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Architect chosen for courthouse master plan

The Donley County Commissioners' Court selected an architect to draw up the master plan for the courthouse during their regular meeting Monday.

The court selected Volz and Associates, Inc., to come up with the plan, which will hopefully lead to the restoration of the courthouse.

The Austin based firm was highly recommended to Judge Jack Hall by several other counties and cities in the state. Volz appears extremely qualified to assist with preserving the Donley County Courthouse. The company led restorative work on the Texas Governor's Man-

sion, prepared the master plan for restoring the state capitol building in 1990, and has done the master plans for the courthouses of Blanco, Gonzales, and Caldwell counties.

Monday, the commissioners' court also set aside \$33,332 for a two-thirds matching grant to help pay for the master plan.

Brad Patterson, a preservation consultant with the Texas Historical Commission, told the court via speakerphone that choosing the architect and creating the master plan is the next step in being prepared for courthouse restoration funds that will hopefully be set aside by the

Texas Legislature this session. Counties that aren't ready when the money becomes available may get left behind, Patterson said.

Governor George W. Bush is asking the Legislature to set aside \$100 million to preserve and restore the state's most historic courthouses. Patterson said the state historical commission is optimistic that money will indeed be appropriated, and two bills - one in the house and one in the senate - have already been introduced to do just that.

"We have an opportunity here," Judge Hall told the commissioners, "and if we don't take

it, down the road we will wish we had."

Donley County Historical Commission Chair Jean Stavenhagen was encouraged by the commissioners' actions.

"Now we can move forward to the next step in our grant and be in line when the governor's legislation is passed," said Stavenhagen.

The Donley County Courthouse was built in 1891 and is the oldest surviving courthouse in the Texas Panhandle. Its age and the fact that it is still in use today gives it a high ranking on the state's list of courthouses needing preservation.

Filing date fast approaching for local candidates

The filing deadline for local candidates is fast approaching.

Citizens wishing to run in the May 1 elections must file by March 17, 1999.

These entities are holding elections for the following positions:

City of Clarendon: Mayor and two Aldermen - positions currently held by Mayor Tex Selvidge, James Kuhn, and James Owens.

City of Hedley: Four Aldermen - positions currently held by Jim Roberts, Bruce Howard, Shauna Monroe, and James Lee Potts (unexpired term). Roberts and Howard have already filed to run again.

City of Howardwick: Mayor and two Aldermen - positions currently held by Mayor Margaret Pettit, Bob Hall, and Weldon King. Pettit and Hall have filed to run again.

Donley County Hospital District: Board of Directors Place 1 - seat occupied by Don Thornberry, Place 2 - seat occupied by Nelson Christie, and Place 3 - seat occupied by David Strange. Christie has filed to run again.

Clarendon CISD: Three Trustees - positions currently occupied by Dan Hall and Weldon Sears and the unexpired term of Sandy Thornberry. Hall and Sears have filed to run again.

Hedley CISD: Three Trustees - positions currently held by Bob White and Rhonda Shaw and the unexpired term of Chris Downer.

HHS students headed for Philadelphia

Students from the Hedley High School Chapter of Business Professionals of America attended the State Leadership Conference in Corpus Christi March 3-6.

Those qualifying for the National Leadership Conference in Philadelphia from April 23 to April 27 were Rachel Howard, second in Prepared Speech II, and Susan Grecian, third in Banking Concepts. LaCenda Funderburg placed fifth in Prepared I and is a national alternate.

Others attending the State Leadership Conference in Corpus Christi and competing were Jymmie Deathrage, Lynnette Jett, Lana Wallendorff and Rachel Bennett.

In addition to conference sessions and competitions, the group visited the Texas State Aquarium and, of course, the Corpus Christi Beach. A good time was had by all, and everyone did a fine job of representing Hedley High School.

The group was accompanied by BPA Advisors Colynn Harrison and Shauna Monroe and chapter parent Deanna Funderburg.

Hedley Aldermen hold regular meeting

The Hedley Board of Aldermen met at 7 p.m. on March 4, 1999, in a regular meeting.

The board approved a motion to set the speed limit at 40 miles per hour on FM 1932 within the city limits.

Bruce Howard made a motion, second by James Lee Potts, to authorize the mayor and city secretary to negotiate for the rental of a suitable house with a monthly fee of no more than \$275 for the constable. Motion carried.

The board set the date for the election as May 1, 1999. Jean Taylor was named as election judge, and Randy Shaw will be the early voting clerk.

The aldermen authorized the expenditure of \$5,500 to purchase a used dump truck.

Other matters discussed by the board included setting a speed limit on east Railroad Street and the impoundment of possibly dangerous dogs.

County Clean Up

Resources were pooled from all four Donley County precincts last week to trim trees and clean up around the Courthouse Square.

Shown here are Commissioner Randy White, County Judge Jack Hall, and Commissioner Donnie Hall. Also on the scene, but out of camera range, was Commissioner Bob Trout.

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Forest Service continues wildfire warning

An extreme wildfire danger warning issued last week by the Texas Forest Service for the High Plains region continues as dry windy weather persists and wildfire activity picks up.

Vegetation is brown, dry and growing increasingly fire-prone, say fire prevention and assessment teams personnel assigned by the state forestry agency to this region. The risk has grown great enough that the Texas Forest Service has mobilized additional firefighting resources to the region to be available to assist area fire departments with fire response.

"The likelihood is growing that some areas may experience multiple wildfires or very large fires," says Les Rogers, regional fire coordinator with the Texas Forest Service in Canyon.

"We are just now entering the normally windy months of March and April when the danger of fast-spreading wildland fires normally increases. Positioning firefighting resources helped mini-

mize wildfire losses last year during the record fire siege, and our agency has again acted to get supplementary firefighting resources into a high fire danger area prior to a major outbreak of wildfires."

Many of the wildfires that have occurred in the region recently have been due to carelessness, according to Todd Nightingale, a member of the Texas Forest Service fire prevention team in Canyon.

"Escaped control burns have caused large fires in several counties across the region, among them Randall, Floyd, and Hall counties," said Nightingale.

"Common causes of escaped control fires include inadequate fire breaks around the area to be burned, failure to take into account possible changes in wind speed and direction, and failure to have adequate resources available to contain possible catch-outs."

At least 27 Texas counties -- mostly in north-

west Texas -- have issued bans on outdoor burning in response to the growing wildfire threat and increasing numbers of escaped prescribed fires and open debris burning.

Failure to take adequate precautions when building fences has resulted in several wildfires said Nightingale. "Avoid using welding and other spark-producing equipment near dry grass and brush," said Nightingale.

"Where it is impractical to clear vegetation from the work area, use a field sprayer or backpack sprayer to wet vegetation both in and downwind from the work area. Re-wet the vegetation periodically if operations continue over an extended time period."

Public cooperation is essential in order that lives, homes, and other resources are not lost to senseless wildfires. Increased attention to outdoor fire safety precautions can prevent many wildfires from occurring, said Nightingale.

