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

Water district to consider restrictions Future of groundwater concerns local ag producers

By Anndria Kidd

Some Donley County ag producers could be facing restricted groundwater use if the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District takes action next week.

A room full of ag producers and other concerned citizens gathered at the Bairfield Activity Center at Clarendon College on Monday to hear from the PGCD during the public meeting concerning water

issues.

The PGCD discussed the need to cut back and possible restrictions on water use in the eastern portions of Donley County which has been designated as a proposed Conservation Area.

The PGCD presented a slide-show with several models that showed a study done for Regional Planning efforts that predicted parts of the Panhandle running out

of water. In the mid 1990s, several events occurred in the District that led the Board to determine the need for a long term goal for conservation.

Jason Green represents Donley County on the PGCD board and said in an interview with the ENTERPRISE on Tuesday morning that the district is just trying to stay ahead of Austin in regards to groundwater.

"The state did tell us if we don't

take care of the matter ourselves, they will take care of it in Austin," Green said. "Right now the District is years ahead of Austin."

In 1998 the PGCD adopted the 50/50 Standard which is a "management standard that ensures at least 50% of the current supplies or saturated thickness of the aquifer remains after 50 years."

The acceptable annual decline rate is 1.25 percent of the saturated

thickness per year. If an area is declining at a rate greater than 1.25 percent per year, it will be initially considered for a study area. After the PGCD studied area 05-4, which is the area in the Eastern portion of Donley County around Hedley, they are recommending to designate the area into Conservation Area C08-05-04.

If this area is approved as a See 'Water' on page 3.

Howardwick man jailed for assault

A Howardwick man was in the Donley County Jail this week after threatening a woman with a knife.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said his office received a call Friday evening, August 8, of a man with a knife chasing a woman in the parking lot of Lowe's Family Center.

The suspect was inside the supermarket when law enforcement arrived. Store personnel pointed to the aisle the man was on, and officers approached the suspect and took the knife.

Drew Kendal Frost, age 29, was arrested and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Frost was arraigned by County Judge Jack Hall, and bond was set at \$10,000.

CC sets dates for fall registration

Registration for the Fall 2008 semester at Clarendon College will be held on Monday, August 25, and Tuesday, August 26.

Registration will be held in the Clarendon College Instructional Center in Clarendon and at the Clarendon College-Pampa Center on Monday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with evening registration from 6 to 8 p.m. On Tuesday registration will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

At the Clarendon College-Childress Center, registration will be Monday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. followed by evening registration from 6 to 8 p.m.

Accuplacer testing and advising with faculty members will be available on these dates. Students will also be able to make payment arrangements, talk to financial aid staff, and receive student ID cards.

If you have any questions, please contact Clarendon College at 806-874-3571.

C of C invites public to discuss Fourth

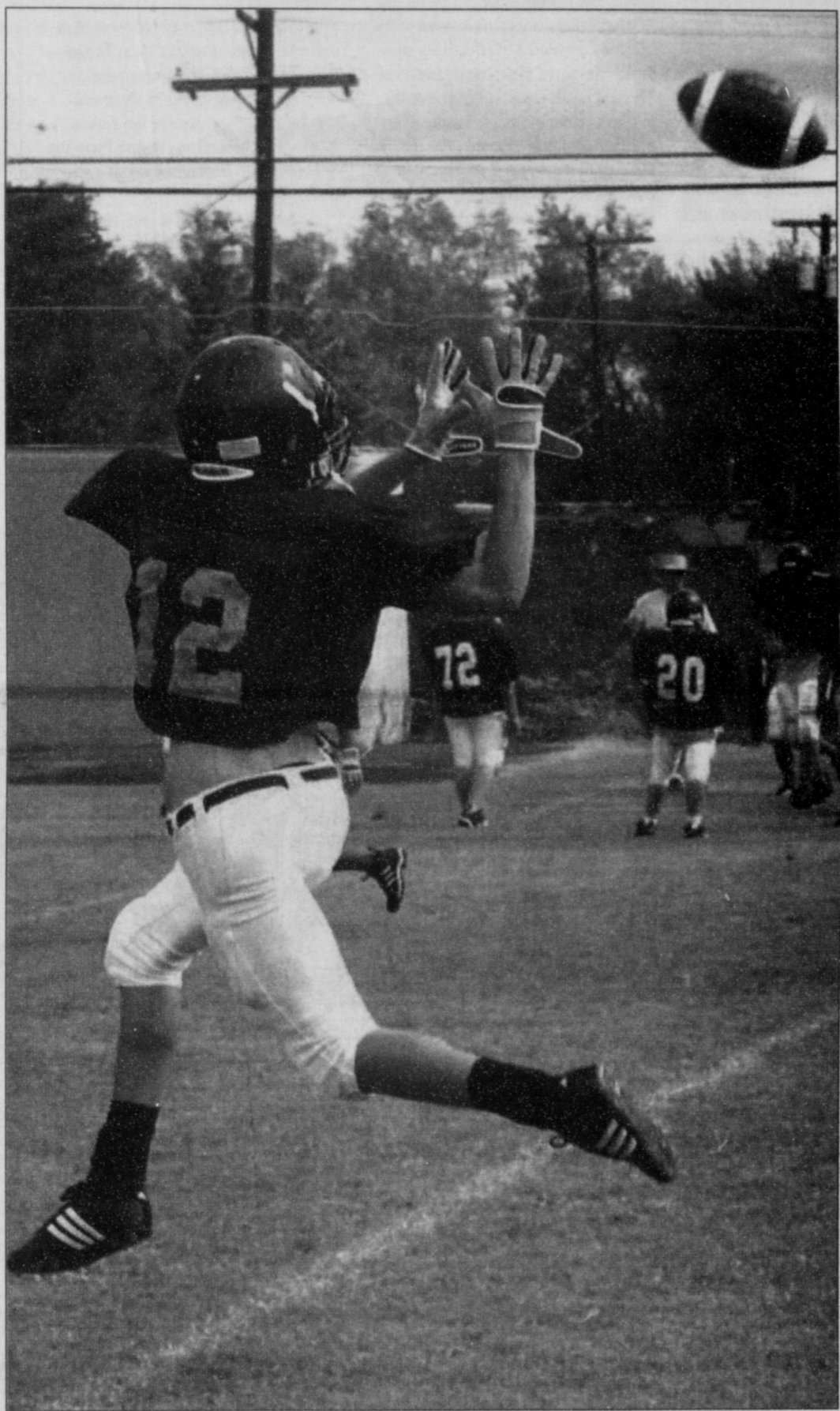
The Donley County Chamber of Commerce is having a meeting to critique this year's July 4th Celebration and to plan the 2009 Saints' Roost Celebration.

The meeting will be held Thursday, August 14, at 5:30 at the Burton Memorial Library. The public is invited to attend.

Transit taking bus route applications

Panhandle Transit is taking applications for the Local Transit bus route for the new school year 2008/2009 starting August 6, until all seats are full.

For more information, you can call 806-874-2573 or come by 416 South Kearney to pick up an application.



Eye on the ball

Jesus Hernandez, a senior Bronco football player, goes long for a catch during two-a-days Monday morning at Bronco Stadium. The Broncos will kick-off this year's season on August 29 at 7:30 in Claude. The public will have the opportunity to meet this year's athletes during the annual "Meet the Broncos," which will be held Thursday, August 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the Bronco Stadium. Watermelon will be served afterwards.

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New charge filed against Brinkley

The Lelia Lake man charged in the July kidnapping case of a McLean resident now faces the additional charge of aggravated sexual assault.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said 37-year-old James Michael Brinkley received the additional charge last Wednesday while still in custody on the aggravated kidnapping charge. He was arraigned by County Judge Jack Hall, and bond on the sexual assault charge was set at \$100,000.

