy. 287, six miles north of Dumas on 287. For more information contact Marcel Fischbacher, AgriLife Extension agent for Moore County, 806-935-2594 or

mhfishbacher@ag.tamu.edu.

• Sept. 16 in the Deaf Smith County Bull Barn, 108 Dairy Road, Hereford. For more information, contact Auckerman, 806-364-3573, r-auckerman@tamu.edu.

• Sept. 18 in the Hall County Farm Supply, 305 South 2nd Street, Memphis. For more information, contact Joshua Brooks, AgriLife Extension agent for Hall County, 806-259-1621, j-brooks@tamu.edu.

The environmental commission organizes these free, regional collections of unwanted or unused pesticides throughout the state as part of the Agricultural Waste Pesticide Collection program.

Complete information about safely rinsing and recycling agricultural chemical containers can be found at <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assistance/AgWaste/rinsed-containers.html>.

Commissioners meet in regular session

The Donley County Commissioners' Court met in regular session on Monday, August 10, at 9 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Courthouse.

Mary Ruth Bishop gave the Commissioners' Court a report over the Agri Life Extension program.

Mark Wilson attended the meeting concerning if County Road P was an existing road in Block 21, Precinct #3.

A sales representative from ASCO, John Leeson, also made an appearance at the meeting.

A resolution was signed stating that County Road P exists in Block 21, Precinct #3.

Bonds for reserve deputies Ed Bailey, Robert Snider and Mark White were approved.

A new renewal rate for VSP Vision Care was approved for County employees.

A bid of \$404 from Imogene O'Brien on Lot 84 in Howardwick was accepted, as well as a bid of 1,734 from Vincent M. Marasco on Lots 67-68 in Howardwick.

The Commissioners' Court continued working on the County Budget for the year 2009-2010.

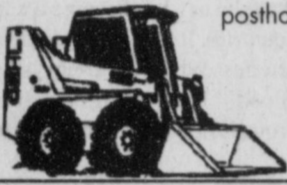
The Commissioners' Court approved County Attorney Landon Lambert's attendance at the Texas District and County Attorneys Association Legislative Update on August 21 in Amarillo, as well as County Treasurer Wanda Smith's attendance at the Hill County Software and Support, Inc. 2009 User's conference on November 18-20 in Kerrville.

There was no action taken on the letters to the court.

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"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." (Hebrews 11:6) What is faith? The Bible gives a definition from the same chapter as the above passage. "Now faith is the substance of the things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1) Faith is our belief system, but it is not just mental assent. Faith includes action. James 2:22-26 tells us faith without works or action is a dead faith. In the same chapter of Hebrews that we just looked at, the writer proves what James says. Look at verse 7 of the same chapter: "By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith." His faith took action.

How we live proves or affirms our faith. One living sinfully has a dead faith. One who lives a life of apathy towards God or does nothing one way or another in their spiritual lives has a dead faith. It is the one who lives according to his faith, living a life of righteousness, not perfection, is the one who pleases God and he or she will be rewarded.

Faith, to some, is just mentally agreeing with God that Jesus was His Son. It is much more involved than that. John 12:42, "Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue." If one reads Matt. 10:32-33, one will find that without confessing Jesus, he or she can't go to Heaven. So the rulers had a dead faith in John 12. They "believed" but it was in vain.

I pray that we would all develop our belief system into the one that the Hebrew writer says pleases God. Let our faith be active and one of example to others that will bring glory to His name.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Clarendon Consolidated Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 07:00 PM, 08/31/2009 in the Administration & Technology Building at 416 S Allen Clarendon TX. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	1.04	/\$100
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	0	/\$100

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations	1.9896% Increase	0% Decrease
Debt Service	0% Increase	0% Decrease
Total Expenditures	1.9896% Increase	0% Decrease

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value
(as calculated under Section 26.04 Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value of all property	337,123,201	351,798,155
Total appraised value of new property	1,727,873	513,988
Total taxable value of all property	129,237,530	132,845,675
Total taxable value of new property	1,727,873	513,988

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$0

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	1.04	0	1.04	2702	7778
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	1.1179	0	1.1179	2933	7278
Proposed Rate	1.04	0	1.04	2740	7966

