

# The Clarendon Enterprise

"Promoting Liberty, Education, Opportunity, and Prosperity for the People of Donley County."

## news & info At A Glance

### Thornberry will debate challenger this coming fall

US Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) announced this week that he looks forward to candidate debate forums with his opponent, Denton lawyer Curtis Clinesmith, prior to the general election on November 7, 2000.

"Candidate debate forums can provide a valuable and positive way for voters to learn the differences between the candidates," Thornberry said. "Such events are preferred over negative campaigning where one candidate distorts or misrepresents another's views or record."

Specific events will be scheduled closer to the fall when the Congressional schedule and other scheduling demands are better known.

### Haywood asks for input at hearings

AUSTIN - State Senator Tom Haywood, R-Wichita Falls, continues to encourage local involvement in the Senate's interim committee hearing, scheduled throughout the year around the state.

The Senate State Affairs Committee will meet in Lubbock on March 27.

Haywood invites citizens of Senate District 30 to attend these meetings when possible, to voice local concern and help better represent the ideas of the people of Texas.

For more information, contact Haywood's Austin office at 512/463-0130 or his Wichita Falls office at 940/767-3073.

### Garland retires at Community Bank

Community Bank of Clarendon announced this week that Jimmy Garland has retired from his position with the bank.

Jim has been in the banking business for 25 years and has served as vice president of the Clarendon branch since its opening in 1998.

Jim will still be an active local businessman and plans to open a real estate office in Clarendon soon.

The management of Community Bank wishes Jim the very best in his retirement and encourages everyone to drop by and visit with him and wish him well in his real estate ventures.

### Bronco Parents to meet next Monday

A Bronco Parents meeting will be held on Monday, March 27, at 5:00 p.m. in Mrs. Chamberlain's Room at Clarendon High School.

They will start planning for the Sport Banquet that will be held on May 20.

### Inside:

2 Is the US Census getting a little too nose? Christi Ross thinks so, and she's 'On The Mark.'

4 A man from Hedley has been recognized by the National American Legion.

7 Local TxDOT workers have received an award for their safety record.

8 Where should you fish this season?

All this and much more in this week's marvelous edition!

## County takes another step toward grant

The Donley County Commissioners' Court adopted a resolution Tuesday authorizing submission of a grant application to restore the 1890 courthouse.

John Kiehl of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission is writing the grant application for the county, and he attended the called meeting of the court and discussed his progress.

"We're pretty much through with it," Kiehl said, "except for the letters of support."

Citizens with interesting stories to tell or who know about historical events surrounding the courthouse are urged to write them down in a letter form and get them to the county or to the newspaper by next week.

These letters, along with letters of support from local citizens and organizations, bolster the county's chances of receiving the state grant.

Revisions have been made to the Master Plan as per the instructions of the Texas Historical Commission (THC). Those changes have raised the total price of the project from

\$2.9 million to \$3.5 million, but with "in-kind" activities considered, the county will still only be putting up \$440,000 for its 15 percent match. ("In-kind" activities would include such expenses as the cost of the Master Plan, trash hauling from the project, radiator removal, etc.)

Additionally, County Treasurer Becky Jackson suggested using funds from the Courthouse Security Fund to help pay for the costs of safety lighting, safety glass, door locks, and other security features in the project. The commissioners agreed to use \$10,000 from the security fund to bring the county's total cash match up to \$450,000.

Going beyond the required 15 percent match will earn the county bonus points when the THC scores its grant application next month.

In approving the submission of the application, the county also agreed to a 50-year preservation easement on the courthouse. This would restrict the county from making major alterations to the building for 50 years if the grant is approved.

## Thieves stealing farm equipment

Southwest News Services

Farmers across the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles have been victims of recent thefts, and law enforcement officials believe most are related.

Donley County has been hit twice in March, Sheriff Jimmy Thompson said, most recently March 13 at Jericho.

"They stole the same things they're stealing everywhere else - welders and tools," Thompson said.

The sheriff said he had no good ideas for preventing the thefts, which seem to occur in secluded areas, late at night.

"I don't know what you do unless you just sit there with it," Thompson

said. "These people, they watch and they know where the owners are at, they know where law enforcement is at. They're pretty smart because they've got away with it clear up into Kansas, all over the Texas Panhandle and up in the Oklahoma Panhandle. But we'll catch them."

The two Donley County thefts resulted in almost \$11,000 worth of property loss, Thompson said.

In addition to Donley County, farm thefts have been reported in Sherman, Ochiltree, Gray, Carson, Oldham and Moore counties since late last year, officials have said.

Authorities have said up to three people may be involved in some of the thefts.

## Officers kept busy as five wrecks happen in one day

Emergency crews and law enforcement personnel had a busy day last Thursday when a cold front moved into Donley County.

DPS Trooper Chad Simpson said five highway accidents occurred that day. Four were weather related and one was not.

Thursday morning Trooper Chris Ward worked one of the weather related accidents. Ward said trucker Donald Roberson of Alabama was southeast-bound with an empty trailer when he hit a patch of ice on a curve near Hedley on US 287.

The truck jack-knifed, but there were no injuries. A citation was issued for driving at unsafe speed, Ward

said. Later that afternoon, a non-weather related accident happened in the city limits of Hedley.

Simpson said Carmen Garcia of Hedley was traveling northwest-bound on the inside lane of US 287. Garcia reportedly started to turn right onto SH 203 and turned in front of a semi-truck traveling in the outside lane.

The driver of the truck, Dan Reul of Washington state, swerved to the right but was unable to avoid striking the right side of Garcia's car.

No injuries were reported in this accident either, Simpson said, and a traffic citation was issued.

## WTU president will take new position with American Electric Power

DALLAS - Paul J. Brower, general manager and president of West Texas Utilities Co., has been named to the newly created position of Michigan president for American Electric Power (NYSE:AEP), according to William J. Lhota, executive vice president.

West Texas Utilities, based in Abilene, is a subsidiary of Central and South West Corp. (NYSE:CSR), which is scheduled to complete a merger with AEP this spring.

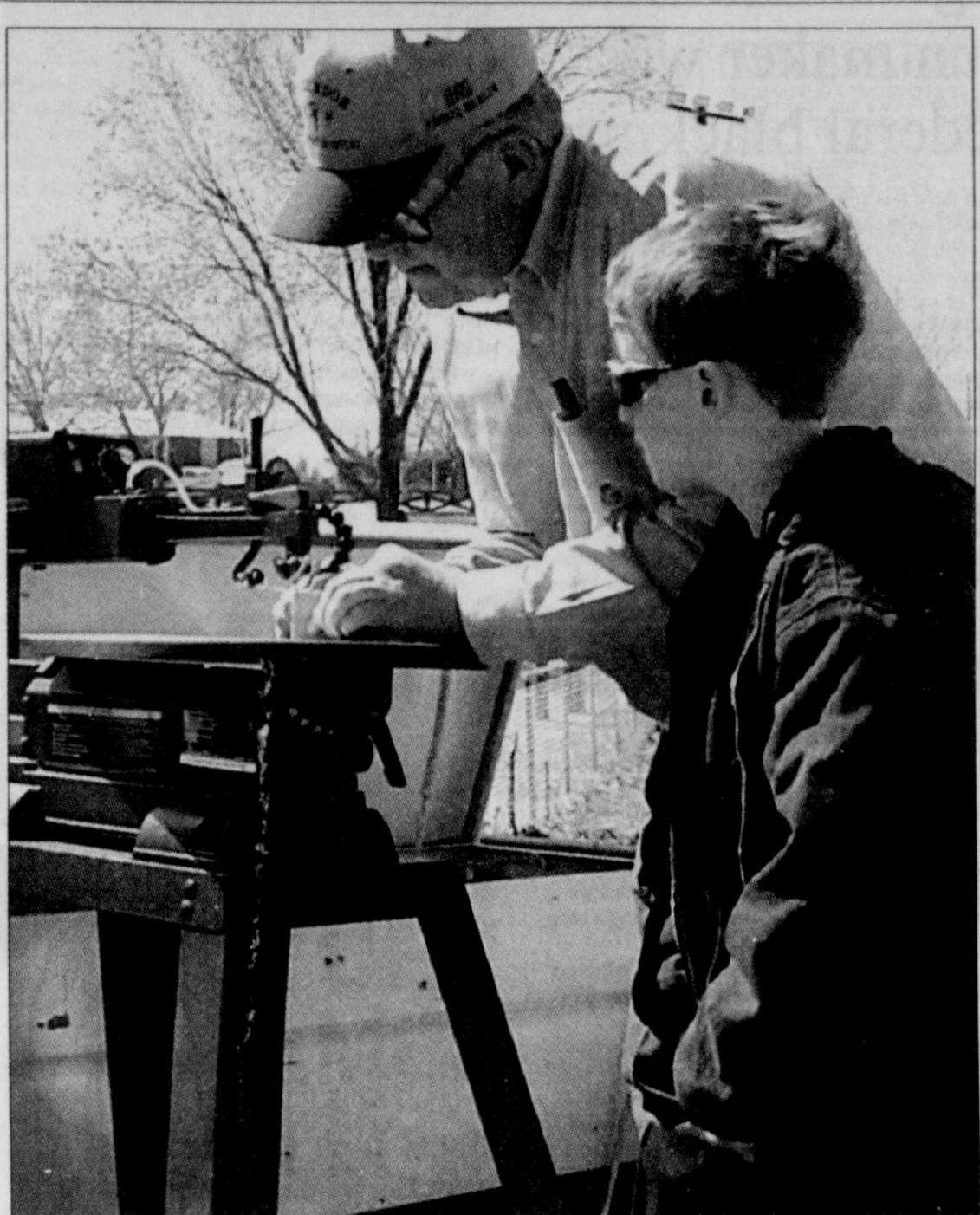
As state president, Brower, 51, will build and

maintain relationships with regulators, legislators, consumers, and other external stakeholders who have an impact on AEP activities in Michigan. His office will be in Lansing.

"Michigan is well on its way to deregulating its electric utility industry. AEP must have an active role in legislative discussions on competition since we have 125,000 customers in the state, along with considerable assets, including the Cook nuclear plant, and an extensive distribution and transmission network," Lhota said.

"Paul has proven to be extremely capable in developing strong relationships with state and local officials in Texas and Oklahoma, and we are confident he will have the same success in Michigan. During his tenure at West Texas Utilities Co., he helped solidify the utility's reputation as an active and concerned member of the community. Under Paul's leadership, West Texas Utilities Co. was recognized by the Public Utility Commission of Texas for providing exceptional customer service

See 'Brower' on page three.



### Pinewood Auto Assembly

Cubmaster Tom Roach cuts away on a block of wood that will become Dustin Ford's Pinewood Derby car. Several Cub Scouts assembled in City Park last Saturday for a workshop to carve and prepare their cars. The boys will return to the park this Saturday for Pack 437's annual derby.

