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## NEWS at a glance

### Local man has close call on bike

A Clarendon man had a close brush with death Saturday afternoon, according to officers with the Donley County Sheriff's Department.

U.G. Swinney was riding his bicycle on East US 287 when he came across the center turning lane into the westbound lane. He was struck by a 2001 Suburban driven by Leslie E. McPeak, Jr., of Altus, Okla., and reportedly suffered numerous broken bones.

No citations were issued. McPeak was only going 35 mph. and authorities say the man did everything he could to prevent the accident.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said Swinney was still hospitalized in Amarillo's Northwest Texas Hospital at press time.

### Cancer program set for Saturday

Look Good... Feel Better is a program that helps cancer patients cope with the appearance-related side effects of cancer treatment. The program will be held Saturday, July 21, 2001, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the American Cancer Society office at 3915 Bell Street in Amarillo.

This free program is dedicated to teaching women cancer patients beauty techniques to help restore their appearance and self-image.

For more information on the program or to RSVP, contact the Amarillo Unit of the American Cancer Society at 806-353-4306.

### PCS taking bus route applications

Panhandle Community Service d.b.a. Panhandle Transit is now taking applications for the 2001-2002 year in-town bus route.

Stop by 416 S. Kearney to apply for a spot on the bus. These slots will be filled on a first come first served basis. Children need to be registered by August 10, 2001.

### Old Mobeetie sets 2nd music festival

The second annual Old Mobeetie Texas Music Festival will be held July 27-29 at the Old Courthouse Square in Old Mobeetie.

The festival features Bluegrass, Western Swing, Country and Gospel.

Times are Friday, 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.; and Sunday, 9 a.m.

Admission fees are Friday, \$8; Saturday, \$10; Sunday is free, or a weekend pass for \$16. It is recommended that you bring lawn chairs.

For information, call Joe VanZandt at 806-845-2101.

### Inside:

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- 3 A local girl picks up two national gymnastic titles.
- 4 Find out which local man is a leading actor in the musical drama 'TEXAS.'
- 5 And the city fathers are still looking to rural folks to support a new proposal.

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

## Ranch rodeo goes over big

### Event exceeds expectations, supporters say; I Bar Ranch takes 'Top Team' award

It was a homegrown production featuring local and area cowboys, the local I Bar Ranch won it, and supporters say overall it met with great success.

The ranch rodeo during this year's Saints' Roost Celebration exceeded the expectations of the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association (COEA), said Ken Shelton, who is the group's president.

A big attendance was reported for both nights of the rodeo and the dances which followed, and comments around town have generally been positive.

For decades, COEA had hosted an annual amateur rodeo in conjunction with the annual celebration, but the event had consistently lost money in recent years, Shelton said.

"We were just going the wrong way with the PRCA rodeo. Our attendance was down, and I think the community had just lost interest," Shelton said. "We had to do something or split up."

To offset their losses from the July 4th rodeo, COEA held a ranch

rodeo in August 1999 and June 2000. Shelton said the 2000 ranch rodeo was a pilot program to see if the community would support it as an Independence Day activity. This year the group decided to make the change.

The ranch rodeo concept is more family oriented, Shelton said, and generates more interest because it features local cowboys in competition.

The response from area ranches was reported to be overwhelming. COEA had planned to have 20 teams compete over two nights. But the response was such that 24 teams competed, and officials had to turn other teams away.

The self-produced rodeo was a learning experience for COEA, and officials say they hope to overcome difficulties and improve the ranch rodeo for next year. It is possible that the event could be expanded to more than two nights to allow more teams to compete. Other changes may be made to quicken the pace of the competitions.

Officials aren't sure how much



A cowboy with the I Bar Ranch of Clarendon tries to wrestle a calf to the ground during the Team Doctorin' competition during the Ranch Rodeo on July 6.

money they made on the 2001 rodeo, but they feel certain they came out ahead. Shelton said any profits would first go to make improvements to the Community Center and the arena and to the COEA's scholarship fund.

Shelton said in the past, "when we were making money," the group used to contribute to the Little League, some local school programs, and other community activities. Shelton hopes COEA can start doing that

again with future successes. "We thank everybody for their support," he said. "We hope the rodeo will be bigger and better next year, and we welcome any ideas for improvements."

Results of the rodeo are as follows:

First place team: I Bar Ranch from Clarendon with members Steve Shaller, David Shaller, Cash Gates. See 'Rodeo' on page 3.

## Workers repairing highway

Just three years after the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) completed a \$3.2 million overhaul of US 287 through Clarendon, the city's main thoroughfare is under construction again.

A crew from J. Lee Milligan of Amarillo will be in town for approximately two weeks, according to TxDOT spokeswoman Barbara Seal.

Workers will be milling out the ruts that have formed in some places along the highway and laying down a more durable hot mix in their place.

Seal said the work is the first phase of a 77-day project that will take the Milligan crew from Clarendon through several towns along US 287 and ending in Chillicothe. Similar work will be performed in each town. The entire project will cost \$621,000.

The crew will return to Donley County in the middle of August to start another project, Seal said.

Starting at the Armstrong County line and working to the west city limit of Hedley, the southbound lanes of US 287 will be receiving a new overlay, costing an estimated \$3.5 million. No work related to this project will be done in Clarendon, Seal said.

## FSA offers loss coverage for noninsurable crops

The Noninsured Crop Assistance Program (NAP) administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers new crop loss coverage opportunities beginning with crop year 2001.

"Unlike the old NAP, and other disaster programs that take time to implement, the new NAP program will provide immediate relief to farmers," said FSA's Donley County Executive Director Steven Orr.

"Appraisers will inspect the damaged crops, the County Committee will review the claim, and payments will be issued once the loss threshold is reached."

NAP covers 50 percent of the producer's expected production at a payment rate equal to 55 percent of the crop's average market price. Benefits are limited to \$100,000 per crop year for each participant.

Beginning with crop year 2001, availability of NAP benefits will be based on producers' individual crop losses rather than on losses occurring in a large area. These guaranteed benefits, subject to a minimal administrative fee, will provide risk protection during the time when crops are most vulnerable and will be individualized based on the farmer's ability to produce the crop.

Crops in Donley County that

would be eligible for NAP include but are not limited to watermelons, cantaloupes, pumpkins, haygrazes, alfalfa, native and improved pastures, and small grains pastures.

To be eligible for assistance, applicants must pay a nonrefundable fee of \$100 per crop, per county. Fees are capped at \$300 per county not to exceed \$900 for farmers with interests in multiple counties.

Applicants are encouraged to provide prior years' production data to FSA to establish a documented yield history for loss calculations and payments. To be eligible for NAP, a farmer must have risk in producing the crop and must comply with a conservation plan. The applicant's gross income cannot exceed \$2 million.

FSA is currently accepting applications for NAP coverage for 2001 crops. Farmers who sustained weather-related crop damage to a 2001 NAP crop and timely reported acreage and losses may be eligible for coverage.

The application period for 2001 crops will end 30 days after the Federal Regulations are published.

Producers with noninsurable crops should contact the Donley County FSA office at 806-874-3561 for more information.



### A horse of course

Jerry Myers, Ruth Robinson, and Jo Shaller look over the fossilized skull of a three-toed horse during a program by Ray Hamby (right) last Saturday at the Saints' Roost Museum. Hamby discussed the Clarendonian Stage, the geologic time period between 10 and 11 million years ago, which was named for Clarendon, Texas. Major expeditions in Donley County between the 1930s and 1960s uncovered numerous fossils of extinct mammals such as camels, rhinos, saber tooth tigers, mastodons, and three-toed horses.

## Memorial services held for Sen. Tom Haywood in Wichita Falls

State Senator Tom Haywood, 61, died at his home in Wichita Falls last Thursday morning after apparently suffering a heart attack.

