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

City welcomes visitors to celebration

The plans are set, the streets downtown are swept, and Clarendon stands ready to welcome visitors to the 132nd annual Saints' Roost Celebration this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, July 2-4.

In recent days a few minor changes have been made to the printed schedule, but nothing that will take away from the enjoyment of the festivities.

The action starts Thursday, July 2, with the Downtown Merchants' Western Days Sale, which will run all day long. There will also be a Trade Show in the Community Building starting at 6:00 p.m. (not 5 p.m. as previously reported), which will take place all three days.

The Depression Lunch downtown which was originally announced for Friday will be held on Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The fun continues that night starting at 7:30 p.m. with a 16 and under Junior Rodeo, which will be held at the COEA arena, followed by an outdoor dance on the COEA slab.

Each night of the rodeo there will be a calf scramble, an open calf ride, and junior donkey and steer riding available to all young cowboys and cowgirls. Boy Scout Troop 433 will provide concessions for all three nights of the rodeo.

The all day long Downtown Merchants' Western Days Sale will continue to kick things

off July 3rd, and Henson's famous annual Turtle Race will begin at 3:00 p.m. at Third and Kearney.

Later on that night, another rodeo will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the COEA with an outdoor dance immediately following.

The busiest day of the celebration will be July 4, starting at 8:00 a.m. with Open Barrel Racing. Lineup and registration for the Kids' Bike Parade will be at 9:30 a.m. across from Henson's. The Kids' Bicycle Parade will start rolling at 10:00 a.m. Also starting at 9:00 a.m. (an hour earlier than previously reported) will be the 4-H Arts & Craft Fair on the Courthouse Square. For booth space, contact the Donley

County Extension Office.

The Old Settler's reunion will start at 10:30 a.m. with live entertainment. The Al Morrah Shrine Club's annual BBQ Lunch will start serving at 11:00 a.m. and will continue until the food runs out.

Registration and lineup for the annual Western Parade will be at 1:00 p.m. at the baseball field, and the parade will take off at 2:00 p.m. The Lions Club Cow Patty Bingo will follow the parade.

The annual COEA Ranch rodeo will open at 7:30 p.m. followed by a live band dance featuring Ed Montana. The St. Mary's Catholic Women Quilt Drawing will be at 9:00 p.m.

No one injured in wreck near Giles

A single vehicle accident occurred last Sunday night, June 28, near Giles.

According to State Trooper Kellen Roberts, the individual was traveling eastbound on 287 by the 194 Milepost. At approximately 9:50 p.m., the driver drove his/her 2005 Silver Dodge Grand Caravan into the median and across the roadway. The vehicle then started spinning out of control and wrecked.

The individual was taken to Northwest Texas Hospital, but was immediately released. As of now, there are no citations issued. Roberts would not release the name of the driver.

DQ partnering with Girl Scouts July 7

All girls between the ages of five to 17 are invited to bring their families to the Peanut Butter Patty Blizzard kick-off.

Dairy Queen and Girl Scouts are partnering to bring an opportunity to learn how the Dairy Queen operates, to improve money handling skills, and to sample the newest treat, the Peanut Butter Patty Blizzard.

This event will be held at the Dairy Queen on Tuesday, July 7, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. All girls are invited to bring their families and come join the fun.

State to hold shot clinic here July 14

The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold and Immunization Clinic Schedule on July 14, 2009, at the TDSHS office at Five Medical Drive in Clarendon.

The clinic will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

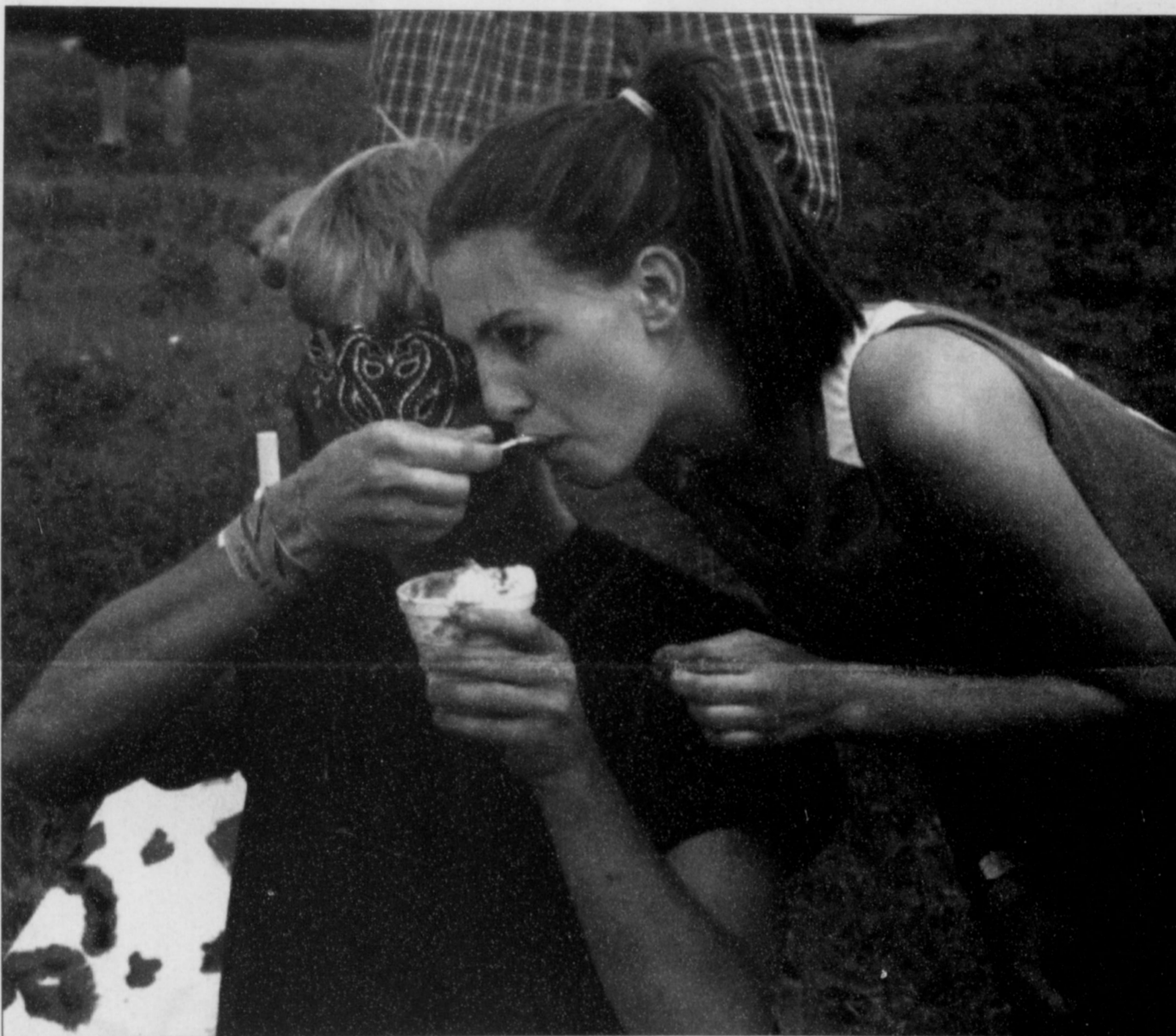
All clinic times are subject to change or cancellation due to weather conditions or scheduling conflicts.

CC to hold tryouts for cheerleading

The Clarendon College Cheerleading squad will host tryouts for its 2009-10 season on Friday, July 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the Bairfield Activity Center in Clarendon.

Interested individuals must contact the college to get signed up. Scholarships are available.

For details and more information, please contact Coach Candra McKee at 806-874-4832 or candra.mckee@clarendoncollege.edu



Take a bite

Clarendon FFA member Ty Tubbs concentrates hard as he attempts to feed Heldey FFA member Marlee Sargent ice cream while blindfolded. The Ice Cream Relay was only one of the activities enjoyed at the Area I FFA Leadership Camp, held last week through June 25 at Clarendon College. There were 350 FFA members that attended the event with 50 sponsors.

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Palo Duro park to mark 75th anniversary July 4-5

A park known to many as the "Grand Canyon of Texas" and beloved by generations who have visited its landmark features celebrates 75 years as a popular Panhandle travel destination near Amarillo, with special events and activities scheduled for the weekend of July 4-5.

To celebrate the 75th anniversary, the park is offering free

admission to all visitors, waiving the customary \$5 per-person adult admission fee (children ages 12 and younger are always free). The park will also host a number of activities such as nature hikes and wildlife viewing tours along some of the park's numerous nature trails.

Highlighting the weekend's festivities will be a special edition of the musical drama "Texas" on

the evening of July 4 - including extra fireworks and music to honor the Fourth of July tradition - and a concert by Boz Scaggs and his band the evening of July 5. Both events are scheduled for the park's Pioneer Amphitheater. A portion of the proceeds from the concert will benefit the Partners in Palo Duro Canyon Foundation and the Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation.

"Palo Duro Canyon has been important to everyone who has lived here, going back some 12,000 years," said park superintendent Randy Ferris. "From prehistoric man to the Comanche and Kiowa peoples, who considered it a sacred place, to ranchers who brought livestock here because of the water. In the 1930s, the Civilian Conservation Service..."

See 'Palo Duro' on page five

Disabled veterans eligible for property tax relief

Military veterans who are totally disabled or cannot work because of service-related injuries will pay no property taxes on their homes under a new tax exemption approved by the Legislature.

Donley Appraisal District Chief Appraiser Paula Lowrie says disabled veterans with a rating of 100 percent and have a qualified homestead in Donley County

should contact the appraisal district for a form to apply for this new exemption.

"Texas has done the right thing by providing property tax relief for our military men and women who have served their country and paid a heavy price," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said.

House Bill 3613 provides an exemption of the total appraised

value of the homesteads of Texas veterans who have received a 100 percent disability rating or are considered unemployable by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The new law is effective for the 2009 tax year, and swift action is necessary to update local property tax rolls and ensure eligible veterans receive the new tax break.

Eligible disabled veterans must

apply for the tax exemption through their county appraisal district.

An application form for veterans and appraisal districts to use can be found on the Comptroller's Web site at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/vetexempt.pdf>.

Veterans may also need to contact their mortgage lenders to adjust their escrow payments.

CC leases facilities downtown

Clarendon College will offer new vocational classes downtown this fall after the Board of Regents accepted a lease agreement for facilities on First Street at its June 18 meeting.

The one-year one-dollar lease is between the college and the Donley County Industrial Foundation represented by Walt Knorpp for the buildings formerly owned by Clarendon Manufacturing & Distributing Company. CC President Bill Auvenshine said under the agreement the buildings will be donated to the college when the lease expires.

Auvenshine said CC plans to begin offering welding, wind energy, and HVAC classes at the new location.

"This will also give us a place to house our buses," Auvenshine said. "Right now we have to park them on the Bairfield Activity Center parking lot and even do maintenance on them in the parking lot in all kinds of weather."

The hands-on classes and bus facilities will be in two quonset buildings while the Clarendon Manufacturing office will be renovated for indoor classroom space.

Knorpp said making the facilities available to the college was a good option for all involved.

"I thought it would benefit Clarendon College and the community as a whole," Knorpp said.

In other college business, the board approved hiring Page & Associates of Amarillo as the construction manager at-risk for the construction of two new vocational buildings at the CC Pampa Center.

Regents considered two requests by the Les Beaux Arts Club regarding an arts festival to be held on the campus this fall. The first request was to permit wine to be served during the festival, but regents denied that request since students would be on campus at the time, Auvenshine said. The club also wanted sponsorship funds for the festival in addition to the \$500 already pledged by the college, but the board also denied that request.

The fee structure for CC was changed to eliminate the three-hour minimum requirement for taking classes. Students can now take a single one-hour class for about \$100. Previously a one-hour class would have been subject to minimum fees of about \$300, the president said.

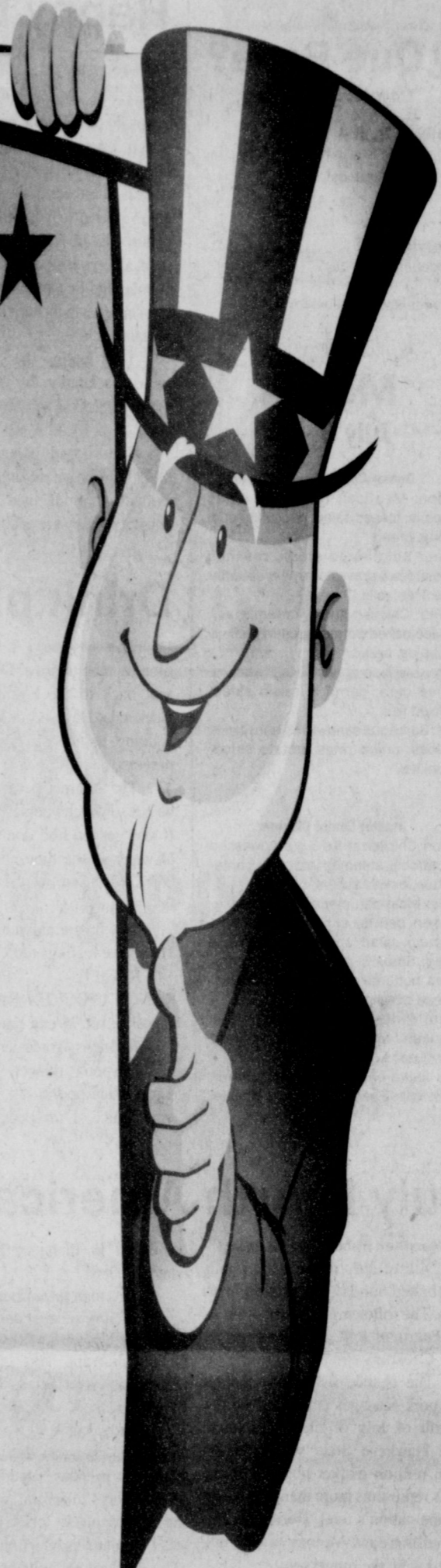
The board also set July 30 as the date for an all-day budget and policy retreat at the Clarendon Country Club. A public hearing on the budget will be held on August 20.

