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## news & info At A Glance

### Former publisher to be honored

J.C. Estlack, former publisher and founder of The Donley County Leader, will be inducted into the Panhandle Press Association Hall of Fame when the organization meets next month for its annual convention.

Estlack had a long career in the newspaper and printing business and served the PPA as president in 1936. He died in 1964. His son, G.W. Estlack, was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1998, and his great-grandson, Roger Estlack, is the current publisher of the paper.

The ceremony will take place April 15, 2000, at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo.

### Hedley to discuss drought plan

The regular meeting of the Hedley Board of Aldermen will be held at 7:00 p.m. on April 6, 2000, in the Hedley City Hall.

During the meeting, the public is invited to provide input on the Drought Contingency Plan for the City of Hedley.

### PTK to hold car wash next week

Clarendon College's Iota Phi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa will hold a car wash Wednesday, April 5, at the Bairfield Activity Center beginning at 5 p.m.

All proceeds will benefit the local chapter of PTK, which is the national honor fraternity for junior and community colleges.

### Local Firebelles to re-organize April 3

Wives, daughters, sisters, and mothers of the Clarendon Volunteer Fire, EMS, and law enforcement departments are invited to attend the re-organization of the Clarendon Firebelles on April 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Department.

### GED classes to begin Thursday

GED classes will begin Thursday, March 30, at Clarendon Elementary in Room C109.

Mrs. Mondragon will be there at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the time schedule. Anyone needing help to study for the test is invited to come.

### Pageant set May 6

The 2000 Miss Rolling Plains Pageant is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, in Childress. Miss Rolling Plains will win a \$1,000 scholarship.

For more information, pageant divisions, and entry fees, call 940-937-2607.

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

## Donley County Remembers Part 3

# Mutt Graham serves up A Menu of Memories

By Roger Estlack

B.L. "Mutt" Graham was born in McLean, but for most of the last 58 years he has called Clarendon his home. If you're new to Clarendon — like you've only been here 15 years or so, you may recognize Mutt as a volunteer fireman or as a member of the VFW. But if you're from around here, then you know Mutt's best known occupation was running a restaurant.

The Graham family had a history of feeding folks. Mutt's father, Luke, spent much of his life doing just that.

"The first part of [my father's] years, why he was a trader and in the restaurant business and also furnished meat and stuff for markets," Graham said. "When we grew up over there [in McLean], we had a slaughter house south of town, and we furnished three markets with meat. My brothers did the butchering and slaughtering. I was just always down in town and doing anything anybody needed and got to work in cafes."

Mutt first went to work in Graham's Cafe when he was about 14 years old.

"I got my first Social Security card in 1936 — they came out in 1934 I think it was. I thought I had really gotten something for sure. I thought I had really got old."

In 1941, Mutt married Juanita Mabery, and the newlyweds soon moved to Clarendon.

"At the time I was gonna move over here, I had a man to tell me at McLean who had lived here. 'You don't want to move to Clarendon.' He said the nearest he ever starved to death was in Clarendon, Texas. And he said the people are not friendly at all."

The man apparently didn't have his facts straight, because the reality was just the opposite, Graham said.

"After I moved over here, I would get up and come to town and come down the main street and come to work, and I never met a person who wouldn't speak to me. This was the most friendly people I'd ever been around or met when I came over here."

That was true everywhere but in one place, he said.

"The post office was bad. They weren't friendly. They weren't very nice."

Graham said he hates to talk about people after they're gone, but when he first came to town, he would go to the post office window and couldn't get anybody to wait on him even though they could see him there. Finally, one day he had had enough. He walked in and waited at the window until somebody finally came to the front.

"They asked, 'Can I help you?' and I said, 'Well, I don't guess. I just came in here to see all these smiling faces. I just come to town and thought, Well I'll stop at the post office and look at all the smiling faces.'"

The postal employees didn't laugh or even



"This was one of my first signs," recalls Mutt Graham. It was painted by Ralph Decker when Mutt opened a new cafe on Hwy. 287 in 1949. Today the sign hangs at the local VFW Post, put up by his buddies as a reminder of his many years in the restaurant business.

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smile.

"I went home and told my wife 'Well, I just got in trouble. I went over and got on the post office.' She said, 'Well, we won't ever get mail now!' And I said, 'We don't anyway.'"

The next day Mutt says he went back to apologize, and the postal folks snapped right to the window as soon as he came in the door. "We were friends from then on."

Mutt started working for Caraway's Cafe (located in what is now the north part of the Herring National Bank) on July 2, 1942.

"That's when I first understood just how the Fourth of July was in Clarendon. We had a little

ol' Fourth of July deal over [at McLean], but over here I mean you can't believe how many people came to town."

Caraway's sold out of food that Fourth of July, he said.

Restaurants sold out even though the barbecue at the courthouse was free in those days. Mutt says they used to feed barbecue to 5,000 people, and cafes were still swamped.

Mutt also recalls Odis Caraway had a bakery in the back of the restaurant and sold Caraway's bread. And he says Mr. Caraway wouldn't hire women to work in his restaurant

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## C of C meeting will plan July 4th activities

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a public meeting next Tuesday, April 4, to discuss plans for this year's Saints' Roost Celebration.

July 4 falls on a Tuesday this year, and that's causing some degree of difficulty in planning the 2000 celebration.

Chamber Executive Director Judy Burlin says this year's celebration may span five days in order to

draw the biggest possible weekend crowd while still observing American independence on the proper day. The celebration would start on Friday, June 30.

Traditionally, the Saints' Roost Celebration is held over a three-day period.

"Clarendon needs to take advantage of the opportunity of having a large crowd in our town and strive to provide activities and entertainment

by spreading our events over this five day celebration," Burlin said.

Right now Burlin says the plan is to have the rodeo on Friday, June 30; Saturday, July 1; and Monday, July 3. The parade and barbecue would be on Saturday. A small hometown celebration might be held on Tuesday, July 4, which could feature the kiddie parade and other activities for the local folks.

All organizations who participate

in the annual July 4th celebration are urged to attend the meeting in the Bairfield Activity Center to share ideas.

The chamber hopes to encourage group participation in the meeting, coordinate activities, and minimize overlap between different organizations.

The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. All interested parties should attend.

## State exempts certain health aids from sales tax

AUSTIN — Starting April 1, Texas consumers will no longer pay sales tax on most non-prescription pills, potions, and ointments kept in the average home medicine cabinet to treat minor illnesses and injuries.

The tax break is expected to save Texas families about \$160 million in state and local sales taxes during its first full year, 2001.

"Exempting over-the-counter medicines from the sales tax is long

overdue," Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said.

"Prescription drugs have been tax exempt since the state sales tax was enacted in 1961. Paying sales tax on non-prescription medicine is a bitter pill to swallow.

"The tax burden on working Texas families is too high," Comptroller Rylander said. "This new tax exemption on over-the-counter medicines is a way to ease the tax burden and help families stretch their bud-

gets a littler farther."

To be tax exempt, a product must be a drug or medicine or an article or substance intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease or suffering. The drug or medicine must be intended for human use and must have a National Drug Code (NDC) number issued pursuant to US Food and Drug Administration regulations.

Approximately 100,000 products qualify for the exemption.

"Any product that has an NDC number, meets the definition of a drug or medicine, or prevents disease must be tax exempt," Comptroller Rylander said. "It's not a matter of interpretation; it's a matter of a law."

More information about the sales tax exemption on over-the-counter medicine is available on the Comptroller's web site at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx94\\_155.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx94_155.html), or by calling 1-800-252-5555.

## Candidates sign up for local races

Voters will have a few decisions to make this May as three local governments will hold competitive elections.

The deadline to file for a place on the May ballots was last Wednesday, March 22.

The Donley County Hospital District will be electing four people to the board of directors. Recently appointed Helen Land will face challenger Cynthia Hewett for the remainder of J.D. Shanks' unexpired term at place five. Anna Gay Cenicerros (i), Sue Leeper (i), and Onita Thomas (i) will be running unopposed for reelection to places four, six, and seven respectively. All seats are elected at large.

Clarendon College has several people running for the board of regents — Jim Aveni, Mike Butts (i), Doug Lowe (i), Delbert Robertson (i), and Ted Shaller. The top three vote getters will serve six-year terms.

The City of Howardwick has four people running for three seats on the board of aldermen. Vernon C. Byars, Nancy Davis (i), Lynn A. Dishong, and Dennis Sell all signed up.

Other races around the county will not be contested.

Only three people signed up to run for the three seats on the Clarendon Board of Alderman. They are Smiley Johnson, Billy Jack Land (i), and Mac Stavenhagen (i).

The City of Hedley had its incumbents sign up to serve again. Mayor Janie Hill and aldermen James Lee Potts and Leon Ward filed.

Wayne Hardin and Joe Lemley are unopposed for their positions on the Clarendon CISD Board.

And the story was similar for the Hedley School Board. Cary Don Neely (i) and Troy Monroe (i) are both unopposed for reelection.

Boards with uncontested races can cancel the elections and declare the candidates the elected.

Voters will decide the winners in contested races on Saturday, May 6, 2000.

## Spier competes at state level in powerlifting

Hunter Spier was the only Bronco to compete at the State Powerlifting Meet held on Saturday, March 25, at Fort Hood.

Hunter had a squat of 460 lbs., a bench press of 340 lbs., and a dead lift of 520 lbs. for a total of 1,320 lbs. Hunter placed ninth in the competition; and even though he did not bring home a medal, it was great to be able to compete at this level.

"I am extremely proud of Hunter and very pleased with his performance not only at the state meet but all year," said Coach Roger Hoeltzel.

"His bench press was in the top three in the division, which is impressive considering the size of Texas and the number of lifters."

## Land sworn in as new hospital board member

The Donley County Hospital Board met March 21 in the Dining Room of the Medical Center Nursing Home.

Board Chairman David Strange administered the oath of office to Helen Land. She was appointed to fill the unexpired term of J.D. Shanks.

Greg Collins gave the ambulance report. He said EMT classes were going well with nine students. Belinda Montana resigned as a fulltime paramedic and will be working on an as-needed basis for the Ambulance Authority.

In the administrator's report, Alan Graham said the remodeling of the nurses' station and center section of

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editor's  
Commentary

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

There was good news out of the nation's capital last week. The US Supreme Court ruled March 21 that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) does not have the authority to regulate tobacco products.

The 5-4 ruling puts a dent in the plans of the Clinton regime to limit the freedom of the tobacco industry and tosses several FDA regulations out the window.

According to the High Court, the Clinton administration overstepped its legal bounds. The FDA had ruled that stores must require an I.D. from anyone under 27-years-old who wants to buy cigarettes, had limited the placement of cigarette vending machines to "adults only" locations, and had placed harsh restrictions on tobacco advertising.

Congress has the sole authority to regulate tobacco, and the impeached president has called on Capitol Hill to pass a law authorizing the FDA to reinstate the tobacco restrictions. Congress must do this "now," Clinton said, "if we are to protect our children from the harms of tobacco."

