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THIS WEEK

- 2 Carrie Helms' Spring Break adventure continues in Pie Town, New Mexico.
- 3 A community team building workshop is planned for April 7.
- 7 Hedley track athletes compete in the Miami track meet.
- 8 And the Lady Broncos scalp the girls from Quanah.

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

Candidates abound in race to be next King

Local citizens may get a chance to vote on something this year after all.

The race to be the next Donley County Turkey King exploded with candidates this week and shows promise of being very interesting.

First up was Janie Hill of Clarendon, the mother of former king and current Alderman Tommy Hill. Enthusiastic nursing students have reportedly nominated Clarendon College instructor Gay Tibbets. And the race has also been joined by Janie Hill of Hedley (not to be confused with Janie #1), Justice of the Peace Jimmy Johnson, Howardwick Alderman Sam Grider, and Darrell Leffew.

Chamber officials say they may cut off nominations at any moment now, but they were still taking candidates at press time. The next Turkey King will be crowned during the annual Donley County Turkey Strut on Saturday, April 23, 2005.

Donations still needed for work on ball field

Clarendon Junior High Principal Marvin Elam reports that even though the ball seasons have begun, more work still needs to be done on McClelland Field where the Broncos play.

Elam says they still want to expand the field by erecting a new outfield fence, and donations are being sought to help with that endeavor.

If you'd like to make a contribution to this goal, contact Elam at 874-3232.

Local FFA chapter will host mechanics show

The Clarendon FFA Chapter will be hosting their second Invitational Ag Mechanics Show Saturday, March 26.

The contest will be held at the CISD Agriscience & Technology Building. Students from Wellington FFA and Clarendon FFA will be competing in six classes and four divisions for ribbons, trophies, and prizes.

Projects will be in place by 10 a.m., and judging will begin at noon. Concessions will be available. Winners will be announced, and awards will be presented following judging and tabulations. The public is invited to attend.

Baseball League plans sign-up at tournament

The Clarendon Baseball League will be meeting on Saturday, March 26, at the field at 4:00 p.m.

If you are interested in coaching, umpiring, or helping the league in any way, you are encouraged to attend. Sign-up will be held during the upcoming Little Dribblers Tournament.

For more information, call Stan Shelton at 874-3741.

Hospital board names interim administrator

Interim administrator Ron Whetzel of Claude took the helm of Clarendon's Medical Center Nursing Home on Monday.

Whetzel, who has 16 years experience in nursing homes, was hired by the Donley County Hospital District Board during a called meeting Saturday. He will serve in that position until MCNH Director of Nurses Vicky Robertson can earn her administrator's license and move up.

Whetzel and his wife, Sharon, own and operate the Palo Duro Nursing Home in Claude, and he also does interim work on the side. He just recently finished an interim job in Amarillo, where an employee of that facility was groomed to take over as administrator.

Robertson's licensing procedure is expected to take between nine and 18 months, and Whetzel will serve as an at-will employee of the district during that time. He says his first impression of MCNH is that it is a beautiful facility, and he doesn't

expect to make any changes right away other than looking at ways to cut costs.

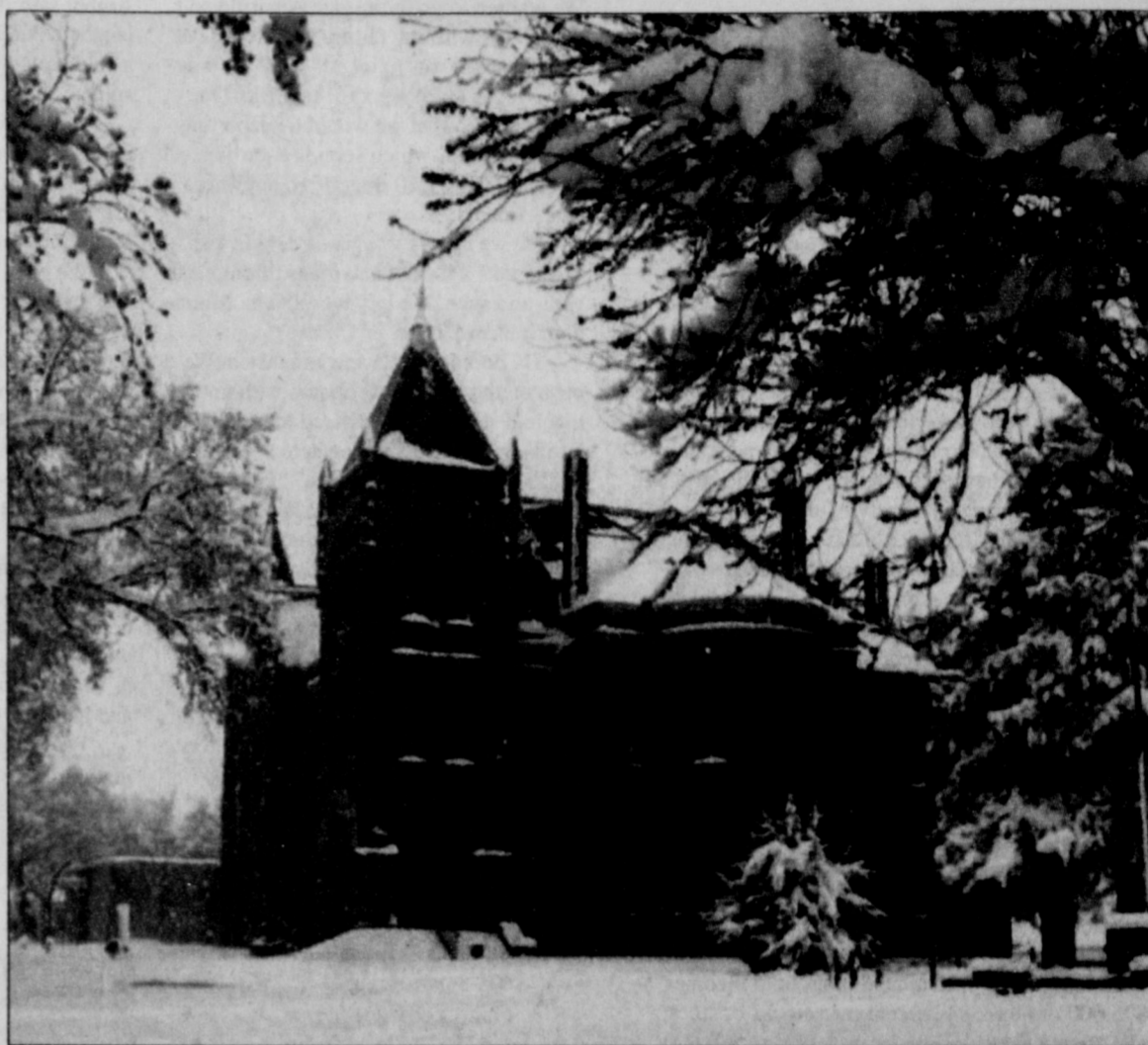
"I'm going to be looking at the budget line by line," he said.

Whetzel also says that MCNH will be filing for Medicare certification to perform rehabilitation services.

"Currently, if you live in Clarendon and need rehab, you have to go to Claude or Amarillo," he said. "We have people on staff who are familiar with that, and it could mean a new source of revenue."

Whetzel said those needing rehab would likely be in the nursing home for two weeks to three months and that there should be no cost to the facility other than a licensing fee and performing another annual survey like the one already done for Medicaid certification.

In other hospital district news, the board changed the district's organizational structure during its regular meeting. See 'Hospital Board' on page 6.



Winter wonderland

The 1890 Donley County Courthouse Square makes a beautiful scene last Tuesday as Mother Nature dumped 14 inches of snow on Clarendon residents. The late snowfall caused school to be let out early, but by the week's end, almost all of it had melted away.

Photo by Rhonda Aveni

Hernandez relocates to Steakout

Amigo's Mexican Café is no more, but Jesus and Dora Hernandez are smiling bigger than ever in their new home at the J.D. Steakout.

After almost eight years in their old location on East US 287, the Hernandez family has moved several blocks west to the corner of West US 287 and Jefferson Street and taken over what old timers will recall was once the Country Kitchen and what more recently has gone by the name Steve's Steakout.

For Jesus, the move was just a matter of time and persistence and reminiscent of the fact that he had to try three times to buy the house he now lives in.

"I saw how good this location was when I came to Clarendon," Hernandez said. "I asked for it when Buddy [Ford] went out, but I didn't try hard enough."

He said he tried again when Steve Smith was selling the business, but the price wasn't right. And when the restaurant became available again recently, he gave it another shot. This time he got it.

"I'm so happy and so excited, I can't express it," he said.

Other than a new name derived from the new owners' first initials, there won't be many changes right away at the Steakout. The menu will stay the same, but Hernandez does have plans to add some of his popular Mexican dishes.

"We ain't gonna change nothing that's here because it's working very well," he said. "We just want to add to it."

For the time being, Jesus and Dora will serve Mexican dishes on special days - enchiladas on Tuesdays and taco salads on Fridays, but they plan to add fajitas or some other specialty on a different day in the near future and eventually add Mexican plates to the regular menu.

"We're definitely going to be having my chips and salsa because people like it, and we know that," Hernandez said.

But if you're just dying to have an item off the old menu, Hernandez says all you have to do is ask for it.