CEUs and horse branding offered at Cattle Raisers school

FORT WORTH — Any horse owner interested in protecting their horses from theft should put the 1999 TSCRA School for Successful Ranching on their agenda, says C. Coney Burgess, president of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. The school will be held March 27-28, in Fort Worth just prior to TSCRA's annual convention.

Butch Davjs, TSCRA field inspector from Huntsville will explain

how a permanent ID can deter horse thieves and help recover stolen horses. During the lunch hour, Davjs will also provide freeze-branding services to horse owners with proof their brand has been registered with their county clerk. This service will be provided free to TSCRA members. Nonmembers will be charged \$25 per horse. Number and letter irons will be available. Horse owners with specialized brands should provide their own iron.

All horses must have a negative Coggins test to be admitted onto the grounds of the Will Rogers Center. TSCRA members will also be able to enroll their horses in the Horse Identification Program.

Producers can also earn two continuing education units required for self-certification of pesticide applicator licenses at the School for Successful Ranching. One credit will be offered in Drift Minimization, and one

credit will be offered in Integrated Pest Management. Saturday classes include a Brush Busters demonstration, range plant ID, calving problems, vaccinations, and relating body condition scores to performance. Also, trainer Craig Cameron will demonstrate horse safety and starting a young horse on cattle in a joint session with Horse-O-Rama participants.

On Sunday, cattle raisers have the

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Clarendon High School pre-registration program scheduled for March 15

Clarendon High School will host a high school pre-registration program for next year's sophomores, juniors, and seniors and their parents on Monday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the CCISD cafeteria.

School Counselor John Taylor and CHS Principle Larry Jeffers will discuss graduation plans, changes in the state curriculum, course offerings, and preparation for post-secondary education.

This is the second program CHS has held as preparations are being made for the 1999-2000 school year. Next year's freshmen and their parents met last Monday for their pre-registration meeting.

"We want parents to be involved in the process every year," states John Taylor. "That is why we revisit graduation plans and invite parents to meet with us. As students continue through high school, their plans change, and we do what we can to accommodate those changes. Hopefully this will also initiate a dialog between students and their parents about the student's future."

Parents who have questions about the meeting or the pre-registration process can call the CCISD Counselor's Office at 874-3241.

Exemptions may lower your taxes

A homestead exemption lowers the school property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

Anyone who owned a home on January 1 (and used it as their primary residence on that date) is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower their school taxes this year.

If you became 65 or disabled during 1998 you may qualify for an additional \$10,000 school property tax exemption on your homestead. And if you qualify for the over 65 exemp-

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Local Weather Report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec
Mon	1	80°	35°	-
Tues	2	78°	44°	-
Wed	3	61°	23°	-
Thurs	4	64°	24°	-
Fri	5	79°	38°	-
Sat	6	66°	33°	-
Sun	7	58°	34°	-

Rain Sunday and Sunday night totaled 0.63"

Total precipitation this month 0.63"
Total precipitation this year 2.60"

Total for month one year ago 3.85"
Total year-to-date last year 8.13"

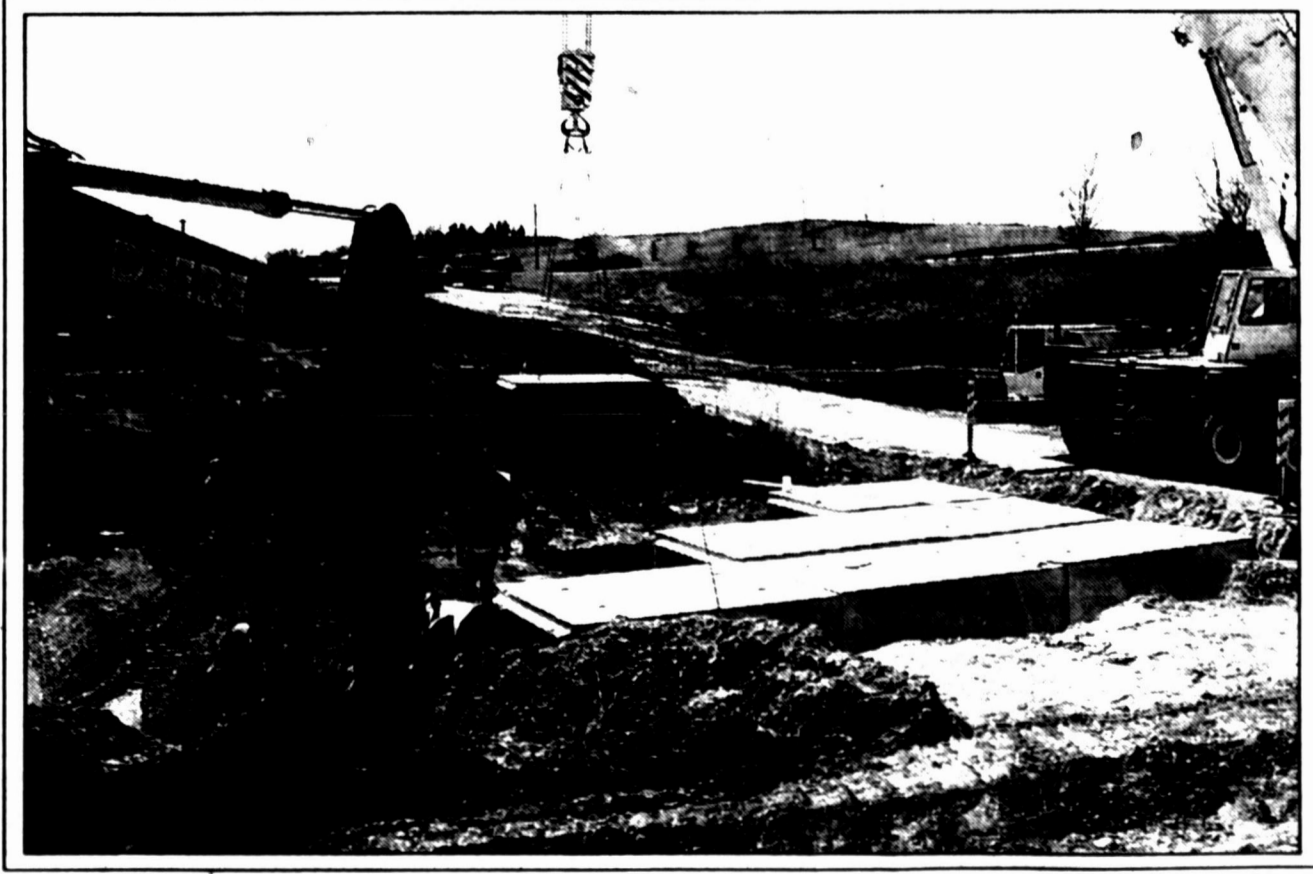


Bridge Building

Workers were busy last week in Howardwick setting barrels which will form the foundation of the new low water crossing on Carroll Creek.

