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THIS WEEK

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- 3 The Donley County Hospital Board finds a way to help pay down a note.
- 6 The Greenbelt Holiday Classic attracts 24 area basketball teams.
- 8 And the sheriff's office issues a warning.

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

Livestock show, sale to be held January 14

FFA and 4-H members all over the county are gearing up for the 2006 Donley County Livestock Show to be held on January 14.

The show will begin at 8 a.m. with the lamb and goat show followed by the beef heifer, steer, and swine shows. A premium auction will be held following the buyers' appreciation dinner at 6 p.m.

The premium auction is a way of helping youth to recover some of their expenses involved in purchasing and feeding their animal. Raising a livestock project not only teaches youth about hard work but also increases their learning skills of leadership, responsibility, finance, nutrition management, and good sportsmanship.

To make a contribution to the auction, contact Livestock Show Chairman Larry Gray at 874-2095 or County Agent Leonard Haynes at 874-2141.

Hedley Senior Citizens denied building grant

The Hedley Senior Citizens had recently announced plans to construct a new building through a grant from the Sybil Harrington Trust, but they were informed last week that the trust had denied their grant.

The Hedley Seniors appreciate everyone who has given to their Building Fund. They will continue pursuing other options for getting a new building.

Little Dribblers to hold sign-up January 5 & 6

Little Dribblers will hold sign-up for this season on Thursday, January 5, and Friday, January 6.

On both days, they will be signing up in the Bronco Gym during the junior high games and the Bronco games. It will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Little Dribblers is open to all boys and girls in third through sixth grades.

If you have any questions, contact Dee Perryman at 874-2465 or Che Shadle at 874-5375.

Trees available from conservation district

The Donley County Soil and Water Conservation District is currently taking orders for several varieties of trees.

Trees offer short-term and long-term benefits that few other cover plantings can match. Because of their extensive root systems, trees are as effective, and in many cases more effective, than other types of vegetation for keeping soil where it belongs - on the ground and out of waterways.

To order your trees, contact the Donley County Soil and Water Conservation District at 874-3561, ext. 3. The deadline for placing your order is February 28. Trees are limited so order your trees today.

Wildfire torches 21,000 acres

Dry conditions and high winds fueled a New Year's Day wildfire that scorched more than 21,000 acres of rangeland in Donley County.

Firefighters battled the inferno for approximately 26 hours before it was finally declared 90 percent contained at 3:30 Monday afternoon.

The fire started before 1:00 p.m. Sunday near the home of Doyle Littlefield on CR 1 between eight and nine miles north of Clarendon. Driven by 50- to 60-mph winds, the fire raced eastward, threatening the Chris Britten residence before heading to SH 70.

"In the ten minutes it took us to get there, the fire had already hit Hwy. 70," said Jeremy Powel, First Fire Chief of the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department. "It was moving fast."

The fire jumped SH 70 and continued eastward. At 4:12 p.m., the Donley County Sheriff's Office logged that the fire had reached FM 1260 and was still moving.

Although several homes were threatened during the fire, a single barn was the only structure destroyed by the blaze.

"We probably would have lost

a lot of homes on 1260 if the wind hadn't changed," Powel said.

The fire burned on eastward and threatened the headquarters of the RO Ranch as local and area fire departments and county and state agencies worked to head off the blaze.

Maintainers and bulldozers cut barricades in the rough rangeland, and the work continued throughout the night and into the next day.

The Texas Forest Service estimated the fire consumed 21,350 acres; and Powel, who surveyed the area by helicopter, said the burned area was nine to ten miles wide and

was within a 34-mile perimeter.

Those fighting the wildfire included fire departments from Clarendon, Hedley, Howardwick, Groom, Hoover, McLean, Shamrock, Memphis, Claude, Kelton, Wheeler, and Pantex.

Donley and Gray county maintainers were utilized, and the Texas Forest Service and Texas Department of Transportation crews and equipment from Donley and Hall counties provided critical assistance. Andy Wheatly also donated the services of his Finch Ranch helicopter.

Local landowners also helped

haul water, and the Clarendon Fire-belles brought food to an estimated 100 men fighting the fire.

The official cause of the fire remained under investigation Monday afternoon, and local fire officials are urging all residents to be wary as long as conditions stay dry.

"Everybody needs to be extremely careful because so many things can happen on a windy day," Powel said. "All residents, even in town, need to make sure you have nothing combustible with 100 feet of your home. Grass and brush need to be cut back away from all houses."

Wreck claims three lives

Infant survives deadly collision

Three people lost their lives in a two-vehicle collision on US 287 in Hedley last Friday.

Jessica Schroeder, age 30, and husband Curtis, age 31, died at the scene when their Ford F-150 crew cab pickup collided with an oncoming semi-truck at about 2:16 p.m., Department of Public Safety Trooper Chris Ward said.

The Schroeders' 10-year-old son, Wolfgang, died Saturday morning at approximately 9:00 a.m. at North West Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Fourteen-month-old Augustus Schroeder survived the accident and is reported in stable condition.

The pickup, driven by Mrs. Schroeder of Keller, Texas, was southbound on inside lane of US 287 just inside the east city limits of Hedley when it veered across traffic and impacted behind the driver's door of northbound J.B. Hunt semi-truck, which was in the outside lane.

The pickup slammed into the rear wheels of the semi-truck, DPS spokesman Daniel Hawthorne said. The semi-truck went into the north ditch, and the pickup spun 180 degrees counterclockwise and came to rest facing northwest in the inside lane.

Donley County Justice of the Peace Jimmy Johnson of Clarendon pronounced the mother and the father, who were the driver and the front seat passenger, dead at the scene. The older boy was airlifted to N.W.T.H., and the infant was taken to N.W.T.H. by the Associated Ambulance Authority, where grandparents of the children later arrived.

The driver of the semi-truck, Kevin George of Watauga, Texas, was treated and released at the scene by Clarendon EMS.

Ward said witnesses told him that both vehicles appeared to have been traveling about 55 mph. He could not say with certainty what caused the accident.

"At this point, I would say that she (Mrs. Schroeder) was distracted by one of the children.



Top: The shattered remains of a Ford crew cab pickup exhibit the force involved in the deadly accident that claimed the lives of three members of the same family last Friday in Hedley.

Bottom: Several Donley County emergency personnel work diligently in the moments following Friday's two-vehicle collision on US 287 in Hedley.

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That happens a lot, but I can't prove it or disprove it. It's strictly speculation."

The accident caused US 287 to be blocked for a period of time. Traffic was restored to partial flow

after approximately two hours and to full flow after approximately three and a half hours.

The Texas Department of Transportation employees from Hall and Donley counties along with the

Donley County Sheriff's Office, the Constable of Precinct 3&4, the Clarendon and Hedley volunteer fire departments, DPS, and Associated Ambulance responded to the accident.

Battle lines drawn for 2006 county elections

Filing for this year's elections for county offices closed Monday evening, and two contested races have emerged.

According to Donley County Democratic Chairman Jean Taylor, incumbent Bob Trout will face a primary challenge for his Precinct 4 commissioner's seat from Brad Dalton.

Also Connie Havens has filed as a Democrat to run for Justice of the

Peace of Precinct 1&2. She will face Republican incumbent Jimmy Johnson in the November election.

Unchallenged on the Democratic ticket are the following incumbents: County Judge Jack Hall, County/District Clerk Fay Vargas, and Justice of the Peace for Precincts 3&4 Ann Kennedy.

Taylor will also be on the ballot again to run for county chair of the Democratic Party.

The Republican line up includes incumbents US Rep. Mac Thornberry, County Treasurer Wanda Smith, and Pct. 2 County Commissioner Donnie Hall.

Also on the Republican ticket is Landon Paul Lambert, who has filed to run for county attorney. That position is currently held by Kaye Messer, who was appointed to that office by the commissioners' court when it became vacant several years

ago.

The Republican Party's local primary ballot will also include the candidacies of county chairman Tom Stauder and precinct chairmen Betty Hester, Jo Webb, Helen Land, Ron Lamberth, Bill Carson, and Ginger Stone.

The Democratic and Republican primary elections will be held March 7, 2006. The general election will be held November 7.

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County prohibits outdoor burning

A burn ban is in effect in Donley County, and state and local officials are urging extreme caution as dry conditions persist.

Using executive authority, Donley County Judge Jack Hall instituted an emergency burn ban last Friday as the Texas Forest Service warned that the New Year's weekend would present the "worst possible wildfire scenario."

Meeting in emergency session on Tuesday, the county commissioners' court formally enacted a ban on all outdoor burning and fireworks. Hall's order would have expired after seven days, but the commissioners' action will remain in effect until the court votes to lift the ban.

Commissioners said, given the severity of conditions, they intend the ban to include home barbecue grills.

The Donley County Sheriff's Department has warned the burn ban will be strictly enforced.

Commissioners also issued a declaration of a disaster in the county following the New Year's wildfire.

The forest service says maximum public cooperation is absolutely necessary to avoid a repeat of wildfire losses such as have occurred locally and other parts of Texas as well as in Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Be extremely cautious about any outdoor activities that might cause sparks or fires. When in your vehicle, crush smoking materials in your vehicle ashtray and make sure they are out. Avoid using welding or grinding equipment near dead grass and weeds.

Protect your property by clearing brush and grass away from your home and buildings. Postpone outdoor burning as long as brush and foliage remain dry. Avoid driving or parking equipment in tall, dry grass and weeds that could be ignited by hot pollution control equipment.

