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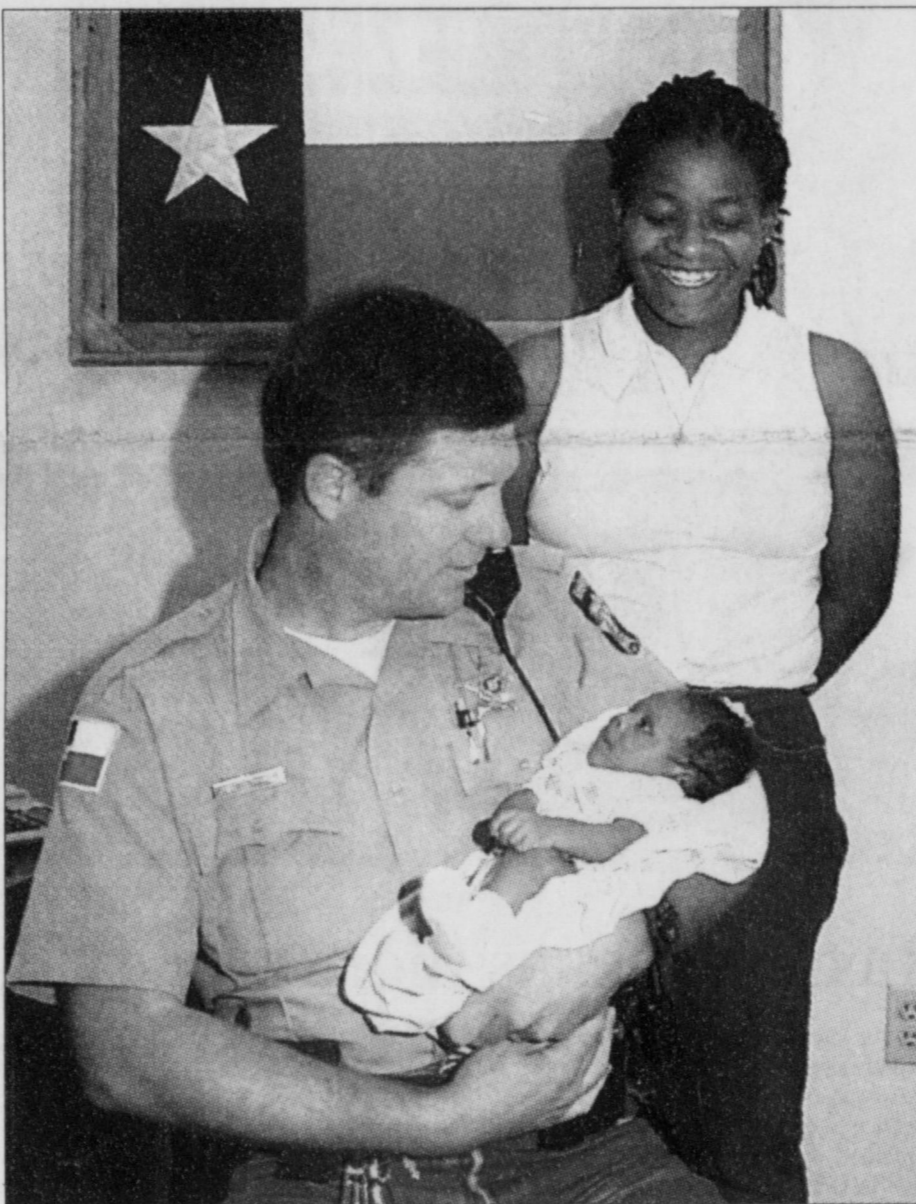
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STAR helps youth cope with difficult issues

The STAR program of Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation (TPMHR) is offering four courses this summer that will provide area youth with valuable character and developmental lessons.

Character Counts is a class that deals with trust, respect, and self esteem. The course will be held on Mondays, beginning June 18 through July 9.

Heidi Rindlisbacher, Licensed Professional Counselor, will conduct a class for children ages 7 and 8. Rita Houdyshell, Licensed Professional Counselor, will work with adolescents ages 11-14.

Positive Peer Relationships is a critical educational tool that will instruct youth on how to deal with bullies, initiate conflict resolution, and "fit in." This course is offered to adolescents ages 11-14 on Thursdays, starting June 21. Cassandra Hanna will be the instructor.

My Parents Are Older Than Yours is a course geared toward youth ages 8-12 who are being raised by their grandparents. Sharon Guinn, Master of Social Work, will facilitate this class on Mondays beginning July 6. Please RSVP by Friday, July 6.

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For registration, additional information, or directions, call 359-2005.

Sheriff's Report:

Several subjects brought in following fight at Sandy Beach

June 11
2:30 p.m. - Emergency personnel paged to large grass fire on CR 13.
2:54 p.m. - Maintainers needed at fire.
3:37 p.m. - Hedley Fire Department paged to fire.
9:20 p.m. - Deputy dispatched to 200 block of Short St. in Hedley on a domestic call.
9:30 p.m. - Deputy and sheriff out at Hedley location.

June 12
8:32 p.m. - Sheriff responds to medical alarm, finds all okay.

June 13
12:06 a.m. - Deputy en route to NWTH.
12:27 a.m. - Sheriff dispatched to 100 block of Taylor St on a possible domestic situation.
1:28 a.m. - Sheriff out 600 block of Gorst St. to assist a resident.

2:10 a.m. - Sheriff 600 block of W. Fourth St. Neighbors are complaining of animals that are making lots of noise trapped next door while resident on vacation.
4:49 p.m. - Sheriff checking on disabled vehicle east of the city limits.
8:39 p.m. - Sheriff out on E. Rosenfield St. getting information on stolen property.
8:55 p.m. - Sheriff en route to Faker St. to take statement on stolen property.

June 14
12:07 a.m. - Deputies determined a pickup parked behind a variety store US 287 West is stolen.
12:16 a.m. - En route to jail with one in custody.
5:35 a.m. - Deputy dispatched to accident on SH 70 south.
9:00 a.m. - Deputy out on Third and Sully taking report on stolen property.

June 15
3:21 p.m. - Out at Third and Sully.
June 16
1:16 a.m. - Deputy dispatched to 200 block of S. Parks St. Excessive noise.
4:56 p.m. - Out at residence on 900 block of S. Gorst.
7:44 p.m. - Deputy en route to 1500 block of W. Fifth St. for loud music.
9:32 p.m. - Deputy picks up possible injured or sick animal in the 200 block of Angel St. in Howardwick.
11:39 p.m. - Deputy dispatched to 1100 block of E. Third. Window broken.
11:40 p.m. - En route to loud music call near City Park.

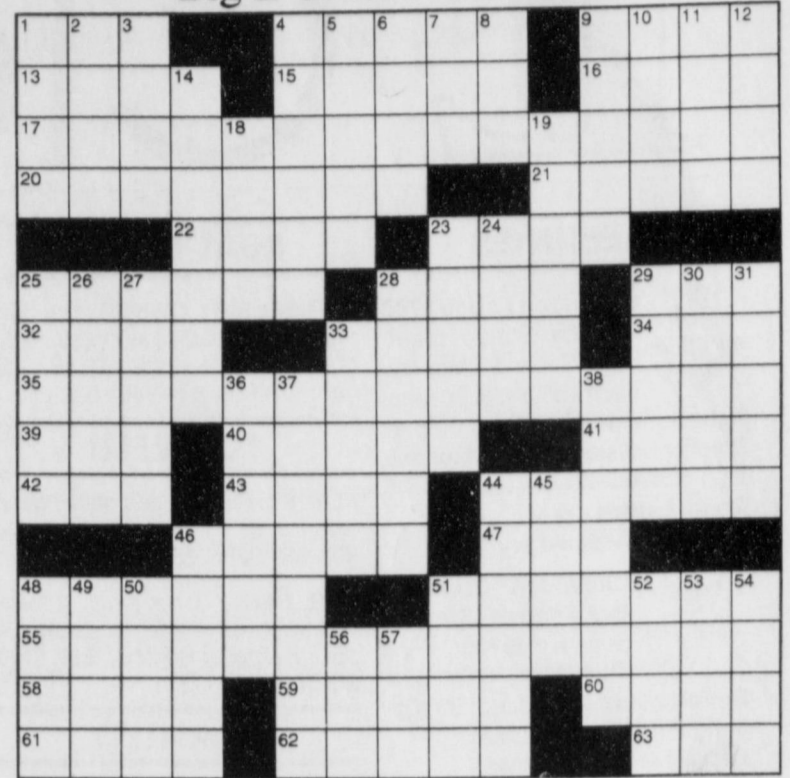
June 17
6:57 p.m. - Deputy checking on bicycle

