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

Aldermen vote to raise trash rates

Clarendon Aldermen unanimously voted to increase sanitation rates during their regular meeting last Tuesday.

City officials say the trash service is losing money and is facing higher fuel costs. The city has also been out an estimated \$12,000 in maintenance costs for one of its trash trucks.

Sanitation rates would increase \$1 per month per each active account. If an account has more than one trash bin, the increase would be \$1 per trash bin per month. The rate for hauling trash for Greenbelt Water Authority would increase \$410 to a total fee of \$2,500 per month.

The board also voted 3-1 to increase deposits for water service.

The city currently requires a \$50 deposit on a new account, and aldermen approved raising that to \$125, noting that most past due accounts that get closed are over \$100. Alderman Tommy Hill opposed the measure, saying he felt setting the deposit at \$100 would be sufficient.

The aldermen must still vote on the sanitation charges and water deposit fees again. If approved, the new rates would go into effect October 1, 2005.

Water service tap fees were also on the board's agenda, but aldermen decided to leave those rates unchanged.

In other city business, Judy Burlin addressed the board on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce regard-

ing funds the chamber receives from the Motel Bed Tax.

Twenty-five percent of the money raised by that tax is directed to the chamber.

Burlin outlined upcoming chamber activities and said her board is reviewing the guidelines for spending Motel Bed Tax funds.

The chamber has set up a separate account so that tax funds are not co-mingled with other chamber funds, and Burlin said she would give a quarterly report to the city to keep aldermen up to date on how the money is being used. Alderman Michael Tibbets also encouraged the chamber to conduct surveys during events sponsored with Motel Bed Tax funds.

The board discussed closing the Burton Memorial Library on Saturdays. Librarian Jerri Shields suggested the measure as a way to cut utility expenses and noted that traffic was not very high on Saturday. The board voted in favor of the measure, which will take effect September 1.

The city's ad valorem tax rate was discussed. No action was taken as the board is waiting to find out what the city's insurance rates will be.

The board approved an engagement letter from Doshier, Pickens, & Francis to conduct the 2004-2005 audit.

Aldermen discussed the city's random drug testing policy and voted to test five employees at random