Twenty-four barrels will be covered with a slab of concrete to make the finished crossing. The city obtained a grant to pay for the project.

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OPINION PAGE

WARNING: The following column is an editorial (i.e. an opinion, a point of view) and may contain ideas or positions some readers may disagree with. It could be harmful to so-called consumer advocates, health Nazis, and other small mammals. Read at your own risk.

This column has been Rated NPT by the Enterprise Institute For Reader Friendliness. A sense of humor is advised. Newspaper Truth (as I see it)

Safety nuts target pickups

Wake up, Texans. The safety nuts are coming for something near and dear to our hearts. That's right my friends. The federal government is coming after our pickup trucks.

Here's the deal. Studies have found that in automobile crashes between light trucks and cars the cars almost always lose. More precisely the occupants of the cars lose - i.e. they end up dead.

Well, that's a shame. It really is. But what should we do about it? We could all drive more carefully? We could try to make cars more durable and safe? Or perhaps we should just do as government regulators and consumer advocates think. They think we should make trucks less damaging to cars. One safety nut said last week we need to "level the playing field" between cars and trucks.

The best way to do this presumably is to make them lighter. Basically, make Chevy trucks less "Like A Rock" and more "Like A Nerf Ball."

Do we really want pickups made of plastic and fiberglass? Or do we want pickups that can do the jobs that farmers and ranchers and other working men and women demand of their vehicles?

Making trucks less safe in order to "level the playing field" is a poor solution to this perceived problem. A better solution would be to make cars safer.

And speaking of automobile safety...

If you drive a sport utility vehicle (SUV), the government apparently thinks you're an idiot.

Uncle Sam, who is of course much smarter than us common folk, has decided that you SUV drivers are ignoring the labels on your vehicle's that warn of how easy it is to turn over your Blazer or Jimmy or Bronco.

And so last Friday the federalies announced a new yellow, black, and white label which shows a vehicle up on two wheels. The new label replaces one that has appeared on SUVs for about 20 years, but that one only had text which Americans apparently can't or don't read.

It is doubtful that these warning labels will save a single life. The labels will however make the nannysts in the federal government feel good as they attempt to protect the American people from themselves.

Editorials are published periodically by the Enterprise when the Editor or worthy guest editorialist has something to say. Warning labels have been attached because a few readers found these columns to be "biased" or "opinionated." But then Editorials or "Opinion" pieces usually are.

Introduction to Futures and Options Workshop scheduled for March 18

By Leon J. Church, County Agent

The "Introduction to Futures and Options Workshop" will be held on March 18 in the Ranch and Feedlot Operations Classroom on the Clarendon College Campus, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude at 3:00 p.m.

Steve Amosson and Jim Sartwell, Agricultural Economists from the Texas Agricultural Extension

Service will present the workshop.

This is a great opportunity for producers, both crop and livestock, to benefit from understanding how this marketing alternative works and how it might fit your program.

Registration is required; however, there is no cost to attend. For further information, please contact the Donley County Extension Office at 806/874-2141.

Cattle Raisers: Continued from page one.

option of attending one of two in-depth sessions that will run concurrently. A seminar in risk management will feature Don McCasland, a nationally recognized expert in futures and options, cattle feeder, rancher and TSCRA member. McCasland has developed approximately 1,000 different strategies using futures and options to help manage risk in his own operation. Clinton Hakes of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange will explain the features of the new stocker cattle contract and how to use it.

An in-depth seminar in nutrition will cover all aspects of balancing nutritional requirements with consumption, including basic terminology, estimating forage intake, and determining supplemental needs, and more. Two producers will discuss how

they manage the nutritional needs of their herds, both large and small, and time for questions is planned during a 30-minute Q&A session.

Registrations will be accepted at the TSCRA office until March 25, but producers can also register onsite The school is funded through Pfizer Animal Health's Cattleman's College Program and an educational grant from Dow AgroSciences. Registration is \$50 per person. For more information, contact Sharla Ishmael or Kathy Wood at (800) 242-7820 or (817) 332-7155. Registration is also available online at www.thecattlemanmagazine.com. For information on the Horse-O-Rama, call John South, Tarrant County Extension agent, at 817/884-1946.

Property Taxes: Continued from page one.

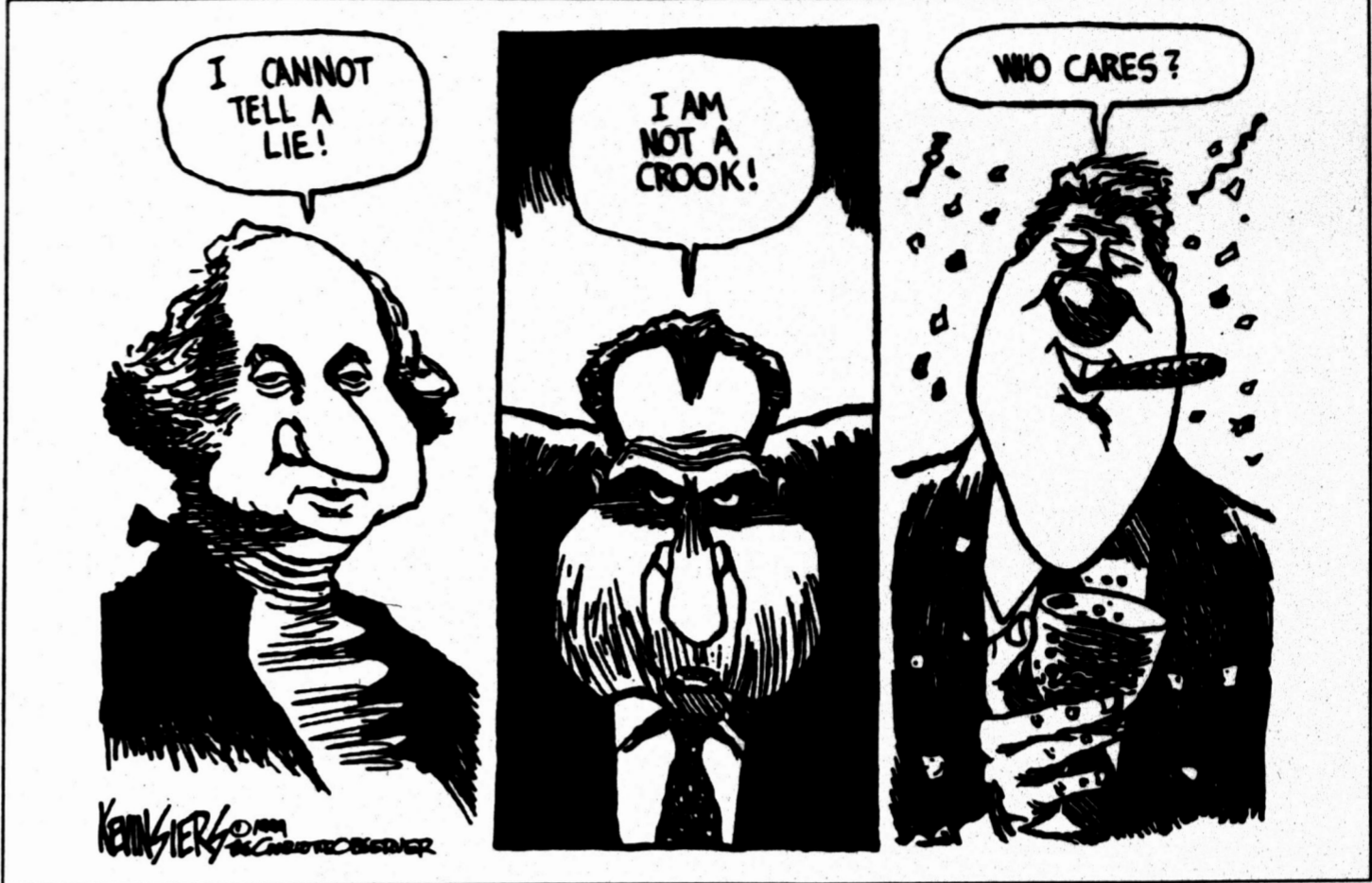
tion, you are also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home.