"I'll keep some stuff in the kitchen, and if you really want some chicken fajitas, I'll make it from



Dora and Jesus Hernandez stand in front of their new restaurant Tuesday morning. The couple has closed Amigo's Mexican Café and re-opened this week as J.D. Steakout on the corner of US 287 and Jefferson Street.

Enterprise Digital Photo

scratch."

Hernandez sees his new restaurant as not just a new business venture or a way to make a living. For him, it's the further culmination of a dream that started with Amigo's. It's something he's wanted since he was a boy growing up in Mexico.

"I saw my mother and grandmother cooking and selling food, but they never had a chance to own a restaurant," he said. "They just sold it at trains or wherever they could. I wish they had had the chance to come to the United States and have their dreams come true and live the American Dream like I'm doing right now."

Hernandez says his family has always been with him as he pursued his goal.

"I always think about my family

and how they pushed me and told me to work hard," he said. "My family is very important to me. Through the years we've been working shoulder to shoulder all along - long hours, weekends, sometimes no vacations. We went through a lot of hard times."

"If I could give anyone just one piece of advice, it would be this: 'Don't be afraid of work. Hard work will pay - sooner or later it will pay.'"

Hernandez' own hard work has indeed paid off very well, but he doesn't intend to rest on his laurels. He says he's going to keep working to give people good food and good service.

"I'm going to put all my heart into this, treat people like they ought to be treated, and smile all the time. I'm always smiling."

Former sheriff laid to rest Wednesday

Thompson served county for 20 years

Former Donley County Sheriff Jimmy Thompson died Monday, March 21, in Amarillo. He was 70 years old.

Services were held here Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Church of Christ with Rev. Bryan Knowles, pastor of Community Fellowship Church, and Eddie Stegall, minister, officiating. Burial with military honors was conducted in Dozier Cemetery with arrangements by Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc.

William James "Jimmy" Thompson was born October 15, 1934, in Clarendon, where he lived most of his life. He attended Clarendon Schools and married Aleta Ellen Coleman on December 21, 1959, at Dozier. He was the former owner of the Dozier Country Store and had worked for various ranches in Donley and Hutchinson counties and in Clayton, New Mexico. He served in the US Marine Corps for four years during the Korean Conflict in the 3rd Marine Division Medical Company Support Division. He was a member of the Clarendon Church of Christ.

Thompson served as a Donley County Deputy for four years under Sheriff Truett Berhens and was elected sheriff in 1980. He held that position for 20 years.

Upon his retirement in 2001, Thompson talked openly with the ENTERPRISE about his accomplishments in office.

"When I took office, we had only one deputy, no 24-hour services, no 24-hour dispatch," Thompson said.

The late sheriff also listed Donley County's modern jail as one of his proudest accomplishments.

"This jail is one of the most easily operated jails in the state. It can be run by just one person under normal circumstances."

He was also proud of holding the line on expenses, catching a lot of "dopers" and a lot of burglars, and overseeing approximately 7,500 arrests over 20 years.

Thompson's time in office drew him both praise and criticism, and one disgruntled resident even plotted to have him assassinated. He later said he never got too "stirred up about it" and considered it "just part of the job."

"You can't suit everybody," Thompson said, "but I got elected five times."

Thompson was preceded in death by his parents, Palmer Otto Thompson and Cordia May Sowell Thompson, and by two sisters, Anna Lee Thompson and Nanna Ree Thompson.

He is survived by his wife, Aleta Thompson of Clarendon; two sons, William Thompson and wife Lynn of Clarendon and Walt Thompson of Borger; a brother, George Thompson of Hamilton; a sister, Katherine Lane of Carson City, Nev.; two grandchildren, Todd and Emilie Thompson; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family requests that memorials be to the Hollis Boys Town or the Lubbock Children's Home.

Strayhorn reports Clarendon's sales tax payment slips again

AUSTIN - Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn has announced that state sales tax revenue in February totaled \$1.34 billion, up 5.9 percent compared to February 2004.

Strayhorn delivered \$325.4 million in March sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems, and special purpose taxing districts, a 7.2 percent increase compared to March 2004. So far this calendar year, statewide local sales tax

rebates are up 6.7 percent compared to the first three months of 2004.

But in Donley County, only one of three local cities posted a gain for the period.

Howardwick's rebate was up 9.97 percent to \$856.99 while Clarendon's dropped less than half of one percent to \$19,954.25, and Hedley fell 15.83 percent to \$460.69.

March payments made to local governments this month represent sales that occurred in January.

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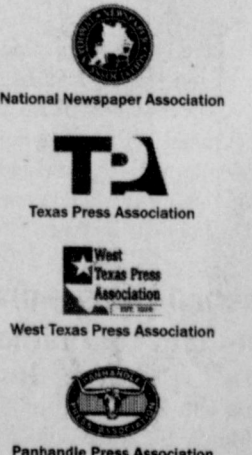
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guest commentary

Social Security reform would help workers

By David Boaz

Who would benefit from Social Security reform? Opponents like to talk about a windfall for Wall Street fat cats, but that's just a red herring to divert our attention from the real issue. The real beneficiaries would be working-class and middle-class Americans.

Right now about half of working Americans are participating in the growth of the American economy through investments in stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. But about half are not. And it's the latter half - mostly those who make less than the median income - who would benefit from Social Security personal accounts. At last they would be able to build a nest egg of their own, instead of just relying on Social Security for their retirement. And they'd have something they could leave to their children or grandchildren.

Dramatically more Americans own financial assets now than in the recent past. As recently as 1980, only 4.6 million U.S. households owned mutual funds; by 2003 the number was 53.3 million. More than half of American families currently own stocks, bonds, or real estate. Nearly half of all U.S. households own stocks or stock mutual funds.

But not all households are participating in the stock market. "The majority of working Americans have not benefited directly from the rise in stock prices," says Stephen Brobeck, head of the Consumer Federation of America. "In fact, more than half of all households hold no stock."

Among people with annual household incomes of \$75,000 or more, 84 percent own stocks or stock funds; among those with incomes less than \$30,000 stock ownership is only 26 percent. White households had an average net worth of \$468,200 in 2001, more than six times the \$75,700 of black households.

That's why Social Security personal accounts would mean so much to low-income families. If you make a modest income, it's not easy to put 12.4 percent of your income into Social Security and save more on top of that.

We should let workers up to age 55 have the option of putting their Social Security taxes into personal accounts, which they could invest in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, or other financial assets. Rep. Sam Johnson (R-Tex.) and a dozen other members of Congress propose to allow workers to divert the entire employee's half of the Social Security payroll tax - or 6.2 percent of wages - into individually owned, privately invested accounts.

Younger workers who chose the individual account option would receive benefits substantially higher than those that could be paid under traditional Social Security. At the same time, the plan would allow low-income workers to accumulate real wealth.

Workers who chose the individual account option would forgo future benefits under traditional Social Security, but they would receive a bond in recognition of their past contributions to Social Security. That bond, to be cashed in at retirement age, would be calculated to provide a benefit based on accrued benefits under the current Social Security system as of the date that the individual chose an individual account.

Under that plan, workers would build a real nest egg for their own retirement. And every worker could afford to do it. Low-income workers are already being forced to put 12.4 percent of their earnings into a Social Security system that promises them a low rate of return and can't even pay what little it promises. They would be much better off if they could put that money into their own account and earn a more comfortable retirement.

A personal account would give workers more income in retirement. But more importantly, it would give them ownership, control, and inheritability.

Instead of paying taxes for 40 years and then hoping that Congress would raise taxes on the next generation to pay the promised benefits, workers would have their own money in their own account, an account that would belong to them. Within some limits, they could control how the money is invested, and how they withdraw it in retirement. And workers could leave the money they had saved to their children.

Those who worry about the "wealth gap" in America should be strong supporters of personal accounts. Lower-income Americans can't close the wealth gap unless they can save. Social Security accounts would make it much easier for them to do so.

David Boaz is executive vice president of the Cato Institute, which maintains a website at www.socialsecurity.org.Cato Institute.



Spring Break adventure ends in Pie Town

Pie Town, New Mexico. Population "60 at the post office, but I'd venture to say there's 10 or 12 more in the suburbs."

My Spring Break Road Trip '05 came to its conclusion on a Friday. We chose an alternate route from Phoenix back to Texas. We wanted to drive through Amarillo so I could visit with my family for a few days.

The plan was to take I-40 all the way from Vegas to Phoenix to Amarillo. Our navigator thought we would be departing from Flagstaff, which sounds a lot like Phoenix. Only I-40 doesn't go anywhere near Phoenix.

So we'd have to make a detour. We had to take a lot of back roads through canyons and such. We left at 6:00 a.m. Mountain Standard Time.

By noonish, we were exhausted. We'd been on the road for six hours with not much to see. We had crossed the state line into New Mexico and began to see signs reading "Pie Town 10 miles," "Pie-oneer Café Ahead," and "Mmmm, Pie!"

Naturally, we were intrigued. "I hope they have a potty place in Pie Town," Amber said. "That's alliteration, guys!" I was in need of a pit stop myself, so I suggested we slow down in Pie Town and see what it was.

We pulled into the Pie-oneer Café. The door was painted with big red letters: "Restrooms for paying customers only" followed by a smiley face.

"I guess we're buying pie," I said.

"It looks like the kind of place where they cut you up and bake you in the pie," Amber said. We all laughed, but I felt a cold chill up my spine.

We walked into the empty store laughing. For a moment we were alone. Then a small woman in her late 40s appeared. "I'd ask you how you are, but I can see," she said. "I like your t-shirts!"

