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news & info At A Glance

Danger of fire is extremely high in Panhandle region

The Panhandle and South Plains are under an extreme fire danger warning, according to Texas Forest Service Regional Fire Coordinator Les Rogers.

Current high winds, low humidity, and a heavy fuel load have created the potential for wind-driven fires.

Rogers asked this week that residents postpone all outdoor burning. The area will not be out of extreme danger until significant rainfall and spring green-up has occurred.

Rogers suggests that smoking materials be extinguished in vehicle ashtrays rather than out of a window or on the ground. He also warns that hot catalytic converters can ignite dry vegetation whether in a field or on the side of the road. When welding out-of-doors, be sure to water down the surrounding work area and have a fire extinguisher nearby, Rogers said.

HHS Class of 2001 plans Spring Fling

Hedley's Class of 2001 will host the annual Spring Fling on Tuesday, March 7, at 6:30 p.m. The entertaining event will take place in the Hedley Gym.

The theme for this year is "Getting Groovy." The Spring Fling consist of a pie and cake auction along with some groovy entertainment.

Proceeds from the pie auction will be used by the Junior Class to fund the Prom.

The public is invited to attend.

Peanut Board to hold election

The Texas Peanut Producers Board will hold its biennial election on May 1, 2000. The election is for directors to fill three positions whose terms have expired.

Any person living within the following counties who is engaged in the business of producing, or causing to be produced, peanuts for commercial purposes is eligible to vote in his district, including owners of farms and their tenants and share croppers, if such person is subject to paying the assessment collected on peanuts within the district. District II includes Donley County.

Any person qualifying to vote in the election may place his name in nomination for directorship on the Texas Peanut Producers Board from that district by application to the above organization, signed by the applicant and at least ten other persons eligible to vote in the election. The Texas Peanut Producers Board must receive such application by April 1, 2000.

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All this and much more in this Texas Independence edition!

State pays city's highway costs

The State of Texas will reimburse the City of Clarendon for more than \$200,000 in expenses and fees associated with the rehabilitation of US 287.

Mayor Tex Selvidge made that announcement during a called meeting of the Board of Aldermen Monday morning and said the city has received a check from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in the amount of \$153,997.04. Another check for \$50,633.22 will be delivered once TxDOT finishes its audit.

More than \$90,000 of the state's payment is for expenses the city incurred in the settlement of a lawsuit with a local contractor.

In 1996 and 1997, Roy Williams repaired brick paving on First Street after the street was torn up to relocate water and sewer lines during the rehabilitation of the highway. The city maintained that the state should pay for that work, but Last September District Judge David McCoy ordered the city to pay Williams for the repairs.

The remainder of the state's payment will cover other city expenses for fees and supplies

incurred during the project.

City Secretary Janice Barbee said the money from the state will be put into the city's improvement fund. Money that had been put aside for that fund was used to settle the Williams lawsuit.

When the city receives its final payment, the US 287 Project will be completely finished after four years, Barbee said.

In other city business, the aldermen decided to have a committee of two or three people meet

with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission to explore the idea of hiring a City Administrator. The PRPC contracts with some of its member cities to provide administrative services on a part-time basis.

The board accepted Kelly Hill's high bid for property in Block 81 of the West End Addition.

After reviewing proposals from several firms, the board agreed to have Brandt Engineering of Amarillo provide engineering services for the city.

2 arrests made in weekend bust

Two people were arrested over the weekend in connection with the manufacture illegal drugs in Howardwick.

On Sunday, Deputy Butch Blackburn of the Donley County Sheriff's Office arrested 53-year old Mary Louise Luna and 48-year-old Darrell Lynn Rider, both of Amarillo, for possession of methamphetamines.

Blackburn said he was keeping an eye on a trailer house in the 300 block of Lubbock Lane after a concerned caller reported a strange car at the residence. He observed Luna carrying items from the house and investigated to make sure a burglary was not in progress.

"She said she was buying some stuff from the owner of the house," Blackburn said. "I asked her if he was home, and she said 'no.'"

At that point Blackburn said he

saw someone trying to hide inside the house. Blackburn found Rider hiding in a closet and also discovered where he was processing methamphetamines.

"They hide [the drug] in some sort of fuel treatment additive," Blackburn said, "then they add sulfuric and muriatic acid and cook off the fuel."

Blackburn said Sheriff Jimmy Thompson, Deputy Frank Palmer, and DPS Troopers Tony Polito and Chris Ward assisted with the weekend drug bust.

Rider is reportedly a pharmacist by trade, and Sheriff Jimmy Thompson said Rider had a copy of the Code of Criminal Procedure in the trailer house.

As of Monday morning, both Rider and Luna remained in custody in the Donley County Jail.



Deputy Butch Blackburn displays the items confiscated during a weekend drug bust at Howardwick.

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Thornberry seeks repeal of Social Security earnings limit

AMARILLO - Saying the federal government shouldn't be penalizing people who want to work, US Rep. Mac Thornberry visited a local small business last week to talk about repealing the Social Security earnings limit and a plan discussed to do just that.

"Go into almost any store or business these days and you're just as likely to find a retiree working behind the counter as you are a high school or college student," Thornberry stated. "Some seniors work because they

want the extra money. Others just like the feeling of staying busy and holding down a job. Whatever the reason, no senior should be penalized for pulling in a paycheck.

"But that's exactly what's happening because of the Social Security earnings limit. The earnings limit currently stands at \$17,000 for those age 65-69. This year, a senior in that age group who chooses to work will lose \$1 in Social Security benefits for every \$3 of earnings he or she earns over

the limit. The Social Security Administration reports that over 800,000 Americans will see their Social Security payments reduced this year because of this law. There's no telling how many more Americans would like to get jobs but don't because of this law.

"It doesn't make sense to encourage people to sit around and not work if that's what they want to do, which is one of the reasons I've been pushing to repeal the earnings limit for several years now."

According to Thornberry, Congress is working on legislation to repeal the Social Security earnings limit. The bill, called the Senior Citizens' Freedom to Work Act or HR 5, is currently being debated in the Ways and Means Committee and could be voted on in the full House of Representatives as early as this week. Thornberry is a cosponsor of HR 5 and has been pushing to repeal the earnings limit since

See 'Earnings' on page 3.

TMSA honors local teacher

Helen Estlack was honored as the Outstanding Teacher for Region XVI during the 25th annual convention of the Texas Middle Schools Association in Austin Sunday.

Estlack, who teaches English at Clarendon Jr. High, and Principal Marvin Elam attended the three-day convention, which held workshops on technology in the classroom; the TAAS test; and math, science, and language arts techniques.

Also making the trip to represent Clarendon in Austin were Allen, Roger, and Russell Estlack and Sharon Elam.

Enterprise Photo.



Panhandle 911 Regional Network needs help on rural project

The Panhandle Regional 911 Network is currently working on the Rural Addressing Project for Donley County.

The project involves assigning city type addresses consisting of street names and numbers of homes and businesses in rural areas. Citizens living within an incorporated area are not affected by this project.

The project is a combined effort of the Donley County Commissioners Court and the Regional 911 Network of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission. These agencies share the common goal

of providing the best 911 services for the citizens of Donley County.

The purpose of the rural addressing project is to provide emergency service personnel such as fire departments, ambulance services, and law enforcement with a more efficient way of locating 911 calls. By assigning physical addresses to homes and buildings, emergency personnel will no longer have to depend on "local knowledge" to find a person needing help. For example, when responding to a 911 call outside of town, having an address such as "12715 County Road N" is much

more useful to an ambulance driver than "two miles west of the old Smith place."

The first phase, the naming of county roads and installing signs, has been completed. The signs bear the name of the county road as well as the associated block number of that section of road. The Texas Department of Transportation has installed approach signs on the roads they maintain. Approach signs are placed several hundred feet from an intersection, assisting drivers by informing them which road lies ahead. Both the Donley

See '911 System' on page 3.

WTU plans to close its local office

West Texas Utilities Co. (WTU) will be closing its local offices - including the one in Clarendon - effective September 30, 2000.

The closure is part of operational changes to position the company for the start of retail competition in Texas.

WTU President and General Manager Paul Brower said that to promote fair competition, utilities must separate their operations. This requires a reevaluation of the services offered by WTU. As a result, WTU's merchandise program no longer fits with its business priorities.

"We will be discontinuing our merchandise program by the end of September," said Brower. "Additionally, our area offices will be used more exclusively for operational purposes."

According to Jeff Thigpen in WTU's Childress area office, Senate Bill 7 will make operating regulated and non-regulated services out of the same office illegal.

"In other words, if we keep operating like we are, we would be in violation of the law," Thigpen said.

Linemen will still be located in Clarendon to provide local service, but the WTU office will be closed for making payments and will no longer sell appliances and other merchandise.

"Any appliance that has a warranty will be covered by the manufacturer," he said. "But our service men will no longer be the hands-on guys to service the appliances."

The company is taking steps to lessen the impact of the office closures. Thigpen said WTU is negotiating to sell its merchandising division to a business that would come in and keep the local offices open for appliance sales.

"I hate to promise that this will happen because all the ducks have to line up just right," he said, "and right now they aren't lined up yet."

Brower said customers will continue to have company access through its Customer Service Center, which provides service 24-hours a day, seven days a week via a toll-free number.

"A changing business environment and changing customer needs are reshaping our business," Brower said. "WTU will continue to work in partnership with communities through its economic development activities, volunteerism, contributions, and customer service. The company is following an industry trend in making use of new technologies to provide more options in customer service."

He added that WTU customers now have more options in paying their bills, including mail, automatic bank drafting using the Direct Advantage Plan, the internet (www.csw.com) which provides a full range of customer services, pay stations in many communities, and credit card or ATM card via the telephone using the ChoicePay Plan.

"If you have a question regarding bill payment or want to know the location of the nearest pay station, you should contact our toll-free Customer Service Center at 1-888-216-3490," said Brower. "There are many changes on the horizon that will give customers more choices in how they conduct business with us. The one thing that will never change is our commitment to customer service."

editor's Commentary

WARNING: The following column is an editorial (i.e. an opinion, a point of view) and may contain ideas or positions with which some readers may freely disagree. It could be harmful to liberals, socialists, and other small mammals. Read at your own risk.



Texas celebrates 164 years of independence

By US Sen. Phil Gramm
Texas was founded by Spanish explorers and existed under the flags of Spain, France, and Mexico before Texans declared their independence 164 years ago at Washington-on-the-Brazos.

The words of the Texas Declaration are quintessentially American in their assertion of individual freedom, and they ring as true today as they did then.

"When a government has ceased to protect the lives, liberty and property of the people from whom its legitimate powers are derived, and for the advancement of whose happiness it was instituted, and so far from being a guarantee for the enjoyment of their inestimable and inalienable rights, becomes an instrument in the hands of evil rulers..."

"The necessity of self-preservation, therefore, now decrees our eternal political separation... and that the people of Texas do now constitute a FREE, SOVEREIGN, and INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC..."

Texas was a land of pioneers - Spanish, Mexican, and American - who were seeking a better life for themselves and their families, and who came to stay. Stephen F. Austin, following in the footsteps of his father, opened Texas to people

from the United States who came and became "Texians."

Then, with General Santa Anna's rise to power in Mexico and concentration of power and government in Mexico City, Texas men and women concluded they would have to fight in order to maintain the rights and freedoms that once had been guaranteed them under the Mexican Constitution. It was in those perilous days that the Texians declared their independence and went to war.

Much as in our Declaration of Independence, the spirit of our state is contained in a simple communication that emerged from the war. On February 24, 1836, Col. William Barret Travis made this plea from inside the Alamo:

To the People of Texas & all Americans in the world Fellow Citizens & Patriots I am besieged, by a thousand or more of the Mexicans under Santa Anna - I have sustained a continual Bombardment & cannonade for 24 hours & have not lost a man - The enemy has demanded a surrender at discretion: otherwise the garrison are to be put to the sword, if the fort is taken - I have answered the demands with a cannon shot, & our flag still waves

proudly from the wall - I shall never surrender or retreat. Then, I call on you in the name of Liberty, or patriotism & of everything dear to the American character, to come to our aid with all dispatch - The enemy is receiving reinforcements daily & will no doubt increase to three or four thousand in four or five days. If this call is neglected, I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible & die like a soldier who never forgets what is due to his own honor and that of his country - Victory or Death.

William Barret Travis Lt. Col. Comdt.

The Alamo was lost, but the war was won. On May 14, 1836, following Santa Anna's capture by Gen. Sam Houston after the Battle of San Jacinto, the Republic of Texas was founded.

In celebrating the anniversaries of Texas' early history - Independence Day is celebrated on March 2, the Alamo fell on March 6, and the Battle of San Jacinto was fought on April 21 - I hope we can all take a moment to recall those men and women whose dedication to freedom made it impossible for them to do anything less than revolt against tyranny.

