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

Health, Wealth Fair to be held next Thursday

The Donley County Extension is hosting its annual Good Health, Much Wealth, Your Choice, Health Fair in Clarendon on Thursday, March 30, at the Bairfield Activity Center at Clarendon College.

This is the eighth year for this event. Last year it was determined that over \$50,000 was saved by the public in health and financial services that were offered.

Each year health conditions needing immediate medical attention are brought to the attention of fair-goers.

Friedman petition drive now underway

The push is underway across Texas to get Richard "Kinky" Friedman and Carole Keeton Strayhorn on the November ballot as independent candidates for governor.

Friedman and Strayhorn must each gather 45,540 signatures of registered voters who did not vote in either the Democratic or Republican primaries this year, and they must have those signatures submitted to the Secretary of State's office by May 11, 2006.

Clarendon attorney Jerry Courtney is heading the Friedman petition drive in Donley County, but no one has reported a Strayhorn petition being circulated locally. Voters can sign only one petition.

For more information about Friedman's petition, contact Courtney at work at 874-3535, at home at 874-2626, or on his cell phone at 679-8652.

Breast cancer clinic to be held in Clarendon

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Cancer will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at the Associated Ambulance Authority Building April 17, 2006.

The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only.

Call 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Peanut producers sought to serve NPB

The Texas Peanut Producers Board (TPPB) is seeking eligible peanut producers who are interested in serving on the National Peanut Board (NPB) to come forward.

TPPB will hold a nominations election to select a member and alternate to the NPB during a meeting on April 6 at 1 p.m. at the Lubbock Club in Lubbock. All eligible producers are encouraged to participate. For more information, call 800-734-0086.

Clarendon Aldermen pass on public pool offer

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen turned down a proposal to purchase a swimming pool during their regular meeting last Tuesday.

Western Skies Motel owner G. Patel had offered to sell the swimming pool west of his establishment to the city for \$35,000; but the mayor, the board, and other city officials all had concerns about the deal and the cost to turn Patel's private pool into one for public use.

Patel had earlier said his pool was hard to manage and monitor

since it was out of sight from his front desk and said he hoped to build a new pool in front of the motel that would be more visible to travelers.

Alderman Janice Knorpp said last Tuesday that the city would have to hire a lifeguard and a qualified person to maintain the pool and its equipment. Alderman Bobbie Kidd noted that the city would have to build a parking lot for the pool, which is located between the motel and the Dollar General, and he said, "I'm not real crazy about the location."

Other items of concern for the city included the need to build a taller privacy fence and gate, the cost of insurance, and the absence of changing rooms and showers.

City Superintendent Jim Roberts told the board he thought it would take at least as much to fix the pool for the city's purposes as it would to buy the pool.

In other city business, the board approved the submission of a Texas Community Development STEP Grant in the amount of \$306,585

for a new high-capacity water pump system for the west side of Clarendon and for ten new fire hydrants.

Life Scout LaDez Captain presented his proposed project for his Eagle Scout rank. Captain asked the city to supply paint and supplies to fix up the North Ward Park equipment, and he said he would like to see the basketball court at the park enlarged with new goals installed. The board directed the city superintendent to provide Captain with the paint, brushes, and other items to

fix up the park equipment and asked Captain to return with figures for the cost of concrete and goals.

City engineer Che Shadle discussed the ongoing street project. He said the contractor is making progress and predicted the curbing would be finished soon. He said the asphalt season will begin on April 15.

During the city superintendent's report, Mayor Tex Selvidge inquired if the city has an evacuation plan. Roberts said one is in place under the jurisdiction of the county.



Relics of the past

Christian Marll of Amarillo and Dan Moser of Missouri display dozens of beer and whiskey bottles unearthed behind Wondel Luttrell's storage building on Kearney Street recently. The two friends have made a hobby of locating and digging into abandoned outhouses to see what early residents threw away. In one afternoon, they located the privy site, dug a hole two feet by four feet and eight feet deep, and recovered the bottles and artifacts seen here. The bottles mostly dated from the early 1900s with some being even older. While Old Clarendon was a temperance settlement, New Clarendon was wet until 1903.

Enterprise Photo / Roger Estlack

H-wick firemen still recovering, face expenses

One injured Howardwick fireman has come home, and two others remain hospitalized this week as their community continues to hope for their full recoveries.

All three men were injured March 12 when their fire truck overturned while battling the I-40 fire that burned 350,000 acres in an area 20 miles wide and 55 miles long in Donley, Gray, Wheeler, and Collingsworth counties over a period of several days.

Mayor Pro-tem Marvin Elam says 25-year-old Joey Garcia is at home recuperating from surgery to fix a leg that was broken in two places and from burns to his hands.

Jeff Cook, 45, remains in Northwest Texas Hospital with a broken neck and other injuries. Elam said Cook is doing well and is walking around visiting with other patients. He was scheduled to be released Monday, but Elam said as of Tuesday morning doctors were wanting to perform another surgery on his neck.

The third Howardwick fireman, 62-year-old James McMorries, remains on life support in Northwest Texas Hospital in very critical condition. Among other injuries, sources tell the ENTERPRISE that McMorries has a broken back and suffered two strokes over the weekend. But there was some good news.

"James came around yesterday [Monday]," Elam said. "He opened his eyes and reacted to lights and visitors."

As of Tuesday morning, McMorries had not opened his eyes again, Elam said, and doctors were planning to reposition his breathing tube and insert a feeding tube to make him more comfortable.

Elam said he hopes to have good news to report on McMorries soon.

"Everyone just keep James in your prayers," he said. "He's a good guy with a good family. He's done a

lot for the department and has gotten tires and equipment for us."

Howardwick's municipal insurance will cover the firemen's medical expenses, but the families of the injured men must cope with living expenses since the volunteer firemen will be missing weeks if not months of work.

"They're all missing work," Elam said. "The young man [Garcia] is probably hurting the most. He and his wife are expecting a baby this summer."

Donations can be made to a fund for the individual firemen at Amarillo National Bank. Local donations are being accepted at the Donley County State Bank.

"We've had a lot of response from here, and we've had donations from people with no connection to the local community," Elam said. "One lady from out of state was there when the accident happened, and she has sent some money."

Elam also said he's proud of his community for the way it's come together to support a revitalized fire department. When the New Year's Day fire burned more than 21,000 acres in northern Donley County, the Howardwick department had only six or seven members. But Elam said that had grown to 30 members by the time of the I-40 fire, and more applications have been received since then.

"We've got a lot of new members, people who see the need," Elam said. "I'm proud of them and the way they are working together. We want to model ourselves on Clarendon's department, and we train with them."

In addition to the human injuries, the department also suffered the loss of one of its grassfire trucks during the accident. Donations are also coming in to replace that truck, and a fund has been established at the Community Bank in Clarendon for that purpose.

Donations coming in for wildfire victims, firemen

The Texas motto of "friendship" has come to life following last week's wildfires as numerous organizations have mobilized to assist those affected by the disaster.

Starting close to home, the Donley County State Bank is accepting donations on behalf of Amarillo National Bank to help defray the living expenses of three Howardwick firemen who were badly injured during the I-40 fire.

Also to help those injured firemen, the Silverton Fire Department is planning an all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast this Saturday, March 25, at the showbarn in Silverton. The breakfast will be served from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m., and the cost is \$5 per person with the proceeds going to the Howardwick firemen.

Community Bank in Clarendon

is also seeking help for the Howardwick Fire Department by establishing a fund for donations to replace the fire truck that was lost in that same accident.

This Thursday, March 23, the Texas Cooperative Extension, along with USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Farm Service Agency, will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. in the Clarendon Church of Christ Family Life Center to help producers mitigate losses encountered due to the recent wildfires in the Panhandle and develop strategies for the future.

The Amarillo Area Foundation has established an emergency relief fund to assist individuals and families following the fires. The "Panhandle Disaster Relief Fund" plans to work directly with organizations that are

providing services for basic necessities. The fund was established with an initial \$50,000 donation from the Foundation. The fund also provides a direct way for others to assist through gifts to the fund.

All donations are tax deductible and may be sent to the Amarillo Area Foundation, c/o Panhandle Disaster Relief Fund, 801 S. Fillmore, Suite 700, Amarillo, Texas 79101. Organizations requesting funds should send a letter with the amount and purpose to the attention of Angela Lust at the Amarillo Area Foundation.

In addition, the Texas Cattle Feeders Association and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association have established the "Cattlemen's Disaster Relief Fund" at the Amarillo Area Foundation to assist cattlemen

See 'Donations' on page 3.



Donley County State Bank and Knorpp Insurance Agency donated \$1,000 to the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department on Monday. Bobbie Thornberry (left) and Walt Knorpp (right) presented the check to Clarendon Fire Chief Delbert Robertson.

