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## THIS WEEK

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

## Sheriff investigates CC dorm break-ins

The Donley County Sheriff's Office is investigating several break-ins at a Clarendon College residence hall during the spring break vacation last week.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said CC Coach Nick Spencer witnessed a black male at a window of Phelan Hall on Saturday night and attempted to apprehend the prowler. The men wrestled, but the subject managed to escape on foot.

Spencer called the sheriff's department, and officers searched for more than an hour for the subject but did not locate him.

On Sunday, it was reported that eight rooms had been broken in to. The investigation was continuing this week as students were still determining what items had been taken.

## TxDOT looking for Trash-Off volunteers

This year, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) hopes to gather more litter during the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off on April 4. During Trash-Off, volunteers across the state will clean roadsides, parks, waterways and neighborhoods. Volunteers from all 13-counties in TxDOT's Childress District have made plans to participate.

The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off is the largest one-day statewide cleanup event in the U.S. and is a partnership between TxDOT and Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB). The public is invited to participate by signing up online at [www.ktb.org](http://www.ktb.org) or calling 1-800-CLEAN-TX.

TxDOT needs more volunteers because it is facing a challenging year for trash pick-up. During last year's Trash-Off, 61,000 volunteers collected more than 5 million pounds of litter.

## Assembly to hold 5th Sunday Singing

First Assembly of God in Clarendon would like to welcome all to their Fifth Sunday Singing on Sunday, March 29, at 4:00 p.m. They invite you to come share the Gospel in song and praise to God.

## Methodists to hold combined service

The First United Methodist Church will hold its Fifth Sunday Combined Service this month on March 29.

Worship and children's church will be at 9 a.m., Sunday school will be at 10 a.m., and brunch will be at 11 a.m.

## State shot clinic to be held next month

Texas Department of State Health Services will hold an Immunization Clinic in Clarendon on April 14 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the TDSHS office at Five Medical Drive.

All clinic times are subject to change or cancellation due to weather conditions or scheduling conflicts.

# Investigation to look at HSD meeting Board members deny violating Open Meetings Act

By Roger Estlack, Clarendon Enterprise

An investigation will be opened this week into a possible violation of the Open Meetings Act by members of the Hedley school board, the Donley County Attorney's office said.

County Attorney Landon Lambert said Tuesday that he will ask the Texas Rangers to investigate allegations that four members of the Hedley Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees held an improper meeting last August.

A complaint by former board member Rex Morris was filed with

Sheriff Butch Blackburn, who turned the case over to the county attorney.

"The authority originates in my office to prosecute Open Meeting violations," Landon said. "The bottom line right now appears to be that nothing has been voted on that wasn't in an open session, and there does not appear to be evidence other than he said, she said that an improper meeting was held."

A video tape of the alleged improper meeting was going to be reviewed later Tuesday by Lambert and the sheriff.

Lambert said the complaint alleges four members of the board

— James Lee Potts, James Edward Potts, Tonja Ruthardt, and Bonnie Walsh — held an improper meeting following the funeral of Milford James Potts last August.

The members in question say they gathered to help the Potts family write thank you notes, and that school business was not the purpose of the gathering.

Speaking on the advice of the school's attorney, board president James Lee Potts said he had no knowledge of any violation of the Open Meetings Law.

Board member Bonnie Walsh said the allegation is simply not true.

"We did help them do some thank you notes," Walsh said. "It wasn't like a meeting. They (the Potts) were too torn up. School business was not our concern."

Walsh also said that setting would not have made sense for a meeting.

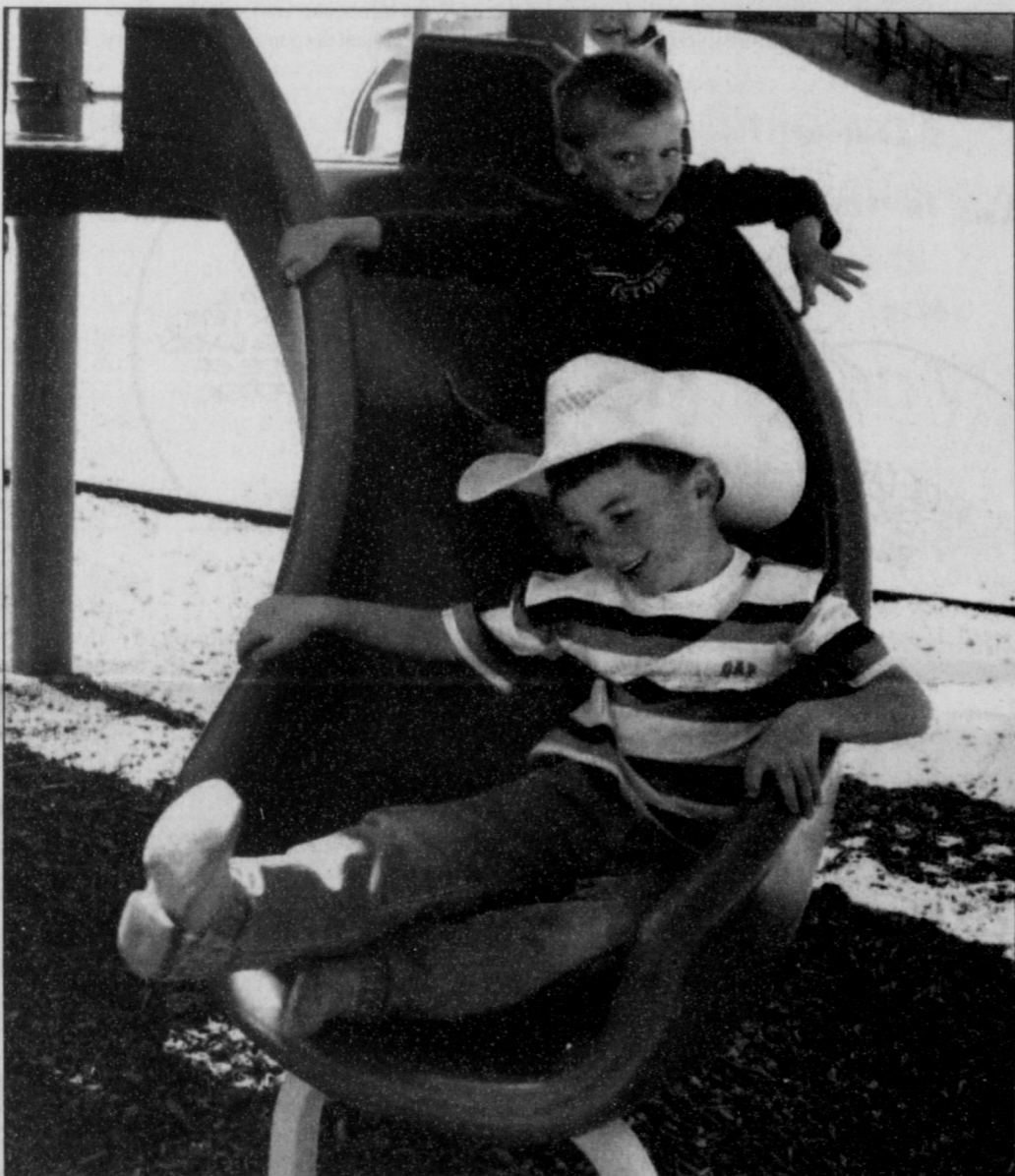
"If we were trying to meet in secret, we sure were stupid," she said. "We parked right in front of Tonja's house, and she has big windows with no curtains."

Lambert said state law prohibits board members from meeting in a quorum to discuss official business outside of an official meeting.

He also said that state law does allow board members to gather at club meetings, funerals, and meals as long as they don't discuss school business.

Violating the Open Meetings Act can result in a fine up to \$500 and jail time up to six months, Lambert said. The timeframe of the investigation will depend on the Rangers' caseload.

"If I have credible evidence that I can prove someone did something wrong, then someone is going to jail," Lambert said. "But if there isn't credible evidence, then I'm not going to waste the county's resources."



## Coming Down...

Clarendon Pre-K students Calder Havens and Koyt Tucek enjoy a ride down the slide on the playground during recess Tuesday. Havens and Tucek were among several students at Clarendon Elementary who were enjoying the warm afternoon.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ANNORRA NEWHOUSE

# Superintendent's contract divides Hedley trustees

By Roger Estlack, Clarendon Enterprise

A divided Hedley school board voted Saturday to propose non-renewal of Superintendent Bryan Hill's contract.