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	34610	35020
Average Taxable Value of Residences	19610	20020
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	1.04	1.04
Taxes Due on Average Residence	203.94	208.21
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		4.27

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.04. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.04.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	1093000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	0

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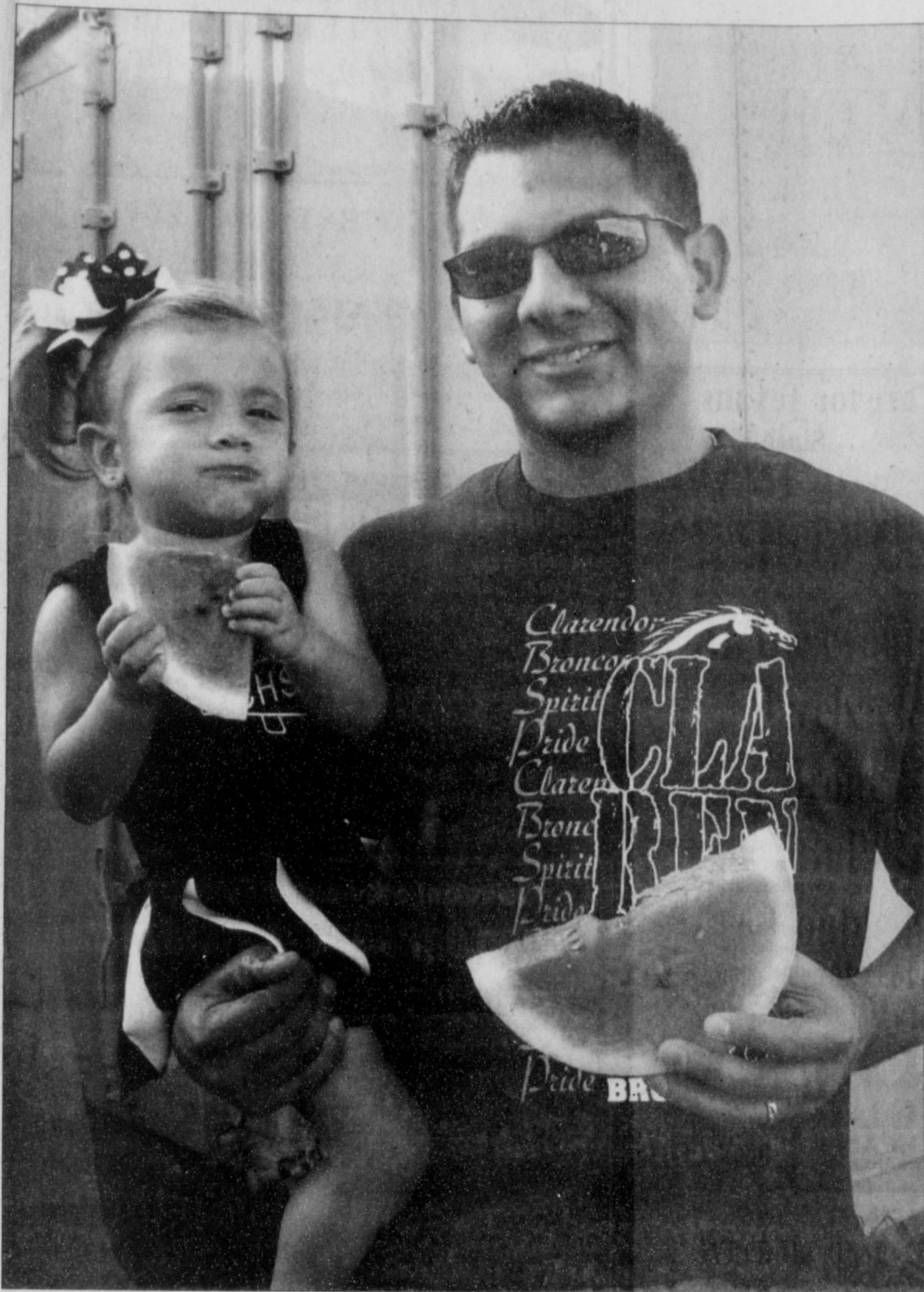
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Slice of life

Elliot and Brandon Frausto enjoy some juicy watermelon during the Meet the Broncos last Thursday night at Bronco Stadium.

