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

Court cases holding up local voter cards

Donley County Tax Assessor/Collector Linda Crump announced last week that new voter registration cards cannot be mailed to local citizens until the federal courts get through with Texas' redistricting cases.

Crump said the county did finally get federal approval for its adjusted precinct lines on January 14 after they were submitted August 25.

Texas primary election dates and legislative district boundaries remain up in the air following intervention by federal courts.

Group to clean Odd Fellows cemetery

The Plemons-Shelby Camp #464 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans from Amarillo will be in Clarendon on February 11 to clean the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Cemetery. If you would like to help with this worthwhile project, bring your yard equipment and meet at ten o'clock on Saturday. The IOOF Cemetery is directly west of the Catholic Cemetery on Highway 70 South.

Community choir to begin practicing

A choir consisting of community members will begin practice this Thursday, February 9, at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

A musical program, under the direction of Debbie Roberts, will be presented to churches, groups, and organizations during the Easter week. Anyone who enjoys singing as a group is encouraged to attend and can call 874-2318 for more information.

Republicans to hold candidate forum

Four men are competing to serve Donley County in the Texas House of Representatives, an area previously served by Warren Chisum of Pampa, and the county Republican Party will host a forum for the candidates on Thursday, February 23, at the Clarendon College Bairfield Activity Center at 7 p.m.

The forum will be an opportunity to meet these men and hear their ideas for our next legislative session beginning January 2013. The candidates are Ken King of Canadian, Jim Landtroop of Plainview, Mac Smith of Pampa, and Gary Walker of Plains.

The public is invited to attend the forum to become an informed voter.

Junior Historians to raffle Valentien gifts

The CHS Junior Historians are selling raffle tickets for Valentine's gifts, including a large teddy bear and flowers provided by Country Bloomers. The drawing will be February 14 during half-time of the Bronco game.

Tickets are \$1. The winner does not have to be present to win.

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CC enrollment falls but funding number rises

Clarendon College officials are pointing to a silver lining in the cloud of this semester's enrollment report.

Enrollment is down 171 students this spring when compared to last year, but college funding is based on contact hours, which is the time students actually spend in classrooms. Contact hours this spring are up 1.7 percent over this past fall.

"We thought we would be down, and we are in headcount," CC President Phil Shirley said. "But we're up in contact hours, and that's how we are funded. Anytime we have a better basis for funding, that is good for the college."

Total enrollment settled at 1,277 following the 12th class day last Wednesday. That's down from the spring 2011 enrollment of 1,448 and enrollment of 1,357 in spring 2010, but above the enrollment of 1,150 in spring 2009.

Shirley says three factors have negatively impacted the college's enrollment – a new state vaccination requirement, the loss of a prison education program, and possibly an improving economy.

This semester saw the implementation of a Texas requirement that students meeting certain criteria obtain a bacterial meningitis vaccine prior to attending classes.

"The cost is \$125 for that shot, and some students simply cannot afford it," Shirley said. "There is also a shortage of the vaccine. This has probably caused a one to two percent loss of enrollment for us."

Dean of Students Tex Buckhaults said CC took a proactive approach to the bacterial meningitis requirement in the fall, which likely helped prevent a larger decrease in enrollment this spring.

The state's elimination of its prison education system cut students out of the college's enrollment starting this past fall and resulted in the loss of 147 students this semester. These courses were offered through

the prison education system at the Roach and Jordan units of TDCJ in Childress and Pampa.

"Our enrollment last spring included the students from the TDCJ, and we are still working to recover those students," Buckhaults said.

Other area colleges are also experiencing drops in enrollment this semester, and Shirley said that can be a sign that the economy is recovering.

"When the economy is good, college enrollment is down," he said. "People are getting jobs, and that is directly influencing enrollment."

Enrollment on the home campus this spring is 352, and the

headcounts at Pampa and Childress were at 419 and 53 respectively as of last Wednesday, with the remainder of CC students taking online and dual credit classes.

Shirley said each CC campus has its own identity, and growth in Pampa comes from having a larger base to draw from.

"We don't have the population to support a lot of commuter students in Clarendon, but we do in Pampa," he said. "What Pampa doesn't have is dormitories and athletics. In order to grow here, we have to recruit the students [to Clarendon] that we're famous for – athletes and dorm students."



Unexpected company

A 2003 Chevy Silverado rests upside down in the driveway of the Douglas Shelton residence at 1026 W. Third in the early morning hours of Wednesday, February 1. According to an accident report on file with the Donley County Sheriff's Office, 18-year-old Montey Bell of Channing was under the influence of alcohol when he was driving south on Bugbee Avenue and turned left onto Third Street at a high rate of speed. He lost control of the truck, hit the curb and went through an antique fence before the vehicle came to rest on its top in the driveway. Bell had to be extracted from the vehicle by the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department but was not seriously injured.

LARGE PHOTO BY JEREMY POWELL / INSET PHOTO BY COLETTE GORDON.

H'wick man pleads to copper theft

The District Court heard one plea resulting in a deferred adjudication when it met in Clarendon on Wednesday, January 25.

Ryan Christopher Robison was placed on probation for a period of four years for the state jail felony offenses of theft of copper wire. Robison pled guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication.

Robison, a 20-year-old resident of Howardwick, was arrested in Donley County for the offense that took place October 10, 2011. Robison will be attending the SAFPE program as a condition of probation.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Robison is required to pay \$473 in court costs. If Robison violates probation he could face up to two years in the State Jail Division of TDCJ.



One hundred days done

Hedley Public Schools celebrated the 100th day of school last week, and seniors Patricia Valles, Laura Ketzer, and Kassidy Burton marked the occasion with a style all their own.

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USDA's CRP general sign-up opens March 12

WASHINGTON, DC – Acting Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services (FFAS) Michael Scuse has announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will conduct a four-week Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up, beginning on March 12 and ending on April 6. CRP has a 25-year legacy of successfully protecting the nation's natural resources through voluntary participation, while providing significant economic and environmental benefits to rural communities across the United States.

"It is USDA's goal to ensure that we use CRP to address our most critical resource issues," said Scuse. "CRP is an important program for protecting our most environmentally sensitive lands from erosion and sedimentation, and for ensuring the sustainability of our groundwater, lakes, rivers, ponds and streams. As always, we expect strong competition to enroll acres into CRP, and we urge interested producers to maximize their environmental benefits and to make cost-effective offers."

CRP is a voluntary program available to agricultural producers

to help them use environmentally sensitive land for conservation benefits. Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion and develop wildlife habitat. In return, USDA provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years. Producers with expiring contracts and producers with environmentally sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under CRP. Producers also are encouraged to look into

CRP's other enrollment opportunities offered on a continuous, non-competitive, signup basis.

Over the past 25 years, farmers, ranchers, conservationists, hunters, fishermen and other outdoor enthusiasts have made CRP the largest and one of the most important in USDA's conservation portfolio. CRP has helped increase populations of pheasants, quail, ducks, and other rare species, like the sage grouse, the lesser prairie chicken, and others.

For more information on CRP, visit your local FSA service center or www.fsa.usda.gov.

Sign-ups underway for local elections

The time is now for citizens to sign up for positions on any one of seven local boards that are scheduled to have elections this spring.

Sign-ups began Monday for the cities of Clarendon, Hedley, and Howardwick; the Clarendon and Hedley school districts; the Clarendon College District, and the Donley County Hospital District.

The Clarendon College District already had the most candidates at press time with all three of its incumbents signing up for reelection. Jerry Woodard, Delbert Robertson, and Doug Lowe are all seeking to serve another six-year term on the Board of Regents.

A fourth position on the college board, the unexpired term belonging to the late Charles Deyhle, Sr., will also be on this spring's ballot. Former college dean Tex Selvidge has been appointed to fill that spot until May, but he has not yet taken the oath of office. Four years are remaining on that term.

The Donley County Hospital District has four two-year terms expiring on its Board of Directors this year. Those seats are currently held by Jan Farris (Place 4), Jeannie Owens (Place 5), Mark C. White (Place 6), and Laurie Howard (Place 7).

The City of Clarendon has three two-year terms on the Board of Aldermen up for election this year. Incumbents are Ann Huey (serving the unexpired term of Kyle Davis), Jesus Hernandez (serving the unexpired term of Jeremy Powell), and Will Thompson.