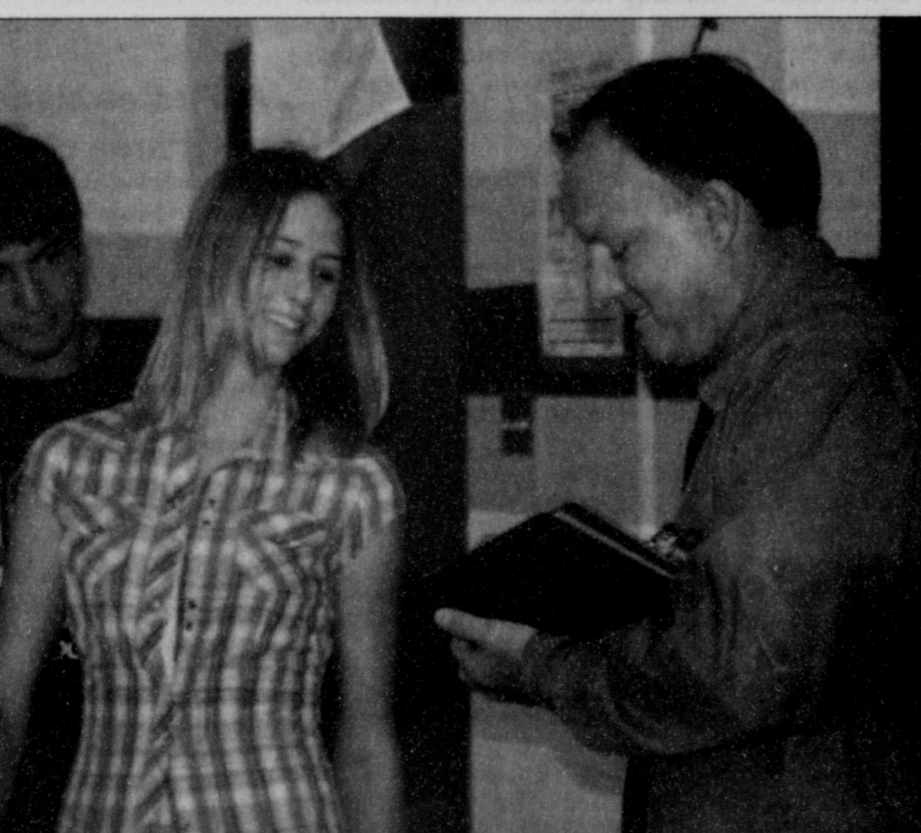
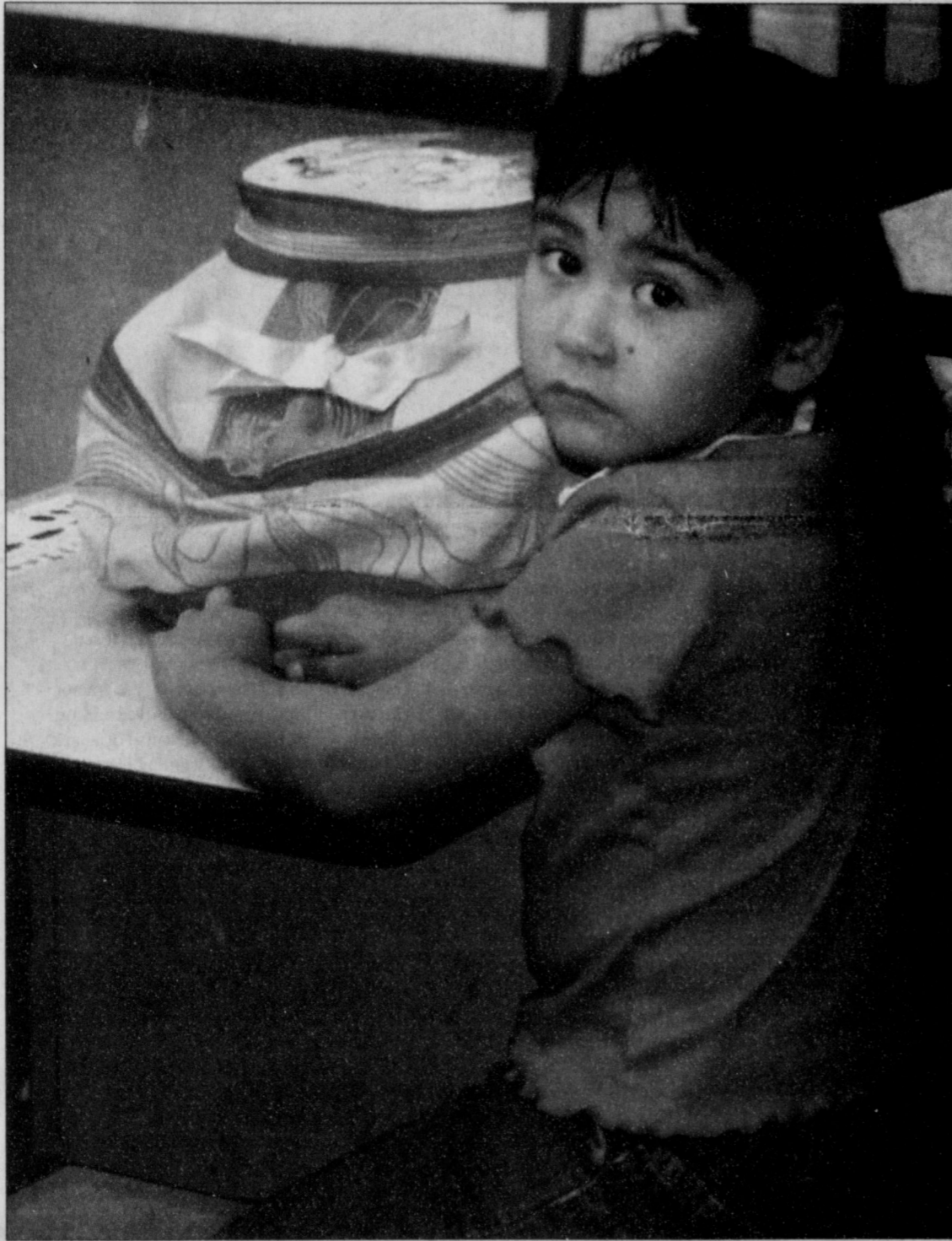
every quarter. The policy previously called for testing three employees per quarter.

