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- All this and much more as The Enterprise reports in this week's New Year's edition!

## Two contests develop in local '04 election

With just days left to sign up, two local contested races have developed for this year.

Donley County Tax Assessor/Collector Wilma Lindley is being challenged by Vicky Tunnell this year.

Also, former Precinct 3 commissioner Andy Wheatley has filed to run against Commissioner Henry "Buster" Shields. It was Shields who defeated Wheatley in the 2000 election.

Other county officials running for re-election this year are Sheriff Charles "Butch" Blackburn, Jr., Commissioner Pct. 1 Ernest Johnston, and Constable Pct. 3&4 Mike Wallendorf. None had drawn opponents at press time.

Filing for county offices continues in the Donley County Clerk's Office through this Friday, January 2, 2004.

## Messer files for to run for second term as DA

Stuart Messer last week announced his candidacy for the office of the District Attorney of the 100th Judicial District.

If successful, this will be Messer's second term. He was elected to the District Attorney's office in the November 2000 election.

The 100th Judicial District includes Donley, Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, and Hall counties of the Texas Panhandle.

Messer said serving as District Attorney has been the most rewarding job he has ever had.

"It is an honor to represent the people of this District," he said.

## County livestock show to hold workday Jan. 7

The Donley County Junior Livestock Show will hold a workday on Wednesday, January 7, at 1:00 p.m. at the Clarendon Community Center located at the rodeo grounds.

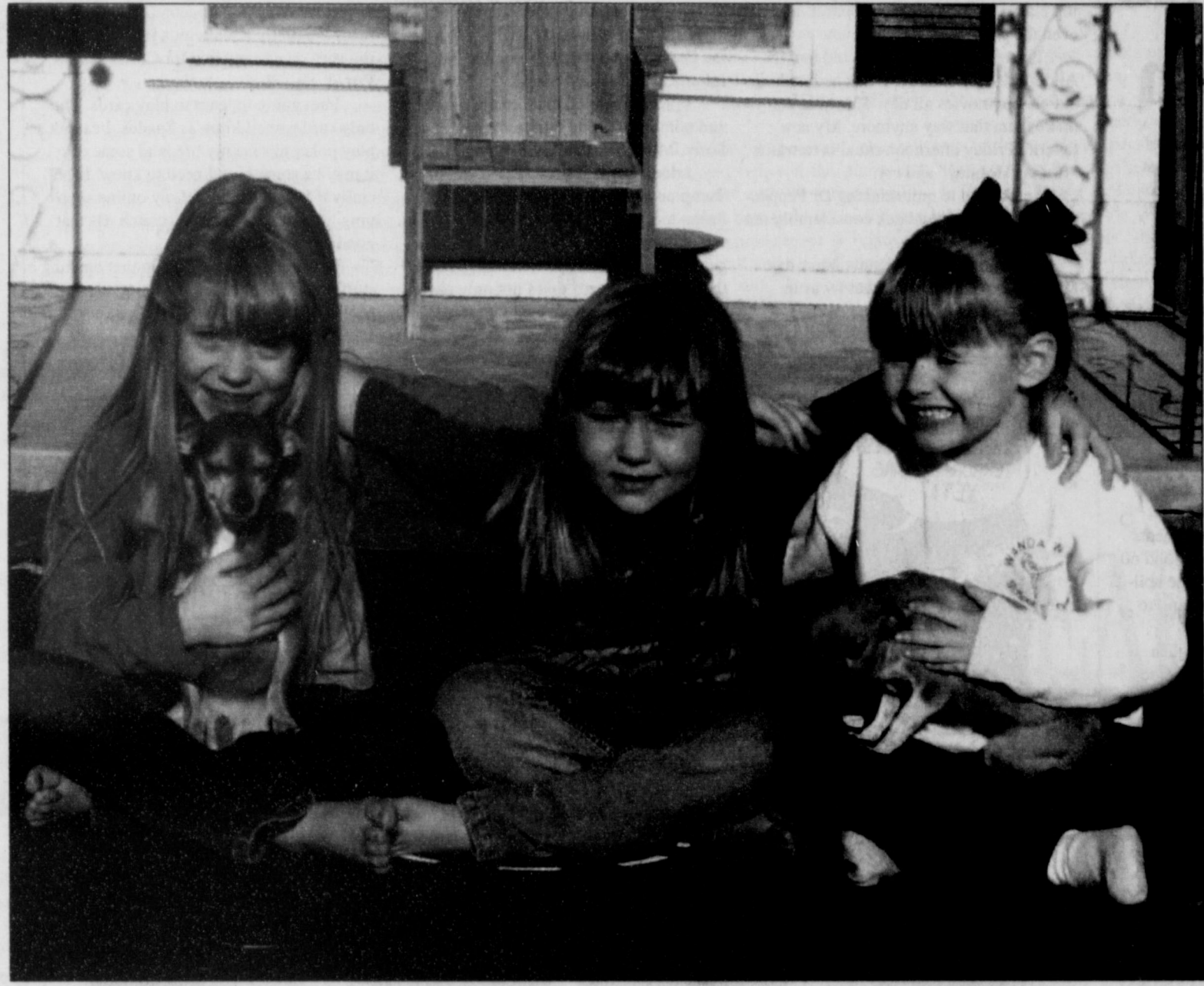
All parents must accompany their children to help with setup.

## Youth encouraged to audition for musical

Auditions for Civic Amarillo's presentation of *West Side Story* are scheduled for Saturday, February 14 and 15, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Directors will be looking for singers, actors, and dancers.

Civic Amarillo's Summer Youth Musicals are performed entirely by students from the Panhandle enrolled full time in grades 5-12. Students interested in the technical side of theatre are also encouraged to participate.

Scheduled performance dates are July 8 - 10, 2004. Auditions packages containing required musical selections and all pertinent information are available at the Civic Center Offices on the east side of the Civic Center.



## Fun in the sun

McKayla, Sterling, and Tyler King share some fun with their furry friends Pepper and Whiskey during the unseasonably warm weather Monday. Temperatures have been up to the 70s recently, but a lack of moisture continues to be a concern. Clarendon's cooperative

observer for the National Weather Service recorded only a trace of moisture during the month of December, and the annual total for precipitation in 2003 is more than nine inches below the total in 2002.

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## Home fire destroys contents

By Ashlee Kidd, Clarendon Enterprise  
Clarendon volunteer firefighters responded to a house fire on the Tolbert farm Sunday night, which left the contents of the house a complete loss.

According to Fire Chief Delbert Robertson, the firefighters got the call at about 7:00 p.m.

"Once we arrived at the house, it probably took less than an hour to extinguish the flames," he said.

Clarendon Fire Marshal and volunteer firefighter Kelly Hill said that in about twenty minutes firefighters had the blaze under control.

The fire was at a house on the Tolbert farm located just past Martin at County Road 8 and Highway 287.

Robert and Barbara Tolbert were living in the house but were not home at the time of the blaze, according to a family member.

Due to heat and smoke damage, the contents of the house were probably a total loss, but structurally the house is ok, Robertson said. The loss was covered by insurance.

Hill said while there were not a lot of flames being generated by the fire, the heat was intense.

"There was a phone sitting up on a table that had just completely melted from the heat," he said.

Robertson said the fire started while the family was in town eating dinner.

"We're pretty sure the fire started when Christmas tree lights were left on a tree that was too dry."

## Expert: Beef markets will feel impact of Mad Cow case

COLLEGE STATION - Beef markets will feel the repercussions of the United States' suspected case of mad cow disease reported Tuesday, but consumers should feel confident the country's beef supply is safe as surveillance efforts continue.

"The system is working," said Dr. Ernie Davis, Texas Cooperative Extension livestock marketing economist. "They (animal health officials) caught that cow immediately.

The turnaround time compared to the case in Canada was two to three weeks faster."

Bovine spongiform encephalopathy, widely known as "mad cow disease," is a chronic, degenerative disease affecting the central nervous system of cattle. Worldwide there have been more than 180,000 cases since the disease was first diagnosed in 1986 in Great Britain.

Canada's case was reported on

May 21 - the first such reported case in that country in more than a decade. A cow in Alberta tested positive for the disease after tests were taken after slaughter.

As the beef industry has enjoyed some of the best prices in history, Davis said, the markets will feel the impact of Tuesday's news, especially with many foreign countries halting U.S. beef imports.

"The United States exports 8 to

12 percent of its beef," he said, noting that that includes high-end cuts of beef that yield substantial returns. "When you look at Canada, beef demand was not hurt that much in that country when their case was first reported. We hope we will have that same type of reaction here. So yes, it's going to affect the market, but a lot of it depends on the consumer."

Agriculture ranks second in the

overall Texas economy with beef cattle more than 50 percent of its annual cash receipts. The energy sector ranks first, while tourism is third.

Updated information about BSE is available from the US Department of Agriculture by calling 1-866-487-3226. Information is also available on the Web at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/issues/bse/bse.html.

## FFA to showcase projects Monday

The Clarendon FFA Chapter will be holding their first Invitational Ag Mechanics Show on January 5, 2004.

Judging will start at 7 p.m., and winners will be announced after tabulations. Concessions will be available. This event will be held at the Clarendon ISD Agriscience Building.

This year, invitations have been

extended to Hedley FFA and Wellington FFA, according to Clarendon's ag instructor Robin Wheelus.

The public is invited to attend during the judging, and there will be a public viewing and silent auction on Sunday, January 11, from 2-4 p.m. Some of the projects will be up for auction on Sunday.

There will be five divisions and nine classes, and Wheelus is expect-

ing approximately 12 or 14 projects this year.

The show will be a good opportunity to see how the students of Clarendon FFA and Hedley FFA are applying their skills. A note to bidders: some of the projects that will be up for auction will be showing at the San Antonio Livestock Show in February, so you might have to wait until February 23 to take delivery.

## Howardwick holds successful holiday activities

Christmas in Howardwick was a big success again this year beginning December 7 with the lighting of the Nativity scene at the park followed by caroling and cocoa at City Hall.

Sixty people listened as Dr. Genoa Goad reminded everyone of the reason for the season and watched as the lights were turned on. Special recognition was given to Randy White of Greenbelt Electric for the new lighting system, to Doc Hollis-

day, Bobby Murdock, Buster Baird, and Jim Cockerham for setting up the Nativity scene, and Nelda Grider for playing the keyboard for caroling.

The Christmas lighting contest was held December 11; and once again judges Shirley Osborn, Jean McAnear, and Jewell Judd worked hard to insure the best were recognized with the following results: Grand prize for overall lighting - Mr. and Mrs. Levi Harvey at 200

Chamberlain with the spectacular red and white creation as you drive into Howardwick: General lighting - (houses) first place, Ken and Carol Cardin, 135 Diane Dr; second place, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Elam, 100 Rick Husband Blvd; third place, Jeff and Lee Ann Cook, Ten Bears: General lighting - (mobile homes) Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Longan, 515 Tiffanie Dr; second place, Mr. and Mrs. Bill

See 'Howardwick' on page 3.