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## Walk teams to take off this weekend

By Sue Church, County FCS Agent

Walking and biking teams are warming up for the Walk Across Texas (WAT) campaign which will begin Saturday, March 25. The following ten teams, captains and members have registered as of press time more are expected prior to Saturday:

HNB Shufflers - Vic Jeter - captain, Rava McKinney, Martha Smith, Helen Land, B.J. Land, Cennet Rhoad, Elvie Shields, and Ann Alexander.

HNB Gamblers - Carol Luna - captain, Travis Woodard, Virginia Patten, Ann Thornton, Thelma

Shields, Pearl Hermesmeier, Renee Shields, and Debbie Hamilton.

HNB Hustlers - Cloe Newhouse - captain, Suzanne Taylor, John Taylor, Kathy Barton, Nancy Kidd, Becky Edmonson, Emily Edmonson, and Jonathan Edmonson.

HNB Buckaroos - Gayle Edes - captain, Sharon Knox, Ray Burch, Janice Barbee, Brenda January, Gail Hill, Sharon Camacho, and Brenda Proffit.

Donley County State Bank Loaners "Walking With Your Interest At Heart" - Bobbie Thornberry - captain,

Carol Hall, Jaci McAnear, Robin Sell, Mary Neal Risley, Bryan Knowles, Tookie Thornberry, and Kathy May.

Bill Holden's Deputy Dogs - Bill Holden - captain, Carol Holden, Danielle Holden, Rhonda Newhouse, Lesley White, Tim McKinney, Paula Shay, and Brandi Martindale.

Wilma's Tax Assessories - Wilma Lindley - captain, Jerri Shields, Frances Smith, Kim Layton, Chrissy Alexander, Becky Jackson, Rhonda Aveni, and Jim Aveni.

Wanda's Rowdy Republicans - See 'Walk' on page three.



Fortunately there were no injuries last Thursday when this car turned in front of a semi-truck near the intersection of US 287 with SH 203 in Hedley. It was just one of five local accidents during the same day.

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## Perry taps Haywood to co-chair joint ag policy committee

AUSTIN - State Sen. Tom Haywood (R-Wichita Falls) was recently selected by Lt. Gov. Rick Perry as co-chair of the Joint Committee on Agriculture Policy. Rep. David Swinford (R-Dumas) will share the gavel.

"I am very excited at this opportunity to dig deeper into the agricultural issues our state is facing," Haywood said.

"My goal for this interim was to work diligently on my subcommittee to gather input from the farmers and ranchers of our state in hopes of finding some solutions to the problems our ag economy is fighting."

Haywood, who also serves as the chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Agriculture, will lead Senate colleagues Ken Armbrister (D-Victoria), Teel Bivens (R-Amarillo), and Steve Ogden (R-Bryan) in a comprehensive study of House Bill 2, which establishes the framework for a state-wide agricultural policy.

"Working with these great agriculture leaders, I am sure the state will be well served," Haywood said. "I am looking forward to our first meeting and to our continued efforts on behalf of the farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers in Texas."



**Walk: Teams to start their trek across Texas this weekend**  
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Wanda Smith - captain, Steve Smith, Carlene Hollar, Cynthia Ewing.

Community Bank - Betty McCutchen - captain, team member names to be announced at a later time.

Extension Express - Lori Leffew - captain, Jessica McCabe, Amanda McCabe, Matt McCabe, Leon Church

and Sue Church

The kickoff will start with participants meeting at the Harned Sisters Performing Arts Center parking lot at Clarendon College at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. Walkers will be given a ride to FM 3257 where they will start their trek into the Bar H Ranch. While at the ranch, walkers will be

treated to a hamburger fry, scavenger hunt, and fashion show provided by county youth involved in this year's 4-H clothing project. Cost for the lunch and related program expenses will be \$5.00.

Call today to sign up your team at 874-2141. This is a fun way to make a healthy habit a lasting one.

**Brower: WTU's president will have new position with AEP**  
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during one of Texas' hottest summer seasons," Lhota said.

Brower's staff will include a governmental affairs manager, corporate communications manager, and administrative support. Greg Clark, governmental affairs manager for Michigan, will relocate from his office in Fort Wayne, Ind., to the Lansing office to continue his work with the Michigan legislature.

Brower joined CSW in 1976 as

a sales representative for Public Service Company of Oklahoma. He held numerous positions, including corporate sales manager and division manager. He moved to West Texas Utilities Co. in 1991 and served as general manager and vice president - marketing and business development. He was promoted to his present position in 1998.

A native of Wichita Falls, Brower received a bachelor's degree in mar-

keting and management in 1976 from Northeastern Oklahoma State University in Tahlequah. He served in the US Navy and is a Vietnam veteran.

AEP and CSW announced their intention to merge on December 22, 1997, and are awaiting approval from the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Upon completion of the merger, the new company will be called American Electric Power.



**Cooper shows at Houston**  
Shannon Cooper recently placed second in light weight Maine steer class at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo on March 1, 2000.  
Photo by Dave Barker

**weather report**

Day	Date	High	Low	Precip
Mon	13	75°	35°	-
Tues	14	62°	31°	-
Wed	15	77°	41°	-
Thurs	16	82°	29°	T
Fri	17	32°	27°	0.12"
Sat	18	54°	30°	-
Sun	19	60°	33°	-

Total precipitation this month: 0.53"  
Total precipitation to date: 0.81"  
Total for this month one year ago: 2.22"  
Total year-to-date last year: 4.22"

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**DA's office adds 2 new services**

The District Attorney's Office for the 100th Judicial District has added two new services in a continuing effort to be available to the general public.

The office has added an e-mail address and a toll-free phone line.

"We have been using the Internet and e-mail communications for some time now, have found it to be very useful, and wish to advise the general public of its availability in communicating with the District Attorney's office," said DA Randall C. Sims.

The e-mail address is <da100th@count.net>.

The toll-free number is for the public to use when they wish to contact the DA's office. It will allow grand jurors, witnesses, and the public to call the office without having to pay long distance charges. The number is 877-447-5886.

"We invite the general public to begin using these services immediately," Sims said.

**Looking Back**

**20 Years Ago**  
THE CLARENDON PRESS, March 20, 1980

• Announcement was made this week of the resignation of Clarendon High School Principal Clyde Noonkester to accept a position as Athletic Director at Freer, Texas. CHS basketball coach Bob Howell will replace Noonkester as principal.

• Randy Crump was the Donley County Junior Spelling Bee Champion this week. Theresa Percival was the runner up.

**50 Years Ago**  
THE DONLEY CO. LEADER, March 23, 1950

• The Boner Howard Grocery Store at Lelia Lake became the focal point of excitement early Tuesday morning when an auto crashed through the side of the rock veneer building, completely demolishing the 1947 Dodge and doing about \$1,500 damage to the building.

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Thanks

**Wilma Lindley**

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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.

NPT: This column has been rated "NPT" by the Enterprise Institute For Reader Friendliness. A grade of honor is advised.



# Agreement with gun maker was federal blackmail

If there was any doubt in my mind about whether I should join the National Rifle Association (NRA), it was obliterated last week when the Smith & Wesson announced its "deal" with the federal government.

The nation's largest gun manufacturer agreed to install safety locks on the handguns it makes, limit the number of rounds of ammunition new guns can hold in their magazines, and dedicate two percent of its firearms revenues to develop "smart gun" technology. News reports say gun maker Glock, Inc., will decide whether to sign on to the deal this week.

What would possibly make the gun maker do this? Simple. The company was scared to death of a lawsuit by the federal government. The "deal" kept the company from having to spend itself into the hole from defending itself from the Mafioso tactics of the federal government.

It's the new thing in the United States - legislation through litigation. If the impeached president can't get what he wants through the constitutional lawmaking process, he puts on his trial lawyer hat and files a lawsuit. No company can stand up to the resources of the federal justice department.

For Smith & Wesson's part, by rolling over for the federal government they get dropped from the lawsuit, and they get this statement from the president: "I think all of us, including the federal government, in our procurement policies - if we are really serious about making America safer - ought to send a clear signal that we appreciate what [Smith & Wesson] did. This is a happy day."

In other words, if you'll agree to these "harmless" rules, the government will agree to buy its guns from your company. (Wink, wink)

The impeached president also said the gun maker's move was an act of "courage and vision."

No, Billy. It was an act of fear and self-preservation. Your administration used blackmail and strong-arm methods to drive this company to its knees the same way you've done with the tobacco industry.

Gun controllers hailed last week's agreement, saying it will save lives, protect children, and will not limit people's Second Amendment freedoms. Each of those points is false.

This disgraceful "agreement" and the other gun control proposals like it are nothing more than incremental steps to destroy the people's right to keep and bear arms guaranteed by the United States Constitution. The central government is chip, chip, chipping away at our freedom.

If the gun controllers succeed in their efforts, what freedom will be safe from incremental erosion? If the Second Amendment is destroyed, then which constitutional right is truly protected?

Americans should not accept limited "freedoms." Freedom is not plural. You are either free, or you are not.

## Time to join up

Last week, I discussed the comments by NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre who said: "I've come to believe that he [Clinton] needs a certain level of violence in this country. He's willing to accept a certain level of killing to further his political agenda and his vice president, too."

The impeached president responded by proving LaPierre's point by biting his lower lip and saying he'd like to see LaPierre say that to parents of all these murdered children. (Ah, yes, the children. A typical emotional tactic employed by Clinton.)

Vice President Gore chimed in saying he thought the LaPierre's comments reflected a "kind of sickness" deep in the heart of the NRA.

Is it "sick" to want to protect your freedom from those who would strip them from you? Is it "sick" to be outraged by a government that blackmails companies to get its way? If so, then consider me sick.

Frankly, I think it's sick to play on people's fear in order to get them to give up their rights, and I think it is sick to abuse the power of the federal government by bullying private companies for political ends.

Now personally, I don't own a lot of guns. I only have a .22 rifle. But if I decide I want a handgun or a shotgun, or whatever, I should have the right to go buy one. I shouldn't have to wait an undetermined length of time to buy one, and I shouldn't have to fumble with some blasted "child safety lock" while someone breaks into my home and bashes my head in.

The NRA is the only group large enough to stand up to the rhetoric and brutal attacks of the Sarah Bradys of the world - the people who would take away Americans' gun rights.

The NRA is the only group who has shown the real courage in the gun debate by exposing Clinton for his demagoguery of the issue while calling the impeached president on the carpet for his lackadaisical enforcement of existing gun laws.

That's why I joined the National Rifle Association this week, and I urge other citizens to do the same. You can contact the NRA by calling 1-800-NRA-3888 or by going to their web site at [www.nra.org](http://www.nra.org).

Editorials are published periodically by the Enterprise when the Editor or worthy guest editorialist has something to say. Warning labels have been attached because a few readers found these columns to be "bitter" or "controversial." But then, Editors or "worthy" means usually are.