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Broncs meet Nazareth for scrimmage

By Sandy Anderberg

The Nazareth Swifts came to Bronco Stadium Saturday morning for a beginning-of-the-season scrimmage to give both teams an opportunity to practice in a game-type setting before the start of the new season.

According to head coach Gary Jack, the Broncos made a good showing and they were able to see the things that were going well and the make adjustments as needed.

"It was a good practice for us," Jack said. "We saw a lot of good things, but we also saw some things we need to continue to work on."

Jack said they were able to move players around to see them in different positions to find what will be the best mix for the Broncos. The coaches were able to see the way the guys matched up against Naz, which gave them answers to some of the questions they had regarding their own strategies.

The Broncos came out of the scrimmage fairly healthy, Jack said and are dealing with only minor things right now. Jack also said the Broncos will continue to work to get ready for the 2009 season.

The Broncos will have another scrimmage Friday, August 21, at West Texas High in Stinnett beginning at 5:00 p.m. Their first game of the season will be Friday, August 28, at home against Claude beginning at 7:30 p.m. Their five-game District will begin October 9.

The junior varsity will open their season August 25 at home against Wellington at 5:00 p.m., and the junior high will begin their season September 10 at home against Quannah beginning at 5:00 p.m.

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Meet the Hedley Owls Friday

By Tangela Copelin

A "Meet the Players" hamburger supper will be held Friday night in Hedley.

The Hedley Owl Football Players will be having their regular practice from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. with a hamburger cookout following their practice.

All Hedley High School and Hedley Junior High football players and cross country runners are encouraged to come out and eat a hamburger and be introduced to the Owl fans.

Hamburgers with chips, a drink,

and dessert will be served for \$6 a plate for ages six and over and \$4 a plate for ages five and under.

The purpose of the "Meet the Players" is to have everyone come out and support the youth of Hedley School. All proceeds from the cookout will go to an activity fund to help pay for needed items, for all Hedley School extra-curricular participants throughout the year.

We the parents and staff of the Hedley youth encourage everyone to come out and support our students as they are the heart-beat of our community.

Eight under wins nine-hole scramble

By Sandy Anderberg

The team of Joel Layton, Gene Rogers, Gail Rogers, Kevin Rogers, and Jordan worked together to take the top spot Friday night in the nine-hole scramble.

Four other teams competed and came in at seven, six, and four under par.

Bubba Linquist won the Wednesday men's game with a net

63. Mike Santos shot a gross score of 66 and was second. Larry Lincycumb shot a 67 net for third, and Slick Johnston finished with a net 68 for fourth place. Sherol Johnston was low gross on Thursday with an 81, and Maxine McLaughlin was low net with a 94.

You may call the Pro Shop for more information about the happenings at the Country Club.

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Shop smart for back-to-school

STATEPOINT- Savvy parents are always on the lookout for ways to extend their shopping dollars. For back to school, that means uncovering discounts, rebates, contests and other ways to earn free products.

This year there are several tips parents will want to keep in mind, as well as special opportunities available for smart shoppers, no matter the age of their kids:

Don't always opt for 10 cent specials. Though you might save up front, these products can fall apart quickly, costing you time and money to buy another set. Choose products sturdy enough to last the entire school year. Select notebooks, folders and organizational systems with durable covers and quality materials. Some brands offer extras like notebooks with covered spines so spiral coils don't get out of place, or binders with patented materials protecting against peeling or bent corners.

Sign up for product rebates and loyalty programs. This is especially handy when you will be purchasing many items from manufacturer such as notebooks and folders. For example, Mead offer "Mead Money Madness" - a points program offering rewards for eligible purchases.

Look for the Money Madness tag on the company's products, enter the UPC at www.mead.com and earn points. Points are redeemable for real-world prizes, including retailer gift cards, school supplies, music and more.

Buy basics in bulk. When it comes to things you know you'll need, such as paper, pens and tape, seek out bulk opportunities. Shopper clubs and warehouse stores aren't just for food or household necessities. Pursue only auctions to take advan-

tage of bulk offerings and discounts.