Racial issues mar recitation of Declaration

A passage of the Declaration of Independence has come under fire in New Jersey after that state's senate proposed requiring school children to recite it daily.

Sen. Gerald Cardinale says he wants the following recited daily to help instill basic democratic values:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

Unlike past protests against reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, which is derided because of the "one Nation under God" passage, this protest has nothing to do with religion. It has to do with race. Black legislators say the Declaration did not apply to blacks.

"It is clear that African-Americans were not included in that phrase," said New Jersey Sen. Wayne Bryant. "It's another way of being exclusionary and insensitive. You have nerve to ask my grandchildren to recite (the Declaration). How dare you? You are now on notice that this is offensive to my community."

No, sir, how dare you? The Declaration of Independence is not about race; it makes no mention of race. It outlines several universal truths which apply not just to white Americans but to Americans of every creed, color, and race and indeed to all people everywhere. It is the best declaration of human rights that has ever been written.

Certainly at the time the words were penned, suffrage and equality were not granted to women, blacks, or Native Americans. But that document and the Constitution that followed it a few years later paved the way for a new nation that has extended the blessings of freedom to everyone and has led the world as a champion of individual rights. How can those words be considered a racial insult?

When I was a junior in high school, we were required to memorize that very passage, and it offended no one.

"You're not worth your salt as American if you don't have this passage and the Preamble of the U.S. Constitution memorized," Coach Beck said. And he tested us on both of them. We didn't recite it, but we did write it down on our tests in his class.

Coach Beck was right, of course. Learning both of those phrases is essential to understanding what it is to be an American. And the Declaration of Independence is of absolute importance if we are to comprehend the concepts of Liberty and Self-Governance.

I can understand why liberals such as Sen. Bryant wouldn't want American children exposed to the radical writings of Thomas Jefferson. The noble ideas expressed in the American Declaration of Independence (and also the Texas Declaration of Independence) clearly illustrate that power resides with the people and that government is ultimately subordinate to the will of the people it serves. They are ideas that oppose big government, promote freedom, and eviscerate socialist agendas.

Karen Jones is black and is the principal of Golden Door Charter School in Jersey City. Her students already recite the Declaration, substituting "all people" for "all men" being created equal.

"We need to get past (the race issue) and not neglect the importance of the ideas," Jones told Fox News.

She's right. Students should learn the ideas this nation was built upon. They should learn why the American colonies broke away from the British Crown and what moral justification caused the Founding Fathers to commit treason.

In Texas, this Thursday, March 2, marks our Independence Day. I'm sorry to say that it will pass by unnoticed by most people, and if tradition holds, the ENTERPRISE will be the only business on Kearney Street to fly the Lone Star Flag for the occasion.

It is a shame that Texans do not do more to honor our hard earned independence. But it is a greater tragedy that some people in New Jersey will not even let their children learn the truths that are the foundations of American freedom.

Apology

Everybody makes mistakes, but not everybody makes the same mistake two weeks in a row and then publishes it for the entire county to read.

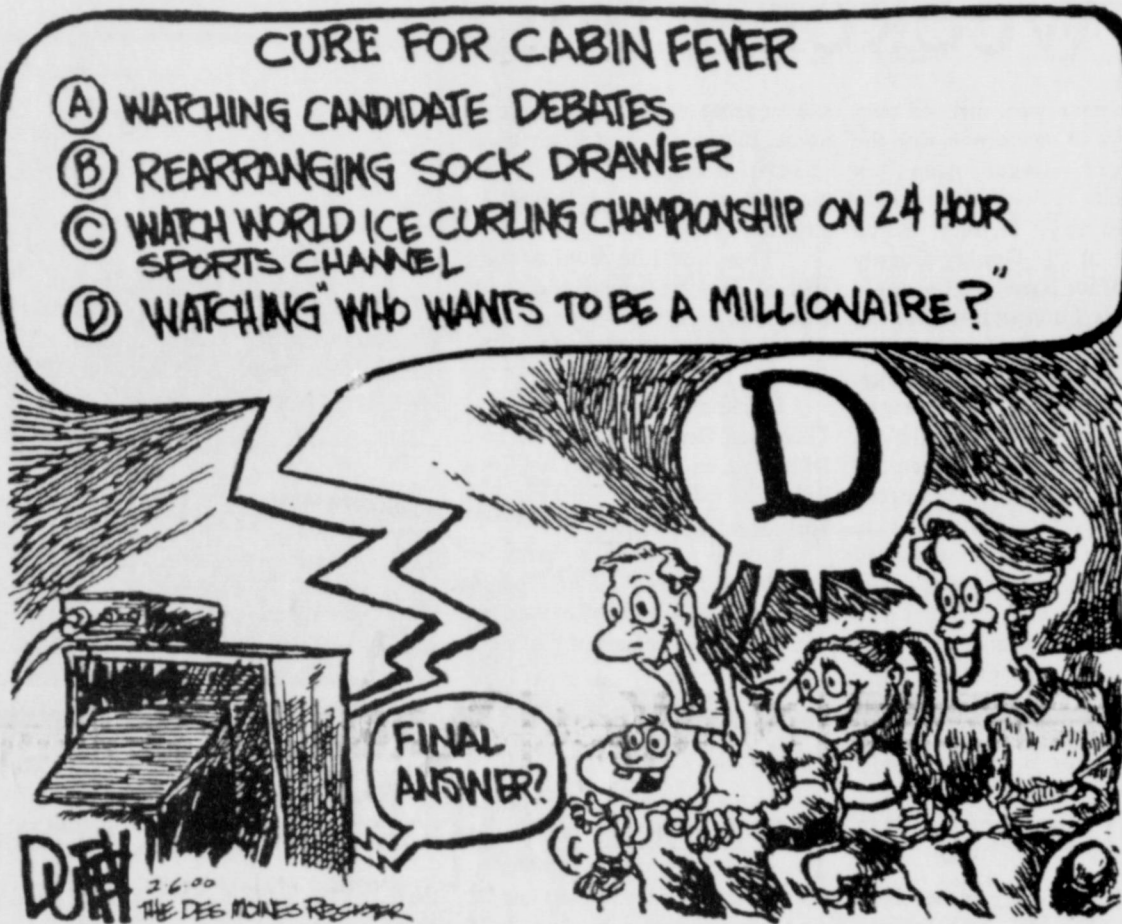
Such was the case two weeks ago when we ran the story regarding the upcoming local elections and listed one Hedley school board seat as being held by "the late Troy Monroe."

That Friday a lady called my office and pointed out that Mr. Monroe is not dead. (I had confused him with Danny Monroe, who did pass away last year.)

That was embarrassing enough, but when I set the story for last week's paper at midnight, I forgot to make that necessary correction. So I really did have a lot of egg on my face when the paper was printed with that same error... again.

I sincerely apologize to Mr. Monroe and the citizens of the Hedley ISD for the error and any problems it may have caused. You can rest assured that the local elections story is the most proofread story in this week's edition.

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Washington shouldn't penalize seniors' benefits

If we make a list of everything government does that lacks common sense, it would take a lot of time and paper.

But there are some policies that just don't make sense and are flat wrong - like penalizing a group of people in America for holding down jobs and being productive members of society. Yet, it's happening everyday with our senior citizens.

Today, the law limits how much seniors can earn before their Social Security benefits are reduced. Any senior between 65 and 70 who makes more than \$17,000 loses \$1 of Social Security benefits for every \$3 he or she earns. This earnings limit was enacted during the Great Depres-



sion to encourage older people to leave the workforce so jobs would become available for younger workers.

But a lot has changed since then. In 1935, the average woman lived until the age of 63. Today, a woman's life expectancy is 79. People are living longer and have more productive lives. We should not penalize seniors who want to work. They are healthier and happier, and the

rest of us benefit from their experience and knowledge. It also helps us all to have them working and paying taxes.

Congress passed legislation a few years ago that will gradually raise the earnings limit over several years. That was a start, but we need to repeal the limit completely. I've been pushing for its repeal since my very first day in Congress and, this week, the House will vote on a bill to do just that.

Repealing the Social Security earnings limit recognizes not only the value of work to America's seniors, but also the value of working seniors to America. It will put a little bit more common sense back into government.

Texans do not need California's auto standards

Dear Editor: Someday soon, we Texans may walk into an auto dealership and be told we could not buy a full-size V-8 pickup truck or a Suburban. Why? If Texas adopts an emissions standards program equivalent to that of the State of California, as the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) is considering, these new state regulations may preclude the sale of such vehicles.

Texas is a vastly different state from California, and Texans use their vehicles in vastly different ways. For example, Texas ranchers depend on powerful trucks, and SUVs to haul feed and cattle and to travel off-road to perform normal daily ranching chores. Boaters, campers, hunters, and other outdoorsmen need a vehicle that can tow a boat or camper and carry all the gear that's required for their favorite recreational activities. These Texans will be among the hardest hit if the TNRCC adopts the California standards.

Even if these big vehicles remain available, adoption of the California standards would add \$500-\$600 to the cost of a truck in Texas. That's a pretty hefty increase for some farmers and ranchers to bear - particularly when it is not necessary. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) already has issued tough

new nationwide tailpipe emissions standards that will sharply reduce emissions for all vehicles - cars, pickups, minivans, and SUVs alike. These new standards should adequately address any air quality problems we face in Texas.

We don't need California setting the standard for what we do here in Texas. Why, the California regulations ultimately would require us to drive vehicles that don't have any emission sat all. Can you imagine how small a truck that would be?

It is true that some of Texas' larger metropolitan areas are facing daunting air quality concerns, but solutions exist that not only are less disruptive to our lifestyles, but that also are better suited to our specific problems. For example, late last year, the American Automobile Association (AAA) released a study entitled "Cleaning the Air" that showed that Houston's air quality problems stem largely from industrial sources, rather than from vehicles, as in California. According to AAA, less than 30 percent of Houston's nitrous oxide emissions come from cars and trucks, a percentage that is expected to continue declining over the next few years.

So, on behalf of ranchers across Texas - and all Texans who value their rights to choose the types of vehicles they drive -

let us send a strong message to the TNRCC: Reject the California emissions standards policy and preserve Texans' rights to buy and drive the vehicles of our choice.

Charles Carter Executive Director, Independent Cattlemen's Association

County GOP chairman encourages people to vote

Dear Editor, Thank you for reminding the voters of Donley County of the upcoming primary elections Tuesday, March 14, 2000. Also, the candidate profiles you have published in the past help voters to determine the qualifications and information on each candidate.

To the voters a challenge is given that you exercise your duty to participate in the selection of your preference in candidates. Each of us is going to accept and "live with" our decisions with the final outcome.

Thank you for taking time to exercise your duty and privilege.

Rogers Hester Donley County Chairman Republican Party of Texas

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Nobles win reserve at Ft. Worth

Cheyenne Noble and Cheyenne's Chief Eagle received the Reserve High Point Youth Donkey at the 2000 Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo. Linda Noble and Diamonz Agurls Besfrien received Reserve High Point Donkey. The Nobles also showed Cule Benjamule Abetta Ass and took Champion Coon Jumping Mule for the second year in a row. Pictured are Linda Noble, Terry Noble, and Cheyenne Noble.

911 System: Help is needed to complete system

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County employees and Department of Transportation employees have done an excellent job providing this important part of the project.

The Panhandle Regional 911 Network needs your help in completing the next phase of the project. In the coming weeks, the 911 staff will be working to verify address locations throughout the county. This phase involves locating where rural residents live and determining their current mailing address so that they can be notified of their new address when it becomes available. These activities

may include door to door and telephone solicitations to confirm addresses. Residents may receive a phone call asking you to confirm your location, route and box number, or post office box number. People who live outside the city limits and use a post office box are encouraged to call 1-800-687-7911 to make sure their homes and businesses are on the list to receive a 911 address.

The US Postal Service is also assisting 911 districts with the rural addressing project. Once completed, the new physical addresses will become

the new mailing address for those customers who currently receive mail by route and box delivery. This, according to the USPS, will help with the automated processing and sorting of mail. The mailing address for those rural customers who receive mail by post office box will not change; however, their homes and businesses will be assigned a "physical" address for 911 purposes.

A physical address has other benefits beyond 911. Utilities, such as electric, telephone, gas, and cable companies are beginning to require a

physical address to start a new account or service an existing one. Similarly, insurance companies often require such information about the property for which they provide coverage.

Upon completion of the project, residents will receive a letter informing them of their 911 addresses.

Any questions or comments regarding the rural addressing project are welcome.

Please contact Audra Bohr or Greg Green at the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission 372-3381 or 1-800-687-7911.

Minimum Tillage topic for Crop Producers Roundtable Breakfast Meeting March 9

By Leon Church, County Agent

Minimum Tillage will be the topic of the Crop Producers Roundtable Breakfast Meeting on Thursday, March 9.