# US Census asks a lot of needless questions

By now, most United States citizens have received a package from the US Department of Commerce. If you're lucky you have received a short version of the 2000 Census.

If you didn't receive the quickie version of the census, get ready to complete the whopping 38-page form. The long workbook version asks everything but "How many times a week do you go to the bathroom?"

I know the census is required by law, but do we really need all this data? For example, question 11c asks, "How well does this person speak English?" The choices are very well, well, not well, or not at all.

There are a lot of residents who speak English as their first language but can't articulate a sentence without adding "umm" or "you know." What category would they fall into?

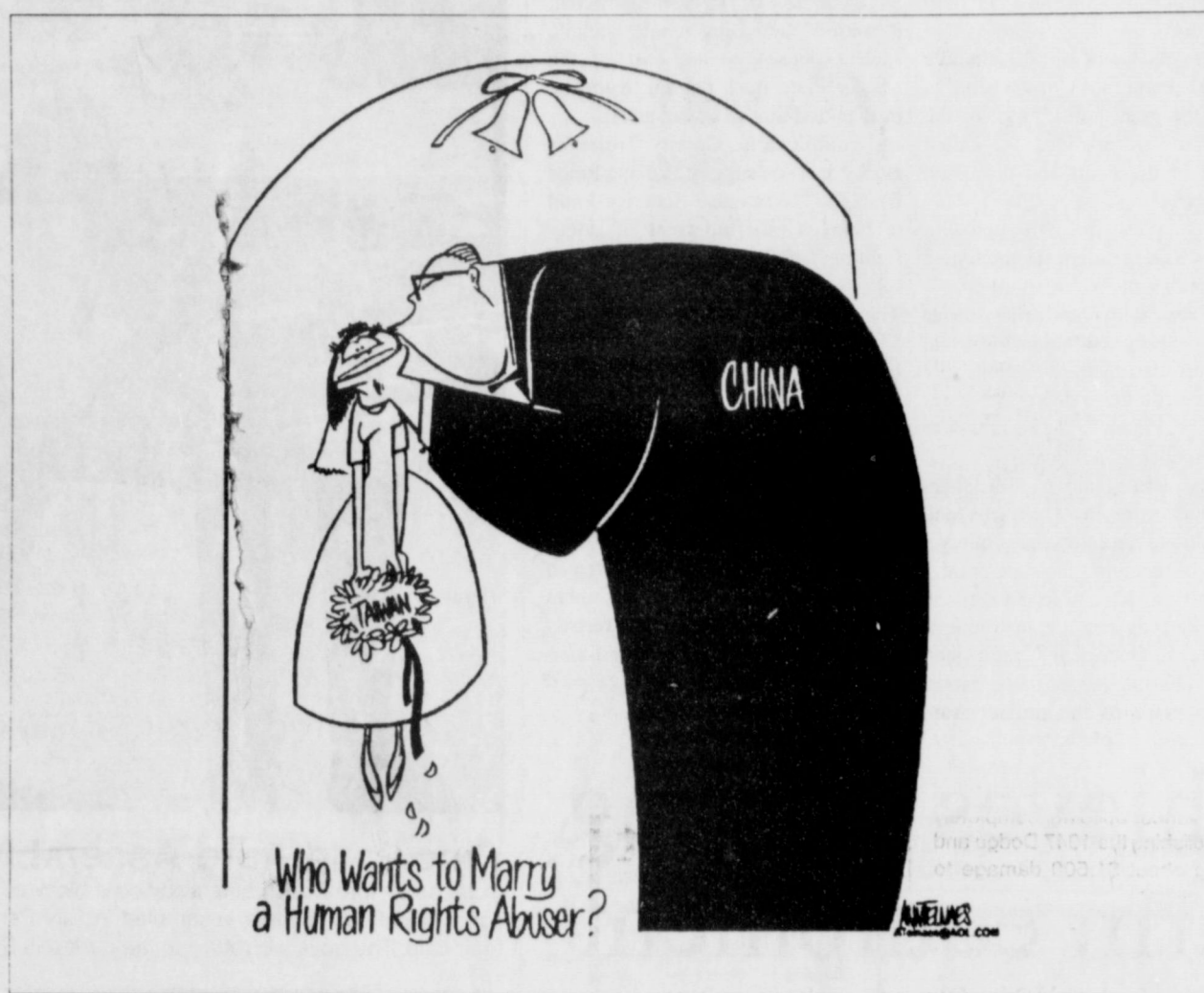
For questions 31-32, one better have their taxes done. And it just happens to be that your taxes and census are both due at

## on the Mark with Christi Ross

the same time. Great... another fun project to do!

And what about questions 33-53? All of these are about your home, utilities, property insurance, mortgage, and taxes. Does the government really need to know how many rooms my home has, as asked in question 37? What can this information possibly provide Big Brother?

The oddest question of the long form census has to be 46b. "Does the monthly rent (of this house, apartment, or mobile home) include any meals?" Can anyone explain why this question is included? First, how many rental properties provide meals, and second, why do we need to know this? Perhaps the government is plan-



# Washington should set budget as families do

Just as families have to sit down and set priorities about how they will spend the money they earn, the federal government has to decide how it will spend the money it takes from you in taxes each year.

It does that by passing a budget, which determines how much money will be taken from taxpayers and then how it will be spent across a dozen or so broad categories.

Last week, those of us on the House Budget Committee prepared the budget for next year which the full House will be voting on this week. Passing a budget is always controversial.

There are those who want to take more money from taxpayers and spend more on bigger government. They genuinely



believe that government is better able to solve your problems than you are. Others of us believe that the federal government should focus on doing fewer things and doing them well, giving you more choices and more control over your life. One thing on which nearly everyone now seems to agree is that the budget will continue to protect Social Security by preventing Social Security funds from

being spent on other government programs. There is also widespread support for paying down the publicly held debt while making sure we keep a balanced budget.

In addition, the budget will provide more money to strengthen our national defense and take care of our veterans, and it sets aside money to improve and reform Medicare - including a prescription drug benefit. The budget will also allow people to keep more of the money they earn through tax relief.

This budget is by no means perfect. But it does lay out a set of priorities that will help us face many of the challenges which lie ahead.

# Reader stands behind fixing old courthouse

I read with great interest your coverage of the old courthouse and its woes in the March 9 CLARENDON ENTERPRISE. I was really happy to see an informative, well written account and the interesting photos. I would have supported the restoration of the courthouse even if it cost more than a new one. Americans are some of the worst offenders about tearing down lovely old places to make way for "progress." One of the main reasons tourists visit other countries is because of their old buildings. When I'm visiting a new place, I always enjoy touring the old areas and reading of the architecture and history of the place.

I am a landowner in Donley County and have enjoyed my nearly weekly visits to Clarendon over the past year. I used to live in Canyon, Texas, and it was so disheartening to see the havoc that has been wreaked on their courthouse and citizens. I wish there was as much support there for restoration as Clarendon is wisely showing to their courthouse.

My husband is an architect, and he knows how much it costs to build nice places, public or private. I am saddened at the many metal structures that are dotting the landscape and the "square box" mentality that goes on in today's society. I stand behind keeping the old courthouse

and refurbishing it. It is too bad it has been allowed to crumble thus far. It is time to get time on our side. Enjoy today, wish for the future, and respect the past.

Sarah L. Pfeifer, Amarillo, Via e-mail

## Couple calls state grant a 'wonderful opportunity'

My husband and I would like to encourage Judge Hall and the Commissioners' Court to apply to the State of Texas for funding to preserve our courthouse.

This sounds like a wonderful opportunity for our community to save some of our heritage at a cost our county could afford.

Donna and Larry Hicks

## Commends editor's NRA stance, supports courthouse

First I would like to commend you for the good comments you made in this week's paper [March 16, 2000] concerning the National Rifle Association. I mailed my dues in yesterday to become a member of

that organization as I feel that is about the only voice I have concerning the issue and my Constitutional right to keep and bear arms. If you are serious about becoming a member, I'd encourage you to do so.

Second, Cloe Ann and I would like to voice our feelings concerning the preservation of our courthouse. We feel it is very important to keep and preserve some history of Donley County.

We both grew up in Fisher County, and Roby is the county seat. We had a beautiful courthouse, one with a tall dome, which had huge clocks on all four sides. It was truly a landmark. The decision was made several years ago to destroy it and replace it with a more modern structure. To say the least, Roby has never been the same since, and many people have regrets that it was destroyed.

Bright and Cloe Ann Newhouse

Yes, I was serious about joining the NRA. In fact I signed up Monday evening. The annual dues do not cost very much, and just as I belong to various press associations to help defend my First Amendment rights, I believe membership in the NRA will help protect my Second Amendment rights.

- The Editor

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**Obituaries**

**Elliott**  
Graveside services for George Clifton Elliott, age 76, were held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 17, 2000, in Citizens Cemetery. Burial was held in Citizens Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc.

Mr. Elliott died Wednesday, March 15, 2000, in Clarendon. He was born August 31, 1923, at Brice, Texas, and had been a resident of Clarendon most of his life. He married Ruby Lee Tolbert on May 18, 1946, at Memphis. He was employed by the City of Clarendon for more than 17 years before his retirement in 1984. He was a US Army Veteran of World War II.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jimmie Lee Elliott, on May 22, 1998.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby Elliott of Clarendon; three sons, Clifton Elliott of Amarillo, Donnie Lee Elliott of Clarendon, and Thomas Eugene Elliott of Clarendon; one sister, Margie Rowe of Clarendon; six grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; and four step great grandchildren.

**Gibbons**

Funeral services for Melvyn Walker Gibbons, age 62, were held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2000, in the First Baptist Church in Hedley with Rev. Bruce Howard, Pastor, officiating. Burial was held in Rowe Cemetery in Hedley under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc.

Mr. Gibbons died Sunday, March 19, 2000, in Amarillo. He was born May 22, 1937, in Kress and was a resident of Kress much of his life. He moved from Plainview to Hedley in 1981. He married Barbara Janell Thomas on November 17, 1978, at Plainview. She preceded him in death on December 26, 1998. He had been a farmer most of his life. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include five daughters, Melvyna Mendez of Clovis, California; Jeanette Ayello of Clovis, California; Jennifer Hopps of Driftwood, Texas; Melody Middleton of Memphis; and Melissa Gibbons of Hedley; and nine grandchildren.

Casket bearers were Dave Sheets, Leon Ward, Junior Hill, Bryan Hill, Johnny Hill, and Bob White.

**Hunt**

Funeral services were held Friday, March 17, for Ernest "Emie" Hunt at the Community Church of Vista, California. He was 67.

Hunt was born March 8, 1933, to Ernest L. Hunt, Sr., and the former Maggie Scoggins, and he grew up at Clarendon. He died March 11, 2000, in the crash of his private plane near Fallbrook, California.

He was an award-winning lawyer and civic activist, and friends described him as a "lawyer's lawyer - a no-nonsense guy with a good sense of humor."