The topic of paying the salary of city employees while they attend training for the volunteer fire department was discussed.

Aldermen Hill and Janice Knorpp opposed this policy saying that this was something that should be done on the employee's own time and money, but Aldermen Tibbets and Bobbie Kidd were unwilling to change the policy. Alderman Mark White was absent.

Hill and Knorpp voted to stop the policy. Tibbets and Kidd voted no, and Mayor Tex Selvidge would not break the tie, saying he wanted more information.

Hedley Goes Back To School



Brand new to kindergarten, Cristal Ramirez (top photo) waits for instructions from her teacher as Hedley Public Schools started classes Monday. The same day, incoming senior Megan Hall (bottom photo) visits with new Hedley principal Dick Hutcherson about her parking spot assignment as Seth Koetting looks on.

Reserved and season Bronco tickets on sale

Clarendon CISD has announced the selling of Reserved Seating/Season Tickets for the 2005-2006 football season.

The cost of each football ticket is \$25. This price allows admission into the five home games and reserves your seat in the prime viewing location.

Tickets will go on sale to the public at 8:30 a.m. on August 19, 2005. Reserved seating/season tickets can only be purchased at the Clarendon CISD Administration Building located at 416 S. Allen Street.

They want to encourage everyone to come out and support the Broncos.

Friendship Club plans Greenbelt Night Friday

The Howardwick Friendship Club will meet this Friday, August 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Howardwick City Hall.

The public is invited to bring a covered dish and join the club for Greenbelt Appreciation Night, in honor of the water authority's work to put new paving on Rick Husband Boulevard.

Clarendon Head Start look for new kids

The Clarendon Head Start program, needs four-year-old children to fill several openings.

Head Start is a full day program, which provides two meals and a snack, and all supplies are provided.

Application day will be Thursday, August 18, at Clarendon Elementary. Call 874-3855 to make an appointment.

Downtown Ministries sets clothes giveaway

The Downtown Ministries will hold a school clothes giveaway on Saturday, August 20, 2005, at the Center. The doors will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There are lots of clothes of all sizes to choose from.

CHS 1950s classes to reunite next month

All of the 1950s Clarendon High School ex-students are invited to a class reunion to be held September 23-24. They will be spotlighting the Class of 1955 as this is their 50th reunion.

For more information, call 874-3811 or 874-2053.

CHS Class of '65 plans reunion September 16

The Clarendon High School Class of '65 will have a reunion on September 16 during the high school homecoming activities.

For more information, please call 874-2688.

Sales taxes show economy growing

Figures released Friday by Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn show the local economy continuing to grow with Clarendon, Hedley, and Howardwick all making gains.

"With just weeks remaining in the 2005 fiscal year, sales tax revenue is running 5.9 percent higher than the same point in FY 2004," Strayhorn said.

The state collected \$1.45 billion in sales tax revenue in July, and the comptroller sent local governments \$466 million.

The City of Clarendon took in \$28,191.03 for its August allocation, up 11.93 percent for the same period one year ago. That pushes the city's year-to-date total to \$179,525.85, an increase to 7.58 percent.

This marked Clarendon's fifth straight month of increased allocations. The April allocation was up 14.88 percent, May rose 15.71 percent, June saw an increase of 10.7

percent, and July was up 20 percent.

Hedley was up 10.6 percent for a total of \$594.15 in August, and Howardwick was up less than one percent for a total of \$1,060.48. Both cities are still trailing for the year-to-date.

August sales tax allocations statewide to local governments are up 8.1 percent compared to August 2004.

Calendar year to date, city sales tax revenues are up 7.5 percent compared to 2004. July state sales tax collections are up 14.5 percent compared to July 2004.

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

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Monday, September 12.