Dr. Todd Baughman, Agronomist Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Vernon, will be the main presenter. The breakfast will begin at 6:30 a.m.

at the Country Kitchen in Clarendon.

This will be the last in the 2000 series of winter Donley County Producer Roundtable meetings. The topic is very timely and one that should be considered by producers. With diesel prices continuing to increase, the continued loss of soil structure and organic matter, it is important to con-

sider alternatives to how things have always been done.

Survival in agriculture is a key to our country's and many rural communities' way of life. In order to make agriculture sustainable, we must look at ways to reduce input costs, conserve our soil, and efficiently utilize our limited water resources. Minimum till-

age is one tool that can be used to aid in making our operations sustainable and profitable for ourselves and future generations.

For further information contact Leon Church at the Donley County Extension Office (806)874-2141.

Earnings:

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his first day in the House on January 4, 1995. He noted that Congress has addressed this issue in the past. In 1996, the House passed legislation that will raise the earnings limit to \$30,000 in the year 2002. The one major difference this time, he added, is that the President has indicated a willingness to finally go along with a plan to not only raise the limit but repeal it altogether.

"When Social Security was created during the Great Depression," Thornberry said, "the earnings test was included to encourage older people to leave the work force so jobs would become available for younger workers. Clearly, a lot has changed since that time," Thornberry said.

weather report

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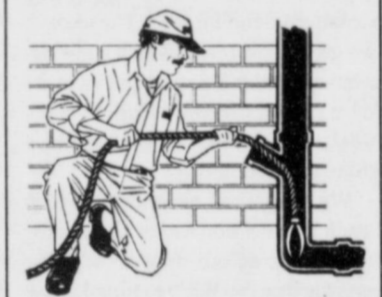
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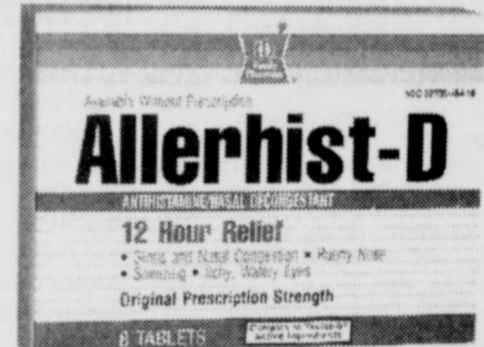
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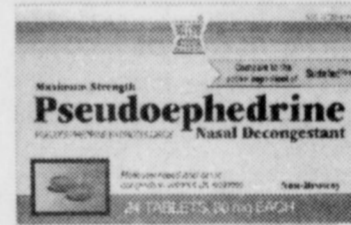
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20 Years Ago

THE CLARENDON PRESS, February 28, 1980
 • Edie Robertson and Guy Dell Hill were certified as EMTs by the Texas Department of Health.

• Don Stone accepted the invitation of the Hedley Church of Christ to serve as their preacher.

50 Years Ago

THE DONLEY CO. LEADER, March 2, 1950
 • According to Lee Shaller, vice president of the Donley County Farm Bureau, arrangements are in progress for a meeting to be held in Groom for Donley and Gray County wheat growers for the purpose of organizing a Wheat Growers Association.

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March 2

CHS Pre-registration Meeting • School Cafeteria • 7 p.m.

Texas Independence Day

Sam Houston's Birthday

March 4

VFW Breakfast • VFW Hall • 7 a.m.

March 5

CC Pampa Center Dedication • 1601 W. Kentucky, Pampa • 2:30 p.m.

March 7

Hedley's Spring Fling • HHS Gym • 6:30 p.m.

March 9

Senior Citizens Catfish Supper • DCSC Center • 5:30 p.m.

March 11

Regional Powerlifting Meet • Levelland.

March 14

Democratic and Republican Primary Elections

March 27

4-H Tasting Luncheon • First United Methodist Church • 11:30 a.m.

Community Menus

March 6 - 10

Clarendon Schools
Breakfast
 Mon: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk
 Tues: Pancakes, juice, milk
 Wed: Cinnamon rolls, fruit, milk
 Thur: Sopapilla honey, fruit, milk
 Fri: Sausage gravy and biscuits, juice, milk
Lunch
 Mon: Tacos, beans, salad, pineapple, milk
 Tues: Ravioli, green beans, salad, roll, fruit, milk
 Wed: Turkey spaghetti, lettuce, corn, garlic bread, peaches, milk
 Thur: Pizza with beef, salad, corn, cookie, milk
 Fri: Barbecue beef sandwich, French fries, coleslaw, apricot cobbler, milk

Hedley School
Breakfast
 Mon: Breakfast sandwich with ham, cheese, and egg, cereal, graham crackers, milk, juice
 Tues: Sausage and egg burrito, cereal, graham crackers, milk, juice
 Wed: Biscuit and gravy sausage, cereal, graham crackers, milk, juice
 Thur: Egg sausage bake with cheese, cereal, graham crackers, milk, juice
 Fri: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, milk, juice, graham crackers
Lunch
 Mon: Enchiladas, beans, salad, salsa and chips, pineapple cake, milk
 Tues: Burrito or corn dog, chili and cheese, chips, salad, fruit, peaches, milk
 Wed: Hamburger, oven fries, lettuce, tomato, banana pudding, milk
 Thur: Turkey roast or fish sticks, potato wedges, salad, fruit, rolls, milk
 Fri: Steak fingers or chicken strips, potatoes and gravy, steamed vegetables, salad, fruit, rolls, milk

Donley County Senior Citizens
 Mon: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, Harvard beets, mixed fruit, spice cake, roll, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
 Tues: Butter beans with ham, fried squash, carrot copper pennies, apricot cobbler with ice cream, cornbread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
 Wed: Hamburgers, French fries, pears with cottage cheese, butterscotch pudding with topping, hamburger bun, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
 Thur: Chicken potpie, Brussels sprouts, peaches, lemon lush, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
 Fri: Goulash, green peas, tator tots, strawberry salad, pastries, wheat roll, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Hedley Senior Citizens
 Mon: Spaghetti and meat sauce, broccoli casserole, tossed salad, peach cobbler, garlic toast, milk, tea, coffee
 Tues: Roast beef, baked potato, green beans, Waldorf salad, pumpkin pie, roll, milk, tea, coffee
 Wed: Chicken and dumplings, steamed cabbage, carrot-raisin salad, apricot cobbler, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee
 Thur: Steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, English peas, orange Jell-O with pineapple and carrots, chocolate pudding, roll, milk, tea, coffee
 Fri: Cheeseburgers, potato chips, tomatoes, lettuce, onions, pickles, ice cream, milk, tea, coffee

Great things happening at Clarendon Elementary

There are great things going on down at Clarendon Elementary School. You will notice the minute you walk into the front door because you walk into a construction-paper jungle. Twisted and gnarled brown branches drape across the ceiling from side to side and are hung with bright green leaves as big as your head, with brilliantly colored book jackets for flowers. This is a reading jungle, populated by munchkin-sized reading stars.

Clarendon Elementary has begun the Accelerated Reader program. Children read books which have been sorted for grade level and difficulty. Each book read earns the child a specific number of points if they successfully pass a short computer test about that book. *Berenstein Bears Bear Scouts* books are third grade level worth two points. *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott is an eighth grade reading level book worth 36 points. Yes, some of our Clarendon Elementary

students are reading at an eighth grade level.

Every Friday afternoon, just before school lets out, the students who have earned points or advanced to Independent Reader, or Super Reader, or one of the other reading levels, get to run down the long hall getting congratulatory high fives from everyone lining their path. Sometimes so many students get to run, they have to line up along the hall again, so there are people left to give those high fives. For some reason—whether it's forgetfulness or TGI Friday disease—I never can seem to make it to the school on Friday afternoon to watch the kids run, even though I've been invited several times. I really am sorry for that because it must be quite a sight to see.

When I went to visit the school Monday morning, only a few children were in the library checking books in and out. Librarian Robin Goodwin told me that usually Mondays and Fridays are a madhouse in the library



around Town

By Gail Shelton

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 with dozens of children coming in to trade in the books they'd read over the weekend.

Robin said that the library had received almost 850 books back in October to set up the program, and they'd discovered since then that 850 books weren't enough as fast as the kids go through them, particularly the 1st and 2nd graders. Monday, two teachers were going through the books on the shelves one at a time, checking to see whether tests were available for the books the library already owns.

While I was there, Shadden Lanier came in for a new book. He'd made his Advanced Reader level and was going for points to exchange for prizes. He was up to 25 points, and he got an extra high-five from the li-

briarian right then for the accomplishment.

To earn higher levels, students have to read books with higher point values, which means harder books. Shadden wasn't really interested in moving to the next level—he wanted the points. But is it easier to read one two-point book that's more interesting or two boring one-point books? Shadden went for the two-pointer. He'll get his points and probably the next level, too.

And this is why the Accelerated Reader program is expanding. It encourages kids to read. Third-grader Charlea Hoeltzel is heading for the Star Reader level because every bone in her little body is competitive. She wants that rank and those prizes. And when kids read, not only do test scores improve, but their world expands.

So here's a high five for all those terrific readers down at Clarendon Elementary School from me and all of Clarendon. Way to go, kids!

More than half-inch of rain is good start for area

It rained! I got a bit over a half

inch of much needed rain one night last week. Not enough mind you, but it was the first moisture we'd had since before Christmas. I'm sure the Panhandle Ground Water Authority didn't have anything to do with it either. Nothing man-made could possibly rival the magnificence and splendor of a thunderstorm, with the lightning flashing and thunder rolling across the sky.

Dog and I stood on my front porch, watched, and listened to the display with awe. At least I was in awe. Dog didn't seem to be too impressed with the sight and sound of it all.

I'd really like to have a half inch of rain every day for about a week, then let it rain steady for another week.

I wouldn't even mind some snow for a change. Usually, I don't like snow because the wind always blows here and any snow that accumulates winds up in the roads or along the

fence rows.

I read an article in the Texas *Co-Op Power* magazine about the importance of getting an education. Education is important, but not all education is gained in school.

I remember when Keith was small, he never missed a chance to skip school to go with Fred some place. Once, when he'd been absent from school for two or three days, the principal told him he needed to be in school everyday. Keith replied, "I can't waste all my time in school. I'm getting my education."

I guess he didn't waste all his time when he was in school because he graduated. He has a good job doing what he likes and is paid a very generous salary for doing it.

I just wish it wasn't so far from Texas. It takes me more than five hours to drive to McClave, Colorado. Of course little old ladies like me don't usually drive over sixty-five. There are exceptions.



Watt's Happening

By Peggy Watt

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Fred had a cousin who in now in her nineties and until recently, when she broke her hip, drove anywhere she wanted to go.

I'm not sure of his name, but once when she was driving to visit us, a DPS Trooper stopped her as she sped across Donley County. When he stopped her and asked for her identification, she gave him her driver's license. It had been expired for almost

a year. He asked her if there was a particular reason why she was exceeding the speed limit; she reached out the window and took her license and told him, "Honey, I'm eighty-seven years old. I don't have any time to waste." Then she drove off, leaving him standing beside the road, feeling foolish.

She and another cousin drove from Harley, Texas, to Nova Scotia a few years ago. There they took an Amtrak train across Canada to British Columbia. During the train trip, the Indians of Saskatchewan had torn up the tracks and prevented the train from going on for several days. Ruth, the older of the cousins, told Pauleen, the younger, they knew better than ride on a train. And that was the last time they ever went anywhere by train. They've been all over the continental United States by car, though.

They always have new cars. Ruth buys one one year, and Pauleen buys one the next.

Once Pauleen ordered herself new car, a red one (she always drives a red Pontiac). When the dealer called and said it was in, she went to pick it up. When she got to the dealer, the car had a thin yellow stripe all around it. She refused to take it until the repairman had removed the stripe. Fred had some eccentric relatives.

Married 6,895,200 minutes, and she's ready for more

Last week my husband and I celebrated our 17th wedding anniversary. Webster's Dictionary defines it this way: "anniversary—the annual return of the date of some notable event and especially a wedding." Seventeen years is not all that long compared to people who have been married 50 or 60 years, but it is still notable for many reasons.

For instance, this anniversary means that we have been together for 6,205 days—that's 114,920 hours—or 6,895,200 minutes! Good grief!

This staggering figure explains a lot to me. For one thing, if I've washed two plates, two glasses, and say three cooking pans after one meal a day, it means I've washed 43,435 dishes—and I wondered why my hands looked wrinkled!

If the bed has been made everyday (and I'm not saying it has, mind you) repeating this task 6,205 times seems a little silly. What other chore would an intelligent woman do 6,205 times knowing full well she was going to "undo" it a few hours later? I

don't think I will worry so much about making my bed anymore.

