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THIS WEEK

- Carrie Helms is back in action, and she's got a new roommate.
- A wind energy company presents a hefty check to Clarendon ISD.
- And the Broncos run over the boys from Claude in a district match up.

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

BREAKING NEWS

Ambulance director resigns Tuesday night

The Donley County Hospital Board accepted the resignation of Associated Ambulance Authority Director Anita Aaron during an emergency meeting Tuesday night just before press time.

Aaron turned in her resignation earlier that day but did not give a reason for quitting, board member Mark C. White said.

The board appointed Anna Howard to be the interim director of the ambulance service, and then paramedic Debra Hill announced that she quit, insulted the board, and rushed out of the room.

A called meeting will be held next Monday to allow EMS volunteers to air their concerns.

More details will be printed in next week's edition and will be posted later this week at www.ClarendonOnline.com. Subscribers to ENTERPRISE-D will receive an updated story via e-mail.

Chamber accepting award nominations

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for awards to be presented at the annual banquet on March 3, 2007.

Nominations are needed for the following: Young Man and Young Woman of the Year (from both Hedley and Clarendon), Man and Woman of the Year, Pioneer Man and Woman of the Year, and the Saints' Roost Award for lifetime achievement or commitment to the community.

Nomination deadline is February 5, 2007. Drop your nominations by the Chamber officer, or mail them to PO Box 730, Clarendon, TX 79226.

Veterans need to get new health care cards

According to Doug Lowe Veterans County Service Officer for Donley County, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced that VA health care facilities are beginning an aggressive campaign to assure all enrolled veterans are issued a new Veterans Identification Card (VIC). The VA decided to initiate the replacement to reduce veteran vulnerability to identify theft and to demonstrate the VA's commitment to securing the confidential person information of all enrolled veterans.

Prior Veterans Health Administration (VHA) identification cards displayed sensitive information such as the veteran's social security number, date of birth, and file number on the front of the card. The new VIC replaces the sensitive information from the face of the card with a bar code.



Clarendon Firemen attending Sunday's dinner and election were (back) Buddy Howard, Kyle Hill, Joe Howell, Benny Osburn, Roy Bertrand, Wes Smith, Glen Wright, Fu Benavidez, Jerry Morris, Mike Spier, (middle) Chancey Cruse, Billy Holman, Ernie Johnston, Delbert Robertson, Jeremy Powell, David Pitts, Terry Ashcraft, Blake Osburn, (front) Jim Aveni, Chuck Robertson, Jackie Bell, and Patrick Robertson.

City firemen log thousands of volunteer hours in 2006

The Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department had a very busy year in 2006, according to statistics announced during its annual steak dinner and officer election Sunday.

Fireman Jerry Morris reported the Clarendon VFD received 180 alarm responses during the last calendar year, which resulted in 62,892 man-hours of service.

Local firefighters spent an additional 1,038 hours in drills and training.

Each call had an average of close to 12 firemen and lasted 8.87 hours, resulting in an average of more than 98 man-hours per call.

Morris reported that the average member of the Clarendon VFD devoted 1,598.25 hours to the department, which does not include time spent repairing or improving equipment, keeping records, or

other such duties.

The fire department is limited to 40 members, operates 15 pieces of equipment, and has a total budget of \$36,000 with revenues coming from the city, county, and donations.

Twenty-two members attended Sunday's dinner and elected the following officers for 2007: Chief Delbert Robertson, First Asst. Chief Jeremy Powell, Second Asst. Chief Ernie Johnston, Third Asst. Chief Billy Holman, Secretary/Treasurer David Pitts, Chaplain Jim Aveni, and Asst. Chaplain Terry Ashcraft.

These officers will name the captains for various companies within the next 30 days, and all the elected and appointed officers will serve through the end of next January.

Rookie of the Year honors were split

between Chancey Cruse, Wes Smith, and Jackie Bell; and three finalists were named for Firefighter of the Year - Jerry Morris, Billy Holman, and Buddy Howard. The Rookies of the Year and the Firefighter of the Year will be honored during a Family Night in the near future.

The department currently has three openings, and membership is open to male residents of Clarendon who are over the age of 18. Those interested in joining can contact any officer for an application or come to one of the regular meetings, which are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at the fire station.

Tax deductible donations to the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department can be mailed to PO Box 364, Clarendon, TX 79226.

Aldermen leave dog tax alone 1901 rate stands

In the beginning, there were dogs. And the dogs ran wild through the streets. And the town fathers decreed that something must be done. And so it was that Ordinance No. 3 became law.

Through all the changes of time and the dawning of the millennium, the ordinance has stood firm; and last Tuesday, the Clarendon Board of Aldermen resisted the urge to change Ordinance No. 3, affirming by their inaction that City Hall remains committed to keeping the canine influence subdued.

The 105-year-old law is known as the "Dog Tax Ordinance" and was originally number six in the book of ordinances, but it got moved up three places after a 1908 action reorganized the city codes.

The law requires that one dollar be collected for all dogs that are brought to Clarendon and remain here longer than two days. Persons who pay this tax receive a metal tag to attach to their animal. Dogs who don't have the tag are subject to being taken to the pound.

Enforcement of Ordinance No. 3 is not what it used to be since it was passed on November 14, 1901, less than two months after the city incorporated. City Secretary Linda Smith says only about 18 or 20 people voluntarily pay the tax each year, and that includes Aldermen Michael Tibbets and Janice Knorpp.

During last week's meeting, the board considered a proposal to double the tax to \$2 and to expand the law to include cats. But Alderman Tibbets said there would be no end to expanding the law, suggesting a chicken tax and a guppy tax could come about.

After much discussion, the board decided to let the tax rate stand; but it was announced that Veterinarian Guy Ellis has agreed to collect the tax when he administers rabies shots, which is expected to greatly enhance revenues.

In other city business, Best Western Red River Inn owner Steve Hall addressed the board concerning billboard advertising for Clarendon. He recommended the city use

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Rep. Thornberry opposes delegate voting powers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) last week voted against a bill which gives Delegates of U.S. territories the ability to vote on legislation on the floor of the House of Representatives.

"Under this measure, the 57,000 people in American Samoa will have the same voting rights as the 600,000 people in the 13th District. That dilutes the strength of the vote of each and every citizen in our district," Thornberry explained.

Previously, the Delegates of the five territories (Guam, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and the District of Columbia) could sit on House committees but could not cast a vote on legislation when it reaches the floor of the House.

The only time in the history of the United States that such voting has been allowed was in 1993-1994, when it was very controversial. It was repealed two years later.

"I oppose this resolution for two reasons. One is that it weakens and impairs the constitutional right to equal representation of citizens in the 50 states, including those in the 13th district of Texas," Thornberry said.

"Secondly, it is a clear step

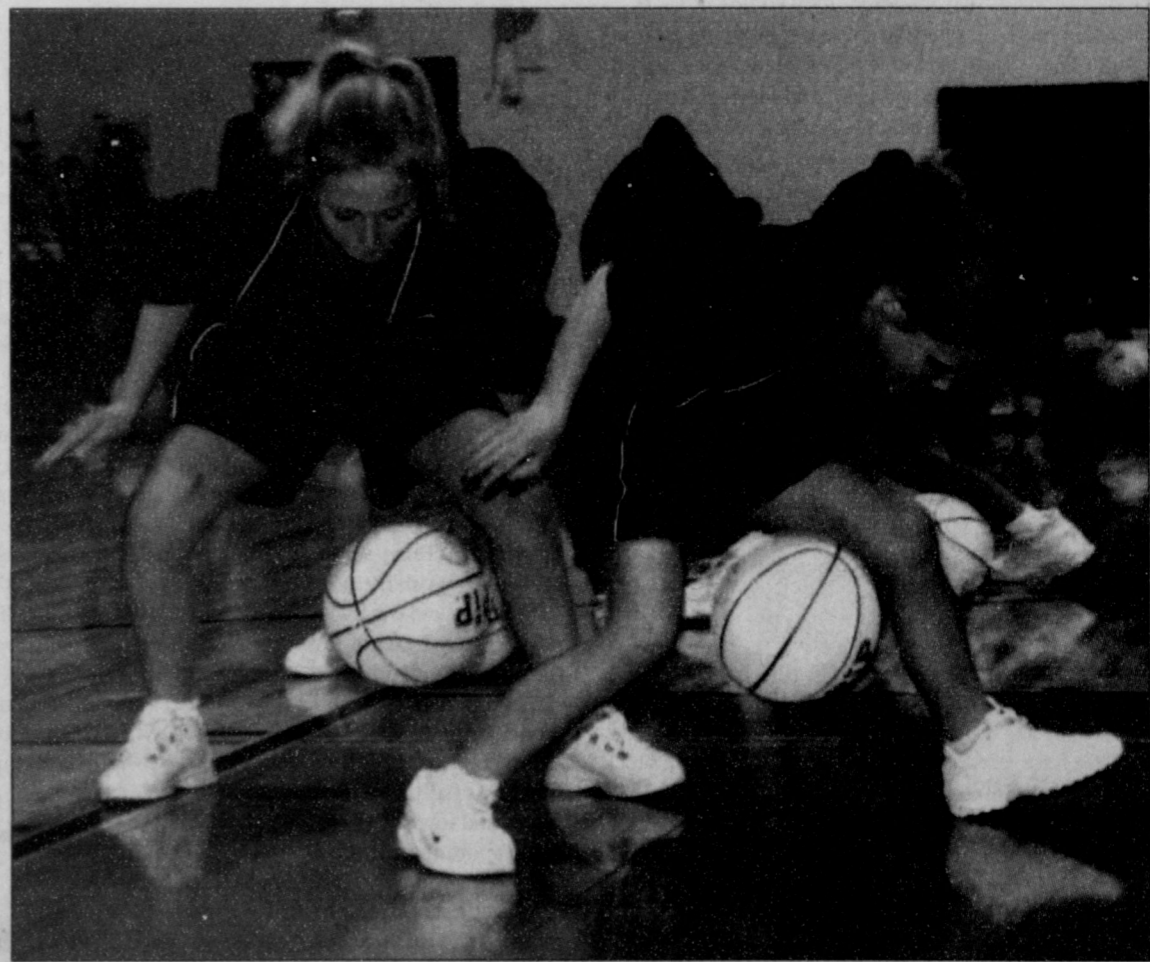
toward statehood, which Speaker Pelosi (D-California) and Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-Maryland) have been very vocal in supporting for the District of Columbia."