## SBA offering disaster loans to eligible businesses

Businesses in some Texas and Oklahoma counties can now apply for low interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the US Small Business Administration (SBA).

These loans are available to help businesses meet normal operating expenses that cannot be met due to the effects of a disaster. Drought that occurred January 1, 2003, and continuing, caused many farmers

and ranchers to experience reduced incomes which may have had an adverse economic effect on businesses depending upon these producers.

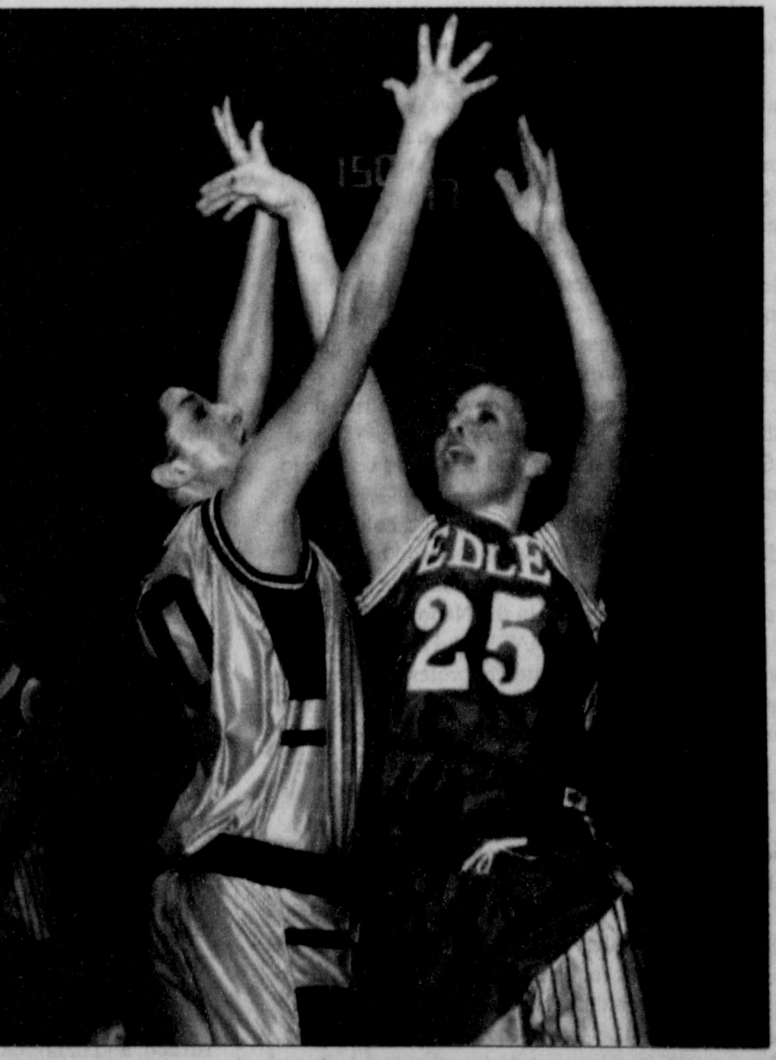
Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for this loan program but may be eligible for disaster assistance through other federal agencies.

Business in the following counties are eligible to apply: Texas

- Collingsworth, Donley, Gray, Hemphill, Roberts, Wheeler, Oklahoma - Beckham and Roger Mills.

To obtain an application or receive additional information, interested business owners may call the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

The deadline for filing applications is August 12, 2004.



## She shoots, she scores

Hedley's Rebekah Howard puts two points on the board for the Lady Owls during their 81-42 victory over Trinity Fellowship in the Clarendon College Bulldog Gym. Both teams are competing in the Greenbelt Holiday Classic tournament being hosted here this week by Clarendon High School and CC. Tournament results will be printed in next week's ENTERPRISE.

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# High Court okays limits on freedom

The United States Supreme Court made one of its worst decisions in the history of the republic last month when it decided – by a one-vote margin – to uphold the McCain-Feingold campaign finance law.



**editor's commentary**  
by roger estlack

It is really no exaggeration to say McCain-Feingold is a full-frontal assault on the First Amendment of the Constitution and directly impacts the freedom of all Americans. How the High Court failed to see the obvious is a mystery, but it appears that five justices bought into the argument that ending even the appearance of corruption is reason enough to curtail the freedom of speech.

Of the many aspects of McCain-Feingold, the most disturbing is a ban on television advertisements – called “issue ads” – 30 days before a primary and 60 days before the general elections. This limits the ability of the People to criticize their government and to influence the election of their representatives.

The First Amendment reads – in plain English – “Congress shall make no law... abridging the freedom of speech...” This fundamental restraint on the power of government has given its protection to poets, musicians, authors, speakers, and pornographers; but at its heart, the basic intent of this amendment is to protect the People’s right to criticize their own government.

Our Founding Fathers risked their very lives for criticizing the British crown. More than anyone, they realized what a precious thing it is for the governed to be able to speak out against those in power without fear of retribution. They understood the need for the people to be able to say to those running the government, “Hey, that’s not fair!” or “I don’t like that!” They knew that such a right would be essential to keeping the government within its due bounds. But now, with a 5-4 vote, the Supreme Court has spit on the graves of those who secured America’s liberty.

The Heritage Foundation’s Mark Tapscoff writes that the threat of the ruling is two-fold. First, that nothing prevents the current 60-day ban from being expanded to 90 or 120 days or more. And second, that nothing insures the current television ad ban won’t be expanded to other media – such as newspapers.

Writing a dissenting opinion, Justice Clarence Thomas puts it more succinctly: “The chilling endpoint of the Court’s reasoning is not difficult to see: outright regulation of the press.”

McCain-Feingold also attacks the freedom of speech by attempting to regulate donations to campaigns. It attempts to ban so-called “soft money” contributions, and yet it leaves the window open for wealthy individual Americans to spend their money as they want. That’s a bizarre way to make things fair.

Under the law, special interest groups have their rights limited or neutered, while individuals are more or less left unmolested. But what is a “special interest group”? It’s a collection of individuals with a common philosophy, such as the American Civil Liberties Union, the National Rifle Association, the American Association of Retired Persons, or the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

If you are a member of any of those organizations or something similar, your rights have been infringed. But if you’re a wealthy American, such as billionaire George Soros, you can still do what you want. (Soros has pledged to use as much as \$10 million of his own money to help defeat George W. Bush this year.)

In upholding the new rules, the court said that it understood the limitations wouldn’t stop the influence of money in elections. “Money, like water, will always find an outlet,” Justices Sandra Day O’Conner and John Paul Stevens wrote for the majority.

So is the solution to crack down on the rich and tie the purse strings of the likes of Mr. Soros? Not at all. Soros earned his money, and he should be able to spend it as he sees fit.

And while my bank account doesn’t hold a candle to his, I’ve earned what I have and should be able to spend it as I want also. If you and I and the guy next door want to band together in the National Association of Ticked Taxpayers (NATT) and buy television time the day before an election to protest the development of a federal cow flatulence center, then, by golly, we ought to have that right. And in fact, we did have that right until last month when five nimrods on the Supreme Court decided we don’t.

Is there potential for a corrupting influence with money in politics? Yes. Will any law ever change that? Not bloody likely. In the meantime, let’s err on the side of freedom. Let the People donate as much money as they want where they want and let them buy the ads they want. The only requirement should be full disclosure of who contributed what amount, and that should be easy enough in the Age of the Internet. The media can keep watch on who contributes what to whom and report it to the voters accordingly.

But McCain-Feingold goes too far, and it could well be a first step on the proverbial “slippery slope.” Congress should have never passed it, President Bush should have never signed it, and – above all – the Supreme Court should have never upheld it. We can only hope now that future statesmen will repeal it.

# Partial successes for 2003 resolutions

It’s that time again. The New Year. Time to reflect on the year past and to look forward to the year to come.

Last year I made a few resolutions. A couple of them I even held up.

I learned how to dance. Over the summer I learned to salsa. In my folk dancing class I learned to waltz, foxtrot, and even the polka.

I resolved to watch more old movies. And I did. This summer I watched nothing but classic movies all day. They just don’t make them that way anymore. My new favorite Friday afternoon ritual is to watch “Roman Holiday” and cry.

I promised to quit drinking Dr Pepper. I failed. But I did cut back considerably out of medical necessity.

I was going to play tennis every day. I did for the one semester that I was in a tennis class, but after that... Well, I

haven’t taken my racket out of the trunk of my car since then.

I resolved to keep up with my finances a little better. I think we all know how I did on that one. If you don’t know, just come by the Dairy Queen and ask me.

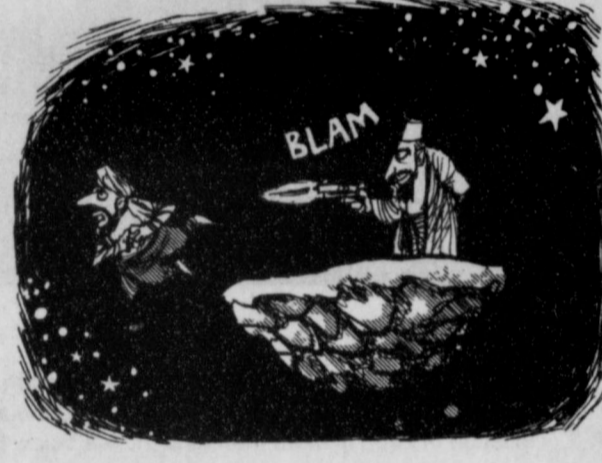
I promised to be nicer to my mother and not talk about her quite so much. Sorry, Mom. You can’t win them all.

I don’t know if I resolved to get a stamp on my passport, but I got one of those, too.

All told, it has been a good year. I got my final grade report, and I am more than happy to report that I not only passed Applied Ethics, I made a B!



**life's lessons**  
by carrie helms



# Thank you for not drinking... in the bar

By Radley Balko

Hold on to your barstool. The nanny statisticians are coming again. After considerable success with tobacco, where they’ve managed to restrict advertising, impose mammoth excise taxes, and strip tobacco companies of the class action defenses afforded to most every other defendant, the “public health” activists are now coming for your beer.

There’s a rhetorical tool in the world of debate called *reductio ad absurdum*. You take your opponent’s argument to its most extreme conclusion – the more absurd, the better. If done right, your audience will see that the other guy’s argument can be applied to achieve an end that most people would find laughable, and you’ll have your opponent backpedaling.

Unfortunately, reductio arguments don’t work so well anymore. That’s because we live in an age that’s becoming increasingly comfortable with absurdity.

Armed with a slew of junk science studies from organizations such as the Center for Science and the Public Interest, the Center for Alcohol Marketing to Youth, and Columbia University’s Center for Addiction and Substance Abuse, anti-alcohol advocates are finding receptive

audiences in state legislatures, Congress, and federal agencies for all sorts of nasty bills and public policy initiatives aimed at restricting your access to alcohol.

