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news & info At A Glance

EMS to be on duty during new year's as a precaution

No problems are expected, but plans have been made in case there is any difficulty accessing the 911 system at the turn of the new year.

The Associated Ambulance Authority will have EMS personnel on duty at the Clarendon Fire Department, located at 119 S. Sully Street to meet the emergency medical needs of the citizens of Donley County.

Candidates must file by January 3 for county offices

Candidates wanting to run for county office have until 6 p.m. on January 3, 2000, to file at the county clerk's office.

Voters in Donley County will be deciding six local positions - Sheriff, County Attorney, Tax Assessor-Collector, Precinct 1 County Commissioner, Precinct 3 County Commissioner, and Precinct 3&4 Constable.

Each position is a four-year term.

As of 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, the following people had filed: for Constable Precinct 3 & 4 - William Brent Hall and Mike Wallendorff, for Sheriff - Charles "Butch" Blackburn, for Tax Assessor-Collector - Wilma Lindley (inc.) and Wanda Smith, for Commissioner Precinct 1 - Ernest Johnston and Randy White (inc.), and for Commissioner Precinct 3 - Ronald Glover and Andy Wheatley (inc.).

City Park vandals remain at large; reward available

Sheriff Jimmy Thompson reports there have been no leads on the vandalism to the bathroom at City Park.

Several weeks ago, vandals destroyed an expensive door on what will be a new public restroom at the park.

A \$200 reward has been posted for information about the incident.

The door for the building had to be replaced to meet handicapped requirements and had to be special ordered because it is an odd size. The new door had only been installed for a few weeks when the vandalism occurred.

If you have any information about the person or persons who destroyed the door, city officials urge you to call the Donley County Sheriff's Department at 874-3533.

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen will pay \$200 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the damage.

Inside:

- 2 How can you lose that holiday weight gain? Try Christi Ross' special diet.
- 4 'Rain or Shine,' the holidays sometimes come with household disasters.
- 6 Nursing mothers can boost their infants immune systems.
- 7 The Texas Cattle Feeders presents its outlook for the beef industry in the coming year.

All this and much more in this week's year-end edition!



MISSING: A Christmas Wish Unanswered

By Roger Estlack

Three days before Christmas someone stole the dog of a boy with an inoperable brain tumor.

All the Teideman family wanted for Christmas was to have their dogs back. It was a wish that went unanswered.

The Teidemans are new to Clarendon, having purchased the old Patching Club House on Koogle Street this summer. Amanda Teideman says she and her husband, Richard, moved to Clarendon from Amarillo to escape the violence of the big city.

"We lived in a bad neighborhood in Amarillo," she said, "and there was a drive-by shooting across the street from our house."

The Teidemans began looking for a place to move and fell in love with the Patching house. They moved their four sons to Clarendon in September and began working on repairing and fixing up their new home.

Also making the move were the family dogs, Lady Bug (pictured above left) and Legend (above right). Both are black and white, pure-bred Boston terriers.

Lady Bug was a gift to Mr. Teideman last year, but Legend's story is somewhat different. In July 1998, the Teidemans' oldest son, Chris, was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor in his cerebellum. The condition causes the ten-year-old boy to be partially disabled on his left side.

As a present for Chris, the Teidemans bought a second registered Boston terrier.

"Chris said when he passes away he wants to leave a legend," Mrs. Teideman explained, "so he named the dog 'Legend.'"

The family hadn't had Legend very long when he got into a fight with a bigger dog in Amarillo.

"The big dog just clamped its mouth down on Legend's head," Mrs. Teideman said.

Legend's left jaw was broken in the fight, and a pin had to be used to repair it. There was also neurological damage that sometimes causes Legend to have seizures. As a result, the dog must take medicine daily and requires a special diet.

Chris and his dog had a lot in common. When Legend had to take his medicine each morning, Chris would take his medicine at the same time. And as part of their mutual physical therapy, Chris taught Legend how to play soccer.

"I tried basketball at first," Chris said, "but he couldn't get the ball high enough, so I switched to soccer."

"He's really good at it now - better than me." The boy and his dog had a special bond, but in a cruel twist of fate that bond was broken last week.

Someone stole Lady Bug and Legend. Last Monday, December 20, the Teidemans family went to Amarillo for a medical appointment. When they came home that night, Lady Bug was gone.

Cheryl Phillips, a dispatcher with the Donley County Sheriff's Office, said a lady called last Monday and reported that the dogs at the Teidemans' address were chained up and couldn't get to a doghouse. A deputy checked on the dogs and found them to be okay.

"They were able to get in the doghouse, and they weren't being abused," Phillips said.

The same lady called the Sheriff's Office three more times on Monday.

"She said that if they [the Teidemans] didn't want those dogs or couldn't take care of them that she could find a new home for them," Phillips said. "I told her that if we investigated and found the dogs were being abused, we'd keep her in mind. But when I asked for her name, she wouldn't give it."

Legend stayed outside by himself all day Tuesday without incident. But the Teideman family had to go to Amarillo again on Wednesday, and when they returned that night, Legend was gone, too.

Mrs. Teideman doesn't think Legend went willingly. She said there were dog biscuits all around like someone had to give him a treat to get close to him. Whoever did it took Legend's collar off and stole the dog.

Sheriff Jimmy Thompson is not at all happy with the situation.

"It's a felony, and [the perpetrators] will be prosecuted," he said. "Each of those dogs was worth \$800 a piece."

The combined loss was \$1,600, and theft over \$1,500 is a state jail felony, the sheriff said. But the Teidemans lost more than a financial asset. They have lost two valuable members of their family.

Mr. Teideman, who is a truck driver, used to take Lady Bug out on the road with him. The family's youngest son, 10-month-old Richie, was very close to Lady Bug and used to kiss the dog on her face.

Mrs. Teideman said her other sons - Chris, eight-year-old Nick, and six-year-old Andrew - used to go outdoors all the time to ride their skateboards and rollerblades.

"Now they're afraid to go outside and play," she said. "They're afraid whoever got Lady Bug and Legend might get them, too."

"Christmas Eve I was forced to e-mail Santa to ask him to bring the dogs back."

It was a request Santa couldn't fulfill.

The thefts have hit Chris the hardest.

"He is having a real difficult time emotionally with the dog being gone," his mother said.

Chris says Legend was not just a good dog, he was an awesome dog. He also says playing soccer "just isn't fun anymore."

Mrs. Teideman says her family wants the dogs returned and is seeking the public's help.

"Please bring them back. We just want them back. If you've seen them or if you got a Boston terrier for Christmas and don't know where it came from, please call us or the sheriff's office," she said.

"They weren't being abused. They had food and water and could get inside, and we always brought them in the house when the weather got bad."

"The reason they were on a leash is that we had decided not to build a fence until next summer. All our money was going to fix up the house right now."

If you know the whereabouts of Lady Bug or Legend or if you have any information, please call the Teidemans at 874-3984 or the Donley County Sheriff's Office at 874-3533.



Amanda Teideman and her 10-year-old son, Chris, have canvassed the town looking for their dogs and putting up posters pleading for the return of the animals.

Services held for Owens

James Wayne Owens, a local civic leader and acclaimed bootmaker, died December 25, 1999, in Amarillo. He was 69.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 28, 1999, in the First Baptist Church in Clarendon, with Rev. Bryan Knowles, Pastor of Martin Baptist Church in Clarendon, and Mike Suiter, Minister of the San Jacinto Church of Christ in Amarillo, officiating.

Burial was held in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc. of Amarillo.

Mr. Owens was born November 30, 1931, in Clarendon and had lived in Clarendon all of his life. He married Bunny Owens at Memphis, Texas.

He had been a bootmaker and worked for Pete Borden Boot Shop in Clarendon from 1955 until purchasing the business in 1970 when the name was changed to James Owens Leather Goods.

He was a US Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict and was a charter member of Clarendon VFW Post #7782, where he held the office of Post Commander.

Mr. Owens was an active civic leader, a long-time member of the Saints' Roost Museum Board of Directors and of the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association. He was an Alderman for the City of Clarendon and was a member of the Martin Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Bradley Stewart.

Survivors include his wife, Bunny Owens of Clarendon; two daughters, Nancy Dunn of Clarendon and Charlie Becker of Amarillo; two sons, David Owens of Shamrock and Jim Owens of Clarendon; one brother, Jack Owens of Clarendon; five sisters, Peggy Harrell of Ballinger, Charlene Reynolds of Amarillo, Glenda McAlister of Amarillo, Annell Stokes of Pampa, and Patricia McAnear of Clarendon; and five grandchildren.

Casket bearers were Johnny Bill Hermesmeyer, Phillip Hermesmeyer, Jimmy Thompson, Bill Wise, T.W. McAnear, and Billy Joe McFall. Honorary bearers were members of the Clarendon VFW Post #7782.

The family respectfully requests that memorials be to the Saints' Roost Museum in Clarendon or the Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo.

Cold, holiday celebration combine to raise fire risks

State fire control leaders warn that the holiday season could be marked by an increase in fires if everyone doesn't practice good fire safety indoors and out.

If cold, dry weather coincides with New Year's Day celebrations, firefighters could find themselves battling increased numbers of wild-fires and home fires, according to Bobby Young, Associate Director for forest resource protection with the Texas Forest Service in Lufkin.

Cold weather and falling leaves signal an increasing likelihood of accidental wildfires as people take to the out-of-doors to go hunting or

camping, or to clean up around their yards.

The careless use of fireworks around dry vegetation can spark a rash of wildfires, said Young. The former volunteer fire chief noted that the arrival of cold weather all too often results in an increase in home fires, too.

"Cold weather frequently prompts unsafe efforts to heat homes," stated Young. "Improperly using kitchen ovens for home heating and unwise placement of space heaters contribute to home fires every year. Also, the holiday season typically brings an increase in home fires due to overloaded extension cords, dry natural

Christmas trees placed near heat sources, and carelessness with holiday candles."