Haywood's death comes on the heels of what he considered his most successful session as a member of the Texas Senate. Governor Rick Perry signed thirty-nine bills either written by Haywood or House bills sponsored by him in the Senate. Additionally, several Haywood initiatives passed as amendments to other bills. In May, The Associated Press named him one of the six "Movers and Shakers" of the 77th Legislature.

Haywood was a former associate professor of physics at the University of North Texas in Denton and Midwestern State University (MSU) in Wichita Falls. While at MSU, he also served as the director of University Affairs. In 1979, Haywood left the education field to become vice

president of the North Texas Oil and Gas Association (NTOGA). Under his leadership, NTOGA became one of the most respected industry organizations in the nation.

During his tenure in office, the senator made family values, tax incentives, and agricultural issues his focus. He served on the Education, Natural Resources, Economic Development, State Affairs, Military Affairs, and Nominations Committees. He was also chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Agriculture and co-chairman of the Joint Interim Committee on Agriculture Policy.

Senator Haywood, along with his wife Pat, was a native of Dallas. He resided in Wichita Falls since 1971.

Gov. Perry said there had been no better example of courage and selfless service to Texas than Haywood.

"Despite the personal challenges

he faced daily, Tom never let them interfere with his commitment to serving the people of his district and of this state," Perry said. "Texas has lost more than a senator. We have lost someone who truly loved Texas and personified what public service is all about."

"I will always remember Tom as an outstanding state senator and a loyal ally, but most of all, as a good friend. His leadership in the Senate will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Haywood family during this difficult time."

Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff, a longtime friend and colleague, said Haywood's death is a great loss.

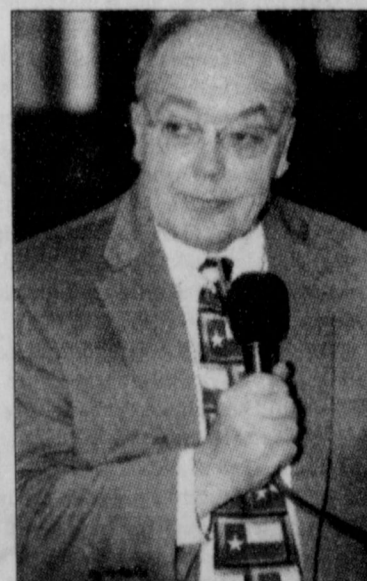
"Tom Haywood was a gentleman, a leader, and one of the best friends Texas ever had. Senator Haywood blessed the Texas Senate and our entire state with a special brand of bravery that was a daily inspiration

to everyone who knew him. Tom was a dear friend and a loyal colleague. Sally and I extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Pat, and his entire family as we share their loss."

Haywood is survived by his wife, Pat; three daughters: Alisa Green of The Colony; Denise Haywood of Wichita Falls; Jamie Ratliff of Grand Prairie; and eight grandchildren. His son, Tommy, preceded him in death on May 27.

Funeral services were Saturday at First United Methodist Church in Wichita Falls.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to: The Society for Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, Inc., Woodholme Medical Building, Suite 515, 1838 Greene Tree Road, Baltimore, MD 21208, or to the First United Methodist Church, PO Box 2125, Wichita Falls, TX 76307.2125



The late Sen. Tom Haywood, praised by Gov. Rick Perry as an example of courage and selfless service to Texas.

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## Texas facing a critical nursing shortage

By Carolyn Gunning, Ph.D., R.N.

The nursing shortage in Texas has reached a critical stage, and the problem is only getting worse.

Steps must be taken to attract and retain more students to this field that is so vital to our healthcare system. The problem is complex, but the underlying issue is that fewer and fewer young people are choosing nursing as a field. In a recent Texas survey, only 14 percent of the registered nurses in the sample were age 30 or younger. In comparison, 30 percent were 31-45, and 30 percent were 46-55.

Texas Woman's University is the leading institution in the state in nursing training, with campuses in Denton, Houston, and Dallas, producing more new nurses each year than any other program in Texas. While enrollments in nursing programs in Texas overall have been declining for the past six years, TWU has maintained its enrollment levels and has continued to graduate about 230 new nurses each year.

There are several factors contributing to the declining enrollments. Perhaps the most is significant is that while more men are choosing nursing as a career than in the past, the profession remains primarily female. And today's women have many

other career options that pay significantly better. (For example, about 50 percent of dental and law school students are now women.)

In addition, the public does not view nursing and decision-making skills as a profession requiring intellectual ability, partly due to the way nurses are portrayed in the media. (For example, in the movie *Meet the Parents*, a running gag line is the fact that the groom-to-be is a male nurse.) The media does not portray the real role that nurses play in the recovery of patients. The primary image continues to be as a helper, subservient to others.

But perhaps the biggest issue is that salaries are not in line with job responsibilities. While beginning salaries are low, the most significant problem is salary compression over the course of a career. Nurses with extensive experience do not make much more than new graduates.

All of these issues need to be addressed; and if they are, the future could be bright for the nursing field. Research is proving that nursing care make a difference in patient outcomes, and the pivotal role that nursing plays is beginning to be recognized.

The field needs to attract non-traditional groups, including men (now only

about 7 percent of the profession) and minorities. We are already making some significant inroads: at TWU, the College of Nursing has increased its minority enrollment to 41 percent.

We also need to create a work environment that recognizes the value of nurses and gives them autonomy of practice and a role in institutional governance. Salary structures need to be developed that recognize the importance of nursing and reward those who continue to work in the direct care of patients.

The bottom line is that while the supply is shrinking, the demand is increasing. There is an increase in need for hospital nurses at the same time more nurses are needed in other non-hospital settings. Population growth, especially of aging individuals, contributes to the increased demand.

Now is the time to aggressively seek solutions. At Texas Woman's University, we will continue to do our part in attracting and training the most highly qualified students from throughout the state to nursing. The medical field must ensure that the nursing profession is respected and rewarding, both on a personal and financial level.

Carolyn Gunning, Ph.D., is a registered nurse and is dean of the College of Nursing at Texas Woman's University.

## County should approve city's trash proposal

Donley County Commissioners are currently considering a proposal by the City of Clarendon which would be beneficial to both city and county residents and should be enthusiastically endorsed by the commissioners' court.

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen has been working for months to reach the goal of upgrading the Three Feathers Recycling Center on Front Street. When the work is completed next month, city residents will enjoy a convenient, easy to use facility. Three Feathers will be open seven days per week, and citizens will be able to drive up an earthen ramp to dump their trash and recyclables into one of several roll off boxes - one for trash and others for metal, plastic, cardboard, etc.

As it now stands, Donley County has one roll off box open three days a week ostensibly for the use of rural citizens. A contract with BFI provides for the removal of that trash.

The problem with the present situation is that many rural residents are apparently not using the county dumpsite. Rather, they sack up their trash, bring it into Clarendon, and put it in the first dumpster they come across. This is especially true for dumpsters on the edge of town, as well as some dumpsters downtown. More than once, the dumpster behind the newspaper office has been filled over the weekend with someone's household trash, and sometimes this thoughtful dumper puts his or her trash in the newsprint recycle bin.

This practice is not fair to citizens of the city, who pay good money for those dumpsters only to find them filled up by someone else. It also creates a situation where the city pays to haul the county's trash. The proposal put forth by the city would allow it to recover approximately \$10,000 per year from the county. That's money the county now spends with BFI.

Yes, the location of the dumpsite would change. It would be a few miles longer for some, a few miles shorter for others. But county taxpayers - which include city residents - would not be out any more money unless landfill fees go up, no one would be forced to sort their trash, and everyone will be able to dump every day.

Commissioners should look carefully at the benefits, make sure that their employee will be able to work at the city's site, and then vote to approve this proposal. It is a win-win situation for both entities and their citizens.

