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NEWS at a glance

Chisum to hold forum here Friday

State Rep. Warren Chisum will be in Clarendon Friday, January 5, 2001, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the CHS Auditorium.

The state legislator has planned 24 town hall meetings in early January to hear from the voters and to provide an overview of what to expect from the Texas Legislature.

"State government works best when the public participates," Chisum said. "I intend to spend more time listening than talking."

Chisum typically files several bills based on concerns brought to his attention at town hall meetings.

"Austin is pretty far from the Panhandle," Chisum said. "I want to make sure people have the opportunity to tell their government what they expect right here at home."

Chisum was first elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1988 and will report to Austin for his seventh term in 2001. He represents the 88th House District, which includes Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts, Sherman, and Wheeler counties.

Report finds ways to save \$1.2 billion

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander last week released her e-Texas report, which recommends changes that would save Texas taxpayers more than \$1.2 billion this biennium by streamlining Texas' government using the Internet and 21st century technology.

The e-Texas report recommends improving the Medicaid eligibility process, making it easier for Texas families to enroll in Medicaid. More than 600,000 children in Texas who are eligible for Medicaid are not enrolled.

The Medicaid recommendations would trim more than 2,200 jobs from the Texas Department of Human Services, saving taxpayers an estimated \$47 million over two years.

Other recommendations would use the Internet to change the way Texans register their vehicles; file and pay state taxes; create a new business; and apply for a state job.

The Comptroller already has implemented several of the cost-saving e-Texas initiatives outlined in the report — such as outsourcing mail services, eliminating warehouse space and having the private sector print its monthly newsletter, Fiscal Notes — saving taxpayers almost \$400,000 a year.

Inside:

- 2 Rep. Mac Thornberry takes a look at where our nation goes from here.
- 3 The county prepares for some important decisions regarding the courthouse restoration project.
- 5 Brace yourselves. Subscription rates are about to go up, but you can beat it if you act fast.
- 6 And the Lady Broncos win a tourney.

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

Changing of the Guard

By Roger Estlack

With the dawn of a new century and a new year comes the end of an era in Donley County and the start of a new one. Charles "Butch" Blackburn, Jr., officially became the Sheriff of Donley County on Monday, following in the footsteps of a man who has held that office for 20 years — William J. Thompson.

Jimmy Thompson was first elected in 1980 and took office in January 1981. He has weathered storms, made do with a small budget, foiled a plot to kill him, and come through with the respect of many citizens and fellow lawmen.

Among those who hold Thompson in high esteem is his successor.

"I don't think there's a better man in Donley County," says Sheriff Blackburn. "He took me in as a kid and taught me the whole deal."

Thompson had a varied career before taking the county's top law enforcement position. He was born and raised in Donley County, quit high school in 1952, and joined the Marines in 1953. He served for four years, catching the tail end of the Korean conflict.

By the summer of 1960, Thompson was a deputy, working in Hedley. He joined the Amarillo Police Department in 1962 and stayed with the APD for 2 years before moving to Clayton, NM, to work on a ranch. He then variously farmed and cowboied before coming home to Donley County to become a deputy under Sheriff Truett Berhens — a position he held for four years.

The Donley County Sheriff's Department in 1981 was just a shadow of the department Sheriff Thompson built over two decades.

"When I took office we had only one deputy, no 24-hour services, no 24-hour dispatch," Thompson said. "We have all that today."

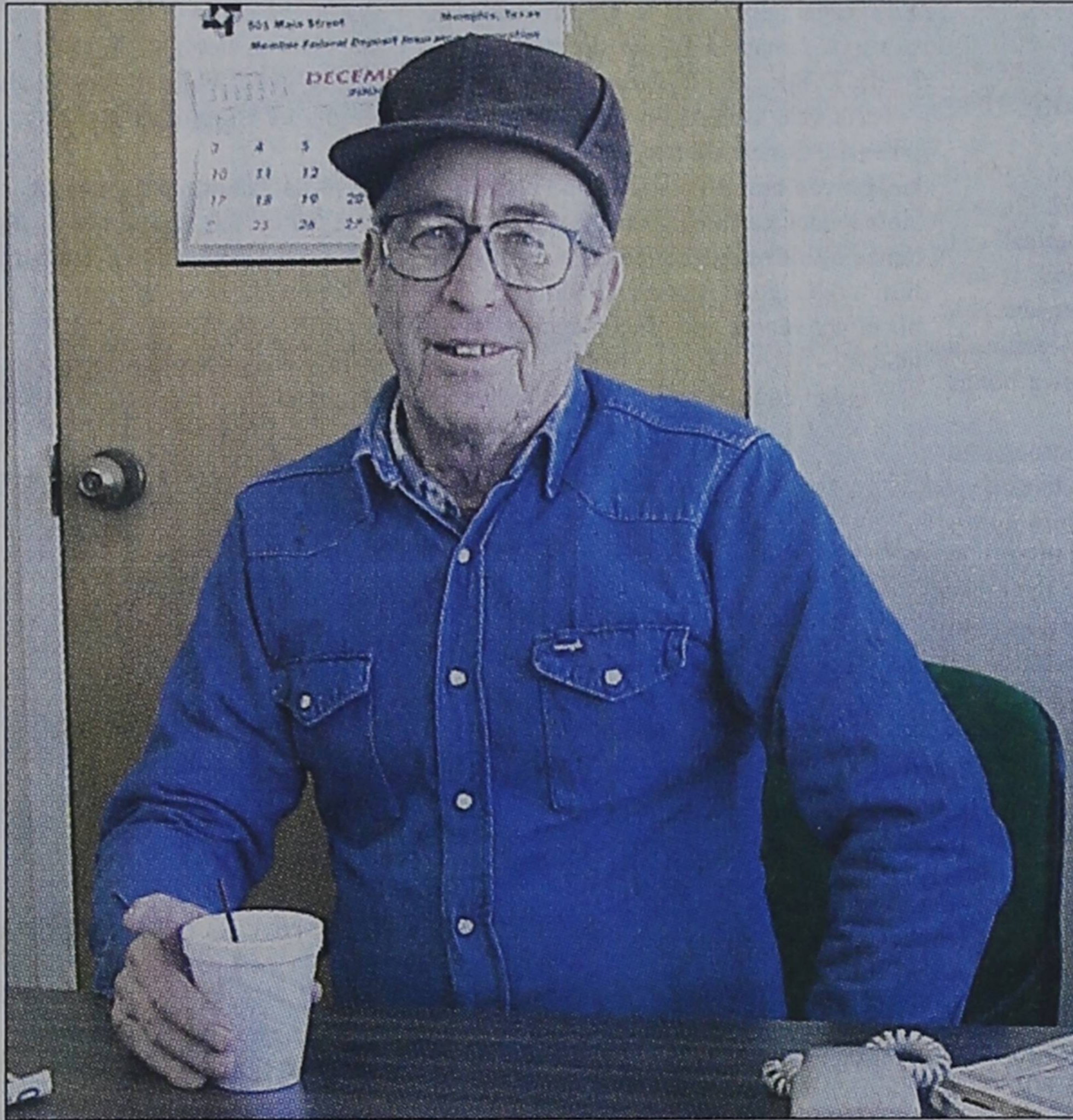
He also didn't have a modern jail. What he had was a crumbling Bastille that had been built shortly after the turn of the century. In addition to housing some of the less savory characters of the county, the old jail also was the traditional home for the sheriff. Thompson lived there with his wife Aleta; his two sons, William and Walt; and Rusty — an Australian Shepherd cowdog. In fact, he moved in while still a deputy.

"There were a lot of exciting times in that jail," Thompson said. "We lived it in until it was condemned by the state."

It is Donley County's new jail that Sheriff Thompson lists as one of his proudest accomplishments.



New Sheriff Butch Blackburn with former Sheriff Jimmy Thompson. Enterprise Digital Photos



"This jail is one of the most easily operated jails in the state. It can be run by just one person under normal circumstances."

Other accomplishments Thompson lists includes holding the line on expenses, catching a lot of "dopers" and a lot of burglars, and overseeing approximately 7,500 arrests in the last 20 years.

As with any job that deals with the public, there are always critics — people who aren't going to be happy with the way you do the job.

"You can't suit everybody," Thompson said, "but I got elected five times. Some think they're a little above the law, but I never saw that."

One lady in particular was more displeased than others. In 1989, a woman tried to have Sheriff Thompson assassinated.

"She was mad at me," he recalls. "She worked at the beer joint, and we were making a lot of DWI arrests."

The woman let it be known that she would pay \$5,000 to have Thompson "bumped off," but a man tipped the sheriff off. Thompson contacted a member of the Drug Task Force and had him pose as a hit man. They got the woman on tape, and she got five years in the pen.

"I wasn't very stirred up about it."

Others have said stupid things, but no one else has tried to hire a hit man.

"I've been threatened — they were gonna shoot me or whip me. I never got too excited about 'em. That's just part of the job."

He gives one example of a time when he received a domestic violence call. The man said he was going to shoot the sheriff if he came around, but Thompson went on the call anyway. As the man stuck his

See 'Guard' on page 3.

County sets budget, salary for constable

Donley County Commissioners approved a budget for Constable Jimmy Swinney's office last week.

The budget, authorized during a called session of the court last Thursday, totals \$5,259.41 and includes a salary of \$3,170.

Swinney had submitted a budget last month that totaled \$35,493.98.

"The state constitution requires us to set him a reasonable salary," County Judge Jack Hall said.

Hall said the county had based Swinney's budget on figures from the office of the Justice of the Peace in Precincts 1&2 and on statements from Sheriff-elect Butch Blackburn.

"We looked at the number of warrants and citations to be served out of Judge [Jimmy] Johnson's office and the six to 12 jury trials per year that Judge Johnson holds," Hall said. "We also based it on a statement by Sheriff-elect Blackburn that Swinney's services would not be needed to police Precincts 1&2."

"We feel like we have provided a reasonable salary based on the services he is going to provide."

Attempts to contact Swinney by telephone Tuesday morning were unsuccessful; but according to a report in the AMARILLO DAILY NEWS last week, Swinney said a reasonable salary would be the same as the one given to Constable Mike Walleldorff in Precincts 3&4, which is \$17,146.95.

Swinney filed as a write-in candidate for Constable in Precincts 1&2 in the General Election — an office vacant for about 30 years. He received 52 votes.

In other developments, Judge Hall did not administer the oath of office to Swinney during the regular swearing-in ceremony last Friday.

Hall had previously sent a letter to Swinney on December 22, saying he would not perform the service for the constable-elect in Precincts 1&2.

"That would go against my principals to do that," Hall said.

Justice of the Peace Jimmy Johnson performed that duty on Friday.

Livestock Show set for January 13

The 2001 Donley County Junior Livestock Show will be held in Clarendon on Saturday, January 13. The young people have worked hard to have their project animals ready.

Setup for the show will be Wednesday, January 10. All parents and anyone else interested in helping setup for the show should come to the Clarendon Community Center on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. setup includes constructing the pens and laying the carpet for the show ring.