We were all wearing T-shirts we had made for our trip. Melissa's reported our mileage per day of the trip, Amber's reported the weather, and mine said: "I didn't die in Vegas."

She introduced herself as Kathy, the pie lady. We sat down at the counter, and I spied a guest book. "Oh yeah," she said. "Sign the guest book. We don't have TV here. We like to read it and remember our guests for fun."

So I wrote that we were college students on a road trip specializing in homemade t-shirts. We're so glad we didn't die in Vegas or Pie Town! She read the book and laughed. (Insert cold chill here.)

We were eating our pie and drinking our coffee when the door opened. "Kenny!" Kathy the pie lady exclaimed.



life's lessons by carrie helms

"Come meet our guests!"

She introduced us to Kenny. He was a local. He worked at the National Radio Observatory nearby, home of the Very Large Arrays featured in the movie Contact. He showed us pictures and insisted we visit there before we got back on the road.

We politely declined. We had to be moving on. Our road trip was coming to an end; we were almost home.

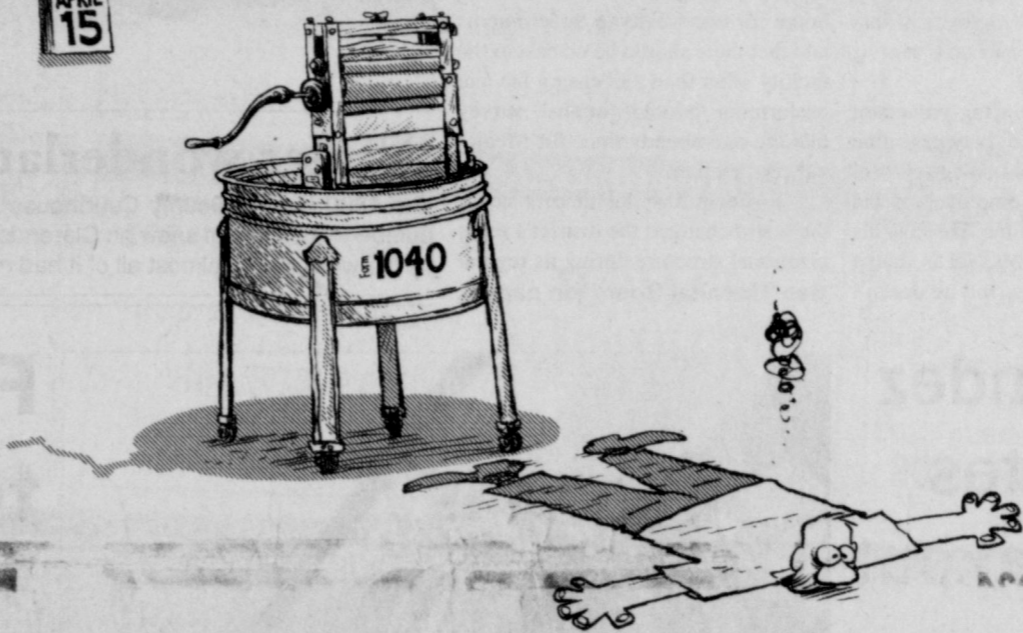
Our hostess commended us for being so brave. "You got to get out there while you are young. Travel. See the world. Get in Life's face and say, 'I'm not afraid of you, Life!' Who knows when it will all be over?"

We bolted. We got in the car and locked the doors. We were all silent as Melissa started the car and pointed us out of Pie Town. "What was that place?" Amber asked.

"It might have been our last stop on the way to the afterlife," I said.

Thus began the conspiracy theory. Apparently Kenny the Alien expert and Kathy the pie lady are in cahoots. She lures in weary travelers with her tasty pies and clean bathrooms so he can pitch his satellite dishes.

Once they have taken the bait, Kenny escorts people out to the desert where they are placed in a hole and fattened up with delicious apple pie a la mode. What happens next, only the satellites know.



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America's future in the hands of NASA

This year, I have taken the chairmanship of the Subcommittee on Space and Science. My goal is to help refocus NASA on its scientific mission.

The road back into orbit faces some hurdles. Our space shuttle fleet is not only grounded, it is aging. The first shuttle flights were launched in 1981. The youngest shuttle, Endeavour, flew its first mission in May, 1992, more than 12 years ago. The International Space Station is incomplete, with many parts ready for launch and assembly. Finally, we have to lay the groundwork to implement President Bush's vision of a Mission to Mars.

The decisions we make this year will have an enormous impact on how we surmount these obstacles and how we achieve our short-term and long-term goals. As subcommittee chairman, my priorities will be as follows:

First, we have to return to manned space missions. NASA is still working to get the shuttles flying again; and its new nominee for administrator, Dr. Michael

Griffin, has to make this his first and highest priority.

Second, as soon as we get our shuttles flying, we need to finish the International Space Station. The scientific benefit is enormous and is likely to generate tremendous economic benefits in the future. For example, NASA, in cooperation with the National Eye Institute, has developed a new dynamic light scattering device which allows doctors to detect cataracts in patients 55 years old or less before the clouding of the disease is visible. The research was spurred by the discovery that astronauts with prolonged exposure in space become more prone to develop cataracts.

The third priority is to develop a new transportation system to get us into space without an interruption in our launch



capitol comment by sen. kay bailey hutchison

capability. Some plans envisage a gap of several years between the last projected flight of our shuttles and the first flight of a planned new reusable space ferry capable of carrying an entire crew.

As we work to achieve our first three priorities, we must also keep our eye on the fourth: the Mission to Mars. Landing men on an entirely different planet would mark a new epoch in history.

The Lunar surface would allow us to perfect the landing equipment, exploration techniques and living quarters for the first explorers of Mars. In the meantime, we could erect the next generation super telescope on the dark side of the moon, where it would benefit from permanent night conditions without the decaying orbits and size limitations of orbiting telescopes.

We cannot afford to surrender our lead in space exploration. Our defense depends upon control of the high ground of space, and our space program has always been a catalyst for technological and scientific development. Our future lies in space.

Far right-wingers deserve coverage too

You should quit using Rush Limbaugh's material. I happened to be listening to that oxy-contin addicted fool the day he was blasting the PEST. That would be the bit about Liberal Democrats that were having a hard time accepting the fact that Bush really won the election. Limbaugh gets paid millions of dollars to make up stuff about the Democratic Party. I could write for days on end about how much I despise Mr. Limbaugh. Rush has done more to divide this country than any war politician.

You seem to be worried about the very far left. Those Liberal Democrats like Michael Moore. Let me tell you about a very far right Republican. I won't tell you his name for obvious reasons, but he actually really exists. I have known him for about 20 years.

He has an American flag in his front yard. He has voted Republican in every election. He has children. He thinks women are here for only one thing, except for his daughter and mother. He

is divorced. He knows the words to just about any hymn in the Baptist Hymnal. He cannot speak a sentence without the F word or the GD word. Most of his sentences have both. He has done quite well for himself financially. He hates black people (he doesn't call them that). He thinks John and Robert Kennedy got what they deserved. He wishes Bill and Hillary had suffered the same demise. I won't tell you what he thinks about MLK. He thinks the Iraq war is the right thing to do. He wants President Carter tried for treason and hung for pardoning the Vietnam war draft dodgers that fled to Canada. I have asked him what he would do if the government reinstated the draft and drafted his son. His reply was very quick. He would send his son off to Canada in a heartbeat. Black people should fight our wars, he says. We have too many of them in this country and that would be a good way to thin them out. Need I go on? Do you think he would vote for Condi Rice? There are a lot more where he came from.

My point is that there are drastic people on both sides of our politics. Why not write about both sides. You should be like Fox and Friends News, fair and balanced. Oops! I think you are.

Why don't you write a little about Armstrong Williams, the right-wing commentator who got caught taking \$240,000 from the US Department of Education to write good stuff about George W's "No Child Left Behind" education law? Or how about Maggie Gallagher, another right-wing commentator, who pocketed some \$40,000 to shell for Bush's "strengthening marriage" program?

Not only is your president paying journalists to sell his programs, he is going to ruin Social Security. In 1978, while he was campaigning for a West Texas congressional seat, he used the same Chicken Little prognostication "Social Security is bankrupt!" That was three decades ago.

Brad Dalton, McLean

A's for Amy seeks to raise funds for cancer patient

Following in the footsteps of Hedley track athlete Jaci Copelin, two Clarendon students have come forward with another effort to raise funds for a local expectant mother who has been diagnosed with cancer.

Audrey and Hadley Jones, who are respectively eighth and sixth graders at Clarendon Junior High, had never known of Amy Polito, until a story in the March 10 edition of THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE reported that Copelin had started taking pledges based on her track performance — \$5 for each first place, \$3 for second, and \$1 for third — and planned to give the money to Polito and her husband Tony, who is a local state trooper.

While many families will experience the anguish that comes with fighting cancer, the Politos' situation is doubly trying because Amy is currently pregnant with the couple's first child, and she will have to wait until it is safe for doctors to take her baby early before they can begin to treat

her Hodgkins Lymphoma at MD Anderson Hospital in Houston.

The Jones kids' idea is called "A's for Amy," and they are challenging local junior high and high school students to give \$2 for every A and \$1 for every B on the last nine weeks report card and to put the money in a fund for the Politos.

"I am amazed at their character and thoughtfulness," mother Larinda Brown said of her children's idea. "My kids know the effects a long term illness can have on a family. They know exactly what it's like and how devastating it can be."

