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THIS WEEK

- 2 A reader has concerns about what's going on in Hedley.
- 4 Heavy rains and high humidity have brought out the fungus among us.
- 5 Two local athletes receive gold medals in a track and field contest.
- 6 And the All-Stars close out a great baseball season.

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

County okays sheriff's new city contract

Donley County Commissioners' Court approved a new contract between the Sheriff's Office and the City of Clarendon last Tuesday, and city officials appeared ready to follow suit as the ENTERPRISE went to press this week.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said the new five-year agreement for law enforcement services in the city will provide his office with annual two percent increases.

The current contract amount is for \$130,000.

"This way each entity knows every year what's going on, and we don't have to worry about it," Blackburn said. "It's good for everybody."

Details of the new agreement were ironed out during a meeting last month which included the sheriff, County Judge Jack Hall, Mayor Chris Ford, and Interim City Administrator Phyllis Jeffers.

Also under the new contract, fines collected in the city will go to the city, and the sheriff's office will enforce city ordinances, Jeffers said.

"We had a good meeting with a spirit of cooperativeness," Jeffers said. "(The contract) is fiscally responsible and maintains a high level of law enforcement. I was pleased with the outcome."

Jeffers said the city and county will still meet annually to review the agreement and make sure it is working well.

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen was scheduled to take action on the contract at their meeting Tuesday night, and Jeffers said she expected it

would be approved.

In other business last week, commissioners approved employees' health insurance for the coming year through, which includes an eight percent increase in premiums. The court also approved a bid on tax delinquent property and approved a request for a deed to clear up title to an acre of land in Section 14 that was once part of the Watkins School.

The commissioners also met in regular session July 12 and took the following actions:

Approved the 2010 Summer Celebration activities on July 22 on the Courthouse Square; Voted to sponsor the 2010 Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff with \$500; Voted to approve the schedule of County Road & Bridge Fees for 2011, leaving those fees at the current levels; Approved the purchase of a storage building for use by the Justice of the Peace in Precincts 3&4; and Renewed guidelines governing tax abatements in the county for another two years.

Offshore drilling to be discussed Thurs.

Jay Baird, a resident of Howardwick, will be giving a presentation about offshore drilling this Thursday, July 15, at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Howardwick.

Baird is currently employed by BP Oil, and works offshore for weeks at a time. He will have a slide presentation, and will be willing to answer questions about offshore drilling.

Refreshments will be served, and the public is invited to attend to learn more about BP and their operations. No admission will be charged.

Christian breakfast to be held Thursday

The United Christian Ministries breakfast will be held Thursday, July 15, 2010, in the Fellowship Hall of the first United Methodist Church at 7 a.m.

A delicious and very filling breakfast is cooked by the men to be enjoyed. An interesting program will be given by Sandy Skelton about his experiences of mountain climbing. Come and hear which mountains he has climbed. Start your day with a good breakfast, a great program and an enjoyable fellowship. All are invited to attend.

Blood Drive collects a dozen units here

Coffee Memorial Blood Center reports that the Clarendon Community Blood Drive on Thursday, July 1, received donations of 12 units of blood.

These units are especially important during the summer months as people are traveling and outdoor activities increase. Therefore, the need for blood goes up. The center expressed its thanks to everyone who makes the blood drives possible.

Job Fair to focus on helping veterans

Jack A. Moreman, Panhandle Workforce Development board member, reports that the Veterans Only Job Fair will be held on Tuesday, July 20, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the American Legion Post 54, 617 W. 7th Avenue in Amarillo.

The job fair regularly attracts between 150 and 200 veterans from all 29 counties in our service area, and usually over 20 companies with job opportunities, and many training programs will be present and available to veterans, such as wind energy.

If you are a veteran and need more information, call Moreman at 806-673-1348 or Marshall Green at 806-372-5521.



A Day in the Park

Jaci Jeffers, Morgan Johnston, and Marlee Barbee enjoy some time on the teeter-totter during a field trip by the kids at Paula's Daycare to City Park last Thursday.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

Hedley Aldermen will meet to hire new staff

The Hedley Board of Aldermen will hold two called meetings this week in the hopes of replacing the three city staff members who resigned July 1.

According to agendas posted at City Hall, the board will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 15, to review résumés, and then the board will meet again on Friday, July 16, at 7 p.m. to hire employees.

