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NEWS at a glance

Donley County enacts burn ban

A county-wide burn ban was put into effect Monday morning during the regular meeting of the Donley County Commissioners' Court.

The ban includes burning trash, controlled burns, open pit fires, but does not include barbecue grills. The court also allowed an exception for campfires at the Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff to be held next weekend.

Commissioners will review the ban at their next meeting on October 9 and determine if it should be continued.

Sales tax rebates up slightly in city

AUSTIN - Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander this week sent 1,103 Texas cities and 119 counties \$210.2 million in sales tax revenue.

September sales tax rebates are up 11.9 percent for the state as a whole compared to September 1999. Year-to-date, payments to cities and counties are up 8.1 percent.

Local rebates were mixed this month. Clarendon gained 1.97 percent for a rebate of \$15,455.01, and Howardwick's rebate was \$145,78, up from \$152,47 last September. Hedley's rebate fell 4.38 percent for a total of \$1,477.07.

September sales tax rebates represent sales tax collected in July and reported to the comptroller in August.

For more information, check out our website at www.ClarendonOnline.com and click on the link in this story.

Nature tourism meeting planned

There will be a brainstorming session on nature tourism at the Burton Memorial Library on Wednesday, September 20, 2000, from noon to 1:00 p.m.

The session is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and CEDC and will be held every Wednesday during the lunch hour.

Please bring a friend, your ideas, a sack lunch, and join them to plan what Clarendon and Donley County can do to attract tourists to our area. Donley County is blessed with abundant wildlife, many species of birds, Saints' Roost Museum and Depot, Greenbelt Lake, the Bar H Dude Ranch, and our wonderful courthouse.

Fund established for McElroy family

A fund has been established for Annette McElroy and children at the Donley County State Bank.

For more information or to donate to the fund, see any teller at the bank.

Inside:

- 2 Have the Feds overstepped their bounds with recent environmental land grabs?
- 4 Clarendon says farewell to the Geary Martin family.
- 6 Donley County takes steps to give bats an eviction notice from the courthouse.
- 7 And the Broncs claim their first victory of the 2000 season at Claude.

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

Swinney files for constable as write-in

Jimmy Swinney of Clarendon filed last week as a write-in candidate for constable of Donley County Precincts 2&3. The position has been vacant for about three decades.

According to the county clerk's office, Swinney filed for the office Thursday, September 7, and paid a \$300 filing fee. No other candidate filed for the position. The last person to run for the office was R.C. Hill in 1968.

"The position has been vacant all this time," said County Judge Jack Hall. "No one has ever run for it."

The county cannot abolish the office on its own, Hall said. It would take an amendment to the state constitution to do that.

Swinney says he's known about the position for about ten years and is running to fill a need in local law enforcement.

"Howardwick and that area has very little law enforcement, and that would be a good place to start," Swinney said.

"The job would also bring a lot of lost revenue in to the county."

According to Swinney, approximately 360 warrants and subpoenas have not been served by the Donley County Sheriff's Department.

"The law says the constable will serve warrants, subpoenas, and tax notices," he said.

County officials, however, say they don't know where the candidate got his numbers.

Jimmy Johnson, Justice of the Peace for Precincts 1&2, said there are some warrants that haven't been served but that he has never tallied them to see how many. Some of the warrants are traffic warrants for people who live in places like Houston and are not easily deliverable, Johnson said.

Sheriff Jimmy Thompson said his office only has about 105 warrants that have not been served, many of which are out of county or out of state.

"We can't extradite out of state on a misdemeanor charge," Thompson said. "And I'm not going to take a two-day trip to Houston for a \$100 fine."

Thompson said some of the warrants have incorrect addresses and some are for people who have jumped bond, which is the responsibility of the bond company. He also said the sheriff's department does not serve warrants for the Department of Public Safety.

The sheriff reacted strongly to Swinney's assertion that Howardwick does not receive adequate law enforcement, saying officers patrol that community at least three times a day.

Thompson invited anyone who has questions about outstanding warrants or the record of his office to come by the sheriff's office anytime to discuss it.

See 'Constable' on page 6.



Yesterday's Cowboy

Fish Wilson, age 92, poses in front of the JA chuckwagon during the JA Ranch Reunion last Saturday. He was the oldest person attending the event at the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Arena. Wilson, who now lives in Quitaque, worked on the JA in the 1940s. Approximately 175 people attended this year's reunion. A complete story will be in next week's issue.

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TxDOT to dedicate local maintenance facility

State Sen. Tom Haywood (R-Wichita Falls) will be the keynote speaker this Friday, September 15, when the newly constructed Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Donley County Maintenance Facility is formally dedicated.

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce, the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation, and TxDOT are inviting all area residents to attend the dedication and open

house from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the facility one mile west of Clarendon on US 287.

US Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) is also expected to attend.

Donley County Maintenance Supervisor Steve Smith will serve as master of ceremonies for the day. The invocation will be given by Truman Ledbetter, minister of the First Baptist Church.

The Texas Department of Public Safety will raise the flag, and the CHS Bronco Band will play the national anthem and "Texas, Our Texas."

Smith will then give the welcome and introduce special guests. Sen. Haywood will follow up with comments.

Following the ceremonies, tours of the new facility will be given and refreshments served.

Clarendon mayor wins \$1,000 community development award

The National Center for Small Communities (NCSC) has announced that Clarendon Mayor Leonard "Tex" Selvidge has won an American Hometown Leadership Award for outstanding leadership in America's smaller communities.

Wal-Mart, which co-sponsors the award to promote strong leadership in small towns, presented a grant of \$1,000 to the community in Mayor Selvidge's honor.

"The vision and dedication displayed by the winners of the American Hometown Leadership Award are qualities that are key to building and

sustaining vital communities," said Betsy Reithemeyer, director of corporate affairs for Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. "We are committed to improving these small communities by lifting up the best leaders who are making a difference."

Selvidge, who spent 27 years with Clarendon College, began his political career as a Donley County Commissioner and a commissioner at Hedley, a press release said. He was elected to the Clarendon Board of Aldermen in 1976 and served as Clarendon's mayor from 1977 to 1981. He then served as an alderman again

from 1981 to 1982 before again being elected mayor in 1997.

Selvidge works tirelessly in serving the people of Clarendon and reportedly hopes to use the grant to improve street paving in the city.

City Librarian Carolyn Blackberry praised Selvidge, saying simply, "Tex Selvidge is the most fair man I know," she said.

Wal-Mart awards more than \$4 million annually in Economic Development Grants to support local efforts to attract new business. This year the company will award more than \$720,000 to more than 300 com-

CHS receives \$75k computer lab grant

Clarendon High School was awarded a \$75,000 grant by the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) Board for technology advancement last week.

The TIF money, which comes from a fee assessed on telephone bills, will be used to update the small computer lab at the high school, and all classrooms will each be wired to accommodate four computers.

Principal Larry Jeffers said the grant will help keep CHS current with changing technology.

"It helps particularly when technology is advancing so fast," Jeffers said.

CHS students are being introduced to modern technology and high-speed Internet access so that technology will be a medium through which work, play, research, and tasks are made easier and done more efficiently.

The Non-Competitive Grant for Texas Public Schools was designed to allow public schools to apply for technology advancement or dis-

tribute learning grants. These grants will fund up-to-date hardware and connectivity equipment, high-speed workstations, Internet access, or videoconferencing systems so that students may take classes from another campus or a college.

"The reason I got into education was to see students learn and succeed," Jeffers said. "Most of our students today are more proficient with a computer than many of the adults. They are the future of Texas; and because technology is becoming a part of their everyday lives, they are progressively becoming more marketable and knowledgeable as they move into the future."

Since its creation by the 74th Legislature in 1995, TIF has awarded \$487 million in telecommunications infrastructure grants to schools, libraries, institutions of higher education, and not-for-profit healthcare facilities. The agency receives approximately \$150 million per year in revenues from the telecommunications assessments to disburse over a ten years.

Methodists plan concert to rededicate pipe organ

The First United Methodist Church of Clarendon is inviting everyone in the community and surrounding area to attend a special dedication concert for the church's refurbished pipe organ this Sunday evening, September 17, at 7:30.

The Hillgreen-Lane pipe organ was originally installed 82 years ago in September 1918.

Over the last several months, the organ has undergone a complete reconditioning to bring back the instrument's original capabilities. In addition, a Rodgers digital organ has been incorporated with the original, taking its abilities to new heights.

Demonstrating the refurbished organ in concert will be Eleanor Whitsett of Bethany, Okla.

Whitsett is a graduate from Asbury College with a major in piano and was a featured performer at Asbury's centennial celebration. She holds a Master of Music degree from the University of Missouri at Kansas City with a major in organ performance. She has also done graduate

work at the University of Southern California at Oklahoma City University.

Whitsett studied improvisation at the Summer Academy for Organ at Haarlem, the Netherlands, and also studied organ and improvisation in Herford, Germany. She is a member of the American Guild of Organists, has conducted workshops and given recitals sponsored by the organization, and is a past dean of the Oklahoma City chapter. She is also a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers.

In May, Whitsett retired as Adjunct Professor of Organ and Church Music at Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, where she had served since 1974.

"We are excited to have Ms. Whitsett here for this performance," said Methodist pastor Rev. James Ivey Edwards. "We wish to share her talent as well as the wonderful sounds that will come from our new organ with the entire community. Please plan to join us."

into action makes them deserving of our highest honor."

NCSC is the only national non-profit organization devoted to serving the leaders of America's smaller communities. The mission of NCSC is to provide small town decision-makers with the tools to govern effectively and the skills to expand local economies, protect natural resources, and preserve community character.

Wal-Mart Supercenter Manager Marvin Bender of Amarillo presented the award to Selvidge Tuesday night during the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

editor's Commentary

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

NPT The column has been rated NPT by the Enterprise Institute For Reader Protection. A sense of humor is advised.



Feds overstep with land grabs

"No person shall... be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."

A battle is brewing across America between property owners and the federal government. This was documented recently by a broadcast on the Fox News Channel entitled "Vanishing Freedom: Who Owns America?"

Take, for example, the case of Riverside, California. The town was reportedly one of the fastest-growing areas in the country. But that was before the government found out the Keno Checkerspot butterfly called the area home.

The government says it will pay the farmers a fair price for their land, and for now selling is voluntary. Once the government decides it wants something, however, it has a way of getting it.

Farmers who have a genuine distrust of the government or who just want to hang on to their land and a way of life they've enjoyed for more than two centuries have been called "greedy" and "misguided."

People in the West don't take kindly to the government telling them what to do. On July 4 of this year, a group of farmers and ranchers reportedly summoned thousands of supporters who showed up with shovels and re-opened the road.

"This is a line in the sand," rancher Grant Gerber told Fox News. "We've been pushed as far as we're going to be pushed. This road is a symbol of that resistance."

As part of a graduate environmental class at Texas Tech a few years ago, I was involved in a study of a Lubbock company that was in the recycling business. Specifically, this company recycled grease (like from fast food fryers, etc.) for use as an animal feed supplement.

But then, as the enviro-dude was getting in his car to leave, he spotted a horny toad, which is, of course, an endangered species. There was nothing to indicate whether the lizard was living at the grease recycling center or just passing through to get to the neighboring pasture.

I don't know how widespread the natural territory of the horny toad is, but I do know that we have some here in old Donley County. Let's hope the government doesn't try to shut something down here or set aside a few hundred square miles for a horny toad habitat.

It may make environmentalists feel good, but it destroys people's livelihoods, and in some cases it destroys local economies.

Ownership of private property is one of our most basic rights. And while the government does have the authority to take private property for public use, it should not do so just because a mollusk or some insignificant species of insect lives there or travels through there.

Let's hope the government will change its policies before something tragic happens. But if Al Gore is our next president, you can be sure that his radical environmental agenda will come with him.

Gore will say whatever you want to hear

I watched Vice President Al Gore on the Oprah Winfrey Show on Monday afternoon. Now, I'm not a huge fan of Oprah, but I wanted to see if she would really interview him about the important topics or do more of a feel-good, get-in-touch-with-yourself kind of show.



on the Mark with Christi Ross

should just give away their medicine to poor senior citizens.