Brinkley is now accused of raping a 32-year-old white female at his trailer house near Lelia Lake on July 28.

The new charge stems from the ongoing investigation of the kidnapping case that occurred on that same date. The woman in the case is no longer being identified because of the sexual assault charge.

The case began July 28 when a 52-year-old McLean man was reportedly kidnapped in Amarillo by two or possibly three subjects. He was bound and put in a white van which was later being driven through Clarendon, followed by

the victim's red Lincoln Navigator, which was driven by one of the suspects.

The vehicles then pulled off at Lowe's Family Center in Clarendon about noon that day. There the McLean man managed to free himself, injure one suspect, and escape into the supermarket.

The man reported another person, a woman, was being held against her will. She was found later that day and reported being held at a residence near Lelia Lake by Brinkley.

The woman was subsequently arrested on drug charges.

Another suspect, John E. Arbuckle, age 38, of Childress, was stopped by a Donley County Deputy the day after the kidnapping for a traffic violation last Tuesday and arrested on outstanding warrants.

Both Brinkley and Arbuckle remained in custody Tuesday morning. The woman in the case has been released on bond.

The investigation in the kidnapping case is still ongoing. Blackburn says he expects additional charges will be filed soon in Amarillo.

Manslaughter charge filed in local death

A Clarendon man is facing a manslaughter charge in the death of Thomas Childress Herman.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said Raymond Ballard, age 37, was arrested last Wednesday as part of the ongoing investigation into Herman's death.

Herman, age 52, was found dead in his Clarendon apartment at Fourth and Gorst on the morning of July 7.

Sheriff Blackburn and Chief Deputy Randy Bond conducted an investigation, and an autopsy was ordered by Justice of the Peace Connie Havens, the results of which are still pending.

It was soon discovered that

forged checks were being written in Herman's name; and, on July 9, Ballard was arrested and charged with possession of forged checks with Herman's name on them. Ballard was also charged with possessing stolen credit cards not belonging to Herman.

Blackburn said a polygraph was run on Ballard on July 17 and a statement was received from the accused. That led Blackburn to meet with District Attorney Luke Inman on August 8 and receive the official complaint and charge of manslaughter.

Ballard remained in the Donley County Jail Monday morning with bond set at \$50,000

Clarendon sales tax revenue climbs slightly

Clarendon's sales tax revenues rose slightly last month, according to information released Friday by Texas Comptroller Susan Combs.

The city received a sales tax allocation of \$32,280.88 for July, up 7.25 percent from the same period one year ago.

This is year's sales tax revenue has been up and down from month to month. The new allocation brings

the city's year-to-date sales tax collections to \$204,347.61, which is an increase of 3.03 percent for this time last year.

Hedley's allocation also increased with an allocation of \$831.26, up 4.25 percent from last August and bringing the year-to-date figure to \$5,087.47, up 4.24 percent.

Howardwick saw a decrease this month of 6.94 percent for an

allocation of \$896.98. That city is still up 8.63 percent for the year-to-date.

Combs said the state collected \$1.8 billion in sales tax revenue in July, up 10.4 percent compared to one year ago.

"Through July, fiscal 2008 state sales tax collections are up 6.5 percent," Combs said. "The Texas economy remains strong; however,

we continue to monitor the slower growth seen nationally."

Combs sent \$583.4 million in August sales tax allocations to local governments, up 9.2 percent compared to August 2007. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to local governments are up 6.3 percent compared to this time last year.

Combs sent sales tax payments of \$393.1 million to Texas cities, up

8 percent compared to last August. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax revenues surpass 2007 by 5.4 percent.

July state sales tax revenue and August allocations to local governments represent sales taxes collected in June by businesses that report sales taxes monthly and sales taxes collected in April, May and June by quarterly filers.



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guest commentary

No tax hike needed for US budget

By Richard W. Rahn, Cato Institute

Over the past 40 years, do you think the federal government has become relatively larger or smaller in relation to the size of the economy?

The federal government, in terms of taxes and spending as a share of total gross domestic product (GDP), has remained almost constant for decades, even though it has grown steadily in absolute terms. (State and local governments, however, have been growing as a share of GDP, and burdensome regulations have been growing at all levels of government.)

Even though income tax rates by the end of the Reagan administration (1988) were less than half the rates of 1968, tax revenue as a percentage of GDP was actually a bit higher. Budget deficits have averaged about 3 percent of GDP for the last 40 years, and the government debt as a percentage of GDP (approximately 37 percent) is close to its historical average for the last half-century. As the numbers show, those who say disaster is upon us and we must increase taxes are just plain wrong!

There has been a big shift in spending by the federal government over the last few decades, from defense to "entitlements," specifically Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and other welfare, medical and federal employee retirement programs. Many of those who insist that tax increases are needed argue that the entitlement programs will grow more rapidly than the economy and they must be funded. The problem with this argument is that tax increases will slow economic growth, and that no amount of tax increase can fund these programs if they are allowed to continue to grow faster than the economy. Fortunately, there are solutions that do not require any tax increase at all or substantial benefit cuts.

Other countries have solved, or are solving, the social security problem through privatization. The renowned economist, Jose Pinera, developed the world's first, major, privatized social security system when he was labor minister in Chile. The Chilean program has been in effect for 29 years, is fully phased in, and has provided the workers with a rate of return exceeding 10 percent per year compounded, resulting in many Chileans having a very large investment portfolio for retirement. The Pinera system has been so successful that more than 30 countries have now adopted it. We now know, in both theory and practice, that privatized social security provides a much better retirement for workers with far more flexibility. Mr. Pinera, working with the Cato Institute, has developed a plan for the U.S. that does not require any tax increases and would fully protect those nearing retirement, while giving younger workers the probability of having a much higher return on their retirement contributions, along with great flexibility as to when they retire.

Likewise, the existing problems with Medicare, Medicaid, etc. can be solved by largely moving to privatized and market-based systems. Greatly expanded Health Savings Accounts coupled with catastrophic insurance will solve the problem for most people, with government programs reserved for the relatively few who are unable to work or earn enough. Again, several major U.S. think tanks have developed detailed programs of how to do this without tax increases. (Note: health-care spending in the U.S. is a much larger percentage of GDP than in any other country. Yet, because of the poor design of the health-care systems - primarily due to disincentives created by government - the cost-effectiveness is far below what it could be.)

The good news is that the actual numbers show that it is possible to responsibly develop a program to eliminate the income tax and replace it with a relatively low-rate (less than 10 percent) sales tax. Once Social Security and Medicare privatizations are fully phased in, there would no longer be a need for the federal government to collect taxes to support these programs, which now account for close to half of the budget.

Up until now, the sales tax proponents, such as former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, have not been able to gain traction because the sales tax rate to replace all of the present income and payroll taxes - at least 23 percent - is viewed as too high. But if most of the entitlements were privatized and counterproductive government subsidies and programs eliminated, a sales tax could easily provide all of the revenue needed for the necessary functions of government.

This program would be real constructive "change." What is needed is a candidate who is bold enough and courageous enough to take on the special interests and run with it.

Richard W. Rahn is a senior fellow at the Cato Institute and chairman of the Institute for Global Economic Growth.

Troops votes must count this fall

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

The Great State of Texas has always enjoyed a tremendous partnership with our military. Our state is home to 15 major military installations, and one out of every ten men and women in a U.S. military uniform calls Texas home. Likewise, Texans are extremely proud of our state's 1.7 million veterans. As I travel throughout Texas, I'm always struck by the remarkable sacrifices made by our men and women in uniform.

Not long ago during a memorial service for a South Texas soldier who made the ultimate sacrifice in Iraq, I was reminded yet again of why our military service members are so critically important to this nation and our American way of life. Below are a few lines from a poem that was shared that day for the fallen soldier's family. While just words, they gave me an enormous sense of pride in that soldier and all Americans who put on the uniform.

