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THIS WEEK

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10 And Hedley ISD may run a bus to Clarendon.

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

CC fall registration to begin on Aug. 27

Fall registration at Clarendon College will take place on Monday, August 27, and Tuesday, August 28.

The college will be open for registration from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday in the Instructional Center.

"It is our hope that these times will allow everyone who needs to register an opportunity to stop by," Ashlee Estlack, CC Marketing Coordinator said. "We will have advisors and testing available for the convenience of our students."

Something new added to this year's registration schedule is Accuplacer Study Sessions.

"These sessions are designed for those students who are within just a few points of passing a particular area of the Accuplacer test," Estlack said. "Our instructors will be leading these reviews and will work with students to refresh their knowledge and skills before retesting."

Students needing review can attend sessions on Monday, August 27, in Room 201 of the Instructional Center. Writing will be held from 8 to 10 a.m., math will be held from 10 a.m. to noon, and reading will be from 1 to 3 p.m.

These study sessions are free of charge to students and upon successful completion of a review session, students can retest on the Accuplacer for free.

"Students can save both time and money by scoring high on the Accuplacer and moving past developmental education courses," Estlack said.

Space is limited for the sessions to the first 28 students and anyone interested can call Estlack at 806-874-4808 to reserve a seat.

A complete schedule of the classes offered this fall is online at www.clarendoncollege.edu.

Classes begin Wednesday, August 29.

CEDC facade grant program is renewed

Property owners and businesses on Kearney Street have until September 10 to apply for money to improve their storefronts under the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation's 2012 Facade Grant Program.

The CEDC had budgeted funds in this fiscal year but then put the program on hiatus at the request of City Hall as it applied for a state Downtown Revitalization Grant. After that state money was denied, the CEDC Board agreed this month to reactivate the program for the remainder of the fiscal year ending September 30.

Under the program, the CEDC will provide matching funds for improvements made to storefronts in the 100, 200, and 300 blocks of South Kearney Street for projects that can be anything from new signage to a complete storefront remodel. The maximum award is \$2,000.

Grant applications are available from CEDC Executive Director Chandra Eggemeyer inside City Hall.

Divided city board okays \$700k tax notes

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen voted 3-2 to authorize issuing \$700,000 in tax revenue notes for water and sewer improvements during a called meeting Monday night.

The funds will be used to replace utility lines under several blocks of city streets that are scheduled to be repaved following a May bond election in which voters authorized borrowing a separate \$700,000. The total project is now expected to cost about \$1.4 million.

The streets were to have been paved this summer, but aldermen expressed concerns about the utility lines, causing City Administrator Lambert Little to come up with a plan to replace the lines. Little presented the project and the idea of

using tax notes (a form of bonds that does not require voter approval) to pay for the extra work last Tuesday during the regular city meeting, but board members objected to issuing that much debt with citizen input.

As a result, the city held a town hall meeting Monday night at the Burton Memorial Library, which was attended by 17 citizens.

Little told the town hall that adding the water and sewer lines to the project would basically double the total cost of the job and would mean that the city would lose the window of opportunity for paving this season.

The administrator said the city could make the payments for both the bonds and the tax notes with its current 26-cent debt component

of its ad valorem tax rate, and then there would be two years of balloon payments.

Payments the first five years would be about \$140,000 each, and that would be followed by balloon payments totaling \$420,000 in both 2018 and 2019.

Little said he anticipated paying down the notes early using sales of the city's groundwater to Greenbelt Water Authority so that the balloon payments would not be an issue. And, he said, in the worst case scenario the city would refinance the debt in the last two years to stretch the payments out.

Citizens asked a range of questions about the project and the financing. Former alderman David Pitts said paving the streets without

doing the utility work would be like building a house with no foundation but he expressed dismay that the utility lines were not included in the original scope of work presented to voters.

Billie Shaffer encouraged aldermen to "do it right the first time" so that the city will hopefully "save money in the long run."

Blake Osburn and others asked several questions about what will be done regarding paving the roads, especially with regards to selection of contractors, who will do the base work, and who will check the base density.

Following the town hall meeting, aldermen met in a called session and voted unanimously to dedicate 100 percent of the revenue from

groundwater sales to Greenbelt to the repayment of the tax note debt, and then voted 3-2 to issue the debt. (Aldermen Will Thompson, Terry Noble, and Abby Patten in favor, and Aldermen Tommy Hill and Jesus Hernandez opposed.)

In other city business, the board met in regular session August 14 where they discussed the budget for the coming fiscal year and approved a request from Mullins Music Ministry for \$2,700 from the Hotel Occupancy Fund for a Thanksgiving Jamboree. Mullins told the board that he had an estimated 150 people at his last jamboree earlier this year which the city had provided \$2,100 for and he said he knew for sure that three people had stayed in the local hotel.

CC, CISD complete \$680k in projects

School and college facilities in Clarendon are completing about \$680,000 worth of summer improvements as students prepare to return for classes next week.

Clarendon College is wrapping up the most ambitious agenda with most work centered in residence halls that are about 40 years old. Upgrades to Vaughan, Phelan, and Knorpp halls are running about \$400,000 and are expected to be completed by next week.

All three dorms received new doors on each room at a cost of about \$30,000, and the college also renovated 22 bathrooms in Knorpp Hall with new showers at a cost of \$89,000.

Sixty rooms in Vaughan and Phelan halls received new cabinets, dressers, and bookshelves for \$150,000, and one-third of mattresses on the campus have been replaced for \$10,000.

In addition, Vaughan Hall has been re-plumbed and had new plumbing fixtures added at a cost of \$65,000; and new bathroom petitions and sinks have been installed in Phelan and Vaughan and curtains have been added to communal showers in those dorms also.

The college has also spent \$30,000 painting in the dorms, and elsewhere around campus CC has purchased a new refrigerator/freezer in the cafeteria and restriped parking lots and updated paint on curbs and cross walks.

CC President Phil Shirley said students living on-campus are in for a treat when they arrive next week.

"I am so excited," Shirley said. "We've done a lot of work, and both Vaughan and Phelan especially look wonderful."

At Clarendon ISD, public school officials are finishing up \$280,000 worth of improvements that included \$75,000 to completely re-plumb and modernize 45-year-old bathrooms in the junior high and elementary buildings. The work included all new, self-flushing toilets, handicapped accessibility, new partitions, and new sinks. A three-inch mud-bed securing the old floor

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A new air-conditioning unit is lowered on to the roof of Clarendon High School last week.



A new sign completed as part of the painting of the Bronco Gym.



Original college dorm desks and bookcase.



Original college dorm vanity and sink.



A wall is opened in the Clarendon Junior High bathroom to replace plumbing.



New college desks and bookcase.



New college vanity and sink.

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Pioneer to lead work on theatre

The Mulkey Theatre project took another important step forward Monday when the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation selected a contractor-at-risk for Phase One of the rehabilitation of the downtown landmark.

Pioneer General Contractors of Amarillo will conduct the bid process and lead the construction team that will implement the renovation of the 1946 theatre's facade.

Project architect Mason Rogers said Pioneer will place bid notices in the Amarillo Globe-News and The Clarendon Enterprise in about two weeks to begin the process of selecting sub-contractors for the job, and the CEDC Board is encouraging all local contractors to watch for that notice and bid on work they may be interested in.

The Phase One project is expected to cost about \$123,000 and will include replacing stucco on the facade with a new EFIS material that is flexible and infused with the paint color, replacing badly damage stucco work on the underside of the marquee, fabrication and installation of new aluminum doors to match existing doors, and a new electrical service capable of supporting the entire building will be installed.

Damaged tiles will be repaired or replaced, and the corrugated accent on the center of the facade will be refinished. The project also calls for neon or LED lighting to be restored on the underside of the marquee and for new neon or LED tubing to be added in the porthole windows and along the top of the building.

Also on Monday, the CEDC also authorized soliciting bids for a contractor to do more work on the Mulkey barbershop, which is being converted for use as a city visitor center and economic development office. A bid notice is found on this week's classifieds page, and the CEDC will meet in called session next Monday, August 27, at 5:15 p.m. to consider those bids.