## Celebration committee concept is a good one

Dr. Guy Ellis' letter this week is absolutely correct. The Saint's Roost Celebration was good, but it can be better, and a celebration committee or task force would be a good first step.

There were many pluses to this year's activities. The most positive change seems to have been the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association's implementation of a ranch rodeo - a family oriented event which has hopefully turned the tide of losses COEA has experienced in recent years.

The change in the parade route also has produced benefits. Initially the idea was to route it away from the courthouse due to anticipated construction on the square. That goal was shunted aside this year since construction was not yet underway, but two positive results were still achieved - 1) the parade got a bit shorter, and 2) traffic on US 287 was not disrupted.

The celebration in the City Park was nice. The wide-open spaces worked well for the crafts fair and other activities, and the park amenities were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone from kids playing on the playground equipment to the old settlers under the pavilion.

But there were some downsides to this year's celebration. Attendance for the Shriners' barbecue fell again, and this year they probably lost money. They can't help any crippled children that way. Once again events were stretched out over four or five days, which is simply ridiculous. And I think we can all agree that the Turtle Race should never be held after the parade again. It's just too darn hot for that, and it makes the afternoon way too long.

What's needed is a Saints' Roost Task Force to be in charge of scheduling the celebration. As Dr. Ellis suggests, the task force could be made up of representatives from different organizations. COEA, the Chamber of Commerce, the Al Morrah Shriners, and the 4-H Club / Extension Service could each appoint two representatives to the task force. These are the principal groups involved with each celebration, and they should be the ones to coordinate the event. Other groups could then coordinate with a schedule set by the task force.

One laudable goal would be to condense the celebration into two days, certainly no more than three. Some events could be held on the same day. For example the stick horse rodeo might be held at the same time as the craft fair instead of different days.

As a community we should focus our energy on making 2002 the best Saints' Roost Celebration ever. To do that, we should cut out the clutter and streamline the festivities. And, of course, we should keep in mind the reason for the celebration - our nation's Independence.



## Celebration was good but can be improved

On behalf of the Clarendon-Donley County Chamber of Commerce, we would like to express our appreciation to all who helped and participated in the July 4th celebration. We should be proud of what we have to offer here in Clarendon. From the downtown activities to the new ranch rodeo to the street dance at the lake hosted by KEFH to the carnival and fun at Thunder Junction, this is a great place to be on the 4th of July.

All went well, but we can always improve this celebration from year to year. Forming a Saints' Roost Celebration council that has representation from all the different groups involved in this will surely help keep things a little more organized. If anyone has any thoughts on this, please let us know.

One last thing, if you haven't gone to Thunder Junction and experienced what they have to offer Clarendon, then you are missing out! People were there all the way from Spearman on July 4th. Let's support this because this is a good thing for our kids.

Guy Ellis, DVM, Clarendon

## Editor right on celebrating America's independence

I read with interest the editorial in THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE on July 5, 2001. In fact, I thought it was one of the best editorials I have ever read in my life.

I completely agree with the statements made regarding the celebration of our nation's independence. I wish our celebration could always be held on the 4th of July and that it would include the reading of the Declaration of Independence and the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner."

Years ago I was in Washington DC and had the privilege of seeing the actual Declaration of Independence. It was spotlighted in a glass case on a raised platform. Although I stood in line to have my moment before this almost sacred document, I noticed something odd about that room full of people. It was utterly quiet. If anyone spoke, it was in whispers. The reason? The absolute power that document held. Everyone in the room knew that their way of life and every freedom they enjoy came from that one, single, ragged document. Beside it hung our precious Flag. What more powerful statement could be made?

As a society, we have perhaps gotten away from the real reason we celebrate the

4th of July. We've gotten a little too preoccupied with tourist dollars. Why couldn't we have both? Why can't we have an old-time 4th of July celebration on that day and then a Saint's Roost Celebration on whatever days make the most sense?

Mr. Estlack hit the nail on the head when he stated that our government is not what our Founding Father's had in mind. If you doubt it, you should do as he suggested in his editorial and read The Declaration of Independence.

If reading that document does not make you want to stand up - anywhere, anytime - and proclaim your rights as a citizen of the only truly free nation in the world, I don't know what will. No, Mr. Editor, a bicycle parade and a sloppy joe were not enough on that blessed day. Not nearly enough!

Cynthia Hall, Howardwick

## Reader opposes proposal to move county trash station

I hope the rural people of Donley County refuse the proposed move of the county trash collection station. I do not want the [Clarendon] Aldermen running the county dump. We can't vote for or against them, so they are not responsible to rural citizens.

It is rumored that the city wants it so that they can make a profit from the recycling of the trash. That means that the rural people will have to separate the various items and put them in the various bins. If you refuse to, what is a county to do but put a fee on to make you comply? How long do you think it will be before a fee is imposed anyway? I think everyone, not just rural people, will fill up whatever dumpster is available. You take your chances of finding one to use. Besides, who wants to haul a trailer load of junk through the city to dump it?

Please call your county commissioner and tell him we do not want the city controlling our pleasant, easy dumping of trash. Leave the dump where it is.

J.F. Howell, Clarendon

## Ross tries, convicts Condit

My, my, Mrs. Ross has another Democrat tried, convicted, drawn, and quartered just as if members of that political party were the only ones who have trouble con-

trolling their libido.

When Mrs. Ross' righteous indignation when Newt Gingrich was imposing his particular brand of sleaze on Congress? I didn't hear her call for his resignation. How about that pillar of virtue, Henry Hyde, who had a four-year affair with a married woman and still, with monumental hypocrisy and great bombast, decried another man's infidelity? Mrs. Ross joined in condemning the one while ignoring the other. It must be nice to have such a selective conscience.

Let's keep quiet until the mystery of the missing intern is solved; then, if Congressman Condit was involved in any foul play, let the law handle it.

Billie Shaffer, Clarendon

## Ross' bulb not fully lit

While I tend to agree with some of your commentary of July 12, 2001, I do take offense to Mrs. Ross' obviously "Republican Comment" of "wacko infested California."

A man's address does not dictate his libido. Statements like hers only show her bulb was a bit dim at the time.

Susan McKee, Clarendon

## Clarendon folks are great

It was a pleasure to take a rest stop in Clarendon in May on US 287 across from Clarendon College. While stopped, my wife accidentally fell on the gravel next to the car. She only a few scratches and bruises but could not get up for a few minutes. Within minutes four people were at our side for support and help. A young couple in a motor home from Colorado, a gentleman in a suburban, and a law enforcement officer were very kind, concerned, and caring. We commended these folks for their quick response.

Since we were staying overnight in Amarillo, I told the hotel clerk in attendance about the incident. He was most complimentary of the people around Clarendon and indicated he had heard similar stories before. He said, "Most folks in the Panhandle just have a habit of looking out for others."

What a blessed attitude for everyone! Thanks to the good folks in Clarendon!

Morgan Moses, Nacodoches

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Lynzi Howard of Clarendon receives her medal recently at the National Junior Olympics.

## Howard claims national titles

Following three days of tough competition at the National Junior Olympics for Tumbling and Trampoline, Lynzi Howard returned home with two National Titles and a third place finish.

Lynzi earned her gold medals in double-mini trampoline and synchronized trampoline. Howard's bronze medal was in the individual trampoline event.

Lynzi and her partner, Alaina Williams of Amarillo, have held the National title in synchronized trampoline for three years in a row. The double-mini award is Howard's first individual national title.

Lynzi is the daughter of Mark and Elaine Howard and is a Level 10 gymnast at All American Gymnastics in Amarillo.

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## Rodeo: COEA announces winners of 2-day event

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Cody Graves, and Mike Wallendorff.