Brown's kids will not handle any money. Instead a fund has been set up at the Herring National Bank for the donations. She encourages everyone to make the donations based on their kids' or grandkids' report cards or else sponsor another kid's grades.

Money should be sent directly to the bank, which can be contacted at 874-3556.

Workshop to focus on teambuilding

Are you a member of a club, group, board, committee, or congregation who wants to see Donley County citizens have an enriched and prosperous life?

Mark your calendars for April 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bairfield Activity Center as Dr. Pamela Brown from Texas Cooperative Extension leads a workshop on "Continuing to Build the Teamwork Spirit."

This workshop is to support Donley County Citizens as we continue to enjoy the joys of collaboration and team work. For more information contact Donley County Extension at 874-2141.

This meeting is being sponsored by Donley County Chamber of Commerce, Donley County Extension, Clarendon Economic Development Cooperation, and Clarendon College.

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Thur	17	45°	21°	-
Fri	18	62°	32°	-
Sat	19	63°	33°	-
Sun	20	60°	32°	-

Total precipitation this month: 1.82"
Total precipitation to date: 3.62"
Total precipitation in March last year: 2.27"
Total YTD last year: 4.08"

weekend forecast

Friday, March 25
Isol. T-storms
65°/38°

Saturday, March 26
Partly Cloudy
60°/37°

Sunday, March 27
Partly Cloudy
63°/34°

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Community Good Friday service set

The Clarendon Ministerial Alliance will hold a Good Friday Service at the First United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. this Friday, March 25.

Robert Fiscus of the Assembly of God Church will bring the message, and other pastors will take part in various parts of the program. There will be several specials by soloists, and a communion will be offered to all who attend. This is one of the two yearly services that are offered by the Alliance where people of the area may donate to the work of the Alliance.

During the year the Alliance, along with member churches, provides aid to residents and travelers passing through town. The aid ranges from helping with household bills to buying gas and feeding stranded travelers. This year has seen so many needing help that the Alliance is in jeopardy of running out of funds. Policy allows no more than \$10 toward gasoline and \$75 on bills.

All are welcome to attend. Contributions may be sent to the First United Methodist Church or the First Baptist Church of Clarendon.

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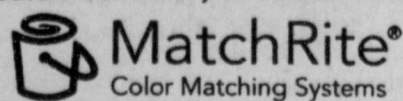


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Community Menus

March 28-April 1

Clarendon Schools Breakfast Mon: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk... Hedley Schools Breakfast Mon: Biscuit with sausage gravy...

CHS One Act Play contest opens Thursday

You're lucky you're getting a column from me this week. I almost forgot it. The week's beginning has been rather hectic, and it doesn't look to slow down any this week.

Last week was relaxed and a bit lazy for most of the town. No big Clarendon-wide events - at least not that anybody told me. We did invite all the college students who came to church at First Baptist on Palm Sunday to come over to our house for Sunday dinner.

up, there wasn't much left behind. Big, big thanks to Delores Crump and Jan Campbell for the cakes. It was nice having everybody over, and all the students seemed appreciative for a home-cooked meal.

Then we had more kids - high school and junior high age - over after church on Sunday night. I figured the house was clean, might as well have them all show up the same day. They had a good time. And ate a lot of pizza. There's something about young people and food - have y'all noticed that too?

Have y'all noticed that March is more than half gone? Does anyone

know where it went? It just went slip-sliding by faster than I could catch on to, and now it has practically slipped right through our fingers. Next weekend will be April. That just doesn't seem right.

One-Act Play competition opens this Thursday afternoon with district (or is it zone?) competition in Shamrock. If you're not able to come out and cheer our Clarendon High

School team on, at least wish them well beforehand and think about them sometime during the afternoon. It's a good play, and the students are well prepared (as always with a "Mr. Mack" production) - but some of them are fighting colds and allergies. Get well, people, and "break a leg."

Easter activities will predominate this next week. Community-wide Ministerial Alliance Good Friday services will be Friday at 7 p.m. at First Methodist Church. But if you want to sing in the choir, come half an hour early.

I'll be looking for you around town.



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Brooks Owens

Burch grandsons have achievements

Tulia third grader Brooks Owens was on the Tulia Little Drabbler Red Raiders team, which recently won a tournament championship. Owens, who attends Swinburn Elementary, was also one of only 2,000 students statewide who received a mark of Commended Performance for high marks on the TAKS reading test.

Garret Bridwell, an eighth-grader in Tulia and also a grandson of the Burches, won first place in the 400-meter run Friday and was a member of the winning 1600-meter relay team. He has set a personal goal of running the 400-meter in 57 seconds. He is the son of Lisa Burch of Tulia.

Hedley Baptist Church to host Financial Peace

Popular radio personality Dave Ramsey has placed thirteen lessons about financial freedom on DVD for use by churches. First Baptist Church of Hedley will be hosting this teaching series on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. beginning April 13.

Each enrolling family unit will need a membership kit costing \$60. There will be two free introductory meetings on Wednesday, March 23, and Wednesday, March 30, at the FBC Hedley sanctuary that will provide more information.

FBC Hedley welcomes all Donley County residents to attend, but membership kits must be ordered by Sunday, April 3. If interested, contact Bruce Howard at 856-5980.

Inner Strength

By Mary Beth Neilson I'm always eager for the first spurt of color in my spring garden. As I watched the beautiful snowfall last week, the scene became reminiscent of another "spring snow" which our community received several years ago. At that time, I had become quite thrilled with the early appearance of a blooming daffodil. While gazing at my golden prize that particular morning, I felt blessed with another unexpected pleasure. An elegant April snow.

Appreciating this needed moisture and beautiful scene, I suddenly became concerned about its effect on the tender daffodil, which began dramatically swaying in the threatening wind. Watching it bow under each snowflake's touch, I thought, "It won't be standing tomorrow." Briefly disappointed, I walked away from the window.

The following day, snow began melting under a bright, rising sun promising delicious warmth. During the next three days, the daffodil amazingly lifted itself with an ingrown sturdiness. Surviving cold temperature and forceful winds, it emerged even lovelier to face the sky's radiant blue.

This delightful turn of events reminded me that humans possess inner strength that can develop through faith in the Heavenly Father.

When I am suppressed with adverse conditions, God's love and care are always available for my nourishment. He provides a way to overcome life's storms if I will look for it, reach out, and accept it.

Bible thought: "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13(NIV)

Sunrise Easter service will be in Howardwick

It was nice having the new faces of Janie and Ronnie Longan, Brace and Joy Hicks, Naomi Green, Arlis Thomas, and Chris Wilson at Friendship Club to listen to weatherman John Harris of Channel 10 News talk about the weather.

We watched a video of about 15 years worth of tornadoes that occurred in the Panhandle and the crazy things they can do. Thanks, John, for an informative evening, and hopefully you will come back.

March birthdays were Leona Lingenfelter and Tammy Owen. Happy anniversary to Vernon and Greta Byars.

After four months "down south," Bob and Betty Hammock came home to the big snowstorm. It was ironic. The day they got "down south" those folks were having their first snowfall in over 100 years. You've heard of the rainmaker. Maybe Betty and Bob are the snowmakers.

Easter Services will be held in the park at the Crosses Sunday morning at 7:00 with Dr. Geona Goad of Howardwick Baptist Church leading the service and Guy Ellis providing music. This will be followed by breakfast at City Hall sponsored by

the Beautification Club. The menu consists of breakfast casseroles, biscuits and sausage gravy, sweet rolls, fresh fruit, coffee, and juice. Yum, yum. What a nice way to feed your family before all the festivities of the day.

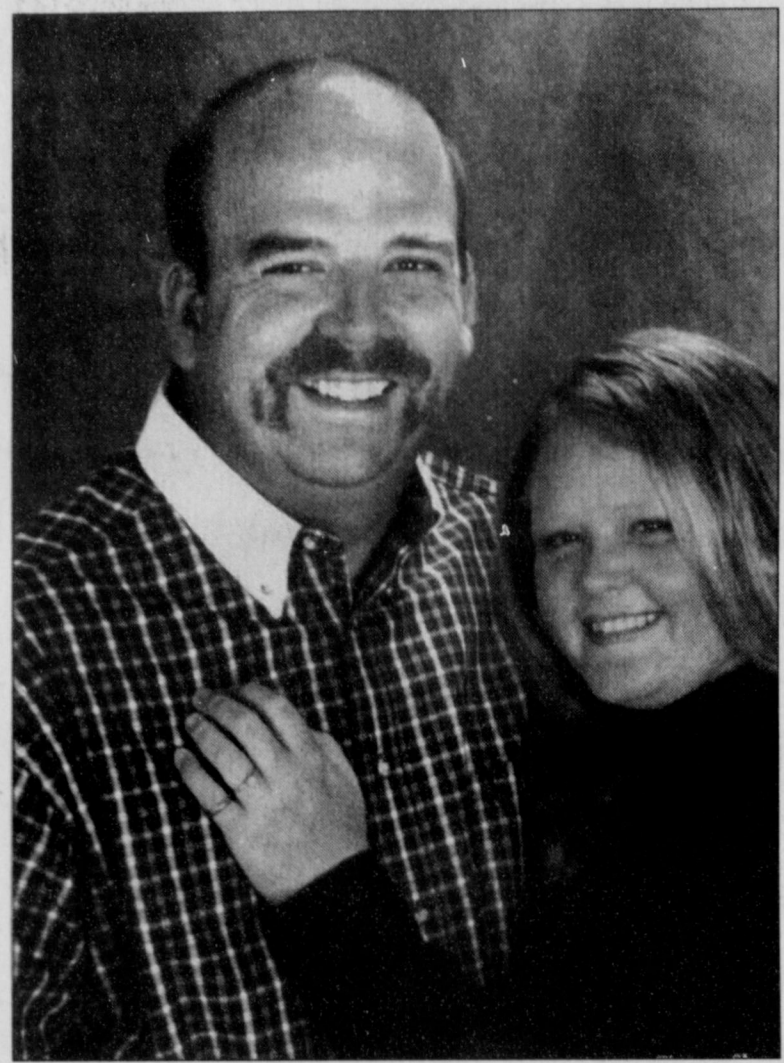
Nancy Davis has been home a few days, which means her daughter, Darlene, is much better. Vernon Byars was at Friendship Club but is scheduled to have the second surgery March 25 in Lubbock.

