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

HISD voters to pick two new trustees

Voters in the Hedley Independent School District Saturday will choose which of six candidates they want to fill two open positions on the Board of Trustees.

Six candidates – none of them incumbents – are vying for the two seats. Those running are Michael Metcalf, Sr.; Dee Smith; Dana Bell; Mark Howard; Donnie Chambliss; Connie Wheatly. The top two vote-earners will take the seats currently held by Lana Ritchie and Bobby Lindsey.

As of press time, only six people had cast ballots in Early Voting, which closed Tuesday.

Polls in the HISD election will be open Saturday, May 12, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Hedley Lions Club.

Republicans to cast early ballots Monday

Early Voting begins Monday, May 14, in the Texas Republican Primary.

Local voters can cast ballots at the Donley County Courthouse Annex for several potential Republican candidates, including those seeking to represent Donley County in the State House of Representatives – Rep. Jim Landtroop, former Rep. Gary Walker, Mac Smith, and Ken King.

Candidates seeking to represent Donley County in the State Senate are Sen. Kel Seliger and Randy Rives, and Congressman Mac Thornberry is being challenged in the primary by Pamela Lea Barlow.

Early Voting will continue through May 25. The Primary Election will be held on May 29.

Chamber social to be held next Friday

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce will hold another Business After Hours Social on Friday, May 18, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Clarendon Post Office.

Lori and Rex Burns will host the event, and all chamber members will be asked to submit two names for nomination to the chamber board.

All members and prospective members are welcome to attend and to network and share ideas.

Citywide garage sale set for June 2

The sign-up period for the seventh annual "Trash To Treasures" garage sale event is underway. Residents who wish to participate are asked to come by the ENTERPRISE before 5 p.m. on Friday, May 25, to sign up. For more information, call 874-2259.

City voters to decide \$700k bond issue

Clarendon voters will head to the polls this Saturday to decide the fate of a \$700,000 bond issue to fund street improvements.

Early voting on the issue closed Tuesday, and only 30 people had cast ballots as of press time.

If approved the measure would authorize the issuance of bonds to fund paving and other improvements on several streets around the city.

City Administrator Lambert Little said the proposed project should make a visible difference in the city streets but be small enough to pay for within seven years without a tax increase.

"Bonds would be paid from property tax receipts," Little said. "The payment on \$700,000 would

be almost the same payment as we have been making on the bonds for the West Side Paving Project a few years ago."

Those bonds were paid off in February.

Little said the project targets Sixth Street from Koogle to Goodnight Streets to give citizens a "straight shot across town without getting on the highway" and also focuses streets near the school and the college, a four-block stretch of Carhart Street, and what he describes as a few problem intersections.

Streets would be left at their current width, and curbing by contractors would be added where none is present. City crews would use the Asphalt Zipper to grind up damaged

pavement and base material; cement or a liquid stabilization material would be added and then compacted, creating a stable base.

"We would likely use contractors to then sealcoat the streets with two passes of tar and gravel," Little said.

The exception would be Sixth St. from the intersection with Parks St. to the low water crossing near City Park, which would be overlaid with 1½ inches of hot-mix asphalt.

"This area is ravaged by storm water draining from the southwest side of town," Little said. "Without substantial rehabilitation, this street will wash away every season."

The project also includes: Third Street from Allen to Bugbee – base

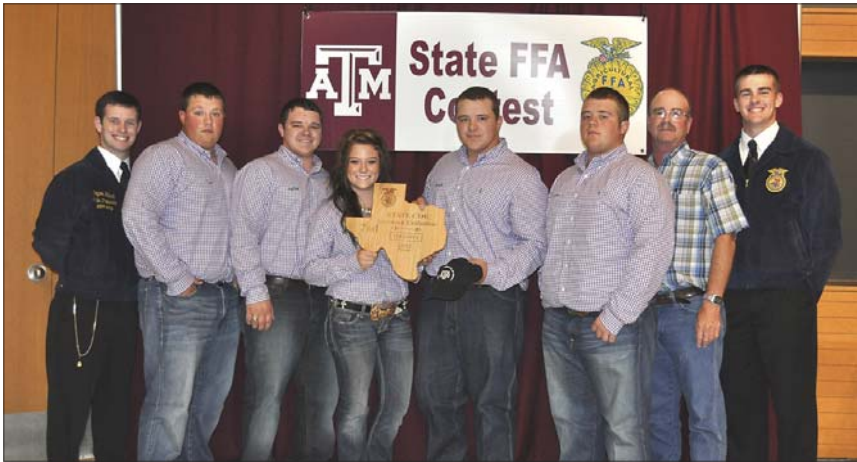
stabilization, curbing, and 2-pass seal coating; Allen Street, from Third to Fifth – base stabilization, curbing, and 2-pass seal coating; Sims Street, from Third to Fourth (west side of Bronco Stadium) – base stabilization, curbing, and 2-pass seal coating; Carhart Street, from Sixth to Hwy. 287 – base stabilization and 2-pass seal coating; and Wood Avenue from Jackson to Faker – base stabilization, curbing, and 2-pass seal coating.

The project also proposes seal coating Clarendon Avenue from Bugbee to its west end (along the south side of the Clarendon College campus) and Regent Ave. from US 287 to Clarendon Ave. (which winds up the middle of the CC campus).

"There have been some concerns about seal coating these streets, which may or may not be property of Clarendon College," Little said. "However, these streets are clearly being used by the public. Hence, rehabilitating them is a legitimate use of public funds."

The Clarendon Economic Development Corporation Board last month approved a motion to contribute \$10,000 to the project this fiscal year contingent on voters approving the bond issue.

Polls in the city bond election will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. this Saturday at the Donley County Courthouse Annex. Check www.ClarendonLive.com for election results.



Local FFA team bound for nationals

The Clarendon High School FFA Livestock Judging Team is destined for the national competition after placing second at the State FFA Livestock Judging contest at Texas A&M University on Saturday, May 5. There were 580 teams that started the Judging season in Texas, and it was narrowed down to 89 teams and 348 individuals for the state contest. The Clarendon FFA qualified for first in Area I and placed second in the state contest. Team members are Jacob Pigg, Jayson Pigg, Tylee Williams and Tres Hommel. Jacob Pigg was fourth high individual, John Pigg was 26th and Jayson was 28th. The team will participate at the National Western Stock Show Judging Contest at Denver in January. Shown here are Peyton Gilbert, State FFA President; Tres Hommel; Jayson Pigg; Tylee Williams; Jacob Pigg; sponsor Don Hillis, and FFA First Vice President Sheldon Franks.

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Hedley names Shelp, Allen as top students

Hedley High School has named its top honor students for the Class of 2012. The Valedictorian is Sierra Shelp, and Joseph Allen is the Salutatorian.

Sierra Shelp has a GPA of 93.8286 and is the daughter of Daron Shelp and Christina Henson.

She competed in various activities such as: cross country, basketball, cheerleading, track, and tennis. She advanced to regionals in cross country three years, named All-District first team her junior year in basketball, advanced to area three years in track, and regionals her freshman year.

Shelp held office as class president all four years, was cheerleading captain, basketball captain, and vice president of NHS her senior year. She plans to attend Clarendon College



Shelp



Allen

and later pursue a career in the medical field. Joseph Allen has a GPA of 92.3548 and is the son of Russell Allen and Tiffany Wilkinson.

He played tennis for four years, ran track for two years, and played basketball for two years. He was also involved in One Act Play

for four years, was a UIL competitor in number sense for one year and science for four years, and was a member of NHS.

Allen held the office of class reporter during his junior year. He was awarded All Star Cast for 2012 while in OAP and was awarded the Math Honor award during his freshman and junior year.