Well, there it is. It's "for the children" again. Are the American people ever going to get tired of the "for the children" drivel that spews from the impeached president's lips every time he wants to implement some socialist plan? What happened to parents? Let them take care of the children and leave the government out of it.

The fact of the matter is that all 50 states already have laws prohibiting tobacco sales to people younger than 18 years of age. Strict enforcement of that law is all that is needed. We don't need I.D. checks on people from ages 19 to 27 or on people in their 30s who "look" 27. (I'm sure somewhere back in the Clinton gang's mind they would really like a 72-hour waiting period to buy a pack of cigarettes in order to do a background check and make sure you're not going to give them to a minor.)

Attorney General Janet Reno had this to say about the court's ruling: "Nobody can reasonably question the fact that tobacco is harmful to children, and nobody should reasonably question these protections." This from a woman who would ignore a campaign fundraising scandal if it bit her on the behind.

By ruling the way they did, the court in no way refuted the FDA's case against cigarettes. Writing for the majority, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said, "The agency has amply demonstrated that tobacco... poses perhaps the single most significant threat to public health in the United States."

Looks like the administration did quite a snow job on the Supreme Court because that is simply not true. The Centers for Disease Control's own figures show that only about 25 percent of Americans over the age of 18 are smokers. That's down from 42.4 percent in 1965.

I don't know what percentage of Americans eat a regular diet of sugar and high-fat foods, but given the number of fast food restaurants in this country, I'm sure it's way over 25 percent. This "risk to public health" nonsense is nothing more than a ruse by Health Nazis and liberals to curtail American freedom. They don't care one whit about your health or well being. They do care about having control over your life. They just want to take care of you because you're too stupid to take care of yourself.

It was good of the Supreme Court to rule against the Clinton gang. It's just too bad they didn't go further and denounce the misguided concepts behind the FDA regulations.

## More bad news...

According to news reports, Leslie Whiteley started smoking in 1972 at age 13 and continued smoking until 1998. Shortly after quitting, she was diagnosed with lung cancer and is probably going to die this year. She has admitted to using marijuana, smoking while pregnant, and disregarding the warning labels on cigarette packs.

So whose fault is it she's sick? The jury apparently thinks it's the fault of tobacco companies Philip Morris and R.J. Reynolds. A California jury this week awarded \$20 million in punitive damages to Whiteley and her husband. The couple had asked for \$115 million.

The verdict was reached based on the notion that cigarette makers misled the public and concealed information about the dangers of smoking. But let's be honest. If Philip Morris had gone to Whiteley's home in the 70s and said, "You've got to quit smoking. Those things will kill you," she would not have quit. Smokers smoke because they like it. They know it's bad for them, but they choose to do it. It's a little thing called freedom.

It is unjust to hold a company liable when a consumer exercises their freewill to harm themselves or others.

## Meanwhile...

Officials at a junior high school in Mesa, Arizona, canceled a play they found to be racist, according to REASON magazine. The school also said the play, and the book it was based on, is offensive to women, to police officers, and to churchgoers.

The play was based on *Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain. God bless America.

# Don't do anything flashy when I pass on

There's something about funerals which really bothers me. Sitting there, listening to the music and the sobbing of family and friends, you can't help but think about your own life and when it will end. Even though death is inevitable, we still hate thinking about it.

But due to the death of a dear family friend, I have decided on my own final arrangements. Therefore, when that time comes, my loved ones won't be relying on a funeral home director telling them, "she deserved this particular style of service" or "she would have like this." Most funeral home directors are caring individuals, but then there are those who see dollar signs when a distraught family comes through the door.

So a note to my family - "don't do anything fancy for me."

First off, I've never been a real flash person, and there's no need to start all of this at my funeral.

Forget about the shiny caskets with satin linings and even a pillow to rest upon. I don't think pine boxes meet current regulations, but something like that would be just fine with me. Heck, if they would allow hot water heater boxes, then stick me in one of those.

And don't go to the expense of a gigantic and gaudy casket spray. When did



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it become très chic to smother the top of the casket with flowers? The last several funerals I've attended seemed more like garden showplaces rather than a memorial service. Sometimes, less is more. So, forgo the flowers, too.

As for the eulogy, don't have someone get up there and make me sound like a flawless individual. Tell them how I really was - pushy, bossy, bull-headed, and stubborn as an old mule. Go ahead and tell a few stories about me, especially the embarrassing ones. I won't be there to tell my family and friends to "hush up," so just go ahead with humiliating tales.

The music selection for my final hurrah is pretty selective. I want something traditional, yet uplifting. If anyone plays anything by Celine Dion or by any current pop star, I promise I will come back, haunt you, and make you miserable.

I really would like to have an old-time gospel choir, which could belt out hymns like "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" and "Amazing Grace." Have the choir to wear

their robes and wave their hands in the air, too. I just love a choir like that.

Don't fret over an intricate headstone, either. Buy a real homely headstone but jazz it up with a saying like "I told you I was sick" or with my favorite saying, "So, what's your point?" That way, passerbys and cemetery caretakers could have a chuckle at my expense everytime they pass by my hole in the ground.

The haunting promise also goes for anyone who decorates my grave with plastic flowers. Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness, but I rather not be so tacky. If I'm placed in a shady spot, plant some hostas on top of me and if I'm in a sunny location, cover me with Shasta Daisy seed and daylily bulbs.

As a kid, I helped to mow the cemetery in my hometown. I had a few tender benders with the riding lawnmower and several unfortunate headstones. Some of the really old tombstones completely fell over while the newer ones just chipped. I always felt bad about that and swore that I would never make anyone mow around or on top of me.

I don't know when my last day will be, but I know how I want my arrangements to be. That way, I know I would have liked it.

The Cliche...



# Medical research good investment for future

What could you buy with a billion dollars? Probably a lot of things, but how about a few extra years with your children and grandchildren?

It sounds impossible, but that's what your tax dollars could be buying next year because of a billion dollar increase in medical research funding which the House of Representatives approved last week.

The funds were approved as part of the federal budget for next year. For several years, Congress has made medical research a top priority, and I think it is money well spent. Thanks to advances in medical research, the average American can today



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expect to live 30 years longer than Americans did at the beginning of the 20th century.

Today, a good part of this research is being done at the National Institutes of Health. The NIH was created in the late 1800s when scientists were just beginning to understand that bacteria were the cause of many infectious diseases. The NIH now

has 25 institutes and centers and has produced more than 80 Nobel Prize winners.

Over the past few years, it seems like hardly a day has gone by that we haven't heard how researchers at NIH and elsewhere have come up with a new cure or a new way to fight some disease. I think it is appropriate for the federal government to help fund medical research.

We can put a price tag on many of the things we buy every day. We can even put a price tag on how much it costs to cure or prevent diseases. But it is hard to put a price tag on buying extra time to spend with our loved ones.

## US v. Microsoft:

# If nothing else, the government is consistent

By Christian Josi, Executive Director of The American Conservative Union

Our government isn't nimble or quick, but it is relentless. Sooner or later, it sniffs out any enterprise showing creativity and profit, tracks it down, and if allowed to do so, will consume it. The latest prey in this Darwinian struggle is Microsoft.

Government has finally discovered cyberspace. Microsoft, in the meantime, has quickly discovered that the government can be dangerous.

The Department of Justice and nineteen state Attorneys General sued Microsoft alleging a monopoly, and if recent press reports are accurate, seems hell-bent on breaking the company up into small, more "manageable" pieces. After all, Microsoft is big, it is powerful, it is a product of plucky talent and bold innovation, and most importantly, it has gotten to where it is without government help or sanction. It must be bad. It must be restrained somehow. Government's typical predatory response when it discovers anything like Microsoft is to set out to tax it, regulate it, establish a commission to study it, or call it a monopoly and bring out the really big guns.

One wonders how much money the government is spending on this nonsense. When they went after IBM for alleged

monopolistic practices three decades ago, the government spent 13 years - requiring IBM to produce 51 million pages of documents and absorb millions of dollars in legal costs - and finally concluded that they didn't have a very good case after all. Our government, God bless 'em, ended up dropping the case long after the marketplace itself had solved whatever problems of concentration might have existed.

The Microsoft case proves that our state and federal governments simply do not understand the digital revolution. High-tech companies compete venomously on one issue, only to cooperate closely with the same company on another issue. It is simply the nature of the industry.

The high tech industry is nothing like steel making or ship building, which is why talk about "barriers to entry" in this emerging industry is a farce. Computers and development tools are inexpensive, and markets are fluid. At any given moment, a small start up company (or even bright and lucky individual) can develop a new product, unveil it to the world, and market it on the Internet. In the dynamic world of cyberspace, any dominant technology or standard is fragile and unstable.

It is the perishable nature of their inventory and product line that makes Microsoft so aggressive. Bill Gates is well

aware that many potential and actual competitors are waiting for Microsoft to falter, looking for an opportunity to knock them off. This explains why Microsoft is indefatigable when it comes to improving their software, offering new features, at increasingly lower costs to the consumer. (Hardly among the top ten signs of monopoly, by the way.)

What makes the Microsoft case particularly insidious is that the government is being aided and abetted by a handful of other large companies in the high-tech industry. It is incredible that in this day and age, some do not get the fact that the failure of a company or entrepreneur to compete in a marketplace - because of bungled product design, faulty marketing, or whatever - doesn't necessitate redress from government (at least not in these United States). The arguments about "leveling the playing fields" and "opening up the marketplace" are simply ridiculous when applied to the Microsoft situation.

What is most alarming, however, about the Microsoft litigation, is not merely the pall on creativity and the entrepreneurial spirit that will ensue. It is the stark reminder that once government gets it hooks into an industry, it is loath to ever let go.

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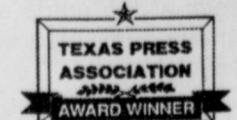
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**Support effort to restore county courthouse**

My wife and I put our support behind Judge Hall and the county commissioners' efforts to get the Donley county courthouse restored. We travel around the state of Texas some and always look up the old courthouses that usually are in the square. The tours that we were able to take were very interesting and informative as we compare our own courthouse to them.

We certainly need to support every effort made to restore this building and save one of the historic sites in this county. It should become a source of community pride to have the project accepted and eventually completed to show off the people that are surely going to come to Clarendon to see the results and marvel at the artistic old building that was built many years ago.

**George and Marilee Self, Clarendon via e-mail**

**Reader has fond memories of courthouse**

First thing I'd like to say is that I think you have a great newspaper! I especially enjoy your commentaries. A lot of your comments remind me of Will Rogers, and Lord knows we could use another one of him about right now! I'll bet Bill and Hillary Clinton have him and some of our other "GOB's" (good ol' boys) spinning in their graves right now!

But, back to the issue at hand. I literally grew up in that old courthouse since my Dad, P.C. Messer, was County Clerk there for over 30 years with a lot of that credit going to Mrs. Hazel Guy for helping him. I don't live in Donley County now, but my Mom "Nano" Messer still does, and I stop in there several times a week to see her and visit with folks. I always go by the old courthouse just to see it. Once in a while I get out and go sit on the steps just to soak up some of the neat old feelings I had while growing up there! Thanks.