The City of Howardwick has on its ballot the one-year unexpired term of former mayor Del Essary and three aldermen's positions that are currently held by Tanis McMorries, Johnny Hubbard, and Tim Gallagher. Aldermen serve two years.

The City of Hedley has the two-year terms of Mayor Dusty Wilkinson and Aldermen Leon Ward and Lonnie Roby up for election this year. Roby has already signed up to run again.

Clarendon ISD has three positions on the ballot for its Board of Trustees this year, including two full three-year terms now held by Wayne Hardin and Wes Hatley and the one year unexpired term of the late Marvin Thompson, which is currently held by Richard Gribble.

Hedley ISD has two three-year terms on its Board of Trustees on this year's ballot. Those seats are held by Lana Ritchie and Bobby Lindsey, who is filling the term originally held by Shelby Shipp.

Sign-up for local offices continues through March 5. Election Day will be Saturday, May 12.

Economics can lead America back to the top

By Dr. Mark W. Hendrickson

Chances are, you've heard economics referred to as "the dismal science." That unflattering description is glib and catchy; it is also 100 percent wrong. Let me set the record straight and explain why economics—far from being dismal—is cause for hope, joy, cheer, and optimism.

Thomas Carlyle, a 19th-century Scottish essayist, coined the phrase "the dismal science." Carlyle was reacting to grim predictions made by the classical economists David Ricardo (1772-1823) and Thomas Malthus (1766-1834). Ricardo posited an "iron law of wages" that sentenced laborers to a life of poverty at the margin of survival. Malthus became the intellectual forerunner of today's gloomy environmentalists by asserting that the human population tended to increase geometrically while the means of sustenance would grow only arithmetically, thereby, like Ricardo, condemning humankind to a poor, tenuous life.

Yes, those theories were dismal. Thankfully, though, they were utterly demolished by subsequent events. In country after country, populations and standards of living have multiplied since the days of Ricardo and Malthus. The classical economists failed to foresee such future phenomena as widespread middle-class affluence and people being defined as "poor" despite having cars, air conditioners, and cell phones (not to mention indoor plumbing, a reliable supply of clean water, and other conveniences that most people lacked in 1800).

Let's not be too harsh in judging Ricardo and Malthus for their lack of foresight. Who, in 1800, could have foreseen the marvelous growth of productivity and wealth that would transform the world over the next two centuries? To do so would have been to envision a state of affairs without precedent, entirely outside their scope of experience.

What was "dismal" to Carlyle was not economic science, but economic error. Would it be fair to dub aeronautics a "dismal science" on the basis of the many failed attempts at manned flight in the pre-Wright brothers era?

The fact is that "economics," as a distinct science, was still in its embryonic stage when Carlyle wrote. Economics had not emerged as a distinct field of study, and there were no "economists." Adam Smith was a professor of moral philosophy. Ricardo was a businessman, investor, and politician. Malthus was a preacher. The first chair in "political economy" (notice: NOT even "economics" yet) wasn't established until 1825 at Oxford University.

The classical economists contributed greatly to our understanding of markets, the coordinating function of prices (the "invisible hand"), the division of labor, the need for freedom, and a very light hand for government—but they still hadn't discovered the foundational principles of economics. They were still in the thrall of such persistent errors as "the labor theory of value."

"Economics" as a modern science wasn't "born" until the 1870s, when the neoclassical school emerged as a result of finally figuring out what "value" was. There is no "economic science" without understanding value any more than you can have chemical science without understanding valences or valid arithmetic without zero.

Since Carl Menger's brilliant discovery and articulation of the "subjective theory of value" in 1871, economic science has flourished, culminating logically in Ludwig von Mises' general theory of human action, called praxeology. Mises used the science of economics/praxeology to prove a priori that socialism literally could not be viable, and that if the goal of a wealthy society is one's goal, then private property, limited government, and free markets are the means to achieve that goal. In the decades since Mises explained how the world works, history has confirmed the validity of his theories.

Mises' economic science has unlocked the secrets of wealth creation. We know which policies work and which are counterproductive. We now have the economic knowledge to unlock humankind's potential for eliminating chronic poverty and coexisting and collaborating in a world characterized by peace and abundance.

Why, then, is there so much "dismal" news on the economic front today? Because political agendas and powerful special interests trample economic principles for their own selfish purposes, thereby thwarting the amazing economic potential that economic science makes available to us.

Since 1995, the Heritage Foundation and Wall Street Journal have published an Index of Economic Freedom, an examination of 10 political conditions that affect wealth creation. More freedom, as measured by this index, correlates significantly with economic growth. The recently released 2012 edition shows that the United States has fallen to the 10th-freest economy in the world. It is no coincidence that our economic growth has stagnated as economic activity has become less free.

This bad news has a silver lining: We know what we need to do to return to prosperity. Economic science will work in our favor—if only we adhere to its inexorable principles and get the oppressive burden of Big Government and failed political ideologies off our backs.

The dismal clouds on today's horizon are a toxic mixture of moral corruption, political power-grabbing, and economic error. Economic truth is the sunlight that illuminates the way to a bright and glorious future. Thank God for this cheerful science.

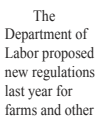
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Government threatens rural way of life

Growing up on a family ranch in the Texas Panhandle meant that my brothers and I were expected to help out as best we could. Our father and grandfather worked long hours six days a week, yet there was never enough time to get everything done. From the time we could sit on a horse, we had to pitch in.

We rode horseback to help move cattle. We helped work cattle—branding in the spring, shipping calves in the fall. We built and repaired fence. We put out feed. We hoed the weeds out of the cotton field, drove the tractor, and had chores we were responsible for at the house. Much of time, I was probably more trouble than help, but with more experience and maturity, I was able to do more. All of that taught me much more than just how to do the job at hand. In the process I learned something about the value of work.

Of course, the Thornberrys are not unique. Many young men and women growing up in rural America work on farms and ranches and other businesses run by family or by neighbors. They learn how to work, and perhaps gain some useful skills, while earning some money. The farm, ranch, or business gets the benefit of their efforts. But that mutual benefit for many is threatened by—you guessed it—the federal government.



issue update

by rep. mac thornberry

The Department of Labor proposed new regulations last year for farms and other rural businesses that could, among other things, prevent a high school freshman from earning extra money on a farm or helping a neighbor work cattle. The Administration stated that the new proposals were issued to protect teenagers from potentially hazardous work on a farm or ranch. It's true that one needs to be alert and cautious around livestock and machinery. But these regulations will do far more harm than good to rural America.

Among other things, the new rule would prohibit those under age 18 from working at certain businesses, such as grain elevators, feedlots, and livestock auctions. Those under age 16 could not operate power-driven equipment. There is a limited exemption for working on a parent's farm or ranch, but not for grand-parents, uncles, neighbors, or others.

The result, of course, will be fewer opportunities for young people, less help for agricultural producers and businesses, and damage to our rural economy. Its consequences will be more than

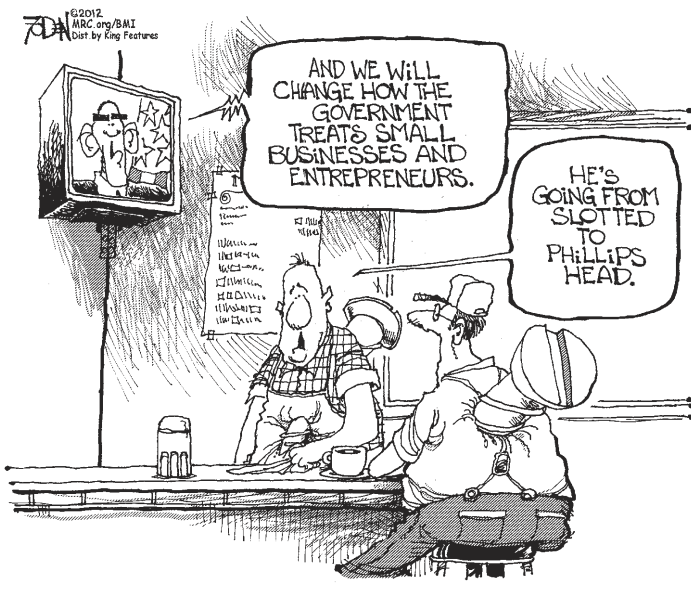
economic, they will be cultural as well. I frequently hear from businesses that move to our area how impressed they are by the work ethic of our people. Fewer opportunities to work mean fewer kids learn how to work.