If you are told to evacuate - leave the area immediately. Choose a route that leads away from the fire - and be alert to changes in the speed and direction of fire and smoke. Keep your vehicle parked facing the direction of escape. If you have time to get prepared, shut gas off at the meter and turn off propane tanks. Wet down your roof and shrubbery within 15 feet of your residence.

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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.

Voters to get more choices

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn may have been the state Republican Party's only hope for redemption. But that was before she jumped ship this week and filed to run for governor as an independent.

Strayhorn has been a long and loud critic of Gov. Rick Perry, a man who deserves little respect for his lack of leadership and his penchant for putting his party's interests above the interests of Texas. For months it appeared that Strayhorn's gubernatorial candidacy would lead to a bruising primary battle for Perry this spring. Could she have actually defeated Perry? We'll never know now.

"I am a Republican," Strayhorn said. "But I know we must set partisan politics aside and do what's best for Texas. That is why I am running for governor as a Texas independent."

Yeah, that and the fact that she's been cast by her own party as a political pariah for speaking out against the butchering of the state budget and the incompetent handling of school finance issues by Republican leaders, including Perry.

If she had stayed with her party for the primary, Strayhorn could have drawn votes from Democrats, independents, and disillusioned and frustrated Republicans and possibly denied Gov. Good Hair the nomination and made the November election interesting.

Even if she had lost the primary, she might have done enough damage to Perry's public image that independent Kinky Friedman or whoever the Democrats run would have had a chance of finishing the governor off in November.

Now, Perry will have the Republican nomination on a silver platter, and the anti-Perry vote could get split three ways between the Kinkster, the donkey, and "One Tough Grandma." Thanks, Carole.

The Friedman campaign is not throwing in the towel and instead says having more choices for voters is better for Texas. A statement on his Web site says: "If voter turnout increases and if voters are offered more than the choice between paper or plastic, this election will be a victory for all Texans."

Let's hope so.

Nuts demonstrate at hero's funeral

An American hero was buried in Wheeler this week. But while more than 1,000 people mourned the loss of 1st Lt. Benjamin Britt at the funeral inside that community's school gymnasium, a group of some 20 lower life forms from Kansas set up a protest a block away.

These aren't your typical dope-smoking, Cindy Sheehan-loving, shortsighted war protesters. No, sir. These folks have a deeply held religious philosophy about the war. The members of the Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka believe that America supports homosexuality, that "God hates" anyone who isn't a heterosexual, and that it is therefore the will of God that Britt and other American fighting men are dying in Iraq.

The stupidity of some people never ceases to amaze me. You may remember that some folks claimed 9/11 happened because of America's acceptance of a whole variety of sinners. The idea that God kills innocent bystanders because he hates certain humans makes no sense. Surely, if God feels this strongly about something, He could just strike dead those that are offending Him. He is, after all, omnipotent.

But no matter what you believe and whether you support the war or not, what good can possibly come from protesting during a man's funeral? Britt deserved to have a solemn memorial for his sacrifice in a noble effort, and his family deserved a chance to grieve in peace.

Folks who knew the late soldier told the AMARILLO GLOBE-NEWS that he would have respected the protesters right to make their feelings known. And it's true that the great thing about America is that you can say and believe whatever you want. It's that same freedom that allows me to say that I sincerely hope that God has reserved a special place in hell for religious wackos of all stripes.

Meanwhile...

Several readers commented positively to last month's editorial about parents who don't control their bratty kids. Most of you agreed with that assertion, and it was only the knowledge that there are good people like you in the world that kept me sane on a recent trans-Atlantic flight from London to Dallas.

My wife and I had the great misfortune to be seated in front of two little spawns of Satan who kicked our seats, nagged each other, cried, whined, and made general nuisances of themselves for hours on end while their mother sat quietly. Both kids were old enough to know better, most of the problems could have been solved if their lazy mother had just sat between them, and I think most of the travelers on the plane would have liked to have strapped the whole family into a single parachute and jettisoned them over Greenland.

When they finally shut up somewhere over Kansas, a third demon child across the plane started screaming like a creature possessed of pure evil and continued until just before touchdown at DFW.

I have never been so glad to get off a plane in all my life, and I sincerely hope that all airlines will create "quiet zones" or "no obnoxious children zones" on future flights.

Honesty about tips simply doesn't pay

Waiting tables is a strange business. I realized over the last few weeks that it really is more complicated than it looks. I bet you've never given much thought to it; but wait-persons, as I have decided to gender-neutrally call them, don't actually work for restaurants.

You see, the establishments for whom wait-persons "work" do not actually pay them any money at all.

My first paycheck after training (or as I like to call it, the honeymoon stage) was only \$20 and some odd cents. After taxes and withholdings, my pay (not including tips) averaged out to less than a dollar an hour.

A dollar an hour?! This isn't the Depression. You can't pay people a dollar an hour and not expect a labor revolution.

I worked 26 hours that week. That's five nights of five-hour shifts where I probably sold \$600 or more per shift. I earned something like \$3,000 for Cracker Barrel, and they gave me 20 bucks. I was going to throw in the towel then and there.

But then it occurred to me that I don't work for Cracker Barrel. I work for myself. I'm a freelancer! If I want to make money, I have to make it for myself. I am in complete control of my wages.

I need to make more money? I get more tables. I work more hours. I smile bigger and make jokes and keep glasses full.

I have an incredible talent for putting lemons on the rims of glasses. I can take this talent anywhere and make cash. And when I say cash, I mean dollar bills in my pocket.

I come home from my shift, and I empty the bills out of my apron. I count them out very carefully, turn them all facing the same way, and add them to my "savings account" (a.k.a. a box on my dresser). Then I add the total to the "registry" (a.k.a. the back of a Whataburger receipt) and marvel at the fruits of my labor.

I was very happy with my newfound freedom to work for myself for about a week.

The next week I picked up my pay check before coming home for Christmas. Stamped, typed, sealed upon the check was the following: zero-point-zero-zero dollars followed by a series of asterisks and the word VOID.

Merry Christmas! You worked for free this week!

"How can this be?" I asked. The register attached to the check shows that I worked a total of 30 hours that week and earned over \$300 in tips. I added a whole shift and actually made less money! I earned CB \$3,600 and got (very literally) nothing in return!

Where did it go? How can \$2.15 times 30 hours equal \$0?

Taxes and withholdings.

I was making the rookie mistake of obeying the law and reporting my tips honestly. In fact, I was making the rookie mistake of OVER reporting my tips.



Life's lessons
by Carrie Helms

When you clock out at night, the computer asks you to report table tips (reminding you that the law requires you to be honest). Table tips do not include tips left at the register and on credit cards. I didn't pick up on that subtlety at first. So when I made \$20 at the register and \$30 at the table, I was reporting \$50 at the table and the computer was reporting \$70 total.

Then the US government was figuring my taxes based on the sum of inaccurately reported tips and tiny, tiny wages.

The total of my taxes and withholdings was actually greater than the total of my wages. Taxes and withholdings paid on money I didn't actually make!

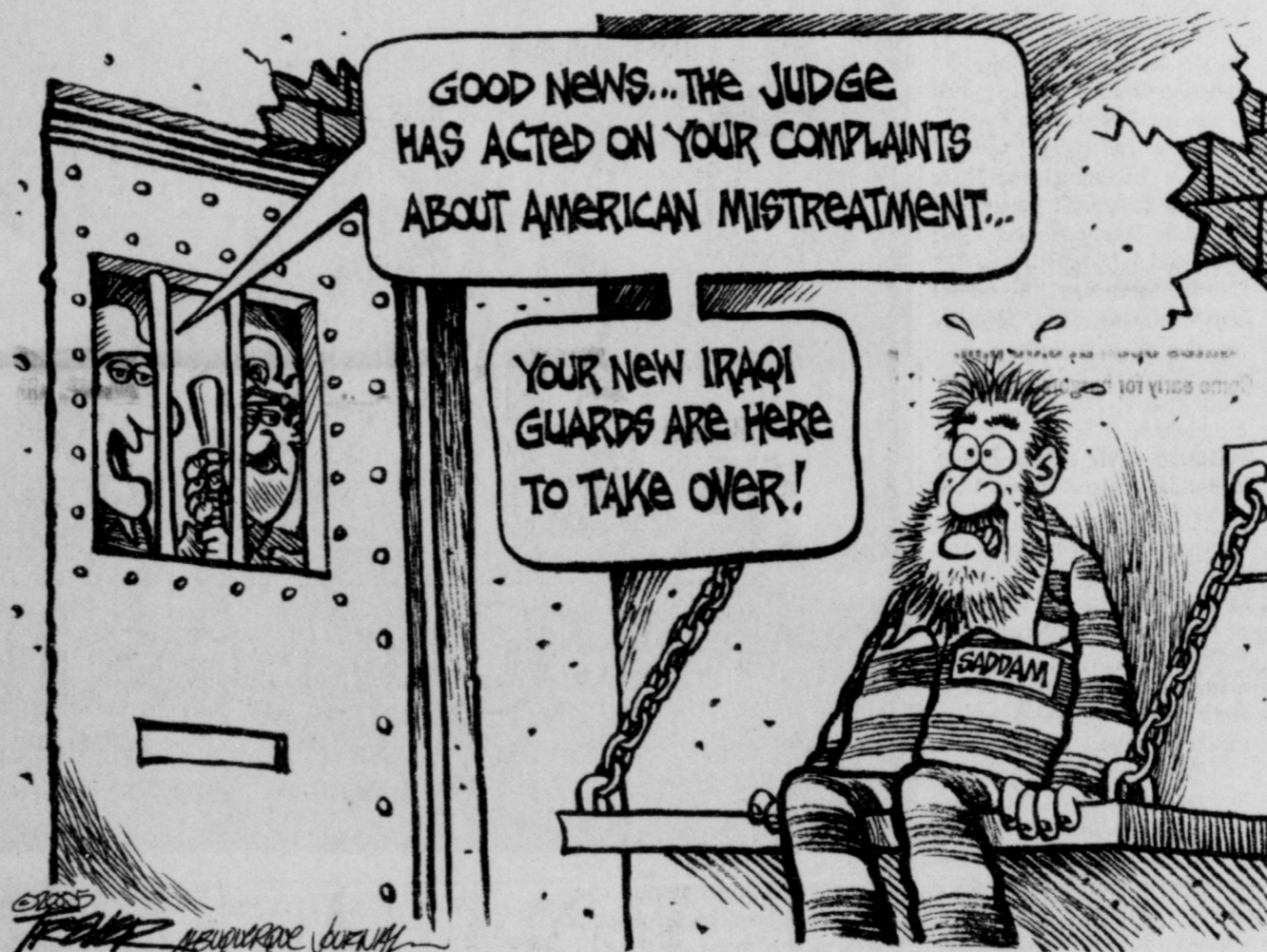
I don't tell people now that I work as a wait-person for Cracker Barrel. I tell them I work for Social Security.