9:06 p.m. - Deputy dispatched business in 300 block of S. Kearney.

reported abandoned on Barcus St.
7:32 p.m. - Deputy en route to sheriff's office with two in custody relating to a fight at Sandy Beach.
7:49 p.m. - En route to sheriff's office with one male in custody.
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Wrecker Calls: 2
Livestock Out: 1

Big E Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
1. Immense fruit
4. Curses
9. Colorless
13. Continent
15. Electronic communication
16. Chinese monetary unit
17. Anthem time
20. Memorials
21. Arthropod genus
22. Belonging to Adam's wife
23. Attempt to please
25. Flattened
28. Dour
29. Diego, Francisco or Anselmo
32. Get
33. 10 million
34. Near or against
35. Anthem symbol
39. Tell on
40. Bawls
41. Print
42. They ____
43. Foot or dance
44. Dinghies
46. Vascular tissue
- DOWN**
1. Get tired of something or somebody
2. As fast as can be done (abbr.)
3. Flightless bird of New Zealand
4. More abysmal
5. Nursemaids
6. Injures seriously
7. Quantity of no importance
8. Slick
9. Genie
10. Capital
11. Expresses pleasure
12. Wine bottle
14. Electrical device
18. Yugoslavian river
19. Defenders
23. Stuffs
24. Lightness
25. Ancient city
26. Volcanic landslide
27. Ridge
28. Influenza
29. Georg ____, conductor
30. Keep up
31. Nears
33. Brutal
36. Worshiper
37. Diners
38. Type of iron
44. Benefactors
45. Kiln
46. Makes smooth
48. Immature news
49. Algonquian language
50. Way
51. Makes cooler
52. Card game
53. One trillion (prefix)
54. Monetary unit
56. Compass point (abbr.)
57. Muslim

PGCD to begin water quality testing this week

The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District (PGCD) will start its water quality testing June 25.

Each year the District gathers and analyzes water samples from selected locations within Armstrong, Carson, Donley, Gray, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Potter, Roberts, and Wheeler counties. Due to the recent annexation of Potter County, the District has established 60 new sites in the county to check this season.

Bart Wyatt, PGCD lab technician, said the District checked about 230 sites last year, but it plans to gather more than 300 samples this year.

The District will use a new water quality machine, the DR2010 Spectrophotometer, to test the water samples. The machine uses wavelengths to detect the concentrations of minerals in each sample.

"This new machine will be more accurate in determining the mineral count," Wyatt said. "The machine also increases our testing capabilities for various mineral contents that we do not currently test."

The District tests the water for alkalinity, hardness, chlorides, specific conductivity, total dissolved solids, fluoride, iron, ammonia, nitrates, sulfates, and pH. Wyatt said

the District also has a new pH meter that will deliver more precise readings.

After analyzing the samples, the District prepares a report describing the findings at each location. Copies of these reports are sent to the Texas Water Development Board in Austin. The District sends a report to the owner of the water collection site if the mineral content exceeds state standards of if the owner requests it.

Although the District selects certain locations for testing Water samples, it will perform tests for anyone who requests one. To request a water quality test, call (806) 883-2501.

Rowland to begin Eagle Project

Lisle Rowland just came back from Scout Camp finishing the last of his merit badges needed in order to do his Eagle Project.

Lisle's Eagle Project consists of sewing 100 bibs for the Medical Center Nursing Home in Clarendon. He will be leading and instructing Boy Scout Troop 433 in making the bibs.

Lisle would appreciate any donations of broadcloth, thread, and/or Velcro. If you are interested in donating any of these items, call Lisle at 874-2174, and he will be glad to come pick up the donation.



Gold palm

James Thomas congratulated Nickless Devin on receiving his Gold Palms in a recent Court of Honor.

Photo courtesy Karla Devin.

Tennis Camp to be held on resurfaced courts

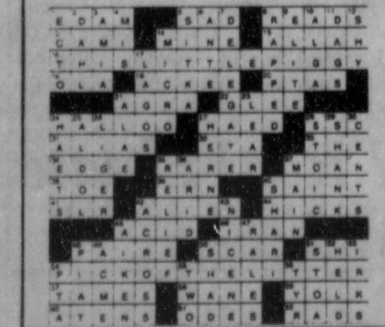
The 2001 Clarendon Tennis Camp will be held July 16-19 for sixth through twelfth grade students and July 23 through 26 for first through fifth graders on the newly resurfaced Clarendon Tennis Courts.

The camp will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day. The cost is \$40 per player, and a t-shirt is included.

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editor's Commentary

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



Patients' rights bill should be defeated now

What we need in this country is a few more lawsuits. At least that's the philosophy of liberals like Sen. John McCain and Sen. Teddy Kennedy as demonstrated with the so-called Patients' Bill of Rights legislation they are trying to foist on the American public.

The bill is supposed to be a reaction to the horror stories of people who have had to live with the decisions made by their HMOs. It would supposedly persuade the health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for illnesses and conditions they normally wouldn't. It would also allow patients to sue their HMOs if they felt they didn't get the coverage to which they felt they were entitled.

The result of this would be that HMO costs would skyrocket - just like anything does when the government and the lawyers get involved.

But this proposed law goes even further and would permit people to sue their employers as well. Talk about biting the hand that feeds you! You'd have to be pretty ungrateful to sue an employer who is providing a "benefit" to you.

It's bad enough that employers must pay payroll taxes for the privilege of hiring someone, report to big brother every time a new person is hired, live with all kinds of unfounded mandates from some pinheads in Washington, and listen to liberal wackos talk about the benefits of the Family Leave Act. Now the bloodsuckers want to let disgruntled employees sue their company. That will do nothing to help patients; it will only encourage companies - especially small businesses - to drop kick their health plan and let their employees fend for themselves.

Why would any employer want to expose himself to an added risk of getting sued for a "benefit." It gives new meaning to the old phrase, "No good deed goes unpunished."

Senators like McCain have no interest in what is best for Americans, though. He and his friends only care about scoring political points at any cost.

Pundits keep saying that the country wants a Patients' Bill of Rights and that Republicans and Democrats must compromise on a bill to reform the HMOs. Shoot, today you could craft a bill calling for the murder of every third American, call it the Patients' Bill of Rights, and if you didn't support it, you'd be some kind of extremist.

The only kind of reform we need in America's health care system is to simply get the government (i.e. Medicare and Medicaid) out of it. Putting market forces in place is the only way to get the costs under control.

Reform of HMOs is completely unnecessary. Why? Because no one has put a gun to anyone's head and made them join an HMO. My advice: if you don't like the coverage your HMO or your employer's HMO is providing for you, then quit your whining and go buy your own blasted health insurance. It's still a free country (so far).

But I guess that market-oriented solution just makes too much sense. It's better to have a bunch of busybodies in the nation's capital mucking up our lives by passing more rules, creating more lawsuits, and just generally driving costs through the roof.

It's crazy to think that we're letting politicians decide what is appropriate for our health care. The same government that can't even deliver the mail is trying to decide when you should be admitted to an emergency room under an HMO plan. It just boggles my mind.

Republicans are trying to put up a good fight against the McCain bill, but I feel confident that under Trent Lott's leadership they will cave in like they always do. The real question will be what President George W. Bush will do with the bill when it reaches his desk - and it will.

He and his staff have been threatening to veto it specifically because it doesn't limit the amount of damages a person can receive when suing an employer or an HMO. Will he do it? I don't know. He won't have much credibility left with me if he doesn't, but I'm sure he won't lose sleep over that.

The Patients' Bill of Rights will do very little to benefit patients and do much to benefit fat cat trial lawyers who are just drooling to sink their teeth into some HMO meat. The bill should be sent down in flames if our leaders really want to help us.