Everyone is welcome to attend the show. Any volunteer help is appreciated.

What can you say about Jimmy Thompson?

"The thing that stands out in my mind is Jimmy's love for kids."

Clarendon Mayor Tex Selvidge

"This is one of the finest people I've ever met in my career. I have the utmost respect for him, and I've learned a lot from him."

Texas Ranger Gary Henderson

"Jimmy Thompson was a damn good man. He was as good a peace officer as I ever worked with."

District Judge David McCoy

"Jimmy reminds me of the old saying about the man who had done so much with so little for so long that he was now qualified to do anything with nothing. He will certainly be missed."

Game Warden Gary Hunt

"Jimmy reminds you of John Wayne. He has that kind of ethics."

Former deputy Joe Shadle

"Jimmy's got more grit than any man I ever met."

Sheriff Butch Blackburn

Memorial services held for Clarendon banker Carroll Knorpp

One of Clarendon's leading citizens, Wesley Carroll Knorpp, died last Thursday, December 28, 2000, in Amarillo at the age of 92.

Mr. Knorpp was born on May 18, 1908, in Clarendon and was a lifetime resident of Donley County. He married Gertrude Dorris Parr on May 19, 1932, at Longbeach, California. She preceded him in death on May 11, 1994.

He was employed at the Donley County State Bank in Clarendon from 1928 until retiring in 1995 and was a bank officer.

Mr. Knorpp was a long-time member of the Clarendon Lions Club and the Clarendon Masonic Lodge #700. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Clarendon.

He was one of the persons instrumental in the building and development of Lake Greenbelt, serv-

ing on the board of the Greenbelt Water Association, which became the Greenbelt Water Authority. He was president of the Greenbelt board for many years.

Cremation took place at Memorial Park Crematory in Amarillo on Friday, December 29, 2000. Arrangements were under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., and Rector Funeral Home in Amarillo.

A unique memorial service was held Saturday, December 30, 2000, in Robertson Chapel of Memories with Dr. Buddy Hudson, family friend of Knorpp, conducting.

"Got any good deals today?" Hudson asked, implementing a phrase that was a trademark of Mr. Knorpp. He used to ask that rather than say hello, friends recalled.

Friends and co-workers of Mr.

Knorpp told stories of his life and praised him for his generosity, for being a man whose word was his bond, and for his warm heart wrapped by a gruff voice.

"He really wasn't a big man," said Hudson. "It just took all that skin to hold his big heart."

Mr. Knorpp was credited with closing all of Clarendon's banks on Saturdays. Prior to his influence, local banks stayed open until noon on Saturdays.

He was said to have considered his employees as his kids and provided them with insurance and retirement benefits.

"Carroll was my boss, and he was my friend," said bank employee Mary Neal Risley.

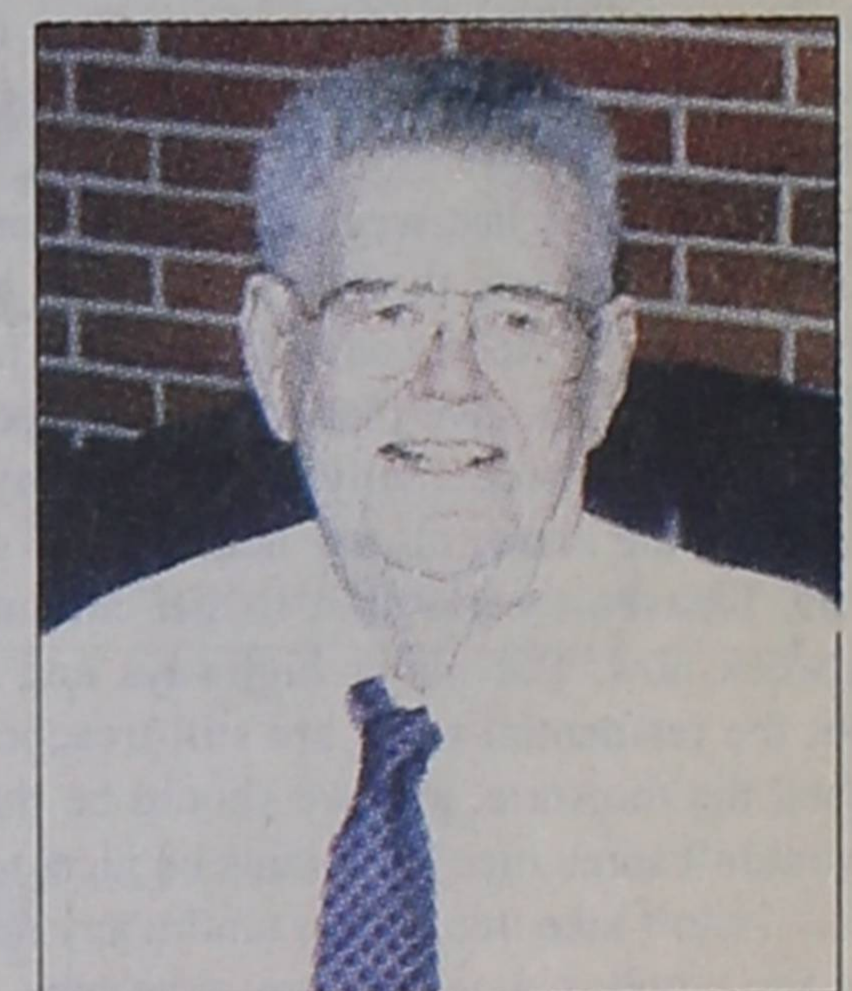
Clarendon attorney William J. Lowe also counted Mr. Knorpp as a friend, saying he had given him

one of his first jobs when he became a lawyer in the late 1940s. Lowe accompanied Mr. Knorpp on many trips to Childress for Greenbelt board meetings.

"I never saw Carroll get mad, and I never heard him say a bad word about anybody," Lowe said.

There were no sermons, and no funeral songs were sung. The memorial service was rather a gathering of family, friends, and admirers who had come to say goodbye to a great man by praising the good things about him and his life.

Mr. Knorpp is survived by one daughter, Dorris Bliss Knorpp of Clarendon; one son, Wesley Parr Knorpp of Rowlett; three grandchildren, Niki Walker of South Lake, Laurie Shafeld of Santa Barbara, California, and Michele Davis of Palestine; and ten great grandchild-



Carroll Knorpp

dren including, Kesley, Logan, and Miranda Walker of South Lake.

The family respectfully requests that memorials be made to BSA Hospice, PO Box 950, Amarillo, Texas 79176-0950.

editor's
Commentary

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

NPT: This column has been rated NPT by the Enterprise Institute For Reader Friendliness. A sense of humor is advised.



Bush's cabinet selections are looking good

President-elect certainly seems to have things well in hand as he gets ready to boot Billy Jeff out of the White House.

With each passing day, a new announcement is made about who will be heading up what. Back in 1992, Clinton promised to have a cabinet that "looked like America" — in other words more than just a bunch of white guys. It was sort of like Affirmative Action for cabinet secretaries. But with the new Bush administration, the nation is getting a cabinet that not only looks like America but as a bonus also knows what the heck it's doing.

For example, I believe it was John Nance Garner who said that the vice presidency wasn't worth a bucket of warm horse urine. (Although he did say it more colorfully.) Al Gore tried to make out like he was an important V.P., but apparently he wasn't. Dick Cheney, on the other hand, is carrying a lot of clout and seems to be poised to put his vice presidency on par with the chief of staff.

Then there is Condoleezza Rice, whom Bush has tapped to be the National Security Advisor. This woman is very sharp and has a keen understanding of the role of personal freedom and free enterprise in promoting prosperity and peace. She's also a living example of how any American can overcome obstacles and achieve great accomplishments. If you ask me, a President Rice would be a good thing for America.

For the most part, the liberals have been nodding approvingly at Bush's selections. But there are just enough staunch conservatives being selected to make them mad — which I like. The selection of John Ashcroft for Attorney General just has the left going bonkers, and the possibility of an Interior Secretary Norton has the eco-socialists going through the roof. Looks like those caribou in the arctic wilderness preserve better make room for some oil rigs.

Bush still has many challenges ahead. The liberals are talking about bipartisanship — which they always do when they're out of power. But of course they don't mean it. They're just lying in wait to cut the president's legs out from under him.

Bush should build on his good cabinet by moving forward with a conservative agenda. He ought to get the tax cut passed quickly and then move on to reeling in our bloated federal government.

Time is ticking for the new president. He needs to do great things now while he has majorities in Congress. If he doesn't, he won't have those majorities in two years.

And speaking of time

Well, it's finally here. Without any fanfare, the 21st century arrived this week and brought with it the new millennium that we all heard so much about last year.

I'm not going to explain to those of you who don't understand why 2001 is actually the start of the century. Suffice it to say that if you bought in to all that Y2K nonsense, you were sold a bill of goods. Shame on you for going along with it.

Frankly, I'm disappointed with Y2K+1 so far. People are still saying "the year two thousand and one," which seems like a mouthful to me. Remember the good old days? Back when it was just 19 whatever? I wonder how far do we have to go before it becomes 20 whatever.

I'm also patiently waiting for the world to end now that the real millennium has occurred. I noticed in Monday's paper that one church in Amarillo is hosting a series on the end times. I'm not going to question anyone's beliefs in this matter, but the end always does seem to be right around the corner for some religions. I'll go out on a limb here and predict that the world, in fact, will not end in A.D. 2001. And if it does end, well then just sue me.

Meanwhile...

Have you had enough of this white Christmas business yet? I certainly have. We had some 18 inches dumped on us over the holidays, and while it looked nice on Christmas day — with the fire in the fire place and the family gathered around like something from Currier and Ives — it has since become a ridiculous pain in the chestnuts.

We did get last week's paper out on time, though. I know many of you thought it was late; but if you look at the dateline, it clearly says Thursday. That means that all these years you have picked up the paper on Wednesday afternoon you were really getting it a day early.

But the snow, oh my heavens the snow! As I write this, I haven't been able to get into my driveway for a week now. The major highways and streets are clear, but the residential areas are still treacherous. I know we need the moisture, and we should be thankful for it, but wouldn't some nice slow rains be nice, too?

I can't take this frozen tundra any more. I half expect to see woolly mammoths any time now. Winter wonderland... Bah, humbug! Humbug, I say!

If the folks in New England want their white Christmas and one-horse open sleighs, I say we let them have it. Give me a clear Texas sky and no ice on the ground any time.

Sen. Ratliff will be a fair leader for state

The fairest of them all...an able leader...quiet counsel and seasoned judgement...Wise man of the Senate...steady and proven...a legislative peacekeeper...cool demeanor...

All of these phrases have been used to describe our next Lt. Governor, Sen. Bill Ratliff of Senate District 1. But the best thing I can say about him is that they are all true.

The fairest of them all...In his 11 years in the Texas Senate, Sen. Ratliff has put aside partisan lines and worked with both Republicans and Democrats in the legislature. He has been a pleasure to work with, especially when seeking funding for our area college and universities, such as MSU, TWU, and UNT, among others.