When completed, the new visitor center will house both the office of CEDC Executive Director Chandra Eggemeyer and the Chamber of Commerce, providing a "one stop shop" for travelers and those who may be interested in locating their businesses or families in Clarendon.

State approves site for Ten Commandments marker

State officials notified Donley County Judge Jack Hall last week that they have approved a site location for the proposed Ten Commandments marker on the Courthouse Square.

The Texas Historical Commission approved locating the marker east of the Courthouse Annex in the second tree line from the street,

placing it on the opposite side of the sidewalk from a 1976 Liberty Tree out of the main view of the 1890 Courthouse.

Backers of the marker had asked for it to be placed in front of the east face of the Courthouse in the same tree line, but the state preferred the Annex location that was proposed by Commissioner Donnie

Hall and agreed to as an alternate site by the project's supporters.

According to documents on file in the judge's office, the Ten Commandments marker project will cost an estimated \$20,000 and will be purchased locally from Wallace Monument Co., which is co-owned by Donley County Commissioner Mark White. The monument will be

made of polished Georgia grey granite and will measure four feet, eight inches tall at the back, and three feet, four inches tall at the front and will be about 55 inches wide and just over 54 inches deep.

The Ten Commandments will be inscribed on a carved open Bible measuring 28 inches by 28 inches on the sloped top of the marker.

Three sides of the monument will bear inscriptions that will be taken from a list of 16 historic quotations or phrases, and the fourth side will include a synopsis of the history of Clarendon.

Under the THC's historic structure permit, supporters of the marker have until September 30, 2013, to complete the project.

Government is slowing US economy

By Dr. Tracy C. Miller

Recent monthly employment reports have confirmed that this is the slowest U.S. recovery from a recession since the Great Depression. Four years after the recession began, unemployment is still above 8 percent, more than three percentage points higher than it was before the recession began. Critics of President Obama argue that the sluggish recovery is due to economic policies he pursued, such as bailouts, extended unemployment insurance, healthcare reform and reform of financial regulation, which was part of the Dodd-Frank Act. Regardless of policy decisions made since 2008, considerable evidence supports the assertion that the slow recovery can be blamed at least partly on the fact that the recession was caused by a financial crisis. Nevertheless, with better economic policies, the recovery would have been faster and more people would be employed today.

Recoveries are notoriously slow after major financial crises, as documented in the book "This Time is Different: Eight Centuries of Financial Folly," by Reinhart and Rogoff. The financial crisis resulted from expansionary monetary policy and the resulting low interest rates, which led to excessive borrowing for investment in housing. When housing prices collapsed, millions employed in housing construction and related industries lost their jobs. Because of failures of major financial institutions due to excessive risk taking, lenders became much more cautious, making it difficult for entrepreneurs to invest in new enterprises that would create jobs to replace those that were lost.

In a free market economy, the recession itself causes price changes that create incentives for job creation. Unemployment leads to falling wages, and firms' reluctance to borrow leads to falling interest rates. These changes provide an incentive for entrepreneurs to hire additional workers and increase investment in capital goods. The problem now is that the price and interest rate incentives that would motivate firms to invest and create new jobs have been offset by uncertainty about the future that discourages investment and job creation. Much of this uncertainty is due to federal government policy.

One source of uncertainty is rapidly increasing government debt and concern about how the debt will be financed. Both parties share blame for rapidly rising government spending and debt, since spending also grew faster than the economy under President Bush.

To slow the growth of government debt, the Obama administration and Democrats in Congress want to raise tax rates when the Bush tax cuts expire in January 2013. A tax increase would reduce consumer spending, but the biggest problem with a tax increase is that it reduces the incentive to work, invest and take risks, particularly among entrepreneurs who start and manage businesses.

Without a large tax increase, rising debt due to increased government spending means that government is taking a growing share of a limited pool of savings, meaning less will be available for private investment. Although low interest rates make investment projects affordable now, rising government debt may lead to higher interest rates in the future. This discourages investment in higher order capital goods, whose profitability may depend on consumers' or producers' willingness to borrow in the future.

Some economists, such as Paul Krugman, argue that the problem is not too much, but too little economic stimulus spending. When government borrows more to increase spending, however, there will be an offsetting reduction in private borrowing for investment. Private investment enables firms to produce more goods and services that people value, while government investment goes to projects that often provide little of what consumer's value, as illustrated by government subsidies to failed solar energy company, Solyndra.

As economist Gary Becker notes in his blog, expansion of means-tested benefit programs also contributed to the slow recovery by making people less willing to work full-time. Extending unemployment insurance to 99 weeks reduces the incentive to search diligently for a job, enabling unemployed workers to be choosy. Changes that have made the food stamp program more generous, along with policies to reduce mortgage debt for low income people, also make it easier to wait for a better job offer or work part-time rather than full-time. Such policies are one reason why high unemployment coexists with more than three million job openings per month, many of which remain unfilled.

The financial crisis is to blame for the depth of the recent recession and partly to blame for the slow economic recovery. If market forces were allowed to work, however, the economy would recover more quickly. If they did not have extended unemployment compensation, some unemployed workers would find and accept new jobs. If uncertainty about government policy and its impacts weren't such a big concern, firms would be willing to invest in expanding production in response to lower interest rates. A return to a system with fewer entitlements, less government spending, stable rules and a commitment to maintain low tax rates would increase confidence about the future so businesses and households would be more willing to invest and create new jobs.

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Texas education attainment dismal

Fall is around the corner and school will be starting soon. Texas students will, once again, resume their studies and continue to enrich their precious minds. A great education is now more important than any time in the past. Even so, storm clouds are building in the futures of some of our Texas students.

According to a recent study by the Brookings Institution, the percentage of Texas adults (aged 25 and older) with high school diplomas ranks dead last (51st) in the nation. In the Texas Panhandle, only 75 percent of Texas adults have a high school diploma. Texas also ranks 22nd in the percentage of adults attending at least some college. How can such a discrepancy exist?

The answer is complicated and involves more than the quality of the K-12 educational system. In a ranking of the 50 states, plus Washington, D.C. in educational attainment, Texas was all over the place: 51st in high school graduation (79.6 percent); 22nd in some college (22.6 percent); 44th in associate degrees (6.3 percent); 31st in bachelor's degrees (25.3 percent); and 36th in graduate degrees (8.3 percent). The major factor driving down Texas's rankings has nothing to do with the quality of our public schools. The rapid rate of immigration, legal and illegal, is the culprit, according to Alan Berube, senior fellow and research director at Brookings.

Many Mexican and Latin Americans came to Texas, as adults, to work – not to finish high school. The data indicates that those who do finish high school go on to some college, with many graduating. Similar trends are also found in California – the largest state, and with rapid growth in immigration. Actually,



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California has an even more severe spread between high school and college attendance. California ranked 49th in high school attainment, and 15th and 16th, respectively, in the percentage of adults with undergraduate and graduate degrees.

The Texas Panhandle has low rates of educational attainment when compared to national, state, and benchmark communities. Factors involved include our economy that heavily relies on a poorly educated workforce, low education level in our aging population, and the out-migration of many of our youth who achieve higher levels of educational attainment.

These factors indicate a trend toward an increasingly under-prepared and low-paid workforce, leading to declining prosperity in our region, and a decreasing ability to attract and retain businesses and industries that pay livable wages and create higher-wage jobs. The Panhandle is losing ground in the quality of its workforce – current and future needs are not being met.

While the Texas educational system has challenges, it should not be construed as a failure. The deficit is primarily the result of rampant immigration, both legal and illegal. Many Texas adults grew up in other places and rapid growth in Texas cities has created unusual problems. People who

live outside the state want to move here. As for educational levels, the real demographic shift will happen when the current Hispanic, low income second and third graders enter into high school. According to the Pew Hispanic Center, in 2008, the Hispanic population was 36 percent of all Texans, but 46 percent of births. The latest enrollment report from the Texas Education Agency (2008-2009 school year) shows that Hispanic students account for 48 percent of all public students – and 65 percent of pre-kindergarten enrollment.