**Tom Messer, Claude, TX**

**Hope for restoration**

By all means, let's hope Donley County will receive the grant necessary for the restoration of the historical courthouse. It would be a shame not to preserve it.

**Fannie McGowan Daugherty, Chula Vista, California via e-mail**

**Chamber endorses restoration plan**

The Board of Directors of the Clarendon-Donley County Chamber of Commerce joins me in congratulating you for all of the hard work you have put forth to preserve our historical courthouse. Our board enthusiastically endorses the proposed restoration of the Donley County Courthouse which has played a large part in our Panhandle heritage. The benefits of restoring this historical landmark far outweigh any other alternative.

The Clarendon-Donley County Chamber of Commerce proudly supports the Donley County Commissioners' Court in its endeavor to seek funding for this monumental project.

**Judith P. Burlin, Executive Director Clarendon Chamber of Commerce**

**Editor right about NRA**

Although I personally am not a member of the NRA, my husband, Bill, is. I believe in some of the gun control laws but not all of them by far. I totally agree that our rights are slowly but systematically being stripped from us, and we have sat back on our laurels and allowed it to happen.

As gun owners, it is our responsibility to see to it that they are kept in a safe place and out of the reach of children. The problem is some people are negligent in this responsibility. As you stated in your article, it is not the instrument that commits the crime, it is the person behind the instrument. I also believe that instead of placing the blame on manufacturers, we need to focus on the problems within our society, such as the illegal gun runners, the drug cartel, etc.

We need to step back and try to find what has caused the moral decline of our nation. There's no longer a consequence to our actions. "If it feels good, do it. Don't worry about who it will hurt." That's what we have come to believe. Instead of accepting the responsibility for our actions, we choose to look the other way and make excuses. Of course it doesn't help that we have a president that has the morals of an alley cat helping to make decisions for our nation. What kind of example has he set?

When are we going to wake up and realize that it is people like Bill Clinton, people in the public eye, who commit crimes and get away with it? It is also the violence in our movies and our music that has helped cause the decline of our nation. Because of these things, we have become a desensitized nation. We have become gore mongers looking for our next thrill at any cost. We need to get back to basics, teaching our children that there is a consequence for bad behavior and getting even tougher on crime. We need to put prayer back into our schools, and we must also stop the government from taking our constitutional rights away from us!

**Carol Holden, Clarendon**

**Family pleased with Sims' as District Atty.**

I too would like to respond to the lady's letter in the paper regarding Randall Sims.

First of all, she didn't have all the information correct. We were very well informed by Randall Sims as of our rights and what we could do or not do. We were never discouraged or persuaded to give a lesser sentence offer or plea bargain offer to the defendant. We were very well made aware that we could pursue the maximum sentence. We were the ones who chose to go lesser. There is much to consider when a case actually comes to court.

We as victims are wounded enough without any further public display. We again are well pleased with the way Randall Sims, who was willing to seek the maximum sentence, rendered his service and did his job. Also with those in his office who adequately served.

**Bev Burrow, Clarendon**

**Time to stand up for abused, neglected kids**

As we enter a new century and approach a new millennium, we should reflect on where we are going. One of the most important indications of a civilized society is how we can treat our children. Unfortunately, if current trends continue, too many Texas children will be abused and neglected.

Children are our most precious resource, and we should be committed to working toward a happier, healthier, and safer environment for them. Far too many children in Texas are abused or neglected. All Texans must join together to prevent this tragedy.

Our future depends on the well being of children today. The time has come for us to reflect on what we are doing as a community to support children and their families. We must start putting children first. It's up to you. If we don't stand for children, who will?

**Paulette Kidd, Donley County Child Welfare Board**

**Agriculture plays big role in lives of Texans**

Last week (March 20-24) was National Agriculture Week - a celebration giving Texans the opportunity to rediscover the role agriculture plays in our everyday lives. Agriculture was the basis of our state's economy for many years; and although most Texans don't live or work on farms anymore, it is still a major contributor in our daily lives. Whatever we eat for breakfast, lunch, and supper, along with many of the clothes we wear comes from a farm somewhere.

In any direction we turn agriculture continuously makes an impact on our day-to-day lives. For example, farmers and ranchers provide us with an abundant supply of

safe, high quality foods and products. That quality has earned Texas second place in agricultural producing states in the nation, taking the lead with commodities such as cotton, cattle, sheep, goats, wool, and hay production. In keeping with this reputation, I passed legislation to provide tax credits to agricultural producing businesses who relocate to rural areas in Texas, in hopes of increasing our production of agricultural products even more.

National Agriculture Week has the same goals in focus - to increase public awareness of the agriculture industry. On a local level, this week's recognition will help give us the insight we need to determine what to feed our state. It will also bring attention to the many contributions we receive from our farmers and ranchers - they are key elements in our state's existence. To further that awareness, the State of Texas last year launched a public campaign to promote Texas-made products through the Texas Department of Agriculture and Commissioner Susan Combs. Look for GO-TEXAN products at the grocery store and take time to educate our youth about the opportunities and experiences of agriculture.

In closing, I urge all Texans to buy and promote Texas products. Look for the GO-TEXAN logo and help keep Texas strong in the agriculture arena. It's what our state was founded on and what its future relies on.

**State Sen. Tom Haywood, Wichita Falls**

**Clarendon contributes to MDA fundraiser**

My Irish eyes are smiling because Clarendon has done it again! Thousands of area residents - when they patronized their favorite convenience stores, supermarkets, restaurants, and other retail business - brought the luck of the Irish to families affected by muscle-wasting diseases. By purchasing and signing

the Shamrocks Against Dystrophy mobiles, they turned these high-traffic venues green with good fortune for St. Patrick's Day.

Thanks to these caring customers and all the service personnel who added humanitarian value to cash register transactions by asking patrons, "Would you like to buy a Shamrock to help families served by the Muscular Dystrophy Association?" Clarendon made an incredible contribution to the 17th annual Shamrocks Against Dystrophy campaign.

I'm sure that St. Patrick is as grateful as are the million Americans served by MDA for the \$9 million that Shamrocks raised nationally this year. This sharing of the green has helped speed MDA-funded research at the University of Texas, the Baylor College of Medicine, and other institutions in the state and around the globe.

Moreover, this pot-o-gold is helping maintain the national net-

work of 230 MDA clinics. The services of these hospital-affiliated clinics, along with MDA research, resulted in MDA becoming the first organization honored by the American Medical Association with a Lifetime Achievement Award "for significant and lasting contributions to the health and welfare of humanity." In Texas, MDA has 18 clinics, including the MDA clinic at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

By taking part in Shamrocks and other local MDA events and by calling in pledges to the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon broadcast on KFDA-TV, Channel 10, THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE readers continue to make a huge difference for families throughout Texas and across the nation.

**Maureen McGovern MDA National Vice President & Shamrocks Chairperson**

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## ¿Qué Pasa?

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

**March 30**  
GED classes begin • Clarendon Elementary School • 7 p.m.

**April 4**  
July 4th Celebration Planning Meeting • Bairfield Activity Center • 7 p.m.

**April 5**  
PTK Car Wash • Bairfield Activity Center • 5 p.m.

**April 6**  
Hedley Drought Contingency Plan Meeting • Hedley City Hall • 7 p.m.

**April 8**  
Les Beaux Art Club Art Show • Methodist Church • 10 a.m.

**April 11**  
Breast Cancer Screening Clinic • Community Bank • 377-4673.

**April 12**  
Annual Health & Wealth Fair • Bairfield Activity Center • 10 a.m.

**April 16**  
Donley Co. Senior Citizen Center 25th Anniversary • 2 p.m.

**April 21**  
San Jacinto Day

**April 23**  
Easter

**April 29 - 30**  
Clarendon College Alumni Reunion • Bairfield Activity Center

## Community Menus

April 3 - 7

**Hedley Schools**  
Breakfast  
Mon: Biscuit and gravy, cereal, graham crackers, milk, juice  
Tue: Pancakes on a stick, cereal, graham crackers, milk, juice  
Wed: Breakfast burrito, cereal, milk, juice, graham crackers  
Thur: Biscuit and gravy, cereal, graham crackers, milk, juice  
Fri: Muffins, cereal, milk, juice, graham crackers  
Lunch  
Mon: Corn dogs or burritos, corn, salad, fruit, milk  
Tue: Hot dog, chili and cheese, chili beans, salad, fruit, milk  
Wed: Sack lunch day - ham and cheese sandwich, pickle spears, chips, fruit, milk  
Thur: Chicken strips, potatoes with gravy, green beans, salad, fruit, rolls, milk  
Fri: Hamburger, fries, salad, fruit, milk

**Clarendon Schools**  
Breakfast  
Mon: Cereal, toast, juice, milk  
Tue: Pancakes, fruit, milk  
Wed: Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk  
Thur: Oats, toast, fruit, milk  
Fri: Ham and cheese omelets, fruit, milk  
Lunch  
Mon: Fish sticks, coleslaw, cornbread, fruit, milk  
Tue: Mexican pile on, lettuce, rice, fruit, and milk  
Wed: Hamburger steaks, mashed potatoes, English peas, rolls, chocolate cake, milk  
Thur: Stuffed potatoes, salad, fruit, cookie, milk  
Fri: Hot dogs with chili, French fries, baked beans, cobbler, milk

**Donley County Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, cake and ice cream, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk  
Tue: King Ranch chicken, Spanish rice, corn, tossed salad, apricot cobbler, garlic roll, coffee, tea, lowfat milk  
Wed: Roast beef, mini baked potato, peas and carrots, apple sauce, pastries, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk  
Thur: Chicken strips, potato soup, Harvard beets, spinach salad, purple plums, cornbread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk  
Fri: Hamburgers, French fries, mixed fruit, chocolate pudding, hamburger bun, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

**Hedley Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Calfish fillet, collard greens, corn, coleslaw, mix fruit cobbler, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee  
Tue: Steak and gravy, baked potato, green beans, Waldorf salad, pumpkin pie, roll, milk, tea, coffee  
Wed: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, fried squash, pear and cottage cheese salad, butterscotch pudding, roll, milk, tea, coffee  
Thur: Chili and beans, French fries, beet and onion salad, orange, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee  
Fri: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, fried okra, fruit salad, cake, roll, milk, tea, coffee

## You could find everything in Hedley... downtown

It rained again last week. From Monday evening until Thursday morning we got about four and a half inches. Of course there was some people who got more, but that's what I got at home. It was just what we'd all been praying for - a nice slow, steady soaking rain. The ground is saturated.

By now almost everyone I know has heard that I'm moving. After more than thirty years on the ranch, I've decided to move to the city. I've rented an apartment in downtown Hedley. There's just one small problem. How am I going to fit eight rooms of furniture and thirty years' accumulation of stuff in a one-bedroom apartment?

But it's downtown. The Post Office is just about twenty feet from my back door, the Methodist Church is half a block away, and the Senior Citizens Center is only a block away. I can walk everywhere in Hedley and not get lost.

I'm reminded of a song that was popular a few years ago. It was called "Downtown." I don't know who sang it, but I can remember some of the lyrics. It went something like this:

*When you are sad and life is making you lonely, you can always go... Downtown.*

We've had some sad times during the more than thirty years we've lived on the ranch, but the happy, good times far outweighed the sad ones.