The fire control leader noted that one unsafe act could turn a joyous holiday celebration into a season of sorrow and personal tragedy. He offered several suggestions to safeguard homes and property from needless fire tragedies.

Avoid overloading extension cords and wall electric outlets. Avoid using multiple plugs to extend the capacity of wall outlets. Don't use kitchen stoves or ovens for home heating.

Purchase and install smoke detectors, and replace batteries in existing detectors.

Dispose of Christmas trees safely. Consider recycling your tree - use for mulch or to help stabilize sand dunes, build structure for fish in a lake or pond, or provide shelter for birds and other wildlife.

Keep outdoor fires and fireworks well away from surrounding vegetation. Construct wide firebreaks around any outdoor fire, and stay with the fire until it is completely out. Never burn on dry, windy days. Dispose of smoking materials properly by either putting them in your ashtray or by smothering them with bare mineral soil.

Late Night Winners

Winners during Late Night Shopping last Thursday were Becky Thomas (\$50) with Brandon and Kierston Thomas, Roy Monroe (\$100), Brenda Proffitt (\$100), Paulette Kidd (\$50), and Linda Frye (\$50) with Blake Frye.

Altogether the Clarendon Merchants gave away more than \$650 this year

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State tests to be given at CHS this spring

The Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) Exit level tests will be offered this spring at Clarendon High School.

Any qualified individuals who are no longer enrolled in a Texas public school and who wish to register to retake the TAAS (or TEAMS) tests may pick up a registration packet from the counselor's office located in the Clarendon Jr. High building at 822 W. 5th St. Currently enrolled Clarendon High School sophomores, as well as juniors and seniors who have not mastered the Exit Level TAAS will

also test but do not have to register.

The testing schedule will be as follows: TAAS Writing - February 22; TAAS Math - February 23; TAAS Reading - February 24; TEAMS Math - February 23; TEAMS English - February 24.

Since completed registration forms must be received by the testing center in Iowa by January 21, 2000, any qualified individual wanting to take the tests needs to pick up a registration form as soon as possible.

For more information, contact John Taylor at (874-3241).

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 Health Nazis, Federal Nannies, and other busy bodies. Read at your own risk.

Has your simple pleasure been targeted yet?

Various news outlets are reporting this week that the tobacco industry is seeking a dismissal of the Justice Department's federal lawsuit against them.

Lawyers representing the tobacco industry are quoted as saying, "The government is asserting causes of action for Medicare recovery that have never been recognized by any court before, that it has never asserted before, that it has publicly stated it does not have and that it has to this date never asserted against anyone other than this group of defendants."

Yeah, yeah. But the government isn't going to let any of that stop it.

Cigarettes are bad for you. They might kill you. And the American people are too stupid to take care of themselves. Therefore, it is up to the federal nannies to look after them.

The lawsuit brought on by the impeached president's administration has nothing to do with justice. It is an attack on companies engaged in a lawful business, it is an attempt to force a lifestyle change on the American people, and it is a threat to our liberties.

This column has often warned about how far the leftists and the health Nazis might go to achieve their goals in controlling our society. I've talked about beef producers being sued for the health hazards associated with cholesterol and about banning or suing manufacturers of other foods that our federal mommy thinks are bad for us.

It may have sounded ridiculous or paranoid, but there are now signs that I was right.

In September, the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine issued a press release praising the Clinton gang for suing tobacco and urging a lawsuit against meat producers and retailers.

Neal D. Barnard, M.D., PCRM president, is quoted in the release as saying a study by his group in 1995 "calculated that meat consumption is responsible for as much as \$61 billion in annual U.S. medical costs."

The study supposedly looked at seven meat-related health problems: heart disease, cancer, diabetes, hypertension, obesity, foodborne illness, and gallstones.

"An estimated 1.3 million Americans die of cancer, heart disease, and other diet-related causes each year," Barnard says in the news release. "It's time we looked at holding the meat producers and fast-food outlets legally accountable. Without their powerful influence, America would have a healthier diet and a healthier national treasury."

Hmm... sue producers and retailers. So if this bunch of lunatics gets their way, everybody from my uncle who raises cattle to the local restaurant who serves hamburgers could be the subject of a class action lawsuit. Makes you proud to be an American, doesn't it?

Meanwhile, the website of the Advocates for Self-Government is citing Reuters and Knight Ridder news stories regarding a September conference held in Washington, DC, titled "Obesity: The Public Health Crisis." The American Obesity Association held the meeting, and obesity was called a "ticking time bomb in the health care system." The vice president of the association even said obesity is "a national emergency."

The experts at the conference suggested one solution to the fat problem - a tax on fatty foods. This would be similar to the so-called "sin taxes" on alcohol and tobacco and would be designed to discourage people from buying those types of foods.

So now the cattleman would get sued, the local restaurant and grocery store would get sued, and the consumer would get to pay a special tax on foods that taste good (i.e. have fat in them). That's life in the modern "Land of the Free."

But wait, there's more. This month's issue of REASON magazine reports on anti-milk activities in our great country.

Robert Cohen is the director of the AntiDairy Coalition and is the author of book titled *Milk: The Deadly Poison*.

According to REASON, the Coalition believes "that the secret to optimum health is giving up milk and dairy products," and Cohen claims, "Milk products, like tobacco products, are an enormous threat to the health of both children and adults."

The magazine report says the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine has also gotten into the act on this issue, calling milk "the number one health hazard facing young children and adults."

All together now, readers: "It's all for the children." How long will it be before your favorite food is under attack? Unless your favorite food is lettuce and bean sprouts, I'd say not long.

A free people should enjoy the choice of what to have for dinner. Policy wonks, health Nazis, and governments should not have the right to control the types of foods we consume. We ought not to be denied the simple pleasures in life, such as a thick steak, an ice cream cone, a can of beer, or, if you prefer, a fine cigar.

I don't know about you, but part of the "pursuit of happiness" for me involves chicken fried steak and cream gravy.

If the habits of the American people put an undue burden on the Medicare and Medicaid systems, it is not the fault of manufacturers or consumers. If government is worried about spending too much on citizens' health problems, it should get out of the socialized medicine business rather than curtail the American way of life.

After Holidays Diet, a 'weight loss' guide

Every year millions of Americans pledge to lose weight with the coming of the New Year.

Weeks of holiday parties and of course, rich holiday foods have taken their toll on our waists, stomachs, and backsides.

Here's a gem of a diet, which was passed around at one of our holiday get-togethers. Whoever the original author is, I'd like to say thank you for a diet which I can stick to!

After Holidays Diet

Breakfast:

- 1/2 grapefruit
- 1 slice whole wheat toast
- 8 oz. skin milk

Lunch:

- 4 oz. broiled chicken
- 1 cup steamed spinach
- 1 cup hot tea
- 1 Oreo cookie

Mid-afternoon Snack:

- Rest of the Oreos in the package



on the Mark

with Christi Ross

- 2 pints chocolate ice cream
- Nuts, cherries, whipped cream

Dinner:

- 2 loaves of garlic bread
- Large supreme pizza, with extra cheese
- 2 Snickers bars

Midnight Snack:

- Entire frozen cheesecake eaten directly from freezer

Rules for Diet

1. If you eat something and no one sees you eat it, it has no calories.
2. If you drink a diet soda with a candy bar, the calories in the candy bar are cancelled out by the diet soda.

3. When you eat with someone else, calories don't count if you don't eat more than they do.

4. Food used for medicinal purposes never counts, such as hot chocolate, toast, and Sara Lee cheesecake.

5. If you fatten up everyone around you, then you look thinner.

6. Movie related foods, such as buttered popcorn, Junior Mints, and extra large sodas do not have additional calories because they are part of the entertainment package and not part of one's personal fuel.

7. Cookie pieces contain no calories. The process of breaking causes calorie leakage.

8. Food licked off knives, spoons, and fingers have no calories, as they are part of the food preparation process.

9. Foods of the same color have the same number of calories. For example, spinach and pistachio ice cream have the same number of calories. Also, chocolate is a universal color and can be substituted for any color.



Senator Hutchison seeks input on tax issues

A Senate colleague of mine who hails from a small state once asked me how many Texans there are. I thought about this for a moment, then answered "not enough."

Representing almost 20 million Texans is a great opportunity. But no matter how many of you I meet during my trips across our great state, I am always reminded that I can't visit with each of you.

So I hope you will complete the following survey questions on some key domestic issues facing our state and nation today. Your answers will help me better represent you and your families back in Washington. As always, I am grateful for this newspaper's help in printing this survey.

1) Last year, Congress passed a \$792 billion tax relief plan that President Clinton vetoed even though it also safeguarded the Social Security Trust Fund and paid down the national debt by \$130 billion. Tax relief is going to be an important topic in Congress' upcoming session. But because of our commitment to protect Social Security, we cannot eliminate all the taxes we should. Please rank the importance of the three following possible areas to cut federal taxes.

• The average married couple making about \$60,000 jointly pays about \$1,400 more than if they had filed as singles. I introduced legislation last year to eliminate this so-called marriage penalty.



capitol Comment

by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

the bankruptcy laws. How important do you think it is to protect Texas' Homestead Exemption?

- Very Important
- Important
- Not Important

3) Congress has different versions of "Patients Bill of Rights" legislation which will expand rights for patients with Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) medical insurance. For example, it would give HMO patients the right to an outside, independent review for any rejected claims.

The different versions of this bill also try to expand health insurance coverage to more of the approximately 44 million uninsured Americans. The version passed by the House of Representatives contains the right to sue an HMO. The Senate bill does not contain this provision because Senators are concerned about how the right to sue would increase the cost of HMO premiums.

Please categorize the following choices in their order of importance to you.

- Keep Medical Costs Low
- Ability To Sue HMO
- Choice Of Doctors
- Universal Health Insurance
- Low Out-of-Pocket Medical Costs

Please clip and send this completed survey to me at 284 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. I look forward to hearing from you.