Of course, I have written to the Department of Labor opposing the regulations. I have cosponsored legislation to stop them. And I will work to prevent any federal funds from being used to enforce them. There are signs recently that the Department of Labor may reconsider some elements. Hopefully, one way or another, this rule will be reversed.

But this effort to extend the federal government's control further into agriculture and rural America is yet another instance of government arrogance—the view that Washington bureaucrats know better than we do about how we should lead our lives. We have seen it in health care, in the work place—even with our shower heads and light bulbs.

It must be stopped. Or the America we have all been privileged to grow up in will be altered forever.

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Can the GOP win the Latino vote?

By Martin Frost

Now that the Florida primary is well behind, it is important to take a longer look at the battle for the Latino vote in the general election. This growing voting bloc could be the deciding factor if the results prove as close as expected.

This is particularly true in five swing states—Florida, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico and Arizona. President Barack Obama carried the first four of these in 2008 and is planning a strong push in Arizona this time.

Responding to the GOP base, the Republican Party and its leading presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, may be unable to embrace comprehensive immigration reform and reject harsh right-wing, anti-immigrant rhetoric. So it's difficult for Romney to make significant headway among this important part of the U.S. electorate. It may well tilt the playing field to Obama—who won two-thirds of the Latino vote in 2008.

I represented a large Latino population in Texas for the 26 years I served in the House. So I understand this important political struggle. Here are several lessons going forward.

First, though Romney captured the Cuban vote in the Florida primary, this doesn't mean the GOP can win Latino votes this fall. Unlike other Latino voters, Cuban-Americans are reliably Republican.

The vast majority of Latinos in other states, however, are not from Cuba. Many are from Mexico, as well as Central America and Puerto Rico. Even in Florida, there is now a significant number of non-Cuban Latinos, who tend to vote Democratic.

Second, assuming Romney is the Republican nominee, he has a lot of ground to make up with Latinos after being pushed far to the right on the

immigration issue during the early primaries and caucuses.

Many Latinos are culturally conservative, patriotic and remarkably entrepreneurial. On paper, this sounds like fertile territory for the GOP. But once Latinos have heard the GOP's strong anti-immigrant rhetoric, they may well stop listening to anything else Republicans have to say.

Look at what's happened so far. Texas Gov. Rick Perry actually said some sensible things about immigration in an early debate. He spoke favorably of the DREAM Act, which permits illegal immigrant children to attend state colleges and pay in-state tuition. He condemned the proposed fence along the U.S.-Mexico border as a terrible idea.

Perry quickly had to backtrack when attacked by Romney and the GOP candidates, as well as influential conservative groups.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, in another early debate, supported the framework of earned legalization—under which illegal immigrants who have lived in the U.S. for a long time, have families and jobs and have stayed out of criminal trouble, could apply for citizenship after going to the end of the line and paying a fine.

As soon as he was attacked by the far right for this sensible proposal, Gingrich had to do backflips to say he did not favor amnesty. He ultimately had to back away from this approach.

Meanwhile, the Republican Legislature in Texas, in a high-profile action, recently refused to create additional Hispanic congressional districts. It did this even though Latino communities accounted for most of the state's population growth in the decade, which gained Texas four new districts. This matter is still in the federal courts, but it is being closely monitored by Hispanic groups, who filed lawsuits challenging the Legis-

lature's plan.

In addition, Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer continues to be a lightning rod for the most xenophobic, anti-immigrant sentiments in the Republican Party.

So despite a good showing among the Cuban community in Florida, the Republican presidential nominee starts in a deep hole with Latino voters nationally.

Can Republicans repair the damage?

Romney, for one, late in the Florida primary took a baby step on the subject of the DREAM Act. He said he would consider a path to citizenship for young Latino illegal immigrants now living in the U.S., who agree to serve in our military. He will probably have to move even further on this issue to win real support.

Romney will have to move off his hard-line position on immigration reform if he is to make a credible pitch to Latino voters. Building a fence and deporting 11 million people through "self-deportation" is not the answer. He may be considering moving toward Gingrich's original position on earned legalization. But any change would need to be much more than baby steps to be credible.

The GOP must continue to showcase high-profile Republican officeholders, like Florida Sen. Marco Rubio and New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez. However, putting people like Rubio on television as a spokesman won't be enough if the party forces them into an ideological straitjacket on immigration reform.

Keep your eye on this important voting bloc. Right now, it's advantage Obama. Martin Frost (D-Texas) served in the House from 1979 to 2005 and was Democratic Caucus chairman and head of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. He is now an attorney with Polsinelli Shughart.

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Robertson resigns as Clarendon Fire Chief

Clarendon Fire Chief Delbert Robertson announced his resignation when the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department held its annual elections January 28.

Robertson has served as Fire Chief for 32 of his 59 years of membership in the department. Robertson told the department that he intends to stay active. The department with great regret accepted his resignation, and Robertson received applause for his service as chief.

Prior to the department's business meeting, firemen enjoyed a steak dinner cooked by the members.

The department then moved forward with elections and nominated and elected Jeremy Powell as the new Fire Chief. Powell was previously the First Assistant Chief. The

department then decided by unanimous decision to move Asst. Chief Kelly Hill and Asst. Chief Fu Benavidez up one position making Kelly Hill the 1st Asst. Chief and Fu Benavidez the 2nd Asst. Chief. This left the 3rd Asst. Chief position vacant and the department nominated and voted Buddy Howard into this position. The positions of chief and assistant chiefs are two-year terms.

Chuck Robertson was nominated and re-elected into the position of Secretary/Treasurer. Jackie Bell was re-elected into the position of Chaplain by a unanimous vote of the department. Delbert Robertson was voted into the position of Asst. Chaplain.

The position of secretary/treasurer and chaplain and assistant

chaplain carries a one year term. In other business, the department submitted a Rescue Grant to the Texas Forest Service for six Self Contained Breathing Apparatuses (SCBA).

The grant available through the Texas Forest Service will pay 90 percent of the cost with the department picking up the remaining 10 percent. The cost of six units will be in the neighborhood of \$30,000.

The department currently has three newer SCBA units with the remaining units being in excess of 20 years old and no longer serviceable. SCBA protects firemen from dangerous fumes, heat, and smoke when entering hazardous locations by allowing the fireman to breathe bottled air through a full face mask.

FCCLA students advance to state

Clarendon High School FCCLA attended the Regional meet in Lubbock February 3 and 4 where eight local students competed and each are advancing to the state competition.

The state contest will be in Dallas this April. Those competing were Competitive Events: Krista Reynolds and Amber Keeling 3rd place in Entrepreneurship; and Leadership Enhancement Opportunities (LEO): Skyler White – Gold, Jerah Luna – Gold, Bryce McCary – Gold, Shaydee Brown – Silver, Audra Thomas – Bronze, and Rhonda Olivas – Bronze.



Statebound

The Clarendon FCCLA members qualified to compete in the state meet in April.

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City utility bill draft date to change in Feb.

By City Secretary Machiel Covey

If you have your City utility bill drafted from your bank account, you may have noticed a change in your February bill.

Beginning this month, the date your bill will be drafted from your account changed from the 3rd to the 7th of the month. This gives our draft customers a full week to review their bill and contact us with any questions or corrections to their utility account.

Having your utility bill drafted is simple and convenient. Drafting saves on the cost of purchasing the bills to print, postage, ink and man hours for the City as well as checks, postage, and time for the customer. Just come by City Hall, and we will assist you with setting up your utility account to be drafted.

The City's Code Compliance Officer has issued several tickets to residents for failure to have rabies vaccinations for their pets. This is a state law and due to the rabies cases we saw this past summer, very necessary. We have not had any new cases and hope that citizens immunize their pets to protect them and to prevent the spread of rabies in our community.

The shot costs a lot less than the ticket, so please make sure your pet is protected.


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Community Calendar

February 10
Broncos v. Memphis • JV at 5 p.m., Varsity to follow JV • in Memphis

February 11
Clean-Up at Odd Fellows Cemetery • 10 a.m.