The last four years have been lonely ones for me, but I expect I'd have been lonely whether I was alone on the ranch or in the midst of the big-

gest crowd in any city in the world. Just listen to the music of the traffic in the city.

The traffic has never been very congested in Hedley since I can remember. I can't recall a single traffic jam. Now the streets are mostly deserted by dark. The occasional car on the streets now is usually some person returning from a shopping trip or an older one returning home from a doctor's appointment, hurrying to get to their recliner and not miss any of *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?*

*Linger on the sidewalks where the neon lights are pretty.*

I think the only neon light in Hedley is the small one that Bill Carson has hanging in the window of Moffitt Hardware and Feed Store. The Lodge Hall is lit only two nights a month, and Henry Stephens doesn't have one in his boot and shoe repair shop. There's none at the Post Office nor the Justice of the Peace office.

The Senior Citizens has a party about once a month, but they're usually finished by 10:30. The Lions and Lioness Clubs meet once a month.

*Don't stand around and let your troubles surround you, there are movie shows... Downtown.*

I can remember when there was a movie theatre in downtown Hedley. It was next door to where the Lioness Club is located now.

My brothers and I would go to town on Saturday afternoon and see the matinee. First there would be previews of coming attractions. Then we'd see a segment of the weekly serial thriller. I remember one was



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By Peggy Watt  
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called *Sheba, Queen of the Jungle*. It featured a scantily clad woman who swung through the trees on a vine, rescuing the jungle people and animals from evil poachers. She was assisted by a really smart chimpanzee and a small native boy who was even more scantily clad than she was.

The evil men would always cut her vine bridge, leaving her dangling by her fingertips. Then we'd have to wait a whole week to see how the chimp and the kid rescued her.

Next came a cartoon short subject and finally, the feature film. It was usually a Western starring Roy Rogers and Trigger or Gene Autry and Champ.

An entire afternoon of entertainment for just sixteen cents. Another dime would get you a bag of popcorn or peanuts and a Coke.

My brother, Leonard Mullins, usually blackmailed us out of at least a nickel of our dime for some infraction of mother's stringent rules. Marvin and I would usually break one or more of her rules, and Leonard would say "Give me a nickel or I'll tell mother." He was well on his way to being wealthy by the time we were old enough to attend the evening show.

*Maybe you know some little place in the city where they never close.*

Nothing ever stayed open all night in Hedley. Mr. Wilson's Drug

Store was the nearest thing to late nightlife in Hedley. He stayed open seven nights a week until the CBS Evening News broadcast went off the air at ten thirty.

He wasn't a pharmacist and didn't actually sell drugs. Mostly he sold patent medicine and make-up to the ladies, shaving soap and tobacco to the men, and comic books and fountain Cokes to the kids. He made the best cherry Cokes in the world.

*And you may meet somebody there who will love and understand you.*

Fred was usually at Mr. Wilson's when I ran across the street after the show. He would buy me a cherry Coke, and we'd sit at one of those little round tables and talk. Rather, I'd talk, and he'd listen.

It wasn't until years later that I learned that he'd talked to my parents about those Saturday afternoon cherry Cokes. All I knew then was that he was my friend. A quietly determined man who'd already been away to college and fought the war half way around the world, and a small, skinny, homely girl who'd never been, and would never go, far from Hedley.

The amazing thing was that he stayed my friend for almost fifty years. My best friend.

*Downtown... everything is waiting for you downtown.*

Well, we'll see.

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead an hour before you go to bed Saturday, or you'll be late for church. Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on April 2.

## Actors in college play put on good performances

Now that Spring Break is over, events will begin to come fast and furious, right up to graduation, whether the graduation is from kindergarten, high school, or the college. Things are already beginning to pick up.

Friday and Saturday, Clarendon College presented the play *Children of a Lesser God*. Nikki Lumpkin played Sarah Norman, a deaf woman who refuses to speak by any means but sign language, and Pat Church played James Leeds, the speech therapist who falls in love with Sarah and marries her, while trying to teach her to speak. Nikki's speed and skill with the sign language she had to learn for the play was impressive, and Pat did a wonderful job. He almost had to learn two parts, since he "translated" Sarah's words for the audience much of the time.

Charles Chiyangwa did a marvelous job playing Orin Dennis, one of the other hearing impaired students, and Bryan Turvaville had just

the right semi-sleazy touch for the head of the deaf school, Mr. Franklin. If you missed seeing the play, you missed an interesting evening.

The high school One-Act Play competition was Tuesday afternoon, but since that's after my deadline for this column, you will just have to wait till next week for me to tell you how wonderful it was, and when the performance for the public will be. That is, provided there's any public left who hasn't seen it already.

Saturday, lots of Clarendoners hiked from the highway to the Bar-H. Cenett Rhodes hiked back again, and then paid the price in pain. While out at the Bar-H, the walkers and the lazier residents who drove out, enjoyed a hamburger lunch, and a fashion show put on by the Donley County 4-H clothing competition participants. Donley County will have participants in almost every category at the district competition.

Nikki Burnam, Skyler Conatser,



**around Town**  
By Gail Shelton  
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and Abby Patten will advance to the district level in Junior clothing construction. Nikki will compete in Active Playwear, Abby in Casual Daywear, and Skyler in Dressy Daywear. Christine Jordan and Lauryn Kellas are the Junior participants in the Junior clothing buying category.

At the Intermediate level for junior high age students, Robert Shelton will compete in casual clothing construction, and Treva Rowland in dressy clothing purchase. Two high school students will participate at the Senior level. Lisle Rowland constructed a tuxedo for the formal competition, and Shannon Cooper will compete in the buying category with dressy clothing. The District competition will be April 8. Good luck, guys.

## Senior Citizens to have concession stand at college judging contest this Saturday

By Vida O'Neal

This Saturday, we will have a concession stand at the Community Center for the college judging contest. This will be a fundraiser for April. Your support will be appreciated.

The menu will be hamburgers,

cheeseburgers, and brisket sandwiches all served with chips. We will also have cookies, brownies, and Rice Krispie treats. The public is invited to come out and eat as well.

Mark on your calendars April 16. The Donley County Senior Cit-

izens Center will celebrate its 25th anniversary. It looks like we will have a wonderful celebration. The board members and committees have worked very hard and have a wonderful afternoon planned. It will be held April 16 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. here at the center.

## Attending garage sales is much different than putting them on

There were two "Garage Sales" in my neighborhood this week. Some people call them "Yard Sales;" some people call them "Rummage Sales" - but whatever they are...they are wonderful to attend and the absolute pits to give. I have held numerous garage sales at my home over the years and hated every single one of them. I have gone to hundreds - probably thousands - of garage sales in my life and loved every minute of it. I'll explain the difference.

If you go to a garage sale...you have the advantage. You are the one with money to spend, and they are the "ones" looking to sell. It doesn't matter how large or small the item...you go in looking for a bargain - knowing full well you are about to steal something right out from under the seller's nose!

Nothing feels as good as lugging home a toaster oven - only used once - for five dollars. Yes, I said \$5.00! And it works! No sooner do you get in the door at home, than you have to plug it in and make something - anything! It makes no difference to you that it sets off all the smoke alarms in the house...you got a bargain! Or, there is the recliner that you picked

up for \$15 but the seat is "sat out." That's not a big problem you know, just a little trip to the upholsterers will fix it up right as rain. In the mean time, you sit with your bottom five inches above the floor and your feet elevated so high you can't see the TV screen. Still, it's okay because it was a bargain!

My favorite cooking pans were purchased at garage sales. In another 10 or 15 years, I will have a whole set! The good stuff - you know.

There is something about a sign that says "Anything In This Box - 5 Cents," that makes me purchase items I have no need of and positively no place to keep. I can't help it; I'm getting a bargain!

When I get home from a garage sale, I have purchased a lot of things that somebody else didn't want anymore. But, I think they're great! I immediately dump all of my treasures into the sink and clean them. Then I spend a great amount of time putting away my melon baller, ice tongs, and three iced-tea spoons. It doesn't matter one bit to me that I will never use any of these items. I purchased them for next to nothing, and I am thrilled. I never think about the fact



**rain or Shine**  
By Cynthia Hall  
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that one year from the day I purchased these items, I will be putting them in my "Grab Bags" at my own garage sale. I was exercising my right to get a good deal when I bought them, and by jingy I am proud of them!

The "Other Side" of garage sales is the dark side! I'm talking about when you and your family decide to "get rid of all the junk...have a garage sale!" You have visions of making big bucks - enough to buy that SUV you've been wanting. Who knows...you might even make enough to pay off all your debts!

It starts off innocently enough...you have your husband and children bring everything they don't want anymore to the front porch. Then, you sort through it and realize you need a lot more stuff to actually hold a sale. Husband and children are sent back to the house to find more "stuff." Eventually, you start dragging out things like bedspreads off the beds (the ones you only bought

last year) and lamps that still sit in your living room.

"Honey, do you really think we should get rid of this," your husband asks.

"Of course! What's the matter with you? We can get money for this!"

"But...we still use it, don't we?"

You keep your family up until 2:00 a.m. putting price tags on any and everything. Once you are finally through setting up, it usually starts to rain, so you lug everything back inside. When the alarm goes off at 5:00 in the morning, you drag yourself outside and move everything back into the driveway. At 6:00 you start inside to get a cup of coffee, but you don't make it. Here they come... headlights glowing in the dark...the Early Birds! Quicker than you can say "No Early Birds Allowed," they descend and start pawing through all your neatly organized tables. It's all right though because they are spending money...a nickel here and a dime there. You are definitely on your way to making big bucks from this Garage Sale.

Then it happens - the first "hag-

## Branches of family reunite in N. Carolina

CHARLOTTE, NC - History was made Saturday morning, March 12, 2000, at the Hilton in Charlotte. Dr. Betty Green Moddy of Kingsport, TN, met with Mrs. Tamara (Dickson) Leavell, Executive Assistant to the President of Queens College in Charlotte. This was the first time the two ladies had ever met in person, and it brought together for the first time in 150 years two large branches of the Dixon-Dickson family of Burke/McDowell counties of western North Carolina.

Mrs. Leavell's father, J.M. Dickson, Jr., of Hedley has worked for almost 30 years searching for his lost family in North Carolina, so this was a dream come true for him.

Dr. Moddy is a descendant of Joseph F. Dickson, the first son of Johann Dixon/Dickson. Mrs. Leavell is a descendant of Charles William Dickson, the second son of Johann Dixon/Dickson.

After the meeting in Charlotte, Dr. Moddy traveled onto McDowell County and met with descendants of George C. Dickson, the third son of Johann Dixon/Dickson, bringing all three branches of the family together again.

Dr. Moody and J.M. Dickson, plus several other members of the family, have now made plans for a huge Dixon/Dickson family reunion to take place on July 29 at Dysartville Baptist Church, McDowell County, North Carolina.