Diane Barefoot is home and recovering well after surgery, and Mrs. Gwen Sears is in BSA hospital and needs our prayers.

Easter celebrates the foundation of the Christian religion. Let's all remember that as we color the eggs, find the perfect place to hide them, and take those pictures of this year's fashions. Have a happy Easter, and I hope to see you at the Crosses Sunday morning.



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Shan Phifer and Jessie Shelley

Shelley-Phifer to exchange vows

Peggy Baker of Amarillo announces the engagement of her granddaughter, Melissa (Jessie) Shelley, to Shan Phifer. Jessie is the daughter of the late JoBeth Shelley of Lubbock.

Shan is the son of Mr. John Phifer and the late Prudence Phifer of Hugoton, Kansas. The couple plans to wed May 7

at Community Fellowship Church in Clarendon.

The bride-elect graduated from Coronado School of Mines with a degree in Civil Engineering and continues to work as an Engineering Associate for the Kansas Department of Transportation in Liberal.

The prospective groom is employed by Aquila in Liberal.

Methodists planning Maundy Thursday service

Clarendon First United Methodist Church will hold a Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m. as part of the Lenten-Easter observances of the Christian calendar year. This is a meaningful service

in preparation for Easter Morning Services. The Service will be officiated by Lay Leader Don Williams, who will stand in for Pastor James Edwards. Communion will be served for all who attend, and all are welcome.

Physical activities benefit young and old

By MaryRuth Bishop

Physical activity can do a number of things for people of all ages. In addition to helping your mood and increasing social interaction, physical activity may help prevent, delay, or improve conditions such as diabetes and heart disease. Physical activity also helps strengthen muscles and bones which have a tendency to weaken as the body ages.

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) recommends the following when considering exercise:

Stretch. Before you start any exercise and after you complete any exercise, you will want to stretch your muscles. This will help loosen and warm your muscles in addition to helping prevent injury and cramping. It is also important to remember that you may or may not be thirsty during or after exercise; however, your body will need plenty of water, especially after you are finished exercising.

30 minutes. The NIA suggests

that you should do something to increase your heart and breathing rate for at least 30 minutes most days of the week. The 30 minutes do not have to be all at once. You could do three 10-minute exercises. A good rule of thumb to see if you are doing enough is to try to talk during exercise: if you cannot talk at all, you are exercising too hard; if you can talk without any trouble, you are not exercising hard enough.

Use your muscles. Every time you move a part of your body, you are using a muscle. When those muscles are not used because of a lack of physical activity, they weaken. If your muscles get too weak, you may not be able to walk or even get up from a seated position. In addition, strong muscles help reinforce your bones, making it less likely that you will fall. Whatever exercise you do should include something that uses your muscles, whether you are walking laps or raking leaves in the front

yard. Improve your balance. In addition to strengthening your muscles, it is also very important to strengthen your sense of balance. After all, many falls are caused by loss of balance. To do this, try standing on one foot, holding onto a chair for support if you are unable to do this task alone. Also, try standing from a seated position without using your hands or arms. Be very careful when trying these activities and have someone else present when you are doing them.

Your health provider will be a key player in your exercise routine. Please remember to consult him or her before beginning any type of physical activity. You will want to discuss with him or her how your personal health condition may be affected by exercise. Also, you will want to start slowly with any type of exercise routine. A good adage to remember is "start low and go slow."

Doing too much, too soon may seriously injure your body.

Some safety recommendations from the American College of Sports Medicine are:

Do not hold your breath while training.

Use safety equipment to prevent injury. This may mean a helmet for bike riding or proper shoes for walking or running.

Drink plenty of liquids unless specifically advised otherwise by your health provider.

Bend from the hips, not from the waist.

Exercise may cause soreness or a little discomfort but should never cause pain.

For more information, contact MaryRuth Bishop at the Donley County Extension Office, 874-2141. This news article was provided by Andrew B. Crocker - Gerontology Health Specialist, Texas Cooperative Extension.

Catholic Church plans Holy Week services

St. Mary's Catholic Church in Clarendon has announced services for Holy Week.

On March 23, they will have the Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. On March 24, they will have Holy Thursday services at 5:30 p.m. with a meal following the mass. A vigil will be held at 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. where parishioners sign-up for one hour each. Good Friday services will be held on March 25 at 6:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday mass will be held on March 27, at 10:30 a.m. Music will be provided by the St. Ignatius Choir of New York. An Easter egg hunt will be held after mass.

Everyone is invited to attend the services for Holy Week.

Twilight Hatters to meet

The Twilight Red Hatters will hold their regular meeting March 24. The group will meet at the Clarendon Steak House at 6 o'clock.

Senior Citizens raising money with house signs

Don Stone has kindly offered his services to the senior citizens who need an address put on their house. For a \$10 donation to the Senior Citizens, he will make the sign and install it on your house.

The house needs to be in

Clarendon, and your name and address must be given to the Senior Citizens so they can be turned in. If you would like to see what the sign would look like, we have a model here at the center.

The winner of our Friday fundraiser was Naomi Green, who won a stuffed rabbit.

Those with birthdays for the week of March 21-27 are Joe Geisler, Shirley Osburn, Margaret Boling, Carolyn Moffett, Judy Morris, Sarah Nelson, Jeanette Stephens, and Don Blanks.

Our thoughts and prayers go to Max Hennigh. Reminders: Game night, Tuesday at 6 p.m. Exercise group, MWF at 9 a.m.

Inspirational singing, 2nd and 4th Sundays at 2 p.m.

Retired teachers to meet

The Donley County Retired School Personnel Association will meet Monday, March 28, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. at the Family Life Center, Clarendon Church of Christ.

The guest and program for the evening will be the UIL Speaking Events contestants plus a reading by one of our members. There will also be a silent auction to raise money for the scholarship fund. Snacks will be provided before the program and business meeting.

So plan on attending the meeting and have an enjoyable evening.

Obituaries

Karnes
 Funeral services for Terri Ann Karnes were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 26, 2005, at the St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church in Clarendon. Burial was held in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon. She was buried beside her grandparents, Clyde and Madeline Slavin.

Ms. Karnes died March 16, 2005. She was born May 21, 1960 in Amarillo.

Survivors include her grandmother, Lenora Karnes of Clarendon; mother and step-father, Ann and Steve Ray of El Paso; daughter, Jessica Miller of Amarillo; son, Michael Miller and his wife Ashley of Andrews; granddaughters, Alyssa Martinez and Christine Miller; grandsons, Angelo Martinez and Tilo Martinez; brother, Phil Karnes of Amarillo; sisters, Lyn Curran and husband Chris of McKinney and Donna Martjuchin and her husband Demetri of Corinth; and step-brothers, Donnie Ray of Richardson, Larry Ray and wife Martha of Amarillo, and Michael Ray of Richardson.

Swindle

Graveside services for Beulah Faye Swindle, age 73, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 18, 2005, in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon with Rev. Bryan Knowles, Pastor of the Community Fellowship Church in Clarendon, officiating. Burial was held in Citizens Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mrs. Swindle died Wednesday, March 16, 2005, in Amarillo. She was born February 23, 1932, in Pampa and was a Pampa resident most of her life. She married Clarence Edward Swindle on June 19, 1954, at Pampa. She was a homemaker and had been an active member of the Wayside Club for almost 25 years. She was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Pampa.

She was preceded in death by a son, Michael Swindle, in 1966; and by several of her siblings.

Survivors include her husband, Clarence Swindle of Pampa; two daughters, Valerie Conrad of Lebanon, Oregon, and Paul Ann Hendrick of DeSoto, Missouri; one brother, Jay Teague and wife Verna of Clarendon; two sisters, Gertie Ingram of Springdale, Arkansas, and Peggy Miller of Denton; and one grandson, Kyle Taylor Hendrick of DeSoto, Missouri.

Honorary casket bearers were William Conrad and Mikel Hendrick.

The family requests that memorials be to BSA Hospice, PO Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

Helms performs role for HSU drama dept.

Hardin-Simmons University announces that Clarendon resident Carrie Robyn Helms recently participated in the Theatre Department's presentation of Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit." The show ran February 24-26 in Hardin-Simmons University's Van Ellis Theatre.

Helms played the part of Ruth Condomine.

Stone making signs for DCSC donations

Don Stone Signs is helping raise funds for the Donley County Senior Citizens Center by offering to design and install house numbers for residents making a \$10 donation to the center.