How do restaurants make money?

Slave labor. I, and students much like myself, think that I am making money at this job and doing it for myself. But I'm not. I am merely perpetuating a terrible injustice, and the establishment is getting away with it.

So what do I do? I wear my skinny pants (because I don't make money in comfy, roomy pants) and my yellow oxford shirt (don't make money in blue) and my hair curled (don't make money with it straightened or pulled up).

I make myself into a piece of meat and see if I can't sell myself with a plate of Chicken and Dumplin's (served with your choice of three country vegetables and biscuits, cornbread, or both) all so that my wages can go straight to the government. Awesome.



Bill supports NASA's newest missions

Among the bills that received final approval from Congress in the hours before it adjourned for the year was legislation to authorize continued funding for NASA. It was the first time in five years Congress has spoken so emphatically in support of the vision for the next generation of space exploration and research, including affirmation of the goal to put a permanent base on the moon.

The authorization bill provides a policy blueprint for NASA. I believe it is significant that an overwhelming number of my colleagues in the House of Representatives and the Senate recognized that the pathways of exploration and discovery outlined in the legislation merited their endorsement.

By supporting the bill, Congress has placed a stamp of approval on completion of the International Space Station and on moving forward with the transition to a new generation of crew exploration vehicles. In addition, NASA now has Congressional guidance on its activities related to research, science, education, and aeronautics.

But perhaps most important, passage of the legislation -- and the implicit support for the science and engineering expertise contained within it -- may be seen as evidence of Congress' determination to address one of the most important challenges looming in front of our nation.

America's preeminence since World War II has rested upon the bedrock of its economic dominance. Our economy, in

turn, has depended upon a continued flow of technological and scientific advances for its strength. Increasingly, the edge that we have enjoyed in such a crucial area is being challenged by other nations. If we do not meet this challenge, not only will NASA's leadership be at risk, but so will America's.

Thankfully, leaders from our political, business, scientific and academic communities are beginning to tackle this problem. The National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, and the Institute of Medicine have created the "Committee on Prospering in the Global Economy of the 21st Century." The committee is expected to soon release the final version of its study, "Rising Above the Gathering Storm."

The committee cites a number of what it terms "worrisome indicators" that point to the decline in educational emphasis on science and mathematics. For example, in 2004, China graduated about 500,000 engineers and India 200,000. Here at home, we had only 70,000 such graduates.

U.S. 12th graders have performed below the international average of 21 countries on a test designed to measure general knowledge in mathematics and science.

In 2007, for the first time, the most

advanced high-energy particle accelerator will not be in the United States. In a pre-publication summary, the committee notes that it is "...deeply concerned that the scientific and technical building blocks of our economic leadership are eroding at a time when many other nations are gathering strength." The committee urges our nation to "...prepare with great urgency to preserve its strategic and economic security."

My colleagues and I are ready to act on a number of the recommendations made by the committee. This issue is not political; it is not partisan. There is already emerging in Congress a willingness to embark on a serious effort to ensure that America maintains creative leadership in the world.

We will make an effort to recruit annually 10,000 science and math teachers in middle and high school, offering four-year college scholarships as an incentive. New training and education programs will be developed to strengthen the skills of current teachers, and additional federal resources will be allocated for research activities in the hard sciences.

I will continue to write about this important initiative as the year progresses. Few policy debates will be more important to our country's security and our children's future.

As Chairman of the Space and Science Subcommittee in the Senate, I intend to push for America's leadership and superiority to continue through this century.



capitol comment
by sen. kay bailey hutchison

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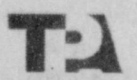
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Hospital board votes to spend lease income on building note

The Donley County Hospital Board met in regular session December 20, 2005, in the Conference Room of the Medical Center Nursing Home.

Board president Alan Fletcher suggested the balance remaining from lease revenue payments at the Community Services Building after lease expenses have been paid be applied to the building's note on a monthly basis. This would allow the building to pay for itself and save loan interest also. The board approved this proposal.

The board approved the sale of tax delinquent property on Lots 17-24, Block 7, Original Town of Hedley, to Mike Wallendorf as presented by the Donley County Appraisal District.

Holly Eads gave the Indigent Care Report and submitted information regarding the duties of the Indigent Health Care Advisory Committee. She also reported the denial of two new applications and the review and subsequent denial of one client's benefits. She said legal counsel had sent a demand letter to another former client in an effort to obtain reimbursement for expenses paid while the client was ineligible. Eads also reported the sheriff's office

is continuing to investigate another fraud case, and she said the district has received \$649.58 for a client who received Medicaid benefits retroactively.

Administrator in-training Vicky Robertson reported the nursing home's census to be 51 residents with two deaths in the previous two days. Two new admissions were scheduled for the following week.

Robertson submitted the monthly budget for the nursing home and noted that the home has been operating profitably since the beginning of the fiscal year.

Associated Ambulance Authority Director Anita Aaron reported 53 calls serving 58 patients in November. She also submitted a budget review, which showed an expenditure for a LifePack 12 Heart Monitor. She anticipates the monitor will be paid for through grant monies and the sale of the Zoll heart monitor.

Aaron reported that she was to attend the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission meeting on December 22 regarding HRSA funding to counties without a hospital. Each county is to receive \$33,597.75 in "rural ready" funds, which are to be used to enhance bioterrorism preparedness levels within the county.



Hicks retires

Local Housing Authority Executive Donna Hicks receives a plaque from authority board president Bob McCombs for her 22 years of service. Hicks retired as of December 31, 2005.

CISD Board of Trustees hold regular meeting

The Clarendon ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session December 12, 2005, in the Functional Living Center.

Among the items on the board's agenda, the sale of tax delinquent property in Howardwick was approved as presented by the Donley County Appraisal District.

Trustees reviewed the 2005-2006 District Improvement Plan and Student Objectives.

Superintendent Monty Hysinger gave a personnel report, and the board acknowledged the resignation of Barbara Williams.

Administrative reports were given by CHS Principal Larry Jeffers, CJH Principal Marvin Elam, Elementary Principal Mike Word, and Athletic Director Gary Jack.

The board also met in called session earlier on December 12 for the annual school Christmas dinner. No action was taken at that meeting.

weather report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	26	73°	37°	-
Tues	27	79°	39°	-
Wed	28	61°	35°	-
Thur	29	65°	32°	-
Fri	30	76°	35°	-
Sat	31	60°	32°	-
Sun	1	70°	40°	-

Total precipitation this month: 0.00" Total precipitation to date: 0.00"
Total precipitation in January last year: 1.38"
Total YTD last year: 1.38"

weekend forecast

 Friday, Jan. 6
Mostly Sunny
63°/27°

 Saturday, Jan. 7
Partly Cloudy
70°/33°

 Sunday, Jan. 8
Partly Cloudy
55°/27°

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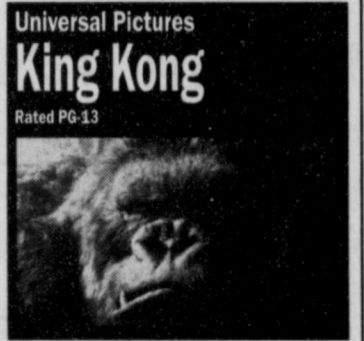
The Clarendon Lions Club held their first meeting of the New Year on Tuesday, January 3, with Boss Lion Mark C. White in charge.

We had 12 members and one guest: Ashlee Estlack, guest of Lion Roger Estlack.

Lion Greg Henry led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Lion Jerry Woodward gave the invocation.

The high school will start district play in basketball the end of this week. The county livestock show will be January 14. We voted to again support the livestock buyers' club with a donation.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.



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January 5

Little Dribblers Sign-Up • Bronco Gym • 5 p.m.

