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NEWS at a glance

Chamberlain's to host blood drive

On Friday, July 6, Coffee Memorial Blood Center will be at Chamberlain Motor Company from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the annual Summer Blood Drive.

Hotdogs, soft drinks, and a specially designed T-shirt will be given to all donors.

Traditionally, summertime donations are less than other times during the year. Unfortunately, the need for blood does not take a vacation. Accidents, medical treatments, and general surgeries continue to be routine parts of the summer. It continues to take an average of 500 units of blood weekly to meet patient needs in the Texas Panhandle.

Coffee Memorial encourages all donors to drop in and donate blood on Friday. They also encourage residents of Clarendon who are not blood donors to consider becoming donors. Volunteer donors are the only source for blood. There is no substitute.

For more information, contact Susan Leary at 358-4563.

Producer meeting to be held Monday

The Donley County FSA Office will hold a meeting on Monday, July 9, 2001, in the Bairfield Activity Center at Clarendon College.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m., and topics discussed will include the Non-insured Assistance Program and the Quality Loss Program.

"The Quality Loss Program is the second phase of the Disaster Program for 2000 Crops," said Steven Orr, County Executive Director of the Donley County FSA Office. "We will go over the general requirements of the program and information the producers will need to provide."

"Also the Non-insured Assistance Program has undergone several changes that producers need to be aware of. After the presentation there will be a question and answer session where producers can address any issues they wish."

Enterprise office closed for holiday

THE ENTERPRISE office will be closed this Wednesday and Thursday, July 4 and 5, to celebrate America's independence from that sorry scalawag, King George III.

The newspaper will resume normal business hours on Friday, July 6, and deadlines will return to their regular schedule next week - Monday noon for articles and pictures and Monday at 5 p.m. for all advertising and classifieds.

Inside:

- 2 Celebrate the Fourth on the Seventh? The editor says it's just not right.
- 3 Get the complete run down on this week's schedule of events.
- 7 Rep. Thornberry will hold a town meeting in Wellington.
- 8 And a survey says beer is America's beverage of choice on the Fourth of July.

All this and much more in this week's star-spangled edition!

Saints' Roost Celebration gets underway

Parades, ranch rodeo, barbecue to highlight July Fourth weekend

The 123rd annual Saints' Roost Celebration gets underway this week, and visitors can plan to enjoy a new kind of rodeo and a new venue for the barbecue and crafts fair this year.

The celebration begins Wednesday, July 4, in downtown Clarendon with the Bicycle Parade at 10:00 a.m. Kids can sign-up the day of the parade at Eads Furniture & Appliance or the Chamber of Commerce Office. Line up will begin at 9:15 a.m. by the Post Office.

The fun continues on the Fourth at Thunder Junction with the Clarendon Tourism Council. They will serve sloppy joes and ice cream beginning at 1:00 p.m. while everyone enjoys the water slide, go carts, and miniature golf. Kids can pop their own fireworks from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. in a designated area at Thunder Junction. Parental supervision is required.

The Donley County Horse Club will get Friday started with their Stick Horse Rodeo. The rodeo will be held in the vacant lot across from the Post Office from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. The rodeo is a fun event for all children nine and under. There will be an entry fee of 50¢ per event.

The annual Depression Lunch will begin at 11:00 a.m. inside the Main Street Ministry. The First Baptist Church will help serve the beans and cornbread for a low price. They will also be selling drinks and delicious desserts.

The annual Rodeo has changed this year to a Ranch Rodeo. The competition begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday night at the rodeo ground with 24 different teams from ranches around the area.

Local teams include Cook Ranch, O'Brien Ranch, Finch Ranch, Running H Ranch, Matthews/Darsey Ranch, High Card Ranch, Sombrero Cattle Company, Spring Creek Ranch, Hall Ranch, JA Ranch, 3H Cattle

Company, I Bar Ranch, Bar W Ranch, Spade Ranch, and the RO Ranch.

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 and barbecue 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. 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



Long may it wave

An unidentified member of the Clarendon Girl Scouts holds the Stars and Stripes during the 2000 Memorial Day ceremony at Citizens Cemetery.

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Third Street, west to Jefferson, and then back to the ball fields.

Actor Barry Corbin, star of screen and television, will lead this year's parade.

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.

Early this week, a last minute addition was made to the celebration. A carnival will be here Friday, Saturday, and Sunday beginning at 1 p.m. each day at Thunder Junction.

Have a safe and happy celebration!

Hardin, Todd pioneer man, woman of '01

By Mary Beth Nelson

W.K. Hardin and Claudine Todd have been named as Clarendon's Pioneer Man and Woman of the Year for 2001.

W.K. born September 17, 1909, in Hardin County, Tennessee, moved to Donley County in 1922 with his parents, Watt and Lola Hardin, one brother, Hall, and three sisters, Ruth Cearley, Mary K. Todd, and Annie Marie Estes. Another brother, Homer, was born to the family after their move from Tennessee.

Settling in Sunny View community, six miles east of Clarendon, the Hardins continued farming, a life-long occupation to which W.K. has been happily dedicated. He grins as he mentions the family's first car, a Model T with curtains for windows.

"In the summertime, we'd take the curtains off," recalls our Pioneer Man of the Year.

In 1940, W.K. entered an Army one-year training program. After Pearl Harbor's 1941 bombing, he spent 36 months in Europe and North Africa serving as wench operator in 591st Engineer Boat Regiment. After his World War II service discharge in 1945, he returned to the farm.

June 10, 1947, W.K. married Maxine Ellis, daughter of former Clarendon Doctor T.H. Ellis and Elizabeth Dyer Ellis. After a Colorado Springs honeymoon where the prestigious Broadmoor Hotel charged \$23.00 a day (meals included), W.K. and Maxine established residence at 902 West 3rd Street where they currently reside. They attend Clarendon's Episcopal Church and have parented five children - David, Cheryl, Shauna, Brent, and Kelli.

This hard-working gentleman continued to farm for 50 years. Is See 'Pioneers' on page 5.

County officials file motions in constable salary dispute

Donley County officials filed papers Friday saying they broke no laws and did not abuse their discretion when they set Constable Jimmy Swinney's salary last December.

County Judge Jack Hall and Commissioners Don Hall and Bob Trout filed a motion for summary judgment in the recent lawsuit brought against them by Swinney. The motion filed with the 100th Judicial District Court claims the constable's salary is not unreasonable as a matter of law.

The county's two other commissioners also filed a separate motion for summary judgment. Ernest Johnston and Henry "Buster" Shields say they were not in office when the commissioners' court set Swinney's salary on Decem-

ber 28, 2000. Johnston and Shields took office January 1, 2001.

A hearing for the defendants' motions has been set before District Judge David McCoy in the Hall County Courthouse in Memphis on July 23, 2001.

Swinney was elected last year as a write-in candidate for constable of Precincts 1&2, an office that had been vacant for 30 years. He filed suit on June 19 against the commissioners' court, the county judge, and Donley County itself.

Swinney's petition asks the district court to command the county to set and pay him a reasonable salary. Previously he had sought a salary equal to the constable of Precincts 3&4,

which is \$17,146.95.

According to the papers filed by county officials on Friday, the commissioners' court gathered information and sought advice from the county attorney, the county treasurer, and the Texas Association of Counties regarding a reasonable salary for Swinney. The court also gathered input from Precinct 1&2 Justice Jimmy Johnson and Sheriff-elect Butch Blackburn regarding the duties to be performed by the new constable.

The defendants say the commissioners' court set Swinney's salary at \$3,170 based on the work he would be expected to do. The court used the following formula to set the salary: (1) \$100 per month to serve an average of 14

notices or citations; (2) \$20 per month to attend an average of one justice court jury trial lasting two hours; and (3) \$10 per citation to compensate for any additional time based on serving 173 per year.

The defendants also claim that Swinney "has been overpaid" since he received \$1,452.92 from January 1 to June 15 and, based on the commissioners' formula, "actually earned only \$667.50." Their motion says Swinney has "served less than seven notices or citations per month since assuming office."

The motion also claims that Constable Swinney's salary amounts to \$10 per hour while a deputy sheriff in Donley County earns \$8.64 per hour.



'Knocked me outta the shower!'

Carl Draper says he was knocked out of his shower last Tuesday night when 17-year-old Patrick Burrell lost control of the pickup he was driving on Carhart Street and slammed into Draper's doublewide trailer house. Neither Draper nor his wife were injured. Burrell and his passenger, Terra Kidd, age 14, received minor injuries, Sheriff Butch Blackburn said. Charges of Driving Under the Influence and Failure to Control Speed were filed on Burrell in Justice Ann Kennedy's court, the sheriff said.

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Bugbee murals now on display at PPHM

The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum (PPHM) at Canyon is exhibiting *Those Who Came Before Us: The Indian Murals of H.D. Bugbee*, which the Clarendon artist painted in the early 1950s.

The exhibition will include Bugbee's original thirteen murals for the Museum's then-Indian Hall, plus three Indian dance murals he added to cycle later, and sketches and studies (some made in the 1920s) for the murals. Much like Charles M. Russell, Bugbee's idol-who depicted life on the northern Great Plains in the late 1800s and early 1900s, Bugbee portrayed historic and then-contemporary Southern Plains life, including cowboys, American Indians, and flora and fauna of the region.

At the suggestion of his cousin, cattleman T.S. Bugbee, Harold Dow Bugbee came to the Texas Panhandle from Lexington, Massachusetts, in 1914 with his parents. He studied

at Texas A&M College in 1917 and the Cumming School of Art in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1920.

Advised by cattlemen Frank Collinson and Charles Goodnight, Bugbee rendered the landscape and wildlife of the Texas Panhandle, as well as nostalgic paintings of Indians and cowboys. Each fall, until the late 1930s, the artist traveled to Taos to paint with his fellow artists "Buck" Duntun, Frank Hoffman, Leon Gaspar, and Ralph Meyers, often packing into the mountains to paint with either Meyers or Duntun.

By the mid-1920s galleries in Denver, Chicago, Kansas City, and New York handled Bugbee's work. With the Depression and decreasing picture sales, in 1933 Bugbee turned to magazine illustration, a practice he maintained for some eighteen years. He did pen and ink illustrations for *Ranch Romances*, *Western Stories*,

See 'Bugbee' on page 5.

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



Has July Fourth lost its meaning to Americans?

Clarendon was a brand new settlement on the American frontier when it celebrated its first Independence Day. The Christian colonists - about 40 of them - gathered that July 4th in 1878. Guns were fired in salute of freedom, a 10-foot by 20-foot American flag was unfurled on the hill overlooking what the cowboys would later call "Saints' Roost." Later that morning, the Declaration of Independence was read aloud, and afterward the crowd joined in a rousing chorus of "America." The old bell that our town's founder had acquired during America's centennial celebration was rung with gusto.

Those early pioneers, just a few generations removed from the Revolutionary War, knew what freedom was all about. Indeed, they were living proof of the old-fashioned American can-do spirit. They must have had a zeal for freedom, self-determination, and independence to have toiled so in bringing civilization to this wilderness.

The Fourth of July is different today, though. And so are we. You can tell that by just glancing at the convoluted schedule for this year's Saints' Roost Celebration. Somewhere we've gotten the notion that July 4th must always be celebrated on Saturday - regardless of what day that really is. This year it's on July 7. Last year it was on July 1, and the year before that it was on July 3.

Oh, to be sure we have a little something on the Fourth. Some token effort just for show. This year it's a bicycle parade and sloppy joes. Year before last, it was just the sloppy joes. In 2000, we did have a pretty good effort with a patriotic presentation at the courthouse square on the Fourth. This year like last year, we will have the Depression Lunch. (I have never understood why the heck we make the Depression part of our celebration. I wasn't there, but I hear the Depression wasn't much fun.)

The people in charge of the celebration can't be blamed really. I was on the Chamber of Commerce board for a few years, and I know the overriding concern is to plan activities so that out of town people can be here. But is that really where the focus should be?

Christmas, for example, is always on December 25. There is really no historical evidence that Jesus Christ was actually born on December 25, but that's the custom, and we all go along with it. It doesn't matter what day of the week Christmas falls on; people take off work and will go wherever they're going regardless. All this for a date that somehow just got picked as Jesus' birthday.

But we know when the Declaration of Independence was approved. It's right there on the document: "In Congress, July 4, 1776." That seems pretty plain to me. Sure it's true that the Continental Congress voted for independence earlier and actually signed the document the next month. But they approved the Declaration on July 4, and that has come to be recognized as America's birthday.

And yet, while Christmas is always on December 25, Independence Day has become a moving target... the first, the third, the seventh. Whatever it takes. God forbid it land on Monday through Friday; and if it's on Sunday, we just call the whole thing off. It seems less and less like we are celebrating our nation's Independence from the British crown, less and less like we are celebrating our Liberties, and more and more like we are just having another Labor Day weekend.

This whole phenomenon is not surprising. We have become a nation where freedom and independence don't mean as much as they once did. Our people are more concerned about the freebies they are entitled to from their government. And our governments have become abusive of our rights. The free exercise of religion is limited to inside your church or in a closet in your home. Try to pray in public and you're in trouble. This despite the fact that our Founding Fathers appealed to "the Supreme Judge of the world" and relied on "divine Providence" for protection.

The government chip, chip, chips away at our freedoms and then turns around and thumps itself on the chest whenever it "gives" us new rights to sue our fellow citizens. Our "leaders," bolstered by some veterans groups, seek to sully the Constitution and erode the right of free speech by passing a "Flag Protection Amendment." New York passes a law to keep people up there off their cellular phones while driving. Can a law requiring hands be in the "10 and 2" position at all times be far behind? Our own state legislature bans children from the back of pickup beds, which would have made my father a criminal 20 years ago, and also decrees that the lives of certain races and creeds are more valuable than others through a so-called "hate law."

The men who signed the Declaration put their lives on the line so that we might live free of the oppressive hand of an unruly government. They suffered hardships, and some lost everything they had in the war that followed. I would invite you to read that document - many of you never have. It's reprinted on page two of our Pioneer Edition. Study it, soak up the words, and learn from it. Then ask yourself, is a bicycle parade and a sloppy joe really a suitable celebration to commemorate that incredible document?

I hope everyone has a good time at this year's celebration, and I commend the hard work that has gone into it. But I long for the day when the Fourth of July is celebrated on July 4 no matter what day it falls on even - as my grandmother used to say - if it hair lips the mayor.

God Bless America!

Congress must get health care reform right

Congress is debating the Patients' Bill of Rights, legislation to help patients get the kind of medical treatment they deserve without delay or legal haggling.

When we are dealing with the health care of most Americans, it is important to avoid unintended consequences, such as increasing the cost of providing quality medical care. We don't want to do anything that would discourage employers from providing their employees with medical coverage. We need to make sure we are not creating more problems than we are solving with the bill.

Getting good medical care in our country has grown complicated. The vast majority of us like and trust our doctors. We don't want an insurance company telling our doctors what kind of care to give us. Parents should be able to take their child to the pediatrician without having to get permission from their insurance company or health maintenance organization (HMO) first. People should be able to see a specialist when they need one and to get emergency treatment at the nearest emergency room without calling a health care gatekeeper first.

If an HMO denies the treatment you need, then you should have the right to an immediate, impartial appeal to a panel of doctors. If the panel rules in your favor, you should receive your treatment, period. If the HMO ignores the findings,



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you should be able to go to court. Such a system should favor patients, first and foremost, with quick action to make sure they get the treatment they need in a timely manner.

We can't afford to turn over patient care decisions to accountants and insurance companies and trial lawyers.

Texas has already taken the lead on patients' rights and is showing the rest of the country the way. In our state, if an HMO denies coverage for a certain procedure but the patient and the doctor disagree with that decision, a patient can make an internal appeal within the HMO first. If, after the HMO reviews the appeal and still refuses to cover the treatment, the patient can appeal again to a panel of outside experts not associated with the HMO. If the outside panel has made a decision and the patient still feels he or she has been unfairly denied care, the patient can sue the HMO in court.

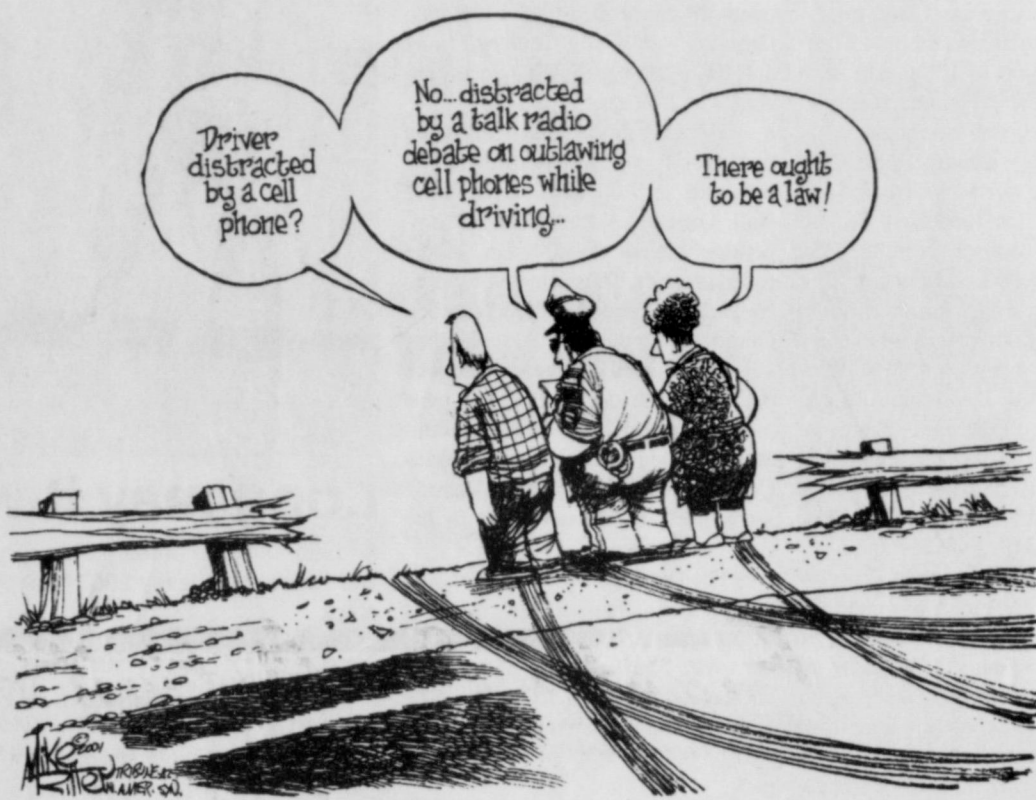
It works. Fewer than 20 lawsuits emerged from more than 300 appeals heard under Texas' external review system since 1997. At the same time, the system has

proved to be fair. The conclusions of the appeals are virtually 50/50 in favor of both the patients and the health plans. Federal law would do well to follow Texas' lead.