Donley County VFW mourns the passing of Owens

It is with deep regret that Donley County Memorial Post 7782 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its Ladies Auxiliary announces the passing of our Post Commander James W. Owens on Christmas Day, December 25, 1999.

Commander Owens was a Charter Member of Donley County Memorial Post 7782 and was its driving force. Commander Owens was also partly responsible for the construction of the Donley County War Memorial at the Courthouse in Clarendon and was an active member on its committee. Commander Owens was a Korean War Veteran and was dedicated to veterans and their families. Comrade Commander James will be

missed by his fellow war veterans. Please join the officers, members, Ladies Auxiliary of Post 7782, and his family as we mourn the loss of a great leader.

William A. Holden,
Officer of the Day
Donley County Memorial Post 7782
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.

Reader offers valuable tip

Are you tired of phone calls asking you to buy this and that, or requesting you to let a salesman call on you? Are you tired of computer-generated phone calls where nobody ever says anything? I have learned there is a way to get rid of at least a percentage of these annoying calls.

Write to: Telephone Preference Service Direct Marketing Association, PO Box 9014, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9014.

In the body of the message put: Please add me to your "Do not call" list.

Then put in your name and telephone number, also numbers of any friends and relatives that wish to be included.

Happy Holidays!

Billie Shaffer

Thanks for that helpful information, Billie. I'm sick and tired of getting credit card offers on the phone during supper or when I'm trying to watch "Law & Order." Hopefully several of our readers will send a note to that address and save themselves some hassles.

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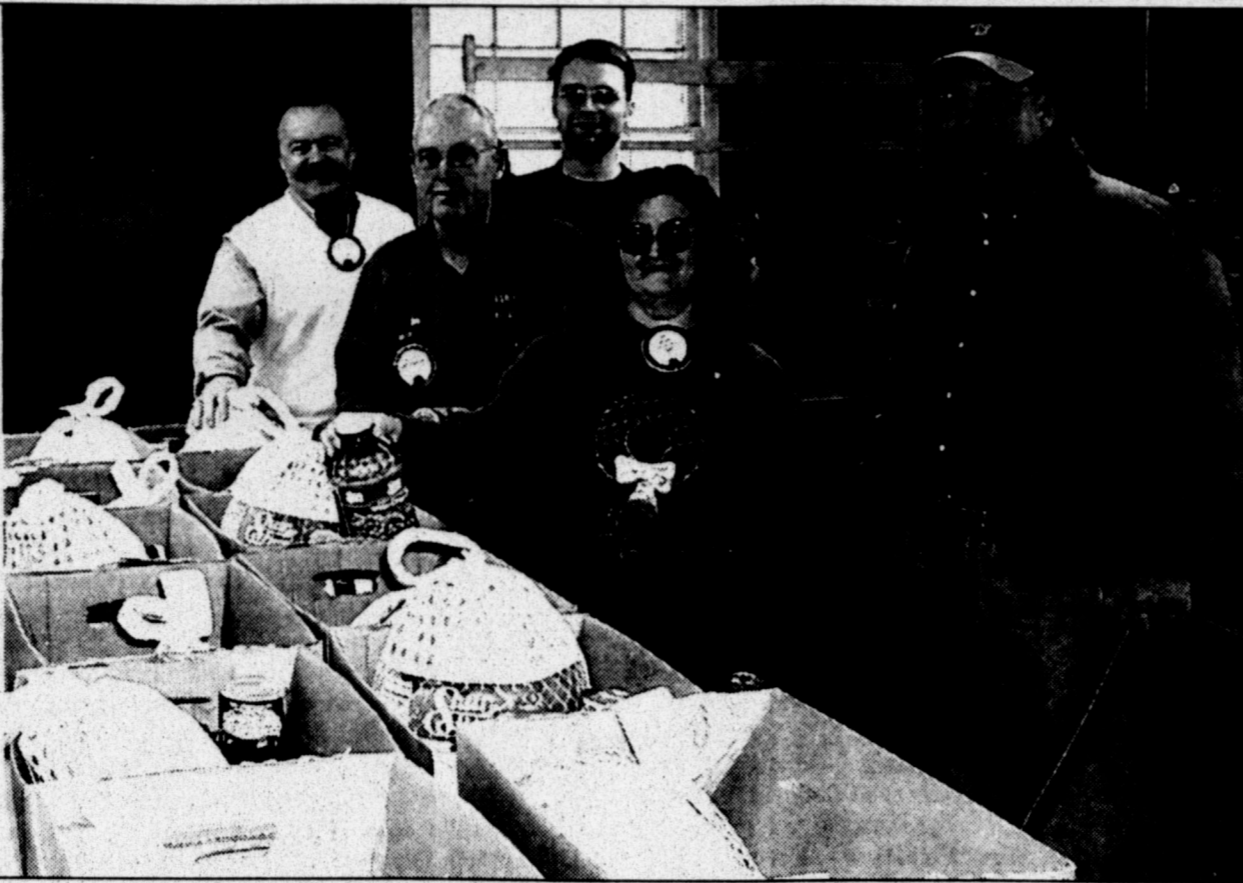


Spreading Holiday Cheer

Members of the Clarendon Lions Club distributed more than 40 baskets of food around town last Tuesday.

Lions Jim Blackerby, Allen Estlack, Greg Collins, Judy Burlin, and Todd Knorpp were among those helping prepare and deliver the food baskets.

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Thurs	23	44°	26°	
Fri	24	57°	30°	
Sat	25	59°	25°	
Sun	26	62°	36°	

Total precipitation this month: 0.22
Total precipitation to date: 22.42
Total for this month one year ago: 0.22
Total year-to-date last year: 18.28

weekend forecast

Friday, Dec. 31
Partly Cloudy
58° / 25°

Saturday, Jan. 1
Partly Cloudy
57° / 30°

Sunday, Jan. 2
Partly Cloudy
59° / 30°

LOOKING BACK

50 Years Ago

Jiggs Mann reports that it was 50 years ago this week that the JA Ranch cowboys (the floating outfit) were camped in the Turkey Creek pasture during an extremely cold winter. The temperature went from 0° to 6° while the men roped wild cattle. Mann, who was one of the cowboys, said they lived in teepees, and their cook lived in a large tent where all the meals were prepared. The cook asked the cowboys to get some large rocks, and he heated them in his oven. The cowboys then wrapped the rocks in toesacks and put them in their beds, and they stayed comfortable all night. Only one cowboy's bed caught fire.

MOVIES

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Dec. 30 - Jan. 1

Greenbelt Invitational Varsity Tournament • In Clarendon.

January 1

New Year's Day • World might end.

January 4

CHS v. Canadian • there • Girls 6:30, Boys 8:00

January 7

CHS v. White Deer • there • Girls 6:30, Boys 8 p.m.

January 8

Jr. Livestock Show • Community Center • Show - 9 a.m., Sale 7 p.m.

CC v. Redlands College • Bulldog Gym • Women - 5:50 p.m., Men 8:00 p.m.

January 10

CC v. N. Mexico Jr. College • Hobbs, NM • Women - 5:50 p.m., Men - 7:50 p.m. (times MST).

January 11

CHS v. Wellington • Bronco Gym • Girls 6:30 p.m., Boys 8:00 p.m.

January 13

CC v. South Plains College • Levelland • Women - 5:50 p.m., Men - 7:50 p.m.

Community Menus

January 3-7

Hedley Schools

Breakfast
 Mon: Biscuit and gravy, sausage, cereal, apple juice, graham crackers, milk
 Tues: Breakfast burrito, orange juice, cereal, graham crackers, milk
 Wed: Pancake, sausage, grape juice, cereal, milk
 Thur: Ham and eggs, toast, apple juice, cereal, milk
 Fri: Muffins, cereal, orange juice, graham crackers, milk
 Lunch
 Mon: Steak fingers or chicken nuggets, green beans, potatoes and gravy, salad, fruit, milk
 Tues: Ham on a bun or BBQ on a bun, chili beans, salad, mix fruit, milk
 Wed: Pizza, corn, bread sticks, salad, fruit, milk
 Thur: Meat sauce and spaghetti, peas and carrots, salad, fruit, rolls, milk
 Fri: Chili and cheese, hot dog, corn chips, brownies, salad, fruit, milk

Clarendon Schools

Breakfast
 Mon: No School
 Tues: No School
 Wed: No School
 Thur: Pancakes, fruit, milk
 Fri: Cinnamon rolls, fruit, milk
 Lunch
 Mon: No School
 Tues: No School
 Wed: No School
 Thur: Corn dogs, French fries, salad, black-eyed peas, fruit, milk
 Fri: Barbecue sandwiches, French fries, salad, fruit, milk

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Catfish fillet, onion rings, spinach, coleslaw, baked apple, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee
 Tues: Steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, banana pudding, roll, milk, tea, coffee
 Wed: Chili and beans, fried squash, beet and onion salad, jelled fruit with whipped topping, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee
 Thur: Roast beef, baked potato, peas and carrots, deviled egg, apricot cobbler, roll, milk, tea, coffee
 Fri: Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, refried beans, tossed salad, sliced peaches, chips or crackers, milk, tea, coffee

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Meatloaf, Harvard beets, potatoes in white sauce, peaches, banana walnut cake, rolls, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
 Tues: Caribbean ham, mini baked potato, broccoli spears, macaroni salad, purple plums, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
 Wed: Smothered steak, macaroni and cheese, black-eyed peas, orange pineapple delight, butter-scotch pudding, roll, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
 Thur: Teriyaki chicken, rice pilaf, oriental vegetables, pears, apricot cake, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
 Fri: Cheeseburgers with all the trimmings, French fries, mixed fruit, sugar cookies and ice cream, hamburger bun, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Hedley residents enjoy visitors during the holidays

The last Christmas in this century in history. I hope all of you had a happy one. It was a happy if incomplete one at my house. Half of my family couldn't be with us. Keith, Karen, and Rance came from Howardwick, Mother came from Hedley, and Su-San came from Memphis. We were joined by our friend, Shirley Ivy to wait for Santa to arrive. Rance thought he saw Santa leaving as he and Keith returned from feeding the barn cats. He could have. Santa came while they were doing that chore.