He plans on attending Clarendon College for two years, and later on attending Texas Tech University the remainder of his years where he will major in mathematics.

Two women roll vehicles in separate accidents

Two women were injured last Thursday, May 3, when they rolled their vehicles in separate accidents near Clarendon.

Jaci Hatley McAnear, age 62, was traveling northwest on US 287 near CR 30 last Thursday, May 3, about 4:07 p.m. when she fell asleep and drifted onto the northside of the roadway and struck a delineator, according to an accident report filed by DPS Trooper Joe Cannon.

McAnear then overcorrected and attempted to steer back onto the

highway but lost control and began to slide toward the southside of the roadway where her 2000 Chevy Trailblazer rolled at least one complete time before coming to rest on its wheels facing north.

McAnear was transported by the Claude EMS to Northwest Texas Hospital for treatment.

Friends in Clarendon report that McAnear, who works at the Donley County State Bank, was back home Tuesday, suffering from broken ribs and other non-life

threatening injuries.

In a separate accident the same day, a Clarendon College student was partially ejected from her sport utility vehicle, when it rolled west of Clarendon at about 4:50 p.m.

DPS Trooper Kellan Roberts said Lacie Johnston of Lefors was westbound on FM 2362 and had negotiated the first curve near the Clarendon ISD Ag Barn and was going into the second curve when her 2001 Ford Explorer Sport Track went off the roadway. Roberts said

Johnston came back onto the roadway, overcorrected and began sliding sideways. The vehicle rolled more than once and came to rest on its right side facing south.

Johnston, who is a sophomore at Clarendon College, was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident. She was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital where she was admitted for treatment.

Roberts said speed was a factor in Johnston's accident and that citations are pending.

Amarillo crash kills local lady

By Aziza Musa & Russell Anglin,
Amarillo Globe-News

A 77-year-old Greenbelt Lake woman died in Amarillo Saturday as a result of injuries from a crash on Interstate 40, police said.

Merlene Hooker Scott died after a car struck her SUV, which rolled over at least twice down the embankment and onto the access road, police said.

About 6 p.m., a blue Pontiac G6, driven by 18-year-old Edwin Ortiz, and a maroon car with an unknown driver were racing while westbound on I-40, witnesses told police. Ortiz struck Scott's Chevrolet Suburban on the passenger side, said Traffic Investigations Sgt. Warren Gross.

Scott was driving in the right-most lane when the accident happened, he said.

Scott was knocked off the interstate and landed on the access road near the 1600 block of South Bowie Street, police said.

Anthony Farley, who lives nearby, said he heard tires squealing and a loud bang before he rushed outdoors.

Farley saw the SUV roll down the embankment before coming to rest on its tires, he said. He said he saw Scott hit her head several times on the half-open window.

When the car came to rest, he and other witnesses rushed to her side, Farley, 34, said.

Kelly Barnes, 37, who lives in the same home, said she ran to grab her phone and call 911.

Farley climbed in through the back window while other witnesses pried open the driver's door, he said. They managed to pull Scott out of the SUV, and a nurse administered CPR until emergency responders arrived, he said.

Ambulances dashed Scott to a local hospital, where she died, Gross said. An autopsy is scheduled in Lubbock on Monday, he said.

Field officers later found Ortiz on West 16th Avenue and South Lamar Street after dispatchers called out the car's description, Gross said.

Ortiz, 18, was booked into the Potter County Detention Center Saturday on a second-degree felony charge of racing on highway causing seriously bodily injury and a third-degree felony charge of accident involving death or serious injury, jail officials said Sunday. Edwin Ortiz's

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Paving issue in hands of city voters

It will be interesting to see what comes from city's bond election Saturday. Voters are being asked to approve \$700,000 for street improvements. What is interesting is that no one is actively pushing for the bonds, and there doesn't seem to be a lot of vocal opposition to them either.

The matter has generated no letters to the editor, two comments on the Enterprise's Facebook page, and less than thirty (at this writing) responses to an online poll on ClarendonLive.com. The public's attitude toward the project is somewhat hard to gauge therefore.

The opinion of your humble editor has even vacillated somewhat (which partly explains why this editorial is late in coming and only appears to you lucky digital subscribers). In fact, it wasn't until I went into the Courthouse Annex Tuesday and held my ballot in my hand that I decided which way to go.

What is the reason for all this, what our city administrator might call, "consternation?" Several things come into play.

Firstly, most people with any cerebral activity at all can agree that Clarendon's streets, for the most part, are a horrible mess. That's a given. No one brags about what great streets we have. They are, in fact, an embarrassment for our community – a disgrace for which there is no excuse. Beyond that, there is probably little agreement on what to do about the situation.

If ye editor was put in charge, I'd say let's go borrow \$10 million on a 40-year payout and see how far we can get replacing every substandard water line, sewer line, and street. I'd say do a project that is big... really big... and put the majority of our problems to rest once and for all and get about the business of growing this city and making it the envy of the entire Panhandle. Yes, taxes would go up; but if it meant we didn't have brown water in some homes and we could drive down our streets in straight line instead of dodging and weaving craters, then I say go for it.

Unfortunately, the citizens have never been given the option of a "big solution" that would benefit all parts of the city, so we don't know how most folks would feel about that. We know that in 2003, a narrow majority of voters defeated a \$2.5 million project with one of the major concerns being the existence of old water lines under the streets.

Following the defeat at the ballot box, the city fathers approved a smaller project – \$1 million in tax notes to do paving on the west side of town that was to be paid off in seven years. The reasoning was that we had to do something, and maybe a series of small projects would be just the thing. Do a million dollar project, pay it off, and then do another one, repeating the process until most or all of the streets were done.

But here we get into the beginnings of the "consternation." Some folks were not happy that the city went ahead with any project after the \$2.5 million idea was shot down by voters. Some were not happy with the quality of the project once it was completed, and virtually no one is happy that the new streets have not been taken care of since they were completed.

Now here we are in 2012. The city paid off its obligations on the 2004 project in February, we've been paying for those bonds, and it sure would be easy to just keep city rates where they are and take on a new project. And that's when City Administrator Lambert Little put forth the \$700,000 proposal that folks will vote on this weekend, which has been received with not much enthusiasm.

Of the two comments we received on Facebook, Dewey Mincey said "\$700,000 won't touch the street problem," which is an excellent point; and Jerry W. Morris said, "I have no confidence in our city officials at this time," which likely sums up the feelings of many citizens.

I obviously fall into the Mincey camp. We need a bigger project, but that's not what is before us at this time. Ultimately, I decided to vote for the bonds this time, but with one major concern – seal coating two streets on the college campus. Those streets are the responsibility of the Clarendon College District. If the majority of citizens approve these bonds, the city should approach the college regents in the spirit of cooperation and ask them to come up with at least half the money to do those streets. If the college can't or won't do this, then the city needs to spend its money elsewhere. Besides, given its track record, I don't think we really want the city getting its hands on the streets at the college.

Besides that, I think most of the streets Mr. Little has selected need to be worked on. Certainly those that bound three sides of Broncho Stadium are highly traveled and visible to by both locals and visitors, and the same can be said for Sixth Street at the ballparks.