Texas law also gives employers protection from lawsuits involving health coverage. Employers are not required to provide health insurance coverage to their employees. Small businesses often can barely afford to give their employees this benefit. Exposing them to lawsuits and millions of dollars in potential damages because they voluntarily provide their employees with medical insurance just doesn't make sense. I offered an amendment to the bill that would have applied Texas' employer protection provisions to the entire nation. Unfortunately, it failed, but I will continue to work to secure this protection for employers in the final bill.

Congress has to get this right. If health costs continue to climb, the result could be disastrous. Answering a recent series of nationwide polls, an overwhelming majority of employers stated unequivocally they would have to pass on any new health insurance costs to their employees, by either raising employees' premiums -- or by eliminating coverage. Small businesses are especially vulnerable.

The best prescription for America's health provides more protection for patients, enhances the quality of care, and promotes greater access and affordability.



Legislature's actions will help Texas hearts

By Tom Haywood, Texas Senate

Nearly all Texans have had their lives touched by cardiovascular disease, which includes heart disease and stroke. This killer attacks young and old, male and female, and strikes racial minorities disproportionately hard. About four in ten deaths in Texas every year are the result of cardiovascular disease, making it the leading cause of death in our state.

Several measures passed during the recently-concluded legislative session should help combat this disease. The passage of these bills has led to this being called the best session ever for the fight against heart disease and stroke. Although they did not generate headlines or divisive debates, these actions will have a significant impact on the health of Texans for many years to come.

Countless lives have been saved through proper administration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Schools offer the best chance to teach young people to use CPR to save a life. The Legislature passed a bill this session that requires this instruction in Texas public high schools, provided that funding is available. The course can be taught in four hours and be placed wherever in the curriculum local school boards deem appropriate, such as health classes. The Texas Affiliate of the American Heart Association has pledged \$1.5 million in mannequins, booklets, and teacher training to get this program underway. It is estimated this could result in up to 300,000 students every year receiving this important instruction.

Imagine you are with a friend or family member when they suffer an emergency, such as cardiac arrest. You call 911 and the operator dispatches an ambulance. In most of Texas, unless you know how to treat someone during an emergency, you must wait for the ambulance to arrive and pray that it does so in time. However, in cities such as Austin and Fort Worth, 911 dispatchers are also trained to tell you over the phone how to administer CPR or apply first aid. This often makes the difference as to whether or not a victim survives. A certified 911 center will serve as a resource center for areas where these instructions

have not been available. The Legislature will evaluate the 911 resource center concept in the 2003 legislative session.

Studies show that for the first time in recorded history, the generation in school today is less healthy than the generation before it. In the past 30 years, the number of obese children has doubled. At the same time, participation in physical activities at school has been steadily declining. While researchers have made great discoveries for the care and treatment of hearts, this progress will be undermined if this generation grows into unfit and physically inactive adults. Legislation approved this session will allow the State Board of Education to require some physical activity take place in school every day for children between kindergarten and the sixth grade.

The Legislature also approved a bill that will study the placement of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in state buildings. You've probably seen these machines used during television programs, such as "ER" or "Chicago Hope." These devices use an electrical shock to restart a heart that has stopped. These devices are surprisingly small and can easily be used by anyone who has had minimal training. Congress has passed a similar measure for federal buildings. The bill has been referred to as "the Gary Terry Act," after the former president of the American

Heart Association, Texas Affiliate, whose life was saved this spring by the use of an AED at the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. Coincidentally, Terry had long been a proponent of AED placement.

Research shows that about 90 percent of all smokers start their deadly habit before the age of 18. Smoking is one of the leading causes of heart disease, as well as cancer, emphysema and other illnesses. The costs to this state, both financially and in lives lost, can be substantially reduced if teens can be prevented from ever starting to smoke. Recently, the state funded a comprehensive tobacco prevention program in Port Arthur that reduced smoking among middle school students there by 40 percent. Similar programs in other states have seen similar results. The Legislature appropriated \$10 billion over the next two years to expand such programs in Texas.

The fight against cardiovascular disease is ongoing. Every year, thousands of Texans participate in walks and other events to raise money for research into heart disease and stroke. Many learn how to help persons who face an emergency caused by heart problems. Still more people work to prevent cardiovascular disease, both for themselves and for others.

Actions taken this session ensure that the Legislature is a partner in the battle against this terrible disease.



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Saloon scene in new Clarendon in 1890.

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Events & Activities

Wednesday, July 4

- 9:15 a.m. Bicycle Parade Check-In
- 10:00 a.m. Bicycle Parade - Kearney St.
- 1-7:00 p.m. *Clarendon Tourism Council Day at Thunder Junction serving Sloppy Joes and Ice Cream
- 8-10:00 p.m. Shoot your fireworks in designated area at Thunder Junction - Parental Supervision Required

Friday, July 6

- 9-11:00 a.m. Donley Co. Horse Club Stick Horse & Bull Rodeo Across from Post Office, ages 9 and under
- 11:00 a.m. Depression Lunch, Main Street Ministry
- 1:00 p.m. Carnival at Thunder Junction
- 7:00 p.m. Ranch Rodeo
- 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. Rodeo Dance with Young Country

Saturday, July 7

- 7-10:00 a.m. VFW Breakfast, VFW Hall
- 8:00 a.m. RHAA Ranch Horse Competition
- 10:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts Fair, City Park
- 10:30 a.m. Old Settler's Reunion, City Park
- 11:00 a.m. Shriner's Barbecue, City Park
- 1:00 p.m. Carnival at Thunder Junction
- 1:30 p.m. Lions Club Cow Patty Bingo, City Park
- 2:00 p.m. Parade
- 3:30 p.m. Turtle Race, Henson's
- 7:00 p.m. VFW Shotgun Raffle following Turtle Race
- 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. Ranch Rodeo
Drawing for National Finals Rodeo Trip
Rodeo Dance with Young Country

These merchants hope everyone enjoys all the Saints' Roost Celebration activities:

Amigo's Mexican Restauranté
Clarendon Insurance Agency
Clarendon Veterinary Hospital & Pet Supply
Dairy Queen
Eads Furniture & Appliance
Floyd's Motor Company
Greenbelt Cleaners
Gregory Enterprises

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Janie's Beauty Shop
Jim Garland Real Estate
Keown's Trading Post & Gallery
Knorpp Insurance Agency
McKinney Motor Co.
Pizza Hut
Thunder Junction
The Clarendon Enterprise

¿Qué Pasa?

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

July 4, 6, 7

Saints' Roast Celebration • See related story on page one and complete schedule of events on page three.

July 5

Medical Center Nursing Home Open House • 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Town Hall with Rep. Mac Thornberry • Bura Handley Community Center in Wellington • 5 p.m.

July 6

Coffee Memorial Blood Drive • Chamberlain Motor Company • 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

July 9

Producers Meeting • Bairfield Activity Center • 10 a.m.

July 9 - 13

Swimming Lessons • Clarendon Country Club • time's tentative

July 17

Donley County Garden & Ornamental Tour • Extension Office • 9:30 a.m.

July 23 - 26

Clarendon Tennis Camp • Clarendon Tennis Courts • 8:30 a.m.

July 25

Sunshine Lunch • Country Kitchen • 11:30 a.m.

August 6 - 8

Little Miss Cheerleader Camp • CISD Practice Field • 9 a.m.

September 22

Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff • Saints' Roast Museum • Details to come.

Community Menus

July 9 - 13

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Mexican pile on, rice, pinto beans, tossed salad, watermelon, tortilla chips, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Tues: Fish sticks, macaroni and tomato, green peas, fruit salad, butterscotch pudding, cornbread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Wed: Teriyaki chicken, rice pilaf, oriental vegetables, peaches, Jell-O cubes with topping, roll, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Thur: Smoked sausage, steamed cabbage, black-eyed peas, cantaloupe, cake, cornbread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Fri: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, carrots, mixed fruit, coconut cream pie, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, Harvard beets, cantaloupe, cake, roll, milk, tea, coffee

Tues: Meatloaf, baked beans, corn, potato salad, banana pudding, roll, milk, tea, coffee

Wed: Steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, English peas, cantaloupe, peach cobbler, roll, milk, tea, coffee

Thur: Catfish fillet, spinach, onion rings, coleslaw, jelled fruit with whipped topping, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee

Fri: Chicken strips, potato soup, steamed cabbage, carrot and raisin salad, apricot halves, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee

Let people know what's happening with a listing in our ¿Qué Pasa? calendar. Just give us a ring today at 874-2259.

Traveling was more fun, less costly way back when

It's getting really expensive to travel. The other day I was figuring up what it would cost us in gas to drive 450 miles to visit some friends. What I discovered was that if we drove there, and back in our car and paid for our gas along the way, we could afford to spend about 30 minutes with them and eat one meal at McDonald's while we were gone from home.

Of course, we could always fly down there. After checking into airplane rates, I realized that if we flew, they would have to meet us at the airport for a 15 minute chat, and we couldn't eat any meals except for the free peanuts on the plane!

Bus fares were not much better, and no passenger trains come anywhere near my home. Renting a travel trailer for a few days is pretty well out of the question since Ed McMahon has not knocked on my door with a check for a million dollars yet. It sure makes me long for "the old days".

I remember as a child riding to

Dallas on the bus. My parents paid \$22.50 for my ticket, and off I went - all alone - on the Continental Trailways. They didn't have a single worry about my well being, nor did I. I had a blast on the way and arrived safely in Dallas where my uncle met me at the bus depot.

Parents wouldn't dream of sending a child off alone on a trip like that now. And, even if it was safe, that \$22.50 has turned into \$250.00!

My brother and I used to go with our mother from Amarillo, Texas, to Boise, Idaho, on the train. Since my parents were just working folk, I am assuming these trips were not extraordinarily expensive. They sure were fun though. Train travel back then was really something! We had nice plush seats during the day with lots of room to walk around. At night, we would walk back to the dining car and have a yummy hot meal. When we came back to our seats - Voila! They had been transformed into bunk beds with curtains around them. I tell you, there is nothing like sleep-



rain or Shine

By Cynthia Hall
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ing in the Pullman car of a train - gently rocking and hearing the soft click-clack of the wheels.

At any rate, I started looking around for train travel on the Internet. I discovered that it still existed - kind of. Amtrak runs in many areas of the United States, but again, you need lots and lots of money to travel that way.

It amazes me to see people at the gas station - filling the tanks of their SUV's. Not only do those things hold huge amounts of gas, they only get 10 miles or so to the gallon - even less when they are pulling a 35 foot travel trailer behind them! How do they afford it? I want to know where the gold mine is!

Until my ship comes in, I'm looking for alternative ways to travel. At first I thought about a golf cart

I thought we could tie the grandchildren's little red wagon behind it to hold our suitcases. There are a few problems with this idea though. First of all, we would have to stop for gas every 15 or 20 miles (unless it was electric, in which case we would have to find places to recharge the battery). Secondly, it would probably take us a month to drive our little golf cart 450 miles. Scratch that idea. I then considered motorized scooters. You've seen them - they look just like a regular push scooter - except you have a tiny little motor on it, and you keep both feet on the scooter instead of pushing with one foot. I couldn't figure out where we would put our suitcase with this plan. Plus, I sometimes have trouble just going down the steps of my porch. I've been known to trip over nothing at all. Me on a scooter? No, I don't think so.

How about motorcycles, I wondered? No...with my luck the first 18-Wheeler that came around me would blow me off into the ditch, and besides, I can't see myself decked out

in leather!

Bicycles? You'd have chronic fanny fatigue. And, there would still be that 18-Wheeler thing to think about.

Hiking? Forget that. I don't even like to walk from my car into the mall in the Texas heat.

I do have one idea that might work. We could all pool our resources - sort of like a co-op. We would all chip in and buy a nice, big SUV. It would have all the bells and whistles. Once we got it paid for, we could start over and buy ourselves a travel trailer - a great big one with a color TV, a kitchen and a king size bed. When everything was in place, we would all contribute to the "gas fund". Then, everyone would get to use the travel vehicles for one week per year. Since technically there are more people in our area than weeks in the year, you had better get your name on the list real soon. When we decide what order we get to travel in, it will be a completely democratic process: I get to go first!

America aging well through 225 years

On the July 4th America will celebrate 225 years of independence. All in all we've aged well. We've had some close calls but came through with flying colors. There was the war of 1812, two World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf War... and Bill Clinton.

Clarendon has celebrated the Fourth of July with a giant celebration for more than one hundred years. For almost forty years, I've had the privilege of helping with the celebration. Fred was a member of the Al Morrah Shrine Club. They hosted the barbecue, and Fred was on the bean detail.

The wives got to rock the beans and get them ready to cook. The beans came in hundred pound burlap bags, and we'd pick the rocks and other trash out, return them to the bags; and early on the morning of the Fourth, Fred, Bob McCombs, and Billy Powell would cook them in huge pots.

When they were done, they were served, along with the barbecue, potato salad, stewed apricots, onions, pickles, bread, and iced tea to the



watt's Happening

By Peggy Watt
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hungry hoards who flocked to Clarendon for food. I was usually allowed to serve the onions and pickles.

If you were real lucky you got in a serving line where Will Chamberlain was slicing the meat. He'd offer you a bite and say, "Just taste this. It's cooked just right. It'll melt in your mouth."

And it would... and reappear as an added inch on your derrière or some other conspicuous place.

After the barbecue, you could have homemade ice cream to round off the meal.

Then came the parade. To paraphrase Ray Stevens, "It came down main street, flags waving, horns blaring, pretty girls on floats, with the Khiva clowns with candy and balloons for the kids, and horseback cowboys with their smiles... the parade stretched out for a mile."

For years Jake and Vonnie Belle

McDaniels led the parade on their matched palominos. After they got too old to mount their horses without help, Donnie Hall and Johnny Hill carried the flags. I always got a lump in my throat when the flag passed, blowing in the wind.

There was always an old fiddler's contest. Walter Johnson was always one of the judges. Ray David is the only old fiddler I can think of right now, and he won the contest several years that I can think of.

Mack White, Wesley Thomas, and Jimmy Adams were always on hand to make music while the rest of enjoyed the shade around the courthouse.

After the parade wound down, we went to the rodeo grounds for that big event. Cowboys from all over the country came to ride the broncs and bulls and rope the calves and steers.

The little backaroos would line up for the calf scramble. I asked someone one time where in the world all the kids came from and he said, "From the cowboys and cowgirls."

Good answer. Happy Birthday, America!



Masons install officers

Clarendon Lodge #700 A.F. & A.M. installed new officers last Saturday evening. Those pictured here are Senior Warden Russell Estlack, Worshipful Master Allen Estlack, and Junior Warden Grett Betts. Other officers for the coming year are Treasurer W.R. Cristal, Secretary Larry Hicks, Senior Deacon Steve Smith, Junior Deacon Jason Wiggins, Chaplain A.R. Henson, Senior Steward Terry Ashcraft, Junior Steward Jim Owens, and Tiler Roger Estlack.

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Fundraisers precede town's July Fourth activities

I was thinking I wouldn't have much to write about for the week before the Fourth of July celebration because everyone would be busy getting ready for all the celebration events. They must have been saving it all up for Saturday.

I went down to the Thriftway to take the son to help with the First Baptist youth bake sale, once I finally managed to get him out of bed, and found all kinds of folks congregated there.

Chamber of Commerce folks were under a tent busy selling Donley County Courthouse T-shirts and raffle

tickets. Right next door was another tent where the Firebelles were selling homemade ice cream by the cup or the bucket. Duckwall's had stuff spread all over the parking lot, maybe because more folks were inside the store selling chances on a quilt and afghan. By the time I left, I had three church cookbooks, a container of caramel sauce, a new T-shirt and a gallon of homemade coconut ice cream. Caramel-coconut ice cream sundaes are pretty good, ya know?

Folks have started setting off fireworks already. Stephen Orr told me that he grew up in a house in Pan-



around Town

By Gail Shelton
CLARENDON • 874-9186

handle that faced Amarillo, and when he was little, they'd go in the front yard and watch the fireworks display at Dick Bivins Stadium six inches above the horizon. The giant shared fireworks event out in Eddie Helms' cotton field on Sunday night was exciting, especially when some of the sparks came down in the yard and kept smoldering till volunteers got up

to stomp them out. There were about a zillion little kids to keep entertained with sparklers and out of the big fireworks that the forty-year-old little kids got to set off. Susan Word got cold the instant the sun went down, as usual. Those of us with more natural insulation didn't have that problem.