In the 884 weeks that have passed since we said, "I do," my husband and I have lived in eight houses, driven 17 different vehicles, and watched six kids grow up. That's a lot of maintenance work no matter how you look at it and certainly explains why we are so tired now!

He was gone to work 4,420 times and never questioned why he was doing it. Looking at it that way, I think it's a fair exchange for 5,300 loads of laundry. He has mowed the yard, washed the cars, repaired things that were broken, and I have kept the house clean, cooked the meals, and doctored his wounds. Not much you say...but to keep at it for 114,920 hours—ah, now that's something to be proud of.

A lot of good things have happened during the past 6,205 days. We've attended six high school graduations, one college graduation, and a wedding. We've seen a two-pound grandson—born too early—survive.



rain or Shine

By Cynthia Hall

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We've heard a doctor say, "It isn't serious." We've been to Santa Fe and San Francisco. We've owned one brand new car. We've never had to bail anybody out of jail and have never had a kid on drugs.

There have been bad times too. We've seen a child go through divorce. He's walked to work when we couldn't afford gas for the car. We've heard a doctor say, "It may be cancer."

Somewhere in those 114,920 hours a few things were gained and a few lost. We both gained some weight around the middle and lost a lot of original body parts during surgeries and hospital stays. He doesn't have much hair anymore, and I don't have a line-free face, but we gained gray hair which makes us look distin-

guished, even if we really aren't. Without our glasses, we both will walk right into the wall, and our hearing isn't all that good; however, we've gained the ability to know what the other one is thinking without a word being said. We lost the energy to stay up all night dancing too. These days if we go out to eat and watch a movie, we have to take a nap to get over it! We've gained the knowledge it takes to realize you don't have to spend a fortune to have fun.

We've gained an understanding of each other—our wants and needs. We've lost precious minutes arguing over little things. We've gained a few close friends who know all about us and like us anyway. We've lost two parents and our ability to ignore death.

John Lennon said, "Life is what happens to us while we are busy making other plans."

He was right—6,895,200 minutes is not nearly enough. Good, bad, gains, or losses—bring it on! I want more!

Helpful hints for selling your wares on the Internet

Today, there's a lot of hype about selling your wares on the Internet. Some people say, "It's the quickest way to make millions!" and others say, "It's the quickest way to lose your shirt!" Whom do you believe? Both of them. As with any business, there are risks to take and pitfalls to avoid. Setting up shop on the Net is not that difficult if you follow a few rules and guidelines:

Study Your Competition

I can't say this enough. Find the people you will be competing with online and see what THEY are doing. Do they have websites? If so, are they attractive? If you were a customer, would you be impressed by their online offering? What makes their website easy to use? Hard to use? Investigate how much effort they've put into it. Is their website a static billboard that seldom gets updated?

Static Billboard vs. Living Website

Before you make the plunge and start your own website, think about the time investment you'll need to make.

A website should never be thought of as a "billboard" advertising your product or service. If the information on your site changes once per month, don't expect mega-profits. One of the secrets people don't tell you about the Web is that profit is dependent on RETURN visitors, not first-time surfers. People will visit a website at least twice. If the information hasn't changed (no new discounts or useful information), they will NOT return. The more you change your site, the more traffic you will have. Take CNN for instance. They change their homepage at least every ten minutes. Now, I don't expect that kind of Herculean task of any Mom & Pop site, but remember: CNN gets four million visitors per day (most of them returning news junkies). Your site should change at least once per week to earn a bookmark on the average user's browser.

Pick an Easy Address

One of the biggest mistakes a company makes when going online is their web address selection. If you



internet 101

By Eric Spellmann

take a look at a typical web address, <http://www.mycompany.com>, you'll see that it begins with "http://." All web addresses must begin with that prefix. The "www" part of the address is traditional, but is not required when choosing the address. The most important piece, however, is the last two segments: "mycompany.com." Called the domain name, this piece of the address should be carefully decided. If you are a "for-profit" company, your address will end in ".com." Make your domain name something small, but easy to remember. Your web address should be something you could tell someone over the phone without spelling it. Also, make sure it looks right in printed publications. Example: Never use the number "1" in an address. It is often confused with the lowercase "L." Also, try to avoid

the use of dashes (hyphens). People often forget them and type the wrong address. Companies have had to change their addresses because of the confusion these kinds of mistakes cause.

How will people find you?

You'd better answer this question BEFORE you establish your online presence, or you'll be in for a disappointing Grand Opening. How will your potential customers find you? Register with the Search Engines. My favorite is Yahoo (<http://www.yahoo.com>). By far, it is the most popular search site on Earth. I guarantee your site traffic will double once you are registered there. Yahoo does not charge anything to list your site. However, they receive so many sites to list that the backlog is tremendous. I've heard of month-long waiting lists. It's still worth the effort. Tip: They are more likely to register a site with its own domain name than a simple user site hosted on a larger provider. Companies with their own domain name appear more established and

Community Bank donates microwave to Senior Citizen Center

By Vida O'Neal

Well, it's all action here at the Center. We think we have worked out all of the bugs, with a lot of help from Larry H. and Larry C. at the Housing Authority. The kitchen is so clean and bright, and the cooks are really enjoying it. If you haven't been by to check it out yet, please do so.

We had a nice surprise this past week when the Community Bank donated a nice microwave oven to the Center. It will be used by the girls in the kitchen.

We had blood pressure checks last week. Geneva Mays and June Davis from Hall County Health come the last Friday of each month and offer this service to us free of charge. Put it on your calendar and come on down next month. They are here from 10:30 a.m. to noon. If that won't work for you, we have another group of ladies coming from Collingsworth County to do blood pressure and blood sugar checks. They come on the second Tuesday of each month. Gary, the hearing aid man, should be here March 9.

We will be having a catfish supper on March 9 so mark your calendar. These fundraisers help with the daily expenses of the Center. It is really terrific that everyone will come out to support the seniors of our community when we have our suppers.

Get well wishes this week go to Putty Putman and Don Stone. We are still missing all of our friends that have been ill and not able to come to the Center for a while.

Condolences go to the family of Maudene Hill and to Florine Elliot on the loss of her brother.

Reminders:
 March 6, 13, 20, 27: Dance Club, 7 p.m.
 March 9: Catfish Supper fundraiser
 March 28: Birthday/Anniversary Supper
 March 31: Blood Pressure Clinic, 10:30-12:00
 April 1: Hamburger Cookout at the Rodeo Grounds

Locals get WT degrees

Degrees were conferred on 394 West Texas A&M University graduates at the December commencement.

Clarendon residents Donny Howard, Deana Nazworth, and Tiffany Shadle were among the 312 graduates receiving a bachelor's degree. Howard received a BS in animal science. Nazworth received a BS in sports and exercise sciences. Shadle received a BSN in nursing.

Campbell on TTU list

Sabra Melissa Campbell of Clarendon was recently named to the Dean's List at Texas Tech University for the fall semester. She is a sophomore Business Administration major.

Ms. Campbell is the daughter of Edwin and Jan Campbell. Students who earned 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Ivy graduates for WBU

Minde Hollar Ivy, of Hale Center, received a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies degree from Wayland Baptist University during commencement exercises held on December 11.

Ivy is the daughter of Burl and Carlene Hollar of Clarendon.

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Clarendon students participate in practice UIL meet

By Lindy Helms
Despite traveling two hours on a bitterly frigid bus, Clarendon students heated up the action at Canadian's practice UIL meet on Saturday, February 12. Of the students that participated, nine medallists and six team members returned with medals.
The current events team started the day off successfully with a second place team win. Seniors Noel Devin, second place; Hunter Spier, eighth place; and Carey Thornberry, 11th place, all added to the team's points. Sarah Ray, Nathan Fobbs, and Ronna Edwards entertained poetry judges; they are the first team of oral readers to represent CHS this year. Meanwhile, Wonder Shay, Jamie Sawyer, Claire Rodriguez, and Amanda McCabe worked through a grueling spelling and vocabulary test.
The Literary Criticism team won first place again, with their best team

record ever. Noel Devin placed first, Carrie Helms placed second, Nickless Devin placed fourth, and Lacey Anderburg improved her score to keep the team over the edge.
Moving on to journalism events, Noel and Carrie continued their success, placing first and second in editorial writing. In feature writing, Lindy Helms placed second, Colt Floyd placed third, and Amanda McCabe placed sixth. Derek Gourley and Colt Floyd proved to Mrs. Chamberlain they were good journalism students; Derek placed second and Colt placed fourth. Nickless Devin also placed sixth with a ready writing essay.
The technology teams wrapped up the day successfully with Amanda McCabe placing fifth in computer applications, while teammate Brandi Betts worked on her performance. In computer science, Micah Sparks led



CHS UIL participants. Photo courtesy CHS Yearbook.

his team with third place, Derek Gourley placed fourth, and Austin Sears placed fifth.
With so many students improving at each meet, the faculty is growing more and more excited as district competition draws near. Students and coaches continue to study and prepare for district, which will be held at Clarendon College, March 21-22.



Chamber officers elected

The Clarendon - Donley County Chamber of Commerce has elected officers for the coming year. Alan Graham will serve another year as president, Tessie Robinson is the first vice president, and Debbie Hamilton and Jerry Woodard will be co-second vice presidents.

Marketing Club to meet March 6

By Leon Church, County Agent
The Donley County Agriculture Marketing Club will meet on Monday, March 6, at 7:00 a.m. at the Paymaster Gin in Lelia Lake. All agricultural producers interested in joining the club and learning about marketing alternatives and risk management are invited to attend this meeting.
Eddy Helms, Donley County Farmer, is President of the club. Eddy is a Master Marketer having completed 50 plus hours of training provided by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Eddy leads this group and teaches the basics of marketing. Marketing is extremely important to the success of all agricultural operations, especially when we are facing continued low pricing as we see today. Being able to take control of marketing is a key to making a profit. Join the marketing club and learn how you can use marketing tools to improve your bottom line.
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Local players named to All-District team

The district coaches have selected the 6-AA and 9-A All-District team.

Bronco junior Josh Williams was named MVP for the 6-AA team while Lady Bronco junior Geri Butler was named co-MVP for the girls' team. Hedley Owl Roger Wade was named MVP for the 9-A team.

Clarendon senior Ben Wilson, junior Sam Holton, and sophomore Jeremy Ray were also named to the All-District Team. Bronco teammates Junior Rodriguez, Chris Linquist, Zack Butts, Carey Thornberry, Brandon Word, and Aaron Jeffers were given Honorable Mentions.

Hedley team members Dustin Monroe and Josh Collins were named to the first team All-District for their division. Creed Stephens was given Honorable Mention.

Clarendon sophomore Kelley Lemley was also named to the team while teammates Cat Chamberlain, Courtney Newhouse, Janey Aduddell, and April Bryley were given Honorable Mentions.

"I'm real happy for our individual honors," said Lady Broncos Head Coach Steve Schmidt. "I know all of our Lady Broncos are much more concerned with winning games and championships, but it is nice to be recognized by opposing coaches."

"Geri and Kelley are obviously very deserving. Not only are their stats impressive, but I know the other district coaches could see that these two are great leaders and even our fiercest rivals have respect for them as players and as human beings," said Schmidt.

"All of our players honored will return for a big season next year, other than Cat, so we're very excited about our prospects."

"I've heard many coaches and fans talk about 'heart' in the last few weeks. Much of that talk has been about how much heart our kids have shown," said Schmidt. "And I think Cat Chamberlain would have to be All-American if it was all about playing with heart. She truly gave her heart and soul to her team and this program throughout her years. And

she really put an exclamation mark on her basketball playing days in her effort against Canadian in the Regional Quarterfinals."

Hedley Lady Owls Ashley Hill and Lauren Hill were named to the first team All-District for their division while teammates Rachel Howard and Lora Llewellyn were named to the second team. Lana Wallendorff and Amber Solis were given Honorable Mentions.

Several members of the Owls and Lady Owls basketball teams were named to the Academic All-District. These students maintained high academic standards while competing on the basketball court. Those from Hedley named to the list were Ashley Hill, Rachel Howard, Lana Wallendorff, Rachel Bennett, Lora Llewellyn, Amber Solis, Lauren Hill, Sealey Stevens, Dustin Monroe, Rhett Holland, Dustin Knowles, Samuel Howard, and Lisle Rowland.

Congratulations to all these players and their teams for a successful season.

Lady Broncos lose in quarterfinal bout

Basketball is often said to be a game of momentum. That proved very true in the quarterfinal matchup between the Lady Broncos and Canadian last week in Borger.

The Lady Broncos fell behind early when they trailed 11-6 at the end of the first quarter. Clarendon came back strong in the second half to outscore Canadian but still trailed 23-19 at the half.

"There were times where we looked like the better team on the court, and other times Canadian did what they needed to do to take control," said Head Coach Steve Schmidt.