We need to do something to keep moving forward, but we also need to hold our city officials and employees responsible for how these streets turn out and how they are maintained. It is time for progress, and it is time that we demand results from City Hall.



editor's commentary by roger estlack

There is a season for everything

"For everything its season, and every activity under heaven its time: a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to uproot; a time to break down and a time to build up; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time for mourning and a time for dancing; a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them; a time to embrace and a time to abstain from embracing; a time to seek and a time to lose; a time to keep and a time to discard; a time to tear and a time to mend; a time for silence and a time for speech; a time to love and a time to hate; a time for war and a time for peace." Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (Revised English Bible)

As the writer of Ecclesiastes so poetically affirms, everything has its season, including political and economic matters. It is all about timing, doing the right thing at the right time. The dire existential threat facing this country cries out for immediate attention from our leaders. Yet, they seem to be content to wait for the 2012 election results before contemplating and taking action. According to pundits, each party is afraid lose face with the voters, and they would, therefore, prefer to do nothing – for fear of hurting their party's chances this fall. Such inaction is irresponsible and pusillanimous.

The lunatic fringe wings of the Democratic and Republican parties have hijacked their respective parties. They have allowed the personal animus they feel for each other take precedence over working together as a team for the common good. They don't seem to care that action needs to commence posthaste if we are to safely guide the currently rudderless ship of state through perilously rough seas, into a safe harbor.

Early 2009 was a time for job creation. Therefore, President Obama

chose to make it a time for health care

reform, while discounting the financial peril threatening America. Dubya's foolish policies may have driven the U.S. economy right off a cliff into a deep recession, but immediate action by Obama and the Congress might have ameliorated our economic woes. So, what happened? The President, aided and abetted by a Democratic Congress, chose to pass health care reform – completely ignoring the dramatic loss of jobs. As a result, the great recession grew deeper and the misery of the people was unnecessarily magnified.

Now is a time to spur economic expansion and job creation. After the economy expands, and the misery of the people has diminished, the time for fiscal austerity will be at hand. Once again, it's about timing and priorities. Europe is a good example of what happens when austerity takes precedence over economic expansion. I hope we learn from their example. If not, this terrible recession will drag on unnecessarily.

Now is the time to maximize our fossil fuel production. Our economic recovery will be much faster and more sustainable if we fully utilize our fossil fuels while bringing more nuclear power plants online. Both would create additional jobs and enhance our energy independence. Right now, our natural resources are cheaper and more abundant than green energy. While green energy, like austerity, will be the future, we need to survive the now.



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Very little in government is done because Democrats and Republicans hate each other so voraciously that they seem more intent on destroying each other than doing what is best for America. It's like their heads have exploded and they mindlessly spew forth vitriol at each other. Fanatical devotion to ideological purity has consumed any hope of rational thought. The art of compromise has been replaced by zero-sum ideological pettiness.

Another problem is that the Democrats and Republicans are having two different conversations. The left is having a debate about the cyclical downturn in the economy. To offset this downturn they say the government should borrow and spend more money.

Folks in the middle and on the right think the problem is structural. Fixing these structural problems should take precedence, not papering over them with more debt. There are several overlapping structural problems. First, there are those surrounding globalization and technological change. Hyper efficient globalized companies need fewer workers. As a result, unemployment rises, executive salaries surge and lower-skilled wages remain flat, the middle gets hollowed out and inequality grows.

So, until we elect people who are willing to work together to overcome these differences, we will continue to see gridlock, which will only worsen our economic future. These differences will not be solved by casting dispersions upon each others' ideologies. Real understanding and compromise has to happen.

I'm so disappointed in both parties I'm seriously considering becoming a libertarian. Man, is Roger in for a shock.

Now is a time for action and now is a time for reason.

Reader express opinions on marker

Recently our county commissioners have been discussing the issue of our heritage and how to best pay homage to it. I would like to urge our commissioners to strongly consider the placement of the "Ten Commandments" marker symbolizing the importance of our spiritual heritage on our courthouse lawn.

I site the reasons for doing this as follows:

1. The identification of our community as "Saints' Roost." Our faith is an important part of our identification, it is our heritage. The marker will affirm that identification and retell it to future generations. We are not known as "Buddha's Roost", or "Allah's Roost" or even as "Atheists' Roost", but as "Saints' Roost."

2. That identification should not be placed on the side of the road but next to the heart of our community, our courthouse. Either we are proud of that heritage or not. Placing it in some remote out of the way spot would convey the exact opposite meaning of the importance of our heritage. If it is not important to this generation, it certainly will be less so for the next one.

3. The Bible, the basis of our heritage and faith, tells of what happened to a generation of God's followers who neglected the importance of reminding their sons and daughters of their heritage. In the book of Joshua we have the recording of the great things that generation was able to do because of their faith. Then in the book of Judges, chapter two and following, you have the recording of their one great failure; they did not pass the importance of that heritage on to the next generation. Our heritage will only last as long as we retell it. Our heritage is only as important as we make it.

4. Thirty or so years ago the generation before mine would have done this without any hesitation. Some say we now live in different times. I ask, "Why are these different times?" They are different because we have allowed our heritage to slip away or be removed from remembrance. We no longer stress the importance of our spiritual heritage to our children and, indeed, they have become different times. The challenge to this generation is: are we going to stand up and reaffirm our heritage or sit down in silence and have the testimonial of our heritage relegated to some out of the way place, if at all?

5. Some say if we do this then we risk opening up the courthouse lawn to other markers from other religions, this is just not so. No other religion can attest to the historical fact that the Ten Commandments and Christianity played in our heritage. You only need to look at what is happening to Europe which abandoned their spiritual heritage only

to become a ripe breeding ground for another one. The simple laws of nature teach us that nature abhors a vacuum. So does our spirituality. It will be filled with something. Something that was not a part of our heritage.

6. Finally other counties have done this. Even our state capital has a marker that states this heritage, and it has stood against those who would try to deny this fact. Certainly, our community that has claimed and still claims it is "Saints' Roost" will have legal standing to a marker that attests to this. We are known as "Saints' Roost!"

If you feel the same as I do about this I hope you will contact your county commissioner and respectfully tell them your opinion on the heritage marker.

"To know nothing of what happened before you were born is to remain forever a child." - Cicero

Will Thompson, Clarendon

Consider everything

In addition to the editor's questions and observations ("County should deny request for monument," April 5, 2012) there are some others that should be considered.

Would there be unintended consequences with the installation of this worthy cause? We always want to defend that which we believe to be a good cause. I am no different, but as a Christian I wonder if this is an appropriate defense of what I believe basic to our national foundation. As Christians we are to bring honor and glory to God. How many people will see or know about this monument?

This is Saint's Roost. Do we teach our children why that is? If we are worried about our children and their futures, the best place to instill these values is in the Christian home. If the foundation hasn't been set there, a marker on the courthouse lawn won't make any difference.

Now back to my first question of unintended consequences. What would the commissioners say to the next group who comes along? Perhaps they would want to commemorate or memorialize atheism, or witchcraft, or something else. Would God be glorified if the requested marker were sitting next to one of those?

The courthouse lawn belongs to all citizens regardless; and while we may think that no one in this county would ever do that, it may not always be so. If we as citizens of this county want the world to know that we are proud of our heritage, our faith and our founding principles, there may be better and maybe even more prominent ways to do that.

I am not saying that the marker

request is anything but honorable or that motives aren't pure. My concern is that whatever happens that it be a positive, well thought out and prayed about action and not simply a reaction to the attacks on Christianity that concern all people of Christian faith.

If we really want to return to the founding principles of our nation it has to start at the ballot box. Christians need to be involved in the political process and communicate with each other and the community about the things that are being done in the highest levels of government to limit freedom of religion and free speech along with a lot of other freedoms. We need to educate one another about what we learn about candidates, their voting records, their character and their associations. This subject should be on all our lips. Well informed voters are a powerful force and never more important than they are to the upcoming November election.