There are still many limbs of this large family that remain lost to those that have found each other. If anyone in North Carolina or South Carolina is connected in any way to the Dixon/Dickson family, please contact J.M. Dickson, Jr. at PO Box 206, Hedley, TX 79237 or e-mail at jedco@county.net so that everyone can come back together for a once in a lifetime family reunion on July 29, 2000.

## Nursing home advocates needed for program

Efforts to recruit volunteers to serve as advocates for nursing home residents are underway.

The Area Agency of Aging of the Panhandle is undertaking a massive campaign to recruit and train volunteers to serve as advocates for nursing home residents throughout the Panhandle. These advocates, known as Ombudsmen, visit residents of long-term care facilities and help resolve complaints involving resident rights, quality of life, and quality of care.

Once accepted into the program, volunteers complete a three-month internship, including intensive training and supervision in preparation for their roles as resident advocates.

Ideal candidates will have a strong sense of fair play, excellent problem-solving skills, good relationships with older persons, and the ability to devote two hours a week to the residents served by the Ombudsman program.

Interested persons may contact Jeff Price, Regional Ombudsman, or Shirley Sheldon, Ombudsman Program Aid, at 1-800-642-6008.

"Hey lady, will you take \$2.00 for this lamp?"

"It's marked \$8.00, sir. I have only had it a year, and it cost me \$30.00!"

"Yeah...well...will you take \$2.00?"

"OK."

Why did you do it? It's the Garage Sale excitement. You stand outside in your front yard dickering over pennies - just like a market place in a far away land - very exotic! A normally sane person will spend two or three days sitting in a lawn chair making change like crazy from a cigar box.

When it's all over with, you lug the stuff you didn't sell right back into the house and start using it again!

"How much did we make from our Garage Sale, honey?"

"\$89.73...but I dropped some pennies in the yard."

"Hmmm...not exactly enough to pay off the bills. What should we do with it?"

"Well, the newspaper has six Garage Sales listed this week."

"Let's go!"



## Judge Hall proclaims April Child Abuse Prevention Month

Donley County Judge Jack Hall has proclaimed April 2000 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Texas.

The proclamation states "child abuse prevention is a community responsibility, and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people."

In 1998, about 3,154,000 children were reported as possible victims of child abuse and neglect in the

United States. Of those cases confirmed, 54 percent were neglect, 19 percent were physical abuse, three percent were emotional maltreatment, and 14 percent were due to other forms of maltreatment.

"Y2K means 'Yes To Kids,'" said Bill Holden, President of the Donley County Child Welfare Board. "Children are our leaders of tomorrow, but we are their future today."

In recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Child Welfare Board will sponsor fingerprinting the children who were missed last year, plus the current kindergartners.

Also, donation cans will be put out at local businesses. All donations from these cans go to help support the foster children; none of which are housed in this county.

"We believe preventing child abuse and neglect is the responsibility of every caring community member. It's up to all of us to make Texas a better place to raise children," said President Holden.

For more information about the board and its purpose, go by their booth at the Health and Wealth Fair at Clarendon College on Wednesday, April 12.

## Clarendon Cub Scouts hold Pinewood Derby last weekend

On Saturday, March 25, 2000, Clarendon Cub Scouts held their annual Pinewood Derby.

Twenty-eight Cub Scouts participated in the race on a beautiful spring day.

First, second, and third place medals were awarded in each of the five Dens. Participant ribbons were awarded to the other Cub Scouts, and all boys received Pinewood Derby patches for their uniforms.

The Grand Champion was determined by single elimination races between the first place finishers from each Den. McCullough Roach won the Championship Trophy for the second year in a row.

The Pack appreciates all those who helped with the races including Gina Archer and the local USPS office for officially weighing each car, Allen Estlack for serving as the official race judge, and Kelley Hill - Assistant

Cubmaster for serving as the official race starter.

The following are the official race results: Den 2, first place - Dalton Askew, second place - Austin Howard; Den 3, first place - Justin Spicer, second place - Neil Devin, third place - Bradley Watson, fourth place - Johnny Gains; Den 4, first place - McCullough Roach, second place - Jesus Hernandez, third place - Nathan Gribble, fourth place - J.T. Christopher; Den 5, first place - Ty Tubbs, second place - Trent White, third place - Nelson Devin, fourth place - Dustin Ford; Den 6, first place - Nathan Judd, second place - Eli Short, third place - Dylan Wright, fourth place - Hadley Jones.

In the Championship Race, McCullough Roach was named Grand Champion, Justin Spicer was first runner-up, and Nathan Judd was second runner-up.



Kristin White, 4-H member, and Ashley Petty, FFA member, both of Clarendon, recently placed eleventh and ninth respectively with their Chester market swine at the 2000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Photo courtesy Donley County Extension Office.

## TxDOT wildflower hotline provides callers with best locations to see state's flora

AUSTIN - The search for the best wildflower locations along Texas highways is about to get easier.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will add wildflower location information to its hotline beginning March 17. The toll-free hotline, 800-452-9292, will provide callers with information on the best locations for wildflowers along the state's 79,000-mile highway system.

TxDOT's maintenance personnel around the state provide the update with help from cities, chambers of commerce, and park officials.

Predictions for this spring's crop

of wildflowers are not as optimistic as they have been in recent seasons.

"Because of the dry summer and fall season of 1999, it's likely that this won't be one of the state's best wildflower seasons, but early blossoms have already been spotted around the state," said Herb Neimann, TxDOT's director of landscape design.

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Thurs	23	55°	45°	1.81"
Fri	24	60°	38°	0.25"
Sat	25	78°	41°	-
Sun	26	78°	47°	-

Total precipitation this month: 3.02"  
Total precipitation to date: 3.36"  
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# Time is now for outdoor family activities

The weather this past weekend was terrific! This time of year is perfect for getting the whole family out of the house. My family and I really enjoy getting out when the temperature is in the 70s and the wind doesn't blow us away. Whatever your family's favorite outdoor activities are, I hope you are taking advantage of these great spring days.

### Area Fishing Reports

**Lake Greenbelt.** Water temperature 57 degrees. The fishing is good right now. Bass are hitting spinnerbaits and jerkbaits. Sand bass are scattered and are biting slabs and grubs. Crappie are starting to move into the coves. Crappie are hitting minnows and jigs in 10' to 20' of water. Walleye are biting suspending rouges and minnows. A lot of the walleye are being caught off the bank. There have been a few big catfish caught on jugs and trotlines.

**Lake Meredith.** Water temperature 55 degrees. Black bass are hitting rouges and jigs in shallow water 3' to 5'. There was a Fun Fishing Tournament there this past weekend. 36 out

of 84 fisherman caught bass. Several nice smallmouth were caught. The bass fishing overall is fair. The walleye are biting good. I talked to one person fishing off the bank at the marina. He had four walleye on his stringer. He told me they were biting good on grubs and Rapala minnows. Crappie and sand bass are slow.

**Baylor Lake.** Water temperature 61 degrees. Big bass are hitting good at Baylor Lake and Childress Lake. A lot of bass have been caught on black and blue jig and pigs, white spinnerbaits, and jerkbaits. Crappie are slow on minnows. A few big catfish have been caught, but they are slow.

**Lake McClellan.** Water temperature 62 degrees. The fishing has been slow but is getting better. A few bass have been caught on spinnerbaits. Crappie are slow, but if you catch one, it will probably be a good one. Catfish are doing good on dead minnows, worms, and cut bait.

**Lake Mackenzie.** Water temperature 56 degrees. I talked to a friend in Tulia, and he said the fishing overall is slow, but the crappie are biting good in the creeks. A few walleye are



### outdoor Life

By Gary Dzedzic

being caught, also. Good luck fishing to all! Now is the time to get out and fish before the jet skis take over the lakes. Ha ha.

### Hunting News

Just a reminder that the spring turkey season begins April 1. Gobblers only. Now is a good time to take a kid hunting with you. The turkeys really gobble and strut this time of year. It is quite a sight, and the kids would probably enjoy it. Good luck on your turkey hunt.

### Upcoming Events

There will be a Mel Phillips Fun Fishing Tournament at Lake Greenbelt Saturday, April 1. The times have changed. Instead of starting at 7:00am, the tournament will begin at 6:30am and end at 12:00pm. Our local bass anglers need to come out and claim the lake as ours! I will be there to fish this tournament and will report on the standings next week.

### Recipe

#### Grilled Walleye

walleye filets butter or margarine lemon pepper seasoned salt paprika garlic salt pepper

Preheat grill. Rub butter liberally on both sides of walleye filets (as many as you need to feed your crew). Sprinkle with lemon pepper, seasoned salt, paprika, garlic salt and pepper on both sides. Place filets on a fish grate, and cook on medium hot grill about 15 minutes, depending on thickness of filets. Fish will be flaky when done.

Optional: Squeeze fresh lemon juice over filets when done, or dip in melted butter. For spicier fish, substitute pepper with cajun seasoning.

Variation: Cut filets into 1 inch chunks and place on kabob skewers with your favorite veggies.

This is my own recipe and one of our favorites. I hope you enjoy it, too!

### Fishing Tip of the Week:

When putting new fishing line on your reel, put the spool of line in a bucket of water. When you fill your reel, the line will spool on smoother. You also do not get the line dust which can harm worm bars and gears.

Catch a few fish for supper and release a few fish to ensure another great fishing trip.

## Seventh, eighth grade Lady Colts compete in Claude Relays

The Clarendon Lady Colts competed in the Claude Relays last Friday. Both the seventh and eighth grade girls did really well. The seventh grade girls scored 168 points to win the meet while the eighth grade girls scored 80 points to place third with only five girls competing.

Individual results for the seventh grade girls are as follows: Laura Dzedzic, fourth - 800M Run, third - 1200M Run, second - 200M Hurdles, third - Long Jump; Cierra Benavidez, fifth - 800M Run; Meghan Gribble, sixth - 800M Run, fourth - Discus; Anna Chester, fourth - 1200M Run; Nikki Shelley, fifth - 1200M Run; Sarah Depew, fourth - 400M Dash; Kayla Martindale, sixth - 400M

Dash, fifth - Long Jump; April Ballard, first - 100M Dash; Jamie Simmons, fifth - 100M Dash; Angel Williams, first - 100M Hurdles, first - 200M Dash, first - High Jump; Destiny Weatherston, first - Long Jump, first - Triple Jump; Andra Helms, fifth - Shot Put; and Shanna Shelton, sixth - Shot Put.

The seventh grade relay teams also did very well. The 400M Relay team of Destiny Weatherston, Kayla Martindale, Jamie Simmons, and Angel Williams placed second. The 800M Relay team of April Ballard, Simmons, Cierra Benavidez, and Martindale also placed second. The 1600M Relay team of Weatherston, Ballard, Meghan Gribble, and

Sarah Depew placed first.

Individual results for the eighth grade girls are as follows: Lydia Hartman, first - 800M Run, fifth - Long Jump, third - Triple Jump; Brittney Hall, third - 800M Run; Crystal Lawler, fifth - 800M Run, third - 1200M Run; Alice Hommel, first - 400M Dash; and Equilla Weatherston, first - 100M Dash.