Board President James Lee Potts told the Enterprise that the 4-2 vote was not a final act and that Hill has 15 days to request a hearing before the board of trustees can vote on his contract.

On the advice of legal counsel, Potts would not comment on reasons for the board's vote or other matters related to the issue.

Hill said he was not given any reason for the action taken last Saturday, and he raised concerns about an evaluation the board did in January of his annual performance.

"My original evaluation has been gone from my personnel file for nine weeks," Hill said. "I was given a copy."

Hill said his copy of the evaluation shows him as being "below expectations" in five out of nine areas.

"I've never had a bad evaluation in 27 years," Hill said.

One of the areas of concern was in the budget where Hill said last year he was rated as having "exceeded expectations" but this year was rated "below expectations."

Cary Don Neeley has been on the Hedley School Board for more than 30 years and agreed that Hill's evaluations had always been positive.

"I can't remember a bad evaluation," Neeley said. "We might have had suggestions for improvement, but I don't remember anything being rated 'below expectations' before."

Neeley said he could not comment on what had happened in closed session, but he did have one comment he repeated from the meeting.

"I said in open session that I

believe this is a witch hunt," Neeley said.

Board member Blain Burton, who voted against Saturday's measure, also confirmed Hill's account of his evaluation, and Hill said he had tried to work with the board to correct a deficit the school is facing.

"The board told me August 31 to bring budget deficit proposals," Hill said.

The superintendent's proposals were to reassign one teacher, cut three aides' positions, and raise taxes; but the board did not take action on those proposals.

"That involved some relatives of the board, and they didn't want to do that," Hill said. "We never did anything."

Board member Bonnie Walsh, who along with Potts, his father James Edward Potts, and Tonja Ruthardt voted in favor of proposing non-renewal, said Hill's proposals on the teacher aides would not have saved the district any money because it would have reduced funding from other sources.

Walsh also said the board did not pursue raising taxes because they did not want to let the taxpayers down, and that they are trying to do things correctly.

"We're calling TASB (the Texas Association of School Boards) all the time," Walsh said, "because we want to make sure things are done right."

She also agreed with James Lee Potts that Saturday's vote was not a final action.

"We just voted to vote on it," she said.

Voting in favor of proposing non-renewal were J.L. Potts, J.E. Potts, Walsh, and Ruthardt. Voting in opposition were Neeley and Burton. Board member Troy Monroe was absent.

The board will have a called meeting this Saturday at 9 a.m. to discuss teacher contracts.

## Health fair to offer free blood draws

The Donley County Extension Service will hold its annual Good Health, Much Wealth, Your Choice Health Fair 2009 this Thursday, March 26, at the Bairfield Activity Center on the campus of Clarendon College.

There will be booths set up that are interactive and interesting for all ages. During the fair will be a free blood draw from 8:30-noon. This type of blood draw would normally cost \$125 without insurance or a

co-pay.

To break the savings down further, it is \$25 for the technicians to draw the blood, then to perform the testing on the blood costs from \$75-\$100. This generates a full report of your lipid panel, cholesterol, glucose, and the break down.

And if a person does have insurance, they can take the official report that is mailed to them to their doctor, and they can use that instead of drawing additional blood and

costing more money.

During the fair will be a sign up table for "Walk Across Texas" program. This eight week program is designed to help individuals get into the habit of walking.

Interested parties can walk as individuals or on a team. The kick off for Walk Across Texas is 2:00 p.m. at the Clarendon College track.

For more information on these and any other Extension activities, please contact 874-2141.

# USDA extends waiver for producers impacted by disasters

Bruce Ferguson, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Donley County announced this week that producers

who did not obtain crop insurance or Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for 2008 can pay a buy-in fee through May 18, 2009, to become eligible for 2008 disaster assistance programs authorized by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008.

"Producers have an additional opportunity to become eligible for

several programs if they suffered 2008 agricultural losses due to natural disaster," said Ferguson.

Producers who have not already taken the necessary steps to become eligible for the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP), and the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) are required to complete the following steps by May 18, 2009:

- Pay a \$100 "buy-in" fee per

crop. The maximum fee is \$300 per county, per producer, not to exceed \$900 for multi-county producers.

Producers who choose to "buy in" under this provision will be considered, for insured crops, to have obtained a policy or plan of insurance for the 2008 crop year at a level of coverage not to exceed 70 percent of the yield at 100 percent of the price.

For noninsurable crops, producers will be considered to have a level of coverage equal to 70 percent of

the applicable state application closing date for the next available year.

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For noninsurable crops, producers will be considered to have a level of coverage equal to 70 percent of

the yield. These levels of coverage will be used to calculate the 2008 SURE guarantee.

Producers who meet the definition of "Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource," or "Beginning Farmer or Rancher," are not required to pay the buy-in fee.

For more information regarding the disaster assistance buy-in waiver and other FSA programs, please contact the Donley County FSA office at 806-874-3561 or visit the national website at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

guest commentary

# Focus anger generated by bonuses

By Dr. Mark W. Hendrickson

A raw nerve was struck this week. Reports that employees of the insurance giant AIG—the recipient of four federal bailouts totaling more than \$170 billion—were now receiving \$165 million in bonuses, caused an explosion of public anger, even blood-thirsty rage. The death threats sent to AIG employees included lurid fulminations, such as recommendations that bonus recipients be “executed with piano wire around their necks,” and “I’m looking for all the [executives’] names, kids, where they live, etc.” Politicians vied to see who could feign the most apopleptic indignation, with Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA) getting swept up in the bloodlust by recommending that AIG employees consider suicide.

Let’s take a deep breath, calm down, and analyze this startling turn of events.

Point number one: AIG, as a company, deserves no sympathy. Its overinvestment in toxic derivatives is central to the global economic contraction that so far has vaporized \$50 trillion of assets worldwide. AIG may be Enron on steroids, possibly the perpetrator of massive fraud. This is for a court of law to decide, one way or the other, and the sooner the better—so that justice may be served and uncertainty dispelled. At the same time, some AIG employees deserve respect, if not gratitude. CEO Edward Liddy, for example, came on board six months ago to help clean up AIG’s mess for a \$1 per year salary and no bonuses. A number of AIG’s recent bonus recipients have voluntarily returned the entire bonus that they are contractually entitled to receive. To characterize everyone at AIG as a greedy crook is ugly and unfair.

Point number two: Big Business in general and AIG, in particular, have alienated themselves from the American sense of fairness by paying generous bonuses to executives even when the company loses money. Most Americans accept bonuses as a well-deserved reward for success. What Americans find unfathomable is when executives think they deserve to be rewarded when the company goes into the tank on their watch. This latter-day version of golden parachutes is obscene to hard-working Americans of modest incomes who are footing the astronomical bill for the AIG bailout, and especially to citizens who have lost jobs and/or houses. Corporate America’s boards of directors should voluntarily rectify this grotesque insult to middle America’s values before the government presumes to dictate executive compensation.

Point number three: News flash! President Obama made an economic statement that I wish to endorse. This may be a rare occasion, since I believe in free markets and Obama often prefers government intervention, but I think the president deserves credit for stating, “The business models that created a lot of paper wealth but not real wealth in the country and have now resulted in crisis can’t be the model for economic growth going forward.” Amen. Less than 24 hours before I read those words, I had made the same point to an audience of Christian college students. Capital needs to be valued and respected as a tool for lessening poverty, uplifting standards of living, and creating goods and services that bless one’s fellow man. But if capital becomes a plaything to be packaged into exotic instruments of dubious security, and then sold to unsuspecting investors to generate commissions and fees—an elaborate scheme to create “a lot of paper wealth”—then something good and worthy has been corrupted into something ignoble and pernicious.

Point number four: As important as the previous points have been, by far the most significant aspect of this uproar is that it serves as a diversion from larger problems—a convenient diversion for many politicians. How dare congressmen piously denounce the scandalous waste of \$165 million in AIG bonuses after having wasted billions of taxpayer dollars in recent pork-laden spending bills? How dare the choleric Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) try to lord guilt over all AIG bonus recipients (even those that returned the bonuses) when he himself thwarted needed reform at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, resulting in taxpayers being saddled with \$5 trillion of liabilities. (Speaking of Fannie—which, like AIG, was generous in contributing to Obama’s political career—why doesn’t the president demand that his friend, former CEO Franklin Raines, return the tens of millions in bonuses that Raines received by cooking the books at Fannie?) How dare Sen. Chris Dodd (D-CT)—dubbed by one wit “the senator from AIG”—act indignant about AIG bonuses when he apparently undid congressional attempts to curtail such bonuses by slipping into the “stimulus” bill the provision that “There is an exception for contractually obligated bonuses agreed on before Feb. 11, 2009.”