The "marker" issue is no less important just because it is local. I believe that there are good reasons for wanting this monument and as a Christian I want to do only what brings honor and glory to God. As a citizen of this county, I also see good reasons for the Commissioners, as representatives and stewards of this county to consider all of the possible consequences that their decision may have. That is their duty and responsibility.

I think that the Commissioners will be appreciative of as much input from residents of the county as possible so that when they do make their decision they can be confident that it reflects the opinions and wishes of Donley County residents. Don't wait until the decision is made. Call 'em up and tell 'em what you think!

Lura Helms, Clarendon

Thank you, Bob Watson

Yes, we survived Monday's hail storm. Sadly, the same cannot be said for our roof. It's never fun to contemplate making a claim on your home owners insurance and getting a big repair like that done.

As roofing companies descended on our town, I was worried about how I was going to find the right company. Tuesday, during lunch, I finally had the chance to sit down and read last week's (April 26) Enterprise. Imagine my happiness at finding Bob's 'Whittlin' column regarding roof repair fraud. Thank you Bob Watson for helping me to avoid some pitfalls during this process! Your article has been an intimidating process a little less scary!

Scarlet Estlack, Clarendon

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bond is set at \$150,000 for the two charges, officials said.

Police do not know whether Ortiz's car struck the maroon car or whether Ortiz was exiting or passing Scott on the highway shoulder, he said.

Ortiz's father, Hugo Ortiz, 43, was also arrested and booked into the Potter County Detention Center Saturday on an interference with public duties charge after returning to the crime scene and taking pictures on I-40 after officials told him to stay away. Sgt. Jeff Hooten said Sunday. Hugo Ortiz posted bail Saturday for the Class B misdemeanor charge, jail records show.

Merlene Scott's husband, Bill Scott, 83, said he and his wife celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary last month, and that she had recently received a clean bill of health from her doctor. The Amarillo couple retired to Greenbelt Lake about 15 years ago, he said.

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May 10
Bronco End of School Band Concert
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May 12
Hedley Prom • 7 p.m. • Donley County Activity Center

City Election • 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. • Donley County Courthouse

May 13
Mother's Day

May 15
Clarendon HS Athletic Banquet • 6:30 p.m. • Donley County Activity Center

May 25
Clarendon Graduation • 8 p.m. • Harned Sister Auditorium CC

May 28
Memorial Day

May 29
Republican Primary

June 2
Trash to Treasures Garage Sale Event

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Menus
May 14-18

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Baked ham/pineapple, lima beans, chuck wagon corn, wheat bread, choc. Chip cookies, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Swedish meatballs, parsley noodles, mixed vegetables, whole wheat roll, angles food cake, strawberries, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Roast Beef, baked potato, buttered, whole wheat roll, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Thur: TBBQ Chicken, mashed potatoes, carrot raisin salad, cornbread, baked apples, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: King Ranch casserole, Spanish rice, pinto beans, tortilla, brownie, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Oven fried chicken, buttered pasta, green beans, broccoli/raisin salad, fruit cocktail, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Taco salad w/corn ships, seasonal corn, watermelon, peach cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Roast beef & gravy, baked potato, buttered carrots, whole wheat roll, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Thur: Sloppy Joe, country potato salad, zucchini/tomatoes, creamy fruit squares, whole wheat bun, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Turkey & dressing, candied sweet potato, green beans, whole wheat roll, pineapple tidbits, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk
Tue: Sausage, biscuit, gravy, fruit, milk.
Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk.
Thur: Egg, toast, fruit, milk.
Fri: Cinnamon roll, juice, milk.
Lunch
Mon: Hot dog w/cheese, fries, cookie, fruit, milk.
Tue: Chicken fajita taco, pinto beans, salad, fruit, milk.
Wed: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, roll, milk.
Thur: Homemade chicken pot pie, broccoli & cheese, crackers, fruit, milk.
Fri: Cheeseburger, chips, lettuce, pickle, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD
Mon: Beef nachos, rice, pinto beans, applesauce, tossed salad, milk.
Tue: Tater tots & beef, fruit, corn, salad, hot rolls, milk.
Wed: Spaghetti, meat sauce, chicken spaghetti corn salad, fruit, milk.
Thur: Stromboli, salad, fruit, milk.
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Hedley plans cemetery clean up for Memorial Day

The Hedley Lions Club and the City of Hedley is sponsoring a city-wide "Clean Up Day @ The Cemetery" to get ready for Memorial Day. We need your help on Saturday, May 12 from 7:00 a.m. to around 12:30 p.m. Anyone who does the cleanup is welcome to be fed lunch at the Lions Club. Please bring lawnmowers, weed eaters, pick-ups, etc.

Also, May 12 is Voting Day - Be sure to get your votes in.

A bake sale for the Hedley Methodist Youth Group to earn

money for camps will be held Saturday, May 26, at Lowe's grocery store. Please come meet some of the kids and buy some goodies from them.

We would appreciate anyone making a donation of baked goods for the sale. Please take them to the Hedley Senior Citizens between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and noon on Friday, May 25, so we will have everything ready Saturday morning to take to Clarendon or please bring to Lowe's early Saturday morning.

Thanks in advance for any help you can offer.

Bacon Chatterbox
Roll up: 1 lb. lean ground beef, 4 slices Oscar Mayer Bacon, chopped, 1 small onion, chopped, 1/2 lb. (8 oz.) Velveeta, cut into 1/2-inch cubes, 1 pkg. (13.8 oz.) refrigerated



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pizza crust. Heat oven to 400°F. Brown ground beef with bacon and onions in large skillet on medium-high heat; drain. Return meat mixture to skillet. Add Velveeta; cook 5 min. or until melted, stirring frequently. Cool 10 min. Unroll dough onto baking sheet sprayed with cooking spray. Press into 15x8-inch rectangle; top with meat mixture. Roll up, starting at one long side. Rearrange if necessary so roll is seam-side down. BAKE 20 to 25 min. or until golden brown.

Disabled veterans may qualify for tax waiver

Veterans with a service-connected disability are encouraged to file an exemption form to have their 2012 property taxes lowered. Some veterans may even qualify for a 100 percent exemption of their taxes under the law.

The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, spouses and survivors of deceased disabled veterans and spouses and survivors of military personnel who died on active duty. The amount of exemption is determined according

to percentage of service-connected disability.

A veteran's percentage of service-connected disability determines the amount of the exemption—from a \$5,000 to a \$12,000 deduction from the veteran's property value. An applicant may claim the exemption on only one piece of property, such as a home or any other property the applicant owned on Jan. 1, 2012. The applicant must also be a Texas resident to qualify.

A disabled veteran who receives 100 percent disability compensation

due to a service-connected disability and a rating of 100 percent disabled or of individual unemployment from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or his successor is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the appraised value of the veteran's residence homestead.

Beginning this year, this benefit has been extended to the surviving spouse upon the veteran's death with certain restrictions. The residence homestead application must be filed if this exemption is claimed.

For more information about the

property tax exemption for disabled veterans or to file an exemption, contact the Donley County Appraisal District at 307 South Sully Street in Clarendon, Texas or call (806) 874-2744.

More information is also available from the state Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at 1-800-252-9121 and press "2" to access the menu, and then press "1" to contact the Information Services Team or visit the Comptroller's website at www.window.state.tx.us/tax-info/proptax/.

Storm hammers Howardwick with heavy hail

Boy, did we get hit with hail last week. We moved out here in 1983, and this was the worst hail we have had. Luckily, no windows were broken, and the metal roof held up nicely.

Can't say the same for the travel trailer, those plastic accessories such as light covers took a beating. We have the trailer bundled with the cars and house insurance. It only costs a few dollars a year, and we found it was a very good move on our part. We have some apricots left on the

one remaining tree, and hopefully they weren't damaged and we can have a pie. Poor Ole Jim, he works so hard in the yard, and I want to reward him with an apricot cobbler one more time.