R.A.



Maybe we should all be more like Archie

"Boy the way Glenn Miller played. Songs that made the hit parade. Guys like us, we had it made. Those were the days. And you knew who you were then. Girls were girls and men were men. Mister, we could use a man like Herbert Hoover again. Didn't need no welfare state. Everybody pulled his weight. Gee our old LaSalle ran great. Those were the days!"

Yes, those were the days. And when actor Carroll O'Connor died this past week, so did his beloved character, Archie Bunker of the hit 1970s sitcom All in the Family.

Think what you may about Archie. Yes, he was a cigar-chomping, ill-tempered bigot. He said exactly what he thought and never tried to tip-toe around anyone's feelings. This working class conservative gave his honest views about the changing world around him - Vietnam, Race Relations, Watergate, the Energy Crisis, the Sexual Revolution, Feminism, and Woodstock.

Admit it, Archie said everything that many others were thinking. And from sitting in his worn, living room recliner, Archie Bunker gave his comedic outlook on life's serious issues.

I grew up watching Archie Bunker, his wife Edith, and Meathead, his hippie son-in-law. In a sense, they reminded me of my own extended family. Anytime we got together, discussions of the latest topics, were sure to be fervently debated and fought over. And, it helps that I have an



on the Mark with Christi Ross

uncle who looks and acts just like Archie, and an aunt, who is Edith's "dingbat" in every sense. But, that's another article.

With today's political-correctness overload, it's time for another Archie Bunker. In an era of everyone being a "something-American," why can't we just all be Americans? I'd love to hear Archie's take on today's political on-goings, and how he would have chastised the Clintons for their many questionable acts. Imagine what Archie would think about animal-right activists and those who want to force the Boy Scouts to allow gay leaders.

Archie Bunker, as uncouth as he was, had a lot of common sense. Not all of his ideas were good, and some were just downright racist. But, Archie had a good heart and just wanted to see a moral and decent America.

"Did you know that 60 percent of all deaths in America are caused by guns?" said his daughter Gloria.

Archie's reply was simply, "Would it make you feel any better if dey was pushed out of the windows?"

His replies were always to-the-point and written with comedic genius. Today's TV executives are too scared to try to recreate an Archie Bunker-type character.

It might hurt the feelings, or more importantly, the advertising dollars, of

those who support homosexuals, liberals, and environmentalists. Programming a show like this would surely shock today's pampered and protected citizens. In an era where it is deemed wrong to express our personal beliefs, a show like this could really provide a much-needed refresher to today's television programming and American culture.

Maybe we should all start thinking a little more like Archie Bunker. The next time I see someone buy groceries with food stamps and then get into a brand-new vehicle, I may just say something. Or, if someone continues to have children out-of-wedlock, I may suggest that they go get some birth control. And, the next time I have to go to a new doctor, I will request one who can actually speak to me in English. Then, when a sassy-mouth kid working the fast food counter has a really poor customer-service attitude, I'll ask for the manager. I'm not afraid to say what I think, and neither should anyone else. It's called "Freedom of Speech," and we need to use it more often if we're going to save ourselves from the ridiculous and absurd that is being forced upon us.

Call me what you may, but I loved Archie Bunker and his funny wit. Good-night, Shoe-Booty. I'll miss you, and so will America.

Editor's Note: The reference "Goodnight, Shoe-Booty" is from an episode where Archie and Meathead got locked in a cellar. They got drunk, and Archie told Meathead his family was so poor during the Depression that he didn't get to wear boots to school. Instead, all he had to wear was one shoe and one boot, and all the kids called him "Shoe-Booty." Archie passes out on Meathead's shoulder, and Meathead says, "Goodnight Shoe-Booty."



Tax cut means more money in your pocket

As you may have heard, the President recently signed into law the largest tax cut in more than 20 years. I voted for this measure because I believe that tax relief is important to help the economy and to help ease the strain on the pocketbooks of hard working Americans. Federal taxes are near a record high. With higher energy and other costs, taxpayers need relief.

The bill cuts income tax rates, reduces the marriage penalty, doubles the child tax credit, and phases out the death tax - something I have been pushing for since first being elected. In many respects, I would like to have done more. For example, I would like to reduce the federal tax on gasoline and the tax on Social Security ben-



Issue Update with Rep. Mac Thornberry

efits, both of which were increased in 1993. But this bill is a good start, and it will put more money in the pockets of every taxpayer.

Next month, the federal government will begin mailing \$38 billion in rebate checks to taxpayers around the country. The amount of rebate will vary; for example single taxpayers could get as much as \$300, \$500 for single parents, and \$600

for married couples. That's extra money to take a vacation, pay down credit cards, add to savings, or do with as you please.

Now, Congress and the President must work together to make sure that all of that tax money you send to Washington is well spent. Priorities such as national defense, strengthening Social Security and Medicare, and paying down the debt are important. And we must continue to work to end wasteful or unnecessary spending.

We must also remember that the money spent by the federal government comes from hard working Americans who work and sacrifice to leave a better nation for future generations.

Woman thanks thieves who stole her kids' bicycles

Dear Wonderful Person or Persons, I would like to thank the party or parties responsible for teaching my children a valuable lesson in life. The lesson about just how greedy, disrespectful, and cruel that human beings can be.

I am a single mother of three children, we live in government housing, we rely on help from the state, and I spend most of my time in and out of the hospital.

Yes, life for my innocent children to this point has been wonderful as you may guess. But to wake up on Sunday morning and find that their bikes were missing was a truly wonderful moment for them. So thank you. Thank you for taking them right off of our front porch. Thank you for letting me spend the day consoling their

tears and broken hearts. This year Santa put those bikes on lay away and paid them out, little by little. Those bikes were the first brand new ones that my children ever had. And now that it is summer and they have all the free time in the world to do things that children love to do, thank you for leaving them wheel free and bored.

I hope you are proud of yourselves and that you enjoy the bicycles. I hope that you occasionally drive by the home from which you took them and look at the faces of three children, as the other children in the neighborhood ride their bikes, and mine just watch.

In time, I am sure that I will be able to replace those bikes, much to my anger and

disappointment. And in time, I am sure that I will see someone riding the bikes that have my children's names written on them. Wow! That will certainly be cool. Moreover, I hope that if any parents out there see a different bike in their yard, or lying by the road and abandoned, that they would have the decency to call 874-3771 or the Sheriff's office.

Once again, I would like to extend a big, gigantic Texas size heartfelt thank you, to the irreproachable, useless person or persons responsible. Your thoughtfulness has meant the world to both my children and me. Enjoy yourselves.

Larinda Jones Brown, Clarendon

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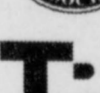


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different teams from ranches around the area.

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Ranch rodeo events will include Bronc Riding, Wild Cow Milking, Calf Branding, Team Doctoring, Team Sortin', and the Open Wild Mare Race.

A junior calf and steer riding contest for kids ages 4-12 will be held each night along with the calf scramble for kids ages 12 and under. A free \$200 beef certificate will be drawn each night. On Saturday night the drawing for the National Finals Rodeo/Las Vegas trip and the custom spurs by Wade Brannon will be held.

The rodeo dance will begin at 10:00 p.m. at the Panhandle's largest open-air dance floor at the Rodeo Grounds with Young Country Friday and Saturday night. The dance concludes at 2:00 a.m.

The celebration gets in full swing on Saturday morning with the VFW breakfast at 7:00 a.m. at the VFW Hall. The RHAA Ranch Horse Competition begins at 8:00 a.m. at the rodeo grounds. The event is sponsored by McLean Feedyard and Clarendon

Outdoor Entertainment Association.

The annual fair on the courthouse square has been moved to the City Park due to construction beginning on the Donley County Courthouse. The relocation lends itself to the new "Art in the Park" designation.

The fair begins at 10:00 a.m. and will wrap up at 4:00 p.m. If you would like to be a part of the action by exhibiting at the fair, contact the Donley County Extension Office at 874-2141 to reserve a space.

The Old Settler's Reunion will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the City Park. The Shriners will begin serving a delicious barbecue lunch at 11:00 a.m. The annual Lions Club Cow Patty Bingo will be held at 1:30 p.m. also in the park.