If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 1998, you will not need to reapply for 1999.

However, if you have not received an exemption on your present home -- or if you have moved to a new home -- you will need to file for a new homestead exemption. Applications should be filed by April 30 and are

available at the Appraisal District Office at 307 S. Sully.

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



Budget surplus achieved, but taxes still at WW II levels

One of the strengths of our country has always been our ability to get together and rally to a great national cause. World War II is a good example. America sent its sons off to battle in defense of our nation and the principles in which we believe.

We also gave our money. Taxes were higher by the end of World War II than at any other time in our history. Few people complained -- our tax dollars helped bring about victory. It was a price we were willing to pay, and a challenge we were

willing to meet. Today, America has a different set of challenges. Our schools need to be improved. Social Security needs to be strengthened. And our national defense needs to be shored up.

While these are all important challenges that need to be met, few would compare them to the challenges we faced when we went to war in Europe and waged war with Japan. Yet we are being taxed as if they were.

Federal taxes currently consume more than 20 percent of our gross domestic product. This is the highest level since 1944.

Over the next 10 years, the federal government is expected to run a surplus of around \$2.4 trillion. This equals out to a tax overpayment of more than \$27,000 for every taxpaying household in America. Part of that money should be used to strengthen retirement security. But a good part should be used to lower your taxes.

The American people have shown they're ready to sacrifice in times of great national need. But with a \$2.4 trillion surplus headed into Washington over the next decade, they also deserve to get some of this money back. After all, it is your money.

Jamboree set for Saturday

By Patsy Hill

Saints' Roost Jamboree will start at 7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium on Clarendon College Campus.

The Morris Stevens group will be making their second appearance on the Jamboree. There are six musicians in the band and they specialize in bluegrass and country music.

Doris Vardell will be on stage Saturday night doing some great country songs. Doris teaches school in Amarillo and is well known for her yodeling.

Saints' Roost Band will be doing country and gospel songs on the show. You can always expect to hear some of your favorites from this band.

Admission is free and door prizes will be awarded during the evening. Free refreshments will be available in the lobby.

Join us Saturday night for lots of good music and fellowship.

Spier, Word qualify for Regional Meet

Hunter Spier and Brandon Word have qualified for the Regional Powerlifting meet to be held in Colorado City on March 13. The top ten lifters in each weight class are eligible to compete in the regional meet.

Spier qualified in the 220 pound weight division, and Word qualified in the 242 pound division.

"This is a great opportunity for these two. All of the coaches are extremely proud of Brandon and Hunter. They have worked hard this winter and deserve to compete at the regional meet," said Coach Jeremy Gage.

Eastern Star to hold spaghetti fundraiser

The Clarendon Order of the Eastern Star will hold a spaghetti supper on Tuesday, March 23, 1999, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 203 Kearney. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are available from any member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Tickets will also be available at the door. Carryouts will be available.

Proceeds from the supper will benefit the Order of the Eastern Star.

Keeping an eye on Texas. Don't plant too soon. W inter's last freeze along the Texas Gulf Coast is as much as 96 days earlier than in the Panhandle. Average date, last freeze: Apr. 16-30, Apr. 1-15, Mar. 16-31, Mar. 1-15, Jan. 24-Feb. 28. SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and Texas State Climatologist.

Immunization Clinic scheduled for Clarendon

An Immunization Clinic offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases is scheduled for Clarendon. The clinic will be held March 16, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Texas Department of Health office located inside the Medical Center Nursing Home on Hwy. 70 North.

The Texas Department of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and family size and the ability to pay.

Pneumococcal vaccine will be available.

Read The Classifieds

Getting to know... The Howard Family. "Clarendon is an ideal community to raise a family. The character and support of the community are overwhelming," states Donley County's new doctor, John Howard. He and his family, wife Lori and children Jessica and Austin, moved to Clarendon in January and are enjoying our town. The Howards come to Clarendon from Corpus Christi. John is the Medical Director at the Donley County Rural Health Clinic. Lori has spent most of her time getting their home in order and is preparing to do battle with the gopher and mole populations. Jessica and Austin have become involved in many school functions as well as Little Dribblers, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts. Max, the dog, also enjoys his new found environment. "We have found our home. My wife and I are pleased to live in a community that embodies the values and ideals we behold. We don't like Clarendon, we love Clarendon," says John. So if you visit the Health Clinic or see the Howards at any school function or on the street, introduce yourself and welcome them to our community. "Getting to know..." is sponsored by: Community Bank 123 E. Third, Clarendon • 874-2080 Member FDIC • Equal Housing Lender

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Donley County Judge serving on the PRPC Board of Directors

Donley County Judge Jack Hall has recently begun serving a one-year term on the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission's (PRPC) Board of Directors.

This position is one of sixteen seats held by elected officials representing geographic areas of the Panhandle.

Judge Hall will be representing the citizens in Childress, Collingsworth, Donley, Gray, Hall, and Wheeler counties. Other PRPC Board representatives for these five counties are Collingsworth County Judge Jim Forrester and City of Pampa Commissioner Robert Dixon.

The Planning Commission was created for the purpose of promoting regional cooperation in the Panhandle. Toward this purpose, PRPC administers projects in the following areas: workforce development, aging, community development, economic development, dispute reso-

lution, emergency communications, criminal justice, solid waste management, and water planning. In addition, the Planning Commission reviews applications for federal funds for other entities within the region.

The Board of Directors plays a key role in this review and other positive matters affecting citizens of the Panhandle.

The Planning Commission has recently had discussions with Donley County officials concerning possible funding for courthouse restoration and will be working with them as these funds become available.