Well, I made another colossal mistake, I said the Howardwick city wide garage sale was May 19 but it is May 12. The big one will be at the Community Center with all donated items, and proceeds will be used for improvement of our community. Approximately 20 other sales around

town will also be held, look for the signs. Make it a fun day, take a short trip to Howardwick and take home some treasures. Remember the date, May 12, and get here early for best bargains.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May



'wick picks
by peggy ockerham
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Family camping at local Canyons

Texas Parks & Wildlife officials are promoting their program, the Texas Outdoor Family program, which provides camping workshops all across Texas, highlighting some of its most beautiful locations and encouraging families to get healthy and spend time outdoors.

Campouts are scheduled for May 19 in Palo Duro Canyon State Park near Canyon and June 8-9 at Caprock Canyons State Park near Quitaque.

The Texas Outdoor Family program gives people affordable, close-to-home getaways while garnering support for Texas State Parks. A Park Ranger camps overnight with the families for comfort and security. No experience necessary, and all camping equipment, except sleeping bags and food, is provided and planned outdoor activities are lead by experts.

At Palo Duro Canyon State Park activities include: a guided hike to the Lighthouse natural feature, geocaching (high tech treasure

hunting using GPS units), campfire building and Dutch Oven cooking, Junior Ranger Nature activities with a Park Ranger and a Night Sounds evening program.

At Caprock Canyons State Park activities for our special 2-night event include: A guided hike through bison country, geocaching (high tech treasure hunting using GPS units), viewing a bat emergence at Clarity Tunnel, fishing and swimming in Lake Theo, campfire building and Dutch Oven cooking and a Night Sounds evening program. Park at your campsite near a restroom facility with hot showers.

The Palo Duro workshop fee is \$65 and the special two-night Caprock Canyons workshop is \$85 for a family of up to 6. The fee includes a campsite and all camping gear for your family along with all equipment necessary for activities during your overnight stay.

Visit www.tpwd.state.tx.us/texasoutdoorfamily for more information.

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Wayland Baptist baseball tryouts

PLAINVIEW - The baseball coaching staff at Wayland Baptist University is conducting a try-out camp for all graduating high school seniors and/or players with college eligibility remaining. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 26, at Wilder Field on the WBU campus. There is no charge for the camp.

For more information or to make reservations, contact WBU Pioneer Head Coach Brad Bass at bradbass1@wbu.edu or by calling (806) 291-3820. You may also contact Assistant Coach Tommy McMillan at mcmillant@wbu.edu or by calling (806) 291-3821.

Nazarene Church to host revival

Members the Clarendon Church Of The Nazarene invite the community to attend their revival May 11-13.

Services will begin at 7 p.m. nightly, and services on Sunday will at 10:45 a.m. and at 7 p.m.

Joe Neil Shadle would like to invite all the cowboys in the community to a special service with evangelist Jerry McGee.

McGee is a former drug dealer and associate of a notorious outlaw biker organization, was powerfully saved and delivered from that lifestyle by God, and has been given "the Spirit's anointing for miracle ministry that reaches all denominations, saint and sinner alike."

Church members say the Lord has used McGee in high schools, jails, streets, bars, and churches and that God has richly blessed his ministry with tens of thousands being saved, healed, delivered from sin, drugs, violence, rage, witchcraft, meth abuse, alcohol, false religion, and more.

Help for those with gardening questions

AMARILLO - The Potter County Master Gardener "help line" is now open.

Residents of Potter County and Amarillo who have questions about insects, turf, trees, shrubs and ornamentals can call 806-242-4704 to get answers and expert advice, according to Brandon Boughen, Texas AgriLife Extension Service agent in Potter County.

Master gardeners are volunteers who have gone through AgriLife Extension's Master Gardener program and have 50-plus hours of in-depth, rigorous training to become certified to answer questions, Boughen said.

The hotline will be active on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, he said, but callers can leave a message any other time and someone will get back to them as soon as possible.

Master Gardeners will provide research-based information to help the client make a more informed decision, Boughen said.

For more information or to get help with a problem contact Boughen at 806-373-0713 or on the help line.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting with Boss Lion Steve Hall in charge. We had 17 members and one guest this week, Scarlet Estlack, guest of Lion Russell Estlack.

Lion Tex Buckhauls presented our program and talked about new critical thinking skills that are being taught at the college. The club took a sample critical thinking test, and members came up with some very imaginative answers.

The club acknowledged the passing of former member and past president Gene Alderson, who wrote The Lion's Tale for many, many years. Our sympathies go out to his family.

With no further business, we were adjourned.

May Is National Electrical Safety Month

May is National Electrical Safety Month, and AEP Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) offers the following Residential Safety Checklist to assist customers in making their homes and offices more electrically safe throughout the year.

Outlets:

Check for outlets that have loose fitting plugs, which can over-heat and lead to fire. Replace any missing or broken wall plates. Make sure there are safety covers on all unused outlets that are accessible to children.

Cords:

Make sure cords are in good condition -- not frayed or cracked.

Make sure they are placed out of high traffic areas. Do not place cords under carpets or rugs or rest furniture on them.

Extension Cords:

Check to see that cords are not overloaded. Extension cords should only be used on a temporary basis; they are not intended as permanent household wiring.

Plugs:

Make sure the plug fits the outlet. Never force a plug into an outlet if it doesn't fit. Plugs should fit securely into outlets. Avoid overloading outlets with too many appliances.

Light Bulbs:

Check the wattage of all bulbs

in lighting fixtures to make sure they are the correct wattage for the fixture size. Make sure bulbs are screwed in securely; loose bulbs may overheat.

Water And Electricity Don't Mix:

Don't leave plugged in appliances where they might fall in contact with water. If the appliance falls into water, NEVER reach in to pull it out -- even if it's turned off. Turn off the power source at the circuit breaker and then unplug the appliance.

Appliances/Computer & Entertainment Equipment:

If an appliance repeatedly blows or trips a circuit breaker, unplug it and have it repaired or replaced. Check to see that all elec-

trical equipment is in good condition and working properly; look for cracks or damage in wiring, plugs and connectors. Use a surge protector with certification seal.

Outdoor Safety:

Electric-powered mowers and power tools should not be used in the rain, on wet grass or in damp conditions. Always use an extension cord marked for outdoor use and rated for the power needs of your tools. Since metal ladders conduct electricity, watch out for overhead wires and power lines.


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Mon	30	80°	48°	-
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Wed	2	95°	46°	-
Thur	3	98°	56°	-
Fri	4	100°	57°	-
Sat	5	100°	52°	-
Sun	6	101°	60°	-

Total precipitation this month: 1.32"
Total precipitation to date: 9.32"


weekend forecast



Fri., May 11
Partly Cloudy
76°/51°



Sat., May 12
Partly Cloudy
77°/55°



Sun., May 13
Scattered T-storms
79°/57°

Information provided by:
Tommie C. Saye
50 yr Cooperative Observer, National Weather Service

Century Tournament nets thirty-eight teams

By Sandy Anderberg

Seventy-six golfers participated in the Two Person Century Tournament held at the Clarendon Country Club last weekend. The two-day thirty-six-hole contest was split into five flights, which were determined by the combined age of both golfers.

Clint Grange and Max Grange tied for first place in the 100-109 flight with the team of Rick Dabney and Alan Altman with a 138. P.J. Lemons and Mark Morris finished third with a 140.