February 14
Valentine's Day

Broncos v. Quannah • JV at 6 p.m., Varsity at 7:30 p.m. • Bronco Gym

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Menus

February 10 - 17

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: BBQ Brisket, ranch style beans, cornbread, carrot sticks, strawberries, low fat milk/tea.
Tue: Baked chicken breast, baked potato/sour cream, green peas, pineapple tidbits, chocolate pudding, low fat milk/tea.
Wed: Swedish meatballs, parsley noodles, mixed vegetables, whole wheat roll, angel food cake/strawberries, low fat milk/tea.
Thu: Taco Salad & corn chips, seasoned corn, mixed fruit, peach cobbler, low fat milk/tea.
Fri: Turkey Tetrazzini, whole wheat roll, carrots & zucchini, tossed salad, fruit bowl, low fat milk/tea.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Beef taco bake, Spanish rice, cauliflower, tossed salad w/dressing, country apple crisp, and low fat milk.
Tue: BBQ Chicken Filet, baked potato w/sour cream, whole wheat roll w/margarine, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges, low fat milk.
Wed: Creamy Mushroom Steak, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, whole wheat roll w/margarine, emerald pears, low fat milk.
Thu: Sloppy Joe on Bun, country potato salad, carrots & zucchini, creamy fruit square, low fat milk.
Fri: Roast turkey, seasoned broccoli, waldorf salad, cranberry square, low fat milk.

Clarendon ISD

Breakfast
Mon: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk.
Tue: Sausage, biscuit, gravy, fruit, milk.
Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk.
Thu: Egg, toast, fruit, milk.
Fri: Cinnamon roll, juice, milk.
Lunch
Mon: Crispy Chicken Salad, carrot sticks, crackers, fruit, milk.
Tue: Frito pie, pinto beans, salad, fruit, milk.
Wed: Steak fingers, gravy, potatoes, green beans, fruit, roll, milk.
Thu: Corn Dog, black-eyed, peas, fruit, milk.
Fri: Pig-In-A-blanket, California blend, cookie, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD

Mon: Pizza, crunchy broccoli salad, whole kernel corn, salad, apple sauce, juice, milk.
Tue: Sliced turkey subs, baked beans, mandarin oranges, lettuce, tomato, pickle spears, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Steak finger, green beans, mashed potatoes/gravy, salad, fruit, rolls, milk.
Thu: Beef & pasta, spinach, sliced peaches, tossed salad, sliced bread, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Cheeseburger, oven fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, fruit, milk.

Chaparral Sams met in Wellington

The Chaparral Sams Chapter of Good Sams met January 21, 2012 at the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church in Wellington, Texas. Host/hostesses were Dan and Shirley Henard, Jow and Peggy Stewart, and Rudie and Karen Tate.

President Tom Etheredge called the meeting to order. Guests were: Zach Etheredge; Rex and Amy Henard, Raleigh and Anna.

Officers and Chairmen presented reports at the meeting. President Etheredge had handouts, for the area 10 Mini-Rally to be held in Plainview, TX and also for the upcoming state and national sambores. He also presented the 2011 audit summary. The president passed out the revisions for the Standards Operating Procedures adopted at the December meeting.

Members attending were: Ruth Calswell, Lena Cook, Margaret Vines, Bobbie Rhodes, Kenneth and Yvonne Ellis, Tom and Virginia Etheredge, Bill and Ruth Hudson, Edwin and JoAnn Meyer, Cary Don and Pam Neeley, George and Marilee Self and Delbert White.

Howardwick receives .41” moisture, anticipates more

Hey, God smiled and gave us more rain last week, our gauge showed 0.41 but Clarendon reportedly received a little more.

The weather-guessers are saying we may get snow this week with is more in line with February weather. We will take moisture in any form, the more the better.



‘wick picks
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Listen-up, next week is Valentine's Day, the day for lovers.

I have seen a TV commercial selling a life sized Teddy bear and guys, I would think twice before paying that much money for a stuffed toy.

Don't get me wrong, I have received and given stuffed toys for Valentine's Day, and I loved them

but a bear that big takes serious cash and all women I know had much rather have jewelry.

So, if you have that bear ordered, go to her favorite store and buy a shiny necklace, bracelet, earrings or ring in her size and put on that bear, she will really be impressed.

Of course flowers and candy have been the traditional gift, but a card is by far given the most, and I have a drawer full.

At one time a phone call was very special but texting is so common who wants to talk?

Any way you want to express your love is the best way, just keep diamonds and rubies on the list for “one day”.

We have many people in our little community that are sick and we should all remember them in prayer but also a phone call or visit let's them know they have not been forgotten.



POPular effort
How long does it take to pop 100 balloons? Hedley Pre-Kindergarten student, Daze Kostmayer puts it to the test.
PHOTO BY K. LINDSEY

Truth about Refund Anticipation Loans

For all of us who live from paycheck to paycheck or live on fixed incomes, this is the time of year that the Christmas bills are in our mailbox pressing us for payment. Now, we are wondering why we spent so much money and how we will pay the bills. Now comes that evil machine (the TV, setting in our homes) to the rescue, riding a white horse, offering us fast refunds. Hooray, we can get our IRS refund early. No wait it's a black horse in disguise. It's not a scam. It's legal. But remember, if it sounds too good to be true, check it out.

Tax preparers often offer Refund Anticipation Loans to allow you to immediately receive your tax refund. However, RALs are not an actual refund from the IRS but are a short-term loan from the company. According to the Consumer

Federation of America, the interest rate and administration fees on RALs can range from 40 percent to over 700 percent of your refund. In 2009, Americans spent \$664 million on RALs and other fees for money that would arrive in two weeks.



bob's whittin'
by bob watson

“Refund Anticipation Loans may do more harm than good and just aren't worth the instant access they provide,” said Norman Wright, president and CEO of your BBB. “That's a tremendous amount of money to spend to borrow your own money for two weeks.”

The RAL is an estimation

made by the tax preparer of your refund amount, not a statement from the government. As a result, your refund could actually be less than the amount of your loan. This means you may end up owing the tax preparer more money than you received in your refund.

Some people believe they can't wait the two weeks for their refund because of debts and bills that need to be paid. A better option than taking a RAL is to work with debt collectors and let them know a refund is on the way. Losing a portion of the money to a loan only puts you further behind.

To avoid RALs, consider filing your taxes electronically and requesting to have your money direct deposited. This is a much easier process to do on your own now with tax return software. Visit irs.gov/efile

for information on how to file your taxes electronically. While this entire process usually takes 10-14 days, you will receive 100 percent of your money and not have another loan to pay off as you would with a RAL.

The IRS is working to combat RALs. In 2011, they stopped providing tax preparers with a debt indicator notification which was used by tax preparers to decide which customers to offer a RAL. This move has significantly reduced the amount of RALs given out, but will not completely eliminate them.

For additional information you can trust or to find a trustworthy tax preparer, start with bbb.org.

Quickest Way to Your Real Refund? The quickest way to get your true IRS refund is to file your taxes electronically and request to have your money direct deposited.

the lion's tale

by roger estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its usual Tuesday noon meeting February 7 with Boss Lion Pro Tem Russell Estlack wielding the gavel.

We had 20 members and no guests this week.

A former local member, Lion Gene Alderson, was reported to be in poor health, and the club was asked to keep him in our prayers.

Lion Monty Hysinger reported that the girls' basketball team won the district championship and that the boys' team is looking for the district title. He also said that school board members had been recognized for their service. Lion Phil Shirley said the Bulldogs are moving up to Division 1 in basketball next year and gave an enrollment report for the spring semester.

Lion John Taylor presented our program and discussed the new STARR mandatory examinations facing school kids. The test is more rigorous and more in-depth, but he said that Clarendon ISD is getting kids ready to do well on the test.

There being no further business we were adjourned.

Upcoming programs for the next three weeks will be brought by Lions Steve Hall, Russell Estlack, and Don Smith.

Spanish Club taking orders for flowers

The Clarendon High School Spanish Club is selling carnations and roses for Valentine's Day.

Sales will end at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, February 13, and no orders will be accepted after that time. These flowers will be delivered only on the school campuses.

Your child may purchase a flower for a community person and deliver it himself after school. Forms are available in your child's classroom.

Carnations will be \$3 each, and roses will be \$6 each.

