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

Community service to be held Sunday

The Donley County Ministerial Alliance invites the entire community and surrounding area to a community Palm Sunday service.

The service will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon, Sunday, April 5, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. This pre-Easter service is a wonderful opportunity for all of God's people to come together and celebrate the Resurrection in a worshipful way.

The Alliance is comprised of area churches that merge efforts in order to provide ministry to individuals at various times. Some of the services that the Alliance has rendered include fuel purchases and minor auto repairs for traveling individuals and families, grocery purchases, utility payment assistance, and assistance as needed on a case by case basis.

The Alliance works with the Donley County Sheriff's office to avoid abuse and misuse. The Alliance is not directed by doctrine but by the simple mission to serve the least, or those most in need, and by doing so serve Christ.

The funding of the Alliance is made possible by the faithful giving of those in the community. All people of all faiths are invited to worship together and have in common the goal of sharing Christ by meeting needs.

Car tax exemption deadline is April 30

Applications to exempt vehicles from property taxes must be filed between January 1 and April 30 for citizens who qualify.

Application for the exemption must be made every year; it is not automatically renewed. Application forms are available at the appraisal district office at 307 S. Sully Street in Clarendon.

State law allows for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a motor vehicle owned by an individual and used in the course of the owner's occupation or profession and also for personal activities of the owner.

"Motor vehicle" means a passenger car or light truck as defined by state law.

CISD seeking new Kindergarteners

Clarendon Elementary is trying to locate all children who will be starting Kindergarten next year.

If you know of a child that will be 5 by September 1, 2009, please call 874-3855 with the information. The school needs to know the child's name, date of birth, parent's name, mailing address, and telephone number.

Baseball signup to be held this week

T-Ball and Fast Pitch Baseball sign-up will be held this Wednesday, April 1, 2009, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the baseball field.

Kids aged 5 to 8 as of Aug. 1, 2009, are eligible to sign up. There will be a fee of \$30 due at the time of registering.

Winter blast cancels CC judging contest

Blowing snow and hazardous driving conditions forced the cancellation last week of the annual Clarendon College Invitational Judging Contest.

CC Judging Coach Johnny Treichel said he and CC President Bill Auvenshine agreed to cancel the event early Friday afternoon because of schools and judges pulling out of the event and because of road conditions. Some area highways were closed by the state.

"Basically the schools from up north could not get here, and the schools from down south were afraid

to even try," Treichel said.

The judging contest is one of the biggest events held in Clarendon each year and usually more than doubles the city's population of 1,974.

Treichel said registrations for the contest scheduled for last Saturday had totaled 2,079 students; and with parents and coaches, he was expecting a crowd of nearly 2,500 before the weather hit.

"Had we gone ahead and had the event, I think we would have had less than 100 people here," Treichel said.

In addition, West Texas A&M

University holds its contest the day before Clarendon's, and that event was also canceled. Many schools attend the event in Canyon on Friday and then come to Clarendon College.

Auvenshine said last Friday morning that most area schools had canceled classes for the day and that the college campus was experiencing a complete white out by noon Friday. Clarendon College also canceled classes for the day for the first time in more than 20 years, he said.

The president's office said registration charges would be refunded to the schools, and early estimates

were that the college would lose about \$20,000 because of the cancellation.

Treichel said the cost could have been much greater if the event had gone on.

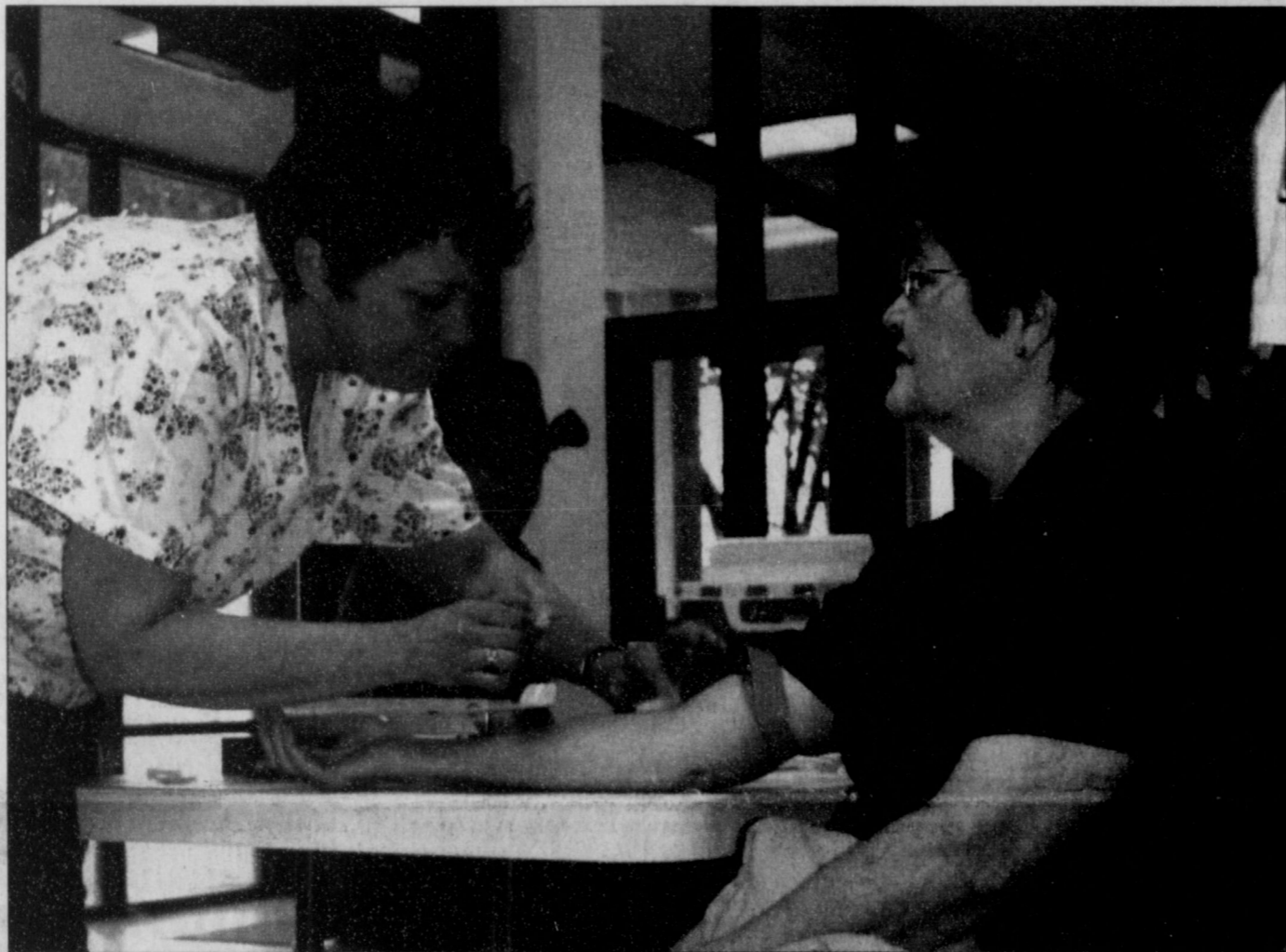
"I know we're losing money, but had someone been in a wreck trying to get here and gotten killed, it would not have been worth it," he said.

Local businesses and restaurants in particular also took a hit when the event didn't happen. Many eating establishments ordered extra food for the day of the contest.

"It hurt us quite a bit," said Bronco Burger owner Jerome Martinez. "You're expecting a big crowd, and you order more food. Now our next orders will just have to be smaller."

The contest was started more than 25 years ago by the late Jerry Hawkins, and Glenda Hawkins said this week she could not remember it ever having been canceled before.

Treichel said he will hold an "organized practice" this Thursday to help make up for the missed contest. He's expecting between 300 and 500 people to attend that event.



A little stick

Nurse Chandra Holman takes a blood sample from Gay Cole during the annual health fair at the Clarendon College Bairfield Activity Center last Thursday morning. A total of 356 people participated in the event hosted by the college, the Extension Service, Clarendon Family Medical Center, and Panhandle Community Services.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ANNDRIA NEWHOUSE

Enterprise brings home press contest awards

THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE received three first place plaques when the Panhandle Press Association announced the winners of its annual Better Newspaper Contest in Amarillo last Saturday.

Winners were announced at the close of the association's 99th annual convention at the Ambassador Hotel.

The local paper received first place for Feature Photos by Roger Estlack, which judges from the Gulf Coast Press Association called "the very definition of a feature photo."

The ENTERPRISE also topped the

field in the categories of Front Page Layouts and Special Sections with its annual Pioneer Edition of THE DONLEY COUNTY LEADER.

Estlack and Ashlyn Tubbs picked up a second place plaque for News Writing with coverage of the kidnapping last summer, the city's teen curfew, and the regulation of groundwater in the area.

A photo of a house fire won second place in the Spot News Photo category, and Estlack and Kari Lindsey also received second place for Sports Photos. Judges also awarded second place to the ENTERPRISE for its Society Page.

Immediate Past President with the

following officers: Laurie Ezzell Brown of Canadian, President; Mary Smithee of Canadian, First Vice President; Toby Brooks of Shamrock, Second Vice President; and Ashlee Estlack, Secretary/Treasurer, along with directors Phillip Hamilton of Olton, Jeff Blackmon of Floydada, Amanda Graggert of Canyon, and Grover Ford of Herford.

The CANADIAN RECORD took home top honors in Division I.

The PPA was led this year by former CLARENDON PRESS editor Don Richards of Hale Center. He will continue on the PPA Board as

Aldermen change meetings to once monthly

By Roger Estlack & Ashlyn Tubbs

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen voted to hold only one regular meeting per month at last week's regular city meeting.