An able leader...As chairman of the powerful Senate Finance Committee, he has proven himself a strong and responsible leader, earning the respect and confidence of his senate colleagues. I consider him to be a good friend and admire his effectiveness and efficiency as a state leader.

Quiet counsel and seasoned judgement

...His low-key temperament and successful tenure has made him a valued mentor with sage advice to fellow members.

Wise Man of the Senate...Ratliff's swift judgement in appropriating the state's \$6 billion budget surplus, earned him a reputation as the wise man of the senate during the 76th Legislature.

Steady and proven...I've served on several committees with Sen. Ratliff since taking office in 1994. He shepherded the Senate Education Committee through a rewrite of the entire education code during my freshman year as a senator when I served on that committee. And we've shared the battle of the water bill during the 1997 session and the agriculture bill during 1999, while serving on the Natural Resources Committee together.

A legislative peacekeeper...Already, Sen. Ratliff has vowed not to impose his will on the senate body. Rather he referred to former Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, saying he would "let the Senate work its will." This is only one example of Sen. Ratliff's leadership and humility. His victory last week

is a direct reflection of his style of working with people — a very disarming style.

A cool demeanor...Without such demeanor, the Senate Finance Committee could easily become a war-zone between the legislature and state agencies and institutions. Sen. Ratliff's calming presence and neutralizing force allows cool heads to prevail during heated budget debates and discussions. It is no wonder he's frequently handed the gavel to preside over the senate during prolonged floor debate. I'm certain he'll continue that as acting Lt. Gov. as well.

My confidence in him is evident in my straight vote for him in all eight of yesterday's ballots, as well as my support for a public vote. It is my honor and pleasure to serve with a man I call friend, colleague, and now Mr. President and Lt. Gov. Ratliff. I hope the people of Senate District 30 join me in extending congratulations to Sen. Ratliff for a job well-deserved and fairly earned.

Tom Haywood
Texas State Senator, Dist. 30



Where does America go from here?

I have to admit that I am one of those who believe we are just now about to enter the new millennium. My wife says it does not matter, but I argue that if there never was a year zero, we did not complete 2000 years until the end of the year 2000. And if we are just entering the new century and new millennium, maybe we have another chance to evaluate where our nation stands, without all of last year's hype.

Given all that the country has been through in the past few weeks, a lot of questions come to mind. We stand at the pinnacle as the most powerful, most prosperous country in the history of the world. Will we stay that way?

I do not believe that the United States will be conquered from the outside. There are certainly enormous security challenges before us, such as the spread of terrorism and of weapons of mass destruction. The world is shrinking, and we cannot pretend that we are unaffected by problems elsewhere. But I have come to believe that the biggest hurdle to our staying on top is internal.

The media has been full of stories about the deep divisions in the country. Certainly if we analyze the exit polls from the recent elections, there are startling contrasts in the voting patterns of urban and rural voters, of men and women, of whites and blacks.

Diversity has always been one of America's strengths. From the beginning, people have come here from all over the world seeking freedom and a better life, bringing their culture and heritage with them. America has benefited from that wealth of energy and talent which people of different faiths, different backgrounds, and different perspectives bring.

As we have seen in the Balkans and elsewhere, if differences are allowed to take center stage, people will splinter into opposing groups causing mistrust, suspicion, and hostility. Then, it is easy to lose touch with our common heritage



Issue Update

with Rep. Mac Thornberry

or Lincoln's "mystic chords of memory." Throughout our history, people in the United States have been able to pull together, recognizing that we have differences, but always remembering that those things that we have in common as Americans are stronger than whatever differences we may have.

Unfortunately, we have been seeing a disturbing trend. Some individuals and groups seem to exploit — or even create — differences among us, for their own selfish purposes. They seem to thrive on the very divisiveness and hostility that poses a threat to our overall strength as a nation.

Some so-called "leaders" try to get more television time, more followers, and more influence by playing up real or imagined grievances. One well-known person actually called for his followers to take to the street to protest the outcome of the Presidential election. A whole industry has grown up with groups that send out inflammatory mail on some issue which then asks for contribution to help fight some "evil."

These folks have no interest in working together to accomplish good things — that would rob them of the issues that give them power. They profit from polarization. Division is their currency, and the national news media often provides amplification for their voices. We have seen much of that in Florida in recent weeks.

We may see some of that in Washington, too: President-elect Bush has made it clear that he will reach out to Democrats. He has a history of doing so in Austin, and he knows he will have to have some of their votes to make progress on his agenda.

The bigger question is whether they will meet him halfway. We have found

that when some in Congress get their way, it is hailed as "bipartisanship"; when they do not get their way, it is labeled "extreme partisanship." Bipartisanship has to be a two-way street, but some politicians may think they are better off politically by fanning the flames of divisiveness and exploding feelings of outrage and injustice.

So what do we do in the face of those who try to gain power and influence by dividing Americans? Clearly, we will always have differences of opinion, but we have to put greater emphasis on all that we have in common — those values and ideas which unite us.

For example, all Americans should have a good understanding of American history. In recent years it seems that studying the Founding Fathers, the Revolutionary War, and the ideas which make America special are not "politically correct." Too many people today are not familiar with the basic precepts about freedom and the role of government contained in our Declaration of Independence.

When speaking before a group of new citizens, school groups, or a local Rotary club, I have found that reminding people of those "self-evident" truths can be as uplifting and unifying now as at any time in our past.

We also have to unite against those who would whip up prejudice or envy or ignorance and pit one American against another. We should have little tolerance for these tactics. True leaders bring out the best in us, not the worst, appealing to "the better angels of our nature" as Lincoln put it.

In his concession speech, Vice President Gore said "...that which unites us is greater than that which divides us." For well over 200 years it has been so, but we cannot assume that it will be so indefinitely.

Each of us has responsibility to preserve and strengthen those American ideals for the new millennium, whenever it starts.

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Guard: Sheriff Thompson honored Saturday

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head out a window, Thompson put him in a headlock while a deputy went through the front door. The man did turn out to have a shotgun but never got the chance to use it.

On Saturday, December 30, a crowd of about 200 people gathered in the Bairfield Activity Center to bid Thompson a fond farewell. County Judge Jack Hall presented two plaques to Thompson — one for his service as sheriff and another for his countless hours spent watching storm clouds to protect the people from dangerous weather.

Incoming Sheriff Blackburn presented Aleta Thompson with a plaque also for her many, many volunteer hours working in the sheriff's office and always being there to help. She also received a bouquet and her own set of brass knuckles.

Jim Cockerham presented the sheriff with a certificate signed by Gov. George W. Bush praising Thompson's 20 years of service to the county and to Texas. And Thompson's older son, William, presented his father with a framed Texas flag

motif with the sheriff's badge under glass in the place of the Lone Star. Thompson said he appreciates the support of the local people.

"There are a lot of good people in this county," he said. "I enjoyed the work, and I've been associated with a lot of good men."

Thompson had words of praise for many of the people who had worked with him throughout his career. Among them were Game Warden Gary Hunt, DPS Sgt. Richard Gribble, Trooper Gary Davis, retired trooper Jerry Morris, Gary Henderson and Leo Hickman of the Texas Rangers, and his deputies.

Thompson singled out one former deputy as being invaluable — Charles Blackburn, Sr., the incoming sheriff's father.

"I never had anybody that took an interest in watching the buildings and people in town as Charles did. He was dedicated and made my job a heck of a lot easier. If we had a break-in at night, he could tell you who was out. Butch will never hire a

man as fine as Charles Blackburn."

As Thompson leaves office, he says he'll miss the job but is confident that the county is in good hands.

"I feel confident with this in Butch's hands," Thompson said. "He understands how to operate it and how to make a case."

"You'll always miss things, but there comes a time when its time to leave things, and it's my time to leave. I was 66 in October. When a man gets that old, he needs to sit around somewhere and whittle."

The former sheriff doesn't plan to whittle, though.

"I may work at a prison two days a week to keep from going crazy, and of course I may come around to aggravate Butch some."

Whatever he decides to do, one thing is certain. After 20 years of service to the people of Donley County, Thompson has earned his rest.



Mrs. Aleta Thompson was honored by incoming Sheriff Butch Blackburn and the county during ceremonies for her husband, former Sheriff Jimmy Thompson, last Saturday at the Bairfield Activity Center. "We made it, and that's what we've got to be thankful for," Mrs. Thompson said of her husband's years in office.

weather report

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Mon	25	26°	21°	T
Tues	26	23°	17°	.81
Wed	27	25°	17°	.50
Thurs	28	38°	20°	-
Fri	29	49°	20°	-
Sat	30	39°	12°	-
Sun	31	41°	12°	-

Total precipitation this month: 1.38"
 Total precipitation to date: 24.92"
 Total precipitation in Dec. last year: .72"
 Total YTD total last year: 22.47"

weekend forecast

Friday, Jan. 5
Partly Cloudy
48° / 26°

Saturday, Jan. 6
Cloudy
42° / 26°

Sunday, Jan. 7
Snow
38° / 22°

Check out the local radar and forecast at www.ClarendonOnline.com/weather

County to decide courthouse appearance

The commissioners' court will decide what a restored Donley County Courthouse is going to look like next Monday.

Deliberations will focus on the orientation of courtroom. According to local recollections, the room was originally situated with the judge's bench in the north. Physical evidence in the courtroom supports this theory, but for most of the building's history the bench has been in the south.

Also at issue will be the seating in the courtroom. Last month, project architect Chris Hutson pulled some of the old wooden theatre seats from the courthouse attic. But this was not the original seating. He also found a bench, similar to a park bench with a folding seat. Records indicate that these original benches from the courtroom were sold to the Goldston School in 1912.

Hutson says going with the original benches may be cheaper since another courthouse project in the state is having similar benches recreated at the same time. However, the theatre style seats are more attractive, and many of them are in the attic.

When commissioners meet on Monday, they also will be determining what time period the building should be restored to as required by the Texas Historical Commission. Based on previous decisions, that date will be prior to 1914. Whether they shoot for 1913 or 1912 will be

decided in large part on what seating is chosen for the courtroom.

Once the target date is set, decisions regarding paint colors, lighting fixtures, etc., will be made in accordance with that time period.

In other courthouse project news, Hutson says his company, the Austin-based Volz & Associates, may be on the trail of the quarry where stones for the 1890 building were raised. A stonecutter in Colorado has led the architects to a quarry in Kansas — a quarry known to have sent large amounts of stone to Texas in the late 1880s and early 1890s. Hutson wants the stone tested to make sure it won't have the same problems that currently plague the stones in the courthouse.

The county has also discovered a second hidden fireplace. The first had been found sealed up in the elevator shaft on the second floor, and this new one was in a corresponding place on the first floor. Hutson says plans are to take the fireplaces apart and use them to restore or rebuild other fireplaces in the building.

Officials say the courthouse project is on schedule, and the county is tentatively scheduled to advertise for bids on the abatement of asbestos and bat guano in a couple of weeks. Bids for construction are expected to be let in late March with construction slated to start in April.

A target date of April 22, 2002, has been set to complete the project.