First scrimmage gives Broncos new insights

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos traveled to Hermleigh on Saturday, August 13, to compete in a much-needed scrimmage as they begin their new football season. According to Head Coach Gary Jack, the Broncos did a lot of good things and gained new insight into their program.

"We scored about eight times and kept them from getting into the end zone," Jack said. "We were able to see a lot of things that will help us prepare for our season opener."

Several Broncos were able to cross the goal line, both in the air and on the ground.

"Will Betts scored a couple of times, and so did Jeremy Utsey," Jack said. "Several of our scores were on long runs, and Chase Thornberry scored on a 70-yard pass. Quentin West, Morgan Robinson, and Kaleb Shadle all scored for us."

Jack also credited the defense with playing well and getting some good things accomplished.

"Jon Vaught, Morgan Robinson, Stephen Ford, Bradley Sell, Ladez Captain, and Will Drackley all did a good job on the defensive side of

the ball. Overall, it was a good tune-up for us. This week we'll work on getting ready for a scrimmage with Gruver. It will be a good warm-up for us when we open up against Ralls."

The scrimmage against the Greyhounds will be at home Friday, August 19, with the junior varsity playing at 6:00 p.m. and the varsity beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 18, will be "Meet the Broncos and Lady Broncos" at Bronco Stadium at 7:00 p.m. Along with the introductions of the football players, the community will be introduced to the cheerleaders and the cross-country team.

It will also be an opportunity for Coach Jack to meet with the parents for an impromptu meeting concerning different aspects of the upcoming season. Jack will also introduce an addition to the Bronco coaching staff. Newcomer Brandon Word is new to the Clarendon staff and will be a great addition to the CHS coaches.

The Bronco Parents will be providing watermelon for all those attending "Meet the Broncos." Take time to attend and support CHS.

Alfalfa seminar set next week

The Donley County Extension office will be hosting an alfalfa production seminar on August 26 at the Church of Christ Family Life Center.

Program topics will include: "Overview and Agronomics of Alfalfa Production," "Round-up Ready Alfalfa" and general weed control, variety selection, and a field visit to discuss insects and alfalfa management.

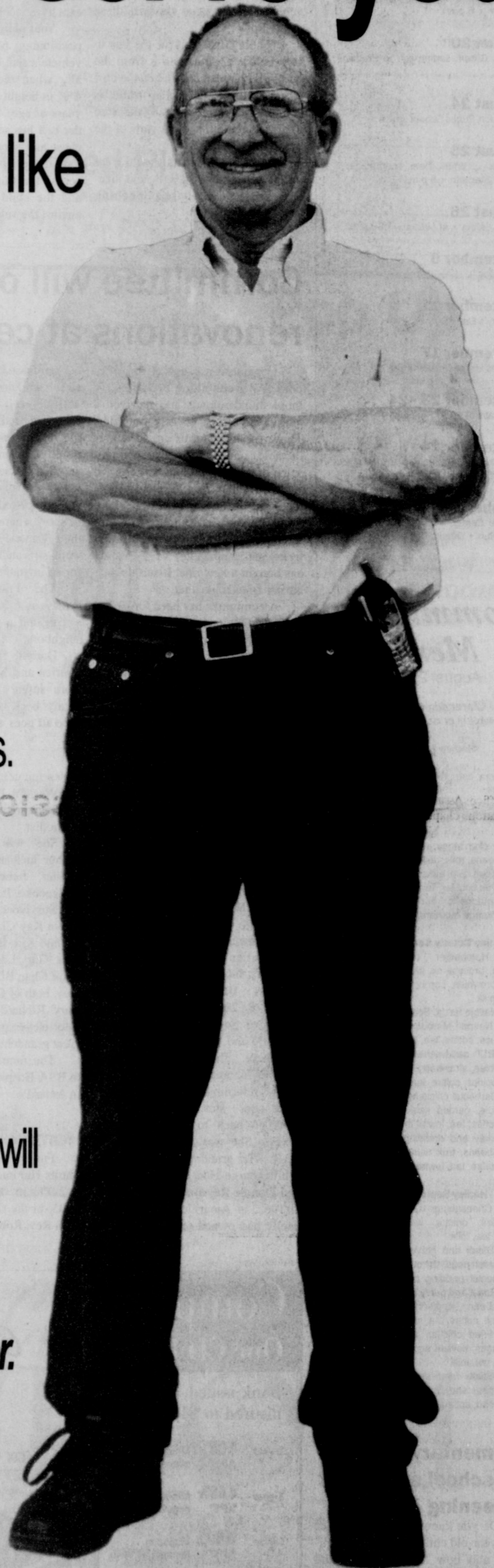
Registration begins at 9 a.m., and the program will conclude around noon. Registration is \$5 and the Alfalfa Management Handbook can be purchased for \$15.