Mark Wyatt and Randy Mahaney took the 110-119 flight with a score of 126. J.B. Lemmons and Mike Vance finished second with a 129 and F.G. Crofford and Jason-

Floyd were third at 135. The winner of the 120-133 flight was the team of James McNeil and Tommy Lyles at 131. John Goodwin and Jerry Baker were second with a 134 and George and Gail Leathers came in third with a 137.

Alvin Danner and Flecy Segura won the 134-149 flight with a 131. Tom Stauder and Terry Esch shot a 134 for second and Don Pomykal and Robert Mills turned in a 140 for third place.

There was only one team in the 150 plus flight and first place went to the team of Charlie Davis and Steve Jarnigan with a 152.

The closest to the pin on number eight was Jason Floyd at 10'9" and

closest to the pin on number 15 was Kim Burnett at 10'5". Don Pomykal sunk the longest putt on number nine at 17'4".

Bo Morrison won the weekly men's game on Wednesday with a net 70. Todd Curry and Jerry Gage tied for second with a net 71. The team of Justin Hernandez, toddy Curry, Jennifer Clark, Tracy Duncan, and Don Bridges won the Friday night scramble at five under par out of a field of 26 golfers. The other teams came in at four and two under and one team at even par.

The nine-hole scrambles are held each Friday at 6:00 p.m. and you can call the Pro Shop to enter by 5:00 p.m. each Friday afternoon.

Conference to focus on livestock and wildlife integration

AMARILLO -- Cattle and deer can roam together on the ranch in a profitable operation if managed properly, according to Brandon Boughen, Texas AgriLife Extension Service agent for Potter County.

Boughen and the LX Ranch north of Amarillo will host a tour on June 2 to help interested producers learn more about livestock/wildlife management. The tour will feature Ken Cearley, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist in Amarillo, who will address the integration of livestock and wildlife production with an emphasis on economic sustainability and good land stewardship.

On-site registration will be held from 7:30-8 a.m. at the main entrance to LX Ranch, 13 miles north of Amarillo on the east side of U.S. Highway 87/287. Attendees should pull on to the LX Ranch and not stop on the highway, Boughen said.

Online preregistration is required on or before May 30 at <http://potter.agrilife.org/forms/>. The registration fee of \$10 per person should be made payable to Potter Agriculture Committee and sent to AgriLife Extension, 3301 E. 10th Ave., Amarillo, Texas 79104.

Topics to be covered during the three-hour program will include: quail habitat ergonomics/habitat evaluation; plants important to deer and quail; drought management of rangeland plants, livestock and wildlife; dietary competition versus dietary overlap; supplemental feeding and predator management.

The tour will begin at the main gate and consist of four or five stops along the main road, he said. Four-wheel drive vehicles are recommended because of the sandy road conditions.

"We will consolidate as many participants as possible into four-wheel drive vehicles to reduce traffic on the road," Boughen said.

For more information, contact Boughen at 806-373-0713.

CISD to hold Gifted & Talented showcase

Clarendon CISD will hold a Gifted & Talented Showcase for the community on Monday, May 14, 2012 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The come-and-go event will feature elementary, junior high, and high school projects and presentations based on the Texas Performance Standards Project. Projects are varied and include such topics as: Amelia Earhart; photography; and the Battle of Thermopylae.

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Running the bases after his homerun, Johnny Gaines played at Clarendon College for Odessa College last weekend.

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**Drugs in the News**

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About 3.2 million people in the U.S. are thought to suffer from chronic migraines. People with chronic migraines experience them during most days of the month (15 days or more) for four hours a day or longer. The pain is often accompanied by nausea, sensitivity to light or sound, and sometimes vomiting.

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Taking advantage of last weeks warm weather Hedley Second grader Heather Hough draws her spelling words outside on the sidewalk.

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The Texas Thunder won the Best of the West 5th grade tournament in Amarillo on May 6, 2012. The team members include kids from Amarillo and Noab Elam, Preston Elam, and Cameron "Bear" Smith from Clarendon. They are coached by Geronica Gray.

COURTESY PHOTO / ADELITA ELAM

Softball All-District Team announced

By Sandy Anderberg

The 2012 6-1A All-District players have been announced according to head coach Gary Jack.

The Most Valuable Player in that district is Kelsi Lile from Booker. Clarendon's Trevela Dronzek, Jentry Shadle, and Maci White have also been named to the team. Other members of the team are Ana Guerrero from Booker, Jocelin Laubhan, and Kelsee Roberts from Claude, Tori Bybee from McLean and Devin DeLapp and Sarah Kelly from West Texas High.

Dronzek, who is a senior, has been instrumental in the success of

the Lady Broncos all four years and has greatly contributed to all girls' sports at CHS. Shadle and White will return for one more year.

Amber Keelin was named to the Second All-District Team. She is joined by Jacky Herrera, Shannan Fronk, and Kelsie McDonald from Booker, Colbie Sanders from Claude, Jordan Wiley from Follett, Ashley Russel from McLean, and Abbey Rios, Abby Summers, and Erin Summers from West Texas High.

Audrey Shelton, Skyler White, Taylor Gaines, and Haley Ferguson received honorable mentions.



New cheerleaders

Hedley's new Junior High Cheerleaders for 2012-2013 are Madison Shelp, Briley Chadwick, Blayne Layton, Megan Wells, Kallie Lindsey, and Cheyenne Smith.

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Zaryia Smith pitches in the Hotshots game against McLean on Thursday.

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Community Service

Members of Boy Scout Troop 433 helped clean up around the Saints' Roost Museum last week. Shown here are Grayson Burch, Jacob Hewett, Justus Burton, Cooper Bilbrey, Joseph Jaramillo, Aubrey Jaramillo, and Ray Jaramillo.

COURTESY PHOTO / MANDY JARAMILLO

Broncos end season with a heart-felt fundraiser

By Sandy Anderberg

The Bronco baseball team had an early exit from post-season play Saturday in a 2-6 loss to Seymour in Childress.

The 9-9 Broncos were disappointed in the loss, but stayed focused and fought hard throughout the season to make an appearance in the playoffs. Electra is the only team out of the Broncos' district to remain in the playoffs. According to coach Brad Elam, the Broncos got behind early in the match up with Panthers after spotting them five runs in the first two innings.

"We got behind, but were able to claw ourselves back in to the game in the fourth," Elam said. "We made

a couple of mistakes in the first two innings that cost us, but we settled down after that."

Adam Topper pitched the entire game and did all he could do to help the Broncos on defense. "Adam pitched another great game going the distance," Elam said. "He was able to hold them to one run the last four innings to keep us in the game."

The Broncos put up two runs in the fourth and were looking for a comeback, but were stifled once again by the Seymour defense.

"Offensively, we weren't able to do much," Elam said. "In the fourth, we did strike for two when Dillon Nickell singled, followed by a Caleb Mitchell single and Trevor

Cobb tripled both (runners) in to cut the lead, but we were unable to mount a threat after that."

The Broncos will lose only three seniors and will be back next season to battle once again.

"I am really proud of the way the kids battled in this game and the second half of district," Elam said.

Seniors Caleb Mitchell, Gage Nelson, and Jerami Johnson will be missed by next year's team.

Also, to add to their determination and perseverance, the Broncos recently showed their adoration for a fellow baseball player. Austin Chontos, who is a junior varsity player from Randall High School, was seriously injured in a game with

Caprock on April 14 when a pitch struck him in the head causing his brain to swell.

Austin is not personally known to any of the Bronco players, but their heart-felt sincerity kicked in and they were able to raise money to give to Austin's family to help offset the mounting doctor bills in his treatment and recovery. Austin is still recovering after two surgeries and has a long road ahead of him, but his prognosis is good according to the *Amarillo Globe-News*.