TDA seeks partnerships to feed Texas children

AUSTIN — As part of an ongoing effort to promote nutrition and fight childhood food insecurity, the Texas Department of Agriculture is seeking partner organizations to raise awareness of the federally funded Summer Nutrition Programs. The programs help feed a growing number of children who do not have access to nutritious meals when schools close for summer. According to Feeding America, more than 17 percent of Texas households are considered food insecure—a rate that is higher than the national average.

The Summer Nutrition Programs are offered statewide in areas where more than 50 percent of children are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals under the National School Lunch Program. All meal sites must be sponsored by an organization that is contracted

with TDA. Eligible sponsoring organizations include schools, churches, nonprofit residential summer camps such as Boys and Girls Clubs, government agencies and tax-exempt organizations. Meal sites provide free summer meals to children 18 and under.

TDA encourages interested organizations to seek community partnerships to provide this much-needed service. Approved sponsors will be reimbursed for meals served to children. All new and renewing sponsors are required to take training courses offered in several cities before participating in these programs. The deadline to apply for participation in the Summer Nutrition Programs is April 15, 2012.

For more information, visit www.summerfood.org or call (877) TEX-MEAL, (877) 839-6325.



A tip of the hat

While celebrating the 100th day of school, second graders all wore hats with 100 items. The second graders spent the day measuring, graphing, and comparing things related to 100. They are pictured here with their teacher, Diane Conatser.

PHOTO BY K. LINDSEY

Some newspaper traits unchanged since 1911

By Jo Shaller

I think it is about time to describe and discuss the newspaper and editor that are yielding this look backwards into our country's history.

Allen M. Beville, Sr. (1862-1931) was an early point in this area as evidenced by the newspapers he edited. Beville bought *The Agitator*, a "prohibitionist 5-column folio started by Jonathan R. Henson in 1899, and changed the name to *The Clarendon News*." Beville added advocating for a school of higher education to its platform. This *Clarendon News* "was absorbed by the Banner-Stockman on July 22, 1904. In 1909 he is named as the editor of the Clarendon Traveler, and in 1910 he bobs up as editor of our Clarendon Times. Frankly I don't understand all of this name changing unless it somehow involved debt dodging.

A.M. Beville's son, Harwood, appears to be also working at the newspaper as a reporter and substitute for his father on occasion. In the August 26, 1911 edition, we read that "Harwood Beville left yesterday morning for Wichita Falls to attend the Northwest Texas Press

Association. The editor of the news was honored with a place on the program on the subject of 'What is a Square Deal as to Public Men and Public Questions'. We [Editor Beville] could neither mend our pants or pay railroad fare with watermelons, hence could not give them the benefit of our wisdom and whatever the great aggregation of public opinion molders get from this 'rag of freedom' they will have to take from the junior[Beville]." When you consider the subject he was asked to speak on, I understand why dad sent junior. Harwood was a 24 year old recent graduate of Clarendon College in 1911 and a member of the Debate Team.

You know how you can figure out personal stuff about the editor by closely observing what is written and shown in the newspaper, like if he has incredibly photogenic children; well, Mr. Beville was Methodist and related to half of Clarendon according to what was written between the lines. Among his relatives at this time was teen-agers Charlie Mae Taylor who many years later would become the mother of Ruth Patman Robinson.

Mr. Beville had several sidelines, along with bartering for watermelons, to increase his finances. He advertised in his paper as being a Fire, Life and Accident Insurance Agent, a Land and Collecting Agent, and a Notary Public. Notarizing must have been a big business. He stated "I have had special deeds and other notary supplies printed for my own use that I may serve my customers with the least possible delay of time. Therefore rush orders receive quick attention." Also in issues that were light on news articles, either local or from other newspapers, Notary/Editor Beville would run as many as 100 one sentence notifications of his notorious notarizing capabilities. Between every "Aunt Bessie visited of Uncle Henry died", an ad for notarizing popped up.

In the August 26th issue, he ran this little ditty: "To save an editor from starvation, pay his bill promptly. To save an editor from despair, send him every item of the news you have. To save an editor from bankruptcy, advertise in his paper liberally. To save an editor from profanity, write your news plainly on one side of the sheet and

send it in early. To save an editor from mistakes, bury him. Dead people are the only ones that never make mistakes."

Some things don't change in a hundred year, do they?

Beville confessed in the April 1st edition about a slip-up.

"Even a mistake sometimes does a good service. When a newspaper makes a mistake nearly everybody sees and comments about it.

Last week the News said district court would convene March 17th, when March 17th was not Monday but Friday, but nevertheless men who were on the jury for the second and third weeks at once begun to phone to the sheriff and you could not in a month of Sundays convince the sheriff that people do not read the local paper.

Now, Mr. Merchant, if your "ad" had been in the same space as the notice of the District Court with its mistake you might still be busy selling goods which you had specially advertised. Try again.

Anyway district court does not convene until Monday, April 17th. Remember the date and if interested be on hand."

What made this article doubly interesting to me was the fact that my great grandfather, Carlisle Risley, had been named in a previous article as a member of one of the petit Jurors. I recognize many surnames of people still living in Clarendon among the 135 members of the Grand and various Petit Juries.

Reading through these papers I recognized an unusual amount of padding and space filling. In a July issue Beville writes that "in the summer months, advertisers but we include reading of local interest." Those space fillers included almost a page worth of a weekly Sunday Scholl lesson and a full page of melodramatic novel, *The Lash of Circumstances* by Harry Irving Greene. Please consider that we are talking about pre radio, television, internet's instant news 1911, and I am sure people eagerly appreciated any extra reading material whether education or entertaining. Surely we aren't too jaded here 101 years later to enjoy a good newspaper articles, are we? Let's all try "to save" our editor however we can by buying space and getting those articles in on time.

Seliger hailed as 'Fighter for Free Enterprise'

AUSTIN – State Senator Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo) was honored last week by the Texas Association of Business (TAB) as a "Fighter for Free Enterprise," one of the highest accolades presented by TAB.

This award is presented to those members of the 82nd Legislature whose voting records reflect their strong commitment to maintaining Texas' robust business climate.

"As a small businessman, recognition from an organization that represents the interests of so many businesses across Texas is particularly important and meaningful. A strong business environment is the

foundation for strong employment and a strong economy," said Seliger. Founded in 1922, the Texas Association of Business is a broad-based, bipartisan organization representing more than 3,000 small and large Texas employers and 200 local chambers of commerce.

Their 2011 "For the Record" scored lawmakers by examining their votes on the most critical bills that TAB supported or opposed during the Regular and First Called Sessions of the 82nd Legislature.

"By voting for the interests of Texas' business, Senator Seliger also supported all of the taxpayers

of Texas," said Bill Hammond, TAB President & CEO.

"Without a strong business climate, Texas will not have new jobs, the economy will stagnate, and the collection of tax dollars for state and local governments and schools will fall dramatically. Senator Seliger understands that, and took the steps needed to ensure Texas' business climate stays healthy through this biennium."

"This award symbolizes not only fighting for free enterprise, but also advocating for more and better jobs and an economy that will support our aspirations for the future.

"In a growing state, education, transportation and health care will create significant demands on our economy, and vitality in the private sector is how we will meet those challenges," Senator Seliger concluded.

Seliger represents District 31 in the Texas Senate, spanning 26 counties from the Panhandle to the Permian Basin. Seliger currently serves as Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Redistricting, as well as actively serving on the Education, Finance, International Relations and Trade, and Natural Resources Committees.

Clarendon school trustees extend superintendent's contract

The Clarendon ISD Board of Trustees extended the contract of Superintendent Monty Hysinger through the 2016-2017 school year during its regular meeting January 26.

The board met in closed session for just over an hour to review the superintendent evaluation, and a summative conference was held with Hysinger. Following the closed session, the board voted unanimously

to approve Hysinger's salary and benefit package and to extend his contract.

In other business, the board acknowledged the 2011-2014 technology plan as presented and accepted the quarterly financial report. The board also acknowledged the Campus Improvement Plans and the District Improvement Plan.

Trustees voted to adopt a resolution to honor Roger Estlack, editor

of THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE, on the TASB Media Honor Roll.

The board considered and approved the 2012-2013 School Year calendar as presented.

Administrative reports were given by principals Mike Word, John Taylor, and Larry Jeffers; counselor Ken Baxter; and Superintendent Hysinger.