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Saints' Roost Celebration FESTIVITIES



Thursday, July 2

All Day Downtown Merchant's Western Days Street Sales
11a.m. - 1p.m. Depression Lunch
6:00 p.m. Trade Show, Community Building
7:30 p.m. Jr. Ranch Rodeo
 Dance to Follow

Friday, July 3

All Day Downtown Merchants' Western Days Street Sales
3:00 p.m. Henson's Turtle Race
6:00 p.m. Trade Show, Community Building
7:30 p.m. Ranch Rodeo
 Dance to Follow

Saturday, July 4

8:00 a.m. Open Barrel Racing
9:00 a.m. 4-H Arts & Crafts Show
10:00 a.m. Kids Bike Parade
10:30 a.m. Old Settlers' Reunion, Courthouse Square
11 a.m. Shriners' Barbecue, Courthouse Square
1:00 p.m. Kids' Tricycle/Bicycle Parade
2:00 p.m. Western Parade
3:00 p.m. Cow Patty Bingo
6:00 p.m. Trade Show, Community Building
7:30 p.m. Annual COEA Ranch Rodeo, COEA Arena
After Rodeo Outdoor Dance, Rodeo Grounds

These merchants hope everyone enjoys all
the Saints' Roost Celebration activities:

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¿Qué Pasa?

Community Calendar

July 2, 3, & 4
Clarendon Ranch Rodeo • 7:30 p.m.
• Rodeo Grounds

July 4
Independence Day

Saints Roost Celebration

Menus July 6 - 10

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Meatloaf, tater tots, green beans, tossed salad, chocolate pudding, bread.
Tue: Smothered steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, peanut butter cookies, rolls.
Wed: Chicken strips, cream gravy, twice baked potatoes, cherry jello & topping, bread.
Thu: Mexican casserole, pinto beans, fried okra, carrot & raisin salad, mixed fruit.
Fri: Barbeque sandwich & bun, pickle slices, onion rings, potato salad, cookies.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken strips & gravy, mashed potatoes, steamed broccoli, cantaloupe, baked apples, biscuit.
Tue: Meatloaf, macaroni & cheese, green beans, cucumber/onion/tomato salad, apricot halves, roll.
Wed: Steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, Waldorf salad, bread pudding, roll.
Thu: Pinto beans & ham, fried squash, beef pickles, brownies, corn bread.
Fri: Fajita chicken sandwich, tater tots, tossed salad, lemon pie, Hoagie roll.

Happy birthday to our great nation

"When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitles them a decent respect to the opinions of mankind that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation."

Thus begins the "The unanimous Declaration of Independence of the thirteen united States of America."

The second paragraph begins "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their

Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that are among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

This has been declared "one of the best-known sentences in the English language" and the "most potent and consequential words in American history." The word "unalienable" refers to that which cannot be taken away or given away.

The Declaration, was written by Thomas Jefferson and others in June and July, 1776, and was ratified on



'wick picks

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July 4, our nation's birthday. When those 56 men signed that document they knew they were putting a price on their head. I am so in awe of what they did and am thankful to God we will have our parade, rodeo and fireworks as we say "Happy Birthday, America".

Watch the parade for the Howardwick Fire Department and visit their booth at the Courthouse.

Our condolences to the family of Bud Day who passed away June 23. Bud was a long time resident of Howardwick and leaves a daughter, Glenda, of the home.

Annette Hagood is recovering after knee replacement. Good luck, Annette. I hope yours does as well as mine.

Drink plenty of fluids this summer

The only news I have at this time is that Dorine Conatser was sent back to the hospital over the weekend. Have not heard how she is doing, but we will keep her in our prayers.

The summer is really going to be hot so watch yourselves out there. If you get too hot, don't drink a lot of water at one time, just cool your body down first even if you have to hose it down.

Watch your animals in this heat. They have feelings too.

RECIPE: ROSEMARY RANCH CHICKEN KABOBS: ½ cup olive oil; ½ cup ranch dressing, 3 Tablespoons Worcestershire sauce, 1 Tablespoon minced fresh rosemary, 2 teaspoons salt, 1 teaspoon lemon juice, 1 teaspoon white vin-

egar, ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper, or to taste, 1 Tablespoon white sugar, or to taste (optional), 5 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, cut into 1 inch cubes. In a medium bowl, stir together the olive oil, ranch dressing, Worcestershire sauce, rosemary, salt, lemon juice, white vinegar, pepper and sugar. Let stand for 5 minutes. Place chicken in the bowl and stir to coat with the marinade. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes. Preheat the grill for medium-high heat. Thread chicken



chatty kathy

by kathy spier
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onto skewers and discard marinade. Lightly oil the grill grate. Grill skewers for 8-12 minutes, or until the chicken is no longer pink in the center, and the juices run clear. Serves 6.

The Hedley Senior Citizens will be at the Clarendon July 4 Celebration on Saturday, July 4, and for 3 hours at the Rodeo July 02, 03 & 04 nights to raffle off a Brinkman, 5 burner BBQ grill. It has 2 side tables, a refrigerator in the bottom, runs on either natural gas or bottled gas. It comes with a 4-piece utensil set and a cover.

This unit has a value of \$500.00. The tickets are \$2.00 each or a book of 6 for \$10.00. We will be giving it away during the Cotton Festival in October.

July Fourth America's most celebrated holiday

By MaryRuth Bishop, County Agent

4th of July is the most family celebrated holiday other than Christmas. The following is information on the Fourth of July.

Cookouts
The chance that the hot dogs and pork sausages consumed on the Fourth of July originated in Iowa. The Hawkeye State was home to 17.6 million market hogs and pigs. This represents more than one-fourth of the nation's total. North Carolina (9 million) and Minnesota (6.7 million) were the runners-up.

5.8 billion pounds
Total production of cattle and calves in Texas in 2008. Chances are good that the beef hot dogs, steaks and burgers on your backyard grill came from the Lone Star State, which accounted for about one-sixth of the nation's total production. And if the beef did not come from Texas, it very well may have come from Nebraska (4.7 billion pounds) or Kansas (4.1 billion pounds).

Six
Number of states in which the revenue from broiler chickens was \$1 billion or greater between December 2006 and November 2007. There is a good chance that one of these states — Georgia, Arkansas, North Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi or Texas — is the source of your barbecued chicken.

About 4 in 10
The odds that your side dish of baked beans originated from North Dakota, which produced 42 percent of the nation's dry, edible beans in 2008. Another popular Fourth of July side dish is corn on the cob. Florida, California, Georgia and New York together accounted for 60 percent of the sweet corn produced nationally in 2008.

Please Pass the Potato Salad
Potato salad and potato chips are popular food items at Fourth of July barbecues. More than half (52 percent) of the nation's spuds were

produced in Idaho or Washington state in 2008.

More than three-fourths
Amount of the nation's head lettuce production in 2008 that came from California. This lettuce may end up in your salad or on your burger.

Nearly 3 in 4
The chances that the fresh tomatoes in your salad came from Florida or California, which combined accounted for 73 percent of U.S. tomato production last year. The ketchup on your burger or hot dog probably came from California, which accounted for 96 percent of processed tomato production in 2008.

Georgia
The state that led the nation in watermelon production last year (1 billion pounds). Other leading producers of this popular Fourth of July dessert included California, Florida and Texas, each with more than 400 million pounds.

More than 74 million
Number of Americans who said they have taken part in a barbecue

during the previous year. It's probably safe to assume a lot of these events took place on Independence Day.

Fireworks
\$207 million
The value of fireworks imported from China in 2008, representing the bulk of all U.S. fireworks imported (\$217 million). U.S. exports of fireworks, by comparison, came to just \$14.9 million in 2008, with Japan purchasing more than any other country (\$3.8 million).

\$17.3 million
The value of U.S. manufacturers' shipments of fireworks in 2002.
Flags
\$4.7 million
In 2008, the dollar value of U.S. imports of American flags. The vast majority of this amount (\$4.3 million) was for U.S. flags made in China.

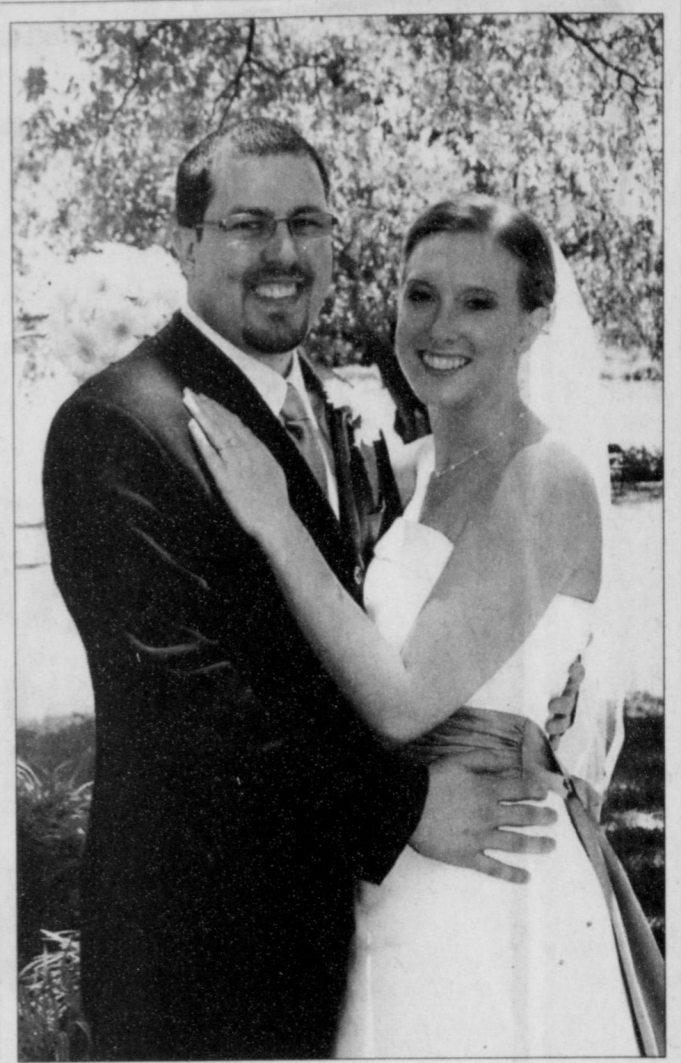
\$2.4 million
Dollar value of U.S. flags exported in 2008. Mexico was the leading customer, purchasing \$1.2 million worth.
\$349.2 million

Annual dollar value of shipments of fabricated flags, banners and similar emblems by the nation's manufacturers, according to the latest published economic census data.

Source: USDA
4th of July Safety Tips

Severe burns, amputations, blindness, and, in some cases, deaths are often the result of 4th of July celebrations. Office of the State Fire Marshal has the following tips: Always read directions. Always have an adult present. Use fireworks outdoors only. Never use near dry grass or other flammable materials. Light one at a time. Keep a safe distance. Never point or throw fireworks at another person. Never experiment with fireworks. Have a bucket. Never attempt to re-light or "fix" fireworks. Do not wear loose fitting clothing. Never carry fireworks in your pockets. Fireworks are not toys. Use only State Fire Marshal approved fireworks.

Parents are liable for any damage or injuries caused by their children using fireworks.



Mr. and Mrs. Matt Gambill

Hankins, Gambill exchange vows

Eddie and Gayle Hankins of Amarillo Texas are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter, Tracy Hankins to Matt Gambill, son of Royce and Holly Gambill of Edmond, Oklahoma.

Grandparents of the bride are Freida Swift and the late Ed and Ruth Hankins. Grandparents of the groom are Clarence and Ethel Huggins, the late Wilma Huggins, and the late Shirley and Juanita Gambill.

The wedding was held May 30, 2009 at the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Walker in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Richard Castleman, Church of Christ minister, officiated the service. It was a double ring ceremony, and the reception was held at the same location as the wedding.

The flower girls for the wedding were Brinkley Lefevre and Kylie Hankins, both nieces of the bride. The ring bearers were Hunter Lefevre, Haygen Lefevre, and Zane

Hankins, all nephews of the bride. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Eddie Hankins.

The Matron of Honor was Kristy Lefevre of Lockney, who is the bride's sister. The Best Man was Zac Gambill of Midwest City, Oklahoma, the groom's brother.

The bride graduated from Clarendon High School in 1999, and received a BS in Family Studies from Oklahoma Christian University in 2003. She works for Christian Services of Oklahoma as an adoption counselor.

The groom graduated from Carl Albert High School in Midwest City, Oklahoma in 1994, and received a BS in Computer Science and Math from Oklahoma Christian University in 1999. He is Supervisor of Data Drilling for Chesapeake Energy in Oklahoma City.

The newly-wed's honeymoon trip was to San Diego, California. They have been at home in Oklahoma City since June 5.

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Lamb of God, He's the only one
That can give us life, that can make us grow,
That can make the love between us flow.

Blue is the color of a heart so cold
It will not bend when the story's told
Of the love of God for a sinful race
Of the blood that flowed down Jesus' face
That can give us life, that can make us grow,
That can keep our hearts from growing cold.

Gold is the color of the morning sun
That shines so freely on every one.
It's the sun above that keeps us warm,
It's the son of love that calms the storm
That can give us life that can make us grow,
That can turn our morning into gold.

Brown is the color of the autumn leaves
When the winter comes to the barren trees
There is birth, there is death, there is a plan
And there's just one God, and there's just one man
That can give us life that can make us grow
That can make our sins as white as snow.

That can give us life, that can make us grow
That can turn our mornings into gold.
That can give us life, that can make us grow,
That can keep our hearts from growing cold.
That can give us life, that can make us grow,
That can make the love between us flow.