In the last two years, 29 states have either passed or are now attempting to pass bills to increase excise taxes on alcohol.

Since 2002, over 100 new pieces of legislation have been introduced in 31 states aimed at reducing drinking and driving. All but a handful of states have adopted the new, lower legal blood-alcohol threshold for drunken driving (.08 on a breath test), despite studies showing that the overwhelming majority of drunk driving fatalities occur at levels twice that high, and that drunk driving deaths have dropped by 40 percent since the early 1980s, and stabilized over the last several years.

Twenty-two states have imposed restrictions on “happy hour” drink specials. A spokesman for the Fairfax County police department recently defended police raids on local taverns by telling THE WASHINGTON POST, “You can’t be drunk in a bar.” In Bloomington, Indiana, cops began arresting off-age college students for walking home from off-campus bars while intoxicated. When asked if he’d rather drive students home, a Bloomington cop told the

INDIANA DAILY STUDENT, “Alcohol abuse is the problem, not whether or not you’re going to be driving.”

Forty-four states now have laws that hold bar owners liable for any damages caused by their alcohol-consuming customers after they leave the bar. Another 31 states apply those same liability standards to private residences. In Chicago – a town rich with the lessons of Prohibition – 400 of the city’s 2,705 precincts are now dry, and each election adds a few more.

None of this happened by accident. A well-funded, well-organized campaign is afoot to make it as difficult to drink a beer as it is becoming to smoke a cigarette. This “neo-prohibition” has advocates in the news media, academia, and most certainly in government. Sandy Golden, a spokesperson for the Campaign for Alcohol-Free Kids has said, “We’re 10 to 15 years behind the tobacco people, and we want to close the gap.”

You thought it was absurd when officials told you that you could no longer smoke in a bar. Just wait until they tell you that you can’t drink in one, either.

Radley Balko is the author of the Cato Institute study, “Back Door to Prohibition: The New War on Social Drinking.”

# Reader laments conversion of Texaco

What a sad day when they change the Texaco to Shell! I’m not sure how many people realize what landmarks the old Texaco stations are. My grandfather, Clyde Wilson, owned the station at 287 and Jefferson Street for many, many years. Seems he kept all the soldiers in gas during WWII while they were home on leave, and a lot of people in tires during the Depression.

I have a ton of really great old memories at that station. I’m truly sorry to see it go. My grandfather died back in the 70’s, and was a diehard Texaco man, but he did believe in progress and the future. So long Texaco, and hello Shell!

Peggy Blackman-Morrell, via e-mail

# Rest Areas compete with local businesses

It seems to me that a full service gas-line station could have served most of the listed benefits [of the Safety Rest Areas].

Also, a rest area would not be the first place I would think of to study history.

I think the state’s money could have been better spent now and in the future. From where will the money for maintenance and repair come? If it is from the vending machines, they are in direct competition with local businesses.

Chuck Stout, Clarendon

# Reader comments on SS, Medicare tax rate

The difference, in answer to [Dr. Rob Hanes’] question in paragraph one of [his] letter, should be very clear, even to an Okie doctor. It’s the law!

Further, I fail to understand your reference to 50 percent of your paycheck since Social Security and Medicare are currently deducted at 7.65 percent of your gross

earnings.

Your weird letter only serves to lower my opinion of Mr. Estlack for printing it. If you’re ever in our town, why don’t you come by and call me a thief in my face?

Ron Lamberth, Clarendon

*Editor’s Note: Get with the program, Mr. Lamberth. The Social Security tax is 12.4 percent, and the Medicare tax is 2.9 percent. That’s a combined 15.3 percent. Half is paid by the employer, half is deducted from the employee’s take home pay, but all of it gets calculated as a payroll expense. You add that to the income tax, which ranges anywhere from 10 percent to 35 percent depending on how hard you work, and you have a total tax on your paycheck ranging from 25.3 percent to 50.3 percent. Add in all the federal gas taxes, phone taxes, “sin” taxes, and fees; and your total shakedown by the federal government really starts coming into focus.*

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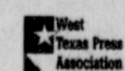
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**WT to present small business workshops**

The West Texas A&M University Small Business Development Center will be hosting a new series of workshops beginning in January. These workshops have proven invaluable to past participants engaged in small business.

The Basic Business Series is a group of four workshops that include "Structuring and Financing Your Business," "Counting Your Profits," "Marketing Magic," and "Strategic Vision." These workshops will cover issues ranging from what is the best legal structure for your company, cash flow, marketing and market research, your online presence, and how to grow your business. Anyone who attends all four workshops will receive a Certificate of Completion.

Other upcoming seminars include "Microsoft Applications," "Art and Money" – how to price and market your arts and crafts, "Personal Growth," and "Team Building."

The schedule for the Basic Business Series is: Structuring and Financing Your Business – Jan. 12, 24 and Feb. 7; Counting Your Profits – Jan. 19, 24, and Feb. 7; Marketing Magic – Jan. 24, 26, and Feb. 7; and Strategic Vision – Jan. 24, Feb. 2, and Feb. 7.

The cost for the above workshops is \$35.00 in advance for each or the entire series for \$99.

Additional workshops that the businessperson may find helpful: Microsoft Applications – Feb. 13 and 14; Art and Money – March 29; Personal Growth – dates to be announced; and Team Building – dates to be announced.

For more information, please check their website at [www.smallbusinessdevelopmentcenter.com](http://www.smallbusinessdevelopmentcenter.com) or call their office at 806-372-5151.

**Ground water group provides info on water pressure**

Have you ever had a warm, roaring shower reduced to a trickle because someone started the washing machine or turned on the dish washer? This nuisance happens because your private water well system or utility pipeline doesn't have enough water pressure.

You don't have to coordinate your shower with household chores. You want to take water pressure seriously because constant water pressure not only makes life more comfortable, it aids water softeners, iron removal devices, and other equipment in working more efficiently and helping provide you with safe, potable water.

The National Ground Water Association (NGWA) offers the following facts about water pressure and some remedies for water pressure problems:

- Water flows out of taps because of pressure in the water system. For

most well systems, it is a well pump that provides the pressure that makes the water flow.

- Different pumps have different flow capacities since the overall rate of flow is directly related to the pump capacity. If your household has a 10-gallon per minute demand, there will be trickling water if the pump will only supply five gallons per minute.

- A pressure tank in a water system is designed to have extra gallons of water on reserve so small demands don't require the pump to switch on. An example is turning on a faucet for a few seconds to get a glass of water. However, the tank cannot compensate for flow greater than the pump capacity.

- If you receive your water through a utility pipeline, your location and the age of the utility can impact water pressure. If you live near the end of the line or if the utility's infrastructure is old, you

may have to install your own booster pump and pressure tank.

To remedy your water pressure problems, the system first needs to be checked. If there is adequate pressure in the tank, hard water could be causing the decline in pressure. A build-up of scale can cause increased friction in the pipes and hamper water pressure.

If installation of a device is required, there are three primary solutions:

1. A constant pressure valve can be installed between the pump and the pressure tank. It will automatically adjust flow from the well pump to a preset pressure. It is relatively easy to install and a good, economic solution. It will solve many problems. However, it does not increase the flow rate greater than that of the pump.

2. Additional pressure tank capacity can be added to meet high

demand for water that is in excess of the pump's capacity. Ensuring that two tanks and the existing pump will work compatibly will require a professional, but this will aid in the short-term demands. However, it will not permanently solve the problem of the shower, dish washer, washing machine, and other heavy appliances all running at the same time.

3. The pump can be replaced with a variable speed pump. The motors of variable speed pumps can run up to two times faster than those with constant speeds. The speed of it is regulated by the demand for water. A device measures the demand for pressure and adjusts the pump's flow rate. Some variable speed pumps have a slow start-up, which eliminates power surges and reduces torque on the pump and well piping.

Remember, safety always comes first; and installation of valves, tanks, and pumps is not for amateurs.

**weather report**

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	22	82°	33°	
Tues	23	49°	28°	
Wed	24	59°	20°	
Thur	25	64°	33°	
Fri	26	67°	33°	
Sat	27	74°	38°	
Sun	28	59°	27°	

Total precipitation this month: 0.00"  
Total precipitation to date: 16.67"  
Total precipitation in December last year: 1.71"  
Total YTD total last year: 25.68"

**weekend forecast**

Friday, Jan. 2  
AM Showers  
56°/34°

Saturday, Jan. 3  
Mostly Sunny  
63°/29°

Sunday, Jan. 4  
Increasing Clouds  
65°/34°

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**Looking Back**

**15 Years Ago**

THE CLARENDON PRESS, Dec. 29, 1988

- Kristal Hill and Jason Klinnert were named Most Beautiful and Most Handsome during the annual Beauty & Brawn Pageant hosted by the Clarendon High School Annual Staff on December 19, 1988.

- Clarendon's volunteer firefighters were kept busy last week due with a large grass fire that was fueled by dry conditions, low humidity, and 50 mph winds.

**50 Years Ago**

THE DONLEY COUNTY LEADER, Dec. 31, 1953

- Plans are ready for a big Christmas Tree New Year's Eve Bonfire hosted by the Clarendon Jaycees. The trees will be taken to the bonfire site west of the rodeo grounds and set ablaze at 7 p.m. The bonfire will be accompanied by spiritual singing provided by the residents of the North Ward community.

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Your guide to "what's happening" around Donley County.

### January 2

CHS v. Silverton • Bronco Gym • Girls, 6:30; Boys 8:00

HHS v. Paducah • Owl Gym • Girls, 6:30; Boys, 8:00

### January 5

FFA Invitational Ag Mechanics Show • CHS Ag Education Building • 7 p.m.

### January 7

Donley County Livestock Show Workday • Clarendon Community Center • 1 p.m.

### January 9

CHS v. Shamrock • in Shamrock • Girls, 6:30; Boys, 8:00

HHS v. Samnorwood • Owl Gym • Girls, 6:30; Boys, 8:00

### January 10

Donley County Livestock Show • Clarendon Community Center

### January 11

FFA Ag Mechanics Show Auction • CHS Ag Education Bldg • 2 p.m.

### January 20

Immunization Clinic • TDH Office • 9 a.m.

### January 26

CC v. South Plains • Bulldog Gym • Women, 5:50; Men, 7:30.