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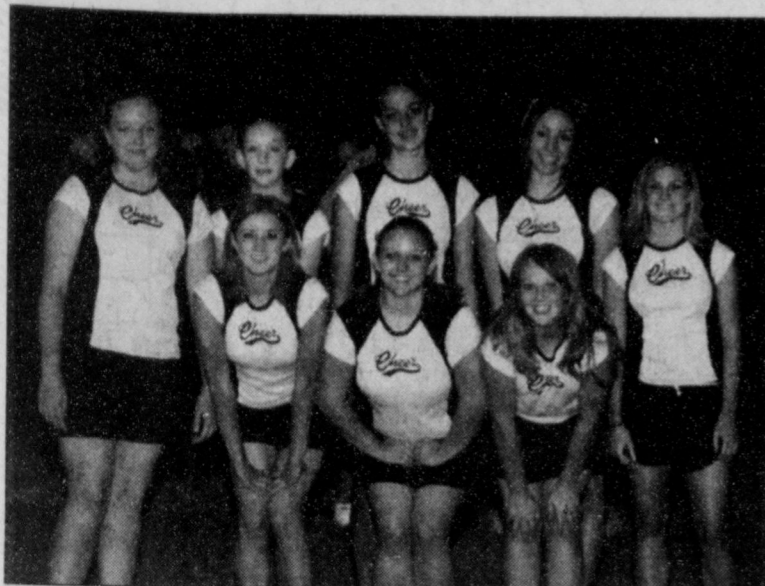
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Owl Cheerleaders honored

The 2005 Hedley Cheerleaders have started the year off with a bang attending Wayland Baptist University National Cheerleading Camp, where they competed and were evaluated for their performances. The girls received all superior awards except for one excellent in their endeavors. Jaci Copelin was an All American Nominee, and Erica Brown won the trophy for the most improved Mascot. Pictured are (back) Erica Brown, Lauryn Kellas, Betty Cruz, Andrea Musick, Jaci Copelin, (front) Kelby Shields, Shawna Barker, and Skyler Conatser.

Photo courtesy of Karli Lindsey.



the lion's tale
by allen estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting August 16, 2005, with Boss Lion Mark C. White in charge.

We had 16 members and no guests this week.

Lion Monty Hysinger reported the public school had a good registration Monday night, and it looks like they might have to hire another first grade teacher due to the number of kids enrolled. The annual Kid Fish tournament was a big success with rain before and after but perfect weather during the event. There were 105 kids that participated.

The club voted to purchase a chance on a new Jeep in order to support sending 200 Lions from this district to the International Convention. Tickets are \$50, and we hope to have the Jeep available for viewing at the Pancake Supper on October 7.

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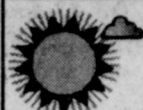
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weather report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	8	90°	65°	0.34"
Tues	9	91°	63°	-
Wed	10	93°	64°	-
Thur	11	93°	64°	-
Fri	12	97°	65°	-
Sat	13	94°	66°	2.02"
Sun	14	87°	63°	0.80"

Total precipitation this month: 3.57"
Total precipitation to date: 15.05"
Total precipitation in August last year: 1.14"
Total YTD last year: 14.81"

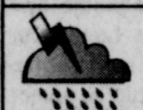
weekend forecast



Friday, Aug. 19
Mostly Sunny
92°/65°



Saturday, Aug. 20
Iso. PM Storms
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Sunday, Aug. 21
Iso. PM Storms
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Lawnmowers to 'kick grass' at Fair

AMARILLO — The fastest racing lawn mowers in Texas will converge on Amarillo on Saturday, September 17, as the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo welcomes the Lone Star Lawn Mower Racing Association (LSMRA) to its 82nd annual event, at the Amarillo National Center in the Tri-State Fairgrounds in Amarillo.