Judge Hall

Postal Service issues Hospice Care stamp

The US Postal Service has issued one of its newest commemorative first-class 33¢ stamp in recognition of the 3,000 hospices, 25,000 professionals, and more than 100,000 volunteers that have made hospice, increasingly, the quality end-of-life choice for Americans.

Crown of Texas Hospice and Postmaster Lonnie Davis commemorated the new hospice stamp at the Clarendon Post Office on Wednesday, March 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They also held a Ribbon Cutting/Presentation and special hospice cancellation that same day.

The "Hospice Care" stamp symbolizes life's journey to its final stage, the part where hospice lends its vision for end-of-life care. The use of color gradations is an attempt to convey transition through the stages of life until we come home to death. The



Crown of Texas Hospice and the Clarendon Post Office commemorated the new Hospice Care stamp on Wednesday, March 3, with a special presentation and special hospice cancellation. Pictured with the new stamp are Alan Graham, Medical Center Nursing Home Administrator; Lonnie Davis, Clarendon Postmaster; Judy Thomas, Crown of Texas Hospice Representative; and Tex Selvide, Mayor of Clarendon.

butterfly is a symbol of spiritual release - a positive metaphor for the last transition of life. More than 100 million stamps will be issued and are available at every post office in the nation.

Holden receives national recognition for VFW participation

William D. "Doug" Bell, State Commander, Department of Texas, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States recently announced that William "Bill" Holden, a member and Officer of the Day of Donley County Memorial Post 7782 received national recognition for active participation and implementing VFW programs within Post 7782 and District 13.

The National Aide-De-Camp Award is presented to those members who demonstrate their commitment to

support and participate in VFW programs, and promote the ideals and beliefs of the VFW. The Department of Texas, Department Commander can nominate up to 40 VFW members for the award statewide.

The National Commander-in-Chief made the appointment after a recommendation from Commander Bell. Bill Holden was considered after spearheading the startup of several programs in the Donley County Post as well as his participation in the Dis-

trict. These programs include the Voice of Democracy \$ 20,000.00 scholarship program for high school students, Youth Essay Contest for junior high students with the top prize of a \$5000 Savings Bond, and a host of other VFW sponsored programs available to the community.

Bill Holden has been appointed to represent the Department of Texas as a 1998-1999 National Aide De-Camp Delegate.

Community Bank sponsors Walk Across Texas team

By Sue Church, County FCS Agent

The "Y2K Hustlers" will represent Community Bank of Clarendon reports Betty McCutchen, vice president, in the upcoming Walk Across Texas program. They will join Donley County State Bank "Loaners: Walking with Your Interest at Heart," Herring National "The Shufflers," a community team called "Let's Go!" and St. Mary's "Streakers."

Walk Across Texas is an eight-week program that will spark some friendly competition in Donley County. Teams of eight will compete to see who can log the most miles walking, jogging or even biking. The goal for each team will be to reach

Houston which is 535 miles from Clarendon. The kickoff for Donley County is going to be March 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Clarendon College tracks.

Participating in Walk Across Texas is not only a great way to get involved with our community, it's a healthy habit. For more information about this event contact Cennet Rhode, Virginia Patten or the Donley County Extension Office. To register a team pick up forms at the Extension Office located in the Courthouse.

The Lion's Tale



By Allen Estlack

Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting March 9 with Boss Lion Jimmy Blackerby in charge.

We had 14 members and five guests. Lion Bell led the singing and Clayton Ferris provided the music.

Our guests and program was Jerry Hawkins and four members of the livestock judging team. The team members told of their years judging results as well as their individual success. We also had the president and vice president of the Student Senate in this group told about the work of this group.

The college was presented a scholarship for this group Shayla Hager, John Nelson, Clayton LaCompte, and Grant Turner.

LOOKING BACK

10 Years Ago

The Clarendon Press, March 9, 1989

• Twanna Garland, a freshman at Texas Tech, has been nominated by the Tech Block and Bridal Association for Miss Texas Tech.

25 Years Ago

The Donley County Leader, March 14, 1974

• The Hedley Owls and Coach Lemely went to Austin the past weekend hoping to bring home the state basketball title, and the boys put up a battle in the semi-finals. Hedley lost to LaPoyner, 42-53.

50 Years Ago


The Donley County Leader, March 10, 1949

• The 1949 Red Cross Drive has the goal of raising \$1,533 locally. Emmett O. Simmons will chair the effort.

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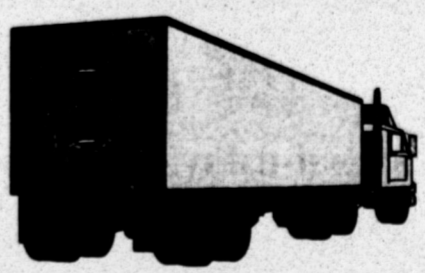
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Donley County Senior Citizens News

By Sandra Minatrea
The public is invited to come enjoy a delicious meal of barbecue beef, potato salad, pinto beans, apricot cobbler, tea, and coffee Thursday, March 11.

The Donley County Senior Citizens has submitted a proposal for almost nine thousand dollars worth of equipment for our kitchen.

The Hedley High School Choir will be performing at our March 30 Birthday/Anniversary Supper. This is an outstanding group of young people, and it is always a delight to get to hear them sing.

Ellen Bell Seago by Bobbie S. Moore. In memory of Carol McClelland by Dolly Cole. Onita Thomas, Cennet Rhode, Nelson & Virginia Christie, Jean Baten, Lucile Eanes, Senior Citizens Dance Club, Helena Catoe, Irene Jones, and Mary Faris.

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Roy Chauveaux, Ruby Thompson, Alma Bingham, (back) Cotton Nelson, Bill Hodges, Joan Davis, Nita Meador, and Lee Caskey celebrated February birthdays at the February 23 DCSC Birthday/Anniversary Supper.

Malone to speak at Church of Christ

Dr. Avon Malone from Oklahoma Christian University will be speaking at the Clarendon Church of Christ March 14-17. The Monday through Wednesday services will begin at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

Dr. Malone is a well known Bible scholar. He will be bringing lessons from the Ephesians' letter. His Bible lessons will be accurate, basic, and very thorough.

His many years spent as an instructor of the Bible on the university

level have given him the ability to present the word of God in a depth that will be appreciated by all students of the Bible.

Eddie Gable from Memphis will be leading the singing. Come at 7:00 p.m. for thirty minutes of congregational singing.

The Church of Christ would also like to invite you to a morning study of Colossians each morning at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center, Monday through Wednesday.



Bill Corbin celebrated his 90th birthday March 4, 1999, at the DCSC Center.

Photo courtesy of DCSC



Judy and Bill Hodges and Leona and Al Musgrove celebrated February anniversaries at the DCSC Birthday/Anniversary Supper on February 23.