Previously, the city board met every second and fourth Tuesday, but a proposal to change that schedule has been discussed the aldermen for about two months now.

Mayor Chris Ford said long meetings are unusual and that he saw no reason the board could not meet just once per month if it just has "regular stuff" to deal with.

Alderman Terry Noble raised concern that the board would have more on its schedule as it comes time to work on next year's budget, and Alderman Will Thompson said he was concerned about issues piling up for just once a month.

But City Administrator John

Webb noted that the board can schedule called meetings and said that workshop meetings could be scheduled for the budget in order to not hold up regular meetings.

"You can focus better on the budget in a workshop meeting," Webb said.

The board voted unanimously to adopt a schedule of holding one regular meeting on the first Tuesday of each month. Notices of the new meeting dates will be put on the water bills and distributed on fliers at the library, City Hall, and the Post Office.

In other city business, the board again discussed a seal coat project for this year. Discussion again revolved around whether \$10,000 will go very far, the need to demonstrate the city is doing something, and more complaints about B&B Solvent, the com-

pany that did the city's last paving project. Projected prices for seal coating were discussed, and the city hopes to lock in a cost in April.

Congratulations were extended to the sanitation department for an award that was received for the city's recycling efforts.

Clarendon is the "Top Recycling Community" in the Panhandle and will receive 40 new Dumpsters from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

Under the "Comments" section of the agenda, the board discussed the expense of the sewer system and the city's financial condition.

"We need to get the ball rolling on getting maintenance done," Webb said, "but we need to get the operating capital to do that. To put it bluntly, past city councils spent more than they could spend."

Hedley rehires faculty

The Hedley ISD Board of Trustees voted 4-1 to renew all teacher contracts during a called meeting last Saturday.

Board president James Lee Potts was absent from Saturday's meeting, and board vice president Troy Monroe asked Trustee Cary Don Neeley to preside over the meeting, which was attended by 61 people.

Twelve people signed in to address the board, and eight people did actually address the board.

According to unofficial minutes of the meeting, no action was taken on considering a RIF (reduction in force) as proposed by the school board.

When the vote on teacher contracts came, James Edward Potts abstained because of relatives working at the district; Monroe, Neeley, Bonnie Walsh, and Blain Burton voted in favor, and Tonja Ruthardt voted in opposition.

Teachers receiving new contracts were: Lonnie Adams, Nicki Adams, Terry Collins, Tangela Copelin, Sally Gray, Debbie Hill, K'rin Young, Bruce Howard, Cheryl Koetting, Jon Leggett, Angie Monroe, Lyndon Messer, Linda Naylor, Jennie Owens, Timber Lee Potts, Diane Conatser, Fran Stidham, Sheila White, Patrice Wood, Pamela Prescott, Sue Robinson, Mike Prescott, and Neal White.

The board then voted unanimously to approve renewing Principal Sharon Wood's contract for the 2009-2010 school year.

Saturday's actions came one week after the Hedley school board voted 4-2 to propose non-renewal of Superintendent Bryan Hill's contract.

Hill told the ENTERPRISE Monday that his attorney was taking the necessary steps to request a hearing on the proposed non-renewal.



Top firefighters

The Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department honored Jeremy Powell as the 2008 Fireman of the Year, and Ty White as the 2008 Rookie Fireman of the Year. These men were awarded these honors by their fellow firemen because of their continued dedication to the department and the community.

guest commentary

Schools are destroying free speech

By John W. Whitehead, Rutherford Institute

"The Constitution makes clear there can be no religious test for holding office, and it is just as clear there can be no religious test for individual expression of free speech — or censorship thereof, including at a high school graduation." —Nat Hentoff, author and journalist

Looking at America's public schools, it is difficult to imagine that they were once considered the hope of freedom and democracy. That dream is no longer true. The majority of students today have little knowledge of the freedoms they possess in the Constitution and, specifically, in the Bill of Rights.

For example, a national survey of high school students reveals that only 2 percent can identify the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; 35 percent know the first three words of the U.S. Constitution; 1.8 percent know that James Madison is considered the father of the U.S. Constitution; and 25 percent know that the Fifth Amendment protects against double jeopardy and self incrimination, among other legal rights. Clearly, high school civics classes are failing to teach the importance of our constitutional liberties.

Public educators do not fare much better in understanding and implementing the Constitution in the classroom. A study conducted by the University of Connecticut found that while public educators seem to support First Amendment rights in principle, they are reluctant to apply such rights in the schools. Consequently, the few students who do know and exercise their rights are forced to deal with school officials who, more often than not, fail to respect those rights.

Unfortunately, instead of being the guardians of freedom, the courts increasingly are upholding acts of censorship by government officials. As a result, the horrific lesson being taught to our young people is that the government has absolute power over its citizens and young people have very little freedom. Two incidents come to mind to illustrate this sad state of affairs, both having to do with school officials heavily silencing student expression at high school graduation ceremonies.

The first incident involves Nicholas Noel, the senior class president of his graduating class at Grand Rapids Union High School in Michigan. With more than 1,000 people in the audience listening to Noel deliver his commencement address, school officials turned off the microphone when he strayed from his approved speech and referred to the high school as a "prison." Noel said he described the school as a "prison" because it stressed conformity and students were "expected to act alike." His message was that high school paints an incomplete picture of life for students. "The colors of life are yet to come," Noel said. "It was really nice, nothing in bad taste. I tried to be different, and I was punished." Adding insult to injury, school officials even initially refused to award him his diploma.

The second incident, strikingly similar to Noel's, also involves a student whose microphone was cut off during her graduation speech simply because she voiced her personal convictions. Brittany McComb, the graduating valedictorian at Foothill High School in Nevada, was instructed by school officials to reflect over past experiences and lessons learned, say things that came from her heart and inject hope into her speech. Brittany adhered to the school's guidelines and wrote about the true meaning of success in her life — her religious beliefs. However, when she submitted her speech in advance to school administrators, they censored it, deleting several Bible verses and references to "the Lord" and one mention of "Christ."

Believing that the district's censorship amounted to a violation of her right to free speech, McComb attempted to deliver the original version of her speech at graduation. The moment school officials realized that she was straying from the approved text, they unplugged her microphone. The move drew extended jeers from the audience, with some people screaming, "Let her speak!"

School officials justified their actions by claiming that McComb's speech amounted to proselytizing. McComb disagrees. "I was telling my story," she said. "And if what I said was proselytizing, it was no more so than every other speaker who espoused his or her personal moral viewpoint about success. We're talking about life here: opinions about the means of success in life, from whatever source, are indeed forms of individual religious expression. It's also hard for me to believe that anyone at graduation could think I or any other speaker was speaking on behalf of the school system."

McComb filed a First Amendment lawsuit in federal court. But on March 19, 2009, a federal appeals court held that school officials did not violate her First Amendment rights by censoring her speech and unplugging the microphone. McComb, who is majoring in journalism at Biola University, plans to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Civil libertarians and the courts have long held that the First Amendment right to free speech applies to everyone, whatever their beliefs. This includes what many people consider offensive or deplorable speech. It also includes speech that persuades, as well as religious speech, non-religious speech or pointedly atheistic speech. Thus, unless we want free speech to end up in a totalitarian graveyard, no one, no matter their viewpoint or ideology, should be censored in any state institution.

Tax, borrow, spend: not the answer

As we endure tough economic times, families across Texas are making hard choices and tightening their belts to be able to cover their expenses and provide for their children. Many Texans are looking for work. Small business owners are downsizing. And men and women close to retirement age are trying to figure out ways to replenish their life savings, which suffered a devastating blow from the economic downturn.

This is a time when middle-class Americans are looking to leaders in Washington for principled leadership, sound advice, and reassurance that there will be brighter days ahead. Unfortunately, Democrat leaders in Washington are leaving much to be desired.

Shortly after rushing a \$1.1 trillion economic 'stimulus' plan through Congress, President Obama and Democrats hurried another massive spending bill—the \$410 billion omnibus—past the American people. Both of these enormous spending bills were loaded down in wasteful spending and pet projects that will have no immediate, direct impact on the economy. In both cases, there was little to no bipartisan input and

the bills were rushed through Congress, failing to give its members and the American people the time needed to carefully read through the hundreds of pages of taxpayer-funded measures.

The buck did not stop there. The President then announced his \$3.6 trillion budget proposal, which would put more debt on the books than the previous 43 Presidents did—combined. It would double the public's debt in five years and triple it in 10.

Democrat leaders should have produced a budget that speaks to the economic challenges of today as well as the security of future generations. One that models the budgeting practices of families in Texas across the country who are cutting back on expenses and prioritizing their needs. One that supports—not burdens—small businesses, which are the top job creator in the country. And

one that considers future generations and doesn't carelessly pass onto them billions in IOUs.

Perhaps the biggest disappointment in this budget are the tax increases. This includes a proposal that moves us closer to a new national energy tax and could cost every Texas family up to \$3,100 a year.

The budget will also raise taxes on America's energy producers. Doing away with tax incentives for independent energy producers will severely hinder domestic energy production and job creation. No one wants to see gas prices return to last summer's highs, but if we tie the hands of our domestic producers, it will only be a matter of time before energy prices rise again.

The President and Democrat leaders cannot continue to tax, borrow and spend in hopes of reviving the economy. It's time for these leaders to take a cue from families and business in Texas and across the country who are making the tough but responsible decisions to weather this economic storm and land on their feet.



texas times by sen. john cornyn



Texans sound off on our economy

Listening is often the most important part of a conversation. That is why in my weekly column at the beginning of this year, as Americans welcomed a new President and a new Congress, I invited Texans to share their opinions with me on the most critical issues facing our state and nation. Thousands of Texans responded with their thoughts and concerns on issues such as the economy, health care, education and transportation. As their responses demonstrate, Texans are as committed as I am to overcome the challenges that currently face us.