The four-inch black letters will be affixed to a half-inch plastic panel and installed. Those interested in this opportunity should contact the Senior Citizens Center at 874-2665.



Here's to you

Viola Shields, Virgie White, and Betty McClellan raise their cups of snow ice cream following the heavy snowfall last Tuesday. The ladies are all residents of Medical Center Nursing Home. Courtesy photo

USDA to hold informational meeting in Lubbock Monday

USDA Rural Development is pleased to announce the availability of \$14.3 million in funding for the USDA Rural Development Value Added Producer Grant (VAPG) Program.

The Lubbock USDA Rural Development Local Office will be holding an informational meeting about this program on Monday, March 28, 2005 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the USDA Agriculture Research Service in the Plant Stress and Water Conservation Laboratory Auditorium located at 3810 4th St. in Lubbock,

Texas. The VAPG provides opportunities for producers and rural businesses to further refine agricultural commodities, increasing their value to consumers.

Grants are available to independent producers, agricultural producer groups, farmer or rancher cooperatives, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures. Applications must be received no later than May 6, 2005.

For more information, contact the USDA Rural Development Lubbock Local office at 806-785-5644.

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the lion's tale

The Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting March 22, 2005, with Boss Lion Monty Hysinger in charge.

We had 15 members and no guests this week.

High school UIL competition is coming up, and the track team is in a triangular meet in Claude. The baseball and softball teams are doing well. The state funding of schools is very confused at this time.

The public school will also be undertaking the replacement of floors and ceilings in all of the 1960s era buildings, and this and related work will cost more than \$500,000.

The club's Executive Committee will meet next week to consider nominations for next year's officers.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

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Watershed conservation sign-up starts Monday

WASHINGTON — Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns announced a nationwide sign-up for the Conservation Security Program (CSP) that will be available to approximately 235,000 farmers and ranchers in 220 watersheds last week at the National Agriculture Day Luncheon. Donley County is included in this program.

"As President Bush has stated, those who depend on the land to make a living are the best stewards of the land," said Johanns.

"This is a unique program that offers payments for enhancing natural resources, rewards those farmers and ranchers who are model conservationists, and provides incentives for other producers to meet those same high standards of environmental performance."

These 220 watersheds represent more than 185 million acres in every state and the Caribbean Area. The 2005 CSP sign-up includes the 202 watersheds announced by USDA on Nov. 2, 2004, and the 18 pioneer watersheds from the fiscal year 2004 sign-up. Producers who have a cur-

rent CSP contract are not eligible for this sign-up.

Congress funded the fiscal year 2005 CSP budget at \$202 million. This allows the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to write an estimated 12,000 to 14,000 contracts. Most working agricultural lands will be eligible, including cropland, orchards, vineyards, pasture, and range.

Sign-up will be held March 28 to May 27. The sign-up announcement and an amendment to the CSP interim final rule that will detail specific program requirements will be published in the Federal Register soon.

CSP is a voluntary conservation program that supports ongoing stewardship of private, agricultural working lands and rewards those producers who are meeting the highest standards of conservation and environmental management on their operations.

The CSP program sign-up includes a renewable energy component. Eligible producers will receive

compensation for converting to renewable energy fuels such as soy biodiesel and ethanol, for recycling 100 percent of on-farm lubricants, and for implementing energy production, including wind, solar, geothermal, and methane production. Payments will be made using three tiers of conservation contracts and are capped at \$20,000, \$35,000, and \$45,000 annually and will last for 5 years for Tier I and 5 to 10 years for Tier II and Tier III.

Payments can include four components: 1) an annual stewardship component for the base level of conservation treatment, 2) an annual component for maintenance of existing conservation practices, 3) a one-time new practice component for additional needed practices, and 4) an enhancement component for exceptional conservation effort.

Enhancement activities could include limited pesticide applications, total farm energy audits, shelterbelts for wildlife and air quality, and riparian forest buffers for restoring critical stream habitat.

To apply for CSP, NRCS asks potential participants to complete a self-assessment workbook available on the Web or from local NRCS offices to determine if their operations meet the requirements of the program and qualify for program participation.

The self-assessment process is completed using a self-screening questionnaire for each land use to be enrolled.

When this process is completed, the producer submits the workbook to the local NRCS office during the sign-up period and meets with NRCS personnel to go over any additional needed documentation. NRCS will then determine which enrollment category the producer qualifies for and selects the categories to be funded through CSP.

Additional information on CSP, including eligible watersheds, self-assessment workbook and the amendment to the interim final rule, is available at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp>.

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meeting last Tuesday. The action makes the administrator answerable to the board for the affairs of MCNH and makes the Director of Operations answerable directly to the board for all matters pertaining to the Associated Ambulance Authority.

The board also voted to raise billing rates for the ambulance service after Ambulance Director Anita Aaron said the local service was charging below most other services in the Panhandle.

Basic Life Support ambulance truck rate is now \$450 up from \$350, Advanced Life Support truck rate is now \$550 up from \$450, and the mileage rate increased from \$8.25 per mile to \$9.

CJH, CHS accepting nominations for GT

Clarendon Junior High and Clarendon High School will be accepting nominations of junior high and high school students for the Gifted and Talented Program.

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Makinzie and Kasie Hinton of Clarendon sit on an eight-foot snowman, which was built after 14 inches of snow fell here last week. Courtesy Photo

Hedley tracksters place in competition at Miami

By Tangela Copelin

The Hedley High School and Junior High track participants did well considering it was spring break and not many of the track team were able to participate.

The Junior High had seven athletes participate; because of snow in the field event areas the previous day, only running events were held.

Seventh graders placing were Haley Hall 5th in the 100 meter dash and 1st in the 100 meter hurdles, Brook Martin placed 2nd in the 100 meter hurdles, and Danny Garcia placed 3rd in the 2400 meter run.

In the High School division, there were only four Owls who attended the Miami meet. But the ones who went did well, placing in the top three in a number of events.

Freshman Brandon Montgomery

placed 3rd in the 1600 meter run; Sophomore Jaci Copelin placed 3rd in the triple jump, 3rd in the 300 meter hurdles, and 2nd in the 800 meter run; and Junior Eli Luna placed 3rd in the 100 meter dash, and 2nd in the 200 meter dash.

The High School Owls traveled to Lefors to participate in the Lefors track meet on 3-11-05. Several Owls had some excellent performances at this meet.

Brandon Montgomery placed first in the 1600 meter run; Jaci Copelin placed 5th in the triple jump, 3rd in the 300 meter hurdles, and 2nd in the 800 meter run; Seth Koetting placed 1st in the 800 meter run; Derek Evans placed 3rd in the 400 meter dash; and Eli Luna placed 5th in the 100 meter dash and 4th in the 200 meter dash.

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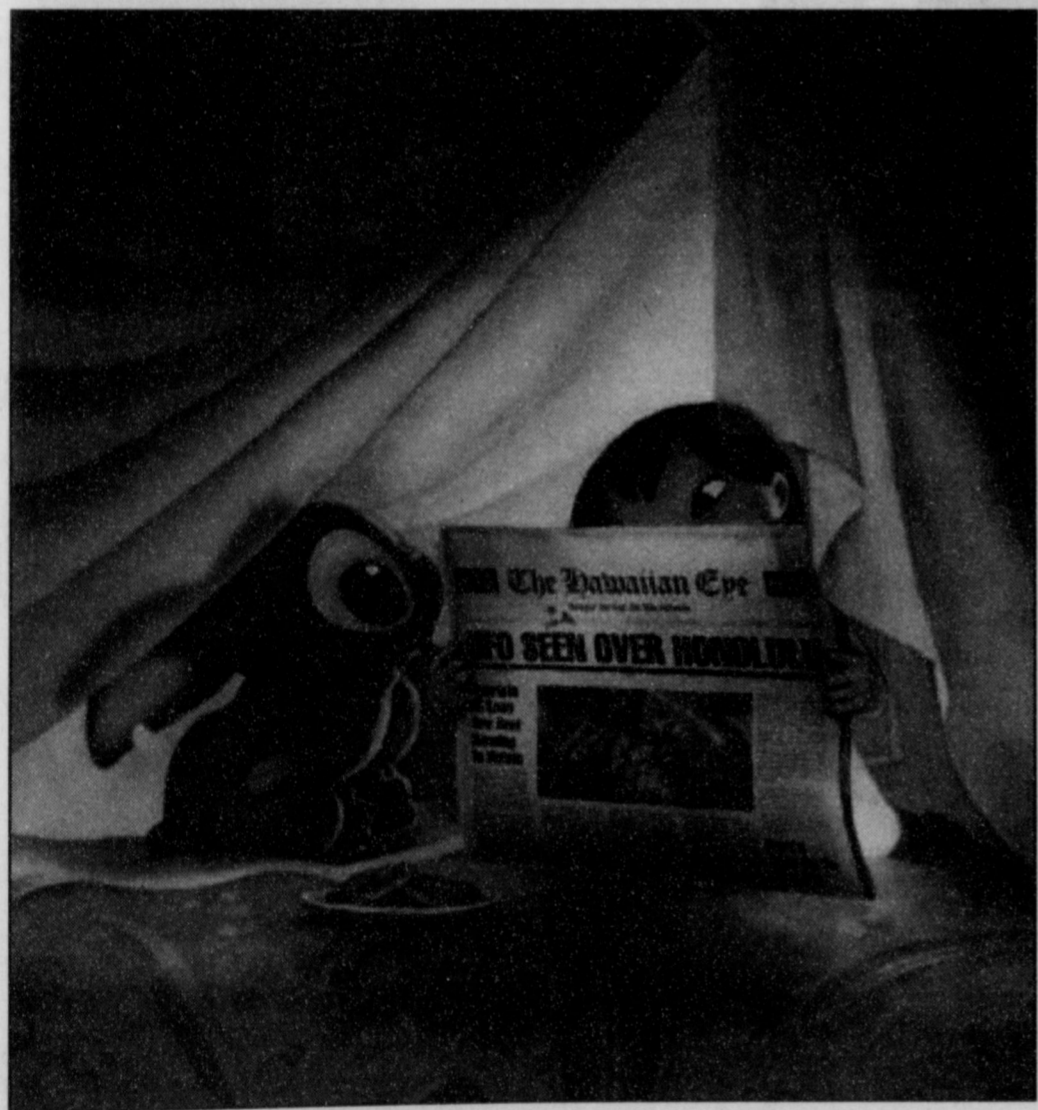
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Thornberry wins Bronco Tennis Tournament

By Sandy Anderberg

Clarendon hosted a boys and girls tennis tournament March 15 and 17 with both singles and doubles matches.