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Palo Duro: Concert to mark anniversary

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vation Corp came here to restore access to this place and help build the economy. Everywhere you look, Lighthouse Rock is an icon to this region; people even name local businesses in honor of it. Now, Palo Duro Canyon State Park gives us a place to escape from our busy lives. You can still drive into the canyon, and imagine you are the first person ever to discover it."

Today, Palo Duro Canyon State Park covers 30,000 acres and ranks as the second-largest canyon in the nation. It includes numerous RV and primitive campsites, cabins, horseback riding and other popular fea-

tures. The park is also a significant economic engine for the entire Panhandle region, each year generating more than \$9.7 million impact on sales, \$5 million on personal income, more than 100 jobs and \$19,500 in sales tax for Randall County alone.

Amarillo's legendary restaurant, The Big Texan, will also be on hand serving dinner each night of the anniversary weekend, available just prior to the play "Texas" on Saturday evening, and then before the concert again on Sunday evening.

Tickets to the play run from \$9.95 to \$29.95 with the steak dinner available for an additional

\$16.95 each for adults and \$12.70 each for children; tickets to the Boz Scaggs concert cost \$50 to \$100 each depending upon the seat, but do include the steak dinner for each ticket holder.

For more information, contact Palo Duro Canyon State Park at (806) 488-2227, or visit the Web site at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/parks. It is recommended that tickets to the show "Texas" or to the Boz Scaggs concert be purchased in advance, as seating is limited. For ticket information for either event, visit www.texas-show.com or call (806) 655-2181.

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weather report


Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	22	96°	71°	-
Tues	23	97°	67°	-
Wed	24	96°	68°	-
Thur	25	100°	71°	-
Fri	26	100°	70°	-
Sat	27	100°	71°	-
Sun	28	106°	68°	.06"

Total precipitation this month: 2.58"
 Total precipitation to date: 6.49"
 Total precipitation in June last year: 2.50"
 Total YTD last year: 4.75"

weekend forecast

 Friday, July 3
Partly Cloudy
95°/68°

 Saturday, July 4
Mostly Sunny
95°/67°

 Sunday, July 5
Scat'd T-Storms
93°/67°

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

EPA recognizes AEP Texas with Energy Star Award

On Wednesday, June 24, 2009 AEP Texas received a 2009 Energy Star Leadership in Housing Award from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for promoting construction of new homes that protect the environment through energy efficiency.

This award recognized the company's effort to promote energy-efficient construction and environmental protection by sponsoring an Energy Star for New Homes program in its service area last year.

To earn the Energy Star, a home must meet strict guidelines for energy efficiency set by EPA. These homes are at least 15% more energy efficient than homes built to local code, and include additional energy-saving features that typically make them 20-30% more efficient than standard homes.

"The Energy Star Program is a win for everyone involved," said Billy Berny, AEP Texas demand side management compliance manager. "Customers not only save money, but also help conserve natural resources with their purchase."

Energy Star was introduced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 1992 as a voluntary market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased energy efficiency. Today, Energy Star offers businesses and consumers energy-efficient solutions to save energy, money and help protect the environment for future generations.

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AEP Texas, a unit of American Electric Power, delivers electricity to 900,000 homes, businesses and industries in south and west Texas. AEP Texas has a workforce of about 1,900 employees and provides regulated energy delivery service to consumers, regardless of which Retail Electric Provider they choose. The region headquarters is in Corpus Christi.

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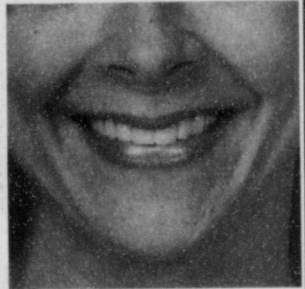
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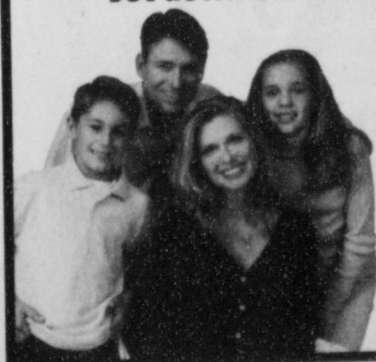


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Young men volunteer time at Senior Citizens

By Ashlyn Tubbs, Clarendon Enterprise

Volunteering time for your community is a task for citizens of all ages to undertake. Take, for example, two of the volunteers from the Donley County Senior Citizen's Center. Heath McCleskey, age twelve and his younger brother, Kade McCleskey, age ten, both donate their time and money to the senior citizen's center in order to help assist others.

"A few years ago we realized that it felt good to help people out. It made us want to start volunteering here," Heath said.

Heath and Kade are the sons of Tracy Branson and Willie McCleskey. They have been volunteering their time at the senior citizen's center delivering meals to seniors every Thursday for about four weeks now.

"Working here is really fun. I enjoy everything about it," Kade said.

Even before the boys started volunteering, they would save up their spare change over time and donate the money to the senior citizen's center. Their last donation

reached \$146.

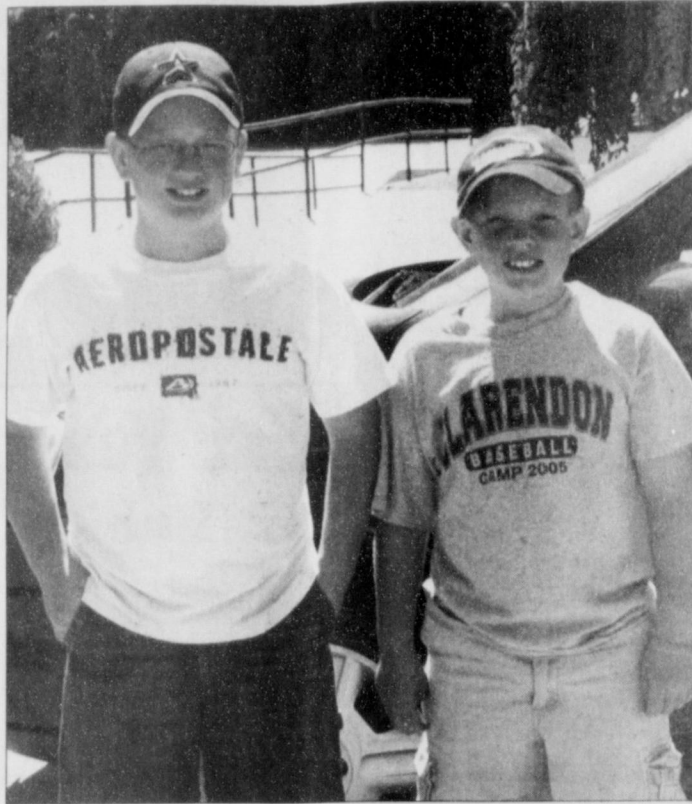
"They are awesome young men," Donley County Senior Citizen's Center Secretary Mary Shields said. "They love talking to people. It's really funny because they are both so eager to help out that they actually argue to see who is going to deliver each meal."

According to Shields, Heath and Kade were both very thrilled when they became the first ones from the senior citizens center to deliver sixty meals.

"Usually we get in the 50s, but to deliver 60 meals is really an honor for us," Shields said.

The Donley County Senior Citizens Center is currently serving over a 110 meals a day, 75 of which are home delivered in Clarendon and Howardwick, which is a huge achievement. The center needs all the help it can get whether it be by volunteering time or donating money, the center runs on donations and grants.

"If anyone ever needs our service, give us a call," Shields said. "We'll be more than glad to help you."



Heath and Kade McCleskey take a moment to pause and smile for the camera while delivering meals to senior citizens on June 26.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ASHLYN TUBBS

Obituaries

Day

Glen Homer "Bud" Day, 87, died Tuesday, June 23, 2009, in Amarillo.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, June 26, 2009 in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa with Dan Hall, officiating. Burial with Military Honors was in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa. Services were under the arrangement of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Bud was born May 30, 1922, in Mexia, to Alvin Anson and Penelope Gertrude Ruthven Day. He was a World War II veteran serving in the US Army. He had been a resident of Pampa before moving to Howardwick in 1973. He started Clarendon Auto Supply and owned and operated the business for many years before the business sold to Kidd's Texaco & Bivens Oil. After he sold the business he continued to be employed there until shortly before his death. He was loved and respected by everyone he came in contact with.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and the love of his life, Joella Day.

Survivors include two daughters, Glenda Day of Howardwick and Cindy Gunn of Allen; a sister, Blanch Anderson of Santa Anna, Calif.; a grandson, Derek Gunn; two nephews, Jim and Terry Anderson; and a niece, Karen Hodge.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to a VFW Post of Choice or Favorite Church or Charity of Choice.

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Milham

Nora Arlene Jackson Milham, 91, died Friday, June 26, 2009, in Amarillo.

Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 27, 2009, in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon with Lance Herrington, Minister at Paramount Baptist Church in Amarillo, officiating. Burial was held at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

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

Mrs. Milham was born June 8, 1918, in Leslie, Hall County, Texas to James Franklin and Lora Melvina Ashcraft Jackson. She married Oley J. Milham on September 3, 1960 at Wellington. She had worked at Marie Foundations in McLean for several years and was also involved in farming prior to her retirement. She was a long time resident of McLean and lived in Stillwater, Okla. for a year before moving to Amarillo five years ago. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in McLean.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband on June 7, 2001, one sister, Edith Jackson; and three brothers, William Jackson, Frank Jackson, and Kenneth Jackson.

Survivors include two sisters, Patsy Reid of Amarillo, Geraldine Bullington of Stillwater, Oklahoma; and several nieces and nephews.

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Drugs in the News

Ritalin's Effect on Thinking & Decision Making

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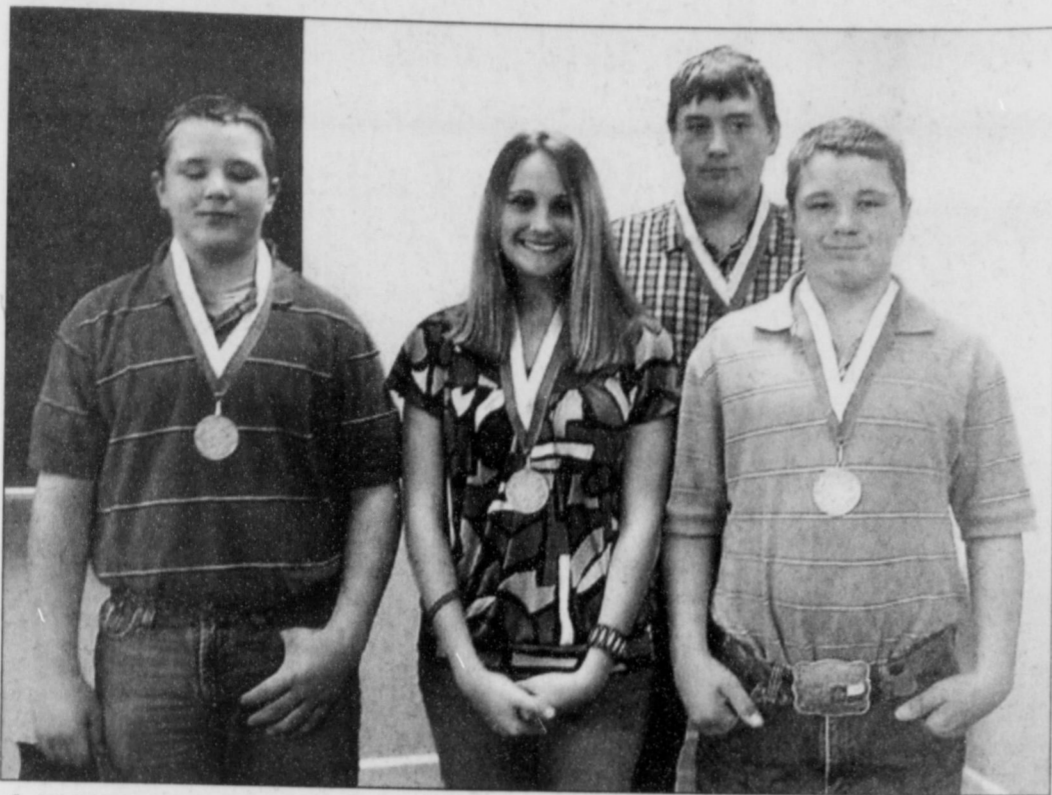
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4-H Newsmakers

The Donley County 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl team competed at the state round up in College Station June 8-12 and won eighth place. Shown here are team members Jacob Pigg, Krista Reynolds, Chris Shults, and Jayson Pigg. Also representing the Donley County 4-H, Jayson Pigg was selected to be on the Tri-State Fair Jr. Board of Directors. He will be one of 21 junior directors supervising and helping out with shows/contests/exhibits at this year's fair plus attend the Tri-State Gala. He will also be presenting some programs about the Tri-State Fair in the county/community through the year. Jayson also was elected District 1 Council Historian at the 4-H Leader Retreat at WT June 16-18 after he made a campaign poster, gave a two-minute prepared speech, an impromptu speech, and answered questions in an interview. Jacob Pigg also attended the retreat.

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Square House opens exhibit on America

There has been a lot of discussion about the image of America in recent months.

The Carson County Square House is pleased to exhibit several pieces from its permanent collection to show the many facets of our great nation.

Several well-known area artists are represented: Harold Bugbee, Pan Eimon, Marty Cohen, Marlin Adams. Photographs, oils, watercolor, pen and ink, pastel - many mediums are represented in this exhibit.

The National Endowment for the Humanities is launching an art campaign "Picturing America" to interpret the American Landscape. Using resources of the Newberry Library in Chicago, NEH is holding two conferences to promote a program designed to help teachers in our public schools work with their students to create and recognize iconic images that illustrate the imagery of America. The exhibit helps to do this.

The Museum hopes you will come visit and think about what image represents America to you. For further information, please call 806-537-3524.