Here's wishing you all a safe and fun Fourth, wherever you celebrate. And if you celebrate here in Clarendon, do your best to participate in everything. I know it's tough because there's so much to do (and eat), but try real, real hard. You can sleep in next week to recover.

Senior Citizens to hold fundraiser on Saturday

By Vida O'Neal

The Donley County Senior Citizens will be closed on the Fourth of July!

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 Verdie Tipton, Ann Bunyan, and Ilene Davidson as well as the patriotic afghan donated by Onita Thomas. The chances are \$5 for six or \$1 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 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 families of Frieda Siddle, Betty and Elvis White, and Jiggs Mann on the loss of their loved ones.

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

Clarendon graduate joins Houston flood relief effort

By Spc. Luke Elliott,
Texas Army National Guard

HOUSTON - A 1980 Clarendon High School graduate joined fellow Texas National Guard soldiers and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) workers to assist Houston-area flood victims June 17-21.

FEMA requested approximately 90 Guard members like Staff Sgt. Bradley J. Hayworth, a supply sergeant for Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry in San Antonio, to deliver information packets to Houston communities.

"We've been getting a lot of positive feedback from the Houston citizens," said Hayworth. "They've been extremely thankful to the National Guard for our efforts."

FEMA had broadcast information through television and radio, but some of the flood victims were out of electricity. Agency officials decided they needed another approach.

Hayworth, who has been in the National Guard for 21 years hand-delivered information packets for

FEMA to some of the more severely flooded areas.

"I hope something like this doesn't happen again, but the National Guard will be ready and willing if it does," said Hayworth.

"The soldiers we have here left their families in the middle of the night after just being released from a 15-day training mission," said Capt. Gregory M. Barrow. "By answering their call to duty, they certainly prove to be great Texas citizens and patriots."

As of June 25, FEMA has received more than 63,000 registrations and has approved more than \$100 million in grants.

The National Guard contacted or distributed information to approximately 50,000 homes by the end of the week.

Most Guard members were released from state active duty June 24. Many had served in Houston continuously since June 10 and helped rescue or evacuate more than 3,500 victims in the early hours of the disaster.



Staff Sgt. Bradley J. Hayworth.

Photo courtesy Texas National Guard.

Pioneers: Continued from story on page one.

he still active? To answer that question, one has only to drive by his home to see an immense, flourishing garden and well-kept lawn on lovely, spacious grounds to which he tends, himself. Spending only three or four days in a hospital during his entire life, he remains healthy and enjoys staying busy with his accomplishments. While discussing his eagerness and obvious zest for daily work, W.K. remarked, "When I die, I want to have my shoes on."

W.K. and Maxine are both avid readers. His reading preference extends from NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC and numerous other magazines to authors, Louis L'Amour and John Grisham.

Through the years, W.K. Hardin has supported the Clarendon community and is proud to be one of its citizens. He sums it up best in his statement, "Clarendon is the best little town in the country."

Claudine has always expressed a special pride in the Clarendon community of which she has been a loyal citizen most of her life.

Her earlier years were spent in

Comanche County, her birthplace on January 24, 1911. At age 13, she moved to Brice, Texas, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D.T. Smallwood, and two sisters, Frankie McAnear and Mamie Cross.

Claudine was never a stranger to farm life. Having cut stalks and plowed, she relates, "I helped my daddy with farm work every day. I really liked the horses."

With a sparkle in her eye, she reminisces about Clarendon's early days. Her fondness isn't concealed when she mentions Perkins' variety store, Piggly Wiggly, Taylor's Hardware, Rathjen's shoe store, Stocking's Drug Store, Caraway's Cafe, and Clifford's Grocery store. She loved the Saturday afternoon visits with "everybody" on Clarendon's "buzzing" main street, and munching popcorn while absorbed in a Tom Mix movie at Mulkey Theater. A few years later, she attended Clarendon High School and Clarendon College.

Through the years, our charming Pioneer Woman of the Year and husband, Bill Todd, whom she married in August 1935, has vividly

and constantly supported Clarendon's growth.

One of the most invaluable contributions anyone can make to their community was made by Claudine Todd during her 41 year teaching career. Parents, students, and professional people will always remember her matchless encouragement and concern for Clarendon's children. When they realized she had something valuable to offer them, respect, desire, and possibility to succeed usually became more dominant in their lives. Her priceless, lasting contribution of touching so many lives in a positive way is irreplaceable.

Clarendon folks and Claudine share a mutual respect for our community. "Donley County has been good to me, and is made up of the best of people. I wouldn't want to live anywhere else."

Congratulations to W.K. and Claudine as Pioneers of the Year.

Bugbee: Continued from page one.

Country Gentleman, and Field and Stream, among others. Additionally, Bugbee also illustrated a number of significant books on Western history including J. Evetts Haley's *Charles Goodnight: Cowman and Plainsman*, William N. Lewis's *Between Sun and Sod*, and S. Omar Barkers' *Songs of the Saddleman* and others. He also continued to make easel paintings.

Under President Roosevelt's New Deal, Bugbee painted the first of five murals for the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum's Pioneer Hall in 1934. He later painted additional murals for the Old Tascosa Room in the Herring Hotel: Amarillo Army Air Field (which now hangs at the Smithsonian's American Art Museum); and a set of murals on Native American life for the Museum.

Bugbee exhibited at the Tri-State Fair at Amarillo annually, the Fort Worth Frontier Centennial Exposition in 1936, the Greater Texas and Pan-American Exposition in Dallas in 1937, and in the annual West Texas art exhibitions at Fort Worth. He also had numerous solo exhibitions in Texas, including 1930 venues at Amarillo and Clarendon, and exhibited at Taos. In 1952 Bugbee became the first Curator of Art at PPHM, a position he held until his death. Over 250 Bugbee works - drawings, paintings, and sculpture - are part of the Society's art collection.

The exhibition will run through September 15, 2001, in the Harrington Exhibit Gallery, and reproductions of Bugbee's work will be available in the Museum Store.

weather report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec
Mon	25	95°	67°	
Tues	26	97°	63°	
Wed	27	96°	64°	
Thurs	28	98°	66°	
Fri	29	99°	62°	
Sat	30	100°	62°	
Sun	1	99°	64°	

Total precipitation this month: 0.00"
Total precipitation to date: 17.67"
Total precipitation in July last year: 0.49"
Total YTD total last year: 17.61"

weekend forecast

	Friday, July 6 Sunny 99° / 73°
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Cowboys have always been known for working hard and playing hard. They are also known for their integrity. This year for the first time, the annual rodeo for the Fourth of July will be a ranch rodeo. Cowboys will be doing their cowboy skills for competition and the enjoyment of the crowd.

The following was written by Jerome D. Stocking and printed in the June 24, 1936, edition of THE CLARENDON NEWS:

"Spring of 1886 was a propitious season in the old town of Clarendon. Grass that year was luxuriant and moisture was plentiful while the pioneers of the creek village were enthusiastic over the opportunities on the frontier. The Denver Railroad was building this way, and there was a

direct stage connection with its terminal at Wichita Falls. There was a certain newness about the land, a kind of freshness about its people, unpolished with politics and unspoiled with selfish competition. There was, too, prairie richness then unseared with drought, still free from dust of the high plains. The serious struggle for survival had not begun, and there was a neighborly spirit of camaraderie among the villagers on Salt Fork. There was however a very orderly procession of law and order, then as today.

"One afternoon in the early spring of that year as a group of prospectors were conversing on the veranda of the old hotel, there appeared a cloud of dust upon the river road. Several horsemen were approaching,



time will Tell
By Jean Stavenhagen

and both riders and horses appeared fatigued like an entourage, weary at the trail's end. It was a little band of cowboys going through to Lincoln, New Mexico, to work a range which covered a quarter of the state.

"With a little swagger of Western bravado, one of the riders who appeared the most listless drew a six-gun from its holster and fired the piece above his head. Another, with an effective bead, split a hitchrail, and a third member of the gang cut down a moral bag tied to a picket line. The wayfarers were neither destruc-

tive nor evil and intended no harm, but their wild play had violated the peace of the little village, and a dutiful sheriff and his deputy arrested the group, all of whom pled guilty to disturbing the peace. Each was fined \$12.50.

"All were without funds, however, and by special arrangement with the officers, the cowboy band promised to remit their fines from their first paycheck on the New Mexico ranch, so the rough-riding itinerants were allowed to continue their westward journey. After four or five months elapsed, the sheriff of Old Clarendon received a check from each cowboy, drawn on a Santa Rosa Bank in payment of their fines."

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

Texas historical association honors Helms for her Locke, Jefferson display

Clarendon High School's Carrie Helms received the Colonial Dames Award at the 21st annual Texas History Day in Austin.

The award recognizes the student exhibit which best addresses some aspect of colonial American history.

Helms won for her display "Locke and Jefferson, a Theoretical Frontier."

Other CHS students participating were Tamara Bidone, Nickless Devin, Michael McFarland, Shanon Martin, Ashlee Kidd, Brandi Betts,

Austin Sears, Valerie Taylor, Nathan Fobbs, Taylor Shelton, and Melissa McAnear.

Kathleen Rice, Director of Educational Services for the Texas State Historical Association said over 800 students competed in the event.

County garden, ornamental tour to be on July 17

By Leon Church, County Agent

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Donley County is hosting a garden and ornamental tour on Tuesday, July 17.

The tour will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Extension Office located at 201 East Third in Clarendon and will last approximately two hours. Dr. Harold Kaufman, Plant Pathologist and Dr. Carl Patrick, Entomologist, with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will be here to discuss garden and ornamental problems.

During the tour we will be visiting homes to look at real problems, and the two specialists will identify the problem and discuss the solution. If you have a garden or ornamental concern that you would like us to visit and diagnose, we will be happy to add your place to our stops. If you would like to be a part of the tour stops, please give Leon Church, County Agent, a call at 874-2141, to make arrangements.

All interested people are invited to follow along on the tour to learn about the different garden and ornamental problems in this area.

Swimming lessons to be given at Country Club

Swimming lessons will be given at Clarendon Country Club July 9-13.

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Clarendon

Calvary Baptist Church
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 7 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m.

Church of Christ
300 S. Carhart • 874-2495
Minister: Brian Gocheour
Sun. Bible Class: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.

Church of Nazarene
209 S. Hawley • 874-2321
Pastor: Bill Hodges
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service: 10:30 p.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m.

Community Fellowship Church
416 S. Kearney • 874-2516
Pastor: Bryan Knowles
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Service: 11 p.m.
Sunday Evening: 7 p.m.

Church of Christ
110 W. Second St.
Minister: Bright Newhouse
Sun. Bible Class: 10 a.m.
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
US 287 E • 874-3156
Pastor: Gene Allen
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service: 10:50 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
300 Bugbee Ave • 874-3833
Pastor: Truman Ledbetter
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service: 10:55 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m.

First Christian Church
120 E. Third Street
874-3212
Minister: Leonard Holt
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service: 10:45 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church
Fourth & Parks • 874-9269
Pastor: Smiley Johnson
Every Sunday: 11:00 a.m.

First United Methodist Church
420 S. Jefferson • 874-3667
Pastor: James Ivey Edwards
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday: 8:30, 10:50 a.m.

Jesus Name Apostolic Church
720 E. Montgomery
874-2388
Sunday Services: 3 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.

St. John The Baptist Episcopal Church
301 S. Parks St. • 874-2231
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Corner of Montgomery & McClelland
Fr. Neal Dee
Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

St. Stephens Baptist Church
300 N. Jefferson St.
Pastor: Melvin Brooks
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sun. Service: 11:15 a.m.
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. (weather permitting)

True Church of God in Christ
301 N. Jefferson St
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sun. Service: 11:15 a.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m.

Hedley

Church of Christ
210 N. Main St.
874-5980
Pastor: Bruce Howard
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
US 287 W • 874-2025
Pastor: Darrell Burton
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m.

Brice

Brice Deliverance Tabernacle
867-3029 or 867-2012
Pastor: Louis Bennett
Sun. Service: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 6 p.m.

Howardwick

First Baptist Church
222 Sherwood Blvd. 874-3326
Pastor: Genoa Goad
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 6 p.m.

Martin

Martin Baptist Church
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Wednesday: 7 p.m.

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City gives property owner 90 days to clean it up or tear it down

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen held a public hearing and met in regular session on June 26 in the Board Room of City Hall.

The public hearing was held regarding property located at 217 E. Third Street. No one attended the hearing to defend the property, but a fax was received by the city stating that the property would be boarded up and that the yard had been mowed twice this season. The aldermen found

that the structure was in violation of four sections of Ordinance 306 and ordered the house be repaired, removed, or demolished within 90 days.

Roger Estlack spoke regarding Ordinance 306 with concerns of a building located at 107 S. Kearney. The board set a hearing for this structure to be held on July 10, 2001.

In other city business, the board passed a resolution authorizing the

submission of a contract amendment request for the Community Development Fund contract. The request seeks to modify the scope of the waterworks improvement project on the west side of town.

Training for city aldermen and employees was discussed. The board voted to have three members attend a workshop in Lubbock and one attend a workshop in Wichita Falls. The board also discussed establishing a

budget line for future training in the next fiscal year.

A letter was read requesting payment for cleanup of a resident's sewer back up. The board voted to deny payment and send a letter of explanation.

The budget for the Donley Appraisal District was presented. The aldermen disapproved the budget and will have a representative attend the district's budget hearing.

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Hospital Board taps Wheatley to fill vacancy

The Donley County Hospital Board met in regular session June 19 in the Conference Room of the Medical Center Nursing Home.

The oath of office was administered to Nelson Christie, and Don Thornberry and Jerry May were elected president and vice president of the board.

The board accepted a letter of resignation from board member David Strange, who is moving out of the district. The board voted to appoint Andy Wheatley to fill Strange's unexpired term.

Belinda Montana gave the Ambulance Report and said there were 42 calls for the month of May with a total billing of \$23,063.32. The top performer for the month was Lucy Poole. Alan Graham reported on the purchase of a new ambulance chassis at a cost of \$52,000. A certificate of deposit totaling \$43,000 will be applied to this, and the board voted to approve obtaining a loan for \$10,000. The board also approved obtaining a \$15,000 note to purchase a cardiac defibrillator.

The budget for the district was discussed and a hearing set for June 29.

In the Facility Safety Report, Graham reported that the fence and patio area were being completed. An open house is set for July 5.

One bid was received for the foundation, dirt, plumbing, and electrical work for the Community Services Building. The board granted the contract to Cruz Construction. The bid was cost plus 13 percent.

House Bill 2488 was signed into law by Gov. Perry on June 16. The district is gathering information to submit to Southwest Securities to begin preparing revenue bonds.

Graham reported that the Texas Department of Health (TDH) had agreed to lease space in the Community Services Building at \$8 per square foot for 120 months. The TDH will maintain that space and pay a pro rata share of the utilities. The cost of the lease can be renegotiated, and the district has an addendum giving it until November 1 to complete the new building.

Graham reported that the ten new beds have been certified and that efforts are being made to fill those vacancies.

The key man insurance coverage on Graham was renewed by the board since more projects are underway.

In other district business, Holly Eads gave the indigent care report, updated policies and procedures were approved, and a tax abatement was granted to Dr. John Howard for ten years on the new clinic he plans to build.

The hospital board also met on June 26 where they reviewed the proposed budget for the district in detail.

The board met again on June 29 to swear in Mr. Wheatley as a new board member and to hold a public hearing on the budget. The board approved the budget as submitted.