## Community Menus

January 5-9

**Clarendon Schools**  
 Breakfast  
 Mon: Oats, toast, fruit, milk  
 Tues: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk  
 Wed: Sausage and biscuit, fruit, milk  
 Thur: Scrambled eggs, toast, fruit, milk  
 Fri: Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk  
 Lunch  
 Mon: Steak fingers, French fries, salad, pudding, milk  
 Tues: Corn dogs, French fries, black-eyed peas, pears, milk  
 Wed: Stew, cornbread, fruit, milk  
 Thur: Pizza, salad, corn, fruit, milk  
 Fri: Barbecue sandwich, French fries, salad, fruit, milk

**Hedley Schools**  
 Breakfast  
 Mon: Pancake and syrup, sausage patties, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk  
 Tues: Breakfast sandwich with ham, eggs, and cheese, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk  
 Wed: Biscuit and gravy, sausage patties, butter and jelly, cereal, juice, milk  
 Thur: Breakfast burrito with salsa, cereal, fruit juice, milk  
 Fri: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, peanut butter and toast, fruit juice, milk  
 Lunch  
 Mon: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, green beans, tossed salad, mixed fruit, milk  
 Tues: Pizza, bread sticks and sauce, corn, salad, fruit, canned peaches, milk  
 Wed: Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, roast beef, rolls and honey, salad, fruit, milk  
 Thur: Chicken spaghetti or barbecue wieners, beans, potato salad, strawberries and peaches, sliced bread, milk  
 Fri: Ham and cheese subs or Philly steak subs, tater tots, lettuce, tomato, applesauce, milk

**Donley County Senior Citizens**  
 Mon: Chicken strips, sliced potatoes, corn, rosy applesauce, pastries, roll, lowfat milk, coffee, tea  
 Tues: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, pickled beets, apricot cobbler, bread, lowfat milk, coffee, tea  
 Wed: Fiesta turkey mac, corn dressing, pea salad, pineapple cream pie, biscuit, lowfat milk, coffee, tea  
 Thur: Chili cheese dog, chips, pork and beans, cherry salad, cookies, hotdog bun, lowfat milk, coffee, tea  
 Fri: Oven friend chicken, squash casserole, asparagus, peanut butter pie, bread, lowfat milk, coffee, tea

**Hedley Senior Citizens**  
 Mon: Beef stew with peas, carrots, tomatoes, potatoes, onions, and celery, orange slices, pudding, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee  
 Tues: Chicken strips with gravy, mashed potatoes, English peas, orange Jell-O with carrots, peaches, bananas, pineapple, roll, milk, tea, coffee  
 Wed: Baked ham, black-eyed peas, corn, pear and cottage cheese salad, cake, roll, milk, tea, coffee  
 Thur: Steak fingers with gravy, parsley potatoes, steamed broccoli, devilled egg, apricot cobbler, roll, milk, tea, coffee  
 Fri: Pinto beans and ham, fried squash, beet and onion salad, apple, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee

# Hedley residents receive holiday visitors

The sun has been shining and the wind has been blowing. One day last week, Linda and I went to Clarendon; and there were spots where she couldn't see the road the sand was blowing so bad. It looked a lot like the 50s. It was so dry I heard a weather forecaster say that is was the eighth driest year ever.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas. Did you notice that all the ads on the TV and radio that they left the word Christmas out of their ads? Everyone said, Happy Holidays. I thought the whole reason we celebrate was to honor the birth of Christ. Not go rushing around trying to find the best bargains and buy the most gifts. Most of the Christmas cards I received said Happy Holidays.

The Cox family celebrated

Christmas a week early. I didn't talk with LaQuita to find out how many of her family were there. All her lights were burning.

Buford and Jerry Holland had most of their bunch home. All their kids, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and in-laws except one granddaughter, Lisa Hill, and two grandsons-in-law. I think Buford said there were about 35 there. He said that they - he and Jerry - were in the process of putting the house to rights after everyone was gone.

Juanita Brown only had a few of her family at her house for Christmas. They all came for Thanksgiving and could not come back for Christmas.

I'm still waiting for part of my bunch to get here. Guy and Cathy haven't got here yet. Keith and

Karen and their boys and I had Christmas dinner with Su-San. I can't believe how Reese is growing. I can barely lift him. He's a happy little creature.

Juanell and Bill Carson went to Oklahoma City for Christmas. Their daughter and son-in-law have moved there where Stan Cosby will fill the position of pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Oklahoma City.

Jim and Anita Mitchell celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary

Sunday. Helen Lamberson said she couldn't even remember when she and J.T. had only been married 29 years.

Patsy and Kathy Spier went to Burleson for Christmas. Patsy's son, Jackie Spier, and his wife Shirley live there as does their daughter, Jennifer, and her family.

My brother, William Mullins, and his wife Margie stopped by Friday, but I missed them. That was my day to go to Amarillo.

Richard Shaw of Smithville, Missouri, is visiting his parents Bob and Mildred Jewett, his sister, Nancy Mullins, and brother, Randy Shaw.

Steve Mullins and his friend from Nashville, Tennessee are spending some time with his mother, Nancy Mullins, and the rest of the family.



**watt's happening**  
 by peggy watt  
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## Clark leaving Childress District TxDOT job for appointment in Corpus Christi

Craig Clark was recently selected to assume the duty of District Engineer for TxDOT's Corpus Christi District effective January 1, 2004. His area of responsibility will be Aransas, Bexar, Goliad, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, and San Patricio counties.

He will oversee approximately 425 employees. The District has 2,762 centerline miles, and 6,674 lane miles with 399,170 registered vehicles.

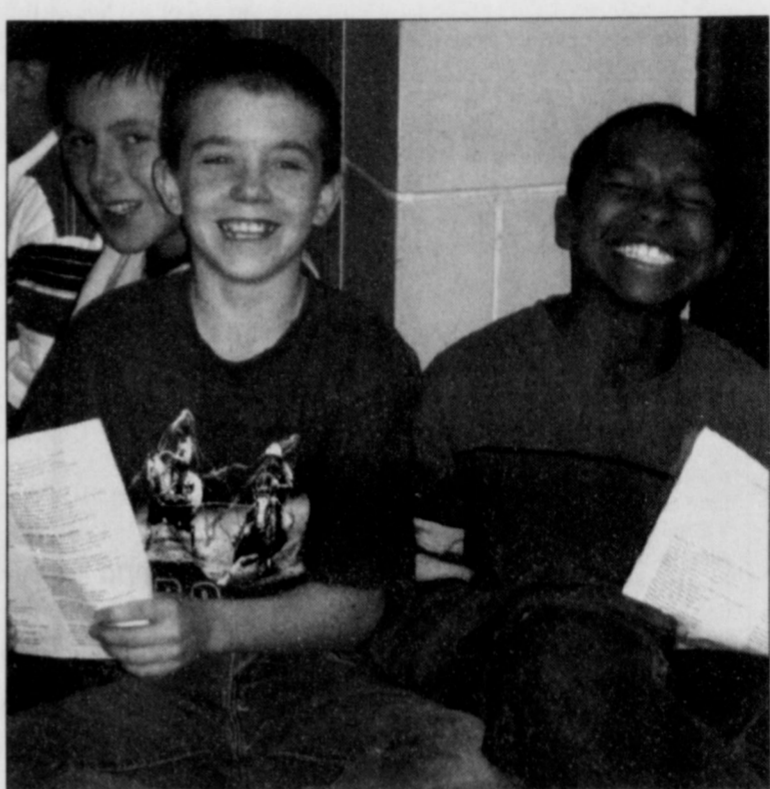
Craig began his TxDOT career in the Odessa District in 1982 as an engineer assistant. After four years, he was promoted to area engineer for the Pecos region. In 1989, he joined the Construction Division as engineer of field construction. His responsibilities included development of policy and procedures across a broad spectrum of operations. In 1992, Craig was named director of construction for the San Antonio District, where he worked for nine years. In 2001, Craig moved back to Childress to serve as District Engineer.

"I can not say that Craig's promotion came as any great surprise.

He is a congenial person who will be missed in the community. I want to offer my warm congratulations and best wishes to him and his family on the new assignment in Corpus," said Terry Keener, Childress TxDOT Director of Operations. Keener will act as Interim District Engineer, beginning January 1, 2003.

Craig has been an active member of both the Childress Lions and Rotary clubs. He is a founding director of the Rolling Plains Pregnancy Outreach Center and currently serves as the board president. As Childress District Engineer, he served on the UTP restructuring committee, the statewide committee on toll components for the Trans-Texas Corridor plan, and directed the architecture development of a Rural Intelligent Transportation System for the Childress District in coordination with other West Texas districts.

Craig graduated from the University of Missouri - Rolla in 1982 with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. He and his wife Linda have two sons, Wes and Cory, and two grandchildren.



## Joy to the World

Clarendon Elementary students Daniel West, Bradley Watson, and Johnny Gaines had a good time singing Christmas carols before school dismissed for the break. The singing tradition is such a hit that high school students sometimes request to come down to the elementary to help them sing.

Enterprise Digital Photo

# Get yourself in better fiscal shape in 2004

COLLEGE STATION - While you're resolving to lose weight, quit smoking, and exercise more this year, give some thought to getting into a little better fiscal shape too.

Dr. Joyce Cavanagh, Texas Cooperative Extension family economics specialist, said the first part of the year is the ideal time to take a good look at personal and family finances.

"Take stock of where you are," she advised, "in preparation for doing taxes," as well as recovering from holiday spending.

The first step is getting organized, she said. "If you don't have a record-keeping system, the beginning of the year is a good time to start." Start with an expanding file folder or even a kitchen drawer - some specific place to store receipts, billing statements, payment booklets, cancelled checks, owner's manuals and other important papers, Cavanagh said. Keeping all these records together in one location will help to avoid frantic searches come tax

season, she added.

Next, "set some goals for the coming year," she said, and get everyone in the family involved. "Sit down with the kids and talk to them about the (financial) goals for the coming year. Each individual gets to set (personal) goals, too. Let them write it all down and help figure out how much it will cost and make plans for covering those expenses."

For example, if the family decides they want to take a vacation to Disneyland in 2004, all of them should help figure out how much that trip will cost and how they are all going to collectively save the money for the trip.

"Everybody has a say (in the plan), so it makes it easier to know (what the cost will be)," Cavanagh said. "Everybody has input into how at least some of the family money will be spent."

After setting these financial goals, she said, develop a plan for saving the money to make the goals a reality. Take a look at everyday

spending habits and how they can be reduced.

Cavanagh suggested a 30-day spending calendar for everyone in the family - 14 days if 30 is too long.

"Keep track of how much you spend every day to determine where the money goes," she said. "That can be more motivating than just telling someone to spend less because they can see in black and white where the money goes."

And, she added, it could be an eye-opener to discover just how much the family actually spends in vending machines each week - those 75-cent soft drinks and 50-cent candy bars add up to more than just extra pounds.

"Most people don't add up those charges, so they don't have a clue," she said.

This is truly a case where a little bit means a lot, Cavanagh said. "I'm not suggesting that they deprive themselves but to help determine what they can do to reduce (everyday) costs and help reach their goal."

she said. "They could cut back and still be happy while directing (funds) to a more high-priority goal."

Once plans for reaching the family's goals are developed, get everybody in the family involved in implementing the plan, Cavanagh said. If the children are actively involved in reaching a goal, they are more likely to cooperate in doing what it takes to reach it, she added, and "they can't complain they had no say in the process, because they did."

Getting into better fiscal shape doesn't require doing a lot of sit-ups or avoiding carbohydrates. All it involves is doing a little planning and sticking to it, she said.