Without a doubt, AIG deserves criticism, blame, yes, even anger, for its role in bringing our economy to its knees. But let’s not allow slick politicians to use AIG as a scapegoat that diverts our attention from the fact that many of our country’s most powerful elected officials have done as much, if not more, than AIG in bringing about our present precarious predicament, and that those same politicians now threaten to drown us all in a deluge of ill-advised government spending.

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# Bluebonnets are special to Texans

Davy Crockett once famously said that Texas is “the garden spot of the world.” If there’s one icon that helps Texas live up to Mr. Crockett’s compliment, it’s our state flower, the bluebonnet. Every spring, the bluebonnet covers miles of Texas countryside in a sea of blue.

As it is always said, in Texas we do things bigger and better. Our state flower is no exception. Having just one state flower, as other states do, was not good enough for the State of Texas. In fact, Texas has five different species of the bluebonnet as our official state flower.

In 1901, the Texas Legislature took on what might have been an easy task in a less diverse state—selecting the state flower. Debate was heated, with different groups and legislators lobbying intensely for their favorite species. One legislator, Phil Clement of Mills, Texas, made an emotional argument for the cotton boll, because cotton was one of Texas’ lead crops. Clement called the cotton boll the “white rose of commerce.”

Another legislator from Uvalde, State Representative John Nance Garner, fought for the prickly pear cactus, lauding its durability and the beauty of its blooms. He ultimately did not win the debate, but because of his enthusiasm for the prickly pear, he was dubbed “Cactus Jack”—a nickname that stuck with him for the rest of his life. Cactus Jack went on to serve as Vice President to Franklin

Delano Roosevelt.

The most compelling argument was made by John M. Green, of Cuero, Texas, with the help of an organization called the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Texas. When Green rose to the podium to suggest the bluebonnet, someone on the floor called out, “What the devil is a bluebonnet?” One explanation was given comparing the bluebonnet to the sunbonnets worn by Texas women in the pioneer days to protect their faces from the sun. Another called the bluebonnet by its Spanish nickname “el conejo” or “the rabbit” because of its resemblance to the tail of a cottontail rabbit.

Finally, representatives from the Colonial Dames organization stepped up to make their case for the bluebonnet with the help of a visual aide. They presented a painting of bluebonnets by Miss Mode Walker of Austin, which brought on a “deafening” round of applause. The bluebonnet had stolen the show. A resolution making the bluebonnet, specifically the *Lupinus subcarnosus*, the official state flower of Texas was signed by Governor Joseph D. Sayers on March



texas times by sen. john green

7, 1901.

The debate did not end there, however. Not everyone was content with the selection of the Texas Legislature. Different groups argued that the *Lupinus subcarnosus* was not the most attractive of the bluebonnet family. They claimed another species, the *Lupinus texensis*, was bolder, more beautiful and should be named the official flower. For the next 70 years, this debate would ensue. In 1971, a solution was finally reached. Governor Preston Smith signed a resolution on March 8, 1971, designating both species of the bluebonnet as the official state flower, along with “any other variety of bluebonnet not heretofore recorded.” As it turns out, three other species have been discovered.

The 70-year debate did prove one thing: Texans were passionate about bluebonnets.

Towns across Texas have developed wildflower tours and festivals to showcase their bluebonnets as the best and most colorful in the state. Every April, thousands of visitors flock to the historic cotton town of Chappell Hill for the official “Texas Bluebonnet Festival,” complete with bluebonnet contests and crafts.

I hope this spring we can all pause to enjoy the beauty of our state’s flower—in any of its five forms. Indeed, the bluebonnet runs wild throughout Texas and deep in our state’s history.



# Celebrate service of military women

Across the United States, there is a special sisterhood of women—most of them in their 80s—who share a unique piece of American history. These women have been mothers and grandmothers, teachers, office workers, nurses, photographers, business women, and dancers, and one was even a nun. But before that, they were pilots, flying every kind of aircraft in the U.S. Army Airforce during World War II. The Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) postponed career aspirations and family plans in order to actively participate in one of the most consequential moments in the history of our nation. Their service was intrepid, unprecedented, and, for many years, largely unnoticed.

In 1941, as the conflict intensified on fronts around the world, women were at last permitted to join the war effort as pilots by flying necessary ferrying operations, freeing all male pilots for combat deployment. Women pilots from across the country paid their own way to Texas, where they were trained at Houston Municipal Airport and Avenger Field in Sweetwater. Altogether, 1,102 women earned their wings and went on to fly over 60 million miles in non-combat military missions.

In 1943,

male pilots refused to fly the B-26 Marauder because they feared it was unsafe. General Hap Arnold called on 25 WASP to be trained to fly the aircraft so their male counterparts would see the B-26 was safe. Despite their tireless service, and the fact that the WASP received training identical to male pilots flying combat missions in European, Asian, and North African theaters, the female pilots were denied full military status. Their service records were sealed and classified. And when the war ended, they paid their own way home, returning to civilian life with little acknowledgement and no official record of their unique contribution to America’s triumph in WWII.

The valor and service of the WASP is only one part of their legacy. Their success in the line of duty paved the way for the armed forces to lift the ban on women attending military flight training in the 1970s, and their efforts eventu-

ally led to women being full integrated as military pilots. Now, women fly every type of aircraft and mission, from fighter jets in combat to the shuttle in space flight. The WASP legacy certainly helped open the doors to women in the U.S. military, allowing them to serve in nearly every capacity.

Today, our military is welcoming an unprecedented influx of women who are volunteering to serve our country through Active, Reserve, and National Guard duty. Servicewomen are playing critical roles in the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq. In 2008, another important milestone was achieved when the first woman, General Ann E. Dunwoody, reached the rank of four-star general. The same year, Texan Monica Brown became the second woman since WWII to receive the Silver Star for valor.

This March, as we observe Women’s History Month, it is critical that we remember and celebrate the achievements of American women, such as the Women Airforce Service Pilots. Their brave service has helped make our military the greatest in the world, and their stories represent the rich legacies that have been woven into U.S. history by American heroines.



capitol comment by sen. kay bailey hutchison

# Observe Work Zone Awareness Week

Observing National Work Zone Awareness Week. April 6-10

Navigating construction can be difficult, not to mention risky, for both drivers and workers.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) manages more than 1,000 highway projects at any given time on 80,000 miles of Texas roads. President Obama’s American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will bring another \$2.25 billion to the state, substantially increasing construction. As work volumes increase, so do crashes.

TxDOT will join the Federal Highway Administration and other transportation partners the week of April 6-10 to

observe the 10th annual National Work Zone Awareness Week. The event is designed to remember victims and raise safety awareness for workers and motorists.

Each year in Texas, there are more than 20,000 crashes and about 150 people killed in highway construction and maintenance work zones. Since 1938, there have been 268 TxDOT employees killed in work zones.

In 2007, the Childress District had 1 work zone fatality and 17 crashes. More than four out of five fatalities are motorists. Speeding and inattention are the most common causes cited. Rear-end collisions account for one in three

crashes. Safety is TxDOT’s first priority, no matter what job\*behind the desk or on the highway.

Slow down and follow posted speed limits. Traffic fines are double in work zones.

Pay attention. Workers are often close to traffic.

Be patient. Delays can be frustrating, but it only takes a few minutes to slow down in a work zone.

Plan ahead. Leave early to reach your destination.

Terry Keener, P.E. District Engineer TxDOT Childress District

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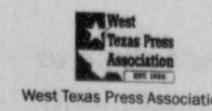
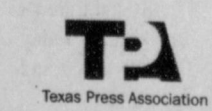
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### Member 2009



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## CHS students receive achievement award

Clarendon High School students received the "Texas Student Achievement Award" from the Texas ACT Council for their performance on the PLAN (the Pre-ACT) Assessment. These students are on target to meet or exceed ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks for graduation. ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks are empirically-based and identify the level of achievement necessary in English, mathematics, reading, and science to have a successful college freshman experience.

The students receiving this recognition from the Texas ACT Council are Dominique Brady, Chelsea Covey, Maegan Hysinger, Miranda J. Miller, Kelsey Mullins, and Annie Patten.