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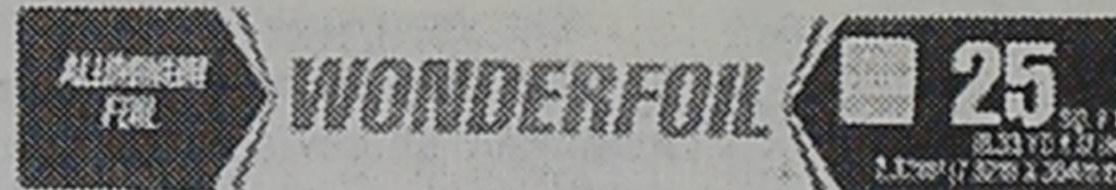
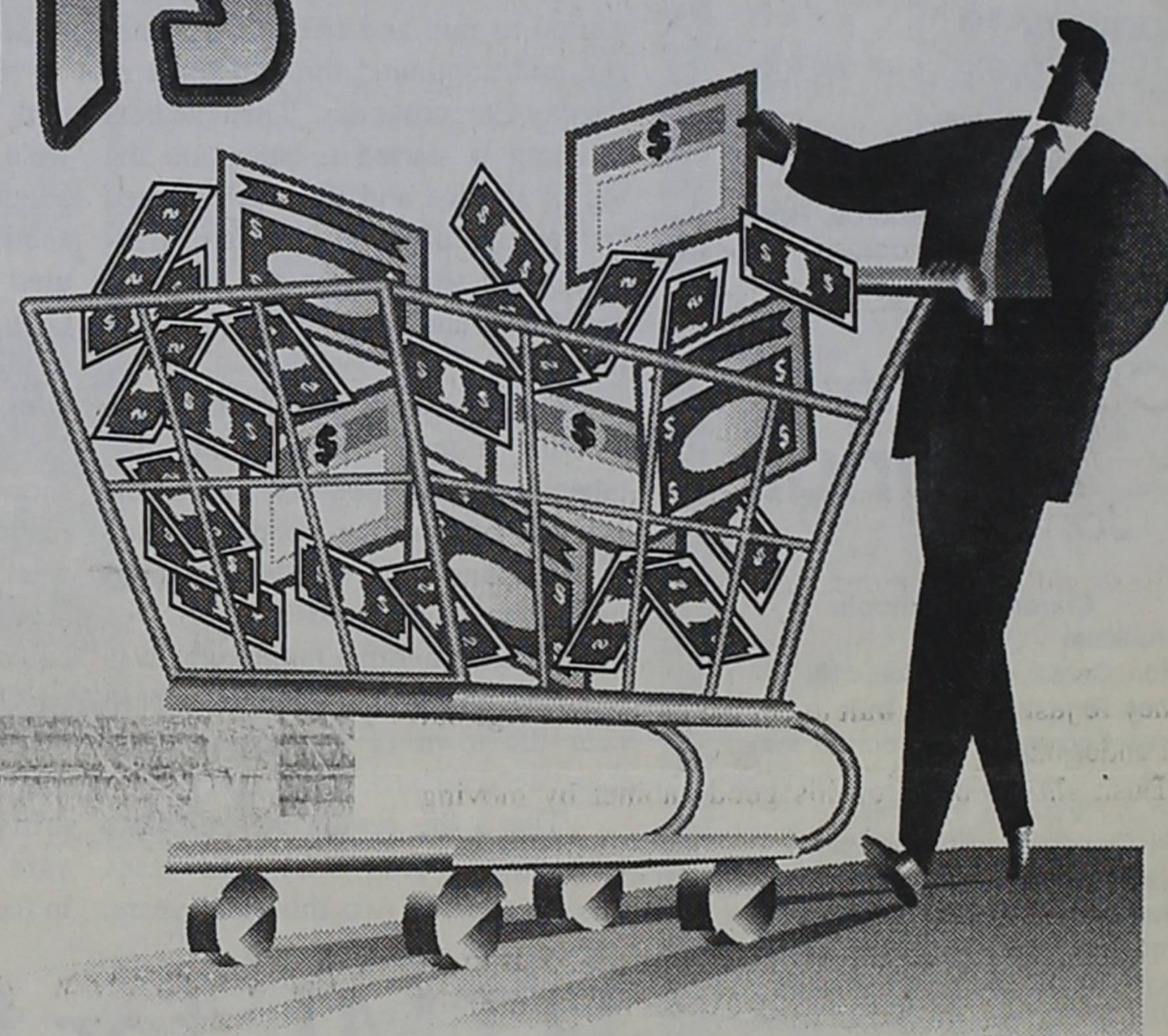
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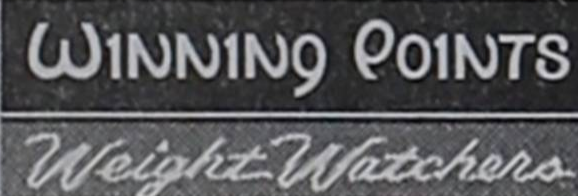
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Your guide to "what's happening" around Donley County.

January 5

Open Forum with Rep. Warren Chisum • CHS Auditorium • 10:30 a.m.

CHS v. Sunray • at Sunray

January 6

VFW Breakfast • VFW Hall • 7 a.m.

January 8

Classes resume at Clarendon Schools.

January 10

Deadline to nominate Man & Woman of the Year and Saints' Roost Award • Contact the Chamber.

January 11

Friends of the Library • Burton Memorial Library • 4:30 p.m.

January 13

Donley County Jr. Livestock Show • Community Center.

January 15

Registration for Spring 2001 starts at Clarendon College.

January 16

CHS v. Panhandle • Bronco Gym.

January 19

CHS v. Wellington • at Wellington.

January 20

Chamber of Commerce Banquet • details still to come

Community Menus

January 8 - 12

Clarendon Schools

Breakfast
 Mon: Cereal, toast, juice, milk
 Tues: Rice, toast, fruit, milk
 Wed: Egg and cheese burrito, fruit, milk
 Thur: Pancakes, fruit, milk
 Fri: Cinnamon rolls, fruit, milk
Lunch
 Mon: Steakfingers or peanut butter and jelly sandwich, French fries, corn, animal crackers, fruit, milk
 Tues: Frito pie or pizza, salad, beans, fruit, cookie, milk
 Wed: Salisbury steak with roll or hamburger, mashed potatoes, green beans, cake, milk
 Thur: Spaghetti with garlic bread or peanut butter and jelly sandwich, corn, fruit, milk
 Fri: Hamburger with cheese, trimmings, tator tots, fruit cobbler, milk

Hedley Schools

Breakfast
 Mon: Egg sausage bake with cheese, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk
 Tues: Breakfast bar, toast and jelly, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk
 Wed: Pancake on a stick with syrup, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk
 Thur: Biscuit and gravy, sausage patties, butter and jelly, cereal, juice, milk
 Fri: Sausage rolls, muffins, fruit juice, milk
Lunch
 Menu not available.

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Smoked sausage, steamed cabbage, black-eyed peas, mixed fruit, strawberry sundaes, cornbread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
 Tues: Barbecue chicken, baked beans, onion rings, coleslaw, cherry cheesecake, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
 Wed: Roast beef with gravy, corn dressing, green peas, pears with cottage cheese, butterscotch pudding, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
 Thur: Salmon patties, macaroni and cheese, vegetable medley, peaches, lemon lush, roll, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
 Fri: Beef stew with mixed vegetables, fried squash, pasta salad, rosy applesauce, cornbread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Lasagna, fried okra, orange, brownies, garlic toast, milk, tea, coffee
 Tues: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, English peas, cabbage and pineapple salad, peaches and bananas, roll, milk, tea, coffee
 Wed: Baked ham, black-eyed peas, corn, pear and cottage cheese salad, butterscotch pudding, roll, milk, tea, coffee
 Thur: Steak and gravy, baked potato, fried okra, pea salad, cherry cobbler, roll, milk, tea, coffee
 Fri: Spaghetti and meat sauce, broccoli casserole, tossed salad, apricot halves, garlic toast, milk, tea, coffee

Winter's storm provides a marital lesson

I learned something very interesting today. My husband and I should never drive together in 16 inches of snow. I should have known this before ever agreeing to our little adventure - but I'm getting ahead of myself. Let's go back to the beginning...

It was a dark and stormy night - no not really - but it was a gray and snowy morning. The snow had been falling for over 24 hours, and there was about 16 inches of the stuff on the roads between my house and the liquor store on the highway. And no...I don't start drinking at 10:00 a.m. (although I could have used a stiff belt when I finally got back home). I ran out of...cigarettes! Now for anyone who doesn't smoke, the idea that someone would actually try to drive through deep snow just for cigarettes is ridiculous. For those of you who do smoke, you understand! Anyway, I told my husband that I HAD to go to the store. He told me he would drive me there. I should have known right then it was a bad idea - we don't drive well together in the best of circumstances, but I was temporarily insane due to a nicotine fit, so I agreed for him to drive me to the store.

We did just fine for the first leg of the trip - we backed out of our driveway without a problem. Things went downhill from there.

When we reached the end of our street, I began giving him helpful information as to the deep drifts on my side of the road. He asked me who was driving. I told him I was only trying to be helpful, but he didn't seem to want my help. In all fairness, I will say that he made the turn off our street just fine. Up ahead we could see a big road grader, so I assumed we would just follow it to the highway. We did follow the grader down to the garbage dump area, where we stopped, got out, walked to the dumpsters, deposited trash, and waved to two people who were stuck in snow drifts. The road grader stopped to pull them out. Since there were other men to assist, we decided to go on.

"Be careful here," I told my husband sweetly. "Don't try to go too fast."

"Who's driving this car?" he asked.

"The person who is driving the car needs to be careful here," I snapped, as the car began to slide toward the drift of snow.



rain or Shine

By Cynthia Hall
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"Watch it! You're gonna plow right into the snow!" I yelled.

"Quit gunning it...you're gonna..."

"If you want to drive, you can just..." he started, but never finished his statement. We were buried in the snow right up to the drive shaft.

"Well...I hope you're happy now! If you hadn't distracted me, we wouldn't be in this mess," the love of my life said.

I won't tell you what I said.

I had to climb across the seat and exit the car on the driver's side because my door wouldn't even open. While the wonderful man I married hiked down the road to have a conference with the road grader man, I walked about 50 feet further to the little post office box building. There I waited sweetly and patiently for my car to be pulled out of the snowdrift. I absolutely did not mutter anything under my breath or call my husband a bad name!

The car was finally freed from

the drift, and he managed to drive up to where I stood. I climbed inside, and we rode in silence - sort of - to the liquor store. I managed to give forth with several very deep sighs - you know the kind I mean - that seem to say how weary one is of one's circumstances.

I purchased my cigarettes, turned to the person who had driven me there, and asked, "Would you like for me to drive home, dear?"

Well, that capped it. He was so angry he started sputtering, and I couldn't make out a single thing he was saying! He just marched out and got into the passenger side of our car. I took that as a "Yes, sweetheart, you drive", so I did.