Let me save your children... the elderly... and yourself from yourself, is basically Al Gore's message. And, the method in which he means to be our Savior is to implement trillions of dollars worth of new government programs.

If elected, Al Gore will take care of us from womb to tomb, taxing us to death every step of the way.

After briefly discussing some issues with Oprah, Gore began talking about his wonderful marriage and the joy of having children. Oprah asked him about the now infamous French kiss that Al planted on

Tipper during the Democratic National Convention.

Gore responded that he was just caught up in the moment of passion with his wife. Please.... This man's been nicknamed "Stiff Al", and he was just trying to show America that he could be spontaneous and do the unexpected on national television. And, if you're determining whom to vote for solely based on the kiss, then in all honesty you don't deserve to vote.

Disgusting is how I would sum up Gore's appearance on Oprah. It disgusted me to see him be a chameleon and try to relate to these mothers, wives, and daughters. He stated that being Vice President was a very supportive role... and I wish Oprah would have asked about standing back and supporting a President who was a notorious womanizer and unfaithful husband.

George W. Bush will get his turn on the Oprah show next week. Guess this means I have to watch Oprah again.



New rules will demonstrate lack of sense

With our lives getting busier and busier, it seems like we have more government rules and regulations than ever to worry about. Most people think we have too many, but the Administration sees things a little differently.



issue Update with Rep. Mac Thornberry

In addition to the 450 Executive Orders the President has signed since entering office, he has promised to push through more rules and regulations during the last 60 days of his Administration.

For example, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration - or OSHA for short - wants to impose new ergonomic standards on businesses across the

country. By some estimates, compliance with these new standards could cost businesses nearly \$900 billion over the next ten years. The American Health Care Association estimates the new standards would cost nursing homes, to take just one industry, \$1.2 billion in the first year alone.

The House has passed legislation that will prevent OSHA from implementing

these new standards until more studies can take place. I have also cosponsored legislation that would limit the President's power to issue Executive Orders and spend federal funds without Congress' consent.

Unfortunately, new OSHA rules may just be the tip of the iceberg. In the last few months of this Administration, we may see a host of new rules and regulations coming out of Washington.

In the process, we'll be reminded - yet again - that common sense is not all that common in Washington.

Proposed cool air tax makes Texans hot

By Bill Hammond, President Texas Association of Business & Chambers of Commerce

Texans may be forced to pay a \$1,000 air conditioning tax in order to shield their families from the summer heat - all under the guise of protecting the Texas environment from smog.

The problem stems from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's (TNRCC's) efforts to comply with mandates from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to reduce ozone levels in Texas. If TNRCC doesn't come up with a plan that the EPA will approve by Dec. 6, the state faces the delay or loss of millions of dollars in highway funds for not following the Clean Air Act.

As part of the proposed TNRCC plan, which would become effective in January 2002, outdoor coils of new central air conditioners and the coils of window units sold in Texas would have to be covered by a catalytic coating. Manufacturers say that would add about \$1,000 to the price of an average central air conditioner.

In effect, this would eventually impose an air conditioning tax on more than 8 million homes and small businesses with central air and on many millions more Texas residents who cool with window units.

Ironically, tests by the company that makes the catalytic coating cast doubts that it will even help reduce ground level ozone concentrations, the major component of smog. Even more startling is the fact that data from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) suggests the catalyst-coated air con-

ditioning coils will increase energy use because the coils will require more electricity to produce the same amount of cool air.

The whole hubbub has sparked a feud between the environmental and energy agencies that resulted in a July 14 letter where the energy department warned the EPA not to take any action to require use of the coating.

Unfortunately, the TNRCC - forced by the EPA - ignored the Department of Energy warning. Instead they proposed a counterproductive, energy-wasting, scientifically questionable requirement that may increase ozone-forming emissions from power plants - and still burden Texans with an unfair tax just to keep cool.

What sense does it make to waste electric energy and increase power plant emissions? Why should the TNRCC be forced to adopt a directive from the EPA that will unlawfully reduce the efficiency of air conditioners below the minimum requirement set by the U.S. Department of Energy?

There are many other questions that need answers, too. For example, just what is in this secret, potentially hazardous coating that will be applied to new air conditioners in Texas? Concerns are already being voiced about the potential for it to flake onto the ground and into the ground-water supply. What are the long-term effects of this mysterious substance on the environment, the general public, and air conditioning installers and maintenance personnel?

The Texas Association of Business & Chambers of Commerce is supportive of efforts to help non-attainment areas reach environmental goals under the Clean Air Act and to help near non-attainment areas stay within the guidelines.

But all emission sources ranging from cars and trucks to manufacturers and electricity generators should share equitably in the burden of reducing air emissions. Since air conditioners are not a source of emissions that contribute to ozone formation and thus fall outside of the Clean Air Act, we question the wisdom and legality of including them in the proposed plan.

All of us share in the responsibility to seek scientifically sound ozone reduction measures. We should concentrate on implementing cost-effective measures based on sound science that bring results, instead of wishful thinking and unproven technology.

TNRCC is holding 13 public hearings around the state to seek citizen input before adopting the proposed air-conditioner rule and 16 other proposed rules. For a list of the times and places of the public hearings, call TNRCC at 512-239-1000, or go to http://www.tnrcc.state.tx.us/oprd/hgasip.html.

And as for this tax on Texans to stay cool - it should be enough to make a lot of folks a little hot under the collar.

Hammond is president of the Austin-based Texas Association of Business and Chambers of Commerce.

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Sixth Annual Col. Charles Goodnight CHUCKWAGON COOKOFF

Benefiting the Saints' Roost Museum in Clarendon

Schedule of Events

Saturday, September 23

8:00 a.m. Breakfast by Chamber of Commerce

10:00 Booths open featuring Kenneth Wyatt Galleries, Keith Latham - Blacksmith, Jack Craft - Silversmith, Gene Davidson - Western Furniture, Mary Selfridge - Western Artist, Delbert Trew - Western Artifacts, Betty Owens - Indian Artifacts, and Cindy Shelton - Silver Jewelry among others.

Lunch by Chamber of Commerce

11:00 Entertainment all day with scheduled performances by Forgiven, the Clarendon College Praise Band directed by David Strange; the CHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes Choir directed by Mike and Michelle Ray; EZRA, the Methodist Youth Praise Band directed by Jay Gage; the Saints' Roost Band, Dale Burson and Family Group; cowboy poet Billy Reeves; and others.

5:00 Chuckwagon Supper

5:45 Boot Raffle and Hay Auction
6:45 Chuckwagon Awards Announced

7:00 Evening entertainment to be announced

Sunday, September 24

9:00 a.m. Cowboy Church with Johnny Burson of Silverton and Owen Noble of Wayland. Dale Burson of Channing will lead the singing.

FREE ADMISSION!

Saturday, September 23

Entertainment and events all day long on the grounds of the Saints' Roost Museum.

- Museum Tours
- Family Entertainment
- Western Trade Show

Just off Hwy. 70 South at the former Adair Hospital in Clarendon.



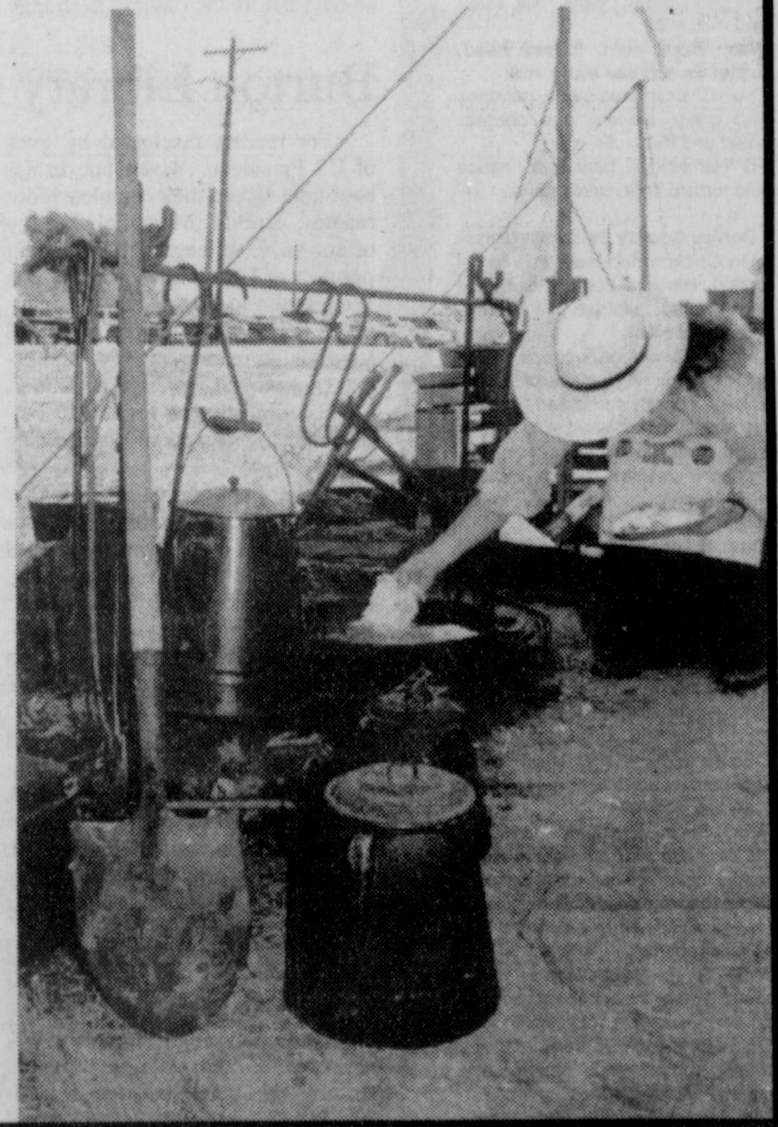
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¿Qué Pasa?

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

September 14
DCSC Hamburger Supper • DCSC Center • 5:30 p.m.

September 19
Sunshine Lunch • Brass Lantern • 11:30 a.m.

September 21
United Christian Men's Breakfast • First United Methodist Church • 7 a.m.

Breast Cancer Screening • Community Bank • Call 356-1905.

Donley County Senior Citizens RSVP Banquet • First United Methodist Church.

September 22 - 23
CHS All-School Reunion • Details available online.

September 23
Cal. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff • Saints' Roost Museum • All day, Meal served at 5 p.m.

September 28
Hedley ISD Parent-Teacher Night • School Cafeteria • 7 p.m.

October 18 - 22
CC play 'Lia, Cheat, & Genuflect' • Harned Sisters Auditorium.

For more upcoming events, visit the new online community calendar at www.ClarendonOnline.com/quepasa

Community Menus September 18 - 22

Clarendon Schools

Breakfast
Mon: Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Tues: Pancakes, fruit, milk
Wed: Eggs, sausage, fruit, milk
Thur: Oats, cinnamon toast, fruit, milk
Fri: Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk

Lunch
Mon: Ravioli with beef, crackers, green beans, salad, fruit, milk
Tues: Taco salad, beans, rice, pineapple, fruit, milk
Wed: Beef and macaroni, green beans, rolls, fruit, milk
Thur: Pigs in a blanket, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, fruit, milk
Fri: Chicken sandwiches, tater tots, lettuce, tomato, fruit cobbler, milk

Hedley Schools
Breakfast
Mon: Peanut butter, toast and jelly, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk
Tues: Biscuit and gravy, sausage patties, butter and jelly, cereal, juice, milk
Wed: Pancake and syrup, sausage patties, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk
Thur: Breakfast burrito with salsa, cereal, fruit juice, milk
Fri: Sausage rolls, muffins, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk

Lunch
Mon: Beef taco, pinto beans, rice, tossed salad and fruit, cornbread, milk
Tues: Oven fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, salad and fruit, milk
Wed: Pizza, corn, tossed salad, applesauce, bread sticks, milk
Thur: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, broccoli and cheese, salad and fruit, rolls, milk
Fri: Hamburger, tater tots, lettuce and tomato, fruit, cake, milk

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken fried steak, mini baked potato, Harvard beets, carrot and raisin salad, pastries, roll, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Tues: Barbecue pork chops, calico beans, onion rings, macaroni salad, spiced pears, cornbread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Wed: Calfish, hominy casserole, spinach, coleslaw, peach cobbler, hushpuppies, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Thur: Mexican pie on, rice, pinto beans, tossed salad, watermelon, tortilla chips, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Fri: Chicken casserole, fried okra, carrots, three beans, salad, brownies, roll, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Spaghetti and meat sauce, fried okra, carrot and raisin salad, strawberry short cake, garlic toast, milk, tea, coffee
Tues: Steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, English peas, cantaloupe, pumpkin pie, roll, milk, tea, coffee
Wed: Chicken potpie, French fries, tossed salad, apricot cobbler, roll, milk, tea, coffee
Thur: Roast beef, baked potato green beans, cantaloupe, chocolate pudding, roll, milk, tea, coffee
Fri: Beef stew with peas, carrots, tomatoes, potatoes, onion, and celery, macaroni salad, peach cobbler, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee

Clarendon bids farewell to Martin family

September is half over. The first report card from school is only another couple of weeks away. If it doesn't rain, peanut harvest will begin next week. Where did the year go? Any one who has a clue, let the rest of us know.