The 1600M Relay team of Lydia Hartman, Brittney Hall, Alice Hommel, and Equilla Weatherston placed first.

Both teams will compete in Shamrock on Friday.

## CHS golfers begin season at Wellington

The Clarendon golf season got underway with the Wellington invitation held recently.

The boys took fourth place overall at Wellington.

The following week the boys and girls teams traveled to Memphis. The girls competed well but didn't do quite as well as they would have. The boys came in three strokes behind Memphis to place second in the tournament.

"I thought the boys and girls competed well under the extremely windy weather conditions and the

fact that they had only one full week of practice," said Coach Greg Mouser.

The boys team put up a total of 322 with Chris Elnquist shooting a 74; David Hall, 80; Sam Holton, 83; Kelley Linquist, 86; and Colt Floyd, 86. Chris Took second pace medalist with his score of 74.

The girls' individual and team results were not available.

District opens up this week with the first round at Wellington and the second round at Quanah the following week.

## Lady Broncos compete at North Plains Relays

The Lady Broncos track team competed at the North Plains Relays last Saturday.

The team placed sixth overall at the meet.

Individual results are as follows: Emily Sparks, third - 200 M Run, second - 800 M Run; Janey Aduddell, fourth - 800 M Hurdles; 800M Relay team (Brandi Martindale, Jamie

Sawyer, Janey Aduddell, April Bryley) - fourth; April Bryley, third - 200M Dash; 1600M Relay team (Martindale, Bryley, Sawyer, Sparks) - third; Brandie Martindale, sixth - triple jump, fifth - shot put; Valerie Taylor, fourth - high jump; May Butler, third - shot put, third - discus; and Candice Hall, sixth - shot put, fifth - discus.

## The Lion's Tale

By Allen Estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting March 28, 2000, with Boss Lion Bobbie Thornberry in charge.

We had 14 members and two guests this week. Vice District Governor Sid Hooper and Lion Marilyn Wilson were guests of the club.

Lion Myles Shelton reported an invitational judging competition will be held at Clarendon College this week, and several hundred kids are expected to attend.

Lion Vice Gov. Hooper filled us in on the district convention to be held next week in Amarillo and gave registration information to the Boss Lion. He also informed us about the state of Lionism in Texas and said the number of Lions decreased from 45,000 to 35,000 in the last ten years.

Texas Lions support many charitable activities, including a crippled children's camp, the Lions' Eyebank, cycloglasses for school children, and several other sight-related charities.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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## Junior Historians perform well at regional competition

The Clarendon High School Junior Historians recently competed in the National History Day Regional Contest at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. The group placed in all events.

Lindy Helms, Aaron Kidd, Shanon Martin, and Jared Hartman placed first in group documentary with their presentation Prohibition in the Roaring 20s.

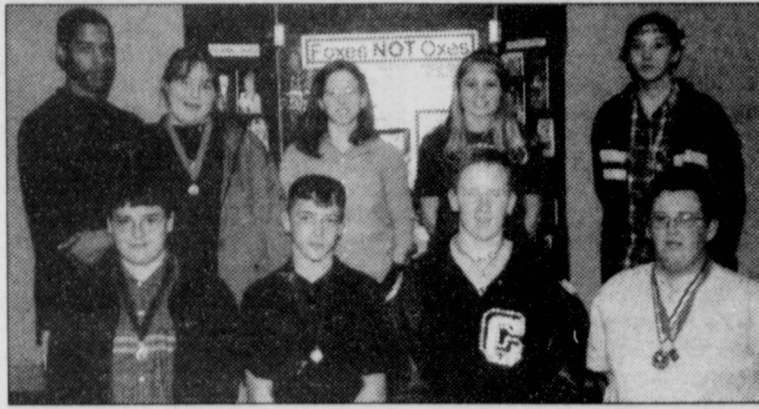
Noel Devin, Kara Barker, Kelley Lemley, and Claire Rodriguez placed first with their display Foxes Not Oxes: Title IX's Impact. They also received the Jane MacCallum Women in Texas History Award.

The team of Michael McFarland, Nathan Fobbs, Derek Gourley, Brian MacFarland, and Jordan Zehr

received first place in group performance for A Foolish Thing in the Balkans. Placing second in the group performance were Valerie Taylor and Melissa MacAneer with their duet Beaten Not Broken: The Cherokee Trail of Tears.

In the individual documentary category, Bryan Turvaville received both second place and the Beauchamp Award for distinction in research. Bryan is a two-time winner of this special category award. His presentation was entitled Adobe Walls: Turning Point in History. Nickless Devin's paper Vicksburg garnered first place honors in the senior division.

All of these students will compete in Austin on May 12-13 at the state competition.



Members of the CHS Junior Historians recently competing in Canyon were (back) Nathan Fobbs, Melissa MacAneer, Noel Devin, Kelley Lemley, Valerie Taylor, (front) Michael McFarland, Brian McFarland, Derek Gourley, Bryan Turvaville, (not pictured) Lindy Helms, Aaron Kidd, Shanon Martin, Jared Hartman, Kara Barker, Claire Rodriguez, Jordan Zehr, and Nickless Devin.

## Songbird offers clues to help stutterers

HOUSTON - Tiny songbirds known as zebra finches might help researchers better understand stuttering in humans.

Researchers at Baylor College of Medicine and the Methodist Hospital in Houston are using the zebra finch as an animal model for stuttering to learn more about how speech disorders develop in the brain. They hope to apply their findings to treatments for pediatric and adult patients at The Stuttering Center at Baylor and Methodist.

"Zebra finches have a very distinctive song, and some of these birds repeat certain sounds just like someone who stutters repeats parts of words," said Dr. David Rosenfield, director of The Stuttering Center. "If we can determine whether the problem is inherited or acquired, we should be able to learn more about the neurological changes in the brain that cause stuttering."

By recording the zebra finches' song and analyzing segments of sounds, Rosenfield and colleagues can identify repetitions that correspond to stuttering.

After a stuttering bird is identified, the researchers can test whether its offspring produce the same repetition of sounds innately when raised in isolation from the parent.

"This will show whether there's a genetic component to stuttering," said Rosenfield, a Baylor professor of neurology and a neurologist at Methodist.

The researchers are also raising non-stuttering songbirds to see whether they acquire the repetition of sounds just from hearing them. Likewise, they are raising some stuttering baby finches in the presence of normal finches to see whether the young songbirds learn to sing without stuttering.

Rosenfield, working with Dr.

Santosh Helekar, Baylor assistant professor of neurology, will study brain cells in the stuttering and non-stuttering zebra finches. How cells respond when the finch is learning a song, how abnormal song patterns are represented in the brain, and how the cells change when a stuttering finch adapts to singing without repetition could offer clues to how to produce changes in the behavior of human stutterers.

"Stuttering is a complex behavior linked to how the brain controls the output of sound," said Rosenfield said. "It is not a psychological problem, nor is it a problem with the larynx or voice box."

"What we learn from zebra finches could help us develop drugs or other techniques to interrupt the cell-to-cell communication in the brain that produces stuttering in humans," he said.

## Looking Back

### 20 Years Ago

THE CLARENDON PRESS, MARCH 27, 1980

• Home from college this week, Mac Thornberry, a senior history major at Texas Tech University, reports he has spent much of his time the last three years traveling across the United States from university to university with a Tech team of debaters.

• County Judge W.R. Christal reports repair work will begin soon on the old courthouse thanks to a \$15,000 grant from the Texas Historical Commission.

### 50 Years Ago

THE DONLEY CO. LEADER, MARCH 30, 1950

• Ray J. Noblitt has sold his Dry Goods business to Ben Saied of Childress effective April 1, 1950. Mr. Noblitt will continue his business with an Oliver Farm Equipment line and butane-propane gases and intends to build a new fifty-by-fifty foot building about four blocks west of Kearney Street on the highway.

## Hospital Board:

Continued from page one.

the facility will be completed by the middle of next month. New heating and cooling units will also be installed soon.

Dr. Michael Strickland, who acquired three acres south of the Medical Center last year, has taken no action on building an assisted living center on that site. Mr. Graham said he will be meeting with two groups interested in the assisted living and community services building projects

this week. It was reported that the hospital district will sponsor the prostate screening exam at the health fair to be held April 12, 2000, at the college. A lipid panel also will be offered, and donations will be accepted.

In other district business, the hospital board voted to accept a bid on lots in the Nocona Hills section of Howardwick in the amount of \$880.

## All-Star games set for April 6-8 in Amarillo

The 29th annual Texas Golden Spread High School All-Star Games will be held at the Cal Farley Coliseum in Amarillo on April 6-8, 2000.

Teams of the North, South, East, and West squads will be coached by volunteers. Players will be represented from the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle, Bailey, Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Motley, and Cottle Counties, and the counties of Eastern New Mexico bordering Texas.

Games will be scheduled at 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on April 6; 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on April 7; and at

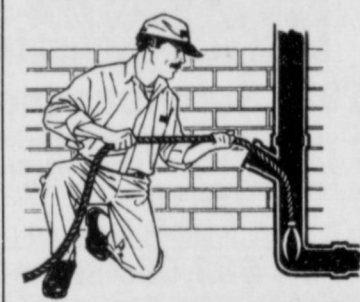
1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., and 8:00 p.m. on April 8.

There will also be a three-point shooting and slam dunk competition. Any senior girl or boy, regardless of whether they are selected for the All-Star Games, is eligible for these competitions. Please submit entries to Brent Sherrod, PO Box 19395, Amarillo, Texas 79109 or phone (806) 352-7348.

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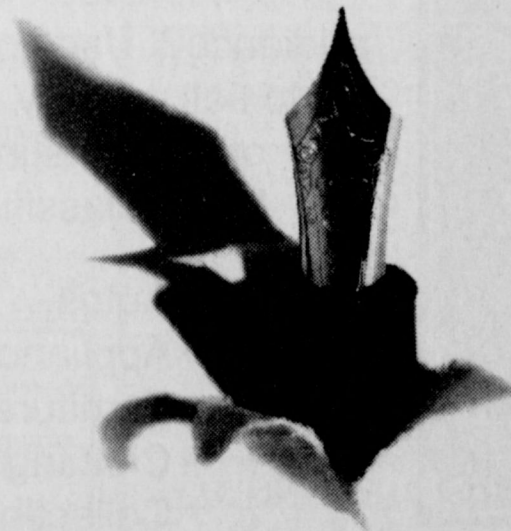
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Sheriff's Report:

# Caller reports dog got in yard, three chickens killed

March 20

2:47 a.m. - Deputy made a traffic stop at US 287 and Sully St.  
 3:00 a.m. - Deputy out with two males at the west end of town. He transported them to their vehicle on US 287. They had run out of gas.  
 9:46 a.m. - DPS reported an abandoned vehicle in the median of US 287 at milemarker 184. Dispatch was unable to make contact with the owners.  
 10:09 a.m. - Caller advised her boyfriend has her keys and was en route to Childress. Dispatch contacted DPS and Hall County Sheriff's Office to intercept the vehicle.  
 1:00 p.m. - Caller wanted deputy to accompany him to his residence on Pampa Street in Howardwick.  
 3:26 p.m. - Caller needed an EMT for a problem breathing. EMT advised an ambulance was needed. Ambulance paged to 400 block of S. Parks Street. One adult female was transported to BSA, code 3.  
 6:20 p.m. - DPS reported a disabled vehicle on SH 70. Advised dispatch to contact driver's spouse.  
 7:01 p.m. - Caller advised they would be driving to BSA. A family member was taken there earlier by ambulance. Armstrong County was advised.  
 10:13 p.m. - Hall Co. reported a van traveling between Hedley and Clarendon lost a tire and struck two vehicles. Constable and DPS en route. One large and one regular wrecker were paged.  
 11:08 p.m. - Carson Co. Sheriff's Office reported a disabled, abandoned vehicle on US 287. Deputy responded and found the vehicle two feet this side of the county line. A wrecker was dispatched.