How Texas public schools perform in educating these students, many from Spanish-speaking families without a history of high school and university graduation – will largely determine the future prosperity of Texas. We should be concerned about the current levels of educational attainment of our students. Unfortunately, the focus should be on how our schools are now doing with the children of these immigrants.

According to the *Closing the Gaps 2015, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board*: "Texas stands at a crossroads. In one direction lies a future that follows the path of the current course of action. Enrollments in the state's public and independent colleges and universities are not keeping pace with the booming Texas population. There is a shortfall in the number of degrees and certificates earned. And, fewer degrees and certificates earned leads to a less-educated work force. The state's workers are not able to support a growing state economy, which is necessary for a higher quality of life for all Texans, and our citizens have fewer personal choices."



Curoisity pays with NASA's rover

Early on August 6th, 2012, NASA's rover Curiosity executed a perfect landing after an eight-month journey took it an astonishing 325 million miles to Mars, a planet roughly 130 million miles from Earth. It was a huge leap forward for America's space program and for human exploration of our solar system. It reminded us that our innate curiosity leads to great feats of discovery, scientific advancement and improvement of the human condition. And it was a breathtaking moment of pride and wonder.

The team of NASA scientists and engineers who guided Curiosity on her long voyage endured "seven minutes of terror" as the spacecraft guided

itself through a multi-step descent through Mars's atmosphere, from a starting point of 13,000 miles per hour to a feather-light landing. The euphoria they felt at the safe touchdown was surely unmatched. But as the first pictures were beamed back to Earth, those of us who have fought to maintain our space program did feel our own extra joy.

Both the rover itself and its unique delivery system represent engineer-



capitol comment
by sen. ken bailey hutchison

ing feats of historic proportions. Her landing bore out a new "guided flight" system for entering the Martian atmosphere, executing a perfect landing within its target area – in fact, almost perfectly at its center. Guided flight technology will be crucial for future Mars-bound spacecraft carrying crew members and it lays the scientific foundation for leaps forward in commercial aviation safety and reliability.

Our challenge now is to ensure we have the means to continue our journey of exploration. But we must do it soon – not a generation from now, or even a decade from now. We cannot lose momentum or fail to build on the tremendous advancements we've made.

Readers speak out against signs

Dear readers, it's time for those who have legitimate objections to all these PVC crosses and rudely radical signs to go public. Good intentions can go wrong. These "in-your-face" attacks are wrong because they get negative reactions. Ask the chamber of commerce office, the sheriff, the newspaper. A lot of criticisms. How does that make Clarendon look?

More importantly how does it make Jesus look? His invitation was appealing, "Come to me all who are overburdened, I will give you rest for your souls." He reserved his caustic remarks for the hypocrites. Sinners at large he treated like friends. His message was the gospel of the coming kingdom, which the Apostle Paul said is "Righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17). How is "Worse things than 9-11" good news? Also, who is the present-day prophet telling us "The End is Near" and "Jesus is Coming soon." The word "soon" in Revelation 22:20 is actually "quickly" (Gk. "tachu") which gives us our words tachometer and tachycardia which denote rapidity). It is better to

draw people with love than drive them with fear. That's what Jesus did on the real cross (John 12:32, 33; John 13:15; John 3:16, 17).

It seems out of order for someone who lives out of town and goes to church on TV to force his hysteria on our whole community. Is there no remedy for this onslaught of crosses and negative signs? Black is not a good color to express the love, light and life which is offered by Jesus, the Light of the World!

Don Stone, Clarendon

I read your recent editorial (August 16, 2012) regarding the over-the-top display of PVC crosses in our community, all the while uttering under my breath, "Amen, brother." I, as you indicated in your article, do not wish to be perceived as being irreverent to my faith nor disrespectful towards Jim, but I think enough is already too much.

The excessive display of crosses reminds me of a former Clarendon resident, Carolyn Hamilton, who always sent a single red rose to honor a deceased individual. That single rose

stood alone among many massive and beautiful floral arrangements, yet it was that single rose that my eyes always focused upon. The lone rose was just as powerful, if not more so, than the many other displays.

So it is with the cross. After all, I do not think any of us worship under a roof with an overkill of religious symbols. I know my own church calls for moderation.

More is simply more, not necessarily better.

Diane Skelton, Clarendon

Congratulations on a most impressive editorial this week (August 16, 2012)! It is one of your very best, and it speaks well for what I recall as a more broad-minded community than is being suggested by this crass version of Christianity, which is suggestive not only of the Klan but also of the Taliban brand of fanaticism. Hopefully, freedom of speech will be a safety valve!

Rebecca (King) Chudacoff, CHS Class of 1955, via e-mail

New Generation for the Next Generation

SWEPCO's Proposed 2013 Rate Increase for Customers in Texas



HISTORY

SWEPCO has proudly provided affordable and reliable electricity for the people and businesses of Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana for 100 years.

CHALLENGE

The demand for electricity by SWEPCO's customers continues to grow, which has created the need to build new generation to meet their needs now and the future.



SOLUTIONS

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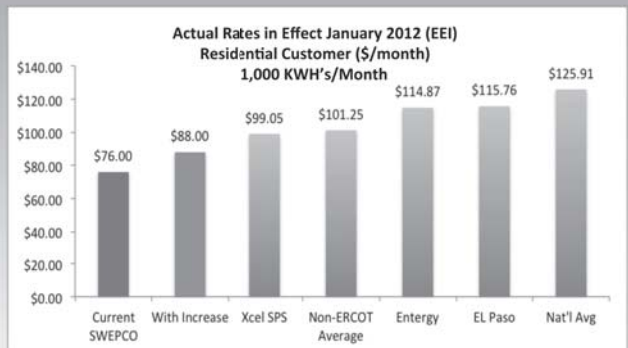
RESULTS

Construction of the John W. Turk, Jr. Power Plant in Southwest Arkansas, which is scheduled to begin operations in late 2012, and the J. Lamar Stall Unit in Shreveport, LA that has been in operation since 2010.



IMPACT

SWEPCO is asking the Public Utility Commission of Texas to approve a rate increase to recover its investment in the Turk and Stall plants. If approved by the PUC, Texas residential customers using 1,000 kwh per month can anticipate about a \$12.00 increase in their monthly bills starting in early 2013. Even after this rate increase is implemented, SWEPCO customers will continue to pay some of the lowest electricity rates in Texas.



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Community Calendar

- August 27**
First day of school
- September 3**
Labor Day
- September 4**
Hedley Community Blood Drive • 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. • Hedley School
- September 6**
Hedley BBQ Chicken Cookout • Details TBA
- Mini Cheer Camp • Hedley School • Contact Paulette Kidd
- September 9**
Grandparent's Day
- September 11**
Patriot Day
- September 16**
United Christian Ministries Breakfast • 7 a.m. • First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
- September 22**
Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff • Saints' Roost Museum • Details TBA

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Menus

August 27 - 31

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Turkey sandwich, tomato & lettuce, broccoli & raisin salad, pineapple delight, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Navy beans w/ham, sweet potatoes, turnip greens, cream bread, apple cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Crispy chicken on bun, tomato & lettuce, potato wedges, carrot & raisin salad, fruit cocktail, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Lasagna, garlic bread, Brussels sprouts, pears, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Beef soft tacos, Spanish rice, broccoli, fruit slices, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Baked chicken breast, baked potato w/sour cream, greens peas, pineapple tidbits, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Beef soft tacos, Spanish rice, broccoli, seasoned corn, mandarin orange w/topping, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken tenders, baked potato w/sour cream, peas & carrots, strawberries & whip topping, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Roast pork, sweet potatoes, succotash, wheat roll, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Cheese burger, potato wedges, lettuce, tomato, onion, melon medley, iced tea/2% milk.

Blood Drive to be held in Hedley

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will hold a Community Blood Drive at Hedley High School on Tuesday, September 4, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Every eligible donor who presents to donate will receive a Fight Cancer T-shirt.