Hunt became an active member of the Bar Association of Northern San Diego County in 1965 soon after forming a partnership with Milo Shadle. He served as the bar association's president in 1991 and won the association's President's Award in 1993 for distinguished service as an attorney.

One of his most notable achievements was engineering a land swap with a private developer that made way for a new \$50 million Vista Courthouse which opened two years ago. Friends say that Hunt worked for 20 years on that courthouse plan and that it wouldn't be there if it weren't for him.

Hunt was a member of the Vista Boys & Girls Club board of directors for more than 30 years, co-founding the club's charitable foundation in 1977. He served the club in various officer roles and won three national awards from the organization.

Hunt is survived by his wife of 44 years, Dara Hunt; one son, John Hunt; one daughter Katharine Fitzgerald; a granddaughter, Shannon Fitzgerald; and one sister, Louva Hunt of Clarendon.

The family requests memorials be made to the Saints' Roost Museum, PO Box 781, Clarendon, TX 79226.

*Supporting Our Youth*  
Clarendon & Hedley School activities reported every week.  
**The Clarendon Enterprise**

**Study shows drugs, alcohol hitting rural youth hard**

WACO - A new study by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University (CASA) reports alarming rates of substance abuse among the nation's rural youth. This is still another symptom of the worsening farm economy, according to the Texas Farmers Union (TFU).

Smoking, drinking, and drug use among young teens is higher in rural areas than it is in the urban centers, according to the CASA study. The most striking statistic reports that eighth graders living in rural areas are 104 percent more likely to use amphetamines, including methamphetamine, and 50 percent more likely to use cocaine than their urban counterparts.

Additional findings show that rural eighth graders are 34 percent likelier than in urban centers to smoke marijuana, 83 percent likelier to use crack cocaine, 29 percent likelier to drink alcohol, and 70 percent likelier to have been drunk.

Rural teens in other age groups are showing higher rates of drug use compared to urban youth, while adults appear to be using at similar rates in both populations.

"While the personal burden of substance abuse is disheartening, it serves as an even more profound indicator of the social devastation that has emerged from current rural economic conditions," said TFU president Wes Sims. "The economic stress on our nation's rural areas cannot be ignored,

especially in the light of pressures it has placed on families. Our representatives and the nation need to know this. I urge farmers and ranchers to go to Washington for the Rally for Rural America to tell lawmakers firsthand."

Farmers Union worked with other groups to organize participation in the rally for rural America, March 20-21, 2000, in Washington, DC. The event will bring a cross section of rural America to the nation's capital to call for changes to federal farm policy, including the addition of an adequate farm safety net to provide protection in downturns.

Information on the rally can be found on the Internet at www.RallyforRuralAmerica.org.

**DHS announces new Community Partnership Initiative**

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Human Services (DHS) announced plans to seek proposals from community organizations to help low-income Texans.

The ultimate goal of the initiative is to increase the quality of life among welfare recipients and those who are at risk of becoming welfare recipients. DHS will fund community groups with up to \$250,000 each.

Community organizations may

provide services directly, or through contracts and arrangements with public entities, schools, non profit organizations, faith-based organizations, or other community organizations. Services can include assistance with housing, utilities, clothing vehicle repairs, educational assistance for youth, adult literacy and English as a second language.

Funding for this initiative comes from \$7 million in funds earmarked

for these projects in House Bill 1, which was passed by the Legislature, and signed by the Governor, last year. In 1999, DHS funded 16 community projects.

This year, DHS will award approximately \$2,870,000 to community organizations.

Community organizations interested in submitting proposals should contact Bo Platt at 512-438-3450, or by e-mail bo-platt@dhs.state.tx.us.

**Breast Cancer Screening to be held April 11**

The date reported in last week's issue for the Breast Cancer Screening Clinic to be held in Clarendon was incorrect. The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at the Community Bank, 123 East 3rd in Clarendon, on April 11, 2000.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mam-

mogram, and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only.

Call 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

**Grief seminar to be in Amarillo next month**

A free four week seminar for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved on will be held April 4, 11, 18, and 25 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson in Amarillo.

For full benefit of the program,

please plan on attending all sessions. No children under 16 years will be allowed to attend. The seminar is closed after session two.

To register or for more information, please call the American Cancer Society at 353-4306.

**Republican Club to meet**

The Republican Club will meet at 7:00 p.m. on March 27 at the Panhandle Community Services building. Every one is invited to attend.

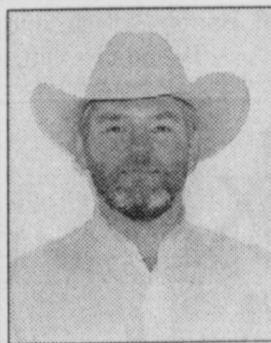
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**Mike Wallendorff**

Pol. Ad Paid for by Mike Wallendorff, PO Box 97, Hedley, Tx 79237

I would like to thank all those who voted for me in the primary election for Donley County Sheriff. I appreciate your support.

**Charles "Butch" Blackburn, Jr.**

Pol. Ad Paid for by Butch Blackburn, PO Box 1223, Clarendon, TX 79226

**Open House**

**Clarendon Country Club Special**

Our restaurant is open to the public now until May 1, 2000.

Everyone come out and enjoy our fine steaks and other delicious entrees.

**Restaurant hours:**

Friday, 6:00-9:00 p.m. (menu)  
Saturday, 6:00-9:00 p.m. (menu)  
Sunday, 12:00-2:00 p.m. (buffet only)

Please call for Sunday buffet reservations by Saturday night if possible.

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**March 24 - 25**  
Little League Baseball Sign-up • Old Gym • 4 p.m.

**March 25**  
Walk Across Texas Kickoff • Horned Sisters Fine Arts Center parking lot • 10 a.m.

Cub Scout Pinewood Derby • City Park Pavilion • 1 p.m.

**March 27**  
4-H Tasting Luncheon • First United Methodist Church • 11:30 p.m.

Bronco Parents Meeting • CHS in Mrs. Chamberlain's room • 5 p.m.

**March 28**  
Eastern Star Spaghetti Supper • Clarendon Masonic Lodge • 5 p.m.

**April 8**  
Les Beaux Art Club Art Show • Methodist Church • 10 a.m.

**April 11**  
Breast Cancer Screening Clinic • Community Bank • 377-4673.

**April 12**  
Annual Health & Wealth Fair • Bairfield Activity Center • 10 a.m.

**April 21**  
San Jacinto Day

**April 29 - 30**  
Clarendon College Alumni Reunion • Bairfield Activity Center

## Community Menus

March 27 - 31

**Hedley Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Barbecue pork pats baked beans, corn, potato salad, orange, roll, milk, tea, coffee  
Tues: Spaghetti and meat sauce, broccoli casserole, tossed salad, baked apple, garlic toast, milk, tea, coffee  
Wed: Steak and gravy, baked potato, green beans, carrot and raisin salad, banana pudding, roll, milk, tea, coffee  
Thur: Chicken potpie, fried okra, cabbage and pineapple salad, apricot cobbler, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee  
Fri: Butterbeans and ham, French fries, tossed salad, jelled fruit with whipped topping, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee

**Donley County Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Smothered steak, mashed potatoes, turnip greens, Waldorf salad, Rice Krispie treat, roll, coffee, tea, lowfat milk  
Tues: Chicken and dressing, yam patties, green peas, fruit salad, pasties, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk  
Wed: Meatloaf, mini baked potatoes, winter mix vegetables, tossed salad, cherry delight, roll, coffee, tea, lowfat milk  
Thur: Catfish, hominy casserole, black-eyed peas, colelaw, apricots, cornbread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk  
Fri: Oven fried chicken, broccoli and rice, corn, rosy applesauce, coconut cream pie, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

**Hedley Schools**  
Breakfast  
Mon: Cheese toast, cereal, milk, juice, graham crackers  
Tues: Breakfast bake, cereal, graham crackers, milk, juice  
Wed: Breakfast burrito, cereal, milk, juice, graham crackers  
Thur: Biscuit and gravy, cereal, graham crackers, milk, juice  
Fri: Donuts, cereal, milk, juice, graham crackers  
Lunch  
Mon: Turkey and dressing or sliced ham and cheese, steamed broccoli, salad, fruit, sliced bread, milk  
Tues: Chicken on a bun, lettuce, tomato, oven fries, peach cobbler, milk  
Wed: Pizza, corn, salad, fruit, pizza sauce and bread sticks, milk  
Thur: Grilled chicken, corn dog or burrito, pinto beans, chili and cheese, chips, salad, fruit, milk  
Fri: Steak fingers or chicken strips, potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, milk

**Clarendon Schools**  
Breakfast  
Mon: Cereal, toast, juice, milk  
Tues: Sausage and biscuit, gravy, juice, milk  
Wed: Donuts, fruit, milk  
Thur: Breakfast casserole, fruit, milk  
Fri: Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk  
Lunch  
Mon: Corn dog, French fries, salad, black-eyed peas, fruit, milk  
Tues: Spaghetti, rolls, fruit, corn, salad, milk  
Wed: Chicken fajitas, beans, salad, fruit, milk  
Thur: Hamburger and rice, peas, fruit, rolls, milk  
Fri: Chiliburger, French fries, salad, fruit cobbler, milk



### 50-Year Member

O'Neal Weatherly was presented a special award last Tuesday, recognizing his 50-year membership in the Adamson & Lane Post 287 of the National American Legion in Hedley. Weatherly is a veteran of World War II and fought in the European theater of the war. Shown with him is Post Commander Jack Moreman.

Enterprise Photo by Bill Holden.

## Columnist may get a stick horse to replace her car

I'm just one step closer to getting a stick horse. I stopped to get gas, and it was \$1,499 a gallon. I heard a woman say a few days ago that she thought she'd get an old gray mule. Someone asked her if she could ride a mule, and she said she was getting it not to ride, but to pull her car. When asked what she'd do for the air conditioner, she replied, "That depends on what I feed the mule."

Monday was the first day of spring, but you could have fooled me. I awoke Thursday morning to rain and sleet. By the middle of the morning, it had turned to snow, and by noon the ground was covered with the white stuff. Before evening, the snow had melted, leaving the ground soggy and wet, just the way I like it. What I'd

really like to see is a good steady, soaking rain for about a week.

I'd say this was probably the Easter spell, but it's almost five weeks until Easter. Hopefully, this will be the last cold spell.

I've lived on this ranch for almost thirty-five years. We usually kept about a hundred and fifty mother cows. In all that time we've only had one set of twins.

One day last week I went with Keith to feed and check the cattle in the home pasture. We saw a cow across a draw, and Keith said that she had a calf. He'd seen it the day before and put a tag in its ear. When the cow got there, the calf with her had no tag, but she was content to let it nurse. I told Keith he'd tagged the wrong calf.