Enterprise Photo / Cheryl Johnson

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

Firefighters deserve our gratitude

Sometimes the words "thank you" just aren't enough. And such is the case as our county and this newspaper seek to find a way to show our gratitude to the men of our local volunteer fire departments.



editor's commentary
by roger estlack

For days last week they battled a wildfire that consumed everything in its path. Homes, property, cattle, and even lives were lost to the inferno; and yet our volunteers remained steadfast in their devotion to their unpaid duty.

At any time, their fate could have been like those three firemen from Howardwick. Joseph Garcia, Jeff Cook, and James McMorris were all critically injured when their truck overturned into a ravine. They were miles from home, fighting a fire that did not threaten their own community but could have if the winds had turned the right way. They were not there that night for the money or the glory or the fame. They were just there to help, just there to serve; and I would venture to guess they would do it again.

Even as three of their own brethren were carried to medical care, our county's firemen kept up the attack. Joining with fire departments from across this great Panhandle and eventually from across our Lone Star State and then even from other states, they worked through fatigue and weariness to try to save people's lives and livelihoods.

The worst fires in Texas history continued to burn for days even as our firemen handed the baton over to other departments, and ultimately it took God Himself to fully extinguish the blaze. We thank Him for the rain that we have so desperately been seeking, and we thank them for their service to us and to our neighbors.

The county's burn ban remains in place, and the danger of another possible fire is not yet over. It will still linger until this drought is decidedly broken. But if we ever doubted, we know now who our earthly protectors are, and we know they will be there if they are needed again.

If they would go to such great measures to protect other communities, there can be no doubt that they would do the same or more for their own. The firemen of Clarendon, Howardwick, and Hedley are always there ready to spring into action when it is called for.

Tragedy has a way of pulling people together. Since the fires started, the ENTERPRISE has been flooded with information from different groups organizing relief efforts for beleaguered ranchers and farmers, aid for those who lost their homes or their loved ones, assistance for the Howardwick Fire Department, which lost one of its trucks, and, of course, support for those three men and their families.

We here have tried to do our small part, preparing the advertisement on the back page of this edition, the proceeds of which will go to our three local fire departments. It is with pride that we report that of all the people that we contacted for that ad, only one person turned us down and that person had already made his own donation to the firefighters. We could barely get the idea out of our mouth, and people would say, "I'm in."

That's the kind of community we live in, and that's the kind of people we have in Donley County and in our great state. Neighbors help neighbors, just as the Golden Rule always taught us to do. When someone needs a hand, it is presented to them without hesitation.

The good acts of our firemen are reflected in the gratitude and support they are freely given by those they serve. And the importance of their service is reinforced by the lawmen, the dispatchers, the EMS, the county hands, and other paid and volunteer men and women who work so hard to keep our firemen as safe from harm as possible.

Those who risk their lives for others are a special breed. Our firefighters have shown us what bravery, courage, and commitment is all about by their example, and this community – indeed the entire Panhandle – will not soon forget the sacrifices that were made last week. We salute them, and we ask God's blessing on each of them.

Meanwhile...

Regular readers will recall that two years ago community gossip had your humble editor married just days after my first date with my pre-fiancée. There hadn't even been a ring or a popped question before folks had me down the aisle and saying "I do."

Well, I did, and she did; and what with the time we spend with our nephew some folks think we've already got a family going. But such is not the case... at least not quite yet.

Another rumor, which is entirely based in truth, has it that I am about to get the opportunity to put the wealth of child-rearing knowledge I have put in print to the test and that my lovely bride and I are about to find out all about raising a kid. Our own "special edition" will be published on or about October 21.

Suffice it to say, we will not be taking any international flights with the tyke.

Spring Break comes to violent ending

My wonderful Spring Break came to a violent end Monday morning. I finally got out of bed at 7:48 when my alarm went off for the third time.

That wasn't the violent part. That was just the set-up.

Fast forward to 8:02. I had only been awake for three or four minutes. I had managed to brush my teeth, but I couldn't find a towel to wipe the toothpaste moustache and to prepare for my shower. I had taken all of my laundry home. I knew the towel must be buried somewhere in the laundry baskets stacked around the room.

My quest for the Cleanest Towel led me to the basket hidden under my desk that held up my computer that rested beneath my calendar. My friend, whom I call Leibs, made it for me for Christmas. March was a picture of her and me wearing funny glasses and sticking out our tongues. What times we had together! What fun! What golden days of endless joy!

My mind returned to that idyllic time, Spring Break '06. Was that just a week ago? Already it seemed a distant memory.

I was making plans and taking naps and packing for picnics no longer. Now

I was getting ready to go back to class and to work and to rehearsal and to real life.

Real life? Is there such a thing? What is reality? What is life? What is the fourth dimension? Is time travel possible? Is it safe to eat a slice of bread from a moldy loaf if the slice itself has no visible mold?

My mind wanders.

By the way, that's not the violent part, either. This is all set-up. I'll let you know when the violent part comes.

I had almost forgotten the quest for the towel, when I realized I was standing on it. I had tossed it out of the basket in last night's quest for the Warmest Pajamas.

I picked up the towel, wiped my half dry toothpaste moustache, and took one last glance at the calendar.

I had taken a Sharpie and drawn a line from the 13th to the 19th squares and lovingly engraved "The Lake" embraced on either side by three red stars.



life's lessons
by carrie helms

I followed the line and the path that it had taken, the imprint that it had left on my soul. I followed the line to today, March 20. I skipped a space. My eye landed on March 22.

Cue the violence!
There, in big red letters, hemmed in by four stars, was the single word "REPORT!"

All week long, I knew I had a presentation coming up in my Southern Lit class that I needed to work on. I may have even said the words "I have a presentation coming up in my Southern Lit class that I need to work on," but I was absolutely certain that I had a week between vacation and report.

But there it was in unmistakable blinking red Sharpie and stars. "REPORT!" I looked at the syllabus. "March 22. REPORT! REPORT! REPORT!"

I forgot the towel. Lake Whitney '06, reality, and bread mold. I had much bigger things to ponder. I had to find some way to split myself into two people and go back in time so that one of Me could re-enjoy my vacation while the other Me did my project.



Firemen love, serve their communities

I want to share with you some of the things I have witnessed starting March 14 and what has been happening since March 12. We received word early that morning that Lloyd McCord had passed away in Anson, Texas. Delbert left immediately to go and bring him home. Before noon that same day, fire broke out in our county. It wasn't long before we learned that there were several counties where fires were burning out of control just as it was in Donley County. On Tuesday, March 14, some of those fires were still burning, and the volunteer firefighters were still trying to bring them under control.

Eleven people have died, and three Howardwick firefighters and at least one Lefors firefighter have been critically or seriously injured. All those fires were being fought by volunteer firefighters along with many other people who came to help. They leave their families and their jobs, and they put their lives on the line because they are dedicated. They are volunteers; they have a choice. They love their communities, and they go where they are needed.

Mr. Rogers used to ask the children on his TV show if they could say certain words. I ask you today, can you say "community?" If you can, do you know what it means? Some of the finest people I know are volunteer firefighters, and there to back them up are the Firebelles here in Clarendon. I know there are organizations in other counties that do this for their volunteer firefighters. I know they are there within minutes with food and drink to do whatever they can for the volunteer firefighters and anyone else who shows up to help. They leave their children, homes, and jobs to do what needs to be done, and they do it extremely well. Thank you volunteer firefighters and Firebelles!

Can you say "loyalty?" If you can, do you know what it means? People like Firebelles and nurses Rhonda Howell and Chandra Holman do. They, at great personal risk and without hesitation, climbed down a fire-filled canyon where the Howardwick fire truck overturned to administer aid to the injured and, in the process, very likely saved at least two Howardwick firefighters' lives. Thank you, ladies and everyone else who took risks to do what had to be done. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of those who lost their lives and for all the firefighters who were injured during that time.

I go back now to what I witnessed today, March 14. Lloyd McCord's funeral service was held at the First Baptist Church. He had served his community faithfully and gladly as a volunteer firefighter for more than 60 years. Can you say "respect?" If you can, do you know what it means? All those in the fire depart-

ment, Firebelles, and many others in the community had a great deal of respect for Lloyd and for the loyalty he showed to his community.

As I heard the funeral procession was leaving the church for the cemetery, I went to my door to watch as it came down Highway 287. What I saw touched my heart. I knew they were getting close when traffic began pulling over and stopping. Why were they stopping? Out of respect for a man they did not even know. Leading the procession were the Fire Department Suburban, the Pumper, and the 1927 Seagraves Pumper carrying the casket, all driven by volunteer firefighters. My thanks to the people at the Courthouse for lowering the flag out of respect for a special man who had loved his community and served it well. It is a shame that the city refused to lower their flag at City Hall since the procession passed right by it.

Back to the fire. For some reason I don't understand, there are some in this community who oppose the volunteer fire department. If you are one of these and you can give me a truthful explanation, I'm in the phone book.