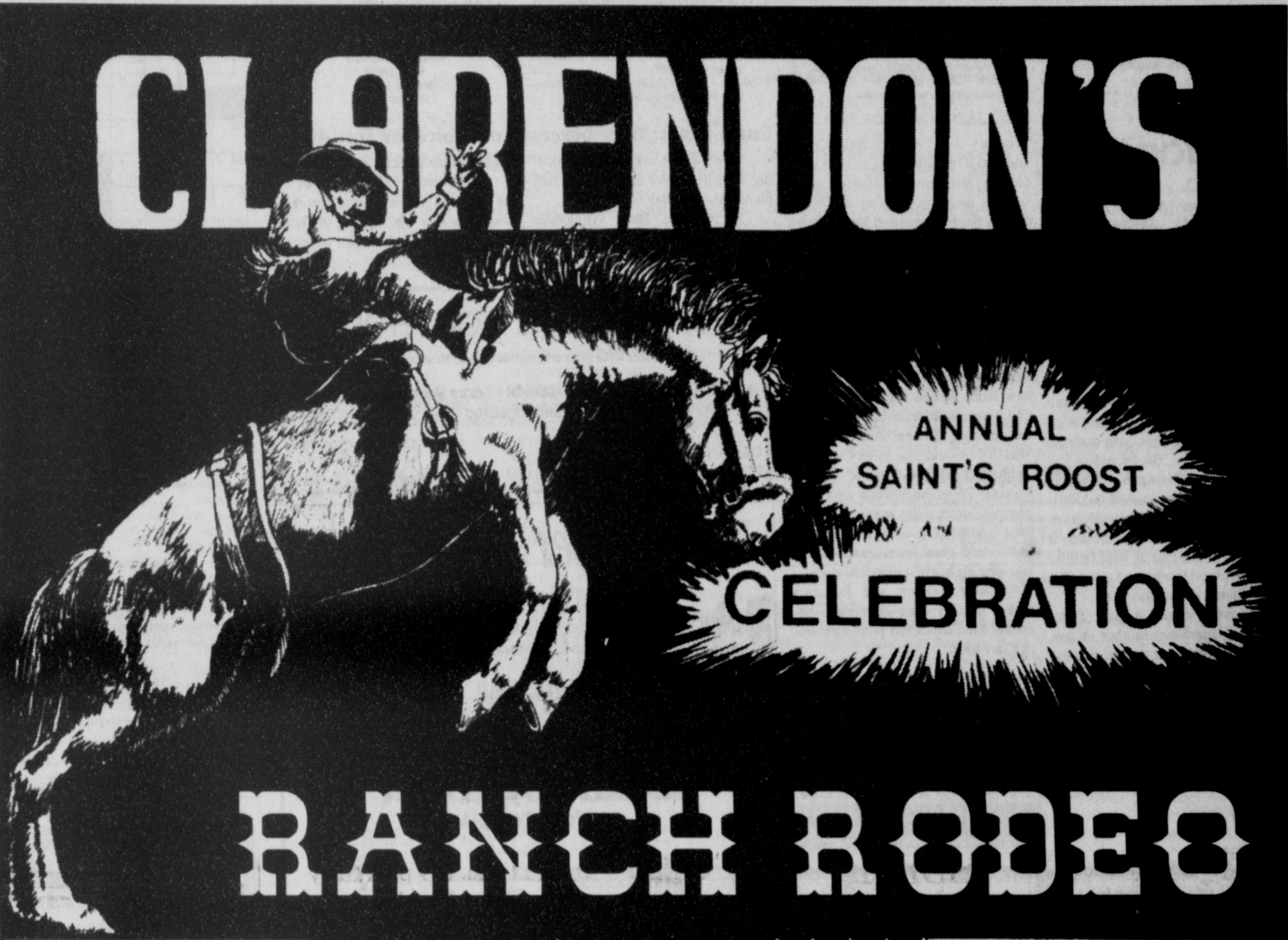
Thornberry to hold meeting in Wellington

Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) will hold a town hall meeting in Collingsworth County on Thursday, July 5.

The meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will be held in the Bura Handley Community Center located at 802 10th Street in Wellington.

CC to hold TASP test

Clarendon College will give the Quick TASP test on July 9 at 8 a.m. Two forms of ID will be required to take the test. For more information, contact Linda Frye at 874-3571.



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July 7

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10:00 P.M. TO

JULY 7 - YOUNG COUNTRY

2:00 A.M.

OTHER ENTERTAINING EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK IN CLARENDON!

Wednesday, July 4

9:15 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
1-7:00 p.m.

Bicycle Parade Check-In
Bicycle Parade - Kearney St.
Clarendon Tourism Council Day at
Thunder Junction serving Sloppy Joes
and Ice Cream

8-10:00 p.m.

Shoot your fireworks in designated area at
Thunder Junction - Parental Supervision Required

Friday, July 6

9-11:00 a.m.

Donley Co. Horse Club Stick Horse & Bull Rodeo
Across from Post Office, ages 9 and under
Depression Lunch, Main Street Ministry
Carnival at Thunder Junction
Ranch Rodeo
Rodeo Dance with Young Country

11:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

10 p.m. - 2 a.m.

Saturday, July 7

7-10:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m.

1:30 p.m.

2:00 p.m.

3:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

10 p.m. - 2 a.m.

VFW Breakfast, VFW Hall
RHAA Ranch Horse Competition
Arts & Crafts Fair, City Park
Old Settler's Reunion, City Park
Shriner's Barbecue, City Park
Carnival at Thunder Junction
Lions Club Cow Patty Bingo, City Park
Parade
Turtle Race, Henson's
VFW Shotgun Raffle following Turtle Race
Ranch Rodeo; Drawing for National Finals Rodeo Trip
Rodeo Dance with Young Country

This message was brought to you by:

Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association

Sheriff's Report:

Deputy contacts driver who illegally parked in handicapped zone

June 25
12:21 a.m. - Deputy responds to a public nuisance call in the 500 block of W. Fifth St.
12:44 a.m. - Responding to a household accident in the 400 block of S. Hawley St. Ambulance also dispatched.
11:14 p.m. - All units dispatched to look for juvenile.
June 26
6:02 a.m. - Deputy dispatched to accident two miles east on US 287.
8:14 a.m. - En route to business on east US 287 for a possible stolen vehicle.
6:02 p.m. - Sheriff checking on info regarding a theft by check at a local variety store.
6:15 p.m. - Responding to reckless driving call in Hedley. Also children are playing in the street at Short and Second.
6:36 p.m. - Back out at variety store for statements.
10:16 p.m. - On N. Sully checking on stolen bicycles.
11:29 p.m. - Officers respond to accident in the

800 block of Carhart St.
June 27
7:08 a.m. - Deputy dispatched to assist disabled Howardwick resident.
2:39 p.m. - Dispatched to local business where a female is attempting to cash an unauthorized check.
2:43 p.m. - Deputy en route to jail with one female in custody.
8:46 p.m. - Units dispatched to Howardwick on a possible assault.
9:58 p.m. - Advised of fight in the parking lot of a convenience store at US 287 and Koogle.
10:01 p.m. - En route to jail with one female in custody.
June 28
4:54 p.m. - Deputy responds to minor accident on west US 287.
9:38 p.m. - Deputy made contact with driver illegally using handicapped parking area.
10:16 p.m. - Deputy given description of vehicle occupants harassing people.

10:32 p.m. - Sheriff responds to fight call at gym.
11:44 p.m. - Deputy out at lake to notify vacationers of a family emergency.
June 29
8:52 a.m. - Deputy out at Howardwick to deliver family message.
8:06 p.m. - Deputy advises all okay on residential alarm in the 500 block of W. Fifth St.
10:39 p.m. - Responding to call of fireworks being set off at tennis courts.
11:53 p.m. - Deputy assisting on family welfare call.
June 30
1:19 a.m. - Deputy finds all secure after responding to business alarm in the 900 block of W. Second St.
3:51 a.m. - Second call on business alarm.
3:25 p.m. - Responding to farm equipment stalled on US 287.
11:50 p.m. - Deputy out providing forms to subjects of accident on private property.

July 1
1:05 a.m. - Deputy dispatched to S. Koogle St.; loud music keeping the residents awake.
2:37 a.m. - Answering a business alarm in the 900 block of W. Second St.
3:57 a.m. - Deputy in pursuit of stolen vehicle.
4:05 a.m. - Advises vehicle has rolled.
4:26 a.m. - Sheriff following ambulance to Hall County Hospital.
4:58 a.m. - Deputy out at Hall County Hospital.
5:42 a.m. - Deputy out at the 600 block of S. Bugbee Ave.
6:40 p.m. - Deputy out at Kincaid Park attempting to locate subject for family message.
8:08 p.m. - Deputy out at accident on Hwy. 273. Vehicle v. deer.
11:21 p.m. - Deputy responding to several fireworks calls throughout town.
Summary for June 25 to July 1
Ambulance Calls: 8
Fire Calls: 2
Wrecker Calls: 3
Livestock Out: 5

Obituaries

Patterson
Funeral services for Fred Lee Patterson, age 82, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2001, in Adams Funeral Chapel in Wellington with Brian Gochenour, minister of the Clarendon Church of Christ, officiating. Burial was held at the Dobson Cemetery under the direction of Adams Funeral Home in Wellington.
Mr. Patterson died Tuesday, June 26, 2001, in Clarendon. He was born in Batesville, Arkansas. He came to Dodson in 1924. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II in Guam, New Guinea, and the Philippines. He graduated from Dobson High School in 1936. He moved to Clarendon in 1991 to be near family. He was a retired farmer and a member of the Church of the Nazarene.
Survivors include a sister, Betty White of Clarendon; a brother-in-law, Elvis White of Clarendon; and a sister-in-law, Ruby Patterson of Wellington.
Pallbearers were Jerry Lewis, Tommy Lewis, Eddie Davis, Tim Harris, Kendall Harris, and Lanny Ford.
Memorials may be made to Dodson Cemetery.

February 13, 1906, in Hale Center and was a lifetime resident of Donley County. She attended Donley County schools and was married to Gilbert Mann, Sr. He preceded her in death in 1955. She then married Richard Dingler who preceded her in death in 1986. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Clarendon.
Survivors include two sons, Gilbert Mann, Jr., of Amarillo and Jiggs Mann of Clarendon; six step-daughters, Ruby Jewell Hardin of Clarendon, Frances Grimland and Catherine Cosper both of Amarillo, Joyce Watkins of Midland, Joe Ellen Cowan of Tulsa, and Glenna Cash of Topeka, Kansas; 26 grandchildren and step-grandchildren; many great grandchildren and several great great grandchildren and step great great grandchildren.
Casket bearers and honorary casket bearers were employees and staff of Medical Center Nursing Home in Clarendon.

Survey says: Beer beverage of choice for July 4th
What will Americans be enjoying with their beer at Fourth of July picnics this holiday weekend?
A National Beer Wholesaler Association survey says men like a cold brew with hamburgers and hot dogs. Women prefer barbecue ribs. Seven and a half percent of all the beer sold in this country annually is sold on July 4th, making the holiday the number one ranked occasion to enjoy beer.

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Dingler
Funeral services for Ethel Mann Dingler, age 95, were held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 2, 2001, in the First Baptist Church with Rev. Truman Ledbetter, pastor, officiating. Burial was held at Citizens Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc.
Mrs. Dingler died Friday, June 29, 2001, in Clarendon. She was born

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.

Tennis Camp to be held at 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. daily. The cost is \$40 per player, and a t-shirt is included. Students will learn the basic skills for a lifetime sport.
For more information or to sign-up, call Coach Cruce at 874-5381.

Last Week's Solutions

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Big E Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- Commoner
 - Beverage made of fermented honey and water
 - Weapon
 - Jeer
 - Give out
 - Impressive in size or scope
 - Blue dye obtained from plants
 - Withdraw from drugs
 - Sans serif
 - Loosen grip
 - Mended shoes
 - Vogues
 - de cologne
 - Craze
 - Immigrants
 - City in southern Japan
 - French region
 - Bravo
 - De Saint-Exupery story
 - Retirement fund (abbr.)
 - Lansky, U.S. gangster
 - Poverty
 - Auroras
 - London radio station (abbr.)
 - Sunup in New York (abbr.)
 - Abnormal absorption with the self
 - "The Howdy Doody Show" character
 - Swiss river
 - Renaissance card game
 - Private school in New York
 - Scum
 - Hedge
 - Potential unit
 - Sound unit
 - Copied
 - Epic
- DOWN**
- Small sailboat
 - Scottish waterfalls
 - Command
 - Overabundance
 - Brought together into a group or crowd
 - Fish genus
 - Vestment worn by priests
 - Actor
 - Way to dishonor
 - Opaque gem
 - Parasites
 - Breeced through
 - Upper vegetation
 - Flower petal
 - Sylvan deity
 - Tent events
 - At all times
 - Sea eagle
 - Contest of speed
 - Cast off skin
 - Elevator man
 - Beginning to end (informal)
 - Connery, 007
 - Infection of the eyelid
 - Compound derived from ammonia
 - With a good will
 - Penetrating and sharp
 - Change mind, in a way
 - Swollen, in a way
 - British thermal unit (abbr.)
 - Person's legal place of residence
 - Crouch
 - Park, California city
 - Saint's aura
 - Oil-producing nation
 - Yugoslavian river
 - Catch
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Allen H. Estlack - W.M.
Larry Hicks - Secretary

Clarendon Order of the Eastern Star #6 Stated meetings: First Thursdays, 8:00 p.m. Refreshments served at 7:00 p.m.
Margaret Ann Pettit - W.M.
Opal Ramsey - Secretary

Clarendon Lions Club Regular meeting each Tuesday at noon.
Stan Leffew, Boss Lion
Monty Hysinger, Secretary

Clarendon Girl Scouts Unit leaders meeting: Second Wednesday, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Panhandle Community Services Building.
Kathy Hommel,
Service Unit Director, 874-9422
Denise Bertrand
Membership Specialist, 874-2846

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting each Monday at 7:00 p.m. & Saturday at 7:00 p.m. at 305 S. Kearney St.

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Glen "Bud" Day - Adjutant
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CLARENDON

- 618 S. Parks. Brick, 4 bedroom, 1 bath, cellar, fresh paint and some new carpet, partly remodeled on two lots. ~~\$54,000~~ \$50,000
- 720 S. Koogle St. Brick home on corner lots, fresh paint outside. Three bed, two bath, C/H/A, fireplace, basement, hardwood floors, two-car garage, and lot with great view. Covered brick patio, privacy fenced, sprinkler system, nice landscaping. \$75,000, \$68,000
- Victorian home to be moved. 715 W. 6th St.
- 3 1/2 acres with nice shop. 1109 W. 8th Street. \$25,000
- 1015 W. 3rd St. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$25,000
- 182 Angel St. 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, extra clean. Three storage buildings, nice landscaping, 2 lots, RV pad with hookups, partially furnished. \$52,000.
- 251 Plainview Lane. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, all electric with a wood burner stove, furnished and ready to move into. Nice and clean. \$27,500.
- 721 W. 3rd St. Fenced corner lots, stucco, recent remodel, one bedroom, one bath, nice carpet and kitchen vinyl. \$30,000

GREENBELT LAKE

- 182 Angel St., 3 bedroo, 1 1/2 bath, extra clean, 3 storage bldgs, nice landscaping, 2 lots, RV pad with hookups, partially furnished. \$52,000.
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- 120 acre farm returned to native grasses. Excellent for hunting with feeders in place. ~~\$950.00 per acre.~~ \$325 per acre
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LEGAL NOTICES

CLARENDON COLLEGE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL # 9801

Clarendon College is soliciting proposals for basic athletic injury and catastrophic athletic injury insurance for intercollegiate sports for Clarendon College for the 2001-2002 academic year. Proposals are to be received in the

LEGAL NOTICES

Office of the President at Clarendon College, 1122 College Drive, P.O. Box 968, Clarendon, Texas 79226 by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 16, 2001 (the Due Date). The estimated date of award will be July 19, 2001. Clarendon College reserves the right to negotiate with any/all proposers at any time, before or after submission of a proposal. Clarendon College reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technicalities. To request proposal specifications, please contact Dr. Myles Shelton, President, Clarendon College, P.O. Box 968, Clarendon, Texas 79226 or call (806) 874-3571. 28-2tc

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ONE BLOCK FROM HIGH SCHOOL - Brick, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, kitchen/dining, living, utility, basement, central heat & ref. air, unattached 60x30 garage/shop/office plumbed for bath, fenced backyard, concrete cellar, 3 lots on corner at 621 W. 5th for \$88,000. REDUCED TO \$79,500.

LARGE HOUSE & SHOP BUILDING - 4 bedroom, 2 bath, modern kitchen with built-in Gen-air cook top and double oven, dishwasher, utility, large den/living/dining area with wood burner fireplace, concrete cellar, well or city water option, 121 sq. ft. storage/well house bldg., 1,200 sq. ft. shop all on 3 lots at 203 S. Wells for \$54,900.

ACROSS THE STREET FROM HIGH SCHOOL - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, living, dining, kitchen with double oven and cooktop, breakfast nook, utility, den, unattached 2 car garage/shop at 917 W. 5th for \$29,500.

RECENTLY TOTALLY REMODELED - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, kitchen, dining, living, utility, central heat & air, metal siding, 1 car garage, 1 car port, cellar, fenced back yard, storage building, @ 610 W. 3rd for \$57,500. REDUCED TO \$49,500.

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. REDUCED TO \$34,900.

CLARENDON HOUSE & 9.3 ACRES - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, living, kitchen, attached 2 car garage, concrete cellar, well with sub. pump, various out buildings & storage bins - joins city on South for \$55,000.

CLARENDON APARTMENT HOUSE - (Good income investment) Nice 2-story brick with one 1-bedroom unit, one 2-bedroom unit, and three efficiency units plus one storage unit and carport on three lots downtown at 314 S. Jefferson for \$65,000.

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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 7 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.

LELIA LAKE - 4 miles south - 10 acres and nice brick house with 3 bedrooms, 3 baths (2 are 1/2), country kitchen, large living room, cellar, large metal barn, fruit trees, all for \$65,000. OCCUPIED, SHOW BY APPOINTMENT.

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ASHTOLA - 255 Acres - all farm land with county road on three sides, no improvements for \$315 per acre.

GREENBELT - Cherokee Section, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, utility, kitchen/dining, large living/den, basement, concrete patio, covered porch, fenced yards, 2 car ports, 1 - 5th wheel port, 3 storage buildings, fruit, nut, and shade trees on 2 1/2 lots at 105 Walleys for \$29,500. REDUCED TO \$28,500.

GREENBELT - Split-level: Up - living/den with wood burner fireplace, kitchen, 1 bath, 1 large bedroom, enclosed porch, central heat. Lower - 1 bedroom, 2 car garage. Good location in Country Club Central for \$31,500.

GREENBELT - 4 bedroom, 2 bath, kitchen, dining, living/den, utility, central heat & ref. air, nice deck, carport, trailer port, yard, sprinkler, new septic system. **PLUS 2 beds, 1 1/2 baths, house with wood fireplace, FULL FURNITURE & FIXTURES TO REMAIN IN BOTH HOUSES** - all located on Lease Lot #131 with a view of the lake and where wild turkey and other wildlife drop by for handouts from owner. A good buy for \$49,500.