A photo ID or donor card is required and you must be at least 17 years old to donate.

Walk-ins welcome. For an appointment, students and faculty please sign up in the school office, and community members interested in donating should call the school office also.

Conway Church to mark 100th year

During the Carson County Square House Museum Day weekend of September 29 and 30, 2012, there will be a one hundred year Celebration for the Conway Community Church.

An old fashioned dinner on the grounds will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, followed by a short celebration service and singing. Everyone is invited. Bring a covered dish or dessert and a lawn chair. Meat will be furnished. We would like to include as many out of town people as possible.

If you know of someone who needs to be invited, please contact Charles & Kay Burk at 806/537-5125. Attend the church of your choice then join us at 12:30.

Leap of Faith: Donley County native still spry at 102

By Dennis Kirk Knowles as told by Edna DeBord Dishman

On November 25, 1992 just before Thanksgiving, it was like any other day. Edna DeBord Dishman shared 59 years of her life with her husband, Elmer Dishman. She married Elmer at 22 after being courted on horseback by her admirer. The couple experienced the great depression, World War II with seasons of droughts and times of prosperity.

I remember a quote by Edna, "No one knows when they walk out the door in the morning, if they will ever walk back through that door in the evening" and this was the case on that cold day in November. Elmer and Edna were driving to Amarillo when they were involved in a car wreck. Edna suffered a broken jaw and five broken ribs. Elmer lost his life. After this tragedy, Edna would wake up in the middle of night realizing she was all alone. One night, she finally said, okay Lord I give it all over to you for I cannot go on like this anymore. This is when things began to change for this 82-year-old lady. Edna shared that this was a turning point of her life and the beginning of a new chapter.

Edna went to Salt Lake City after looking at a condo with her son, Keith Dishman. She was visiting her daughter, Ann Reeve. Edna spent this time reflecting on her life and meditating on direction from God. Before traveling to Utah, Edna was considering leaving Clarendon, Texas, and starting a new life in Dallas Texas. This would be Edna's biggest Leap of Faith leaving Donley County where she had lived for over 80 years. Edna started unpacking her suitcases after arriving back to Clarendon from Utah. The phone rang and it was someone wanting to buy her house. This was an answer to prayer. She felt like there was a bigger plan for her life and dove into the waters of uncertainty, head first. Edna sold the household items and started this new adventure at the age of 85.

As Edna settled into her 7th floor condo overlooking the vast expanse of trees along Turtle Creek in Dallas, she quickly made friends with her new community. I walked through her high rise, recently, and

mentioned her name to varied tenants. The faces lit up saying how she was such an inspiration and friend. Edna is a stranger to no one



as she shares her faith and pearls of wisdom. Some of her neighbors will see her in the gym as she works out on the treadmill each day.

In her nineties, Edna and other contributors helped renovate the Parlor at her Methodist church in Dallas. She also helped in implementing a wireless system, in which,

School days, dear old Golden Rule days

"School days, school days, dear old Golden Rule days, Readin and writin' and 'rhythmic, Taught to the tune of a hickory stick."

Wow! Who remembers that song? It was way before my time. I'm not sure I ever saw a hickory stick and certainly not in a teachers hand.

The beginning of school has always been exciting. I well remember school shopping in Amarillo. That was one of the few trips a year we made to Amarillo, shopping for school clothes and later shopping for Christmas. It is hard to imagine all the planning that went into those trips, now you hop in the car and go at a moment's notice.

If I remember correctly school supplies were usually bought at the local variety store; Parker-Perkins was the one I remember in Clarendon.

There a first-grader would buy a Big Chief tablet, a fat red pencil, a box of eight Crayola crayons, blunt nosed scissors and LePage's school glue. Someone in high school started with less, theme paper (now known as notebook paper) and a couple of #2 yellow pencils that were carried in a leather or fabric, zippered notebook carrier.

I suppose they were the early backpack all kids carry today. Even though I was very shy I loved school and looked forward to going each day. I hope the present generation has happy memories of school, can



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you imagine them describing their Tablet and Notebook to the grandchildren?

As school begins August 27, watch for the yellow bus and our excited, precious children as they go to school.

We received some rain, about 1/2 inch with cooler weather, in the 80s. If you have a garden and the deer haven't gotten in there, the cooler weather should make it produce more.

We haven't seen many deer, but they are around because any apple that falls from a tree is gone by the next morning. The deer that survived last year are a hearty, healthy bunch this year and should make hunting a fun sport.

Please remember all the sick in our community in your prayers and also include a prayer for our country.

CC is ready to being academic year

We're gearing up for another year at Clarendon College and hope to make this the best one ever!

Registration will take place on Monday, August 27, and Tuesday, August 28. We will be open for registration from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday. We hope these times will allow everyone who needs to register an opportunity to stop by. We will have advisors and testing available for your convenience.

A complete schedule of the classes we are offering this fall can be found on our website, www.clarendoncollege.edu.

Classes begin Wednesday, August 29.

The volleyball team will be on the road at the Barton County Tournament in Great Bend, Kan, this Friday and Saturday.

Students will begin moving into

the dorms at 2 p.m. on Sunday, and we will have a cookout for them and their families that evening sponsored by AMA-Techtel.

A week full of activities will kick off the new semester.

On Monday, Bulldog Bowling will take place and students will travel to Amarillo for a night of fun and bowling.

Tuesday night will be our annual ice cream social, "I Scream for Ice Cream," at 7 p.m. in the BAC. Thank you to everyone who provides the ice cream for this event! Our students enjoy meeting each of you and the ice cream you make and serve is wonderful.



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on the hill
by ashlee estlack,
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Wednesday night will be a dorm student and athlete orientation meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Harned Sisters Auditorium followed by the Big Game trailer on campus from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the courtyard at Regents Hall.

Thursday night will be the Back to School Dance and Pool Tourney in the BAC starting at 9 p.m.

The annual faculty vs. softball team softball matchup is scheduled for Sunday, September 2, with the first pitch at 6 p.m. We hope you can make it out and cheer on our faculty and students in this great game.

Call us at 806-874-3571 if you have any questions or need more information about registration and we will be more than happy to assist you.

Unleash your potential! Go Bulldogs!

Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center

People of the Panhandle have a rare opportunity to hear internationally recognized singer-songwriter Jimmy LaFave perform at the M.K. Brown Heritage Room in Pampa on Saturday, October 6.

LaFave will present "Walking Woody's Road", a musical tribute to the music and legacy of Woody Guthrie. The singer-songwriter has toured extensively in Europe, appeared on Austin City Limits and was invited by Nora Guthrie to appear in Cleveland at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame tribute to Guthrie. His next "gig" after Pampa will be the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. for the national tribute honoring the centennial of the "Dust Bowl Balladeer".

Tickets for the program will be \$20, which will include a catered dinner.

The performance caps off a weekend of events hosted by Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center in Pampa. Guthrie lived in Pampa from 1929-1936.

While working at the Harris Drug Store (where the Center is now located) the young man found a guitar and learned to play it. He played and sang with various local groups including Junior Chamber of Commerce Centennial Band and the Corncob Trio.

Guthrie left Pampa and the Dust Bowl for California where he was touched by the plight of the migrants and "Okies" who had come west

looking for work during the Great Depression.

The Center has allotted 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday for performers "at-large" who wish to play, sing, or tell stories. Sign up by calling the Center at 806.665.0883 or emailing friendofwoody@att.net. Other events include a tour of Woody's neighborhood. A bike ride around "Woody's Pampa", and Open House at the Center where T-Shirts, music, books, and other items are for sale.

The Folk Music Center hosts a jam session every Friday night beginning at 6:30. The session is open to the public-to play or to sit and listen. All instruments are welcome.

individuals with hearing impairments could be able to hear the service during church.

At 100, Edna felt a need to be a part of a production entitled, "It Gets Better." This was a national campaign to encourage teens not to give up on life from the abuse of bullying. Her heartfelt words of encouragement are still being heard to this day. There was a young man she mentored who had thoughts of suicide and desperation. Through her tenacity and love, he found his calling in life. Edna stated, love is the key to everything and she has lived by this motto all of her life.