Admission to the race is free with admission to the fair \$8 for adults, \$5 for children age 6-12 and free for children five and under. Racing starts at 6 p.m.

"We're going to kick some grass in Amarillo," quipped John Nelson, "Sir Lawns-A-Lot," vice president of the Lone Star Mower Racing Association. "This will be the first mowdown between the Lone Star, Oklahoma, and Arizona racers at the Tri-State Fair, so it should be something to see!"

Local Turf Titans such as Mr. Mowjangles, The Mowron, Precious Mowments, The Mowzeratti, Sir Lawns-A-Lot, and David "The Thrill" Hill, will set 'em up and mow 'em down alongside racers from Oklahoma and the Arizona Lawn Mower Racing Association

(AZLMRA) in four classes for trophies, glory, and bragging rights.

The Lone Star Lawn Mower Racing Association is one of 22 local chapters of the Glenview, IL-based U.S. Lawn Mower Racing Association (USLMRA), which sanctions and presents riding lawn mowers racing in four road track classes including Stock (10 mph), IMOW (25 mph), Prepared (50 mph) and Factory Experimental (60 mph). All cutting blades are removed for safety and there is no purse money as racers compete for trophies, glory, bragging rights, and a national points championship.

The 82nd Annual Tri-State Fair, entitled "Fair Time=Fun Time" runs all week, from September 16-24 at the Tri-State Fairgrounds and features rides, a newly expanded midway, cooking & livestock judging, a parade on the 17th and the PRCA Rodeo. There will be nightly entertainment, including Josh Gracin from American Idol and Country Legend John Conlee, plus shows and activities for kids.

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Drugs for Sleep Problems in the News

Two prescription drugs for sleep-related problems are in the news. One is a recently approved prescription drug called *Rozorem*. It is being referred to as the first and only sleep drug to show no evidence of abuse or physical dependence. Therefore, this new drug has not been designated as a controlled substance by the US Drug Enforcement Administration, which allows doctors to prescribe the drug for long-term use in adults. Specifically *Rozorem* is indicated for problems associated with insomnia related to sleep onset.

The other drug, *Provigil*, has been around for a while. Recently, researchers studied this drug as a way to improve uncontrollable sleepiness in persons with a condition called *Shift Work Sleep Disorder (SWSD)*. Those in the study who took *Provigil* had fewer accidents or near-accidents while driving home from work. Researchers involved in the study indicated that *Provigil* doesn't immediately eliminate sleepiness related to shift work; however, based on the results of this study, the drug does seem to provide a clinically significant improvement.



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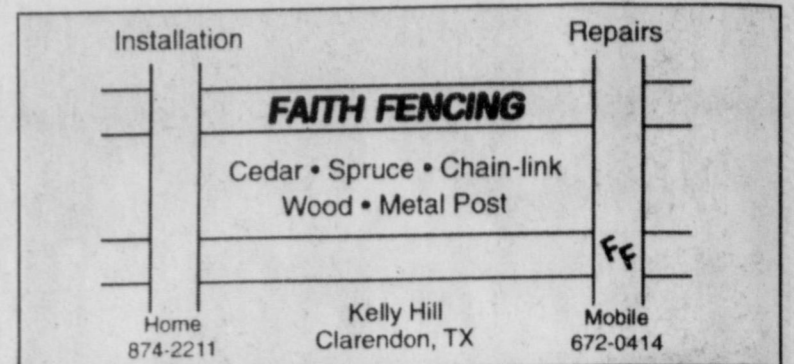
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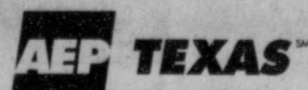


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Moorings win Jack and Jill Tournament

By Sandy Anderberg
Don and Kelli Mooring shot a 61-61 for a 122 to take first place in the Jack and Jill Tournament at the Clarendon Country Club August 13-14.