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Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 5 p.m.
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- First Assembly of God**
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
- First Baptist Church**
Sunday Service: 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
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- First Baptist Church**
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Sunday Service: 10:55 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. GA & Team Kid Ministry
- First Presbyterian Church**
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Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Service: 11:00 a.m.
- First United Methodist Church**
420 S. Jefferson • 874-3667
Pastor: Terry Lowe
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday: 8:30, 10:50 a.m.
- Jesus Name Apostolic Church**
720 E. Montgomery • 874-2388
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Sunday Services: 3 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.
- Clarendon Family Christian Center Church**
511 E. 5th St.
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Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.
- Old Paths Primitive Baptist Church**
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sun. Service: 11:15 a.m.
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. (weather permitting)
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301 N. Jefferson St
Pastor: Jeff Riles
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sun. Service: 11:15 a.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m.

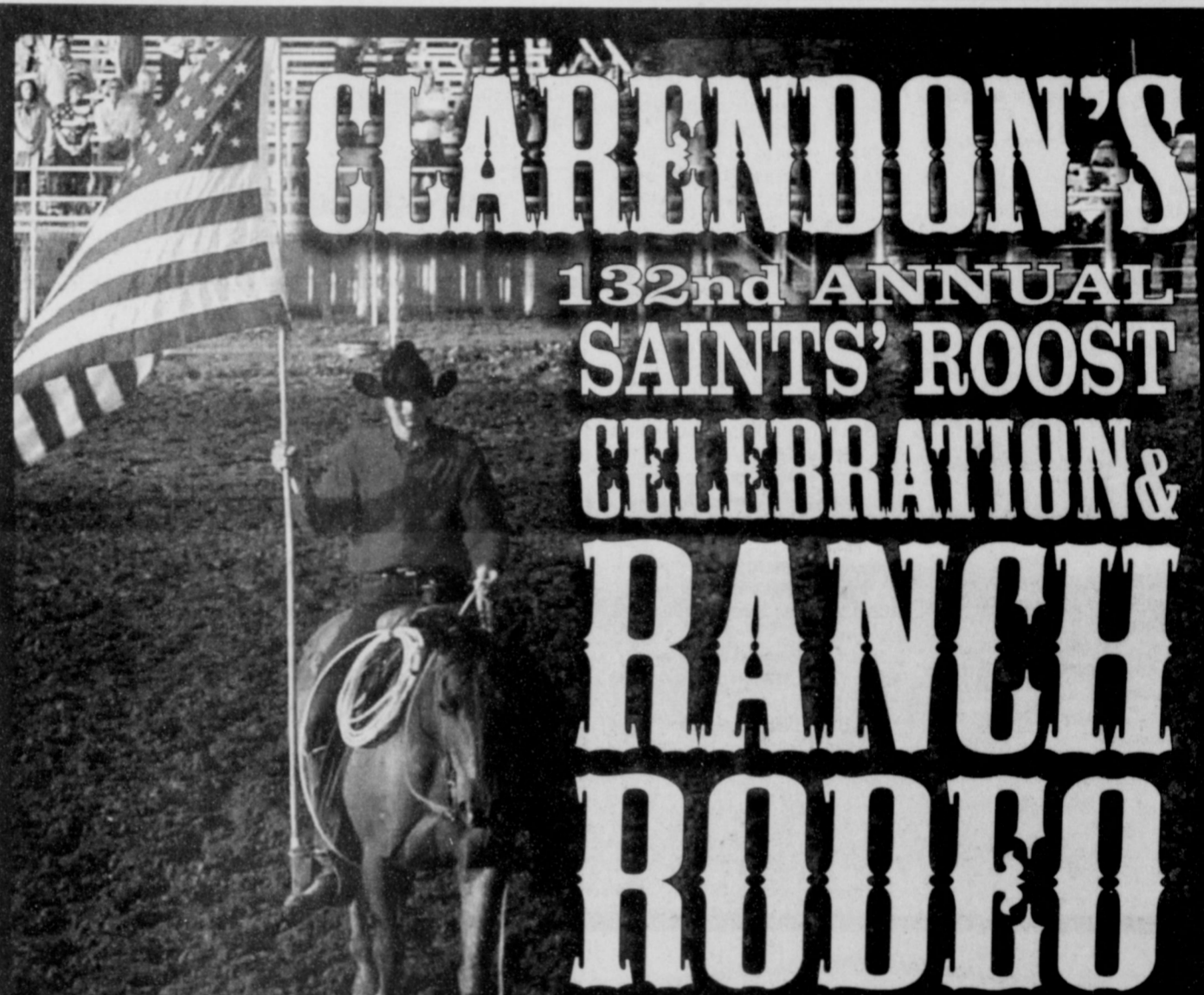
- Hedley**
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Sunday Service: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.

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Thursday, July 2
ALL DAY - Kearney Street Sales
11:00 a.m. - Downtown Depression Luncheon
6:00 p.m. - Trade Show at Community Center
7:30 p.m. - Junior Ranch Rodeo, COEA Arena
9:00 p.m. - Outdoor Dance with Trevor Leeper

Friday, July 3
ALL DAY - Kearney Street Sales
3:00 p.m. - Henson's Turtle Race
6:00 p.m. - Trade Show at Community Center
7:30 p.m. - Ranch Rodeo, COEA Arena
9:00 p.m. - Outdoor Dance with Trevor Leeper

Saturday, July 4
8:00 a.m. - Open Barrel Racing, COEA Arena
9:00 a.m. - 4-H Arts & Crafts Show, Courthouse Square
10:00 a.m. - Kids Bike Parade
10:30 a.m. - Old Settlers' Reunion, Courthouse Square
11:00 a.m. - Shriners' Barbecue, Courthouse Square
2:00 p.m. - Western Parade
AFTER PARADE - Lions Club Cow Patty Bingo
6:00 p.m. - Trade Show at Community Center
7:30 p.m. - Ranch Rodeo, COEA Arena
9:00 p.m. - St. Mary's Catholic Women Quilt Drawing - Outdoor Dance with Ed Montana

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Sheriff's Report

June 22, 2009

11:12 a.m. - Unable to locate pedestrian walking in alleyway on 400 blk S. Koogle St.
 1:13 p.m. - At annex.
 6:09 p.m. - See caller on 1000 blk E. 2nd St.
 8:14 p.m. - Welfare check on 300 blk Anderson St. in Howardwick.
 9:39 p.m. - Commercial alarm on 800 blk W. 2nd St.
 9:54 p.m. - Special assignment.
 10:31 p.m. - EMS assist on 5900 blk Hwy 70 N.
 11:22 p.m. - Adult male struck by vehicle on 200 blk W. 6th St.

June 23, 2009

2:29 a.m. - 200 blk S. Taylor St; awaiting parents of juvenile out after curfew.
 4:25 a.m. - EMS assist on Hwy 287 near Milepost 188.
 9:28 a.m. - Hwy 287; checking for semi, debris blowing off trailer.
 7:53 p.m. - EMS assist on 100 blk N. Front St. in Lelia Lake.
 9:24 p.m. - Disturbance on Faker St. Loud music.

June 24, 2009

12:21 a.m. - At residence on 100 blk E. Front St.
 3:47 a.m. - Stranded motorist at Milepost 124 on I-40.
 7:37 a.m. - Transport to Co. Line West.
 1:37 p.m. - At Annex.
 3:58 p.m. - 500 blk Jackson St.; family dispute.
 4:01 p.m. - To jail with one female in custody.
 6:05 p.m. - 8 miles N. 70; awaiting arrival of parents to pick up juvenile.
 6:27 p.m. - EMS assist on 300 blk Rosenfield St.
 9:28 p.m. - At City Park with adult male.

June 25, 2009

12:42 a.m. - Hwy 287 at Jackson St.; removing debris from roadway.
 5:07 a.m. - EMS assist on 700 blk Burkhead St.
 9:52 a.m. - At Justice of Peace office in Claude.
 2:39 p.m. - At housing authority offices.
 4:45 p.m. - EMS assist on 300 blk W. Rosenfield St.
 6:03 p.m. - 600 blk Plainview; paper service.
 6:15 p.m. - 100 blk Billy St.; paper service.
 7:23 p.m. - 600 blk Collinson St.; paper service.

June 26, 2009

1:00 a.m. - See caller on 200 blk S. Carhart St.
 4:03 p.m. - 200 blk N. Sully St.
 4:07 p.m. - 700 blk E. White St.; paper service.
 4:18 p.m. - 400 blk E. 2nd St.; paper service.
 4:24 p.m. - 200 blk S. Jefferson; paper service.
 4:34 p.m. - 1000 blk Barcus St.; paper service.
 4:41 p.m. - Dispatched to Sheriff's Office.

5:21 p.m. - 3900 blk Co. Rd. 17 A; paper service.
 5:56 p.m. - 300 blk Adamson; paper service.
 6:34 p.m. - 13000 blk FM 2471; paper service.
 6:52 p.m. - 400 blk W. 5th St. in Hedley; serve arrest warrant.
 8:00 p.m. - 500 blk N. Adamson in Hedley; man with a knife.
 9:10 p.m. - See caller on 300 blk E. 4th St.

June 27, 2009

12:42 a.m. - To residence in Lelia Lake; family dispute.
 4:31 a.m. - On scene with Greenbelt Lake security; disturbance with possible weapon(s) involved on Sandy Beach at Greenbelt Lake.
 11:16 a.m. - See caller on 100 blk S. Goodnight St.
 11:28 a.m. - Going to 2nd location.
 1:33 p.m. - Transport to Co. Line East.
 3:33 p.m. - 400 blk E. 2nd St.
 5:08 p.m. - Deputy located fire on Hwy 273
 7:42 p.m. - Out at residence on 300 blk Addison St.
 10:22 p.m. - Deputy requesting EMS on Hwy 70 N. of Howardwick; head injury.
 10:45 p.m. - To jail with one male in custody; disorderly conduct.
 11:01 p.m. - Back to Sandy Beach at Greenbelt Lake; fight reported with numerous participants.
 11:08 p.m. - On scene with 2 officers.
 11:10 p.m. - To jail with one in custody.
 11:59 p.m. - Out at 300 blk Church St. in Lelia Lake.

June 28, 2009

4:11 a.m. - With juvenile female; transport to residence on 300 blk Collinson St.
 4:56 a.m. - Disturbance on 700 blk W. 7th St.; dogs fighting.
 8:28 a.m. - Out at 1100 blk E. 4th St.
 9:15 a.m. - Transport female to 500 blk W. 3rd to residence on 300 blk Collinson St.
 9:41 a.m. - Back to W. 3rd location.
 10:25 a.m. - Possible trespass on 300 blk Walleye St. in Howardwick.
 11:15 a.m. - Back to residence on 300 blk Walleye St. in Howardwick; continuing investigation.
 1:38 p.m. - See caller on Front St.; possible gunshots.
 2:48 p.m. - Back to area Front & Kearney Sts.
 3:30 p.m. - Neighbor reporting fireworks on 500 blk E. 4th St.
 3:39 p.m. - Deputy finding no one at residence.
 3:56 p.m. - Caller reporting female yelling profanities on 500 blk w. 4th St.
 7:08 p.m. - See caller on 500 blk S. Orpe St.
 7:10 p.m. - No one at this location.
 8:22 p.m. - Front & Kearney Sts.; taking a report
 10:10 p.m. - Vehicle accident, single vehicle rollover on Hwy 287 E. of Clarendon.

SUMMARY
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Special gifts

LaNelle Trostle and Sherie Martindale made a trip from Shamrock to Clarendon recently to donate pieces of history to Clarendon College. Many of the items were are from Mrs. Trostle's basement while others were donated by her niece Marie Moore from Irving, Texas. Most of the items date back to the early 1920s and include old photographs, yearbooks, song books, and a football letterman's sweater belonging to Nevin Trostle (Moore's father) who attended Clarendon College in 1924 and played for the Bulldogs.

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I saw a beautiful wedding this week. It was nice to see a couple stand before God and witness and profess their love and make their vows to one another. There are some who are still doing it the right way.

Too many couples today, move in together and have no intention of having a real family together. The parents of this couple should be proud of themselves for their parenting and their children for listening. Hebrews 13:4 still gives God's view on such: "Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge."

It warmed many hearts to see the joining of two lives together and making a commitment to each other. It means something to some of us to give our word or take a vow. This is as it should be. Ecclesiastes 5:4-5, "When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it; for He has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you have vowed-- Better not to vow than to vow and not pay." This principle is applicable to so many things in our lives. If we make a promise, God tells us that we had better keep it!

One of the things that I love about the little town of Clarendon, there are still more people doing things the right way than not. People I have dealt with, for the most part, have dealt fairly with me. I still see a few transactions done with a handshake. That is the way it should be. I see the elderly being taken care of and respected here at our nursing home. I pray that the sorry changes that have swept through our country over the last 40 years are still a long time coming. The foundation of the neighborly and moral behavior of our community is still a belief in God. While we do have some problems, we have a citizenry that for the most part believes in God and worships Him regularly.

I pray to God above and challenge us all, let us hold onto what we have. Let us continue to press forward and try to make this town even better than we found it. I believe that we still are "doing it the right way."

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Grazing former CRP will close attention

AMARILLO - Many Conservation Reserve Program participants find themselves facing some tough decisions after being notified their contracts will not be renewed, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

"I think we need to keep most of this land in rangeland," said Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist.

The land put into the federal program commonly called CRP in the mid 1980s was planted primarily in the High Plains to native grasses, Old World bluestems or weeping love grass, he said. There are about 4 million acres of CRP in Texas, much of it in the High Plains.

"About 10 years ago when we first started seeing people come out of the program, we realized we would not be making the same amount as with government payments," McCollum said. "But we know properly managed Old World bluestem and weeping love grass can produce more beef per acre than native rangelands in the region."