One of the many problems with allowing Delegates to vote on legislation is that people who choose to live in territories, rather than in one of the 50 states, do not pay individual federal income tax. They may well vote to increase taxes on those in the 50 states without having it affect any of their constituents.

Article I of the Constitution provides, "the House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States."

Delegates of the territories are not subject to age, citizenship, and residency qualifications set forth in the Constitution for Members of the House of Representatives.

"The votes I cast on behalf of my constituents may well be canceled out by the vote of someone who represents one-tenth the number of people and has never paid federal income tax," Thornberry said. "That attacks our constitutional system of equal representation."



Coordination

Skyler White and Jensen Hatley show off their skills with a basketball during the PIPs performance Monday night during the halftime of the Clarendon College Lady Bulldog game. Enterprise Photo / Roger Eastlack

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Bush's speech had little to get excited about

This is the time of year that this column usually handicaps the president's State of the Union speech. (I know I'm a week or so behind on this, but I've been busy.) It's something of a tradition that began during the Clinton administration. Together we look at all the promises, hold them up to the light of the Constitution, and determine which ones are legitimate federal functions and which ones aren't.



editor's commentary by roger estlack

But I'm not going to do that this year. I would, but frankly I nearly fell asleep during the speech. It pains me to say it, but I did not really enjoy the speech. In fact, I'm not sure the president enjoyed it either. In the spirit of the season, however, let's just look at some of the issues that have sprung forth from the speech.

First, there is the whole idea that this country is going to cut its consumption of gasoline by 20 percent in ten years. Not bloody likely! If anything, we're going to use more gas. Why? Because we want to, because we like driving our trucks and SUVs, and because walking just takes so darn long.

I can't speak for the whole country, but I for one am not interested in conserving oil. I'm only interested in getting it from Eskimos instead of Arabs. Isn't it time we opened Alaska? After all, with all the glaciers melting, the place is easier than ever to get to.

Next up, this insane health care standardized deduction plan. I was awake for this because it was the main reason I listened to the speech. Who in the name of Sam Hill dreamed up this cockamamie idea? "Families with health insurance will pay no income or payroll taxes on \$15,000 of their income. Single Americans with health insurance will pay no income or payroll taxes on \$7,500 of their income." Is that going to lower the cost of health care? Heck, no.

I'll tell you what will lower the cost - get the government the hell out of the way and keep politicians from meddling in the private sector.

Health care providers are overwhelmed, in my opinion, with trying to get paid by insurance companies and government programs and are simply drowning in the expense of all the dang paperwork. I can tell you from experience that the cost of having a baby delivered drops several thousand dollars when BSA knows its going to get its money in cash within 30 days.

My roommate in college used to explain the high cost of health care with the analogy that you don't use your car insurance to get your oil changed, but you want your health insurance to cover going to the doctor for a sniffle. I would add that there is no federal program to pay for rotating the tires for senior citizens. Just imagine what the cost of car care would be if there were.

President Bush also spent several minutes going over the War on Terror again, and I'm with him on this one. We've got to kill as many of these pieces of human debris as we can before they come kill us. Is the troop build-up going to solve our problems in Iraq? I don't know. But I do know that we have got support our guys over there 100 percent, and they need the backing of our government to do whatever it takes to get the job done.

It was sickening to see how much energy was wasted in this country and other countries bemoaning the hanging of Saddam Hussein. Even President Bush at one point conceded that the Iraqis "botched" the execution. I don't think so. The guy's dead, isn't he? That's all that matters. The only lesson we need to learn from the execution is that it would be more efficient to take these terrorists out with drone planes and sniper rifles.

As I see it, our foreign policy is going to be fine for another couple of years; and the state of our union will be intact. But who takes office in 2009 will determine the future of our national security, and God help us if we don't stay on offense.

Meanwhile...

We have a report that is yet another building block in our case for an all out War on Vegetables.

Just a few weeks ago this column issued a call for a veggie ban after reports were published of supposed "good foods" trying to kill people by poisoning them with E. coli bacteria.

Now it appears that the veggies have wised up and realized that murdering humans might draw too much attention. Yes, dear readers, they have taken another tact now - drug dealing.

A January 23 story by the Associated Press reports that federal agents discovered 1,200 pounds of cocaine concealed in a truckload of broccoli in Pharr, Texas. The dope had a street value of \$40 million, which raises the question of what the veggies were planning to do with all that green.

The story says the driver of the truck was not charged. The truck was seized, but there is no word on the whereabouts of the broccoli.

New 'roommate' asks for habit changes

I bet you thought I was gone for good. I bet you thought I was so busy wedding planning that I forgot about you.

I bet you've gotten so used to opening up the paper and not finding me there, that you've gone back to reading the Sheriff's Report first. I bet you've grown to like Kay Bailey Hutchinson's guest spots more than mine.

The truth is, when I moved out of my old apartment in October, I cancelled my Internet service and only this week had it installed in the new apartment.

For the first time in five years, I didn't have Internet access at home or at work. And apparently it was too much work to write the column at home, save it to a disk, and find a computer to email it from, all before noon on Monday. It's harder than it sounds.

You didn't really miss much in the last three and a half months. I can catch you up in five short sentences.

I went to work (it was boring). I had half a dozen of the loveliest bridal showers you can imagine. (Thanks for the pots and pans). I moved in to a new apartment. (It's very small but has a washer and dryer. Yeah!) I got married. (Everything was perfect). I spent my honeymoon in Salzburg, Austria. (Absolutely gorgeous, and surprisingly warmer than when we returned to Texas).

Whew!

A lot of stuff happened, of course; and I will try to let you in on all of it over time.

Right now I have one word weighing very heavily on my mind that I want to share with you: Roommate.

Now, I don't know if you remember, but about a year ago I had a pretty terrible roommate with a smelly cat and, actually, a rather smelly body, as well.

This experience drove me deeply into my own room until I could move out. Then it drove me further to seek a more independent life in my own apartment where I shared nothing.

I have not shared so much as a box of Kleenex with another human being in two years; and for a year before that, I lived in a dorm room alone and was remarkably stingy.

I have a new roommate, now. His first name is Jay, and now our last names are the same (more on that next week).

At first, I was so excited, I thought he would never move in! In fact, the day after we got back from the honeymoon, we went to his parents' house to pick up his things.

He sat down in the recliner and snuggled up with the dog and started working the crossword puzzle. I asked him, "Aren't you going to pack? Do you need help loading the car?"

"In a minute," he replied and scratched the dog's ears. He looked so comfortable



life's lessons by carrie helms

and so at home I really thought he would just stay there forever.

A few hours later, though, he showed up at my door with an armload of clothes and boxes and boxes of movies. He then proceeded to steal all of my clothes hangers and move all of my stuff around and hog my washing machine.

Later that week he asked me if I could kindly pick up my clothes out of the bedroom floor and not leave my shoes in the living room and not use his towel and keep my stuff on the left side of the bathroom sink and wipe up my toothpaste.

I asked him if he could kindly mind his own business and find a new place to live.

I'm very new to the roommate thing and even newer to the marriage thing. For a long time now, my only thought has been to myself: what I like, what I want. No one questions my taste. No one tells me what to do. No one is bothered by my toothpaste, and the only towel is mine, and I guarantee that I haven't washed it in two weeks.

Are those days over? And are they really over... forever?

In a word, yes.

And is that so bad? It means some one loves me enough to deal with my array of disgusting habits and slovenly ways - not just until the lease runs out, but until death do us part.

So I owe it to him not to be so gross. I'm trying, but we've got a long way to go. Lucky for me, I've got the rest of my life.



Congress should bring back Dickey Flatt

By Mary Katherine Stout

When U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm introduced the "Dickey Flatt test" to his colleagues and to the country, he brought a new conscience to budget writing and created an iconic image for fiscal discipline.

It was Dickey Flatt, the printer from Mexia, Texas, with seemingly permanent blue ink stained on his fingers, who became Gramm's standard by which to judge every plea for a government appropriation. The test was easy: Is an item of spending worth taking a dollar from Dickey Flatt's ink-stained hands? Gramm knew that Washington's generosity was truly paid for by hard working taxpayers like Dickey Flatt.

It is a test that lawmakers around the country might do well to use today, including those now gathered in Austin.

Today, Texas stares at \$14.3 billion in new revenue above the previous budget, and the debate over what to do with it will take center stage. Of lesser profile will be debates on individual items of spending and even matters of policy. But in any case, considering the cost of taking the money from taxpayers' pockets is important.

This isn't merely an exercise in low taxes and low spending. It is about creating opportunities for people to take care of their own families, giving second thought to government's naked redistribution of money, and the hardship it places on taxpayers to turn over their hard-earned cash with little real say in how it is spent.

While the state budget is rife with examples, the discussions on eligibility and services among the state's social services programs come to mind first.