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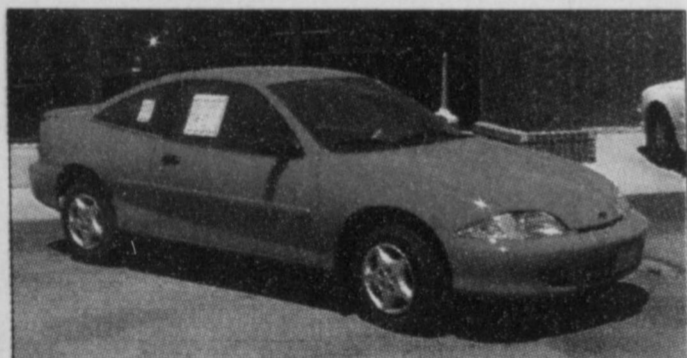
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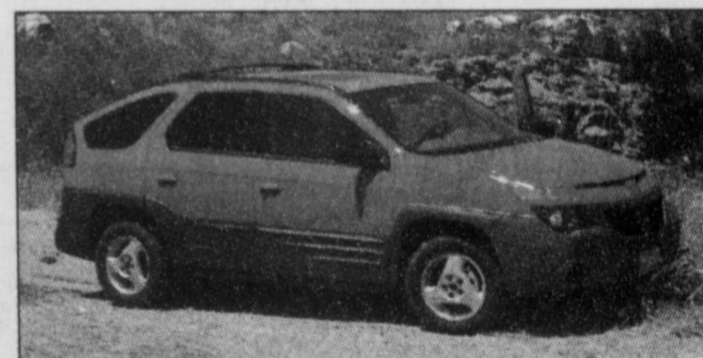
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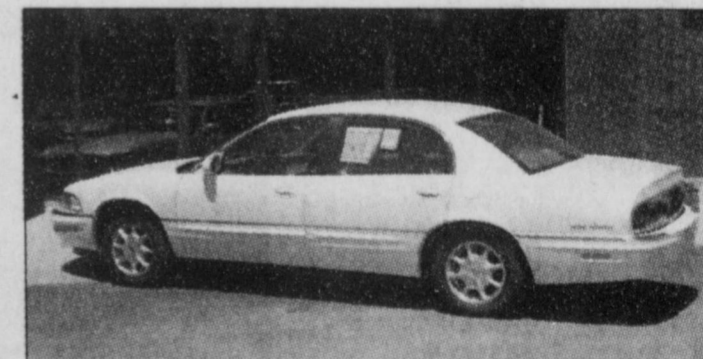
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A Common Paper For Common People

Street Paving Work Is Begun

Landmarks Removed From Kearney Street To Widen Passage Way

Under the direction of Engineer Carraway and the paving foreman, the work necessary in preparation for the street paving has been begun. Wednesday the work of removing the trees from Kearney street was undertaken by a crew of men, and one of the distinguishing landmarks of our city is now almost a thing of the past as THE NEWS goes to press.

The beautiful trees on Clarendon's main business street have been one of the distinguishing features of this city from other towns along the Denver for many years, and it is with genuine regret that most of our citizenship see them cut down and dragged off, although it is recognized generally that this is a necessary step. Kearney street is no wider now than it ought to be, and the double row of trees preempted four or five feet of needed passage way.

The great locust tree at the Farmers State Bank corner is the oldest of the trees removed, it being set out there in '86 or '87. Some say it is the first locust tree ever transplanted in Clarendon. It has withstood two or three fires and was vigorous until the axe brought it low.

The grade markers will be put down in a day or two, and the work of lowering the street grade sufficient for the paving foundation will be carried on immediately. After the street has been lowered twelve or eighteen inches, a concrete base will be put in, this covered by a sand cushion upon which will be laid the brick, into the interstices of which will be poured some asphaltum substance which will act as a silencer of the usual noise of traffic over brick. This is recognized as being the best paving now known, although as usual it costs more than other kinds not so durable.

Another feature of cutting away the trees from Kearney street is that the worn and unkempt condition of most store fronts will be so exposed to the gaze and ridicule of the city that it will lead to a great movement of store front modernizing which is essential to the appearance of our town.

We want to say it again—1919 means progress in every line for Clarendon.

The Clarendon News,
May 8, 1919

One-Armed Man Robs Local Shop

Sells Items For Whiskey Then Boards Train

Last Saturday night a one-armed man who had been doing some work in Taylor's blacksmith shop broke in Hill's blacksmith shop and stole two braces and bits and took them to Harrison's saloon where he pawned one of them for 25c in money and 40c in whisky.

Harrison learned that the tools had been stolen, and Hill identified them as his. Sheriff Oliver was at once informed of the theft, and after looking through the railroad yards and empty cars, concluded he had gone north on a freight train which left about 6 o'clock in the evening. He boarded the north bound passenger train and overtook the freight train where it was side tracked at Amarillo.

Upon looking through the cars of the train, he found the man with the other brace and bit concealed in a bundle of clothes. He brought him back to Clarendon next morning and lodged him in jail. After a preliminary hearing by Justice Graham, he was recommitted to the jail to await the action of the grand jury. He acknowledged the theft and gave his name as Ed Cargery.

The Industrial West,
April 6, 1900



The view up Kearney street after brick paving was laid down in 1919, looking north from Fourth Street. Prior to paving, a row of trees along either side of the street had beautified the city's business district since the late 1880s, distinguishing Clarendon from any other town along the Ft. Worth & Denver road. Leader Archive Photo

William Jennings Bryan Addressed Large Audience Here Saturday

Methodist Auditorium At Capacity As Three Time Candidate For President Speaks For Woman Suffrage

One of the most successful financial ventures ever attempted was the bringing of Hon. Wm. J. Bryan here last Saturday for a lecture, by the Lyceum directors of Clarendon College. This was Mr. Bryan's first visit to Clarendon, and hundreds of people had the opportunity of hearing him for their first time. The coming of the great Nebraskan had been well advertised, and one of the largest crowds ever gathered in Clarendon was present, many coming from points sixty or seventy-five miles away.

The reception committee, composed of Dr. B. L. Jenkins, Mayor SoRelle, Dr. G. S. Slover, Tom F. Connally, and Editor Braswell, met Mr. Bryan at the west bound Denver train, which arrived here shortly before noon. The passengers had been apprised of the presence on the train of the distinguished passenger, and when he came out of the Pullman, the cars almost emptied to catch a glimpse of the man thrice candidate for the presidency.

The auditorium of the Methodist Church was crowded to capacity by the time set for the opening of the address; and after liberal applause had been accorded the appearance of the speaker, the audience stood and sang "America," after which Dr. Jenkins called on Rev. Story to deliver the invocation. Tom F. Connally then presented Dr. Slover, Pres. of Clarendon College, who, with glowing words of praise, introduced Hon. William Jennings Bryan, "citizen, patriot, and most of all, a Christian character." Mr. Bryan in his usual conversational style acknowledged the fulsome praise of the introduction with some pleasantries; and after announcing a change in the advertised subject, he devoted a few minutes to the matter of food conservation and other matters pertaining to the winning of the war.

His speech proper, however, was given over to arguments which seem satisfactory to him, for woman suffrage, and a masterly arraignment of the liquor traffic.

Those who expected to hear flights of eloquence for which Mr.

Joe Ray got the middle finger of his right hand cut nearly off yesterday in a machine with which he was cutting feed on Mr. Bugbee's place. Dr. Stocking stitched it back, but it is likely to remain useless, even should it grow together.

The Industrial West,
September 19, 1902

City Marshall Is Arrested After Saloon Shooting

Methodist Auditorium At Capacity As Three Time Candidate For President Speaks For Woman Suffrage

Bryan won fame in his early career were disappointed for he discarded that manner of speech years ago and is now the greatest master of conversational address, perhaps, in the world. He is a fine judge of the acoustics of every auditorium and automatically adjusts his voice so that it may be heard easily at the remotest point in the house.

After having received congratulations from the many who endorsed this or that phrase of his address, Mr. Bryan was met by a committee of Amarillo citizens who had motored here to convey him to their city, where he made a similar address in the evening.

The Clarendon News,
March 14, 1919

Flash! Flash! Big News From Giles

Wuxtra! Wuxtra! Giles school bus goes in for big game hunting! Friday afternoon about four thirty (schedule saving time), the bus jumped a coyote between Giles and Hedley on a straight one and one half mile of the old highway, and about one hundred yards short of the turn they passed him. In fact, they passed directly over him, with one bus, one wheel, and thirty-nine kids.

Time:
Coyote—44 miles per hour.
Bus—45 miles per hour.
Bus stopped fifty yards after hitting coyote.

Bus unloaded (over driver) three seconds after stop. Driver still asking which was run over—himself or the coyote.

P.S. They are looking for a bear now. Everyone but the bus driver.

The Donley County Leader,
April 1, 1937

Drunk Student Causes Stir

Somewhat of a sensation was caused at school Wednesday by Gus Capehart, one of the scholars being badly intoxicated. Complaint was filed against John Beville, Collins Bro.'s Clerk, but the case was dismissed yesterday on the ground that Beville did not know the drink, wine, sold by him to the boy was intoxicating.

The Industrial West,
February 1898

Clarendon Visited By Cloudburst, Much Damage Results To Homes

Flood Sweeps Through City Like A Raging River

The weather clerk dished out a good big surprise to Clarendon people last Friday afternoon in the shape of a genuine cloudburst—"the kind you read about."

At about 5:30 o'clock a gentle shower began falling with no sign of a general rain cloud. Within thirty minutes, however, the skies darkened, and the rain and hail descended in torrents for about an hour. The main cloud burst seemed to be just west of town, and the water came down from the hills of south and west Clarendon suddenly in the form almost of a tidal wave. The business streets and low lying parts of the residence districts were soon flooded to the depth of six inches to three feet.

On [Kearney] and [Second] streets the water was two and three feet deep and running like a river.

Many houses were flooded. The five room house of N. S. Ray was swept from its foundation and carried a hundred feet to the middle of [Fourth] street near the courthouse. In its passage it carried away two lines of picket fence and broke down several good sized trees. No one was at home at Mr. Ray's except four children, and they would have certainly drowned had not Bud Payne and J. B. Williams waded in to the rescue and carried them to places of safety. Mr. Ray's damage, aside from the moving of the house, is very heavy, as all his household goods were thoroughly soaked with mud and water.

The house of E. A. Sloan, south of the Catholic church, was blown from its blocks.

In the lower part of town nearly all the residences were flooded. W. M. Stevens was in a particularly low

Hens Pay Borron On Lot In Town

Flock Of Hundred Hens Pay Fine Profit In Pullet Year

About the time some man makes the statement that poultry will not pay a man when he keeps them in town, there arises another man with a record showing that it can be done with the proper care and feeding. The latest record to be brought to the attention of THE NEWS is that of W. Z. Borron of this town, living in the south part of the city.

Mr. Borron keeps hens in his place and has kept a record of the expense and income from his flock of 107 for the year beginning October 1, 1927, and ending October 1, 1928. By subtracting the expense from the income it is readily seen that the difference is \$328.53 profit for the year, or almost \$30.00 per month profit from the flock in one year's time. The record was kept in the pullet year of the flock, and by all reasoning that counts, the second year should be far better than the first.

The Clarendon News,
October 18, 1928

Many Trees And Shrubs Planted Near Schools

The past week has seen the close of the tree planting campaign near the South Ward and High School buildings in Clarendon.

Twenty-nine Chinese Elm trees have been put out along with a number of other flowering and decorative shrubs. Bush honeysuckle and privet hedges with others of decorative nature have been placed at advantageous places around the two schools.

This work has been done under the direction of Superintendent Morgan, assisted by the Parent Teachers Association of the schools.

The Clarendon News,
April 28, 1927

We Need More Cows, Sows, & Hens In Donley County.

spot and his family had to be taken out by men on horseback. His effects were greatly damaged.

The hail broke out many window lights and ruined all crops, gardens and vegetation wherever it struck. Fortunately the scope of the storm was small and the damage in this respect therefore minimum. One great result is to the streets. They were badly washed. All culverts were swept away. Many trees were damaged, while a great damage was also done to fences. The courthouse fence was completely demolished on the south side. The railway also suffered some damage as did also the telephone company.

The wonder is, to a person observing the flood, that more damage was not done.

This is the heaviest fall of rain since 1891 when the town was flooded so that boats had to be used to carry people to higher ground.

The rain gauge Friday registered five inches rainfall.

Banner-Stockman,
July 1, 1904

No Money Lost As Two Attempt Robbery Of Bank

Employees Of Donley County State Bank Are Locked In Vault Forty Minutes

After closing time about 4:30 Tuesday afternoon, two strange men entered the Donley County State Bank by the side door brandishing six-shooters and immediately commanded the eight employees to enter the vault, after which the door was closed.

Those in vault remained there for some forty minutes before being liberated by Noel Harvey, farmer residing near Martin, who happened to enter the bank and heard the alarm from within the vault.

W. H. Morgan, customer in the bank at the time the men entered, was also escorted to the vault. "Slim" Tidwell, another customer entering the bank during the attempted holdup, was also escorted to the vault to join the others.

No money was secured by the would-be robbers as it had been placed in the safe with a time clock a short time before they entered. The men were driving a two-door model A Ford which was located by Sheriff Pierce near Watkins Wednesday morning.

A party in that neighborhood saw the men leave the Ford and drive off in a Durant coupe late Tuesday afternoon. A man standing near the Farmers State bank building saw the men enter the bank and is quite sure that only two men were in the car, both of whom entered the bank.

Sheriff Pierce was at Memphis on official business at the time of the attempted holdup. Upon his return, he located the car of the alleged robbers within two hours at the location stated above.

The Donley County Leader,
February 11, 1932

Entertainments Banned From County Court House

The commissioner's court at its last session unanimously decided that no more entertainments could be held in the court house where eating, cooking, etc., is to be a feature. Besides the danger from fire, the floors and furniture are soiled and damaged, putting the county to unnecessary cost. The judge cannot do otherwise than enforce the order, hence he cannot be censured for refusal in such cases.

The Industrial West,
February 16, 1898

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The Declaration of Independence

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.—We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.—That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.—Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.—He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.—He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.—He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.—He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.—He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.—He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.—He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.—He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.—He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.—He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harrass our people, and eat out their substance.—He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.—He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.—He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:—For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:—For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:—For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:—For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:—For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:—For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences—For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:—For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:—For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.—He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.—He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.—He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.—He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.—He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions. In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people. Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.—We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do.— And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

TEMPLE OF TRUTH By the Apostle



Pink Rodgers tells of a mule he owned that held the record for being slow. Once when he had it staked to a stump, the hired hand rode the mule all day before he discovered that it was tied.

One thing about this prairie country, styles never cut in on our personal liberty far enough to make us wear ties, sox, or hats. Some of the women wear shorts, but the men folks are trying to maintain that bashful attitude of the pioneer cow hand.

A politician prates the fact that the bath towel and the screen door are a part of our daily existence. The screen door may be, but the statement about the towel just shows how darn dirty politicians really can be.

Bachelor Bill, laid up from rheumatism in a squeaky knee for three months, has found out it was only a cricket that had crawled up his pant leg.

What a lot of difference a little thing can make. Take the "r" out of the word "free," for instance, and — well it's anything else but.

Well come on. You have as much right to celebrate the 4th of July as any one.

As a morning bracer, we are advised to take a "dive" into — wheat breakfast food. We have known for some time that it made a desirable salve for a number of ailments, but we never before had thought of substituting the shredded grain for bathing salts. After all, we are just beginning to realize that just how dumb Ponce de Leon was in looking for the fountain of youth, when he might have staid closer home and found it in a grain field.

Motion picture actors have started "mugging" contests to see who can make the ugliest face for a new film that is designed to make us laugh.

The less learned people are, the more willing they jump up to make public addresses, thinks the editor of Liberty Magazine. He may be right, on second thought or any thought thereafter.

Distance may lend enchantment, but doesn't do anything for bean and bread when you are hungry.

Bachelor Bill says he could have held his own had it not been for the public schools in this Panhandle.

Does life really begin at 40, or does it just look that way when you begin to wear glasses?

A bright future some times turns out to be merely a tall light.

In buying a used house you have one advantage; they can't turn the [odometer] back.

The Gainsville community circus, world-wide reputation, has about everything that you will see in a first class circus. Home talent alone has been used for the past dozen years. The only things that have possibly been overlooked is the woman who walks like a cow, the dog-faced man, the boy with ears like a baboon, the boy who squirts water out his eyes, etc. But they'll be added by fall.

The Donley County Leader, July 2, 1936

Chetham's Tasteless Chill Tonic cures the Chills, builds up the system and drives away all ills. It makes strong the weak and fattens the lean. It's the tonic of tonics, the best ever seen. Fifty cents. For sale by Ramsey.

The Industrial West, July 6, 1900

Loafing Boys

There are some kid boys in Clarendon who have no higher ambition than to dress up on Daddy's money and put a little of that kale-seed in their pockets and sail about town smoking a coffin nail and do nothing whatever to earn a decent living. At night they are to be found on most any corner doing nothing. During the day they stand on the sidewalks and sometimes people have to go around them to get by. They have nothing whatever to do it seems, and this class is not made up of young men of loafing size but of little fellows who ought to be at home studying or having mama put them to bed.

Around amusement places they hang around on goods boxes and on prominent corners at night and make remarks about women as they pass along the streets with their escorts or perhaps by themselves. If loafing was a legal crime, there might be a few convictions in Clarendon. But we do not say that this town is any worse in this respect than any others.