Football season is off to a terrific start for all levels of Clarendon athletes. Not only did the varsity team win, so did the junior high and the junior varsity, according to my reporters. The injuries so far have not been season-ending (knock on wood), but we do not want any more of them. Hear? Scraped elbows and knees we can live with, but none of that sprain stuff, and broken anything is completely out of the question. Broken fingers can really mess up your key-boarding grade. Take it from one who

made a 'C' in typing back in the pre-historic pre-computer age due to a snow-skiing mishap.

Art Club met Friday out at Betty Sansing's house in the wilds north of town. Lunch was on the veranda—the breeze died down just in time to keep the tablecloths from decorating the mesquites instead of the tables, and it had cooled off enough that it was wonderfully pleasant. Real ladies do eat quiche, also salad with strawberries, pecans and strawberry dressing and little tiny muffins. Afterward, the ladies were treated to a tour of the Sansing's renovated ranch house. It could have been used for one of the sets of "Lonesome Dove," only this house looks much better than any of those. The high roof made for wonderful airy rooms that were decorated



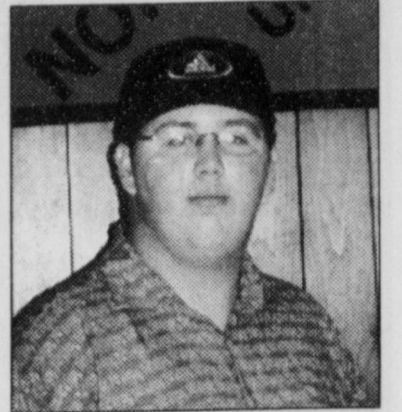
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for comfort as well as beauty. The quilts and heirloom clothing created some covetousness amongst one or two of the guests, but the coveting was quickly quelled.

Sunday, the First Baptist Church of Clarendon held a farewell reception for the Geary Martin family. Geary is going to Perryton to become pastor of a church there, and with the move, the local church is losing not only the music and youth minister but also their pianist and secretary. At the reception, the members presented Geary with a looseleaf Bible and

gave a still-life painting to Tammy as remembrances of their time in Clarendon. This is the last week in school for Chrissy, Bubba, and Justin. They will be missed by many in town.

Clarendon College played their first baseball games in many years at Grayson Community College over the weekend. The Bulldogs went two and two for the weekend, a good outing for the brand new team. Not only that, but they beat the Hill College Rebels, a powerhouse team over the last ten years and the college where Coach Trent Petrie served as assistant before coming to Clarendon. Coach Petrie's ex-boss was apparently not happy. He was proud that Petrie had done so well, but you know how coaches are. None of them like to lose.



Bryan Turvaille

Turvaille attends orientation at NWOSU

Bryan Turvaille, a graduate of Clarendon High School, participated in Freshman Orientation activities at Northwestern Oklahoma State University at the beginning of the fall semester.

University President Tom McDaniel and Alva Mayor Stan Kline greeted the students at a general assembly to start the day. The students learned the "Ride, Rangers, Ride" fight song from the national champion football team, then split into smaller groups to tour the new Wellness Center and learn about campus clubs and activities.



America Santos

Santos completes basic training with US Army

Private America Santos recently completed Army Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, with Company A, 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment.

Private Santos is a 2000 graduate of Clarendon High School. She is the daughter of Ramona Santos of Clarendon and Mike Santos.

Immunization Clinics set in Clarendon, Hedley

An Immunization Clinic offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases is scheduled in Clarendon on September 19, 2000, 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00, at the Texas Department of Health Clinic located inside the Associated Ambulance Authority office at 114 S. Sully Street (across from City Hall). An clinic will be held in Hedley at the school on September 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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

United Christian Men to hold breakfast Thursday

The United Christian Men will meet for breakfast at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 21, at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

The speaker will be Rev. Darrell Burton, pastor of the Martin Baptist Church. Men, please come meet and welcome Rev. Burton to our Christian community.

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Mornings getting cooler but still no rain

The mornings are beginning to be cool, and the air feels damp, not with rain but, I guess, dew. When I walked early Thursday morning, it was nice. I walked a mile in twenty minutes. I happened to meet Jeneda Gay as I started out, and we walked together.

Saturday morning I met J.D. Skaggs riding his bicycle. When I reached McDougal Street, the sun was just creeping over the horizon. As it rose in the sky, you'd have thought I was standing in a shooting gallery. The early morning hunters blasted off at the same time. Shotguns boomed all around me, not so close as to be dangerous, but loud enough to make them seem close.

I can't see how a man can call it sportsman-like to hunt dove. They go and sit beside a pond of water and wait for the birds to come for a drink, then shoot them.

I can sort of understand hunting quail. They at least have the advantage of ground cover and can run and hide.

I'm still wondering when the ground water people are going to seed the clouds and make it rain. I heard someone say that it had been more than seventy days since we'd had any rain, even a sprinkle.

I was down at the ranch house a few days ago, and the lawn had been mowed, but the grass was as yellow as winter. Everything else looked good to me, though. I opened the door, and there was the piano and everything else just like I'd left. I did notice that Keith had been there, and I suppose Guy had stayed there when I was in Amarillo. Someone had slept in his bed and cooked a meal. There's food in the fridge and in the cupboard. An empty soup can



watt's Happening
By Peggy Watt
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was sitting on the cabinet, and a box of crackers had been opened.

Whoever was there, washed the dishes and cleaned up after themselves. I appreciate that. Washing dishes that have been dirty for a month or more isn't exactly my favorite thing to do. Or any dishes that I didn't dirty myself for that matter.

My air conditioner went out last week. I was glad it waited until the nights had cooled off some before doing so. I would have smothered just a few nights earlier. Roger Messer came Friday and installed another one. It was smaller than the old unit, but he said he could fill in the open

space and make it work. I suggested he get a larger unit to put in, and he said that was the size he was told to get. Oh well, as long as he comes back eventually and fills in the open spaces to keep out any creepy crawly things, I guess I can live with it. I don't understand about BTUs and things like that anyway. The difference between 800 and 1200 BTUs is just 400, and how much difference can that make?

Just a few years ago we didn't have air conditioning in the ranch house and didn't notice the heat. With the windows open, any breeze that blew came in and cooled the rooms downstairs. The upstairs might be like an oven though.

There's a litter of baby squirrels across the street. I wonder if there's a season on squirrels. I hope not. I see them scampering around nearly every morning.

Ever play Outdoor Cook-out Olympics?

They are gearing up for the Olympic Games in Australia, but I didn't quite have enough money to hop on down there in person this year. It really doesn't matter though because here at home we have our own smaller version of the Olympics. Sometimes we refer to it as the "Outdoor Cook-Out".

Our Olympic Torch is not held in the hand, but rather built in the square barbecue grill. Anticipation is in the air before the lighting of the ceremonial grill, and a thousand questions fill the minds of those present for the festivities:

"Will Dad use a whole can of Lighter Fluid this time?"

"Will he use enough charcoal to roast a buffalo?"

"Do you think he will set the tree on fire?"

"I wonder if the neighbors will call the fire department this year?"

With a stroke of the match, all questions are answered. It's a whole fluid can year, and it will be at least an hour before the flame dies enough

to cook over it — might as well proceed with the First Event of the evening.

The "Chair Moving" event requires careful planning and ability to calculate air currents. The object of this game is to position your chair where the heat from the grill will not singe your nose hairs, and the smoke won't turn your eyes the shade of a red geranium. This feat is especially difficult to accomplish in the Texas Panhandle, as the wind direction changes relatively every 30 seconds or so.

The Gold Medal Winner of this event is usually Uncle Henry who says, "The heck with this!" and moves his chair inside the house.

The second game of the night is "Wasp Spraying". Each contestant has an opportunity to point a can of Wasp Killing Spray at the stinging stinkers and try to bring them down. This event is very exciting, with some participants able to "shoot and run" at the same time. The uncontested World Champion in this contest (as I



rain or Shine
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understand it) is 96 year old Granny Duffee. Although I didn't witness it myself, I hear that she once shot down 22 wasps and then, cool as a cucumber, destroyed their nest by setting it ablaze with a twisted newspaper which she had set on fire at the ceremonial grill. Those who witnessed this extraordinary display in person reported that it brought tears to the eyes of everyone there.

The Long Jump Event is most often won by children because it involves extreme agility and a large dog. The dog makes deposits in the yard which must then be jumped over by the participants who are playing football-toss. I think children win this one a lot because they really don't care what they step in and are therefore fearless. An adult man did garner a Bronze Medal once. He

Burton Library can satisfy reader interests about US presidents

For readers fascinated by lives of US Presidents' wives, but do not have time to read their complete biographies, Burton Memorial Library offers an excellent book providing portraits of First Ladies from Martha Washington to Nancy Reagan. Surprising facts and unexpected events supply high reading interest. It presents background, marriage, ambitions, and accomplishments (or non-accomplishments) of these remarkably diverse women.

In her book, *First Ladies*, author Betty Boyd Caroli relates "an intimate look at how 36 women handled what may be the most demanding, unpaid, unelected job in America." She conveys the story of the "evolution of the First Lady's role from ceremonial backdrop to substantive world figure."

As Martha Washington stepped ashore in Manhattan that May morning in 1789 with her husband, uncertainty still surrounded the new government's activity. The ritual, ceremonial aspects of the presidency marked the presidential spouse's first public role.

George was the one who hired the household staff and selected guest lists for social functions. Martha, content to play the hostess role, was never requested to do more. Custom required that a gracious lady, regardless of her husband's title, return all

calls of women who left calling cards. Mrs. Washington resolved to return each visit within three days. Her character of meekness never allowed involvement in political debates of the day.

Martha's successor, Abigail Adams, with sharp tongue and strong views, was quite the opposite. Accused of playing politics, she stepped beyond proper bounds for women. Her husband, John, discussed many important problems with her. When those who favored opinionated women desired the President's approval, they occasionally went to his wife first.

Even though a few of the First Ladies were outspoken through the early nineteenth century, most lived a domestic role. Some of them made themselves almost invisible in Washington, pleading poor health and often sending substitutes to preside over social gatherings. Not so with lovely, popular Washington hostess, Dolley Madison, who exerted an unusual influence. During her husband's two terms, she demonstrated "an uncanny ability to use social occasions to his political advantage." She helped the widowed Thomas Jefferson entertain during his presidential term, and unofficially, tutored young White House hostesses. Incidentally, during a White House social function, she introduced ice cream to America.



check it Out
By Mary Beth Nelson

(Aren't we glad?)

Around 1861, Mary Lincoln, Sarah Polk, and Julia Grant instigated a turning point when they willingly obliged reporters and photographers with information and pictures.

At the beginning of the twentieth century, evidence revealed gradual change in the First Lady's job. Separate staffs were hired, and participation in public policy and reform movements began.

After Woodrow Wilson's stroke during his 1915-1921 administration, his wife, Edith, controlled the flow of communication between him and everyone else. She was criticized for exercising a "petticoat government."

Eleanor Roosevelt and Bess Truman were named among the most powerful people in Washington. Until well into the twentieth century, women's campaigning was considered inappropriate, but Rosalyn Carter went out on her own in a quest for Jimmy's votes fourteen months before the 1976 nomination.