Prior to the trustees' regular meeting, the board met in called ses-

sion in the Family & Consumer Science classroom where teacher Missy Reynolds and students in her FACS class served the board members and administrative personnel a meal in honor of Board Appreciation Month.

At that time, Superintendent Hysinger also presented certificates to board members in acknowledgement of their years of service, and the campuses expressed their appreciation in numerous ways.

Flowering trees available from SWCD

Nothing shouts "Spring is here" more than the purple pink flowers that appear all over the Redbud tree in early spring.

The Redbud should be grown in full sun or partial shade on moist, well-drained soil. It is highly drought tolerant once established and is a popular ornamental tree, which can be found in many gardens and streetscapes.

Crape Myrtle trees come in a variety of colors and sizes. Plant near power lines or row your driveway with these flowering crape myrtles that carry blooms throughout

the spring and summer. They are a beautiful addition to your lawn, and easy to grow.

The Siren Red Crape Myrtle is extremely unique as it is one of the brightest red flowers you can find and the blooms last up to six months! It's the new trend in landscaping since you don't normally find bright red blooms on trees.

For more information on these and many other trees please contact the Donley County Soil & Water Conservation District at 806-874-3561, extension 3. The office is located at 321 Sully, Clarendon.

Peanut election results announced

LUBBOCK – The Texas Peanut Producers Board elected or re-elected four board directors during elections held in January. Each person elected will serve a six year term, or until the year 2018.

Scott Nolen of Seminole was elected to serve his first term on the board in Voting Region One, which consists of West Texas and the Western Panhandle.

In Voting Region Two, which includes of the Eastern Panhandle and Rolling Plains, Clint White of Vernon was re-elected to his seat and Pat White of Wellington was elected for his first term. Grayson Wilmeth

of Dilley was elected to serve his first term on the board for Voting Region Four, the southern peanut-producing area.

The four board members will be sworn in during TPPB's spring board meeting in Lubbock by Lance Williams, Texas Department of Agriculture.

News releases and legal notices on the election were sent to all major newspapers in the state where elections occurred. The voting period was from January 9, 2012 to January 23, 2012.

The next election will be in 2014 with four seats up for election.

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Drugs in the News
Reducing Lung Damage from Smoking
 According to a study at Johns Hopkins, the prescription drug losartan reduced almost all types of lung damage caused from cigarette smoke. The study showed improvement in all measured parameters of lung damage in test animals that received losartan, one of the popular blood pressure medications. The Journal of Clinical Investigation considers the study to be a breakthrough, because it is the first to show that a drug can reduce the most severe ramifications of cigarette smoke. The discovery has set a human trial in motion that will test losartan in smoking-related chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute reported that COPD is the third leading cause of death in the U.S.
 Losartan is already approved for use in high blood pressure, therefore adding the drug to COPD treatment plans could be initiated quickly. Researchers at Johns Hopkins are excited about the discovery, but do acknowledge that cigarette smoke exposure in humans could be more complicated and harder to manage than what has been demonstrated in laboratory test animals.
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SCHOOL LIFE

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Seventh grade Colts named District Champs

The Colts participated in the District Tournament last weekend and the seventh grade Colts brought home a District Championship by defeating Memphis and Wheeler in the five-team tournament held in Wellington on Thursday and Saturday.

After receiving a bye in the first round the Colts totally dominated Memphis in the second round destroying them 50-28.

A huge first quarter set the tone for the Colts as they had a 17-0 start. They were able to build on that lead and never let the Whirlwinds in the game. Riley Shadle and Chance Lockhart led the way with 12 and 11 points respectively.

Also scoring: Taylor Knorpp 8, Keandre Cortez 7, Seth Greer 6, Clay Koetting 5, and Marshal Johnson 2.

The win put the Colts in the Championship game with Wheeler and they were able to cruise to a 36-10 win. Outstanding defense allowed the Colts to get in a rhythm offensively and take a commanding lead to earn the title of District Champions.

Lockhart and Shadle combined to hit four three-pointers and accounted for 18 points. Knorpp worked hard inside and put up nine. Cortez added five and Koetting and Greer helped with two points each. Coach Steve Reynolds had nothing but praise for both Colt teams.

"I'm very proud of the effort both teams had during the year," he said. "The 7th grade team was very successful. They proved they were definitely the best team in district by their play in the tournament. This team will be fun to watch over the



Champs!

The Clarendon 7th Grade Colt won the district championship this weekend which was held in Wellington. The seventh grade team was undefeated in district play and only lost one non-district game all season. Team members are (front) Nick Shadle, Clay Koetting, Keandre Cortez, Clint Franks, Luke Womack, (back) Seth Greer, Riley Shadle, Marshal Johnson, Chance Lockhart, Taylor Knorpp, and Jack Moore. The team is coached by Steve Reynolds.

PHOTO BY CHERYL JOHNSON

next few years. I want to thank the kids for their time and effort."

The eighth grade Colts played hard winning one of three games. They took on Quannah in the first round and defeated them 31-28. The Colts pressed hard on the Indians' offense through the first three quarters of play and held them to only 12 points. Quannah got stronger offensively in the final period, but could not overtake the Colts.

Bryce Hatley stormed through their defense and posted 11 points and Chesson Sims added seven. Junior Ceniceros had five and Johnathon Taylor finished with four. Ray Jaramillo and Justus Burton each had two points.

The Colts took on Wheeler in the second round and were defeated 23-38. Despite aggressive play, the Colts could not gain any ground against Wheeler.

Hatley was on fire from the three-point line nailing three three-pointers and posting 14 points. Ceniceros had five and Burton and Taylor each had two.

The Colts finished with Memphis in the final round and lost 17-45. They could not get anything going offensively and struggled defensively in the game.

"The eighth grade played well in the tournament but came up short," Reynolds said. "They were competitive each game and improved their individual skills throughout the year. I look forward to watching them as they move onto junior varsity next year."

Scoring: Ceniceros 6, Taylor 6, Hatley 3, and Sims 2.

In their last regular season game, the Colts hosted Wheeler at home and the seventh grade won 34-22 and the eighth grade lost 28-

32.

The seventh grade Colts jumped to the early advantage against Wheeler and held a 20-point lead going into the fourth quarter. Wheeler was able to work back into the game somewhat, but ran out of time.

Lockhart and Cortez finished in double figures with 11 and 10 points. Knorpp ended with nine and Shadle helped with four.

The eighth grade Colts played Wheeler tough in the first quarter, but fell back before the break. A slow shooting third period plagued the Colts as they struggled offensively only putting in four points. Wheeler was able to take advantage of the Colts' trouble and increase their lead. Hatley led the Colts with 13 points.

Also scoring: Taylor 6, Ceniceros 5, and Caleb Cobb 4.

Eighth grade Lady Colts finish third in District

The eighth grade Lady Colts placed third in the District Tournament held in the Bronco Gym with a big win over Memphis at 30-20. Clarendon jumped all over the Lady Cyclones and led by 11 points at the break.

They continued to dominate Memphis by working together to earn the win and the third place finish. Damara Brown led the ladies with nine points and Tessa Buckhaults helped with seven.

Also scoring: Abby Durham 7, Kendra Davis 5, and Sterling King 2.

The ladies played Wheeler to open the tournament and were defeated 8-26. The Lady Colts stayed with Wheeler in the first half, but fell behind after the break as Wheeler began to execute their offense. King finished with four and Brooke Smith and Davis each had two.

The ladies faced off against Quannah in the second round of play and lost 11-24. They could not find a rhythm in the game and allowed the Lady Indians a head start on the scoreboard. Brown played hard inside and put up 12 points to lead the Lady Colts.

Also scoring: King 4, Davis 4, Durham 2, and Christlyn Durham 2.

The seventh grade Lady Colts opened the tournament with Memphis who was the eventual District Champions and lost 10-36. They Lady Colts struggled on the offensive end of the court against the Lady Whirlwinds and could not get anything going. Hannah Howard led with four and MaRea Hall, Zaryia Smith, and Berkeley Alexander

helped with two points each.

They took on Quannah in the second round and won 27-14. The ladies regrouped after the early loss to Memphis and executed their offense and dominating the Lady Indians to get the win. Jensen Hatley made good on 13 points to lead her team in double figures.