People across Texas pointed to the federal government's response to the recession and rising health care costs as the two most alarming issues confronting our nation. For this reason, I'd like to focus on these two topics in this column, before exploring respondents' other legislative priorities in the weeks ahead.

When asked how the government should react to our current economic challenges, approximately 25 percent believe the government should prioritize infrastructure spending. Another 25 percent said the government should

pay down the national debt. But over 50 percent of survey respondents said tax cuts should be the key component in efforts to revitalize the economy.

Texans have common sense, and they know taxing, borrowing, and spending won't fix our economy; this approach will only prolong and worsen the recession. The best way to stimulate economic growth is to lower taxes for small businesses and families.

Earlier this year, I introduced legislation that would prevent future tax increases on Texas families by allowing them to permanently deduct state and local sales taxes.

Although Texans favor tax cuts, the majority in Congress want to spend their way out of the recession. In March, the Senate considered the enormous Omnibus Appropriations Bill, which spends



capitol comment by sen. kay bailey hutchison

Former CHS coach battling cancer

Dear Editor: Former Clarendon Athletic Director and Coach (1985 - 1987), Hulon Kirland, is currently fighting colon and liver cancer.

Hulon and his wife, Nancy, now live in Morton, Texas. He is an administrator in the Morton Independent School District, and Nancy teaches and coaches there also. While in Clarendon they attended the First United Methodist Church. Hulon is also a Vietnam Veteran having served in the Marine Corps.

We are asking you to support Hulon through your prayers, and through any financial help that you can give. The information needed to help Hulon is listed below:

Hulon's information: Address: P.O. Box 631, Morton, Texas 79346. Phone: 807/891-3842.

Checks can be mailed to: City Bank, 107 West Taylor, Morton, Texas

79346-0994. Make checks out to: Hulon Kirland Medical Fund, for account # 20053031. Thank you for your support and prayers.

Alex Decuir, San Angelo

Dear Editor: PETA urges communities to help prevent tragic dog attacks—such as the one by a pregnant, chained pit bull that claimed a 2-year-old Luling boy's life—by passing mandatory spay/neuter and anti-chaining laws (AP story).

Dogs who haven't been spayed or neutered tend to be more territorial and more aggressive, making them three times more likely to bite than sterilized dogs. And according to the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists, intensive confinement and lack of socialization can cause chained dogs to

become frustrated and overly protective of their little patch of ground, turning them into biters. A Centers for Disease Control study found that chained dogs are nearly three times as likely to attack as those not tethered.

Unsterilized dogs also contribute to the companion animal overpopulation crisis, and chained dogs are often deprived of adequate food and clean water and are left to shiver through frigid nights and slowly go mad from lack of exercise, boredom, and loneliness.

Please, always spay or neuter your dogs and make them a part of your family by keeping them indoors. To learn how you can help get spay/neuter and anti-chaining laws passed in your community, visit www.HelpingAnimals.com.

Lindsay Pollard-Post People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, Norfolk, Virginia

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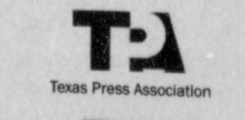
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District court hands down two sentences

Sentences were handed down in two cases before the district court in Clarendon recently.

Edward Butler pled guilty last Wednesday, March 25, to evading arrest in a motor vehicle and was placed on deferred adjudication for a period of three years.

Butler's jury trial was scheduled for next Monday in Donley County for the arrest that took place on April 12, 2008. Butler, a 21 year old resident of Clarendon, was indicted for the state jail felony offense on July 8, 2008.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Butler is waiving his right to trial by jury and is required to pay a fine of \$2,500 to Donley County, plus court costs. If Butler violates his probation, he could face up to two years in the State Jail Division of the Texas department of Criminal Justice.

District Attorney Luke Inman prosecuted the case and was assisted by Assistant District Attorney Greg Buckley.

On Monday, March 30, Enrico Mellone was placed on probation

for a period of six years for the first degree felony offense of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. Mellone also received probation for a period of six years for the 3rd degree felony offense of possession of marihuana.

Mellone was convicted of both offenses, and sentenced to six years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, but the sentence was probated for a period of six years in each cause.

Mellone was arrested in Carson County on June 21, 2008. Mellone was indicted by a Carson County Grand Jury on October 15, 2008. Pursuant to the plea agreement, Mellone is required to pay a total of \$10,000 in fines to Carson County, \$1,000 of which will be paid on or before April 27, 2009. Mellone is also required to pay \$280 in restitution, court costs, and required to complete 400 hours of community service.

District Judge Stuart Messer presided over both of the above cases.



ImagInation team competes

The Clarendon Elementary Destination ImagiNation team of 2009 received second place at the regional tournament in Lubbock recently. Those participating were Damara Brown, Caleb Cobb, Justus Burton, Seth Greer, Cire Jauregui, and Riley Shadle.

COURTESY PHOTO



the lion's tale

by roger estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting March 31, 2009, with Boss Lion Cameron Word in charge.

We had 22 members, Lion Sweetheart Audrey Jones, and two guests this week - Amanda L. Smith, guest of Lion Ray Jaramillo, and Greg Collins, who presented our program.

The club discussed the upcoming district convention in Amarillo and announced that the Sweetheart will be attending to represent the community.

Mr. Collins just returned from Iraq with the Army, and he discussed the techniques being used by insurgents to kill our service men and women there. He also showed pictures of some of the vehicles the military has developed to protect our people from explosive devices.

weather report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prac.
Mon	23	77°	54°	-
Tues	24	77°	37°	-
Wed	25	65°	29°	-
Thur	26	72°	35°	-
Fri	27	74°	29°	-
Sat	28	30°	21°	21°
Sun	29	50°	25°	12°

Total precipitation this month: 0.66"

Total precipitation to date: 1.25"

Total precipitation in April last year: 0.12"

Total YTD last year: 0.75"

weekend forecast

Friday, Apr. 3
Sunny
51°/25°

Saturday, Apr. 4
Pt. Cloudy/Wind
65°/31°

Sunday, Apr. 5
Sunny/Wind
73°/42°

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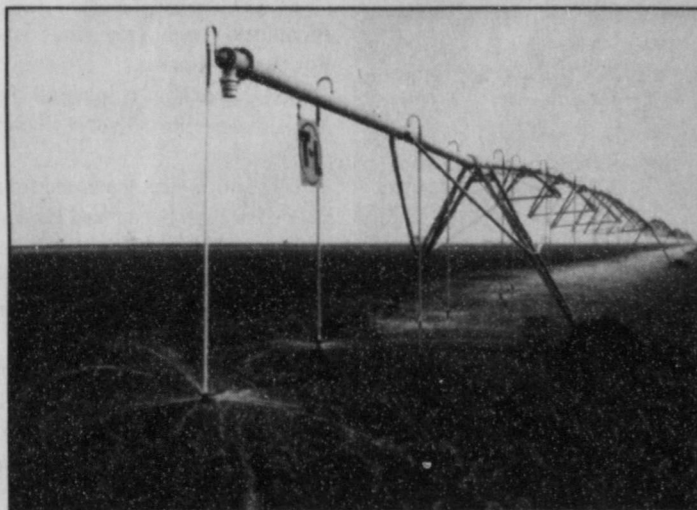
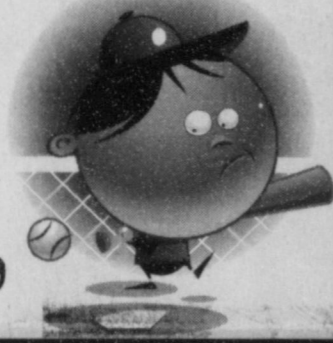
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Clarendon Church of Christ THE SILENCING OF GOD

This is the title of the seminar that is being sponsored by the Clarendon church of Christ. The seminar starts Friday night, April 3, at 7:00 p.m. It will continue at 7:00 p.m. Saturday night and conclude Sunday, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The speaker is Dave Miller, the director of APOLOGETICS PRESS based in Montgomery, Alabama. This seminar takes a look at the history of Christianity in this country and sadly the dismantling of our spiritual culture by our government and atheist activists. It will also help us to find solutions to help us take our country back from those who promote removing God from our schools, government, etc. This is a "must see" for parents with children still at home. Our children are being bombarded with "God-less" messages at school and society in general. This seminar promotes God's values and shows how society was once better off when most people lived by the "Golden Rule", Matt. 7:12.

Did you know in this country, many years ago, that homosexuality was illegal? Did you know that in most states, that living together without marriage was also illegal? Our country has been weakened by the morals and ethics of those who do not worship or respect God. Our country now shows the effects by the prisons we keep at maximum capacity. The effects of silencing God on our morals can be seen by the fatherless children being born. Our children are having children and the list goes on and on.

What has happened to our country that this could happen? What can we do? Come to the seminar Friday - Sunday and let's study our options. You will be glad you did.

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April 1
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April 3
Bronco Baseball v. Paducah • 4:30 p.m. • in Paducah

April 4
Lady Bronco Softball v. Follett • 1 p.m. • in Follett

Chamber Banquet • Hats & Hearts • 6 p.m. • Bairfield Activity Center

April 7
Lady Bronco Softball v. WT High • 4 p.m. • in Stinnett

Bronco Baseball v. San Jacinto • 4:30 p.m. • in Amarillo

April 11
Clarendon High School Prom

April 12
Easter Sunday

April 18
Hedley High School Prom

Menus

**April 6 - 10
Donley County Senior Citizens**
Mon: Chili rellenos/cheese, sauce, onion rings, pinto beans, salad, Mexican Wedding Cake.
Tue: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, cookies, rolls.
Wed: Beef stew with veggies, cheese fingers, salad, butter-scotch pudding, cornbread.
Thu: Chicken spaghetti, asparagus, tossed salad, brownies, bread.
Fri: Ham & beans, macaroni & tomatoes, spinach salad, banana pudding, cornbread.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken strips, potato soup, steamed broccoli, carrot/raisin salad, brownie, corn bread.
Tue: Mexican pile-on, Spanish rice, beans, lettuce, tomato, & onion, sliced peaches, chips.
Wed: Steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, Harvard beets, tossed salad, bread pudding, roll.
Thu: Liver & onions, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, lime jello salad, chocolate pudding, garlic toast.
Fri: Oven fried chicken, broccoli casserole, fried okra, cucumber/onion salad, cobbler, roll.