We have heard several ladies say that they were almost afraid to go down the streets sometimes and pass a crowd of boys and men too for that matter for fear of the carrion rot of indecent remarks that would be made about them and some of which were made before they would be out of hearing distance. We have noticed little fellows who should be about their mother's knee, sitting and listening to vulgar yarns and indecent remarks about ladies which come out of the mouths of things called men and who ought to know better, but who instill in these young minds the poison of indecent thoughts about the very sex to which they owe the most for life.

One of the hottest spots in the great pit of hell will be reserved for such two legged things as these who have no respect for women or for the influence they are spreading over the young boys who hear them talk. How about a curfew law to keep the little fellows off the streets at night? The curfew law to keep the young boys and girls too off the streets.

The Banner-Stockman, September 10, 1909



Fireworks & Rodeos Barbecue & Parades Families & Celebration

Celebrate America's birthday in style with your family at the annual Saints' Roost Celebration and Rodeo!

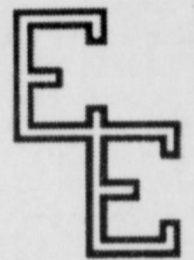
Country Kitchen

Buddy & Helen

Celebrate with Lady Liberty!



Have a safe and happy Independence Day!



Estlack Electric



As One Pioneer to Another

The Founder of the Donley County Leader arrived at Tascosa in 1883. All of his life, except his school days, had been spent in the Panhandle and great Southwest. He believed in her history, the stability of her people as the most progressive and persevering in existence. Every member of the Leader staff is a product of the Southwest. We hope you appreciate our efforts to present to you, unbiased, the news each week.

THE LEADER STAFF

THE DONLEY COUNTY LEADER

City Hall To Be Remodeled Soon

Building Will Fill Many Public Needs In Near Future

Architect Guy Carlander of Amarillo is preparing plans and specifications for remodeling the Y. M. C. A. Building, now owned by the city and used as the City Hall. The present athletic court will be converted into a fire station on the first floor, with openings on Sully Street. The present floor will be lowered about 42 inches and a concrete floor installed. A floor will be placed at the second story level, and the east one-third of the second floor will be used as an apartment for one paid fireman and his family. The west two-thirds of the second floor will be occupied by the Chamber of Commerce.

The office now used by the mayor will be used by the city secretary. A reinforced concrete vault will be built into this office. The room now used by the Chamber of Commerce will be rearranged for the mayor's office.

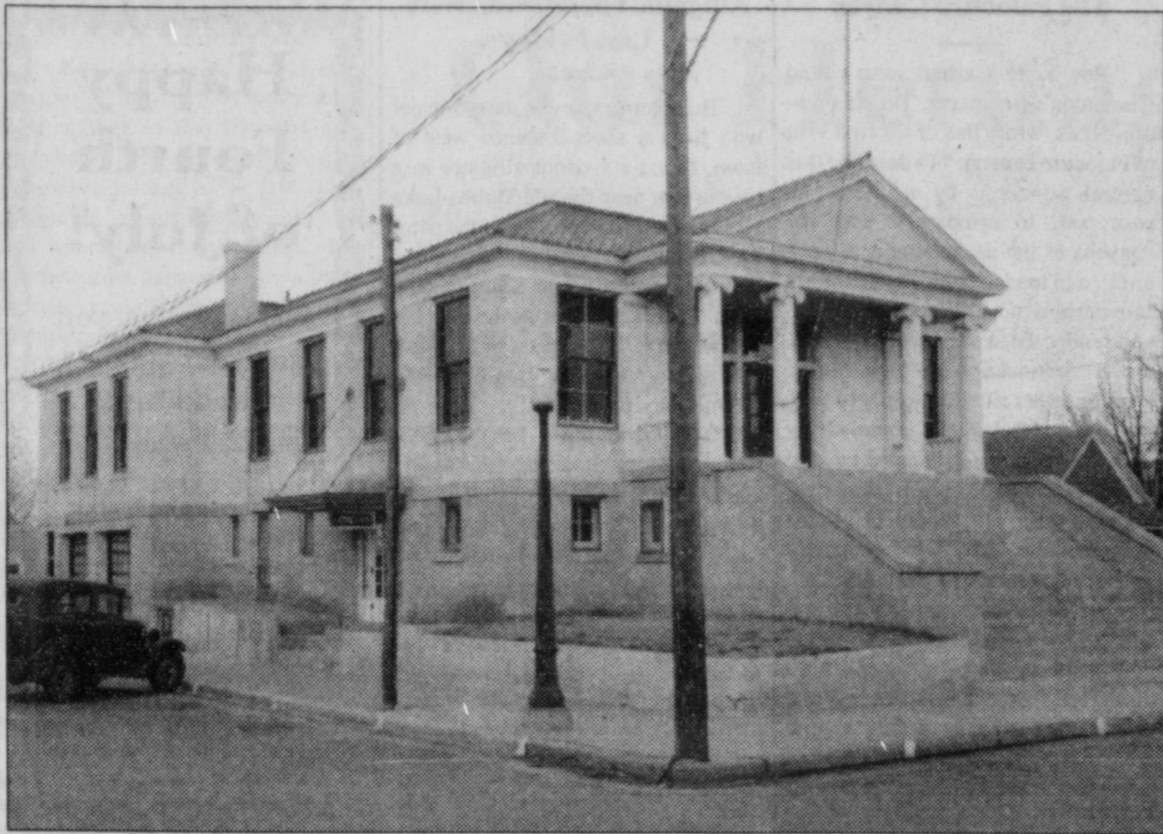
The present lobby will be used for a city court room and will have a seating capacity of about 40. This room will be open to any public gathering that can be accommodated by this seating capacity.

The lower floor of the main building will be refinished, the swimming pool floored over, and two street entrances placed in the front at sidewalk level. This part of the building will be used for a library and reading room, provision being made for the storage of books.

The outside of the building will be stuccoed, and the inside will be refinished throughout.

At the present time only two rooms of the building are being used. After the above changes are made, the entire building will be used by the city, the fire department, the Chamber of Commerce, and other organizations. Plans and specifications will be ready for bids within the next two weeks.

The Clarendon News, November 10, 1927



Originally constructed by Cornelia Adair as a Y. M. C. A. building, this structure came to be used as Clarendon's City Hall. This picture shows its appearance after it was remodeled and stuccoed in 1927. *Leader Archive Photo*

77 Lots Are Sold In 75 Minutes

Property in Beautiful Clarendon Heights Sold Readily at Public Auction

The auction sale of lots in Clarendon Heights was a big success, notwithstanding the most unfavorable weather conditions prevailing throughout the day Monday. The morning started off cold and chilly with prospects of rain, which developed later on into a mist and finally a chilly drizzle of rain, through which a big crowd of people splashed their way out to the grounds.

Clarendon Heights is beautifully located. The wonder is that this tract of land had not been seized upon before. It lies high above the city, overlooking the entire town and surrounding country, being only three or four blocks west of Clarendon College. During the past week a big force of men have been at work grading the streets, removing fences and otherwise getting the addition ready for

the buyers.

Free transportation was furnished all who required it, and at 3 o'clock a good sized crowd, weather considered, was on the grounds. The auctioneer immediately proceeded to business, and it did not take long to dispose of the property, bidding being brisk from start to finish. Mr. G. P. Lane, of Dallas, is responsible for the conception of the Clarendon Heights addition to Clarendon, and personally supervised the platting

and sale. He expressed himself as being well pleased with the transactions. Besides being a most pleasant and affable gentleman, he is also entitled to be called a hustler of the first water. He advertised to sell 50 lots in 50 minutes but instead, sold 77 lots in 75 minutes.

Banner-Stockman, August 21, 1906

EDITOR'S NOTE: In 1906, Clarendon College was where the public school is today.



We're kickin' up our heels, cause it's time for the annual Saints' Roost Celebration and Rodeo.

There will be food, parades, fun, the Ranch Rodeo, and more for you and your family to enjoy. We hope to see you there!

Floyd's Automotive Supply

Street Names

Why not Clarendon put up some street signs? The town is not so small as it used to be and when one wants to direct a stranger to any certain street, he can't tell him in an intelligible manner. We say go up in that part of town to a place that is in front of So and So's house and he will arrive at his destination. Now what can a fellow who doesn't know where So and So lives tell about that?

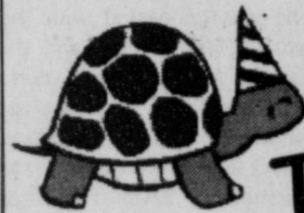
Clarendon should continue to put on city airs and let people know what the names of our streets are. We are not ashamed of the streets, they are pretty enough, but let us put up signs to tell folks that such a street is named so and so.

The Banner-Stockman, September 10, 1909



We hope to see you at all the Saints' Roost Celebration activities including the Ranch Rodeo at the Rodeo Grounds.

Clarendon Insurance Agency



Henson's Annual Turtle Race

July 7 at 3:30 p.m.
Register at

Henson's
3rd & Kearney, Clarendon

Happy Independence Day!

Please join us at the annual Saints' Roost Celebration this weekend. We hope to see you there!

JAMZ



Truly a part of the Pioneer Spirit



The Donley County State Bank in its same location more than 50 years ago.

Lots of things have changed in this area since 1936, but our philosophy still remains the same: To render the interests of our patrons with unselfish service and to keep kinship with all our friends.



The Donley County State Bank

Home owned and operated Since 1906.

We will be closed Wednesday, July 4, 2001.

Member FDIC

"We feel that we may with pardonable pride claim kinship with those stalwart citizens who developed Donley county from a prairie land into a fertile farming region. From the heritage of our memory has come understanding --- of the problems of the cotton grower, city business man, the stockman and the wage earner.

To render these varied interests unselfish service was uppermost in the minds of the founders of this bank. To keep faith with that ideal, to always remain alive to the needs of the field it serves, will always be the policy of the Donley County State Bank."

Advertisement: Donley County Leader, June 25, 1936

Co-Founder Of New Clarendon Dies In Dallas

Morris Rosenfield, Pioneer Local Resident, Expires.

Morris Rosenfield, pioneer merchant and co-founder of the new town of Clarendon, died in a Dallas hospital, Sunday, March 15, 1936. Funeral services were held at 4 p. m. Monday at Dallas, with Dr. David Lefkowitz, rabbi, Temple Emanu-El, officiating. Burial was in the Emanu-El Cemetery.

In 1882, Mr. Rosenfield moved the stock of Sanger Bros. Store in Wichita Falls to Clarendon, and later bought the store with B. H. White as a partner.

During his 22 years as a resident of both old and new Clarendon, Mr. Rosenfield was a progressive civic leader. He was on the first school board and appointed the first teacher for the first school in Donley County. He was also instrumental in bringing J. D. Stocking, the first doctor, to the old town.

In 1883, when Clarendon was made county seat, Rosenfield was elected as the first county treasurer. He later financed the first telephone exchange here.

He was a member of the citi-



Morris Rosenfield

zens committee that bought land and deeded it to the railroad for the round house and shops when the new town was located in 1887.

In 1905 he returned to Dallas where he was connected with the Jameson & Clark grocery and the Roth Sign Co. for a number of years.

Mr. Rosenfield has supplied much information for the collection of historical stories of Western Texas for the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum at Canyon.

A native of Prussia, he came to Texas with his parents in 1867, and at the time of his death was almost 80 years old.

The Clarendon News, March 19, 1936

The Paloduro Canyon

Rev. L. H. Carhart, who edited Clarendon's first paper, THE CLARENDON NEWS, wrote this of his first visit to Paloduro canyon: "To describe this natural wonder is by no means an easy task, to compare it with the canyons of the mountains is at once unfair and inadequate. The mountain canyons are more abrupt and deeper, and render the scene to monotonous, just a continuation of high bluffs. Here on either side for twenty to fifty miles is a level plain, unbroken by even a rivulet; then comes the edge of the plains, an abrupt bluff, from three hundred to a thousand feet almost perpendicular, then a valley or park upland. These parks contain from forty to one thousand acres and are skirted by a small ravine or creek with its abrupt bank of several hundred feet. Below these course the river valley perhaps a half a mile wide in which lies the bed of the river a few feet lower still.

"In passing down the plains, but few places are found where a road could be made, and scarcely two places in a range of ten miles where a pony could pass up or down. No one who has not seen it can conceive the extent and wild beauty of this canyon. As far as the eye can reach, while standing on the edge of the plains above, stretches out this diversity of hill and dale, river and rock, magnificent beyond description! No visitor to the panhandle should fail to view the Paloduro. This valley, too, is a natural cattle range. Abundantly sheltered at the most severe seasons from storms of either side, the pasturage is fine, and water is excellent. It thus unites utility with beauty and stands out as one of the natural wonders of the Panhandle if not of the world."

The Industrial West, April 13, 1900

Stevens Breaks Arm

Orville Stevens unfortunately had an arm broken last Monday. He had a mule tied to the horn of his saddle, and it became contrary and in trying to stop it from running around the horse, got his arm caught in the rope in such a way as to break it near the elbow.

The Industrial West, April 6, 1900

Alligator Found Near Here Last Friday

Bud Hermesmeier, dairy farmer who lives a short distance west of town, found a six-foot alligator in a coyote den near the old Dubbs Lake last Friday. It was presumed the gator had been dead only a short time and possibly was frozen to death or died from the lack of water as the old lake bed was dry. The carcass of the gator was still in good condition when Mr. Hermesmeier found it.

It is believed to be the gator which Jerome Stocking set free in 1933 when it became too vicious to be a pet. In 17 years the gator apparently gained four feet in length. It was originally turned loose on Kelly Creek which is located a mile or so west of the location where it was found.

The Donley County Leader, February 2, 1950

Subscriptions: \$20 per year in Donley.

Join Us

In celebrating our nation's birthday!

We hope that you have a safe and happy Fourth!

Every Nook and Cranny

Happy Fourth of July!

Here's wishing you and your family a safe and happy holiday weekend.

Country Bloomers

Flowers & Gifts

Rodeo Time

It's time to round up and attend the annual Saints' Roost Celebration and Rodeo. We'll see you there!

Owens Boot Shop

Post Office Will Be Moved Over Week End To Blocker Building

The ten year lease about to expire May 1st, the post office will be moved this week end to the building owned by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Blocker next door south of the West Texas Utilities office in the next block south of the present location.

Since moving the fixtures involves a lot of labor, and setting them up again takes a lot of time, patrons of the post office in Clarendon are requested to exert a lot of patience in getting mail next Sunday.

Everything possible will be done to get the fixtures in place behind locked doors, working every hour possible; still there will be a disruption that is naturally to be expected. The new location will be occupied on a ten year lease.

There will be a number of improved features in the new location provided for the comfort and convenience of the employees and patrons

of the post office. Just have patience until these new features can be placed in operation.

One section of 75-cent boxes will be added to the equipment. Those with a box are requested to file applications to these already on file. The boxes will be assigned in order of filing.

There will be a little delay in dispatching mail going out of town. Every detail has been worked out to cause as little delay as possible. Again, please be patient since this type of delay happens but once in ten years, postmaster J. C. Estlack stated.

The Donley County Leader, April 26, 1951

Wife and Husband Both Ill With Gas

"For years I had gas on the stomach. The first dose of Adlerika helped. I now sleep well and all gas is gone. It also helped my husband." (signed) Mrs. B. Brindley. ONE spoonful Adlerika removes GAS and often brings astonishing relief to the stomach. Stops that full bloated feeling. Brings out old, waste matter you never thought was in your system. Adlerika is wonderful for chronic constipation. Douglas-Goldston Drug Co.

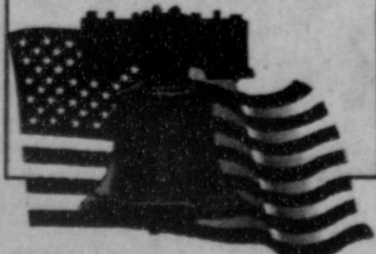
The Clarendon News, April 14, 1927

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Celebrate Freedom and enjoy the Fourth of July safely!

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Happy Fourth!

We want to welcome all our visitors to Clarendon. We hope everyone enjoys the festivities!

Wallace Monument

HAVE A BLAST!

At The 123rd Annual Saints' Roost Celebration & Rodeo

We hope you enjoy all the activities safely!

Kenny's Barber Shop

Round Up Your Family

Join us in celebrating the Fourth of July by attending the Saints' Roost Celebration and Ranch Rodeo.

Have a safe and happy Fourth!

White's Feed & Seed

Freedom & Liberty...

Two Values We Cherish Dearly.

It's in this traditional spirit that we celebrate Independence Day. The virtues this country was founded on are the values that allow us to serve customers like you as best we can.

So, on this July 4th, we would like to wish everyone a fun-filled holiday and say thanks for being a great customer. We remind you to be safe, and we will see you at the Saints' Roost Celebration and Ranch Rodeo.

We will be closed Wednesday, July 4, 2001.

Community Bank

Clarendon Wellington
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City Asks Drivers To Observe Rules

An intensive effort is being made on the part of the city enforcement officers to secure a more complete observation of the rules of the town as concerned with the parking of cars and the cutting of corners. The rules are especially needed at this time of the year when there is little enough room on the main streets of the city at all times. Special emphasis is being placed on double parking. Mr. Pyle, City Marshal, asks that all available parking space be used, and should the car be left in the street, that some person be left in the car to let those next to the curb back out if they so

desire. Congestion of this nature is noticed more on Saturdays when the streets are filled to the brim with folk from out of the city. Another item of importance in this connection is the habit of cutting corners, especially when turning to the left. This practice is of sufficient danger in itself when there is little traffic, but becomes more dangerous when there is a heavy stream of traffic as is seen here at times.