The Children's Health Insurance Program has been a particular target for advocates of expanding government services through liberalizing eligibility requirements and making it easier to enroll in government aid.

They portray the CHIP assets test as draconian, and remain undeterred even after the state discovered some applicants

and recipients driving current-year luxury cars, and others with substantial cash in savings - all while enjoying CHIP benefits paid for by taxpayers.

They fight to lengthen the period of continuous eligibility for these services from six months to 12, though they recognize that some recipients become ineligible during the course of a year.

They fight cost sharing in the program, pleading that recipients are too poor to pay anything for their care - even those making as much as \$40,000 annually for a family of four.

They presume that every applicant or recipient is equally needy and absolve them of any responsibility, while efforts to protect taxpayers are portrayed as greed.

Perhaps some see this as noble when the images of the poor and the wealthy stand in sharp contrast: the poor single mother with two children versus the wealthy business man and his family. But what happens when the distinctions are less clear?

What about the single mother with one child, struggling to make ends meet, but making just more than enough to qualify

the two of them for government assistance? They subsidize the single mother with two children making slightly less, though their situation is only marginally better. What about a middle-income family living trying to provide health insurance for themselves, while generously subsidizing those who pay little or nothing for their care?

The reality is that government attempts to help some people will hurt others. At the very least, government owes it to the taxpayers to ensure that those receiving government assistance are truly needy.

It's easy to hand out the money when lawmakers see only the faces of people with outstretched hands, be they compelling faces of children or friendly faces of those making a business on profiting from taxpayer money. Indeed, taxpayers need a face that reminds lawmakers where this money comes from - that or Dickey Flatt's blue fingers.

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City: Aldermen approve lease deal for billboards

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Motel Bed Tax revenue to pay for two outdoor signs – one on southbound US 287 at I-40 outside Amarillo and another on northbound US 287 at Giles.

“With XM (satellite radio) and CDs and everything else, I think it’s hard to get travelers with local radio,” Hall said.

Aldermen approved a three-year contract for the Giles sign for \$220 per month and asked Hall to negotiate a better rate for the Amarillo sign.

Like the radio ads approved earlier this year by the board, the billboards will continue the “Experience Clarendon” theme started by the Clarendon EDC.

The board also considered and approved a resolution and a joint election agreement for holding joint elections with the Clarendon College District, the Donley County Hospital District, and the Clarendon Independent School District.

City Engineer Che Shadle consulted the board concerning a proposed seal coat program for this year. He recommended first seal coating streets that were paved in the southeast part of Clarendon in 2003 and then selecting additional streets to preserve.

The board agreed with Shadle and selected Bugbee Ave. from US 287 to Fifth St., Third St. from Carhart to Orpe, and Fourth St. from Gorst to Orpe in that order as priorities.

The board voted to hire Brandon Goodwin and Danny Gaines for the Sanitation Department.

City Secretary Linda Smith reported that City Hall was not going to pursue a grant for a storm shelter at this time. Only five percent of the city’s population would be allowed for the grant utilization. This would result in a shelter of only 485 square feet that could cost \$101,850.



the lion's tale by roger estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting January 30, 2007, with Boss Lion Pro Tem Richard Sheppard handling the gavel.

We had 17 members and two guests this week – Gerald Hall, guest of Lion Steve Hall, and Ashlee Estlack, guest of Lion Roger Estlack.

Lion Myles Shelton reported that the college is busy with basketball, and Lion Marvin Elam updated the club on testing and sports activities at the public schools. Lion Don Smith reported that the Amarillo PBS affiliate aired a good segment on Clarendon College last week.

Lion Smith also updated the club on the effort to obtain a grant to install a new heating and cooling system for the Lions Hall.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

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Wed	24	41°	14°	-
Thur	25	48°	22°	-
Fri	26	58°	30°	-
Sat	27	52°	32°	-
Sun	28	48°	22°	-

Total precipitation this month: 1.09"
Total precipitation to date: 1.09"
Total precipitation in Jan. last year: .09"
Total YTD last year: .09"

weekend forecast

Friday, Feb. 2
AM Snow/PM Sun
34°/17°

Saturday, Feb. 3
Increasing Clouds
29°/19°

Sunday, Feb. 4
Cloudy
25°/13°

Information provided by: Tommie C. Saye
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Wind energy firm presents \$75k application fee to CISD

Clarendon CISD Board of Trustees met January 22, 2007, and received a \$75,000 check from a company looking to install wind turbines in northern Donley County.

Dale Cummings of Cummings Westlake and Paul Wendelgass of Competitive Power Ventures, LLC, addressed the board concerning the proposed Trew Ranch Wind Farm Project. They presented a Chapter 313 Value Limitation Agreement Application and an application fee of \$75,000 to the board.

Construction of the wind farm is proposed to begin in October 2007. Construction will take approximately nine months. The wind farm is slated to begin commercial operations in June 2008.

In other business, the board approved a resolution for Joint Election Agreement with the City of Clarendon, Clarendon College, and Donley County Hospital District.

The board authorized a request for an expedited state waiver to allow the district to modify its schedule for TAKS testing in 2006 – 2007.

Trustees also voted to request a waiver to allow two days per year as staff development activities in lieu of student instruction days for the 2007

– 2008, 2008 – 2009, 2009 – 2010 as requested by the District Improvement Committee.

The board approved making an early release waiver request to TEA to allow six early release days/year for the school years 2007 – 2008, 2008 – 2009, 2009-2010 as requested by the District Improvement Committee.

The school calendar for 2007 – 2008 was approved as presented.

Superintendent Monty Hysinger reported that the District has received an AEIS rating of “Recognized.” He reviewed the District Student Performance Objectives and reported an Adequate Yearly Progress; the 2006 – 2007 Performance-Based Monitoring Analysis System results; the ACT College Readiness Report.

John Taylor gave a report on Violent, Criminal Incidents and Prevention and safety Strategies and Policies.

The board also met in closed session to review the performance of the superintendent of schools. Afterwards, they voted to approve the superintendent’s salary and benefit package and to extend the superintendent’s contract through the 2009-2010 school year.



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- February 2**
Hedley High v. Groom • at Groom • Girls, 6:30; Boys 8:00 p.m.

Clarendon High v. Claude • Bronco Gym • Girls, 6:30; Boys, 8:00 p.m.
- February 5**
CC v. NMMI • Bulldog Gym
- February 6**
Clarendon High v. White Deer • at White Deer • Girls, 6:30; Boys 8:00 p.m.

Hedley High v. McLean • Owl Gym • Girls, 6:30; Boys, 8:00 p.m.
- February 10**
CC v. Frank Phillips • Bulldog Gym
- February 14**
Valentine's Day
- February 15**
CC v. South Plains • Bulldog Gym
- February 19**
Presidents' Day
- February 22**
CC v. Odessa College • Bulldog Gym
- February 26**
CC v. New Mexico JC • Bulldog Gym
- March 3**
Chamber of Commerce Banquet • Details TBA

Community Menus
February 5 - 9

- Donley County Senior Citizens**
Mon: Smoked Sausage, Steamed Cabbage, Black Eyed Peas, Pears, Rice Krispie Treats, Corn Muffins, Coffee, Tea, Lowfat Milk
Tue: King Ranch Chicken Casserole, Asparagus, Tossed Salad, Lemon Cake, Bread, Coffee, Tea, Lowfat Milk
Wed: Chicken Strips, Potato Soup, Buttered Carrots, Sawdust Salad, Bread Pudding, Biscuits, Coffee, Tea, Lowfat Milk
Thu: Roast Beef Sandwich, Chips, Pasta Salad, Jello, Sub Bun, Coffee, Tea, Lowfat Milk
Fri: Navajo Tacos, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad, Sopapillas, Chips & Salsa, Coffee, Tea, Lowfat Milk
- Hedley Senior Citizens**
Mon: Fried Chicken & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Carrots, Waldorf Salad, Brownie, Roll
Tue: Meat Loaf, Macaroni & Cheese, Steamed Broccoli, Pickled Beets, Pudding, Roll
Wed: Steak & Gravy, Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, Corn Salad, Peaches, Strawberries, Roll
Thu: Chicken Enchilada, Spanish Rice, Beans, Tossed Salad, Cucumber, Chips, Crackers
Fri: Roast & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Golden Hominy, Pear & Cottage Cheese, Banana Pudding, Roll
- Clarendon CISD**
Breakfast
Mon: Cereal, toast, fruit mix, milk
Tue: Sausage, biscuit, peaches, milk
Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk
Thu: Eggs, toast, fruit, milk
Fri: Homemade cinnamon rolls, juice, milk
Lunch
Mon: Corn dog, Fries, Black Eye Peas, Fruitmix, Milk
Tue: Chicken Tetrizzini, Mixed Vegetables, Salad, Crackers, Milk
Wed: Baked Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Cake, Milk
Thu: Chili, Crackers, Pinto Beans, Carrot Sticks, Fruit, Milk
Fri: Cheese Burger, Chips, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickle, Orange, Milk
- Hedley CISD**
Mon: Spaghetti, corn, diced peaches, Texas toast, frozen yogurt, milk
Tue: Burrito, orange quarters, tossed salad, cookies, fruit juice, milk
Wed: Chicken nuggets, baked potato halves, mixed vegetables, fruit cup, rolls milk
Thu: Cheese pizza, tossed salad, sliced apples, cake, fruit juice, milk
Fri: BBQ on a bun, fries, corn cobbette, pickle spears, fruit juice, milk

Ground Hog Day has its origins in Germany

The weather, the weather. It seems that is the main topic of conversation with cold and snow predicted this week. Oh, yes. Groundhog Day is Friday. You know me. I had to do a Google search, and this is what I found.