Steve Russell and Jamie Johnson were second with a 123, and Bob and Kathy Hitt finished third with a two-day score of 129.

James Baker and Janice Archer shot a 132 to take first in the first flight. Ross and Melissa Donahue's 133 was good enough for second, and George and Gail Leathers turned in a 138 for third. The second flight winners were Dwayne and Jana Vogler with a 139. The teams of Al Ramsey and Rhea Scott tied with Rex Miller and T. Schollenbarger with a score of 142 for second place. The tie was broken on the card and went to Ramsey and Scott.

The third flight winner was P.J. and Jana Lemons with a 147 after a tie on the card with second place going to Clyde Harper and Lolita Smotherman. Tom and Shanna Brorman ended the flight in third place with a 152. Closest to the pin on number 15 went to Steve Russell at 8'7", and the longest putt winner on number nine was Theresa Shelton who sank a 37'3" putt.

The Friday night scramble winner was the team of Doug Kidd, Maxine McLaughlin, Gary Bohr, and Keenan Shields, coming in at seven under par.

Two other teams also participated in the nine-hole scramble. Tom Stauder shot a 65 to take the top spot in the weekly men's game, and R.O. Johnson finished second, shooting a 68. Dan Ashford and Bobby Dodson turned in a 71 to tie for third place. Ashford shot his age (85) once again with a gross score of 85. Quida Gage took top honors in the Monday women's game with a 65, and Susie Dale was second with a 68. Ruth Jackson and Sandy Anderberg shot a 71 and 73 respectively for third and fourth place. The Thursday women's day winner was also Quida Gage with a 63, and Sandy Anderberg's 67 was good enough for second. Wanda Nazworth and Sherol Johnston turned in a 72 to tie for third place.

There will be a One-Person Scramble September 10-11 with tee times at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The entry fee is \$70 plus the price of a cart. Call the Pro Shop at 874-2166 for more information.

"Dining and Dancing by the Pool" will be held September 3. Double D and the Phantom Band will provide the music. Steaks and baked potatoes are on the menu for the evening, and reservations are required by calling the dining room at 874-2863.

A nine-hole scramble will be held each Friday night at 6:00 p.m. with no carry-overs, as the scramble will pay off each Friday night. Please call the Pro Shop to enter before 5:30 p.m. on Friday.

All are encouraged to come out and participate in the scramble and take advantage of the Friday special that allows free green fees with the purchase of a cart rental.



Little Miss campers

The 2005 Little Miss Camp was held August 2-5. The three-day camp, hosted by the Bronco Cheerleaders, was enjoyed by 32 Little Miss cheerleaders in the first through sixth grades. The girls learned cheers, chants, dances, and played games, but the highlight of the week were the visits from Sparky, the Bronco mascot. The 2005 Little Miss Cheerleaders will perform at the August 26 pep rally in the Colt Gym.

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PETITION
We, the following undersigned on behalf of ourselves and the other 7,200 captive consumers of electric power furnished by AEP/Mutual Energy SPP, request the Public Utilities Commission of Texas investigate the exorbitant charges for electric power furnished by AEP/Mutual Energy SPP. We request a refund of overcharges.
We further request immediate deregulation of this area so we will be able to have the same rights as the rest of Texas to have competition in electric service and the ability to choose our electric power provider in a competitive atmosphere.
Comparison of costs: AEP/MESPP - .1384 per KWH; Excel - .0776 per KWH; House in Lubbock - 0.59 per KWH.

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Sheriff's Report:

Buffalo roam on County Rd. X

Aug. 8
 1:51 a.m. - Loose livestock on SH 70 S at CR X.
 6:20 a.m. - Same livestock, buffalo, out on SH 70 S at CR X.
 7:14 a.m. - Transport to Breckenridge, Texas.
 9:04 a.m. - Dispatched to Sheriff's Office.
 2:12 p.m. - Out in the 200 block of S. Carhart. Possible location of stolen property.
 2:43 p.m. - Out in the 1100 block of W. 8th. Property dispute.
 4:24 p.m. - Out at Clerk's office.