Second place team: Broken G Livestock Co. from Alpine, Texas, with members Jason Owen, Keith Grigsby, Michael Seaton, Juan Navarette, and Marcus Ethridge.

Third place team: Spade Ranch from Clarendon with members Rooster Falcon, Andy Falcon, Kyle Everson, Moe Borchardt, and Marty Daniels.

Top Hand Award was presented to Juan Navarette from the Broken G Livestock Co and the Top Horse Award went to Bubba Withers from the LeMejor Ranch in Seymour, Texas.

Event winners include:  
Bronco Riding: Juan Navarette from Broken G. Livestock Co.

Team Doctoring: Bar W Ranch from Clarendon with members Danny Bennett, Teal Bennett, Tate Bennett, Dave Lande, and Clay Waters.

Team Sorting: High Card Ranch from Clarendon with members Morris Crump, Linda Crump, Randy Crump, Ray Crump, and James McCleskey.

Wild Cow Milking: LX Ranch from Amarillo with members Dave Anderson, Marty Crim, Bill Gillaspie, Jim Kingston, and Bob Benton.

Team Branding: High Card Ranch with members Morris Crump, Linda Crump, Randy Crump, Ray Crump, and James McCleskey.

Open Wild Mare Race: Friday night - Kyle Jones, Kyle Everson, and Moe Borchardt; Saturday night - Zack Baldwin, Brad Shadle, and Randy Crump.

The Junior Calf Ride winners were: Friday night - Clay Raglin, first place; Pecos Williams, second place; Paydon Hales, third. Saturday night - Clay Raglin, first place; Paydon Hales, second place; and Michael Hall, third place. Overall winners

were Clay Raglin, who received a belt buckle provided by West Texas Western Store, Paydon Hales, and Michael Hall. The event was sponsored by Walco International and West Texas Western Store.

The Junior Steer Ride winners were: Friday night - Devin Cornell; Saturday Night - Caleb Shadle, first place; Wichita Falcon, second place; and Jo Don Shipp, third place. Overall winners were Caleb Shadle, who received a belt buckle provided by West Texas Western Store, Devin Cornell, and Wichita Falcon. The event was sponsored by Walco International and West Texas Western Store.

Calf Scramble winners were: Friday night - Brett Cauble, Edward Graham, and Jessie Howard. Saturday night - Jessie Cornell, Arlin Ray, and Anthony Rodriguez. The Scramble was sponsored by The Donley County State Bank.

Wid Slick was the winner of the handmade spurs. The \$200 beef certificate was won by Jo Don Shipp on Friday night and Carey Thornberry on Saturday night.

The Ranch Horse Competition was held Saturday morning at the Rodeo Grounds. The winners were:

Cowboy Class: first place - Andy Michael riding Blue Eyed Cougar; second place - Ken Jarosz riding Forest; and third place - Steve Lewis riding Oteo Pepi Badger.

Open Class: Junior Division - Andy Michael riding Blue Eyed Cougar, first place; Colin Land riding Cappi, second place. Senior Division - Joe Leathers riding Juke Box, first place; Jim Stevenson riding Bud Ro, second place.

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### weather report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec
Mon	9	102°	68°	-
Tues	10	103°	68°	-
Wed	11	104°	67°	-
Thurs	12	106°	71°	-
Fri	13	109°	73°	-
Sat	14	94°	70°	-
Sun	15	94°	67°	T

Total precipitation this month: 0.08"  
Total precipitation to date: 17.75"  
Total precipitation in July last year: 0.49"  
Total YTD total last year: 17.61"

**Weather Facts**  
10 days this month so far have been 100° or better.  
Total moisture for this month so far is 0.08" and total moisture for July 2000 was 0.49"

### weekend forecast

Friday, July 20  
Sunny  
100° / 69°

Saturday, July 21  
Sunny  
99° / 69°

Sunday, July 22  
Sunny  
99° / 69°

## Looking Back

### 20 Years Ago

THE CLARENDON PRESS, July 16, 1981

• Having won the county competition, local 4-H members Tammi and Kristi Deen will be modeling in the Panhandle District Fashion Revue in Amarillo this week.

• Bivens Pharmacy has installed a drive-up window for the convenience of their customers.

### 50 Years Ago

THE DONLEY CO. LEADER, July 19, 1951

• Pete Bromley boarded a special train in Amarillo Wednesday morning headed for Los Angeles and carrying members of the Washington Red Skins, who will enter a training session for the next several weeks. This will be Pete's first session with a pro team, and he will train at the guard position which he has so ably filled at West Texas State since finishing high school here.

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## ¿Qué Pasa?

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

**July 19**  
United Christian Men's Breakfast • Methodist Church Fellowship Hall • 7 a.m.

**July 21**  
"Experimental Aircraft" • Saints' Roost Museum • 10:30 a.m.

**July 21 - 28**  
Two-man Golf Scramble • Clarendon Country Club

**July 23 - 26**  
Clarendon Tennis Camp • Clarendon Tennis Courts • 8:30 a.m.

**July 25**  
Sunshine Lunch • Country Kitchen • 11:30 a.m.

**July 28**  
"Water Witching" • Saints' Roost Museum • 10:30 a.m.

**July 29**  
18-Hole Golf Scramble • Clarendon Country Club • 1:30 p.m.

**August 6 - 8**  
Little Miss Cheerleader Camp • CSD Practice Field • 9 a.m.

**August 11**  
Ashtola • Martin Reunion • Bairfield Activity Center • 10 a.m.

Chamber of Commerce Kid Fish Tournament • Lakeside Marina • 10 a.m.

**September 22**  
Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff • Saints' Roost Museum • Details to come.

## Community Menus July 23 - 27

**Donley County Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, tomatoes, pastries, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk  
Tues: Hamburgers with all the trimmings, French fries, potato salad, apricots, hamburger bun, coffee, tea, lowfat milk  
Wed: Sliced turkey, cornbread dressing, yam patties, pea salad, pumpkin cream pie, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk  
Thur: Salisbury steak, macaroni and cheese, corn, tossed salad, strawberry cobbler, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk  
Fri: Chicken potpie, broccoli, Waldorf salad, Jell-O cubes, roll, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

**Hedley Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Oven fried chicken, baked potato, green beans, cucumber and onion salad, apple, roll, milk, tea, coffee  
Tues: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, German cabbage, cantaloupe, brownies, roll, milk, tea, coffee  
Wed: Mexican casserole, Spanish rice, refried beans, tossed salad, orange, chips or crackers, milk, tea, coffee  
Thur: Steak and gravy, baked potato, green beans, cantaloupe, chocolate pudding, roll, milk, tea, coffee  
Fri: Chicken spaghetti, buttered squash, carrot-raisin salad, apricot halves, garlic toast, milk, tea, coffee