Students of the Week March 8, 1999

Sixth Grade: David Milburn and April Ballard
Seventh Grade: Erin Rayborn and Equilla Weatherston
Eighth Grade: Mandy McKinney and Michael Newhouse

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Donations needed for CHS graduation party

The Senior Parents and the Texas Department of Public Transportation will be sponsoring their annual all-night alcohol/drug-free graduation party for the 1999 Clarendon Seniors.

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Obituaries

Ida Langley Stuckey
Funeral services for Ida Langley Stuckey, age 95, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 4, 1999, at the Primitive Baptist Church with Elder T.J. Pittman and Elder Don Watson officiating.

Jewell Shelton of Houston; one niece, Marvella Finch of Houston; two nephews, Cy Shelton of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Elbre Hickerson of Spearman; and several great nieces and nephews.

The family suggests that memorials be to Rowe Cemetery Association, Hedley, TX 79237.

Mrs. Stuckey died on Tuesday, March 2, 1999, in Wellington. She was born January 27, 1904, in the Indian Territory known now as Love County, Oklahoma, to James E. Langley and Sallie Jane Sanders.

Albert Moore
Albert Moore, age 89, died Monday, March 8, 1999, in Lubbock. Graveside services will be today, Thursday, March 11, at 10:30 a.m. in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon with grandson Faron Moore, officiating.

Mr. Moore was born August 20, 1909, in Tupelo, Oklahoma, and was a resident of Howland for 11 years, then Amarillo for four years before moving to Lubbock in 1994.

She was preceded in death by her husband; three brothers, Dan, Jim and George Langley; and by four sisters, Nannie Johnson, May Lowe, Ethel Hester, and Iva Nixon.

Survivors include one daughter, Sue Moore Cooper of Lubbock; two sons, J.A. "Sonny" Moore of Canadian, and Larry G. Moore of Loveland, Colorado; one brother, J.D. Moore of Jasper; seven grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; and two great, great grandchildren.

Survivors include sister and brother-in-law, Louis and John Barnhart of Garland; brother and sister-in-law, William H. and Billie Langley of Derby, Kansas; and many special nieces and nephews.

The family request memorials be made to the Primitive Baptist Church Memorial Fund or the Langley Family Reunion Fund.

Layman Mood Shelton
Layman Mood Shelton, age 94, died Saturday, March 6, 1999, in Amarillo.

Graveside services were held on Wednesday, March 10, 1999, in Rowe Cemetery in Hedley with the Rev. Bryan Knowles, pastor of the Martin Baptist Church, officiating.

Mr. Shelton was born November 14, 1904, in Cleburne, Texas, and was a resident of Corsicana before moving to Spearman five years ago.

He was a truck driver for ICX Truck Lines for more than 50 years before his retirement. He was a US Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include one sister,

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CC Bulldogs compete in NSCAA tournament

The Clarendon College Bulldog team traveled to Salina, Kansas, for the National Small College Athletic Association (NSCAA) tournament. The Bulldog team was small in numbers having only eight players but big on enthusiasm and guts.

The Bulldogs faced the Southern Virginia College Knights of Buena Vista, Virginia in their first game on Wednesday evening.

Clarendon came out fresh and ready to play from the opening tip-off. The Bulldogs led at the half, 32-27.

Clarendon was led in the second half by Freshman Nate Jones. Jones dominated the boards and put in a game high 31 points for the Bulldogs. Clarendon won the game, 79-58. Other leading scorers for the Bulldogs were Byron Dixon, 16; and Tim Marshall, 15.

"Our athleticism dominated the second half. We gave an outstanding defensive performance. I though ballgame was a good one throughout," said

Head Coach Joe Mondragon.

The Bulldogs drew the Rochester College Warriors of Rochester Hills, Michigan, for their second round. Clarendon played at 4:30 on Thursday afternoon and looked a little fatigued from the first game the night before.

The Warriors were a well coached, senior dominated team with a lot of experience behind them. The Bulldogs were down, 31-41, at half-time.

Clarendon did a good job in the second half of coming from behind but could not get closer than eight points. The Bulldogs fell to the Warriors, 64-79.

Leading the scoring for the Bulldogs were Nate Jones, 23; Danny Anaya, 12; Juaron, 11; and Tim Marshall, 10.

Clarendon played the host team of Kansas Wesleyan on Friday morning. The Coyotes took advantage of the Bulldog's small numbers and wore

Clarendon down. The Bulldogs had a good offensive game but could not pull down the win. The Coyotes won the game, 88-94.

Leading scorers for the Bulldogs were Nate Jones, 31; Danny Anaya, 29; and Tim Marshall, 14.

"I was very proud of the guys' effort. They showed a lot of courage, especially since our starters had to play the whole game. With only eight players, we didn't have any depth off the bench at our guard positions," said Coach Mondragon.

"This was a great experience for our freshmen. We will only lose Danny and Tim from this squad. And I think they both have a good future at a four year college. We're looking forward to next year. We're going to have a good recruiting class, so it should make things interesting for next year. I really appreciate the support the community has shown to us this year. And I look forward to next year," said the Head Coach.

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Clarendon High tennis teams compete in Memphis tourney

The Clarendon High School tennis teams competed in Memphis on Saturday, March 6, in their first tournament of the season.

In boys singles, Khalil Abdulla defeated Shank from Memphis 6-1, 6-0, in the quarterfinals. Penzram from Shamrock defaulted in the semifinals.

Urrutia from Memphis defeated Abdulla in the finals 7-5, 6-1.

Nickless Devin and Jake Thornton also played in boys singles but were defeated in the first round.

In boys doubles, Travis Woodard and Greg Wootten defeated Patel and Herron from Shamrock 6-0, 6-0 in the

semifinals. They then defeated team members Carey Thornberry and Josh Williams 6-1, 6-0 in the finals. Thornberry and Williams reached the finals by defeating Dagley and Henderson from Memphis 6-1, 6-0, in the quarterfinals, and by defeating Quisenberry and Mosely of Quana

6-1, 4-6, 6-2, in the semifinals.

In girls doubles, Courtney Newhouse and Lindsey Shelton defeated Deger and Kilpatrick of Shamrock in the quarterfinals 6-1, 6-0. In the semifinals, Newhouse and Shelton were defeated by Johnson and Rodriguez from Memphis 6-3, 6-4.

Broncos start track season at Highland Park

The Bronco and JV Bronco track teams competed in Amarillo at Highland Park in their first meet.

Several of the athletes were participating in tennis or other activities during this first meet.

The Broncos expect to be in full force at their meet this Saturday, March 13, in Panhandle.

In the varsity division, the 400 meter relay team comprised of Sam

Holton, Zack Butts, Cael Shields, and Colts Floyd, placed sixth with a time of 47.66.

Sam Holton placed third in the 110 hurdles with a time of 17.94. Holton placed fourth in the 300 hurdles with a time of 44.7.

Zack Butts placed third in the 400 meter dash with a time of 54.10.

In the JV division, the 400 meter relay comprised of Jeff Powell,

Nathan Floyd, Ben Wilson, and Clay Sawyer, placed fourth with a time of 50.13.