It is the soldier, not the president, who has given us democracy.

It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the soldier, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to protest...

Likewise, it is our troops, not our elected officials, who safeguard the most fundamental of American rights - the right to vote. I am greatly troubled, however, by the knowledge that our troops are yet again in danger of becoming disenfranchised. There are disturbing indications that the United States is failing our military personnel overseas

when it comes to protecting and ensuring their voting rights.

Statistics compiled by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) paint an alarming picture. According to the EAC, only 992,000 of the six million eligible military and overseas voters were able to request an absentee ballot for the November 2006 election, and only 330,000 of those ballots were filled out and actually reached local election officials. That means that only 5.5 percent of eligible military and overseas voters were able to fill out a ballot and mail it in.

Congress enacted laws, such as the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act of 1986 and the Help America Vote Act of 2002, to ensure that our troops and their family members have a voice in choosing their elected leaders at the federal level.

But according to the statistics we have from the 2006 elections and other indicators, our military voters - especially those overseas - still face major roadblocks to participating in elections. The current system for overseas military voters is just too cumbersome and too convoluted to effectively serve those who serve the cause of freedom. There is much more work to be done to improve our system to ensure every military vote gets counted. For the finest military in the world, I am confident that this task is an achievable one and, more importantly, one worth undertaking.

To that end, as a member of the Senate Armed Services and Judiciary Committees, I have asked the U.S. Attorney General to take action and investigate whether the federal agency charged with assisting and enabling our military voters, called the Federal Voting

Assistance Program, is doing all it can to help our military voters. Each day, our men and women in uniform make extraordinary efforts in the defense of our freedom, both at home and on faraway fields of battle, such as Iraq and Afghanistan. I will not be satisfied until the efforts of the Federal Voting Assistance Program, to protect and promote these basic civil rights of our military personnel overseas, match the daily efforts of our troops.

To give our troops a louder and clearer voice at the polls, I have introduced the Military Voting Protection Act, which aims to reduce delays and red tape in the absentee voting system currently in place for our overseas troops by requiring the Department of Defense to take a more active role in the process. Under my bill, the department would have to collect the completed absentee ballots of our overseas troops and then express-ship them back to the U.S. in time to be counted, tracking the ballots while they are in transit and confirming their delivery when they arrive at local election offices.

Our American men and women in uniform, a great many of them Texans, make tremendous sacrifices in the defense of freedom and the American way of life. They deserve the government's very best efforts to give them the opportunity to participate in our democratic process.

Our call to action is loud and clear: We must make sure that their votes will count this November - and in every future election. The right to vote is too important to deny it to the very same individuals who risk their lives defend-



Nuclear power needed for future

Soaring energy costs are taxing our economy and leaving us dangerously dependent on foreign energy sources. The U.S. Department of Energy projects that our need for electricity will increase 25 percent by 2030. While global demand increases, worldwide energy supply remains fairly stagnant, unnecessarily restrained by government regulations and prohibitions. In order to reduce the cost of fuel and power and ensure we can meet energy demands into the future, we must increase domestic supply and expand our portfolio of energy options. Now is the time to make nuclear power a greater part of America's energy solution.

Nuclear power is a clean, efficient, domestic source of energy, but it is currently underutilized. From 1950 through the 1970s, there was a surge in U.S. nuclear power, and over 100 reactors were commissioned in 31 states. However, by the end of the 1970s, construction on nuclear reactors slowed. Federal research and development funding for nuclear technology declined as investors pursued sources of electricity with lower capital and development costs. America began to turn away from nuclear power.

Meanwhile, other nations, like France, began to develop nuclear technology and made it a centerpiece of their energy portfolios. Though the entire country of France is over 50,000 square miles smaller than Texas, it now has 59 of the world's 439 nuclear units. A whopping 80 percent of its power is nuclear-generated. Japan - roughly half the size of France - has 55 nuclear power plants. Though the U.S. has 104 reactors, a new one has not been constructed since 1977. Nuclear produc-

tion accounts for a mere 20 percent of the electricity we use.

Fortunately, America is on the verge of a nuclear renaissance - and Texas is poised to play a central role. Our state is on track to build the nation's first nuclear reactors in 30 years with the expansion of the South Texas Project (STP) nuclear station in Bay City. These new reactors will double the existing STP production levels, helping to ensure that Texas' increasing energy demands will be met. Additionally, construction and operation of the units will generate thousands of new jobs in Texas.

Passage of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 signaled a shift in this direction, with provisions to spur investment in nuclear power infrastructure. Many in Congress believe a goal of 45 new nuclear power plants in the U.S. by 2030 is reasonable. Policymakers from both sides of the aisle, industry leaders, environmentalists, members of the business community, and the ranks of academia are increasingly rallying around nuclear energy as an important part of the solution.

The Nuclear Energy Institute reports that our nation's 104 nuclear plants operate 24/7 and produce power approximately 90 percent of the time. This surpasses the output efficiency levels of all other power sources. Furthermore, nuclear power is low in cost compared to other fuel sources that are

used for electricity. In our present energy crunch, natural gas, which is sensitive to market fluctuations, is significantly more expensive than when it was considered a good substitute for nuclear power. One uranium fuel pellet - smaller than a peanut - yields as much electricity as 17,000 cubic feet of natural gas.

Nuclear power has a proven safety record. U.S. reactors have collectively logged more than 3,000 reactor-years of operating experience, while quietly powering cities and towns across the nation. The U.S. Navy has more than 5,500 reactor-years under its belt. Our fleet of over 80 nuclear-powered submarines and aircraft carriers has operated accident-free in international waters and has docked in ports across the world for more than 50 years.

It is also one of our cleanest forms of energy. Nuclear power, which emits little or no greenhouse gases, presents a reliable, environmentally-favorable alternative to other sources of fuel.

In July, I sent a letter to Energy Secretary Sam Bodman, urging the Energy Department to swiftly approve the application for Texas' two new reactors. There are presently 23 applications for construction on new U.S. nuclear power plants. Four of them, including the STP reactors, could be slated for Texas - more than any other state. It is my hope that the approval and completion of the STP reactors will pave the way for nuclear power plant construction across our nation.

Nuclear power must play a significant role as America strides toward an energy-efficient and independent future.



capitol comment

by sen. kay bailey hutchison

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conservation area, within 120 days meters will be installed on every well capable of producing over 25,000 gallons per day at the owner's expense.

Each producer will be checked to make sure they are only producing 1 acre-foot per contiguous acre owned or leased the first year. Production will never be reduced below 0.2 acre-feet per acre.

Producers who exceed the maximum usage could face fines of up to \$10,000 per day under state law.

While ag producers understand the concerns of the declining groundwater levels, they are equally concerned about their ability to produce sufficient crops and maintain their livelihoods if restrictions are placed on the amount of water they can pump.

Green says he understands the concerns of local farmers.

"I'm right there with them. I am an irrigation farmer, and the water is my life."

But Green also said that the District is trying to make sure that future generations have water available.

"In the High Plains and North Plains districts, they have already gone too far and pumped too much water," Green said. "Some areas in Colorado and New Mexico can't even drill new wells. We don't want to get to that point."

Suggestions to farmers include growing a crop that requires 15" or less of water per year, splitting crops under the pivot with a lower water use crop, or leasing water rights from grasslands contiguous to you. To be contiguous, your property lines must be joined by 1/4 mile.

In the worst case scenario, if we do not receive sufficient rainfall, producers could face further restrictions in the future.

Green said that there are a lot of things that need to be discussed and understood before final decisions are made.

"I personally don't think we have enough information to start the regulation business," he said.

The PGCD encourages all interested parties to attend the public hearing and express their concerns on Wednesday, August 20, at 1:30 p.m. at the District Office at 201 West Third Street, White Deer, Texas.