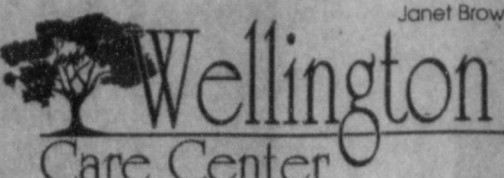
College students can save money by asking others to gift items off their wish list, and parents can make sure their back to school purchases are actually appreciated, thanks to the first college dorm registry. Organize.com is offering college students a dorm registry, letting them choose from thousand of products to outfit their dorm room and help in the classroom. When loved ones buy gifts, they can even have packages delivered directly to the student's dorm as they move in, saving on transportation and storage hassles. Plus, students creating registries can save 10 percent off all Organize.com purchases.

Make kids' school clothes last by choosing items that can be worn in different seasons. The layered look also is a good option, as clothing can be worn in different combinations to create different looks. Check out newspaper circulars and online retailers for special seasonal discounts.

Opt for products with special offers, and enter back-to-school contests. For instance, Target is offering a free subscription to Seventeen Magazine simple for purchasing designated notebooks and supplies. On the contest front, the "Five Star Artist contest" at www.beafivestartist.com, will give two winners a \$5,000 cash prize and the chance to have their artwork grace a future notebook cover. Another contest, the "Dream Dorm Makeover" at www.organize.com, will earn lucky college students Organize.com gift cards, plus bundles of school supplies.

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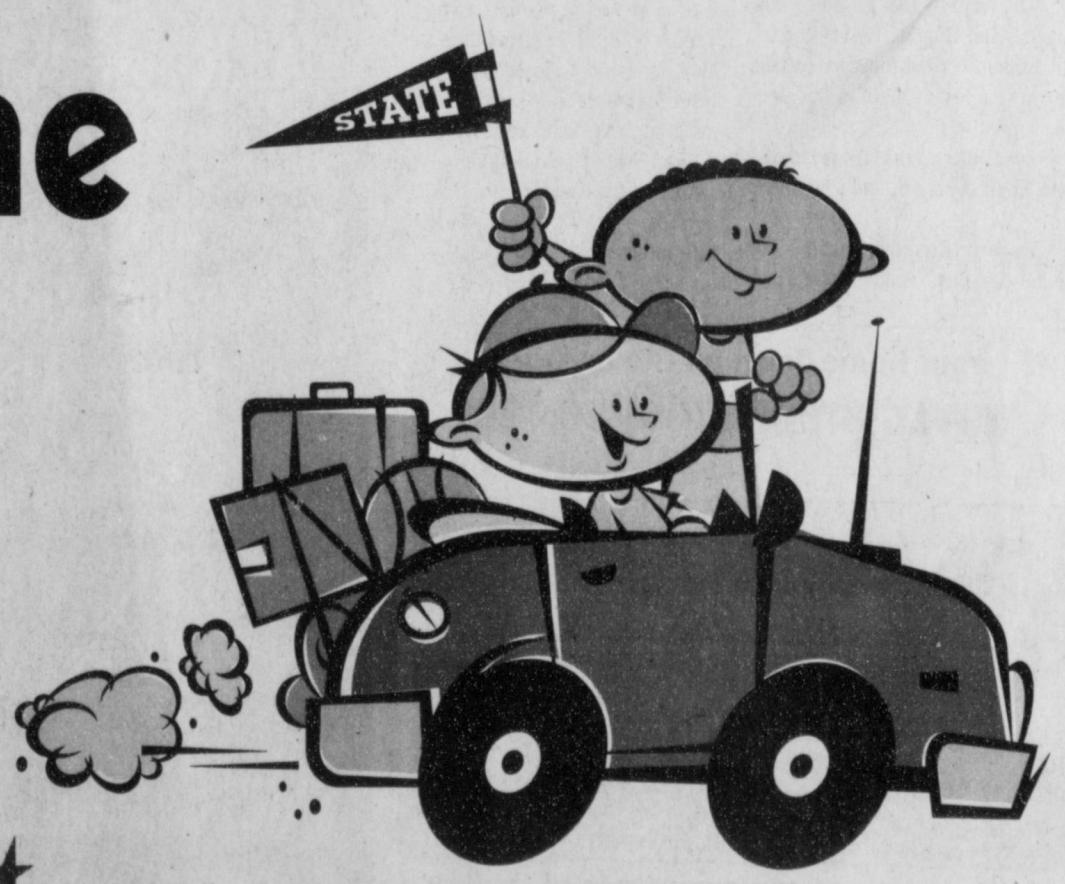
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To request complete specifications contact Annette Ferguson, Dean of Administrative Services, P.O. Box 968, Clarendon, Texas 79226 or call (806) 874-3571 ext 104, or e-mail: annette.ferguson@clarendoncollege.edu. 35-2tc