We got home in good shape, and as I write this he is outside shoveling snow. There's nobody out there with him, but I see his mouth moving. I would bet money he is saying something wonderful - like how much he appreciates all my thoughtful comments and help!

So, a word of advice to all you husbands and wives: If you want your marriage to survive the winter - don't drive together until the spring thaw!

Trio of artists exhibit at Square

House Museum

The Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle is featuring three area artists during the months of January and February. Kathryn Hird of Amarillo, Nita Ramming of White Deer, and Roy Lane of Panhandle, each portray the beauty of the region through their individual artworks.

Hird is exhibiting her pastel and oil paintings, "Texas and Beyond," in the Square House Gallery through February. Ramming and Lane have combined their artwork in the Hazlewood Gallery for an exhibit titled, "In Our Backyard." Ramming is displaying her oils and watercolors and Lane is premiering his photographs during January.

Hird exhibits her artwork locally and nationally. Her works are found in private collections across the country. As an art conservator, Hird has had the privilege of a personal acquaintance with paintings of the past. Conserving art, along with her studies in art history, has given her an intimate knowledge of painting techniques and styles. "Some people are addicted to coffee or television. I'll admit when it gives me the excuse to be outdoors," Hird said. "I love trying to capture the fleeting color and spirit of the moment," she said.

Ramming is a native of Carson County and is on the board of the Square House Museum, serving as chair of the Gift Shop. She started tole painting in the Sixties and began painting on canvas in 1974 when a friend invited her to paint with the Brush and Palette, an artists' club in Groom. Currently, she is the reporter for the club. She has entered paintings in the Best of the Southwest Show, Tri-State Fair, and Citation Art Show, winning several awards. In 1997, she was commissioned to do a 5-foot by nineteen-foot mural of the Phillips Petroleum Plant at sunset in the conference room of the Phillips Petroleum Co. at Phillips. "It is always so rewarding to me to finally finish a painting and see that I can express my ideas and put them down on canvas for all the world to see," Ramming said. "I am always amazed that something so beautiful can break forth from the brushes and paint in my hand. God has been very good to me," she said.

Lane is also a lifetime resident of Carson County and a board member of the Museum. Growing up as a community member of the lively town of Panhandle in the Fifties, he has seen a lot of change in the area. After high school, Lane joined the Navy and traveled during the time he served. These experiences heightened his appreciation of the Panhandle. Lane's interest in photography since his youth continues to the present. In recent years, the photographic presentation of the region he calls "Home," to a world that seldom looks beyond the treelessness and flatness, has become a goal of this rural ambassador. The photographs of familiar, and sometimes, mundane sites, brings to life the area of the Panhandle and its surrounding regions.

The Museum Board and Staff welcomes the public to visit the galleries Monday-Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00-5:00 p.m. There will be a reception for the public honoring the featured artists on Sunday, January 7, 2001, from 2:30-4:00 p.m.

Vorheis completes basic training

Air Force Airman Benjamin P. Vorheis has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Benjamin is the son of Ronald and Mary Vorheis of Clarendon. He is a 1998 graduate of Clarendon High School.

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Warm wishes for the coming new year

How 'bout that ice and snow! It started to rain and freeze Christmas eve and continued through most of the day Christmas day. Then the next morning it started to snow on the top of the ice and the world turned into a nightmare. Hundreds of travelers were stranded on the highway, in ditches, and in the medians of the roads.

I saw a television reporter interviewing a man whose family had taken shelter in a church in Dumas. He told of how the people provide blankets and food and how amazed he was by their generosity.

I read of another family who was stranded and took shelter in a barn near the town of Bethlehem more than two thousand years ago.

That's the reason we celebrate Christmas. That baby was Jesus Christ, and for two thousand years,

he is the reason we celebrate Christmas.

I talked to several people who told me this was the biggest snow we'd had since 1983. There was about twelve to sixteen inches of snow at Hedley. Keith said he figured about twelve in the pastures at Giles. The wind didn't blow much so the snow didn't drift like it usually does.

I remember in 1971 when the snow drifted across the east-west roads, and we didn't get out for a week. Terry Bailey bladed a road across Frank Lindsey's pasture so we could get to the hospital and check on Guy. He was born in December of 1970, and we didn't get him home until March 28, 1971. The snowdrifts were higher than our chicken yard fence. Terry took Fred and Leon to feed across the creek and the other



watt's Happening

By Peggy Watt
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pastures he couldn't drive to.

I hope each of you had a happy and safe Christmas and that all you company got home in good time.

As we begin 2001 I wish each of you a healthy, wealthy, and wet new year.

I hope your cotton comes up the first time you plant the seed and grows without irrigation. I hope the rains come when you need them and that it stays dry when you need dry weather. I hope the boll weevils stay off you cotton and that your equipment runs good without breakdowns.

I hope the peanuts grow well without extra water and that leaf spot

and spider mites stay away from the young peanut plants. I hope you can get them harvested before the wild hogs do.

I hope the cattle market is up when you're selling cattle and is down when you're buying. I hope you have lots of grass to keep the cattle fat and that you have a 100 percent calf crop with a few sets of twins for good measure.

I hope the fences stay up and the cattle stay in.

If you have a wife who is gainfully employed, I hope she gets a raise. You noticed I said "gainfully employed." All farm wives work. They have some keen fringe benefits, but the pay ain't too good.

I hope all your kids stay well and make good grades in school and that none of them get seven marks!

Happy New Year!

HTML for fun and profitable web sites

The computer world is full of acronyms and abbreviations. One very important abbreviation you will no doubt run in to is HTML. HTML stands for "hypertext markup language," but you only need to memorize that if you want to impress people at parties. When you hear the term, HTML, think "web pages."

All web pages are written in HTML. Now, before we go any further, let me make one thing very clear. HTML is not a programming language. HTML does not tell the computer to DO anything. It describes a document. It tells the computer that certain words in the document are bolded, or italicized, or in a column. It can also describe the size of the words and their color. How many of you have used WordPerfect? Remember a little feature called "Reveal Codes?" If you understand "reveal codes" in WordPerfect, you'll understand HTML, because they are exactly alike.

If I had to describe HTML with one word, it would be "tags." HTML is all about "tags." All tags begin with a "<" (less-than sign) and end with a ">" (greater-than sign). I think an example will make this more clear. Here is a plain sentence without HTML: Eric Spellmann wrote this article.

Let's pretend that sentence is in a web page. If I wanted to bold (make darker) my name, I would simply put some tags around it. The new sentence would look like this: Eric Spellmann wrote this article.

The first tag, , starts bolding, and the second tag, , turns it off.

Everything between the two tags will be bolded when viewed in your browser (Internet Explorer or Netscape). Most tags have a beginning and ending version. The "/" (slash) denotes the ending tag.

Hundreds of tags exist and new ones are being introduced every day. Every webmaster (or future webmaster) ought to invest in a great book entitled, "HTML for Dummies." You'll find a very comprehensive list of tags.

Most webmasters create their first web page without any formal training. In fact, one of the best

ways to learn HTML is to see how others use it. Here's how: In Internet Explorer, go to your favorite web page. Heck, go to ANY web page. With your mouse, click on the "View" pull-down menu and choose "Source."

Voila! You are now looking at the "raw HTML" of that page. Scan through this cryptic mess and you should see many, many tags embedded throughout the text.

Believe it or not, most web pages are designed from scratch. Most webmasters simply find an existing page on the Net they like and copy it. As long as you delete all the proprietary "content" you may use it as your own. HTML structure is not copyrightable. For instance, if you come across a page that has multiple columns, and you would like your page to have a similar look, simply copy that section of code and paste it into your own! It's that easy.

But what if you don't want to take the time to learn a lot of tags. Or what if you don't HAVE time to get up to speed on HTML? Well, many people go out and buy web building software. This software hides the raw HTML from the user. The user simply designs the web page as if it were any word processing document. When they hit "Publish," the software turns their creation into a file containing raw HTML.

Popular titles in this software arena include Microsoft FrontPage, Adobe Pagemill, Allaire Homesite, and (for those with money to burn) Macromedia Dreamweaver. You don't need these programs to create web pages, but they do make it easier.

Let's jump into some of the particulars of this design process.

You might have heard this one before, but it bears repeating. The Internet only has two different kinds of computers connected to it: clients and servers. A client computer is used to GET information from the Internet. Your computer at your home or office is considered a client.

Servers, on the other hand, usually sit in a closet somewhere. No one sits down and types on them.



internet 101

By Eric Spellmann

They are connected to the Internet 24 hours/day, seven days/week (usually shortened to the term, 24/7). Their sole duty is to divvy out information whenever a CLIENT requests it.

While that may sound a bit inconvenient, think about it: "Would you really want the rest of the world to have access to your home computer?" Trust me, it's safer this way.

So, how do we get those pages to the server? Well, they must be uploaded to the server. What is "uploading?" you ask. The best memory trick for this term is to always picture the server as being "above you." If you need to transfer a file from a client to a server, you UPLOAD it. If you need to transfer a file from a server to client, you DOWNLOAD it. Got it?

Downloading can be done with any browser (Internet Explorer or Netscape.) However, uploading is more difficult. Ready for a new term? FTP. File Transfer Protocol is the method used to transfer computer files around the Internet. It can be used for uploading and downloading, but most people use it for uploading web pages to a server.

For those of you using an HTML design program like Front Page, understand that when you hit the "Publish" button, you are, in effect, uploading (or FTP'ing) your pages to a server. The process is just hidden from you.

Several great FTP programs exist. My two favorites are WS-FTP LE and CuteFTP. You can find either at <http://download.com> by searching on their names. But before you run out and download one of those little programs, know this: These programs were designed by computer geeks FOR computer geeks. I have yet to come across a user-friendly FTP program. Needless to say, read the included instructions carefully before pressing buttons.

Now that we have the method-

Obituaries

Denney

Graveside services for Letha Ora Denney, age 97, were held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2001, in Pleasant Grove Cemetery #3 in Chico, Texas, with Rev. Jerry L. Miller, Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Decatur, Texas, officiating. Burial was held in Pleasant Grove Cemetery #3 in Chico under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc. of Clarendon.

Mrs. Denney died Sunday, December 31, 2000, in Clarendon. She was born September 6, 1903, in Collin County, Texas, and was a resident of Decatur before moving to Clarendon in 1993. She married T.S. Denney on May 2, 1926, at Decatur. He preceded her in death in 1970. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Hobart, Oklahoma.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Virginia and Nelson Christie of Clarendon; one sister, Lizzie Mae Jones of Decatur, Texas; two grandchildren, Mike Christie of Gallup, NM, and Jane Roanhorse of Chinle, AZ; and three great grandchildren.

Chilton

Funeral services for Bill Chilton, age 70, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 2001, in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Dr. Randy White, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was held at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Chilton died Sunday, December 31, 2000, in Pampa. He was born on July 18, 1930, in Clarendon where he was reared on a ranch and was active in rodeo. He came to Pampa in 1981 from Amarillo. He married Robbie Messinger on May 29, 1970 at Greenbelt Lake. He was a self-employed electrician and was a member of the First Baptist Church. He was a member of the Pampa Rifle Club and the Pampa Amateur Radio Club with the call number W5EEF. He was an avid hunter and sportsman.