The line up for the parade will begin at noon two blocks west of the City Park. The parade route will be from the baseball fields on Seventh Street to Kearney, then up Kearney to Third Street, west to Jefferson, and then back to the ball fields. Deadline for the parade entry forms is Friday, July 29. For more information on the parade, call 874-2421 or 874-3412.

Henson's annual Turtle Race will be at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon. Sign-up your turtle at the store from now until the race day. After the kids race their turtles, the VFW will raffle their shotgun.

Horse Club to hold stick horse rodeo

The Donley County Horse Club met Wednesday, June 20, at the Burton Memorial Library.

Families attending were the Stan Sheltons, the Richard Gribbles, the Mike Walledorf girls, the Danny Askews, and the Jason Greens. Several other members were unable to attend.

The youth decided to ride in the Saints' Roost Celebration Parade. They also made plans to do a Stick Horse Rodeo.

The rodeo is a fun event for children nine and under. The Horse Club will set up "barrels" and "poles"

and give the little people instructions on how to properly run the patterns. They will also have a roping dummy out and will help the little cowboys and cowgirls learn to throw a loop. There will be of course, the crowd-pleasing bull riding where the brave rider attempts to stay on a wildly bucking stick bull for 8 seconds.

There will be an entry fee of 50¢ per event.

The club also discussed getting together several times in July to ride and practice timed events. Plans were also finalized for their annual Play Day.

Texas A&M beef cattle short course set for Aug. 6-8

COLLEGE STATION - The 47th annual Beef Cattle Short Course is scheduled for Aug. 6-8 at Texas A&M University and is expected to attract more than 2,000 cattlemen across Texas and the United States.

This year's short course will include expert speakers and discussion on foreign animal diseases, such as foot-and-mouth and Mad Cow disease, according to Dr. Larry L. Boleman, conference coordinator and a beef cattle specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"We're going to bring in speakers from across the state and talk about the kind of (foreign animal disease) program we have in place and what we would do if we had to go into some plan of action," Boleman said. "I've assembled people who have been to Europe and have done case studies on how the Euro-

peans have responded to these outbreaks. We're going to spend a good part of our general session looking at those diseases."

The beef short course is recognized as the state's focal point for beef cattle information and education. The two and one-half day long beef educational program includes a cattlemen's college as well as symposiums, workshops and live cattle demonstrations.

The educational training will be taught by more than 40 different cattle experts.

Concurrent mini-symposiums and seminars will also be offered the first day. A specialized in-depth training program for producers who have already completed Level 1 Beef Quality Assurance has been developed by the Texas A&M University Beef Quality Faculty Committee and will include National Beef Carcass Quality, breed type,

nonfed cattle and Ranch to Rail evaluation.

"Attendees may choose between the seminars and workshops based on their specialized needs in training and actually design their own personalized curriculum," Boleman said. "The seminars and mini-symposiums are in-depth management training with the latest technology, and the workshops are more hands-on, visual demonstrations with live cattle and the most current cutting-edge information."

Early course registration will continue until July 27 at \$100 per person. Late registration and on-site registration is \$120. For further information or a registration form, go to the Beef Cattle Short Course Web site at <http://animalscience-extension.tamu.edu/beef/shortcourse.html> or contact Carrie Adams, Hollie Gambino, Loretta Morse at (979) 845-3579.

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Wed	20	96°	67°	-
Thurs	21	96°	65°	0.12"
Fri	22	82°	60°	T
Sat	23	89°	61°	-
Sun	24	94°	64°	-

Total precipitation this month: 0.55"
Total precipitation to date: 17.67"
Total precipitation in June last year: 10.01"
Total YTD total last year: 17.02"

weekend forecast

Friday, June 29
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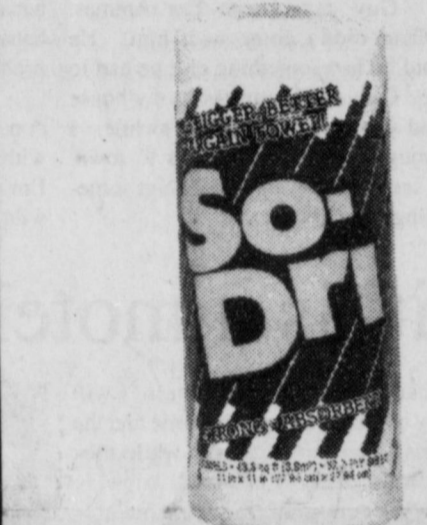
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July 25
Sunshine Lunch • Country Kitchen • 11:30 a.m.

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Community Menus

July 2 - 6

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Mexican casserole, refried beans, fiesta corn, tossed salad, cinnamon apples, tortilla chips, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Tues: Barbecue chicken, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, apricot cobbler, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Wed: Closed for holiday

Thur: Steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, pickled beets, brownies, roll, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Fri: Pinto beans with ham, potato wedges, carrot copper pennies, tropical apple crunch, cornbread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Chicken potpie, fried squash, cucumber and onion salad, strawberry short cake, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee

Tues: Cheeseburger, potato chips, tomatoes, lettuce, onions, pickles, ice cream, milk, tea, coffee

Wed: Closed for holiday

Thur: Steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, cantaloupe, apricot cobbler, roll, milk, tea, coffee

Fri: Mexican pile on, Spanish rice, refried beans, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, sliced peaches, chips or crackers, milk, tea, coffee

Weekly devotional column available on paper's web site

The CLARENDON ENTERPRISE is pleased to announce a new weekly devotional column written by Cynthia Hall.

The column will be the first regular item produced exclusively for the newspaper's popular website at www.ClarendonOnline.com.

"We've never tried a regular feature like this on the Internet, and we're depending on input from readers as to whether they like it or not," said publisher Roger Estlack.

Hall has had articles printed in GUIDEPOSTS magazine in addition to her regular newspaper column.

The column will be posted regularly for the next two weeks. Beyond that a decision will be made based on reader comments.

Clarendon has its day in Amarillo's 'Villa'

I asked around about things that might be taking place this week, and except for a camp or two, like the girls down at the Pan Fork Baptist camp, most folks are getting ready for the Fourth of July shindig.

Last week, a number of folks turned out for Clarendon Day at the "Dilla Villa" in Amarillo. A number of others couldn't make it on Thursday with the Bronco and cheerleaders but went to watch baseball on Saturday. I have it on excellent authority (from one of the cheerleaders herself) that the cheerleaders got to throw hot cheese buns from a restaurant I've forgotten the name of the hungry spectators in the crowd. One hopes that those folks are excellent catch-

ers. I would hope no one ate a cheese bun on the bounce. And given that I've forgotten the name of the restaurant so quickly, I'm not sure the one-sided food throwing event achieved the desired promotional benefit. Still, it was kind of fun watching people jump up and down and beg the throwers to lob a bun their way. Good thing, because I've seen better baseball.

In fact, the Clarendon College coach was at the game Saturday night with his daughter's T-ball team for an end-of-season celebration. And I heard that there are some folks in town who think that the Bulldogs could take the Dillas. Maybe so.

I do know that the college is this very week putting in spectator stands



around Town
By Gail Shelton
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and new dugouts at the college field, so when play starts up again, those fans of baseball here in Clarendon should come out and take a look. These guys play good baseball, and they go to class too.

The youth department at First Baptist has put together a nice, quality cookbook with recipes donated by members of the church to raise funds for their activities. They'll have the books for sale at a number of places—a bake sale demonstrating

some of the recipes in the book this Saturday at Thriftway, at the Depression Dinner on Friday, July 6th, and at the church's water booth on next Saturday. When you stop by at one of these places, take a look at the cookbook too. There's a new floor in the back room of the Main Street Ministry center, where the Depression Dinner will be held, so be sure to drop in and take a look at the new improvements there, and have a plate of beans and cornbread.

Go out and do something fun this week, then call or e-mail and tell me about it, so I can have something other than the weather to write about next week before the festivities of the Fourth take place.



Scarlet Nunley and Russell Estlack

Estlack, Nunley plan to wed in July

Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Clayton Nunley of Canyon, Texas, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Scarlet Michelle, to Russell Arlin Estlack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Homer Estlack, Jr., of Clarendon, Texas.