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Proposals will be reviewed at the regular Council meeting at 7 p.m. September 8, 2009. The Council reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. To request complete specifications contact Linda Smith, City Secretary, PO Box 1089, Clarendon, TX 79226 or call 806-874-3438. 35-2tc

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Sheriff's Report
August 10, 2009

1:14 a.m. — Out at Hwy 287, one mile W. of Lelia Lake. Vehicle parked on westbound shoulder.
4:06 a.m. — Checking 300 blk Blair St. in Hedley for any activity.
1:42 p.m. — Transport female to Sheriff's Office.
8:41 p.m. — 800 blk S. Johns St. Sheriff on scene requesting EMS.
9:13 p.m. — To Northwest, transport female to mental health warrant.
August 11, 2009
12:15 a.m. — 800 blk S. Koogale St. Family disturbance.
12:42 a.m. — Transport one female and one infant to Sheriff's Office.
5:00 a.m. — Red tagged abandoned vehicle on Hwy 287, one mile W. of Lelia Lake westbound. Mississippi tag.
5:11 a.m. — Red tagged abandoned vehicle on Hwy 287 between Co. Rds 13 & 14. Childress tag.
9:39 a.m. — Out at Annex.
12:50 p.m. — Out at Annex.

August 12, 2009

12:32 a.m. — 500 blk W. 5th St. Disturbance reported, barking dogs. Attempted to contact owner, no response.
9:59 a.m. — See caller at I-40 Rest Area eastbound.
11:27 a.m. — 800 blk S. Koogale St. Caller reports wife has cell phone and refused to return it.
1:58 p.m. — Out at residence at 700 blk S. Koogale St.
4:38 p.m. — To jail with one female in custody.
6:32 p.m. — Armstrong Co. requesting held on search for missing adult male. Need personnel and 4wheelers.
6:57 p.m. — Armstrong Co. requesting J.P. subject located. Deputy on scene.
9:27 p.m. — 800 blk S. Kearney. Paper service.
9:49 p.m. — 400 blk S. Kearney St. Check security of building.

August 13, 2009

2:25 a.m. — Hwy 287 near Ash-tola. Deputy requesting EMS, elevated blood sugar.
2:52 a.m. — Business alarm at 800 blk W. 2nd St.
2:58 a.m. — E. 5th St. Secure building. Door blown open by reported 50 mph and higher winds.
2:58 a.m. — Calls coming in reporting electricity outages at Hwy 70 southwest to Co. Rd. S. Heavy winds, numerous lightning strikes, and pockets of heavy rain.
3:06 a.m. — Hwy 287 at Jefferson St. Removing debris from roadway.
3:40 a.m. — Deputy advises many tree limbs and debris down and removed from roadways at numerous locations.
4:38 a.m. — Responding to alarm on 400 blk W. 2nd St.
12:12 p.m. — Montgomery and Good-night Sts. Two male juveniles shooting birds with pellet gun.

1:17 p.m. — Welfare check at 300 blk Grouper in Howardwick.
11:29 p.m. — 500 blk W. 5th St. Welfare check.

August 14, 2009

12:08 a.m. — To jail with one male in custody for disorderly conduct/terroristic threat.
3:27 a.m. — Hwy 287 E. end of Lelia Lake with subject that ran out of fuel. Making sure vehicle is clear from roadway.
3:41 a.m. — Disturbance call from 7th & Bond Sts.
4:20 a.m. — Checking stranded driver on Hwy 287 E. of Lelia Lake.
9:29 a.m. — Clerks office.
9:41 a.m. — Transport to Memphis for court.
3:05 p.m. — 800 blk S. Koogale St. for civil stand by.
3:08 p.m. — To jail with two in custody,

one male one female.
3:36 p.m. — Back to residence on S. Koogale St.
8:02 p.m. — Charles St. in Howardwick for local warrant.
8:04 p.m. — To jail with one male in custody for Motion to Revoke-DWI warrant.