Early First Lady hairstyles never made the "Colonial Gazette," but possibly some readers of this article

Senior Citizens to hold benefit burger supper

By Vida O'Neal
The Donley County Senior Citizens will be holding a fundraiser supper in September. On September 14, 2000, we will be having hamburgers that are grilled outdoors with all the trimmings and homemade ice cream served in waffle cones or bowls. So everyone plan on coming to the center and joining us for a wonderful meal.

It's that time of year again. Our 2001 membership drive has begun. Please let us renew your membership to the Donley County Senior Citizens. Just let Tammy, Vida, or our desk clerk know.

The yearly RSVP banquet will be held on September 21, 2000, at the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon. You members be watching for your invitations in the mail for this event. Nova and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program have planned a really nice evening for the members this year so mark September 21 on your calendar. This banquet is in honor of the members of the RSVP program.

All you game players come down on Tuesday nights for fun and refreshments. This is open to anyone wanting to play chicken feet, canasta, or dominoes. You may also bring a game you want to play and teach someone your game.

Our get-well wishes go out to Gladys Sawyer, Marshall Denney, Woodrow Ashcraft, and Ross Hill.

Our condolences go to Clayton Ferris on the loss of his father, Roy Ferris.

Reminders:
Sept. 14: Hearing aide clinic, 10:30-11:00 a.m.; Hamburger fundraiser supper, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Sept. 18, 25: Dance Club, 7 p.m.
Sept. 19: Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
Sept. 19, 26: Game Night, 7 p.m.
Sept. 21: RSVP Banquet
Sept. 26: Birthday/Anniversary Supper, 6 p.m.
Sept. 29: Hall County Hospital Home Health Service Blood Pressure Screening, 10:30-11:30 a.m.



The Clarendon Elementary first grade classes opened the school year with a unit on bears. The students brought their teddy bears to school on Friday, August 25, for the Teddy Bear Tea. Those from Mrs. Gribble's classes who attended the tea were (back) Brody Hermesmyer, Jaimie Vinson, Lora Thornton, Marqueda Gaines, (middle) Kristen Watson, Nathan Dziedzic, Katie Milburn, Shaquille McCampbell, Breigh Garrison, Krista Strange, (front) John Scuito, Cynthia Medina, Jordan Luna, Wesley Williams, Summer Petrie, and Chris Blackburn.



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weather report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec
Mon	4	106°	70°	-
Tues	5	107°	64°	-
Wed	6	108°	64°	-
Thurs	7	104°	67°	-
Fri	8	96°	63°	-
Sat	9	95°	65°	-
Sun	10	99°	67°	-
Total precipitation this month		0.00"		
Total precipitation to date		18.27"		
Total precipitation in Sept. last year		0.00"		
Total YTD total last year		18.27"		

weekend forecast

	Friday, Sept. 15 Partly Cloudy 90° / 60°
	Saturday, Sept. 16 Partly Cloudy 90° / 60°
	Sunday, Sept. 17 Partly Cloudy 92° / 60°

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

Looking Back

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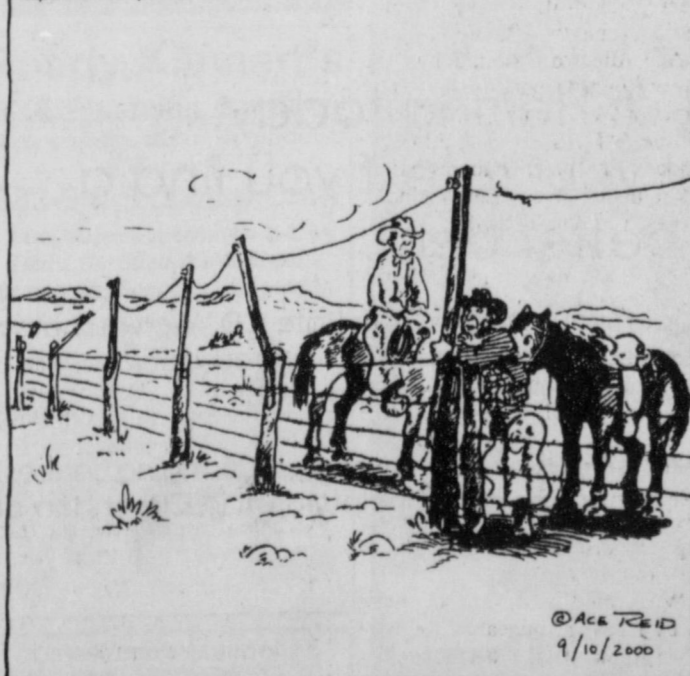


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County prepares to oust bats from building

A two-man team from El Paso started the first phase of abating toxins and bats from the Donley County Courthouse as part of plans to restore the 1890 building.

Luis Acuña of Sun City Analytical, Inc., spent most of Monday pulling samples in the courthouse to be tested for lead paint and asbestos. Acuña and his son Chris also investigated the problem of the bat infestation.

The bats, Acuña said, will present a greater problem than the paint or asbestos, which has been mostly removed already.

"We'll have to discover [the bats'] entry points, their hibernation period, and what species they are," he said. "Many of them will soon be migrating for the winter."

Once the bats have either left or been removed, Acuña said a "super duper" vacuum cleaner will be used to suck the guano out of the building. And to keep the bats out during work on the building, Acuña is suggesting a netting be used that will interfere with the bats' sonar.

Acuña started working at Ft. Bliss in 1982 before he and his family founded Sun City Analytical in 1987. His company oversaw the abatement work during Potter County's restoration of the Santa Fe Building in Amarillo. Sun City also has experience dealing with bats, having removed the flying rodents and their droppings from the barracks at Ft. Hood.

The presence of a large local bat colony can be considered a good thing, according to Acuña.

"It means that there isn't an over-use of pesticides in the area and that the local environment is very clean," he said. "Unfortunately, what the bats leave behind [the guano] is not good for us."

In other courthouse news, the county is finalizing plans to relocate county offices during the restoration.

Justice of the Peace Jimmy Johnson became the first county official to abandon the building last week. His office was relocated to 414 S. Kearney St., south of the US Post Office.

This week, commissioners approved a contract with the Local Housing Authority to rent an apartment at 201 E. Third St. for use by the County Extension Office. Judge Hall plans to deliver the county's deposit

check and signed agreement to the housing authority this week.

Also, the county intends to relocate the probation office to the Courthouse Annex as soon as possible.

Hall also says a team from the county's architect firm, Volz & Associates, will be returning this week to spend several days in the courthouse.

The team will reportedly be looking behind the jury box and pulling up carpet in the district courtroom. They will be trying to solve a mystery as to what was the original layout of the courtroom.

For more information about the \$2.9 million dollar restoration of the courthouse, check our website at www.ClarendonOnline.com and click on the courthouse logo.

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Hedley aldermen consider grant issues

The Hedley Board of Aldermen met in regular session September 7, 2000, at 7:20 p.m.

Colby Waters, project specialist for the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PPRC), said the city needed to arrange a time and date to receive and review proposals for engineering services for the Texas Community Development Program grant. The time was set at 7 p.m. on October 5, 2000.

The board approved a motion to have the mayor, mayor pro-tem, and city administrator act as authorized signatories for the purpose of the grant. The mayor was named as the chief executive officer and the

city's authorized representative for the grant.

A proclamation to designate November as Fair Housing Month in Hedley was tabled.

The board also tabled adoption of a local opportunity plan, appointment of a fair housing/equal opportunity standards officer, appointment of a labor standards officer, and adoption of complaint procedures for the purpose of the community development grant.

The board also tabled adoption of a resolution prohibiting the use of excessive force in non-violent civil rights demonstrations.

Gordon Maddox presented the

1999 - 2000 FY audit report, which was accepted by the council.

The property tax rate for the coming year was set at \$0.29376 per \$100 valuation.

The council considered possible options for the maintenance of city streets. The board voted to look into prices for hiring a maintainer or purchasing a maintainer.

Aldermen considered the appointment of a council member to attend the meeting with BNSF railway at 1 p.m. on September 15 in the Hedley City Hall. It was decided that the meeting should be posted as a public meeting to allow all aldermen to attend.

Constable:

Continued from page one.

Another issue is where the money will come from to fund another constable in the county.

The commissioners' court this week approved \$28,083.98 for the constable of Precincts 3&4 in the fiscal 2001 budget, but Judge Hall said there is no provision for a constable in Precincts 1&2.

Swinney said the county should have planned to fund the office.

"They've known for three months that I was going to do this, but they chose not to believe it," he said. "Now they've got a problem."

Judge Johnson says a constable could be an asset to his office.

"I feel like if there was a constable, it would be beneficial and could relieve the sheriff's office," Johnson said. "But I am not campaigning for or against the position. That's up to the citizens to decide."

Swinney is US Navy veteran and is the head of the local VFW post. He says he is a certified peace officer and was with the Amarillo Police Department from 1966 to 1970.

Since Swinney is the only candidate for the constable's office, he will be elected if he receives just one vote in the general election this November.

THC plans local government conference

BEAUMONT - The Texas Historical Commission (THC) will co-sponsor the 2000 Certified Local Government (CLG) Conference and Training Workshop October 12-14 at the Holiday Inn, Beaumont Plaza in Beaumont.


CLGs are counties or municipalities that have applied to the THC to create a cooperative relationship for historic preservation purposes. CLG status allows communities to apply for designated grants and receive technical assistance with preservation projects from THC professionals.

Each year the THC teams with a CLG to host the conference and training workshop. This year's conference theme is "Heritage Tourism: Laissez Les Bon Temps Reouler" (Let the Good Times Roll) and will feature two panels highlighting Texans who have successfully implemented heritage tourism initiatives in their communities.

Other activities include a dinner at the McFaddin-Ward House Museum, a tour of the David French House Museum, barbecue at Gladys City Boom Town, and a morning walking tour of downtown Beaumont.

For more information, please contact Bratten Thomason, Community Heritage Development Division, Texas Historical Commission, 512-463-5997.

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Broncs defeat Claude, 34-14

By Sandy Anderberg

The Bronco Football team is starting out just like they said they would with a 34-14 win over the Claude Mustangs Friday night.

"We were very pleased with the overall performance of the team," said Coach Roger Hoeltzel. "They executed very well."

The Broncos took an early lead on a 58-yard pass from quarterback Colt Floyd to Josh Williams. GJ Martindale kicked the extra point. The Broncos kept things rolling in the first quarter with a 44-yard run by senior Dee Thompson.

Clarendon scored again in the 2nd quarter on a 17-yard run by Martindale. The PAT failed making the score 19-0.

Claude then answered back with a touchdown before halftime on a 10-yard quarterback run. Claude then took advantage of a Bronco mistake and took it into the end zone again, making the score at half time 19-14.

"The guys kind of let down in the 2nd quarter," said Hoeltzel. "At half time we talked about playing hard every snap and staying consistent." Consistency is something the Broncos have worked hard at in practice.

The Broncos came out playing hard in the third quarter.

"We were very pleased with the team and how they fixed the problems that we had right before half." "They did an excellent job of exe-

cuting," said Hoeltzel. The Bronco offense controlled the ball in the 4th quarter, scoring twice. The first of them came on a 59-yard pass from Floyd to Sam Holton. The 2-point conversion by Dee Thompson was good. The final touchdown was a 16-yard run by quarterback Colt Floyd. The PAT by Martindale was good, putting the game out of reach.

Total yards by the Broncos were 419, compared to only 179 yards by the Mustangs.

"It was a very physical game," said Hoeltzel. "We had a couple of knee injuries, but our guys pulled together and filled the spots."