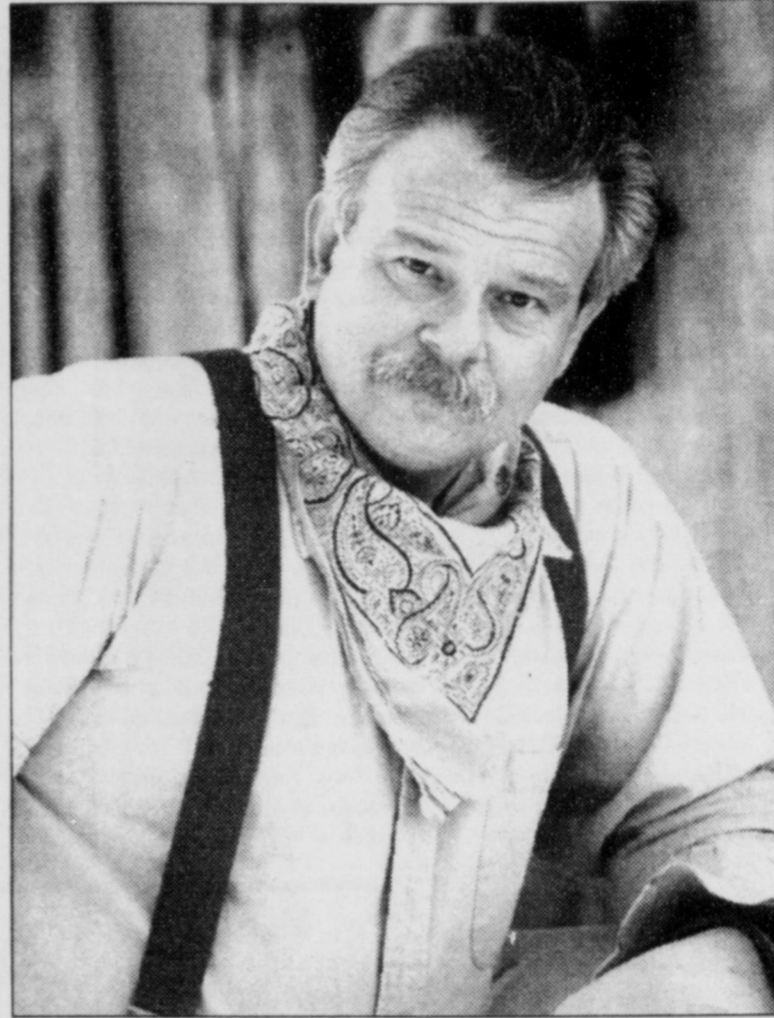
## Wild blue yonder to be topic at museum

By Jo Shaller  
If references to Daedalus, dirigibles, Kitty Hawk, barnstorming, autogiros, Concorde, or Ospreys excite you, fly down to Clarendon's Saturday Morning Museum program July 21 at 10:30 a.m.  
Larry Hicks will be sharing his love of experimental aircraft. This is quite likely a once in a lifetime opportunity, so all wannabe Amelia Earharts and Charles Lindberghs, throw those white silk scarves around your necks and soar.  
Mark your calendars to learn about Water Witching on July 28.

## 'TEXAS' crew members have ties to Clarendon

Two company members with family ties in the Clarendon area brighten the Pioneer Amphitheater in the spirit of TEXAS.  
They will contribute their talents to the 36th anniversary season of TEXAS, an outdoor drama set in the majestic Palo Duro Canyon near Amarillo. Since 1966, the musical drama has amazed worldwide audiences through song, dance, and drama.  
Dennis McMenemy joins TEXAS for his 16th season as the character of Tucker Yellidell. Dennis hails from St. Louis, Missouri, but has lived in the Lone Star State for over 30 years. Having degrees from West Texas A&M University, he teaches theatre in Clarendon.  
Over the years, Dennis has played a variety of roles including Uncle Henry for six seasons and Tucker Yellidell. He says that it has been a great honor to work with TEXAS legends such as Gene Murray, Jerry Williams, and above all, Mr. William Moore.  
Leslie Bauer is joining TEXAS in the production staff as a Dance

Captain. She is a native of the Texas Panhandle and holds a BFA in dance from West Texas A&M University. Upon graduation from Interlochen Arts Academy, Leslie studied with Gus Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago as a scholarship student. After attending Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, she completed her degree in August 2000. Her performance credits include: *Copellia, The Nutcracker, Stars and Stripes, Serenade, Concerto Brocco*, and three different versions of *Rite of Spring*.  
Leslie is the daughter of Jack and Maggie Williams.  
TEXAS, a drama written by author Paul Green, is a tale of the joys, triumphs, and challenges of early Texas Panhandle settlers to the area. The musical takes the audience through the area's development of open prairie land to the building of the railroad while adding a little romance and charm along the way.  
For more information about TEXAS and vacation packages, please call 806-655-2181 or mail to TEXAS, PO Box 268, Canyon, Texas 79015 or go to [www.texasmusicaldrama.com](http://www.texasmusicaldrama.com).



Clarendon's Dennis McMenemy as Tucker Yellidell in 'TEXAS.'

## Ward reunion held recently in Hedley

The combined families of Boots and Eunice Ward and Edwin and Elizabeth Ward held their annual get together on Saturday, July 7, at the Hedley School cafeteria.  
Both Boots Ward and his brother, Edwin Ward, have passed on; but their wives, Eunice Pound and her sister, Elizabeth, survive them. Eunice lives on White Hill east of Hedley where she has lived for almost forty years. Lizzie makes her home in Memphis.  
Approximately one hundred twenty-five kids, grandkids, great grandkids, cousins, aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, and in-laws enjoyed a day of food and games. They came from Oregon, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Florida, and from all across the miles of Texas.  
All of Boots and Eunice Ward's children and all of those of Edwin and Lizzie Ward were present.

## CC library has summer hours until mid-August

Until August 17, Clarendon College Learning Resource Center (LRC) will maintain its summer hours of Monday and Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and closed Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.  
The LRC will be closed August 18-26 in preparation for the fall semester and will return to its regular schedule on August 27.  
Clarendon College LRC provides opportunities for study, research, recreational reading, listening and viewing educational materials. In addition to print resources, computers provide access to periodicals, and in-depth Internet searches. Interlibrary loan and individual library use instruction is available to users upon request.  
Contact the CC reference desk for information, reference, book availability, library policy, renewals, and more. Call 806-874-3571, ext. 261.

## Summer's heat can make folks do strange things

I thought the "Dogs Days of Summer" weren't supposed to arrive until August! Apparently this year they decided to come for an extended visit and start in July. I mean you know it's really hot when your air conditioners aren't even keeping the house comfortable and your electric bill is still \$400!  
Aside from high electric bills, the heat also produces some other things - rather strange behavior in humans, for one. I took my dog outside the other day to do her thing; and while standing in the yard, I noticed a neighbor lady out in the street. Out for an early morning walk, she had stopped dead in her tracks and was staring at the water sprinkler which was running under some of our trees. Now this woman is one of those who is always dressed beautifully and full of poise and charm - a real Southern Belle. Yet, here she stood - eyes glazed over and tongue poked out of

the corner of her mouth - hypnotized by the water sprinkler. She finally noticed me watching her.  
"I was just thinking of going over there and lying down in that water," she said.  
"Uh... well... fine," I replied. "Go right on ahead."  
I went back inside the house and peeked out the window. I had already decided that if she did actually lie down in the grass, I might have to summon her husband. After all, I can't have a neighbor lying in the yard under the sprinkler. If I let her do it, no telling who else would show up and want to lie in my grass.  
She seemed to pull herself together, though, and began to walk on down the road. I couldn't really blame her for what she was thinking. It was heat induced water wishing! I've had it myself lately. Heat induced water wishing makes you fascinated with water in any form. You tend



rain or Shine  
By Cynthia Hall  
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up to the north of my house.  
"Come on, baby, you can do it. Come to Mama!" I said to the screen, just as my husband walked into the room. He didn't say a word - just looked at the TV screen, looked at me, and shook his head.  
I bet you've experienced heat induced water wishing, too. If you've draped a wet towel over your air conditioner or fan, sat outside on your porch with a wet rag planted on top of your head, looked with real longing at a mud puddle in the road, or let the water hose shoot a cool stream right down your shirt and into your britches - you're not crazy! You just have water wishing!  
This heat wave will pass, as all things eventually do. Until then, if you see me lying outside in the wet grass, please don't call the little men in white coats. I'll be fine. Really, I will - just as soon as I get that sprinkler turned up another notch!

to do things with water you would not normally do. I'll give you some examples.  
While watering my flower beds, I've caught myself pointing the water hose straight against the side of the house. No... I don't expect my house to grow, but it sure feels good when the water splashes back and sprays all over me. I've even shot it straight up into my 70 foot Sycamore tree. As the water showers back down through the tree, I pretend it's raining! Heat induced water wishing!  
The other night, I caught myself talking to the TV. I wasn't watching a thrilling movie. No...I was watching a little box in the corner of my screen that showed thunderstorms bubbling