Rance certainly enjoyed the evening. He had lots of fun with the Styrofoam packing that the toys were packed in. He crumbled it into "snow" and scattered it all over the house. The living room carpet may never be the same, but it was worth it to hear him laughing and enjoying the mess.

It's hard to realize he's five years old. It seems as if Keith and Karen should be that age. Guy celebrated his 29th birthday last week while he was here. He should still be a baby!

I guess almost everyone went somewhere besides Hedley for the holidays. Almost everyone I called was gone.

Connie and Mahdeene DeBord had their family here. They are Troy and Connie Wilson and Brad. Cory and Shelly Wilson, Connor and Taylor, John and Debbie Flanery, Zach

and Katie, all of Amarillo.

Mike and Lori Wallendorff and their kids enjoyed Christmas in Wellington with Lori's parents, William and Erma O'Rear.

Terry and JoAnn Bailey enjoyed their kids during Christmas. Todd and Melissa Bailey, Evan, Lindsey, and Michael and Kristi Bailey, all of Amarillo, spent the holiday enjoying their parent's hospitality. It was Evan's first Christmas.

Margie Bailey spent Christmas day in Amarillo with her son and daughter-in-law, Stanley and Jennie Bailey. Margie has a brand new great grandson. His name is Casey Stavenhagen, and he's the son of Steve Stavenhagen and grandson of Max and Jean Stavenhagen.

Pick and LaQuita Cox had all their children home for Christmas. Sondra Layton of Childress, Gary and Jeanet Burns of Amarillo, and Morris and Linda Crump of Clarendon joined Joe and Lucy Poole and Carl and Christi Cox, Jessie and Jordan to celebrate.

Harold and Mary Ruth White enjoyed all their children during Christmas. Joining the celebration were Roger and Tanya Gibson, Tara and Tamera of Perryton; Gary and Renée Shields and Landon of Lelia Lake; Carrie and Jeremy Hicks of Big Spring; Heather and Mekinna Shields of Clarendon; Travis Ford of White Deer; Shauna Monroe and Dustin of



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Hedley; Mitch and Dana Ford of White Deer; Bob and Pat White, Holly and Mandi Gay of Hedley; Michael Gay of Okinawa, Japan; and Mary Ruth's uncle, Don Blanks, was also there.

T. and Nancy Mullins are enjoying their boys from Nashville, Tennessee. According to Steve, he and Dan will be here until after the first of the next century. Billy has his daughter, Kendea, from Stanford for the holidays.

Patsy Spier and Kathy spent Christmas in Burleson with Jack and Shirley Spier.

Ellen Gilcrest was in Amarillo with her parents, Tom and Lela Stump, for Christmas. Ellen's daughter Melinda Thomas, Bubba, and Paige went with her.

Wilma Snelson is in New Braunfels with her daughter Christi McKenley for a few days.

My brother, Leonard Mullins of Fritch, came Christmas Eve and visited with mother and me for awhile. He was en route to Red River, New Mexico, to spend Christmas. I guess he visited with T. and Nancy while he was here.

That holiday noise at her house wasn't 'Silver Bells'

I know you all must be wondering how my Christmas went. Did we survive, or did we have our usual disasters? Sit back and get comfortable because I'm going to tell you all about it. This is a true story.

On December 11, I woke up to discover our heater had gone out during the night. You could have hung a side of beef in my house. I woke my husband up at 6:00 a.m. and told him to light the furnace. He was not happy with this little chore so early in the morning, but with enough nagging he finally dragged out and got some heat going. One hour later we discovered we had no hot water. Sure enough, the pilot light was out on the hot water heater too. Well, coincidences do happen, so we didn't think much about it. Sometimes we are a little slow, and only after the 20th time this happened (I'm not kidding here!) did we decide maybe something was wrong - seriously wrong.

During the days between December 15 and December 20, we became close personal friends with the plumber. He replaced parts and made adjustments on the hot water heater and the furnace. Every morning it was

the same ritual - wake up cold, no hot water, call the plumber to tell him they went out again. We were all at our wits end, when he told us that possibly the regulator was bad on our propane tank.

"Is that bad?" I asked him.

Remember, I said I was sometimes a little slow.

"If you have too little pressure the fuel will not come out of the propane tank properly, and your pilot lights will go out. If there is a sudden burst of pressure, too much fuel will come into the lines under the house."

"What happens then?"

"Well, Mrs. Hall, if that happens, your hot water heater will blow out of the side of the house and land roughly 50 feet away, but you won't care about that because the rest of the house will likely be on fire."

"Oh."

By December 22, we had all new parts for anything involving explosive fuel, and I was finally ready to prepare for Christmas guests. Our family members arrived and though crowded (I've mentioned our six children before, haven't I?), we had a quiet Christmas Eve. On Christmas



rain or Shine

By Cynthia Hall

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morning, as everyone was taking their number to get in line for the two bathrooms, the toilets stopped up. Well, any good toilet might have a problem with constant usage, but when the stuff backed up into the bathtub, I knew it wasn't good. Sure enough, the septic tank had backed up on us!

I sent my husband out looking for the guy that pumps septic tanks.

"Go and find him! I don't care how long or how far you have to drive, just find him and bring him back here RIGHT NOW!"

"But, it's Christmas," said my husband.

I must have looked like that little girl in "The Exorcist" when her head spun around, because he didn't say another word - just got in the car and drove away.

One hour later my family was eating Christmas dinner and opening presents - to the sound of a tanker pump-

In less than a week, we will begin a new century and, according to some people, a new millennium. Some folks say it's the last century in the second millennium and some say it's the first in the third. What I want to know is...what difference does it make? Time is counted since the birth of Christ, and no one is sure exactly when He was born. The important thing is not when He was born but that He was born.

I've heard on the television that groups of people around the world are sitting on hilltops getting ready for the world to end. They're convinced that on January 1, 2000, the world will be destroyed.

I remember about twenty-five years ago a woman parked at a roadside park close to Claude because she said she had a vision that the end would happen on a given day. Of course it didn't. When it didn't, she went back to where she came from, I guess. Anyway she left the roadside park. It got a lot of media coverage at the time.

Whether you believe it's the end of the old one or the beginning of a new one, I hope 2000 will be the best year each of you have had ever. May God give you good health, happiness, and prosperity. I hope it rains on your grass but not on your cut hay. I hope cotton, cattle, and peanut prices are up and the cost of feed and seed down. Happy New Year!

Center to close on New Year's Eve

By Vida O'Neal

The Donley County Senior Citizens hopes everyone had a safe and wonderful Christmas.

The center will be closed again on Friday, December 31 for New Year's Eve.

The lucky winners for the angels were Carol Luna, Doug Kidd, and Shirley Ariola. The bicycle winner was Edith Sorrells. Congratulations to these lucky winners. We hope you enjoy your items.

Everyone enjoyed Christmas music played by Mary Beth Nelson during our luncheon on Monday. The music really added Christmas spirit to our luncheon.

The bake sale at B&R Thriftway was a great success.

We wish everyone a very prosperous and Happy New Year.

Our condolences to Dolly Cole on the loss of a brother and Verdine Tipton on the loss of a brother. Our condolences to the family of James Owens.

Reminders:

Dec. 27: Dance Club, 7 p.m.

Dec. 31: Center Closed

Jan. 3: Dance Club, 7 p.m.

Tickets for TEXAS now available on-line

Tickets to the 35th anniversary season of the TEXAS Musical Drama can now be purchased on line at www.texasmusicaldrama.com.

This new, customer-friendly ticket outlet is one of many exciting additions for the outdoor drama's 2000 season, which begins June 7 and runs through August 19.

The three millionth visitor, who will be welcomed during the first week of the production, will receive Southwest Airlines tickets to a destination of their choice. Southwest Airlines joined the TEXAS team to sponsor exciting pre-show entertainment in the Pioneer Amphitheatre.

LEK Technologies and Thomas A. Edison, Inc. computers donated extensive computer technology, which includes a TEXAS Gift Site for website customers to purchase unique gift items in addition to tickets.

Visitors to the Official Play of the State of Texas will be dazzled with new side stages in the Pioneer Amphitheatre. The stages are designed by award-winning designer Richard Isackes of the University of Texas and funded by \$50,000 from the Amarillo Globe News Celebrate 2000 project and a matching grant from the Meadows Foundation of Dallas.

Only the finale fireworks outshine the bright Texas stars that twinkle above the guests from around the world. Each season, TEXAS welcomes visitors from every state and at least 100 countries. Visitors now enjoy a dynamic new amplification system that carries the sounds of TEXAS throughout the amphitheatre without detracting from the performances on stage. The sound system was designed specifically for the Palo Duro Canyon setting.

TEXAS combines old with the new as the production incorporates the latest in sound, lighting, and pyrotechnics technology to enhance the 1800's-based script that recounts the settling of the Texas Panhandle.

Order tickets today at www.texasmusicaldrama.com or call 806-655-2181.

Caprock Jamboree not to be held in January

The January 1 Saturday Caprock Jamboree in Silvertown will not be held because of the holiday.

Saturday is the first day of the New Year 2000, and the Show Barn where the Jamboree is held is unavailable that date. They will have their February jamboree and all other Jamborees in the New Year.

New Year's Eve

This New Year's Eve, the DASH committee wishes all of you a safe and happy celebration. Please keep in mind the following safety tips while you ring in the new Millennium. If you are celebrating away from home, be careful on your return drive. Do not drink and drive. With all the threat of computer glitches and electrical failure, the most important safety item is to drive safely, watching those around you and celebrate joyfully but safely.

This public service message is brought to you by the CHS Student Council and The Clarendon Enterprise.

Columnist gives Y2K advice for procrastinators

Well, you've waited until the last minute. Now, it's time to cram. Is your computer Y2K compliant? You'd better find out. Here's a quick and dirty Y2K primer to help you understand the problem and some resources to help you solve any Y2K issues. Work fast, though. You only have a few days left...