I just want to thank the volunteer fire departments; the Firebelles; all those who volunteered and helped out in so many ways; the churches and the individuals who have been so generous; the merchants who furnished food and drink; the employers who let their people off to help fight the fires; the employees who took off work to help; all those who brought food and drink and helped serve it; Sheppard's Crook Nursing; those who organized and executed the community prayer meeting at the park; the Donley County Commissioners' Court for equipment, time, and staff; those who came from the area counties to help Clarendon, Howardwick, and Hedley; and those who took time not only to give but also to write a note of thanks to the firefighters. If I have left anyone out, it was unintentional, and I ask your forgiveness. A very special thanks to all those who took time to pray – please continue to do so.

One last question, can you say "love?" If you can, do you know what it means? Look back at the people who were there during this time. They love their neighbors. Our neighbors are anyone who has a need. The people I previously mentioned show love, respect, and loyalty. They love their communities.

God bless you all for what you have done and what you continue to do. Let us all continue to praise God for the rain and keep praying for those who lost loved ones, for the injured firefighters, and for those who lost their homes, their cattle, and the use of their land for some time.

Patsy Robertson, Clarendon

Consider good things hospital district does

I am writing to express my concern over a petition currently being circulated that proposes to abolish the hospital district tax. While we would all like to pay fewer taxes, I believe that to essentially abolish the hospital district would greatly harm the quality of life in our community.

As all of us who have had loved ones stay – sometimes unexpectedly – at the Medical Center Nursing Home know, we are blessed to have this facility in a community of our size. The employees are professional, compassionate, and dedicated. Our loved ones are well cared for in an environment that is comfortable and in a community that they can still call home. And while this is the first and most important reason to support the hospital district tax, the Medical Center is also the employer to 55 capable people who live, work, and pay taxes in Donley County.

In addition to the actual 53 bed medical facility that is supported through the hospital district tax, the ambulance authority is also supported through this tax.

While everybody understands the importance of quality emergency medical care to a rural area such as ours, what people may not realize is that to abolish the hospital district tax would also jeopardize our ambulance services.

Although efforts to reduce taxes are well intentioned, I believe that our community must continue to support the hospital district. It is one of the reasons people move here. As our population continues to grow older and as people live longer, the need for the Medical Center will only increase over time.

We are so fortunate to have these facilities in our community. Please continue to give them your support.

Tookie Thornberry, Clarendon

Howardwick Fire Chief offers thanks for support

I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of the Howardwick VFD for the support given to this department during the past days. The prayers and donations to James, Jeff, and Joseph and the department have been a blessing.

I want to say a special thank you to those who responded to the rescue of the Howardwick Fire Fighters that were injured on March 12. I also want to thank all those that responded to fight the fire.

God bless you all.

Robert J. Cole
Chief Howardwick VFD

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Thornberry tours wildfire areas, pushes for aid

WASHINGTON - Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) is optimistic that Congress will provide help to area residents for the damage caused by the wildfires that have plagued the Texas Panhandle.

Thornberry said he is receiving increasing support in the House for his proposal to attach wildfire recovery assistance to a spending bill currently making its way through Congress.

The bill in question is a supplemental appropriations bill primarily intended to provide new funding for the Global War on Terror and hurricane recovery efforts.

Thornberry toured the fire-ravaged area Monday and met with local officials in the counties of Gray, Roberts, Carson, Hutchinson, Donley, and Childress.

"Having ranched here all my life I have seen my share of grassfires.

But, I do not recall ever seeing vegetation completely stripped away and only sand left behind. One county official I met with said such areas look like they were hit by a nuclear bomb. I have to say that description summed it up very well," Thornberry added.

Last week in Washington, Thornberry proposed: Compensation for livestock owners for their losses through the Livestock Indemnity Program, and Funding and technical assistance through the Emergency Conservation Program to rehabilitate farm and ranch land by removing debris, restoring fences and conservation structures, and providing water for livestock.

"I am grateful for the support my proposals have received from both Republicans and Democrats. Key leaders have promised to help," said Thornberry.

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) have been used in previous disasters, but the two programs do not receive continuous funding. Instead, these two programs receive funding from Congress only on an "as needed" basis in response to specific emergencies.

Although his amendments are not yet included in the legislation, Thornberry noted that the passage of the supplemental appropriations bill by the House is just a first step to passage.

"The Senate will still need to adopt its version of the supplemental, and then a conference committee will work out the differences between what the two chambers have passed. I think the chances are very good that, by the time we have the final supplemental appropriations language ready to send to the President, fire aid will

be in the bill," Thornberry said.

The prospects for getting fire aid ultimately included in the bill brightened last week as Thornberry talked with House leaders including Majority Leader John Boehner, who offered his encouragement. And, as Thornberry described the need for fire aid on the House floor last week, he garnered support from two key colleagues - House Appropriations Committee Chairman Jerry Lewis and the Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture Henry Bonilla.

Other federal programs are available for disasters, including low interest loans and housing assistance. Thornberry said he would be working with local officials to ensure that people know about the help that may be available.

"We have been hit with widespread tragedy created by the largest

wildfires in Texas history. It is hard for many people to grasp the magnitude of this disaster. If Katrina was the hurricane of the century, we are experiencing the fires of the century," Thornberry said.

The congressman said his office stands ready to help those affected by the fires.

"The range of needs is wide. Help is needed with housing for people whose homes were burned, livestock producers need compensation for animals killed in the fires, a lot of fences need rebuilding, and there is even the need to replace fire-fighting equipment.

"I will do all I can to help local authorities find programs that can provide assistance. And, I want them to call me or my office if they run into any snags in trying to work with the federal bureaucracy," Thornberry said.

weather report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	13	77°	33°	-
Tues	14	59°	19°	-
Wed	15	65°	22°	-
Thur	16	71°	43°	-
Fri	17	69°	40°	-
Sat	18	45°	37°	0.14"
Sun	19	46°	40°	0.78"

Total precipitation this month: 2.09"
Total precipitation to date: 2.34"
Total precipitation in March last year: 1.85"
Total YTD last year: 3.99"

weekend forecast

Friday, March 24
Partly Cloudy
61°/30°

Saturday, March 25
Partly Cloudy
65°/33°

Sunday, March 26
Partly Cloudy
70°/34°

Information provided by: Tommie C. Saye
50 yr. Cooperative Observer, National Weather Service

Donations: Continued from page one.

with disaster relief. Contributions to this fund may also be made to the Amarillo Area Foundation, c/o Cattlemen's Disaster Relief Fund. For information, contact Jim Allison at 806-376-4521.

The Texas Farm Bureau is asking members in other parts of the state to step forward. The Bureau is accepting donations of hay, fence posts and wire, personal items, and monetary contributions for families affected by


wildfires. Contact the Gray-Roberts county office at 665-8451 to help.

Donations can also be made to the Red Cross by calling 800-297-2270.

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March 30

Donley County Health Fair • Bairfield Activity Center • 9 a.m.

April 1

Clarendon College Invitational Judging Contest

April 21

San Jacinto Day

April 22

Clarendon College Ex-Students Reunion • Bairfield Activity Center

July 4

Saints Roost Celebration • Details TBA

Community Menus

March 27-31
Clarendon Schools

Breakfast
Mon: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk
Tue: Oatmeal, toast, fruit, milk
Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk
Thur: Eggs, toast, fruit, milk
Fri: Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk
Lunch
Mon: Tacos, beans, salad, fruit mix, milk
Tue: Little smokies, beans, coleslaw, peaches, milk
Wed: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, cake, rolls, milk
Thur: Goulash, corn, salad, applesauce, rolls, milk
Fri: Hot dogs with chili, fries, salad, pickles, fruit, milk

Hedley Schools

Lunch
Mon: Chicken nuggets, potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, fruit, rolls, milk
Tue: Beef taco nachos, beans and rice, corn, salad, fruit, cornbread muffins, milk
Wed: Corn dog or burrito, chili and cheese, chili beans, salad, fruit, corn chips, milk
Thur: Spaghetti and meat sauce, corn, tossed salad, sliced peaches, rolls, milk
Fri: Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, oven fries, fruit, cookies, milk

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Lasagna, corn, tossed salad, blonde brownies, garlic toast, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Tue: Chicken strips, potato soup, glazed carrots, strawberry pretzel salad, sugar cookies, biscuits, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Wed: Navajo tacos, Spanish rice, fruit, sopapillas, chips and salsa, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Thur: Smothered pork chops, macaroni and tomatoes, lima beans, apricots and cottage cheese, German chocolate cake, rolls, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Fri: Cattfish, spinach, au gratin potatoes, coleslaw, apple pie, hush puppies, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Chicken strips, broccoli soup, fried okra, egg salad, pineapple whip, cornbread, coffee, tea, milk
Tue: Beef stew with potatoes, carrots, onions, and tomatoes, potato wedges, macaroni salad, sliced peaches, cornbread, coffee, tea, milk
Wed: Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, Jell-O salad, cake, roll, coffee, tea, milk
Thur: Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, beans, tossed salad, cookies, chips and crackers, coffee, tea, milk
Fri: Steak and gravy, baked potato, German cabbage, pickled beets, bread pudding, roll, coffee, tea, milk

Senior Citizens busy with spring activities

By Lyndia Meaker

So far this month, the Donley County Senior Citizens have had a raffle of a birdhouse donated by Joe Giesler. The birdhouse was won by Richard Johnson, who is one of our much appreciated volunteers.