The Lady Broncos came out of halftime with a vengeance when Geri Butler and Cat Chamberlain led the team in scoring with nine and eight points respectively. Kelley Lemley also helped the Lady Broncos by adding three points to the board. The Clarendon defense held strong and only allowed Canadian to score 14 points in the third while the Lady Broncos busted with 20 points to take the lead 39-37.

Canadian came fighting back in the fourth to outscore Clarendon 15-11. Clarendon had a shot in the final

seconds of the game to tie the game, but fell short at the buzzer.

"We didn't get a great look at the basket on our last shot, but we did have a chance. We went through three very close playoff games this year and won two out of those three. When you get into that many tight games, it's pretty difficult to come out the winner every time."

Canadian defeated Clarendon 52-50 to take the quarterfinal championship.

"I guess Canadian just happened to have the momentum when the game ended," said Schmidt. "If we would have had another minute or two, maybe it would have been our turn."

Scoring were Butler, 25; Lemley, 9; Chamberlain, 8; Janey Aduddell, 6; and America Santos, 2.

"Both teams followed a good game plan and the players showed great poise in trying to execute those plans under tremendous pressure. We made a few too many mistakes, but those things happen in big games. Our kids just kept fighting back, though and were never out of it," he said.

Schmidt looks to crowd support to help the Lady Broncos next year as

four powerhouse teams move into the district.

"I appreciate the crowd support we had in the playoffs. I hope the fans understand what a big help that is to the girls. We will need that kind of support throughout the season next year as Canadian, Spearman, WT High, and Sunray move into our district. Four teams in this new district made it to the Area round of the playoffs this year, so there's gonna be one pretty good team sitting at home when the playoffs start. We'll start district play in December, so we have to be ready early on. And we'll need our fans to be ready a little sooner, as well. We have to make our homecourt a place teams dread to play, and we must make those long drives out of town together and pull out some tough wins."

"It's always tough to see a good season end, but there is no doubt the Lady Broncos played their hearts out Tuesday night," said Schmidt. "The game goes into the books as a defeat, but I am totally thrilled about the way this team came together in the past few weeks, and let nobody beat them because of a lack of effort. Lady Bronco effort is definitely second to none."

Owls fall to Paducah in playoff game

By Ashley Hill

On Tuesday, February 22, the Hedley Owls basketball team traveled to Childress to play the Paducah Dragons in a class 1A Bi-District playoff.

In the first quarter, the Owls took an early lead by outscoring the Dragons 6-0 in the first few minutes of the game. But Paducah fought back to take over the lead. The score after the first eight minutes of play was 26-10. In the second quarter, Hedley played hard and only allowed Paducah 11 points while the Owls scored nine. At halftime, the scoreboard read 37-19.


Hedley fought back hard in the second half by playing good defense. In the end, the Owls were just too far behind to take the victory away from the Dragons. Paducah won, 80-48. The Owls were 13-14 for the season.

Scoring were Dustin Monroe, 20; Roger Wade, 16; Creed Stephens, 4; David Evans, 3; Josh Collins, 2; Bradley Conatser, 2; and Rhett Holland, 1.

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Jeff, his wife Lana, and their children, Adam and Savannah, reside in Clarendon.

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Bronco powerlifters take top honors at first Clarendon meet

Last Saturday, Clarendon held what hopefully is the first of many district powerlift meets. The Clarendon team showed their strength when they won the meet with a total of 60 points. White Deer was second with 46 points.

All six teams from Clarendon's district participated. Clarendon was represented by 16 lifters.

Five of Clarendon's team placed first in their weight class. Shanon Martin took top honors in the 165 lbs. class with a squat of 405, bench of 250, deadlift of 410, for a total of 1065. G.J. Martindale placed first in the 181 lbs. class with a squat of 365, bench of 250, deadlift of 410, for a total of 1005. Jeff Hern was first in the 198 lbs. class with a squat of 390, bench of 285, deadlift of 415, for a total of 1090. Tyler Lane took top honors in the 220 lbs. class with a squat of 420, bench of 250, deadlift of 400, for a total of 1070. Hunter Spier was first in the 242 division with a squat of 460, bench of 360, deadlift of 510, for a total of 1330. Jarod Lax placed fifth in the 123 lbs. class with a squat of 160, bench of 135, deadlift of 220, for a total of 515.

Richard Anderson placed second in the 132 lbs. class with a squat of 220, bench of 130, deadlift of 260, for a total of 610. Kevin Green placed fourth in the same weight class with a squat of 185, bench of 145, deadlift

of 250, for a total of 580. Kevin missed third place because he tied in total weight lifted but weighed in at 1/4 lb. more than the other lifter.

Clay Sawyer placed fifth in the 142 lbs. class with a squat of 270, bench of 215, deadlift of 300, for a total of 785. Chuck Roberson placed eighth in the same weight class with a squat of 260, bench of 150, deadlift of 270, for a total of 680. Chris Johnsen placed ninth in the same class with a squat of 230, bench of 195, deadlift of 240, for a total of 665.

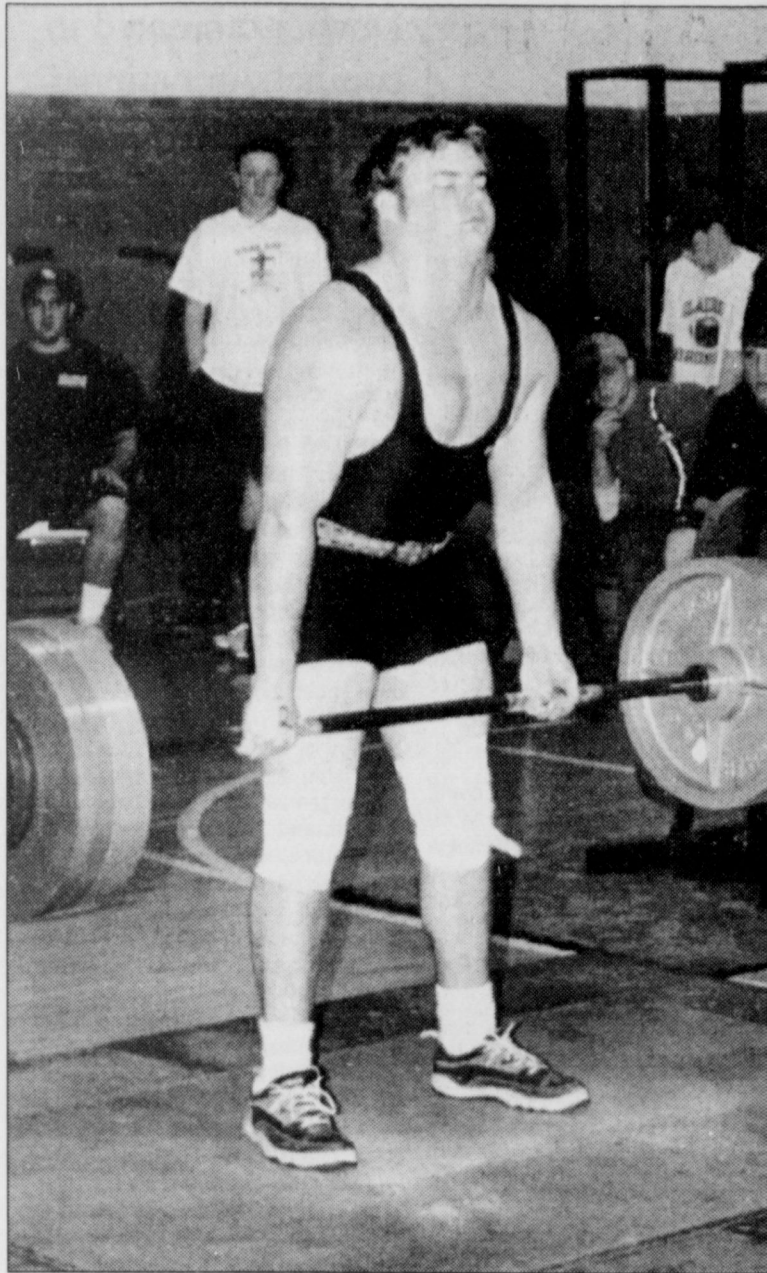
Colt Floyd placed fourth in the 165 lbs. class with a squat of 340, bench of 180, deadlift of 340, for a total of 860.

Nickless Devin placed second in the 181 lbs. class with a squat of 360, bench of 210, deadlift of 370, for a total of 950.

Nathan Floyd placed second in the 198 lbs. class with a squat of 360, bench of 240, deadlift of 410, for a total of 950. Brian Thompson placed third in the same class with a squat of 320, bench of 230, deadlift of 375 for a total of 925.

Brandon Word finished second in the 242 division with a squat of 430, bench of 265, deadlift of 460, for a total of 1155.

The next powerlift meet will be on March 11. This is the regional meet and it will be held in Levelland.



Bronco Powerlifter Hunter Spier competes for the home team during the first District Powerlifting Meet to be held locally.

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Broncos fall to New Deal in Area playoff

The Clarendon Broncos faced a tough New Deal team as they faced off last Friday in Plainview for the Area Championship.

New Deal took an early two point lead over Clarendon in the first quarter, but Clarendon came back to outscore New Deal in the second quarter. The Clarendon defense shut down

New Deal while the Bronco offense racked up the points to take the lead at the half, 26-18. New Deal struck back in the second half to outscore Clarendon in both the third and fourth quarters to tie the game at 52.

In overtime action, New Deal took control of the game to outscore Clarendon 15-9. New Deal defeated

Clarendon 67-61 to take Area honors.

"The Broncos lost to a tough New Deal team where anything could have happened," said Head Coach Mike Ray. "New Deal's all-state player scored 38 points and was nearly unstoppable. We tied it up and went into overtime but just could not finish it off."

Scoring were Josh Williams, 17; Jeremy Ray, 13; Ben Wilson, 11; Carey Thornberry 7; Sam Holton, 5; Brandon Word, 5; Zack Butts, 2; and Junior Rodriguez, 1.

"This was a great season, finishing 22-8, and hopefully we have begun a new tradition in Clarendo," said Ray.



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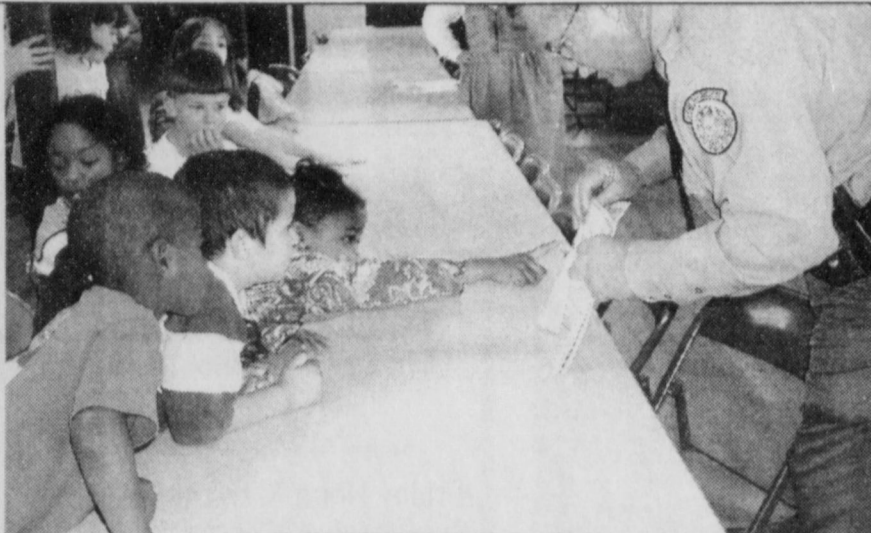
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Gun Safety

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Obituaries

Hill

Funeral services for Lotti Modena "Dean" Hill, age 75, were held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 24, 2000, in the First Baptist Church in Hedley with Rev. Bruce Howard, Pastor, and Rev. Wallace Clay, officiating. Burial was held in Rowe Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc.

Mrs. Hill died Sunday, February 20, 2000, in Dallas. She was born September 17, 1924, in Hedley and was a lifetime resident of Donley County. She married Estil J.T. "Red" Hill on March 3, 1945, at Tyler, Texas. He preceded her in death on March 15, 1994. She was a homemaker, member of the Hedley Senior Citizens Association, and a member of the First Baptist Church in Hedley.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Weada Carolyn Hill. Survivors include two daughters,

Linda Sue Pinkerton of Dallas and Neva Jane Lewis of Quanah; one sister, Wauline Jones of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and four grandchildren, Mandy Sue Pinkerton and Chad Pinkerton, both of Dallas and Eric Lee Lewis and Karah Nicole Lewis, both of Quanah.

Casket bearers were Joe Lovell, Marty Martin, Alvie Clay, M.O. Weatherly, T. Mullins, and Kenneth Swinney. Honorary bearers were Buford Holland, Phillip Wiggins, Bob White, Guy Watt, and Steve Mullins.