The origin of the legend is centuries old and clouded by time. When German settlers came to Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, in the early 1700s, they brought with them the tradition associated with Candlemas Day, which occurred half way between the Summer Solstice and Winter Equinox or February 2.

On that day, the clergy blessed the candles that were placed in each

window. If the sun came out and an animal saw its shadow, be prepared for six more weeks of winter. The German badger was replaced by the Pennsylvania groundhog, and in 1886 the editor of the PUNXSUTAWNEY SPIRIT, Clymer Freas, wrote: "Today is groundhog day and upon going to press the beast has not seen his shadow." The power of the press, thus became the start of the Punxsutawney Phil legend. The next year, 1887, came the first trek up Gobblers Knob to watch for Phil. Today as many as 35,000 people come to see the groundhog on that day.

There is a real Phil. He lives in a climate controlled home at the

Punxsutawney Library. On February 2 he is placed in a heated burrow underneath a simulated stump on stage at Gobblers Knob; and, at 7:25 a.m., he is pulled out to make his prediction. Since 1886 he has seen his shadow 96 times, no shadow 14 times, and no record nine times.

I couldn't find a follow-up story to see if his predictions were true. I

have a feeling that no matter what Phil predicts in Pennsylvania, our prairie dog would say, "Stay in your hole. We have six more weeks of winter."

After three weeks in the hospital, Bobby Murdock was scheduled to come home. Keep him on your prayer list. He has a long recovery ahead. Cora Bland had eye surgery and is recovering well. She has to get better because that ski trip to Angel Fire is coming soon.

In answer to my question last week, Mary Lynn Bills caught up on her Bible lessons while snowed in. What a constructive way to pass the time!



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Cotton marketing plan to be focus of meeting

AMARILLO - Three "Developing This Year's Marketing Plan for Cotton" meetings will take place in February in the Panhandle, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

The meetings, scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, will be: February 7 at the Carson County Gin at White Deer; February 8 at the Moore County Gin near Etter; and February 9 at the Hereford Community Center in Hereford.

Dr. John Robinson, Texas Cooperative Extension specialist/cotton marketing in College Station, and Mike Stevens, cotton specialist for the commodity division of Swiss Financial Services and hedging advisor, will teach the sessions.

Stevens, who is from Mandeville, La., is considered one of the leading cotton marketing experts in the nation, said Dr. Steve Amosson,

Extension economist in Amarillo.

Producers can learn about fundamentals, technicals, and seasonal trends in cash, basis, and contracts, Amosson said. They also will learn to evaluate pre- and post-harvest marketing strategies and cash marketing tools.

Participants can expect to leave with a written marketing plan for their operations for the upcoming year, he said.

The short course is a part of the Advanced Topic Series hosted by Extension's Master Marketer Educational System, Robinson said. Advanced registration is required by February 2.

A fee of \$75 will cover instruction, materials, and lunch. Couples can attend for the same individual cost.

To register, contact Amosson at 806-677-5600.



First buck
Cole Ward, 12 year old son of Chris and Jamie Ward, killed his first buck November 28 west of Clarendon. It had eight points on its rack. Courtesy photo.

CC names local honor students

Clarendon College's outstanding academic students have been named to the President's and Dean's Lists for the Fall 2006 semester.

A total of 51 students who achieved this honor were named to the President's List, which highlights full-time students who maintain a 4.0 grade point average. Local students making this list include Marsha Brown and Julie Sides of Clarendon and Robin Baker and Benjamin Shaw of Hedley.

A total of 38 students were named to the Dean's List, which highlights full-time students who maintain a 3.6 grade-point average through the fall semester. Among them were local students Michael Holt, Tyler Lewis, Vonita Williams, Gina Yankee, and Kristin McAfee of Clarendon.

Extension program discusses gardening

Preparing for Spring Gardening will be the program offered at the Senior Seminar at 1:30 p.m. February 8 at the Amarillo Senior Citizens Center, 1217 S. Tyler, Room 115, in Amarillo.

Barbara Harrington, a Texas Master Gardener, and a number of Potter-Randall Counties Master Gardeners will share gardening tips and techniques. She says that even though it's the dead of winter, it's time to start planning your Spring gardens.

Harrington will discuss her experience as an Amarillo gardener. Topics will include: growing perennials and annuals, container gardening, and tips for senior gardeners. The seminars are open to the public and free of charge. For more information, contact Sue Church at 806-373-0713.

Historical romances are pleasures to read

You who read this column may remember my recent article concerning America's remarkable "Orphan Train Era" which provided taking homeless children from city to rural villages to experience a decent life with hope for the future.

If you enjoy historical romance, I recommend three delightful books authored by Jane Peart, writer of numerous best sellers, and whom I had the pleasure of personally interviewing several years ago. Peart's writing talent allows her to capture readers' interest from the very first page.

The following books offer light-reading fiction on less than 200 pages. Interestingly enough, they are written

against an Orphan Train background, thus, the reason for referring to them as the "Orphan Train Trilogy". Peart dedicates each book to the "real riders" of the Orphan Train, which, she says were the inspiration for this series.

Events in the life of three fictitious girls, Kit, Laurel, and Toddy, are intertwined as the eight year olds leave Boston's Greystone Orphanage to start their journey together on an Orphan Train, vowing to always be friends and to never lose track of each other as they grow up.

Dreams of a Longing Heart is Toddy's story. Even though the girls have similar backgrounds, the author's imagination creates three

entirely different stories.

Jan Peart skillfully portrays the girls' personalities as they mature with their new families, as they cultivate friendships, and as they become romantically involved. Even though the stories are not true, it's possible for the reader to visualize true circumstances that occurred in the lives of Orphan Train children as they became older.

I almost guarantee if you read on of these books, you're going to want

to complete all three.

Incidentally, in Burton Memorial Library's Youth Section, the young adult in your family will find an appealing book series entitled *The Orphan Train Quartet*. This fiction series, written by Joan Lowery Nixon, includes four books: *Caught in the Act*, *In the Face of Danger*, *A Place to Belong*, *A Family Apart*. Just from "skimming" the books, they appear to capture the American Pioneer spirit as well as providing high quality mystery and suspense. For avid readers, these books are definitely worth examining.

Why not give yourselves and your children a treat, and check it out?



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by *mary beth nelson*

Amarillo area writing contest has seventeen categories

Panhandle Professional Writers of Amarillo proudly announces its 2007 writing contests. This year there are seventeen categories and include, Mainstream Novel, Mystery/Suspense/Thriller, Historical or Western, Romance, Science Fiction/Fantasy or Horror, Nonfiction Book, Screenplay, Memoir, Juvenile

(fiction or non-fiction), Young Adult (fiction or non-fiction), Poetry Short, Poetry Long, and Poetry Chapbook.

Published authors will judge the first round. The top six scores from each category will be submitted to professional, acquiring editors for final judging. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three winners in

each category.

Entry fees range from \$10-\$15 for PPW members and \$15-\$20 for nonmembers.

Membership in PPW is not required to enter the contest, and a person can enter as many contests as he'd like. Submissions must be postmarked by March 1, 2007, to

be eligible, and the winners will be announced at the Frontiers in Writing Conference at its new venue, the Fifth Season Inn at 6801 W. Interstate 40 in Amarillo, Texas, on Saturday, June 9, 2007.

Rules and entry forms for the contest are available at www.panhandleprowriters.org.

Jesus Name Church to host missionary Feb. 7

Jesus Name Apostolic Church will host guest missionary Randy Adams on February 7.

The service will be at 7:30 p.m. at Jesus Name Apostolic Church on the corner of Montgomery and Facker. Everyone is welcome to attend as he shares his burden for West Africa.

Amarillo Museum of Art plans kids' workshop

The Amarillo Museum of Art will be hosting its annual Children's Heart Art Valentine Workshop on Saturday, February 10, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Children ages 4-10 are invited to the Museum to enjoy making valentine cards and gifts in a festive holiday setting with music and refreshments.

Because attendance is limited, registration must be made in advance by calling the Museum at 371-5050. Tuition is \$15.

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Ethanol push challenges beef market

Alternative fuel's demand for corn driving up feed prices

AMARILLO – Like it or not, ethanol is coming; and beef producers must be prepared to weather the transitional phase and capitalize on the potentials in the future, said two speakers at the Southwest Beef Symposium in Amarillo.

"The short run is going to be tough, but in the long run, things will work out," said Dr. Steve Amosson, Texas Cooperative Extension economist. Feed prices are being driven up by predictions of 3 billion gallons of ethanol production capacity coming online in the next year. Ethanol would require almost an 8-million-acre increase in corn acreage, which equates to an additional 1.1 billion bushels of corn, Amosson said.

"I feel the corn prices will range from \$3 to \$4.25 per bushel on the board for the next couple of years,

and the differential between corn and sorghum will narrow," he said.

Competition for acreage will increase, forcing other feed sources and crop prices higher.

In the short run, fed cattle prices will remain relatively unchanged, and feeder cattle and calf prices may continue to soften, Amosson said. A rule of thumb, he said, is calf prices will drop \$1.50 per hundredweight for every 10 cent rise in corn prices.

This is going to reduce the predicted expansion phase of the cattle cycle, he said. But in three to four years that reduction will have cattle producers seeing record prices.

"Cattlemen also have a potential to gain market share relative to the swine and poultry industries because cattle can be fed the distiller's grain by-products, where the other indus-

tries can't," Amosson said. "We just have to learn to feed those DDG's (dried distiller's grain)," he said.