Unless you've been hiding in a cave for the last two years, you've probably heard of the Year 2000 (or Y2K) problem. But do you know what it is? Maybe, you've been at a party, and some computer geek has tried to explain it to you, but used terminology that lost you from the word "go." Well, keep reading. By the end of this article, you'll be able to explain this complex issue to your best friend with ease and also be able to diagnose your PC for compliance.

First, to understand what the Y2K problem is, you need to know what it isn't. Y2K is not the end of the world. There is no need to dig your bomb shelter or stock up on canned food or potable water (what is "potable" anyway?). Don't race out to buy generators and tomato plants. You'll be just fine. In fact, the worst thing about Y2K that I have seen thus far is the hype, fear, and panic created by media pundits and so-called experts. Remember, all it takes to be a Y2K consultant is a pocket protector and tape on your glasses.

So now that you're breathing easier, let's cut to the chase and ex-

plain this "situation." Back in the old days (circa 1960), computers were very expensive. Taking up entire rooms, they required constant maintenance and a 24-hour staff just to do simple computations. Storing information was not easy. The more information you wanted to store, the more equipment you needed, increasing the cost. Scientists were always looking for short cuts to save on computer memory and cost.

One of these shortcuts involved storing dates. If you break a date down into its numeric counterpart, you get eight numbers (i.e. January 6, 1962 = 1/6/1962 = 01061962). The first two digits were used for the month, the second two digits for the day, and finally the last four digits for the year. Storing one date took "eight memory areas" in a computer. Storing a lot of dates took a lot of memory. Since memory wasn't cheap, one of the shortcuts scientists used was to knock off the first two digits of the year (the "19"), leaving the last two.

So, from our date example above, the resulting number would have been "010662", taking up only six memory areas, a savings of 25 percent! The scientists were aware of what would happen in the Year 2000, but "after all," they thought, "who would be using these same computers when the year 2000 came along?"

What they had not figured on was the US Government's bizarre ways of saving money. Believe it or not, some of the same computers created in the



internet 101

By Eric Spellmann

60's and 70's are still in use today in some very critical areas of government work.

So, exactly what will happen in a few days to computers that store the year as two digits? It's really quite simple. All computer calculations based on dates will be incorrect. For instance, let's take the Social Security system. How does that computer know whether to send you a benefit check or not? By your age! And how does it calculate your age? It subtracts your "birth year" from the present year. So, if I was born in 1926, the computer would perform the following equation: 98 - 26 = 72.

When the year 2000 rolls around, the last two digits of the present year go from "99" to "00". So the above calculation would now read: 00 - 26 = -26 (definitely not eligible to receive Social Security!) Many people are worried that if the government doesn't fix the problem in their systems, they will stop receiving their checks. Well, it could happen, but I wouldn't bet on it.

Any companies with older computers that perform date calculations are susceptible to the Y2K problem. Most notable are banks, utilities, and,

of course, the US Government. Trust me, any company with a profit motive will have the problems fixed before the turn of the century. It's either that or go out of business. The government, though, seems to be dragging its heels. But, then again, they don't have a profit motive... By the way, the government has promised that the Social Security Systems are compliant.

So, what about your home PC? Chances are, unless your computer is over five years old, you won't have any problems. But if you want to make sure, download one of the many programs from the Internet to check your PC. Fire up your Internet browser and head to: <http://www.nstl.com>
http://www.ontrack.com/op/op_6.asp
<http://www.righttime.com>

Using a program from one of the above sites can help you determine if you need to worry or not. In addition, you should check out Microsoft's official Y2K site at: <http://microsoft.com/y2k/>

There, you'll find a listing of all of Microsoft's products and any issues they might have with the New Year.

Finally, let me state once again: There is no need to panic. Some of the world's computers will be affected, but not to the degree that doomsayers are predicting. So take an anticid, chill out, and choose to be a sane person on this topic.

See you in next millenium!

PGWDC measuring winter water levels

By Bart Wyan

Beginning in the middle of November and lasting through February, the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District (PGWDC) conducts its annual winter water level measurement program throughout the District.

Winter water level measurements help not only the District, with vital data and information for our records, but it also helps out the general public, farmers, and ranchers.

Winter water level measurements are gathered by using an E-line or a steel tape down the casing of the well. An E-line consists of a long measuring tape with a battery-powered circuit running through it. The end of the E-line that is first placed in the hole purposely has a short in it. When this short is submerged into water, a buzzer

will sound on the reel telling the operator that it has found the water level.

The steel tape is used in much the same way. The tape is first covered with a blue or yellow chalk for four to five feet. This end is then inserted into the casing. The operator must know what the previous depth was in order to put the right amount of tape into the well. The tape is then pulled back out of the well. The operator then finds the area where the chalk has been washed off the steel tape. From this reading, the operator can then calculate the water level.

Now that you are more familiar with the procedure, here are some benefits that come from the gathering of this data. The PGWDC will be able to make saturated thickness maps that are useful in locating the amount of

water under the ground in a particular place.

Many farmers and ranchers use these maps to locate the best places to drill irrigation wells or windmills. Other maps prepared from this data are water level and depletion maps. The water level maps tell us where the present water level is located. The depletion maps tell us how many feet the water table has risen or fallen, in the last year. The depletion maps we use to determine the amount of depletion are the same maps used for those landowners who are eligible for depletion allowance on their income tax returns.

As you can see, this is not a new program. The PGWDC has been measuring water levels on many different wells throughout the District, and on

some wells, as much as 40 years worth of data have been collected. Our main goal is to be able to provide useful and accurate information to farmers, ranchers, or anyone who may have a question or be curious, about the water in our area.

So, if you happen to see a red pickup on the road with our decals on the door, don't worry. We are just doing our job the best we can, so we will be able to provide the people of the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District with the best information we can collect.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call us at 1-800-320-3536 or 1-806-883-2501

Bart Wyan is the Public Relations Coordinator for Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District No. 3

Obituaries

Beard

Johnie LaVelle Beard, 73, died December 14, 1999, in Houston where he has resided for the last two years. A private celebration of his life was held on Friday, December 17, 1999, at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Houston.

Mr. Beard was born on December 23, 1925, in Clarendon. He graduated from Clarendon High School in 1943. He served his country during World War II in the Navy on a ship. He married Anna Beth Combest Beard in 1950 and they moved to Odessa in 1953. He worked for the United States Postal Service for 35 years, retiring as Postmaster in Canyon. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Odessa and was involved with the Boy Scouts of America as a Troop Leader for a number of years.

Survivors include his wife, Anna Beth Beard; one brother, Robert E. Beard of Naperville, Ill.; three daughters, Tamara Mapp and Tracy Beard, both of Houston, and Connie White of Amarillo; four grandchildren, William E. Mapp IV, Sarah Mapp, and John Mapp, all of Houston and Casey Gandy of Amarillo; and four great grandchildren, James Ramey, Blaine Gandy, and Conner Gandy, all of Amarillo.

The family suggests donations to the Parkinson's Foundation or your favorite charity.

Leggett

Services for Dorothy Leggett, 94, of Lubbock, were held on Thursday, December 23, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. in Resthaven's Abbey Chapel in Lubbock with Dr. Bob Sweeten, Pastor of Lubbockview Christian Church, officiating. Graveside services were held on Tuesday, December 28, 1999, at

1:00 p.m. in the Highland Cemetery in Lawton, OK, under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Mrs. Leggett died on Tuesday, December 21, 1999. She was born on January 28, 1905, in Clarendon and graduated from Clarendon High School. She attended West Texas State Normal College, now West Texas A&M University in Canyon. She taught school for 20 years; eighth years at Windy Valley and Naylor communities in the Clarendon area; at Rock Crossing near Vernon, TX; and 12 years in Houston. She married Gene D. Leggett on July 8, 1933, and was married 62 years when he died in November of 1995. She and her husband were instrumental in starting three Disciples of Christ Churches in Houston. She was active with the women's work in the church and taught Sunday School. She was an active volunteer with the Easter Seal Society of Texas. She had been a resident of Houston for 50 years before moving to Lubbock in 1996.

Survivors include one daughter, Paula Jean Leggett of Lubbock; two sisters, Fannie Daugherty of Chula Vista, CA, and LaVerne Greene of Palestine, TX; one brother, C.A. Wright of Clarendon; nieces, Priscilla Sims of Lubbock, and Frances Corley of Canyon; and nephews, Charles Perry Wright of Dallas.

The family suggests memorials to Kirkwood Christian Church in Houston.

Scott

Clarendon resident, Evia M. Scott, age 87, died Thursday, December 23, 1999, in Amarillo, Texas, where she was receiving medical care.

Mrs. Scott was preceded in death by her husband, Herman Dale Scott, and by a niece, Merle Damron.

She is survived by two nephews, Cecil Selvidge of Odessa, Texas, and

Leonard "Tex" Selvidge, of Clarendon.

Graveside services for Mrs. Scott were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 27, 1999, at Mount Ida Cemetery near DeQueen, Arkansas.

Mrs. Scott was a former long-time resident of DeQueen.

Hight

Graveside services for Vivian Gayle Hight, age 57, were held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 28, 1999, in Citizens Cemetery with Rev. James Ivey Edwards, Pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon, officiating. Burial was held in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc.

Mrs. Hight died Sunday, December 26, 1999, in Clarendon. She was born June 15, 1942, in Clarendon and had been a Clarendon resident most of her life. She married Larry Richard Hight on August 3, 1995 at Clarendon. She was a homemaker and a Methodist.

Survivors include her husband, Larry Hight of Clarendon; two daughters, Becky Swearingen and Carrie Mays, both of Clarendon; one son, David Moss of Clarendon; one brother, Lloyd Molder of Clarendon; one sister, Fay Mobley of Amarillo; and four grandchildren.

Gilmore

Graveside services for Nellie Laura Gilmore, age 90, were held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 29, 1999, in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon. Burial was held in Citizens Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc.