March 21

12:31 a.m. - Trucking company checked the name of the wrecker company dispatched to the accident east of Clarendon.  
 9:23 a.m. - Clarendon resident reported his wife and son were en route to Clarendon from Pueblo, Colo., and hadn't arrived yet.  
 9:34 a.m. - Caller advised family just pulled in from Colorado.  
 12:21 p.m. - An ambulance was paged on a 911 call to the Bar H Dude Ranch. A male fell from a horse. He was transported to N.W.H.  
 12:45 p.m. - Sheriff reported fog getting heavy.  
 1:03 p.m. - Clarendon resident reported two 18-wheelers just blew through town. Hall County Sheriff's Office was advised.  
 4:23 p.m. - Cattle reported out north of Hedley. The cattle were put up, and dispatch advised the owner that his cattle had been out twice today and advised the fence should be fixed.  
 6:15 p.m. - Caller reported a possible break-in on E. Fourth Street.

8:26 p.m. - Caller reported a break-in in the 400 block of W. Third.  
 11:08 p.m. - DPS en route to jail with one male in custody.

March 22

12:22 a.m. - No response on a 911 call from a business on US 287 east. No response on the call back. Deputy checked the location and found all okay.  
 1:12 a.m. - A 911 caller reported a possible break-in on Pampa Street in Howardwick. Deputies responded and found everything okay.  
 3:13 a.m. - Deputy made a traffic stop in the 500 block of E. Second.  
 3:33 a.m. - Deputy checked an abandoned vehicle at US 287 and CR 23. Owner couldn't be contacted.  
 6:43 a.m. - A 911 call came in from a business on US 287, but there was no response. Deputy found all secure.  
 7:32 a.m. - Official rain gauge in Clarendon shows 0.43 inches so far.  
 8:20 a.m. - Another 911 call was received from a business on US 287. All secure again.  
 9:31 a.m. - Caller advised a horse trailer was parked on his property and wanted to file trespass charges.  
 11:19 a.m. - Ambulance paged to the 600 block of Gary St. in Howardwick. One person transported to BSA.  
 11:31 a.m. - DPS reported a stranded vehicle at the west Donley County line. Wrecker was dispatched.  
 1:28 p.m. - A non-injury accident was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street. Sheriff responded, and an ambulance was paged. There was no transport.  
 6:29 p.m. - Deputy paged to Eighth and McLean streets on a reckless driving call.  
 9:41 p.m. - Deputy needed at a business on SH 70. A man was injured and refused an ambulance. Deputy and DPS responded.  
 10:07 p.m. - Deputy at residence in Howardwick connected to previous call.  
 10:17 p.m. - DPS en route to jail with one male in custody on domestic charges.

March 23

1:13 a.m. - Deputy checked a vehicle east of CR 20 on US 287.  
 1:15 a.m. - Possible intoxicated pedestrian. Unable to wake him.  
 1:24 a.m. - Assisted by second deputy. Wrecker dispatched.  
 1:44 a.m. - Deputy en route to sheriff's office with one in custody.  
 1:50 a.m. - A 911 call came in with no response. No response on call back. Deputy went to 300 block of Rosenfield but found no emergency.  
 3:15 a.m. - 911 call: no response. No response on call back.  
 3:15 a.m. - Deputy advised US 287 flooded for 3/4 mile stretch through town.

3:17 a.m. - No response on 911 call back.  
 3:39 a.m. - 911 call: no response.  
 3:39 a.m. - Caregiver at residence advised someone had knocked at the front door. Resident was unsure who was at the door and called 911. It was her son. No emergency. All okay.  
 3:48 a.m. - 911 caller reported his semi lost all electrical power and stalled in the highway on the east end of Clarendon. Deputy and wrecker dispatched.  
 7:07 a.m. - Caller reported power lines down on SH 70 near the Medical Center. Emergency utility service truck contacted.  
 7:37 a.m. - Young woman came to sheriff's office to reported telephone lines down near the Medical Center. Dispatch advised local service man.  
 7:58 a.m. - Caller reported a vehicle blocking the roadway at Sixth and Jefferson streets. Deputy responded. Wrecker dispatched.  
 9:22 a.m. - 911 call: no response and busy on the call back. Dispatch contacted the homeowner at a place of employment and was advised no one was at the residence.  
 9:30 a.m. - Caller reported a vehicle slid off US 287 west of Hedley. Wrecker dispatched.  
 10:36 a.m. - Gas company reported gas being stolen in the 800 block of E. Third Street. Deputy went to that location and took a statement.  
 2:46 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle in the northbound lanes of US 287 at Ashola was blocking the inside lane. No one was at the scene or in the area.  
 4:39 p.m. - Caller advised sheriff's office that Child Protective Services wanted his children checked on. Info was given to deputy.  
 5:27 p.m. - Caller reported a family member has threatened her. Constable unavailable. Info given to deputy.  
 5:38 p.m. - Deputy en route to jail with one in custody.  
 5:42 p.m. - Deputy advised dispatch he'd checked on children from earlier call and found them to be fine.  
 6:14 p.m. - Howardwick resident reported a vehicle hit and run. Deputy advised and en route.  
 7:32 p.m. - Ambulance paged to residence on SH 70 for a possible fractured ankle. One adult male transported to BSA.

March 24

1:04 p.m. - Caller reported a dog was in his yard and killed three of his chickens. Animal Control contacted.  
 3:13 p.m. - Alarm sounded at a residence east of Clarendon. Deputy responded and found all okay.  
 6:10 p.m. - DPS en route to sheriff's office with one male in custody.  
 7:04 p.m. - 911 caller advised a car was driving erratically at Howardwick.  
 7:22 p.m. - 911 caller stated she had

panther sighted across from her residence in Howardwick.  
 11:21 p.m. - Ambulance paged to a residence on the west side of Greenbelt Lake on a 911 call. One person was transported to BSA.  
 11:51 p.m. - DPS en route to sheriff's office with one male in custody.

March 25

8:49 a.m. - Caller advised of an attempted break-in at a local business.  
 5:58 p.m. - Deputy at a residence taking a report.  
 6:59 p.m. - DPS en route to sheriff's office with one male in custody.  
 9:20 p.m. - DPS en route to sheriff's office with one male in custody.  
 9:36 p.m. - Deputy responds to call on loud music.  
 10:38 p.m. - Deputy out with unsecured door at a local business. He checked the business and secured the door.  
 11:43 p.m. - Deputy advised a need for an ambulance on Carhart Street. One person transported to Hall Co. Hospital.

March 26

1:59 a.m. - Deputy took a report on an assault.  
 2:15 a.m. - Deputy en route to sheriff's office with one male in custody.  
 7:01 a.m. - Deputy checked an unlocked door at a local business. All was okay.  
 8:29 a.m. - Caller advised gun fire was heard northwest of the city. Deputy couldn't locate gun shots.  
 11:34 a.m. - Deputy advised an ambulance was needed at a business on US 287. There was no transport.  
 11:56 a.m. - Deputy responded to a domestic call at a residence west of town.  
 1:51 p.m. - Deputy responded to a possible stolen vehicle call in Howardwick. Vehicle wasn't stolen.  
 6:39 p.m. - DPS en route to sheriff's office with one male in custody.  
 7:50 p.m. - Sheriff's office paged ambulance for transfer from Medical Center Nursing Home to Amarillo.  
 8:04 p.m. - Deputy en route to Medical Center Nursing Home to investigate assault.  
 11:34 p.m. - DPS responded to wreck on US 287 at FM 1260.

## TSCRA inspectors recover more than \$7 million in stolen animals, equipment

HOUSTON - Stolen livestock and ranch equipment worth more than \$7 million were recovered or accounted for in 1999 by the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, reports the Fort Worth-based producer group founded 123 years ago to fight the theft problem.

In an annual report given March 15 to members attending the TSCRA convention in Houston, Executive Vice President Steve Munday said that in 1999, the association's 32 field inspectors, all certified peace officers with Special Ranger Commissions, investigated 1,319 cases in Texas and Oklahoma, primarily involving stray or stolen livestock. Working closely with federal, state, and local law enforcement officers, the inspectors recovered or accounted for 4,493 head of cattle, 88 horses, 14 trailers, 61 saddles, and miscellaneous ranch property, which had a total market value of \$7,006,888. The average value of property recovered or accounted for each day was \$19,197.

Offenders were given 154 years of prison, probated, deferred, suspended, and jail sentences. In addition, the courts ordered those con-

## Texas to receive increased funding for aviation

Texas is poised to receive approximately \$110 million for general aviation airport improvements over the next three years.

The funding comes as a result of the Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR 21) which was passed by Congress this week and has been sent to the president for his signature.

"Airports are a critical link in Texas' transportation network and it is important to our continued growth and prosperity that improvements to these facilities be funded and finished as quickly as possible, and this grant will help do that," said Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, a member of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee's Subcommittee on Aviation.

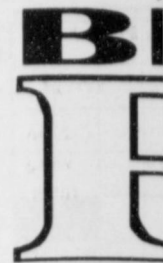
The funds will be distributed by the TxDOT to general aviation and

reliever airports statewide to meet critical air transportation needs. Individual airport grants will be awarded by the Texas Transportation Commission based on project priority.

"This substantial funding for these airports is very good news," said David Laney, Texas Transportation Commissioner. "It will help immeasurably in moving forward toward our goal of developing and maintaining a statewide airport system that will adequately support air transportation and economic development."

In Texas, funds from AIR 21 will support various airport grant programs administered by TxDOT aimed at maintaining and rehabilitating more than 275 community airports. Typical projects include land acquisition, runway extension and preservation, airport lighting and signage, and airport master plans.

Munday encouraged all cattle producers and owners of other livestock and farm and ranch equipment to take steps to protect themselves from theft. He invited them to contact their local TSCRA field inspector or the Fort Worth office for theft prevention and brand information.