Survivors include his wife, Robbie Chilton of the home; four sons, Charles Patrick Chilton of Oklahoma City, Michael Alfred Chilton of Purcell, OK, Jesse Steven Chilton of Pampa, and James Lynn Chilton of Lubbock; one stepdaughter, Jeanine Russell of Dallas; two sisters, Shirley Hargrove of Pampa and Opal Yount of Oklahoma City; 14 grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church Renovation Fund, 203 N. West., Pampa, TX 79065.

Jeffers

Funeral services for Rittie Louise White Jeffers, age 84, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 4, 2001, in the Martin Baptist Church with Rev. Bryan Knowles, Baptist Minister from Clarendon, and Rev. Darrell Burton, Pastor, officiating. Burial was held in Citizens Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mrs. Jeffers died Monday, January 1, 2001, in Temple, Texas. She was born March 20, 1916, in Oklahoma City. She had been a long time resident of Clarendon before moving to Temple three months ago. She married Robert Austin White on October 30, 1934, at Clarksville, Texas. He preceded her in death on November 13, 1971. She married Raymond Jeffers in 1978 at Clarendon and he preceded her in death on November 14, 1997. She was employed for several years at the Clarendon Public School Cafeteria before her retirement. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include three daughters, Joyce Neal of Clarendon, Jane Hall of Holland, Texas, and Charlene Mills of Gladewater, Texas; one son, Bud White of Clarendon; one sister, Betty Powell of California; one brother, Sonny Covington of Detroit, Texas; ten grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; and five great great grandchildren.

Newspaper subscription rates increasing

Due to a rise in postal costs, the price of a subscription to The Clarendon Enterprise will be going up this month.

"This is something we have dreaded," said publisher Roger Estlack, "but our friends at the US Postal Service have left us little choice."

With the postal rate increases enacted this month, newspapers and magazines will be facing prices eight to ten percent higher. The newspaper industry successfully lobbied the postal rate commission and held off an increase that could have been as much as 15 percent.

A subscription to the newspaper is still cheaper than buying at the newsstand, and the Enterprise is holding the old rates open for a limited time. Readers can renew or extend their subscriptions under the old rates until the close of business on January 19, 2001.

"Subscription prices have not gone up since June 1994," Estlack

said. "In that time, we've absorbed the increased costs of mailing and managed to put off raising subscription rates by utilizing barcodes and taking advantage of every possible discount."

"We don't like having to raise our rates, especially when we know there hasn't been a corresponding increase in 'service' regarding delivery to our out of county and out of state subscribers. Local delivery is very good. Unfortunately is still takes a week for the paper to get delivered to the Hill Country and sometimes three or four weeks to get to the east or west coast."

Some longtime publishers around the country say the postal delivery service hasn't improved in 30 years. Readers are encouraged to write their Congressman and US Senators to complain.

The new rates will be \$20 for addresses in Donley County, and \$25 for out of county addresses.

3 CHS kids top All-Tournament Team

Senior Lady Bronco Geri Butler was honored with the Most Valuable Player at this last weekend's Greenbelt Varsity Tournament hosted by Clarendon.

Butler was chosen the top player by the coaches of the participating teams. Those teams came from Allison, Floydada, Groom, Hedley, River Road, Spearman, and Tulia.

Butler scored a total of 67 points in the 3 games the Lady Broncos played in the tournament.

Junior Lady Bronco Kelley Lemley was also named to the All-Tournament team. Lemley racked up a total of 59 points during the tournament. All-around offensive and

defensive play by Butler and Lemley was the major factor in their selection to the All-Tournament Team.

Senior Josh Williams was selected to the All-Tournament Team on the boys' side. Williams scored a total of 43 points in the 2 games played by the Broncos during the tournament. Williams' overall play was instrumental in the Broncos' top three finish in the tournament.

Others selected to the girls' team were Elizabeth Thompson, Tulia; Melissa Williams, Tulia; Abbie Sanders, Floydada; and Lauren Hill, Hedley.

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 - Eugene O'Neill opus
 - Gemstone
 - Gets possession of
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 - Overlay with wood
 - Cut into
 - Processions
 - Ancient Egyptian city
 - Caliph
 - Monetary unit
 - Takes away
 - About order
 - Winged goddess of the dawn in ancient mythology
 - Egyptian sun god
 - School of thought
 - Egg-laying mammal
 - Menstruation
 - Owner or manager of an inn
 - Adams, American revolutionary
 - Corroded
 - Endanger
 - Wishful pursuits
 - Shoshonean
 - Greek coins
 - Fencing sword
 - Hear ye
 - Sorceress who helped Jason
 - Recording
- DOWN**
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 - Pier on a porch
 - Halt
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 - At the back
 - Feel deep affection for
 - Abundant
 - Calendar month (abbr.)
 - Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
 - Transfix
 - Retreat
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 - burger or cake
 - Expel
 - Punctuation mark
 - Clapton, musician
 - Saturate
 - Spoken, not written
 - Arthropod genus
 - Prefix meaning "not"
 - Frames
 - Movable barriers
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 - Bludgeons
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Lady Broncos win Greenbelt Tournament

By Sandy Anderberg

The old saying, "It ain't over 'till it's over" has proven true again and again for the Lady Broncos this year. Don't ever count the Lady Broncos out. They will play tough basketball until the final buzzer. And that's just what they did over the weekend when Clarendon hosted the eight-team Greenbelt Varsity Tournament.

The Lady Broncos began their 3-game sweep Friday when they faced the Lady Lopes from Allison. The Lady Broncos defeated Allison 58-45. Head Coach Steve Schmidt was pleased with the win, but felt the Lady Broncos could have played better. "We were a little rusty early on, and our finish was not good. But we played pretty good basketball in the 2nd and 3rd quarters."

Juniors Kelley Lemley and Janey Aduddell hit one and two three-pointers respectively in the 2nd quarter, and senior Geri Butler added another. In the 3rd quarter, senior Shannon Cooper connected on a three-pointer also to help boost the Lady Broncos to victory.

Scoring for the Lady Broncos were: Butler 26, Lemley 19, Aduddell 6, April Bryley 4, and Cooper 3.

In the second game the Lady Broncos went up against a good Floydada team. The Lady Broncos came out on top 65-58.

The Lady Broncos came out strong in the 1st quarter, outscoring the Lady Whirlwinds 11-5. Floydada came back in the 2nd quarter to lead the Lady Broncos at the half by three points.

"Floydada has a very good team with nice inside and outside balance," said Coach Schmidt. "They tried to take advantage of their height advantage over us to hit some shots inside."

Floydada increased their lead over the Lady Broncos in the 3rd quarter after they hit some big three-pointers.

But the Lady Broncos wouldn't be denied. They came back in the 4th quarter, played good basketball, and outscored the Lady Winds by 13 points.

"Our girls really had to come

up big in the 4th quarter with great defensive intensity," said Schmidt. "They hit the open shots to pull away. This was a very hard-fought win, and it took a lot of toughness and teamwork."

Scoring for the Lady Broncos were: Butler 24, Lemley 18, Bryley 10, Aduddell 9, and Cooper 4.

The two wins propelled the Lady Broncos into the championship game against the Tulia Lady Hornets. Clarendon was victorious over the Lady Hornets 55-51.

"We got off to an extremely slow start," said Schmidt. "Tulia came on very strong on both ends of the court, and I credit them with playing very good basketball more than us playing bad."

The Lady Hornets outscored the Lady Broncos by nine points in the 1st quarter, but the Lady Broncos came back in the 2nd quarter and cut Tulia's lead to seven at the break.

The Lady Broncos came out in the 3rd quarter and played hard, but Tulia seemed to answer every comeback attempt by the Lady Bron-

cos. "Our bench players (including two JV squad members due to varsity absences) came through with the spark we needed to start turning things around," said Schmidt. "Once the momentum finally turned to our favor, it seemed Tulia tightened up. They knew we had regained our confidence. I'm most proud of the poise our crew showed during extreme adversity."

The game went into overtime with the Lady Broncos continuing to over power the Lady Hornets.

Scoring for the Lady Broncos were: Lemley 22, Butler 17, Bryley 7, Aduddell 3, Cooper 3, Brandi Betts 2, and Liz Simmons 1.

The three wins boosted the Lady Broncos' record to 15-2 for the season.

The Lady Broncos will continue District play Friday, January 5, in Sunray and against Highland Park January 9 at home.

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Broncos finish 3rd in tourney

by Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Broncos participated in the Greenbelt Tournament held over the holidays and finished in 3rd place behind two quick, physical teams.

After receiving a bye in the 1st round, the Broncos had to play Floydada. "They're a tough team," said Head Coach Mike Ray.

The Broncos started out slow, trailing the Whirlwinds by nine points at the end of the 1st period. But the Broncos rallied back to come within one point of the "Winds at the break.

"A strange turn of events cost us some players and really the game," said Ray. "But we learned our lesson, and we hope to move on from there."

The Broncos could never recover from the deficit and lost to Floydada 65-77.

Scoring for the Broncos were: Josh Williams 19, Antonio Wilson 16, Cody Watson 13, James Williams 7, Jeremy Ray 5, Todd Hoeltzel 2, G.J. Martindale 2, and Greg Leeper 1.

The second and final game for the Broncos was against River Road for 3rd place. The Broncos dominated from the beginning and sent River Road packing. The final score was 78-52.

The Broncos took an early lead against this 3-A team and never looked back. The Broncos led by 12 at the break. The Broncos continued on and soundly defeated River Road by 26 points.

"We played about as well as we have played this season," said Ray. "We took control from start to end. It was a great team effort."

"We are ready to continue District this week, and I hope we are back on top of our game," added Ray.

Scoring for the Broncos were: Josh Williams 24, Watson 16, Wilson 11, Sam Holton 7, Ray 7, James Williams 5, Colt Floyd 4, Hoeltzel 2, and Martindale 2.

The Broncos will play at Sunray January 5 and face Highland Park at home January 9.

Good luck, Broncos!

BASKETBALL

Broncos & Lady Broncos

2000 Bronco Roster

10	Colt Floyd	Sr.
11	Greg Leeper	Sr.
15	Cody Watson	Jr.
30	Sam Holton	Sr.
32	Josh Williams	Sr.
33	Jeremy Ray	Jr.
40	Antonio Wilson	Jr.
44	G.J. Martindale	Sr.
55	James Williams	So.

Head Coach: Mike Ray

Manager: Michael McFarland and Serenity Shay

2000 Lady Bronco Roster

5	Claire Rodriguez	Jr.
10	Courtney Newhouse	Sr.
12	Kelley Lemley	Jr.
14	April Bryley	Jr.
20	Janey Aduddell	Jr.
22	Kristen Glover	Jr.
23	Geri Butler	Sr.
24	Elizabeth Simmons	Sr.
32	Lindsey Shelton	Sr.
33	Brandi Martindale	So.
34	Shannon Cooper	Sr.
42	Jamee Sparks	Sr.