One last thought for the New Year and better family fiscal health: "At least once a year, everybody ought to look at how their investments are doing," Cavanagh said. "And check to see if you have an adequate amount of life insurance and good disability coverage."

Consider it a gift for the whole family.

# State health officials offer cold weather precautions

As Canadian weather moves south into Texas for a winter stay, the Texas Department of Health (TDH) advises people to take precautions against the cold.

Freezing temperatures, chilling winds, ice storms, and snow can create severe problems for people more attuned to heat indexes than chill factors.

Hypothermia, the severe or prolonged loss of body heat, begins when a person's body temperature falls below 95 degrees. Because the temperature drop may be gradual, and an early symptom of hypothermia is mental confusion, the victim may not know a problem exists. TDH officials warn that vulnerable people can die from the effects of cold weather.

Last year, exposure to excessive cold resulted in 28 Texas deaths.

People most susceptible to hypothermia include those 60 and

older, infants and small children, the sick, those taking certain prescription drugs or drinking alcohol, the homeless, auto or boating accident victims, and those unable to find temporary shelter in cold weather.

Often an older person's metabolism is slower than that of someone younger, which means less body heat is generated. Or the older person may already be in poor health and taking medications that can alter their awareness of dangerously low temperatures.

People 60 and older may not perceive or respond to cold as readily as younger people because the body's natural alarm signal - the reflex of shivering that increases blood flow - lessens with age. Some hypothermia victims die because they simply are unaware of gradual temperature changes.

And some people, especially those living on low incomes, may

not turn up their thermostats, fearing high heating bills.

To reduce potential dangers:

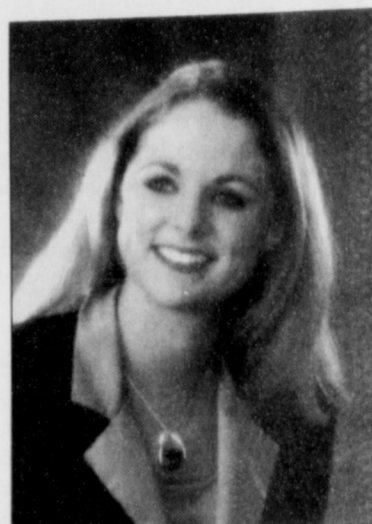
- Watch for symptoms including confusion, drowsiness, slurred speech, a drop in blood pressure, shallow breathing, and a pinkish tint to the skin. Anyone with these symptoms related to cold temperatures is in immediate danger.
- Check on elderly or ill people, especially if they live alone or in isolated areas.
- Wear loose-fitting clothing in layers, gloves, and a face cover to block the wind if you must be outside. Stay dry.
- Be extremely cautious in the wind. A strong wind, even in only moderately cool weather, can cause wind chill far below freezing.
- Remember, too, that animals may die if left outside in extremely cold weather. Provide them a warm environment out of the chilling wind.

Be sure they have access to food and that their water has not frozen.

TDH officials warn that no one should underestimate cold weather and should dress appropriately. Anyone planning outdoor activities in cold weather should check local weather forecasts for information.

Winter storms also may cause power outages, and food safety can be a problem. If you lose power for more than four hours, take the following precautions with refrigerated food products:

- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible.
- Discard any potentially hazardous foods such as meats, eggs, dairy products, and leftovers that may have exceeded 45 degrees. When in doubt, throw it out.
- Any frozen food that has thawed but not exceeded 45 degrees should be prepared as soon as possible. Do not re-freeze.



Chandra Eggemeyer

## Former resident receives master's

Chandra Eggemeyer of Miles, Texas, received her Master of Public Administration degree at Angelo State University's commencement ceremony on December 20, 2003, in the Junnell Center in San Angelo, Texas.

Chandra is a 1998 graduate of Clarendon High School. She graduated from Abilene Christian University in 2001 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. She is the daughter of Charlena Ford and the late Loyd Ford of Clarendon.

Chandra and her husband, Jared, reside in Miles. Chandra is employed by US Congressman Charles Stenholm as a District Representative with a focus on military and veterans' affairs.

## Goodlett Jubilee will feature Northams

The Goodlett Gospel Jubilee announced that The Northams will headline its January 2004 concert at the old stone gymnasium in Goodlett, Texas. The Corinth Singers will host the tenth in this series of southern gospel music concerts.

Bruce and Connie Northam have been ministering to, inspiring, and entertaining Gospel music fans for twenty-five years. They teach classes annually for the Stamps-Baxter School of Music. Their Christian music roots go back to the Northam Brothers, the Watts Sisters, and Wally Fowler Gospel Promotions. In 1980, they formed The Northams. Ever since, they have traveled from Seattle to Pittsburgh, Canada to Miami, and recently to Eastern Europe, on a schedule that includes 250 appearances and dozens of revivals each year. Moving and heart felt, their lively performances will grab your attention and bless your soul.

The date will be Saturday, January 3, 2004. The public is invited, admission is free, and young ones are welcome. Doors will open at the old stone gym in Goodlett at 6:30 p.m., and the concert will begin at 7:00. A love offering will be received in support of the Jubilee.

## Caprock Canyons plans events during January

Caprock Canyons State Park will hold several activities during January.

Join the park interpreter for an informative (1.5 hr.) hike along Eagle Point Trail on January 10 at 9:00 a.m. Meet at the grassy parking area north of Lake Theo. Bring water and binoculars if you have them. Regular park fees apply.

On January 17, join the park interpreter for a brief overview of birding and then apply your new skills as we bird around Lake Theo. Bring water, binoculars, and a bird book if you have them. Meet at the group picnic shelter on the north side of the lake. Regular park fees apply.

Scout out the dramatic winter landscape of South Prong Canyon on January 24 at 9:00 a.m. Learn about mammals, animal signs, birds, plants, and the geology of the canyon. The hike will last about 1.5 hours. Perhaps we will see some snow! Meet at the South Prong parking lot. Regular park fees apply.

Did you know the park has a geocache site? Help us find that site on January 31 at 9:00 a.m. using our GPS unit or bring your own. Become familiar with geocache websites. Our geocache site is a fairly strenuous 3 hour hike (out & back) with some elevation, so bring water and snacks. Regular park fees apply.

For more information, call Penelope Fouts at 806-455-1492.

**Obituaries**

**O'Neal**

Funeral services for John Allen O'Neal, age 52, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 29, 2003, in the Clarendon Church of Christ with Bright Newhouse and Don Stone, Church of Christ Ministers from Clarendon, officiating. Burial was held in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc.

Mr. O'Neal died Friday, December 26, 2003, in Clarendon. He was born August 28, 1951, in Pampa and had been a Clarendon resident all of his life. He was employed for several years as a custodian for the Clarendon Public Schools. He was very involved in the Clarendon Church of Christ and in the activities of the Medical Center Nursing Home where he had resided for the past several years. He was always eager and willing to help people in any way.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James LeRoy "Boots" O'Neal and Bernice Lee Andis O'Neal, and a sister, Becky Miller.

Survivors include three sisters, Mary Kay Mangum of Lefors, Beverly Shepherd of Channing, and Patricia Gattis of Irving; three brothers, Bill "Boots" O'Neal of Vernon, Wesley O'Neal of Holliday, and Joe O'Neal of Harrold; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Casket bearers were Jeff Mills, Joe Gattis, Fred DeLorge, Ike O'Neal, Mark Miller, Johnny Mangum, Chance O'Neal, and Chris O'Neal. Honorary bearers were special friends.

**Bentley**

Funeral services for Arley D. Bentley, age 73, were held on Saturday, December 27, 2003, in the Church of Christ in McLean, with Minister Jim Reyna and Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating. Burial was held in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home in McLean.

Mr. Bentley died December 23, 2003, in McLean. He was born May 20, 1930, to Phillip and Mamie Bentley in Magic City in Wheeler County. He married Shirley Todd in Allison, Texas, on October 28, 1955. They were married for 48 years. He served in the Army during the Korean War. He worked for C&H Supply in McLean for 28 years.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley of McLean; one daughter, Judith Bentley of Amarillo; two sons, Donnie Bentley and wife Lisa Ann of Amarillo and John Bentley and wife Lisa Jane of Florida; one brother, W.A. Bentley of Amarillo; one sister, Joy Bentley of Amarillo; and three grandchildren, Justin Bentley of College Station, Jarrod Bentley and wife Stephanie of Amarillo, and Noel Bentley of Homosassa, Florida.

The family requests memorials be made to the Donley County Senior Citizens in Clarendon.

**Parson**

Funeral services for Marilyn Jean Adkins Parson, age 45, of Princeton, Texas, were held at 1:30 p.m. at Stevens Funeral Home in Lovington, New Mexico, with Mr. Jerry Burke officiating. Burial was held at Lovington Cemetery under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home

in Lovington.

Mrs. Parson died December 24, 2003, in Dallas. She was born May 1, 1958, in Clarendon. She married Thomas S. Parson in Rule, Texas, on June 21, 2000. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Clarendon.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Chuck Adkins; father-in-law, Frank Parson; and parents M.E. "Byrd" and Anne Adkins.

Survivors include her husband, Tom Parson of Princeton; one brother, Dr. Byrd Adkins, DDS and his wife Sherry of Amarillo; her mother-in-law, Helen Parson of Lovington, New Mexico; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.

**Vinson**

Funeral services for Eva Irene Vinson, age 81, were held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 31, 2003, in the First Baptist Church in Clarendon with Rev. Truman Ledbetter, pastor, officiating. Burial was held in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mrs. Vinson died Monday, December 29, 2003, in Amarillo. She was born February 22, 1922, in Spur, Texas, and had been a resident of Clarendon and the surrounding area most of her life. She married Herman Vinson on May 5, 1941, in Memphis. He preceded her in death on September 13, 1966. She was employed for many years in the dietary and nursing departments of the Medical Center Nursing Home

prior to her retirement. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge, the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, and the First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, A.B. Johnson, Sr., Mary Morrison Johnson; an infant daughter; two sisters; and five brothers.

Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Bobbitt and husband Buddy of Memphis and Ava Ontiveros and husband Cecil of Springlake; four sons, Herman Vinson and wife Jana of Pampa, Garey Vinson and wife Georgianna of Clarendon, Bobby Vinson and wife Charlene of Amarillo, and Eddie Vinson of Amarillo; twelve grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

Casket bearers were Andrew Vinson, Garey Vinson, Jr., Lance Vinson, Nick Simpson, Randy Green, and Bradley Escobar. Honorary bearers were Clarendon Rebekah Lodge members and Medical Center Nursing Home staff.

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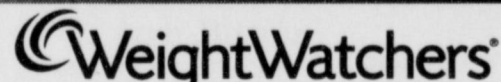
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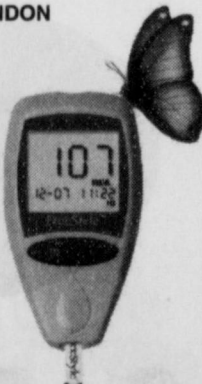
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AUSTIN — As the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) Don't Mess with Texas campaign heads into its 18th year, it's offering a unique scholarship opportunity to graduating high school seniors reared on its litter prevention message.

The Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship, sponsored by a donation from Dairy Queen, recognizes the achievements of high school seniors who have taken actions to prevent litter in their schools or communities. One \$3,000 scholarship and two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in the spring of 2004. Applications are due April 3, 2004, and are available through [www.dontmesswithtexas.org](http://www.dontmesswithtexas.org) or Texas high school guidance counselors.

Any high school senior graduating spring 2004 who currently resides and attends school in Texas and who plans to further their education at an accredited two or four year college or university in Texas is eligible to apply for the scholarship.

Some of the requirements for the scholarship include an essay of 300 to 350 words identifying a little problem in the student's school or community and the action he or she took to address it; two letters of recommendations — one from a school-related source and the other from a non-school related source; a photocopy of the student's official high school transcript; and a completed Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship application.

The scholarship is TxDOT's latest effort to generate more youth involvement in the Don't Mess with Texas campaign. TxDOT research shows Texans ages 16-24 are the state's most frequent litterers, and they are often the most difficult audience to reach. The second annual Don't Mess with Texas Road Tour will take at truck full of games and prizes to Texas hotspots this summer, and a new Don't Mess with Texas Campus Cleanup (sponsored by Dairy Queen) will kick off at the state's colleges and universities in March 2004.

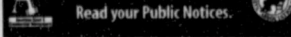
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## Nominations sought for Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame

ATHENS, Texas — Each year the public has a chance to nominate their favorite fishing icon for consideration as an inductee into the Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame. Nominations will be accepted until February 20, 2004.

The Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame, which is housed at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens, honors legendary anglers and fisheries professionals who have made a lasting contribution to fishing in Texas. One nominee will be chosen

by an independent selection committee and formally inducted during the annual Hall of Fame Banquet in May. They will join a legendary group of fishing Hall of Famers including Floyd Mabry, Jackie Hewlett, R.D. Hull, Bob Kemp, Nick Creme, Sugar Ferris, Leonard Ranne, Earl Golding, Kathy Magers, the Sabine River Authority and Skeeter Boats.

The rules are simple. The nominee must be a current resident of Texas who has made a lasting beneficial impact on fishing or fisheries

management in Texas. They may be either living or deceased. The nomination form must be completed and postmarked by the deadline, February 20.

To submit a nomination:

- Obtain an official nomination form available from our website [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fish/infish](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fish/infish) or from the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center by calling (903) 676-2277.

- Complete the nomination form and mail it to the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame, c/o Texas Freshwater

Fisheries Center, 5550 FM 2495, Athens, Texas 75752, or fax to (903) 676-3474 by the deadline.

- Include copies of supporting documentation (testimonials, videos, photos, samples, etc.)

- Deadline for nominations is February 20, 2004. Nomination forms postmarked after that date will not be accepted.

- Nomination forms and all materials submitted with them become the property of Texas Parks and Wildlife and will not be returned.



### Coming thru

Clarendon's Destiny Weatherton muscled toward the goal during the Lady Broncos' 71-16 victory over Adrian in the Bronco Gym. Both teams are competing in the Greenbelt Holiday Classic tournament being hosted here this week by Clarendon High School and Clarendon College. Tournament results will be printed next week.

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## Lady Broncos JV, Freshmen drop two

The Lady Bronco JV took on the Tulia Lady Hornets in a match up at Tulia December 16 with Clarendon taking the 31-36 loss.

The Lady Broncos began the game strong and took a three-point lead into the break, but a cold-shooting third period turned out to be the difference in the game as Tulia went on to outscore the Lady Broncos by eight points.

"All of the girls contributed and played hard," coach Kasey Bell said. "We just came up a little short."

Scoring: Anndria Kidd 7, Cierra Benavidez 6, Holly Cornell 4, Caitlan Hall 4, Kimberly Tolbert 4, Shelby Watson 2, Kristin White 2,

and Meghan Gribble 2.

December 19, the freshmen Lady Broncos took on Childress at home and were defeated 15-42. Despite playing hard, the Lady Broncos just couldn't get anything going against the Lady Cats and went on to take the loss.

Scoring: Jessie Howard 4, Kelsea Hoeltzel 4, Chelsea Hoeltzel 3, Regan Lemley 2, and Sarah Scrivner 2.

The Lady Broncos will resume their regular schedule January 2 at home against Silverton and travel to White Deer January 6. Both games will begin at 5:00 p.m.

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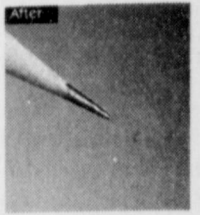
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### Chamber names holiday lighting contest winners

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce has released the winners for the last two weeks of their 2003 holiday lighting contest.


Winners for Wednesday, December 24, 2003, were Hedley City Hall, Alan & Holly Graham of Clarendon, Eddy & Holly Eads of Clarendon, Ruth Hancock of Clarendon, and David & Buffie Smith of Clarendon.

Winners for Thursday, December 18, 2003, were Henry & Nancy Carter of Howardwick, Larry & Paulette Kidd of Clarendon, and Every

Nook & Cranny of Clarendon.

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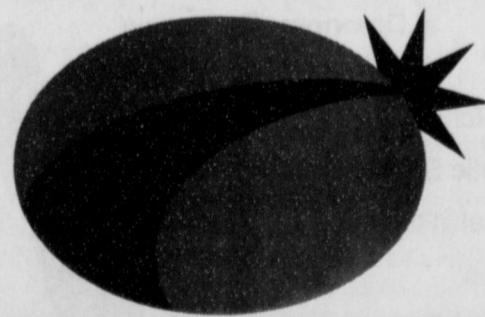
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### CC plans holiday basketball camp

By Sandy Anderberg

Head Bulldog basketball coach Tony Starnes has announced the 'Runnin', Gunnin', Funnin' Holiday Basketball Camp 2004 to be held at the Bulldog Gym on January 2-3.

Two different age groups are available for the two-day camp. PreK through 2nd grade will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. each day. Grades 3-6 will be from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

To pre-register, call 874-3571, ext. 276, 874-0360, or you may register they first day of camp before 8:30 a.m.

The cost of the camp is \$25 for the two days, which includes a Camp T-shirt and basketball fundamental instruction by Coach Starnes and Lady Bulldog head coach Rusty Kennedy.

"This will be a great time for us to teach basketball fundamentals and prepare the kids for the beginning of Little Dribblers," Starnes said.

Make plans to attend the Bulldog Holiday Camp January 2-3 at the CC gym.

### Bronco JV takes on Tulla, Childress

The Bronco JV played Tulla on the road December 16 and took a 62-47 loss against the Hornets.

The game was even at 13 at the end of the first period, and Tulla took a one-point lead into the locker room at the break. But it was all Tulla in the second half as the Broncos were defeated by 15 points.

"We played a really great first half," coach Brao Elam said. "I was proud of their hustle."

Scoring: Will Betts 11, Brad Sell 10, Ladez Captain 10, Stephen Ford 9, Tim Sanchez 2, Calvin Edwards 2, Jesse Rodriguez 2, and Morgan Robinson 1.

The Broncos took on Childress at home December 19 and were defeated 19-59. The Broncos began slowly, and despite a lot of hustle, just couldn't make up the difference to defeat the Cats.

Scoring: Captain 6, Bret Carter 5, Ty White 4, Sell 2, and Robinson 1.

The Broncos will play Silverton at home January 2 and travel to White Deer January 6 with tip-off at 5:00 p.m.

### Lady Colts suffer loss to Lady Mustangs

The game began slowly for the Lady Colts as they faced off against the Lady Mustangs at Wheeler December 15. The final score was 34-14.

The Lady Colts struggled offensively and defensively and trailed by seventeen points at the break. The Lady Colts continued their struggle as they only shot 20 percent from the free throw line.

"The girls continued to hustle despite the loss," coach Kirby Hatley said. "We will just keep working hard in practice, and I know it will come together for them."

Scoring: Sade Faas 5, Erin Holland 4, Zan Burks 3, and Abby Patten 2.

### Sixteen men vie for top honors at CCC

By Sandy Anderberg

Golfer Bobby Dodson shot a 67 in the 18-hole weekly men's golf game to claim first place on December 24 at the Clarendon Country Club. George Washington and Ellis Knight tied for second and third with a 68. Those tying for fourth place with a 70 were Charlie Davis, Steve Jamagin, Joe McCutchen, Jimmy Johnson, and Redell Johnston.

The Clarendon Country Club will be hosting a New Year's Eve party December 31 beginning at 7:00 in the dining room. You may call the Pro Shop at 874-2166 for more information regarding the party.

The members of the CCC would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.



### Up and in

Clarendon's Jeremy Howard goes for a lay up during the Broncos 55-37 victory over Adrian in the Bronco Gym. Both teams are competing in the Greenbelt Holiday Classic tournament being hosted here this week by Clarendon High School and Clarendon College. Tournament results will be printed next week.

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### Colts bring victories home from Wheeler

The Jr. High Colts stunned the Mustangs on their home court December 15. The 7th grade Colts defeated Wheeler, 38-8.

Intense defense and solid offense helped the Colts stay undefeated in the 2003 season so far. They jumped out to a nine-point lead at the break, and they held the Mustangs to only one point in the second half of play.

Scoring: Alton Gaines 18, Derrick Shelton 6, Nathan Gribble 4, Andie Barton 4, Jesus Hernandez 2, Johny Ballard 2, and Danzel Wilson 2.

The 8th grade Colts added to their winning record as well defeating the Mustangs 43-22. A great start was huge for the Colts as they held a nine-point lead at the break. The Colts outscored Wheeler by thirteen points in the final half of play.

"Both teams played great and are continuing to improve each game," coach Mike Ray said. "They are working hard, and I am pleased with their effort."

Scoring: TJ Brown 16, PJ Ray 12, Dalton Askew 9, and Trevor Leeper 6.

The Colts play in Shamrock January 5 at 5:00 p.m. and play Memphis at home January 12 at 5 p.m.

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## Statewide beef cattle reproduction clinic dates set

COLLEGE STATION – Texas Cooperative Extension will offer 26 beef cattle artificial insemination/pregnancy determination clinics throughout Texas in 2004, one of which has been slated for Clarendon later this year.

The clinics include hands-on training in artificial insemination and pregnancy determination.

Topics include anatomy and physiology of reproduction, artificial insemination principles and techniques, pregnancy determination techniques, semen management, successful feeding for the breeding

herd, genetic selection, record keeping, replacement heifer management, calving management, herd health, estrous synchronization and breeding season management.

The clinics are co-sponsored with industry organizations including ABS Global Inc., Bovine Elite Inc., COBA/Select Sires, and Repro Services.

The clinics in Tyler will be on January 16-18, February 13-15, April 2-4, May 7-9, May 21-23, June 11-13, September 3-5, September 17-19, October 1-3, October 22-24, and November 12-14.