Clarendon ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Cereal, toast, pears, milk.
Tue: Sausage, biscuit, gravy, peaches, milk.
Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk.
Thu: Eggs, toast, jelly, apricots, milk.
Fri: Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.
Lunch
Mon: Frito pie, pinto beans, salad, fruit, milk.
Tue: Teriyaki chicken with rice, salad, fruit, milk.
Wed: Steak fingers, gravy, potatoes, greenbeans, fruit, roll, milk.
Thu: Pizza, corn, salad, fruit, milk.
Fri: Pig in the blanket, oven fries, baked beans, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD
Mon: Hot dog, baked beans, pineapple chunks, tossed salad, chili/cheese.
Tue: Tacos, Spanish rice, salad, applesauce, chips & salsa.
Wed: Chicken sticks, mashed potatoes, cut green beans, salad & fruit, hot rolls.
Thu: Deli turkey breast, sliced cheese on a Hoagie bun, salad, fries.
Fri: Good Friday.

Annual health fair saves local residents \$50,000

By MaryRuth Bishop, County Agent
Good Health, Much Wealth, Your Choice Health Fair 2008 was a great success! Sponsoring the fair was Texas AgriLife Extension Service Donley County, Clarendon College, Clarendon Family Medical Center and Panhandle Community Services. There were 356 participants at the fair held in the Bairfield Activity Center, Clarendon College.

Northwest Texas Health Care System sponsored the full-panel blood draw for attendees with the help of Associated Ambulance Authority, Clarendon College Nursing and Clarendon Family Medical Center drawing blood. A total of \$12,408 was saved from the cost of the blood testing. Texas Tech University, Health Sciences Center - Alzheimer Academy was on hand offering screening for dementia and Alzheimer. Shepards Crook Home Health, Odyssey Home Care, Accolade Home Health, Roadrunner Health Care, and Hospice Care of the Southwest, offered various medical testing from blood pressure and pulse check, glucose testing, oxygen testing, basic cholesterol testing and carbon dioxide testing.

Overall Donley county citizens saved

approximately \$50,900.

Other services provided were the following: Med-link Service, Home Health Medical Equipment, and BSA Home Care and Hospice, and Veterans Administration Services offered support information and options for health care. The key to volunteering was offered by RSVP and support to those in need could get information from Tralee Crisis Center from Pampa. Northwest Texas Healthcare System offered information on The Pavilion, Hospice Care, and basic hospital information.

Also available was information from The Better Way Health Group, Area Agency on Aging, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Brisco/Hall County Agent, Molly Forman offered information on Walk Across Texas and Hallelujah to Health. Robertson Funeral Home offered information on preparing for the future and how to support families in their time of need.

National Weather Service had a very interesting demonstration on severe weather and helped set weather radios for several senior citizens. A display by Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District helped fair participants

see the need for water conservation and how our water supply is being affected through sale of our current water supply. Burton Memorial Library announced the dates and times for summer reading and reminded participants that the library does have books on tape and for those sight impaired.

Southern Farm Bureau Long Term Care was present offering information on long term care and helping individuals learn about this option. Panhandle Regional 911, Panhandle Independent Living Center and DSHS Children with Special Health Care helped participants learn more about each area and the services they provide.

A new part of the health fair this year was the Kids Hall Way. Clarendon College Nursing students, Texas AgriLife Extension Service agent Shana Fleming, BLT assistant Amalia Mata and Girl Scouts hosted 9 different booths for youth. Each booth was interactive and help children learn about nutrition, physical activities, portion control, mapping their tongue and making a healthy trail mix snack. The kids had a good time and enjoyed looking through the other booths as well.

Outreach Health Services and WIC provided much needed information on the safety and care of our children and a new exhibit this year was provided by The Bridge who is a child advocacy organization. The National MS Society was well represented and TXDOT had a booth that had everyone seeing orange. Even with the bad weather James Thomas helped the youth present learn about safety.

Overall the Health Fair 2008 was very successful and participants gained a lot in both education and medical services. Panhandle Community Services and specifically Lori Mayes PCS Director who helped Donley County Extension furnish the noon meal for exhibitors. We also appreciate Judy Burlin of the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce with their help at the registration table. To Clarendon College nursing students thank you for the help with youth booths and blood draws and Clarendon College for the use of the Bairfield Activity Center.

For more information or to participate in next years health fair please contact MaryRuth at Texas AgriLife Extension Service Donley County at 874-2141.

Howardwick Fire Department collecting recipes

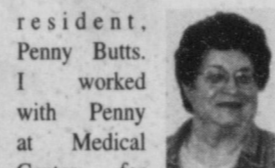
Did I say spring is here? Someone forgot to tell Mother Nature. I don't know how much snow we got during the blizzard Friday and Saturday. I just know the moisture was welcome, but that cold weather and wind was not so welcome. This is another year without apricots and peaches, and maybe no tulips because they are black instead of green.

Justin at Coulter Gardens gave me some good advice about the roses that took a big hit. He said to select

the three strongest canes, come up about 18" on those three and cut everything else off. That can be done now. When the danger of a freeze has passed, about the middle of April, give them a good dose of rose fertilizer. Good luck with your roses

I saw one little bunny rabbit out in the snow and hope he survived. Also a pair of cardinals were caught here in the storm but have moved on south. They were so pretty flitting around in the snow.

We have lost another dear



wick picks
by peggy cockerham
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resident, Penny Butts. I worked with Penny at Medical Center for several years where her bright smile and quick wit were welcome. That girl loved to fish. She is leaving her husband of 61 years, Al and son Dave of Howardwick and

several other family members. She will be missed.

Former resident, 91 year-old Nell Derr passed away March 27 in Bartlesville, Okla. Our condolences to both families. You are in our prayers.

Ok, folks, the Howardwick Fire Department needs those recipes for the cookbook. I have put it off myself so go through those recipes you love, pick up some forms from Howardwick City Hall, and share with everyone.



Nathan Zonger and Elizabeth Simmons

Simmons, Zonger to wed next month

JEM and Karen Simmons, Clarendon, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Elizabeth Ann Simmons to Nathan Ray Zonger, son of Robert Zonger of Plevna, Kan. and Debra Branscom of Hutchinson, Kan.

Grandparents of the couple are Elnora Stafford of Amarillo and Dean and Leona Zongker, Carol Broomfield, and Troy and June Rogers all of Kansas.

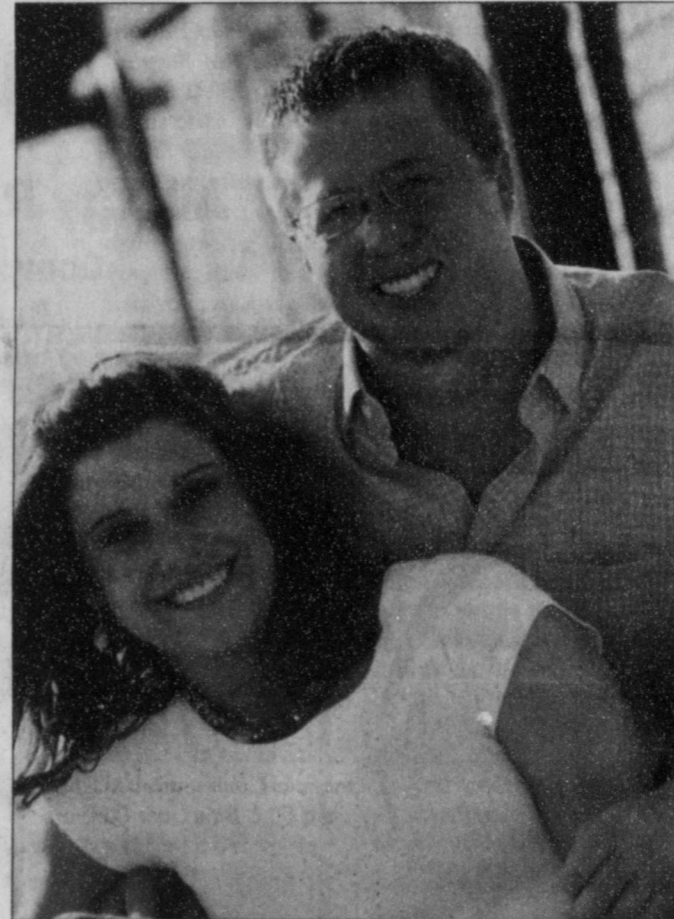
The wedding is planned for May 23 at the First Baptist Church in Clarendon.

The bride-elect graduated from Clarendon High School and Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas. She is employed as a teacher and coach at Highland Park ISD in Amarillo.

The bride-groom elect graduated from Cunningham High School, Pratt Community College, and Friends University. He works for Cessna Aircraft Company in Wichita, Kan.

Quilt Club met last week

The Golden Needles Quilting Club met at the Burgess Home with Josie as hostess, with lots of quilting. A delicious lunch was served to: Barbara Helms, Jo Shaller, Gay Cole, Peggy Cockerham, Eva Lee Swinney, Ann Bunyan, Donna Barnes, Dortha Reynolds, Mary Lynn Manning, Rosa Lee Watson, and Josie Burgess. Our meeting in April will be at the Agape Church with Mary Lynn Manning as hostess.