Mrs. Gilmore died Monday, December 27, 1999, in Childress. She was born May 6, 1909, in Forney, Texas, and was a Clarendon resident for more than 50 years before moving to Childress six years ago. She married Collier Gilmore on August 22, 1942, at Clarendon. He preceded her in death on August 26, 1980. She was a domestic worker for several years. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Queen of the South, Amaranth Court, and the Code of Calanthe. She was a member of St. Stephens Baptist Church in Clarendon.

Survivors include one nephew, Clifton Dewberry of Forney, Texas.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP, ("Valor"), formerly known as dba Texas Operating Co., LP, has entered into a contract with GTE Southwest Incorporated to purchase the following exchanges in Donley County: Clarendon, Hedley. On December 13, 1999, Valor filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") requesting approval of the acquisition and issuance of a certificate from the Commission to provide telephone service to the listed exchange(s). If approved, GTE will cease to be the local telephone service provider in this area and Valor will assume the responsibility of providing local exchange service in this area. The Valor application has been assigned Docket No. 21834. GTE's application to remove the exchange(s) from its certificate has been assigned Docket No. 21830. The Commission intends to investigate the acquisition and its impact on the public interest pursuant to Sections 14.101 and 54.051-54.054 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act.

Valor does not propose any increase in charges to customers in this application. If, in the future, the Company proposes a rate change, customers will be given notice at that time.

In addition, Valor seeks designation by the Commission as both an eligible telecommunications provider ("ETP") and as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") within the service area acquired from GTE, to permit it to receive state and federal universal service support. The Valor applications have been assigned Docket Nos. 21832 and 21833. GTE also seeks to remove the service area sold to Valor from the area in which it has been designated as an ETP and ETC. The GTE application has been assigned Docket No. 21831.

All of the applications and the proposed tariffs are available for inspection and copying at the Central Records Office of the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Austin, Texas. The Valor applications and tariffs are also available at the office of counsel, Brook Bennett Brown, McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P., 919 Congress Avenue, 1300 Capitol Center, Austin, Texas 78701. The GTE applications are available for inspection at GTE's offices at 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1500, Austin, Texas 78701.

Persons with questions regarding the Valor proceeding should contact Mike Page with Valor at (202) 466-0940. Persons with questions regarding the GTE proceeding should call Carl Erhart with GTE at (512) 477-8986. Persons who wish to intervene in either proceeding or comment on the action sought should identify the relevant docket number and contact the Public Utility Commission at Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas, 78711-3326, or you may call the Public Utility Commission office of Consumer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or, toll free, at (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones ("TTY") may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas at (800) 735-2989 to reach the Commission's toll free number (888) 782-8477. The deadline for intervention in these proceedings is February 22, 2000, and you must send a letter requesting intervention to the Commission which is received by that date.

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Wildlife packets available to help establish habitat

LUBBOCK – Managing land for wildlife is gaining interest with Texas landowners. And whether it's deer in central Texas or quail and pheasant on the Plains, wildlife seedling packets produced by the Texas Forest Service West Texas Nursery in Lubbock are available to assist landowners in creating habitat.

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packets from West Texas Nursery before species are sold out, says Ray Cragar, Texas Forest Service silviculturist.

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Deer: hackberry, flameleaf

sumac, bur oak, and fourwing saltbush
Turkey: hackberry, bur oak, aromatic sumac, and honeysuckle
Squirrel: little walnut, shumard oak, osage orange, and bur oak

Texas Forest Service recommends planting wildlife packets in blocks on grasslands, at right angles on dry corners, in "motts" along playas, or parallel to irrigated cropland.

Breastfeeding improves babies' immune systems

HOUSTON – Benefits of breastfeeding extend beyond the warm feelings associated with bonding. Experts at Texas Children's Hospital believe mother's milk helps babies get healthier starts in life by boosting their immune systems and resistance to certain diseases.

"Infection rates are lower in breastfed babies," said Nancy Hurst, manager of the lactation program and Milk Bank at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. "If they do become ill, it is less severe."

If mother and baby are exposed to a virus, Hurst said, it travels through the mother's body, which produces antibodies specific to that antigen. These antibodies become part of her breast milk, giving the baby immunity. Breastfed babies get these benefits within 24 to 48 hours after exposure.

Studies show breastfed babies have fewer allergies, ear infections, and colds. They also have lower incidence of diabetes and childhood obesity. Certain types of childhood cancers are less common in children who were breastfed.

In a multiyear study now in progress at Texas Children's, researchers are projecting these benefits to a special group of babies – preterm infants. They believe skin-to-skin contact between mother and baby helps with the quantity and quality of milk.

"We believe breast milk also can help the smallest babies," Hurst said. "We've found that the more the mom holds her baby skin to skin the more breast milk she makes, and the more breast milk the baby receives the less chance of infection. This study will test the theory that skin-to-skin contact improves secretion of immunoglobulin, the component in mother's milk that boosts a baby's immunity."

Although the American College

of Pediatricians recommends breast milk exclusively for baby's first six months, Hurst said their research is showing that some breast milk is better than none.

"The longer a mother can breastfeed, the better," she said. "But if she can only do it for six weeks, the results are worth the effort."

Mothers in the US breastfeed at a lower rate – about half at hospital discharge – than mothers in other industrialized nations. The reason, Hurst said, is that our culture focuses less on education and making breastfeeding a priority.

"Everyone knows breastfeeding is best," she said. "The problem is making the commitment to do the right thing. But it really is worth it for the baby, both in the short and long terms."

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Entries for Farm Bureau heroism award available

WACO - Entries for the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council's 1999 Rural Heroism Award are now being accepted to Ben Bullard, Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council President.

To qualify, a candidate must have performed a heroic act of human life-saving within Texas during 1999. The heroic deed should be related to farming or ranching. The 1999 recipients will be announced April 3, 2000, at the Texas Safety Association 61st annual Texas/Southwestern Conference and Exposition, to be held at the Convention Center in Fort Worth.

The nominations must be submitted and postmarked no later than February 1, 2000. Send all nominations to the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council, PO Box 5539, Waco, Texas 76708.

The letter of nomination should include a written account of the incident and names, addresses and telephone numbers of all persons involved. Newspaper clippings and photos should also accompany nominations when available.

The 1998 winner was Craig Wright of Livingston who attempted to rescue Sam "Trigger" Moore from raging floodwater after horse and rider had been swept away while rounding up cattle.

Bullard has been president of the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council for 23 years and is retired from the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies.

Dewhurst announces gift to Texas taxpayers

AUSTIN - Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst announced last week he's returning almost \$600,000 in unspent 1999 funding to the state, making the Texas General Land Office (GLO) one of the few state agencies to spend less than it was budgeted by the Legislature in 1999.

"I've run the Land Office like you would your own business or household - efficiently and effectively," Dewhurst said. "We've increased revenues for public education, better served our veterans, and are helping to protect the environment while saving Texans money."

Dewhurst submitted a fiscal year 2000-2001 GLO budget that is \$13.7 million less than the GLO's 1998-1999 budget. Shortly after taking office in January 1999, Dewhurst also trimmed more than 100 employees from the GLO payroll and reduced the agency's personnel cap by more than eight percent.

"I'm very proud of the men and women of the Land Office, who have risen to this challenge," Dewhurst said.

Last Week's Crossword Solutions

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TCFA releases industry outlook

If cattle feeders like what they saw the last half of 1999, they should find the "Millennium Year" of 2000 to be much to their liking as well, as the outlook for tightening beef production projects continued health in the fed cattle market.

"That's good news for cattle feeders, who are healing from two or three challenging years," says Texas Cattle Feeders Association Market Director Jim Gill, whose outlook for 2000 is a mixed bag of bright spots and caution lights for cattle feeders. Gill offered his predictions last week during the annual TCFA Year-End News conference.

"Beef production in 2000 will be near 25.5 billion pounds, three percent below the 26.2 billion pounds in 1999," Gill predicted. "This will be the first year to show a decrease in beef production since 1993 and will put annual consumption near 68 lbs. on a retail weight basis. Average carcass weights are expected to be lower than the record 736 lbs. In 1999, dropping to a more normal 700 lbs. To 705 lbs."

However, pork and poultry will

continue to offer stiff competition in the protein market. Gill expects pork productions in 2000 to be near 18.5 billion pounds.

"While that's down three percent from the record 19.3 billion pounds in 1999, it's still well above the past five-year average of 17.8 billion pounds," he says. Poultry production is expected to increase four percent to 42.9 billion pounds in 2000.

Taking all the factors into account, Gill predicts cattle feeders will see fed cattle prices range from \$67 to \$71 per cwt. in the first quarter; \$66 to \$72 in the second; \$68 to \$72 in the third quarter; and \$72 to \$76 in the fourth quarter.

Looking at the feeder cattle market, Gill says feeder cattle supplies will continue to tighten over the next few years, reflecting the liquidation that has been ongoing since 1996.

"Prices for a 750 lb. Feeder steer, which averaged near \$74 in 1999, will average in the high \$70s during 2000," he predicted.

Grain prices, which stayed competitive in 1999, will continue to play

a strong role in cattle feeders' purchasing and placement behavior, Gill says.

"Corn production during 2000 will likely again be near the 9.5 billion bushel level we saw in 1999. However, exports will play a pivotal role in grain prices and will likely lift average prices above 1999's low levels."

While tightening cattle numbers will be a major market factor in 2000, consumers will continue to enjoy abundant beef supplies at good prices.

"Retail beef prices averaged \$2.65 per pound in 1999, up about eight cents from last year's \$2.77," he said. An unexpected turn around in beef demand in the US, coupled with improving export markets, pushed prices slightly higher in 1999.

"With the anticipated drop in beef and pork production in 2000, prices may edge higher and reach an average around \$2.89 per pound during 2000."