No, the Broncos will not make an appearance at the state championship game this season, but with their unselfish act of kindness, they are truly state champions.



Clarendon eighth graders had a blast during their Spring Fling celebration on April 27 at the Bairfield Activity Center.

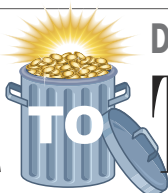
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Seven Clarendon High School students competed in the thirty-second annual Texas State History Day in Austin on May 4. The group performance, *Revolutionary Blood*, by senior Kae Hewett and junior Samantha Sanderson placed fourth in competition and received the Outstanding Regional Entry Award. Senior Mikayla Shadle placed fifth with her historical paper Sarah Cockrell: A Woman of Substance. Shadle, also, received the Ruthe Winegarten prize for the best entry dealing with women's history. The award carries a \$100 cash prize, autographed copy of the book *I Am Annie Mae* by Annie Hunt and a medal. Other students representing Clarendon High School and the Panhandle-Plains Region were seniors Nathan Dziedzic and Jerah Luna and juniors Elizabeth Best and Maritta Brady. Clarendon High School congratulates all of our competitors for their hard work and dedication to the preservation of history.

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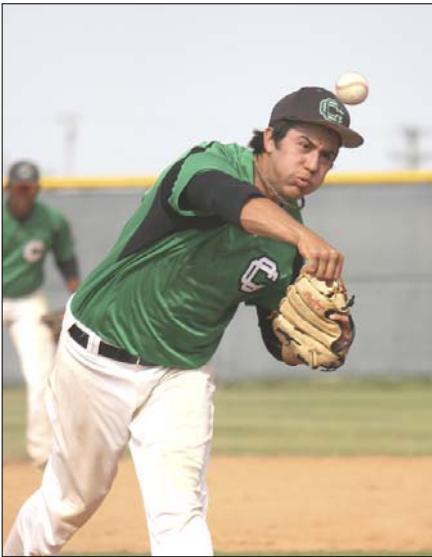
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Letting one fly from the mound is Clarendon College Baseball pitcher Matthew Harrell from San Antonio, Texas. Matt pitch in the last game against Odessa College. The Clarendon Bulldogs will be heading to Texas Tech University for the Regional tournament.

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Bulldogs split last home stand with Odessa College

By Fred Gray

The Clarendon College Bulldogs' baseball team split their last four games Friday, May 4, and Saturday, May 5.

Odessa College won the first game 11-9, after jumping out to a 9 to 3 lead after three innings. The Bulldogs played hard the last four innings, outscoring Odessa College 6 to 2 over the last four innings.

CC won the second game 10-6, after spotting Odessa College a 3-0 lead in the first four innings. Over the last five innings, the Bulldogs went on a rampage with their bats and scored 10 runs over the last five innings of the game.

In the third game of the home stand, Odessa again took an early

lead and held on for a 6-5 closely contested win.

The last game ended with another fine exhibition of power hitting. In the bottom of the eighth inning, Wigberto Nevarez, the Puerto Rican bomber smashed a two-run homer to successfully complete yet another late inning rally.

The Bulldogs outslugged Odessa College for an 11-10 victory, bringing a successful close to their regular season.

CC ended the year in third place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference. They will open regional tournament at Texas Tech against Grayson College, Saturday, May 12, at 5 p.m. The game will be streamed live stream on psblive.com.



Williams signs with OPSU

Clarendon College sophomore Kortney Williams has signed to play basketball at Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell, OK, next year. Williams is originally from Floydada and is a graduate of Lockney High School. She is pictured with Lady Bulldog head coach Chris Marks.

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Over the last 20 years or so, at least that is my experience, I've seen a trend that concerns me and it should concern you. It is the priorities of our family units. It seems now that many people's lives revolve around their children's secular activities. From gymnastics, soccer, football, baseball, softball, volleyball, playing instruments, etc., there is no time for anything else. Often parents will tell you that they are worn to a frazzle, but it seems they can't get off of this carousel. I've seen this hurt the marriages of some as they have no time for each other. A marriage is a constantly evolving process and needs both parties together and not always in the stands of a sports event.

It hurts the kids too. It tells them that their most valuable asset to offer to others and themselves is their being able to play sports or participate in something similar. The lectures they hear of how important it is that they represent their schools and communities can be overwhelming at times. The trend that I was speaking of: misplaced priorities, is clearly seen of late as kids and parents miss spiritual activities in lieu of sports or something similar. While sports teaches discipline, hard work, team spirit, it doesn't teach one how to be a Godly husband, wife, parent, or citizen. It doesn't teach the love of God nor does it encourage it.

I've watched a lot of games and kids grow up. I've seen one kid in my 46 years make it to the pros. He flamed out quick. His name was Marcus Dupree. What I have seen are kids grow up, who were involved in every activity the school had to offer. They were involved in every after school activity offered. Just like kids making it to the pros, I've seen very few of them go on to be well-rounded and faithful Christians. It happens some, but if they weren't developing their spirituality while young, it usually never happened. I have seen them, as adults, at games reliving their childhood through their kids' sports. I've seen the vicious cycle replay itself over and over.

Think in your mind of all the "great" athletes you've watched in high school sports. Where are they now? Where are they, spiritually speaking? I've seen a few who could balance everything, but now demands are put on them to play on days of worship or other church times. What are we doing to our kids? Is it any wonder that our society is crumbling as we move God out of government, classrooms, and now our children's lives? We reap what we sow....

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Alderson

Gene Earl Alderson, age 73, died Saturday, May 5, 2012. A devoted husband, a loving father, grandfather and a faithful man of God, he was loved and respected by many and our sadness is only surpassed by our joy in knowing he is with his Heavenly Father.

Services were held Wednesday, May 9th, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. in First Baptist Church, Clarendon. Burial will be in Citizens Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors.

Gene was born in Adair Hospital in Clarendon, Texas on January 11, 1939.

The son of Earl and Margaret Christal Alderson, he attended Clarendon schools and graduated from Clarendon College. He completed his education at Southern Methodist University in 1961 with a degree in Marketing. He and Tiny Drake were married June 3, 1961, in Midland, Texas, and he joined his parents in the operation of Alderson Chevrolet.

In 1965, he attended the Chevrolet School of Merchandising and Management in Detroit, Michigan. Earl Alderson passed away shortly after Gene's return to Clarendon, and for a time, Gene was the youngest Chevrolet Dealer in the United States. He combined both his business and love of cars as a Chevrolet Dealer for over 25 years. After closing the dealership, Gene obtained a Long Term Care Facility Administrator's license. He served in this

field for over fourteen years until retiring in 2009 to live the dream of traveling with Tiny in their motor home across the United States. They somehow managed to often include visits to Dripping Springs, Texas, to check on the grandkids he loved so much. Dripping Springs became their home base.

During the fifty plus years Gene lived in Clarendon, he served the community in many capacities. He was a past president of the Clarendon Lions Club and Clarendon Country Club. He served as a Director of the Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Clarendon CISD School Board. All of the Alderson family were faithful members of First Baptist Church where Gene served as Deacon Chairman, Sunday School Superintendent and Sunday School Teacher. When the existing church building was built in 1972, Gene served as Chairman of the Building Finance Committee. At his death, he was a member of First Baptist Church, Clarendon, Texas.

When his career as a nursing home administrator took him to Brownsville, Texas, in 2002, Gene became involved in Gideon's International and as president of the Brownsville Camp, led a Bible Blitz distributing Bibles to the Cameron County Area. During the seven and a half years they lived in Brownsville, he and Tiny were active in First Baptist Church where Gene served as a Deacon, Sunday School Teacher and on the Finance Committee. He was also active in the Brownsville Downtown Lions Club.