When Edna was 101, she and some other durable saints started an intercessory prayer meeting at Grace United Methodist in Dallas. Edna is a strong believer in the power of prayer. She said one of her keys to a long, successful life is when she wakes up in the morning her thoughts and prayers are on others and not herself. Another key she shared is to not live in fear. She stated, "When I came to earth, I was sent on a mission and life will continue until the

work is done, so fear has no room to exist. It is God's Will, not mine."

One of Edna's greatest desires was to have a blond hair, blue eyed grand baby. At 101, she was able to experience this. Her great grandson, Austin Craig and wife had a son, Jackson Reeves Craig. Edna held her blue eyed, blond hair great, great grandson on a recent trip to Salt Lake City, Utah.

In parting, Edna reflected as she looked across the trees of Turtle Creek in Dallas. She stated, "Life is like a season, you see all the buds on a plant, it becomes a flower. The seasons change, the flowers fall. The leaves begin to turn red, yellow, brown, and orange. As the leaves fall, they all come together and the snow covers them in the winter season. Well, this is how life goes. There is a time to live and there is a time to die. Fear will never dwell in my heart for Heaven is my home." One of her favorite bible verses is Luke 12:1-4. It states, "In my Father's house there are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you so, where I am there you will be also."

AgriLife Extension to offer 'Right-of-Way' meeting Aug. 30 in Pampa

PAMPA – A "Right-of-Way" meeting, planned by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service office in Gray County, is set for Aug. 30 at the Gray County Annex, 12125 E. Frederic Ave. in Pampa.

There is a registration fee of \$10, and the event will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 3 p.m., said Brandon McGinty, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent in Gray County. Lunch will be provided.

Participants can earn five Texas Department of Agriculture private pesticide applicator continuing education units – one in laws and regulations, one integrated pest management, one drift and two general,

McGinty said.

Program topics and presenters will be:

- Weed Identification, McGinty.
- Laws and Regulations, Steve Boston, Texas Department of Agriculture, Lubbock.
- Herbicides and Uses, Howard Pierson, Alligare representative, Ovilla.
- Ornamental/Turf Insect Controls, Dr. Ed Bynum, AgriLife Extension entomologist, Amarillo.
- Drift Management, representative of Winn Field Chemicals.

Those planning to attend should RSVP by Aug. 27. To RSVP or for more information, contact McGinty at 806-669-8033.

Night scramble nets nine teams

By Sandy Anderberg

Thirty-eight golfers split into nine teams for the third Night Scramble of the season at the Clarendon Country Club.

The team of Todd Durham, Jamie Durham, James Whitt, and Melody Whitt took first place with a 63. The team of Gene Rogers, Gayle Rogers, Steve Gray, and Kaleb Wood won second with a 64 after a playoff on the scorecard.

The team of Norm Hagood,

Steve Paschal, Jennifer Clark, and Gayle Rogers won the Friday night scramble at six under par. The other five teams came in at five, four, and three under par.

Gail Leathers won the weekly women's game on Thursday with a gross 89 and Gayle Rogers won low net with a 68.

Don Hinton won the Wednesday weekly men's game with a 61, and Kevin Wood won second with a net 65.

Tales from the trail with Tom Perini

CANYON – Enjoy a warm fall night under a blanket of stars at the Tales of Texas event Wednesday, September 12 Tales of Texas from 6:30-9:30 pm on PPHM's East Lawn. Tom Perini will reprise his role as chef and entertainer; a West Texas ranch dance will follow.

Perini Ranch Steakhouse of Buffalo Gap, Texas, will provide a fabulous Texas-style prime rib dinner, followed by Run Blue Run! performing their "100-proof honky-tonk" music live.

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back on a nearby hay bale and enjoy a very special evening with us. (You'll be very comfortable in your jeans and boots).

The cost of the event is \$150 (\$60 tax deductible) per person for PPHM members and \$175 (\$85 tax deductible) per person for non-members. All proceeds directly benefit educational exhibitions and programming at PPHM.

Purchase tickets online at pandleplains.org by clicking RSVP or call Amy David at (806) 651-2233 by September 5. Tales of Texas is sponsored by Bell Helicopter.



These junior members represented Texas at the 2012 LEAD (Leaders Engaged in Angus Development) Conference, Aug. 2-5 in Fort Collins, Colo. Pictured front row from left are Maddison Holder, Cleburne; Julie Williams, Idalou; and Tylee Williams, Clarendon. Back row from left are Tanner Hash, Archer City; Derek Wolf, Windthorst; and Megan Ahearn, Wills Point. A total of 185 youth and advisors from 33 states and Canada attended the conference, "Peak Performance," where they enhance leadership and interpersonal skills while learning more about the beef industry.

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Fall is the ideal time to plant a tree – both for the gardener and the tree! The weather is cooler, so it is more enjoyable working outdoors. The tree also benefits because trees are entering a dormant state after the spring and summer growing season. Planting during this dormant state allows trees to recover more quickly from being moved around and to settle in before the next high growth phase in the spring and also the trees still have time to take root before the ground freezes for winter.

When selecting a tree, consider your lawn's soil, sun, moisture, and temperature conditions, as well as your personal preferences regarding color, size, and leaf shape. Make sure the site you pick to plant the tree will accommodate the tree after it has matured.

If planting close to your house, choose a smaller or slower-growing tree, unless, of course, you are trying to block out an undesirable view. Proper selection can provide you with years of enjoyment as well as

significantly increase the value of your property.

Before you begin planting your tree, be sure you have had all underground utilities located prior to digging.

The Donley County Soil & Water conservation District has trees available for your fall planting needs. For a complete list of trees available and to place an order, please contact us at 806-874-3561, Ext. 3. The office is located at 321 Sully in Clarendon.

Projects: Continued from page one.

tile was busted out and replaced, and galvanized pipes were replaced with copper.

"Most of our older waterlines have been replaced now," said Superintendent Monty Hysinger. "We still have some galvanized going to water fountains, but we'll replace those on our own."

The school spent \$40,000 to repaint the Bronco and Colt gymnasiums and the Functional Living Center as well as handrails around

the campus.

The biggest project was a \$165,000 replacement of aging heating and cooling systems for the high school, band hall, and agriculture buildings. The project only cost the school \$65,000 thanks to a \$100,000 SECO energy grant administered through the state.

"These units were 23 years old, and the new ones will be much more efficient," Hysinger said.

For next year the school will be

looking at the district's latest addition, the E-Wing on the west end of the elementary building that is now 15 years old and showing signs of settling cracks.

"The projects this year were all things we felt like we needed to do," Hysinger said. "You're never through repairing, but our board has been proactive and taken baby steps to stay after things so we keep them looking good."



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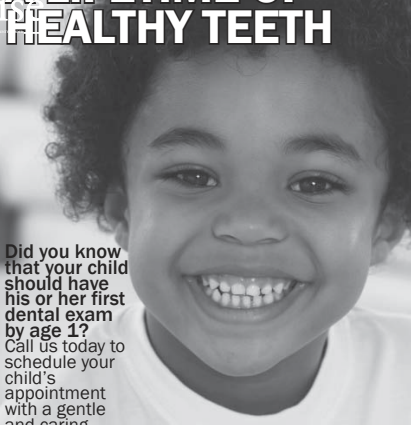
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Saturday - Burger Special - \$5⁹⁹

OUTPOST DELI WEEKLY SPECIALS

Texas Highways annual 'True, Texas' Awards

AUSTIN, TX— It's time for Texas Highways' annual trip to "True, Texas" in the September issue. Ingenuity, resilience, innovation, and tradition come together in a "community of the imagination" called True, population 1836. TH has chosen nine attractions and adventures—both brand new and time-tested—that define the heart and soul of our Texas spirit.

Among this year's winners are tried-and-true favorites like the beloved swimming hole at Balmorea State Park and Hill Country winemaking pioneer Becker Vineyards. But beyond the tangible landmarks, the TH team also honors the qualities that define the heart of Lone Star culture, like nature's amazing

resilience at Bastrop State Park in the wake of last year's wildfires, and the architectural and artistic innovation behind Dallas' new Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge. Visit texashighways.com/TrueTx to review all of the winners.