We are all decked out in green for St. Patrick's Day. Come by and join us for a meal.

There is a good group of exercisers that come in three days a week to exercise. All are welcome to come in and join them. Also on Tuesday nights come join in the fun of game night.

Don't forget, Tuesday, March 28, is our Birthday/Anniversary Dinner at 6:00 p.m., followed by some good fellowship. We hope to have some more entertainment next month.

The center is currently raffling off an Easter ham. The drawing will be held on April 12. The money raised will benefit the center. All donations are appreciated.

Also don't forget that we now have ice available. If needed during the day, we are open from 7:30 to 2:00. After hours call Lyndia at 584-3729 or Kathy at 874-1651.

Preparedness best way to defend against fires

By MaryRuth Bishop, County FCS Agent

Fire concerns continue to be an issue in Donley County. The following is a Fact Sheet on House and Building Fires. Remember that a fire can engulf a structure in a matter of minutes. Understanding the basic characteristics of fire and learning the proper safety practices can be the key to surviving a house or building fire.

Install smoke detectors. Check them once a month and change the batteries at least once a year. Develop and practice an escape plan. Make sure all family members know what to do in a fire. Draw a floor plan with at least two ways of escaping every room. Choose a safe meeting place outside the house.

Practice alerting other household members. It is a good idea to keep a bell and a flashlight in each bedroom for this purpose.

Practice evacuating the building blindfolded. In a real fire situation, the amount of smoke generated by a fire will most likely make it impossible to see. Practice staying low to the ground when escaping.

Feel all doors before opening them. If the door is hot, get out another way.

Learn to stop, drop to the ground, and roll if clothes catch fire.

Post emergency numbers near telephones. However, be aware that if a fire threatens your home, you should not place the call to your emergency services from inside the home. It is better to get out first and place the call from somewhere else.

Install A-B-C type fire extin-

guishers in the home and teach family members how to use them.

Cooking - Keep the stove area clean and clear of combustibles such as bags, boxes, and other appliances. If a fire starts, put a lid over the burning pan or use a fire extinguisher. Be careful. Moving the pan can cause the fire to spread. Never pour water on grease fires.

Check electrical wiring. Replace wiring if frayed or cracked. Make sure wiring is not under rugs, over nails, or in high traffic areas. Do not overload outlets or extension cords. Outlets should have cover plates and no exposed wiring.

Only purchase appliances and electrical devices that have a label indicating that they have been inspected by a testing laboratory such as Underwriter's Laboratories (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM).

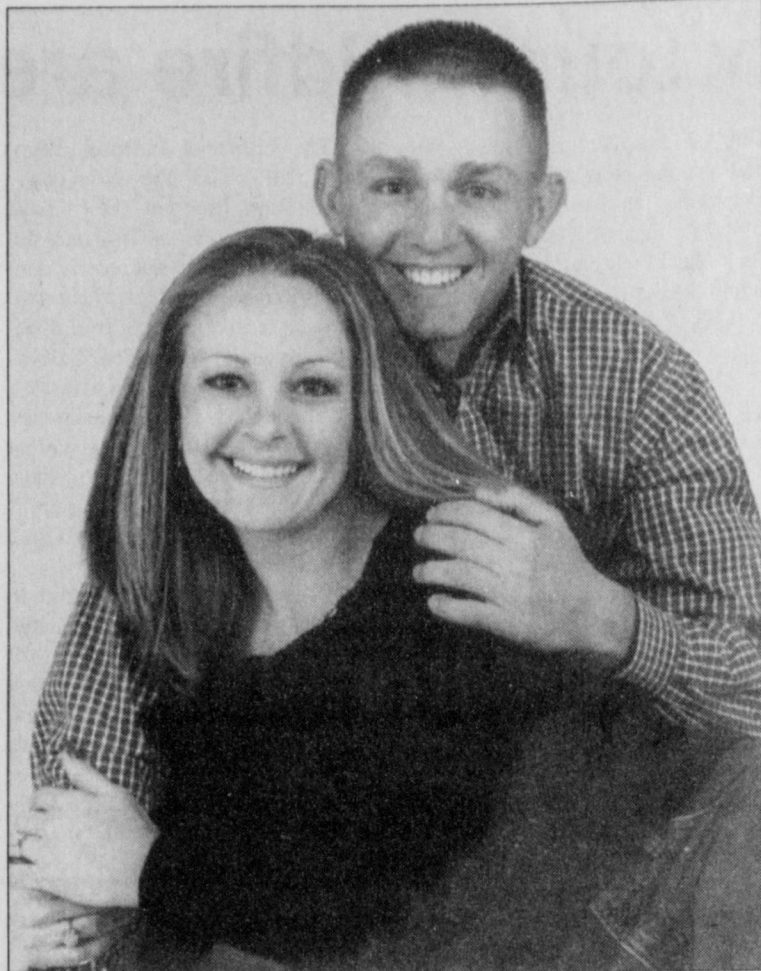
If a fire occurs, give first aid where appropriate. Seriously injured or burned victims should be transported to professional medical help immediately.

Stay out of damaged buildings. Return home only when local fire authorities say it is safe. Look for structural damage.

Discard food that has been exposed to heat, smoke, or soot.

Remember safety first.

We thank the volunteer fire department and their supporting groups for the hard work and willingness to continue to keep our communities safe. Community support for these groups is crucial for the continuation and growth of our county.



Jamie Sawyer and Levi Jackson

Sawyer, Jackson announce engagement

Dan Sawyer and Sonja O'Neal of Clarendon proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Jamie Lynn Sawyer, to Levi Wayne Jackson.

The couple will be married at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 8, 2006, at the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon.

Jamie is a 2005 graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bach-

elors Degree in Food and Nutrition and a Minor in Restaurant, Hotel, Institutional Management. She is currently employed at Dr. Kernan's Office of Internal Medicine in Hobbs, New Mexico.

Levi is a 2005 graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor's Degree in Petroleum Engineering. He is employed with Mewbourne Oil Company in Hobbs, New Mexico.

Berryman book tells frontier preacher's tale

How about a good biography for a change? I do not know of more entertaining one than that which I randomly came across several weeks ago in Burton Memorial Library.

Pioneer Preacher from the Texas Collection is a humorous, heartwarming biographical narrative of an early minister, George Carroll Berryman, written by his daughter, Opal Leigh Berryman.

A purpose in writing this book was to recognize her father and other preachers who contributed rather quietly, but greatly, to development of the West at the same time much of the emphasis was put on gun slingers, lawlessness, and notorious outlaws during the early part of the 20th century. George Berryman conducted pastorates in West Texas.

Readers will recognize the names Big Spring, Amarillo, Lobo Creek, La Mesa, Llano Estacado, Seminole, and Hobbs, New Mexico.

The story begins on an October day when Preacher Berryman moves with his wife and daughter in buggy with team to their new home where he has accepted a pastorate in Coke County. The book is flavored with western humor during their travels and his preaching assignments.

The author adored her father. His sense of humor and positive attitude probably encouraged her willingness to assist him with any task he allowed. Even though gathering cow chips for fuel was not her favorite "chore," she told him she really did not mind. His reply? "We both mind. Where wood is so scarce, we are

fortunate in having at hand the means of cooking and staying warm. But we don't have to pretend we enjoy tidying up after a herd of cattle."

Berryman's warm, fearless, friendly personality never turned anyone away. He was instrumental in eliminating saloons, cattle rustling, and Ku Klux Klan agitation against one of La Mesa's leading citizens. Personal successes and tragedies of those with whom he came in contact greatly concerned him.

Soon after settlement in their

new home, embarrassment for Mrs. Berryman occur when the light behind red curtains that she had hung in the front window brought unexpected visitors. They are as shocked to find the minister's wife as she was to learn their errand.

Character interaction easily and colorfully portrays attitudes and happenings during this period of time. Intertwined is a murder mystery, cattle rustling, and light romance in the life of a young girl unexpectedly brought by her father to stay with the Berrymans in order that they might make a "lady" of her. The results are clever and surprising. Readers will chuckle and become suspensefully involved in the dramatic climax in the life of this frontier preacher.

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Community Fellowship to host parenting class

The Community Fellowship Church in Clarendon will host a program entitled "Back In Control" presented by Lee Boroughs on Saturday, March 25, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

This program is designed to help children and parents communicate and experience good relationships.