Jeff Powell placed fifth with a time of 12.25 in the 100 meter dash, and placed seventh in the 200 meter dash with a time of 25.99.

Clay Sawyer placed second in the pole vault by clearing 10 feet. Nathan Floyd placed fifth in the pole vault by clearing 8'6".

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Lady Broncos have first track meet in Amarillo

The Lady Broncos started their track season at the Highland Park meet in Amarillo. Clarendon had two medalists in their first day of competition.

April Bryley placed first in the 100 meter dash with a time of 13.43.

The 800 meter relay consisting of Janey Aduddell, Geri Butler, Kelley Lemley, and April Bryley, placed third

with a time of 2:00.53.

April Bryley placed fifth in the long jump with a leap of 14'3".

Kelley Lemley placed 7th in the discus, and Geri Butler placed sixth in the triple jump.

Clarendon's 1600 meter relay placed fifth with a time of 4:38. Members of the relay were Kristen Glover, Butler, Lemley, and Bryley.

The Lady Broncos will compete this Saturday, March 13, in Panhandle.

8th Grade Colts run at Highland Park

The 8th grade Colts competed in the Hornet Relays at Highland Park in their first meet of the track season.

Todd Hoeltzel placed third in the high jump with a jump of 5'2". Hoeltzel also placed second in the long jump with a jump of 14'9 1/2", and second in the pole vault by clearing 8 feet.

James Williams placed first in the shot put with a throw of 47'4" and second in the discus with a throw of 118'2".

Taylor Shelton placed fifth in the 110 hurdles with a time of 20.86. Shelton placed fourth in the 200 hurdles with a time of 33.48.

Bryan McFarland placed fourth in the 1200 meter run with a time of 4:35.06.

Todd Hoeltzel, Adam Hix, Richard Anderson, and Jacob Mondragon made up the 400 meter relay that placed fourth with a time of 52.14.

Adam Hix, Taylor Shelton, Judge Smith, and Todd Hoeltzel placed third with a time of 4:24.65 in the 1600 meter relay.

7th Lady Colts take fourth place

The 7th grade Lady Colt track team placed fourth overall at Highland Park.

Equilla Weatheron took first place in the 100 meter dash with a time of 14.3 and second in the long jump with a leap of 12'9".

Brittney Hall placed first in the 800 meter run with a time of 3:02, and Beth Foster placed fourth with a time of 3:28.

The 800 relay consisting of Lydia Hartman, Lacey Eads, Alice Hommel, and Weatheron, placed first in a time of 2:08.1.

Lydia Hartman placed second in the high jump with a jump of 4'4" and fifth in the 400 meter dash with a time of 81.05.

Lacey Eads placed third in the 200 meter dash with a time of 31.8.

The 1600 meter relay placed third with a time of 5:15.4. Members of the relay were Hartman, Eads, Hall, and Weatheron.

The Lady Colts do not have a meet this weekend.

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 Tuesday Evening Worship, 7:30 p.m. — "The Plea for Unity"
 Wednesday Evening Worship, 7:30 p.m. — "Practical Christianity"

Monday - Wednesday there will also be a morning class in the FLC from 10:30 - 11:15 on the book of Colossians.

Clarendon Menu March 15-19

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Teriyaki chicken on rice, oriental vegetables, apricot halves, tapioca pudding, roll, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Tues: Mexican pile on, rice, pinto beans, tossed salad, peaches, tortilla chips, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Wed: Caribbean ham, mini baked potato, squash casserole, Jell-O with fruit, strawberry shortcake, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Thur: Barbecue beef on a bun, potato salad, onion ring, chunky fruit, pastries, hamburger bun, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Fri: Smothered pork chops, macaroni and tomato, turnip greens, purple plums, millionaire pie, cornbread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Clarendon Schools
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Mon: Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Tues: Pancakes, juice, milk
Wed: Eggs, toast, juice, milk
Thur: Pancakes, juice, milk
Fri: Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk

Lunch
Mon: Corndogs, French fries, black-eyed peas, cookie, milk
Tues: Chalupes with meat and cheese, graham crackers, salad, fruit, milk
Wed: Steakfingers with gravy, hot rolls, green beans, creamed potatoes, cake, milk
Thur: Beef stew with vegetables, cornbread, fruit, cookie, milk
Fri: Chiliburgers with cheese, French fries, pickles, fruit or fruit cobbler, milk

Hedley Menus March 15-19

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken strips, potato soup, black-eyed peas, hominy salad, pineapple pudding, corn muffin, milk, tea, or coffee
Tues: Hobo dinner, macaroni and cheese, English peas, pear-cottage cheese salad, bread pudding, roll, milk, tea, coffee
Wed: Steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, peaches and bananas, roll, milk, tea, coffee
Thur: Catfish fillet, broccoli casserole, carrot-raisin salad, cherry cobbler, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee
Fri: Turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, sweet potatoes, corn, pea salad, mix fruit with whipped topping, roll, milk, tea, coffee

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CHS golf teams compete in Childress

The Bronco golf teams competed at Childress in their first tournament of the season.

The "A" team consisted of Colt Floyd, 75; David Hall, 87; Chris Linquist, 88; Sam Holton, 89; and Kelly Linquist, 93. The team placed third overall.

Colt Floyd tied for first place with a 75, and won the gold medal on the first playoff hole.

8th Lady Colts place fourth at Highland Park

The 8th grade Lady Colts placed fourth in their first meet of the season. The meet was held at Highland Park in Amarillo.

Christine Holden placed first in the 400 meter dash with a time of 67.7. Holden also placed second in the triple jump with a 28'8" effort.

May Butler placed second in the shot put with a throw of 27'1/4". Butler also placed second in the discus with a throw of 66'2". Kensy Morrow placed sixth in the discus with a throw of 49'7".

The mile relay consisting of Christine Holden, Kelsey McQuinn, Chancey Floyd, and May Butler, placed fifth with a time of 5:01.1.

The Lady Colts have an open date this weekend.

Tax assistance available at Health and Wealth Fair

By Sue Church, County FCS Agent

Do you prepare your own taxes each year and leave them taxes to the last minute? If so, consider brining questions to the Donley County Health and Wealth Fair on March 25 from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Representatives from the IRS in Amarillo will be available to answer some of those "taxing" questions. Other specific topics they will be addressing will be the new deduction available for families with children under the age of 17 and Earned Income Credit for those who qualify.

Hedley junior class to sponsor Spring Fling

The Junior Class of Hedley High School will be sponsoring the annual Spring Fling, an all-school variety show, on Friday, March 12, in the Hedley School gymnasium beginning at 6:00 pm.

An auction featuring homemade pies and cakes auction will be held between acts. Also, this year's one-act play, "Good Morning, Miss Dove," will be performed.

Proceeds from the auction will benefit this year's Jr-Sr Banquet and Prom to be held at Clarendon College's Bairfield Center on April 3. Everyone is invited to attend and is promised an entertaining evening.