Vows are to be exchanged July 28, 2001, at 4:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon.

Miss Nunley is a graduate of West Texas A&M University, where she is now a graduate student and teaching in the biology department. Estlack is a graduate of Texas A&M University and is also a graduate student at West Texas A&M. He is employed by Estlack Electric in Clarendon.



Christopher Hall and Kristina Jones

Hall-Jones to wed in July ceremony

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hall of Howardwick are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Christopher Lynn Hall of Clarendon to Ms. Kristina Lynne Jones of Clarendon. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Jones of Childress.

The couple plan to exchange vows on July 21, 2001, at the First Baptist Church in Howardwick.

Ms. Jones attended Clarendon school and Childress High School.

Mr. Hall graduated from Childress High School and works for Bivins Oil.

Museum to host roping program this Saturday

By Jo Shaller

Guess we could call Chuck Senter the Will Rogers of Donley County. He has the same blonde boyish looks and slightly goofy grin. Add to that a charming gift of gal laced with homespun wisdom, and to top it off Senter can twirl a rope.

The Saints' Roost Museum on Saturday morning June 30 at 10:30 a.m. is the place to be for entertaining and informative show of ropemanship. Absolutely free and open to saints and sinners alike. Lariats are optional.

Quilting Club meets

The Martin Quilting Club met at Frankie McAnear's home and nearly finished one quilt. We lacked four blocks.

Those attending were Ann Bunyan, Gay Cole, Tiny Alderson, Eva Lee Swinney, Mary Lee Noble, Pearl Hermesmeier, and Frankie McAnear.

The ladies quilted, ate lunch, and visited.

Wayland lists Ward

PLAINVIEW - David Ward of Hedley was included in the President's List at Wayland Baptist University for the spring semester. Students included on the list maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the semester, carrying at least 12 hours.

Ward is the son of Leon and Carole Ward.

Hedley residents visit friends and relatives

Tonya Smith recently took her mother Mrs. Eunice Ward and her aunt, Mrs. Lizzie Ward of Memphis, to Rattan, Oklahoma, to visit their brother, Rev. Sam Pound, and his wife, Christina. Rev. and Mrs. Pound were celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. Rev. Pound is the pastor of the Cloudy Church in Oklahoma.

Several Hedley ladies visited with Mrs. Ruby Beekler in Clovis, New Mexico, last week. Bonnie Walsh, Betty Morban, Dot Messer, and Juanell Carson reported a nice time and said Ruby seemed to be doing well and had a lovely home.

Janet and Richard Conine of Amarillo visited with Janet's sister, Marie Adams, on Sunday.

My brother, Leonard Mullins, spent part of the weekend with Mother. He visited with Nancy and

Danny Mullins to see Danny's garden. He stopped by my house but didn't seem impressed with my two tomato plants. He did say my flowers were pretty.

Most of my kids were here for the weekend. Leon and Linda Couch, Langly, and Mariah along with their friend Tisha, came from Post Saturday. We visited with Nancy and Mother while they were here. They stopped by Keith and Karen's house and at my house on their way to Memphis, where they spent the night with Su-San.

Guy came from Las Animas. Oliver didn't come with him. He said he had something else he had to do. Guy and I went out to my house and wandered around for awhile. I brought some more things to town. It seems like everytime I want something, it's at home.



watt's Happening
By Peggy Watt
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I made fried apricot pies last week, and my deep fryer was at home. I had to cook them in a large cast iron skillet. I can't have apricots or sweets or fried foods, but once in a while I want to cook and the apricots were ready last week. I gave them to the neighbors.

Now I'm in the mood to make banana nut bread. I can't have bananas, but that's all right. I can probably find someone who does.

There's a field between Clarendon and Lelia Lake that's covered with some kind of yellow flowers. I'm not familiar with many kinds of wild flowers, but they don't look like

buttercups. Not the right shade of yellow. They're not marigolds either. Maybe they're some kind of daisy.

I got a packet of wild flower seed last year and planted them this spring. They're thriving with all the water Ruth puts on them. I don't know what they're called either. I planted some morning glory seeds and some trumpet vines below my windows. If they ever get big enough to bloom, I'll have the orange trumpet flowers and pink or blue morning glories.

I bought a pot of petunias and some begonias; but soon as I got them home, the flowers shed off them, and now they're looking kinda bedraggled.

But I have a pot of silk violets that have been blooming for about seventeen years. Can't ask for more than that.

'Roughing it' is a motel without free coffee

As summer progresses, so does a natural phenomenon known as "camping out." Living at the lake, as I do, I am in a position to see these camper-outers on a regular basis. (Some people in my area call them "weekenders," as in, "Oh crap, it's summer, and here come the weekenders!") Since these summer visitors bring needed items (such as dollar bills) to our area, I don't like to call them anything that might make them angry. I would however, love to visit with them individually and offer helpful suggestions on their camping out strategies.

I am no expert on camping out, although I did it once! Once was enough for me. My little adventure was many years ago. I was newly divorced, and my daughters were eight and four years old. Being the terrific mother that I was (a legend in my own mind!), I decided that I could do "daddy things" with them as well as any man. I purchased a tent and some sleeping bags, boxed up pots/pans and plenty of out-doorsy kinds of food, piled the girls in the car and drove down to Lake McClelland to meet some friends and camp out.

My friends were there with their small camper on the back of their

pickup truck. In all fairness, I will say that they offered to let me and the girls sleep in the camper while they took the tent. I declined, knowing that I could make this a memorable camping trip! It was memorable, all right. Late in the night, I awoke to find hungry ants crawling around on top of my sleeping bag, dining on the cookie I was eating when I fell asleep. They had come into the tent through the air vents - which were at ground level since I had set the tent up - upside down! I immediately banged on the camper door and shooed my children inside - to sleep the rest of the night off the ground.

Sleep finally overtook me again, but it was short lived. I awoke at dawn to a terrible racket. When I crawled out of my upside down tent, I discovered that all my out-doorsy food which I had placed on the picnic table had been ripped open and scattered every which way by raccoons and birds. They were having a real banquet.

But, I am getting off the subject here. Getting back to the weekenders - I (having learned from experience!) have to chuckle a little bit at the things they do. They arrive with all manner of camping gear - even sticks



rain or Shine
By Cynthia Hall
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and bed sheets form makeshift tents. Sometimes these tents are pitched within 5 or 6 feet from the water! As many of you know, we sometimes have a lot of wind in the Texas Panhandle, and I've seen white caps on the lake that would rival an ocean. So... when the winds come, these close to the water tents are quickly drenched, and those farther away are often blown down completely. My advice to the campers would be - think through where you pitch your tent! A sheltered area would be good, like say the local motel parking lot! That way, when the sudden winds come - or a middle of the night thunderstorm - you can quickly run to the motel office and get a room, which would have been the smartest thing in the first place!

Another favorite activity for lake campers is to drive around the lake in their vehicles. There's only one little problem with this idea: Our lake is blessed with many sandy beaches - and sandy roads - and sandy trails. If

you have ever stuck your car in sand, you know where I'm going with this. I've seen 4-wheel drive vehicles stuck at the lake. So when I see the campers drive off the road and into the "scenic trails" I shake my head. I know what's coming. I will say, however, that this activity does provide many local men with some extra pocket money. Pulling people out of the sand for a few dollars a pop adds up quick!

And speaking of sand, it has a way of getting into everything including your clothes, your hair, your food and your underwear! Sand inside one's underwear is very uncomfortable and cannot be got out with anything less than a wonderful hot shower. I refer you to a previous paragraph on motels!

Even though there are all kinds of indoor lodging within 5 minutes of our lake, some people insist on camping out. They want to "rough it". Well, to them I say, "Been there, done that!"

To me "roughing it" is any motel without free morning coffee in the lobby, and the "call of the wild" is my husband hollering, "Come on Honey, hurry up! We're gonna miss the complimentary sweet rolls!"

Video retells story of pioneer Dallas couple

William and Walter Caruth are two names which may not be immediately recognized. They arrived at the new settlement of Dallas, Texas, in 1848, with \$1,000 borrowed from their father, to open a general store near what is now downtown Dallas. They entered the Texas frontier as pioneers, and through hard work and self-sacrifice, built a family fortune in trades and land. It is said "they took care of their family and community, and left their world a better place for having been here."