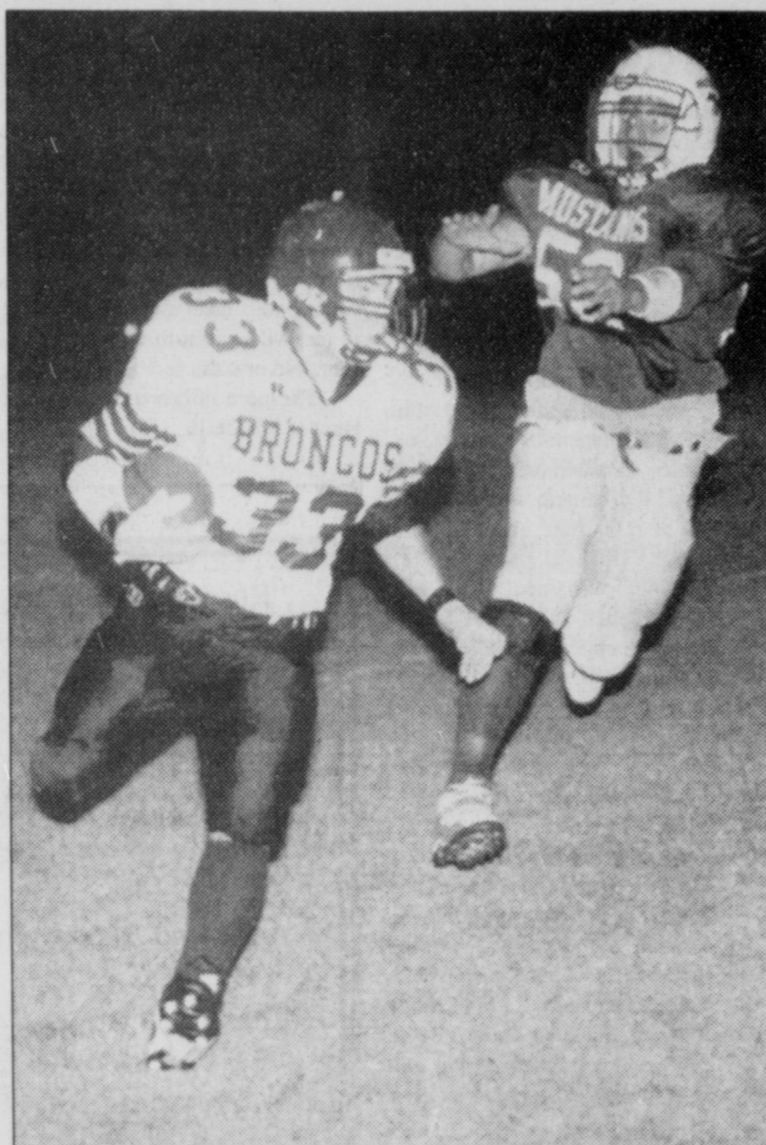
The Broncos held Claude to only 48 yards in the air. Floyd was 8/14 passing, with one interception, for a total of 162 yards.

Next Friday night the Broncos face the Irish of Shamrock in Bronco Stadium.

"We'll stay with our offense of mixing the run and pass together," said Hoeltzel. "We'll also work on bringing the number of penalties down."

"Shamrock runs the Wing T offense, and it's tough to defend." The Broncos' strategy will be to keep the defense off the field as much as possible. They will try to maintain their offense and stay consistent.

Let's get behind the Broncos Friday night as they continue their quest for a spot in the play-offs and fulfill their "December" goal!



Clarendon's Dee Thompson dodges a Mustang during last week's game with Claude. The Broncos look to build on their first win of the season when they take on Shamrock in Bronco Stadium this Friday night.

Enterprise Photo

Bronco Booster Club to hold Tailgate Party

The Bronco Booster Club will hold a Tailgate Party Friday, Sept. 15, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Clarendon High School east parking lot.

The club will serve hamburgers, chips, brownies and cookies, and tea for \$5.00 per plate. Take-outs are welcome. Come out and support the Broncos to a victory over Shamrock.

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Clarendon	13	6	15	34	

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Claude	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Claude	14			14

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2nd quarter: 17-yard run G.J. Martindale. G.J. Martindale PAT failed.

3rd quarter: 59-yard C. Floyd pass to S. Holton. D. Thompson 2-pt PAT good. 16-yard run C. Floyd. G.J. Martindale PAT good.

Claude:
1st quarter: 10-yard Herring run.
2nd quarter: 15-yard Herring pass to Edelman. PAT good.

3rd quarter:
4th quarter:

Country Club holds Ladies' Tournament

The Clarendon Country recently held a Ladies' Championship Tournament. Wanda Nazworth was named champion with a total score of 155. Billie Chauveaux was named the senior champion with a total score of 136.

Maxine McLaughlin had the low net for the Championship Flight with a score of 136, and Quida Gage was second in the low gross with 137.

First Flight winners were Susie Dale - Low Gross, 167; Gail Leathers, Low Net, 127; and Betty McCutchen, second Low Gross, 171.

Second Flight winners were Billie Chauveaux, Low Gross, 184; Diana Esch, Low net, 139; and Jean Baten, second Low Gross, 196.

Trent Mooring and Ruth Jackson won the Herring National Bank Longest Putt awards.

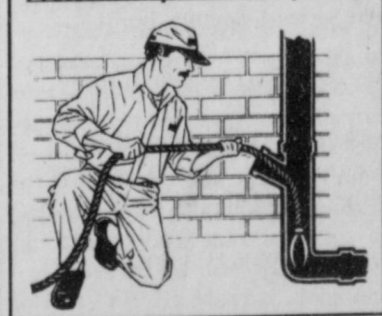
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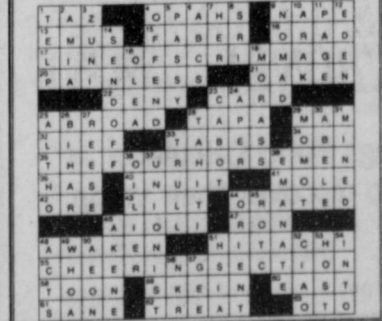
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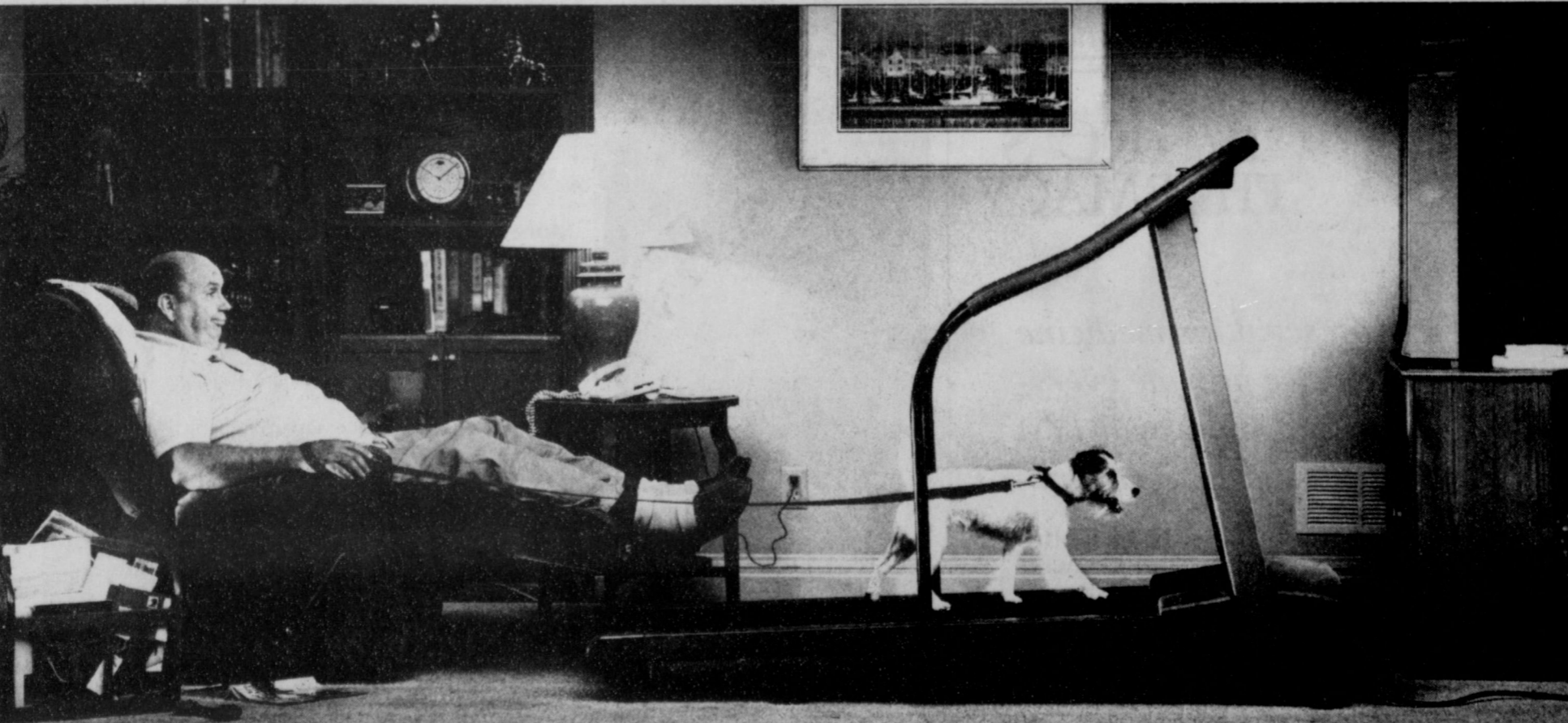
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Dove season looking good in Panhandle

I guess by now everyone has gone dove hunting at least once, some two or three times, and should have a few birds in the freezer. This has been a good year for dove in our Panhandle counties. I have friends in Canyon, Stinnett, Borger, Pampa, and Tulia, and everyone is getting their share of dove.

Dove are mostly migratory birds, but there are a lot of dove that call the Texas Panhandle home, as well as the state in general. This year, believe it or not, we had rain at the most crucial time for dove and all wild game. We had a lot of dove nests and have had a good hatch right here in Texas. And with the migration moving south, the combination has meant many dove.

This year would be a good year for the young hunters to go out with Dad or Grandpa for learning experiences with dove. And if they can shoot some of these flying experts of the sky, quail season is just around the corner and much easier to shoot, if you can find them.

I have seen numbers of quail, turkey, and deer. This should be just a great all around hunting year. So, if you can, try to get your wife and kids out for a great hunt.

Fishing News

The fishing is still slow at Lake Greenbelt. There are a few sand bass



outdoor Life

By Gary Dziedzic

biting, but everything else is slow. And the bass fishing is really slow. There are a lot of little bass biting, but the keepers are buried up somewhere safe. Lake Greenbelt has had many bass tournaments this year. I think the bass have seen every lure ever made. These bass seem to get smarter after they have been caught once or twice.

The Donley County Bass Club had a tournament at Lake Greenbelt this past Saturday along with two other bass clubs. With all the fishing pressure, the bass were not very cooperative.

Results from the Donley County Bass Club were Curtis Schaeffer winning first place with three keeper bass. Curtis also won Big Bass honors. He used a buzzbait and crankbaits to catch his winning total.

I came in second place with three bass. I caught one fish on a buzzbait early, and then I landed the other two later on a salt craw.

Bill Mooring won third place with two bass. Bill caught his fish on crankbaits. Earlier in the week, Bill

caught a bass weighing nearly 7 lbs. I bet he wished he could have caught that bass during the tournament, but it seems like that's the way it always goes. You catch them pre-fishing; then during the tournament, they hide.

Congrats to the top three places and everyone else who braved the heat!

There will be a Mel Phillips' Fun Fishing Tournament Saturday, September 16. This will be a "Moonlight Madness" tournament with the hours starting at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 10:00 p.m. This will also be the last Fun Fishing Tournament of the year at Lake Greenbelt unless Mel decides to have the championship here, which would suit me just fine. Last year I placed third in the championship. I hope to see all of my fellow Donley County bass fishermen out there. Good luck to all!

Fishing Tip of the Week:

Go dove hunting. Ha ha ha!

If you have any information on outdoor activities that you would like to share, please contact me at P.O. Box 1281, Clarendon, TX 79226, or e-mail me at gdol@nts-online.net.

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

Hunter Safety Course offered in Clarendon

A Hunter Safety Course will be offered in Clarendon September 19 at 6:00 p.m. and September 23 at 8:00 a.m. at Clarendon College.

Cost to attend the class is \$10.00. Instructor is Gerald Chapman of Amarillo.

Hunters must attend both classes to receive certification. Must be 12 years old or older to attend.

For more information, call Gary Hunt at 874-2631.

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Lady Bulldogs still looking for first win

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Bulldog Volleyball team played Garden City Community College at Frank Phillips in Borger September 4.