Following the public hearing, the PGCD board will take action in regard to initiating the restrictions in the Conservation Area. Green said the PGCD board will have to choose between enacting the Conservation Area rules or just continuing the Study Area.

For a map of the affected area, visit the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District's website at www.pgcd.us.

the lion's tale by roger estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting with Third Vice President Debra Kuhl presiding before the arrival of Boss Lion Cameron Word.

We had 16 members, Lion Sweetheart Audrey Jones, and two guests this week. Our guests were Ashlee Estlack, guest of Lion Roger Estlack; and Dr. John Howard, who presented our program.

Dr. Howard is a Navy officer who recently finished a tour of duty in Iraq with the Marine Corps. He joined the service at age 35 to give something back to his country and continued that service as a reservist. Howard spoke about his years of service and addressed the global War on Terror that the United States is now involved in.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

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Thur	7	100°	70°	-
Fri	8	94°	69°	T
Sat	9	95°	70°	-
Sun	10	102°	71°	-

Total precipitation this month: 1.27"
Total precipitation to date: 7.27"
Total precipitation in July last year: 1.83"
Total YTD last year: 17.88"

weekend forecast

 Friday, Aug. 15
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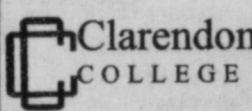
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- August 23**
Back To School Block Party • City Park • Noon
- August 24**
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- August 27**
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Donley County Senior Citizens
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Thu: Tacos, Spanish rice, fruit salad, Mexican wedding cake, chips/salsa.
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Mon: Swiss steak, French fries, green peas, Waldorf salad, sliced peaches, biscuit.
Tue: Mexican casserole, Spanish rice, golden hominy, tossed salad, cookies, chips & crackers.
Wed: Roast beef & gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, pea salad, watermelon, roll.
Thu: Stuffed bell peppers, tater tots, beans, cucumber/onion salad, muffins, roll.
Fri: Steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, Harvard beets, tossed salad, bread pudding, roll.

CC students now arriving for fall semester

Students are beginning to arrive on campus as we gear up for a new semester at Clarendon College. The volleyball team returned to campus this weekend, and the teams for our brand new cross country program will start arriving at the end of the week. Registration dates for this semester are scheduled for Monday, August 25, and Tuesday, August 26, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Evening registration will be held on Monday, August 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. The Schedule of Classes is available at www.clarendoncollege.edu. Welcome Week is jam packed with activities and will kick off on Sunday, August 24, when the

dorms open and all students return to campus. A Back to School Cookout will be on Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Bairfield Activity Center. On Monday, August 25, Movie Night will be held at 7 p.m. in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center Auditorium with a showing of "Stop-Loss." The annual Homemade Ice Cream Social will be Tuesday, August 26, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the BAC. The Women's Volleyball team will kick off the year as they take on Ranger College at home on Thursday, August 27. We invite everyone to come out to Pack the Gym Night

at 5:30 p.m. and cheer on the Lady Bulldogs. A Back to School Dance will be held on Friday, August 28, at 9 p.m. in the BAC. A Water Day is planned for Friday, August 29, from 1 to 4 p.m. and will include slip 'n slide, sand volleyball, and water games at the track and sand volleyball court. The Game Room Grand Opening will be held on Saturday, August 30, at 11 a.m. and the movie "What

Happens in Vegas" will be shown on Sunday, August 31, at 2 p.m. in the Auditorium. The Second Annual Faculty and Staff v. Softball Team Slowpitch Softball game will be held on Monday, September 1, at 7 p.m. Dinner will be served before the game at 5 p.m. in the BAC. Classes begin Wednesday, August 27. If you would like more information about registering for classes or about any of the events we have planned, please stop by and see us anytime or call us at 874-3571. We are open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.

Arbor Day Foundation offers free tree guide

The Arbor Day Foundation is offering a new tree identification guidebook that is now easier to use and will help an average person identify trees in a simple, step-by-step process. *What Tree Is That?* now features full-color, hand drawn botanical illustrations of the distinctive characteristics of America's most popular trees. Recreational and professional arborists alike have called this pocket field guide one of the most user-friendly resources to have at their fingertips. Its beautiful illustrations are in precise detail to depict natural colors, shapes, and textures, so users can make a positive species identification in just a few easy steps. The Arbor Day Foundation now offers the guidebook to help people identify trees in Texas and throughout the Eastern and Central United States. *What Tree Is That?* uses a unique step-by-step approach, explaining what to look for to determine the species of a specific tree – the shape of the leaves, the differences in the leaf stems and twig structures, the fruits and flowers, the details of buds and bark, etc. "Helping people enjoy and appreciate trees is central to the educational mission of the Arbor Day Foundation," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "We wanted to give people a resource to help identify trees so they will be able to better appreciate them." To obtain a guide, send your name and address and \$5 to *What Tree Is That?*, Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

H-wick couple gets trip for 50th anniversary

The third Friday of the month is coming up, and you know what that means, Friendship Club and lots of fun. The South Georgia Gang from South Georgia Baptist Church in Amarillo will bring the program, and usually when a "gang" shows up, you have fun. So bring a neighbor and your favorite food and meet at 6:30 at City Hall for potluck and music. On August 8, 1958, Hulen and Eva Bright were married in Fort Worth. To celebrate their 50th anniversary their three children,

Susan, Eddie and Sharon, flew them to Jacksonville, Florida; and what a wonderful trip they had with daughter Susie and family! They enjoyed a four-day deep-sea fishing trip and fish fry along with all the sights of Florida. Quite a change from the Texas Panhandle! Congratulations, Eva and Hulen, and many more years together. In the spring Mother Rabbit had five babies under a tree stump in the front flower bed, which we named Flopsy, Mopsy, Topsy, Cottontail

and Peter after the characters in the book "Peter Rabbit." Peter is the only one still around, and we have enjoyed him so much this summer. He loves to play and is delighted to have another rabbit come visit. Well, it seems Mother liked our

stump because this week two more babies emerged from the nest. We didn't name them, and they seem to be gone. I guess they didn't like our version of Mr. MacGregor's garden. My knee is healing well seven weeks after knee replacement surgery. I am walking without a cane and am doing more around the house than before my surgery, which Ole Jim is happy about. I still have a limp, but it is better, and I think it will go away soon. Prayers, phone calls, and best wishes have been such a help; thank you everyone.

Methodists, Baptists to raise voices in song

We were sorry to hear about the passing of James Potts. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Oretta and all of the family. Some members of the Hedley Methodist Church went to Claude Saturday night, August 9, to see the Gospel Jubilee. They had an enjoyable time. Also, the Hedley Methodist Church would like to invite everyone to a Community Singing that they are sharing with the Hedley Baptist Church on August 31 at 6:00 p.m. Well, our "girls" went home to Burleson, Saturday, August 9.

We had lots of fun with Emory and Dasia. They got to play with all my animals. They did chores to earn money to spend. We stopped by Estelline at the motorcycle poker run, and they got their picture taken with a real live "biker" and with Joe Davis, KLSR DecJay. I took them out in the country and let them drive. They thought they were big stuff. We went swimming and just had a great time with them. Now it is very quiet at our house. We are expecting their new

little sister any day now. Recipe: Breakfast Pizza: Prep: 10 mins, Cook: 10 mins, Ready in: 20 mins. Ingredients: 1/2 cup chopped Canadian bacon, 1/2 cup chopped onions, 1/4 cup chopped green bell pepper, 1/4 cup chopped tomatoes, 2 whole eggs, 5 egg whites, 1/2 cup reduced-fat shredded Cheddar cheese, 3 whole grain English muffins halved. Instructions: In skillet coated with nonstick cooking spray, cook bacon for 2 minutes or until brown. Add onion and green pepper, sautéing until tender. Add tomatoes and cook for 1 minute. Remove from pan and set aside. In small bowl, whisk eggs and egg whites. In same nonstick skillet scramble eggs. When eggs are almost done, stir in bacon, onion, and tomato mixture. Meanwhile toast muffin halves. Top muffin halves with eggs and sprinkle with cheese.