Haley Shelton and Taylor Shelton

Shelton, Shelton to be wed in June

Ken and Theresa Shelton of Clarendon are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Haley Lynn, to Taylor James Shelton, son of Jim and Cindy Shelton of Clarendon.

The couple lives in Lubbock and will be wed on June 6, 2009, on the Johnson Ranch near Alareed.

Haley is a 2006 graduate of Clarendon High School. She attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University and West Texas

A&M University before graduating from South Plains College in 2008 with an Associate of Applied Science in Real Estate. She is currently employed in Lubbock.

Taylor is a 2003 graduate of Clarendon High School. He graduated from Texas Tech University in 2007 with Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance. He is currently a second year student at the Texas Tech University School of Law in Lubbock.

Hedley Cub Scouts advance during Blue & Gold Banquet

The Hedley Cub Scouts, Pack #461, held their Blue and Gold Awards banquet Saturday night, March 28, 2009, at the Hedley Lions Club.

Kelly Patton is the Den Mother. Collin Monroe and Wesley Patton both earned their Tiger Cub and advanced to Wolf, Caylor Monroe earned his Bear and advanced to Webelo and Miles Patton earned his Arrow of Light (which is the highest award in Cub Scouts), he earned his Webelo and advanced into Boy Scouts as an Assistant Leader.

Pack #461 is looking for more members so if you know of anyone who wants to be a Cub Scout or a Boy Scout please call Kelly Patton at 856-1133.

Way to go boys; we are proud of you.

Well, folks, we did get some moisture, but it sure was cold. Thank the Lord for what we received.

Recipe:
Grilled Tuna Teriyaki: 2
Tablespoons Light soy sauce, 1
Tablespoon Chinese rice wine, 1 large clove garlic, minced, 1
Tablespoon minced fresh ginger root, 4 (6oz) tuna steaks (about ¾ inch thick), 1 Tablespoon vegetable oil. In a shallow dish, stir together soy sauce, rice wine, garlic, and ginger. Place tuna in the marinade and turn to coat. Cover, and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes. Preheat grill for medium-high heat. Remove tuna from marinade and discard remaining liquid. Brush both sides of steaks with oil. Cook tuna for approximately 3 to 6 minutes per side or to desired doneness.



chatty kathy
by kathy spier
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Spiritual Explosion to be held in Quail

The Quail Baptist Church of Quail wants to invite everyone to their 4th annual "Spiritual Explosion" to be held on April 4th and 5th.

On Saturday, April 4, at 6:00 p.m. the spiritual music will be performed by a band made up of Ed and Marcia Campbell and friends. Marcia Campbell will be the pianist for the congregational singing with Oran Sain as song leader and Mary John Higgins in harmony. The message will be given by Kade Wilcox. Kade is Pastor of the Quail Baptist Church and Administrator at Panfork Baptist Encampment.

On Sunday, April 5, at 11:00 a.m. Kade will bring the message. The spiritual music will be performed by Ed and Marcia Campbell with Oran Sain leading the congregational singing.

The Quail Baptist Church wants everyone to know that these two spiritual services of spiritual music and God's word will be exciting, and they invite everyone to come. Their membership will furnish cookies and refreshments after the service on Saturday night. All "love offerings" will go to Panfork Baptist Encampment to assist in their kitchen renovation.

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TxDOT reminds politicians where to stick their signs

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It is illegal to place any signs on or within the right of way. This includes posting signs on trees, telephone poles, traffic signs and other

objects on the right of way.

Campaign signs along Texas roads can be placed on private property with the owner's permission.

Campaign signs may be posted as early as 90 days before an election (no earlier) and must be removed within 10 days after the election.

Before placing a sign inside of incorporated city limits, check with the city for applicable ordinances.

Anyone running for office is

reminded that it is illegal to put any sign on state highway right of way without authorization. TxDOT's regulatory authority allows the immediate removal of a sign placed on state highway right of way without prior notice, if the sign is not authorized by state law or approved by TxDOT. The penalty for violating this law is a fine of up to \$500 per sign.

The law does not just apply to campaign signs. It is illegal to put

any sign, including garage sale and business signs on state highway right of way without authorization. "Sign" is defined as any outdoor sign, display, light device, figure, painting, drawing, message, plaque, or other thing that is designed and/or intended to advertise or inform.

For more information contact Barbara Seal, Childress TxDOT Public Information Officer at 940-937-7288.

CC renews administrators' contracts

The Clarendon College Board of Regents met in regular session Thursday, March 12, with a short agenda.

Among the items the board took action on was approval of a new five-year master plan, laying out goals for the college to work toward.

Regents also considered a contract with US Wind Energy to place wind turbines are part of the CC campus. The college's attorney will review the contract.

Administrative contracts were renewed for the 2009-2010 academic year, including those of

President William R. Auvenshine, Director of Childress Center Wendy Altman, Dean of Students Tex Buckhaults, Comptroller Sharon Hannon, Academic Advisor/Recruiter Pampa Center David Hall, Director of Admissions Brandi Havens, Dean of Administrative Services and Dean Pampa Center Ray Jaramillo, Dean of Instruction Debra Kuhl, Director of Financial Aid Regan Silva, Assistant to the President Darlene Spier, Library Assistant Annis Stavenhagen, and Director of Information Systems & Computer Operations Will Thompson.



HHS students place

Hedley FFA students exhibited animals at the San Angelo Stock Show and The Houston Stock Show. Kati Adams placed 2nd with her Cross barrow and Autstin Adams placed 6th with his Spot barrow at San Angelo. Setg Altman placed 2nd with his Hampshire barrow, Will Monroe placed 8th with his Hampshire barrow, and Atustin Admas placed 11th with his Poland Chibna barrow at Houston. Shown here are Austin Adams, Reid Copelin, Seth Altman, Will Monroe, Coltin Kingston, Front Row: Katie Adams, Kailee Burton, Addy Monroe, Denver Chambliss, and Eric Monroe

SWEPCO promotes paperless billing

Customers of AEP Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) who enroll in AEP's paperless billing program over the next two months will save time and money while helping the environment.

AEP and its paperless billing partner, Fiserv, Inc., will contribute \$1 to the Arbor Day Foundation for every customer who enrolls during April and May. The funds will be used for reforestation projects in AEP's service territory.

At the end of 2008, approximately seven percent of AEP's residential customers across seven states – 261,350 customers – were enrolled in AEP's paperless billing program, which allows them to receive and pay their electric service bills online.

More than 2.9 million paperless bills were sent to AEP customers during 2008. SWEPCO had 25,724 residential paperless-bill customers at year end 2008, or 6.5 percent of its

total residential customers.

Customers may enroll for the program at www.AEPPaperless.com. CheckFree, whose name appears on the site, recently became part of Fiserv.

"Our customers who choose paperless billing find they save time and money, in addition to making a positive environmental contribution," said Paul Chodak, SWEPCO president and chief operating officer. "Those who enroll in April and May will make an even greater impact with the planting of trees in our service territory."

"Our total AEP customers' participation in the program during 2008 saved approximately 89 tons of paper, 2,072 trees, 200,000 pounds of solid waste, 500,000 pounds of greenhouse gases and 1.6 million gallons of wastewater, based on the Environmental Defense Fund Paper Calculator," Chodak said.

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4-H Spotlight

By Cire Jauregui

This week's Spotlight On 4-Hers is on Shiann Cook. Shiann is in the 3rd grade and is eight years old. Shiann goes to Clarendon Elementary School. She would like to learn about horses. Shiann would like to help her community by giving poor people food. Her favorite hobby is jumping rope. Just for fun Shiann could play with people. This is Shiann's 1st year in 4-H.



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Duncan gets grant

Tashia Duncan, PPCD teacher of Clarendon Elementary, applied and was granted recently at a \$1,000 grant scholarship that will allow five early childhood teachers to attend the 11th annual Academy for Teachers of Young Children. The three-day conference will be held in July

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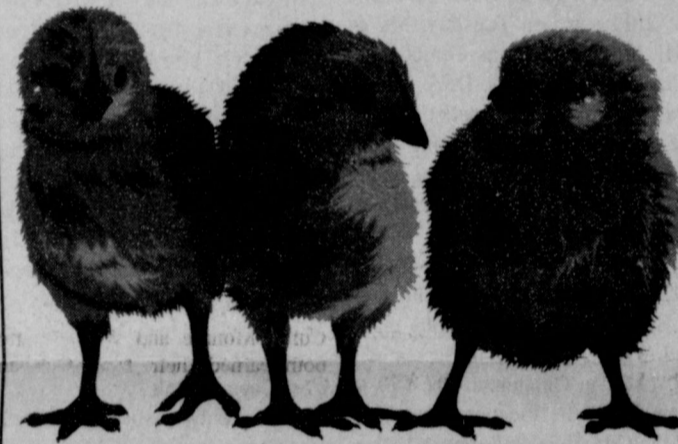


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Obituaries**Smith**

S.J. "Shorty" Smith, 80, died on Saturday, March 28, 2009, in Amarillo.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2009, in The Chapel at Fairview Cemetery in Memphis with Rev. Bryan Knowles, officiating. Services were under the arrangement of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mr. Smith was born April 16, 1928, in Lakeview to Frank W. and Della Braddock Smith. He married Mildred Louise Stevens on April 8, 1961. He had been a resident of Memphis for more than 20 years. He worked for the Texas Highway Department and worked at Memphis, Dalhart, and Perryton, where he retired in 1983. He was an avid fisherman. He was a member of Travis Baptist Church in Memphis.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Jerry Smith; a brother, Homer Smith; and a sister, Lucille Watts.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Smith of Amarillo; a son, Steve Smith and wife Wanda of Clarendon; a daughter, Janie Salzman and husband Brad of Farmington, NM; a step son, Tommy Henson; a stepdaughter, Peggy Crump and husband Kenneth of Amarillo; a sister, Frankie Adams of Midland; eight grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

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Butts

Theda "Penny" Butts, 83, died Thursday, March 26, 2009, in McLean.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2009, in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon with Rev. Dave Stout, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Howardwick, officiating. Services were under the arrangement of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mrs. Butts was born January 26, 1926, in Oklahoma to Virgil Guy and Lula Gibson Featherston. She married O.A. "Al" Butts on September 13, 1947, in Oklahoma. She was a member of the Independent Order of the Odd Fellows Rebekah Lodge #149 IOOF from 1982-1988. She was recognized for outstanding service to the Dietary Department of Medical Center in Clarendon. She had been a resident of Howardwick for the past 30 years. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Milford Featherston; and a sister, Guila Parker.