## Can't cheer for just one when you know 'em all

I awoke during the night Saturday to most wonderful sound in the world. It was raining! I hoped it would still be raining in the morning, but alas by morning it was gone. But the clouds are still around so maybe it will rain some more. I doubt there was enough rain to measure, but every drop counts.  
Most of last week was abnormally hot with temperatures above one hundred. One day it measured 118° on the thermometer on my car, but it was directly in the sun and on the metal car frame, so I'm sure it wasn't that hot, but it was more than one hundred.  
When I feel good, I love to cook but have no one to cook for. Earlier I made fried apricot pies and gave them to everyone around...all my neighbors and the nurses at the dialysis

center. I picked some wild plums and made jelly and jam.  
I can't have sweets, and Guy will take only some of it. I'll probably give it away.  
I've wanted to make some donuts for a long time, but could never remember to buy some yeast. I finally remembered to buy some Saturday. My recipe I have made sixty donuts and holes. The Wallendorff kids and Lori will probably be counted on to eat part of them.  
Can anybody tell me how to get rid of moles in my yard? I've worked like a slave to get a lawn started and flowers growing. One day last week I went out to water, and a mole had plowed up a path across the yard and right down the middle of my flowerbed. I had gotten a package of Texas wildflower seed and planted them,



watt's Happening  
By Peggy Watt  
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and they were so pretty. Now, they'll probably die.  
Keith got some weed killer that promises to kill all the grass burrs, crab grass, and dandelions but not the Bermuda grass. I'll spray it but not hold my breath until it does.  
My tomato plants have small tomatoes on them. If I can keep them wet, they might get ripe by frost.  
Keith took me to the Ranch Rodeo last week. It was the first time I'd been to one. Always before they've had a professional rodeo. The ranch cowboys were all good. The events were different, and I couldn't

see the teams very well. I knew most of them and was hard pressed to decide which team I wanted to win. Of course I've known Andy Wheatly since he was a tiny boy, but I've known Robert Long almost as long. I've known Randy Crump since he worked at the feedlot with Fred and my boys. I guess it's a good thing I wasn't the judging the events. I wanted all of them to win...and I guess over all they did. Anyway, the crowd seemed to enjoy it.  
A group of cowboys and cowgirls seated near me were talking about the dance afterward. They were trying to decide who would be the designated driver. They couldn't agree which one would so I said I'd be the designated driver since I wasn't going to be drinking. That suited all of them until I said, "Of course, I'm blind."

## July Fourth celebration a great time in Clarendon

Some of you faithful readers may have noticed that after all the build-up to the Fourth of July week, and after the week itself, there was no "Around Town" in the paper. My only excuse is that my brain was in the shop.  
The computer went on the fritz, I had to cart it in to the repair shop, and I didn't have it back by deadline. In fact, I was in town picking it up at the moment. Yes, I can write my column without one (though it's hard), but remembering to write it is a whole nother matter. Somehow, having the computer there to turn on makes all the difference.  
So, we had a great week in Clarendon the week of the Fourth of July. Wednesday morning, a whole raft of kids turned out for the bicycle parade. They sure were cute, from the older ones who'd decorated their bikes themselves and couldn't seem

to recall that it was a parade, not a race (What's the fun in riding a bicycle slow?) to the tiny ones who needed help getting their Big Wheels over the bricks. The Smith brothers pulling wagons holding big stuffed dogs looked really cute as they drove their tricycles down the street.  
Then Friday came the Depression Dinner - beans, cornbread, sausage, dessert - what's depressing about that? They went through four big cookers of beans by noon. Mary Neil Riskey's chocolate meringue pies went just as fast as the pieces were set out on the table, and the other desserts vanished pretty quick too. (I think folks ran in quick when they heard about those pies just to snatch up a piece.) The only thing left after all was eaten and done was cornbread, because last year, they ran out, so this year they made plenty.



around Town  
By Gall Shelton  
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This year the rodeo switched to a ranch rodeo format for the first time; and by all accounts, it was very successful, despite the heat. Everyone I talked to really enjoyed it. The parade was lots of fun. I was probably like most people when they saw the parade's grand marshal - thinking he looked familiar and trying to place him as somebody local, then realizing - oh yeah! They got that actor fellow to come be in our parade. Pretty neat. And of course all the kids came home with lots of candy. Even the ones who didn't chase after it. (Though Jessie Howard needs to improve her candy-throwing aim. She

missed me three times.)  
And of course, who can forget the turtle races? We even had some foreign turtles from down Midland come and compete. I got tickled at the one with the flag rising high above his shell. The poor turtle staggered along in such a drunken fashion because the flag kept unbalancing him enough to turn him sprinting in a different direction very few steps. Reminder for future turtle jockeys: keep your decorations low to the shell.  
The few showers of rain we've had have been good, but we'd like some more. "Beneficial" rain as my farmer friend says - not the gully washers that can sweep away houses and pickups. It's helped with the heat some. Hard to think that it's barely a month till school starts again. You students better get your slug-dom in while you can.

## The Other Side of the Cloud

By Mary Beth Nelson

Splash! Another blinding second from a passing motorist as I sat behind my windshield, peering through "streams" of torrential downpour. Exiting the Amarillo expressway, alone, I was not looking forward to a possible stormy drive threatened by an ominous cloud ahead.  
The cloud seemed to promise extended turmoil which only added to my frustration. "I wish this had waited until after I arrived home!" was my first innate thought. It's easy to submit to emotions even though I know God expects me to use intelligence.  
A sudden assurance recollection in Philippians 4: 5-6 alerted me, "...the Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything..." I reminded myself that nature's elements are beyond my control. It was up to me to concentrate on matters within my control such as my attitude and careful driving.  
Someone once said, "The Lord will either calm your storm or allow it to rage while He calms you." God offered inner calmness if I would accept it.  
I noticed a slight clearing behind the dark, distant cloud which appeared to creep across the highway. This encouraging knowledge of temporary circumstances heartened me. My home was just on "the other side of the cloud."

Approaching my driveway, I thought, "How true to other situations in life!" During those hazardous driving moments, my goal was to reach my home in Clarendon. The ultimate goal in Christians' lives is also home, the heavenly home in which God promises eternal life with Him. Life's trials can be overcome if we will trust His guidance. Once we humans think we are in control, frustration results, preventing possible serenity that God affords.  
**Bible Thought:** "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me." John 14: 1 (NIV).

Mary Beth Nelson is a freelance writer for various inspirational magazines and books.

### Conservation assistance program available to farmers, ranchers

A new conservation provision called Soil and Water Conservation Assistance is now available for farmers and ranchers in Donley County.

"Soil and Water Conservation Assistance, or SWCA, provides cost-sharing to help farmers and cattle producers install conservation practices on their land," said Brent Baucom, Natural Resource Manager with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

"SWCA provides 75 percent of the cost of the installation of eligi-

ble conservation practices on private lands. The Farm Service Agency will disburse cost-share funds to the participating landowners."

Soil and Water Conservation Assistance is authorized under the provisions of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000.

"Nationwide, there is about \$20 million budgeted for Soil and Water Conservation Assistance this year," Baucom said. "Funds are distributed to the states using an allocation formula based on 29 environmental fac-

tors for Soil and Water Conservation Assistance Program 2001 priority areas and the National Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Longleaf Pine Conservation priority areas."

Persons applying for Soil and Water Conservation Assistance must own or control the land and agree to implement specific eligible conservation practices. The contract period is from five to ten years. The maximum total payment per participant for SWCA shall not exceed \$50,000.