Friendship Club will meet Friday night

The Howardwick Friendship Club will meet this Friday, August 15, at City Hall. This month's meeting will have a "Write and Bite" theme. Write down your favorite recipe and bring that dish for the pot luck meal. The fun starts at 6:30 p.m.

4-H signs up new kids

Several kids showed up on Friday, August 8, 2008, at the Clarendon Country Club with towels, swimsuits, friends, parents, and papers. Why? So their parents could renew their child's 4-H membership while the kids had fun in the sun. The kids had hot dogs and swam the whole time. Donley County 4-H offers many Kid-Friendly projects. To enroll, contact the Donley County Extension Office at 874-2141.



Kids at the 4-H sign up last Friday at the Clarendon Country Club.

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Obituaries

Potts

Milford James Potts, 77, died Friday, August 8, 2008, in Amarillo.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2008, in the First Baptist Church in Hedley with Rev. Bruce Howard, Pastor, and Rev. Ervin Emmert, Pastor of the United Methodist Church in Hedley, officiating.

Burial followed at Rowe Cemetery in Hedley. Services were under the arrangement of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon. Mr. Potts was born August 17, 1930, in Lakeview to Milford Grover and Estella Gracie Curtis Potts. He married Oretta Sanders on May 29, 1954, in Hedley. He was a farmer and rancher. He had been a lifetime resident of Hedley. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Hedley.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Perry Joe Potts; and three sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Oretta Potts of Hedley; a son, James Edward Potts and wife Timber Lee of Hedley; a grandson, James Lee Potts of Hedley; and many other family members and friends. The family requests that memorials be to

Rowe Cemetery Association.

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Overstreet

Kelly Scott Overstreet, 41, died Friday, August 8, 2008, in Shamrock.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 14, 2008, in the First Baptist Church in Wellington with Rev. James McCloud and Rev. Kevin Everett, officiating.

Burial with Military Honors will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 15, 2008, in New Velma Cemetery in Velma, Oklahoma, with Rev. Ron Baker, officiating. Services are under the arrangement of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Kelly was born March 7, 1967, in Borger to Ken and Karen Wallace Overstreet. He had been a prison guard for TDCJ of Childress. He had been a resident of Wellington for 13 years and served as a Deputy Sheriff for the Collingsworth County Sheriff's Office and had moved to Shamrock 6 months ago to become a police officer for the Shamrock Police Department. He had received a Bachelor's Degree from Texas Tech University. He was a certified TCCOSE peace officer. He served in the US Army for four years and was stationed in Alaska. He had planned

to start working towards achieving a Master's Degree very soon. He was a beloved son, brother, and loving father. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Wellington.

Survivors include his parents, Ken W. Overstreet and Karen Overstreet of Glenpool, OK; his fiancé, Sherry Youngblood of Atlanta, Georgia; two sons, Nicholas Scott Overstreet of Shamrock and Kenneth William Overstreet of Clarendon; two daughters, Brittney Leigh-Ann Overstreet of Shamrock, and Taylor Danielle Overstreet of Clarendon; two brothers, Kevin Overstreet and wife Elizabeth of Lubbock, and Keith Overstreet of Glenpool, Okla.

The family requests memorial contributions be to Velma Cemetery Association, PO Box 5, Velma, OK 73491 or Wellington Cemetery Association, PO Box 321, Wellington, Texas 79095.

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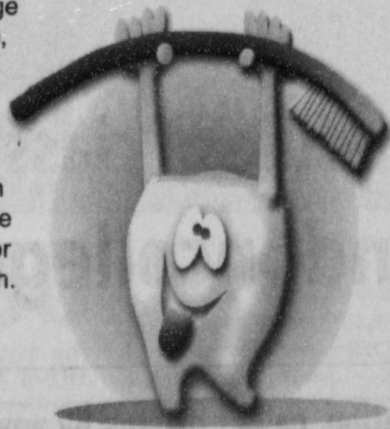
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TxDOT begins seal coat operation in area

CHILDRESS - Various roadways will be getting a fresh, new look this summer as highway construction crews start putting down a new rock and asphalt [seal coat] surface.

Work got underway on August 5, 2008; and weather permitting, the estimated completion date is October 6, 2008.

According to Rickey Gonzales, TxDOT Chief Seal Coat Inspector,

this \$7.7 million project is part of an annual preventive maintenance program across the 13-county Childress TxDOT district.

"Seal coat" is a rock and asphalt layer put down on the highway to reseal the surface and keep moisture from damaging the road base. It extends the life of the highway.

The seal coat project began in Knox County and will move to the other counties in the Childress Dis-

trict in this order: Foard, Hardeman, Cottle, Childress, Hall, Collingsworth, Wheeler, Donley, Briscoe, and Dickens Counties.

The contractor for this project is Ronald R. Wagner & Company, L.P., of Kendalia, Texas.

"Motorists will encounter workers who will direct them through the work zone, and there will be brief lane closures in those areas on the two-lane roadways where seal coat

work is being done," said Rickey Gonzales.

"Drivers should always use caution and drive carefully and choose alternate routes if possible while the seal coat work is underway," Gonzales said.

Anyone with questions about this or any other TxDOT project should contact Barbara Seal, Public Information Officer at 940-937-7288.

IRS tips help offset education costs with tax credits

DALLAS - It is Back-to-School time and maybe time for a tax break, too. Education credits can help lower your tax bill for 2008.

"The Hope Credit or the Lifetime Learning Credit may help offset the cost of higher education for you, your spouse, and your dependents," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas.

The amount of these credits is based on the qualified education expenses, such as college or vocational school tuition and enrollment fees, that you paid during the year and may be limited by your modified

adjusted gross income. Room and board, insurance, or personal living expenses are not considered qualified education expenses.

The Hope Credit, which is up to a \$1,800 tax credit per student per year, is available for only the first two years of college or vocational school.

The Lifetime Learning Credit, which is up to a \$2,000 tax credit per tax return, applies to undergraduate, graduate and professional degree courses, and there is no limit to the number of years you can take this credit.

Are you paying Student Loan interest? You may be able to deduct up to \$2,500 from your income per tax return. Student Loan interest may be deducted even while your student is in school if you are paying the interest immediately rather than deferring the payments.

You cannot claim the Hope Credit and the Lifetime Learning Credit for the same student in the same year. You will want to choose the credit that provides the greatest benefit. However, you can claim the Student Interest Loan deduction and one of the credits simultaneously.

Additional information on the Hope and Lifetime Learning Credits and Student Loan Interest Deduction is available in Publication 970, Tax Benefits for Education, found on the IRS Web site at IRS.gov or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

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Thornberry joins House protest

WASHINGTON, DC - Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) last week took to the floor of the House, joined by other Members of the House Republican Conference, to demand a vote on comprehensive domestic energy production legislation.

"To leave and do nothing is just irresponsible to me," Thornberry said. "It is a major neglect of one of the primary responsibilities of Congress for the Speaker to recess the House without passing a comprehensive domestic energy production bill."

"Over a year ago I introduced H.R. 3089, 'The No More Excuses Energy Act of 2007.' The bill would encourage more domestic production of all forms of energy: oil, gas, nuclear, and renewables, such as wind.

"Since the bill was introduced, a discharge petition has been filed to try to force it to the floor for a vote, and it has been proposed as an amendment to a variety of other bills. But the Speaker has never allowed it to come to a vote because the Speaker is opposed to more domestic energy production; and if a vote were to occur, the Speaker's position would lose, so she's not going to risk that," noted Thornberry.