The September issue also features the annual "Where in Texas Are You?" contest, this year offering readers the chance to win an action-packed Culinary Tour of San Antonio. The prize includes airfare on Southwest Airlines, three nights at Omni La Mansión del Rio on the River Walk, and an array of dining and touring delights in the Alamo City.

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Drugs in the News

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Hypertriglyceridemia is frequently diagnosed in the United States. It is associated with an increased risk of cardiovascular events, strokes and acute pancreatitis. Hopefully, the approval of this medication in the United States will help in the fight against hypertriglyceridemia and in the reduction of the incidents of the different debilitating conditions that are associated with this disorder.



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No matter how accomplished the farmer or rancher, he or she must have water. Water is a much talked about subject. Every morning when I visit with some friends at the Outpost, rain, or the lack of it, is always discussed. Rain gauges, radar, and faulty weathermen are always part of the morning discussion. Last year was a rough year and it hurt a lot of folks. While we've had some rain this year, it is nothing to shout about.

I wonder how often some of us discuss the One in charge of the rain. The Bible discusses in many places about praying to God for what we need. James 1:5, for example, tells us to ask God if we need wisdom. The verse tells us to ask in faith. That means we must believe that God is going to listen and act. Of course the Bible teaches that one must be persistent, Luke 11:5-13.

In Luke 11:5-13, Jesus tells the parable of the friend at midnight. A man has an unexpected visitor drop in and he has no bread for him to eat. He goes to a friend's house, around midnight, and knocks. He asks for 3 loaves of bread. The friend says it is too late as he and his children have gone to bed. The man is persistent and continues to knock. Finally, not out of love, sympathy, etc., but because the friend wants to get rid of the fellow, he gets up and gives him the bread.

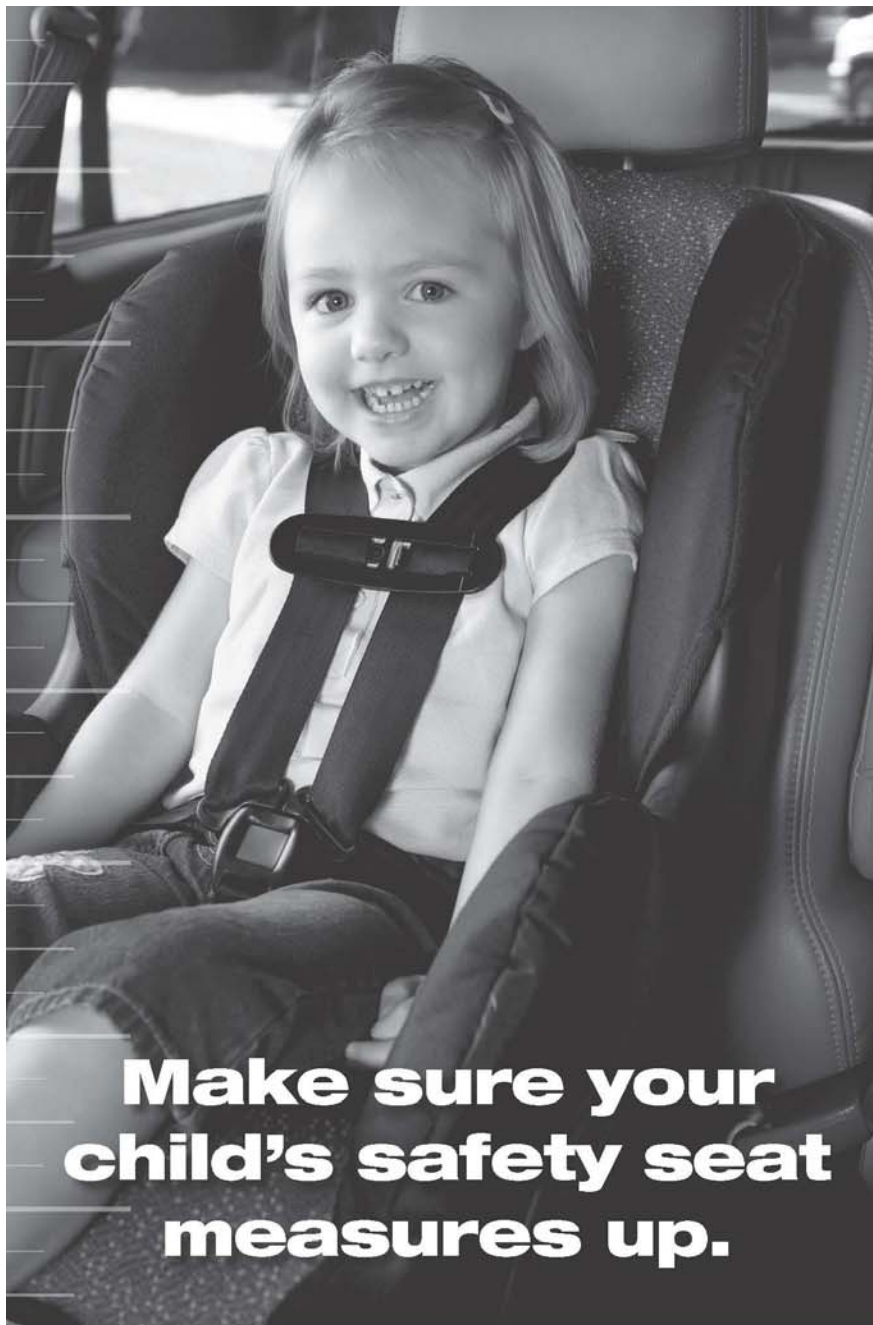
The Lord explains that a person praying to God should continue and be persistent. God will answer. Do we really petition God often for rain or other things we need? Do we go to Him in faith and often?

Of course prayer is ignored by God if the one praying is not living right. Isaiah 1:12-16 tells us that God will close His eyes and ears to us when we aren't living according to His word. I wonder how often we realize that our prayers could be ineffectual because of our wrong relationship with God or others.

Friends, as precious as rain is, prayer and our spiritual relationship with God are more precious. Physically we can't live without the water, but we can't live at all without God! Maybe, if we all seek God, our rain problem would cease. It could just be the weather patterns for the reason we have been so dry, or maybe it is the Weather Maker trying to wake us up.

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Presidential print

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Seliger to host town hall next Monday

State Senator Kel Seliger (R-Amarill) will hold a town hall meeting in Clarendon on Monday, August 27, in preparation for the 83rd Texas Legislature that convenes in January. The meeting will be held at 11 a.m. in the District Courtroom

of the Donley County Courthouse.

"I look forward to these town hall meetings every year because they give me an opportunity to discuss the issues that are important to my bosses - the citizens of District 31," said Seliger.

Over the next few months, Senator Seliger will be making stops in each county in District 31 to communicate with constituents about the critical issues facing their communities in the next legislative session. The public is invited to attend.

Economist:

‘Decision time’ for cattle restocking

COLLEGE STATION – Texas ranchers considering restocking options should think profitability first and foremost before writing a check, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service economist.

Stan Bevers, AgriLife Extension economist at Vernon, told producers at the Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course the outlook for beef cattle prices is positive given current supply and demand.

"The U.S. calf crop is at 34 million compared to 46 million during the 1981 period," Bevers said. "The next couple of years the calf crop, including dairy calves, is projected to be at 32 million to 33 million. What's feedlot capacity in this country? That's a hard number to come up with, it's not recorded anyway.

Making some assumptions, you'll come up with 38-42 million head.

"Feedlots are going to have to chase calves that are fewer and fewer and now deal with higher prices for corn and roughages. Do what you can do to hold onto what you've got as best you can because you will be rewarded."

That, added with a positive outlook for cattle prices over the next

couple of years due to supply and demand, should aid the decision-making process.

"If I choose to restock, I want some assurance of high probability of that female giving me a calf each of the next two years," Bevers said. "I think we will have pretty good prices for the next two to three years. I want to be in the game."