Surviving Mexican and Civil War years plus frontier hardships of fire, moving, rebuilding, merchandise difficulties, the Caruth persistence in real estate accumulations resulted in family properties spreading over sev-

eral counties. Through their generosity, hospitals, schools, and youth camps were built. Land was also donated to establish Southern Methodist University.

This information is uniquely related in *The Pioneer Spirit: A Texas Story*, a 30-minute video at Burton Memorial Library.

At the video's beginning, a young boy is on his way to his grandfather for advice concerning a school report assignment about a famous pioneer. The boy is surprised when his grandfather tells him a true pioneer doesn't have to be famous. A true pioneer simply "prepares the way for others." He then relates the Caruth story to his grandson who, in turn, realizes a true pioneer spirit is characterized by



check it Out
By Mary Beth Nelson

vision, courage, and hard work.

The Pioneer Spirit video is an appealing dramatization for any age viewer. Adults will enjoy the story. Students will be able to identify with the young boy as they observe the Caruth story through his eyes. Teachers, chalk this one up for next fall.

You'll be impressed with accompanying handbook's twenty-four pages which include ideas for "follow-up" questions guaranteed to motivate critical thinking skills; 33 essay topics; communication pioneering allowing

students to practice journalism skills through news writing; 24 classroom activities; a "pioneer quiz" of thirteen questions; and suggestions for reporting on pioneers in social reform, science, human rights, printing, sports, and electricity. The wealth of material offered in this video can be flexibly enjoyed briefly or expanded into a more lengthy unit. After viewing the video, you might agree this Texas story is not only an interesting lesson in history, but a valuable lesson in life for all.

More details concerning Burton Memorial Library's excellent video and CD-ROM collections will be discussed in my next article.

In the meantime, why not check it out?

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Rowe, Jericho cemeteries to receive markers

It is the aim of this column to awaken an awareness of historical people, places, and events of the past in Donley County and perhaps spark an interest in preserving local history.

The Rowe Cemetery in Hedley will be receiving an historical marker from the Texas Historical Commission in the very near future. The application process was begun by the City Secretary's office and the Hedley Cemetery Board several years ago, following the suggestion of Jack Moreman that the historic Rowe Cemetery was worthy of recognition and, because of its age, would easily qual-

ify for a marker.

With the help of the Donley County Historical Commission and other individuals, the application was submitted, and, following several months of waiting, word was received last fall by the City of Hedley that the application was approved by the THC. Needed funds to purchase the marker were raised by donations, and the words which will be on the marker were approved months ago.

The community eagerly awaits notification that the marker has been forged and is ready for shipment, hopefully in time for dedication at the annual Cotton Festival celebration in



time will Tell
By Jean Stavenhagen

October.

Another historic marker will soon be placed in a different part of Donley County thanks to Peggy Beckham of Pampa. Beckham has been the driving force behind obtaining an official Texas historical marker for the Jericho Cemetery. With the support of the Donley County Historical Commission, an application was made to THC last year, and word was received

in March 2001 that final approval had been given for the historic medalion. The Jericho Cemetery is located sixteen miles north of Clarendon on State Highway 70. Situated on private property, the cemetery has become a rather isolated burial ground. The Texas Historical Marker designation will help to assert that this property is treasured by the community.

The ability to deliver the precious historic past of our community is in our hands. We must act now.

Jean Stavenhagen is the chairwoman of the Donley County Historical Commission and the secretary of the Saints' Roost Museum Board.

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Senior Citizens enjoy Dilla baseball game

By Vida O'Neal

A super time was enjoyed by all who attended the ballgame at Dilla Villa last Thursday. We enjoyed some scrumptious foods at the tailgate party. Clarendon was well represented by lots of enthusiastic people. If you're not joins us on these trips, you are missing out!

The July Fundraiser will be a bake sale on July 7 starting at 9 a.m. Please be planning your baked goods to donate to the center. The proceeds will benefit the Nutrition Fund of the Donley County Senior Citizens. We will be selling chances on the quilt donated by Verdine Tipton, Ann Bunyan, and Ilene Davidson as well as the patriotic afghan donated by Onita Thomas. The chances are \$5.00 for 6 or \$1.00 for one chance. These items will be given away on July 7 at 3:30 p.m. Please let Tammy or Vida know if you will be able to donate a baked good or goodies for the bake sale. We are also asking for volunteers to work an hour or so at the booth. This is an excellent way to see many people and to help out the center at the same time. We will have a shaded area if that helps in your decision making. Let us know if you would love to help!

Our quilt making will be postponed until July 10. We figured with all the activities going on around the Fourth, it would be better to wait. We will be back in full swing every Tuesday after that! We have been meeting at the Center on Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. to make small tacked quilts and throws. This is a project we hope will be useful for some of the residents of the nursing home and the fire department to give to fire victims. So please, come join us for some fun and work. We will need people to cut, sew, plan, lay them out and tack, and also some advice is needed. If you aren't experienced come on down; we can probably find a task for you, or just come visit with the rest of us.

Our condolences to the family of Berkeley Neece and to Judy Hodges on the loss of an uncle.

Reminders:

June 29: Blood Pressure Check, 10:45 a.m.

Austin College names Chamberlain for honors

SHERMAN - Clarendon resident Catherine Chamberlain, a graduate of Clarendon High School and the daughter of Trey and Diane Chamberlain, has been named to the Austin College Dean's List for the 2001 Spring semester, according to Austin College Registrar Phyllis Rieser.

All students named to the Dean's List earned a semester grade point average of at least 3.70 on a 4.0 scale and are ranked in the top 20 percent of the student body.

"Academic achievement is the primary mission of Austin College," said Dr. Mike Imhoff, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, "and the Dean's List is one appropriate way in which we seek to acknowledge the superior educational accomplishments of our students."

Correction

Courtney Newhouse, a senior at Clarendon High School, was inadvertently left off the 'A' honor roll list in last week's edition of the newspaper. We apologize for the error and any inconveniences it may have caused.

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Truth Trackers is theme of VBS at First Baptist Church

Truth Trackers is the theme for the Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church in Clarendon.

The school will be held July 9-13, 9 a.m. to noon. Truth Trackers is exploring the truths of the Ten Commandments and how we should use them in our lives today.

The students who attend the school will present a musical on Friday, July 13, 6:30 p.m., as our Parents Night presentation. They need to ask that students pre-enroll by calling the church office or

874-2528. They need a name and grade in school. This will help them get a count of costumes needed for the musical.

School activities will include Bible study tie, mission study, recreation and snack time, arts and crafts, and music time.

First Baptist Church is also having an adult Bible School every evening at 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. the same week as the children.

The adult study mirrors the children's study using the lives of

Daniel, Zacchaeus, David, and Matthew.

Youth Bible School will be held July 30 through August 4 at the Ministry Center.

Students who have completed the fifth through seventh grade will attend the PreTeen sessions, and students who have completed eighth through twelfth grade will attend the High School sessions. Teen students will be involved in a Video Scavenger Hunt as one of the learning activities.

First Baptist Church youth cookbooks ready to go on sale

The First Baptist Church cookbooks are in and ready to be sold. Each sale goes to the church's youth.

The cookbooks are a collection of about six hundred recipes from local people. The books, called Heavenly Delights, come in very nice loose-

leaf binders with dividers and many helpful tables, charts, and hints.

Cookbooks can be purchased by calling the church at 874-3833 or contacting any of the FBC youth. They will also be for sale June 30 at B&R Thriftway during a bake sale which

will feature several items from the cookbooks, at the Depression Dinner at the Ministry Center on July 6, and at the FBC booth on July 7.

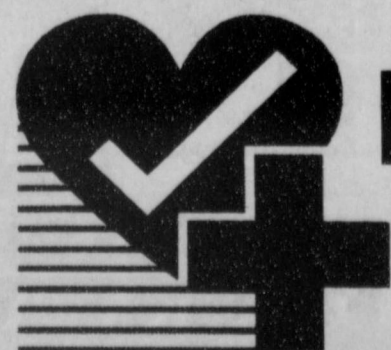
Each cookbook is \$20; however, if three or more are bought, they will be sold for \$17 apiece.