Dr. Jim MacDonald, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station beef cattle nutritionist, agreed, saying "You don't have to like it, but you had better learn how to feed it."

And that, MacDonald said, is his job – helping the cattle producers learn how to feed the byproduct.

While ethanol had its share of unfriendly comments during the two-day symposium, MacDonald said, "We're going to get there; we just have to manage the transition."

"A lot of concern has come with ethanol in this area," he said. "But we are better off with the plants here than not because we're not the only game in town."

Dried distiller's grains from the

Midwest are being shipped into the export market, he said. So the fact that the Panhandle will produce 600 million gallons of ethanol per year soon, resulting in 1.5 million tons of distiller's grains, will help keep prices reasonable.

When corn is processed for ethanol, it breaks down to one-third ethanol, one-third carbon dioxide and one-third byproduct or distiller's grain, MacDonald said.

These distiller's grains still have all the nutrient profile of corn, only the starch has been removed, he said. It has 40 to 45 percent fiber and 25 to 30 percent crude protein.

"It's going to be a cheaper protein source in the future; and if used as a forage supplement, it can be used for both protein and energy supplementation," MacDonald said.

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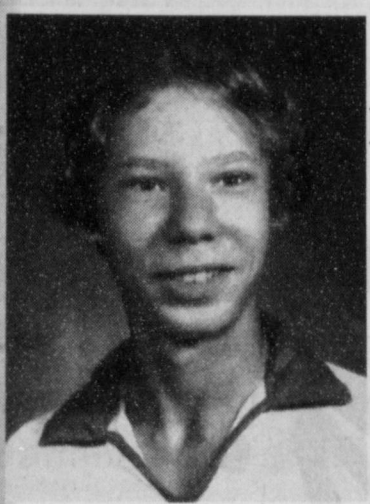
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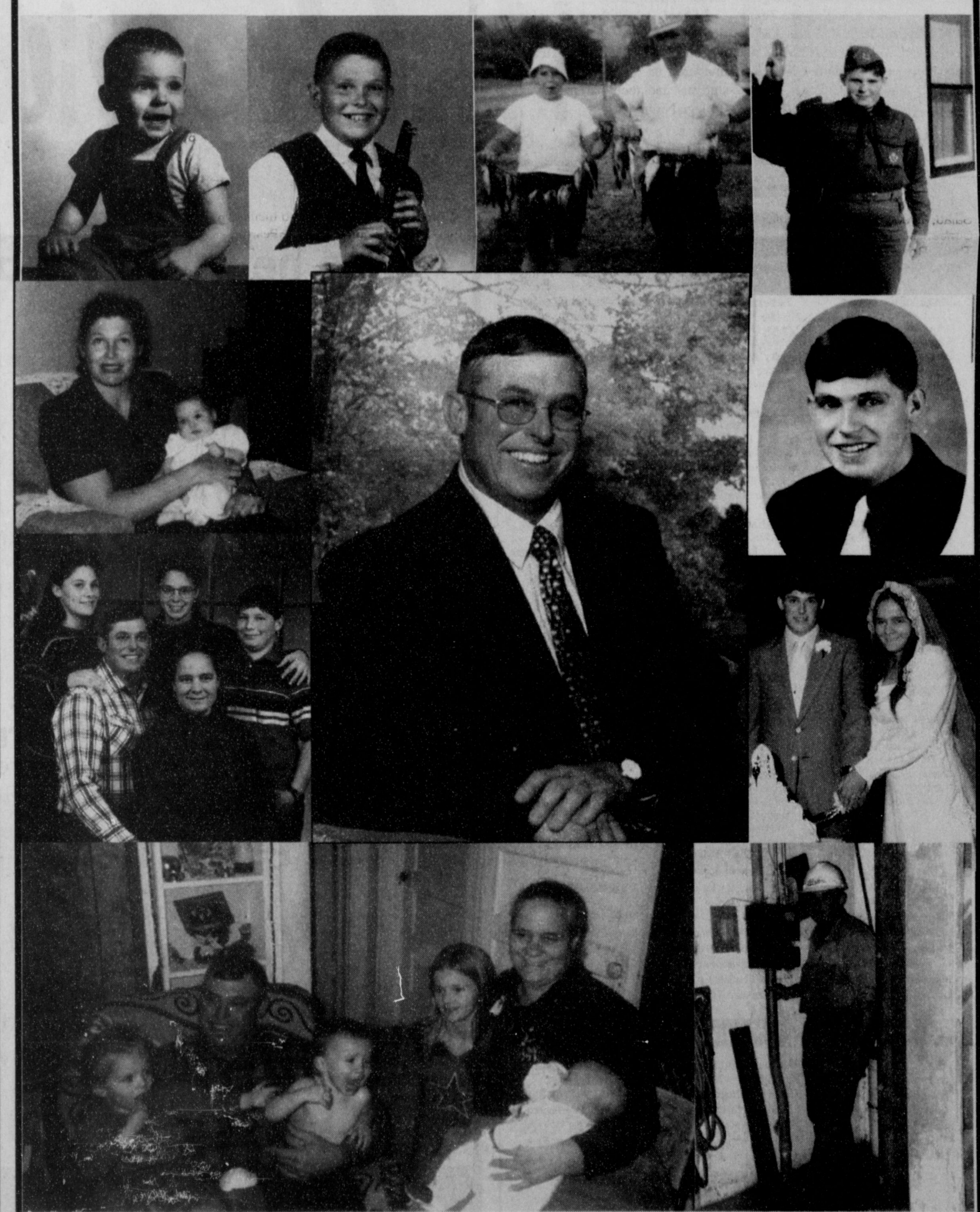
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Drugs in the News

Blood Pressure Drug Eases Muscle Damage

Recent tests results in animals indicate that a commonly used blood pressure drug may be used some day to treat muscular disorders such as Duchenne muscular dystrophy, a common type of muscular dystrophy, and a rare muscle weakness called Marfan Syndrome. The drug used in the study was losartan, a medicine first approved over 10 years ago for control of high blood pressure. In test animals with Marfan, losartan reportedly strengthened the aorta, which could be useful in reducing the risk of an aneurism (a bursting of this major heart blood vessel). In animals with Duchenne, losartan caused a reduction in muscle damage after a period of six months. Scientists at other organizations are referring to the study as worthy of further investigation in animals and humans. Duchenne muscular dystrophy is an inherited condition in which there is rapid and progressive wasting of muscle, starting with muscles in the lower extremities. Marfan Syndrome is a rare connective tissue disorder. The walls of blood vessels, such as the aorta may be weakened, and certain heart valves are often affected.

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Hedley students traveling to Corpus Christi

Top students from Hedley High School will be attending the Business Professionals of America 2007 State Leadership Conference in Corpus Christi, Texas, February 28 - March 3, 2007.

Hedley High School chapter members, Betty Cruz and Ashleah Martin will join over 2,000 other conference delegates from across the state to participate in state level business skill competitions, general sessions, and the state officer candidate campaigns and elections. Besides having the opportunity to excel, they'll experience Corpus Christi as they visit the city's exciting sites.

"Students from the Texas Association's Regional leadership conference have qualified to participate at the state level conference. The conference emphasizes business workforce education and training which members of the local chapter of Business Professionals of America at Hedley High School have received," said chapter advisor, Fran Stidham, who teaches Business Education courses at Hedley. Students who placed in the competition are Brayden Bennett, 1st place, Financial Math Analysis; Jonathan Edmonson, 5th place, Financial Math

Analysis and 5th place Fundamental Word Processing; Justin Kellas, 6th place Financial Math Analysis; Tyler Pepper, 6th place, Integrated Office Applications; Danielle Smith, 4th place, Desktop Publishing; Will Verstuyft, 6th place, Extemporaneous Speech; state qualifier Ashleah Martin, 2nd place, Fundamentals of XHTML; and state qualifier Betty Cruz, 1st place, Banking and Finance. Other students who participated in the contest were Brittney Netterville, Shawna Barker, Amanda Musick, Daryan Cabler, and Dustin Thomas.

Business Professionals of America is a national organization for middle school, high school, and college students preparing for careers in business and office occupations. The organization's activities and programs complement classroom instruction by giving students practical experience through application of the skills learned at school. Business Professionals of America acts as a cohesive agent in the nationwide networking of education and business and industry, and contributes to the preparation of a world-class workforce through the advancement of leadership, citizenship, academic, and technological skills.



Hedley Business Professionals of America include: (back) Danielle Smith, Jonathan Edmonson, Justin Kellas, Dustin Thomas, Betty Cruz, Brayden Bennett, (front) Daryan Cabler, Brittney Netterville, Ashleah Martin, Will Verstuyft, Tyler Pepper, and Amanda Musick.

Foundation offers ten flowering trees

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person from Texas who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during January 2007.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten trees are two White Flowering Dogwoods, two Flowering Crabapples, two Washington Hawthorns, two American Redbuds, and two Goldenrain trees.

"These compact trees were selected for planting in large or small spaces," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said. "They will give your home in Texas the beauty of lovely pink, white, and yellow flowers, and also provide winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds."

The trees will be shipped post paid at the right time for planting between February 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 2007.

CHS to hold 12th annual College Night

Clarendon High School will host its 12th annual College Night on February 8, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

During this time, area 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students and their parents can visit with representatives from several local and area colleges.

Universities attending are Texas Tech, Wayland Baptist, Texas A&M, Baylor, and West Texas A&M. Colleges represented include Clarendon College, Amarillo College, South Plains College, Frank Phillips Col-

lege, and Western Texas College.

Additionally, the Panhandle Area Health Education Center will be available to provide information about different health care careers. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice will also be on hand to discuss career opportunities.