The called meetings come

after all three city employees – City Secretary Randy Shaw, City Clerk Rhonda Shaw, and city maintenance worker Roger Hagar – announced July 1 their resignations effective at the end of this month.

A call to Mayor Dusty Wilkinson was not returned by press time Tuesday. City Clerk Rhonda Shaw said the city has received applications for all three positions.

Several citizens have called on

Randy Shaw to reconsider his resignation, noting the many functions he performs.

"City Secretary sounds like someone who sits in a chair all day," Metcalf told the ENTERPRISE last week. "Randy does not sit in a chair."

Metcalf said Shaw writes grants for the city, picks up the trash, holds two state licenses to operate the water and sewer system,

maintains the roads, and cares for the fire station and the cemetery.

During a called city meeting last Monday, Wilkinson asked Mr. Shaw what it would take to get him to continue in his position, but Shaw told the Enterprise that his mind was made up.

Shaw said he would help train his replacement and has offered to stay on part time beyond August 1 to ease the transition.



Alien Landing?

Local residents have reported strange black circles showing up in their yards like these that appeared at Courtney Newhouse's residence. According to information online, the circles are commonly referred to as fairy rings and are caused by fungi and may be between three and 200 feet across.

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Experts: Post-Alex rains may ignite mosquito population

COLLEGE STATION – Rains and flooding from Hurricane Alex likely will lead to significantly increased mosquito activity in many parts of the state, said Texas AgriLife Extension Service experts.

"Excessive moisture and flooding help create optimal conditions in which mosquitoes can breed," said Dr. Mark Johnsen, a medical entomologist with the AgriLife Extension agricultural and environmental safety unit in College Station.

"And having good information on mosquito behavior and control can help reduce both their nuisance factor and the threat of disease transmission."

The best way to combat mosquitoes after flooding is by applying the "four Ds" of personal protection – DEET, dusk/dawn, dress and drain, according to Johnsen.

The first D refers to using a mosquito repellent with DEET,

picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535, he said. The second D means restricting activity at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active. The third refers to dressing in loose-fitting, light-colored, long-sleeve shirts or blouses, and long pants. And the fourth D is in reference to draining standing water from bottles, cups, unused plant pots, tires and other receptacles that might provide a mosquito breeding site.

Johnsen added that materials covering the four Ds and other information on mosquitoes and mosquito control are available in English and Spanish and can be downloaded free from two AgriLife Extension websites.

The AgriLife Extension publication, "Potential Mosquito Problems after a Hurricane," is available for free download at the Agricultural and Environmental Safety website. See 'Mosquitoes' on page 3

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Obituaries

Warrenburg

Lois Catherine Warrenburg, 97, died Thursday, July 8, 2010, in Clarendon.

Services will be held at a later date in Paris, Texas. Inurnment will be held at a later date at Evergreen Cemetery in Paris, Texas where she will join Harold, Sr. and his family members.



Warrenburg

who was a decorated Air Force pilot in WWII.

Survivors include a son, Dr. Harold Grupe, Jr. of Birmingham, Alabama; a daughter, Carole Steber of Aachen, Germany; a sister, Nell Barnhill of Amarillo; and also leaves behind eight loving grandchildren, Susanne, Markus, Marlen, Harald, Gisela, and Melanie, Lisa, and Lois Elaine.

The family requests that memorials be to a favorite charity. Sign our online guestbook at www.RobertsonFuneral.com.

Kline

Mary "Polly" Hermesmeyer Kline, 86, died Thursday, July 1, 2010.

Rosary was said at 7:15 p.m. Friday, July 2, in St. Theresa Catholic Church. Mass was celebrated at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 3, in the church with the Rev. Mieczyslaw Przepiora, Pastor, as celebrant. Burial was held in St. Mary's Cemetery in Groom by Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Panhandle.

Polly was born and raised in Jericho, north of Clarendon. She married and moved to Amarillo and followed her military husband on many assignments until he retired in San Antonio in 1967. They lived there until the death of her husband in August 2005, and she then moved to St. Ann's Nursing Home in Panhandle in October 2005.

She was a homemaker and sales clerk for J.C. Penney Co., Sears and the Base Exchange.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Nell Hermesmeyer; her husband, Steve J. Kline; two brother and 2 sisters.