The six clinics in College Station will be on February 17-20, April 20-23, June 15-18, July 20-23, September 14-17, and November 16-19.

Additional locations are Stephenville (March 9-11), Pampa (April 27-30), Gatesville (April 28-30), Gainesville (May 10-13), Meridian (May 25-28), Wichita Falls (June 3-5), Abilene (June 23-25), Clarendon (Sept. 20-23), and Angleton (Nov. 16-19).

Prices for training are variable and depend on the choice of the sponsoring company. Enrollment in both classes (A.I. and pregnancy

determination) is \$600 per student. Artificial insemination course enrollment ranges between \$325 to \$350 per student, and pregnancy determination courses cost \$350 each.

To be eligible for training in pregnancy determination, participants must have had previous artificial insemination training or be currently enrolled in a class.

For a complete schedule of clinics, visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu> and click on the continuing education link, or call the department of animal science office at (979) 845-3579.

### Sheriff's Report:

## Officers respond to report of juveniles shooting street lights

**Dec. 22**  
12:52 a.m. – Intrusion alarm on Medical Drive.  
5:47 a.m. – EMS assist in 1400 block of W. 8th, possible cardiac.  
6:29 p.m. – Electricity out throughout Hedley.  
6:31 p.m. – Electricity out in and around Howardwick.  
6:34 p.m. – Electricity out at rest areas on US 287 at Giles.

**Dec. 23**  
9:12 a.m. – Assist motorist on S. SH 70.  
10:05 p.m. – Loose livestock on S. SH 70.  
11:37 p.m. – Out at US 287 at S. Parks.

**Dec. 24**  
2:05 a.m. – To jail with one male for Ellis

County warrant.  
6:33 a.m. – Disturbance on E. Browning – constant barking.  
4:46 p.m. – Medical alert alarm on Janny St., Howardwick.  
10:07 p.m. – EMS assist in 300 block of E. Montgomery.

**Dec. 25**  
2:53 p.m. – Business alarm in 400 block of W. 2nd.  
5:20 p.m. – Business alarm in 400 block of W. 2nd.  
6:24 p.m. – Accident involving motorcycle and deer on N. SH 70.  
9:43 p.m. – See complainant at Sheriff's Office.  
11:28 p.m. – To Sheriff's Office to take statement.

**Dec. 26**  
10:56 a.m. – Out at Martindale and Kearney with juveniles shooting at street lights.  
3:31 p.m. – Structure fire in 600 block of E. Woods at abandoned building.  
10:56 p.m. – To jail with one female in custody.

**Dec. 27**  
3:04 a.m. – See complainant in 500 block of W. 3rd. Harassing phone calls.  
9:07 a.m. – See complainant in 300 block of W. 2nd.  
4:47 p.m. – Out in the 500 block of E. 3rd.  
8:30 p.m. – Suspicious vehicle in 100 block of Short St., Hedley.  
11:56 p.m. – Establish landing zone for

LifeStar transfer.  
**Dec. 28**  
10:46 a.m. – Out in the 600 block of E. Barcus.  
6:45 p.m. – EMS assist.  
7:08 p.m. – Structure fire on CR 7.  
11:54 p.m. – To jail with one male in custody – bond surrender, family violence.

**Summary**  
Arrests – 6  
EMS – 11  
Fire – 3

## FSA now taking emergency loan applications

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by excessive rain, hail, high winds, and lightning are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located at 321 Sully Street in Clarendon, stated Larry Goetze.

Donley County is one of seven in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the excessive rain, hail, high winds, and lightning.

Goetze said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for a FSA emergency loan," said Goetze.

Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will

have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until July 6, 2004, but farmers should apply as soon as possible," said Goetze.

"Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season," he said.

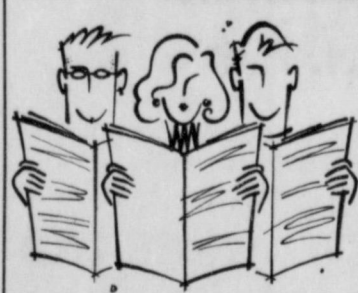
The FSA office in Clarendon is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## Howardwick:

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Brown, 339 Groper; third, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Hawkins, 310 Sailfish; Religious category (houses) – first, Wayne and Carla Carter, 233 Swanson St.; second, Roy Monroe; and third, Dean and Dorothy Arnold, 120 Diane Dr; Religious category (mobile home) – first, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Carter, 150 Arthur St.; and second, Tom and Ronda Jaramillo, 161 Rick Husband.

The Howardwick Beautification Club is happy to sponsor the Christmas events, but it would not be possible without the hard work of their members. The Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. at City Hall. Everyone is invited.



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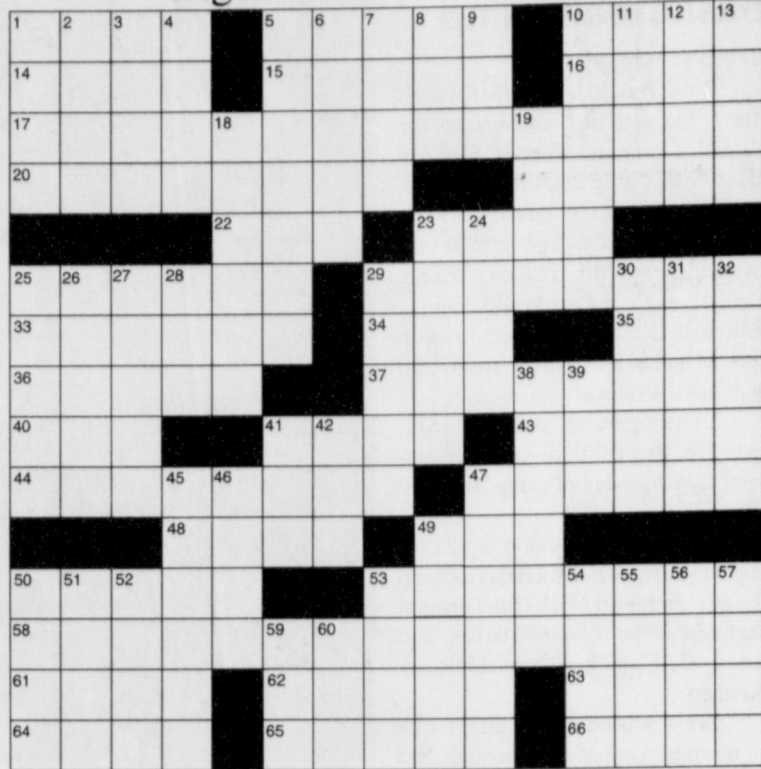
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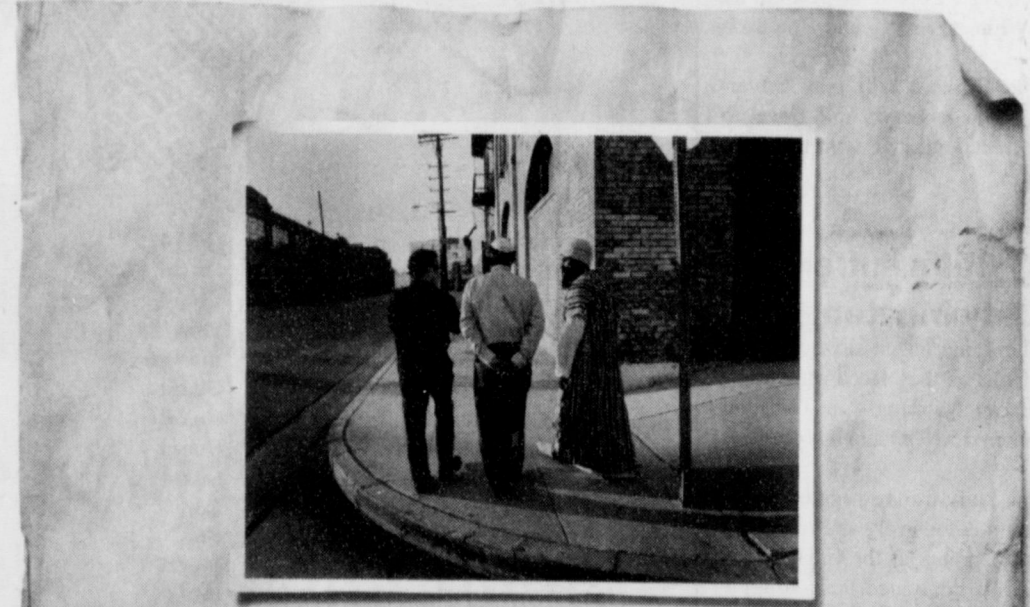
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What do you get when you mix Christianity, Judaism and Islam? In many parts of the world, it's a recipe for disaster. Yet in America, it's a formula that has peacefully endured for over 200 years. In fact, not only has it endured, it's flourished. The pundits may say that the ability for different faiths to coexist here comes from a lack of intensity and passion for any religion in America. But nothing could be further from the truth. Because we are free to choose which religion, if any we'd like to follow, it enables us to have a deeper, more personal relationship with our faith than would otherwise be possible. And because no one religion needs to feel threatened by another, we can look to the similarities that unite us, instead of focusing on the differences. Two hundred million Christians, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists and Hindus agree. To learn more about freedom of religion, visit [rememberfreedom.org](http://rememberfreedom.org). Or, feel free to ask the spiritual leader of your choice.

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# Classifieds

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## MEETINGS

**Clarendon Lodge #700 AF&AM** Stated meeting: Second Monday each month, 7:30 p.m. Refreshments served at 6:30 p.m. Practice sessions: Fourth Monday, 7 p.m. Grett Betts - W.M. Allen Estlack - Secretary 2 B 1, ASK 1

**Clarendon Order of the Eastern Star #6** Stated meetings: First Thursdays, 7:30 pm; Refreshments served at 6:30 pm Naomi Green - W.M. Juanita Meador - Secretary

**Clarendon Lions Club** Regular meeting each Tuesday at noon. Marvin Elam, Boss Lion. Monty Hysinger, Secretary

**Donley County Memorial Post #7782 of the VFW & Auxiliary** Stated covered dish meeting: Third Tuesday at 6 p.m. Dale Powers - Post Commander; Carol Holden - President. Post Home Phone No: 874-VETS Bingo - Saturdays, 6:45 p.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Saints' Roost Museum**  
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Thursday, 10:00 - 5:00  
Friday & Saturday, 9:00 - 5:00  
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**WANT TO BUY** - 50 to 100 acres for homestead. 806-622-0566 or 680-3322. 2-4tc

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**FOUND AND NEEDS HOME** - Red heeler young male. To claim or adopt free, call 874-5424. 2-1tnc

## FOR RENT

**HOUSE FOR RENT** - Four bedroom, two bath, modern kitchen on Hwy. 287 east. Call 335-1445. 2-1tnc

**FOR RENT:** Two-bedroom house with washer, dryer, stove, and refrigerator. 874-3521. 2-2tc

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### FOR RENT

**2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, 608 Collinson**

**One Bedroom 912 E. Montgomery**

**874-2148 (home)**

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## HELP WANTED

**NEEDED CNAs:** 6 A.M. to 6 P.M. Call Palo Duro Nursing Home, 226-5121, ask for Diane or Rhonda. 1-2tc

**NEED A HOUSEKEEPER?** Call 806-874-3873, leave message will contact. 2-1tc

**THE HALL COUNTY EMS BOARD** is taking applications for a full time EMS administrator. For additional information, call 806-259-3067. Send resumes to: L. Sanders, 803 S. 7th, Memphis, TX 79245. 52-3tc

**HELP WANTED** - Apply in person at Taylor Exxon from 8 a.m. to noon during work days. 50-ctfc

**WORK NEEDED:** Re-seed lawn, other odd jobs, and fence erected at house in Clarendon. 622-9223. 1-2tc

## PUBLIC WORKS TECHNICIAN - STREET DEPARTMENT

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**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR** - Donley County Senior Citizens, part-time, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m., M-F. Plans menus and raw food orders, ongoing food inventory/purchasing, replaces cook in kitchen, preparing meals as needed. Some computer skills required. 1-2tc

**MCLEAN CARE CENTER** has the following immediate openings: CNAs - all shifts. Contact Billy Ray Johnston or Kim Ray at 806-779-2469 or come by 605 W. 7th St. for more information. 1-2tc

**NEEDED:** Full time housekeeper. Call Palo Duro Nursing Home, 226-5121. 1-2tc

## SERVICES

**Kenny's Barber Shop**  
204 S. Koogle  
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We Appreciate Your Business!