After a hard fought first match, the Lady Bulldogs fell 10-15, 0-15, and 4-15.

Poor serving and 23 service return errors hurt the Lady Bulldogs' effort to win the match.

Freshman Brandi Cornelius led all kills with 3. Laquisha Washing-

ton, Shelly Miller and Lynde Peterson each added 2 kills at the net. Cecilia Moreno and Miller had 5 assists.

On September 6 the Lady Bulldogs hosted Redlands and Lamar Community Colleges.

Fighting the suffocating heat inside the Bulldog gymnasium, the Lady Bulldogs played hard and were a definite threat to the ladies from Redlands.

Playing harder than the 8-15, 15-13, and 5-15 score revealed, Ceci-

lia Moreno and Cassie Vaughn led in kills with 3 apiece. Brandi Cornelius and Laquisha Washington added 2 kills and 1 kill, respectively. Blocking was improved with Washington contributing 2.

Four aces improved the serving percentage for the Lady Bulldogs who only missed 8 serves the entire match.

Topping off the night was a match with Lamar Community College. The Lady Bulldogs lost in two

sets 2-15 and 10-15. A low serving percentage hurt the Lady Bulldogs in their attempt to get their first win.

Never giving up, the number of kills continued to be high with the 5'3" Moreno leading all hitters with 7 kills. Washington added 2 aces and Moreno had 5 assists.

The Lady Bulldogs will be in action September 15 and 16 in the Vernon Regional Junior College Classic and play New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, September 18.

JV Bronco squad wins season opener against Panhandle

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos played hard and were victorious against Panhandle Thursday night on the Panther field. A game ending goal-line stand resulted in a 14-12 win for the Broncos.

Despite three key turnovers inside the 30 yard line, and one of which was inside the 15 yard line, the Broncos managed to pull together and defeat the Panthers.

After a touchdown by the Panthers, freshman Dusty Martindale scored on a 75-yard kick-off return for the Broncos. The Broncos scored again on an interception by Martindale who advanced the ball 60 yards for Clarendon's next score. A Todd Hoeltzel pass to Cameron Word added the 2-point conversion. With only seconds left in the game, Panhandle scored again, but Clarendon's defense stopped the PAT making the final score 14-12.

Other key plays were made by Micah Sparks, who recovered a fumble, and Jacob Mondragon, who had several good runs. Tough defense was played by Eric Pitts, Chris Fobbs, Jake Bennett, Chuck Robertson, and Taylor Shelton to stop the run. Todd Hoeltzel, Jarad Lax, Drew Sell, Judge Smith, Orlando Brown, and Adam Leeper teamed to stop the pass.

The Junior Varsity will be in action against the Highland Park Hornets Thursday night after the Jr. High game.

Seventh, eighth grade Colts beat Panhandle

By Sandy Anderberg

The Colt football team started their 2000 season with a 28-14 romp over long-time rival Panhandle.

Due to low numbers in both grades, the teams are combined again this year.

After allowing the Panthers to get the first score of the game, the Colts quickly answered with a score of their own. Scottie Willis ran up the middle for a 60-yard touchdown. The coaches felt the offense played really well. "It's the first game of the year," said Coach Towner. "We were very pleased with the way everyone performed."

The defense played well, also. In the final seconds of the game Will Betts intercepted a Panther pass, destroying any hope the Panthers had to come back and win the game.

The Jr. High Colt football team will continue to work hard and be ready to face Highland Park Thursday, September 14, at Bronco Stadium.

Lady Colts Cross Country Team Runs Practice Meet

By Sandy Anderberg

The seventh and eighth grade Lady Colts ran a practice meet Saturday in Plainview.

Official times were not kept, so no places were given. The girls have been working hard this fall on conditioning and preparing mentally for the 2-mile runs. Coach Kathy Barton had given the girls the option of running early in the mornings because of the extreme heat of the afternoons.

Times for the meet were: Haley Shelton 17:17, Melanie Johnson 18:18, Jessie Anderberg 18:24, Meghan Gribble 18:27, Shanna Shelton 18:31, and Claudia Thomas 21:39. April Ballard also ran the meet, but her time was not available.

The Lady Colts will run in the White Deer meet on September 16.

Lady Bronco cross country season begins

By Sandy Anderberg

Despite the horrible heat, the Lady Broncos have been practicing hard for the 2000 cross-country season.

They traveled to Plainview Saturday to run in their first cross-country meet of the season. Competing against over 400 runners, the JV and Varsity squads did a great job on the two-mile course.

Running for the Lady Broncos

on the JV team were Shannon Cooper with a time of 18:18, Sarah Ray 18:50, Tamara Biodine 18:35, and Brittany Hall 19:09. Running for the Varsity against 350 other runners were: April Bryley who placed 58th with a time of 16:00; Christine Holden, 79th with a time of 16:20; Lacey Eads 109th with a time of 16:27; Kelley Lemley 116th with a time of 16:35; Lydia Hartman 119th with a time of 16:41; Brandi Betts 139th with a time of

17:05; and Claire Rodriguez 147th with a time of 17:25.

Considering the layout of the course and the fact that it was the first meet of the season, the times were very good, according to Coach Barton.

"The girls have worked really hard and did very good for the first meet," said Barton.

The next cross-country meet will be next Saturday at White Deer.

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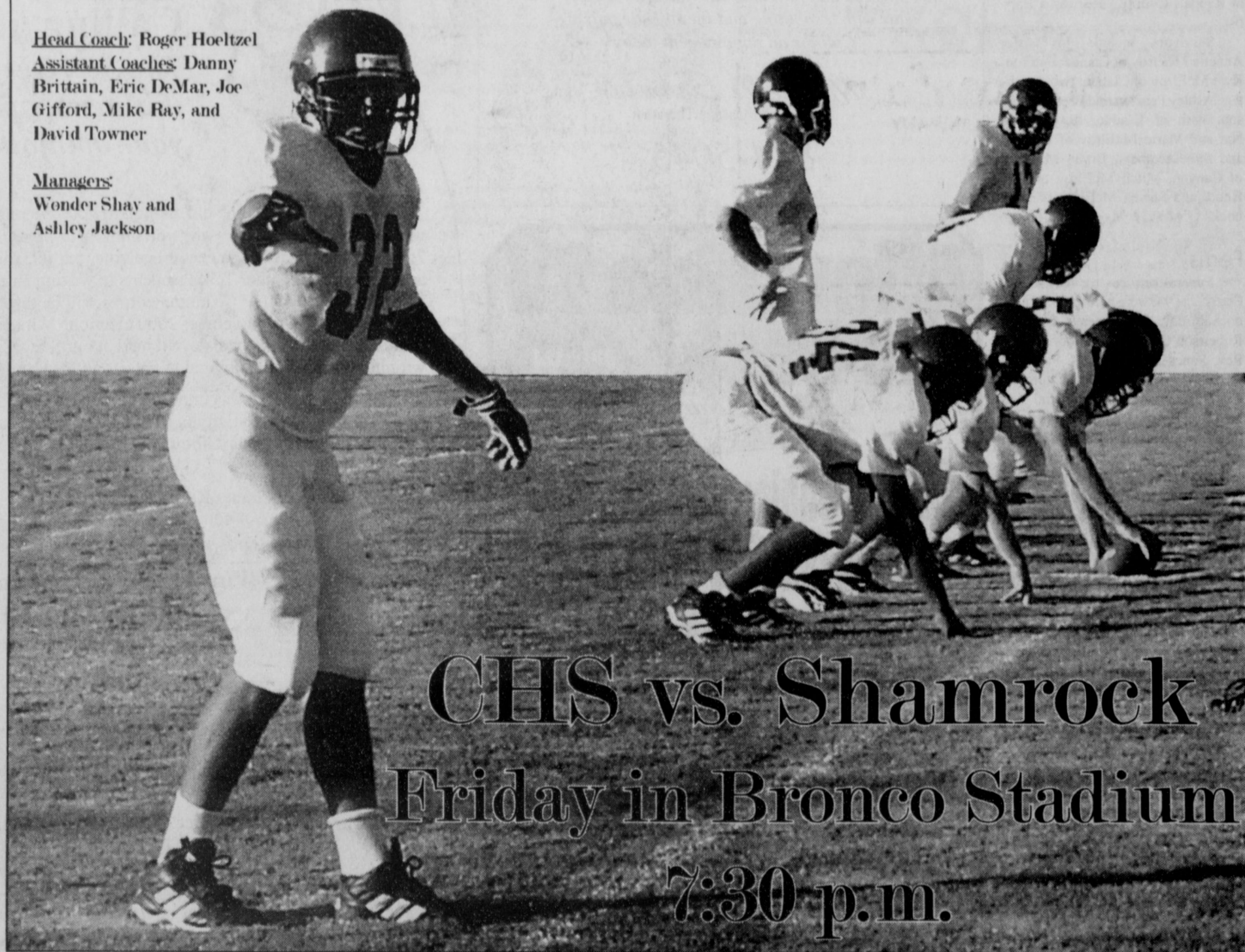
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58	Brian Thompson	Jr.	OL/LB
60	Nathan Floyd	Sr.	OL/DL
62	Robbie Bradley	Sr.	OL/DL
65	Nickless Devin	Sr.	OL/LB
66	Tyler Lane	Sr.	OL/DL
72	Aaron Kidd	Sr.	OL/LB
73	James Williams	Soph.	OL/DL
75	Michael McFarland	Sr.	OL/DL
77	Tim McKinney	Sr.	OL/DL
86	Jared Hartman	Sr.	TE/DL
89	Sam Holton	Sr.	TE/DL

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VFW to hold POW/MIA services at Bronco Stadium

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These veterans will remind the fans, spectators, and citizens that more than 89,000 Americans have never returned from our nation's wars.

Friday is National POW/MIA

Remembrance Day throughout the world, and services like these will be performed throughout our country. The VFW is asking that all citizens of Donley County remember those who never returned, those who may still be alive, and especially those families who still have no closure with respect to their loved ones. The veterans of Donley County will never forget those who are missing or held

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The Lion's Tale
By Allen Estlack

Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting August 12 with Boss Lion Stan Lefew in charge. We had 15 members and one guest.

Our guest was Russell Estlack, guest of Lion Allen Estlack.

The tickets were passed out for the Lions Pancake Supper. All present were given ten tickets to sell or buy. All members not present were recommended to be given 20 tickets.

A successful football season was started last weekend with three teams winning. The college baseball team began their fall season last week with a tournament and won two games and lost two games.

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Herring National Bank recently promoted four of their employees. Gail Edes, Debbie Hamilton, and Janan Koontz were promoted to Assistant Vice President. Mike Graham was promoted to Vice President.

Donley County Domestic Violence Council holds meeting

The Donley County Domestic Violence Council conducted their meeting on August 31, 2000, in the conference room of Judge Jack Hall's office.

Kari Wilson and Nita Mize, caseworkers with Child Protective Services presented an educational program concerning their services. Included in the information was the criteria that CPS uses when opening a case involving the alleged abuse of a child and the steps that are taken

to reunite families who have had children removed from their care.

Carol McDaniel, from the office of the Attorney General, Crime Victim Division, also attended the meeting and presented information about the benefits crime victims can apply for through the Attorney General's office.

Those attending were Randal Sims, District Attorney; Hattie Sanderson, Crime Victims Coordinator; Ann Hamilton, Outreach Coordina-

tor for Tralee Crisis Center; Judge Jack Hall; Ann Kennedy, Justice of the Peace; and John Taylor, School Counselor for Clarendon CISD.

The function of the council is to establish a network system between the criminal justice system, victim advocates, and the social service providers within the community to insure a coordinated response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other victims of crime.

Obituaries

McElroy

Graveside services for Gordon Wade McElroy, age 36, were held on Saturday, September 9, 2000, in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon with Rev. Bill Hodges, Pastor of the Clarendon Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Burial was held in Citizens Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc.