Clarendon has been singularly free from accidents of all sorts in the past and should continue to be free if the rules and regulations of the town are followed. If one must cross the street, follow the lines that have been placed at either end and in the center of each block. When parking, follow the lines that have been painted on the street, and if one must double park for lack of room, leave a responsible person in the car to allow the car next the curb the privilege of getting out if they so desire.

The Clarendon News, October 18, 1928

Tire Thief Gets Busy Here Again

Several citizens were positively aggravated Tuesday morning when they discovered that some uncharitable person or persons, during the dark hours of the night when the village lay asleep, had taken up a collection of spare tires. In some cases rims and even wheels were taken with the tires.

Day by day in every way, evidence accumulates that points to the operation of a well-organized gang of tire thieves. The raids occur every six to eight weeks. On a given night a large number of car owners lose tires, with rims or wheels.

It is believed that someone in Clarendon is hooked up with a gang which notifies him of the night the pick-up truck will be here. The local thief in the meantime has spotted all the 'suckers' who leave their garage doors unlocked, spare tires unlocked, or cars parked on the street or in the driveway. And on the appointed night the regular clean-up is made.

And the despoiled car owners in their fretful way, exhibit varying degrees of vexation and in hopeless tones make the remark that each thinks is original, "It looks like the officers could do something about that sort o' thing!"

The Clarendon News, June 1, 1933

Dr. J. G. Stewart Building Clinic

Work was started this week on a new clinic building here which is being built by Dr. J. G. Stewart. John Jones is the contractor. The location of the new structure is across the street north of the county jail. It will contain nine rooms, which will be especially designed for office space, two rooms for emergency beds and clinic equipment. It will be modern in every respect with automatic heating and air-conditioning units and will be built of cinder blocks and cement. More clinic equipment will be added soon after the building is completed, Dr. Stewart stated.

Dr. Stewart came to Clarendon in March, 1941 and has practiced medicine here since that time. "I felt that my patients needed and deserved a clinic building with more complete facilities, and if everything goes along according to plans, this new clinic will be ready to move into in around sixty to ninety days," he added.

The Donley County Leader, January 18, 1951

Mysterious Fire

A pile of clothes mysteriously caught fire and burned, also a hole through the floor, at the steam laundry Wednesday night after it was closed up. The fire seems to have died out as mysteriously as it caught.

The Industrial West, April 6, 1900

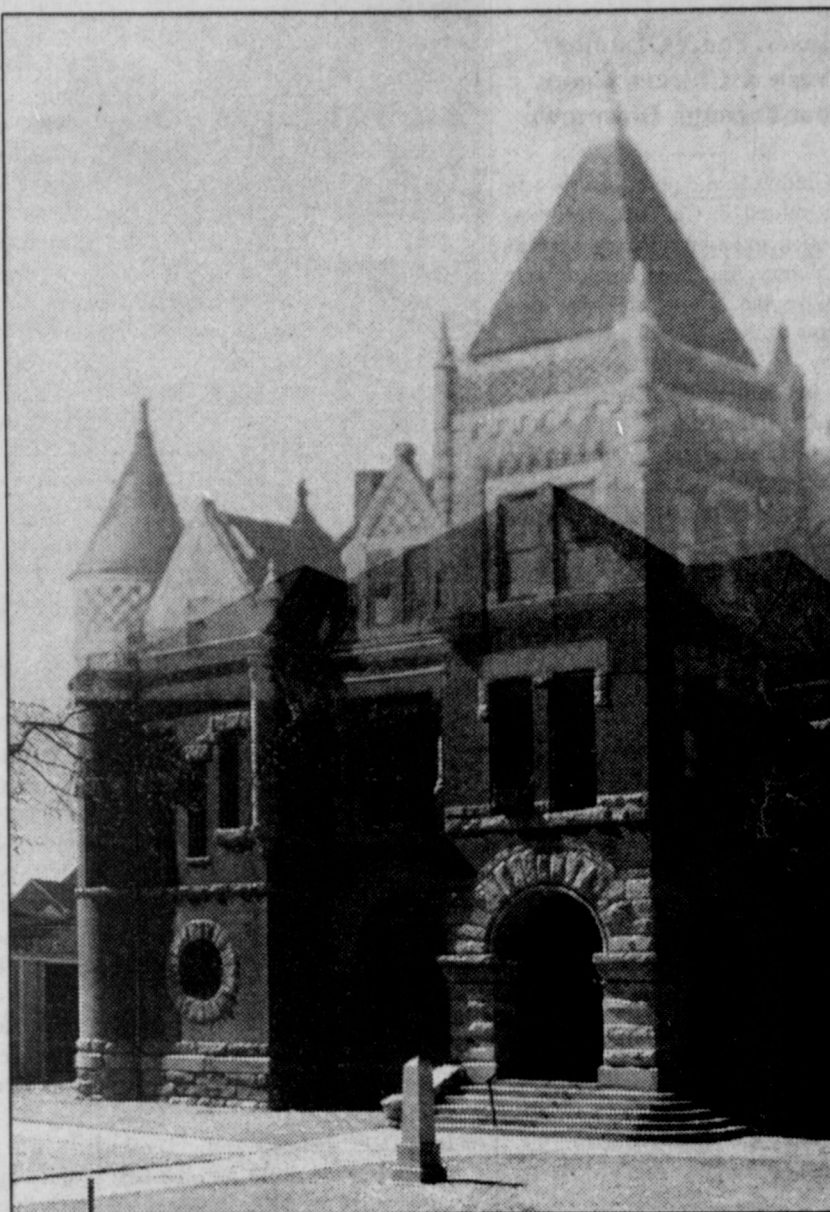
The Baptists will spend about \$150 in putting modern seats in their church. They will be ordered at once.

The Industrial West, September 19, 1902

Patronize Local Businesses And Help Our Town Grow.

Our Heritage Lives On

With the restoration of the historic 1890 Donley County Courthouse, we join our fellow citizens in commemorating the Pioneer Spirit that brought civilization to the Texas Panhandle.



As the elected officials of Donley County, we welcome visitors to the 123rd annual Saints' Roost Celebration and look forward to the celebration's return to the Courthouse Square when our restoration is complete.

Have a safe and happy Fourth.

- Jack Hall, Judge
- Becky Jackson, Treasurer
- Fay Vargas, Clerk
- Wilma Lindley, Tax Assessor/Collector
- Jimmy Johnson, Justice of the Peace
- Ann Kennedy, Justice of the Peace
- Butch Blackburn, Sheriff
- Jimmy Swinney, Constable
- Mike Wallendorff, Constable
- Kaye Messer, County Attorney Pro Tem
- Ernest Johnston, Commissioner Pct. 1
- Don Hall, Commissioner Pct. 2
- Buster Shields, Commissioner Pct. 3
- Bob Trout, Commissioner Pct. 4

Our offices will be closed Wednesday, July 4, and Friday, July 6.

Parade and Ranch Rodeo

...and so much more!
We hope you enjoy all the festivities during the Fourth of July!

Clarendon Insurance Agency



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

"Your Neighbors, Family, and Friends Caring for You and Your Loved Ones."

In celebration of our recent remodeling project, we would like to invite you to our **OPEN HOUSE** Thursday, July 5, 2001 2:00-5:00 p.m.



Medical Center Nursing Home

Donley County Hospital District

Heavy Rain Floods City

**Boxes, Fences, Lumber
Trash & Chicken Coops
Float Through Downtown**

Getting to the point of this article, it rained in Clarendon Monday afternoon and night. For some weeks the country has been needing rain to revive the ranges and give new impetus to the growing crops. Other nearby sections have been getting rain, but it seemed that Clarendon was just on the verge of all the rains until Monday afternoon about five o'clock when it began what seemed at first to be another short dashing shower. But not so.

Gathering force from the west the rain steadily increased, and with it came intermittent hail. Developing into a veritable waterspout the watershed to the south and west of town poured a sea of water into the creek that crosses, then parallels Kearney street, with such torrential force and volume that the overflow left the bed of the creek and came rushing down into the business districts making the principal streets run like mill races and going into over half the business houses of the town. Boxes and barrels, trash, fences, chicken coops, tin cans, bits of lumber, and all the flotsam and jetsam of the town traversed the main streets on the surface of the flood and hung up on auto wheels, tree trunks, sign boards, etc.

Yes, it rained. Meanwhile the

Lelia Lake Depot Is Now Opened

The general public will be interested in knowing that the Denver railway has put an agent in the nice new depot which has been built for more than a year now.

A Mr. Lee has been put in as agent, and now freight and express can be sent direct to Lelia Lake, and it will certainly be a great convenience to the public and especially the business people of this fast growing little town.

It is likely that there will be 1590 or more bales of cotton to be shipped from there this season, besides cottonseed, grain and alfalfa, other hay, and other farm products besides the incoming freight and express. It is certainly a very great convenience and one the people will greatly appreciate.

*The Clarendon News & Times,
October 13, 1911*

Lelia Lake Improvements

Considerable substantial improvements are being made at Lelia Lake. Already there are two stores, a lumber yard, coal yard, gin and livery stable, and during the past week, Dr. Rumph, the local physician there, has built a store building and is putting in a stock of drugs; and G. W. Maynard has commenced the erection of a new store building and will put in a large stock of dry goods. A new restaurant has been opened the past week, several new dwellings have been built lately, and several more are prospective. One of the attractive features of the town is their splendid school.

*The Clarendon News & Times,
October 13, 1911*



This was the scene in Clarendon the week of May 27, 1918, when heavy rain washed into town. The water was as deep as four feet in some parts of the business district. This photograph by Bartlett's Studio was taken from Kearney street, looking west up Fourth street.

wind shifted to the northeast and brought yet more rain, intermingled with hail, the stones being in some instances almost as large as hen eggs.

The first flood reached its crest about 7:30, and all business men with their help were busy trying to stem the current away from their front doors and moving such stock as was on their floor shelves.

Between the depot and the first business block the water flowed three to four feet deep, and many farmers who had teams hitched to the racks in this open space had to wade out to them to unhitch and lead the frightened animals to higher ground.

Several families living in the flat between the depot and the section house were put to it to save themselves from the high water as it came into a number of houses in that section two to four feet deep. The south-bound train arriving here at eight o'clock viewing the high water, backed up on the grade at the section house taking no chances on a further rise in the waters, remaining there all night. The north-bound train due here at nine o'clock was halted at Hedley by washouts and spent the night there and will arrive here

tomorrow.

Numbers of citizens were forced to stay down town until nine-thirty or ten o'clock before the water receded enough to make it safe to go home. Several wagons were impressed into service to carry ladies and girls home from their work together with those who were shopping when the rain began.

But the story isn't all told. It rained again Tuesday morning at the early hour of 1:30. With a constant display of lightning, a great rain cloud came up from the north and northeast, and a repetition of the evening's flood was on. Some declare it was higher than the first, but in the business section there seems to be no evidence that this is true.

Clarendon Lake, like Hell, "hath enlarged herself," and now covers hundreds of acres on all sides of her usual shallow bed. The fair grounds are submerged, and water is all around the grand stands.

Something like five and an eighth inches of rain fell in the afternoon, and the county has all the season she can use for the present.

*The Clarendon News,
May 30, 1918*

Business Locals

Best, largest, nicest and cheapest toys at Ramsey's. Buy while you can get choice, before they are picked over. Great variety.

Car load of well pipe and casing just received at Taylors.

Barrett, the barber, keeps his razors keen and nerves steady and

can give you a shave that is a pleasure.

You may get twenty bright silver dollars absolutely free at Dr. Stocking's store without risking a cent in a lottery.

*The Industrial West,
December 16, 1898*

**Celebrate
July 4th**

**At The
Saints' Roost
Celebration.**
Join us for all
the fun!

**Courtney Law Offices Of
Jerry D. Courtney**

Happy Birthday, America!

Celebrate our nation's birthday at the annual Saints' Roost Celebration!

We wish you and your family a safe and fun Fourth of July!

**William Lowe
Attorney At Law**

WANTED

Folks looking for a fun way to spend their holiday. Join us at the annual Saints' Roost Celebration and Rodeo.

J&W Lumber

**CELEBRATE
FREEDOM**

Let us pause a moment from our daily lives to remember those who paved the way so that we may enjoy the privileges of being Americans.

Proudly we honor all these people. Their courage was our greatest triumph.

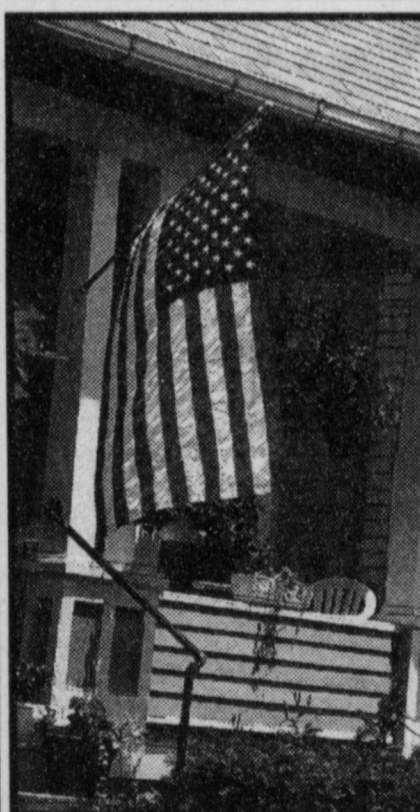
**James T. Shelton
Attorney at Law**

**Western
Welcome**

Welcome to all the visitors to Clarendon!

We hope you enjoy your stay and have a safe weekend.

Saye's



Patriotism

Generations of Americans fought and died for our freedom. Show your appreciation for their sacrifice by displaying your American flag this July 4th.

We hope you and your family celebrate the Fourth safely!

**Harlan's
Flowers & Gifts**

**GREENBELT
Water Authority**

**CELEBRATE
Freedom**

Take the day off & enjoy.

GREENBELT Water Authority

Celebrate Independence Day

Between all the fireworks, barbecue, and rodeo, find some brief time to pause for a moment and give thanks for all the freedoms we enjoy due to the great sacrifices which have been made in the last 224 years.

God Bless America!

**B & R
thriftway**
THE BEST WAY TO SAVE!

A Clarendon Boy In France Is Heard From

C. C. Manly, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Manly, has been in the war zone for sometime, and at the time his last letter was written he was in the trenches for the second time. The letter follows:

France, July 18, 1918.

Dear Mother:

I received two of your letters since I wrote a few days ago, so I guess the spell is broken, and from now on the letters will come regularly. There has been a great improvement in that respect—one that was badly needed. We are now in the trenches for the second time. We have been here eighteen days this trip, and expect to be relieved during the next few days. We probably will leave this immediate sector with our division then. We are in Alsace, and our division was the first American troops on German soil. This has been printed in the newspapers, so I am violating no censorship rules.

Delivery Truck Ends Up In Chicken Yard After Driver Blacks Out

Billy Phillips, local representative for Your Laundry & Dry Cleaners of Pampa, escaped with very little injury to himself or his truck yesterday morning when he apparently blacked out and his laundry truck ran wild and ended up in J. I. Spurgeon's chicken yard. It was reported that Phillips was recovering from the flu which caused his temporary blackout. He was carried to the local hospital for treatment.

The Donley County Leader, February 16, 1950

The spirit of public improvement has struck the businessmen on Kearney street and nearly all are applying fresh paint to their store fronts this week. The contrast is startling.

Banner-Stockman, July 1, 1904

Haven't seen or heard of any troops from Texas, but I suppose they must be over here somewhere. There are a million here, so of course we are working and not chasing around the country.

I wish you would tell Bill to write to me, giving me the name and number of his regiment and company. Or better still, you send it to me. Then, when he does get here, I will be able to get in touch with him more quickly. He would probably have a harder time finding me than I would finding him.

The American soldier is somewhat taken aback with the French customs when he first arrives. The custom of farmers getting together in villages and cultivating the land outside—a survival of old feudal days—is very amusing to him. The wooden shoes, the money, their way of eating; all seems very strange to all

who have not prepared themselves for it by travel or reading. But they soon become accustomed to it, and most of us are speaking a little French.

Things have been quiet in our sector the last day or two. Several nights ago we made a raid—using an artillery and machine gun barrage. I would like to describe it to you, but the thing baffles me. Irving Cobb saw a raid, he says in the Saturday Evening Post, and he says he did not have enough vocabulary to describe it. At 2:30 a. m. the artillery opened up on the German lines. Shells of all calibres were sent over—thousands of them. Then at a signal our 16 machine guns opened up, the noise chiming in with the big guns. Imagine all the noises in the world gathered together into a space about a half mile wide. Then you will have a faint idea of things. Our guns poured streams of bullets on either side of

the sector at the signal, and the artillery raised their fire and dropped shells thickly on the lines back of the German trenches. This left a box, with the end to us open, in which there was no fire. Our infantry went over, killing and capturing what Germans were left, and demolishing their dugouts with hand-grenades. They returned safely—and all the while we were keeping up a steady fire.