Looking at Food and Agricultural Research Policy Institute projections, beef cattle prices are forecast to continue a steady climb upward near \$170 per hundred-weight by 2014.

Bevers said cattle prices have seen some softness lately in price due to the uncertainty of the current corn crop. However, there will be a larger corn crop in the future and national cattle inventory levels are at their lowest since the 1950s, which signals high prices for the next couple of years.

When ranchers consider restocking, Bevers said it's important to consider the cost of the initial investment, annual income the investment will generate, and the salvage value at the end of the useful life of the investment.

"Collectively, is she a good

investment?" Bevers said, is the question each producer should ask.

Some factors Bevers said to consider when looking at potential replacement cows are:

Annual cow costs. These are \$588.22, according to Standardized Performance Analysis.

Weaning percentage and weaning weights. The Texas Standardized Performance Analysis database averages are 82.1 percent and 525 pounds.

Future calf market prices.

Bevers said another factor to consider is what type of female do you want to purchase? This could include cow-calf pairs, bred cows, or those requiring a development phase, such as heifers. He said longevity of ownership also needs to be a consideration.

"The longer you keep a productive female, the cheaper she is to own," Bevers said. Producers should also consider if they borrow the money to purchase the cow and its genetic potential.

Bevers said he has several spreadsheets that producers can use to evaluate their options. Visit <http://agrisk.tamu.edu> for this and other information.

Art Festival to be held in October

The Les Beaux Arts Club will be having its Fourth Annual Art Festival October 27 and 28th. At the Community Center on HWY 70.

Our committee has already made preparations for all of the different events. We will have artists display, booth space, entertainment, and the Catholic Church will be providing our concession and lunch on Sunday.

We want artists from all over the region, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and especially local artists. Clarendon is blessed with so many good artists; please plan to enter your paintings or other mediums. We also have booth space available.

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Thur	16	96°	67°	-
Fri	17	91°	63°	-
Sat	18	89°	63°	-
Sun	19	93°	64°	-

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weekend forecast

	Fri., August 24 Isolated T-Storms 91° / 66°
	Sat., August 25 Partly Cloudy 92° / 65°
	Sun., August 26 Isolated T-Storms 90° / 65°

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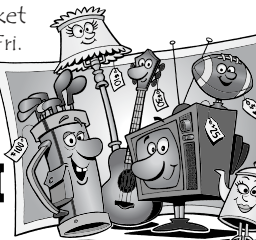
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Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO or Company) publishes this notice that on July 27, 2012, it filed its Petition and Statement of Intent to Change Rates and Reconcile Fuel Costs (the Petition) with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT or the Commission) in Docket No. 40443, and with those municipal authorities in its Texas service territory that have original jurisdiction over SWEPCO's electric rates. This notice is being published in accordance with Section 36.103 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act, Commission Procedural Rule 22.51(a)(1), and Commission Substantive Rule 25.235(b). SWEPCO is proposing to change its rates for electric service provided to all of its 181,000 Texas retail customers. All such customers and all classes of customers will be affected by this change. As it relates to the reconciliation of fuel costs, the proposed change will affect all Texas retail customers who pay fixed fuel factors.

STATEMENT OF INTENT TO CHANGE RATES

SWEPCO's request to change its rates is based on the financial results for a 12-month test year ending on December 31, 2011. The effect of SWEPCO's proposed rate change would be to increase its adjusted test year revenues by \$83,087,295, an increase of 33.8%, exclusive of fuel revenues. The overall impact of the rate change, considering both fuel and non-fuel revenues, is a 17.8% increase. The impact of the rate change on various customer classes will vary from the overall impact described in this notice. SWEPCO has proposed that its requested rate change become effective 35 days after the filing of the Petition and Statement of Intent. The proposed effective date is subject to suspension and extension by actions that may be taken by the Commission and other regulatory authorities.

TARIFF REVISIONS

SWEPCO is proposing revisions to most tariffs and schedules. In addition, in order to facilitate future transmission cost recovery factor (TCRF) and distribution cost recovery factor (DCRF) filings pursuant to Commission Substantive Rules 25.239 and 25.243, respectively, SWEPCO is requesting that the Commission set the TCRF to zero and establish baseline values that will be used to calculate SWEPCO's TCRF and DCRF in future dockets.

RECONCILIATION OF FUEL COSTS

SWEPCO has also requested authority to reconcile its fuel costs for the period from April 1, 2009 through December 31, 2011 (the Reconciliation Period). SWEPCO's request, if granted, will affect all Texas retail customers who pay fixed fuel factors. During the Reconciliation Period, SWEPCO incurred a total of \$588,826,910 in eligible fuel, fuel-related, and purchased-power costs to generate and purchase electric energy for its Texas retail customers. For the Reconciliation Period, SWEPCO calculates that it has under-recovered its Texas retail fuel, fuel related, and purchased-power costs by \$7,191,375 excluding interest. Including interest, SWEPCO's cumulative under-recovery balance is \$3,936,492 as of December 31, 2011.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Persons with questions or who want more information on SWEPCO's Petition may contact SWEPCO at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, or call toll-free at (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the Petition and related filings is available for inspection at the address listed in the previous sentence. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. A request for intervention or for further information should refer to Docket No. 40443. Unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, motions to intervene will be due 45 days from the date SWEPCO filed its Petition and Statement of Intent with the Commission. The 45th day after SWEPCO filed its application is September 10, 2012.

IRS can help when starting a small business

DALLAS – If you are opening a new business this summer, the IRS has some basic federal tax information to help get you started. One of the first decisions you need to make is what type of business you are going to establish.

The most common types of businesses are sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, S corporation and Limited Liability Company. The type of business you operate also determines what types of taxes you will pay and how you will pay them. The four general types of business taxes are income tax, self-employment tax, employment tax and excise tax.

"A business typically needs to obtain an Employer Identification

Number (EIN) to use as an identifier for tax purposes," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas. "Check IRS.gov to find out whether you will need this number, and, if so, you can apply for an EIN online."

Every business taxpayer must figure taxable income on an annual basis called a tax year. Your tax year can be either a calendar year or a fiscal year. It's also important to use a consistent accounting method, which is a set of rules for determining when to report income and expenses. The most commonly used accounting method is the cash method.

"Good records will help keep you on track of deductible expenses, help you prepare your tax returns

and support items that you report on your tax returns," Sanford added. "They will also help you monitor the progress of your business and prepare your financial statements." You may choose any recordkeeping system that clearly shows your income and expenses.

Visit the IRS.gov website and click on the 'Businesses' tab for more information and resources, including a special section on starting a business. IRS Publication 583, Starting a Business and Keeping Records, can also help new business owners understand their federal tax responsibilities.

The publication is available on IRS.gov or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

Stanley auto dealership property to determine if real estate to acquire that CC wants.

The president said CC is ready to open a new cosmetology program in Chidress this fall, and he said Monday that CC's dorms are full as of this week and that college officials will begin booking three students to a room as the start of the fall semester gets underway this month.

Also during Thursday's meeting, Regents spent two hours watching a video on the Texas Open Meetings Act and the Public Information Act.

CC Board of Regents prepares for upcoming year

The Clarendon College Board of Regents met in called session and regular session last Thursday, August 16, as the college prepares its budget and policies for the 2012-2013 year.

Regents first met at 9 a.m. for a workshop on budget and policy issues before convening in their regular meeting at 12:30 p.m.

CC President Phil Shirley said this week that the college budget for the coming year is now on file and available for public inspection. The Board of Regents will meet again on August 30 for a public hearing on the budget and to adopt the budget and

a tax rate.

During their meeting last week, Regents approved CC's policy manual, personnel handbook, college catalog, and student handbook for the coming year.

The board approved hiring Jennifer Moore as a vocational nursing instructor and accepted the resignation of Corey Murdock, who was the wind energy instructor at the Childress Center.

Shirley updated the board on summer remodeling projects and said the college is still investigating the possible uses for the former



Ready for action
The Clarendon Broncos run the ball against Bovina last Friday night at their 2012 open season scrimmage.