## Several non-fiction selections available at library

Can nonfiction be as intriguingly written as the fiction we love so well? Can it compete with drama, romance, humor, and mystery that we demand in our reading for pleasure? After examining, reading, and scanning through seven volumes of Reader's Digest's "Today's Best Nonfiction" in Burton Memorial Library, I'm convinced that it can.

Each volume formats the same styles as Reader's Digest ever-popular novel collections...four classics in one volume.

Ladies' basketball wasn't always the respected sport it is today. During the 1950's, the primary option for a girl who liked sports was cheerleading. Practice time for girls' teams became possible only when the boys didn't need the gym. No one seemed interested in watching girls' games. In *These Girls, Hope is a Muscle*, Madeline Blais exemplifies obstacles faced as girls' teams strived for acceptance and success. Readers interested in girls' basketball will "cheer" for Amherst Regional High School Lady Hurricanes as Blais relates their pursuit for excellence. She refreshingly

describes their "joys, sorrows, fragility, strength" as they dramatically progress from numerous defeats to a state championship.

Gregory Howard Williams, believing he was white, gives first-hand information in *Life on the Color Line* as he tells of the almost incredible changes in his life after discovering, at age 10, the truth about his black heritage.

Laurence Leamer, in his *The Kennedy Women*, engagingly scans five generations from East Boston to the White House...mothers, wives, sisters, daughters of "one of America's most fascinating political dynasties." *The Climb of My Life* entails much more than Laura Evans' thrills and challenges of mountain climbing. She overcame a 15 percent survival chance from breast cancer. This true story presents "an inspiring tale of human spirit overcoming adversity, one step at a time...a miraculous journey from edge of death to victory of lifetime."

Associated Press acknowledged Rinker Buck and his brother, ages 15 and 17, youngest aviators anywhere.

## High blood pressure can be a silent killer if not treated

By Sue Church, County FCS Agent  
What would you do if you found out you were walking around with a silent killer?

Well over 30 million Americans are doing just that! They are walking around with high blood pressure and do not know it because most of the time, high blood pressure has no symptoms. That is why high blood pressure is known as the "silent killer."

Untreated or poorly managed high blood pressure increases your risk for heart disease, stroke, and even

kidney problems.

Many times people with high blood pressure are told by the health care professional that they must lose weight and increase their physical activity level. As anyone knows, these recommendations are not easy to follow.

Many people wonder how losing weight and walking more could help their blood pressure go down. Long term studies have shown that losing as little as 10 pounds can lower blood pressure a few points. Losing more weight can produce even greater

## Clarendon folks enjoy spring break

Clarendon residents took advantage of the school Spring Break holiday this past week in a number of ways.

Bill and Darlene Spier took a few days to go to Austin. The Weldon Sears family dug a garden in the backyard, although I have it on good authority that Tim Sears spent a lot of time inside playing computer games on the internet. (The authority of one of the guys who was playing with Tim before he got grounded from the computer—the other guy got grounded, not Tim.)

Our daughter came up to visit from Lubbock, and the older son came home for spring break. We were glad to see them. Robert needed someone to wrestle with other than Mom and Dad.

Over Christmas, we taught Robert how to play 42. Thirteen seems to be the optimal age to learn how to play this time-honored game. That's when I learned and when we taught the older two to play. So with everyone home, we had to break



around Town  
By Gail Shelton  
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out the dominos. The dot monster showed up, eating off some of the dots from the dominos, but never enough of them to make a good nello hand. It ate the dots from my dominos the most.

Robert and his father decided that the grass was greener in front of the other guy, so they started drawing their hands from in front of each other and then wrestling over the dominos, trying to pry them out of each others hands—until they were turned up and looked at. Then they'd try to give the domino away, to no takers.

As it always does, the shuffle came around to Robert. He waited, like he was supposed to, until everyone had drawn their dominos...and there were none left. Myles had quietly scooped up all of them just to see what Robert would do. We laughed

till our sides hurt.

Of course, by Wednesday, they were scattered to the winds again, so we decided to leave town too. Spot went to the Doggie Hotel, and we went down to the big city of Arlington to visit the elder Sheltons and most of the Shelton cousins. We had dinner out, went to see the show (Johnnie High's Country Music Revue), went shopping, and came home again.

We played a lot of 42 in Arlington, too. Robert and I won most of the games, through sheer skill and strategy, not because we had such good hands, because we didn't—except for one that Robert got. It was either skill or the fact that our opponents were sleepy.

I hope your spring break was filled with great accomplishments or great fun. Preferably both. Every family needs memories of laughing around a table, whether the dinner table or the game table—laughing until their sides ache and the tears run down their cheeks. Here's wishing that for all of you.

## Senior Citizens to have concessions at college judging contest, April 1

By Vida O'Neal

We hope Tammy enjoyed her vacation this past week. We missed her around here. We are glad she is back at the center. It was pretty quiet without her there.

This month is going by really fast. April 1 the Donley County Senior Citizens will sponsor a concession stand at the college judging. These kids are very special and talented to be on these judging teams. We will cook hamburgers, brisket sandwiches, etc. The center will need volunteers to help work and also furnish cookies, brownies, and Rice Krispie treats. If you would like to donate some of these desserts, please let Tammy or me know. Your help is greatly appreciated.

This week we received the address of Emma Shannon. If anyone needs her address, just ask or look on the bulletin board. It was good to hear from Emma, and we are so glad she is enjoying her new home. We all miss you Emma.

We appreciate Sue Leeper and her helper for brining the pneumonia vaccines to the center on Friday.

We sent get-well wishes to Nora Hartwick and hope she has a speedy recovery.

Our condolences got to the families of Clifton Elliott.

Reminders:  
March 27: Dance Club, 7 p.m.  
March 28: Birthday/Anniversary Supper and Bingo, 6 p.m.  
March 31: Blood Pressure Clinic, 10:30-12:00  
April 1: Hamburger cookout at the Rodeo Grounds

## Crown of Texas Hospice to hold memory service

Crown of Texas Hospice families, volunteers, and staff will gather together to celebrate the memories and lives of their loved ones on Sunday, April 2, 2000, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, 1200 S. Washington, in Amarillo.

A reception hosted by Crown of Texas Hospice volunteers will follow. For more information, please call 372-7696.

## Quilting Club meets

Martin Quilting Club met at the First Christian Church basement, and Pearl Hermesmeier was the hostess.

One quilt was finished. Lunch was served to Verdine Tipton, Frankie McAnear, Ann Bunyan, Barbara Helms, Inene Davidson, Betty Jean Williams, Gay Cole, and Pearl Hermesmeier.

## Eastern Star to hold spaghetti supper

The Clarendon Order of the Eastern Star will hold a spaghetti supper Tuesday, March 28, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge. Cost is \$5.00 per person for all you can eat. Take-outs are available.

## watt's Happening

By Peggy Watt  
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He insisted he didn't. About that time another calf, one with a tag, came to the cow and started nursing. We had twins!

I don't know who was most excited, Keith or me.

I mentioned it to some people in town, and one man said he had a neighbor once whose cattle all had twins every year. Of course, he said, not all the calves were the same color as their mother nor the same size as its twin. He also said that some of the man's neighbors didn't have a very

## check it Out

By Mary Beth Nelson

The boys safely flew from coast to coast in a rebuilt Piper Cub with only a compass and a bag full of maps to guide them. Adventures and incidents are humorously revealed in *Flight of Passage* by Buck.

Sebastian Junger offers more adventure in *The Perfect Storm* portraying men against the sea (October, 1991). Atlantic waves 100 feet high and 100 miles per hour winds challenged a fishing boat crew from Gloucester, Massachusetts, making heroes of some and victims of others.

Working on a Miracle, by Mahlon Johnson, M.D., assisted by Joseph Alsham, tells the fascinating story of the slip of a scalpel during an autopsy infecting the doctor with HIV. It is a "tale of medical ingenuity and an inspiring personal account of a journey that changed him as a doctor and as a man."

## High blood pressure can be a silent killer if not treated

will also have an opportunity to participate in an eight-week weight loss program if you choose.

Call the Extension office at 874-2141 to sign up and receive further information. We are offering a no cost way to get started.

Remember, if you have high blood pressure always check with your doctor regarding whether walking or losing weight is advisable for you. Also, keep taking your blood pressure medication unless your doctor tells you to stop.

## Les Beaux Art Show will feature work of Howardwick resident

Les Beaux Arts Club is proud to be including award-winning artist Greta Byars among the exhibitors participating in the Art Show on April 8 at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon.

Mrs. Byars was born and raised on a ranch in Nebraska and lived for many years near Clayton, New Mexico, before moving to Amarillo and then to Howardwick in May of last year. In Amarillo, she enrolled in a

fine art school, Atelier Richards, after painting on her own for several years and learned the traditional old-world methods of painting in oil. Her paintings are realistic, done from life rather than photographs. She was invited by the Amarillo Art Center to exhibit her painting of the Madonna and Child in the "Holy Family Through the Ages" show at the Art Center.

Her paintings have won awards in Missouri, Oklahoma, Colorado,

Arkansas, Nebraska, and Texas. She placed first and fourth at the Nepenthe Mundi Society's Emerald City Classic, which is an international art show in Wichita, Kansas, as well as Best of Show in art shows in Carrollton, Amarillo, and Elk City, Oklahoma, and was selected to exhibit her work at the Recent Realism Show at the Clarey Miner Gallery in Buffalo, New York.

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# Utility customers face slams, crams, scams

Have you been slammed, crammed, or scammed? If so, the Public Utility Commission (PUC) wants to hear from you.

If you are the victim of slamming (your telephone service provider is switched without your consent) or cramming (you are billed for services you did not authorize or did not receive), or if you are the victim of a scam involving fraudulent, misleading, or deceptive practices, the PUC can help.

One customer called the PUC to complain after receiving a call from someone identifying himself as a representative of Southwestern Bell Online Savings. The customer agreed to an offer by the telemarketer. In such cases, the offer can be something that sounds relatively safe and simple, such as combining your local and long distance billing. This telemarketer was not a representative of Southwestern Bell and the end result was that the customer was slammed - her phone service was switched to another company.

Pay close attention to telemarketing calls. If a telemarketer identifies himself as a representative of your provider, ask questions that will verify his identity. Don't make an immediate decision. Ask for information in writing.

Some Hispanic customers filed complaints with the PUC when they receive international long distance collect calls from Mexico through ILD Teleservices. The customers were told a relative

was calling collect or that someone was trying to deliver a package and they must accept the collect call to receive the package. When the customer accepted the call, there was no one on the line. One customer was charged \$80 for such a call.

Do not accept collect calls unless you can personally identify the caller. If you have friends or family in Mexico who must call you collect, tell them not to call you from a pay phone. Provide them with your service provider's international access code so they can reach your provider's operator to assist them with their call.