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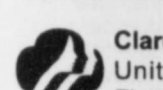
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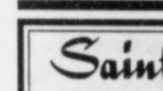


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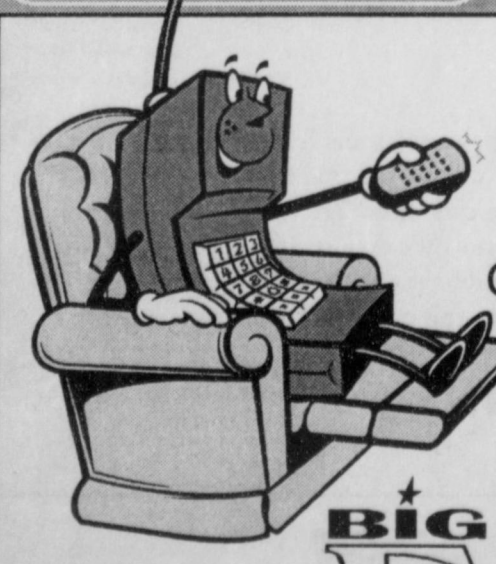
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the proposition of whether or not all of the following area of Armstrong County should be transferred from the statutorily designated Northern High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone described at the Texas Agriculture Code, §74.1021 (a) to the Northern Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone designated at 4 Texas Administrative Code, §3.112: that part of Armstrong County that lies east and north of a line running along FM 294 from the Carson County line to State Highway 287; then running due south to Mulberry Creek; then running east along Mulberry Creek to the Donley County line. If the transfer is approved by this referendum, growers in the transferred area shall be subject to payment of a maximum assessment of \$10 per planted row acre and \$15 per planted row acre, which was approved by the Northern Rolling Plains zone growers to implement a boll weevil eradication program in that zone. If the transfer is approved, eradication program activities are scheduled to begin this

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an individual, entity, or joint operator who, as owner, landlord, tenant, or sharecropper, is entitled to share in the cotton grown and available for marketing from the farm, or share in the proceeds from the sale of the cotton from the farm. For more information regarding the referendum and election, or if you are a cotton grower in the above-described area and do not receive a ballot, please contact the Texas Department of Agriculture, PO Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711, telephone 512-463-7593. 12-3tc

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**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) REDUCED TO \$59,500.

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**PROFILE**

**Name**  
Barney Louis Graham

**Born**  
March 3, 1922

**Parents**  
Luke & Lola Graham

**Married**  
Juanita Mabery on November 6, 1941. The couple has two children, six

grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

**Military Service**  
US Navy 1943-1946. Served as a cook on board the carrier USS Langley.

**Nickname**  
B.L. Graham has a birthmark on his right forearm that he wasn't too proud of as a kid. A man who worked for his parents used to tease him about saying

"Why don't you go wash that smut of your arm?" He says he used to scrub and scrub, but it never came off. The man took to calling him "Smutt," which eventually became "Mutt."

**Other Memories**  
While still living in McLean, Mutt was returning home in the early morning hours of June 6, 1941, after working late. "It was about six o'clock in the morning.

When I got to the house, I could hear the awfullest roar and rumbling you could ever hear in your life back in this part of the country. And I said, 'Clarendon is absolutely blowing away over there.' Later that morning, W.H. Skelton — a salesman at the time — was making his rounds and told the Grahams about the tornado that ripped through the west side of Clarendon that day.

**Mutt Graham: I wish kids could live 3 or 4 years in the 50s**

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in the late 1920s and 1930s. "He worked all men waitresses. He wouldn't work a woman waitress. The reason for that was that the platters and dishes he served down there were so big that a girl couldn't handle it. He had platters 18 inches by 12 inches, Graham said. "We sold sirloin steaks on that Fourth of July — a sirloin steak to cover that platter was 75 cents, and it looked like a saddle blanket lying there."

In 1943, Mutt went into the Navy and became a cook on board the carrier USS Langley. He served about 34 months overseas. When he came home in 1946, he bought the Davis Bumper-to-Bumper (where Our Donuts is located today) and put in the first restaurant of his very own. About six months later he sold out and moved to Kearney Street.

The G&M Cafe was located next door south of where Clarendon Office Supply is today and was a partnership with Mutt's brother-in-law. At that time, Mutt says businesses here would stay open late on Saturday nights.

"People would come to town, and they'd have the best time up here just visiting. I didn't even close before midnight."

"There was a picture show next to me, and it was called the Cozy. Saturday was all it showed on, and it showed Westerns at two o'clock. Old man Borden that had the picture shows in Memphis owned the building that I was in. I always figured that's the reason Mulkey built that new picture show there."

Mutt also remembers Frank Hommel having a service station where Henson's is today and says he recalls a four-lane bowling alley upstairs where the Burton Library is today.

"I remember going upstairs to bowl. Now this wasn't the big balls. These were little balls about the size of a soft ball. And they had people back there to set the pins back up."

In 1949, Mutt moved part of

a building on to the highway and built a new restaurant near where Dairy Queen now stands. He was trying to decide what to call it. When Ralph Decker told him to just call it "Mutt's." That what everyone knew him as, and so Mutt's Cafe was born.

He operated in that location for about 14 years before he sold the Cafe and moved to Bovina. Eleven years later he returned to Clarendon and re-opened his old Cafe. He sold out in 1983 due to health reasons.

Since he originally moved to Clarendon, Mutt has been active not just in the business arena but in community efforts as well. In the early 1960s, he got active in local politics, serving on the city council for a term and filling part of a vacant term, and he served one term on the school board.

"I always said people who had kids in school ought to serve on the school board one term, so I did."

It probably wasn't the best time to be on the school board. The old white stucco junior high building (where Troy Skinner's house is today) was condemned, and officials were telling Clarendon to build new school buildings.

"They had the auditorium on the second floor," he recalls. "When you'd get a hundred or two people up there in that auditorium, you'd kind of feel a little bit of movement."

At about the same time, there was fight over whether Clarendon College should be kept or not. Then the college was part of the school district and were under the same board. Between building the new public schools and keeping the college, the school board had a lot of people mad at them, Mutt said.

Ultimately, the school got new buildings and purchased 10 acres from the Bugbee family. The town kept the college, and a new college campus was built on the Bugbee land after CC inherited a lot of money from the Harned Sisters.

"Today, I get more compliments

on that little college. People come into Clarendon say, 'Y'all sure got a beautiful little college up there.' I don't care where I'm at, people comment on it."

The Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department has also been important to Mutt's life. It's an organization he joined more than 50 years ago.

He had always wanted to belong to the fire department at McLean but was too young. After he left the Navy, Mutt got his chance to be a fireman when the old gym burned. As Mutt tells it, he and his wife were renting a room in the Patching house at the time.

"One night it was snowing, sleeting, and blowing, and the fire whistle went off. I kept lying there, and it kept blowing," he said. "So I got up and went to the window, and I could kind of see the fire over there [at the school]."

"That fire whistle just kept going off. So finally I got up and got some clothes on. My wife said, 'What are you fixing to do?' I told her 'That fire whistle keeps going off. They need some help.'"

He went off to his first fire that night and officially joined the department soon after.

In more recent times, Mutt has served the community as a member of the Local Housing Authority Board of Directors for several years and is a Director Emeritus on the Saints' Roost Museum Board.

At the museum he, along with James Owens and others, did much of the work to turn a dilapidated and abandoned Adair Hospital into a museum our community is proud of today. The work started in about 1984, and Mutt says it was about five or six years before the museum opened.

Mutt has been a member of the local post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars since the current post began 15 years ago. Before that, he was a member of former local American Legion and VFW posts.

Looking back, Mutt is nostalgic for those days in the late 1940s and 1950s.

"I just wish my two kids could go back and live three or four years in the 50s because I think that was the best time we've had so far in this world. Nobody was rich; nobody had a lot of money. But everybody was happy, and everybody helped everybody."

"It's hard on ya to come to a town like it was in the 40s and 50s and see your town today and how it's changed."

When he moved to Clarendon in 1941, there were seven grocery stores, and there wasn't an empty building anywhere, he said. Today, "we're down to one grocery store, and empty buildings dot Kearney Street. Mutt says the only person still working who was here when he was on Kearney Street is A.R. Henson.

A lot of history has been lost since that time, Mutt says.

"The only thing I kind of regret from living in Clarendon is not having a tape recorder and not sitting around and talking to our old people about all the history."

He tells the story of an old barber who had Col. Charles Goodnight come in when he had just started barbering. The barber went to put a hot towel on the legendary cattleman's face to give him a shave, and Goodnight grabbed the towel and whipped the man with it. Ranchers, the barber told Mutt years later, wanted their faces to be tough and wouldn't let you put on a hot towel to soften them.

Many stories like that one have been lost forever.

"There was so much they could tell you if you'd just asked the question," Mutt said.

There's a lesson there in Mutt's wisdom. And it's one we can all learn from.

*Editor's Note: "Donley County Remembers" is a series highlighting local history. This is the third in the 12-part series.*

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**Johnson to exhibit at Les Beaux Art Show**

Clarendon resident Kevin Johnson will be among the artists exhibiting at the Artists' Exhibit sponsored by Les Beaux Arts Club on April 8 at 10 a.m., at the First Methodist Church in Clarendon.

Johnson creates authentic Native American art, "not pastel pots" he says. With Comanche, Cherokee, and Iroquois in his genetic background, Johnson paints Native Americans on horses, and similar types of artwork. He will be bringing exclusively this type of paintings to the Clarendon exhibit.

Some time ago, Johnson made the acquaintance of Clarendon artist Olive Bugbee who took an interest in his work and shared her knowledge with him. Ms. Bugbee persuaded him to try painting with casein, and it has become Johnson's preferred medium.

Casein is an opaque, waterbased

pigment that once was very popular with the old masters, hundreds of years ago, but is not used much any more. Johnson has to custom order his paints out of California. He likes it because it has a uniformly matte finish, and though waterbased, is permanent when completely dry.

Johnson grew up in Hedley, and sold his first drawing when he was eight years old. He worked primarily in pencil and pen and ink until meeting Ms. Bugbee and converting to casein. He has won multiple awards for his work, although he is just beginning to show and sell professionally, including awards at the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo and the South Plains Fair in Lubbock. One of his paintings is currently displayed at the Capitol in Washington, DC. He will have showings in Clarendon in the near future, and is making arrangements to show his work at a gallery in Taos.

**Caprock Jamboree to be held April 1 in Silverton**

Saxophonist Dalton Wood will be leading off the program at the Caprock Jamboree at its monthly musical Saturday, April 1, at 7:00 p.m.

Raymond Mears of Amarillo and Deborah McKay from East Texas will be making their debut on the Silverton stage. Repeat performers will be Bill Coleman of Plainview and the Country Sounds.

Mesquite grilled hamburgers will be served by the civic club from Quitaque. Free admission and door prizes will be awarded.

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The City of Clarendon, Texas, is considering a water improvement project for residents in a western portion of the City of Clarendon as a CDBG project under the Texas Community Development Program for non-entitlement cities and counties. The project will provide improved water conditions for 112 low and moderate income families. The project is located in the 100-year floodplain. The proposed water improvements cannot be undertaken in any other location as relocation costs would exceed available program resources. Failure to provide the water improvements would result in the continued unsafe and unhealthy living conditions for the 112 families. It is the City's judgment that the improvements to the existing structures outweigh consideration for Executive Order 11988/11990. Janice Barbee, City Administrator, City Hall, PO Box 1089, Texas, 79226. Comments will be received until April 7, 2000.

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