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Sheriff's Report

Caller reports kids skating in traffic on US 287

December 20

12:30 a.m. - Deputy checked on a report of a child outside a residence in the 900 block of Carhart Street. All was secure.
 3:35 a.m. - Deputy checked on an open door at the airport.
 11:39 a.m. - Caller reported unauthorized hunting on her property.
 11:45 a.m. - Caller reported dogs being mistreated on S. Koogle Street.
 5:39 p.m. - Trooper advised that the roads were wet and were turning to ice.
 6:32 p.m. - A gas drive off was reported in Memphis. The vehicle was westbound, and a description was given to deputies and the Armstrong Co. Sheriff's Office.
 8:00 p.m. to 9:36 p.m. - Several calls were received regarding road conditions around Donley County. None of the roads were good.
 9:54 p.m. - Caller reported someone taking her vehicle in the 900 block of Carhart. Deputy locked the vehicle.
 10:49 p.m. - Caller reported his dog was having problems in the 200 block of McClelland Street. Deputy and Animal Control were advised.
 11:41 p.m. - Caller reported someone in her vehicle in the 900 block of Carhart. Deputy responded and reassured resident that her vehicle was locked and secure.

December 21

2:11 a.m. - Hall Co. Sheriff's Office reported a single vehicle rollover two miles west of Hedley. Deputy found no one at the scene. Dispatch attempted to contact owner of vehicle. Owner contacted sheriff's office and was advised that the DPS was at the scene and to contact a wrecker.
 3:46 a.m. - Trooper advised sheriff's office to contact TxDOT. Road conditions were pretty bad east of town. Deputy advised the same west of town.
 8:20 a.m. - Resident at 900 block of Carhart reported seeing a man sitting on the curb.
 4:23 p.m. - Caller reported cattle out near Lelia Lake. Troopers attempted to gather cattle, and the Game Warden

had dispatch call the owner.
 9:42 p.m. - Sheriff responded to a call of vandalism to a vehicle at a local business.
 9:57 p.m. - Ambulance was paged to Fourth and Wells. One adult female was transported to BSA.
 10:43 p.m. - Ambulance was paged to the 400 block of E. Fifth Street. One person was transported to BSA West.

December 22

2:34 a.m. - Caller reported someone taking things from her garage in the 900 block of Carhart. Deputy found all secure.
 8:48 a.m. - Caller reported a female in her place of business causing a scene and wanted her removed.
 11:43 a.m. - Deputy responded to a family dispute.
 1:30 p.m. - Caller reported someone sitting in her vehicle in the 900 block of Carhart. Deputy responded.
 3:45 p.m. - Caller reported kids in-line skating in the eastbound lane of traffic on US 287.
 10:13 p.m. - Deputy responded to a report of a vehicle being taken in the 900 block of Carhart.
 11:29 p.m. - Deputy made a traffic stop.
 11:40 p.m. - Caller reported dogs being stolen at Seventh and Koogle. Deputy responded and took a report.

December 23

1:19 a.m. - Caller reported an accident - pickup v. deer - north on SH 70. Deputy and DPS responded and found no injuries.
 10:41 a.m. - A gas drive off was reported. The information was given to the Hall Co. Sheriff's Office.
 11:29 a.m. - A 911 call was received from Hedley. There was no emergency. Kids were playing with the phone.
 2:25 p.m. - Clarendon Fire Department was dispatched to a fire three miles

south on FM 1260.
 4:15 p.m. - Deputies responded to a residence in the 200 block of McClelland.
 6:50 p.m. - Caller reported someone walking north on SH 70 two miles from town who was almost struck by a vehicle. Deputy made contact with the person. His vehicle had broken down, and someone was coming to pick him up.
 8:03 p.m. - Caller advised she had pictures of the dogs that were stolen from her yard.

December 24

1:05 a.m. - Deer was reported hit 1/2 mile past the filter plant on SH 70. Deputy responded.
 2:45 a.m. - Deputy made a traffic stop near Lelia Lake.
 6:34 a.m. - Deputy made a traffic stop three miles east of town.
 4:38 p.m. - A 911 call was received but there was no response. Dispatch returned the call and found all to be okay.
 4:41 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle all over the road and driving at an excessive rate of speed. Deputy responded but was unable to locate the vehicle.

December 25

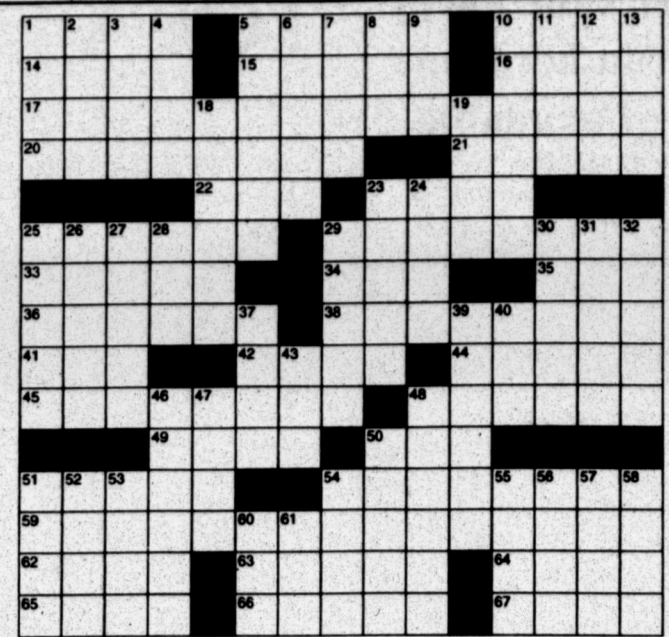
12:03 a.m. - Caller reported a westbound vehicle speeding and weaving on US 287. Armstrong Co. was notified.
 1:32 a.m. - Caller advised the water tower on Collinson Street was overflowing. Greenbelt Water Authority advised they were aware of it.
 4:45 a.m. - Caller reported a vehicle continuously driving around the area of his residence.
 5:35 a.m. - A 911 call reported a stranded motorist. Deputy located him in Hedley.
 11:59 a.m. - Hall Co. Sheriff's Office advised of a stranded motorist near Giles. DPS reported making contact with the motorist and said assistance was on the

way.
 2:01 p.m. - Deputy was in Hedley to look into a complaint of a continuously barking dog. The owner was contacted.
 4:20 p.m. - A horse was reported out on US 287. Deputy put it up.
 9:29 p.m. - Caller reported a gas pump was struck by a vehicle at his business.
 10:13 p.m. - Deputy was dispatched to a local residence on a 911 call of a family dispute.
 10:21 p.m. - A Hedley caller reported a possible window peeper. Deputy responded.

December 26

7:17 a.m. - Caller checked on road conditions into New Mexico.
 10:50 a.m. - Caller reported a young female attempting to collect money door to door on W. Fourth Street.
 11:00 a.m. - Deputy made contact with a female in the area and escorted her to a business on west US 287.
 11:08 a.m. - Deputy continued to look for the female collecting money door to door.
 1:51 p.m. - Caller asked for help in contacting AA.
 2:14 p.m. - A fire was reported in the 400 block of Wood Avenue. Fire department was paged, and deputy advised it was a container fire and had been taken outside.
 3:15 p.m. - Nursing home called to ask a deputy to make contact with a local resident. No one was at the residence.
 8:00 p.m. - Caller reported the screen had been removed from her residence.
 8:18 p.m. - A 911 call reported a dog on Jany Street in Howardwick acting strange with white foam coming from its mouth. Deputy responded.
 9:35 p.m. - Caller reported being stranded seven miles east on US 287. DPS responded.
 The Donley County Sheriff's Office wishes everyone a safe and happy new year.

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- 1. Chinese cabbage
- 5. Ringworm
- 10. Expectorate
- 14. Materials
- 15. Hydroxyls + 2C
- 16. German car
- 17. Agatha Christie mystery, with "A"
- 20. Expungings
- 21. Sweeps
- 22. European fishes
- 23. Hang glide
- 25. Humiliated
- 29. Times of day
- 33. Laid-back California county
- 34. Lyric poem
- 35. Rotating disk
- 36. Rubber or pencil
- 38. Womaniser
- 41. Horny projecting jaws of a bird
- 42. Abba ____ Israeli politician
- 44. Fire iron
- 45. Provencal verses
- 48. Most unpleasant

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Rear
- 2. Miri
- 3. Gnawing animal
- 4. Requests
- 5. IV
- 6. Conclude
- 7. Mind (Greek)
- 8. Measuring unit
- 9. Sign language
- 10. Hunting expedition
- 11. Indian Seaport
- 12. Romantic interlude
- 13. Drawstrings
- 18. ____ O'Neill, playwright
- 19. Narrow ridges (Swedish)
- 23. Geographic region

- 24. Digits
- 25. After prayers
- 26. Pressure unit
- 27. Saddle horses
- 28. Female sibling
- 29. Soul and calypso songs
- 30. Garget
- 31. Overhang
- 32. Forward
- 37. Gambling town
- 39. Final climactic stage
- 40. Neither
- 43. Order
- 46. Denunciation
- 47. Asian country
- 48. Flows
- 50. Unoriginal
- 51. Mount
- 52. Molding
- 53. Overlay with wood
- 54. Morsel
- 55. Community
- 56. Paddles
- 57. Shrubs having oily one-seeded fruits
- 58. Hurry
- 60. Father
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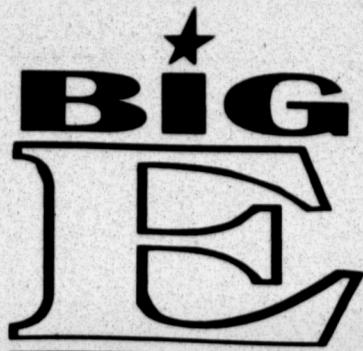
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AUTOMOBILES

1993 CHEVY S10 two door blazer 4x4 loaded. Maroon/gray, gray interior. Extra clean, one owner. \$9,000. Karen Alderson, Call 806-791-5611 or 874-3651. 1-1tc

HELP WANTED

NEEDED CNAs & LVN
6:00-2:00 and 2:00-10:00 shift
Call Palo Duro Nursing Home,
(806) 226-5121. 1-2tc

HELP WANTED - Office Secretary. Experienced preferred. Must have data entry and computer skills. Contact Alan Graham, 874-5221 or FAX 874-5474 or come by the Medical Center Nursing Home. 1-1tc

SERVICES

CARPENTER WORK - large or small jobs. Call Dickie Bennett at 874-2362 or 662-8599. 49-ctfc

ELDERCARE OPENING: We can help with your care in licensed private home. Safe pleasant environment. Good meals. Call Suzie Rhinehart 874-5000. 1-1tp

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BID NOTICE

Donley County Hospital District will be accepting bids for the following items:

Bathing Fixtures
Compatible lift with electronic scale
For use at Medical Center Nursing Home, Highway 70 North, Clarendon, Texas.