"Tying our own hands on energy production is foolish. We have to untie them or the quality of life for every American is going to suffer, and the only way to untie our hands is to convince the Speaker to call a vote on a comprehensive domestic energy production bill."

GOP lawmakers began a spontaneous revolt to protest the Democrats' decision to adjourn the House for the five-week August recess without giving the House a chance to vote on Republican legislation to curb rising gas prices.

Even after Democrats turned off the lights and microphones, and with TV cameras shut down, Republicans kept talking to rally public support for more domestic energy production. Republicans have threatened to keep their uprising going to pressure the Speaker for a vote on comprehensive domestic energy production legislation.



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Drugs in the News

Kids with Peanut Allergies Need Epi-Pen Handy

Peanut allergies are back in the news with a recent Canadian report that about half of children with this type allergy routinely do not have their epinephrine autoinjection (Epi-Pen) with them when they are at school. Surveying over 250 schoolchildren with known allergy to peanuts, researchers found that the largest group kept the device in the school nurse's office. One report indicates that 35 states in the US have passed legislation that allows students with this allergy to carry their epinephrine autoinjector with them at school. Having epinephrine on hand and self injecting it immediately reduces the risk of a possible severe or potentially deadly reaction. When given quickly, epinephrine works against such reactions as in bronchial spasms, drop in blood pressure, and/or swelling around the throat, in such a way that an individual may not be able to breathe.

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Combs offers free energy assessments

AUSTIN—Saving energy can help farmers and ranchers increase their profits while also helping to preserve Texas' energy resources, Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said today as she premiered a new initiative to promote energy efficiency in agriculture.

The new Texas Agricultural Technical Assistance Program will provide farm and ranch operations information about cost-effective energy choices, aid in accessing funding and incentive sources, conduct training and offer free Energy Assessment Reports (EARs) of producers' buildings and facilities. The State Energy Conservation Office (SECO), a division of the Comptroller's office, will conduct the program.

Combs said farmers and ranchers could benefit from the free assessments that examine utility costs and energy consumption in farm and business operations.

Producers can also use assistance in finding loan and grant programs to increase efficiency or purchase renewable energy systems.

"Rising energy costs impact all sectors of our economy, but agriculture producers in Texas now have new opportunities to streamline operations, reduce costs and remain competitive," Combs said. "To help farmers and ranchers face these significant challenges, this program will identify incentives to move toward more energy-efficient farms, reducing energy costs, increasing available capital, spurring economic growth and improving the working environment."

SECO will run the Texas Agricultural Technical Assistance Program in partnership with EnSave Inc., USDA Rural Development, the Texas Association of Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Areas Inc. and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. By

working together, this partnership will maximize the effectiveness of energy efficiency activities within the Texas agricultural sector.

"Investing in our communities through improved energy efficiency in farming operations is a win-win opportunity for state agriculture," Combs said. "We want to make Texas-made products available to every market in the world, and we can keep prices competitive when farmers operate efficiently."

The Texas Agricultural Technical Assistance Program will provide Texas agricultural operations with free EARs for their farm buildings and facilities. The reports will collect data regarding energy consumption usage and information about the farming equipment used in production. These reports will identify opportunities to save on energy costs and recommend changes concerning electricity, propane and diesel fuel within the farm operation.

This program will also help agricultural producers access additional funds to implement energy efficiency projects, such as grants and guaranteed loan funds available through the USDA Rural Development Section 9007, Rural Energy for America Program (REAP), utility company incentives or other funds (loan funds, economic development funds). Some of these loans and grants can help agricultural producers make energy efficiency improvements to their existing operations or install their own renewable energy systems.

The nearest meetings will be held in Lubbock as follows: Program Information Workshop: Aug. 25, 2008, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Grant Writing Training: Aug. 26, 2008, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; and Data Collector Training: Aug. 27-29, 2008, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

For more information, call EnSave at (800) 732-1399.

Back To School BLOCK PARTY

Saturday, August 23
At Clarendon City Park

12 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Block Party

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Pie & Brisket Cookoff Judging

Dunking Booth • Entertainment
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Farm bill meeting scheduled in Childress

CHILDRESS - Rolling Plains producers can get their questions on the new farm bill answered during a meeting August 25 at the Fair Park Auditorium in Childress, said Lonnie Jenschke, Texas AgriLife Extension Service agriculture and natural resources agent in Childress County.

The meeting will run from 9 a.m. to noon in the Foyer Room with guest speaker Dr. Joe Outlaw, AgriLife Extension economist and

co-director of the Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University.

The program will include an explanation of the Average Crop Revenue Election, or ACRE as it is referred to the farm bill, compared to counter-cyclical payments. Also on the program will be presentations on changes in payment limitations, in adjusted gross income criteria for payment eligibility, and in methods used to develop the posted county

prices. Farm Service Agency officials, as well as AgriLife Extension risk management specialists, will be on hand to give updates.

The meeting is sponsored by AgriLife Extension, the Farm Service Agency, the Childress Co-op Gin and the Childress Ag Committee.

For more information, contact Jenschke at 940-937-2351 or ljenschke@tamu.edu

Rolling, High Plains Alfalfa Production Seminar to be in Clarendon Monday

Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Donley County will be hosting an alfalfa production seminar on Aug. 20 for producers in the Rolling, South, and High Plains.

The seminar will be held at the Methodist Church in Clarendon two blocks south on Jefferson Street off U.S. Highway 287.

Program topics will include: establishment, variety selection, dormancy and winter survival ratings, seasonal water use and nutrient requirements, general weed and insect control, and marketing.

The seminar will be followed by a local producer field visit for discussion and questions on alfalfa management.

Registration will begin at 8:45 a.m., with the program beginning at 9 a.m. and concluding around 1 p.m. There will be no registration fee, although an Alfalfa Management Handbook can be purchased for \$15.

The noon meal will be sponsored by H-L Research, L&M Seed and Humalfa Compost.

Producers attending can earn three continuing education units for their pesticide applicator license.

Reservations are needed by August 10.

To make a reservation or for more information, contact the AgriLife Extension office at 806-874-2141 or 806-282-7680.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Clarendon Consolidated Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM August 26, 2008 in the Functional Living Center located at the corner of Fourth and Patrick Clarendon, Texas 79226.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.04000 / \$100	(Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ 0.00000 / \$100	(proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	6.50000 % increase	or	0.00000 % (decrease)
Debt service	0.00000 % increase	or	0.00000 % (decrease)
Total expenditures	6.50000 % increase	or	0.00000 % (decrease)

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

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 259,817,572.00	\$ 337,123,201.00
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$ 1,161,847.00	\$ 1,727,873.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 133,424,970.00	\$ 129,237,530.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,161,847.00	\$ 1,727,873.00

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.01(2)(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 0.00

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.04000	\$ 2,592.00	\$ 7,832.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.11418	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.11418	\$ 2,893.00	\$ 7,539.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.04000	\$ 2,769.00	\$ 7,852.00

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 31,864.00	\$ 34,610.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 16,864.00	\$ 19,610.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.04	\$ 1.04
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 175.39	\$ 203.94
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 28.55

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

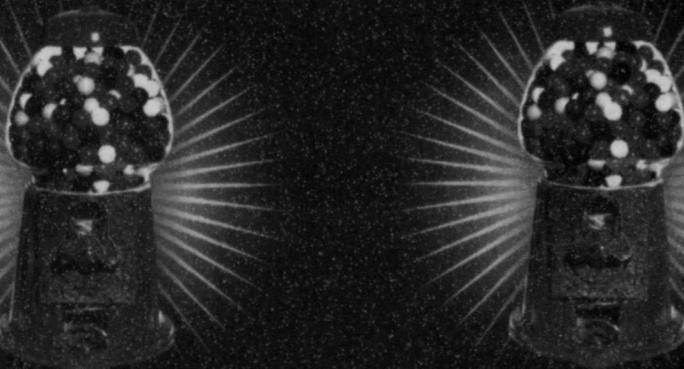
Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.04. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.04.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,047,060.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0.00

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Russell, Johnson win Jack and Jill tourney

By Sandy Anderberg
Steve Russell and Jamie Johnson shot a 120 for the 36-hole Jack and Jill Tournament held at the Clarendon Country Club August 9-10.