The Texas ACT Council is made up of secondary and postsecondary educators who advise ACT, Inc. on the utilization of ACT programs and services in Texas schools

and colleges. ACT, Inc. is the not-for-profit organization that provides assessment research, information and program management services in the broad areas of education and workforce development, and is the publisher of the ACT Assessment. The ACT Assessment is the college admissions test that is accepted by all colleges nationwide.

According to Karen Pennell, ACT Assistant Vice President and Southwest Regional Manager, "The Texas ACT Council recognizes those students who are making significant strides to prepare themselves for college by taking rigorous courses and meeting the PLAN College Readiness Benchmarks. We also want to recognize that student PLAN achievement is the result of a strong commitment by Clarendon High School teachers, staff, administrators, and parents to increase college readiness for all students."



Clarendon High School students who performed well on the PLAN.

### weather report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	16	72°	29°	-
Tues	17	79°	33°	-
Wed	18	86°	42°	-
Thur	19	76°	40°	-
Fri	20	68°	41°	-
Sat	21	78°	49°	-
Sun	22	82°	53°	-

Total precipitation this month: 0.33"  
Total precipitation to date: 0.96"  
Total precipitation in April last year: 0.12"  
Total YTD last year: 0.76"

### weekend forecast

	Friday, Mar. 27 Few Showers 51°/25°
	Saturday, Mar. 28 Sunny 65°/31°
	Sunday, Mar. 29 Sunny 73°/42°

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## Property renditions due April 15

Almost everyone with personal property in the Donley Appraisal District has now been mailed rendition forms.

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1 of this year. Please complete the listing of your taxable personal property and return the forms by the 15th of April. All personal property must be rendered each year even if there has been no change from the previous year. You should include cars, pickups, trucks, RV's, motorcycles, travel trailers, and airplanes.

If you own a business, you should also render your business inventory held for resale and other business equipment, furniture, and

fixtures. Separate rendition forms have been mailed to business owners.

The rendition must be signed; and you may, although it is not required, list an opinion of market value.

If you give your opinion of your property's value and the appraisal district believes the value is higher, you will be notified in writing of the higher value and told how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.

File your rendition with the appraisal district office at 307 S Sully or mail to PO Box 1220, Clarendon, TX 79226. For more information, pick up a copy of "Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies & Responsibilities" at the appraisal district office.

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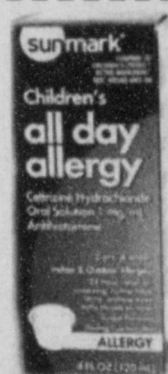
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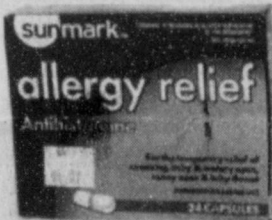


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- March 26**  
Health Fair • CC Bairfield Building
- March 27**  
Bronco Baseball v. Memphis • 4:30 p.m. • in Memphis
- Lady Bronco Softball v. Clyde Eula • 4 p.m. • in Vernon
- March 29**  
Fifth Sunday Singing • First Assembly of God Church • 4 p.m.
- March 31**  
Bronco Baseball v. Electra • 4:30 p.m. • at McClellan Field
- Lady Bronco Softball v. WT High • 4 p.m. • at Lady Bronco Field
- 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 12**  
Easter Sunday

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**Menus**

March 30 - April 3

**Dooly County Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Hamburger & cheese, casserole & egg noodles, onion rings, okra salad, banana pudding, bread.  
Tue: Beef tips with broccoli, rice, Waldorf salad, chocolate cake, biscuits.  
Wed: Baked ham, potato salad, fried okra, applesauce cake, bread.  
Thu: Chicken nuggets, diced beets, broccoli & rice casserole, fruit salad, cookies.  
Fri: Cheeseburger & trimmings, tater tots, pickle slices, chips, fruit bowl.

**Hedley Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Hamburger steak, grilled onions & gravy, tater tots, black eye peas, muffin & fruit, biscuit.  
Tue: Steak & gravy, scalloped potatoes, green beans, jello salad, coconut pie, roll.  
Wed: Baked ham, corn nuggets, buttered squash, pineapple & cottage cheese, pudding, roll.  
Thu: Steak & gravy, baked potato, peas & carrots, tossed salad, strawberry short cake, roll.  
Fri: Cheeseburger, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, cookies & fruit, bun.

**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: Chicken nuggets, corn, salad, fruit, milk.  
Tue: BBQ wieners, pinto beans, potato salad, fruit, milk.  
Wed: Pork roast, gravy, potatoes, greenbeans, fruit, roll, milk.  
Thu: Beef nachos, Spanish rice, salad, fruit, milk.  
Fri: Hamburger & cheese, lettuce, pickle, oven fries, cobbler, milk.

**Hedley ISD**  
Mon: Lasagna, corn, salad, fruit, bread sticks, milk.  
Tue: Enchiladas, grated cheese, refried beans, tossed salad, fruit, milk.  
Wed: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, cut green beans, fruit, rolls, milk.  
Thu: Beef noodle casserole, corn, tossed salad, cinnamon apples, sliced bread, milk.  
Fri: Hamburger, lettuce & tomato, baked beans, pickles, onions & olives, crispy rice treat, milk.

**Spring brings birds, flowers, and allergic reactions**

By MaryRuth Bishop, County Agent  
Spring has arrived. Birds are singing, flowers are blooming, leaves are greening.

And allergy sufferers are sneezing.

Some allergies are worse in spring, said Dr. Carol Rice, Texas AgriLife Extension Service health specialist.

"Pollen is the most common allergen," she said. "Spring is a bad time for pollen allergies because the pollen particles are very small and easily carried by spring winds."

The most common of these allergy-causing pollens are from trees, grasses, and weeds such as ragweed, Rice said.

"A single ragweed plant can generate a million grains of pollen a day."

All that pollen might make an allergy sufferer wish for rain, since "pollen counts tend to be highest in the early morning on warm, dry, breezy days and lowest during chilly wet periods," Rice said.

Common allergy symptoms are sneezes and coughs; runny or stuffy nose; eyes that itch, water or are red; dark circles under the eyes (sometimes called 'allergic shiners'); and, in children, the 'allergic salute,' or wiping the nose upward, she said.

But is it a pollen allergy or something else?

"People with pollen allergies

have seasonal symptoms," Rice said. "If you have year-round problems, then you might have indoor allergies to dust mites, cockroaches, mold, or pet dander."

For an accurate diagnosis, a visit to an allergist is in order, she said. This medical specialist "will do skin tests, injecting very small amounts of potential allergens through punctures in the skin. If someone is allergic, a raised area or 'wheal' - hive - will develop within 20 minutes or so."

Rice said the most common ways of treating allergies are:

- Avoiding pollen allergens by staying indoors, keeping windows closed, and making sure the air con-

ditioner is on during early mornings or windy days. Keep car windows closed during trips. Vacations on the beach or a cruise might relieve some of the worst symptoms during bad allergy seasons.

However, Rice warned, "moving does not work. You just tend to exchange one allergy for a new one in a new environment."

Medications containing antihistamines - including some new over-the-counter medications that are less sedating - might help. Nasal sprays with steroids might also help reduce inflammation. Talk over choices in medicines with a doctor.

- For about 85 percent of allergy sufferers, shots are a help. Improve-

ment takes time, though, Rice said - sometimes as much as five years. And since this treatment requires one or two shots a week for several months, frequent visits to the doctor's office are required.

"Before deciding on allergy shots, try the first two suggested treatments," Rice said. "If those don't work, then explore testing and shots."

"But realize you may have limited coverage with insurance - shots require a considerable time and financial commitment, but they can be very effective. And, according to some authorities, may help you avoid developing other allergies or even asthma."

**Jewett leaves Hedley to live in Wyoming**

We have lost another good neighbor. Bob Jewett has moved to Rawlins, Wyo., with his daughter. We hope he has a good life, and we will miss him. The domino players already miss him. Here is his address if anyone wants to write to him: Bob Jewett, c/o Rita Bustos, PO Box 2234, 370A Sage Creek Rd., Rawlins, WY 82301. Send Bob a card or a note if you miss him.