Devin nominated to compete in national scholarship program

Noel Devin, a Clarendon High School senior, has been nominated to compete in the national Principal's Leadership Award Scholarship Program, sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.



Larry Jeffers, CHS principal, recently announced the nomination. One hundred fifty national PLA winners will be chosen this spring to receive \$1,000 scholarships.

Herff Jones, Inc. funds the Principals' Leadership Award Program.

Principals in high schools throughout the country could nominate one of their student leaders. Nominees were selected based on leadership skills, participation in service organizations, achievements in the arts and sciences, employment experience, and academic record. They also write an essay.

Devin has been class reporter, treasurer, and secretary; two years as vice president of the National Honor Society; student council representative, secretary, and president; Junior Historian president; CHS Yearbook financial editor and editor; HOBY Ambassador; and Economics for Leaders participant. She is active in UIL Literary competition and has qualified for regional competition for the last three years. Devin has been involved in golf, FCA, One Act Play, and been a Bell-Ringer. She was awarded Texas Education Agency's Celebration of Excellence Award last year, also.

This fall she plans to attend either Baylor University or Texas A&M to study history and journalism.

Noel is the daughter of Dr. T. Mac and Karla Devin. She is employed part-time as a bookkeeper for Dr. Devin's veterinary practice.

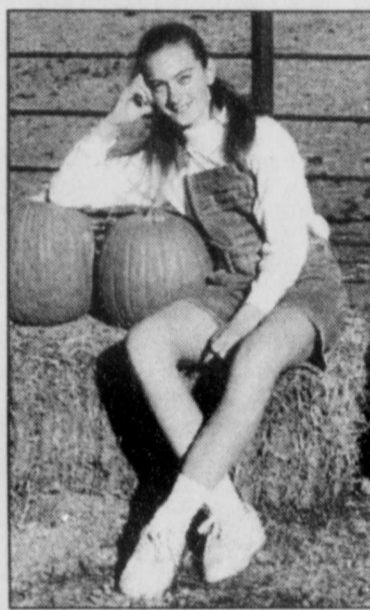
Clarendon youth receives invitation

Ashley Graves, a seventh grader at Clarendon Junior High School, was selected as one of thirty from a group of 1,000 individuals by the Anderson Agency to attend the MB Model and Talent Expo in Dallas this spring.

The Expo is hosted by Michael Beaty, an internationally known model and talent scout.

This Expo will offer Ashley and other youngsters the opportunity to meet the world's top agents, casting directors, managers, and record labels from around the world. Ashley is very proud and excited to be representing our fine city of Clarendon during this year's event.

Anyone wishing to donate funds to help with the costs associated with this trip may call 874-9696.



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Extension Update

By Sue Church, County FCS Agent

An IRS staff member and a VITA volunteer will be on hand Saturday, March 18, to answer questions about preparing tax returns from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bairfield Activity Center.

If you want help with preparing a return, which can be submitted electronically if you choose, come prepared with a copy of last year's return, W-2s, 1099s, and social security cards for each person listed on the return. If you have been curious about Earned Income Credit, the IRS representatives will be able to answer your questions.

On March 27, the Donley County Parent/Leader Association will be serving a Tasting Luncheon at the Methodist Church from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets, available at \$7, will only be sold prior to the luncheon. To get your tickets, contact Virginia Patten at 874-3169.

Clover Kids also will be meeting on Monday, March 27, from 4 to 5 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church Mission Hall. The third annual health and wealth fair will be April 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bairfield Activity Center. Many free health screens and financial advice will be offered at this fair. Watch for a listing of exhibitors and screenings in next week's CLARENDON ENTERPRISE.

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 - First United Methodist Church**
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Pastor: Rev. James Ivey Edwards
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300 Bugbee • 874-3833
Pastor: Truman Ledbetter
Music & Youth Director: Geary Martin
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service: 10:55 a.m.
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 - Church of Christ**
300 S. Carhart • 874-2495
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Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.
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Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.
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874-2231
Sunday Service: 11:00 a.m.
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Fr. Jose E. Gomez
Sunday Mass: 9:00 a.m.
 - True Church of God in Christ**
300 N. Jefferson • Pastor: Roy Williams
Sunday School: 10:00-11:15
Sunday Service: 11:15 a.m.
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.
 - Martin Baptist Church**
874-2025 • Pastor: Bryan Knowles
Song Leader: Mike Ray
Choir Director: Michelle Ray
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Service: 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.
Food & Fellowship: 7:00 p.m.
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209 S. Holly • 874-2321
Pastor: Bill Hodges
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Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.
- First Assembly of God**
501 McClelland • 874-2195
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Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.
- First Presbyterian Church**
874-9269 • Pastor: Smiley Johnson
Every Sunday: 11:00 a.m.
- Jesus Name Apostolic Church**
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Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.
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Sheriff's Report:

Bank alarm sounds, dispatcher put on hold

February 21

4:26 a.m. - Caller needed directions to the feedlot west of Clarendon.
 4:40 a.m. - Clarendon resident reported a vehicle parked one mile west of Clarendon had flashed its lights as the caller passed. The driver might have needed help. Deputy responded but was unable to locate the vehicle.
 3:10 p.m. - Fire department was paged to a house fire west of Clarendon College. Ambulance paged for standby.
 6:59 p.m. - Deputy advised bay doors were open at a business on W. Third Street. The owner returned shortly.
 7:33 p.m. - Caller reported a gas drive off and gave a description of the vehicle.
 7:42 p.m. - Caller advised a vehicle matching the description of the drive off was at US 287 and SH 70 south. The vehicle wasn't in the area when the deputy arrived a minute later.
 9:21 p.m. - Deputy made a traffic stop in the 100 block of Sully Street.
 10:08 p.m. - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Angel Street in Howardwick for a domestic call. Deputy spoke with all parties and advised them to go their separate ways to let things cool off.

February 22

1:26 a.m. - Deputy made a traffic stop three miles west of US 287.
 10:16 a.m. - Sheriff reported a shower west of town and reported driving through pea size hail.
 9:35 p.m. - Sheriff delivered emergency message to a Clarendon resident.
 9:39 p.m. - Sheriff dispatched to a domestic call in the 1000 block of Goodnight.

February 23

1:24 a.m. - Deputy made a traffic stop at Lelia Lake.
 1:25 p.m. - Caller reported a semi all over the road southbound on SH 70 north. Deputy stopped the vehicle.
 5:04 p.m. - Deputy and constable out with driver of a truck stopped on US 287 west of Jefferson Street.
 11:01 p.m. - Deputy dispatched to the 500 block of W. Seventh Street for a welfare concern. The resident said she had taken her phone off the hook and would make contact with the caller.

February 24

1:54 a.m. - Armstrong County Sheriff's Office relayed information from Carson County regarding a pickup with California tags harassing the driver of a bus by flashing headlights and hitting the mirror with a laser beam. The pickup and bus were eastbound on US 287. Deputy was advised and positioned himself on the highway.
 2:05 a.m. - Dispatch contacted Carson

County to check on a possible call back number and was advised the vehicles were westbound.
 2:14 a.m. - Deputy out with disabled semi five miles west on US 287. Trailer needed a new tire, and roadside service was dispatched.
 3:06 a.m. - Deputy made a traffic stop three miles west on US 287.
 3:47 a.m. - Caller reported a barking dog in east Clarendon.
 9:17 a.m. - Fire department paged to a fire 2 1/2 miles east on FM 2362. Crosssties were burning.
 9:32 a.m. - Caller reported smoke. Fire department checked the location and found it to be a control burn.
 9:39 a.m. - Caller reported a fire on the railroad tracks east of Lelia Lake. Dispatch advised fire department.
 10:24 a.m. - Hedley Fire Department paged to fire 1/2 mile west of Hedley. It was a control burn.
 1:28 p.m. - Caller reported a dog locked in a vehicle for two hours on S. Kearney. Deputy found windows cracked and the temperature was 75° inside. The dogs were okay.
 1:34 p.m. - Alarm company advised of an alarm at a residence in the 900 block of W. Sixth Street. Alarm company advised Clarendon resident to meet deputy at location. Deputy advised the alarm was possibly set off by kids in the area. There was no sign of a break in.
 5:04 p.m. - Ambulance paged to Eighth and Koogle for a scooter accident. The subject was unconscious with a possible head injury. The subject later refused transport.
 7:20 p.m. - Caller reported a coyote that appears to be ill on Hawley Street near the museum.
 7:56 p.m. - Dispatch advised all units to be on the lookout for a witness to a hit and run in Amarillo.
 8:34 p.m. - Caller reported a Howardwick resident driving recklessly. Deputy spoke with the driver and found all to be okay.
 9:48 p.m. - Constable dispatched to residence in the 300 block of E. Railroad Avenue in Hedley. Someone was harassing the resident.

the water tower.
 10:55 a.m. - City reported several street signs missing.
 12:47 p.m. - Ambulance paged to the 900 block of W. Fifth Street. A nine-year-old female was having a possible seizure. There was no transport.
 1:17 p.m. - Ambulance dispatched to Medical Center Nursing Home. One male was transported to BSA.
 11:13 p.m. - Mobile caller reported a possible drunk driver four miles north of Hedley. Deputy stopped vehicle.

February 26

7:47 a.m. - Dispatch advised 2000 Census started today.
 9:33 a.m. - DPS en route to sheriff's office with one in custody.
 12:07 p.m. - Ambulance paged to meet subject at the gin yard in Lelia Lake. He had injured his hand. He was transported to BSA West.
 12:51 p.m. - Ambulance paged to Medical Center to transport a resident to BSA for hip X-rays.
 1:29 p.m. - Caller reported a break in on CR K. Deputy responded.
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February 27

12:41 a.m. - Deputy advised warehouse doors of a downtown business were open. Owner was contacted, and he requested deputy to secure the doors.
 4:06 a.m. - Deputy reported a vehicle door ajar in the 500 block of W. Sixth Street. The owner was notified and met the deputy at the location.
 6:56 a.m. - Deputy out with disabled semi east of Clarendon. Wrecker was dispatched to the location.
 9:26 a.m. - There was no response to a

February 25

1:12 a.m. - Medical Center had alarm problems. There was no emergency.
 1:45 a.m. - All fire units returning from fire scene.
 8:21 a.m. - City employees advised they were flushing out the fireplugs west of

911 call. On the call back, dispatch was advised a child was playing with the telephone.
 11:14 a.m. - Ambulance paged one mile west on FM 2362. One person transported to NWH.
 3:17 p.m. - Deputies out on a traffic stop in the 300 block of Lubbock Lane in Howardwick. DPS assisted. Deputy found drug manufacturing paraphernalia in the vehicle and found a methamphetamine lab in progress.
 5:42 p.m. - One adult male and one adult female were taken into custody.

The Lion's Tale

By Allen Estlack

Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting February 29 with Boss Lion Bobbie Thornberry conducting the meeting. We had 15 members and one guest - Russell Estlack guest of Lion Allen Estlack.
 The school is looking for a contractor to build a living center to help train special education students. The kids are running track and playing tennis. Helen Estlack was recognized this past weekend as the Region 16 Outstanding Middle School Teacher.
 There being no further reports at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

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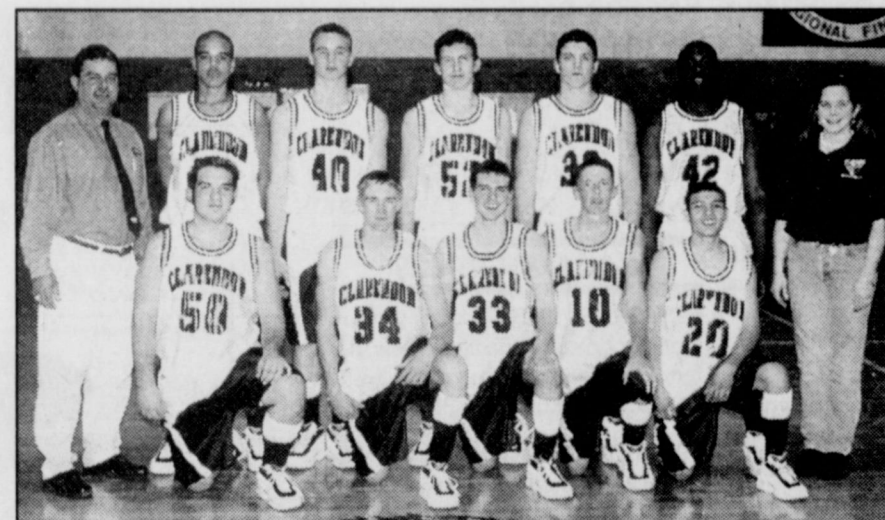
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Clarendon Lions Club Regular meeting each Tuesday at noon. Bobbie Thornberry, Boss Lion. Vic Jeter, Secretary.