Scoring: Hatley 13, Howard 8, Hall 2, Smith 2, and Alexander 2.

The seventh grade finished the tournament against Wheeler. The ladies played hard giving it their all, but suffered a 7-35 loss. Offensively, the ladies struggled throughout and could not make anything happen. Wheeler was able to find the momentum and get the big win.

Scoring: Howard 5, Hall 2.

"This has been a great year for both teams," coach Shanna Shelton said. "The ladies worked hard the entire season and we feel like we made great progress. We are still learning, but have really improved since the beginning. I am proud of the way the girls never quit and am looking forward to what next year has in store for them."

Earlier in the week, the ladies played Wheeler on the road and the seventh grade lost 11-40 and the eighth grade were defeated 18-27. Both teams struggled offensively, but came on strong in the final period of play.

7th grade scoring: Hatley 9 and Hall 2.

8th grade scoring: Shelby Baxter 4, King 3, Karlee Adams 3, Alysse Simpson 2, Davis 2, Brown 2, and C. Durham 2.

Broncos unstoppable as district play nears end

By Sandy Anderberg

Two more district wins and the Broncos will be named District Champions yet again. They will travel to Memphis February 10 and take on Quannah at home February 14. Last week, the Broncos earned huge wins against Wheeler at home and Wellington on the road.

The Broncos battled with a win in mind against Wellington game and pulled out a big 52-39 win. The Broncos' first half offense was the deal-breaker for the Rockets as they executed well and built a sizeable lead going into the break.

Wellington was able to hang with the Broncos in the final half of play, but could never stop them defensively. Adam Topper was a workhorse inside for 18 points and the Broncos did a good job of feeding him the ball. It was a great team effort with all players contributing to the win.

"We did a good job of controlling the boards and moving the basketball," coach Brandt Lockhart said. "I was proud of our effort on defense."

Scoring: Topper 18, Cody Wood 9, Trajen Johnson 8, Wes Williams 6, Tyler Burch 6, Cole Ward 4, and Chance McAnear 1.

Earlier in the week, the Broncos slammed Wheeler at home 59-31. The Broncos used great offense and hustle defense to go up by 10 at the break and continued their dominance on the scoreboard while holding the Mustangs to only six points the entire second half of play. Topper and worked hard inside to post 20 points for the game and Johnson mirrored Topper's effort with 16. Ward also ended the game in double figures with 10.

"We did a good job of rebounding and shot good from the free throw line," Lockhart said. "We played good team defense in the second half and were able to wear them down."

Scoring: Topper 20, Johnson 16, Ward 10, Williams 6, Wood 2, and Jonah Sell 1.

The Broncos will go to Memphis Friday, February 10, and finish regular season play at home Tuesday, February 14, at 7:30 p.m.



Hedley's Kassidy Burton tries for a bucket against the girls from Shamrock recently.

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Bronco JV slams Wheeler, beats Wellington 34-32

Perseverance was the name of the game in the Bronco JV's last minute win over Wellington on the road Friday night. With just minutes left in the game, Cedrick McCampbell hit an enormous three-pointer to tie the score at 32 all and Charles Mason came charging back to hit a crucial two-pointer to take the lead for good. The Broncos pulled it out 34-32.

The game was nearly even in the first half of play, but the Rockets took a five-point lead with only one quarter remaining. That lead proved to be nothing for the Broncos as they stormed back in the fourth to outscore their opponent by seven points. McCampbell and Johnathon Cartwright teamed up to put down five three-point shots between them to lead their team to the win. They also finished in double figures with 10 each. But the team was on target and worked well together to defeat the Rockets.

"Another come from behind finish for the boys in a tough place to win...Wellington," coach Alton Gaines said. "It was a toe to toe fight to the very end, neither team

was giving ground. But in the end our guys made the plays down the stretch for the victory. I am very proud of them."

Scoring: McCampbell 10, Cartwright 10, Mason 9, Mitchell Parry 5, and Ashton Smith 2.

On Tuesday, the Broncos made it look easy at home against Wheeler as they defeated them 53-13. The Mustangs never contested the Broncos and could not stop their offense. Several Broncos contributed to the win with points and hustle and Austin Lowry stepped up in the last of the game and hit four good points and gave a lot of hustle on defense and Brandon Miller connected for eight points. Parry and Mason finished in double figures.

"The guys got another district win," Gaines said. "They played really well offensively and as a team and kept a lot of pressure on Wheeler defensively. That turned into turnovers for them and points for us. Good job Broncos."

Scoring: Parry 14, Mason 12, Cartwright 9, Miller 8 Lowry 4, Montana Hysinger 2, McCampbell 2, and Smith 2.



Hedley's Kati Adams goes up for two against the girls from Shamrock recently.

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Lady Bronco JV rules the District

There is no better time to be a Lady Bronco and following in their upper classmen's footsteps, the Lady Bronco junior varsity grabbed a District Championship this season as well by defeating Wellington twice this season with the latter coming on the road at 33-20. This team of ladies not only had a great District season going undefeated, but an outstanding overall season with only one one-point loss on the their record.

Taylor Gaines led the Lady Broncos in the Wellington game as she put double figures on the board with 10 points. Several ladies contributed to the win as they have done all season. Clarendon stayed even with the Lady Rockets in the first quarter of play, but jumped on them hard before the break, taking a 12-point lead. The Lady Bron-

cos kept up their dominance in the second half and held off any comeback attempt the Lady Rockets tried.

"It was a hard-fought game," coach Kasey Bell said. "Free throws kept us in it. The girls showed a lot of composure handling the pressure and pulled out a big win."

"It really is a great time to be a Lady Bronco," Bell said. "What an outstanding season these young ladies have had. Defensively this team has held their opponents to under 16 points per game and averaged 42 point seach game. We achieved our goal of a District Championship and I am very proud of them."

Scoring: Gaines 10, Camra Smith 8, Phara Berry 5, Elizabeth O'Rear 4, Maci White 4, and Savannah Topper 2.

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Lady Broncos win district, defeat Wellington 42-34

Eight District games plus eight wins equals a District Championship for the Clarendon Lady Broncos.

The ladies sealed the deal Friday night in an unfriendly environment as they clobbered the Wellington Lady Rockets for the second time this season 42-34 in front of a packed house.

Count back 11 years and you will find the most recent District championship until now. Coach Molly Weatherred knew the Lady Broncos had to be patient and the wins would come with time and they did just that.

They are headed to post-season play with the same aggressiveness and determination that put them at 21-4.

In a game that was nip and tuck for most of the way, the Lady Broncos shined deep into the fourth quarter when they hit 12 of 15 shots from the free throw line. Anna Cenicerros shot 9 of 10 for 90 percent on the night, which added to her 11 points for the game. Point guard Deborah Howard turned a cold night at the beginning of the game into a hot ending at the charity stripe hitting all five of her attempts after missing four in the early minutes of the game.

But it was the teamwork and determined defense that sparked the Lady Broncos. Feeding McKayla Cartwright in her post position proved productive for the ladies as she finished with 11 points from the inside.

"I was very proud of the girls Friday," Weatherred said. "I thought they played extremely hard. Offensively, we struggled, but we were able to get stops on the defensive end. I thought the girls handled every situation that came at them."

The Lady Broncos let their momentum slip late in the game and Wellington took advantage of that.

Scoring: Cartwright 11, Cenicerros 11, D. Howard 9, Jentry Shadle 5, Ryann Starnes 4, and Trevela Dronzek 2.

Last Tuesday, the ladies took on Wheeler at home and easily defeated them 55-26. After a close first quarter, the Lady Broncos changed gears and went on a scoring frenzy to put the game out of touch for the Lady Stangs. Cartwright and Marqueda Gaines finished with 12 each and Dronzek added 10 for double figures on the board.

Also scoring: Shadle 9, Lydia Howard 7, Cenicerros 2, Starnes 2, and D. Howard 1.

The ladies will receive a bye in the first round because of their District championship and continue their season in the second round of the playoffs with a time and team to be announced.



On top
The Clarendon High School junior Adam Topper, a member of the Bronco basketball team, was named to the Amarillo Globe-News Athlete of the Week Honor Roll on January 31.

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Obituaries

White

Betty Nell Patterson White, 82, died Wednesday, February 1, 2012, in Amarillo.