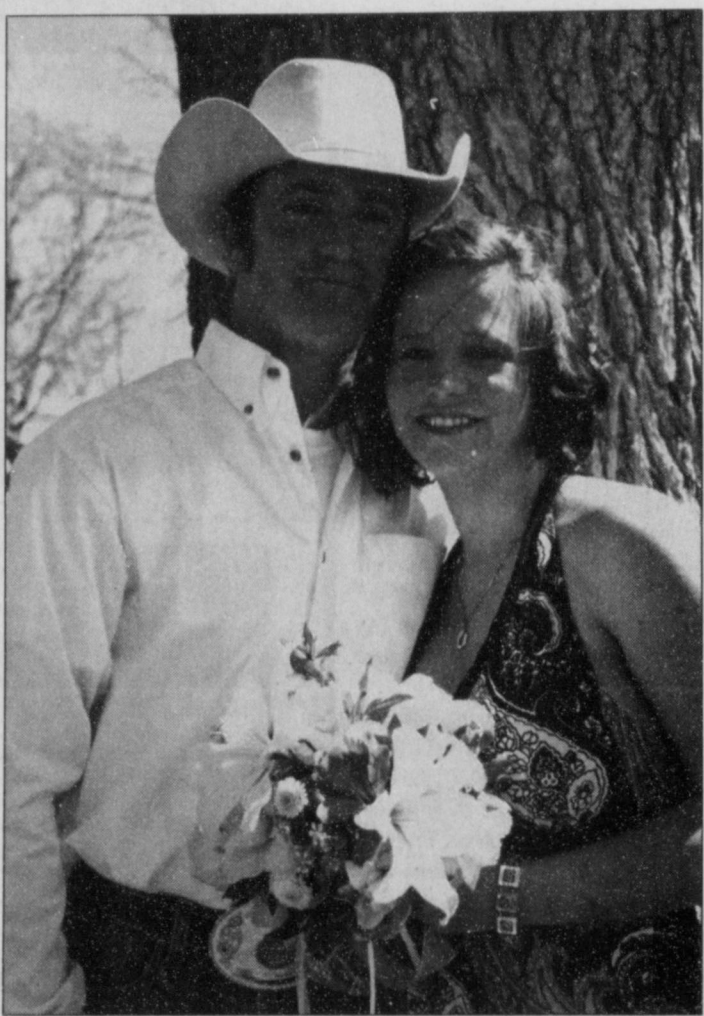
Speaking of keeping in touch with people it has been reported to me that when older people have moved back to our county to live out their lives "at home" they are met with a coldness of heart. Please take time to go by and tell someone you care about them and welcome them home. This is being done all over and we need to take care of friends. Send someone a card or a note or just pick up the phone and call them just to say "hi." When you meet them on the street give them a hug or shake a hand and take a few minutes to say hello.

This goes for anyone. Don't let our county become a cold hearted place that no one wants to come visit or live in. So, say, "howdy neighbor" and put a smile on someone's face.

Recipe:  
Muffin Glory  
Cake: 1 box Betty Crocker cinnamon streusel muffin mix, 1/2 cup chopped peeled apple, 1/2 cup shredded carrot, 1/2 cup chopped walnuts, 1/2 cup flaked coconut, 1/4 cup vegetable oil, 2 eggs, 1 can (8oz) crushed pineapple in juice, undrained, 1/2 cup powdered sugar, 1 to 2 teaspoons water. Heat oven to 400 degrees F. Grease bottom only of 8 inch square pan with shortening or cooking spray. In medium bowl, stir together Muffin Mix, apple, carrot, walnuts and coconut. In small bowl, stir together oil, eggs and pineapple; stir into muffin mixture. Spread in pan. Sprinkle with Streusel (from Muffin Mix). Bake 38 to 42 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 15 minutes. In small bowl, mix powdered sugar and enough of the 1 to 2 teaspoons water until smooth and thin enough to drizzle. Drizzle over warm cake. ENJOY!



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**Foster, Newman unite in marriage**

Beth Foster and Junior Newman were united in marriage on March 17, 2009, in Clarendon. The bride is the daughter of Karen Williams of Andrews, and Tim Foster of Piedmont, Okla. The groom, Lewis Newman, Jr., is the son of Lewis Newman of White Deere and Tammy Newman of Briscoe. The couple will make their home in Clarendon.

**Gospel concert to be held March 28**

Friends By Grace is excited to announce An Evening of Gospel Music. On Saturday, March 28, Friends By Grace will be joined by local soloist Sharon Morrow to present a free gospel concert.

The concert will be held at the Downtown Ministry Center located on the 200 block of East Kearney Street in downtown Clarendon. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. and all are welcome to attend. A love offering will be taken to support these ministries.

Friends By Grace has been singing in the Dallas/Fort Worth area since 1998. The group is made up of Lonnie Royal, of Arlington, and Randy and Judy Melton, of Dallas. The group has strong local ties and is glad to finally be able to come to this area. Lonnie's wife, Christina, is the daughter of Allene Leathers and the late Leroy Leathers of Lelia Lake. Lonnie and Chris attended Wayland Baptist University and graduated from West Texas A&M University. They lived in the Amarillo area for several years before eventually moving to Arlington. Some may have heard Lonnie sing at First Baptist Church in Clarendon, where Mrs. Leathers is a member.

Sharon Morrow has also been a member of First Baptist Church in Clarendon for many years. She has focused her attention on an international ministry of compassion and evangelism.

**Bairds recognized as 'Heroes'**

Friendship Club was a success Friday night with 32 enjoying the good food and entertainment led by Mac Miller, Carole Goemans, Carol Jean McWilliams, and Trudy Miller decorated City Hall in St Patrick's theme with green shamrocks everywhere.

The "Heroes of the Month" were Buster and Sue Baird for all the work they have done for our community. Buster has been an alderman and mayor and spent many hours mowing and keeping our community clean; Sue is always a willing hand. Thank you both for all you do. Friendship Club meets each month on the third Friday at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall and everyone is invited.

As the wind blows, I watch the daffodils and forsythia bloom and pray for rain and wonder "Is spring

here?" The answer is yes, spring is here.

The first official day of spring is when the sun is directly above the equator and that day this year was March 20, also known as the Vernal Equinox.

It changes each year because our year isn't exactly 365 days. I'm glad I don't have to keep up with all that math, and I marvel at the minds that did all the calculating long before computers.

I need news, folks. Give me a call at 874-2886 with any news you want printed, and I will do my best.



**'wick picks**  
by peggy cockerham  
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**Spiritual Explosion to be held at Quail Baptist Church**

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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## Farm Bill decision-aid meetings scheduled

AMARILLO – A new optional farm program, Average Crop Revenue Election, may present producers with more questions than answers, Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialists say.

AgriLife Extension is partnering with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency to hold meetings across the region to explain the new program added by the 2008 Farm Bill, said DeDe Jones, AgriLife Extension risk management specialist in Amarillo.

ACRE, as the program will be known, is an alternative revenue-based safety net to the price-based safety net provided by counter-cyclical payments beginning with the 2009 crop year, Jones said.

Careful consideration needs to be given before making a decision, she explained. A decision to elect ACRE may be made in any of the

crop years 2009-2012, but the ACRE election is irrevocable once a farm number is signed into the program.

That is why AgriLife Extension and the Farm Service Agency are holding the meetings, said Patrick Warminski, AgriLife Extension risk management specialist.

Producers who choose to sign up for the ACRE program need to understand they will be giving up all of their counter-cyclical payment, as well as 20 percent of their direct payment, and a 30 percent reduction in their marketing loan rate, Warminski said.

ACRE payments will be made only when two conditions are met, he said. The first condition is met when the Actual State Revenue (price x yield) falls below the State ACRE Guarantee. The second is met when the Actual Farm Revenue falls below the Farm ACRE Guarantee.

The Texas A&M Agricultural and Food Policy Center has developed an online software decision-aid program that will allow producers to enter all the necessary data to compare the possible benefits of ACRE with the possible costs of signing into the program.

At the meetings, AgriLife Extension personnel will discuss the ACRE program, demonstrating the online decision-aid software tool and the data necessary to run the program.

The online program will enable a producer to enter his own data by the Farm Service Agency farm number, along with planting and price expectations. With the data entered, the program will calculate the expected benefits of ACRE compared with what the producer has to give up to get those benefits, Warminski said.

Each producer should leave the meeting knowing how to access the program online and understand what data is needed and how to interpret the results.

There are many factors that determine whether the ACRE program will be beneficial to area producers and using the online software will help in the understanding of this complicated decision, he said.

Jones said producers should check with the AgriLife Extension office in counties where programs have not been scheduled to determine if there will be one at a later date. The following is a list of meetings scheduled at this time near Donley County: March 27 – 1 p.m., Armstrong County, Armstrong County Barn in Claude. April 1 – 1 p.m., Potter County, Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Amarillo.