Junior Chase Thornberry claimed the singles championship with wins over Giffin (Hedley) 6-1, 6-4; Garcia (Quanah) 6-1, 6-3; and Granados (Chillicothe) 4-6, 6-1, and 7-6 in the championship round.

Todd Thompson defeated Pur-year (Fort Elliot) 6-1, 6-4 in the first round, but lost to Bird (Childress) 3-6, 0-6 in the second round. Will Betts lost to Lohberger (Fort Elliot) 1-6, 4-6 and Bird 3-6, 0-6.

The Broncos also competed in the doubles' tournament, and it was won by McWhorter/Lopez (Memphis) over Shields/Edmondson (Hedley).

Morgan Robinson/Andy Roberts lost to Shields/Edmondson 2-6, 6-3, 1-6 and then defeated Thomas/Verstuf (Hedley) 6-1, 6-4 for the consolation championship.

The singles champion in the girl's bracket was Lindsey Short (Spearman), who was the 2A state champ two years ago.

The double's champions were Acker/Birkenfeld (Nazareth) who were the former state runners up to

two-time state champions Amina and Uthala Abdullah. They defeated the Abdullahs 9-8.

In their opening matches, Amina and Uthala defeated Gregory/Cruz (Hedley) 8-0; Hernandez/Weingardner (Spearman) 8-1; and Kleman/Acker (Nazareth) 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 before losing to Acker/Birkenfeld. Destiny Weatheron and Kaitlyn Howard defeated Hart/Paul (Spearman) 8-4 before losing to Nall/Schaefer (Canadian) 3-8.

"The girls' bracket on Thursday was great," Coach Wade Callaway said.

"Each bracket had over 20

participants from the top tennis programs in the Panhandle and surrounding region. The doubles bracket also had three state representatives from Nazareth and Chillicothe."

According to Callaway, the boys' bracket was much smaller due to the fact that it had to be rescheduled due to the inclement weather.

"The small field allowed us to guarantee each participant two matches, and the girls brackets were single elimination."

The next tournaments will be March 24 at Wellington and the Big West Tournament in Altus, Oklahoma.

CHS athletes get fifth place at Tulia meet

By Sandy Anderberg

Several Broncos and Lady Broncos competed in the Tulia track meet March 19. The team finished 5th with 47 points out of a field of twelve teams.

The Bronco 800-meter relay placed third with a time of 1:42.30. Members of the relay are Ben Smith, Quentin West, Brad Sell, and Jon McGlaun.

"I was very pleased with the effort of the young men," Coach Johnny Nino said. "For many of them, it was their first meet of the year, and they ran and competed well."

West 3rd-800-meter dash 2:15; Kiefer Burton 6th-3200-meter run 12:55.88; Smith 1st-high jump 6'4"; Sell 2nd-pole vault 11'6"; Austin Howard 3rd-pole vault 9'6"; and Dalton Askew 4th-pole vault 9'. Also participating were Scott and Steven Fowler in the shot and discus, Jeremy Utsey in the 100 and 200 meters, Tim Sears in the 200 and 400 meters, Ty White in the 100 meter dash, and Steven Ford in the 800 meter run and mile relay.

The Lady Broncos who competed were Regan Lemley 2nd 100-meter dash 13.36; Katie Askew 3rd-shot 30'9 1/2" and 4th discus 93'10"; Jessi Howard 3rd-Pole vault 7'0"; Shelby Watson 4th-400-meter dash 65.91; and Kaitlyn Howard 4th-300-meter hurdles.

The Broncos and Lady Broncos will participate in the Stratford Tournament March 24-25.

Lady Colts participate in Wellington meet

The seventh and eighth grade Lady Colts traveled to Wellington March 5 to compete in the Skyrocket Track meet, and each brought home a third place team finish.

Kia Bryley won the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.7 for the seventh graders, and Lauren Shelton ran a time of 15.67, and Dominique Mason was 16 flat. Caitlyn Christopher was 1:21 in the 400-meter dash, which was good enough for 2nd place, and Brittany Sanchez was 6th in the 200-meter dash.

The 400-meter relay finished first with a time of 58.50. Members of the relay were Jill Luna, Sanchez, Mariah Benavidez, and Bryley. The 800-meter relay finished with a time of 2:16 and consisted of Mason, Shelton, Benavidez, and Luna. The 1600-meter relay was run by Luna, Christopher, Benavidez, and Bryley.

The eighth grade finished 3rd in the 400-meter and 1600-meter relays. Members of the sprint relay were Haleigh Lewis, Jenci White, Cortnee Thornberry, and Macy Shadle. Running in the mile relay were Lewis, Morgan Hysinger, Thornberry, and Shadle. Abbie Massingill placed 3rd in the 800-meter dash with a time of 3:13, and Britenie Saitta was fourth with a time of 3:14. Janae White was 5th in the 100-meter hurdles at 20.90, and Thornberry was 6th with a time of 21.23. Shadle was 3rd in the 100-meter dash with 14.01, and Lewis ran a 14.71. Janae White came in at 14.95. Hysinger was 5th in the 400-meter dash, and Massingill was 6th.

Jenci White placed third in the 200-meter hurdles at 35.7 and also finished sixth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 32.4. Janae White ran the 200-meter dash in 32.46, and Saitta completed the 1200-meter run in 5:23.

The Lady Colts will travel to Stratford March 24-25.

Lady Broncos defeat Quanah, 16-1

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos are well on their way to their goal for the year, which is winning a District championship, and beyond. They got their good start against Quanah as they defeated them 16-1 in three innings.

The Lady Broncos, with Haley Shelton on the mound and Kaitlyn Howard behind the plate, dominated from the first pitch and breezed easily to the win.

"We played extremely well, from start to finish," Head Coach Gary Jack said. "Haley pitched a good game allowing one hit and one run. Our defense behind her did a

good job and offensively, we had 14 hits."

According to Jack, the Lady Broncos hit very well against the Lady Indians.

"Amina Abdullah had a double, and Kristin White and Sarah Depew each had triples," Jack said.

"Kaitlyn Howard and Uthala Abdullah had two singles, and everybody else had at least one hit. It was a great game to start district with."

In the second game, the Lady Broncos defeated the Lady Indians once again by a score of 18-4. Destiny Weatheron pitched four

innings, and Sade Faas pitched one inning. It was another easy win for the Lady Broncos as they hit well and played good defense.

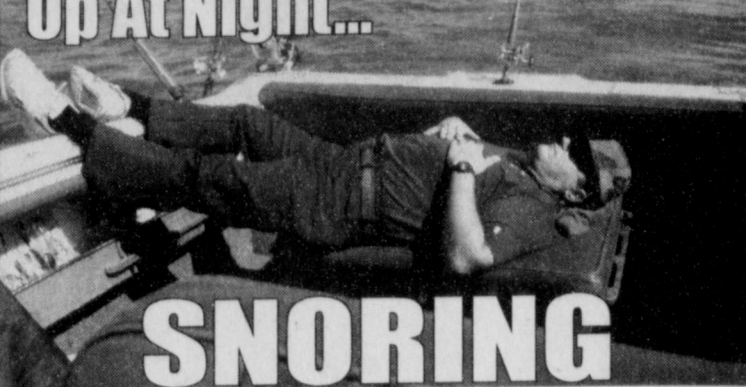
"Destiny, Sade, and Erin Holland each came up with good defensive plays," Jack said. "Offensively, we hit the ball well, and Sade got a double. Erica Depew hit a triple, and Erin hit an in-the-park homerun. Abby Patten had two good hits; and Holly Cornell, Jill Cornell, and Jessi Howard also had singles."

The Lady Broncos are 8-1 overall and 1-0 in District. They will play at Perryton March 29 beginning at 4:00 p.m.