Robert and Camilla Maddox finished second with a 130, and Rick and Suzy Jackson took third with a 133.

Ken and Glenda Edwards won the first flight with a 17. Don and Judy Bland and P.J. and Jana Lemons tied with a 139. The Bland

team was awarded second place after a playoff on the card.

George and Gail Leathers won the second flight with a 140, and Redell and Sherol Johnston finished second after a card playoff with a 141. John and Sheri Haynes took third also with a 141. Joe Jackson and Jo Lucas won the third flight with a 145.

Dan and Mary Ann Sawyer finished third with a 146, and Milburn Bunn and Lexie McCutchen were third with a 148. Stephanie Held

was closest to the pin on number 15 at 16'7 1/2", and Jo Lucas had the longest putt on number nine at 9'3".

Bob Hornberger won the weekly men's game with a net 68. Jerry Gage was second with a 69, and Dan Ashford was third with a 70. On Monday, August 4, FG Crofford (age 83) shot 'under' his age with an 82.

Sandy Anderberg and Sherol Johnston tied for low gross in the weekly women's game on Thursday with a 78.

The Club Championship for both the women and the men will be August 23-24. You may call the Pro Shop to enter that tournament.

The pool and the grill are open, and you may take advantage of the dining room each Friday night and Sunday at noon. The Friday night scrambles will be played at 6:00 p.m. each Friday night, and you are encouraged to call before 5:00 p.m. to enter the nine-hole scramble.



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Gospel Music CD Listening Party For Dan Hall First Professional CD

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Church of Christ at The Colonies
45th and Soncy | 4500 Wesley Road
In the "Great Room" | East side of the building
Refreshments will be served

Come prepared to buy as many as you would like!

Dan is a professional Gospel singer from Clarendon, Texas. He is well known in the West Texas Panhandle and is a frequent guest on Larry and Jodi's Gospel Jamboree. He has opened concerts for the Relation's Quartet, Mid-South Boys, Otwell Twins, Florida Boys, Imperials and the Kingsmen.

For information call Dan Hall at 806-662-1579, or Darrell Bledsoe at 806-341-7647

Texas peanut growers honor Agrilife Agent

AMARILLO - Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Agent Dale Dunlap of Collingsworth County was recognized as the "Texas Peanut Producers Board Outstanding County Extension Agent in Peanuts" on August 4 for his exceptional service to the Texas peanut industry.

TPPB Executive Director Shelly Nutt presented Dunlap with the award at the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association's annual meeting and improvement conference in Amarillo. Dunlap was presented with a certificate, a \$300 check, and a gift basket containing Texas-grown products.

"It's a pleasure to recognize our first ever outstanding agent for peanut education," Nutt said. "Dale has an active research program with variety trials for a breeding program, as well as disease and weed control."

Nutt said Dunlap also conducts a yearly peanut field tour that draws in large peanut grower attendance.



Cheer camp

The Bronco Cheerleaders hosted their annual Little Miss Cheerleading Camp on August 5, 6, and 7. Twenty-six girls participated in the High School Musical camp where they learned cheers, chants, dances, jumps and stunts. The girls had a visit from Sparky each day and played games with him and won prizes. The Little Miss cheerleaders will perform at half-time of the Clarendon vs. White Deer game on September 12, 2008.

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Hedley School Supply List

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|---|---|---|
| <p>Early Childhood
3 boxes of Kleenex
1 Paint T-Shirt</p> <p>Kindergarten
Small School Box
1 large 24 count box of #2 pencils (Eagle)
8 count Crayola Crayons & 18 count Crayola Crayons
2 large boxes of Kleenex
1 (Fiskars) scissors
2 pocket folders with no brads
1 box Ziploc bags
1 paint set
1 spiral notebook
\$5 for Weekly Readers
4 small glue sticks</p> <p>1st Grade
36 #2 pencils
2 boxes of 24 count crayons - (write name on boxes)
2 glue sticks
6 pocket folders without brads - (no names or initials)
\$3.75 for Weekly Readers</p> <p>2nd Grade
1 spiral notebook (large)
2 red grading pencils
3 pocket folders
1 small school box
1 box of 24 count crayons
1 package of markers
1 (Fiskar) scissors
2 glue sticks
12 #2 pencils w/ erasers
1 box of Kleenex
1 package of pencil tip erasers</p> | <p>1 package wide ruled notebook paper
\$5 for Weekly Reader & Science Spin</p> <p>3rd Grade
Everything needs to be labeled before school
Small school box (Not a large one)
12 #2 pencils
24 count crayons
12 count map colors
scissors
1 bottle Elmer's School Glue
12 folders with pockets and brads
1 large eraser
2 large boxes of Kleenex
1-in 3-ring binder (not a notebook)
Wide rule notebook paper
2 red grading pens
1 box of multiplication flashcards
1 box of division flashcards
\$5.50 for Time for Kids magazine</p> <p>4th Grade
Notebook paper (wide rule)
6 pocket folders with brads
1 spiral notebook
12 #2 pencils
3 red grading pens or pencils
1 box of map colors
1 box of crayons
1 box of markers
Glue
1 Zippered school bag or school box
Scissors
3 large boxes of Kleenex
\$5.00 for Time for Kids</p> | <p>5th grade
Scissors
1 glue stick
1 small bottle of school glue (Elmer's, etc.)
6 folders with pockets and brads - (various colors, if possible)
1 box washable markers
1 box long colored pencils
2 pkg. wide rule notebook paper
2 red pens
2 pens black or blue
24 #2 pencils
3 boxes of Kleenex
1 12" ruler with inches and centimeters (wooden or hard plastic preferred)
1 small water bottle (optional)
big eraser
pencil sharpener with cavity for shavings
yellow or light colored highlighter
\$5 for Time for Kids magazine subscription</p> <p>The teachers will tell the students in 6th - 12th what school supplies they will need for each class. Just start with the basics.
No Rolling Back Packs Please!</p> <p>Hedley ISD will hold student registration at the following times:
Wednesday, August 13: Grades Pre-K - 5
Thursday, August 14: Grades 6-8
Friday, August 15: Grades 9-12
Register at the main office between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.
Students new to the district please bring necessary documents including birth certificate, social security card and immunization (shot) record.</p> |
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Clarendon 2008-2009 School Supply Lists