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## Tiny Tot review to be in Childress April 11

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.

Children should wear their Easter attire.

Entry forms are available at Fantastic Footwear and DeAnna's Cuttin-up Cottage. For additional information, call Lana Martinez at (940) 937-6209.



The Colt parent organization presented CISD with a check for \$4000 to be applied to the PEAK Scholarship Fund. Even during trying economic times, Clarendon folks prove that education is a priority. Shown here are Clarendon School Superintendent Monty Hysinger, Robin Sell, Tammie Johnston, and Clarendon Junior High Principal Marvin Elam.

## Retired teachers to meet next Monday

The Donley County Retired School Personnel Association will meet Monday, March 30, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the Church of Christ Family Life Center. The Clarendon High School Junior Historians will bring another outstanding program. All retired personnel from the public schools and the college are invited to attend.

## Senior Citizens to celebrate birthdays

The Donley County Senior Citizens will celebrate the March birthdays/anniversaries at the Donley County Senior Citizens Center on 4th Street in Clarendon on Tuesday, March 31, at 6 p.m.

The meal will be pot luck. Linda Crump will be providing the music for the evening's celebration.

## Local boy is raising funds for summer trip

Heath McCleskey, an 11 year old fifth grader at Clarendon Elementary School, has been invited to participate in the National Young Scholars Program at Schreiner University in Kerrville this August.

In order to raise enough money for the tuition needed to attend the NYSP, Heath will be holding a hamburger cookout on Saturday, March 28 at 5 p.m. in the Community Building at the Rodeo Grounds. Tickets are \$10 each or \$15 for a couple, which will include burgers, chips, drinks, and ice cream sundaes. There will also be a silent auction and a boot raffle drawing.

To place ticket orders or for more information, please call 806-223-8209.

## the lion's tale

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday meeting March 24, 2009, with Boss Lion Cameron Word in charge.

We had 18 members, Lion Sweetheart Audrey Jones, and one guest – Michael Janis, who presented our program.

We voted to pay the Sweetheart's entry fee to be in the District Queen's contest next month in Amarillo.

Janis, who works with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, conducts research on the Matador Wildlife Management Area and has been active in studying ways to promote the germination of new cottonwood trees. His study indicates disturbing the ground through disking, through gopher activity, and other methods promotes the growth of new trees to varying degrees.

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Before we as parents pick out a dress or a tux, we ought to think about certain things before giving our consent. First of all, is dancing wrong? Not necessarily, 1Chron. 15:25-29 record instances of when righteous men danced. However, the dancing at proms calls for close bodily contact, not to mention some of the most vulgar and raunchy movements of one's body. This kind of dancing stirs up impure thoughts that lead to more than just thinking and touching. Its appeal is sex. The Bible doesn't allow unmarried individuals a release for these pent up frustrations. Situations that would flame such desires should be avoided.

There is the issue of modesty. Many dresses worn at the prom are "short at both ends." Clothing that exposes parts of the body that create lust is inappropriate. What is the message of the clothing worn to the Prom? Does it profess one's sexuality, does it tease and entice? Or, does it profess godliness and purity? (See 1Tim. 2:9-10) There is also the issue of priority. Is being at the "in" place, and having peer approval more important than seeking God first (Matt. 6:30)? Some parents act as if their children will be scarred for life if they didn't attend the Prom. Possibly they could be scarred for life if they do attend the Prom. Many proms around the country will result in: Guys and girls renting rooms to spend the night drinking and engaging in sexual immorality; Public intoxication resulting in trouble with the law; Dirty dancing performed on a "chaperoned" dance floor; Immodest clothing and eliciting impure thoughts and actions by others; Young people lying to their parents about where they are all night; Staying out so late that they aren't able to come to worship the One who died for their sins the next morning.

If your child is not responsible enough to make the right decision, parents you must exercise your right and responsibility to say no. Help them make Christ-focused decisions when there is potential to harm themselves spiritually. There is life without the Prom. (Adapted from an article by Steven Higgenbotham)

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**Obituaries**

**Dodson**

Patsy "Babe" Ruth Dodson, 80, died Tuesday, March 17, 2009, in Amarillo.



Dodson

Graveside service were held at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 19, 2009, at Llano East Cemetery with Dr. Guy Ellis officiating. Services were under the arrangement of Blackburn-Shaw Coulter Chapel, 8310 S. Coulter, Amarillo, TX.

Patsy "Babe" was born on October 13, 1928, in Fredrick, Okla. to J.O. and Grace Shaw. She married Bobby Dodson on August 25, 1947. The newlyweds moved to Tulia in 1958 and then to Amarillo in 1963. The couple moved again in 1996 to Howard Park.

Patsy "Babe" Ruth Dodson was survived by her loving husband, Bobby Dodson; her daughter, Georgianna McLamb; her grandchildren, Buck and Codi Mc Lamb; and her great grandchild, River Kade Mako McLamb.

We will cherish her life and the memories we shared with her. God bless you and keep you, Babe.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Howardwick Volunteer Fire Department, Saints' Roost Cowboy Church in Clarendon, or the Clarendon Country Club.

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**Williams**

Elder O.L. Williams, Jr., 88, Saturday, March 21, 2009, at Clarendon. 1:00 pm on Saturday, March 28, 2009 in the First Baptist Church in Clarendon with Elder Harry Williams, Pastor of the New Jerusalem COGIC of Borger and Elder Roy S. Williams, Sr., Pastor of the St. Stephens Baptist Church of Clarendon, officiating. Burial was held at Memory Gardens

Cemetery in Pampa. Services are under the arrangement of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Elder Williams, a long-time resident of Clarendon and the past 34 years in Pampa, was born January 7, 1921, to the late "Mother" Elvan Williams and O.L. Williams, Sr., in Dawson, where he also attended school. In 1944, he married Susie B. Jones and to that union was born ten children. Elder Williams accepted Christ and was called into the ministry in the Holiness Church in Clarendon, which is now called the True Church of God in Christ. Elder Williams served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. He loved preaching, serving God, and his wife and children. He also loved farming and ranching. He worked many years for Jiggs Mann of Clarendon and the Britens of Groom. He later married Zonia Lynn on July 7, 1975, in Clovis, NM.

He was preceded in death by his parents; seven brothers; three sisters; his first wife, Susie B. Williams; three daughters, Lois Yarbrough, Barbara Walton, and Pamela March; and a grandchild, Ricky Yarbrough.

Survivors include his wife, Zonia Williams of Pampa; three sisters, Faye Conway of Austin, Betty Scott of Sweetwater, and Peggy Jackson of Dallas; three daughters, Peggy Smith and husband Mack of Clarendon, and Sandra Williams of Denver, CO; 5 sons, Ellis Williams of Amarillo, Elder Harry Williams and wife Ella of Amarillo, Billy D. Williams of Denver, Colo., Dwight Williams of Amarillo, and Elder Roy S. Williams, Sr., and wife Barbara of Clarendon; three step children, Sunni Wallace of Pampa, Delana of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Parnell Jackson of Pampa; 61 grandchildren, 53 great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

The family requests memorials be to the Community Care Center of Clarendon, PO Box 1007, Clarendon, Texas 79226. Sign our online guestbook at [www.RobertsonFuneral.com](http://www.RobertsonFuneral.com).

**Smith**

Juanelle Smith, beloved wife,

mother, grandma, friend and devoted teacher of Wolfthor departed this life on March 8 at the age of 78 years.

She was born September 7, 1930 in Clarendon to David E. Stevenson and Lois Wallace. Juanelle attended Clarendon High School, where she graduated in 1946. She received her BA degree in Education from WTAMU in Canyon and later received her MA in Education and Library Sciences from Texas Tech. She married Gordon Dennis Smith on December 20, 1965 in Brownfield. She was an educator for Frenship School District until her retirement in 1991. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church om Wolfthor and Kappa Kappa Iota sorority.

Those left to cherish her memory are her two daughters, LaQuita Mullings Myklebust of Englewood, Colorado, Karen Smith of Denver, Colorado, one son, Everette Smith and his wife Michelle, of Lubbock, twelve grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and one son, Paul Michael Millings.

Services to celebrate Smith's life were held March 11 at First United Methodist Church in Wolfthor, followed by interment at Loop Cemetery in Loop.