Aug. 9
 12:18 a.m. - Check two juveniles near buses in the 400 block of S. Jefferson.
 1:15 a.m. - Vehicle accident on US 287 just W. of Clarendon College.
 3:26 a.m. - Out at Sandy Beach for reported assault with possible weapon.
 4:25 a.m. - To jail with one male in custody for aggravated assault.
 1:40 p.m. - See complainant on E. US 287.
 6:27 p.m. - Remove debris from US 287 at Lelia Lake, pieces of a car bumper.
 7:29 p.m. - Out at residence in the 100 block of Sharon, Howardwick.
 9:56 p.m. - Welfare check in the 800 block of S. Koogle.

Aug. 10
 1:19 a.m. - Break-in in the 600 block of S. Jackson.
 8:55 a.m. - To Sheriff's Office with driver of vehicle struck from behind in Armstrong County.

Aug. 11
 12:51 a.m. - Out at business in the 200 block of S. Parks.
 12:58 a.m. - Dispatched to Sheriff's Office.
 8:52 a.m. - Out at Courthouse.
 2:15 p.m. - Attempting to locate vehicle - gas drive off.
 2:51 p.m. - Vehicle accident on US 287 at Giles.
 4:26 p.m. - Return lost property in the 200 block of S. Koogle.
 7:49 p.m. - Standby property retrieval, local.
 11:21 p.m. - See caller in the 600 block of W. 6th St.

Aug. 12
 3:30 p.m. - See complainant in the Sheriff's Office lobby.
 4:52 p.m. - Located stolen bicycle.
 5:48 p.m. - See complainant in the Sheriff's Office lobby.
 7:01 p.m. - Various calls next couple of hours - electricity out, alarms sounding, grass fires. All results of storms in the area.
 8:58 p.m. - See complainant on 4th and Jackson - unleashed dog, vicious.

Aug. 13
 10:59 a.m. - Out in the 200 block of Goodnight.
 1:12 p.m. - See complainant on 4th and Jackson, unleashed dog chasing kids.
 5:36 p.m. - See caller at 4th and Jackson. Numerous problems with vehicles and high water.
 10:04 p.m. - Assist caller in the 600 block of W. 3rd.
 10:05 p.m. - See complainant in the 600 block of W. 4th.

Aug. 14
 12:10 p.m. - Attempting to locate reported fire at Ashtola.
 3:37 p.m. - See complainant in the 100 block of W. Martindale.
 3:39 p.m. - Two calls about an unleashed dog in the 900 block of S. Orpe.
 3:48 p.m. - Out in the 900 block of Barcus.
 3:54 p.m. - Out in the 500 block of Orpe.
 3:54 p.m. - More unleashed dogs at the Museum.
 4:10 p.m. - Report of male with shot gun near Museum.
 4:49 p.m. - Contact made with possible owner of some of the unleashed dogs.
 9:25 p.m. - See caller in the 500 block of E. 4th.

9:49 p.m. - See complainant in the 700 block of E. 4th, same dog.

Summary
 Arrests - 5
 Fire - 2
 EMS - 6

Tampering with TxDOT threatens public safety

Tampering with Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) warning and safety devices costs taxpayers millions of dollars annually and can cause injury or death.

"Recently in Donley County, someone has been removing bridge safety end treatments from an area bridge," said local TxDOT supervisor Fu Benavidez.

The crime is a Class B Misdemeanor punishable by a \$1,000 fine or two-years in jail or both.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Hedley Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, August 29, 2005 in the Superintendent's Office of the Hedley School District, 3rd & Jones, Hedley Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted.** Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.373600	\$ 0.056700	\$ 1.430300	\$ 2,484	\$ 8,077
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.201554	\$ 0.055306	\$ 1.256860	\$ 2,612	\$ 7,948
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.360000	\$ 0.055000	\$ 1.415000	\$ 2,665	\$ 7,670

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 19,760	\$ 20,053
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 4,760	\$ 5,053
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.430300	\$ 1.415000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 68.08	\$ 71.50
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 3.42

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.424106. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.424106.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$300,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$5,000

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