January 6

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January 9

Donley County Child Welfare Board Meeting • First United Methodist Church, Clarendon • Noon • Public Invited

January 10

Immunization Clinic • TDSHS Office • 9:30 - 12:00 & 1:00 - 4:00

January 14

Donley County Jr. Livestock Show & Auction • Clarendon Community Center

January 17

CC Spring Semester begins

Community Menus

January 9-13

Clarendon Schools

Breakfast

Mon: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk
Tues: Oatmeal, toast, fruit, milk
Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk
Thur: Eggs, toast, fruit, milk
Fri: No School
Lunch
Mon: Pizza, corn, salad, peaches, milk
Tues: Spaghetti, salad, green beans, garlic bread, fruit mix, milk
Wed: Barbecue chicken, mashed potatoes, baked beans, peach cobbler, rolls, milk
Thur: Chicken nuggets, fries, salad, corn, oranges, milk
Fri: No school

Hedley Schools

Breakfast

Mon: Biscuit with gravy, sausage patty, butter and jelly, dry cereal, juice, milk
Tues: Breakfast burrito, dry cereal, fruit, juice, milk
Wed: Breakfast pizza, dry cereal, fruit, juice, milk
Thur: Biscuit with gravy, sausage patty, butter and jelly, dry cereal, juice, milk
Fri: Cinnamon rolls, dry cereal, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch
Mon: Pizza, corn, tossed salad, fruit cup, juice, milk
Tues: Nacho tacos, salad, apple slices, cornbread, beans, picante sauce, milk
Wed: Chicken strips, potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, Jell-O, milk
Thur: Sliced ham, baked potato, broccoli and salad, fruit cobbler, Texas toast, milk
Fri: Corndog or burrito, waffle fries, salad, orange quarters, cookies, milk

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Oven fried chicken, parsley potatoes, corn, apricot, blonde brownies, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Tues: Mexican pile on, rice, pinto beans, tossed salad, fudge pecan pie, chips and hot sauce, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Wed: Philly steak sandwich, tater tot casserole, vegetable sticks, ambrosia salad, Jell-O with fruit, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Thur: Chicken strips, potato soup, green beans, apple salad, sugar cookies, biscuits, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Fri: Liver and onions, potatoes au gratin, spinach, autumn fruit salad, red velvet cake, rolls, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Stew with peas, carrots, tomatoes, potatoes, and onions, macaroni salad, brownie, cornbread, coffee, tea, milk
Tues: Spaghetti and meat sauce, steamed broccoli, Waldorf salad, Jell-O and fruit, garlic toast, coffee, tea, milk
Wed: Steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, green peas, tossed salad, peaches and strawberries, roll, coffee, tea, milk
Thur: Butter beans and ham, potato wedges, corn salad, banana pudding, cornbread, coffee, tea, milk
Fri: Chicken strips, potato soup, California blend vegetables, pickled beets, cookies, cornbread, coffee, tea, milk

Unexpected guest gets locked in City Hall

I hope everyone had a nice Christmas and remembered to give Jesus the thanks he deserves. Our six-year-old grandson, Ryan Fross, and his mother visited from Wichita, Kan., and that helped make our Christmas complete.

Ryan lost his first teeth while here. In fact, Santa Claus and the Tooth Fairy met while making their deliveries. I noticed the Tooth Fairy had met inflation. The going rate for a tooth is now a dollar and up.

When Dianna Knight closed the office at City Hall December 22 for the holiday, she was unaware the mayor, C.H. the Cat, had wandered

in looking for a warm spot. The next day the mail-person putting mail in the boxes heard a cry and called the sheriff's office to report unauthorized use of City Hall. They in turn made several calls that resulted in Dorothy Arnold unlocking the doors to let C.H. out. According to Dorothy, he shot out of that building, leaving her to get rid of his deposits.

Needless to say, Dianna makes the rounds looking for that darn cat before locking up now.

What an awful way to start a new year. January 1 winds of about 50 mph blowing from the west are suspected of blowing down a dead limb

from a tree onto an electric line on the Doyle Littlefield place that resulted in a grass fire of over 21,000 acres in Donley County with one barn burned. This fire started about three miles from Howardwick; and if the wind had been out of the north, I'm afraid our little community might have been wiped out.



'wick picks
by Peggy Cockerham
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The firemen are still out Monday afternoon. They have it contained but are battling many hot-spots. Tell those volunteer firemen "thank you" when you see them. They deserve it.

Sad news from the Charles and Nancy Davis home. Their daughter, Darlene Uelton, lost her gallant fight against cancer and will be buried January 5. Condolences to Dewey Linley on the death of his mother, Grace Linley, on December 15. Please put both these families on your prayer list and ask for strength to carry on.

Happy New Year from my house to yours.

Ladies' Book Club having fun discussing books and authors

The Clarendon Ladies' Book Club is having fun sharing ideas and opinions and researching the books and authors they have chosen to read and discuss.

Their purpose is to help them grow in an understanding of literature and life and to promote the love of reading.

They have read a variety of selections including Richard Russo's Pulitzer Prize winning book *Empire Falls*, Pulitzer Prize winning author Wallace Stegner's *Crossing to Safety*, Eric Larson's *Isaac's Storm*, *The Devil and The White City*, *Standing in the Rainbow* by Fannie Flagg, and *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk

Kidd. Upcoming choices are *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*, *The Awakening*, and *The Kite Runner*. They are subject to change and are very flexible. They are casual in dress and open in spirit. The next meeting will be January 19 at the library from 2:00 to 4:00. Come join the fun and help them choose the reading list.

The club offers appreciation to Mary Lynn and Jerri Shields for their patience and cooperation in getting the books for the club and reserving a room at the Burton Memorial Library for the meeting.

For more information about the club, call 874-1244.

Locals' grandson adapts, overcomes in Iraq

CAMP FALLUJAH, IRAQ - Marines are known for their ability to adapt and overcome any challenge. A Marine from Reydon, Oklahoma, is living up to that ability while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with Regimental Combat Team 8.

Lance Cpl. Steven L. Bentley, a 20-year-old radio operator, is proving he is flexible in his job. He is not working in his primary military occupational specialty. Instead, he is developing critical skills in another MOS-0861, fire support man.

Bentley is the son of Lloyd and Dianne Bentley of Cheyenne, Oklahoma, and the grandson of Bob and Connie Havens of Clarendon.

"As a fire support man, I am part of a team that coordinates all indirect fire for the regiment," Bentley said. "If there is anything going on involv-

ing indirect fire, it has to go through us first."

Bentley's main job is to plot counter fire and to check for collateral damage on targets.

"What he does for me is run the command and control personal computer, or C2PC," said Staff Sgt. Freddie E. Fowler, the regimental fire support chief for RCT-8.

"When we get a counter battery mission, Bentley processes the grid into the C2PC and gets a photo overlay of the impact area to minimize any collateral damage.

"Once he has imagery of the impact area, I check for any structures or friendly units in the area. If



Bentley

the area is clear, the watch officer clears the mission, and we shoot the round."

"It's fun, I love it," Bentley added. "It's stressful, but it's a lot more exciting than working for comm. I think I am doing a pretty good job so far."

Bentley's opinion of himself is echoed by his chain of command.

"He is a good Marine, a hard worker," said Fowler, a 32-year-old native of Sterling, Va.

In June, Bentley was tasked with another job outside of his MOS. He was responsible for setting up a counter mortar radar system at an observation post for two weeks. He had to learn how to assemble, disassemble, operate, and perform maintenance on the radar in two days before going out there.

"I always wanted to be a Marine

ever since I was little and saw pictures of his granddad in his (winter service uniform)," said the Reydon High School graduate. "My grandfather, aunt, and uncle were in the Marine Corps."

His aunt met his uncle while they were in the Marines, and they ended up getting married. Bentley says his aunt also inspired him to enlist.

"I got to see her and talk to her, and kind of see that that was something I wanted to do."

He entered the delayed entry program in the summer of 2003 between his junior and senior year. Bentley officially entered the US Marine Corps on May 24, 2004, three days after graduating from high school.

"It took some convincing to get my parents to sign the paperwork; but now that I am a Marine, my parents are all about it."

Extension warns about computer viruses

By MaryRuth Bishop, County FCS Agent

While taking steps to keep your family protected from viruses this winter, also take steps to keep your computer safe from electronic 'viruses.' Otherwise, someone could steal your money and your identity, thanks to electronic invaders that may have secretly infected your computer.

"The latest threats to the average computer user involve deceiving you into divulging your personal information through the use of software - generally called 'Trojans,'" said Philip W. Hurley, Texas Cooperative Extension information technologist. These electronic 'bugs' "quietly wait until you start using your computer to access banking or other services, at which time the software simply records everything you type on the keyboard," he said. "Once the keystrokes have been logged, the software will find an opportunity to transmit the information to someone who can then use it to commit fraud."

"Keeping your computer free

of malicious software and keeping your private information from being stolen is a matter of vigilance and suspicion," Hurley said. "Like a sentry, today's computer user must constantly be wary of everyone and question every request for access."

Computer users need to be aware of just how easily these damaging programs can infect their equipment, he said. Many are unaware that malicious software can enter their computers through flaws in software or by users who think they are being given free or essential software. And that's where protective software comes in, Hurley said.

"Anti-virus and anti-spy ware software are essential tools that can help guard your computer against these front door and backdoor attacks," he said. "By running in the background and checking each file as it is changed, anti-virus software can detect malicious software the moment it takes up residence on your PC."