"The federal share shall be 75

percent of the cost of an eligible practice based on the percent of actual costs, or percent of actual cost with not-to-exceed limits, or flat rates," explained Baucom. "The Soil and Water Conservation Assistance program is available to eligible landowners and agricultural producers."

Deadline for the program is July 31, 2001.

To find out more about Soil and Water Conservation Assistance, call the Soil and Water Conservation District office at Clarendon at 874-3561.

### City officials seek support from rural residents

Clarendon city officials are once again asking rural Donley County residents to support a proposal that would close the county dump and bring that trash to town. But county officials say some rural residents want nothing to do with the idea.

"They just don't want to see any changes made," said Rhonda Aveni, who works in the county judge's office and has fielded calls from rural residents.

Judge Jack Hall said comments were running about 50-50 pro and con regarding the proposal.

The city is making improvements to the Three Feathers Recycling Center, which includes five new roll off boxes that will be used to

collect trash and recyclables. When completed this September, the facility on Front Street will be open seven days a week.

The county facility, located near the municipal airport about four miles from town, is open three days per week. BFI hauls off the trash through a contract with the county. The proposal calls for the county to contract with the city to provide the same service at Three Feathers.

Mayor Tex Selvidge says he thinks the idea would be more convenient for county residents and says the city already hauls a lot of county trash for nothing since many rural residents bring their trash to town.

According to Selvidge, a one-

year contract would let the county try this idea and if it doesn't work, they can always go back to the old way.

But Aveni said rural folks have told her they don't want to haul their trash through town.

"It's further for some of them, and many have the attitude that 'if it's not broke, don't fix it,'" she said.

Commissioners will take up the matter again at their next meeting. City officials hope rural residents will ask commissioners to make the change.

To make comments on this proposal, contact any of the county commissioners. They are Ernest Johnson, Don Hall, Bob Trout, and Henry "Buster" Shields.

### Clarendon Aldermen hold regular meeting

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen met July 10 at City Hall.

A public hearing regarding the structure at 107 S. Kearney was held. The board suspended all action due to repairs having been made.

Donna Hicks reported on the Local Housing Authority. The board voted to waive the property taxes on the Authority for one year.

Bids for concrete work at the Three Feathers Recycling Center was presented. Low bid was B&B Solvent at \$93,150. The board also agreed to purchase five roll off boxes and to advertise for bids for fence work.

Carolyn Blackerby presented plans for remodeling the library. She also requested more authority over the library bank accounts.

Greenbelt Water Authority general manager Bobbie Kidd discussed improvements at the filter plant that will increase water rates. The city's position on the Greenbelt Board was discussed, and the board voted to reappoint Charles Deyhle, Sr.

### Howardwick Aldermen discuss city's budget

The Howardwick Board of Aldermen met in regular session July 10.

The budget was discussed, and the board unanimously approved a motion to wait until next month and see what revenues come before amending the budget.

The board also voted 4-1 to cash in a CD, putting half in a new CD and the other half in the checking account. Money would be put back in another CD as revenue from moving comes in. (Aldermen Lynn Dishong, Dewey Linley, Mike Rowland, and Nancy Davis in favor. Vernon Byars opposed.)

Garage sale permits were dis-

cussed. This item was tabled until more information is available.

The city employee guidelines and policies were discussed. Davis told citizens that the board met in a workshop on July 3 to discuss and make changes to the policies and guidelines so they would comply with the year 2001 and the future. As soon as these are typed, they will be given to each alderman to go over and bring to the next meeting for approval.

The sick leave policy was also discussed and is limited to two years maximum. Accumulated sick leave for current employees will carry over.

### Seniors enjoy program given by stock broker

By Vida O'Neal

Last week we had a guest speaker, Kent Bowen, from Edward Jones. Kent always has a surprise for us when he comes for a program. This week he brought a bag of groceries for which everyone tried to guess the price of the groceries for the years of 1978 and 2001.

The bag of groceries cost \$21.78 in 1978 and \$54.48 in 2001. Nita Meador was closer to the price in 1978 and won a calculator. Loredith Lafferty was the winner for the price in 2001 and got to take the whole bag of groceries home.

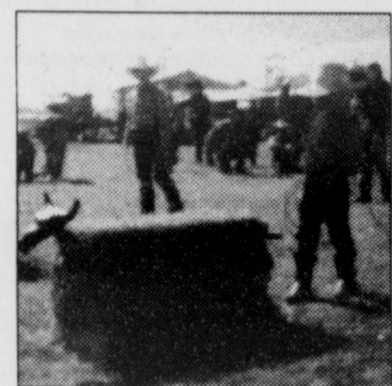
We had a few come for the quilting on Tuesday and hope to see more next time. We meet on Tuesday at 1:00 to work on the quilts to be

donated to the fire victims or nursing home. We need a little help.

We had a Friday fund-raiser on Friday the 13th. We had a batch of homemade Peanut Brittle made by Verdi Tipton. The candy was quite a hit! The lucky winner was Helen Phelps.

We would like to send get-well wishes out to Tommie Saye, U.G. Swinney, and L.L. Wallace. Our condolences to the Welch families and Ike Huvall on the loss of their loved ones.

Reminders  
July 23, 30: Dance Club, 7 p.m.  
July 24: Game Night, 6:30 p.m.  
July 24, 31: Quilt Project, 1 p.m.  
July 27: Hall County Blood Pressure Check, 11:30 p.m.  
July 31: Birthday/Anniversary Supper, 6 p.m.



### Top Roper

Dustin Crump, age 5, won the Dummy Roping in his age division during the Junior Cowboy Roundup held on June 9, 2001, as part of the annual Amarillo Ranch Rodeo. Dustin roped for the High Card Ranch from Clarendon. This is his second year to place in this event.

**The Lion's Tale**  
By Allen Estlack

Clarendon Lions Club met for their regular Tuesday noon meeting July 17 with Boss Lion Pro-tem Alan Graham in charge.

We had 15 members and two guests: Lauryn Leffew, guest of Lion Darrell Leffew; and Russell Estlack, guest of Lion Roger Estlack.

The club voted to make a donation to the Saints' Roost Museum's upcoming Chuckwagon Cookoff.

We wish to express our deepest sympathies to the family of former Lion Linda Welch, who passed away last week and was the first female member of our Lions Club.

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### Obituaries

**Verkamp**  
Rosary services for Ella Verkamp, age 89, of Idalou were held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5, 2001, in Englands Chapel with the Msgr. Roland Buxkemper, pastor of St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church of Idalou officiating. Resurrection Mass Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2001, in St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church of Idalou with Msgr. Roland Buxkemper officiating. Burial was held in Englewood Cemetery under the direction of Englands Funeral Service.

Mrs. Verkamp died Sunday, June 3, 2001, at 2:52 p.m. in Convent Medical Center after an extended illness. She was born June 26, 1911, in Nazareth, Texas, and had briefly lived in Lockney before moving to Slaton in 1913. She was in the first class of Slaton's St. Joseph Catholic School when it opened. She married Edwin H. Verkamp on November 24, 1932, in Slaton, and he preceded her in death on June 24, 1972. They moved to Idalou in January of 1954. She was a member of St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church and the Altar Society.

She was preceded in death by a son, Marvin Verkamp, on May 1, 2001.

Survivors include one son, Robert Verkamp of Nazareth; two daughters, Lucille Verkamp of Lubbock and Norma Jean Schwertner of Clarendon; two brothers, Tony and Bernard Steffens, both of Slaton, Texas; one sister, Lena Respondek of Slaton; 14 grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to St. Joseph Catholic School, 205 S. 19th Street, Slaton, Texas 79364 or Idalou Meals on Wheels, PO Box 885, Idalou, Texas 79329.