**Moore**

Vernon Moore, 68, Monday, March 23, 2009, in Amarillo.



Moore

Services will be held at 1:00 pm on Friday, March 27, 2009, in the Robertson Funeral Directors Chapel of Memories in Clarendon with Elder Roy S. Williams, Sr., Pastor of the St. Stephens Baptist Church in Clarendon, officiating. Burial will follow in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon. Services were under the arrangement of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Vernon was born April 28, 1940 in Dallas, to Mable Gilmore and Melvin Moore Sr. He graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Wellington in 1960. He had been a resident of Clarendon and later moved to Amarillo and was employed by ASARCO until his retirement in 2001. He was a member of St. Stephens Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a son, Mitchell Moore.

Survivors include four daughters, Michelle Johnson of South Carolina, Francine Lopez and husband Edwin, and Ursula Williams and husband Rigsby, all of Lawton, Okla, and Tamika Henderson of Amarillo; two brothers, Melvin Moore, Jr. and wife Denise of Amarillo, and Jerry Moore of Austin; two sisters, Louise Powell and husband Robert of Wellington, and Brenda K. Moore of Tacoma, Washington; 10 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild, and a special friend, Doris Gardner of Clarendon.

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# Broncos beat Vernon Northside, 10-4

By Sandy Anderberg

"As well as we played against Vernon is as bad as we played against Wellington" were the words Coach Brad Elam used regarding the Broncos' district win against Vernon Northside and their district loss to Wellington over spring break.

The Broncos handled Vernon easily with a 10-4 win, but too many errors earned them a 7-8 loss to the Sky Rockets.

"We played a pretty solid game against Vernon to open up district play," Elam said. "We got good pitching from Johnny Gaines, and our defense played well."

The Broncos started out slowly, but they

scored eight runs in the last four innings to come from behind to get the win. According to Elam, Devin Noble reached base three times and scored two runs, while Bradley Watson scored two runs and had a big bases loaded double that drove in three runs.

Derrick Shelton had two hits including a double, and Alton Gaines reached base three times and scored two runs. Brayden Phillips had two RBI, and Billy Ceniceros reached base three times and scored two runs for the Broncos.

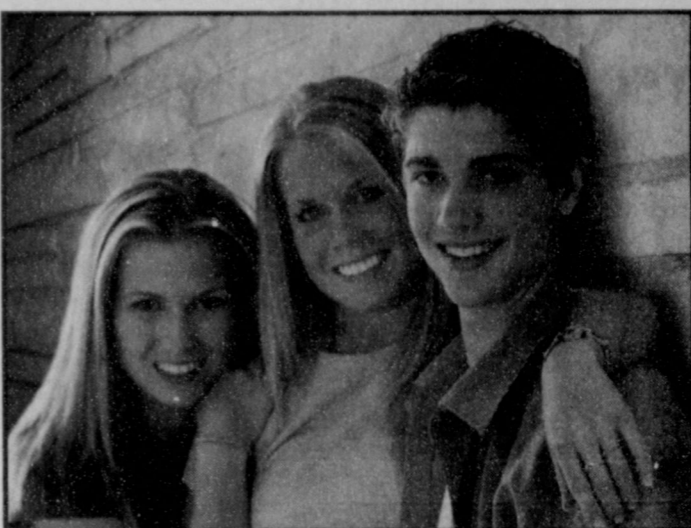
The Wellington game is one the Broncos won't soon forget and will be able to avenge their loss later in the season.

"We had six costly errors," Elam said. "Walks usually come back to hurt you, and three of those we walked were able to score."

Elam said the Broncos started off hot at the plate, but they cooled down as the game went on.

"We scored four runs in the first but only scored three the rest of the game," Elam said. "We had runners on but were unable to drive them in. We gave up four runs in the last inning to lose. Our failure to execute in all phases of the game cost us."

The Broncos will be back in action Friday at Memphis and will take on Electra at home Tuesday for a district game. Games time is 4:30 p.m.



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## Lady Broncs busy over spring break

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos did not take much time off from their softball schedule for spring break and finished with good results.

On Saturday, March 21, the ladies blanked River Road 13-0 in only five innings to gain their latest win over the break. Danielle Ford was credited with the win after pitching a no-hitter for four innings to go 6-0 for the season. Dominique Mason was behind the plate. Freshman Trevela Dronzek was on the mound in the fifth inning and picked up right where Ford left off.

Clarendon began the game in a huge way and ran over the Lady Cats in the first inning as they scored seven runs. After a quiet second, the ladies romped on their opponent to add five more runs in the third to seal the win.

Earlier in the week, the ladies grabbed an important district win against Booker defeating them 11-1. Once again Ford and Mason teamed up to lead their team to the 10-point win. The ladies put up one score in the first, but they all but sealed the win in the second inning when they scored five runs.

The Lady Broncos' other win over the break came against a good Perryton team. According to head coach Gary Jack, Perryton is always a solid 3A team, but the ladies were able to get by them 13-10.

"We weren't real consistent in the Perryton game," Jack said. "But as it went on, we got better. Danielle pitched for us all three games and struck out 32 hitters in three games. Trevela (Dronzek) came in for an inning against River Road and did a great job. We hit the ball pretty well over the week, and in the Perryton game Elissa Holland, Danielle Ford, Janae White and Caitlin Christopher were really hitting the ball well."

Jack also gave credit to Brandi Mays for hitting the ball solid in the River Road game, and Jenci White did a good job as well, according to Jack.

"Our defense played well over the games," Jack said. "We had a couple of starters gone, and Jill Luna and Emily Clark really stepped up and played well for us. I was very proud of all the players, and we'll continue to get more consistent as we go."

The ladies will travel to Vernon Friday, March 27, to take on Clyde Eula at Vernon College beginning at 4:00 pm. "Clyde Eula will be the biggest game we've played so far," Jack said. "They were ranked number three coming into the season, and they will be tougher than any team we've seen so far."

On Tuesday, March 31, the Lady Broncos will play a district game against West Texas High at home at 4:00 p.m.

## Golfers nab first holes-in-one

By Sandy Anderberg

Two golfers from the Clarendon Country Club entered into an elite group this past week as they both achieved their very first career hole-in-one.

Golfer Gayle Rogers was first to hit her 'first' on Wednesday on hole number five. Rogers conquered the par three 142-yard hole with her driver. Her feat was witnessed by her husband Gene Rogers and Forest Newton.

Later in the week, golfer Joyce Reed nabbed her first ever hole-in-

one on number eight. She also used her driver to win her prize on the 142-yard hole and it was witnessed by Johnny Johnson and Sam Barrett.

The spring Six-Man Skins Tournament will be held at the Clarendon Country Club March 29 at 1:00. They will sand the greens on March 30 and 31 after the tournament and the Friday night nine-hole scrambles will begin sometime in April.

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## Lady Bronco

### Friday, March 27

Lady Broncos v. Clyde Eula in Vernon, 4 p.m.

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

### Tuesday, March 31

Lady Broncos v. WT High in Clarendon, 4 p.m.

Broncos v. Electra in Clarendon, 4:30 p.m.

### Lady Broncos

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| 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. |

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Stats: Elizabeth Christopher

### Broncos

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| Devin Noble         | Sr. |
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| Billy Ceniceros     | Sr. |
| Alton Gaines        | Sr. |
| Josh Krumwiede      | Jr. |
| Stephino McCampbell | Jr. |
| Dylan Wright        | Jr. |
| Dustin Ford         | Jr. |
| Matt Henderson      | Jr. |
| Matthew Thomas      | Jr. |
| Brayden Phillips    | So. |
| Troy Chambless      | So. |
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TSCRA currently has 29 special rangers stationed strategically throughout Texas and Oklahoma who have in-depth knowledge of the cattle industry and are trained in all facets of law enforcement. All are commissioned as Special Rangers by

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In 2008, the association's special rangers investigated 902 cases in Texas and Oklahoma, primarily involving stray or stolen livestock. Working closely with federal, state and local law enforcement officers, the special rangers recovered or accounted for 5,422 head of cattle, 49 horses, 19 trailers, 12 saddles and 63 items of miscellaneous ranch property. The total market value of all recovered livestock and property reached \$4,808,157.68. The aver-

age value of property recovered or accounted for each day was \$13,173.

Offenders were given 227 years of prison, probated, deferred or suspended sentences and ordered to perform 10 years and 2,800 hours of community service. In addition, the courts ordered those convicted to pay \$1,015,742 in restitution to the victims, \$29,665 in fines and \$16,651 in court costs.