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11	Kaleb Shadle	Fr
12	Dalton Askew	Fr
14	Jon McGlaun	Fr
15	Quentin West	Jr
17	LaDez Captain	So
19	Will Betts	Jr
21	Stephen Ford	Jr
22	Morgan Robinson	Jr
23	Tim Sanchez	Sr
25	Clint Watson	So
45	Jesse Gowdy	Sr
48	Keifer Burton	Fr
50	Chase Thornberry	Jr
65	Cody Scrivner	Jr
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Broncos
Clarendon v. Wellington
Fri., March 25, at 4:30 p.m.
in Wellington

Lady Broncos
Clarendon v. Perryton
Tues., March 29, at 5:00 p.m.
in Perryton

Lady Broncos		
2	Destiny Weatheron	Sr
3	Kaitlyn Howard	Jr
4	Laura Dziedzic	Sr
5	Abby Patten	Fr
6	Erica Depew	So
7	Amina Abdullah	Sr
8	Sarah Depew	Sr
10	Uthala Abdullah	Sr
11	Haley Shelton	Jr
12	Jessie Howard	So
14	Kristin White	Jr
15	Jill Cornell	Fr
16	Sarah Scrivner	So
17	Shanna Shelton	Sr
18	Erin Holland	Fr
19	Sade Faas	Fr
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Livestock break loose

Mar. 14
 12:10 a.m. - Secure building. 500 block W. 2nd.
 12:44 a.m. - Disturbance. 400 block W. 2nd. Caller complaining of vehicle motor being revved.
 7:19 a.m. - Transport stranded motorist back to Clarendon. 5 mile west on Hwy. 287.
 12:03 p.m. - See complainant 200 block S. Bugbee.
 1:13 p.m. - Family dispute 800 block S. Koogle.
 1:23 p.m. - To jail with one male in custody. Assault family member.
 1:32 p.m. - Transport female to subject to S.O. to take statement.
 4:25 p.m. - To jail with one female in custody. Delivering controlled substance.
 5:47 p.m. - Respond to business alarm. 200 block S. Kearney.

Mar. 15
 12:50 a.m. - Transport inmate to Potter Co. TDC bus.
 4:15 a.m. - Numerous calls about road conditions. All directions throughout the day. Trees, branches down, power lines jeopardized. All law enforcement busy with weather related calls.
 9:45 p.m. - See complainant. CC dorm. Terroristic threat.
 10:15 p.m. - To residence. S. Carhart.

Mar. 16
 3:48 a.m. - Business alarm. 500 block W. 2nd St.
 7:25 a.m. - Vehicle accidents reported. Hwy. 287 at Lelia Lake.
 7:35 a.m. - Accidents located. Hwy. 287 at Hedley. No injuries. No damage.
 12:57 p.m. - Loose livestock. Southeast of Clarendon.
 3:42 p.m. - Hwy. 287 at S. Taylor. Child locked in vehicle.
 7:09 p.m. - 800 block S. Carhart. Notification death of family member.
 10:02 p.m. - At residence. 600 block W. 4th.
 10:09 p.m. - Continue to second location. 600 block. S. Parks.

Mar. 17
 4:42 a.m. - See complainant. Hwy. 287 at S. Koogle.
 2:04 p.m. - See complainant. 200 block S. Parks.
 8:33 p.m. - 200 block Goodnight. Disturbance.
 8:58 p.m. - See resident. 3500 block CR 18.
 10:22 p.m. - EMS assist. 500 block W. 4th St.

Farmers, ranchers can apply at NRCS for incentive funds

TEMPLE - The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas announced that farmers and ranchers wishing to be considered for 2005 funding in the Wildlife Habitats Incentive Program (WHIP), Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) and the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) have until April 8, 2005, to sign applications.

The 2002 Farm Bill authorized the EQIP, WHIP, WRP, and GRP as tools to implement voluntary conservation. Each program offers financial and technical help to assist eligible participants install or implement structural and/or management practices on eligible land or preserve land through conservation easements.

"The \$83 million allocated for these programs will help farmers and ranchers improve the natural resources on private working lands in Texas," said Dr. Larry D. Butler, USDA-NRCS Texas State Conservationist. "They will be used to solve locally identified resource problems in each county and will also fund special statewide concerns recommended by the Texas State Technical Committee such as water quantity, water and air quality, wildlife habitat, and treatment of invasive species. EQIP and WHIP offer cost share and incentives payments to producers applying approved conservation measures and GRP and WRP provide for the purchase a conservation easements."

Immediately following the end of the sign-up period, applications will be ranked and those selected for funding will be approved. A conservation planner will develop conservation plan for each contract that is approved. Producers who have been awarded contracts can then begin implementing the approved conservation practices this year. Local NRCS field offices have complete details for their county, and this information can be found at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

Mar. 18
 8:40 a.m. - To pick up inmate. Hutchinson Co. SO.
 11:49 a.m. - Continuing to collect information. 200 block S. Parks.
 1:47 p.m. - Out at clerk's office.
 5:07 p.m. - See complainant. 600 block S. Johnson.
 8:56 p.m. - Security patrol. 3rd and Hawley area.
 10:12 p.m. - See complainant. 4000 block CR 10. Disturbance.

Mar. 19
 3:04 a.m. - Loose livestock. South side of Giles rest area.
 8:25 a.m. - Out at business. 300 block W. 2nd St.
 2:20 p.m. - EMS assist. CC ball field.
 5:18 p.m. - Security patrol. CC.
 7:41 p.m. - Loose livestock. 1 mile west on Hwy. 287.
 11:40 p.m. - Suspicious activity. Hwy. 287 at Ayers.

Mar. 20
 3:37 a.m. - Stranded motorist. South Hwy. 287.
 4:02 a.m. - 400 block N. Sully.
 4:24 a.m. - Stranded motorist. Hwy. 287 at CR 21.
 11:43 a.m. - Rural fire. CR 19. Lelia Lake.
 12:42 - Gas drive off. Hwy. 287 at S. Koogle.
 3:33 p.m. - Vehicle accident. Kincade Park. Greenbelt Lake.
 7:43 p.m. - Family dispute. 600 block W. 4th.
 7:50 p.m. - To jail with one male in custody. Assault injury to family member.

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According to gastroenterologist Dr. Tim Schubert, a new type of medicine for heartburn and gastrointestinal reflux disease that drug companies will probably produce in the future will work on muscles at the end of the esophagus (tube leading from the throat to the stomach). These muscles are referred to collectively as the *lower esophageal sphincter*. They are responsible for closing off the esophagus, thereby preventing stomach acid from leaking back or refluxing into the lower part of the esophagus.

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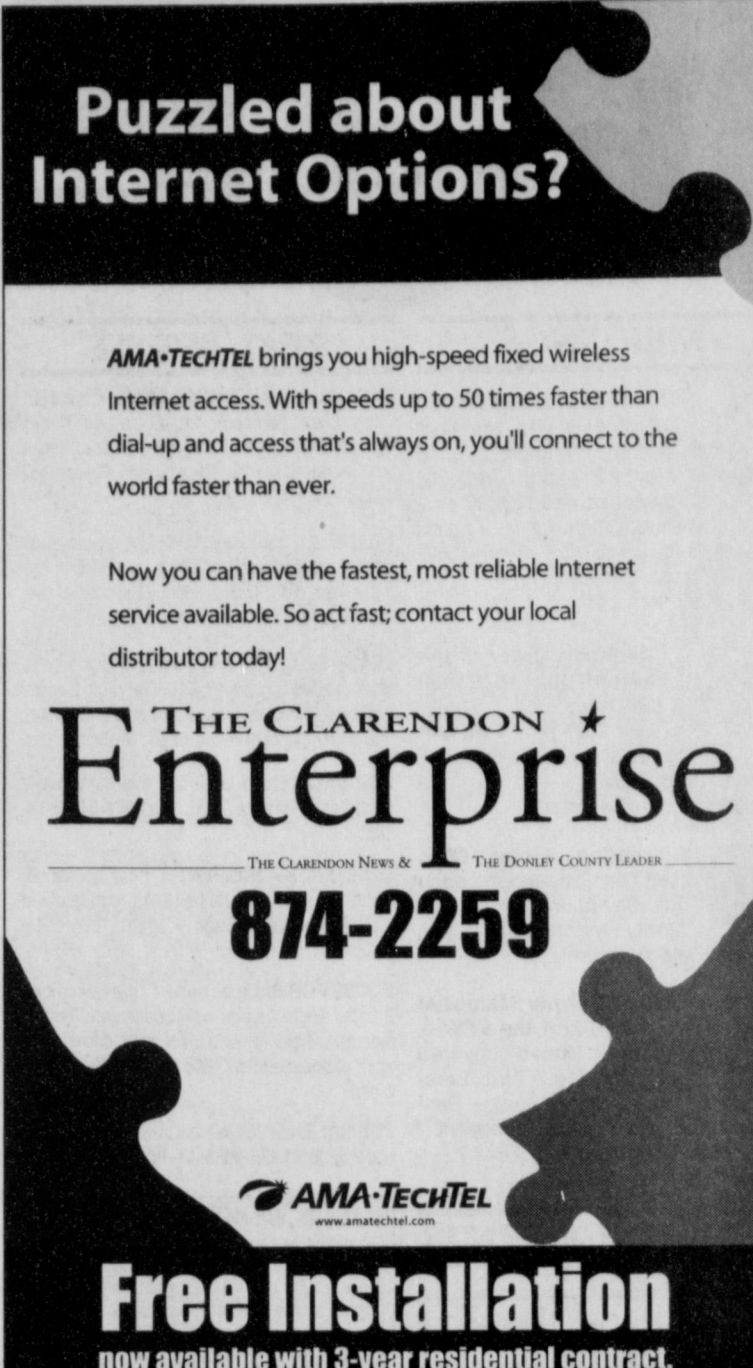
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