Head Coach: Steve Schmidt

Managers: Amanda McCabe and Candice Hall

Jan. 5 - Broncos vs. Sunray in Sunray
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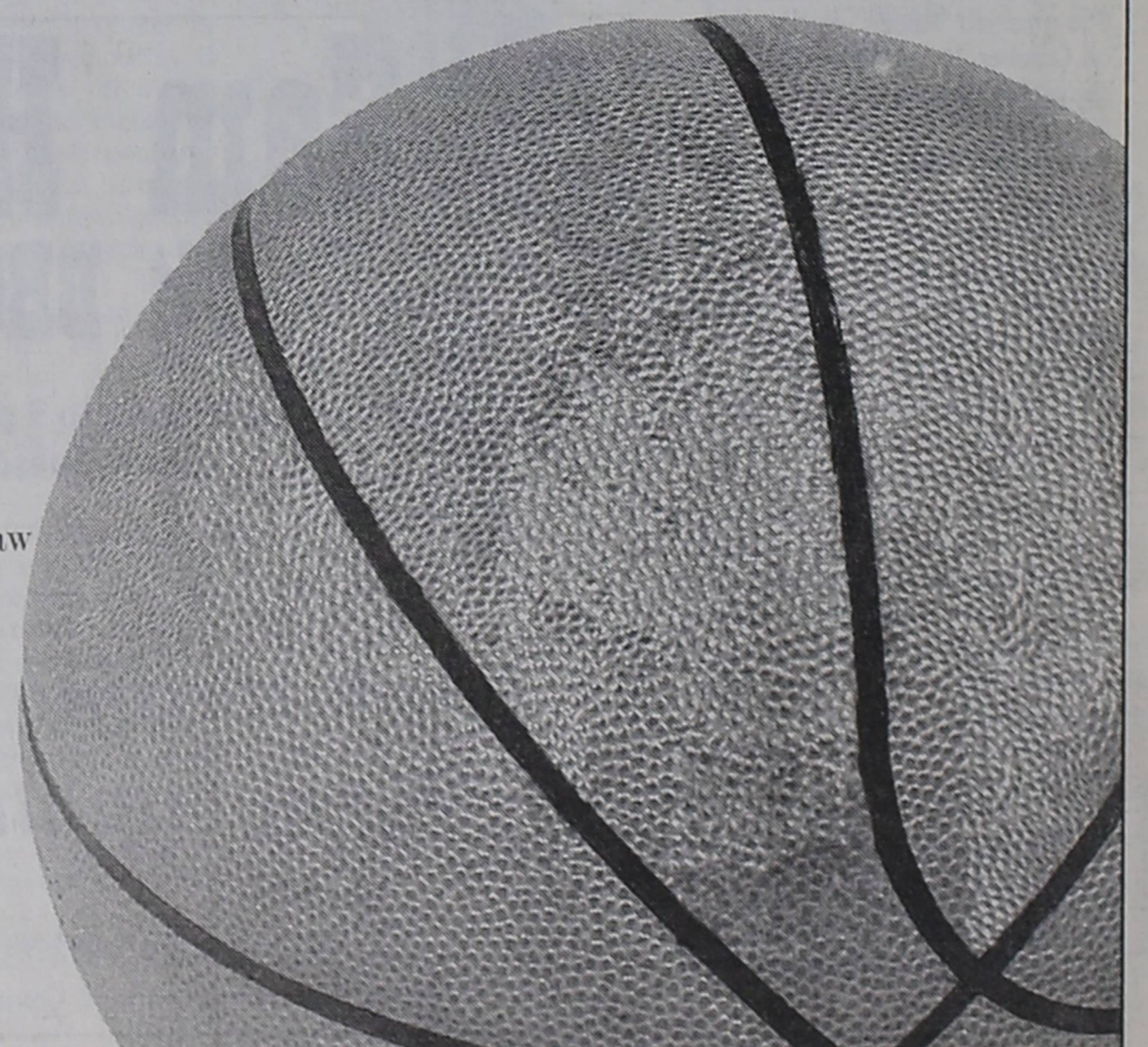
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We had 13 members and 3 guests. Our guests were Travis Woodard, guest of Lion Jerry Woodard; and Dee Whittington, guest of Lion Alan Graham.

Leon Church presented a program on the Texas Agriculture Extension Service. The Extension Service is funded through the USDA, the State of Texas, and the local county. Pamphlets highlighting the current work of the local Extension Service were passed out.

The county stock show will have 73 exhibitors showing 108 animals this year. We voted to make a donation to the stock show.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.





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Roger Estlack - W.M.
Larry Hicks - Secretary

Clarendon Order of the Eastern Star #6 Stated meetings: First Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Refreshments served at 6:30 p.m.
Linda Crump - W.M.
Opal Ramsey - Secretary

Clarendon Lions Club Regular meeting each Tuesday at noon.
Stan Leflew, Boss Lion
Monty Hysinger, Secretary

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

CLARENDON-RANCH - 1,170 acres only 4 miles south of Clarendon, good cattle country with just enough rough land and cover to attract DEER & GAME BIRDS, large dirt tank and 3 wells provide abundant water for livestock and game, good set of corrals, beautiful unobstructed view overlooking scenic canyon country for \$275.00 per acre.

CLARENDON-FARM - 271 ACRES 9 MILES S/E of Clarendon - 173.8 acres in CRP at \$33.00 with 7 years remaining (**\$5,735.00 annual payment**). 1 domestic well, frontage on large major ranch provides unobstructed view for building site and makes this a favored feeding ground for deer and quail, offered at \$400 per acre.

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GOODNIGHT - 100 acres, 3 bedroom house with 1 bath, kitchen, dining, living/den with wood burning stove, utility, fenced in porch, almost new metal roof, domestic well with pressure system, carport, brick shakes, central heat & air, dust stopper doors & windows, well fenced yard, shop & storage building, dog kennel with 6 runs, numerous shade & fruit trees - and more - must see to appreciate. Owner relocating; price REDUCED TO \$89,900.00. (Below appraisal)

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GREENBELT - Carroll Creek Acres - 4 acres and 2 bedroom, 1 bath, living, dining, den, well with sub. pump for \$27,000.

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Sheriff's Report:

Weather conditions keep officers busy over holidays

December 18

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 9:50 a.m. - EMS needed at Clinic.
 10:07 a.m. - Report of vandalism at local business.
 1:44 p.m. - Report of reckless drivers on US 287.
 5:32 p.m. - Subject needing to speak with deputy.

December 19
 1:50 a.m. - Teletype on escaped prisoner in Hansford County.
 9:01 a.m. - Deputy needed at local business.
 12:55 p.m. - Deputy at local business.
 1:53 p.m. - Trooper giving subject a ride into Hedley.
 2:21 p.m. - Subject calling about vehicle on US 287 with ladder falling out of vehicle.
 6:45 p.m. - Caller needing to know who to contact to get water shut off in Hedley.
 10:34 p.m. - School bus having problems in Canadian. Contacted Hemphill County.

December 20

12:27 a.m. - Pedestrians on US 287 walking towards Clarendon.
 6:24 a.m. - Caller reporting a man at the 150 miles marker on I-40 knocking on doors and asking the drivers to step out of their vehicles and walk to back of truck. Notified Shamrock.
 7:19 a.m. - Caller advising Potter County is en route to pick up an inmate.
 10:14 a.m. - Fire reported at rural residence.
 11:18 a.m. - Deputy standing by while furniture is exchanged.
 1:44 p.m. - Trooper bringing prisoner to Sheriff's Office.
 2:03 p.m. - Carson County reporting a fire.
 4:04 p.m. - EMS needed at local residence.
 4:21 p.m. - Caller reporting dog problems.
 4:24 p.m. - EMS en route to BSA.
 4:38 p.m. - Caller reporting erratic driver on I-40, MP 171. Gave to Shamrock.
 4:58 p.m. - Caller having problems with dogs.
 5:07 p.m. - Animal control responding to dog problem.
 5:15 p.m. - Caller reporting theft of belongings from residence.
 5:44 p.m. - Deputy responding to call at local business.
 8:49 p.m. - Deputy looking for subject in Hedley.
 9:40 p.m. - Abandoned vehicle at Hedley on US 287.
 9:49 p.m. - EMS needed for patient transfer.
 11:49 p.m. - Report of tires being slashed at local business.

December 21

12:20 a.m. - Deputies out with vehicle and two subjects.
 3:52 a.m. - Deputy out on traffic stop at Lelia Lake, northbound with a subject who stated the deputy could take the rest of the day off. Dispatch asked if subject was going to sign his paycheck. Deputy advises, "He just did!"
 4:58 a.m. - 911 call from Johns Street. Need ambulance.
 5:25 a.m. - EMS advises no transport. One patient refusal.
 6:13 a.m. - Subject in Sheriff's Office to speak with deputy.
 8:18 a.m. - Local business owner needs to speak with a deputy.
 12:13 p.m. - EMS needed on non-emergency transfer from Childress Regional to Lubbock.
 12:15 p.m. - Vandalism reported on East Fourth.
 2:11 p.m. - Trooper requested a deputy meet him at the DPS office.
 2:38 p.m. - Accident reported North of Hedley.
 3:04 p.m. - Clarendon 2 is headed back to station. Clarendon 2 is handling all patients and patient refusals.
 3:11 p.m. - Clarendon 3 en route to Hall County Hospital.
 3:16 p.m. - Clarendon 1 is back at the station.
 3:54 p.m. - Caller reports a loud explosion South of Claude on US 287 at the train tracks. Clarendon Sheriff's Office contacted Armstrong County.
 4:06 p.m. - Deputy reports a possible head on collision between two trains in Claude.
 4:07 p.m. - Clarendon 3 inquiring if Armstrong County needs mutual aid. Armstrong County stated not at this time but would call if they did.
 4:31 p.m. - Trooper is finished at the accident and is en route back to Clarendon.
 4:38 p.m. - Collingsworth County inquiring as to what the visiting hours are at Donley County Sheriff's Office. Dispatch advised as follows: Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
 5:28 p.m. - Caller needs to speak with Chief Deputy regarding burglary.
 6:07 p.m. - Caller needs to speak with a deputy about harassment.
 6:44 p.m. - Deputy advises someone left their lights on at a local business. Dispatch called and told them.
 7:45 p.m. - Subject in Sheriff's Office to speak with a deputy.
 8:12 p.m. - EMS inquiring as to location of Clarendon 1 as that unit is having vehicle trouble. Clarendon 1 advises they are nine miles west of Clarendon. EMS is behind them in his personal vehicle and will see them on into town.
 8:31 p.m. - Clarendon 1 is back at the station and is also out of service.
 8:29 p.m. - Armstrong County called checking on local warrants.
 10:21 p.m. - 911 call from Hedley. Resident needing to meet with a deputy regarding a vehicle.
 10:30 p.m. - Deputy unable to locate vehicle.