Mr. McElroy died Wednesday, September 6, 2000, in Claude. He was born August 21, 1964 in Memphis and was a resident of Armstrong County all of his life. He had served in the US Marine Corp. He married Evelyn Annette Mathews on February 12, 1992, in Waco. He was a farmer and rancher most of his life, and was employed by Durrett Farms in Randall County. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Annette McElroy of Claude; one son, Kyle McElroy of Claude; two daughters, Ashley Pearson and Brenda Pearson, both of Claude; his parents, Nat and Marie McElroy of Claude; and three brothers, Bryan McElroy of Canyon, Mitch McElroy of Fort Hood, and Steven McElroy of Lubbock.

Ferris

Funeral services for Roy Henry Ferris, age 94, were held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 9, 2000, in Robertson Chapel of Memories with Rev. James Ivey Edwards, Pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon, officiating. Burial was held in Citizens Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc.

Mr. Ferris died Tuesday, September 5, 2000, in Clarendon. He was born May 2, 1906, in Navajo Indian Territory (Oklahoma). He moved from Jackson County, Oklahoma, to Clarendon in 1935. He married Clara Annie Roe on February 5, 1928, at Altus, Oklahoma. She preceded him in death on October 5, 1987. He had been a farmer most of his life and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon.

Survivors include one son, Clayton Ferris of Clarendon; and a brother, Bill Ferris of Highland, California.

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RENT: Large nice two bedroom house with 2-car garage and basement. \$400 per month plus deposit. 712 Goodnight. Call 806-867-3016. 35-ctfc

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GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE: 416 S. McLean. Saturday, September 16, 8:00-? 38-1tp

GARAGE SALE: Medical equipment and miscellaneous. Panhandle Road and Field Service, Hwy. 287 West of Clarendon. Saturday, 8:00-? 38-1tp

BIG YARD SALE: September 14, 15, and 16. 608 Fredrick in Howardwick. Recliner, vacuum cleaner, desk, bicycle, garden and shop tools, tires, cross ties, cedar posts, windmill, metal van, trailer house, clothes, lots of misc. 874-3689. 38-1tp

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SPECIALS OF THE WEEK
EXCELLENT LOCATION BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE - Nice 3 bedroom brick with 2 baths, living, kitchen/dining/den, utility, central heat & ref. air, carport, fenced backyard at 1005 W. 3rd St. for \$57,000.
GREENBELT - Lease lot #7 west side of lake, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, kitchen/dining, living/den, attached double garage, central heat & ref. air, view of lake from patio for \$32,000. REDUCED TO \$28,000.
CLARENDON - ALL GRASS - section with one mile frontage on paved farm-to-market road only three miles from Clarendon. Good grass - has been rested during winter, 2 windmills with tubs, 2 dirt tanks, nice view, electricity available. Suitable to operate as/is or to sub-divide, good buy at \$265 per acre.
LELIA LAKE - 116.45 acres of excellent grass - will run 16 to 20 cow units, well with sub. pump, barn, corral, good fences, lots of trees, quail & deer frequent the place, county road on two sides. The perfect little ranchette, reasonably priced at \$385.00 per acre.
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CLARENDON

- 601 W. 6th St. (corner of 6th & Ellerbe), brick, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 1/2 baths, 2 living areas, 2 kitchens, fireplace, CH/A, basement, approx. 3,659 sq. ft., 2 car garage, fenced pool, much, much more. Appointment only. \$120,000
- 605 McLean St., brick, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, C H/A, approx. 1,450 sq. ft. + 440 sq. ft. in attached 2 car garage. Extra nice and clean. \$67,500. \$65,000
- 601 W. 7th St., stucco, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, central heat & air, recently remodeled. \$60,000
- Commercial building on Hwy. 287, CH&A, two lots, carport. \$90,000. \$27,500
- 620 S. McLean St. Stucco, nice and clean, two bedroom, one bath, metal carport, 3 & 1/2 lots on corner. \$90,000. \$27,000

GREENBELT LAKE

- Lot 106 (lease lot) with furnished mobile home. Excellent. \$25,000. \$22,500

CHILDRESS COUNTY

- 1,204 acres (158 CRP at \$38 for 9 yrs.), two tanks - live water. \$250.

BRISCOE COUNTY

- 1254 acres, 5 dirt tanks. Excellent hunting. \$250.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

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District: Amarillo
Contract 0090-03-050 for SEAL COAT in OLDHAM County, etc., will be opened on October 4, 2000, at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available at reproduction companies in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the contractor.
NPO:1319

State Office: Construction Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704, phone: 512-416-2540.

District Office(s): Amarillo District, District Engineer, 5715 Canyon Dr., Amarillo, TX 79110, Phone: 806-356-3283.

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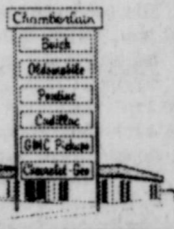
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OWNER RELOCATING - MUST SELL nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath, central heat and air, carport on 1 1/2 lots at 613 Browning St. for \$38,500.

MAJOR PRICE REDUCTION - Custom designed 2 bedroom, 2 full baths with marble sinks & skylights, living/dining/den, fireplace with blower, large utility, built in computer desk, central heat & ref. air, recessed fans & lighting, storm cellar, carport, PLUS gas, electricity, & water hookup for RV - or mobile home, all of 3 lots enclosed with chain link fence at 711 E. 3rd for \$75,000. REDUCED TO \$60,000.

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

ONE BLOCK FROM HIGH SCHOOL - 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, living, kitchen, dining, basement, 1-car attached garage, central heat at 1108 W. 5th St. for \$22,500. REDUCED TO \$18,000. **SOLD**

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

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

CLARENDON-FARM - 271 ACRES 9 MILES S/E of Clarendon - 173.8 acres in CRP at \$33.00 with 8 years remaining (\$5,735.00 annual payment), 1 domestic well, frontage on large major ranch provides unobstructed view for building site and makes this a favored feeding ground for deer and quail, offered at \$400 per acre.

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

480 ACRES - between Goodnight and Ashtola, 228 acres grass, 252 acres cultivated in wheat, large metal barn with concrete floor, domestic well, productive caliche pit, owner in possession - could give immediate possession for \$325.00 per acre.

GOODNIGHT - OWNER HAS RELOCATED TO ANOTHER STATE AND REDUCED PRICE - 30 ACRES, 116.45 acres, all grass, 2 bedroom house with living, den, 1 bathroom, utility, kitchen/dining, new wiring, central heat, domestic well, attached 3 carport, lots of trees, storage van, port for 5th wheel or mobile home, concrete cellar on hard surface road for \$55,850. REDUCED TO \$49,700. **SOLD**

GOODNIGHT - 1000 acres, 3 bedroom house with 1 bath, kitchen, dining, living/den with wood burning stove, utility, screened in porch, almost new metal roof, domestic well with pressure system - barn with 5 stalls, saddle room, feed house, hay loft, and drive through alley -- arena with boxes and lights for \$130,000.

CLAUDE - 327.5 acres total - 153.9 acres in CRP for 8 more years with \$5,986 annual payment, 50 acres in cultivation, balance native grass, 6" irrigation well with motor, 1/4 mi. underground 10" high pressure line, domestic well with sub. pump, older house in need of repair for \$450.00 per acre. REDUCED TO \$385.00 PER ACRE.

LELIA LAKE - 116.45 acres of excellent grass - will run 16 to 20 cow units, well with sub. pump, barn, corral, good fences, lots of trees, quail and deer frequent the place, county road on two sides - the perfect little ranchette, reasonably priced at \$385.00 per acre.

LELIA LAKE - 5 1/2 acres on pavement, remodeled 3 bedroom, 1 bath, large living/den, kitchen, central heat & ref. air, screened in porch full length on two sides of house, unattached 2-car garage, oversized concrete cellar, large weathered but usable barn with loft, well with jet pump, many fruit, nut and shade trees. Great buy at \$63,000.

LELIA LAKE - 2 ACRE +/- beautifully landscaped and decorated, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths (full, 3/4, & 1/2), large kitchen/dining, den with fireplace, living, sun room with bricked grill, double garage, 2-car port, brick, shakes, central heat & air, dust stopper doors & windows, well, fenced yard, shop & storage building, dog kennel with 6 runs, numerous shade & fruit trees - and more - must see to appreciate. Owner relocating; price REDUCED TO \$89,900.00. (Below appraisal)

LELIA LAKE - Four miles south, ten acres and nice brick house with 3 bedrooms, 3 baths (full, 3/4, & 1/2), country kitchen, large living room, cellar, barn, and fruit trees, one mile off hard surface road for \$70,000. Occupied, shown by appointment.

GREENBELT - Country Club Central Section, split-level, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, living/den/kitchen, wood burner fireplace, central heat, full length enclosed porch, garage/shop at #6 Dawn Drive for \$36,000. REDUCED TO \$33,500.

GREENBELT - Lease lot #7 west side of lake, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, kitchen/dining, living/den, attached double garage, central heat & ref. air, view of lake from patio for \$32,000. REDUCED TO \$28,000.

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

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Sheriff's Report:

Stray cats overrun Fifth Street resident's yard

Sept. 4
 12:08 a.m. - Caller at lake reported three juvenile females 11, 12, and 13 years of age missing from a private dock. They were reported getting on a boat. No description.
 12:14 a.m. - Greenbelt Security advised of report.
 12:39 a.m. - Constable reported open building 100 block S. Sully. Unable to locate owner. Secured building, will contact owner ASAP.
 1:23 a.m. - Constable en route to sheriff's office with one in custody.
 1:26 a.m. - Caller reported loud music and voices in park.
 1:28 a.m. - Greenbelt Security advised.
 2:06 a.m. - Greenbelt Security reported that the music had been lowered.
 3:48 a.m. - Alarm 900 block W. 2nd. Man notified.
 3:56 a.m. - Deputy advised all secure at above location.
 4:22 a.m. - Truck driver reported vehicle refusing to dim headlights. Has been on since Christmas.
 4:30 a.m. - Deputy out with above vehicle.
 8:31 a.m. - Caller reported his vehicle disabled in front of business 800 block W. 2nd. Can't pick up until next Friday. Advised he should have it towed to a more secure location.
 4:02 p.m. - Mobile caller reported driver harassing her. Now driving through Clarendon.
 4:14 p.m. - DPS out with harassing vehicle.
 5:21 p.m. - Greenbelt Security notified of call of possible intoxicated driver near Sandy Beach. Came close to striking another boat.
Sept. 5
 12:18 a.m. - Childress County notified dispatch of disabled vehicle just west of Memphis on US 287 at westbound roadside park. Have deputy check on them.
 12:26 a.m. - 911 call. Clerk at convenience store reported being threatened by patron on more than one occasion. Would like to speak with the deputy.
 12:29 a.m. - Deputy out at US 287 at S. Taylor.
 12:38 a.m. - Deputy en route to roadside park to check on stranded motorist.
 1:03 a.m. - Dispatch contacted wrecker out of Amarillo to pick up vehicle and occupants at roadside park.
 2:12 a.m. - Rural Clarendon resident reported power outage.
 2:29 a.m. - Second call about power outage in Hedley. Notified Greenbelt Electric.
 2:45 a.m. - Howardwick resident reported power out and she has seen a male figure outside her residence. Also in the empty lot next door.
 2:48 a.m. - Greenbelt Electric serviceman reported all power restored.
 2:55 a.m. - Deputy at Howardwick out of vehicle with two males on foot.
 2:58 a.m. - Back in vehicle.
 3:21 a.m. - Deputy spoke with Howardwick resident, found no other persons in the area.
 6:42 a.m. - Hall County sheriff's office reported major accident westbound US 287 between Hedley and Clarendon. Trooper already notified.
 6:42 a.m. - Ambulance and fire department paged. Deputy en route.
 6:46 a.m. - Mobile caller advised accident near feedlot turn off and US 287. Victim out walking around. Vehicle vs. cow.
 6:52 a.m. - Deputy on the scene.
 6:58 a.m. - Fire department on the scene.
 7:00 a.m. - Ambulance on the scene.
 7:03 a.m. - Dispatched wrecker to accident.
 7:05 a.m. - Contacted feedlot. Will have manager go to accident location.
 7:12 a.m. - DPS on the scene.
 7:24 a.m. - Ambulance returned to station. No transport.
 8:44 a.m. - Animal control officer at sheriff's office picking up a stray dog.
 10:14 a.m. - West 5th resident has backyard full of stray cats. Will animal control set out traps?
 11:42 a.m. - Ambulance paged to 800 block S. Johns.
 11:49 a.m. - Need deputy to assist at S. Johns.