The first step is to renovate the pastures, he said. Renovation includes fencing, water development

and rejuvenation of the forage stand. The exact needs will depend on if the land has been utilized under the managed haying and grazing allowance, emergency drought provisions or has been lying idle the entire contract period.

Livestock water is a major consideration, McCollum said. Planning must be based on how much water will be required daily and where the watering site will be located. These decisions must also take into account fencing layouts and grazing management plans, so a producer should formulate some ideas on the overall operation and use of the land before developing livestock water.

Consider the pumping or refill rate, the type and size of tanks/drinkers and storage needed to keep pace with daily consumption, he said. Cattle requirements for water are generally one gallon per 100 pounds of body weight in cold weather and two gallons per 100 pounds of body weight in hot weather.

"Remember cattle consume water in one or two drinking bouts per day, which means they take in a lot of water at once," McCollum said. "Watering tends to be a herd

activity on large acreage, but an individual activity on small acreage, so that affects the storage and refill rate required."

Fencing decisions have to be made simultaneously with the watering decisions, he said, because one governs the other.

When designing a fence layout, keep in mind grazing management, cattle handling and movement, machinery access for fertilization, well maintenance and integration with other grazing areas.

McCollum said there's more than just the permanent fence on the exterior to consider. Cross-fencing increases management flexibility and ability to manage forage.

All landowners need to also think of how they want to renovate the forage stand to enhance the vigor, stimulate tiller production and recruit new plants, he said.

"The first step is to remove the standing, decadent plant material and some of the thatch that can stifle developing tillers and seedlings," McCollum said. "Prescribed burning in the late winter or early spring is going to be the easiest way."

The material also can be cut

and baled, he said. If thatch buildup is a problem, though, don't mow the area and leave the mowed forage on the ground. Other means are shredding, disking or mob grazing during the forages' dormant season. Animal performance may be sacrificed with mob grazing, but this may be a more acceptable approach for some.

He outlined eight keys to weeping love grass management:

- Remove old growth prior to spring green-up by grazing, burning or mowing.
- Fertilize nitrogen in 30-pound increments beginning in April.
- Accumulate 6 inches of new spring growth before turnout.
- Rotationally graze using 21-40 day intervals; grazing only three to seven days on a paddock and then deferring.
- Cut or graze to a 4-inch stubble during each rotation cycle with grazing or hay harvest.
- Control spot grazing.
- Rest during September, October and November and then graze aftermath in the winter.
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FSA schedules guaranteed loan lender seminars

COLLEGE STATION - Juan M. Garcia, Acting Texas State Executive Director for USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) today announced the Agency's 2009 Guaranteed Loan Program - Lender Seminars.

Five regional meetings will be held across the state.

Given today's economic climate and instability in agricultural commodity prices, FSA understands it is increasingly difficult for commercial lenders to extend credit to farmers and ranchers whether established or just starting out in the business. Some established producers are finding they no longer qualify for traditional commercial loans through their local bank due to changes in lending policies; while beginning farmers and ranchers are finding it more difficult to obtain credit due to lack of experience and limited equity. FSA's loan programs help producers with viable farming and ranching operations obtain access to much needed capital.

FSA is forming partnerships with Texas lenders through the Guaranteed Loan Program to ensure agricultural producers have an affordable and reliable source of

credit. Through this program, FSA guarantees loans for up to 95 percent of any loss. Participation allows banks to keep their long-term agricultural customers and form relationships with new producers who may not meet their current lending criteria for a commercial loan.

"With the uncertainties being experienced in the economy and the agricultural industry, the Guarantee is an excellent way for banks to continue extending credit to viable agricultural producers while also mitigating risk for the bank," said Garcia.

FSA is providing regional, instructional seminars for new lenders interested in participating in the Guaranteed Loan Program. These seminars are also open to lenders

who have previously participated in FSA's loan programs and are interested in learning more about recent program changes. The seminars provide general program information along with updates and changes in the Guaranteed Loan Program regulations. Participants will gain an understanding of the requirements for obtaining and maintaining a loan guarantee, and will learn about documentation needed to file a loss claim. These seminars meet the annual training requirements for lenders holding Certified and Preferred status.

The two-day seminars cover loan-making topics on the first day and loan-servicing on the second day. Lenders can choose to attend either one day or both days. Lenders

that are new to the FSA Guaranteed program or lenders who wish to participate in the program are encouraged to attend both days. There is no fee to attend the seminar.

The seminars will be conducted at the following locations: Corpus Christi - July 28-29, Mesquite - September 23-24, College Station - October 6-7 and December 8-9 and Lubbock - November 17-18.

The seminar instructor team includes Eddie Trevino, Farm Loan Chief, Janice B. Pond, Farm Loan Specialist, John C. Cowan, Farm Loan Specialist and Fred J. Greenway, Farm Loan Specialist.

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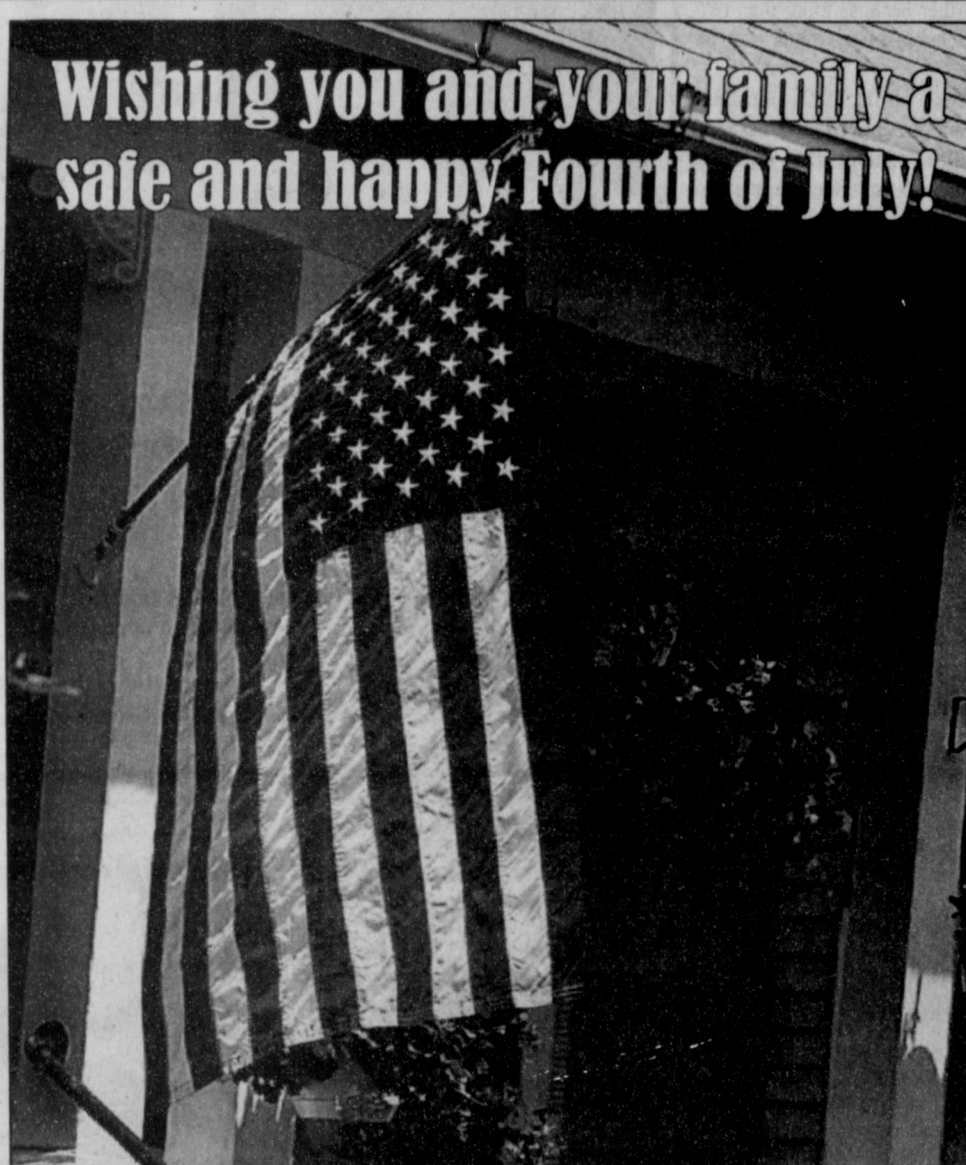
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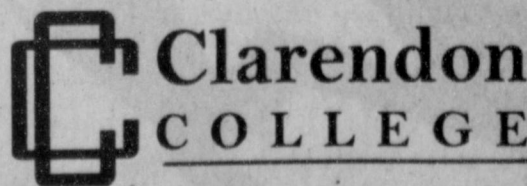
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CCC hosts Ladies Play Day

By Sandy Anderberg
The Ladies Golf Association of the Clarendon Country Club hosted a play day for the Tip Top of Texas Ladies Golf Association Tuesday, June 23, with 21 participants.

The Tip Top of Texas is hosted at various clubs throughout the Panhandle during the spring, summer, and fall. It is a great way for the ladies to meet other golfers and offers the chance to play at different courses in the area.

Sandy Anderberg won low gross over the field in the 18-hole contest with a 72, and Sherol Johnston won low net over the field with a 58. Joyce Swope was the low gross winner in the Flight A with a 75 and low net went to Gail Melban with a 68.

The Flight B winner was Jimmie Thompson with a gross score of 80, and Mary Ann Sawyer won low net

at 64. Low gross in Flight C went to Brenda Kelly at 86, and Maxine McLaughlin finished with low net at 71. Monet Lassiter won low gross in Flight D, and Ouida Gage was low net with a 64.

There was no men's game on Wednesday, but the ladies played on Thursday. Sandy Anderberg won low gross with a 77, and Ouida Gage was low net at 67. Mike Santos, Steve Pascal, Wes Smith, and Forrest Newton won the weekly nine-hole scramble on Friday night with a six under par. The other five teams came in at five, three, and two under.

There will be an 18-hole scramble Sunday, July 5, beginning at 2:00 pm. The annual Two-Man Scramble will be July 11 and 12 with tee times at 8:30 am and 1:30 pm on Saturday. For all the happenings at the CCC, you may call the Pro Shop.

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County Commissioners hold regular meeting

The Donley County Commissioners' Court met in regular session June 8 in the Courthouse.

Among the action items on the agenda, the court heard from Larry Gray and Leonard Haynes regarding the proposed Donley County Activity Center and efforts to raise funds for that project.

Commissioners approved the attendance of Tax Assessor Linda Crump and Justices of the Peace Connie Havens and Ann Kennedy at separate seminars.

The court approved a supplemental salary request for County

Attorney Landon Lambert in the amount of \$507.

The Vine service agreement was renewed.

Election judges for the 2010 Republican primary were approved as presented by party officials.

Budget worksheets were distributed to county officers and are due back by the July 13 meeting.

The court also approved resolutions authorizing home-delivered meals programs in Clarendon and Hedley to receive grant money - 25¢ per meal - from the Texas Department of Agriculture.

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Sales tax holiday to get bigger in '09

AUSTIN - Great news for back-to-school shoppers. For the first time since it began in 1999, the annual August sales tax holiday will include many school supplies.

"A lot of families look forward to saving their hard earned money during the sales tax holiday weekend," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said. "Now they can make their back-to-school budgets stretch even further because more than two dozen school supply items will be tax-free."

House Bill 1801 identifies school supplies priced less than \$100 that will be exempt from state and local sales tax for the tax-free weekend. Pens, crayons, calculators, notebooks, rulers, scissors and lunch boxes are a few of the items on the list. The full list can be found below.

These items are in addition to school backpacks and most clothing and shoes priced less than \$100 that are already tax-free the weekend of Aug. 21-23.

The Comptroller's office is sending information to retailers about implementing the expanded sales tax holiday.

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The Donley County Stock Show Board and kids are selling chances on a John Deere riding lawnmower, in support of the Donley County Activity Center.

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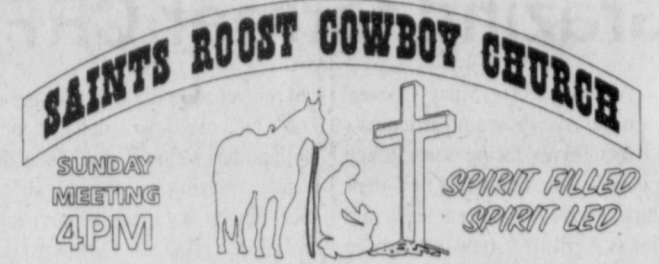
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Melon research sweetened with DNA sequence

COLLEGE STATION - People smell them, thump them and eyeball their shape. But ultimately, it's sweetness and a sense of healthy eating that lands a melon in a shopper's cart.

Plant breeders now have a better chance to pinpoint such traits for new varieties, because the melon genome with hundreds of DNA markers has been mapped by scientists with Texas AgriLife Research. That means tastier and healthier melons are likely for future summer picnics.

"This will help us anchor down some of the desirable genes to develop better melon varieties," said Dr. Kevin Crosby, who completed the study with Drs. Soon O. Park and Hye Hwang. "We can identify specific genes for higher sugar content, disease resistance and even drought tolerance."

The results are reported in the Journal of the American Society of Horticultural Sciences.