Everyone including parents, grandparents, and children are invited to attend. A luncheon will be served at noon.

For more information, contact Ronnie or Dixie Ward at 874-3918.

Donley County school retirees plan to meet

The Donley County Retired School Personnel Association will meet on Monday, March 27, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. at the Family Life Center at the Clarendon Church of Christ.

The Clarendon High School Junior Historians will bring the program for the evening. Following the program and business meeting, a line auction will be held. This is our scholarship fundraiser. Each member is asked to bring one item for the auction.

Please come and bring a snack for refreshments and an auction item. You will enjoy a good program and fellowship.

Quilters hold meeting

The Golden Needles Quilting Club met at the Joe Shaller home recently. They met for quilting, visiting, and a wonderful lunch served by hostess and two granddaughters.

A vintage quilt top, probably from the 1940s, was shown to the members. The squares were crayoned scenes from children's coloring books. The inside yellow border was quilted with a double cable stitch.

Those present were Pam Casteel, Pearl Hermesmeier, Dortha Reynolds, Betty Williams, Ann Bunyan, Jo Shaller, and her two granddaughters.

The April meeting will be held at Donna Barnes' home.

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Business alliances can create better customer services

By MaryRuth Bishop, County FCS Agent
A strategic alliance is when two or more businesses join together for a set period of time. The businesses, usually, are not in direct competition but have similar products or services that are directed toward the same target audience.

Below are seven reasons to create a strategic alliance.

1. You could offer your customers a larger variety of products or services. This will allow you to spend less time and money developing new products to sell.

2. Your number of sales people will increase because you're combining with other business. You won't have to spend time and money hiring new employees.

3. Your marketing and advertising budget will increase. When you form a strategic alliance with other businesses you both will share the advertising and marketing costs.

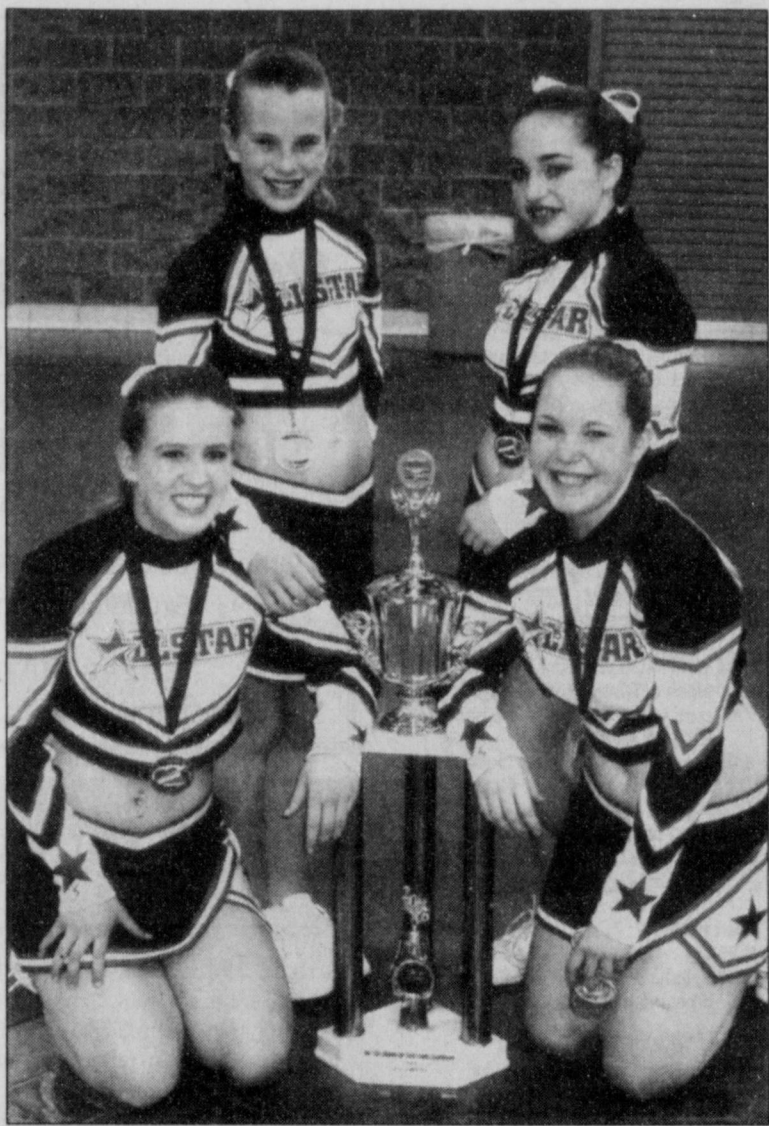
4. You can now offer your existing customers more products. This will increase your sales and profits.

5. Your business will gain a larger number of skilled people working on the same project. You will gain the knowledge of the other businesses employees.

6. You will be able to beat your competition by selling to a larger target audience. You will also increase the total number of existing customers you can sell your products and services to.

7. You can exchange endorsements with your alliance partners. You'll add more credibility to your business and gain your potential customers trust to buy.

Working together as a team can become more profitable for all concerned. Look around our county and see who you could become alliances with and begin to develop those partnerships. Our community's best asset is the people who live here and who shop here. We support the community through our willingness to become a part of giving back to the community and not simply taking from the community.



Champion cheerleaders

Clarendon students Trisha Hewett, Kae Hewett, Holly Phillips, and Casey Phillips are members of the All-Star Cheer and Dance Company in Amarillo that competed and won the National Championship at the 2006 Texas Longhorn Cup Cheer and Dance Championship. The competition was held in Wichita Falls on Saturday March 18. The team also won the spirit award.

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the lion's tale
by allen estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting March 21, 2006, with Boss Lion Mark C. White in charge.

We had 17 members and one guest: MaryRuth Bishop, guest of Lion Judy Burlin.

Lion Marvin Elam reported that Howardwick firemen who were injured last week still face a lot of medical work and living expenses. The club voted to donate \$100 to each of the injured men.

MaryRuth reported the results of the Houston stock show and said Donley County had three steers and two pigs place high. These all made the sale, and two of the steers were bred locally. She also said some state funds are being distributed to Donley County to help with expenses related to the wildfires.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.



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- Texas Cooperative Extension
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- Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership
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- Panhandle Independent Living Center
- Potter House Assisted Living
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- Clarendon College & Texas Tech Health Sciences Center
- Cancer Info and MedLine Plus

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Thank You

McLean Care Center would like to thank Vicky Robertson and Medical Center Nursing Home for their assistance during our return home from the wildfire evacuation last week.

We appreciate all your help.

Billy Ray Johnston
Administrator

Sheriff's Report:

Fires, power outages keep local deputies busy

March 13
 12:44 a.m. - Electricity being shut off in 1½ hours for 1½ hours.
 2:10 a.m. - Electricity is off.
 2:11 a.m. - Numerous calls about electricity.
 2:42 a.m. - Business alarm in the 200 block of E. 5th St.
 2:46 a.m. - Business alarm in the 400 block of W. 2nd St.
 4:13 a.m. - Check security of residence on Ten Bears, Howardwick.
 Many calls throughout the morning about which highways are open or if any are closed.
 5:36 a.m. - Dispatched to possible fire southeast of Clarendon.
 6:00 a.m. - Located fire. Fire department/EMS dispatched. Hedley Fire Department also dispatched. South of CR W, fire 200 yards wide.
 7:35 a.m. - To I-40. A dozen horses on shoulder at MP 124.
 8:16 a.m. - Fire starting up again on north I-40 at Allenreed. All dispatched attempts to contact residents. Many calls from Allenreed residents family and friends of the area.
 11:30 a.m. - At residence in the 500 block of W. 2nd.
 11:51 a.m. - See complaint in Sheriff's Office lobby.
 1:15 p.m. - Check reported low lines in the 400 block of W. 4th.
 1:19 a.m. - EMS assist on Becky St., Howardwick.
 5:13 p.m. - At resident on E. 3rd St.
 5:20 p.m. - Change locations.
 5:35 p.m. - At residence on W. US 287.
 5:53 p.m. - Back to resident on E. 3rd.
 11:34 p.m. - Check residence in the 600 block of Sims.

March 14

12:10 a.m. - Checking south of Allenreed for hot spots.
 1:01 a.m. - Sheriff advises good fire guard. Will check McLean and back through Hedley.
 7:57 a.m. - Erratic driver in west bound lane on US 287 at Lelia Lake.
 9:02 a.m. - Reported fire north of Clarendon.
 9:26 a.m. - To jail with one male in custody for illegal burning. Officers on standby. Several fires in counties surrounding Donley.
 3:13 p.m. - At residence in the 700 block of W. 3rd.
 4:01 p.m. - See subject in the Sheriff's Office lobby.
 8:15 p.m. - Possible prowler in Lelia Lake area.
 8:44 p.m. to 10:20 p.m. - Numerous 911 calls. Deputies and sheriff all over county.
 11:55 p.m. - Assisting motorist on US 287, 8 miles west.