Survivors include her husband, Al Butts of Howardwick; a son, Dave Butts of Howardwick; a daughter, Trisha J. Beach and husband Ronnie of Olathe, KS; a sister, Mildred Morris of Oklahoma; 3 grandchildren, Jessi Beach of Los Angeles, Calif., Sarah Kershner and husband Ben of New Britain, CT, and Alissa Adkinson and husband Grant of Amarillo; and three great grandchildren, Audrey, Ethan, and Emma.

The family requests memorials be to the Howardwick Volunteer Fire Department, 247 Rick Husband Blvd., Howardwick, TX 79226.

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Longan

Mary Lee Longan, 87, died Sunday, March 29, 2009, in Clarendon.

Services were held at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2009, in the Robertson Funeral Directors Chapel of Memories with Wes Latham, officiating. Burial was held at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon. Services were under the arrangement of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mrs. Longan was born in Winnewood, OK on December 15, 1921, to Jeff and Rita Wilkins Losson. She married P.C. "Chuck" Longan on April 21, 1940, in Shamrock. She was a cotton farmers wife and raised eight kids. She was a great cook and also cooked at the Donley County Senior Citizens for several years. She was a great mother and always provided. She enjoyed to dance. She was an honorary member of the FHA, and active in the 4-H program. She loved her family, children, grandchildren, and animals. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Clarendon.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chuck on May 6, 1990; her parents; a son, Bob Longan; and a brother, J.J. Losson.

Survivors include four sons, Gary Longan of Gallup, NM, John Longan and wife Hazel of Allendale, SC, Tom Longan of Lelia Lake, Bill Longan and wife Karen of Munday; 3 daughters, Sandra Longan of Pampa, Linda Dunham of Clarendon, and Marcia Mattes of Kansas City, MO; a daughter-in-law, Alice Longan of Houston; 13 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; and a beloved dog, Happy.

The family requests that memorials be to the Donley County Senior Citizens.

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Derr

Nell V. Smith Derr, of Bartlesville, Okla., formerly of Clarendon, died Friday, March 27, 2009, at age 91.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 am on Tuesday, March 31, 2009, in the Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, Texas with Rev. Ray O'Quinn, officiating. Services were under the arrangement of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Nell V. Smith Derr was born September 22, 1917, at Oakley, Tenn. the daughter of Leo Kirby Smith and Mattie Sidwell Smith. Her family moved to Granite, Okla. where she met and married Elbert Marion Derr on February 22, 1936. Elbert and Nell were married for 54 years until his death on December, 19, 1990. She moved to Dewey, Okla. in 2006. Nell loved to garden, fish, play bingo, and watch her favorite baseball team, the Atlanta Braves.

She was preceded in death by her husband Elbert and five brothers and sisters, Omar, Paul, Noreen, Jessie and Gladys. Survivors include her son Marion Bill Derr and his wife Frankie of Bartlesville, OK; two grandchildren Randy Derr and his wife Jeanne of Bartlesville, Okla. and Kent Derr and his wife Carol of Sinking Springs, PA; five great-grandchildren, Erik Derr and his wife Linda of Chicago, IL; Jennifer Derr of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Ryan and Josh Derr of Sinking Springs, PA; one sister, Robbie Smith of St. George, Utah.

The family requests memorials be to Carter Hospice, 3081 S.E. Washington Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74006.

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Baker

Milo A. Baker died on March 22, 2009, at age 87.

Mr Baker was born March 11, 1922, North of Leedeey, Okla. to Oliver Perry Baker and Mary Ellen Bales Baker. Milo's childhood years were spent growing up on the family farm north of Leedeey. He attended Leedeey Public Schools, graduating from Leedeey High School with the class of 1940. On June 21, 1941, Milo married Norma Lee Tuck at Woodward, Okla. Perry Baker and Mildred Mae Mathes were attendants; guests were Nellie Zelle and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Perry Baker. The couple made their first home in Leedeey before moving to Wichita, Kansas for work. In September of 1942, Milo joined the United States Army and proudly served his country for three years. While in the Army, he received the rank of Technician 4, combat engineer as part of the 169th Engineer Battalion. Milo was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and a Service Ribbon along with four Bronze Service Stars. On September 30, 1945, he was honorably discharged and returned home to his loving wife in Camargo, Oklahoma. Milo remained in the reserves for many years continuing his education as a mechanic. The couple was blessed with the birth of their two daughters, Janeva Kay and Nelda Marie. They made their home in several locations including El Reno, Okla., Mulvane, Kansas, and Altus, Okla. before returning to Camargo, where they lived for the next 48 years.

In addition to a lifetime of farming and ranching, Milo worked as a mechanic at the Camargo filling station and retired as a Gas Field Operator from Western Farmers Electric. He and Norma liked working as a team,

side by side, on their farm, and they spent many wonderful years together.

Milo enjoyed many things in life but especially raising cattle, country dancing, traveling to see the countryside, the local coffee shop, and time spent with his wife, daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He was a member of the American Legion. On October 28, 1990, at the age of 68, Milo was baptized along with his grandson, Travis. He later became a member of the Camargo Christian Church where he and Norma attended faithfully.

Milo was preceded in death by his parents, Oliver and Mary Baker; two brothers, Jay and Levi Baker.

He is survived by his wife Norma Lee Baker of Camargo, Okla.; two daughters, Janeva Kay Newell and husband Larry of Bethany, Okla. and Nelda Marie Woodard and husband Jerry of Clarendon; three grandchildren, Tarina Woodard of Lewisville, Texas, Travis Woodard and wife Claire of Holbart, Oklahoma, Lance Newell and wife Cristy of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two great-grandchildren, Ian and Elise Newell of Oklahoma City, Okla.; brother, Perry Baker and wife Jettie of Pryor, Okla.; brother-in-law Ben Zelle and wife LaMona of Arnett, Okla.; several nieces, nephews, other family and a host of friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Camargo Community Center, P.O. Box 38, Camargo, OK 73835.

Carter

Jimmy Vonn Carter, 69, died March 26, 2009, in Amarillo.

Jimmy Vonn Carter was born in Donley County, on April 28, 1939 to Amul and Clara Carter. Jimmy graduated from Clarendon Jr. College in 1959 and West Texas State University in 1962 with a degree in Art. He owned J Vonn Studios in Amarillo. Jimmy was a talented and successful artist. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Clarendon. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his son, Jay Carter and wife Sherri of Joshua; two brothers, Garth "Red" Carter of Clarendon, and Neel Carter of Miami; three grandchildren: Sam Carter of Canyon, Jacob Carter, and James Fowler both of Joshua.

Allison

Robert Ray Allison Sr., 84, died Monday, March 23, 2009, in Bloomington, Minn.

Mr. Allison was born Oct. 10, 1924, to Robert Carl and Florence Pearl Allison. He was raised in Clarendon where he played football for the Bronchos before going off to war in 1942. After his discharge in '46', he started a long career working for Pioneer, Wisconsin Central, North Central, and finally Republic Airlines. Throughout his entire life, Robert was extremely proud to be a Texan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Boyd, sisters Lyla and Mary.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years Nancy, daughter Jan, son Bob, and granddaughter Katie.

Hood

Darrell Rowe Hood, 41, died Saturday March 21, 2009, in Seabrook.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 28, 2009, at Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements were by Rector Funeral Home Osage Chapel, 2800 S. Osage St.

Darrell was born in Amarillo on July 27, 1967, to Floyd and Alice Hood. He graduated from Clarendon High School in 1985, while working on Paul and Linda Bell's ranch. Dar-

rell then began his career with Casteel Automatic Fire Protection, Inc. in Amarillo, Texas sweeping the floors of the shop. He married Serena Fain on July 25, 1992 and became father to Yancy Olivas-Hood. Together, they had one daughter Vandala Renee, on November 26, 1993. They then moved to Georgetown, Texas, living there for several years. In 2001 Darrell and his family moved to Houston, where he became Vice President of Casteel Fire Protection. Darrell was known for his strong will to succeed and accomplished whatever he set out to do. Following in his father's footsteps, Darrell joined the Masonic Lodge in 1995. He was raised to the degree of Master Mason and remained a proud member of the Clear Lake Masonic Lodge A.F. & A.M.

Survivors include his mother Alice Hood; wife Serena Hood; son Yancy Olivas-Hood; daughter Vandala Hood; two brothers, Don Hood and Leonard Ahlstrom; four sisters Donna Napier, Delphina Major, Debra Cheeves, Bekki Coll; several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to Kenneth Casteel, owner of Casteel Automatic Fire Protection, Inc., for being the close friend that Darrell admired and looked up to, as well as an employer and friend to the family.

In lieu of flowers, we would ask that you consider a donation to the Darrell Hood Memorial Fund at Moody National Bank located at 2338 Nasa Road One, Seabrook, Texas 77586.

To sign the online guest register, go to: www.rectorfuneralhome.com.