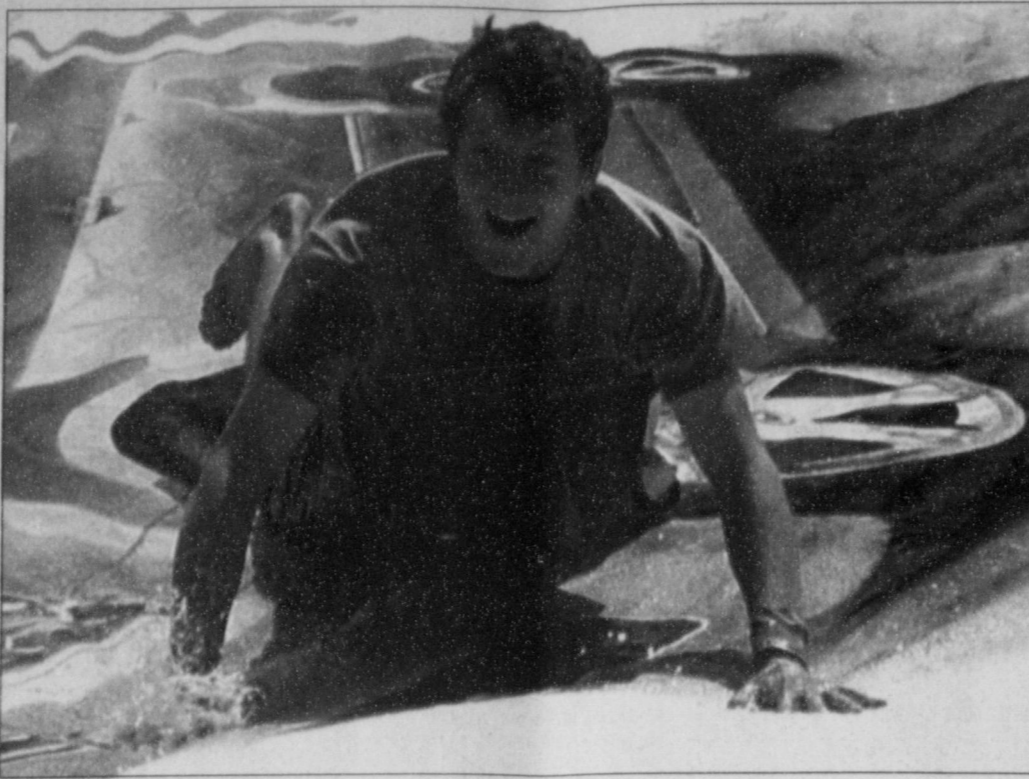
Melons are fleshy, edible cucurbits grown worldwide in a multitude of varieties. Not only are they economically important, the scientists noted, but they are a favorite among consumers internationally.

For the study, the Deltex ananas melon was crossed with a wild melon called TGR 1551. More than 100 of the offspring from that cross were grown in the AgriLife Research greenhouses at Weslaco, Crosby noted.

DNA was extracted from leaf tissue collected 21 days after planting. Results from these tests were integrated into partial maps created by other researchers.

In addition to the complete map, the researchers located genetic markers linked to fruit sugars, ascorbic acid (vitamin C) and male sterility, which is useful for developing hybrid varieties.

The trio said the genetic map will be helpful for future studies in identifying fruit sweetness, quality, size, shape and resistance to disease.



Slippery slope

Hedley FFA member Reid Copelin enjoys cooling off from the heat by gliding down the slip n' slide at the FFA Leadership Camp at Clarendon College last week.

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A Common Paper For Common People

Sketch of the Panhandle's First Anglo Settlements

Col. Goodnight Shares History

The Panhandle of the State derives its name from a block of country lying North of a West line of an initial monument at the intersection of 100th meridian with Red River. This country embraces a territory of twenty-five counties, and is bounded on the East by Oklahoma and on the North by the neutral strip or Oklahoma, and by New Mexico on the West. These two territories referred to were filled for many years with outlaws and desperados making this strip of country known as the Panhandle, a place peculiarly adapted for the home of criminals and outlaws. This part of the State embracing all the North or West part of this State was absolutely unknown and unsurveyed until after the Civil War, so far as the surveyors were concerned. But the country was thoroughly explored from 1861 to 1865 by State Troops or Texas Rangers in pursuit of outlaws and Indians, mostly Indians. We explored all the territory referred to, that is explored

rations of the Red River of Texas and Nacogdoches.") It will probably be remembered that the source of the Red River was unknown for many years and two or three attempts were made to locate it before it was done by Captain Marcy. He went south, down from Fort Cobb, now in Oklahoma, until he struck Red River and followed it up day by day until he reached Canyon Ceta Blanco, near Canyon City. Undoubtedly he was the first white man who ever saw the canyon.

The next was 1864 when General Kenzie was after the Indians. The next was Goodnight and his party, moving his cattle in 1866. We came in just South of Amarillo, striking south until we reached the Paloduro, following it down to the mouth of the Canyon where the Indians trail entered the canyon below the falls, following the canyon down to where the old Headquarters now stand. This in fact, was the first settlement, as a settlement in what is known as the Panhandle. It was absolutely a trackless, roadless territory filled with lawless people unusual in number even for a wild country. The Indians made frequent raids through it, but they did little damage - a few people killed, a few horses stolen.

Fort Elliot existed with two or three companies of Cavalry. I think some of the officers had their wives. A little later there was quite a trading post started near Fort Elliot where an immense buffalo hide trading was done, many thousands buffaloes being sold annually.

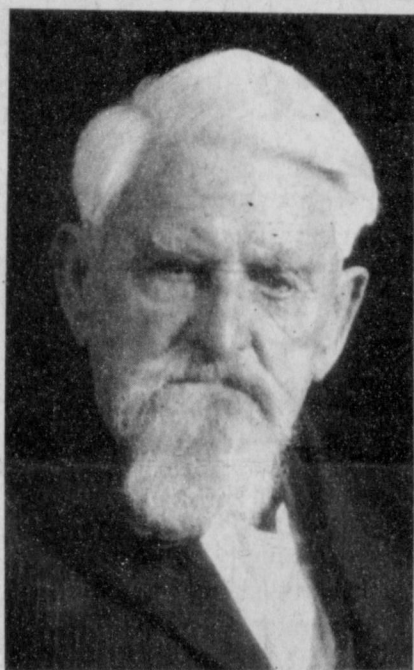
It was patronized by outlaws, thieves, cut-throats, and buffalo hunters, with a large percent of prostitutes. Taking it all in, I think it was the hardest place I ever saw on the frontier except Cheyenne, Wyoming. At this time there was not a public road in all this country except from Fort Elliot north, and the Indian Trading roads coming in from New Mexico, South of the Canyon and the Quitaque Country.

There was no semblance of law in this part of the Panhandle except what was enforced by the cattle men arbitrarily.

The next settlement made was by T. S. Bugbee in 1867 on the Canadian River, seventy-five miles north of the Paloduro. His wife and Mrs. Goodnight lived for six months at a time the most isolated life I have ever known in all of my frontier experiences. Neither could have seen any associates for from six to twelve months. They both claim those to be among their happiest days.

As before stated, the cattlemen enforced all the order there was in this vast territory, and from North Fork south, no whiskey was ever allowed. It was kept out by a force until the law reached here. A great many arrests were made and criminals were either forwarded to Mexico or to settlements east. This was done by furnishing escorts from ranch to ranch until they reached organized law. And up to the time of the organization of Donley County there was not a murder in the country including the whole section south of Mobeetie, or in other words all the parts that were kept free of whiskey.

Now in 1878 the conglomeration of buffalo hunters, gamblers, thieves and thugs, conceived the idea of organizing Wheeler County. The reader will bear in mind, however, that among this conglomeration, there were a few genuinely good men who afterwards became settlers. Probably some of them were then. The Rev. E. Dubbs was one of these exceptions. At this time he has retired from Buffalo hunting and was a settler on Sweet Water. He was elected County Judge of Wheeler County at the time of organization. Being elected at this time gave him an opportunity to serve his country in a way that he can never be paid for, that could not now be thoroughly appreciated or understood, and he will never be repaid for the services rendered and the risk run. Through his influence and effort the country was



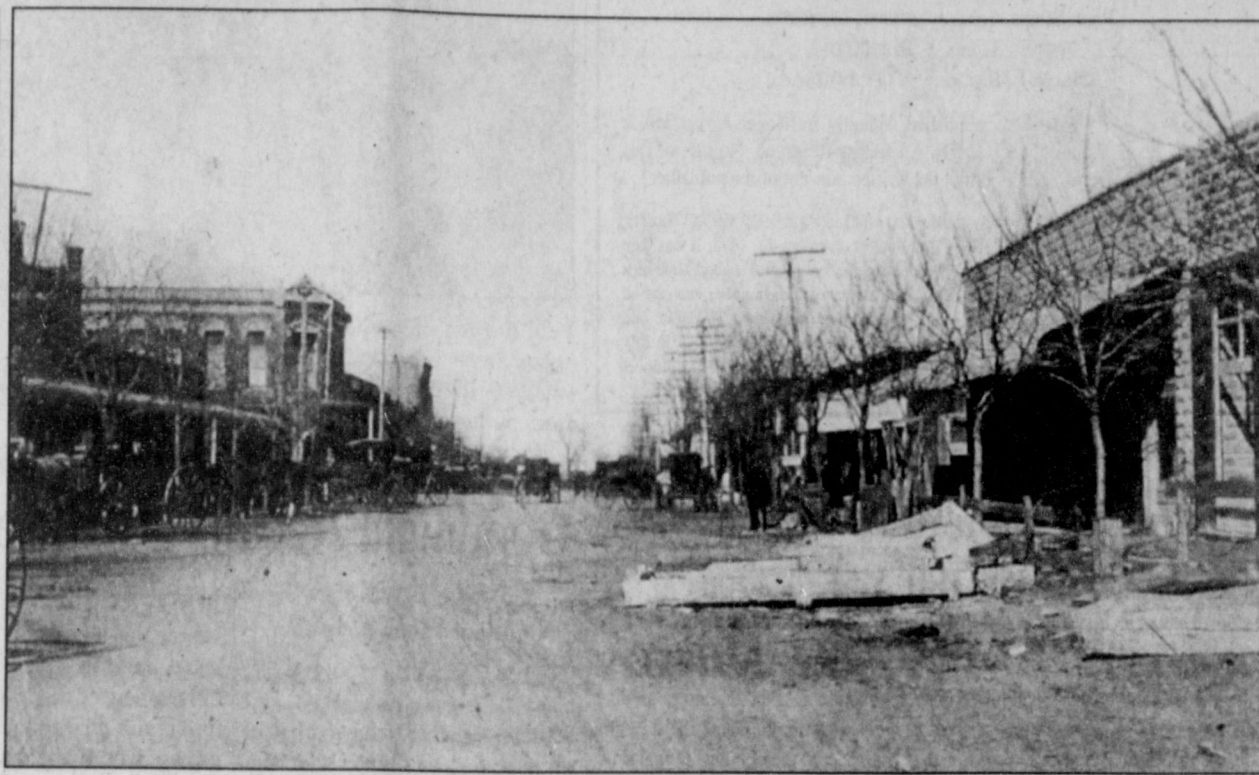
Col. Charles Goodnight.

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as far north as the Wichita Mountains and West into New Mexico, and the southern divisions as far south as the Colorado River. The word "explored" is used in a general sense as we were hunting outlaws and Indians, our knowledge of the country being thus gained incidentally. All the rivers at that time were mapped down either by myself or Lieutenant Woolford, since at that time there never had been any survey made in this State further west than the Western Cross Timbers, and the country thereto. I understand Lieutenant Woolford is still living in Young County, near old Fort Belnap. He could probably verify this statement.

Speaking of the Panhandle, as I understand it, this block of country, when Texas was a Republic, went much farther north and was bounded on the north by Kansas, no-man's land came off to this strip being cut off when Texas was admitted to the United States it being north of a line agreed upon as dividing free and slave states. The authorities being also governed by a map made by some Frenchman who had never seen the country. Our Colonel in time of the war got hold of one of these old maps. The Colonel's being obstinate and the inaccuracy of the map, gave me much trouble as a guide, as this map did not show the North and South Canadian, which were legally, under the treaties our Northern boundary. The Attorney General of this State brought a foolish suit and lost through the courts part of this territory. However, after being explored by the Texas Rangers, while defending the country during the Civil War, it lay dormant and virtually unknown by the masses until 1864. By this time surveys had been made and the United States Troops had reached herein controlling the Kiowas and Comanche Indians.

However, the Canyon had been entered and explored by one Captain Marcy of the United States army in 1852. (See "Captain Marcy's Explo-



Kearney Street in Clarendon looking north from Third Street in 1908.

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saved of much indebtedness and wrong doing, and was eventually pulled into shape of civilization.

There is no question but what the people owe much to Dubbs for holding things down as well as they were. Had it not been for Judge Dubbs the school land would have been wasted and many other things squandered. In 1878 what was known as the Christian Colony reached Donley County, and settled on Salt Fork at the mouth of Carroll Creek. I should judge that here were twenty-five or thirty families, all northern and eastern people. This colony was settled as before stated about seven miles north of the present town of Clarendon. They were temperate, and educated people and were located as a temperance Christian Colony. But I thought them the least qualified for the frontier people of any I have seen. Most of them got discouraged and left the country. The Rev. J. J. Stanton is, I believe, the only one left in the country.

The condition of the thinly settled Panhandle about 1879 or 1880 was such that it was deemed best to get the better

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Western Scenery Subject of Local Painter Bugbee

If one should compile a "Who's Who" of Clarendon - or of West Texas, for that matter - among the names included would be that of Harold Bugbee, a young painter who is making a name for himself among the foremost artists of the West.

Although a native of Boston, Mass., it would seem that by choice he is a Westerner, for it is in the West that he chooses to live and it is the life of the West that he puts into his work. The scenery and life of the West, particularly that of the country near here, and the life and scenery of the Taos country of New Mexico are the subjects of his painting.

He showed last year in an exhibit at Orlando, Florida selling a number of the paintings shown. He has also sold a number shown in the Findlay Galleries in Kansas City. Along with artists from every section of the country and with several other Taos artists he had work in an exhibit at Taos this fall. Fourteen of his Panhandle paintings are in the dining rooms of the Hotel Amarillo.

The Clarendon News, December 17, 1925

County Fair

Tuesday Night a packed house witnessed the production by home talent of the Donley County Fair at the opera house. The characters had been selected carefully with a view to their ability to do well the part assigned each and a perfect success was the result of this case. Every part was well played, and the choruses were very enjoyable. A large sum was realized by the Episcopal Guild, under whose auspices the play was given.