March 15
 12:17 a.m. - Emergency personnel returning. Deputies patrol watch for problem areas.
 3:46 a.m. - Check report of fire on I-40 at MP 128.
 7:42 a.m. - Out at courthouse.
 7:46 a.m. - JP court in Hedley.
 8:49 a.m. - Loose livestock on US 70 S. near Hall County line.
 2:03 p.m. - Out in the 1000 block of E. 3rd.
 6:05 p.m. - Away from vehicle.
 6:59 p.m. - At residence in the 300 block of Doucette.
 7:33 p.m. - See caller in the 500 block of W. 4th.
 9:41 p.m. - See complainant in the 3000 block of FM 1754.

10:30 p.m. - Out at residence in the 100 block of S. McClelland.

March 16
 7:09 a.m. - Out at location on I-40.
 10:25 a.m. - Out at annex.
 10:40 a.m. - See complainant in the Sheriff's Office lobby.
 11:06 a.m. - Out at residence on FM 1754.
 1:00 p.m. - Out at construction site on N. SH 70.
 1:46 p.m. - Standby fire on US 273 at river.
 2:00 p.m. - Boys shooting guns in the 300 block of McLean St.
 3:13 p.m. - To Hedley, report of man with gun.
 3:30 p.m. - Business secure.
 5:38 p.m. - Serving papers on S. Johns.
 5:44 p.m. - Serving papers on 5th St.

March 17
 2:28 a.m. - Erratic driver in east bound lane on US 287 west of county line.
 8:31 a.m. - Standby fire east of FM 2162.
 9:36 a.m. - Fire south of Groom.
 1:28 p.m. - Fire on CR 22.
 3:22 p.m. - See caller in the 700 block of S. McClelland.
 4:22 p.m. - See caller in the 600 block of S. Kearney.
 4:50 p.m. - Following subject as trash dumped from vehicle is retrieved.
 7:24 p.m. - See complainant on N. SH 70. Break in.
 7:45 p.m. - EMS assist in the 400 block of E. Burkhead.

March 18
 7:37 a.m. - Respond to alarm on Medical Drive.
 8:02 a.m. - County wide power outage.
 8:06 a.m. - Residential alarm in the 900 block of W. 6th.
 8:09 p.m. - Alarm in the 700 block of Hawley.
 8:15 a.m. - Hall County advises county wide power outage.
 8:29 a.m. - Medical assist in the 500 block of W. Montgomery.
 Dozens of calls about electrical problem.
 9:27 a.m. - See complainant in the 500 block of W. 6th - vandalism.
 10:11 a.m. - Temporary stop signs posted at Kearney and US 287 and S. Koogle and US 287.
 11:17 a.m. - Abandoned vehicle in the 4400 block of FM 2162.
 3:26 p.m. - See complaint in the 1500 block of W. 5th St.
 4:51 p.m. - Stranded motorist one mile east of Hedley.
 4:55 p.m. - Stranded motorist on W. US 287.
 5:04 p.m. - Unattended death in the 100 block of N. Sully. JP enroute.
 7:55 p.m. - Two vehicles in the bar ditch on CR 1 off Ashtola Hwy.
 8:03 p.m. - Out in the 200 block of E. 6th St.
 11:00 p.m. - Unresponsive 911 in the 1100 block of W. 3rd.
 11:12 p.m. - Railroad crossing arms down, no lights on Kearney St.

March 19
 7:36 p.m. - Out on N. Sully.
 11:35 p.m. - TxDOT notified of water crossing rising on US 287.

Summary
 Arrests - 2
 Fire - 4 (lasting 48 hours)
 EMS - 10
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Drugs in the News

These Drugs Also Lower Heart Attack Risk
 A recent study of some 1,400 persons published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* indicates that two types of drugs (the beta blockers and statins) can also reduce the risk of having a heart attack to something less severe, such as mild angina (chest pain).
 According to those who conducted the research, this is the first study that shows that chances of having a heart attack is actually reduced if the person is also taking drugs that are part of these two drug classes.
 The statins are a very popular class of drugs used primarily to reduce high levels of cholesterol. This class includes Lipitor (atorva-statin) and Zocor (simvastatin). The beta blockers are the most often used to control high blood pressure and include Terormin (atenolol), Toprol-XL (metoprolol), and Coreg (carvedilole). The study was conducted among members of a large Health Management Organization (HMO). From just over 900 people in the study who experienced chest pain as a first symptom, 40 percent were taking a statin at the time chest pain was experienced.

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FSA allocates \$2 million for wildfire recovery

WASHINGTON - Agriculture Deputy Secretary Chuck Conner this week announced that USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will allocate close to \$20.1 million in Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) funding to 26 states affected by natural disasters.
 ECP gives producers resources to remove debris from farmland, restore fences and conservation structures, provide water for livestock in drought situations, and grade and shape farmland damaged by a natural disaster. Locally elected FSA county committees implement ECP for all disasters other than drought, which is done by FSA's national office.
 Eligible producers receive cost-share assistance of up to 75 percent of the cost of approved practices, as determined by FSA county committees. The \$20.1 million in ECP funds allocated today are from unused funds from various states.
 FSA is allocating \$20,142,400 in ECP funds to 26 states, including \$2,012,500 in the following Texas counties for wildfire disasters: Donley, Callahan, Eastland, Erath, Montague, and Sterling.
 Producers can contact their local FSA offices regarding ECP sign-up periods, which are set by the county FSA committees.
 For a producer's land to be eligible, the disaster must create new conservation problems that, if left untreated, would impair or endanger the land and affect its productive capacity. Conservation problems that existed before the applicable disasters are not eligible for ECP assistance.
 In addition, USDA has several other programs to help farmers and ranchers recover from damages caused by natural disasters. These programs include the Emergency Loan Program, Federal Crop Insurance and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.
 More information on ECP and other disaster assistance programs is available at local FSA offices and online at: <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

TIME FOR A CHANGE

Concerned Citizens of Donley County

There will be a meeting
 Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at 7 p.m.
 at the Lions Hall
 west of the Clarendon Post Office.

We will have petitions to be signed asking for an election on:

- 1) Abolishing Personal Property Tax
- 2) To Freeze or Cap Ad Valorem Property Tax on the Homesteads of Elderly (age 65 and older) and Disabled Persons at the Current Dollar Amount
- 3) Abolishing the Hospital District Tax.

Information concerning issues important to Donley County will also be available.

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Colts take third place in Tulia track meet

The seventh and eighth grade Colts did a great job at the Tulia Dobber Relays March 11, finishing third and second respectively.

The seventh grade sprint relay finished fifth at 56.06. Members were Johnny Gaines, Brayden Phillips, Trent White, and Chris Crump. The 800-meter relay was fifth with a time of 2:05.52.

Running that relay were Daniel West, Quincy Harris, White, and Clayton Shields. The mile relay was run by Gaines, C. Crump, White, and Harris and came in second at 4:23.89.

The eighth grade mile relay took fifth at 4:23.12 and was run by Nelson Devin, Ryan Hill, Nathan Judd, and Dustin Ford.

The 800-meter relay finished third with a time of 1:51.14 and was run by Devin, Glen Weatherton, Jadon Thornton, and Tony Sisom-

souk. The 400-meter relay came in third place with a time of 51.15 and was run by Thornton, Weatherton, Jean West, and Judd.

Individual results:
7th grade: 2400-meter: 2nd-Monte Holland 10:12.00, 6th-John Lavario 10:53.00; 800-meter dash: 3rd-Neil Devin 2:51.42, 7th-West 2:59.92; 100-meter dash: 2nd-Crump 13.14, 4th-Gaines 13.59; 400-meter dash: 1st-C. Crump 1:03.35, 2nd-Mike Crump 1:05.25; 200-meter dash: 4th-M. Crump 27.46; 1600-meter run: 5th-Devin 6:57.87; discuss: 5th-David Roberts 76'11", shot put: 1st-Roberts 31'10"; high jump: 4th-White 4'6"; long jump: 3rd-Gaines 14'7"; triple jump: 2nd-Gaines 30'3", 4th-Crump 29'8 3/4", 6th-Phillips 28'2".

8th grade: 2400-meter: 2nd-Edward Graham 9:37.46, 6th-Ty-

Tubbs 10:39.02; 800-meter dash: 1st-Ryan Hill 2:27.64; 100-meter dash: 1st-Glen Weatherton 11.92; 400-meter dash: 2nd-Hill 1:00.59; 200-meter dash: 4th-Jadon Thornton 26.58, 6th-Tony Sisomsouk 27.67; shot put: 1st-Tré Brown 35'6"; high jump: 5th-Thornton 4'8"; long jump: 1st-Weatherton 17'9", 5th-Nelson Devin 15'6 1/2"; triple jump: 6th-Nathan Judd 30'4 1/2"; pole vault: 1st-Jean West 9', 5th-Dylan Wright 8'.