## SERVICES

**CARPENTER WORK** - Large or small jobs. Call Dickie Bennett at 874-2362. 33-ctfc

**ASSISTED LIVING APARTMENT AVAILABLE** - Two large rooms and bath, private entry. Bring your furnishings or we'll provide. All care given. Good meals. \$1,850 monthly. 806-874-5000. TX State License #105879. 52-ctfc

## THANK YOU

We wish to thank everyone for the Christmas gifts and help during the past four months. Thank you for helping to make us have better holidays. We appreciate you for your kindness and love. God bless each of you and have a Happy New Year.  
**Bea, James, Ron, & Doug Burleson**

## LEGAL NOTICES

**LEGAL NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**  
Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, January 13, 2004, at 2:30 p.m. Central Standard Time, at Page & Associates Contractors, Inc. office located at 105 South Bonham, Amarillo, Texas, Clarendon College and Page & Associates Contractors, Inc. will receive sealed bids for a New Library Building for Clarendon College, Clarendon, Texas. Clarendon College through

## LEGAL NOTICES

Page & Associates Contractors, Inc., Construction Manager at Risk is seeking bids from pre-qualified subcontractors and suppliers for this project. Bids may be delivered to the office of Page & Associates Contractors, Inc. located at 105 South Bonham, Amarillo, Texas, prior to the date and time of the opening of the bids. Bids received after 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time, on January 13, 2004, will be returned unopened. Note: Individual contracts will be awarded for each category of work as set out in the Plans, Specifications and the Subcontractors and Material Supplier Category Schedule. Clarendon College reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids. Plans and Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Construction Manager at Risk. Plans and Specifications may be examined at the following location: Page & Associates Contractors, Inc., 105 South Bonham, Amarillo, Texas 79106; WD Architects, 1619 South Kentucky Building, Suite 665, Amarillo, Texas 79102; Associated General Contractors Plan Room, 1707 West 8th, Amarillo, Texas 79101. Further information may be obtained from Page & Associates Contractors, Inc. Bids are due by 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time, January 13, 2004, and should identify the project and bid category. All bids will remain in effect for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of their opening. 1-3tc

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## REAL ESTATE

**TWO BEDROOM BRICK** - (Single owner/occupant is relocating) - 2 baths, kitchen, living/dining, utility, central heat & air, lots of cabinet and closet space, 1 car attached garage with opener, carport, storage building, metal roof, some appliances included, neat and clean at 608 Johns St for \$51,500.  
**NICE TWO BEDROOM** - (Single owner/occupant is relocating) - 2 baths, kitchen, living/dining, utility, 2 car port, 2 storage buildings, cellar, chain link fenced yard, well kept at 318 E. 5th St for \$45,000.  
**FOUR BEDROOM** - 2 1/2 bath, 2 story, living, dining, kitchen, large utility, covered porch, large deck, shade and fruit trees, cased well, barn, and storage building, all on one city block at 902 S. Gorst for \$67,500.  
**RECENTLY REMODELED** - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, kitchen, dining, living, utility, central heat and air, metal siding, 1 car garage, 1 car port, cellar, fenced back yard, storage building at 610 W. 3rd for \$46,500.  
**PRETTY LANDSCAPING AND NICE BRICK** - 3 bedroom, 1 & 3/4 baths, living kitchen/dining with built-in oven, cooktop & dishwasher, utility, attached 1 car garage, 1 carport, central heat and ref. air, fenced back yard, yard building, and cellar. 604 S. Johns for \$69,500. REDUCED TO \$66,000.  
**LARGE HOUSE AND A GOOD BUY** - 4 bedroom, 2 bath, modern kitchen with built-in Gen-air cook top and double oven and dish washer, utility, large den/living/dining area with wood burner fireplace, concrete cellar, well or city water option, 121 sq. ft. storage/well house building at 203 S. Wells for \$54,900. REDUCED TO \$39,900.  
**GREENBELT - NEAR GOLF COURSE** - two story, 5 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, kitchen, utility, large living/den, unattached 2 car garage, shop, well with pressure pump, lots of fruit, nut and shade trees, fenced front and back yards on four lots at 91 Pampa Lane for \$57,500.  
**GREENBELT - WA-T-E-R-F-R-O-N-T L-O-T-S (2)** - with great view overlooking Greenbelt Lake from the residence which has 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen, dining, utility, central heat and air and 2 wood burning stoves; also basement which can be third bedroom, plus large 816 sq. ft. den, a great place to relax and enjoy the view; fenced yard, 2 carports and nice shop/storage building. Lease Lots 148 and 149. \$87,500.  
**GREENBELT - NICE HOUSE BUILT ON SITE** - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, kitchen/dining, living, utility, FULLY FURNISHED, INCLUDING KITCHEN, neat, clean and ready to move in. 251 Plainview Ln., Saints' Roost. Only \$20,000.

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**CLARENDON**  
• 411 E. 4th St. Nice and clean brick home, 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, C/H/A, new paint and carpet, covered porch, large carport, storage building, fenced back yard. \$56,000.  
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• Hwy. 70 and Hwy. 287. Three corner lots with brick commercial building. Approx. sq. ft. 2,080. CH/A, four bathrooms, currently used as a Doctor's office. Lots of possibilities. Approx. 7,975 sq. ft. of asphalt parking. \$80,000. \$60,000.

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• Four lots with a beautiful 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 CH/A, wood stove, two story brick home on Carrol Creek. Swimming pool, tennis courts, water well, cellar, 2 car, 6 car ports, 1 motor home port. Appointment only please. \$310,000. \$250,000  
• 4 Lots in Collados Estates with a 6 year old custom built home with all the amenities plus a beautiful view of Lake Greenbelt. \$135,000.  
• 244 Nocona Hills. Two nice clean mobile homes - one double wide, one single on one acre lot. \$48,000. \$35,000  
• 3 Lots at 168 Angel. Two bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, large basement, extra clean, storage building, carport. \$39,500.  
• 160 Angel St. Two lots, 3 bedroom, 2 baths, furnished. \$20,000. \$15,000

## SERVICES

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## REAL ESTATE

### FOR SALE

**CLARENDON - HOUSE**  
**BEAUTIFUL HOME & 80 ACRES ON PAVED TX HWY 70** - near midway between Clarendon and US I-40. All grass with a great view overlooking large ranch country. The house still in process of being remodeled including the addition of a second story and new roof. Other recent improvements include new central heat and cooling units, sauna, Jacuzzi, plumbing, water pump, kitchen cabinets and appliances, washer and dryer, and more. Included also are 60'x40' metal barn with three enclosed horse stalls and office plus plenty of room for equipment, two outside horse stalls, storage building and well. Includes lawn tractor and cart, Kubota B8200 tractor with front-end loader, shredder, blade, tiller, and disk plow. The whole package for \$210,000.

**HOME & HORSE FACILITY** - 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath house remodeled only 4 years ago with all new kitchen fixtures and appliances including cabinets, counters, range, side-by-side refrigerator/freezer, dishwasher, microwave, trash compactor (all will sell with house), tile & carpet flooring, windows, plumbing, fans & light fixtures, central heat & air, roof, septic system, PLUS 640 sq. ft. barn with covered stalls with water & electricity to each, 40' diameter pipe round pen, 100'x200' pipe arena, 30'x40' framed shop; access through a very attractive gated entry constructed of pipe. All located 1/3 mile North of Clarendon for \$98,500. REDUCED TO \$93,500.

**CHARMING TWO STORY**, master bedroom, remodeled kitchen, dining or den, utility, large entry, living, full bath all on ground floor. Two bedrooms and full bath upstairs. Central heat down, one refrigerated window unit down and two refrigerated window units up, water well, unattached two car garage with opener, large 24' above ground pool complete with deck, fenced back yard, all on three lots at 314 E. 3rd for \$68,000.

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**CLARENDON COMMERCIAL** - Clarendon's most beautiful downtown building, better known as Greene's Dry Goods Store Building, but suitable for countless types of business, 5192 sq. ft. ground floor, 4196 sq. ft. mezzanine, and 2875 sq. ft. basement, wide stairway up and down, lots of shelving and showcases, in good condition and priced for only \$65,000.

**LELIA LAKE** - 4 1/2 miles S., 160 acres, 115 ac cropland, balance native grass, new circle irrigation system and lots of underground pipe, natural gas, additional domestic well, abundant deer and other game, joins big ranch country on county maintained road for \$150,000.

**LELIA LAKE** - 4 miles S., 150 acres, 113.4 acres cropland including 36.6 acres in CRP, balance grass, irrigation well with side-roll system, natural gas, paved F/M road to corner of property, lots of deer and other game, joins big ranch country for \$108,000.

**GREENBELT - EXCEPTIONAL HOME** - 3 levels, 3 bedroom, 3 bath, kitchen with all built-ins, dining/living, den, utility, wood burner fireplaces on two levels, built in television, oversized attached garage and storage, additional attached 3-car port, central heat and ref. air, landscaped with sprinklers, 2 lots back up to Carroll Creek, boat dock, (owner will sell with or without furniture and fixtures) at 105 Tyng. House only for \$135,000. REDUCED TO \$129,900

**GREENBELT - NEAR GOLF COURSE** - 2 story, 5 bedroom, 3 baths, kitchen will all built-ins, dining/living, den, utility, wood burner fireplaces on two levels, built in television, oversized attached garage, shop, well with pressure pump, lots of fruit, nut, and shade trees, fenced front and back yards on four lots at 91 Pampa Lane for \$57,500.

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