Specifications may be obtained from Alan Graham, Administrator, Donley County Hospital District, PO Box 1007, Clarendon, Texas 79226, or by calling 806-874-5221.

Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 5:00 p.m. on January 13, 2000. The sealed bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on January 14, 2000. Donley County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any or all bids. 1-1tc

REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for 16.024 mi. of overlay on US 287 from Hedley, South to Donley County Line (NBL) covered by CPM 42-8-43 and from Memphis, South to 6.206 miles South (SBL) covered by CPM 42-9-98 in Donley and Hall Counties, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 p.m., January 5, 2000, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery.

Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Daniel E. Brown, Area Engineer, Childress, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bid-

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der. The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex, or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award. Usual rights reserved. 25-D-12026 25-76-0042-08-044, etc. 51-3tc

THE CLARENDON-DONLEY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE is now accepting sealed bids for the catering of the Chamber of Commerce banquet on January 29, 2000. Deadline for bids is January 10, 1999. All interested parties must call the Chamber of Commerce Office at 874-2421 for menu details. Bids may be mailed to Clarendon-Donley County Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 730, Clarendon, TX 79226. Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 52-2tc

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF DONLEY

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of DONLEY County in the following cases on the 2nd day of December, 1999, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 11:00 a.m. on the 4TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2000, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Court-house of said DONLEY County, in the City of CLARENDON, Texas, the following described property located in DONLEY County, to-wit:
Cause No. 5315 CITY OF CLARENDON VS GARMAN DUANE
The North Twelve (N.12') feet of Lot Number Nine (9), all of Lot numbered Ten (10), and the South Twenty-five

LEGAL NOTICES

(S.25') feet of Lot Numbered Eleven (11), in Block Numbered Six (6), McLean Addition to the Town of Clarendon, Donley County, Texas. **Cause No. 5234 DONLEY COUNTY VS GOTCHER GERALD R**

Lot 102 of Nocona Hills, an Addition to the City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas **Cause No. 5702 DONLEY COUNTY VS HARRELL EVELYN R**

Lot 354 of Nocona Hills, an addition to the City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas **Cause No. 5603 DONLEY COUNTY VS HEATH DANNY**

Lots Eight Hundred Four (804), Red Feather Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, situated in Donley County, Texas **Cause No. 5502 CITY OF CLARENDON VS RIDDLESPURGER NINA**

All of Lot Number Ten (10) and the North Ten (N.10') feet of Lot Number Eleven (11), in Block Number 17 or the Original Town of Hedley, Donley County, Texas. Levied on the 2nd day of December, 1999 as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, plus all taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of CITY OF CLARENDON, DONLEY COUNTY HOSPITAL, CLARENDON ISD AND/OR CED #25 FOR CLARENDON ISD, DONLEY COUNTY, CLARENDON JUNIOR COLLEGE, PANHANDLE WATER DISTRICT, CITY OF HEDLEY, HEDLEY ISD AND/OR CED #25 FOR HEDLEY ISD, AND CITY OF HOWARDWICK.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 2ND DAY OF DECEMBER, 1999. William J. Thompson Sheriff, DONLEY County, Texas By Jake W. Longan, Deputy 51-3tc

REAL ESTATE

Fred Clifford Wishes To Announce

his association with Joe T. Lovell Real Estate Agency as a sales representative. Fred earnestly solicits your real estate listings, sales, or purchase agreements.

I will do my best through the Lovell Agency to see that you receive the best representation possible in all matters pertaining to any transaction in which we are associated.

My business office is at Joe T. Lovell Real Estate, 202 W. 3rd, Clarendon, Texas, and my phone numbers are: Business 806-874-9318 and Home 806-874-2415.

I want your business and will do a good job for you. Please give me the opportunity on any property, whether urban houses or farm and ranch.

CLARENDON

◆ 605 McLean St., brick, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, CH/A, approx. 1,450 sq. ft. + 440 sq. ft. in attached 2 car garage. Extra nice and clean. \$67,500.

◆ 601 W. 6th St. (corner of 6th & Ellerbe), brick, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 1/2 baths, 2 living areas, 2 kitchens, fireplace, CH/A, basement, approx. 3,659 sq. ft., 2 car garage, fenced pool, much, much more. Appointment only. \$120,000

◆ 702 S. Cottage, 3 bedroom, 1 & 3/4 baths, CH/A, fireplace, attached 2-car garage, huge sun room, cellar, storage bldg., new paint inside and out, large car port, 7 lots, fenced trap with barn. Private location. \$64,950. Reduce to \$80,000.

◆ Commercial building on Hwy. 287, CH&A, two lots, carport. \$30,000

HOWARDWICK

◆ Lot 702 - corner of Walleys & Carroll Creek, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath mobile home, car port, storage bldg. Excellent location on Carroll Creek. \$18,000.

◆ 24 Janny Drive. Two lots, 2 bedrooms, 1 & 3/4 baths, C/H&A, large basement, 2 car garage, 1 car carport with storage bldg. \$35,000.

◆ 58 Carrol Creek east, fenced, closed in gazebo with attached kitchen and 1/2 bath. \$89,000. Reduced to \$18,000.

Lease Side of Greenbelt Lake

◆ Lot #98. \$420 per year lease. 12x60 mobile home with redwood deck, garage, storage bldg., all furniture. \$89,000. Reduced to \$15,000.

◆ Lot #10. 14x70 mobile home - 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, CH, deck, furniture. \$89,000. Reduced to \$15,000.

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FOR SALE

CLARENDON-HOUSE

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

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

EXCELLENT LOCATION in West Clarendon - Nice 3 bedroom, brick, 1 & 3/4 baths, large living/den, kitchen with built-ins, dining, utility, built in computer desk, central heat & ref. air, additional unattached 2 car garage/shop/office, backyard fenced with brick pier/wood combination, 3 station sprinkler, nice trees and shrubs at 503 S. Cottage for \$99,900. (APPRAISAL AVAILABLE)

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

IN TOWN, BUT WITH A COUNTRY VIEW in West Clarendon, nice 3 bedroom, 1-3/4 bath, brick, with living/den, kitchen/dining, utility, attached garage, central heat & ref. air, sprinklers, new carpet & paint at 502 Cottage for \$63,500.

VERY NICE and recently remodeled two bedroom, kitchen with new cabinets, built-in range, refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker and disposer, living, add on room suitable for third bedroom, den or sun room, one remodeled full bath, large utility, wiring and plumbing have been replaced, attached one car garage with opener, fenced backyard with hot tub and metal yard building at 105 S. Goodnight for \$39,500. REDUCED TO \$32,500.

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

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

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

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

Partially remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath, kitchen, dining, living, utility, yard building, good location at 613 S. Gorst for \$19,900.00.

CLARENDON-COMMERCIAL

Store building, downtown location at Hwy. 287 and Kearney, 3510 sq. ft. store plus 1665 sq. ft. storage, addition 840 sq. ft. basement, plenty of parking, last used as grocery store, but easily convertible for other use, offered at \$75,000.00. REDUCED TO \$59,500.

Office/store building with highway frontage at Hwy. 287 and Jefferson, present design has 1938 sq. ft. petitioned for office spaces and 1730 sq. ft. for store, parking space available, offered for \$75,000.00. REDUCED TO \$59,500.

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

LELIA LAKE - 2 ACRE +/- beautifully landscaped and decorated, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths (full, 3/4, & 1/2), large kitchen/dining, den with fireplace, living, sun room with bricked grill, double garage, 2-car port, brick, shakes, central heat & air, dust stopper doors & windows, well, fenced yard, shop & storage building, dog kennel with 6 runs, numerous shade & fruit trees - and more - must see to appreciate. Owner relocating; price REDUCED TO \$99,500.00.

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

CLARENDON - 333 ACRE HUNTER'S PARADISE - one mile frontage with unobstructed view overlooking major ranch, house suitable for hunting lodge, like new 30'x30' insulated metal barn with concrete floor, bath, & office, 2 wells - 1 5/gpm for house and 1 85/gpm for crops & tank, shelter belt and grove of trees provide ideal habitat and shelter for deer and game birds. (PACKAGE DEAL INCLUDES MANY DEPRECIABLE ITEMS - 1994 MO. 5400 J/D TRACTOR, FRONT-END LOADER, SHREDDER, TANDEM DISK, POST HOLE DIGGER AND RHINO BLADE, ALL WITH LOW HOURS AND A SHOP FULL OF TOOLS, EQUIPMENT, & SUPPLIES AND APPROXIMATELY 800 PLANTED GRAPE VINES) - ALL FOR \$166,500.

LELIA LAKE - 246 ACRE FARM - 122 ac farmland, balance grass - house with 3 bedrooms, bath, living, kitchen, utility, unattached 2 car garage, storage bldg., well with sub. pump at house, 2nd well with sub. pump in pasture, good hunting for deer and quail for \$245. per acre.

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Happy New Year 2000

As we usher in 2000, we would like to extend our best wishes to everyone who helped make us so successful.

We appreciate your patronage, and we look forward to serving you in the years to come.

From everyone at the Herring National Bank, we wish a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year to you all!

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