Services were held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 4, 2011, at the Church of Christ in Clarendon with Tom Harguess and Bright Newhouse, officiating. Burial followed at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon. Services were under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Betty was born February 8, 1929, in Dodson to Fred and Lucy Mae Greenfield Patterson. She was a graduate of Dodson Schools. Betty married Perry Elvis White on June 19, 1949, in Collingsworth County. She was an Insurance Agent owning White's Insurance Agency in Wellington for a number of years and also served Collingsworth County in the 1950's as County Clerk. She loved to sew, cook, and spend time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Betty was a faithful member of the Clarendon Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 62 years, Perry Elvis White, on November 15, 2011; her great-granddaughter, Kaylee; two brothers, Fred Lee Patterson and Harry Lowell Patterson; and nephew, Eddie Gerald Patterson.

She is survived by her son, Ricky White and wife Nanette, of Wellington; daughter, Tammy White, of Clarendon; sister-in-law, Ruby Patterson, of Wellington; five grandchildren, Devin White and wife



Amber, of Amarillo, Jordan White of Amarillo, Jeff Needham and wife Joanie, of Wellington, Jacob Needham and wife Julie, of Erik, OK, and Jonathan Needham and wife Stephanie, of Wellington; seven great-grandchildren, Wesley, Chloe, Preston, Jalie, Jaci, Logan, and Anna; nephew, Harry Glen Patterson, of Amarillo; numerous cousins, Eunice Stockton of Dallas, Vaughn, Edith, and O.V. Patterson all of Batesville, AR; and her very special dog Phoebe.

The family request memorials be to the Donley County Senior Citizens, Clarendon, Texas 79226.

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Montgomery

Services for Mr. Donald "Jack" Montgomery, 75, of Memphis, were held at 10 a.m. Friday, February 3, 2012, at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Bruce Howard, officiating and Rev. Chris Fobbs and Dr. O.K. Bowen, assisting. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Hughs Funeral Home of Memphis.



Jack passed away Tuesday, January 31, 2012, in Memphis.

Jack was born November 13, 1936, in Leslie, to the late Mr. Paul Montgomery and Mrs. Gladys Adams Montgomery. He was a 1955 graduate of Memphis High School. He then went on to attend Trinity University in San Antonio, and also attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Jack was a farmer in the Hall County area from 1959 to 2007.

He served on various boards such as Brice-Leslie Water District Board, Leslie Co-op Gin Board, ASCS Farm Service Board in the 1960's and the Memphis City Council. He was also a member of the First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Jerry Lon Montgomery.

He is survived by Janet Montgomery of Memphis; two daughters, Stephanie Stone and husband David of Seminole; Jackie Jenkins and husband Daniel of Turkey; two sons, Mat Montgomery and wife Tanya of Memphis; Mark Montgomery and wife Alicia of White Deer; two brothers, Mike Montgomery and wife Velma and Lacy Montgomery and wife Nancy all of Memphis; 11 grandchildren, Zach Stone, Lee Stone, Sara Stone, Jordan Jenkins, Kristen Jenkins, Jessica Montgomery, Paul Montgomery, Brandon Montgomery, Braden Montgomery, Brady Montgomery and Brooklyn Montgomery.

The family suggest memorials be made to Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

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Banister

Basil Bascom Banister of McKinney died February 2, 2012.

He was born in Collinsworth County Texas on July 22, 1937. He went to college at Clarendon College and then Texas Tech University. He retired from ARCO and ran his own business in McKinney, -BBB- Fertilizer Company.

He was preceded in death by his parents Hollis Martin Banister and Mary Ellen Craig Banister of Lelia Lake, Texas, his daughter Holly Gwynn Banister and his younger brother Kelsey Gale Banister of

Amarillo.

He is survived by his daughter Laina DeLynn Banister Mayo and son-in-law Dr. Kip Mayo of New Braunfels, and their children Kaden Elijah Mayo, Kyler Samuel Mayo, and Kaybri Ellen Mayo who will greatly miss their "Poppa BB". He is also survived by the mother of his children Kathleen Gartung Banister and his sisters Sue Leeper of Clarendon and Patricia "Patti" Johnston of Canon City, Colorado. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews and their children from all over the state of Texas.

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1:56 p.m. - EMS Assist - 900 BLK E Martindale.
2:33 p.m. - EMS Assist - McLean Nursing Home.
3:42 p.m. - See complainant at Sheriff's Office.

January 31, 2012

8:06 a.m. - Fender Bender at outpost.
8:37 a.m. - EMS Assist - McLean Nursing Home.
11:20 a.m. - EMS Assist- 1100 BLK W 5th.

February 1, 2012

1:32 a.m. - Units paged - Over vehicle rollover- 1000 BLK W 3rd.
8:41 a.m. - Loose Livestock 287 at Hedley.
11:55 a.m. - EMS Assist - 1100 BLK W 3rd.
4:54 p.m. - EMS Assist - 700 BLK W 3rd.
9:14 p.m. - See complainant 300 BLK W 3rd.

February 2, 2012

3:00 a.m. - EMS Assist 100 BLK W Martindale.
11:13 a.m. - See complainant at Sheriff's Office.
1:34 p.m. - Loose livestock HWY 70 N by Sandell.
1:35 p.m. - At Courthouse.
5:18 p.m. - EMS Assist - 1500 BLK W 6th.

6:47 p.m. - Civil standby - Montgomery.

February 3, 2012

1:41 a.m. - EMS Assist 500 BLK E 4th.
1:43 a.m. - Report of smoke smell around Giles area.
2:00 a.m. - Have not seen any fire or smelled any smoke.
7:15 a.m. - Report of tire in HWY 2-3miles W of Hedley
9:45 a.m. - See complainant Clarendon Elementary.
9:58 a.m. - Loose livestock FM 2471.
12:23 p.m. - EMS Assist HWY 705.
12:36 p.m. - Report of shoplifter - 700 BLK W 2nd.
4:47 p.m. - Report of alarm 600 BLK Hereford Lane.

February 4, 2012

9:43 a.m. - See complainant 1100 BLK E 3rd.
11:36 a.m. - See another complainant 1100 BLK E 3rd.
12:13 p.m. - Meet Hall Co. Dep. at County line.
12:48 p.m. - Courtesy ride to Gray Co.
10:13 p.m. - EMS Assist 700 BLK E 4th.

February 5, 2012

12:57 a.m. - Courtesy ride to Howardwick.
11:19 a.m. - Report of Shoplifter 700 BLK W 2nd.
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Hill graduates Texas Highway Patrol school

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Texas State Representative Larry Phillips, Chairman of the House Transportation Committee, was the keynote speaker during the graduation ceremony held at the LBJ Library Auditorium on the University of Texas campus.

"I congratulate the fine men and women who are graduating today and becoming Texas Highway Patrol Troopers. You have agreed to protect and defend the people of Texas, and we appreciate your service," he told the graduates.

"Every day of the year, and every minute of the hour there is a Texas State Trooper combating crime and terrorism throughout this great state, and when you leave here today you will be joining them on the frontline of this important battle," said Colonel Steven C. McCraw, Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The troopers began the 18-week training academy in August. Instruction covered more than 100 subjects, including counter-terrorism, traffic and criminal law, arrest and control procedures, accident reconstruction, first aid and Spanish.



DPS Trooper Kelly Hill.

They also received extensive use of force, communication skills, firearms, driving, criminal interdiction, cultural diversity and physical fitness training.

In several weeks, the troopers will move to their new duty stations. They will spend the first six months

in on-the-job training with a senior trooper.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a state trooper can call the toll-free line, 1-866-TXTROOP (898-7667), or visit the DPS Web site at www.join dps.com, for more information.

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Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	30	65°	33°	-
Tues	31	73°	41°	-
Wed	1	67°	31°	-
Thur	2	66°	29°	-
Fri	3	58°	29°	.64"
Sat	4	62°	29°	-
Sun	5	58°	27°	-

Total precipitation this month: .64"

Total precipitation to date: 1.09"

weekend forecast

Fri., Feb. 10
Partly Cloudy
52°/29°

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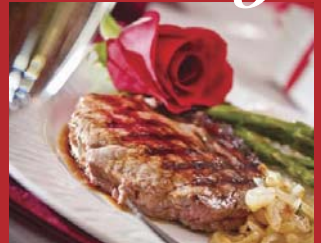
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