During our barrage the Germans sought cover, and made no effort to return to it. It was quite safe. But just at dawn, when our firing stopped, they returned with a counter barrage. I had climbed up on the parapet of the trench the better to watch the show. It was magnificent and as all our guns were running smoothly, I had nothing to distract me. The first thing I knew I heard the rat-a-tat of the German machine guns, and I dropped into the trench. Then their

artillery opened fire, it seemed with an especial eye on the machine gun position I happened to be at. They sent over 50 shells, all falling in our immediate vicinity, but at least twenty failed to explode. This didn't make us mad. When the shelling had about stopped I decided to leave the dugouts and got to the Company headquarters where they have the officer's mess. Was a little hungry and by cutting across on the outside of the trench I could save quite a distance. Besides, the duckboards make the walking bad. I did this and had gone about fifty meters when some machine-gun bullets clipped the leaves off of the trees nearby—all above my head. I thought, "don't be a fool" and dropped into a nearby trench. Five seconds later a shell exploded about where I would have been. The shock knocked me down, but I didn't have a scratch. One

infantry man was killed and three wounded. I didn't see them in the darkness or I would have made them get into a trench when the machine-gun fire started.

Well, Mother, there is not much more to tell. I hope that everyone is well. Give my regards to all if you see them. Don't forget Bill. Lots of love, From you son, CLAUDE.

The Clarendon News, February 27, 1919

Dr. Simmon's Sarsaparilla imparts new life and energy to all parts of the body. Good as well for baby as for grand-father. 130 doses \$1.00 at Ramseys.

The Industrial West, May 18, 1900



Unidentified cowboys during the 1936 round up and branding on the JA Ranch. Enterprise Archive Photo

Heritage

Donley County was built on the hard work of pioneer cowmen, plowmen, and colonists who settled this territory more than 100 years ago. They persevered through dry years, dust storms, blizzards, and floods relying on nothing but the sweat on their brows and a steady faith in God.

Join us July 4, 6, & 7 as we honor our community's Pioneer Heritage during the 123rd annual Saints' Roost Celebration and Clarendon's Ranch Rodeo.

Clarendon Economic Development Corporation
Clarendon-Donley County Chamber of Commerce
Clarendon Tourism Council



Old Glory

Symbol of
Freedom
Glory
Honor

We salute the flag and everything that it represents, including all those lives lost protecting it and the freedom we have today.

Join us in celebrating our nation's independence and giving thanks for having the right to do so.

City of Howardwick Officials

Billy Woods, Mayor

Board of Aldermen Members:

Mike Rowland, Vernon Byars, Lynn Dishong,
Dewey Linley, and Nancy Davis

Howardwick Volunteer Fire Dept.

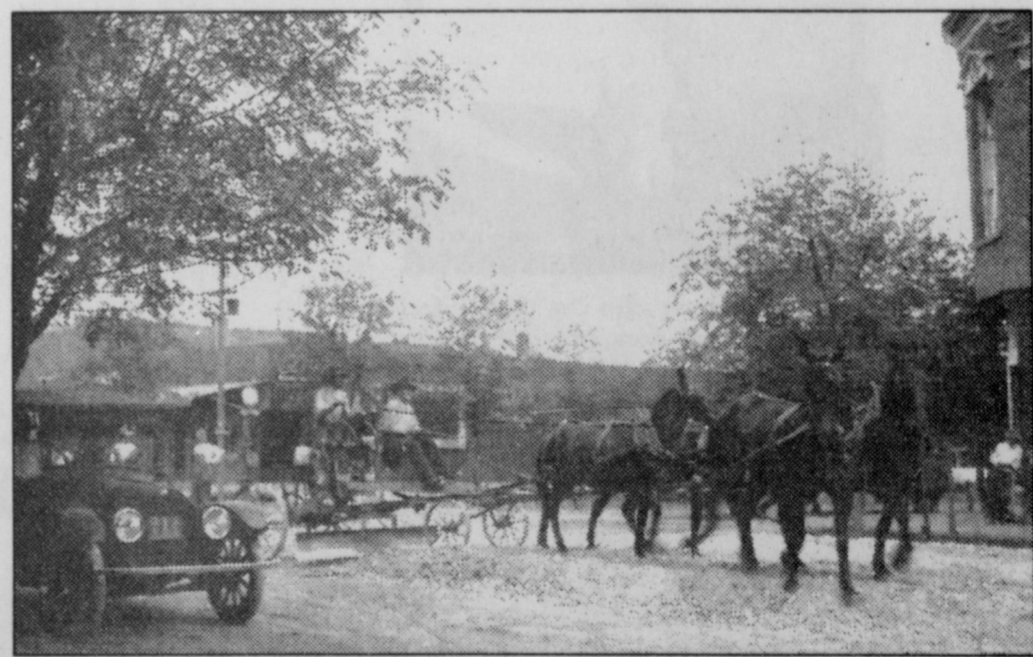
and all City Employees

Clarendon WELCOMES

All Pioneers and Visitors

As the oldest thriving town in the Panhandle, Clarendon has constantly been building upwards since 1878. Together we will continue to grow in the future and enjoy many July Fourth celebrations yet to come.

We extend a hospitable welcome to all guests of the City during the 123rd annual Saints' Roost Celebration.



Grading Kearney Street in about 1916. Photo courtesy Saints' Roost Museum Wisdom Collection.

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NEWS at a glance

Underground H₂O levels fall locally

The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District reports annual depth-to-water measurements for Donley County fell slightly during the last year.

The measurements from the two principal aquifers under Donley County – the Ogallala and the Whitehorse – were taken during the period of December 2000 – March 2001. The Ogallala had an average depth-to-water of 94 feet, an average decline of 0.6 feet. The average depth-to-water for the Whitehorse was 75 feet, and that aquifer showed an average decline of 0.8 feet.

The Dockum aquifer also underlies small parts of the county but is not measured due to its size.

Detailed county measurements and decline maps will be published in the district newsletter. To receive a copy, contact the district at 201 W. Third St., PO Box 637, White Deer, TX 79097 or call 806-883-2501.

County delays courthouse bids

Donley County officials have extended the deadline for contractors wishing to bid on the restoration of the 1890 courthouse.

Bids were to have been opened on July 12, but some contractors complained that wouldn't give them enough time considering the July 4th holidays.

The new deadline for submission of bids is July 19.

Country Club sets golf scrambles

The Clarendon Country Club will be holding a Two-Man Scramble on July 21-28. A Calloway 4 wood will be given away after the meal on Saturday night.

Also, an 18-hole Scramble is scheduled for Sunday, July 29 at 1:30 p.m. The Friday Night Scrambles start at 6:00 p.m. in July and August.

Call the Pro Shop for more details at 874-2166.

Jamboree to be held Saturday

By Betty Thomas

The Saints' Roost Jamboree will be held Saturday, July 14, in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Auditorium at Clarendon College beginning at 7 p.m.

The Jamboree will feature Palo Duro from Amarillo with Jim Anderson, the Hedley Church Choir with Bruce Howard, Half Price Band from Amarillo with Don Travis, and our own Saints' Roost Band.

Free admission. Everyone is welcome. Food will be provided in the lobby.

Inside:

2 Soft, weak parents are coddling today's children and denying them important lessons about life.

3 A local man was given the highest award from the state VFW organization.

4 Check out these pics from our annual celebration.

8 And Medical Center Nursing Home holds an Open House for its renovations.

All this and much more in this week's gator grinning edition!

DCSB donates \$50k for CC library

The Donley County State Bank made a donation to the Clarendon College Foundation totaling \$50,000 Tuesday afternoon.

The money was earmarked for use as seed money for the college's proposed library, one of the projects of the New Horizons Campaign.

"This is something we're very pleased about," said CC President Myles Shelton. "The library is very important to the future of Clarendon College."

Shelton said the current CC Library, which is a part of the Administration Building constructed in 1968, is not big enough to meet the

present needs of the institution. The library now has approximately 4,000 square feet of space and holds 22,000 volumes. For a school the size of CC, it should be 8-10,000 square feet and hold 30-40,000 volumes, the president said.

"The library is a major project of our capital campaign," Shelton said, "and we're very pleased that this gift will set the standards for this project."

An adequate new library is expected to cost CC at least \$1 million, but Shelton said the "ideal" facility would cost about \$2 million.

Donley County State Bank President Jimmy

Fowler said his bank has been a longtime supporter of the Panhandle's oldest institution of higher learning.

"Hopefully this gift will be a little start that they can build on to reach their goal," Fowler said.

The New Horizons Campaign was authorized by the CC Board of Regents in May of 2000. Its two main objectives are the construction of a new library and a livestock and equestrian center. Secondary goals include raising money for scholarships, upgrading technology, and other campus improvements.



Donley County State Bank officers Bobbie Thornberry and Jimmy Fowler with CC President Myles Shelton (center).

Leapin' lizards!

Alligator found in Clarendon

A common phrase was repeated last Tuesday as word spread of a quirky discovery near Clarendon's wastewater treatment plant – "You're kidding me."

It was no joke, however. City employees had, in fact, found an alligator that morning – a run-over, smelly, maggot-infested, dead alligator, but a gator nonetheless.

"I thought my cold medicine had finally kicked in," city employee Alton Gaines said recalling his discovery. "I asked Mike [Bishop], 'Do you see what I see?'"

Gaines and Bishop were headed to the sewer plant for the daily check of the facility when they found the gator lying halfway in Jefferson Street and halfway in the weeds.

"It looked like someone had run over it," Gaines said. "But it was really in pretty good condition."

The beast measured six foot from snout to tail, and Gaines said they figured it had been dead for about 36 hours based on the fly larvae that had hatched in the carcass.

Other than tire tracks, Gaines said he could make out paw prints and raccoon tracks near the body, which he and Bishop later buried. City workers say the plant on the north edge of town is a popular place for animals – particularly wild



City workers hold open the mouth of the six-foot alligator found run over by a car on the north side of Clarendon last Tuesday morning.

Enterprise Digital Photo / Cheryl Johnson

boars and deer.

Alligators are not commonly found in Donley County, but it is not unprecedented. THE DONLEY COUNTY LEADER reported on February 2, 1950, that Bud Hermesmeier had found a dead six-foot alligator in a coyote den near a playa lake northwest of the city.

The common belief amongst the townspeople currently is that the gator was probably someone's pet that was either thrown out or escaped. That was also the reckoning in 1950.

The American alligator's natural habitat encompasses most of the southeastern United States from

the Carolinas and Florida to the eastern one-third of Texas and as far north as Arkansas, according to the US Fish and Wildlife Service. One website, <www.pnx.com/gator>, says alligators grow about one foot per year until they reach 11 feet long, which would make the local reptile about six years old.

VFW presents Life Saving Awards to county citizens

The National Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has awarded several Donley County citizens with the National VFW Life Saving Award.

Sheriff Charles "Butch" Blackburn, Jr., dispatcher Clarice Hoggatt, firefighter James Hinton, and local man Max Rippetoe were recognized for rescuing two people this spring.

Vic Jeter and his companion were rescued from his truck when it was swept into the drainage behind Renee's Diner during a heavy rain on May 3, 2001.

Donley County Post 7782 and its Quartermaster William Holden

made the recommendation. Post Commander J.D. Hopper presented the awards.

The certificate reads, "In grateful recognition and sincere appreciation of your prompt and selfless life-saving action. Your personal initiative and prompt action resulted in saving the life of another and is one of the highest obligations to humanity. Your efforts will serve as an inspiration to others and especially the Veterans of Foreign Wars."

Congratulations to those who assisted in the rescue and all the others who protected local lives that night.

Washington taking less money

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The federal government began taking less money from its citizens this month, according to a press release from US Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon).

"Beginning July 1, one of the first elements of the tax break [kicked] in," Thornberry said. "Employers will begin withholding one percent less of Americans' monthly paychecks."

The tax relief package was passed by Congress and signed by the President earlier this year. The tax cut is the largest American taxpayers have seen in 20 years. Among other things, the tax cut reduces income tax rates, reduces the marriage penalty, doubles the child tax credit, and phases out the death tax – something Thorn-

berry has pushed for since he was first elected.

Also, beginning in July 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 means extra money next month to use on vacation, pay down credit cards, or add to savings," Thornberry said. "While I would have liked to have seen tax relief do more, such as reduce the federal tax on gasoline and the tax on Social Security benefits, this is a good start toward reducing burdensome taxes on American workers."

Hot time in the old town for annual celebration

A new location and a new rodeo did nothing to dampen enthusiasm for the 123rd annual Saints' Roost Celebration held here last week, but visitors and townsfolk did have to contend with temperatures that soared above 100°F.

The celebration got started Wednesday, July 4, with a bicycle parade on Kearney Street. Winners in the youngest division were Taylor Knorpp, first; Hannah Hommel, second; and Branson Cruse, third. In the middle division winners were Haley Chambless, first; and Tyler and Taylor Smith, second and third. In the big kids' division winners were Chris Tiedeman, first; Amanda Rice, second; and Deston Chambless, third.

Events on the Fourth continued at Thunder Junction with ice cream and sloppy joes being served all day and fireworks being fired that night.

The town took Thursday off and got back to celebrating on Friday, July 6, with the Stick Horse Rodeo sponsored by the Donley County Horse Club and the Depression Lunch sponsored by the Main Street Ministry Center. The first day of a three-day carnival started that afternoon at Thunder Junction.

Friday night, the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association marked its 50th anniversary by changing its traditional rodeo to a ranch rodeo competition. Comments were positive from those in attendance as local and area ranches battled it out to see who had the best cowboys. Twelve ranches competed on Friday night, and another 12 competed on Saturday. Results were not available at press time.

Saturday was the big day of the celebration with the craft fair, barbecue, parade, turtle race, and more.

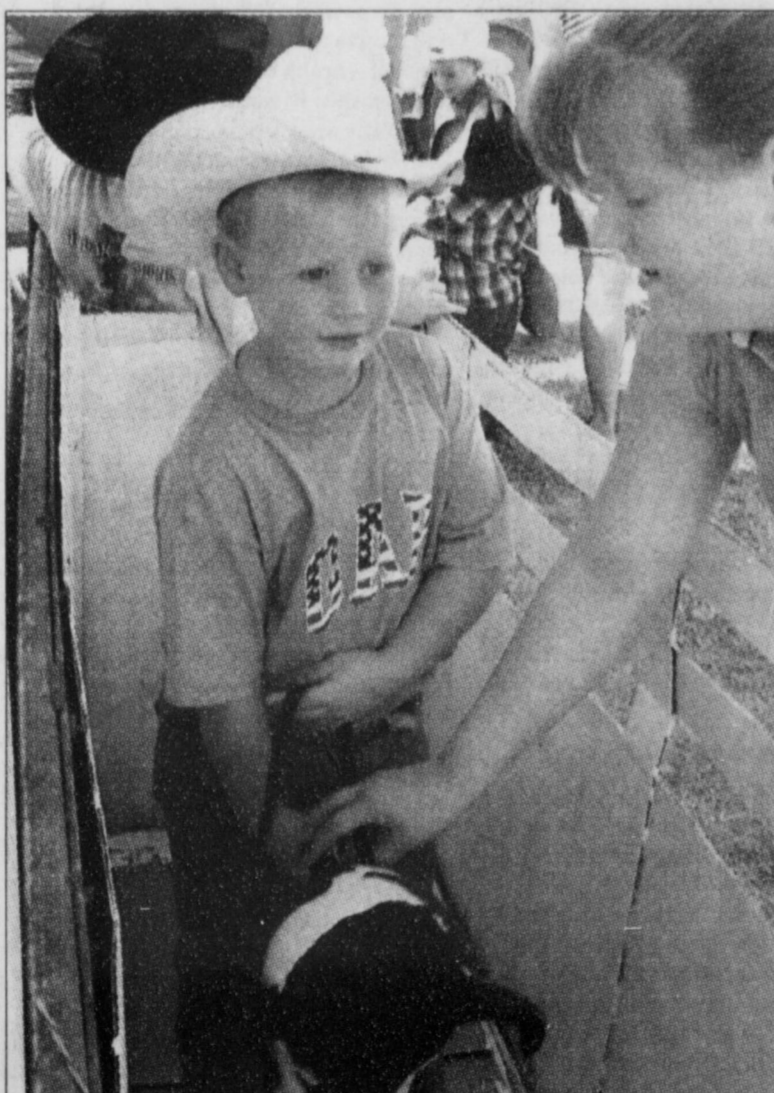
Some grumbling had been heard around town about moving the festivities from their traditional place on the courthouse square to City Park due to the courthouse restoration project. But right away Saturday, the roominess and beauty of the park and the convenience of the covered pavilion had people making positive comments. In the days that have followed, some citizens are even saying they prefer the new location.

During the Old Settlers Reunion, Clara Mae Carter and C.E. Welch were recognized as the oldest folks in attendance. Mildred Housden was honored as the person having lived in the county the longest, and Dr. Buddy Hudson from Colleyville, Texas, was the person traveling the greatest distance to the celebration. W.K. Hardin and Claudine Todd were the Pioneer Man and Woman of the Year.

Attendance for the barbecue was down again this year. The AI Morrah Shrine Club reports serving only 850 people. Last year, the Shriners served 1,100. That figure was 1,134 in 1999 and over 1,500 in 1997. A total for 1998 was unavailable.

The Lions Club's Cow Patty Bingo winner was Paulette Kidd. She won \$50.

See "Celebration" on page 3.



Ride 'Em Cowboy

Katie Askew waits for the nod from David Johnston as he gets set to ride the stick bull during the Donley County Horse Club Stick Horse Rodeo last week. Kids enjoyed barrel racing, pole bending, bull riding, and chasing the rodeo clowns around the ring. Katie is the daughter of Danny and Terry Askew of Clarendon, and David is the son of Neal and Tammie Johnston of Clarendon.

Enterprise Digital Photo