Gene is survived by his wife, Tiny; his daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Mike Spees of Lubbock, Texas, his son and daughter-in-law, Lynn and Amy Alderson of Dripping Springs, Texas, and the three joys of his later years, his grandchildren, Caitlyn, Drake and Amanda Alderson.

son.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Gideon's International or Clarendon Citizens Cemetery Association.

Sign the online guestbook at www.robertsonfuneral.com

Hooker-Scott

Marlene Hooker-Scott, age 77, of Clarendon, died Saturday, May 5, 2012 in Amarillo.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church of Mobeetie with Curtis Johnson, pastor of New Beginnings Baptist Church of Amarillo and Carlos Rodriguez, grandson officiating. Burial will be at Mobeetie Cemetery. Arrangements are by Rector Funeral Home Osage Chapel 2800 S. Osage St. Mrs. Scott was born in Mobeetie. She graduated from Mobeetie High School in 1952. She moved to Amarillo in 1954. She worked in food service at the Amarillo Air Force Base for several years, until it closed. She also worked in food service at Albertsons and retired from the food service department of the TDCJ Clements Unit.

Mrs. Scott loved to cook and bake for her family and others. She also enjoyed crocheting. She married Bill Scott in 1952 at Clovis. She was a very loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. She also enjoyed studying the genealogy of her family.

She is survived by her husband of the home, 3 daughters, Ginger Scott Freitas and Brenda Long, both of Amarillo and Lisa Lethco and her

husband Mark of Ding Dong; 2 sons, Russell Scott and his wife Monica and Robert Scott and his wife Suzette all of Amarillo; 5 sisters, Peggy Shelton of Perryton, Ellen Moore of Tucson, AZ, Joyce McIntire of Amarillo, Inez Moore and Sue Harrison both of Mobeetie; 14 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial donation to the First United Methodist Church of Mobeetie.

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Talley

Henry Wendell Talley passed away Monday, April 30, in Topeka, Kan. A memorial service is planned at a later date.

Talley was born June 2, 1941, in Hedley, to Wanda Mae Carothers Talley and Emery W. Talley.

Talley was always interested in our country and all the elected officials of his choice. He stayed in contact with them and supported them. He served his country in the United States Air Force and was stationed in Thailand in the late 1960s and early 1970s, and he was a jet mechanic and served on bombing missions over North Vietnam.

He enjoyed reading his Bible and was quite knowledgeable about the scriptures. He was a member of the Church of Christ. Tally had many friends in Clarendon who were helpful and supportive of him in years past. For this the family is extremely grateful.

Survivors include two sisters, Maxine Robinson of Clarendon and Judy Hays of Bingham, New Mexico; three nieces, Mona Oney of Cleburne, Lori Robinson of Clarendon, and Christina Childress of Lubbock; one nephew, Clint Robinson of Lubbock; and several great nieces and nephews.

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May 1, 2012

7:18 a.m. - Checking alarm 200 block Sadie Drive
9:53 a.m. - See complainant 200 block South Kearney
2:20 p.m. - Checking alarm 200 block Palacio
3:20 p.m. - Report of alarm 5800 block HWY 273
3:40 p.m. - See complaint at Sheriff's Office
7:00 p.m. - to jail one in custody
10:51 p.m. - Units paged for motorcycle accident - HWY 70 North

May 2, 2012

12:03 a.m. - Checking RFO building-report of fire alarm blinking-no fire or smoke
7:50 a.m. - Loose livestock HWY 28 & Co Rd 26
6:54 p.m. - EMS assist 900 block

East 3rd
8:39 p.m. - See caller at Clarendon College
May 3, 2012
1:23 a.m. - Welfare check 4th & Hawley
1:50 a.m. - Back out to 4th & Hawley
1:52 a.m. - to jail with one in custody
2:47 a.m. - Report of intoxicated subject Rest Area Eastbound I-40
10:02 a.m. - Out at Annex
12:24 p.m. - Report of rolled Pick up - HWY 273 - no one around
4:00 p.m. - Units pages- One vehicle rollover - Armstrong Co line
4:55 p.m. - Units pages- One vehicle rollover - FM 2362
7:18 p.m. - To see complainant at Sheriff's Office
10:01 p.m. - To jail with one in custody
11:28 p.m. - Suspicious vehicle 300 block Collinson
May 4, 2012
1:17 a.m. - Report of drunk & innate passenger - I-40 Westbound

- Exit 21 - Notified deputy & Gray Co Sheriff's Office
7:05 a.m. - Loose livestock 287 & Co Rd 26
7:57 a.m. - Loose livestock at Giles
8:44 a.m. - See complainant 200 block South Kearney
2:25 p.m. - EMS - Clarendon Family Medical Center
4:09 p.m. - Serving civil papers 200 block South Goodnight
4:26 p.m. - Report of underage driver - Southbound on Parks St
4:45 p.m. - EMS assist 300 block Sailfish
6:03 p.m. - Report of kids fighting at City Park
8:38 p.m. - See complainant - 100 block East 4th
8:52 p.m. - to jail with one in custody
8:55 p.m. - to jail with one in custody
May 5, 2012
7:05 a.m. - Loose livestock at Clarendon College
10:10 a.m. - EMS Assist 600 block East Wood


11:24 a.m. - Units paged to set up landing zone for Life Star
7:56 p.m. - EMS assist 800 block East 4th
11:52 p.m. - EMS assist 100 block Rick Husband Blvd.
May 6, 2012
12:55 a.m. - Units pages for Semi Rollover near Rest Area 287
2:55 a.m. - Report of fight 200 block South Jefferson
2:57 a.m. - Report of fight at Clarendon College
9:49 a.m. - EMS assist 900 block West 7th
11:49 a.m. - EMS assist Westbound Rest Area I-40
1:30 p.m. - See complainant 3rd & Adamson
2:39 p.m. - See complainant - Greenbelt Municipal Water Authority
8:00 p.m. - See complainant - 400 block South Hawley
10:40 p.m. - Report of alarm 800 West 2nd
11:40 p.m. - EMS assist 100 block Dana Drive

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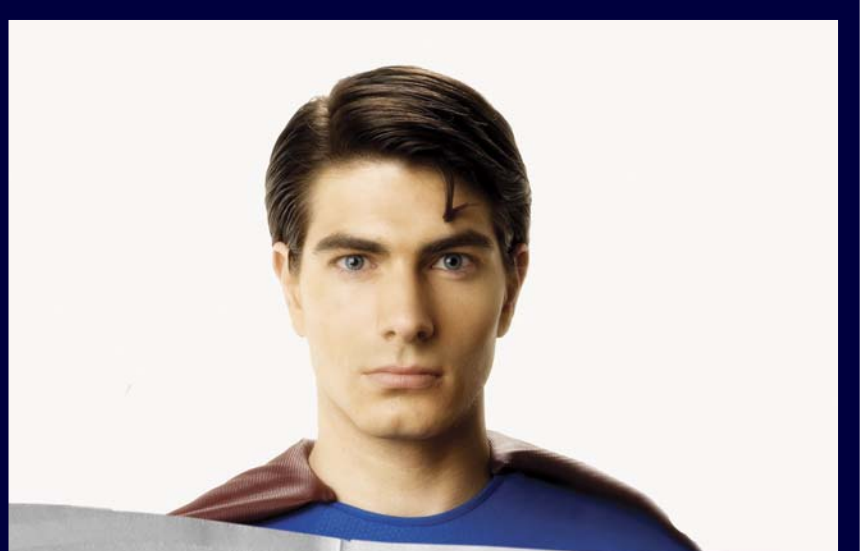


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