December 22

12:43 a.m. - Caller reports a dog (St. Bernard) is missing from Barcus Street.
 9:25 a.m. - Caller reports vandalism at Greenbelt Lake.
 12:45 p.m. - Control burn reported at the Donley/Armstrong County Line.
 4:34 p.m. - Residential burglary alarm reported. Deputies responding.
 4:40 p.m. - Caller needs a deputy. Possible domestic problems.
 5:03 p.m. - Everything is fine at house where alarm was sounding.
 7:49 p.m. - Caller reports a skink on her patio in Hedley. Constable notified.
 9:40 p.m. - Amarillo DPS alerts Donley County of an intoxicated driver north bound on US 287.
 9:41 p.m. - Armstrong County notified.
 11:16 p.m. - 911 caller stated she needed a deputy immediately at her residence.
 11:28 p.m. - 911 caller reporting harassing phone calls in Howardwick.

December 23

3:12 p.m. - Report of loud music at the car wash.
 7:39 p.m. - 911 caller states there are domestic problems at her residence and needs assistance.
 7:56 p.m. - Caller reported a stranded motorist approximately 250 yards from exit 98 on I-40. Carson County notified.
 11:47 p.m. - Caller reports a vehicle parked in front of a residence on West Seventh. Needs a deputy to check on it as this person is not to be there.

December 24

12:27 a.m. - Caller reports a dog barking on West Fifth.
 1:04 p.m. - Shamrock Police Department reports possible intoxicated driver two miles West of Hedley on US 287.
 1:48 a.m. - Caller is stranded five miles east of Shamrock, east bound. Shamrock Police Department notified.
 7:25 a.m. - Smoke alarm at local residence on Gorst. Nothing found; everything seems to be fine.
 8:13 p.m. - Trooper inquiring if we had received any weather reports as to what the weather is going to do. No we haven't.
 11:48 a.m. - Deputy reports the brick streets here in town are starting to get slick.
 12:18 p.m. - Armstrong County reports roads in Claude are fine.
 3:50 p.m. - Report of a break-in. Deputies en route.
 4:01 p.m. - Teletype on weather conditions broadcast.
 4:49 p.m. - Report of possible intoxicated pedestrian. Trooper en route.
 4:58 p.m. - Subject ran out of gas on I-40. He has another vehicle with him and will go get gas. Will be back after his vehicle.
 5:30 p.m. - Caller reports heavy fog, converts iced over, and visibility 1/4 to 1/2 mile.
 6:40 p.m. - Caller reports black ice between Goodnight and Midway. Notified Armstrong County Sheriff's Office.
 6:55 p.m. - Weather Bureau called wanting to know what the weather is doing here.
 7:44 p.m. - Received a TTY about the weather.
 9:49 p.m. - TTY about the weather.
 9:56 p.m. - Ambulance needed at Howardwick. Man having seizure. Deputy en route.
 10:00 p.m. - EMT's en route.
 10:01 p.m. - Caller reports her children in care with their dad and he's been drinking and on his way to Amarillo. She wants her kids out. She's afraid he'll have a wreck with the roads being icy.
 10:22 p.m. - Ambulance en route to Amarillo. Code 1.
 10:49 p.m. - Armstrong County Sheriff's Office has the kids. The mother can go get them.

December 25

2:08 a.m. - Deputy reports brick streets are beginning to ice over.
 3:22 a.m. - Report received from Hall County about an accident on US 287. Emergency vehicles paged. Deputy and trooper responded.
 4:18 a.m. - Report of accident between Hedley and Memphis. Emergency vehicles paged. Deputy and Trooper responding.
 5:00 a.m. - Highway Department contacted. Putting sand on highway.
 8:12 a.m. - Report of one vehicle roll over near Lelia Lake. Emergency crews dispatched. Deputy and trooper responded.
 8:37 a.m. - No transport needed from accident.
 9:03 a.m. - Dumpster on fire on Parks Street. Fire Department paged.
 11:18 a.m. - Report of accident on I-40. Shamrock notified.
 12:00 p.m. - Report on road conditions between Claude and Amarillo - a solid sheet of ice. Caller advised he turned around and came back home to Clarendon. Roads too slick.
 12:01 p.m. - Report of brown car driving recklessly around college.
 1:34 p.m. - Report of accident east of Hedley near one of the roadside parks. Emergency crews dispatched. Deputy and trooper responded.
 1:38 p.m. - Trooper advises more help needed out on FM 1260 and US 287 on east bound side.
 2:29 p.m. - Reports of one car roll over five miles west of Clarendon. Emergency crews paged. Deputy and trooper responded.
 2:35 p.m. - Ambulance transporting patient from earlier accident to Hall County Hospital was turned away because hospital was full. Patient was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.
 3:00 p.m. - Memphis ambulance reports an accident just west of where crews

are already working an accident 7-8 miles west of Clarendon.
 3:02 p.m. - DPS advised of second accident.
 3:20 p.m. - Report of a 2 or 3 vehicle accident west of Hedley. Deputy en route.
 3:30 p.m. - EMS transporting two from second accident west of Clarendon. No injuries reported from first one.
 3:38 p.m. - Deputy reports no injuries from accident west of Hedley. Both cars driveable.
 3:57 p.m. - Local citizen reports someone just ran into their pickup parked on side of street. Deputy dispatched.
 4:25 p.m. - Report of one vehicle roll over approximately five miles west of Clarendon. Emergency crews paged. Deputy and trooper responded.
 4:51 p.m. - No transport needed by ambulance.
 4:57 p.m. - Trooper reports rain west of town.
 5:05 p.m. - Rain turning to sleet and snow.
 5:07 p.m. - Sleet storm north of town on SH 70. Very slick.
 5:30 p.m. - Beautiful snowflakes falling north of town. Some as big as half-dollars.
 7:45 p.m. - All ambulances finally back in. Numerous calls all day about weather and road conditions. All callers were urged to stay home and off the slick roads.

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3:44 a.m. - Motorist needs help on Koogle Street.
 4:21 a.m. - Motorist needs help on W. Eighth St.
 6:12 a.m. - Report of prowler.
 8:20 a.m. - Vehicle stuck.
 9:23 a.m. - Memphis reports semi driving erratically down middle of the highway.
 9:30 a.m. - Caller reports co-worker left for work an hour ago and hasn't shown up.
 12:00 p.m. - Truck blocking traffic on 287. He has a burst air line.
 12:15 p.m. - Truck jackknifed on 273.
 12:58 p.m. - Report of reckless driver.
 5:10 p.m. - Caller needing to file report on stolen cell phone.
 5:21 p.m. - Caller reporting white pickup running up and down the road.
 6:52 p.m. - Trooper out on vehicle search.
 9:07 p.m. - Wreck: vehicle vs. building on US 287. EMS and Fire dept. responding.
 9:10 p.m. - Need TxDOT to salt highway.
 10:02 p.m. - Subject needs officer's assistance to get home.
 10:11 p.m. - Caller reports subject fell in front of movie theater and broke ankle.

December 29

2:51 a.m. - Abandoned vehicle 9 miles west of Clarendon.
 11:48 a.m. - Gas drive off.
 4:53 p.m. - Alarm at bank. Deputy responds.
 5:36 p.m. - Security co. checking bank alarm.
 7:02 p.m. - Gas drive off.
 7:33 p.m. - Armstrong Co. reports vehicle stuck in median. Possible intoxicated driver.
 7:50 p.m. - Trooper helping stranded motorist.
 8:15 p.m. - Accident reported in front of Bronco Gym.
 10:59 p.m. - Caller reports vehicle with loud music on N. Carhart St.

December 30

2:09 a.m. - Deputy arriving a sheriff's office with two subjects.
 11:34 a.m. - Stranded motorist.
 6:08 p.m. - Caller reports loud music on E. Third.
 8:10 p.m. - EMS needed on CR 14. Transport to BSA.

December 31

4:49 a.m. - DPS broadcast regarding escapes.
 7:19 a.m. - Vehicle off road.
 7:39 a.m. - Deputy says its snowing.
 7:44 a.m. - EMS needed on Johns St. Transport to Hall Co. Hospital.
 9:11 a.m. - Deputy reports car in ditch south of town. DPS and wrecker en route.
 9:41 a.m. - EMS reports Giles Hills are starting to turn nasty - inside lanes and shoulder are snow-covered.
 9:57 a.m. - Amarillo DPS reports one-car roll over on I40.
 10:31 a.m. - Ambulance needed east of Groom.
 10:34 a.m. - Deputy reports 1/2" of snow and sleet also.
 12:30 p.m. - Game Warden reports roads were slick but are clearing.
 2:29 p.m. - Deputy transporting one subject to Lelia Lake.
 3:07 p.m. - Report filed on stolen property.
 3:07 p.m. - Caller reports finding small dog.
 6:10 p.m. - Trooper out with stuck vehicle near Lelia Lake.
 6:54 p.m. - Gas drive off reported to trooper. Driver had a receipt.
 7:02 p.m. - Deputy with people trying to get pickup out of bar ditch.
 8:38 p.m. - Trooper out with truck blocking traffic between Allsup's and Outpost.

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 Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
 Sunday Evening: 7 p.m.
 Wednesday: 7 p.m.

Church of Christ
 300 S. Carhart • 874-2495
 Minister: Brian Goehenour
 Sun. Bible Class: 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
 Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.

Church of Nazarene
 209 S. Hawley • 874-2321
 Pastor: Bill Hodges
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Service: 10:30 p.m.
 Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
 Wednesday: 7 p.m.

Community Fellowship Church
 416 S. Kearney • 874-2516
 Pastor: Bryan Knowles
 Sunday School: 10 a.m.
 Sunday Service: 11 p.m.
 Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.

First Baptist Church
 501 McClelland • 874-2195
 Pastor: Gene Allen
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Sunday Service: 10:50 a.m.
 Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
 Wednesday: 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
 300 Bugbee Ave • 874-3833
 Pastor: Truman Ledbetter
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Sunday Service: 10:55 a.m.
 Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
 Wednesday: 7 p.m.

First Christian Church
 120 E. Third Street
 874-3212
 Minister: Leonard Holt
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Sunday Service: 10:45 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church
 Fourth & Parks • 874-9269
 Pastor: Smiley Johnson
 Every Sunday: 11:00 a.m.

First United Methodist Church
 420 S. Jefferson • 874-3667
 Pastor: James Ivey Edwards
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Sunday: 8:30, 10:50 a.m.

Hedley

Church of Christ
 110 W. Second St.
 Minister: Bright Newhouse
 Sun. Bible Class: 10 a.m.
 Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
 Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
 Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
 210 N. Main St.
 874-5980
 Pastor: Bruce Howard
 Sunday School: 10 a.m.
 Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
 Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
 Wednesday: 7 p.m.

First Methodist Church
 200 N. Main St.
 Pastor: Neeley Landrum
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.

Howardwick

First Baptist Church
 222 Sherwood Blvd. 874-3326
 Pastor: Genoa Goad
 Sunday School: 10 a.m.
 Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
 Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
 Wednesday: 6 p.m.

Martin

Martin Baptist Church
 US 287 W • 874-2025
 Pastor: Darrell Burton
 Sunday School: 10 a.m.
 Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
 Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
 Wednesday: 7 p.m.

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