Survivors include a son, Bill Hermesmeyer and wife Carolyn of Panhandle; two daughters, Pat Peterson and husband John of Nineville, Fla., and Janis Hodge of San Antonio; a brother, Philip Hermesmeyer of Clarendon, a sister, Joan Gulde of Amarillo; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Casket bearers were Stephen Hermesmeyer, Scott Hermesmeyer, Sam Hermesmeyer, Clint McPhail and Jeff Gulde.



Gold Medalists

Caitlyn and Melanie Nowlin of Clarendon are advancing to the state level after they competed in the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Regional Track & Field Meet in Lubbock last Saturday, July 10. Caitlyn competed in Shot Put & Discus (14 & Under Division), Melanie competed in Shot Put (10 & Under Division). Both girls took gold medals in their events and will participate in the State Games of Texas to be held in Waco during August. They are the children of Bill and Brenda Nowlin and the grandchildren of Harley and Annie Broadwater of Falfurrias.

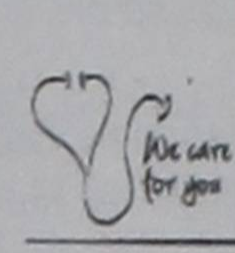
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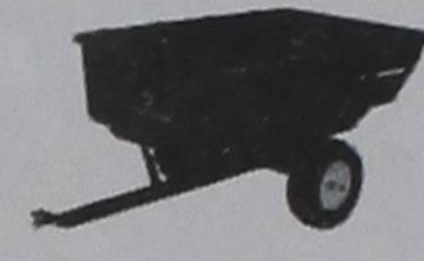
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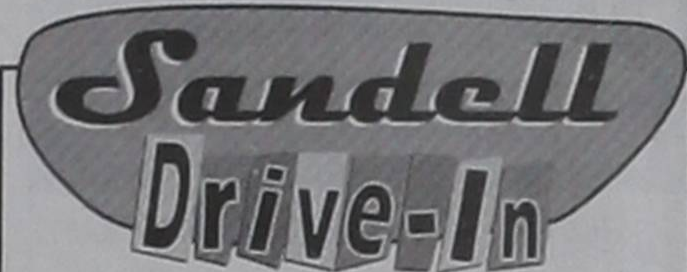


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Lions install officers

The Clarendon Lions Club installed its new officers for the 2010-2011 year during its regular meeting Tuesday. Shown here are Second VP Steve Hall, Tail Twister Jerry Woodard, Sweetheart Annie Patten, Boss Lion Roger Estlack, Secretary Ashlee Estlack, Sweetheart Kaleigh West, Lion Tamer Bobbie Thornberry, and Third VP Russell Estlack. Not pictured is First VP Debra Kuhl.

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Community Fellowship High Seas Expedition
Tuesday, July 27 - Friday, July 30
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
For children entering pre-school through fifth grade.
Crafts • Music Recreation • Snacks

Thanks for the helping hand.
Because of you the Donley County Senior Citizens are closer to reaching our goal of buying a new stove.
We are so thankful for this community's support and donations at the hamburger cookout.
We would like to give a special thanks to Dortha & Steve Reynolds, Joyce & Jim Philley, Wayne Reynolds, all of our volunteers and the Board of Directors.
Donations are still needed. Contact Mary for more information at 806-874-2665.

2010 SUMMER CELEBRATION

JULY 22 4 to 11 p.m.
Donley County Courthouse Square

**Antique
Car Show**

Farmers' Market

Cathy Myers - Homemade jellies & items
Monroe Fruit Stand - Fruit & homemade cobblers
Melinda McAnear
Schwertners
Howards

**More than a dozen
Food Booths**

Candy, Sausage Wraps, Chopped Beef Sandwiches, Stuffed Jalapenos, Burritos, Drinks, Pizza by the slice, Cotton Candy, Beef K-bobs, Popcorn, Nachos, Brownies & Rice Crispies

Activities

Dunking Booth, Water games, Bounce House, Busy Town Mystery, Mural painting, Jewelry making

Competitive Booths

Greased Pig Catch, Stick Horse Rodeo, Horseshoes & washers, Marbles, ladder ball & bag-o, Texas skis, sack races & limbo

**Raffles,
Demonstrations
and Vendors**

News Channel 10, KEFH, and KLSR will be broadcasting live!

DRIVE-IN MOVIE

"Karate Kid" SANDELL DRIVE-IN 11 P.M. TO 1 A.M.