TSCRA Director of Law Enforcement Larry Gray encouraged all cattle producers and owners of other livestock and farm and ranch equipment to take steps to protect

themselves from theft. He invited them to contact their local TSCRA Special Ranger or the Fort Worth office at 800-242-7820 for theft prevention and brand information.

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Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home, said Joan Gray-Soria, AgriLife Extension family and consumer sciences agent in Gray County. Statistics show each year one in four Americans will become sick, one in 1,000 will become hospitalized, and 5,000 will die due to a food-borne illness.

AgriLife Extension is helping establishments battle those statistics and comply with a statute amended in the last legislative session, Gray-Soria said. The statute requires each food establishment permitted by the Texas Department of State Health Services to have at least one certified food manager.

A two-day program, called "Food Safety: It's Our Business," will be offered for \$110 at the Gray County Annex, 12125 E. Frederic Ave. The registration deadline is March 23, and the class is limited to 25 on a first-come, first-served basis.

Total course time is 15 hours, with a certification exam given on

March 26 after the completion of the classroom instruction, Gray-Soria said. The cost includes training, materials, and the state food manager certification examination. For those who wish to test only, the cost is \$60.

Candidates who successfully pass the Department of State Health Services Certified Food Manager examination may be certified for up to five years, she said. This program is designed not only to prepare food-service managers to pass the certification examination but also to provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food, Gray-Soria said.

Other benefits include: increased customer satisfaction, improved relationships with health officials, and prevention of bad publicity and lawsuits due to food-borne illness.

Food-service managers will learn about: Identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling; Preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food; Teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees; Complying with government regulations; Maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings; and Controlling pests.

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Tommy Silvers

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Dist/Div: Childress, Contract 0042-07-058 for ASPHALTIC CONCRETE OVERLAY IN DONLEY County will be opened on April 07, 2009 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.  
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**Sheriff's Report**

March 16, 2009

1:04 a.m.-Check stranded motorist; Hwy. 287 near Ashtola.  
 5:13 a.m.-Dispatched to EMS station.  
 5:27 a.m.-En route to NWTH.  
 1:11 p.m.-EMS assist; 200 Blk. Bell St., Howardwick.  
 1:17 p.m.-EMS assist; 200 Blk. Bell St., Howardwick.  
 2:26 p.m.-At annex.

March 17, 2009

1:27 a.m.-EMS assist; apartment, Rosenfield.  
 1:05 p.m.-At annex.  
 6:34 p.m.-Loose livestock; 300 Blk. W. 7th St.

March 18, 2009

11:23 a.m.-Caller reporting theft; 600 Blk. W. 2nd St.  
 3:33 p.m.-Justice of the Peace Office, Hedley.  
 5:16 p.m.-At residence; Lot # 106.  
 7:29 p.m.-Standby, DPS arrest.

10:05 p.m.-Business alarm; 900 Blk. W. 2nd St.  
 11:02 p.m.-Unable to locate origin of gunshots reported near City Park.  
 11:39 p.m.-Family dispute; 1000 Blk. E. 3rd St.  
 11:44 p.m.-To jail, 1 male in custody; aggravated assault with weapon.

March 19, 2009

1:32 a.m.-Single vehicle rollover; Greenbelt Lake, Sandy Beach Road.  
 4:14 p.m.-Yard fire; 4th & Faker Sts.  
 6:54 p.m.-Landing zone; LifeStar to meet Memphis EMS at Goodnight.

March 20, 2009

12:59 a.m.-300 Blk. S. Goodnight; see caller, reported hearing loud bang on front door.  
 8:55 a.m.-Family dispute; 600 Blk. S. Kearney St.

10:37 a.m.-Out at residence; 800 Blk. E. 4th St.  
 11:08 a.m.-At residence; 800 Blk. S. Goodnight St.  
 1:56 p.m.-Transport female to Sheriff's Office.  
 7:57 p.m.-Rosenfield St.; serve papers.  
 11:02 p.m.-Unable to locate reported juveniles throwing rocks at lights; north end of football field.

March 21, 2009

3:10 a.m.-Checking burning railroad tie; burning County Road 13 east of crossing.  
 8:34 a.m.-Assist DPS vehicle search; east Hwy. 287.  
 9:14 a.m.-At Hedley High School.  
 6:46 p.m.-At Sandy Beach.  
 10:25 p.m.-Remove animal carcass from roadway; Hwy. 70 north.

10:39 p.m.-300 Blk. S. Faker St.; reporting someone knocking on windows of residence.  
 11:12 p.m.-Caller; 500 Blk. E. 4th St., reporting male juveniles throwing rocks at vehicles and house windows.  
 11:18 p.m.-Out with three male juveniles at post office.

March 22, 2009

12:19 p.m.-At dorm, college. Break in discovered.  
 12:18 p.m.-Vehicle accident; Hwy. 287 at Hwy. 70 north.  
 4:23 p.m.-EMS assist; location not logged.  
 7:20 p.m.-To jail, 1 male in custody; drive with license invalid/possible drug paraphernalia.  
 7:43 p.m.-College dorm; reported break-in.

**SUMMARY**  
 Arrests-4  
 EMS-12  
 Fire Dept.-1

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As a former school board member for the Hedley ISD, I would like to speak on behalf of Bryan Hill and the leadership he has given to Hedley School as its superintendent the last ten years.

The school has improved its physical plant the last number of years with the addition of a lighted football field (paid for by community effort at a cost of \$9,000 rather than the official bid of \$60,000), outdoor concession stand and field house, new classrooms, a certified woodshop, and a new gym floor. All of these improvements were done without using a bond.

The largest facility improvement under Mr. Hill's leadership was the addition constructed to the west of the gymnasium. This building houses offices, classrooms, performance stage, and an auditorium/library combined providing energy and space saving benefits. Eighty-five percent of the cost of this new construction was funded by a grant Mr. Hill applied to receive. In the area of fiscal management, HISD received a high rating from Region Sixteen.

In addition to these improvements, Hedley School has received the state rating of Recognized seven of the last eight years. The past two years, the entire school staff has received bonuses in sums up to \$2,000 per individual from the Texas Excellence in Education Grant (TEEG) for improved test scores. In each of the past 10 years, at least one student has qualified for the State UIL Academic Meet in Austin, and numerous students have qualified for the state and national Business Professionals of America competitions.

Though he is not in the classroom instructing students, he has made sure qualified teachers are in place and has provided the resources and support for those teachers to do their job. I give my support to Mr. Hill and am grateful that we have an administrator of his caliber working for Hedley School.

**Carol Ward**

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**Wildlife management education events scheduled in Panhandle**

MIAMI - A series of six meetings in Roberts and Hemphill counties will help producers analyze and evaluate the "big picture" of wildlife before making any management decisions.

"Advanced Topics in Wildlife Management" is a series of educational events and activities designed for producers and landowners in the Texas Panhandle region, as well as eastern Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Panhandle.

"Whether your focus is deer, pronghorn, quail or turkey, this program will offer an opportunity to learn more about factors that influence wildlife populations," said Brandon Dukes, AgriLife Extension agricultural and natural resources agent in Roberts County.

The meetings will be held in the Miami Community Center or the Hemphill County Exhibition Center, as well as in the field observing and analyzing important land management decisions, Dukes said.

The meetings, all beginning at 9 a.m., will be at the following location and cover the following topics:

May 26, Miami center, program introduction, ecological concepts, ecological regions and ecosystem management.

June 30, Hemphill center, weather and climate, identifying, and managing important Panhandle plants.

July 28, Miami center, range-land ecology and management.

August 25, Hemphill center, wetland ecology and management.

September 29, Miami center, analyzing the effects of management decisions.

October 20, Hemphill center, analyzing trends in wildlife populations (deer, pronghorn, turkey and quail).

Pre-registration for this event is required, and seating will be limited to the first 30 who register. The registration fee is \$75 per person. Ranches sending more than one representative will receive a \$25 discount per individual.

The registration fee must be paid by May 12 and sent to Texas AgriLife Extension Service-Roberts County, Box 456, Miami, Texas 79059. Make checks payable to Roberts County.

For more information or to pre-register, contact Dukes at 806-868-3191 or bkdukes@ag.tamu.edu or Kyle Barnett, AgriLife Extension agent in Hemphill County, at 806-323-9114, kwbarnett@ag.tamu.edu.

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**Drugs in the News**

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