But this protective software only watches for known intruders,

Hurley said, and so must be regularly updated. "Most companies provide updated detection files weekly and sometimes more often, but always whenever a significant threat is discovered," he said. "Vigilance also means that you should scan your entire computer on a regular basis because ... a complete scan ensures that the protection software is working and that a virus hasn't managed to slip by undetected."

He also advises not believing everything you read on the computer, especially when it comes to e-mail. Some official-looking messages really aren't.

"Major companies do not generally send out mass e-mails, nor can e-mail be tracked in order to send you a prize for forwarding a message to 1,000 people," Hurley said. "Charitable contributions are not made, based on the number of messages sent, and your bank, credit card company or credit union is not going to send e-mail addressing you as 'Valued Customer.'"

For these kinds of e-mails, use

a little common sense and do some investigating on your own, he said.

"Every e-mail hoax, be it a notification that you've won the lottery, (information about) a missing child, or even the latest virus threat can be easily looked up on the Internet for verification."

Be suspicious of all warnings and requests that come over your computer, he said, especially the ones that arrive via e-mail.

"Viruses usually disguise who the true sender of the message is, so you can't trust who the message says it's from," Hurley said. "If a message is vague or contains odd language or is in any way inconsistent with what you're used to receiving, verify the message with the sender."

Watch for the padlock icon that indicates a secure connection if it is locked. And look at the URL. Addresses for secure sites will begin with "https:" rather than "http:"

Remember: Never give out personal information without a valid reason and double check valid reasons.

USDA helps families realize dream of homeownership

During 2005, rural Texans remained committed to fulfilling the "American Dream" of homeownership. USDA Rural Development assisted nearly 1,800 rural Texas families in purchasing a home through direct and guaranteed loans of more than \$90.2 million.

"We are fortunate to be able to assist rural families that may have never considered homeownership possible," said Texas State Director Bryan Daniel.

"By assisting families in becom-

ing homeowners, we strengthen rural Texas."

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loan limitations are determined by the applicant's income and repayment ability.

If applicants have an income below 80 percent of the median income level in the communities in which they live, the Direct Loan Program could be a more feasible option for homeownership. This program gives the applicant direct financial assistance from the USDA Rural Development Housing Program in the form of a home loan at an affordable interest rate. The loan may be

used for the purchase of an existing home or for new home construction.

USDA Rural Development acknowledges the pride and accomplishments of homeowners throughout the State of Texas. We invite all rural Texans to take advantage of homeownership opportunities; invest in your future, and the future of our nation.

For more information regarding USDA Rural Development Housing Programs, contact Mike Meehan, Program Director, at 254-742-9770

Senior Citizens receive new van

By Marlee Sharp

We have received our new van. It is beautiful and looks great with our name on the side of it.

Since grant money we received was not quite enough to completely pay for the van, we will be having some fund-raisers to help finish paying it off. If anyone would like to make a donation for this purpose, it would be greatly appreciated.

The van was much needed as the old one has many miles on it and has fulfilled its purpose. There are great many people in Clarendon who will get the benefit of this van since it is used to deliver Meals on Wheels to all of the shut-ins who get a meal daily. We will gladly add anyone to this route that needs a meal because I am sure there are some in Clarendon who would benefit this program.

The Christmas season is always a busy and wonderful time of year. Here at the Senior Citizens Center we have tried to keep up with the enthusiasm of the season. The center has been decorated by Lyndia Meaker and Pat McCombs. They did a great job. Stop by and visit with us this season.

The Christmas Afghan that was donated by Onita Thomas was won by Sarah Scrivner, one of Onita's granddaughters. I know that she will enjoy it much more, and it will be more special to her since her grandmother made it. Congratulations, Sarah!

Our condolences go out to Vada Morrison on the loss of a sister-in-law.

Reminders:
Tuesdays: Game Night, 6 p.m.
M-W-F: Exercise group, 9 a.m.

4-H Spotlight

By Ashlyn Tubbs

This week's 4-H spotlight is on Jacob Pigg. Pigg is 11-years-old and has been in 4-H for 4th of those years. These are the all the 4-H projects that he has participated in: horse, beef and swine projects, food and nutrition (he got 1st place at the Donley County Food Show and got to compete in the District Food Show), horse quiz bowl (his team got 2nd place), rifle, and showing Steers at the Tri-State Fair (in which he got 2nd place). Pigg got 1st place on his 4-H record book.

Pigg's favorite 4-H activity is beef because he feels that it builds responsibility.

"I like 4-H because if you succeed in whatever you do, your name will be heard all over the state. You also get to meet a lot of friends," Pigg says.

Pigg participates in PeeWee Football. He was on the UIL Music Memory and Number Sense teams.

Pigg's hobbies are playing sports and hunting hogs. His family activities include farming and ranching together. His church/community activity is going to Sunday School at the Fairmont Baptist Church.

The 4-H Club Members are proud to have Jacob in our club. We hope that he will continue to come to all of our meetings and participate in all of the 4-H activities that we have to offer.

Be sure to stay tuned next week for our next 4-H spotlight!!!

Aggie Moms to meet Monday in Amarillo

The Aggie Moms' Club will host an Aggie Family and Casino Night January 9, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Church at 4100 Coulter in Amarillo.

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Obituaries
Perdue

Funeral services for Wesley Dane Perdue, age 82, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, December 23, 2005, at the First Baptist Church in Clarendon with Rev. Bryan Knowles, Baptist Minister, and Rev. Larry White of Amarillo, officiating. Burial was held in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Wesley Dane Perdue was born July 2, 1923, to John and May Perdue. They lived in the Hudgins Community where he grew up, attended school, and worked on the family farm. He served our country in World War II in the European Theater of Operations with the 556th Anti-Aircraft Division. After returning to the states, he married Edna Lee Mahaffey, daughter of Slaton and Laura Mahaffey, on July 30, 1947. They lived and farmed in the communities around Clarendon until 1958. The Perdues moved to Levelland and farmed from 1959 through 1973. In 1974, they returned to Clarendon. Dane and Edna have three daughters, Wynona, Dana, and Kathryn. The sons came later in the form of grandsons.

In May of 2002, Edna had to enter the Medical Center Nursing Home, and Dane became a daily visitor there. In November of 2004, he had to enter the nursing home as well. His health gradually declined over the months; and on December 20, 2005, Dane passed away.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and May Perdue; his brothers, J.C. Perdue and Frank Perdue; his sister and brother-in-law, Nell and Earl Stout.

Survivors include his wife, Edna of Clarendon; his daughters, Wynona of Clarendon; Dana of Elkhart, Kansas; and Kathryn of Hereford and her husband, Steven Scott; his grandsons and their families, James, Ashley, Colby, Stephen, and Shannon Todd, and Jeremy, Tawny, and Kenzie Todd, all of Lubbock; Tyler Scott of Amarillo; and Jarod Scott of Lubbock; his sister-in-law, Dorothy Perdue of Lubbock; his sister, Audrey and her husband, Walter Goodjoon of Lubbock; his brother, Bill and his wife Joyce Perdue of San Antonio; his sister, Jerry and her husband Farris Keller of Levelland; and a bushel of cousins, nephews, and nieces, and friends.

Ivey

Funeral services for Helen Geneva Hale Ivey, age 86, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 31, 2005, at the First United Methodist Church in Claude with Rev. Roy Rutherford of Claude, officiating. Burial was held in Claude Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mrs. Ivey died Thursday, December 29, 2005, in Amarillo. She was born February 7, 1919, in Scottsboro, Alabama, and was a resident of Claude for many years. She lived in New Boston, Texas, before returning to Claude before her retirement. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge in Panhandle and was a Methodist. She was a loving mother and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1986; and two daughters, Margaret Suttles in October 1999 and Mildred Talent in July 2004.

Survivors include one daughter, Dorothy Jaramillo of Albuquerque, New Mexico; three sons, John Williams Ivey of Wichita Falls; Jim Ivey of Sterling, Virginia; and Marvin Ivey of Claude; one sister, Mary Lou McClaren of Malta, Texas; fifteen grandchildren; and 30 great grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to be to the Claude Cemetery Association or a favorite charity.

Shadle

Funeral services for Louise Koeninger Shadle, age 101, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2006, at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Tom Garmon, Pastor, and Rev. Perry Hunsacker of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Amarillo, officiating. Burial was held in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mrs. Shadle died Saturday, December 31, 2005, in Amarillo.

She was born February 5, 1904, in Wise County, Texas, to Franz Joseph Koeninger and Delia Bridget Conner Koeninger. She married Thomas Marvin Shadle on May 16, 1923, in Wise County. She, her husband, and infant daughter moved to Donley County in 1925. After a brief stint of moving from one oil field to another, including Borger, they settled in Donley County where they farmed and ranched for over 60 years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon.

She was preceded in death by her only son, Joseph Marvin Shadle, on August 11, 1968; her husband on August 3, 1988; and by her son-in-law, Ray Pittman, on June 17, 2005.

Survivors include one daughter, LaRue Shadle Pittman of Amarillo; two grandsons, James Dennis Shadle and wife Susie and Joe Neal Shadle and wife Raenell, all of Clarendon; two granddaughters, Cheryl Shadle Fox of Canyon and Barbara Shadle Williams of Clarendon; twelve great grandchildren; and 19 great great grandchildren.

Casket bearers were Brad Shadle, Che Shadle, Michael Shadle, Jeremy Hand, Roy Williams III, Josey Shadle, Joshua Williams, and James Christopher Williams.