Clarendon Girl Scouts Unit leaders meeting: First Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Burton Memorial Library. Kathy Hommel, Service Unit Director, 874-9422. Denise Bertrand, Membership Specialist, 874-2846.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Frank Leroy Brown, Jr., Deceased, were issued to Jo Anne Sibley Brown, on February 17, 2000, in Cause No. 2777, pending in the County Court of Donley County, Texas.
The address of the Executor is: Jo Anne Sibley Brown PO Box 1161 Clarendon, Texas 79226
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REQUEST FOR BIDS
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Sealed proposals addressed to Dr. Richard Gilkey, Chairman, Board of Regents, Clarendon College, Clarendon, Texas, hereinafter called "Owner" for the construction of fencing, dugouts, and irrigation system for the Baseball Field, for Clarendon College, in accordance with plans, specifications, and contract documents which were prepared by and may be obtained from BGR Architects-Engineers, will be received in the Office of the President, Clarendon College, Clarendon, Texas, until 3:00 p.m., Thursday, March 9, 2000, and then publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids shall be enclosed in a sealed opaque envelope. The envelope shall be addressed to the Owner and shall be identified with the project name, the bidder's name and address, and the designated portion of the work for which the bid is submitted. Bids will be received for the General Construction. Bids for individual portions of the contract other than the irrigation system will not be received.
A cashier's check or acceptable bidders' bond, payable to the Owner in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the largest possible total for the bid submitted, must accompany each bid.
In case of ambiguity or lack of clarity in stating prices in the pro-

posal, the Owner reserves the right to adopt prices written in words or to reject the proposal.
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Drawings and specifications may be examined without charge in the offices of the Architects, and may be obtained from BGR Architects-Engineers, 2118 34th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79411, upon a deposit of \$50.00 as a guarantee of the safe return of the Plans and Specifications. The full amount of this deposit will be returned to each bidder immediately upon return of the Drawings and Specifications in good condition. No refund on contract documents and plans returned later than ten days after the award of the contract will be obligatory. Interpretation of the intent and meaning of the Drawings, Specifications, and other pre-bid documents will not be made to any bidder orally. Every request for such interpretation must be in writing to the Architect, and, to be given consideration, must be received at least 72 hours prior to the time fixed for the opening of bids. Any and all such interpretations, and any supplementary instructions issued, will be mailed or delivered in the form of Addenda, to all prospective prime bidders, at the respective address furnished for such purposes. Copies of Addenda will be made available for inspection wherever bidding documents are on file for that purpose. Failure of any bidder to receive any such Addendum will not relieve such bidder from any obligation under his bid as submitted. All Addenda issues will become part of the Contract Documents, and shall be acknowledged in the bid. 9-2tc

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REAL ESTATE

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CLARENDON-HOUSE IN TOWN, BUT WITH A COUNTRY VIEW in West Clarendon, nice 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, brick, with living/den, kitchen/dining, utility, attached garage, central heat and ref. air, sprinklers front & back, new carpet & paint at 502 Cottage for \$63,500.

REMODELED and very attractive two story, 3 or 4 bedroom, 2 bath, kitchen, living, dining utility, large entry, central heat installed and ducted for air on ground level, concrete patio, large two car unattached garage/shop, also has well in fenced back yard @ 314 E. 3rd St. - NEW CERTIFIED APPRAISAL FOR \$65,000, BUT REDUCED TO \$59,900.

THREE BEDROOM BRICK IN WEST CLARENDON - living room with fireplace, kitchen/den, utility, two baths, enclosed patio, attached 2-car garage, central heat and ref. air, fenced backyard on corner lot at 621 S. McLean for \$67,500.

EXCELLENT LOCATION in West Clarendon - Nice 3 bedroom, brick, 1 & 1/2 baths, large living/den, kitchen with built-ins, dining, utility, attached double garage, central heat & ref. air, additional unattached 2 car garage/shop/office, backyard fenced with brick pier/wood combination, 3 station sprinkler, nice trees and shrubs at 503 S. Cottage for \$99,900. (APPRAISAL AVAILABLE)

LIKE NEW custom designed 2 bedroom, 2 full baths with marble sinks & skylights, living/dining/den, fireplace with blower, large utility, built in computer desk, central heat & ref. air, recessed fans & lighting, storm cellar, carpet, PLUS gas, electricity, & water hookup for RV - or mobile home, all of 3 lots enclosed with chain link fence at 711 E. 3rd for ~~\$75,000~~ REDUCED TO \$69,000.

VERY NICE and recently remodeled two bedroom, kitchen with new cabinets, built-in refrigerator, microwave, sink and disposer, living, add on room for bedroom, den or sun room, one remodeled full bath, carpet, and plumbing have been replaced, attached one car garage with opener, fenced backyard with hot tub and metal yard building at 105 S. Goodnight for ~~\$39,500~~ REDUCED TO \$27,500.

WALKING DISTANCE TO BOTH HIGH SCHOOL & CLARENDON COLLEGE - nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath, living, kitchen, utility, 2 carports, 3 storage buildings, central heat & refrigerated air, brick/steel siding, deck, cellar, numerous fruit & shade trees, fenced front & back yards, and an unobstructed view of the country - all on six lots at 401 Collinson for ~~\$62,500~~ (SHOW BY APPOINTMENT) REDUCED TO \$59,500.

RECENTLY REMODELED 2 story, 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, living, dining, kitchen with new cabinets, dishwasher and range, large utility, covered porch, large deck, ducts installed for central h/a, shade and fruit trees, cased well, barn and storage building, all on one city block at 902 S. Gorst for \$72,000.00.

NEAR SCHOOL - 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, living, dining, kitchen, one room finished basement, central heat & ref. air, 320 sq. ft. covered porch, unattached two car garage, fenced backyard at 620 W. 6th for \$49,500.

DUPLEX centrally located within walking distance to school and post office, some appliances included. Suitable for two small families. Could be converted to 3 bedroom, 2 bath residence. Good investment for bed and breakfast at 517 W. 4th for ~~\$39,500~~ Reduced to \$32,900.

CLARENDON-RANCH - approximately 2,100 acre sportsman's paradise beginning six miles south of Clarendon on pavement - 2 modern houses, each 3 bedroom, 2 bath, central heat & ref. air, fireplace, and much more, large complete set of corrals, barn, and other out buildings, large overhead feed bin, round pen, dog kennels, wells with sub. pumps at both houses, also a third well with sub. pump plus 4 windmills in pastures. LIVE SPRING WATER FEEDS STOCKED FISH PONDS WHICH ALSO PROVIDE WATER FOR DEER, QUAIL, AND WILD TURKEYS - ALL WITHIN VIEW OF ONE HOUSE. Now showing to qualified buyers at \$1,100,000.

CLARENDON-RANCH - 1,170 acres only 4 miles south of Clarendon, good cattle country with just enough rough land and cover to attract DEER & GAME BIRDS, large dirt tank and 3 wells provide abundant water for livestock and game, good set of corrals, beautiful unobstructed view overlooking scenic canyon country for \$275,000 per acre.

CLARENDON-FARM - 271 ACRES 9 MILES S/E of Clarendon - 173.8 acres in CRP at \$33.00 with 8 years remaining (\$5,735.00 annual payment), 1 domestic well, frontage on large major ranch provides unobstructed view for building site and makes this a favored feeding ground for deer and quail, offered at \$400 per acre.

CLARENDON-COMMERCIAL 250 ft. frontage on Hwy. 287 with nice, well maintained office building presently leased to a State of Texas agency for \$824 monthly. Very good income investment plus excellent development potential for vacant lots with Hwy. 287 frontage. At 911 E. 2nd for \$89,000.

LELIA LAKE - 2 ACRE +/- beautifully landscaped and decorated, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths (full, 3/4, & 1/2), large kitchen/dining, den with fireplace, living, sun room with bricked grill, double garage, 2-car port, brick, shakes, central heat & air, dust stopper doors & windows, well, fenced yard, shop & storage building, dog kennel with 6 runs, numerous shade & fruit trees - and more - must see to appreciate. Owner relocating; price REDUCED TO \$29,500.00.

GOODNIGHT - 156 ACRES - ALL GRASS - on hard surface road - recently remodeled house with new plumbing & wiring - 2 bedroom (1 down & 1 up with deck), 1 bath, utility, living, den, kitchen, attached 3 car port, ducts for central heat, storage van, underground water from well to 3 pastures for \$145,000. REDUCED TO \$110,000. REDUCED TO \$95,000.

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SPECIALS OF THE WEEK

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- COMMERCIAL PROPERTY** at 207 and Kearney. Large building with parking lot next to Hwy. Suitable for many types of business and a location that has been a good family business for many years. Reasonably priced at \$59,500 but owner will negotiate.
- 3 BEDROOM BRICK IN WEST CLARENDON** - living room with fireplace, kitchen/den, utility, 2 baths, enclosed patio, attached 2-car garage, central heat & ref. air, fenced backyard on corner lot at 621 S. McLean for \$67,500.

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- CLARENDON**
- ♦ 118 W. Sixth St. Stucco, one bedroom, one bath, two car port, storage building, 2 1/2 lots. ~~\$25,000~~ \$22,500
- ♦ 1104 Hawley St. Brick, 2 bedroom, one & 1/2 bath, two car garage, C/H. ~~\$35,000~~ **SOLD**
- ♦ 98.8 acres southwest of Lelia Lake. Sec. 91 blk. C-6. \$250.00 per acre. **SOLD**
- ♦ 605 McLean St., brick, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, C/H/A, approx. 1,450 sq. ft. + 440 sq. ft. in attached 2 car garage. Extra nice and clean. \$67,500.
- ♦ 601 W. 6th St. (corner of 6th & Ellerbe), brick, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 1/2 baths, 2 living areas, 2 kitchens, fireplace, CH/A, basement, approx. 3,659 sq. ft., 2 car garage, fenced pool, much, much more. Appointment only. \$120,000
- ♦ 702 S. Cottage, 3 bedroom, 1 & 1/2 baths, CH/A, fireplace, attached 2-car garage, huge sun room, cellar, storage bldg., new paint inside and out, large car port, 7 lots, fenced trap with barn. Private location. ~~\$61,750~~ Reduce to \$80,000.
- ♦ Commercial building on Hwy. 287, CH&A, two lots, carport. \$30,000

- HOWARDWICK**
- ♦ Lot 702 - corner of Wellman & Carroll Creek, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath mobile home, ~~\$18,000~~ **SOLD** storage bldg. Excellent location on Carroll Creek. \$18,000.
- ♦ 24 Janny Drive. Two lots, 2 bedrooms, 1 & 1/2 baths, C/H&A, large basement, 2 car garage, 1 car carport with storage bldg. \$35,000.
- ♦ 58 Carrol Creek east of road, closed in gazebo with attached kitchen and 1/2 bath, ~~\$18,000~~ **SOLD** Reduced to \$18,000.
- Lease Side of Greenbelt Lake**
- ♦ Lot #98. \$420 per year lease. 12x60 mobile home with REDUCED deck, garage, storage bldg., all furniture. ~~\$20,000~~ Reduced to \$15,000.

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Early voting now underway for primaries

Early voting for the 2000 Primary Elections began Monday in the County Clerk's Office.

Democrats and Republicans will be casting ballots to choose their candidates for federal, state, and county offices.

Profiles of candidates for county offices are being published in this week's CLARENDON ENTERPRISE. The profiles appear as a public service of the newspaper, and it is hoped that citizens will find them helpful.

Publisher Roger Estlack says he hopes people will send in suggested questions to be asked of candidates for the general election in November as well as for the local elections this May.

"If there are issues you would like to see the candidates address, please write them down and send them in," Estlack said. "We will take the best of those suggestions and include them on upcoming candidate profiles."

Early voting for this primary season will continue through March 10, 2000.

Regular balloting will be held on March 14. Check out next week's ENTERPRISE for polling locations.

Only 4 persons sign up to run for local races

As of 4 p.m. Monday afternoon most local races had generated almost no interest from the public.

In fact, only four candidates have signed up for the elections - Cary Don Neely and Troy Monroe for Hedley ISD, Wayne Hardin for Clarendon ISD, and Delbert Robertson for Clarendon College.

Filing for school boards, city boards of aldermen, college board, and the hospital board began February 21 and will continue through March 22.

The following positions will be voted on during the May 6 elections:

City of Clarendon - Three seats on the Board of Aldermen currently held by Billy Jack Land, John Tom Morrow, and Mac Stavenhagen. (Two-year, at-large terms.)

City of Hedley - Two seats on the Board of Aldermen now held by James Lee Potts and Leon Ward, and the position of mayor currently held by Janie Hill. (All positions are for two years and are elected at-large.)