Medical Center Nursing Home Resident Annie Hollar is assisted by Raenell Shadle, LVN.

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Medical Center Nursing Home

Donley County Hospital District

Bob Bullock Museum to display historic flags

AUSTIN - Four historic Texas flags are flying high once again after their preservation two years ago through the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission. One was sewn by a general's daughter, another carried by Mexican troops when the Alamo was stormed. All can be viewed on the second floor of the new Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in exhibits depicting the era in which they originally were flown or carried.

The four flags are part of a group of 23 that have long resided in the Texas State Library and Archives Commission in need of a variety of

repairs. Through the support of the Texas Historical Commission (THC) in partnership with Friends of the THC, more than \$217,000 was raised from foundations, private individuals and corporations to conserve these treasures.

The flags include: the Guerrero Battalion flag which was carried at the fall of the Alamo; the Matamoros Battalion flag named for Mariano Matamoros, a Mexican hero who served with Santa Anna in one of the units that stormed the Alamo; the First Texas Infantry, Hood's Brigade Lone Battle flag carried in the 1861 Battle

of Antietam where nine Texas standard bearers fell carrying this flag; and the Shield and Star flag which came from an unidentified Texas unit and is believed to be the original flag of the 6th Texas Infantry.

The flags will remain on display in Austin until October. They are scheduled to join nine other restored historic flags in an exhibit at the Houston Museum of Fine Arts January through April 2002.

For more information, contact Linda Lee with Friends of the Texas Historical Commission at 512-936-2241.

Archeologists confirm remains of person buried at fort

VICTORIA - Texas Historical Commission (THC) archeologists, in conjunction with forensic experts, have learned that the skeletal remains of a third individual were buried in a common grave at the Fort St. Louis archeological site, the first European colony in Texas.

The remains, believed to be those of early settlers, were discovered at the site last November in a shallow

grave overlooking Garcitas Creek, where several French artifacts have been discovered.

University of North Texas forensic experts are conducting tests on the remains which initially were believed to be those of two males.

The confirmation of a third individual was made on the basis of identification of a total of five humeri, or upper arm bones, and three patel-

lae, or kneecaps, removed from the common grave. They were taken to the Laboratory of Forensic Anthropology and Human Identification at the University of North Texas in Denton where the staff hope to determine the sex, age, and stature of these people.

For more information, contact the THC Archeological Division at 512/463-6096.

Trooper drug seizures top \$100 million

DPS troopers more than doubled the dollar amount of drugs taken off Texas roadways in traffic stops in 2000.

According to 2000 figures from the Traffic Law Enforcement Division, DPS troopers seized narcotics valued at \$122.3 million while on normal patrol activities compared with \$55.4 million dollars in 1999. (Dollar figures reflect street value.)

"Our training in spotting criminal activity after routine traffic violations keeps drugs out of Texas neighborhoods," said DPS Director Col. Thomas A. Davis, Jr. "Wanted criminals roam our highways everyday, and our job is to put them behind bars where they belong."

The 1,785 drug cases filed by the Traffic Law Enforcement Division in 2000 is the highest ever recorded by DPS troopers. Cocaine seizures totaled 1,682 pounds, and marijuana seizures topped 75,000 pounds. More than 20,000 arrests also were made for a variety of non-drug violations.

"By simply enforcing the traffic laws, our troopers put murderers, rapists, and wanted criminals out of commission every day," said Traffic Law Enforcement Chief Charles Graham.

Also in 2000, DPS troopers arrested nearly 31,000 drunk drivers, handed out 550,000 speeding citations and issued about 160,000 safety restraint tickets. Troopers also provided assistance to 74,000 motorists.

Obituaries

Messer

Funeral services for Lillie Ruth Messer, age 97, were held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, 2001, in the Hedley Church of Christ with Bright Newhouse, Minister, officiating. Burial was held in Rowe Cemetery in Hedley under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mrs. Messer died Wednesday, June 20, 2001, in Clarendon. She was born September 17, 1903, in Hess, Greer County, Oklahoma, and came to Texas at age 2. She had been a lifetime resident of the Hedley area. She married Olen Ferral "Pete" Messer on October 6, 1921, at Memphis. He preceded her in death in 1985. She was a wonderful cook. She was a homemaker, a farmer, and was a member of the Hedley Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents; five sisters; one brother, and a daughter-in-law.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Nelda and Jim Hudson of Amarillo; one son, Doyle Messer of Hedley; five grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; and many wonderful friends.

Casket bearers were Max Hudson, Lyndon Messer, Stuart Messer, Mike Hines, Ashton Hines, and Aaron Hines.

The family requests that memorials be to Rowe Cemetery Association in Hedley.

Little Miss Cheerleader Camp set for August

The Clarendon High School Varsity Cheerleaders will be holding a Little Miss Cheerleader Camp for 2001-2002 first through fifth grade girls August 6-8, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Clarendon CISD Practice Field.

The cost of the camp is \$35, and registration is due by July 6, 2001.

The camp is designed to teach future cheerleaders cheer routines and

chants. Camp attendees will participate in one Bronco pep rally with the varsity cheerleaders. Water, juice, and snacks will be provided during camp time.

To register, complete a registration form at the Superintendent's office.

If you have any questions, contact Linde Shadle at 874-5375.

The Lion's Tale

By Allen Estlack

Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting on June 26 with Boss Lion Pro Temp Jerry Woodard conducting the meeting.

We had 16 members and five guests. Our guests were Ryan White and Lauryn Leffew, guests of Lion Darrell Leffew; Russell Estlack, guest of Lion Allen Estlack; Cennet Rhode, guest of the club; and Roger Hoetzle, guest of Lion Monty Hysinger.

We got the Lions lined up to handle the flag detail of July 4. Also people are working on the Cow Patty Bingo on July 7.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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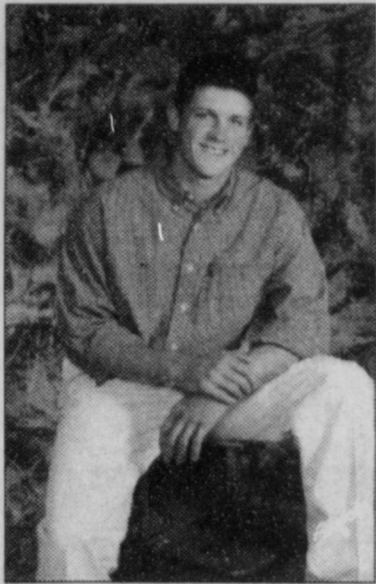
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School names Mr., Miss CHS

During the CHS Awards Ceremony held in May, Sam Holton was named Mr. CHS, and Courtney Newhouse was named Miss CHS.

Chris Johnsen and Jamie Sawyer were runners-up.

Other winners were Jonathan Aduddell - Best Personality; Geri Butler - Most Spirited, Most Humorous, Most Talented, Most Athletic, Best Personality Runner-Up; Shannon Cooper - Most Athletic Runner-Up; Nickless Devin - Most Likely to Succeed, Most Studious; Colt Floyd - Most Athletic Runner-Up; Nathan Floyd - Most Friendly Runner-Up; Derek Gourley - Most Likely to Succeed Runner-Up, Most Friendly, Most Studious Runner-Up; Sam Holton - Most Talented Runner-up, Best Dressed, Most Courteous Runner-up; Mary Jaramillo - Most Studious Runner-Up, Most Courteous Runner-Up; Chris Johnsen - Most Spirited, Most Humorous; Aaron Kidd - Most Courteous; Michael Lane - Best



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TxDOT announces new local district engineer

CHILDRESS - Craig Clark has been appointed the District Engineer for the Childress District Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) effective August 1, 2001.

A TxDOT employee since 1982, Clark began his career as an engineering assistant in the Odessa District. He has held positions as area engineer in Pecos, engineer of field construction in the Construction Division and, most recently, as director of construction in the San Antonio District.

Clark holds a Bachelor Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla. He was a TxDOT *Journey Toward Excellence Award* winner for utility coordination in 1995.

Craig and his wife, Linda, have two sons, Wes and Cory.

The Childress District includes the counties of Briscoe, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dickens, Donley, Foard, Hall, Hardeman, King, Knox, Motley, and Wheeler and has 2,496 miles of state maintained roads.