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Broncos open season, scrimmage Bovina

By Sandy Anderberg

Bronco football is back and they opened their 2012 season with a scrimmage against Bovina at home Friday night.

According to head coach Gary Jack, the Broncos performed well in the contest. "Everything went good," Jack said. "We saw some things we needed to see and we were pleased."

The Mustangs racked up 50 yards in their first possession, but were soon stopped by the Bronco defense, which impressed the coaches. Clarendon only allowed Bovina to gain only another 27 yards on the entire night. While the Bronco

defense limited their opponents' offense, they fought through offensively with 115 yards of their own.

"There wasn't much scoring in the game," Jack said. "We scored once and they didn't score at all. But we could have easily put more points on the board."

Penalties seemed to be a nemesis for the Bronco offense on the night, but Jack knows those problems can be fixed. The junior varsity players saw some action and finished with good results as well.

"The JV offense had a total of 78 yards and only allowed Bovina to gain 24 yards," Jack said. "They did

a good job."

Overall, the coaches were pleased with the Broncos' play and are gearing up for one more scrimmage before the season starts. "We saw a lot of good stuff," Jack said. "Everybody got to play and both older and younger did a good job. We need to polish up on offense, correct our misfires, and get ready for White Deer."

The Broncos will travel to White Deer Thursday, August 23, for their last scrimmage and then open their 2012 season at home Friday, August 31, against Tulia with kickoff at 7:30 p.m.

Obituaries

Barkley

Mary Elizabeth Barkley, 90, died Thursday, August 9, 2012, in Amarillo, Texas

Memo-
rial ser-
vices were
on Sunday,
August 19,
2012, in Robert-
son Saint's
Roost Chapel
in Clarendon
with Rev.
Darrell
Burton offici-
ating.



Mary
Elizabeth
Barkley

Services
were under
the direction of Robertson Funeral
Directors of Clarendon.

Mary Elizabeth Barkley was born February 23, 1922, in Bridgeport, IL to Joseph and Vina Post Gariepy. She, along with her husband Arthur Lee "Tom" Barkley, were owner/operators of several gas stations. She enjoyed cross stitching, baking, gardening, and working with her flowers. She was also "mother hen" to her neighbors and friends at the nursing center. She was Baptist and was a member of First Baptist Church of Claude.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Lee "Tom" Barkley; son, Howard Wayne Barkley; and daughter, Kay Skelton.

She is survived by 6 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren, and her son-in-law, Punch Skelton.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be sent to BSA Hospice, PO Box 950, Amarillo, Texas, 79105.



Looking toward the future
Wednesday afternoon, Clarendon College's Becky Green helped Hedley senior David Bell with some documentation for his college classes.

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Sign of the season
Hedley Freshman cheerleader Kelsey Wells letters a sign for the school as the Owls get ready for football season.

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To every-one in our community
It was the Lord's Day, early in the morning as I spend some time with the Lord in prayer and in reading of the Holy-scripture. As I was enjoying the morning breeze I felt a great sense of Love and peace. All of the sudden I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit and here is what he put in my heart and in my mind. Go to the leaders of authority in this town from the highest level to the lowest of authority. And tell them to set a meeting and to unite all the Pastors of the churches in Clarendon and tell them also to get all people, men, woman, and children of their congregations to come together and give ear to the Lord's warning.
He also said that the leaders of this country that work on the hill have denied his name and his power and that with great arrogance they continue to ignore his warning, he said that if repentance does not come that he will allow a greater calamity then 9/11 to take place.
He said that we must come together and confess with our mouth that we have willingly sinned against him and have denied the power of his name that we are guilty also of allowing other god's to mingle with him as if they are equal to him, we must make up our minds which God we serve. He said that if we be destroyed so will our children because they have learned from us to be disobedient to the only true God of the universe, himself, his name is, Yahweh the great I'am.
This is what we must confess: Father we ask for forgiveness of our disobedience and we ask that you bring us closer to you and bring us back to your service and influence us to return in perfect repentance before you. We confess in your presence and the presence of all men that we repent of all iniquity found among us. Forgive us father for turning our faces away from you as if we didn't know the truth, we know that you love us all but you hate sin, we stand by you Father Yahweh, we repent of our sins Lord, please save our country, our children, and ourselves, Amen.
The Holy Spirit said we are guilty for standing on with our mouth shut when he has given us freedom of speech, we are guilty of not speaking out when his name is being removed and laughed at for the sake of financial gain and of being afraid of standing for truth, we don't want to "offend anyone."
How stupid is stupid? This is what I ask myself (Petra), how far are we willing to go from our Loving God and still think that we don't have to pay for our iniquity's? There is a saying that goes like this, "if a lie is said enough times people will believe it to be true." The enemy of our Lord is the king of lies, he will keep us setting on the pretty white fence and he will even give us justification for setting there with our arms crossed and thinking that if we just leave the truth on the hands of my right or my left that we will be left unharmed, we know what the Holy Scripture says about luke-warm believers.
He also said that we must stop dividing our selfs because we belong to one God. One Spirit, one Savior, one Holy Book the word of God, different names of churches but we are one body, the body of the cross of Jesus Christ. He said to continue to read scripture and to pray every day, that he will continue to speak to us, he also said that he spoken to many of God's children but they turn the other way because they are afraid that the word comes from them and not from God, he said that in the last days God will speak to all people but very few will respond and that we must truly Love one-another.
The time is here, we need to make up our minds which God we serve. We have several choices:
A. Yahweh (Jesus Christ, devoted faithful followers to the true God of the universe).
B. Buddhism
C. Evolutionist
D. Hinduism
E. Satanism (worshippers of Satan).
F. Allah (Islam-the faithfulness of devoted followers to the king of lies).
This list goes on and on, please set a date A.S.A.P. Sincerely Petra a faithful believer in the God and King of the United States of America YAHWEH, JESUS CHRIST.
Thank-you. Please let's get together.
-Petra Diaz



Off and Running

Hedley Owls opened their 2012-2013 Football season with a scrimmage against Lefors last Friday. Here junior Seth Rutherford escapes from an opponent.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / KARI LINDSEY

HISD seeking transfer students

The Hedley Independent School District has announced this week that it is seeking transfer students from neighboring districts.

Interim Superintendent Jimmy Hoyle said HISD plans to create a bus route to Clarendon and Lelia Lake to transport the district's current students as well as any new transfers. The district has been providing transportation to students from Memphis for several years.

The Hedley School has a history of excellence in academics, athletics, UIL literary and other extracurricular events, Hoyle said. This past school year, district successes included making the playoffs in six-man football, District cham-

pions in tennis; qualifying runners to regional track meet; placing FFA animals in every major stock show; sending several students to the regional literary contest in science, accounting, math, and social studies; and one student qualified to the state contest.

HISD has received a Recognized rating from the Texas Education Agency and has met the Adequately Yearly Progress for the past several years, the interim superintendent said. The District has also received Gold Performance Acknowledgements in attendance, College Ready Graduates, College Admissions, Recommended HS Program, Texas Success Initiative for

ELA and Math, and Commended for Reading and Writing.

Hoyle says that district's 7:1 student-to-teacher ratio also sets it apart.

"The smaller class size enables each student to receive maximum direct instruction from the teacher," he said. "These characteristics combined with our experienced and dedicated staff of caring individuals creates a perfect environment for students." The district will be accepting transfers in each grade level.

All grade levels are accepted; and parents seeking more information are asked to call Principal David O'Dell at the school office at 856-5323.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON DONLEY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Donley Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2013 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on September 4, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the office of the Donley Appraisal District at 307 S. Sully, Clarendon, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

- The total amount of the proposed budget is \$254,731.
- The total amount of increase from the current year's budget is \$4,101.
- The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget is 3.
- The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 3.

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office located at 307 South Sully St. The phone number of the Donley Appraisal District is (806) 874-2744.

At the same meeting there will be a public hearing for the taxing units to express views concerning the reappraisal plan for 2013-2014.

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