Brochures with more information are available in the CHS office. Clarendon High School extends an invitation to all area high school students and their parents to attend College Night.

<p>Clarendon</p> <p>Agape Christian Church 712 E. 2nd (Hwy. 287) Minister: Leonard Holt Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Calvary Baptist Church US 287 E • 874-3156 Rev. Rob Seale Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday Service: 11 a.m. Sunday Evening: 7 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p> <p>Church of Christ 300 S. Carhart • 874-2495 Minister: Eddie Stegall Sun. Bible Class: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p> <p>Church of Nazarene 209 S. Hawley • 874-2321 Pastor: Bill Hodges Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service: 10:30 p.m. Sunday Evening: 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p> <p>Community Fellowship Church 12148 F.M. 2162 • 874-0963 Rev. Roger Smith Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday Service: 11 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.</p> <p>First Assembly of God 501 McClelland • 874-9090 Pastor: Matthew Stidham Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Sunday Service: 10:50 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p> <p>First Baptist Church 300 Bugbee Ave • 874-3833 Rev. Lance Wood Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Sunday Service: 10:55 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p> <p>First Christian Church 120 E. Third Street 874-3212 Sunday Service: 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>First Presbyterian Church Fourth & Parks • 874-9269 Pastor: Rev. Robin Ganiz Fellowship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service: 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>First United Methodist Church 420 S. Jefferson • 874-3667 Pastor: Tom Garmon Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Sunday: 8:30, 10:50 a.m.</p> <p>Jesus Name Apostolic Church 720 E. Montgomery • 874-2388 Rev. Calvin Burrow Sunday Services: 3 p.m. Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Old Paths Primitive Baptist Church 416 S. Kearney • 874-5374 Pastor: Lyman Little Sunday Services: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>St. John The Baptist Episcopal Church Rev. Jim Aveni 301 S. Parks St. • 874-2511 Sunday Service: 11 a.m.</p> <p>St. Mary's Catholic Church Corner of Montgomery & McClelland Fr. Jose Palatharn Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>St. Stephens Baptist Church 300 N. Jefferson St. Pastor: Melvin Brooks Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sun. Service: 11:15 a.m. Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. (weather permitting)</p> <p>True Church of God in Christ 301 N. Jefferson St. Pastor: Jeff Riles Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sun. Service: 11:15 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p> <p>Clarendon Family Christian Center Church 116 S. Kearney St. Pastor: R. W. Ellerbrook Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. Sunday Service: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Hedley</p> <p>Church of Christ 110 E. Second St. Minister: Bright Newhouse Sun. Bible Class: 10 a.m. Sunday Service: 11 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>First Baptist Church 210 N. Main St. 874-5980 Pastor: Bruce Howard Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday Service: 11 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Howardwick</p> <p>First Baptist Church 222 Sherwood Blvd. 874-3326 Reverend: Dave Stout Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday Service: 11 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6 p.m. Wednesday: 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Martin</p> <p>Martin Baptist Church US 287 W • 874-2025 Pastor: Darrell Burton Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday Service: 11 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Brice</p> <p>Brice Deliverance Tabernacle 867-3029 or 867-2012 Pastor: Louis Bennett Sun. Service: 9:45 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6 p.m. Wednesday: 6 p.m.</p>
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Broncos stampede Mustangs, 45-37

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos matched up against Claude in a district game January 23 on the road and earned a 45-37 win. The win put the Broncos at 16-8 overall and 2-0 in district play.

Claude took the early lead as the Broncos had a slow start in the first quarter of play. But it did not take the Broncos long to regain the lead as they hit the halfway point. Despite a low-scoring third period, the Broncos held onto the lead and secured their

win in the final period of play. T.J. Brown recorded a double-double as he pumped in 10 points, added 10 rebounds, and had five assists.

David Gordon grabbed five rebounds to go with his nine points, and Derrick Shelton added four rebounds. Senior LaDez Captain scored eight, but he was most impressive with 13 rebounds and five blocked shots.

"It was a great defensive ball game," coach Colby Waldrop said.

"Our bench players played outstanding."

Scoring: Brown 10, D. Gordon 9, Captain 8, Danzel Wilson 5, Dalton Askew 4, Brad Sell 4, Alton Gaines 4, and Shelton 1.

The Broncos' game against White Deer caught them off guard as they lost 43-64. The Broncos struggled at times, and the Bucks were hot offensively. The game was close at the break as the Broncos only trailed by six points, but the Bucks were

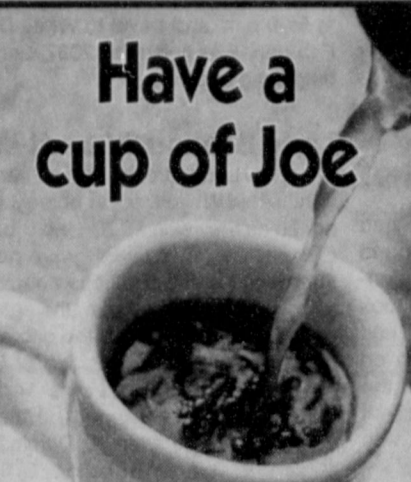
able to shoot several free throws, which put the game out of reach for the Broncos.

"The game just got out of hand," Waldrop said. "We did not play as bad as it looked on the scoreboard."

Scoring: Captain 16, Sell 7, Brown 6, Gaines 4, D. Gordon 4, Askew 4, and Wilson 2.

The Broncos will play Claude at home February 2 and will travel to White Deer February 5 with both games beginning at 8:00 p.m.

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Lady Broncos win nail-bitter over White Deer Does

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos took on White Deer at home in a District game and defeated them by one point in a back and forth game.

Clarendon prevailed in the intense game with the final score 39-38.

The Lady Broncos began strong as they jumped to an 11-2 lead in the first period. But the Does fought back to go up by one at the break

and increase their lead to four at the end of the third period. But the last quarter belonged to the Lady Broncos as they never gave up and played through foul trouble. Erin Holland sank two clutch free throws with not much time on the clock to help seal the win.

"I was very proud of them," Coach Steve Myatt said. "They had to find a way to win, and they did."

Scoring: Jessi Howard 11, Macy

Shadle 7, Regan Lemley 6, Holland 5, Abbie Massingill 4, Haley Carter 4, Jill Cornell 1, and Katie Askew 1.

Things did not go as well for the Ladies earlier in the week as they traveled to Claude and were defeated 35-61.

The Lady Broncos struggled from the beginning and could never find their rhythm in the game.

"We just did not play up to our potential," Myatt said. "We have

to keep working hard in practice to prepare for the second round of district."

Scoring: Shadle 17, Howard 7, Lemley 3, Carter 3, Shelby Watson 3, and Askew 2.

The Lady Broncos will finish up their regular season in the next week and a half as they play Claude at home February 2 and travel to White Deer February 5. Both games will begin at 6:30 p.m.

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Owls beat Eagles

By Tangela Copelin

The Hedley Owls have proven how determined they are to win district with another big win against the Samnorwood Eagles 64 to 40.

The Owls are currently 4-0 in district play and are doing their best to insure they continue in this vein to capture the district title.

Owls scoring this game were: Will Verstuyft 14, Tyler Pepper 12, Andy Alston 9, Brayden Bennett 8, Jonathon Edmonson 6, Dustin Thomas 5, Peter Howard 4, Seth Koetting 2, Brandon Montgomery 2, and Archie Sharp 2.

Lady Owls defeat Samnorwood girls

By Tangela Copelin

The Hedley Lady Owls played the Samnorwood Lady Eagles in district play on Friday, January 26. All the Lady Owls had an opportunity to play in this match-up to gain valuable court time to help them in their endeavor to win the district title.

Scoring for the Lady Owls: Julie Woodard 15, Jaci Copelin 13, Ruth Anne Howard 8, Haley Hall 8, Betty Cruz 6, Kristen Dwight 6, Elizabeth Garcia 2, and Shandy Koetting 2.

Power lifters begin season at Tulla meet

By Sandy Anderberg

The Bronco power lifters began their season Saturday at a meet in Tulla, according to Coach Johnny Nino. Three lifters participated in the meet with good results considering it was the first meet of the year.

Steven Fowler lifted a total of 910 pounds in different events, and that put him in fourth place. Scott Fowler finished in fifth place with a total lift of 895 pounds. Power lifting newcomer Ty Tubbs did not place but lifted a respectable 465 pounds in his weight class.

"I was very proud of the effort the lifters gave on Saturday," Nino said. "This was Ty's first meet, and he did very well in it."

The lifters will compete in the Highland Park meet Saturday, February 3.

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Bronco & Lady Bronco Basketball

Lady Broncos

10	Jessi Howard	Sr.
11	Jill Cornell	Jr.
12	Shelby Watson	Sr.
15	Erin Holland	Jr.
20	Abbie Massingill	Soph.
23	Reagan Lemley	Sr.
24	Sade Cobb	Jr.
25	Macy Shadle	Soph.
33	Haley Carter	Sr.
50	Katie Askew	Sr.

Head Coach: Steve Myatt
Assistant: Kasey Bell & Alton Gaines
Managers: Jeremy Jeffers, Casey Phillips, and Mariah Benavidez

Broncos

10	Brad Sell	Sr.
12	Nathan Gribble	So.
14	Alton Gaines	So.
20	Aaron Gordon	So.
30	Derrick Shelton	So.
32	Dalton Askew	Jr.
34	David Gordon	Sr.
42	LaDez Captain	Sr.
50	Danzel Wilson	So.
52	TJ Brown	Jr.