The family request memorials be to the Citizens Cemetery Association, PO Box 669, Clarendon, Texas 79226-0669 or to the First United Methodist Church, PO Box 157, Clarendon, Texas 79226-0157.

Usleton

Funeral services for Darlene Davis Usleton, age 50, will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 5, 2006, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Canyon Ward (8400 Hunsley Rd) in Canyon, Texas, with President Bruce Tate, officiating. Graveside Commitment will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 5, 2006, at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon. Arrangements are under the direction of Brooks Funeral Directors of Canyon.

Ms. Usleton died January 1, 2006, in Amarillo. She was born on October 12, 1955, to Charles and Nancy Walker Davis at Parks Air Force Base in Pleasanton, California. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1974 and graduated from Amarillo College in 1976. Darlene enjoyed music, playing the clarinet in high school, and was a past president of Canyon High School Band Booster Club. She married Tommy Dale Usleton in 1979 and has since divorced. Tommy is now married to Glenda Fessler.

Darlene was a great granddaughter of W.L. Bill Lohberger, an early settler of Wheeler County. She enjoyed working with Affiliated Foods for 20 years in HBC and the Tobacco Purchasing Dept. Darlene had been a resident in Canyon for 20 years.

She was preceded in death by grandparents, Clarence and Louise Davis, an uncle, Jim Walker, an aunt, Ellie and her husband George Wilkinson. She went home to be with the Lord on January 1, 2006, after a

lengthy battle with cancer.

Survivors include a son, Sean Usleton and wife Becky of Canyon; a grandson, Blake Usleton of Canyon; her parents, Nancy and Charles Davis of Clarendon; her grandparents, George C. and Dorothy Walker of Wheeler; one sister, D'Anne Woods and husband Doug of Pflugerville, Texas; two brothers, Danny Ray Davis of Amarillo and Don Alton Davis of Pampa; one sister-in-law, Dianne Davis of Amarillo; two nieces, Tiffany Baldwin and husband Donnie of Point Mugu, California; and Julie Anne Marie Woods of Pflugerville; four nephews, Stephen Woods and Dylan Woods, both of Pflugerville, and Joshua Davis and William Davis, both of Amarillo; and three close friends, Janice Blandford of Amarillo and Connie Clark and Cindy Craig, both of Canyon.

The family suggests memorials be made to Odyssey Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson St., Amarillo, Texas 79101.

Evans

Kenneth Dale Evans, age 67, of North Richland Hills, Texas, died Monday, December 26, 2005, in Fort Worth, Texas. A memorial service was held Thursday, December 29, 2005, at Shannon Rufe Snow Funeral Chapel.

Mr. Evans was born on June 21, 1938, in Santa Maria, California, the son of Kermit and Florence Evans. The family moved from California to Ashtola, Texas, in 1945; and he attended schools in Ashtola and graduated from Clarendon High School and later attended the University of Texas at Arlington. He served in the US Navy from September 1956 until September 1960 on the USS Kearsarge and the USS Helena as a court reporter and military law specialist.

Kenneth was employed by Chevron Chemical Company in marketing and in 1984 became District Operations Manager for Picker International in Dallas and later in Corona, California.

In his retirement he enrolled in

nursing school and was doing hospice nursing until his death.

He was always the constant, quiet, caring, and genuine listening friend and will be missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter, Susan Evans, and his brother, Gene Evans.

Survivors include daughters, Cynthia Allen and Angela Evans; brother, Carl Evans and wife Ruth; sister, Carol Evans Powell and husband Thad; six grandchildren; the Marroquin family; and numerous relatives and friends who loved him.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Harbour

Iris Charlotte Lake Harbour, age 68, of Lelia Lake, died Sunday, December 25, 2005. Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 29, 2005, at Memorial Park Funeral Home Chapel of Memories in Amarillo. Burial followed at Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Memorial Park Funeral Home.

Mrs. Harbour was born November 1, 1937, in Bloomington, Indiana, to Hazel and Elmer Lake. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She enjoyed quilting and gardening.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Carolyn Trister; a son, Billy Hardy; and a granddaughter, Toni Beavin.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Harbour; three sons, Tommy Harbour and wife Sylvia, Philip Harbour and wife Lisa, and Greg Hardy and wife Kim; five daughters, Stephanie Dick and husband Ronald, Deborah McMinim and husband Robert, Tina Johnson, Teresa Hamm and husband James, Ina Boyd and husband Jim; two brothers, Donald Lake and Robert Lake; 19+ grandchildren; and 29+ great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

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Calvary Baptist Church
US 287 E • 874-3156
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 7 p.m.
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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: 7:30 p.m.

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.

Community Fellowship Church
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.

First Assembly of God
501 McClelland • 874-9090
Pastor: Robert Fiscus
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service: 10:50 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
300 Bugbee Ave • 874-3833
Pastor: Dr. Buddy Young
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service: 10:55 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m.

First Christian Church
120 E. Third Street
874-3212
Sunday Service: 11:00 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church
Fourth & Parks • 874-9269
Pastor: Rev. Robin Gantz
Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Service: 11:00 a.m.

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.

Jesus Name Apostolic Church
720 E. Montgomery
874-2388
Sunday Services: 3 p.m.
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Hedley

Church of Christ
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Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
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Pastor: Bruce Howard
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m.

First Methodist Church
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Pastor: Gary Boles
Sunday Service: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.

Howardwick

First Baptist Church
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Pastor: Genoa Goad
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Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 6 p.m.

Martin

Martin Baptist Church
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Pastor: Darrell Burton
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Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m.

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Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
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Greenbelt Classic attracts 24 teams Panhandle, Paducah claim championship trophies

By Sandy Anderberg

Twelve girls' teams and 12 boys' teams made up the annual Greenbelt Classic Basketball Tournament held December 29-31 at both the Clarendon High School Bronco Gym and the Clarendon College Bulldog Gym.

After three days of basketball and many hard-fought games, the teams from Panhandle and Paducah claimed the top spots in the tournament.

The CHS Lady Broncos finished third on their side after a loss to Panhandle took them out of the championship game. They defeated Bible Heritage (61-6) and Lockney (42-39) as they worked their way through the bracket, and their 41-38 win over River Road gave them third place in the tournament.

Senior Haley Shelton averaged 10.5 points per game, and Regan Lemley averaged eight points per game. Shelton and Kaitlyn Howard were named to the All-Tournament Team, and Lemley won the three-point shooting contest.

"The girls played very hard the entire tournament," Coach Steve Myatt said. "There were times we failed to execute offensively, but they never quit."

The Pantherettes from Panhandle won the tournament 58-44 over the Hedley Lady Owls.

Others named to the All-Tournament Team were: Lori Bugg and Julie Funderberg of Hedley; Kara Looten, Amanda George, Kandus Meeker of Panhandle; Tori Velasquez of River Road; Becca Rapstine of White Deer; and Lindsay Fairchild of Vega. The

Sportsmanship Award went to the West Texas Lady Comanches.

The Paducah Dragons took the top honors on the boy's side by defeating Arbor Academy 49-33 in the championship game. The Broncos played Highland Park for third place but fell short at 43-47.

"It was a great tournament for us. Paducah and Highland Park are both ranked in the top 10 in class A and class AA respectively, and Arbor Academy is a very talented private school," Coach Wade Callaway said. "We played very hard. We just didn't execute as well as we needed to down the stretch of both the Arbor and HP games."

LaDez Captain was named to the All-Tournament Team. Also making the team were: Cory Hemphill, Shae Patterson, and Mark Hurd of

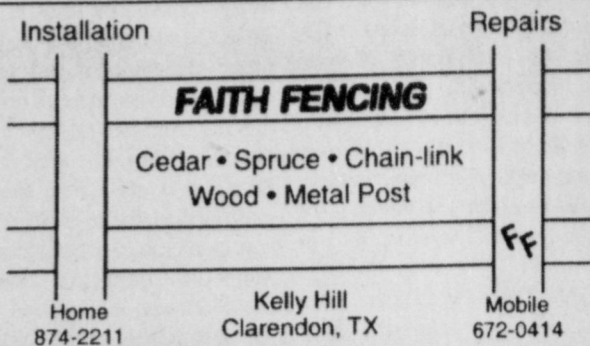
Paducah; Chance Trafton and Jonathan Williams of Arbor Academy; Cooper Wade and Robert Soleyjacks of Highland Park; Phillip Purcell of Panhandle; and Brittan Gruhkey of Vega. The Sportsmanship Award went to the Hedley Owls, and the three-point champion was Chase Phillips from West Texas High.

The coaches and administrators at Clarendon High School and Clarendon College appreciate Greenbelt Water Authority for sponsoring the tournament and recognize all of those involved in working and providing food for the hospitality room.

The Broncos and Lady Broncos will host Wellington and Shamrock at home January 6 and January 10 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Wellington game kicks off district play for both teams.

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Howardwick board votes to sell lots

The Howardwick Board of Aldermen met in regular session December 13 at 7 p.m. in Howardwick City Hall.

Following a closed session, the board voted to sell lot #204 in the Navajo Section to Jerry Daniels for \$354 with him paying the closing costs. The board also approved giving city employees a raise of 50 cents per hour.

Alderman Bill Barton reported that the roll off area had been cleaned, and Alderman Bobby Murdock said everything was going pretty good at the shop.

Jerry Daniels addressed the board and wanted to let citizens know that he was not trying to open a business in Nocona Hills and said he was giving away his bait when he closes for the winter. He also wanted to say for the record that JJ's Canteen is a legal distance from the Howardwick Baptist Church.