Another customer changed her local telephone service provider, but the original provider kept billing her - for ten months - for service she did not want, and did not receive. She filed a complaint with the PUC and was awarded a credit of more than \$7,700 by the company. If you receive a bill for services you did not order or did not receive, contact the PUC and file a cramming complaint.

Complaints also have been filed against companies that promise products or services in exchange for switching your local or long distance service. Some companies offer free minutes, cashback offers, or airline miles. Unfortunately, some of these companies do not deliver on their promises. Ask for the offer in writing and then review it carefully before making your decision. If an offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

These are some recent examples of scams and fraudulent and misleading practices here in Texas. If you are a victim of a similar incident, contact the PUC Office of Customer Protection toll free at 1-888-PUC-TIPS (1-888-782-8477).

The PUC can help. In 1999, the PUC obtained more than \$617,000 in credits and refunds for customers who filed complaints and levied more than \$745,000 in administrative penalties against companies for telephone solicitation and slamming violations.

The winter edition of the PUC's free Public Utility Connection gives more details about slams, crams, and scams and other customer-oriented phone and electric topics. It also tells you about deceptive and unlawful practices, provides several comparison charts, and tells you where to get even more helpful information.

To get a free copy of Public Utility Connection or to become a subscriber, call the PUC toll-free at 1-888-782-8477, or write to us at PUC - Customer Protection, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. The Public Utility Connection also is published on the PUC website, www.puc.state.tx.us.

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## Thornberry pushes for reform of Endangered Species Act

WASHINGTON, DC - US Rep. Mac Thornberry recently threw his support behind legislation that would reform the Endangered Species Act and, he said, restore some common sense to the law.

"The Endangered Species Act is a classic example of good intentions gone astray," Thornberry stated. "It's also an example of how the federal government has crossed the line between responsible conservation and overzealous regulation. No one wants to see bald eagles to extinct, as the law was originally intended to prevent."

"But as the recent debate over the prairie dog has shown, the federal government has lost its sense of balance between preserving endangered species and protecting the rights of law-abiding American citizens. This

bill will help restore that sense of balance and, in the process, put some common sense back into the law."

The bill is called The Common Sense Protections for Endangered Species Act (HR 3160). According to Thornberry, the legislation would reform the law in four key ways, including:

- Returning more authority for wildlife protection back to the states - Under the Constitution, the states have always had primary responsibility for the protection of wildlife and plants within their borders. This bill recognizes the importance of state involvement in this area by restoring to them a more cooperative role in protecting species.
- Requiring that the listing of endangered species be based on sound science - Too often, the federal government has rushed to list a species as endangered only to later find that the scientific information used for the listing was incorrect. This bill will help put an end to this by, among other things, requiring the use of peer reviewed science to support any listing.
- Giving private property owners a greater voice in the listing process - HR 3160 will help ensure that those people most affected by the

Endangered Species Act are aware of what the federal government may be proposing in the area and are able to participate more fully in any federal action involving the listing or delisting of a species.

4. Putting the emphasis on species recovery, not just species listing - There are currently 1,197 species listed as endangered or threatened. Yet, Thornberry noted, none of these species have been recovered due to actions taken under the Endangered Species Act. This bill will make sure that more resources are devoted to the recovery and delisting of species.

Thornberry is a member of the House Resources Committee, which has jurisdiction over the Endangered Species Act.

A longtime advocate of ESA reform, he noted that the Resources Committee has held 25 hearings on the issue in Washington and around the country since 1995, and held another one focusing on The Common Sense Protections for Endangered Species Act last week on Capitol Hill.

## Panhandle Water Planning Group to hold public meeting

The Panhandle Water Planning Group will hold two public meetings to release information regarding the results of the Regional Water Planning Process completed to date.

Topics include: Results of the Description of Planning Region; Analysis of Population and Water Demand through the Region; a Discussion of Currently Available Water Sup-

plies for Current and Future Use; and other current issues regarding the water resources of the area. Meetings will consist of a short presentation followed by an open question-and-answer session.

The meeting will be held in Pampa on March 23 at the Pampa City Hall, 200 Foster, and will begin at 7:00 p.m.

This meeting is open to all interested parties.

The Panhandle Water Planning Group welcomes and encourages participation from anyone interested in the future of the water resources of our region.

## Baseball league to hold sign-up Friday, Saturday

Sign-up for the 2000 baseball season will be held Friday, March 24, and Saturday, March 25, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on both days at the Old Gym.

A fee of \$20.00 is due at the time of sign-up for all leagues except Senior League Boys for which the fee has not been determined yet.

The leagues are as follows: T-Ball - 5 and 6 year olds (before August 1); Coach Pitch - 7 and 8 year olds (before August 1); Minor Boys - 9 and 10 year olds (before August 1); Major Boys - 11 and 12 year olds (before August 1); Major Girls - 9 to 12 years old (before August 1); Pony League Boys - 12 to 14 years old who have completed sixth, seventh, or eighth grade; Senior League Boys - high school eligibility remaining; and Senior League Girls - 13 to 15 years old (before August 1).

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WHEREAS, the efforts of community organizations, complemented by the efforts of Panhandle Poison Center have reduced childhood poisonings in your county; and

WHEREAS, the Panhandle Poison Center, a regional poison center, located at Northwest Texas Hospital, provides the ultimate in human service programming, immediate, accessible emergency information to save lives of victims of poison-related emergencies; and

WHEREAS, these programs must continue as long as even on child swallows a household product or medicine taken by mistake.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Judge Jack Hall and the Commissioners of Donley County, do hereby proclaim the week of March 19-25, 2000, as Poison Prevention Week in this county. Further, I direct the appropriate agencies in our local government to continue their cooperation with concerned citizens and community organizations, including our schools, to develop programs which alert our people to the continued danger of misusing medicines and household products and to promote effective safeguards against accidental poisonings among young children.

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## Safety awards presented to local TxDOT

CHILDRESS - The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) held their annual Safety Awards Banquet on February 11 at the Fair Park Auditorium in Childress.

This banquet is held annually to recognize employees outstanding efforts in the operation of TxDOT vehicles and equipment and for having no work related injuries. The Donley County Maintenance employees were recognized for combined totals of 88 years as safe operators and 75 years of no injury.

Members of the Donley County Maintenance Section who received these awards were Roy Bertrand, Ike O'Neal, Scott Martin, Howard Weather-ton, Gary English, Bobby Weather-ton, Keith Milhoan, Refugio Benavidez, Benny Osburn, Mike Ritchie, James Thomas, and Steve Smith.



TxDOT recently held their annual Safety Awards Banquet and presented safety awards to the Donley County Maintenance employees. Those employees receiving awards were (front) Mike Ritchie, Ike O'Neal, Refugio Benavidez, Bobby Weather-ton, Keith Milhoan, Steve Smith, (back) James Thomas, Benny Osburn, Charline Mays, Howard Weather-ton, Scott Martin, and Gary English. Not pictured is Roy Bertrand. Photo courtesy TxDOT.

## Exemptions can lower property taxes for some

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If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 1999, you will not need to reapply for 2000. However, if you have not received an exemption on your present home - or if you have moved to a new home - you will need to file for a new

homestead exemption. Applications should be filed by April 30 and are available at the Donley County Appraisal District Office at 307 S. Sully.

Further details about the property tax system in Texas and how it works for you are contained in a pamphlet by the Property Tax Division of the Comptroller's Office called Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies, & Responsibilities. Get a free copy at the Donley County Appraisal District Office.

## COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY SURVEY FOR CLARENDON ISD

Clarendon ISD would like to extend the opportunity for you to advise and plan with us the future of our students' needs. The district seeks advice as to how technology can best fit into our educational program and provide a service to the community. Your evaluation will be of great importance to our school district. We value your opinion and would like to thank you for your participation.

Please circle or check one.

- YES NO 1. Do you have a computer in your home?
  - YES NO 2. Is there a computer in your place of business?
  - YES NO 3. Do you feel that the ability to use a computer is important to your future?
  - YES NO 4. Have you had formal training in computer use (college courses, workshops, etc.)?
  - YES NO 5. Do you feel that the ability to use computers is important to the future job opportunities of students in our school district?
6. In the use of technology, what type of user are you:  
 Non-user  Novice  Average  
 Very Competent  Expert
  7. I use a computer or other advanced technology:  
 Never  Occasionally  
 Once a week  Almost every day
  8. Are you aware of what technology the schools in our district have and how we use it?  
 Yes  No  Somewhat
  9. Considering the current technology in our district, we need:  
 More  Exactly what we have  Less  
 No Opinion  I do not know
  10. Do you feel that technology is being used adequately in the classroom?  
 Never  Occasionally  
 A majority of the time  Not applicable

Questions 11-13: Please check all answers that apply.

11. If more technology is needed, we should fund the purchase and maintenance of this equipment by:  
 State technology funds  Bond issues  
 Borrow funds  Tax increases  
 Fund raisers  Other (specify)
12. I would support the purchase and use of a computer system that would:  
 assure that my child missed no practice assignments when absent.  
 give instruction and/or practice in the essential knowledge and skills (TEKS) mandated by the state.  
 help my child study for standardized tests (TAAS, ACT, SAT, etc.).  
 alleviate the teachers' administrative workloads to give them more teaching time.
13. Would you be interested in participating in computer training if provided by the schools?  Yes  No  
 If Yes, what types of training?  
 Basic Computer Skills  Word Processing (Word)  
 Spreadsheet(Excel)  Windows 95/98  
 Database (Access)  Internet/Research  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

14. A. What technology related needs and concerns do you have?  
 B. What recommendations do you have to satisfy the needs and concerns you mentioned?
15. How do you think technology will help prepare our students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century?
16. If your recommendations were implemented, what specific value or benefits would be realized by you, the school, and the community?
17. What other suggestions or comments concerning technology do you have?

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**Bank Fishing:** Where do most boat fishermen fish in spring? Close to the bank. Where do most fish spawn in spring? Close to the bank. Most prespawn fish are aggressive and feeding in the shallow waters. How about the spring winds? Boat control. Hmmm. I have found that with all the new roads and clearings in the past few years at Lake Greenbelt bank, fishing is easier now than

ever. Yes, it is true there is some walking involved, but walking is a good source of exercise. Sometimes children get antsy just sitting in a boat, especially if fishing is slow. They can let their energy loose on the bank. You can get in your vehicle and get out of the wind to eat your sandwich without your chips blowing away, too. Winner? You decide.

### Fishing News:

The Panhandle weather is up to its old tricks. One day it's the 70's with light winds, the next day we have freezing rain, snow, and gusty winds. This kind of weather has not affected the fishing on Lake Greenbelt too much. I talked to our local fishing guide, Kirk Balke, this past weekend. He has been catching a lot of fish - walleye, bass, crappie, etc. One of his clients caught a nice 5-lb. smallmouth last week.



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Kirk has been guiding around Lake Greenbelt for several years. He can usually find fish when most can't. If you would like to fish with him, give him a call at 806-874-3135.