The Clarendon News, April 29, 1911

The Celebration in Clarendon

July 4, 1880

By Will A. Brewer, Editor

"Truth is stranger than fiction."

It seems like a dream of romance, that where a few years since, "eternal solitude reigned" the awful stillness being disturbed by no sound save the rush and roar of vast herds of buffalo and the war-whoop of savage indian, now a beautiful and thriving village is situated and buffalo and indian are becoming scarce as honest politicians.

Ambitious little Clarendon, isolated though it is, situated in the very center of buffalo land, at least two hundred miles from what is termed civilization, yet in enterprise, intelligence, patriotism and other American characteristics it is inferior to none.

A couple of weeks before the "Fourth" a mass meeting of the citizens was held in the school house, and by a unanimous vote decided to celebrate in tony style; committees were appointed to attend to the different arrangements and every thing passed off like block-work Last months issue of the "NEWS" contained a programme of exercises, which was carried out but with slight alteration.

The celebration was a grand success. As the sun arose on the morning of the third, (the day celebrated) the national emblem was seen waving from the summit of Eagle Hill and the ear was startled by the roar of the anvil as the morning salute was fired. At half past nine the exercises of the day were opened with a song rendered by the Glee Club. This club with Dr. Z. T. Williams of Denison, Texas, as leader, had been practicing several nights prior to the "Fourth" and the national hymns and anthems were rendered in fine style. Dr. Williams deserves, and receives the heartfelt thanks of the citizens for the interest he manifested in their endeavors to make the celebration a success.

The decorating committee also deserves a vote of thanks for the interest they manifested in beautifying the arbor and grounds. We make honorable mention of Mrs. Judd of Gainesville, Texas, who was the life and soul of the enterprise, as under her skillful hand the arbor and grounds assumed an air of patriotic beauty. Everything possible was done for the comfort and convenience of the assemblage. A beautiful arbor, of green boughs, was erected in front of the school house, which while rendering a protection from the sun, yet admitted the refreshing breeze that almost constantly fans and cools the country. The heat, dust and worry that attends the gathering of large crowds in cities, was entirely, avoided, it would have been difficult to have found a spot with pleasanter surroundings. The hymn, "Praise the Lord" was finely rendered. The Rev. Mr. Ames offered prayer. The hymn "O come let us sing unto the Lord", was sung with a hearty good will. The Declaration of Independence, was read by Mrs.

Mattie Skinner of Cincinnati O. Rev. L. H. Carhart delivered an address of welcome, rich, spicy and highly enjoyed. The anthem, "Eighteen seventy-six," was sung after which the audience adjourned for dinner. The ladies presided at the feast in most charming style, it is unnecessary to add that the collation spread was very toothsome. At one o'clock the audience reassembled. The richest treat of the day now appeared, namely the reading of "Toasts" and the responses. The toast, "The day we celebrate" was responded to by Rev. L. H. Carhart, in his usual terse and vigorous style. Mr. Bonnyman responded to "The President of the United States" in an agreeable manner. "Our Country" was responded to by the Glee Club, singing "America." "Our National Emblem" was approximately responded to by the grand ole song, "Star Spangled Banner." Mr. Reed made the response to "The State of Texas." Our "Young Men" as responded to by the present writer was frequently interrupted by roars of laughter and clapping of hands (please excuse our extreme modesty.) Ed E. Carhart responded to "The Press" in a sarcastic strain that caused much mirth, "Our Honored Guests" as responded to by W. A. Allen, contained some fine hits of a personal nature. Dr. Z. T. Williams responded to the toast "The Ladies, God bless them," in an eulogistic and complimentary manner, very gratifying to the ladies. "Our Absent Friends" was responded to by the song "Auld Lang Syne." A patriotic glee was rendered by the Glee Club, and this closed the public exercised of the day. This celebration will long be remembered by citizens and visitors as one of the most enjoyable occasion of their lives.

P.S. We cannot refrain from having a sly lick at the spread eagle local orators. We desire to inform these gentlemen that their dusty little speeches have long since gone home to roost on the echoless shores of oblivion.

The Clarendon News, August 1, 1880

Water Melon Dots

With blood in our eye and death perched over our left ear, we challenge the big water melons to mortal combat.

A party of young people from town passed an enjoyable evening at the home of Rev. Mr. Cartlich. The most exquisite pleasure of the evening consisted in the sampling of a fine water melon.

With our sweetest smile and noblest bow, we acknowledge the receipt of a nice sample of water melon presented to the "NEWS office" by the Misses Wright. Thanks. We "hardly ever" receive a more welcome present.

Gentlemen and ladies who desire to see their name in print, accompanied by a nice, sweet, neat, tasty compliment, should present the "NEWS" with a big water melon.

A gentle hint is better than begging.

The Clarendon News, September 1, 1880

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Pete Borden's Shoe Shop: Before the name James Owens became synonymous with handcrafted boots, Clarendon's noted boot maker was Pete Borden, who is seen here in this undated advertising card from our archives.
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The Declaration of Independence
 IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.—We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,—That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.—Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.—He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.—He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.—He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.—He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.—He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.—He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.—He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.—He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.—He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.—He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harrass our people, and eat out their substance.—He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.—He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.—He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:—For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:—For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:—For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:—For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:—For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:—For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences—For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:—For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:—For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.—He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.—He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.—He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.—He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.—He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions. In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people. Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.—We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do.—And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

Goodnight Recalls Early Settlers

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class of people, ranchmen and settlers, together to have a better organization and understanding, therefore there was a call made for all the people from the Canadian on the North to the Quitaque and Matador Ranch on the South. We met at the old town of Mobeetie, near Fort Elliott, in the spring of 1889 organizing what was known as the Panhandle Cattle Association and taking in any settler that would join us, whether he has one cow or ten guaranteeing that our attorneys would take care of his legal battles and our inspectors would take care of his cattle interests. In other words we wished to keep the weak from being overrun by the bad and strong.

At the time of organization I was elected the first president and served for one year; and was then succeeded by Judge O. H. Nelson, he at that time having considerable interest here, and his having gone through the settlement and civilization of southern Kansas, fitting him splendidly for the position. There is no man in the Panhandle who deserved more credit for the risks he ran and the services he performed. He spent his money freely and risked his life to make this country of law and order. I think that no man ever received more anonymous letters and threats than did Judge Nelson.

In 1882 it was thought best to organize Donley County to better adjust our affairs and to get away from Wheeler County. The organization was made with G. A. Brown, sheriff; W. D. Kindall, treasurer; J. H. Parks, surveyor; C. Goodnight, T. W. Morrison and L. R. Dyer, county commissioners. The county kept entirely out of debt, being run very economically until the country was settled. The citizens found that the officers could not serve the countries for salaries allowed them by law, hence we paid the officers salaries to adjust them to serve us. G. A. Brown was allowed \$1,000 per year for two years, the sheriff 1,500. I believe the county attorney was allowed \$2,500. Temple Houston, when he served as District Attorney, was presented with a law library and furnished with other sums, I do not remember what his salary allowance was. After Brown retired, Judge White was elected judge of Donley County and allowed \$800 per year until the country got settled. He served 12 or 14 years or until his death. In hiring officers to protect the people the cattlemen were assessed direct for their salary. At that time there was no school fund of schooling children in this part of the country. Judge White called my attention to this matter and the pitiful condition that existed and the inability of the settlers to educate their children. I told him I would call the matter up with the southern division of the cattlemen at our next meeting. They at once instructed me to have the secretary W. L. R. Dixon, figure out the prorata and send it in and they would pay for it. This was done and every dollar was paid and the school was kept going for two

years. Not one of the cattle men had a child in school. There is a citizen now of the town of Goodnight with a large family, mostly grown, whom I asked a few days ago if he remembered the circumstances. He answered he did and it was about the education he ever got in the school room.

To give one some idea of the days referred to in this letter, meaning the period when I first settled here, there was not a permanent settlement aside from Fort Elliot, from here north to the Arkansas River west to New Mexico, south to the Rio Grande, east to the Western Cross Timbers of this State. Now in this great wilderness there was a vast number of outlaws passing to and fro as well as the Indians. In fact they were far more dangerous than the Indians.

The upper Canadian was settled with a very reckless class of people, cattlemen and all. They were against the Association and everything civil; Captain Arrington followed some of them to Massachusetts and brought them back to the trail. At about this time the noted "Billy, The Kid," was raiding along our frontier with his band. It became necessary to get him and have it stopped. One John W. Poe, a deputy sheriff of Mobeetie (later a banker of Roswell), at that time, was selected for the job of getting "Billy, The Kid." I do not remember the salary they paid him. He was instructed to go to Pecos River and remain until he could locate the outlaw. He did so, and was the cause of the killing of "Billy, The Kid."

Pat Garrett, whom Poe got to join him would not have gotten "Billy, the Kid" if it had not been for Poe's coolness and judgment. So the people came owe him a debt for ridding the country of one of the worst criminals that was ever on this border. Prior to this "The Kid" had been known to spend weeks at a time at Tascosa without being molested.

They cow boy's life has very often been written up, but has never been touched as to the real history. More especially the class that settled the Panhandle. They not only went through all the privations and discomforts of life and hard work and exposure, but the real hours the cow boy gave in actual service, when working on open range as they did in those days was about eighteen hours. Which was performed without the last complaint. They performed the work as cow hands but they served as soldiers and officers as well. And as far as I know a cow boy was never tried for a crime in the Panhandle. A record no other class of men can equal.

In 1890 the county of Armstrong was organized and moved along in good shape. The country was civilized and settled prior to its organization.

— Charles Goodnight.

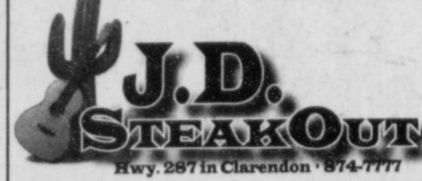
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Regular church services are already held at Clarendon. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of Heaven."

The Clarendon News, June 1, 1878

Happy Independence Day!

Come Eat A Steak At J.D. Steakout



Flag of Freedom



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Presented to America as a gift from the French people, the Statue of Liberty has stood on Liberty Island welcoming immigrants to America. She has long been a symbol of America and the freedom her people enjoy.

Let us take time to celebrate our freedom and pray for those in other countries who not share our independence.

Clarendon Insurance Agency



As One Pioneer to Another

The Founder of the Donley County Leader arrived at Tascosa in 1883. All of his life, except his school days, had been spent in the Panhandle and great Southwest. He believed in her history, the stability of her people as the most progressive and persevering in existence. Every member of the Leader staff is a product of the Southwest. We hope you appreciate our efforts to present to you, unbiased, the news each week.

THE LEADER STAFF

THE DONLEY COUNTY LEADER

Last Gathering of the "Old Guard"

Pioneers Assemble

Pioneers of the Panhandle assembled at JA Headquarters, Nov. 29th, 1921, for what proved to be the last gathering. Many have passed to great beyond since that date.

The Old Home Town edition of THE NEWS is this week indebted to W. H. Patrick of the First National Bank for a short story written just four years ago on a reunion of the pioneers of this section, when they met at the JA Headquarters, guests of T. D. Hobart, general manager of the Adair interests. Since that date many of those assembled have passed away and there linger in the hearts of the people of this section many sacred memories of their lives and characters.

Mr. Patrick's story follows:

On the afternoon of November 29th, 1921, at the invitation of T. D. Hobart, general manager of the Adair ranch there gathered at the headquarters what is probably the most noble gathering of pioneers of the Panhandle of Texas that have assembled in years. Those present were Charles Goodnight of Goodnight, Texas, Captain Arrington, Vas Stickley and G. W. Dunn of Canadian, Texas, Judge O. H. Nelson of Amarillo, Texas, T. D. Hobart, J. W. Kent, M. K. Brown, and Whitfield Carhart of the Adair ranch and W. H. Patrick of Clarendon, Texas.

After supper the company gathered in the den of the big house in the glow of a red cedar wood fire in the large fire place the evening and far into the night was spent in recounting the incidents of history; jokes and stories of things that happened by those who participated; the hundreds of true facts that have been part of the making of the empire of



The Denver Hotel: One of Clarendon's most popular places to stay was the Denver Hotel shown here in about 1910. The hotel was located at the north end of downtown across the Ft. Worth & Denver Railroad tracks.

Leader Archive Photo

the Panhandle that never will be known to, or written by, the future historian.

Missing from this congenial circle were Thes. S. Bugbee and H. W. Taylor, who found it impossible to reach the ranch Tuesday but arrived Wednesday morning just after the party had returned from a trip to Paloduro Canyon and were welcomed as only old pioneers can welcome each other.

Be it remembered that in this gathering were those who really blazed the way, Chas. Goodnight and Thos. S. Bugbee, who built the first homes of the white man in all of the great northwestern part of the State, two of whom were the first to establish ranches in the Panhandle, these same two also attended the first court ever held in this part of the State and were on the first grand jury ever convened. In this party were the men who established law and order, asserted and maintained the rights of property, made horse and cattle

stealing a lost art, made the "bad man" emigrate, "go straight" or turn his toes to the daises. Were they a law unto themselves? "Kinsabo, but there were no tedious technicalities and no one complained of "the laws delay" when it was seventy-five miles between neighbors and 72 men, women and children constituted the entire population of the fifty northwestern counties.

About one o'clock Wednesday afternoon Carlson yelled "chuck", That was "some dinner." The coffee was just like it used to be at the "wagon", thirty-five years ago, except that there was real sugar instead of "long sweetin". No one complained of the eats and there is no use of arousing the envy of those not present by attempting to describe them.

Photographer Bartlett was there and took a group picture which will, no doubt be very much appreciated by all in attendance.