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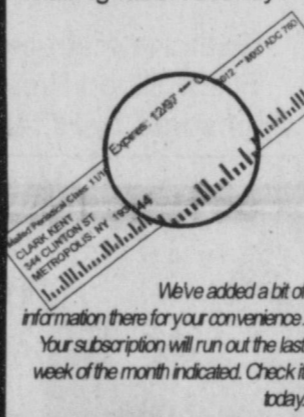


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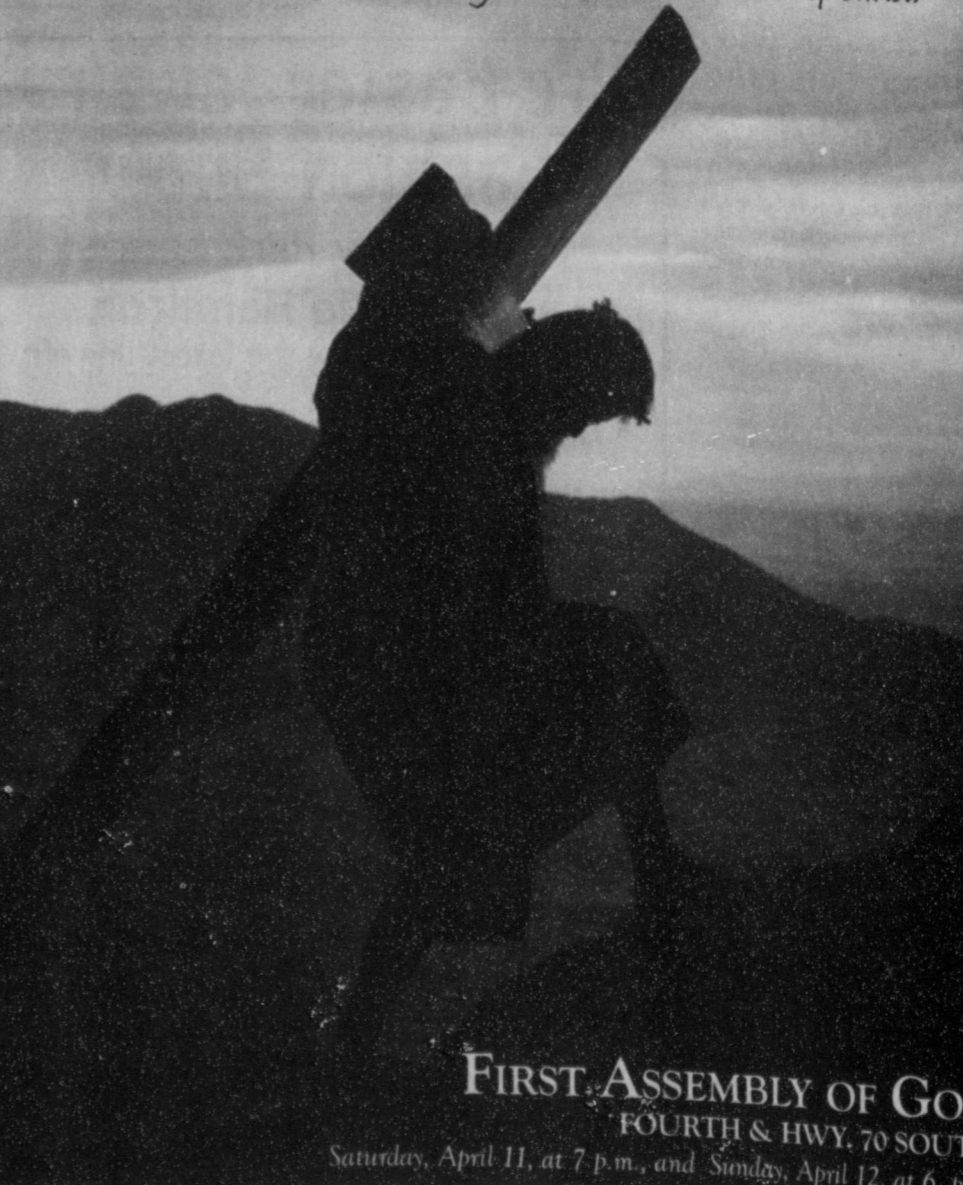
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Broncos slam Quanah Indians, 20-0

By Sandy Anderberg

The Indians did not give the Broncos much of a contest Tuesday afternoon at home in a District matchup, and Clarendon went on to win big at 20-0.

Everything seemed to work for the Broncos in their winning romp, but Coach Brad Elam gave credit to Quanah for not giving up.

"The game got out of hand quick," Elam said. "But to Quanah's credit, they only had nine players,

and most of them are young. They played hard and never gave up."

Coach Elam went on to say that the Broncos conducted themselves in a way that was honorable to both their school and community in the game.

"I thought our kids showed great sportsmanship because the score could have been much worse. We scored six runs in the first, seven each in the second and third."

The Bronco pitchers only gave

up one hit, but walked a few too many according to Elam. But, he gave praise to the Bronco defense.

"Defensively, we played well," Elam said. "We picked off a runner and threw one out trying to steal."

"Offensively, we had 15 hits for the game, walked six times and were hit five times to take a base," Elam said.

"Everybody got on base at least once in the game, and every position in the order scored at least one run."

Individual stats: Devin Noble 3 RBI; Brayden Phillips 2 hits, 1 double, 2 RBI, 2 runs scored; Alton Gaines 2 hits, 2 RBI, 3 runs, drove in 4; Bradley Watson 3 runs, 2 hits; Billy Cenicerros 2 hits, 2 RBI; Josh Krumwiede 4 runs.

The Broncos will play at Paducah Friday, April 3, at 4:30 p.m. and take on Vernon Northside Saturday, April 3, at 4:00 p.m. and they will travel to San Jacinto on Tuesday, April 7, playing at 4:30 p.m.

Lady Broncos slam Claude

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos were only able to play one game last week because of the inclement weather, but made it work to their benefit as they annihilated Claude 16-0 in five innings.

Danielle Ford was on the mound and Dominique Mason was behind the plate. According to head coach Gary Jack; Ford pitched well in the game.

"Danielle struck out 10 hitters," Jack said. "She only faced 15 batters and only one Claude player could hit off her."

Ford not only played well from the mound, she had a good game hitting the ball as well.

"Danielle hit the ball well for us," Jack said. "Jenci White connected on a triple and Janae White had a double. Macy Shadle and Brandi Mays also hit doubles for us."

It took just a little while for the ladies to adjust to Claude's slow pitcher and their timing was off. But according to Jack, they got back on track and were able to get some hits.

"Claude is young and inexperienced, but they played well for their first year," Jack said. "But we were able to do what we needed to do to get the win. We played well."

The ladies will get back in action this week with district games. They will play Follett Saturday, April 4, on the road beginning at 1:00 p.m. and will take on WT High Tuesday, April 7, also on the road at 4:00 p.m.

Six-Man Skins Game held at CCC

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Country Club held its annual spring Skins game on Sunday, March 29.

Despite playing against a fierce wind, 29 six-man teams were brave enough to compete in the 18-hole contest.

One skin was recorded on the par four number 10 hole and was won by the team of Detrick Sherwood. Closest to the pin on number

eight went to the Jerry Ivy team at 6'5", and the team of Bobby Barbar won the honor on number 15 at 1'5".

The summer Friday night nine-hole scrambles will begin Friday, April 3, at 6:00. You may call the Pro Shop before five o'clock to enter the scramble.

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Friday, April 3

Broncos v. Paducah in Paducah, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 4

Lady Broncos v. Follett in Follett, 1 p.m.
Broncos v. Vernon Northside in Clarendon, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, April 7

Lady Broncos v. WT High in Stinnett, 4 p.m.
Broncos v. San Jacinto in Amarillo, 4:30 p.m.

Lady Broncos

2	Danielle Ford	So.
3	Jenci White	Sr.
4	Morgan Wood	Jr.
5	Haley Hall	Jr.
6	Emily Clark	So.
7	Miranda Miller	So.
8	Macy Shadle	Sr.
9	Brandi Mays	Jr.
10	Jill Luna	Jr.
12	Janae White	Sr.
15	Erin Moore	So.
16	Chelsey Covey	So.
24	Trevela Dronzek	Fr.
25	Dominique Mason	Jr.
33	Caitlyn Christopher	Jr.
44	Elissa Holland	Jr.

Head Coach: Gary Jack
Asst. Coach: Kasey Bell
Stats: Elizabeth Christopher

Broncos

1	Devin Noble	Sr.
2	Alton Gaines	Sr.
5	Stephino McCampbell Jr.	Jr.
6	Matt Henderson	Jr.
7	Brayden Phillips	So.
8	Billy Cenicerros	Sr.
9	David Roberts	So.
10	Bradley Watson	So.
11	Derrick Shelton	Sr.
12	Johnny Gaines	So.
14	Troy Chambliss	So.
15	Josh Krumwiede	Jr.
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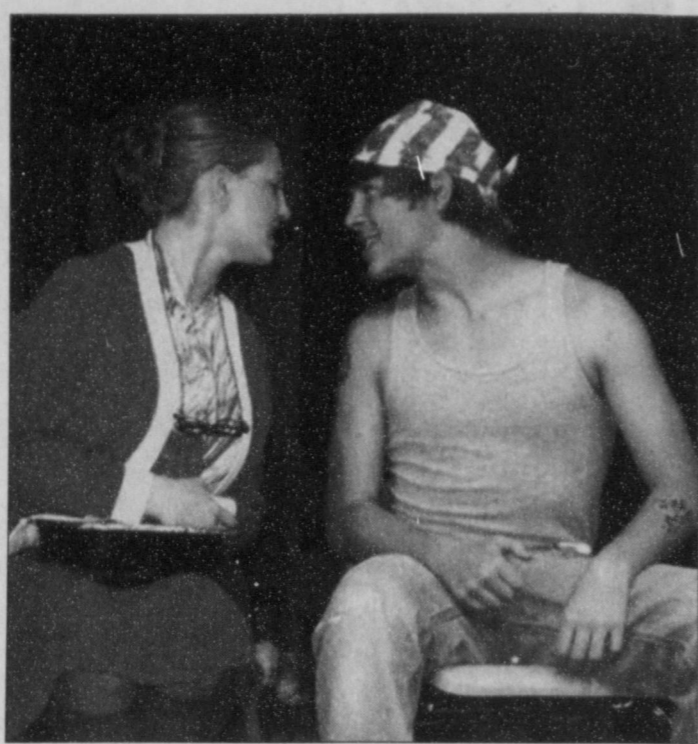
HHS advances in play contest

The Hedley One Act Play competed at Clarendon College on Thursday, March 26, for their Zone Competition.