I will have fishing reports from area lakes next week. Good luck to all.

### Hunting News:

Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! Seems like the big talk around here lately has been the wild animals running around in Donley County. Last year, it was the skunks with rabies. Now everyone is talking about the "black panther/mountain lion." Is Donley County becoming a Mecca

for exotic wild animals? I would love to see this cat, but if people are seeing it in the daytime, this concerns me a little. These cats usually hunt at night and sleep in the day. There have also been sightings of coyotes in the daytime.

Coyotes and skunks and mountain lions, oh my! Should we be concerned when these nocturnal animals are roaming in the day? This could be a sign of rabies. I encourage everyone to be careful. I will talk to Texas Parks and Wildlife and try to find out more information.

### Upcoming Events:

A reminder to all bass fishermen, Donley County Bass Club is having their meeting Thursday, March 23. The meeting will be held at JAMZ at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a member, please make plans to attend this meeting.

### Fishing Tip of the Week:

When you buy Berkley Power baits in plastic bags, such as plastic worms, craws, etc., don't throw the bags away. You can put your unscented plastic baits in these bags. The bags usually have enough scent left and can scent your unscented baits.

If you have any outdoor information to share, please contact me at P.O. Box 1281, Clarendon, TX 79226, or e-mail me at gdol@nts-online.net.

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## Lady Colts compete at Panhandle

The Lady Colts competed in the Panhandle track meet last Friday, March 17.

The seventh grade girls won the meet with 160 points with the closest team to them being Wellington with 151 points. The eighth grade girls had two faithful competitors, and they scored 27 points.

"I was extremely proud of these girls for the way they competed and for giving up their spring break to do so," said Coach Kathy Barton.

The seventh grade girls individual results are: 400 M Relay (Destiny Weatherthorn, Jamie Simmons, Kayla Martindale, and Angel Williams) - first place; 800 M Relay (Simmons, Martindale, Cierra Benavidez, and Meghan Gribble) - second place; 1600 M Relay (Weatherthorn, Williams, Sarah Depew, and Gribble) - first place; Williams, first - 100 M Hurdles and High Jump; Benavidez, third - 800 M Run; Simmons, sixth - 100 M Dash; Weatherthorn, first - 100 M Dash, second - Long Jump, first - Triple Jump; Martindale, fifth - 400 M Dash, third - Long Jump; Gribble, fourth - 800 M Run, third - Discus; Laura Dziedzic, sixth - 200 M Hurdles, third - 2400 M Run, sixth - Long Jump; Andra Helms, fifth - 100 M Dash, sixth - 200 M Dash, second - shot put; Depew, fourth - 400 M Dash, fifth - 200 M Dash; Shanna Shelton, sixth - 1200 M Run; Nikki Shelley, fifth - 1200 M Run, fifth - 2400 M Run; Anna Chester, sixth - 2400 M Run; and Jessie Anderberg, sixth - Discus.

The eighth grade girls individual results are: Brittney Hall, fifth - 800 M Run, fourth - 100 M Dash, fourth - 1200 M Run, second - Shot Put; and Lydia Hartman, second - 800 M Run, third - 400 M Dash, sixth - 200 m Dash, fourth - Triple Jump.



Jamie Sawyer and Christine Holden run the 800 relay for the Lady Broncos at Panhandle last weekend.

Enterprise Photo by Bill Holden

### Lady Broncos compete at Panhandle Relays

The varsity Lady Bronco track team competed at the 52nd annual Panhandle Relays last weekend.

Lady Bronco tracksters who placed in the top six were: Emily Sparks, third - 3200 M Run, third - 800 M Run; May Butler, fourth

### Broncos will go to Claude meet this Saturday

The varsity Broncos competed in the Panhandle Relays held last weekend.

Results are as follows: Josh Williams, first - Triple Jump, first - High Jump; James Williams, third - Shot Put; 400 M Relay (Colt Floyd, Josh Williams, Dee Thompson, and Zack

Butts) placed fifth. The JV Bronco 400 Relay team of Chris Johnsen, Jeremy Ray, Micah Sparks, and Jarad Lax also competed at the relays and placed fourth.

The next meet will be held March 25 in Claude.

### Colts race in Panhandle Junior High Meet

The seventh and eighth grade Colts competed in Panhandle last weekend in the junior high meet.

Seventh grade results were: Michael Butler, second - 100 M Dash, second - 200 M Dash, second - 400 M Dash, third - High Jump.

Eighth grade results were: Zach Howard, first - Triple Jump, first - 400 M Dash, first - 1200 M Run; Dusty Martindale, second - Triple Jump, fourth - Discus, first - 100 M Dash, first - 200 m Dash, second - 400 M Dash; Adam Leeper, fifth - 200 M Dash, first - 110 Hurdles, first - 200 Hurdles; Drew Sell, fourth - 1200 M Run, third - 2400 M Run.

The Colts next track meet will be held March 24 in Claude.

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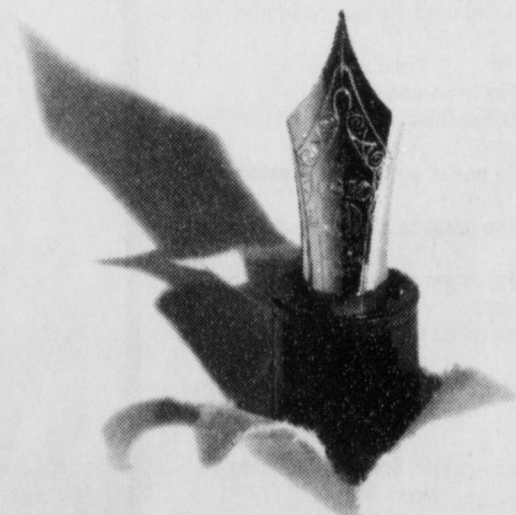
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**THANK YOU**  
The family of Clifton Elliott would like to say thanks to everyone who said a prayer or brought food. A special thanks to the Crown of Texas Hospice for always being here and to Archie Archuleta for coming out and cutting Clifton's hair and shaving him when he was so sick. May God bless each and every one of you.  
Ruby Elliott  
Clifton Elliott, Jr.  
Donnie, Thomas, and T.J.

**LEGAL NOTICES**  
**ARMSTRONG COUNTY**  
In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 74, Subchapter D, §74.108 (b) and 4 Tex. Admin. Code, Chapter 3, Subchapter A, the Texas Department of Agriculture (the Department) will conduct a referendum on the proposition of whether or not all of the following area of Armstrong County should be transferred from the statutorily designated Northern High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone described at the Texas Agriculture Code, §74.1021 (a) to the Northern Rolling Plains Boll Weevil

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Eradication Zone designated at 4 Texas Administrative Code, §3.112: that part of Armstrong County that lies east and north of a line running along FM 294 from the Carson County line to State Highway 287; then running due south to Mulberry Creek; then running east along Mulberry Creek to the Donley County line. If the transfer is approved by this referendum, growers in the transferred area shall be subject to payment of a maximum assessment of \$10 per planted row acre and \$15 per planted row acre, which was approved by the Northern Rolling Plains zone growers to implement a boll weevil eradication program in that zone. If the transfer is approved, eradication program activities are scheduled to begin this spring, along with the rest of the Northern Rolling Plains zone. The referendum to transfer the northern part of Armstrong County as described above, will be held by mail balloting. Ballots will be mailed by April 10, 2000. All ballots cast by mail must be postmarked no later than midnight May 1, 2000, in order to be valid. Any cotton grower having cotton production in 1999 within that part of Armstrong County that is proposed to be transferred, as described above, is eligible to vote. A cotton grower is defined as an individual, entity, or joint operator who, as owner, landlord, tenant, or sharecropper, is entitled to share in the cotton grown and available for marketing from the farm, or share in the proceeds from the sale of the

**HELP WANTED**  
**Correctional Officer Career Opportunity Meeting**  
6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 29  
Banquet Room, Fair Park Auditorium  
City Park - Childress, Texas  
(806) 354-6081

Learn duties of correctional officers, qualifications, benefits, how to receive your certification from Amarillo College, and apply with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

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**REAL ESTATE**  
**SPECIALS OF THE WEEK**  
DUPEX 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 \$59,500. Reduced to \$32,900. 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 \$400.00 per acre. 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. SMALL CLARENDON RANCH: 635 ACRES ONLY 3 MI S.E. OF CLARENDON. GOOD CATTLE COUNTRY WITH LOTS OF SCENERY AND WILD GAME. GREAT COUNTRY HOME SITE WITH ONE MI. OF F.M. HWY. FRONTAGE. A BARGAIN AT \$265.00 AN ACRE. HURRY.

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♦ 702 S. Cottage, 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 baths, CH/A, fireplace, attached 2-car garage, large living room, cellar, storage bldg., new paint, tile, new tile car port, 7 lots, fenced trap with barn. Private location. \$81,750. Reduce to \$80,000.  
♦ Commercial building on Hwy. 287, CH&A, two lots, carport. \$30,000

**Lease Side of Greenbelt Lake**  
♦ Lot #98. \$420 per acre. 60 mobile home with redwood deck, garage, and all furniture. \$20,000. Reduced to \$15,000.  
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cotton from the farm. For more information regarding the referendum and election, or if you are a cotton grower in the above-described area and do not receive

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**CLARENDON-HOUSE**  
VERY NICE, CLEAN & WELL MAINTAINED, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, den with woodburner fireplace, central heat and air, modern kitchen, living/dining, large utility, oversized double garage with openers, 560 sq. ft. unattached garage/shop (nice), 550 sq. ft. enclosed garage for RV, large shade trees, nice yard - front and back, water well in addition to city water at 614 Bond for \$81,500.

**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.

**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, carport, 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.

**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.

**DUPEX** 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 \$59,500. Reduced to \$32,900.

**CLARENDON FARM/RANCH** - 1120 acres only two miles from Clarendon (986 ac grass - 134 acres productive farm land), two windmills with tubs - good water, county maintained road on three sides, reasonably priced at \$265 per acre.

**CLARENDON - ALL GRASS** - section with one mile frontage on paved farm-to-market road only three miles from Clarendon. Good grass - has been restuctured during winter, two windmills with tubs, two dirt tanks, nice view, electricity available. Suitable to operate as/is or to sub-divide, good buy at \$265 per acre.

**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 \$275.00 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 \$89,900.00. (below appraisal)

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Sheriff's Report:

# Two deputies leave sheriff's department

The Donley County Sheriff's Department said goodbye to two deputies this week.

Jay Longan and Frank Palmer, Jr., were both employed for four years by the sheriff's office.

Longan and Palmer are seeking job opportunities in the Denton, Texas, area and are looking forward to being closer to family members.

We at the sheriff's office wish the very best to both of them.

The Donley County Sheriff's Department is accepting applications and interviewing to fill the two positions.

### March 13

9:27 a.m. - A 911 call was received from Dawn Drive in Howardwick, but there was no response. Dispatch was unable to call back due to a busy telephone line. Deputy dispatched to the residence.