The Colts will participate in the Sanford Fritch track meet March 25.

Lady Colts finish 4th

The seventh grade Lady Colts finished fourth in the Tulia track meet held before spring break on March 11.

The 400-meter relay was third with a time of 59.75, and the 800-meter relay was second with a time

of 2:08.34. Individual results:
7th grade: 800-meter dash: 3rd-Ashlyn Tubbs 3:03.45, 7th-Kelsey Mullins 3:13.83; 100-meter dash: 5th-Williams 14.41; 400-meter dash: 3rd-Danielle Ford 1:16.59; 200-meter dash: 1st-Holly Phillips 30.69, 3rd-Tubbs 32.17, 4th-Williams 32.39; high jump: 2nd-Ford 4'4"; long jump: 3rd-Annessa Williams 11'4", 5th-Vanessa Williams; triple jump: 3rd-Ford 26'1 1/2".

8th grade: 100-meter dash: 1st-Kia Bryley 13.26, 4th-Mariah Benavidez 14.15; 400-meter dash: 3rd-Bryley 1:11.91, 6th-Benavidez 1:14.37; 200-meter dash: 3rd-Benavidez 30.17; shot put: 6th-Brandi Mays 28'1 3/4"; long jump: 5th-Benavidez 12'5".

Both Lady Colt teams will participate in the Sanford Fritch track meet on March 25.

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Hedley One Act Play

The One Act Play cast and crew from Hedley will perform "Katy and the Saga of the Gambler's Lady" on Tuesday at Lefors in Zone competition. Shown here are: Julie Funderburg (makeup), Betty Cruz (sound), Jaci Copelin (Nell), Katie Gregory (Katy), Brayden Bennett (Aces), Jindy Gregory (Lou), Andy Alston (Charlie), Sam Lovely (lights), Seth Koetting (Cactus Jack), Ben Shaw (Student director), Will Verstuyft (Casper), Ruth Howard (Art), front: Skyler Conatser (Sally), Mariah Couch (Flo), Danielle Smith (narrator). The play is directed by Tangelia Copelin.

Enterprise Photo / Karl Lindsey



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- AC - Htr - Radio - P/S Tans - 18.4 x 38 Rubber - DH - WF - Wts
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- AC - Htr - Radio - PS - 18.4 x 38 Rubber
- DH - w/Dozer Blade Attachment
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- 1 - 1973 John Deere 4430 D. Tractor - 2WD
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- 1 - Hamby 3pt, 8 Row Cultivator - TSB - LTM - GW
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- 1 - Hamby 3pt, 18 Shank Chisel Sweep Plow
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Broncos glide past Shamrock

By Sandy Anderberg

Nobody told the Broncos that March 17 was the day set aside for the 'luck of the Irish' as they hosted Shamrock in their District opener.

Disregarding the Irish hype, the Broncos grabbed the preverbal 'pot of gold' and defeated Shamrock 10-1.

The Broncos jumped out to the early lead as they racked up five runs in their first at bat. They went on to add three more runs in the next inning and put two more on the board in the fifth.

It was a great team win as the Bronco runners stole 11 bases in the game.

Senior Quentin West was on the mound giving up only four hits and two walks. West also posted a huge 15 strikeouts in the game. Sophomore Dalton Askew was behind the plate.

"We were able to jump on them early," Coach Brad Elam said. "The front part of the lineup delivered eight of the ten runs. Jon McGlaun, Stephen Ford, Alton Gaines, and Dalton Askew scored two runs each. This was a big win to open up district."

The Broncos will continue their district schedule Friday, March 24, at home against Wellington beginning at 4:30 p.m.

They will travel to Memphis Monday, March 27.

Lady Broncs deliver loss to River Road

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos kept their skills honed during their spring break by hosting a three-team Round Robin Tournament Friday, March 17.

The ladies defeated Booker 16-15 in the first game and stunned River Road by shutting them out 15-0 in the second game.

Sarah Scrivner pitched in the first game with Erica Depew behind the plate. The Lady Broncos were down early in the game, but they worked their way back, pulling ahead for the lead to get the win.

"We made some mistakes early," Coach Gary Jack said. "We played a younger bunch of girls against Booker, and we made a few mistakes, but they worked their way back and did a lot of good things."

Jack cited several players with playing a good game.

"Sarah pitched a good game for us," Jack said. "Erica Depew caught for the first time and did alright for the first time. Macy Shadle and Jill Cornell hit the ball extremely well, and Jenci White had a good bunt. We had some good hits when we needed them."

The Lady Broncos completely dominated the next game against River Road and finished the game with the run rule at 15-0. Haley Shelton threw six strikeouts, and Jessi Howard was behind the plate.

"Jessi is doing a great job as catcher," Jack said. "She made a great play at second base to throw a runner out."

All of the ladies played hard and hit the ball well, according to Jack.

"We have some girls that are hitting the ball extremely well," Jack said.

"They are pushing each other, and that is helping to improve our team. It is definitely making our team better."

Jack mentioned several players as having big hits in the game.

"Kaitlyn Howard is hitting the ball extremely well," Jack said. "Kristin White is hitting hard as is Macy Shadle. Sarah Scrivner hit one to the fence nearly hitting a home run. Erin Holland and Sade Faas-Cobb are hitting the ball well for us."

The Lady Broncos will play Follett Friday, March 24, which will be their second district game. It will be played at home beginning at 4:30 p.m.

They will play another home game against Quanah Monday, March 27, also at 4:30 p.m.



The 2006 Hedley Tennis Team: (back) Jon Edmonson, Wes Shields, Dustin Thomas, Will Verstuyft, Tyler Pepper, Brayden Bennett, Jon Giffin, Katie Gregory, Coach Danny Mejia, (front) Julie Woodard, Shandy Koetting, Holly Davis, Charlie Widner, Kayla Klinger, Shawna Barker, and Alex Mejia.

Pictures courtesy Patrice Wood

Hedley competes in state tennis meet

The Hedley Tennis Team traveled to Round Rock to compete in the State Team Tennis Tournament March 10th - 11th.

Hedley competed against 16 other Texas schools, 2A and below, with Hedley being the smallest school represented. Facing the

defending state champion, Mason, in the first round, Hedley had a hard start but pulled through beating 2A schools Grand Saline and Elkhart to finish 11th overall. The team competed well and gained experience, which will benefit them in upcoming district play.

Jackson wins weekly women's game at CCC

By Sandy Anderberg

Ruth Jackson's 71 was the best of the field in Thursday's women's game at the Clarendon Country Club. Bonnie Crofford and Quida Gage turned in a 73 to tie for second place in the 18-hole contest.

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6	Trevor Leeper	So
8	Billy Cenicerros	Fr
9	Derrick Shelton	Fr
10	Austin Howard	So
12	Dalton Askew	So
13	Stephen Fowler	So
14	Jon McGlaun	Jr
15	Quentin West	Sr
17	LaDez Captain	Jr
21	Stephen Ford	Sr
23	Brad Hagood	Jr
24	Zach Rattan	Fr
25	Clint Watson	Jr
45	Joel Horn	Jr
48	Keifer Burton	So
50	Chris Herndon	So

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Broncos

Clarendon v. Wellington
Fri., March 24, at 4:30 p.m.
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Clarendon v. Memphis
Mon., March 27 at 4:30 p.m.
at Memphis

Lady Broncos

Clarendon v. Follett
Fri., March 21, at 4:30 p.m.
at Clarendon

Clarendon v. Quanah
Mon., March 27, at 4:30 p.m.
at Clarendon

Lady Broncos

1	Holly Cornell	Sr
2	Jessi Howard	Jr
3	Kaitlyn Howard	Sr
4	Erin Holland	So
5	Abby Patten	So
6	Erica Depew	Jr
7	Jenci White	Fr
8	Macy Shadle	Fr
9	Britenie Saitta	Fr
10	Abbie Massingill	Fr
11	Haley Shelton	Sr
12	Janae White	Fr
13	Haleigh Lewis	Fr
14	Kristen White	Sr
15	Niki Roberts	Fr
16	Sarah Scrivner	Jr
19	Courtney Judd	Jr
21	Amanda Mendez	So
22	Casey Phillips	So
23	Sade Fass-Cobb	So
24	Jill Cornell	So
25	Zan Burks	So

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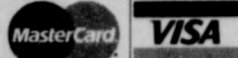
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GARAGE SALES

YARD SALE: Thursday morning. Some antiques, furniture, plus a variety of books and stuff. House not for sale. 516 S. Parks. 14-1tp

GARAGE SALE: 419 S. McClelland. Saturday, March 25, 8:00 a.m. Lots of miscellaneous and antiques. 874-2286. 14-1tp