The party dispersed about

four o'clock in the afternoon, each with a heart full of gratitude towards Mr. Hobart and his able assistants for the privilege of meeting those old friends that warm the heart.

The Clarendon News, December 17, 1925

READ TOMORROW'S HISTORY TODAY.

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Let Freedom Ring

Our forefathers fought for our freedom. Our veterans have fought to protect our freedom.

Let us remember them during this holiday and be thankful for what we enjoy.



We hope you and your family enjoy the festivities!

Clarendon Family Medical Center

Freedom


Join us in celebrating our freedom this Independence Day by praying for those who are serving our country in the U.S. and abroad. Pray for them and their families for a safe return and peace everywhere.

God Bless America!




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July 4th Blast

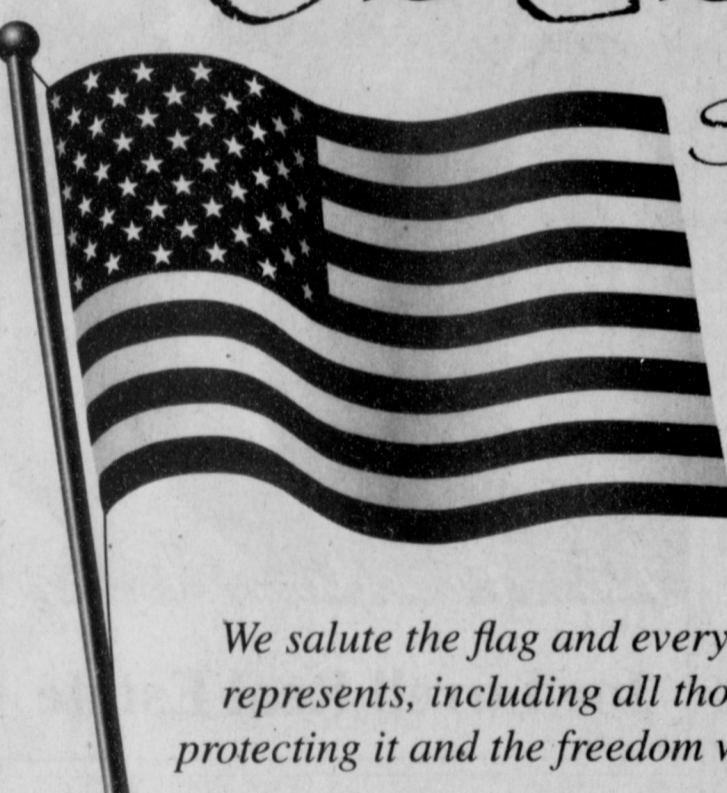
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Winners Announced - Ages 4 - 16

Old Glory



Symbol of Freedom
Glory
Honor

We salute the flag and everything that it represents, including all those lives lost protecting it and the freedom we have today.

Join us in celebrating our nation's independence and giving thanks for having the right to do so.

City of Howardwick Officials

Del Essary, Mayor

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Tanis McMorries, Jene Rogers,
Pat Butler, and Rod Donaldson

Howardwick Volunteer Fire Dept.
and all City Employees

The Pleading Bachelors

This is leap year, and matrimonial proposals are in order. Let all communications in this line be addressed, Printers Devil, "NEWS office" Clarendon, Tex.

And the Junior Editor would not object to a few matrimonial overtures, coming from rich old maids.

And there are two or three old bachelors who would not object to being rounded up.

The matrimonial fields are white for the harvest, but the laborers are few.

Will the old maids and "sweet sixteeners" never come.

If they will come, we will divide the ice-cream, lemonade, cake, and all "sich" truck with them.

Well there! If you won't come, stay where you are and die old maids.

Oh Please! Won't you come?.

The Clarendon News, September 1, 1880

Monday Paper Gives Much to Donley County

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram of Monday of this week carried more items and publicity for Clarendon and Donley County than for any other portion of the state. Page three contained a long article on the splendid opportunities offered by Donley County in the line of agriculture. Page six of the same paper contained a large spread of the College football players who are making the college team what it is today. The town and county should do well with such a great lot of publicity matter as contained in this edition of a paper with the state-wide circulation of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

The Clarendon News, October 22, 1925

Runaway Accident

Mrs. C. W. Ryan suffered a severe accident last Friday afternoon when the old and gentle family buggy horse without warning or any knowledge on her part of the cause suddenly turned with the buggy throwing Mr. Ryan and little daughter both out and throwing her mother, Mrs. Spears, down into the foot of the buggy and then ran away and was caught in the business part of town without damage to the buggy or Mrs. Spears.

Mrs. Ryan suffered two fractured ribs and other painful bruises and is confined to her bed from them. The little daughter only had light bruises.

The Clarendon News, March 18, 1911

Have A Happy And Safe Fourth of July!



From your friends at **Bailey Autos**



Lelia Lake School: The identities of these students from 1921 are unknown. Photo courtesy Earl Shields.

Court House Changes

This heading refers to the interior of the building itself and not to any of the inmates.

After the adjournment of District Court early last November the News published the recommendations of Judge Browning about some changes in the interior of the building. These recommendations are now being carried out by the commissioners' court. The Judges stand is being changed to the west side of the room and the Grand Jury room is being changed to the county attorney's room and many other changes that experience has shown would be beneficial in the transaction of the court business.

We trust that in the rearrangement that an adequate supply of seats will not be overlooked.

The Clarendon News, March 25, 1910

We Need More Cows, Sows, & Hens in Donley County

Our Colonists and Villagers

having no whiskey on which to waste time and taxation will have no trouble in keeping closely up with every public improvement necessary. The endless waste in most towns, occasioned by paupers, courts and criminals we shall mostly rid of.

The Clarendon News, June 1, 1878

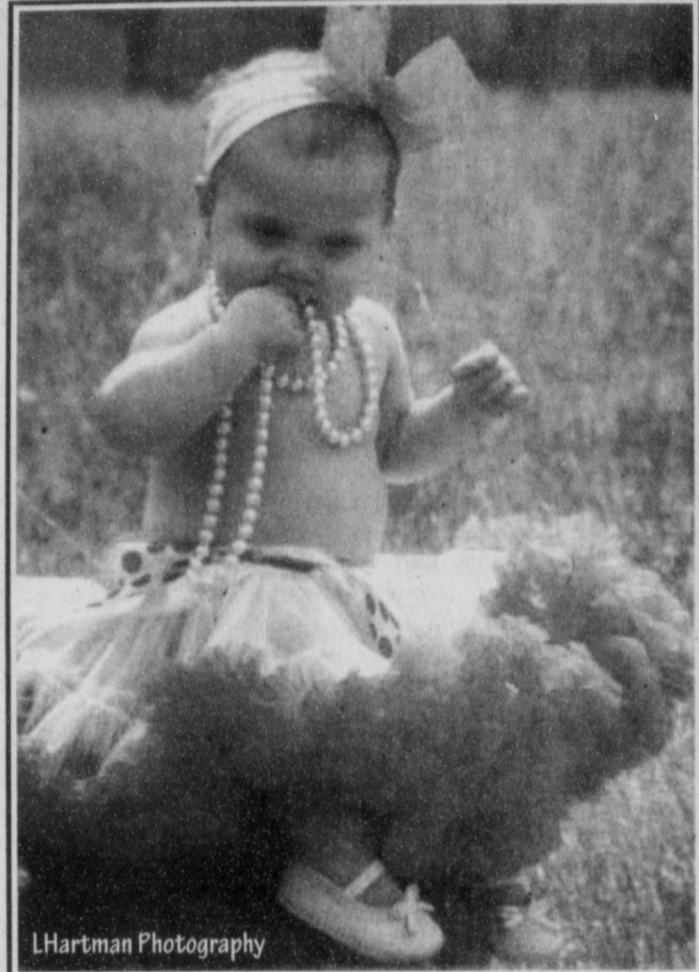
The horse that eats his oats too ravenously and is in danger of choking should be given a little chopped clover hay or some whole corncobs, mixed with the oats. The use of wheat bran with oats also lessens the tendency towards choking.

The Clarendon News, December 12, 1929

TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS gets the paper for a year in Donley County. Call 874-2259.

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Pride

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Happy Independence Day!

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Baptist Church Organized 1890

The First Baptist Church of Clarendon was organized March 10th, 1890.

Elder J. W. Brice, now living in South Texas was elected its first pastor and W. A. Cooper was the first church clerk.

The pastor, church clerk, R. H. Hall, Elder J. W. Singletary, Mrs. C. J. Hall, Laura Hall, Mrs. Singletary, Kate Cooper and Mary Spracksky comprised the membership.

April 25th, 1890, Mrs. Rosa Ramshey, Mrs. M. J. Phillips, Mrs. S. D. Gentry and J. D. Anderson united by letter.

W. A. Cooper was the first Deacon to be ordained by the church. Kittie Prout, Lucy Carder and Anna Merrick (Mrs. Chas. Heisler) were the first members to be received by baptism.

Feb. 14, 1892 a movement was started to build a church. The large donations mentioned were J. W. Brice, \$50.00, Mrs. Rosa Ramsey, \$50.00 and Mrs. Mattie Sawyer, \$50.00, other smaller donations totaling \$800.00. The first services were held in the

new church June 29th, 1892. The church records indicate the church was clear of debt.

W. M. Stevens (recently deceased) and N. G. Calvert were the next two deacons to be ordained. In point of service J. H. Rutherford is the oldest deacon. Miss Lizzie Stevens holds the distinction of being the oldest member in point of continuous membership with the W. P. Blake in a close second.

On May 14, 1893 the church bought an organ, this innovation caused a slight stir among the membership but was amiably settled after two of the food sisters "tested" it out and found that it looked alright and that they thought it sounded fine. (The church at present has 6 pianos).

The first revival meeting was held beginning March 12, 1894 by J. W. Brice, assisted by Bro. Elder of Quanah, during this revival the records indicate that the pastor's salary was raised to \$200.00 per year for half time service. The young peoples' unions were organized in 1895.

The first organized choir of the church was in 1896 and the church went on record as to any choir member who played for a dance hall, saloon or gambling hall.

A parsonage was bought in 1897, and additions and improvements made to church building in 1901. Twenty-three members withdrew from the Clarendon church in June 1897 to organize

at church at Mifflin post office, was present Boydston school house. The minutes of the Mifflin Church indicate that it was an arm of the Clarendon church.

The Church commenced full time services in 1900. Parsonage was sold and the present parsonage bought during this same year. As far as the records show the church has been served by fourteen pastors.

Present church was built in 1913. The Sunday School annex was built in 1921.

Present worth of church property estimated at \$43,000.00, no indebtedness. 526 members. The church has 50 Sunday School rooms and auditorium. 28 officers and teachers. 358 enrolled Sunday School students with an average attendance of 280. Last year's expenditures

were \$5,968.27, the year ending Sept. 1925.

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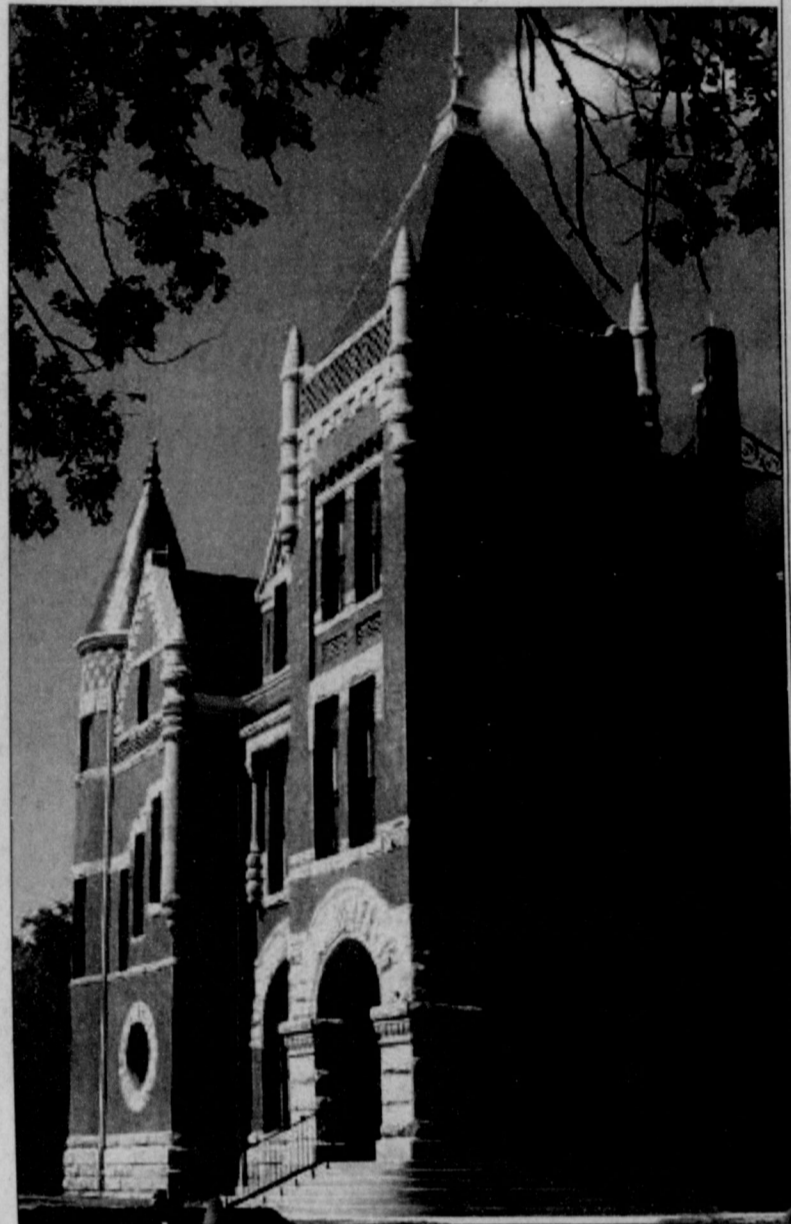
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