9:34 a.m. - Deputy advised to return. Contact was made, and all was okay.

10:54 a.m. - Deputy dispatched to the 500 block of S. Sully Street. The door of a building was reported open.

12:14 p.m. - Mobile caller reported a fire on SH 70 north, one mile west of the highway. Fire department paged. This was determined to be a control burn. Landowners should advise the sheriff's office of control burns.

12:33 p.m. - Deputy paged to a Clarendon residence. Caller reported dirt being hauled from his property, and he had advised the subject not to do so.

12:49 p.m. - Caller asked location of the polling place for her precinct.

2:46 p.m. - Caller reported two chained dogs without access to food or water in the 300 block of Daniels in Hedley. Caller was given the telephone number of the Humane Society.

3:13 p.m. - Hall County Sheriff's Office reported an automobile accident in Donley County. DPS at the scene.

4:46 p.m. - Ambulance paged for transport from Medical Center Nursing Home to Clarendon Family Medical Center.

7:30 p.m. - Deputy and constable en route to jail with one male in custody.

7:58 p.m. - Deputy out at a local motel to advise them of a vehicle with the lights turned on in the parking lot.

8:17 p.m. - Mobile caller reported a pickup weaving all over the highway, entering the east side of Clarendon. Deputy stopped the vehicle. The driver was very tired.

9:36 p.m. - Deputy out at Third Street and SH 70. A wrecker was dispatched to pick up a vehicle from the above location.

11:39 p.m. - Ambulance paged to the 300 block of Short Street in Hedley. One adult male was transported to BSA.

**March 14**

5:08 a.m. - Hall County Sheriff's Office reported a vehicle harassing other drivers. Donley County deputy stopped the above vehicle on US 287 in Clarendon.

9:53 a.m. - Caller reported a burglary in Jericho. Deputy en route to location.

10:30 a.m. - Caller reported a welder stolen along with other equipment taken from a flatbed truck also in Jericho. Deputy investigated.

11:30 a.m. - Caller reported he lost his dog in a supermarket parking lot, a

black and tan border collie mix with a red collar.

11:36 a.m. - Deputy returned to Jericho.

5:01 p.m. - Caller advised she had the dog that was reported lost.

5:05 p.m. - Constable retrieved the animal and returned him to his owner.

### March 15

12:00 a.m. - Amarillo Police reported a stolen vehicle believed to be eastbound on US 287. Deputy informed, and the info was relayed to Hall County and the Childress DPS.

1:47 a.m. - Deputy made a traffic stop at Martin.

1:54 a.m. - Hall County Sheriff's Office reported a gas drive off possibly westbound on US 287. Deputy was informed.

2:14 a.m. - Deputy advised a possible visual on the vehicle involved in the Hall County drive off. Dispatch sought more info from Hall Co. Deputy advised that was not the correct vehicle.

3:30 a.m. - Dispatch relayed info on endangered missing person.

5:08 a.m. - Dennison, Texas, resident contacted the sheriff's office trying to locate a Clarendon resident to inform the subject of a family message. Dispatch advised caller he would be called when the information was ascertained.

6:48 a.m. - Dennison resident was contacted with information he requested.

9:58 a.m. - Caller reported a possible fire on the JA Ranch, apparently close to headquarters. Dispatch contacted Armstrong County. This was a control burn.

1:24 p.m. - Caller reported a strong skunk smell around a residence in the 200 block of E. White Street.

3:02 p.m. - Caller reported a female child in the street in the 200 block of Fourth Street. Caller contacted child protective services and was advised to contact the sheriff's office.

3:21 p.m. - Clarendon 1 (ambulance) was out of service to attend LifeStar memorial in Amarillo.

4:51 p.m. - DPS requested a wrecker on west US 287.

5:05 p.m. - Constable en route to Hedley residence on Blair Street. Caller reported children shooting guns.

6:32 p.m. - Caller reported a bull out near Hedley. Constable advised. Dispatch attempted to make contact with the owner.

7:40 p.m. - Deputy en route to local restaurant to check for a reported lost purse.

8:32 p.m. - Dispatch advised deputy the caller located her purse.

9:09 p.m. - Constable got bull put up. After several attempts, the owner was finally located.

9:51 p.m. - Deputy out with a semi parked on US 287 at Taylor Street.

### March 16

4:58 a.m. - Rural resident reports electricity outage. Dispatch contacted Greenbelt Electric. They were aware of the problem and already had servicemen looking into it.

5:20 a.m. - Power reported out at CR 17 and US 287.

5:30 a.m. - 911 caller reported power out on FM 2471.

6:55 a.m. - Caller checked on road conditions to Amarillo.

7:02 a.m. - Deputy reported county roads were wet but no ice yet.

10:16 a.m. - Gray County reported black ice, roads extremely slick. Armstrong County reported the same.

10:43 a.m. - Single vehicle rollover northbound on US 287, west of Hedley. Ambulance and DPS paged. Wrecker dispatched.

11:05 a.m. - Hall County Sheriff's Office reported a single vehicle rollover between Giles and Hedley. Hall Co. DPS responded. And the constable responded.

11:21 a.m. - 911 caller reported a jack-knifed semi three miles east of Hedley. Constable advised. DPS dispatched. Hall Co. advised the semi was near the roadside park, southbound.

11:27 a.m. - Ambulance advised it will standby at jack-knife scene. Hedley Fire Department paged for traffic control.

11:29 a.m. - The truck driver reported a broken air line.

11:30 a.m. - DPS advised wrecker en route from Memphis.

11:34 a.m. - Wrecker paged to disabled semi.

12:02 p.m. - Caller advised she had called someone to unlock her vehicle yesterday and no one showed up. No one was available.

12:21 p.m. - Deputy reported a roll over east of the jack-knifed semi. Ambulance paged.

12:24 p.m. - Ambulance reports spouse will pick up the driver and will be on standby in the area.

2:02 p.m. - 911 caller reported a domestic assault to her by her 17-year-old son. He had left the residence in the 200 block of Sims Street, but she is sure he is still in the area.

2:14 p.m. - Sheriff advised he was unable to locate the subject but would continue to look.

3:17 p.m. - Caller reported a stranded motorist 2 1/2 miles west of Martin with the flashers on. DPS advised.

3:34 p.m. - 911 caller reported an accident on US 287 at Hedley. Semi v. pickup. DPS and ambulance paged to the scene. Deputy at Lelia Lake headed that way.

3:40 p.m. - Deputy advised only ambulance needed, no rescue squad.

3:54 p.m. - Wrecker en route.

3:57 p.m. - DPS at the scene. Ambulance advised no transport needed.

4:34 p.m. - Constable at accident scene.

5:29 p.m. - Truck driver at bank with money delivery. No one at the bank.

8:02 p.m. - DPS en route to jail with one male in custody.

11:00 p.m. - Deputy answered a domestic call in Clarendon.

11:09 p.m. - Deputy en route to jail with one male in custody.

11:09 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance in the 500 block of W. Third.

11:22 p.m. - 911 caller reports a domestic incident in the 200 block of McDougal in Hedley. Constable and deputy responded.

11:40 p.m. - Constable en route to jail with one male in custody.

12:25 p.m. - Caller reported she was unable to locate her grandson at the time he was supposed to be picked up.

11:00 p.m. - Deputy answered a domestic call in Clarendon.

11:09 p.m. - Deputy en route to jail with one male in custody.

11:09 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance in the 500 block of W. Third.

11:22 p.m. - 911 caller reports a domestic incident in the 200 block of McDougal in Hedley. Constable and deputy responded.

11:40 p.m. - Constable en route to jail with one male in custody.

### March 18

12:15 a.m. - Mobile call reported a possible intoxicated driver 1 1/2 miles west of Lelia Lake. Deputy stopped the vehicle.

12:37 a.m. - Mobile caller reported a child on a bicycle near the college. Constable and deputy spotted the bicycle.

12:55 a.m. - Officers escorted 12-year-old female to the sheriff's office.

1:35 a.m. - Juvenile released to adult guardian.

2:25 a.m. - Mobile caller reported a jack-knifed truck on I-40. Carson County contacted.

2:54 a.m. - Deputy out on traffic stop in the 500 block of E. Second.

3:14 a.m. - Ambulance dispatched to mile marker 116 on I-40. Two people transported to N.W.T.H., code 3.

7:21 a.m. - Deputy out on traffic stop on US 287.

7:44 a.m. - Deputy out on traffic stop on US 287.

1:49 p.m. - Gas drive off reported westbound. Armstrong County was advised.

6:42 p.m. - Caller reported trespassers and wanted them to leave.

### March 19

3:28 a.m. - Deputy assisted a disabled motorist six miles west on US 287.

4:33 a.m. - Lake Patrol reported a vehicle stuck on the east side of Kincaid Park.

3:08 p.m. - Ambulance paged to the 600 block of E. Second on a 911 call.

3:30 p.m. - Ambulance paged to the 1000 block of Goodnight Street on a 911 call.

3:30 p.m. - Ambulance transported one adult male to N.W.T.H.

3:49 p.m. - A domestic 911 call was received. The sheriff and deputy responded.

3:55 p.m. - Ambulance transported one adult female to N.W.T.H.

4:27 p.m. - Hall Co. Sheriff's Office reported an adult male walking on the highway.

4:31 p.m. - DPS en route to sheriff's office with one adult female in custody.

4:58 p.m. - Caller reported her grandson's vehicle was stolen in Amarillo. She was advised to call the Amarillo Police Department.

10:48 p.m. - Mobile caller reported a possible intoxicated driver east of Clarendon. Deputy stopped the vehicle.

## Clarendon Aldermen hold regular meeting

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen met in a public hearing and a regular session on March 14, 2000, in the Board Room of City Hall.

A public hearing was held on the water improvement project. Mayor Tex Selvidge opened the floor for discussion. A map showing the location of the proposed project was reviewed. The project will take place in the western part of the city on and near Koogle Street.

A resolution authorizing the

mayor to review and enter into a contract agreement with an engineering firm was presented and approved.

Stan Shelton representing the Little League Baseball Program requested the city provide water and electricity for the program again this year with funds from the Motel Bed Tax. The board approved the request.

Carolyn Blackerby reported the library will be closed March 28 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. so the staff can attend training sessions.

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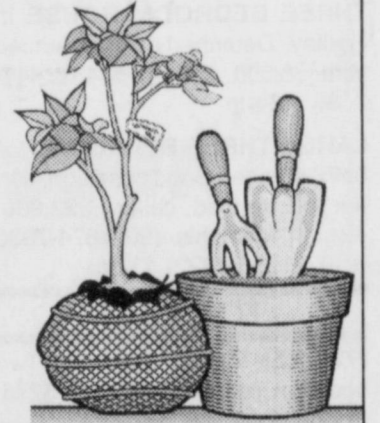
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