City of Howardwick - Three seats on the Board of Aldermen currently held by Dean Arnold, Nancy Davis, and Mary Johnson. (Two-year, at-large terms.)

Clarendon College - Three positions on the Board of Regents now held by Mike Butts, Doug Lowe, and Delbert Robertson. (Six-year, at large terms.)

Donley County Hospital District - Three full terms currently held by Anna Gay Cenicerros - Place 4, Onita Thomas - Place 6, and Sue Leeper - Place 7; and one unexpired term formerly held by J.D. Shanks - Place 5. (Full terms are for two years and are at-large, but candidates must specify which place they are seeking.)

Clarendon Consolidated Independent School District - Two positions on the Board of Trustees now held by Wayne Hardin and Joe Lemley. (Three-year, at-large terms.)

Hedley Consolidated Independent School District - Two seats on the Board of Trustees held by Cary Don Neely and Troy Monroe. (Three-year, at-large terms.)

Campaign signs not allowed near highways

AUSTIN - As the election season moves into high gear, candidates and campaign workers are reminded to be careful where they place campaign signs.

Such signs are not allowed on state highway right of way. Campaign signs erected on highway right of way will be removed by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), and the owner can be charged for removal costs.

In addition, a person placing an unauthorized sign in highway right of way can be fined up to \$500 per sign. "You can't place signs on trees, utility poles, traffic signs, or other objects in the highway right of way," said Wes Heald, TxDOT executive director.

2000 DONLEY COUNTY CANDIDATE PROFILES

★ Democratic Primary



Candidate:
Charles "Butch" Blackburn, Jr.

Position Sought:
Donley County Sheriff
Incumbent: No
Age: 39

Address: PO Box 1223, Clarendon, TX 79226

Are your taxes currently paid up at the Donley County Appraisal District? **Yes**

Occupation: **Donley County Deputy Sheriff**

Education: Clarendon High School, over 668 hours through Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy

Qualifications for this position:
1) Born and raised in Donley County, I know the whole county and the people of the county. 2) I have held a Texas Peace Officer's License for 20 years, 19 of the 20 in Donley County. 3) I already have working knowledge of the Donley County Sheriff's Dept.

Top three goals if elected to office:
1) To provide prompt, dependable law enforcement.
2) To manage a conservative sheriff's dept.
3) I intend to run the sheriff's department with a continued firm stand against crime.

Comments: I believe I will be an effective sheriff. The people of Donley County deserve a sheriff who has proven to be a loyal and dedicated peace officer. Having been raised in Donley County and having family ties here, I'm honestly concerned for the welfare of the people of Donley County.



Candidate:
Wilma Lindley

Position Sought:
Donley County Tax Assessor/Collector
Incumbent: Yes
Age: 57

Address: HC 4, Box 27A, Clarendon, TX 79226

Are your taxes currently paid up at the Donley County Appraisal District? **Yes**

Occupation: **Donley County Tax Assessor/Collector**

Education: Clarendon Public Schools, graduated from Clarendon High School, attended computer and accounting classes at Clarendon College, and have taken tax courses with the Board of Tax Professional Examiners

Qualifications for this position:
I have almost 14 years of experience in this office in registering vehicles, transferring titles, registering and transferring boats and motors, renewal of liquor licenses, keeping the voter registration updated, and now selling hunting and fishing licenses. I have attended the necessary classes and schools of continuing education for this position.

Top three goals if elected to office:
1) To give fast, friendly, courteous, and professional service to customers.
2) To stay updated in all phases of the duties of this office.
3) To implement the 911 addressing system into the voter registration system.

Comments: I have enjoyed serving in the position of Donley County Tax Assessor/Collector. I will continue to be faithful and dedicated to the position for which you have elected me. If re-elected to this position, I look forward to serving each of you.



Candidate:
William A. "Bill" Holden

Position Sought:
Donley County Sheriff
Incumbent: No
Age: 44

Address: PO Box 622, Clarendon, TX 79226

Are your taxes currently paid up at the Donley County Appraisal District? **Yes**

Occupation: **Owner - Picture Perfect Photos, retired police officer, retired US Marine Corps Chief Warrant Officer**

Education: AAS Fire Administration, Brookdale Community College - Criminal Justice, Monmouth County Police Academy, US Navy Structural Fire Fighting School, State Police Drug School, Special Police Officers School, Insurance Investigators School, Arson Detection/Investigation School, Middletown Fire Academy

Qualifications for this position:
As a former special police officer, Marine police officer, military policeman, emergency police officer, and a full time police officer, I have over 20 years experience in law enforcement. Additionally I have served my country as a US Marine officer, gaining the leadership traits and training necessary to be qualified.

Top three goals if elected to office:
1) Establish a drug and crime prevention program within the school system with instructors from the sheriff's dept.
2) Establish a crime prevention office to work with business and citizens to make Donley County safer.
3) To enforce the law equally and to the best of my ability and be a full time sheriff.

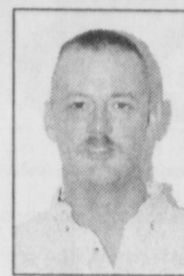
Comments: I believe your sheriff should be firm but a fair person, should equally apply the law of the land, and should be a well-educated leader. I have proven myself to be that person. I promise to serve all citizens of Donley County to the best of my ability.



Candidate:
Wanda Smith

Position Sought:
Donley County Tax Assessor/Collector
Incumbent: No
Age: 52

Address: PO Box 241, Clarendon, TX 79226



Candidate:
Brent Hall

Position Sought:
Donley Co. Constable, Precinct 3 & 4
Incumbent: No
Age: 33

Address: PO Box 114, Hedley, TX 79237

Are your taxes currently paid up at the Donley County Appraisal District? **Yes**

Occupation: **Welder**

Education: 12, Hedley High School

Why are you better qualified than your Democratic opponent? For all I know I may not be better qualified than my opponent. I'm not here to judge anyone, but I'm as good as he is. That's for the people of Donley County to decide and I'll agree and go with whatever they decide.

Top three goals if elected to office:
1) Slow down, work, and control traffic in Donley County.
2) Keep kids safe.
3) Be there to help and serve the people.

Comments: I'm not too good at comments. I just want to help the people of Donley County and anyone anywhere I am at the time. I make no promises to anyone, but I'll do all I can, the best I can. Thanks.



Candidate:
Mike Wallendorff

Position Sought:
Donley Co. Constable, Precinct 3 & 4
Incumbent: No
Age: 39

Address: PO Box 97, Hedley, TX 79237

Are your taxes currently paid up at the Donley County Appraisal District? **Yes**

Occupation: **Bootmaker, Employee McLean Cattle Feeders**

Education: Alamosa, CO High School, Graduate of Clarendon College Ranch & Feedlot Operation Program.

Why are you better qualified than your Democratic opponent? I have been a resident of Donley County since 1981. I know the area and most of the residents. I have children in Hedley schools and am concerned about our community.

Top three goals if elected to office:
1) Be available.
2) Be visible.
3) Assist anytime needed.

Comments: My family and my community are very important to me. I would like the opportunity to work with the sheriff's department and serve as the Constable for Precincts 3 & 4. I would appreciate your vote.



Candidate:
Ernest Johnston

Position Sought:
Donley Co. Commissioner, Precinct 1
Incumbent: No
Age: 60

Address: RR 1 Box 4, Clarendon, TX 79226

Are your taxes currently paid up at the Donley County Appraisal District? **Yes**

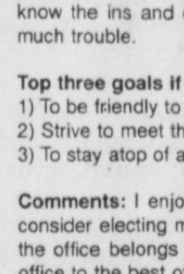
Occupation: **Self**

Education: High School (12) graduated Hedley High School 1960.

Why are you better qualified than your Democratic opponent? I don't know that I would be better, but would like the chance to try.

Top three goals if elected to office:
1) My only goal would be to help run the county in all aspects as efficiently as possible, while giving as much service as possible.
2) Work with other elected officials to make Donley County run smoothly and efficiently.
3) Continue to keep in touch with my constituents.

Comments: I am very honored to be able to serve on this Commissioners Court. I feel we have accomplished a lot in the past three years and feel there is more work and goals to be met.



Candidate:
Randy White

Position Sought:
Donley County Commissioner, Precinct 1
Incumbent: Yes
Age: 36

Address: PO Box 1052, Clarendon, TX 79226

Are your taxes currently paid up at the Donley County Appraisal District? **Yes**

Occupation: **Donley County Commissioner Precinct 1, manager White's Feed and Seed**

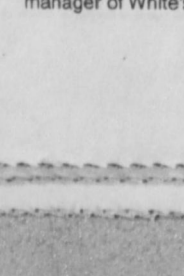
Education: Clarendon High School, Clarendon College, Lubbock Christian University.

Qualifications for this elected position:
I am currently Donley County Commissioner with over three years experience and the senior member on court. I have been the manager of White's Feed and Seed for 16 years. I am a deacon

at the Clarendon Church of Christ with the responsibility of finance which includes budget, financial statements, etc.

Top three goals if elected to office:
1) Courthouse restoration
2) Work with other elected officials to make Donley County run smoothly and efficiently.
3) Continue to keep in touch with my constituents.

Comments: I am very honored to be able to serve on this Commissioners Court. I feel we have accomplished a lot in the past three years and feel there is more work and goals to be met.



Candidate:
Andy Wheatly

Position Sought:
Donley County Commissioner, Precinct 3
Incumbent: Yes
Age: 37

Address: RR 2, Box 119, Hedley, TX 79237

Are your taxes currently paid up at the Donley County Appraisal District? **Yes**

Occupation: **Ranching**

Education: B.S. Texas Tech University

Qualifications for this elected position:
I have been Commissioner of Precinct 3 since 1997. I have lived in Precinct 3 most of my life, and I feel I understand the needs of the people in Precinct 3 and Donley County.

Top three goals if elected to office:
1) To maintain or enhance current county services while continuing to operate with county budget.
2) To continue to work with the other elected county officials for the betterment of Donley County.
3) To provide a voice in county government for the residents of Hedley, Lelia Lake, and all of Precinct 3.

Comments: I have enjoyed serving the residents of Precinct 3 for the past three years. I feel that the experience gained during that time has been very valuable and would like to use this knowledge to continue to serve Donley County.

★ Republican Primary

Occupation: **Retired**

Education: Lelia Lake schools; numerous hours of continuing education regarding County and City Cooperative efforts.

Qualifications for this position: Motor grader experience, experience with grants and budgeting process, and management experience.

Top three goals if elected to office:
1) Spend more time on county roads.
2) Be more available to my constituents.
3) Have a working relationship with the commissioners, etc.

Comments: When elected, my first priority would be to upgrade my roads and culverts to an acceptable condition. I am a conservative person desiring to keep taxes at a minimum and encouraging my fellow commissioners to do the same.



Candidate:
Ron Glover

Position Sought:
Donley Co. Commissioner, Precinct 3
Incumbent: No
Age: 53

Address: PO Box 131, Hedley, TX 79237

Are your taxes currently paid up at the Donley County Appraisal District? **Yes**

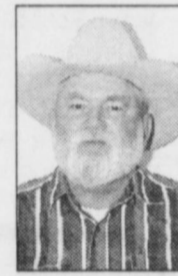
Occupation: **Asphalt paving/machinist**

Education: High school graduate. Attended high school at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch

Why would you be a better candidate for the Democratic Party than your opponent? I have been a resident of Precinct 3 in Donley County for about 25 years. I am a self-employed asphalt paver and have 20 years experience operating heavy equipment. I have the ability to keep the county roads maintained because of my knowledge and experience.

Top three goals if elected to office:
1) Maintain roads to their best possible condition.
2) Use tax money wisely - keep expenses down.
3) Always be available to residents with questions or concerns.

Comments: I believe I would make a good county commissioner because I do realize the needs of the people of Donley County. As a concerned taxpayer, I will see that our tax money is spent wisely. I am looking forward to the opportunity of serving the people in precinct three.



Candidate:
Henry C. "Buster" Shields

Position Sought:
Donley Co. Commissioner, Precinct 3
Incumbent: No
Age: 57

Address: PO Box 92, Lelia Lake, TX 79240

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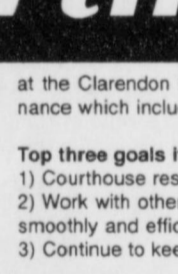
Occupation: **Self**

Education: High School (12) graduated Hedley High School 1960.

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3) Continue to keep in touch with my constituents.

Comments: I was Mayor of Stinnett, TX, for 1 1/2 years. I resigned when my wife and I moved to Lelia Lake. I enjoyed being Mayor and working with the council. The council members were very good which made my job easy. We accomplished a lot. I like the challenge of local government.



Candidate:
Andy Wheatly

Position Sought:
Donley County Commissioner, Precinct 3
Incumbent: Yes
Age: 37

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