Coaches: Colby Waldrop, Brandon Word
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Friday, February 2

Lady Broncos v. Claude
In Clarendon, 6:30 p.m.

Broncos v. Claude
in Clarendon, 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 6

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JV Broncs finish second

The Broncos junior varsity participated in the Valley Tournament Saturday, January 27, and finished in second place by defeating Kress 55-38 before losing to the host team 29-47.

The Broncos totally dominated their opponent in the opening round as they ran an offensively and defensively sound game. They only took five players to the tournament, and all players contributed to the win on the scoreboard with three out of the five scoring in double figures behind Tré Brown who led the Broncos with 19 points.

Scoring: Brown 19, Jadon Thornton 13, Glen Wright 12, Glen Weatherston 6, and Josh Krumweide 5.

The Broncos then met Valley for the Championship and faced trouble early on. They were defeated by the Patriots and settled for second place. A slow start put the Broncos behind early in the game, and they were never able to gain any momentum on their opponent. Too many missed free throws also proved to be damaging to the Broncos as they only shot 24 percent from the charity line.

Scoring: Brown 21, Wright 4, Krumweide 3, and Thornton 1.

Earlier in the week, the Broncos won big against Claude at 59-29 on the road and defeated White Deer at home 48-37.

The Broncos jumped out to an early lead against Claude and completely dominated the Mustangs on both ends of the court. Their lead was never in jeopardy and caused their opponent to struggle throughout the game.

Scoring: Brown 18, Weatherston 10, Stephino McCampbell 8, Chris Herndon 7, Thornton 5, Billy Cenicerros 3, Johnny Ballard 2, Wright 2, and Dustin Ford 2.

The Broncos took on White Deer at home Friday night in another district match up and grabbed the big win. Clarendon went in with only seven players, and all added points to the board to help get the win. Freshman Ryan Hill played a great game, pumping in 21 points to lead the Broncos in the win.

Scoring: Hill 21, Ballard 9, Ford 7, Cenicerros 6, Herndon 2, McCampbell 2, and Keifer Burton 1.

The Broncos will take on Claude in their last home game February 2

at 5:00 p.m. and travel to White Deer February 6 to finish the 2007 season beginning at 5:15 p.m.

Lady Bronco JV beat WD

The Lady Bronco junior varsity annihilated White Deer at home January 26 as they won 56-3 in the Bronco Gymnasium. The Ladies were never threatened by the Does, and very strong play throughout the game enabled them to control the game on both ends of the court.

Scoring: Deidre Lewis 14, Jill Luna 9, Morgan Hysinger 8, Haleigh Lewis 6, Abby Patten 6, Dominique Mason 4, Lauren Shelton 3, Kia Bryley 2, Elissa Holland 2, and Brandi Mays 2.

Earlier in the week, the Lady Broncos traveled to Claude and despite playing hard, were defeated in a close game at 26-31.

After holding a one-point advantage at the end of the third period, the Lady Broncos allowed their opponent to step it up in the final quarter and outscore them to get the win.

Scoring: Janae White 9, Patten 5, Bailey Starnes 4, Jenci White 4, Cortnee Thornberry 2, and D. Lewis 2.

The Ladies will play Claude at home February 2 at 5:00 p.m. and will travel to White Deer February 5 beginning at 4:00 p.m. to wrap up their 2007 season.

Colts named champions

The eighth grade Colts played three solid games to bring home the Championship in the season-ending tournament held in Shamrock. They took on Memphis in the first round and defeated them 87-20. The Colts exploded offensively as four players finished in double figures. Everyone contributed to the win as they played great basketball. Scoring: Johnny Gaines 20, David Roberts 17, Mike Crump 12, Chris Crump 12, Quincy Harris 6, Justin Schilling 6, Bradley Watson 4, Trent White 2, Daniel West 2, and Clayton Shields 2.

The Colts faced off against Shamrock in the next round and walked away with a 49-11 win. Once

again the Colt offense completely dominated the game and dictated the tempo. Defensively, the Colts were right on target as they held their opponent to single digits until the fourth quarter. The scoring was spread out among several players, which was the result of great teamwork. Scoring: Gaines 10, M. Crump 10, C. Crump 8, Roberts 6, Harris 4, John Levario 3, Brayden Phillips 2, West 2, and Shields 2.

The wins over Memphis and Shamrock allowed the Colts to go up against Wellington in the Championship game Saturday. They played hard and did a great job of playing solid basketball to bring home the championship trophy by the final score of 56-27. The Colts showed their dominance early on as they took a commanding 28-8 lead in the first half of play. They continued to show their strength on the court and added to their lead until the buzzer. Scoring: Phillips 16, Gaines 14, M. Crump 8, C. Crump 6, Roberts 3, Shields 3, Watson 2, Harris 2, and White 2.

The seventh grade faced Memphis in their first game and were defeated 14-31. Things just did not go well for the Colts as they hustled hard but could not get anything going offensively. Scoring: Jayson Pigg 6, Charleston Harris 4, Chris Blackburn 2, and Jacob Pigg 2.

Both Colt teams will play their last game of the season February 5 at Claude beginning at 5:00 pm.

CJH girls beat Memphis

The seventh grade Lady Colts participated in the end of the season tournament held in Shamrock January 27. They took on Memphis in the opening round and defeated them 34-15 before losing a close game to Shamrock at 22-24.

The Lady Colts started strong against Memphis in the first round as they gained a good lead early on. A huge third quarter allowed the Lady Colts to take control of the game and seal the win. Eight players contributed to the win on the scoreboard, and the entire team played a big part in the win. Scoring: Trevela Dronzek

10, Brittany Hargrove 6, Marqueda Gaines 6, Brooklyn Bailey 4, Cheyenne Kosechata 3, Christine Johnson 2, Cynthia Medina 2, and Kaylea Hewitt 1.

The Lady Colts began the game with Shamrock slowly but came back to within two points at the buzzer. A slow first quarter hindered the Ladies, but pure determination allowed them to bring it to a one-point game at the break. Another slow third quarter put the Ladies behind once again, but they fought their way back until the very end. Scoring: Dronzek 14, Hargrove 7, and Amber Keelin 1.

The eighth grade Lady Colts played Memphis and lost 7-16. Clarendon held a slight advantage at the break as they led 5-2, but they went scoreless in the third period to trail by three. The difference in the game turned out to be the number of free throws shot by Memphis. Scoring: Danielle Ford 4, Vanessa Williams 2, and Annessa Williams 1.

Both Lady Colt teams will play their final game of the season February 5 at home against Claude beginning at 5:00 p.m.

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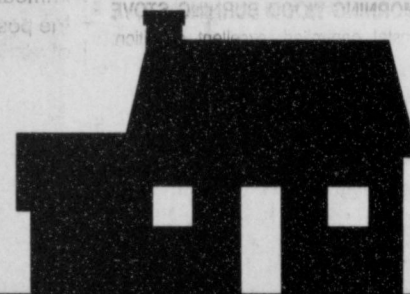
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NICE STUCCO IN GOOD NEIGHBORHOOD - 1,362 sq. ft. - 3 bedrooms - 2 bath - modern kitchen with built-ins - dining - living - utility - attached 2 car garage with opener - storage building - front & back yards enclosed with chain link fence - all appliances and tools go with property @ 403 Johnson St. for \$35,000.

HOWARDWICK

4 BEDROOM - 2 BATH - only 7 years old - central heat & ref. air - in excellent condition, and includes - 3 decks - attached concrete cellar - 36 X 14 X 12 RV port - large storage barn & shop - 50 X 30 insulated metal barn - well, plus Red River water - certified septic system - lots of concrete - all on 2 acres in Carrol Creek Acres and move-in ready for only \$98,500.

MOBILE HOME & 3 LOTS - 2 bedrooms - 2 baths - nice den and kitchen - metal roof - 2 car port - 2 storage buildings on 3 lots near Carrol Creek @ 270 Walleys St. in Howardwick for \$24,000.

COMMERCIAL

IT'LL DO MOTEL - OWNER MUST SELL DUE TO FAILING HEALTH - A nice "Mom and Pop" business with 8 rental units plus 2 rental apartments in addition to living quarters for owner/operator and a choice location at intersection of US Hwy. 287 and Parks St. for \$125,000. REDUCED TO \$110,000.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH BUILDING - suitable for use as/is for groups or organizations. Excellent location for DAY CARE FACILITY and building could be easily converted for that use. Also easily converted to residential property. Central heat & ref. air already in parts of the building. Lots of square footage, located at 511 E. 5th St. for \$39,900.

FARM/RANCH

167.85 ACRES & 3 BR - 2 BATH HOUSE (needs work) - concrete cellar - 145.9 ac CPR @ \$35.00 (\$5,106.00 ann. Payment) - well with sub. pump - 2nd livestock well with pump jack - deer, turkey & quail frequent the premises - unrestricted view in all directions - frontage on paved FM 1260 and CR 17 - 9 mi S/E Clarendon for \$150,000.

BEAUTIFUL AND WELL SECLUDED SMALL RANCH - 125 acres of native grass with hundreds of black walnut, cotton wood and other native trees bordering White Fish Creek surrounded by big ranch country about 7 1/2 miles S/E of Alanreed. A large seep pond (with fish) and live water from the creek provide abundant water for the deer, turkey and numerous varieties of wild game and birds that frequent the premises. Some financing negotiable. SEE WEBSITE FOR PICTURES. Show by appointment. REDUCED FROM \$275,000 TO \$237,500.