The Hedley cast and crew performed "Dearly Departed," a comedy by David Bottrell and Jessie Jones, for their competition piece.

The play advanced to the next level of competition, and the students will be traveling to Paducah on Saturday, April 3, to compete against several other schools in the District competition.

Several Hedley students won honors at Thursday's competition. Lane Thomas and Kailee Burton was named to the Honorable Mention All-Star Cast, Peter Howard and Dylan Pettit was named to the All-Star Cast, Marlee Sargent was given Best Actress honors, and Reid Copelein won Best Actor.



Hedley One Act Play advanced to District while Marlee Sargent won Best Actress and Dylan Pettit was named to the All Star cast.

Tiny Tot Easter review to be held in Childress

The Childress Community Development Foundation's Entertainment Committee will sponsor the annual Tiny Tot Easter Revue at the Childress Junior High School Auditorium on Saturday, April 11, at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students.

Divisions are: Easter Angels, Newborn thru one year (not walking); one and two year olds; three and four year olds; and five and six year olds (not yet in first grade).

Trophies will be awarded to each group except the Easter Angels; they will be presented only.

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Eighth grade Colts win WT track meet

All three relays placed in the West Texas High track meet Thursday, March 26, to help catapult the eighth grade Colts to the top spot for the meet with 134 points.

The mile relay finished second with a time of 4:15.50 and was run by Diego Santos, Cody Wood, Forest Yelverton, and Trajen Johnson. The sprint relay finished at 50.57, which was good enough for third place. Members of that relay are Corey Barker, Yelverton, Johnson, and Wood.

Cole Ward, Chance Roland, Tyler Burch, and Dusty Rice ran the 800-meter relay in a time of 1:55.19 and placed sixth.

Individual results: 100-meter dash: Yelverton 2nd 12.07, Johnson 3rd 12.22; 200-meter dash: Barker 5th 26.37; 800-meter run: Santos 1st 2:26.09, Burch 4th 2:44.85; 110-meter hurdles: Roland 4th 19.69; 300-meter hurdles: 6th Roland 32.50; long jump: Yelverton 1st 17'2 1/2", Johnson 2nd 17' 1/4", Wood 6th 16' 1/4"; shot put: Ward 4th 36' 1/2"; triple jump: Burch 2nd 33'9 1/4", Barker 4th 33'5"; high jump: Yelverton 2nd 5'6", Johnson 3rd 5'2", Ward 5th 5'2"; pole vault: Santos 1st 9'0"; 1200-meter run JD Baxter 2nd 4:11.75. 7th grade: 200-meter dash: Chance McAnear

1st 27.81; shot put: Tres Hommel 1st 34'1".

The Colts will participate in the District meet April 4 in Wellington.

Lady Colts run at WT

The seventh grade Lady Colt 400-meter relay finished fourth with a time of 58.15 and was run by Jacy Hill, Ryann Starnes, Glory Bryley, and Haley Ferguson. That same group finished 5th in the 800-meter relay with a time of 2:09.21. Jacy Hill also finished second in the high jump with a leap of 4'2".

The eighth grade Lady Colts finished fourth in the 400-meter relay with a time of 58.50 and was run by Elizabeth O'Rear, Maci White, Jency Burton, and Jentry Shadle. O'Rear took 5th in the 100-meter dash at 14.38, and Audrey Shelton finished third in the 800-meter run with a time of 3:00.93. Shadle took third in the 100-meter hurdles at 18.25, and Amanda Powell was fourth at 19.22. Powell was fourth in the 300-meter hurdles at 35.59, and Sam Sanderson was fifth with a time of 36.16. Powell also finished fifth in the high jump with a height of 4'2".

The Lady Colts will participate in the District track meet in Wellington April 4.

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March 23, 2009

4:15 a.m.- Business alarm; 400 Blk. W. 2nd St.
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 6:29 a.m.- Deputy requesting next rotation wrecker.
 11:04 a.m.- At location; west 1st St.
 11:37 a.m.- Greenbelt Lake, near Sandy Beach.
 11:56 a.m.- Transport to Donley County Sheriff's Office.
 12:15 p.m.- To jail; 1 male in custody, possession of marijuana and burglary of building.
 1:28 p.m.- Out at college.
 2:58 p.m.- Traffic control; Hwy. 287 at Hwy. 70 south.
 5:35 p.m.- Transport subjects reported near railroad relay station.
 6:18 p.m.- Assist DPS.
 9:32 p.m.- See caller; location not logged.

March 24, 2009

4:16 a.m.- EMS assist; 300 Blk. Barcus St.
 4:47 a.m.- To I-40; caller out of fuel, not sure of his exact location.
 5:30 a.m.- Deputy reports subject not in Donley County.
 1:17 p.m.- At annex.
 7:11 p.m.- See caller; college burglary.

March 25, 2009

10:10 a.m.- Out at college.
 1:12 p.m.- With bailiff at Judge Messer's office.
 1:53 p.m.- At annex.
 5:58 p.m.- Testing tower generator.
 7:22 p.m.- Possible trespass; 200 Blk. Pampa St., Howardwick.
 11:17 p.m.- See caller; Hwy 287 3 miles west.

March 26, 2009

3:56 a.m.- Transport to San Angelo, TX.
 8:30 a.m.- Single vehicle rollover, 1/2 mile east Hwy. 287.
 8:41 a.m.- Deputy requesting next rotation wrecker.
 11:10 a.m.- To jail; 1 in custody.
 12:29 p.m.- Minor accident; college parking lot.
 2:40 p.m.- At college baseball field.
 7:01 p.m.- At college.

March 27, 2009

1:35 a.m.- Unable to locate vehicle westbound reported drifting across highway lanes, Hwy. 287.
 Numerous calls with questions and updates on road conditions.
 11:28 a.m.- At college dorm.
 7:25 p.m.- Deputy requests rotation wrecker; abandoned vehicle stuck in snow drift causing hazard near Clarendon Country Club.
 11:55 p.m.- Caller reporting disturbance, large party; east Hedley.
 11:57 p.m.- Family party-All secure.

March 28, 2009

1:55 a.m.- Check stranded motorist; east city limits, Hwy. 287.
 5:02 a.m.- Unable to locate stranded motorist, Hwy. 287 at Giles.
 7:34 a.m.- See caller; 600 Blk. Borger St., Howardwick.
 2:16 p.m.- 300 Blk. Angel St., Howardwick.
 5:00 p.m.- See caller; 300 Blk. S. Taylor St.
 8:02 p.m.- At residence; 3rd St.

March 29, 2009

1:00 a.m.- At residence; 300 Blk. S. Collinson St.
 1:17 a.m.- Check reported disturbance; 100 Blk. S. Goodnight St.
 1:23 a.m.- Transport one of the parties to another location, 500 Blk. S. Jackson St.
 1:40 a.m.- Caller reports subject back at residence; 100 Blk. S. Goodnight St.
 1:43 a.m.- To jail; 1 male in custody.
 10:47 a.m.- Welfare check; 300 Blk. Anderson St., Howardwick.
 10:48 a.m.- Deputy reporting unattended death.
 11:06 a.m.- Sheriff and Justice of the Peace dispatched to residence; 300 Blk. Anderson St., Howardwick.
 9:36 p.m.- At residence; County Road 13.
 10:39 p.m.- To jail; 1 female in custody, theft greater than \$50 but less than \$500.

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A continuing problem in the US and certain other countries is the overprescribing and overuse of antibiotics. It has become a problem because excess use of antibiotics may cause bacteria to become resistant to the very antibiotics that are prescribed. Another continuing problem with antibiotic prescribing is an increase in antibiotic allergic reactions which has increased the number of consumer visits to hospital emergency rooms.

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Clarendon COLLEGE **AgriLIFE EXTENSION**
 Texas A&M System

Hallelujah to Health
 means taking phenomenal care of yourself!

Spirit
 Cancer is scary to think about, but ignoring it is dangerous.
 You have faced scary things before—you have the strength of spirit to learn about your body and about detecting cancer.

Power
 You have the power to use the tests provided by your doctor and to find cancer, if it happens, early. When you find it early, treatment is more successful.
 Using your power can save your life.

African-American women get cancer less often than other women, but they are more likely to die from it. One reason for this is that African-American women get tested for cancer less often, so when it is found, the cancer is more advanced and harder to treat.

When you see me passing
 It ought to make you proud.
 I say,
 It's in the click of my heels,
 The bend of my hair,
 The palm of my hand,
 The need for my care,
 'Cause I'm a woman
 Phenomenally.
 Phenomenal woman,
 That's me.

Maya Angelou
 "Phenomenal Woman"
 ©1978, Maya Angelou

Monday, April 6th
 Vera Dial Dickey Library
 Clarendon College, Clarendon
 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Wear your prettiest hat and join the parade of hats.

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Don't clown around.

Sign up for classes at Clarendon College.

Registration starts Tuesday, April 14, for the Summer and Fall 2009 semesters.

Check inside THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE next week for a schedule of classes.

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