Earlier in 2005, Daniels had sought to obtain a zoning change from the board to get a permit to sell alcoholic beverages at the Canteen. His request was denied at that time.

Seminar to address Medicare Part D

AMARILLO - Medicare Part D has some senior citizens confused and concerned, but they can find answers at the next Texas Cooperative Extension Senior Seminar.

"Medicare Part D - Is it Right for You?" will be held at 1:30 p.m. January 12 in the Amarillo Senior Citizens Association Meeting Room 115.

The program opens with Dr. Ted Nicklaus, medical director for Ware Memorial Care Center, Heritage Convalescent Center, and Jan Werner Adult Day Care Center, and Serena Cowart, benefits counselor with Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle.

They will address questions such as: "Why is Medicare Part D so confusing?"; "Should I join."; "If so, what plan should I join?"

In advance of the seminar, seniors or their caretakers are encouraged to get a packet by calling Area Agency on Aging at 331-2227.

This will guide the individuals in assembling information to help find a suitable plan for their situation, said Sue Church, Extension agent in Potter County.

Door prizes will be provided.

For more information, contact Church at 373-0713.

Warm weather brings golfers to country club

By Sandy Anderberg

Despite being the dead of winter, the unseasonably warm weather is not going to waste at the Clarendon Country Club. Many golfers have enjoyed the spring-like weather and have taken advantage of a break from the cold days.

Eight golfers participated in the weekly women's game on Thursday, December 29. Ruth Jackson's 63 took top honors for the day in the 18-hole game. Sherol Johnston shot a 65 for second place, and Dorothy Breedlove turned in a 66 for third.

The previous week's winners were Bonnie Crofford with a 61, Ruth Jackson with a 68, and Wanda Nazworth with a 69.

Schedules of local varsity and college games available at
www.ClarendonOnline.com/sports

Bronco & Lady Bronco Basketball

Friday, Jan. 6

Lady Broncos v. Wellington
in Bronco Gym, 6:30 p.m.

Broncos v. Wellington
in Bronco Gym, 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

Lady Broncos v. Shamrock
in Bronco Gym, 6:30 p.m.

Broncos v. Shamrock
in Bronco Gym, 8:00 p.m.

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20 Morgan Robinson	Sr.	12 Shelby Watson	Jr.
22 Chase Thornberry	Sr.	20 Caitlan Hall	Sr.
24 Quentin West	Sr.	21 Holly Cornell	Sr.
34 Will Betts	Sr.	22 Haley Shelton	Sr.
32 Calvin Edwards	Sr.	23 Regan Lemley	Jr.
30 Stephen Ford	Sr.	24 Sade Cobb	So.
40 Bret Carter	Sr.	33 Haley Carter	Jr.
42 LaDez Captain	Jr.	40 Samantha Myatt	Sr.
44 Michael Henderson	Sr.	44 Kristin White	Sr.
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Trainers: Jeremy Jeffers, Anndria Kidd, and Erica Depew		Managers: Audrey Jones, Casey Phillips, Kallie Sawyer	

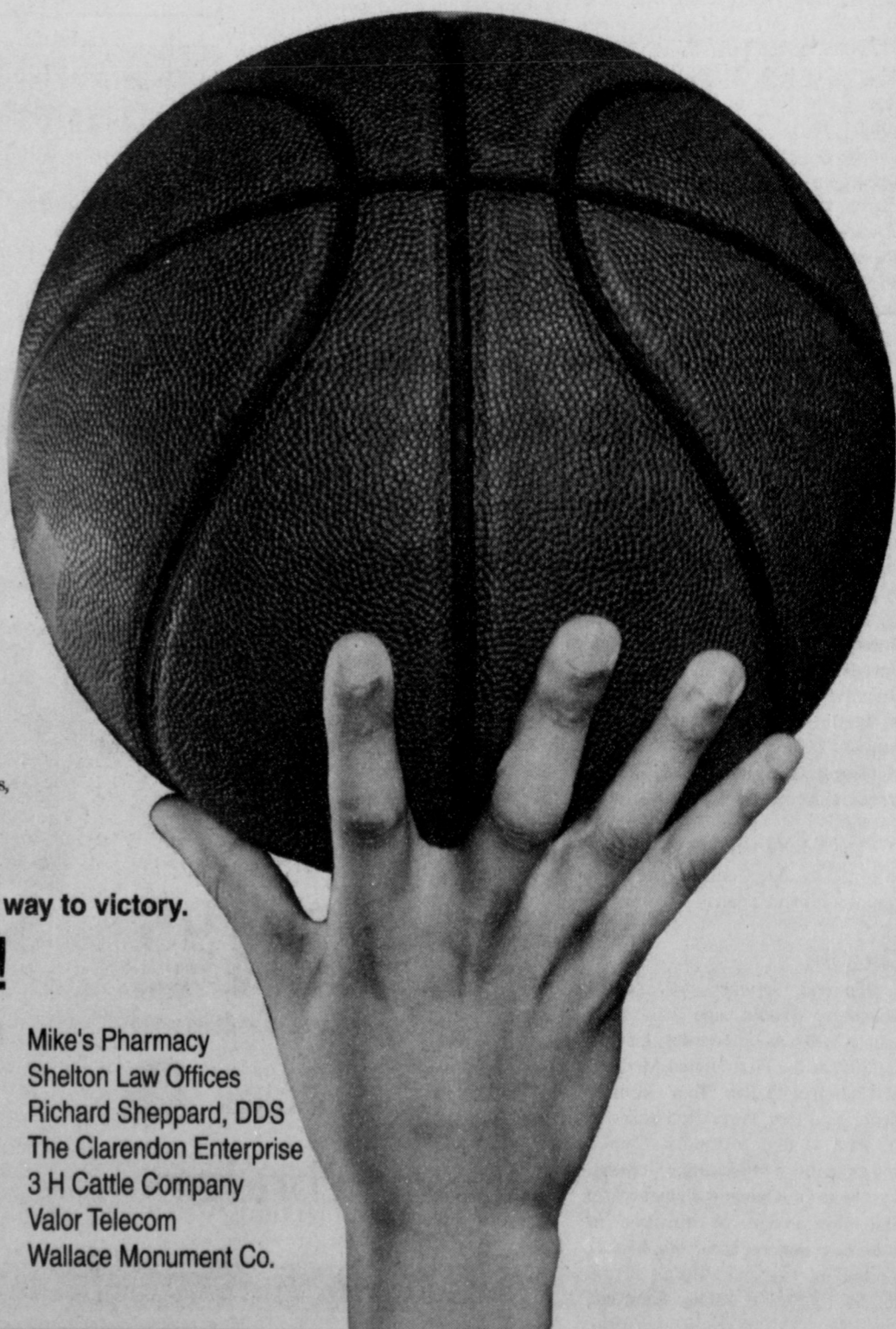
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Clarendon Order of the Eastern Star #6 Stated meetings: First Thursdays, 7:30 pm; Refreshments served at 6:30 pm Linda Crump - W.M. Naomi Green - Secretary

Clarendon Lions Club Regular meeting each Tuesday at noon. Mark C. White, Boss Lion. Russell Estlack, Secretary

Donley County Memorial Post #7782 of the VFW & Auxiliary Stated covered dish meeting: Third Tuesday at 6 p.m. Dale Powers - Post Commander; Carol Holden - President. Post Home Phone No: 874-VETS

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Thank you,
Donna Hicks

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN A WATER QUALITY PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0010007001
APPLICATION. City of Clarendon, PO Box 1089, Clarendon, Texas 79226, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew wastewater disposal Permit No. WQ0010007001 to authorize the disposal of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a 30-day Average flow of 280,000 gallons into a 75-acre playa lake for evaporation. The domestic wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located approximately 4,000 feet northeast of the intersection of US Highway 287 and Farm-To-Market Road 2162 in Donley County, Texas. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on October 18, 2005. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at Clarendon City Hall, 119 South Sully, Clarendon, Texas.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After completion of the technical review, the TCEQ will issue a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Written public comments or requests for public meeting must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, PO Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. After technical review of the application is complete, the executive director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the countrywide mailing list or the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.**

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A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. **The TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain**

LEGAL NOTICES

criteria are met. MAILING LIST. In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: (1) the mailing list for this specific application; (2) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (3) the permanent mailing list for a specific county. Clearly specify which mailing list(s) to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Unless you otherwise specify, you will be included only on the mailing list for this specific application.

INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our website at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

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CHOICE COMMERCIAL CORNER LOT - and 1,536 sq. ft. building with frontage on Hwy. 287 at intersection with Gorst St. includes 4,329 sq. ft. concrete paving for \$45,000.

HEDLEY - 3 BEDROOM BRICK, 1 1/2 BATHS - nice kitchen with good cabinets and counter tops, breakfast nook, large den/dining with built in book case, utility room, central heat and ref. air, 2 bathrooms, 2 vaults, kitchen, interior easily converted for many uses for \$49,000.

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.

GREENBELT - BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM BUILT HOME - 4 BEDROOMS, 3 BATHS - (bedroom(s) and bath on each of three levels) modern kitchen includes range, refrigerator, dishwasher, and abundant cabinet and storage space - control the inside temperature with central heat & refrigerated air plus two wood burning fireplaces in the winter, or step outside on either of two large covered decks to enjoy the beautiful view and fresh air while lounging or cooking out or just watching the deer, turkey, quail, and numerous varieties of other birds that frequent the premises in search of food as they graze along the adjoining Carroll Creek or sometimes on the landscaped yard complete with sprinklers. Also included is an attached 1-car garage plus a built-on 3-car port and a new yard building. Super buy at \$138,000.