GARAGE SALE: Saturday, March 25, 8 a.m. at 710 W. Fifth (Tubbs). Toys, couch, clothes, and lots of miscellaneous. 14-1tc

TO GIVE AWAY

FREE MIXED PIT PUPPIES to good home. Six weeks old on March 24. Call Brandon at 874-1651 to see. 14-1tc

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THANK YOU

Thank you to all the volunteer fire fighters of Hedley and Clarendon who helped maintain around our home and contain grass fires in our orchard last Sunday. Your bravery and courage are very appreciated. God bless you all, and our prayers are with you.
Ed and Sandra Monroe

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REAL ESTATE

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- CLARENDON**
- 1022 E. 3rd St. Two lots, two bedroom, one full bath with shower, CH/A, new carpet, new parquet floors, nice and clean. Large two car garage and shop area. Lots of storage in the attic. Vinyl siding, soffent, and fascia. \$60,000
- 605 W. 7th. Two lots, stucco, two story with metal roof, 4-5 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car port, 1 car port, old storage building. \$50,000.
- 420 W. 3rd St. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, CH/A, steel siding, carport, fenced backyard. \$47,000.
- 512 S. McLean St. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, CH/A, fresh paint inside and out. \$59,500.
- 206 Kearney St. Large commercial building with loft mezzanine and basement. Going consignment antique business. \$65,000.
- 413 S. Carhart. Brick, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car garage, CH/A, cellar, storage bldg. \$55,000.
- 402 S. Parks St. Brick, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, formal living and dining rooms, den with fireplace, large hobby room, large two car garage. One bedroom, 3/4 bath guest quarters. New floors in home and new fence. Excellent shape. Appointment only please. \$140,000. \$128,000

LAKE GREENBELT

- 222 **Sailfish** - Brick, two story, 2-3 bedrooms, 1 full, 3/4, and 1/2 baths, CH&A, wood stove, 2 car garage, cellar under work shop. \$75,000.
- 328 **Angel St.** - 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, basement, storage building with carport attached. \$43,000.00
- 477 **Nocona Dr.** - 3 bedroom, 2 bath double wide with fire place and central heat. 12x40 single wide storage building. Sitting on approx. 1/2 acre. \$48,000.00

COUNTRY PROPERTIES

- 280 acs Northeast of Hedley (157 acs CRP). Stucco house. Metal Barn. One well. Spring-fed area. Excellent hunting.
- 82 acs. West of city limits. Excellent home sites. Deer, quail, and dove.
- 320 acs. North of Hedley, one well with pipeline. Quail, deer.
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- 80+ acs. in Hall Co. - deer, hogs, dove, quail, turkeys, large trees.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF DONLEY

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of DONLEY County in the following cases on the 8th day of March, 2006, and to me as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 10:00 A.M. on the 4TH DAY OF APRIL, 2006, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said DONLEY County, in the City of CLARENDON, Texas, the following described property in DONLEY County, to-wit:

CAUSE NO. 6042 CLARENDON ISD AND/OR CED #25 FOR CLARENDON ISD VS FORD HELEN: All of Lots Nos. 7 and 8, in Block No. 12, of Clarendon Heights Addition to the Town of Clarendon, Donley County, Texas.

CAUSE NO. 6243 DONLEY COUNTY VS GIBLER VELMA M.: All of Lot No. 326, Misty Grove Section, Sherwood Shores IX, Donley County, Texas.

CAUSE NO. 5856 HEDLEY ISD AND/OR CED#25 FOR HEDLEY ISD VS JOHNSON CLIFFORD: All of Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), and Five (5), all in Block No. Fifty-Six (56), Nat Smith Addition to the Town of Hedley, Donley County, Texas.

CAUSE NO. 6252 DONLEY COUNTY VS ODELL ANN MARIE: Lot Fifty-One (51), Sherwood Shores IX, Country Club Section, Donley County, Texas.

CAUSE NO. 5635 DONLEY COUNTY VS REESE WALTER: TRACT 1: All of Lot No. Ten (10) and the most westerly one-half of Lot No. Nine (9) in Block No. Thirty (30) in the Original Town of Clarendon, Donley County, Texas. TRACT 2: Lot No. 23, in Block 28, Original Town of Clarendon, Donley County, Texas.

CAUSE NO. 6261 DONLEY COUNTY VS SAPAROTA, INC.: All of Lot 110, Country Club North, Sherwood Shores IX, Donley County, Texas.

CAUSE NO. 6259 CITY OF CLARENDON VS SLAUGHTER JOHN JR.: All of Lots Numbered One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), and Seven (7) of Block Number Eighty-two (82) of the West End Addition to the Town of Clarendon, Donley County, Texas.

CAUSE NO. 5643 DONLEY COUNTY VS STEWART LINCOLN ELLIS: TRACT 1: Lot 7, Block 222, Original Town of Clarendon, Donley County, Texas. TRACT 2: Lot 10, Block 223, Original Town of Clarendon, Donley County, Texas.

CAUSE NO. 5646 DONLEY COUNTY VS TOLBERT VICKY: The West 73 feet (W 73') of Lots Nos. 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17, Block No. 19, Original Town of Clarendon, Donley County, Texas. Levied on the 8th day of March, 2006, as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, plus all taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of CITY OF CLARENDON, DONLEY COUNTY, CLARENDON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, CLARENDON JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT, DONLEY COUNTY HOSPITAL, PANHANDLE WATER DISTRICT, CITY OF HOWARDWICK, CLARENDON ISD AND/OR CED #25 FOR CLARENDON ISD, CITY OF HEDLEY, AND HEDLEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND/OR CED #25 FOR

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HEDLEY ISD.
ALL BIDDERS MUST REGISTER WITH THE TAX OFFICE PRIOR TO SHERIFF'S SALE.
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 8TH DAY OF MARCH 2006.
[s] Charles E. Blackburn, Jr.
Sheriff, Donley County, Texas
By [s] Randy Bond, Deputy. 13-3tc

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: James Raymond Hill, if living, and if deceased, the unknown heirs of James Raymond Hill, and the unknown heirs of Michael Thomas Hill, in the cause described in this citation.

You, and each of you, are commanded to appear and to answer before the 100th Judicial District Court of Donley County, Texas, at the Donley County Courthouse, at 220 W. 4th Street, Clarendon, Texas 79226, at or before 10 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, being at or before 10 a.m. on Monday, April 10, 2006, then and there to answer the petition of Marjorie Roy, Individually and as Trustee in cause Number DCV-06-06287, styled Marjorie Roy, Individually and as Trustee v. Gerald Edward Shipman, Individually and as Executor of the Estate of Florence C. Shipman, Deceased, and as Trustee of the Shipman Family Revocable Trust Dated November 28, 1994; Katie B. Shipman; Jeff Hammonds; Ivey Alene Hill; James Raymond Hill, if living, and if deceased, the unknown heirs of Michael Thomas Hill, in which Marjorie Roy, Individually and as Trustee is plaintiff and Gerald Edward Shipman, Individually and as Executor of the Estate of Florence C. Shipman, Deceased, and as Trustee of the Shipman Family Revocable Trust Dated November 28, 1994; Katie B. Shipman; Jeff Hammonds; Ivey Alene Hill; James Raymond Hill, if living, and if deceased, the unknown heirs of Michael Thomas Hill, are defendants. The petition, filed on February 17, 2006, discloses that the nature of the suit is as follows:

The suit is an action for partition of the Northwest one-fourth (NW 1/4) of Section No. 39, Block 21, Certificate No. 11/2173, Abstract No. 78, H&GN RR Co. Survey, Donley County, Texas, containing 160 acres of land, more or less, for a reversionary, for declaratory judgment relief, attorneys' fees, related equitable relief, and costs of court. Defendants are believed to hold a 120/6000ths interest in the foregoing described real property. The attorneys for the plaintiff are Charles G. White, 500 S. Taylor, Suite 505, LB 201, Amarillo, Texas, Telephone (806) 342-0145, Fax (806) 342-0705 and Garland D. Sell, Sell & Griffin, 504 South Polk, Suite 101, Amarillo, Texas 79101, Telephone (806) 374-3765, Fax (806) 374-4269. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve it and make due return according to requirements of law, and the mandates of this citation. NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS: IF DEFENDANTS SHALL FAIL TO FILE AN ANSWER WITH THE CLERK OF THE COURT WITHIN TIME SET FORTH ABOVE, JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE RENDERED FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION. If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued under my hand and the seal of the court at Clarendon, Donley County, Texas, on February 22, 2006.
Fay Vargas
District Clerk, Donley County, Texas
By: Randy Bond, Chief Deputy,
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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.

HEDLEY - COMMERCIAL BUILDING - 4,560 sq. ft., brick, Main Street on corner lot, central heat and ref. air, 2 bathrooms, 2 vaults, kitchen, interior easily converted for many uses for \$49,000.

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