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Extension specialists call flexibility greatest tool in livestock operation

AMARILLO - High corn prices, drought, terrorist attacks, mad cow disease, more drought, and high fuel prices have all cut into beef prices in the past 10 years, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

Nobody knows when these issues will develop, but building flexibility into the livestock management plan can help a producer weather the storm and come out on the other side, said Dr. Ted McCollum, Extension beef cattle specialist. He spoke at the Southwest Beef Symposium, held January 16-17 in Amarillo.

Dr. Ron Gill, Extension livestock specialist in Stephenville and speaker, said several producers had to liquidate their herds for one reason or another. The rebuilding time gives them the opportunity to introduce flexibility when re-entering cow/calf production.

"The primary goal is to prevent forced management decisions," Gill said. "Many times we are forced to do things in reaction to drought or something else. Sit down and plan

out where you need to go."

Being forced into an immediate management decision can be one of the most economically damaging events in a livestock operation, he said. Having a management plan that anticipates both negative and positive influences in the business can help prevent large losses and capitalize on available opportunities.

Plan for a loss of grazing acres; explore more stable leasing options, Gill said. Wildlife or hunting ventures may be another area to build a little flexibility into the operation.

The key areas to introduce flexibility are stocking rate, enterprise selection/diversification, counter-cyclical management, genetics, supplements, outside investment, and emergency reserve, Gill said.

The enterprise can vary between cow/calf, young stocker cattle and stocker cows, Gill said. Stocker cows that have come through an ordeal and are thin, but healthy, can put on good weight gains and be more valuable on the other side.

Jay O'Brien, an Amarillo cattleman and speaker at the symposium, said shipping yearlings in September and October is traditional, "but what is the gain you get in the fall if the yearlings are big by late summer? Would you more than make up for it by shipping in July or August if the yearlings are big?"

"We can fit flexibility into our operation in making our long-term plans," O'Brien said. "But we must plan to enable flexibility. There is no way that we can be flexible in our stocking if we are perennially short of grass. Part of the cost of flexibility is to have a safety margin of grass to spare."

In summary, McCollum said producers at the symposium did not learn about new management technology, but instead they heard about the importance of developing a plan and implementing proven management strategies that fit their resources and help adjust to situations.

"It's all about production risk management," he said.

Sheriff's Report: Variety of calls keep officers busy

January 22, 2007

9:37 a.m.- EMS assist 100 Blk. N. Gorst St.
1:32 p.m.- See caller 300 Blk. S. Kearney St.
2:07 p.m.- Traffic control 300 Blk. S. Kearney St.; ice removal

January 23, 2007

6:05 p.m.- EMS assist 900 Blk. White St.
6:26 p.m.- Transport juvenile to Res. Hwy 287 W.

January 24, 2007

10:40 a.m.- At DA's office
11:23 a.m.- Reported burglary in progress; Howardwick.
6:02 p.m.- See caller 400 Blk. Orpe St.
7:27 p.m.- EMS assist 500 Blk. W. 4th St.

January 25, 2007

5:49 p.m.- At Clarendon College Gym
8: 54 p.m.- Dispatched to EMS station

10:06 p.m.- Suspicious activity Hwy 287 at Hedley.

January 26, 2007

1:55 a.m.- See caller 200 Blk. S. Sully
10:07 a.m.- Vehicle fire 300 Blk. W. 2nd St.
1:44 p.m.- Vehicle search Hwy. 287 mp 181.
4:26 p.m. - 4th St. Serve Legal Papers.
6:06 p.m.- EMS assist CC.
8:12 p.m. - EMS Assist 800 Blk. S. Koogle St.

January 27, 2007

11:56 p.m. - EMS assist 400 Blk. S. Jefferson
2:03 a.m. - Vehicle Accident I-40.

2:52 - Check Pedestrian Hwy 287 4 1/2 m. W.

10:54 a.m. -Dispatched to Sheriff's Office.

4:24 p.m. - Welfare Check 12000 Blk. Co. Rd. 'R'.

9:36 p.m. - Welfare Check 700 S. Col-linson

10:25 p.m. - At Residence W. 5th St.

January 28, 2007

1:28 a.m. - Assist motorist 287 at Co. Rd. LL.
7:32 a.m. - Vehicle Accident 287 at Hedley.
12:04 p.m. - EMS assist FM 2362.
3:00 p.m. - See caller Hedley School.
6:38 p.m. - Check Security of Vacated Resident W. 5th St.
11:31 p.m. - Out at 3rd & Hawley Sts.

SUMMARY

Arrests - 4
EMS - 12 FD - 1

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Hedley Independent School District Statement Of Revenues, Expenditures, And Charges In Fund Balances

Governmental Funds For The Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 2006

	General Funds	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 478,244.92	\$ 37,237.77	\$ 515,482.69
State Program Revenues	1,396,294.35	98,148.09	1,494,442.44
Federal Program Revenues		127,259.50	127,259.50
Total Revenues	\$ 1,874,539.27	\$ 262,645.36	\$ 2,137,184.63
EXPENDITURES:			
Instruction	\$ 1,127,137.21	\$ 72,260.61	\$ 1,199,397.82
Instructional Resources and Media Services	60,608.38	509.66	61,118.04
Curriculum and Staff Development	834.88		834.88
Instructional Leadership	1,000.00	11,631.00	12,631.00
School Leadership	112,449.90	891.91	113,341.81
Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	14,529.60	191.08	14,720.68
Health Services	29,626.17	382.30	30,008.47
Student (Pupil) Transportation	45,595.41	422.62	46,018.03
Food Service		137,396.90	137,396.90
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	131,444.72	273.27	131,717.99
General Administration	180,762.11	174.64	180,936.75
Plant Maintenance and Operations	257,406.86	1,556.87	258,963.73
Principal on Long-Term Debt		55,000.00	55,000.00
Interest on Long-Term Debt		34,335.00	34,335.00
Bond Servicing Fees		646.50	646.50
Payments Related to Shared Services Arrangements	27,945.00		27,945.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,982,340.24	\$ 315,672.36	\$ 2,305,012.60
Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues Over(Under) Expenditures	\$ (114,800.97)	\$ (53,027.00)	\$ (167,827.97)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Transfers In	\$	\$ 41,692.60	\$ 41,692.60
Transfers Out	(41,692.60)		(41,692.60)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ (41,692.60)	\$ 41,692.60	\$ -0-
SPECIAL ITEMS:			
Extraordinary Items (Resources)	\$ 549,145.78		\$ 549,145.78
Extraordinary Items (Uses)	(1,506.96)		(1,506.96)
Total Special Items	\$ 547,638.82	\$	\$ 547,638.82
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$ 391,145.25	\$ (11,334.40)	\$ 379,810.85
Fund Balance, September 1, 2005(Beginning)	197,269.87	39,506.94	236,776.81
Fund Balance, August 31, 2006(Ending)	\$ 588,415.12	\$ 28,172.54	\$ 616,587.66

Angel Food Ministries



"A Food Ministry With A Servant's Heart"

ANGEL FOOD FEBRUARY 2007 MENU

Angel Food Ministries February Menu 2007		
(1) 3 lb. Breaded Chicken Tenders	(1) 16 oz. Rice	
(1) 1.5 lb St. Louis Style Ribs.	(1) 7.5 oz. Corn Muffin Mix	
(1) 4 lbs I.Q.F. Chicken Thighs	(1) 20 oz. Shoestring French Fries	
(1) 1 lb Ground Beef	(1) 16 oz. Sugar Snap Peas	
(1) 2 lbs Breaded Chicken Breast Filets	(1) 16 oz. 4-Way Mixed Vegetables	
(10) 4 oz. Beef Burritos	(1) 15 oz. Breakfast Cereal	
(1) 12 oz Smoked Sausage	(1) Dozen Eggs	
(1) 20 ct. Old Paso Taco Shells	(1) 27 oz. Pie	
(1) 16 oz. Pinto Beans		

All This For The Low Cost Of \$25.00

NOTICE ONE SPECIAL PER FOOD BOX PURCHASED

February Special #1	4 lb. Box Steak Combo (4 8-oz. T Bones, 4 8-oz. Ribeyes)	\$18.00
February Special #2	10 lb. Box, Chicken Combo (2 lbs each of F. C. Wings, IQF Tenders, Breaded Frying Chicken, F. C. Strips, B/S Breast)	\$18.00
February Special #3	5.5 lb. Box, Meat Combo (4 6-oz. Top Sirloin, 4-4 oz. Steak Burger, 16 oz. Beef Back Ribs, 16 oz. Short Ribs, 16 oz. Italian Sausage)	\$18.00

Angel Food Ministries Reserves the Right to Substitute Any of the Above items Due to Availability.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10:00 - 12:00 — 1:00—3:00

Saturday, February 10th 11:00—1:30

This is not a donation; all money received for this food goes to Angel Food Ministries.

CLARENDON CHURCH OF CHRIST / ANGEL FOOD ORDER FORM — February 2007

300 SOUTH CARHART, P. O. Box 861, CLARENDON, TEXAS 79226, OFFICE HOURS Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10:00 AM—3:00 PM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

CHECK ONE OF THESE FOUR BOXES:

I am the Person Picking Up the Order (Please bring photo I.D.)

Phone Will Be Picking Up My Order (Please bring photo I.D.)

Donate to Clarendon Church of Christ

Donate to _____ Phone _____

ITEM	PRICE	QTY.	TOTAL
Food Box	\$25.00		\$
<i>Only 1 special with each box</i>			
Special #1 Steak Combo	\$18.00		\$
Special #2 Chicken Combo Box	\$18.00		\$
Special #3 Meat Combo	\$18.00		\$
ORDER TOTAL			\$

PAYMENT METHOD: CASH (exact change only) LONE STAR CHECK # _____ (payable to Clarendon Church of Christ)