GREENBELT - SMALL TRAILER ON 2 LOTS - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, living, kitchen with refrigerator and range, propane heat, 2 window air units, nice barbecue grill, furniture presently in house included at 36 Swanson St. in Howardwick for \$11,000.

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Sheriff's Report:

Authorities warn about wildfire dangers

Dec. 26
 3:47 a.m. - Business alarm in the 700 block of S. Faker.
 6:19 a.m. - Assisting EMS in the 4000 block of CR 5.
 4:26 p.m. - Out on 2nd and Jefferson.
 7:17 p.m. - Secured building in the 400 block of E. Burkhead.
 11:38 p.m. - Out at 5th and Parks.

Dec. 27
 1:56 a.m. - Securing building in the 300 block of 1st St.
 7:43 a.m. - Stranded motorist on N. SH 70.
 5:03 p.m. - Residential alarm in the 500 block of Cottage.
 8:52 p.m. - Coal stack burning in the 100 block of S. Gorst.
 10:19 p.m. - Resident reporting possible theft in the 200 block of Janny Dr.

Dec. 28
 1:26 p.m. - To Randall County to pick up inmate.

6:54 p.m. - Loud music on 6th St.
 9:22 p.m. - Two juveniles missed for 2½ hours.
 10:35 p.m. - Located juveniles, transporting to residence.

Dec. 29
 5:59 a.m. - Set up landing zone at Clarendon College for LifeStar for a pickup from Wellington EMS.
 4:22 p.m. - Possible trespass on N. US 287.
 5:58 p.m. - Coal smoldering. Contacted BNSF.
 8:35 p.m. - Stranded motorist two miles west on US 287.
 11:37 p.m. - See caller in the 200 block of Janny.

Dec. 30
 1:36 a.m. - Back to residence in the 200 block of Janny.
 9:22 a.m. - Stranded motorist on US 287 at MP 166.
 1:13 p.m. - Out in the 200 block of W. Kearney.
 2:24 p.m. - Accident on the east end of Hedley, pickup v. semi.

Dec. 31
 1:09 a.m. - Vehicle stuck on 5th St at Collinson.
 11:33 a.m. - To Sheriff's Office to see subject in lobby.
 4:51 p.m. - Remove debris from roadway on CR 8.
 9:32 p.m. - Subject shooting fireworks on Lot 131, Greenbelt Lake.

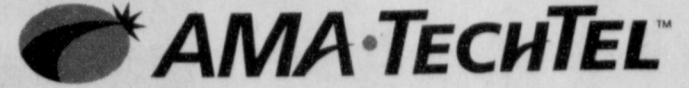
Jan. 1
 2:06 a.m. - See complainant on E. 3rd St.
 2:07 a.m. - To jail with one female in custody for disorderly conduct.
 2:16 a.m. - To jail with one female in custody for disorderly conduct.
 2:38 a.m. - Re-stand barrels and barricades on N. SH 70 bridge.
 12:59 p.m. - Grass fire on CR 1 moving fast, 8½ miles North on SH 70.
 2:53 p.m. - SH 70 N. still closed due to fire. Surrounding counties assisting with fire - Groom, Armstrong County, Hall County, McLean, and Pantex.

4:12 p.m. - Fire now at FM 1260, still moving.
 7:15 p.m. - Fire east of FM 1260. Fire continues to burn.

Summary
 Arrests - 3
 Fire - 3
 EMS - 8

An emergency burn and fireworks ban was initiated December 30, 2005. This includes all of Donley County. The Sheriff's Department will enforce this ban on burning fireworks! Help prevent deadly wildfires. Do not use fireworks or burn trash. Do not throw burning matches and cigarettes on the ground. Accidental fires can be started from machinery and motor vehicles. Stay aware!

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Pesticide applicators must renew certificates

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Agriculture reminds private pesticide applicator certificate holders that their certificates will not be renewed February 28 every five years rather than the original December 31 expiration date.

TDA recently implemented a new licensing system and changed the expiration date to make the licensing process more efficient. Certificate holders, as well as any TDA license holders, should receive a renewal notice.

Private applicator certificates were issued prior to January 10, 1989. While they never expire, applicators must earn 15 continuing education credits, including two credits in laws and regulations and two credits in integrated pest management, prior to expiration, to keep the certificate active.

For information, call 800-TELL-TDA.



HeadStart Christmas program
 Students in Clarendon's HeadStart program enjoyed Christmas festivities during the last week before Christmas break. Those students pictured are (back) Sandra Smith, Jenci Hernandez, Jett Hargrove, Brandon Santos, Isaac Dunham, Marquis McGuire, (middle) Alexis Powell, Kyla Dunham, Zoe Adams, Bella Leatherman, Abby Tolbert, Eboni Butler, (front) Kyle Mobley, Makayla Brown, Christopher Bruce, Christopher Gonzalez, and Andy Sciacca. Photo courtesy of Regina Wooten.

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Drugs in the News

Non-Nicotine Drug Helps Smokers Quit
 There has been significant media hype recently regarding varenicline, a non-nicotine drug that, if approved by the US Food and Drug Administration, could become a valuable tool for use by smokers who want to stop smoking.

Researchers indicate that this new drug works by attaching itself to the same receptors to which nicotine routinely attaches. The manufacturer of varenicline indicates that data from 3 different studies will be valuable in the review of the drug by expert committees. Two of the studies compared varenicline, Zyban (a popular antismoking drug), and placebo (fake drug). In one of the three studies, after 12 weeks almost 18% of those in the placebo group, 30% in the Zyban group, and 44% in the varenicline group had quit smoking. A comparison of those who were still not smoking at the end of the year was highest in the varenicline group.

Heart and lung problems are at the top of the list of smoking-related health problems. Experts point to the continuing need for therapies that help smokers. In addition to this drug, at least one other drug and two vaccines are being evaluated for smoking cessation.



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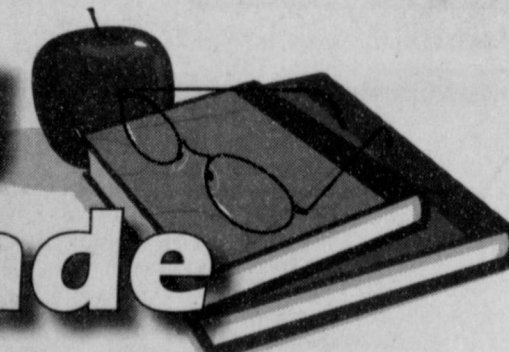
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Making The Grade



Hedley Honor Roll

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 Second grade: Heath McCleskey, Brooklyn Montgomery, and Chase Sharp.
 Third grade: Kati Adams, Sheridan Hoyer, and Maddie Verstuyft.
 Fourth grade: Deborah Howard, Kyle Lindsey, and Bailey Wood.
 Fifth grade: Austin Adams, Lydia Howard, Zach Sargent, and Sierra Wheatly.
 Sixth grade: Cassidy Burton, Kayla Elam, and Lindsey McLaren.
 Seventh grade: Reid Copelin.
 Eighth grade: Karlee Burton, Dylan Pettit, and Marlee Sargent.
 Ninth grade: Skyler Conatser and Peter Howard.
 Tenth grade: Kristen Dwight.

"AB" Honor Roll
 First grade: Cody Cabier, Dante Cooper, and Desiree Martinez.
 Second grade: Clay King, Klaton Moore, and Cassidy Pettit.
 Third grade: Kortney Burton, Richard Like, Endia Lillie, Grayson Morris, Wyatt Wheatly, and Yancey Wynn.
 Fourth grade: Denver Chambliss, Maggie Collins, Kristan Limer, Britanni Moore, and Jacob Owens.
 Fifth grade: Caden Farris, Jamie Lollar, Alex Mejia, Brady Montgomery, Jadee Widener, and Jodee Widener.
 Sixth grade: Joseph Allen, Breigh Garrison, Willie Lewis, Savannah Lillie, Josh Liewelty, Justine Moore, Jacob Ramirez, Kadee Riggs, Ashton Wainbrough, and Rancee Watt.
 Seventh grade: Jennifer Allen, Janner Gross, Laura Howard, Katterinna Johnson, Monica Miller, Braden Montgomery, Jasie Sargent, Kaylee Shields, Kallie Verstuyft, Alex Stephens, and Jacob Widener.
 Eighth grade: Brittany Galvan, Danny Garcia, Haley Hall, Bobbie Like, R.J. Marshall, Brook Martin, Brittney Netterville, Alex Sharp, Morgan Wood, Elizabeth Garcia, Shandy Koetting, Amanda Musick, and Kelby Shields.
 Tenth grade: Deston Chambliss, Jonathan Edmonson, Stormie Garrison, Kimberly Jackson, and Danielle Smith.
 Eleventh grade: Daniel Allen, Brayden Bennett, Betty Cruz, and Jonathan Giffin.
 Twelfth grade: Hailey Carneau, Mariah Couch, Derek Evans, Julie Funderburg, Cathy Galvan, Jindy Gregory, Megan Hall, Eli Luna, Paul Monroe, Andrea Musick, Wes Shields, and Charlie Watts.

We salute these kids for striving to be the best in our schools. Congratulations and keep studying!

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