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The program provides up to 80 percent of the cost for capital equipment such as buses, vans, and other paratransit vehicles used to transport elderly and/or disabled persons. Also included are the purchases of vehicles for service expansions, radio and communication equipment, wheel chair lifts and restraints, vehicle rehabilitation, and purchase of transportation

services. The Federal Government, under the Federal Transit Act, appropriates the funding.

Interested private or non-profit organizations, public entities, and local citizens within the Childress District, that are located in Briscoe, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dickens, Donley, Foard, Hall, Hardeman, King, Knox, Motley, and Wheeler counties are invited to attend a planning meeting to discuss the most cost effective use of these funds.

This meeting will be held at the TxDOT office in Childress on Tuesday, July 17, 2001, at 1:30 p.m. The District office is located on US Highway 287 West at the Lewis H. White Interchange. Please direct all inquiries to Tonya Cummings at 940-937-7164.

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Texas prepares for emergency animal disaster

COLLEGE STATION - Texas A&M University will be the site for a simulated foot-and-mouth disease outbreak on June 26-29.

According to Dr. Linda Logan, head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), "The exercise will give us an opportunity to review the organizational structure of the state's emergency management system and develop greater cooperation between agencies."

On April 5, Gov. Rick Perry established the Foreign Animal Disease Working Group, which is chaired by Logan. The objective of that group is to manage an animal disease emergency in the most efficient manner possible.

More than 30 state agencies are members of the group, which is working with the Division of Emergency Management, Texas Department of Public Safety.

The College Station exercise will give the agencies the opportunity to

discuss biosecurity, decontamination, humane depopulation and other animal-related issues that may be foreign to some members of the state's emergency structure, Logan said.

"We also want to address the issues that will be associated with how to pay indemnity to producers," she said.

The exercise will tap into the expertise of law enforcement agencies, such as the county sheriff's department and DPS, in enforcing quarantines and restricted movement.

"We'll also be learning from community service agencies that aid with stress and mental anguish and other agencies that provide radio and telephone communications and ground support, such as construction equipment for moving dead animals and digging trenches for burning carcasses," Logan said.

No actual virus will be introduced or animals euthanized during

the exercise, she emphasized.

With 254 counties and more than 36 million head of livestock and wildlife at risk, Texas animal health officials cannot afford to wait until a foreign animal disease strikes to plan for disaster, Logan said.

According to Dr. Bruce Lawhorn, veterinarian with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and department of large animal medicine, College of Veterinary Medicine, the highly contagious disease can cause serious, chronic illness in cloven-footed animals, such as cattle, swine (feral or wild and domestic), sheep, goats, captive and wild deer, elk, bison and llamas. It also can cause high mortality rates in young livestock.

Infected animals develop blisters in the mouth, tongue, muzzle, teats and skin between the hooves, Lawhorn said.

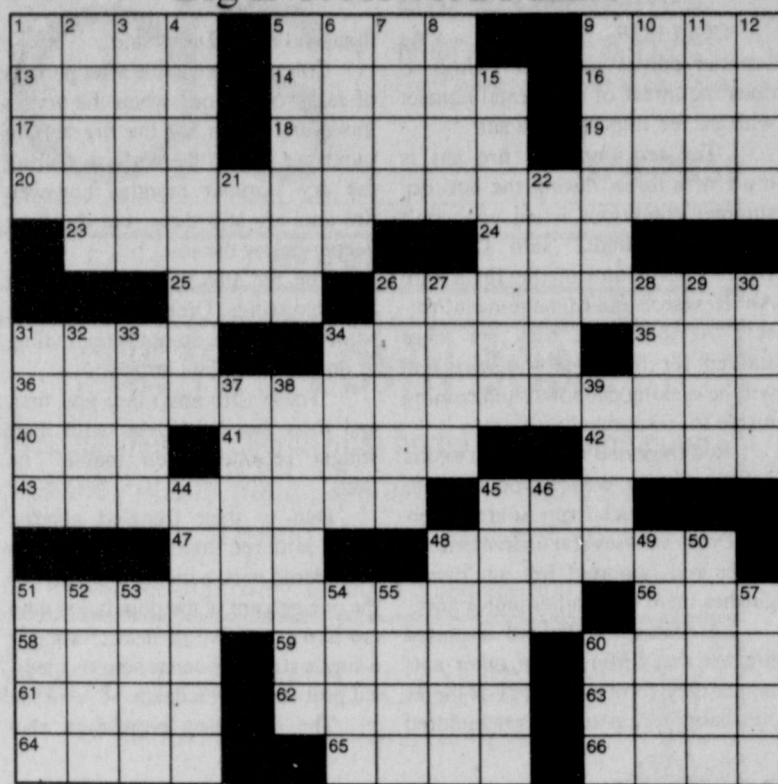
According to Logan, "Will we be ready if - or when - a disaster

occurs? That's a question that keeps me awake at nights. No one is ever fully ready, as there will always be surprises. But, with the state emergency management system, we've got a lot of experienced folks who have weathered tornadoes, fires, hurricanes and other catastrophes. The livestock industry wants to be involved and has demonstrated its concern and willingness to be part of the planning process."

The exercise begins with preparatory training at 8 a.m. June 26 for participants. The actual exercise begins at 1 p.m. on June 27 and continues through 5 p.m. June 28. After-action reviews will be held from 8 a.m. until noon on June 29.

Some members of the working group are the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, Texas Department of Highways, Texas A&M University, and the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Big E Crossword Puzzle



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1. Painful sore
5. Canned meat
9. Stem
13. Thomas ____, British composer
14. Carpet
16. Ancient Greek city
17. Dandy
18. Fragrant resin obtained from tropical trees
19. Government officers (informal)
20. American League baseball teams
23. Profoundly
24. Auricle
25. Can
26. Oozed, in a way
31. Jai ____, sport
34. Monetary units of Samoa
35. ____ de cologne
36. Pittsburgh and Seattle baseball teams
40. Before
41. Murdered
42. Russian city
43. Loses hope
45. Plant habitat
47. Sunup in New York (abbr.)

DOWN

1. Pamper
2. Mountain nymph (Greek)
3. Mindless
4. Blood-related disease
5. Tempered
6. Loss of the ability to move a body part
7. Copier
8. Act out
9. Previously
10. Genus of very spiny shrubs
11. Queen of Sparta
12. Sea or striped ____
15. Cocktail with lemon juice and brandy
21. Environmental agency (abbr.)
22. Athabaskan
26. Lapps
27. Ardor
28. To pour out
29. Pinna
30. Follows sunset
31. Copied
32. French city
33. Area units
34. Despot
37. Hebrew letter
38. Superiority
39. Difficult situations
44. Nagged
45. Angiospermous trees
46. Compass point (abbr.)
48. Black
49. African antelope
50. Spokes, in a way
51. South American country
52. Geological times
53. Any customary observance or practice
54. Bottle that contains a drug
55. Protoctist
57. Words of something printed or written
60. Color

Thornberry private property bill receives hearing in committee

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The House Resources Committee held a hearing recently on a bill introduced earlier this year by U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) that would strengthen property rights.

The bill, H.R. 1592, or The Constitutional Land Acquisition Act of 2001, would strengthen and clarify the rights of private property owners when the government seeks to acquire or purchase private lands.

"[This] hearing will shed some light on how current law affects some private property owners," Thornberry stated. "Land owners shouldn't have to fight off the government from unfairly taking property that has been in their family for generations, nor should they have to worry about being forced to sell it for less than it is worth. My bill would address these problems and take into consideration the rights of property owners

before moving ahead with the sale."

Among other things, Thornberry's measure would: • Require that a land seller concur with the purchase, and that the transaction be approved by an Act of Congress. • Protect inholders so that federal standards on surrounding LWCF purchased lands cannot conflict with either use or enjoyment of the owners' lands. • Require relevant agencies to certify that equal value land exchanges, conservation easements, and other factors have been considered before an acquisition can be made. • Require affected areas to be notified of a purchase. • Prohibit using LWCF money for condemnation actions as a means of acquisition. • Make it easier for states to convert lands they purchased with LWCF funds to a new purpose.

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