Pie and cake donations are most welcomed and you may obtain more information by calling Shauna Monroe or Debbie Hill at 856-5278.

College library offers informal writing class

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NRCS sets ranking deadlines for 1999 EQIP

The Natural Resources Conservation Service has set the ranking deadlines for the 1999 Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). The first ranking deadline for the 1999 program year is March 31, 1999, and a second ranking deadline is set for July 1, 1999.

Applications from individual landowners interested in participating in the EQIP during the 1999 program year received before March 31 will be ranked for program eligibility during April and those received after March 31 will be ranked after the July 1, 1999, deadline.

Producers who did not qualify for the EQIP program during the March 31 ranking period may request a deferment from their local Farm Services

Administration (FSA) office and be eligible to be re-ranked during the July 1 ranking period. It should be noted that applications received after the July 1 deadline, as part of the EQIP continuous program sign-up provisions, will be held until the 2000 program year ranking period.

Private landowners should be aware that EQIP provides technical, educational, and financial assistance to eligible farmers and ranchers to address soil, water, and related natural resource concerns on their lands in an environmentally beneficial and cost-effective manner.

EQIP is a voluntary program and is designed to assist farmers and ranchers with placing natural resource conservation practices on their property.

Cost share is provided to program participants to achieve the goals of a conservation plan designed with the assistance of local NRCS staff. Cost share practices include placement of appropriate structural or vegetative practices, such as animal waste management facilities, irrigation management equipment, vegetative buffers, and wildlife habitat enhancement to name a few.

Eligible practices will depend on the location of the farm or ranch on which the practice is to be installed and the major resource concern to be addressed in that particular area. Information on eligible cost share practices and major resource concerns of an area can be secured from your local NRCS field office. Contracts for

eligible producers are made for a period of five to ten years and include incentive payments to assist with implementation of land management practices, such as nutrient management, pest management, and grazing land management. It should be noted that program funds target natural resource concerns of farmers as well as livestock producers.

To learn more about EQIP or to submit an EQIP contract application, contact your local NRCS field office. Local NRCS field offices are listed in the U.S. government section of the white pages of your phone book under United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS).

Check It Out

By Mary Beth Nelson



More good news for Western fans! Fifty brand new paperback westerns with large print advantage were placed on Burton Memorial Library's shelves last week. These large prints will remain permanently available.

Also recently received is *A Cowman's Wife*, a rangeland classic in which author and ranchwoman Mary Kidder Rak, portrays her life on a cattle ranch which she operated with her husband.

James R. Gober (1864-1933), bankguard and private detective in Amarillo, began his autobiography during the 1920's. He tided his "bittersweet personal recollection of fascinating and often tragic life" *Life's Battle Fought To A Draw*. It was never published until his grandson, Jim Gober, discovered the disheveled manuscript and prepared it for publishing under the title, *Cowboy Justice, Tale Of A Texas Lawman*. The Texas Lawman, Gober's grandfather, vividly relates events as he worked as homesteader, freighter, restaurateur, saloonkeeper, cattle commission agent, and livestock detective. Gober came to Texas Panhandle in 1882. At age 22, he became Oldham County Sheriff as the youngest sheriff in United States. He was elected first sheriff of Potter County in 1887. His marriage was Potter County's first wedding. His association with Pat Garrett, Sam Bass, Charlie Siringo, and Temple Houston reveal colorful adventures. Action is kept alive through accurate accounts of attempted assassinations, trials, and plans of capture. Gober's story of a region in transition, the settling of Texas Panhandle and western Oklahoma and the shaping of Amarillo accompanied by photographs, might especially appeal to area readers.

J. Frank Dobie: A Portrait of Pancho by Winston Bode demonstrates wit and courage of this "giant among men." The story, with over 100 photographs, discloses the way Dobie enjoyed life as "schoolboy, teacher, suitor, soldier, rancher, writer, story-hunter, humorist, and philosopher." He is said to be the first Texan outside of O. Henry to become a national literary figure. Many considered Dobie one of the greatest teachers in

7th Colts start track

The 7th grade Colts started their track season at the Highland Park meet in Amarillo.

Justin Johnson placed first in the high jump with a jump of 5 feet. Johnson placed fifth in the 200 hurdles with a time of 34.45 and fifth in the long jump with a leap of 14'2".

Drew Sell placed third in the 1200 meter run with a time of 4:30.89.

The 400 meter relay consisted of Jake Bennett, Adam Leeper, Justin Johnson, and Drew Sell. The team placed fourth with a time of 55.10.

The 1600 meter relay placed fifth with a time of 5:09.01. Members of the relay were Jonathan Oplinger, Adam Leeper, Jake Bennett, and Justin Johnson.

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and out of classroom. He died in 1964.

New paperback, *Trailer of the White Savages*, by Gary Wiles and Delores Brown is "a fine work of history, but a readable novel." It entails vivid true-life adventures of 1800's trailblazers, Andrew Jackson, Kit Carson, and Sam Houston among others. Readers will find this entertaining and historically accurate.

Legends and folklore are an inherent part of Texas heritage. If you enjoy occasional venturing into the supernatural, author Ed Syers provides 51 enticing century-old legends in *Ghost Stories of Texas*.

Earl Murray offers more intrigue in *Ghosts of the Old West*. "Phantom of Fort Laramie," "Visions of Reno Crossing," "Blue Light Lady," "Cries of Millie Pratt," "Ghost in the Sheridan Inn," and other selections allow readers to experience haunted cabins, desert spirits, and other strange encounters to tingle the spine. Syers' and Murray's writings are obtainable in Burton Memorial Library's Texas Collection.

Why not check it out?

Sharp hopes to take WTAMU rodeo teams to National Finals

After the dust clears, the West Texas A&M University rodeo teams want to stand victorious with full qualifications to the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR). The anticipation of championships is building as WTAMU readies for the March 18 New Mexico Junior College Rodeo in Lovington, N.M.

The teams are coached by former Clarendon resident Dr. Kelvin Sharp. It's the first of five spring rodeos on the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) schedule. WTAMU's men's and women's squads each climbed onto the leaderboard thanks to strong performances during the fall half of the NIRA season.

"We have lots of experience on our team, and we will have a good spring season as long as everyone stays healthy," said Sharp, rodeo coach and mathematics instructor.

The WTAMU men are in second place, needing 54 points to wrest the lead from Tarleton State University in the NIRA's Southwest Region standings.

"I hope we can get as many points as we can to win the men's team trophy at the end," calf roper Casey Crow, a junior marketing major from Lovington, N.M., said. "We have a great coach, and we'd like to do it for him."

The WTAMU ladies hold third place in the women's team standings, trailing second-place Western Texas College by 301 points.

"All of our girls specialize in one event or have two strong ones

Teams and competitors which hold the top two spots in the regional standings at the end of the season will advance to the CNFR in Casper, Wyo., June 15-19.

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