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| <p>Pre-K
1 pair Fiskars scissors
2 boxes of 8 large primary colored crayons
1 package primary colored markers
2 glue sticks
1 small Elmer's glue
2 large grip pencils
1 spiral notebook
1 plastic folder (these are more durable and last longer)
2 boxes of Kleenex
1 package of 8 watercolors
1 pair of clothing, included socks/underclothes with child's name labeled on their clothes
small backpack, no rollers please
1 bottle of hand sanitizer</p> <p>Kindergarten
1 small school box (8" x 6")
1 box of 8 crayons (basic colors, standard size)
1 pair scissors (Fiskars)
3 Elmer's school glue, white only
1 box of #2 standard pencils (Yellow, sharpened)
1 box of 8 large markers</p> | <p>(broad line, classic collors)
1 spiral notebook
4 two-pocket folders
1 box of Zip-lock bags (boys-gallon, girls-quart)
1 box of tissue
1 pull-top water bottle
1 watercolor set
1 large towel for resting (no mats please)
6 large glue sticks
\$1.50 for AR folder
\$6 for Weekly Reader and Science Spin</p> <p>First Grade
1 large box tissues
12 six-sided #2 pencils (yellow)
1 box of 24 crayons
2 glue sticks
1 Elmer's school glue
1 watercolor set
2 erasers
1 box of 8 washable markers
5 folders with pockets (solid color)
1 school box
2 spiral notebooks (70-80 page, 10 1/2" x 8")
1 pair scissors (Fiskars brand for kids)
1 paint shirt</p> | <p>1 water bottle (pull-top)
1 backpack
1 box of Zip-lock bags (quart or gallon size)
1 ruler with inch and centimeter markings
\$4.50 for Weekly Reader
\$1.50 for AR folder
\$2.00 for Writing Book</p> <p>Second Grade
6 #2 pencils
1 box colored pencils
1 pink eraser
1 Elmer's glue (white only)
1 box crayons (16 ct.)
1 pair scissors (Fiskars brand for kids)
1 school box (small only, large won't fit in desk)
2 boxes tissue
2 folders with pockets (no brads, plain and inexpensive)
1 spiral notebook - single subject
1 box markers (broadline, primary colors)
1 set of water colors
1 ruler with inch and centimeter marking
2 red pencils
1 package wide-ruled</p> | <p>notebook paper
\$3.50 for Scholastic News
\$1.50 for AR folder
Please do not send 3-ring binders/notebooks</p> <p>Third Grade
Please put child's name on each item
2 red pencils
1 box of 12 map pencils
1 package #2 pencils
1 pink eraser
1 package notebook paper (regular width lines)
4 folders with pockets
1 box Crayola brand crayons
1 box Crayola brand markers
1 pair Fiskars brand pointed school scissors
1 container antibacterial wipes
1 ruler with inch and centimeter markings)
1 Elmer's glue (white only)
1 school supply box (small), or pouch
2 one subject spiral notebooks
\$1.50 for AR folder
\$4.50 for Scholastic News
Please do not send 3-ring binders/notebooks</p> | <p>Fourth Grade
Please put child's name on each item
1 three-ring binder no larger than 2"
1 package loose leaf notebook paper
4 folders with pockets & holes for inserting in binder
1 small spiral notebook
8 #2 pencils (no mechanical)
1 pair scissors (Fiskars brand for kids)
1 Elmer's school glue
1 box crayons
1 12" wooden ruler with metric markings
2 red pencils
1 pencil bag with zipper & holes for inserting in binder
2 boxes of tissue
1 box markers
1 box colored pencils
1 eraser
\$4 for National Geographic Explorer
\$1.50 for AR folder</p> <p>Fifth grade
1 pkg loose leaf notebook paper
1 ink pen, blue or black
1 red ink pen</p> | <p>10 #2 pencils
1 box of map pencils
1 pencil bag - no boxes
1 eraser
1 box crayons
1 pair scissors
1 Elmer's school glue stick
1 12" ruler
2 boxes tissue
1 box colored markers
5 spiral notebooks
5 folders with pockets and fasteners
\$4.50 for Scholastic Newspaper
\$1.50 for AR folder
No large, bulky notebooks please</p> <p>JR High
5 Spiral Notebooks
5 folders with pockets
Blue and back pens
Red pens
Pencils
Notebook Paper
1 box Kleenex
Colored pencils or markers
Glue
Composition book
3-ring binders</p> |
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Girl Scouts, Disney partner to host Cheetah Girls movie

Excited girls from Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains are making the popcorn for the big day-August 23- when they will celebrate *The Cheetah Girls One World* movie release as part of a new collaboration between Girl Scouts of the USA and Disney Channel.

"The girls are going to have so much fun at the party and doing the activities we have planned," said Vivian Cockrell, Girl Scout staff member. "We hope this Indian-themed Girl Scout event to celebrate *The Cheetah Girls One World* movie will help girls appreciate global diversity and allow them to experience the movie in a fun yet educational way."

The screening is the result of an exclusive new partnership with Disney Channel's summer movie starring Girl Scouts Adrienne Bailon, Sabrina Bryan and Kiely Williams, which was recently filmed in India.

Along with promoting fun and friendship, this unprecedented opportunity will allow Girl Scouts to highlight diversity and culture to a global movement of girls.

"It's exciting to be working

with Disney Channel's *The Cheetah Girls*," said Laurel Richie, Chief Marketing Officer, Girl Scouts of the USA. "There is so much synergy between what we do at Girl Scouts and the message of *The Cheetah Girls*. They show our girls what you can achieve if you put your mind to it."

Along with Girl Scout councils across the nation, the local screening party for *The Cheetah Girls One World* movie will be on Saturday, August 23, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at The Church at Quail Creek on Tascosa Road. There is no charge to participate, and all girls are welcome. For more information call 356-0096.

Girl Scouts of the USA is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls, with 3.6 million girl and adult members worldwide. The organization serves girls from every corner of the United States and its territories. Girl Scouts of the USA also serves American girls and their classmates attending American or international schools in 90 countries.

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Sheriff's Report

August 4, 2008

- 7:24 a.m. - Check residence 400 Blk. W. 5th St.
- 11:48 a.m. - At EMS Station
- 3:55 p.m. - See complainant 700 Blk. W. 2nd St.
- 8:41 p.m. - See caller 800 Blk. S. Carhart

August 5, 2008

- 6:23 a.m. - Business alarm Hwy 287 W.
- 9:10 a.m. - Single vehicle rollover Hwy 70 N.
- 1:16 p.m. - See caller 800 Blk. S. Carhart, Trespass
- 1:33 p.m. - Minor vehicle accident 100 Blk. S. Sully St.
- 3:47 p.m. - At courthouse
- 3:54 p.m. - See caller 300 Blk. W. 2nd St.
- 8:21 p.m. - See complainant Goodnight St.; destruction of property.
- 11:31 p.m. - Secure building at Clarendon College

August 6, 2008

- 1:01 a.m. - Enroute to 50, meeting parent of juvenile out after curfew
- 7:14 p.m. - Problem with oversized load, Hwy 287 at Hwy 70 S.
- 8:26 p.m. - Man with knife outside business 600 Blk. W. 7th St.
- 8:33 p.m. - To jail with one in custody, assault with deadly weapon
- 9:19 p.m. - See complainant 800 Blk. S. Koogler, possible trespass, warning violation

August 7, 2008

- 11:44 a.m. - Out at 500 W. 4th St.
- 10:04 p.m. - To grass fire 4-5 miles N. of Howardwick on Hwy 70 N.

August 8, 2008

- 3:14 a.m. - Check un-occupied vehicle 700 Blk. W. 2nd St.
- 4:09 a.m. - Disabled vehicle 1 mile W. 287.
- 7:38 a.m. - Loose livestock crossed Hwy 287 E. of Lelia Lake
- 12:33 a.m. - See caller FM 2471
- 11:18 p.m. - Business alarm 900 Blk. W. 2nd St.

August 9, 2008

- 12:51 a.m. - See caller 100 Blk. S. McLean St.
- 11:32 a.m. - Minor vehicle accident 7th and Koogler Sts.
- 6:51 p.m. - Loose livestock Hwy 287 at MP 190

August 10, 2008

- 12:32 a.m. - Attempting to find way to reported fire near W. Co. Line
- 5:10 a.m. - Fire out, all units back to stations
- 1:30 p.m. - See caller 200 Blk. W. 2nd St.
- 1:47 p.m. - Possible fuel leak 700 Blk. W. 2nd St.
- 9:51 p.m. - Welfare check 300 Blk. Rosenfield St.
- 11:07 p.m. - Loose Livestock 20-30 head FM 1755

SUMMARY
Arrests 3
EMS 7
FD 4

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