11:55 a.m. - Ambulance paged to 700 block W. 5th.
 12:27 p.m. - Ambulance transporting from W. 5th to BSA.
 12:34 p.m. - No transport from S. Johns.
 12:46 p.m. - 911 call. No response. Busy on call back. Deputy dispatched.
 12:51 p.m. - Deputy out 600 block W. 3rd.
 12:57 p.m. - Deputy en route with one male in custody.
 4:22 p.m. - Ambulance and fire department paged. Single vehicle rollover west of Clarendon US 287.
 4:25 p.m. - DPS en route.
 4:28 p.m. - Deputy on scene returning emergency vehicle and personnel. No vehicle involved. Trailer on its side.
 4:31 p.m. - County attorney to sheriff's office to issue protective order. Female will need deputy to escort her to her residence.
 4:33 p.m. - Trooper reports not an accident. No damage.
 9:13 p.m. - Ambulance paged to N. Sully.
 9:21 p.m. - Hedley resident reported her vehicle shot four or five times with a BB gun. Advised to come to sheriff's office to file a report.
 11:30 p.m. - Deputy to do welfare check southeast of town.

Sept. 6
 6:50 a.m. - Two older males reported at high school parking lot.
 7:12 a.m. - Deputy advised subjects are college students to use weight room at high school.
 9:32 a.m. - Caller reported vehicle all over the roadway. Description given to deputy.
 11:47 a.m. - Deputy out of vehicle.
 1:01 p.m. - Animal control officer dispatched to 500 block W. 5th. Skunks in the yard.
 3:23 p.m. - Grass fire 500 S. Jefferson. Two yards involved.
 3:23 p.m. - Fire department and ambulance dispatched.
 3:24 p.m. - Deputy at fire location.
 3:34 p.m. - Fire department has dispatch contact WTU and cable company.
 3:36 p.m. - Made contact with utility company. No contact with cable company.
 3:47 p.m. - Still no contact with cable company.
 5:56 p.m. - Deputy out 700 block Main in Hedley.
 6:31 p.m. - Warehouse open. Owner contacted.
 10:42 p.m. - Caller reported being threatened.
 10:47 p.m. - Deputy out 200 block S. Parks.

Sept. 7
 12:19 a.m. - Deputy back out 200 block S. Parks.
 12:40 a.m. - Deputy in sheriff's office to speak with male subject.
 4:36 a.m. - Mobile call. No response. Answered on call back. Misclial.

5:02 a.m. - Caller reported semi moving van just flew by westbound US 287.
 5:09 a.m. - Deputy out with driver of moving van.
 12:58 p.m. - Mobile caller reported male subject walking eastbound US 287 toward Clarendon. Has walked into traffic lane.
 1:00 p.m. - Locked vehicle at Clarendon College.
 4:32 p.m. - Deputy called to deal with bats in the courthouse.
 7:40 p.m. - Caller reported dog stolen 300 block Park street in Howardwick.
 8:06 p.m. - Dog located in Howardwick.
 8:24 p.m. - Ambulance, fire department, DPS, and constable paged to accident one mile north of Hedley FM 203.
 8:33 p.m. - Hedley fire department on scene.
 8:34 p.m. - All emergency units returning to base.
 8:53 p.m. - Deputy out 100 block E. Martindale.
 9:02 p.m. - Wrecker dispatched to accident FM 203 in Hedley.
 11:48 p.m. - Caller reported unfamiliar pedestrian in his neighborhood.

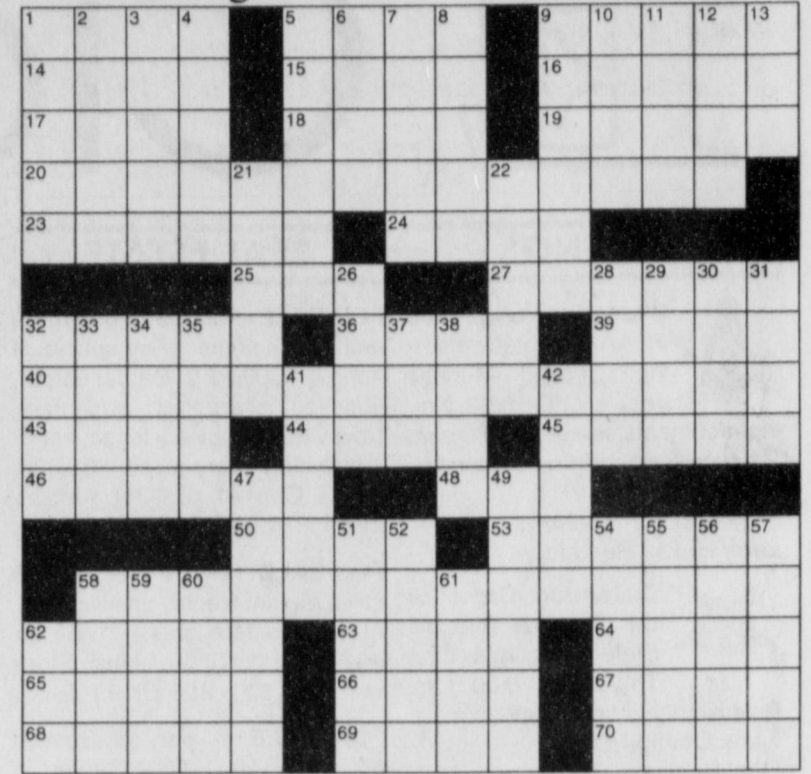
Sept. 8
 1:55 a.m. - Trucker needing directions to feedlot west of Clarendon.
 9:30 a.m. - Deputy in vehicle with private citizen checking on cattle. Will have radio.
 10:52 a.m. - Caller reported political signs stolen from her yard. Also flower beds destroyed.
 11:43 a.m. - Dogs left in vacated rental in Howardwick.
 6:05 p.m. - Barking dog reported on Short Street in Hedley.
 6:37 p.m. - Warehouse open. Owner notified.
 7:01 p.m. - Ambulance on standby at high school game.
 7:47 p.m. - Deer hit three miles east US 287. No damage, deer ran off.
 10:35 p.m. - Yearling out. Owner notified.

Sept. 9
 12:08 a.m. - 911 call. Parent reported 17 year old female walked away from residence on W. 5th without permission.
 12:19 a.m. - Deputy out of vehicle 600 block McClelland.
 12:48 a.m. - Deputy out 5th and Taylor.
 12:50 a.m. - Juvenile female located.
 7:35 a.m. - 911 call. Gas drive off US 287 and S. Jefferson.
 7:39 a.m. - Ambulance paged to nursing home.
 7:52 a.m. - Deputy out at US 287 at S. Jefferson.
 8:06 a.m. - Ambulance transporting to Amarillo.
 10:25 a.m. - Deputy out S. 70 and E. 3rd.
 1:34 p.m. - Ambulance paged to CR T at Lelia Lake.
 1:57 p.m. - Transporting to BSA.
 3:33 p.m. - Residential alarm 1000 block

W. 3rd.
 3:34 p.m. - Resident advised accidentally tripped alarm.
 3:38 p.m. - Caller reported child put his mother's keys in the mail drop at the post office. Postmaster contacted. Will meet them there.
 4:51 p.m. - Possible intoxicated driver S. Taylor.
 5:05 p.m. - DPS out with above. Not intoxicated.
 8:10 p.m. - Game Warden notified of probable illegal hunters southwest of town.
 8:10 p.m. - Deputy dispatched to 700 block Burkhead in reference to missing person.
 9:56 p.m. - Suspicious vehicle at Howardwick horse ranch.
 10:06 p.m. - Deputy out at above location.
 10:39 p.m. - Fight reported US 287 at McClelland.
 10:43 p.m. - Deputy out at above location.
 10:51 p.m. - DPS en route to jail with one in custody.

Sept. 10
 12:04 a.m. - Deputy unlocking vehicle.
 1:15 a.m. - Alarm 900 block W. 2nd. Deputy and manager en route.
 1:23 a.m. - All secure.
 3:44 a.m. - Deputy paged to possible attempted suicide 80 block Berger in Howardwick.
 4:37 a.m. - Ambulance paged to above location.
 4:39 a.m. - Reserve contacted to accompany female.
 5:03 a.m. - Transporting N.W.T.H.
 6:57 a.m. - Non-injury accident Giles Hills. Wrecker paged.
 7:01 a.m. - DPS paged to accident.
 7:05 a.m. - Caller seeking information on how to be rid of an unwanted goat that was not his property.
 7:38 a.m. - Wrecker checking estimated time of arrival of DPS.
 7:53 a.m. - DPS on the scene.
 9:24 a.m. - Stalled vehicle US 287 at S. Kearney.
 9:30 a.m. - Deputy advised vehicle out of fuel.
 11:07 a.m. - 911 call. Fire department and deputy paged to backyard grass fire 1000 block 5th.
 12:58 p.m. - Caller reported finding a white dog.
 1:04 p.m. - Loud music reported east of Park.
 1:15 p.m. - Deputy finds no loud music.
 2:27 p.m. - Deputy paged to minor accident in parking lot.
 2:40 p.m. - Caller reported newspapers stolen at Howardwick.
 3:49 p.m. - Deputy out at Post Office in Howardwick.
 4:50 p.m. - Hedley resident reported quads hot rodding west of town.
 5:05 p.m. - Trespassers attempting entry to dorms.
 5:17 p.m. - Deputy has trespassers in sight.
 5:33 p.m. - DPS en route to sheriff's office with one in custody.

Big E Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- Chest muscles
- Fees
- Type of fur
- Rock band: Quiet _____
- Semitic language
- Beg
- Look
- Filippo _____, saint
- Texans remember
- "_____ Stranger," 1952 Bette Davis film
- A butterfly or a dog paddle
- Flatfish
- Tax collector
- Suitable for plowing
- Moses' elder brother (Bible)
- Fabrics
- Earn
- Vonnegut novel
- Friends (French)
- To indicate understanding
- Frederick _____, French statesman
- Gasped
- Bandage brand
- Redheaded country star
- Passionate

CLUES DOWN

- On the theater
- Type of skating figure
- Hue
- Takes dictation (abbr.)
- Performing artist
- In urine
- Duke of _____ (plural)
- Rice grass
- More unoccupied
- Quick tempo (abbr.)
- Smile radiantly
- The Dalai _____
- Tokyo (alt.)
- Just making it
- Mr. Gordon's "electric" first name
- Pre-college tests
- 1953 Morton Thompson best seller
- Confines
- Urgent
- God of fire (Hindu)
- Elicit
- Lyrics
- Tai
- Places for Boy Scouts
- Comes across
- Goidelic language of Ireland
- Water (Spanish)
- Low male voice
- Falsehoods
- Makes you green
- Right now (abbr.)
- _____ mater, one's school
- _____ Man," Hoffman and Cruise film
- Remove
- Honey maker
- Location
- Enwraps
- Classical music
- Removes, mainly by pencil
- Lovingly hold
- Bar _____, West Indies
- Next to
- Enzyme
- English actress Samantha _____
- Spanish babies
- Cycle
- Ryukyu Islands city (Japan)
- Old Irish alphabet
- Not permanent (abbr.)
- A maple is one
- Reciprocal of a sine (abbr.)

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POW/MIA

Submitted by the Donley Co. VFW Ladies' Auxiliary

As I squat here in this lonely place
 A man maybe even you forgot,
 I wonder, am I in living hell?
 Am I alive or not?

I think it's more than ten years now
 Since my last friend left this place,
 I guess he's back home - wherever
 that is
 Among the human race.

Forgive me Lord, if I seem untrue,
 To the values my parents taught,
 To thoughts of you - of family and
 country,
 Those things for which I fought.

But, as I've endured the endless days
 That dragged on into years,
 I've battled with all my very being
 To hold back bitter tears.

My children, by now they're no longer
 small,
 By now they're nearly grown,
 My poor wife - she's had that too,
 She's raised them all alone.

I weep to hold my darlings,
 To watch my children grow,
 To feel your presence Lord,
 My faith in you to show.

Bless me father, and take this life,
 Please let it end today,
 I wonder how they listed me
 POW or MIA?

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