August 15, 2009

1:23 a.m. — Residence alarm at S. Carhart.
2:36 p.m. — Greenbelt Lake, jet ski accident.
4:54 p.m. — EMS assist at Hwy 70 N.
6:27 p.m. — 1000 blk E. 2nd. Searching for male 9 years of age that failed to return home.
6:56 p.m. — Fire Department paged to assist in search.
7:04 p.m. — 9 year old located and secure.

August 16, 2009

12:22 a.m. — Disturbance at 500 blk W. 5th St. Barking dogs.
8:10 a.m. — See complainant at Rosenfield St. Unattended dog causing problems for residents.
12:46 p.m. — EMS assist at 100 blk Angel St. in Lelia Lake.
1:47 p.m. — On scene at Kelly Creek area at Greenbelt Lake, Assault reported.
2:12 p.m. — To jail with one male in custody.
2:48 p.m. — Transport female to Sheriff's Office.
2:51 p.m. — EMS paged to Sheriff's Office.

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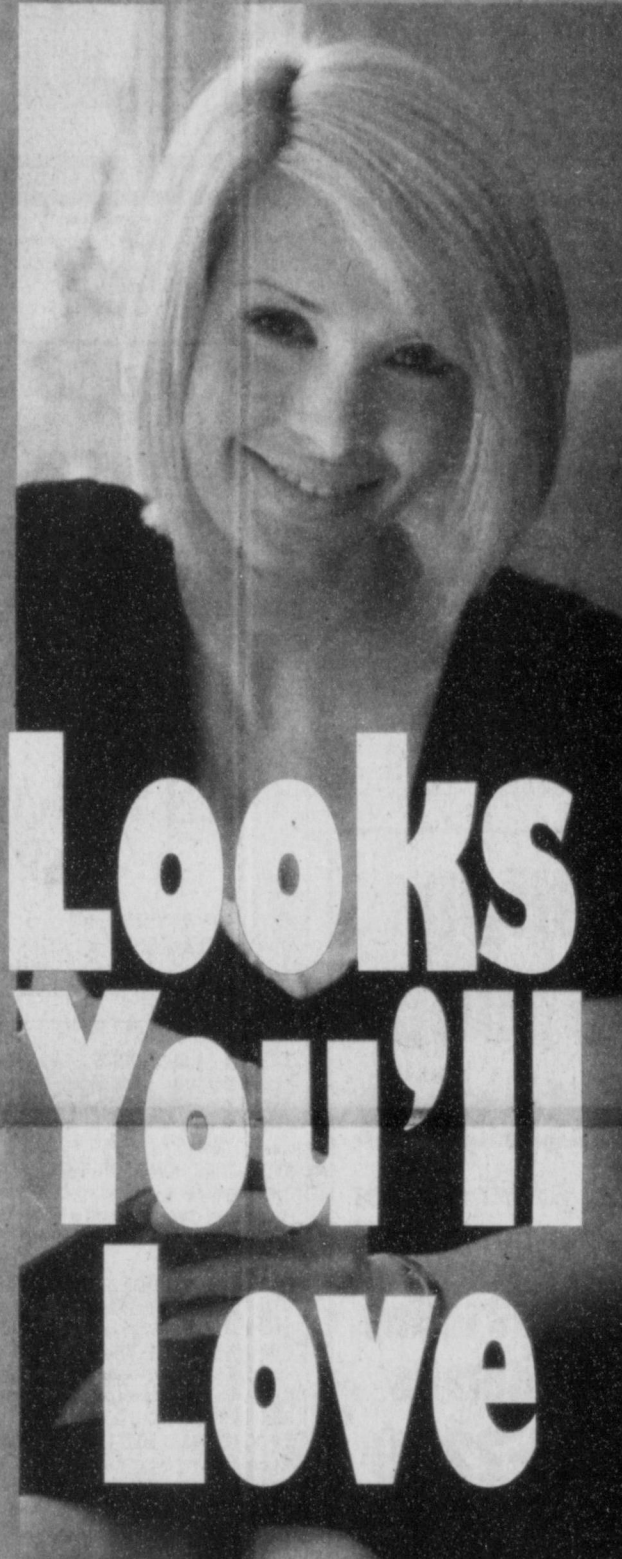
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