### Wilson

Homer Charles Wilson died Saturday, June 30, 2001, at the age of 70 following a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 3, 2001, in W.W. Rix Chapel with Rev. Jim Brannen and the Rev. Bruce Cotton officiating. Entombment followed in Resthaven Mausoleum.

Mr. Wilson was born in Clarendon on July 11, 1930, and later moved to Spur with his family, graduating from Spur High School in 1947. He then moved to Lubbock to attend Texas Tech University, where he graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering in 1952. Following graduation, he entered the US Army and was assigned to the 48th Engineering Battalion. He married Nancy Huval in Fairfax, VA, February 20, 1953.

Following an honorable discharge from the Army in 1955, Homer and Nancy returned to Lubbock, where he began a business career that lasted 49 years. Homer was with Gulf Oil Co. for five years and then went into business with his brother, Leonard, where he was co-owner of Wilson and Wilson Construction for 24 years. Wilson and Wilson Construction became one of the largest residential and commercial developers in the Lubbock area. In 1987, Homer founded Southwest Bingo Supply Co., which distributes bingo supplies throughout the West Texas area.

Homer devoted his entire life to his family and friends; and he will be profoundly missed.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy; two daughters, Patricia and husband, Robert Byers, of Lubbock and Sharon and her husband, Dale Breedlove, of Shallowater; a son, Clifford and his wife, Stacey Craig Wilson, of Lubbock; nine grandchild-

ren: Christian Hames, Justin Johnson, Jenny Neal, Tiffany Byers, and Brandon Neal, Emily Breedlove and Alicia, Joshua and Tess Wilson; and one great grandchild, Bryson Blair. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Lubbock, PO Box 53276, Lubbock, TX 79453.

### Youngblood

Graveside services for Merlene Waddell Youngblood, age 65, were held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 13, 2001, in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon with Father Terry Burke of Amarillo, officiating. Burial was held in Citizens Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Ms. Youngblood was born September 23, 1935, in the Chamberlain Community in Donley County, where she lived until age 16. She had been an Amarillo resident most of her adult life. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Amarillo.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Wynona Gayle Grace and Vunnona Belle Harmon, and by three grandchildren.

Survivors include two daughters, Ramon Dian Subera of Marysville, Washington, and Wanda Merlene Youngblood of Amarillo; four sons, Kenneth Ray Youngblood of Hoquim, Washington, James Youngblood of Amarillo, Robert Eugene Rose of El Sanbarta, California, and Thomas Youngblood of Everett, Washington; one sister, Johnnie Belle Coty of Montana; one brother, William E. Waddell of Amarillo; 19 grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation or American Diabetes Association.

### Welch

Funeral services for Linda Sue Welch, age 50, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 15, 2001, in the First Baptist Church in Clarendon with Rev. Truman Ledbetter, Pastor, officiating. Burial was held in Citizens' Cemetery in Clarendon under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Miss Welch died Friday, July 6, 2001, in Wichita Falls, Texas. She was born October 27, 1950, in Memphis, Texas, and was raised in Clarendon. She was a resident of Stamford for three years before moving to Wichita Falls seven years ago. She was employed by Lone Star Gas Company for 24 years and had been employed by Wichita Falls ISD for the past several years. She was a Past President of the Clarendon Lions Club and Past President of the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Wichita Falls, Texas.

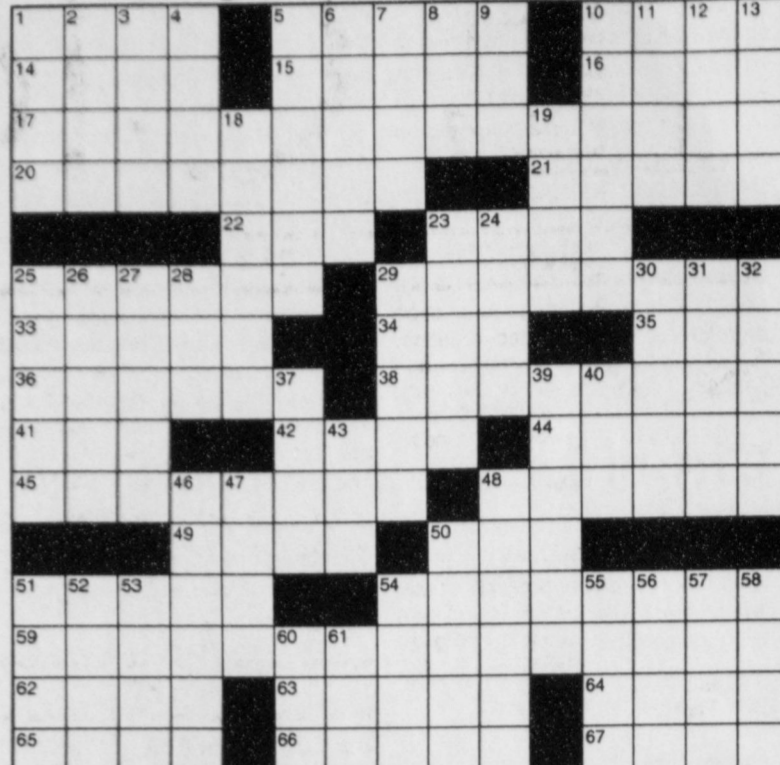
She was preceded in death by her parents, Eugene Welch in 1993, Lee Welch in 1996; two brothers, Lester Welch in 1963, Gerald Welch in 1989; and a brother-in-law, Art Sommerfield in 1991.

Survivors include four sisters, Jeannie Formway of Clarendon, Shirley Ann Burton of Spearman, Rosie Sommerfield of Canyon, and Tonic Welch of San Angelo; seven nieces, and one nephew; two great nieces; and one great nephew.

The family requests that memorials be to the Clarendon Lions Club, PO Box 1081, Clarendon, Texas 79226.

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- ACROSS**
- 1. Cape near Lisbon
  - 5. Cloth
  - 10. Ring
  - 14. Meet, in a way
  - 15. Louse
  - 16. \_\_\_\_\_ Blyton, children's author
  - 17. Leave \_\_\_\_\_ (make every effort)
  - 20. Supporters, in a way
  - 21. Fills up
  - 22. Belonging to a thing
  - 23. Founder of Manichaeism
  - 25. Dining-room attendant
  - 29. Underground passage
  - 33. Purgatives
  - 34. Word element meaning "nitrogen"
  - 35. Golf score
  - 36. Armored, in a way
  - 38. Milled wheat product used in pasta
  - 41. Salesperson (informal)
  - 42. Used to have (Scottish)
  - 44. Rajah's wife (var.)
  - 45. Military installations
  - 48. Features
  - 49. Fair
- DOWN**
- 1. Monetary unit of South Africa
  - 2. Double-reed instrument
  - 3. Point
  - 4. Tip of Aleutian Islands
  - 5. Mental health
  - 6. Fencing swords
  - 7. Sumac genus
  - 8. John Barleycorn
  - 9. Sunup in New York (abbr.)
  - 10. Courageous
  - 11. "The King and I" heroine
  - 12. Fibred
  - 13. \_\_\_\_\_ and ends
  - 18. Serving no useful purpose
  - 19. Arm bone
  - 23. Stupefied
  - 24. Carbon or hydrogen
  - 25. Iraqi seaport
  - 26. Lesion
  - 27. Cleanses
  - 28. Sound unit
  - 29. Containers
  - 30. State clearly
  - 31. Edouard \_\_\_\_\_, French painter
  - 32. Hillsides
  - 37. Tropical woody herb
  - 39. Prophet
  - 40. Sealing wax
  - 43. Brew
  - 46. Concluding speech
  - 47. European defense organization
  - 48. Creatures, in general
  - 50. Protective garment
  - 51. Borneo people
  - 52. Take back (informal)
  - 53. City in Iowa
  - 54. British school
  - 55. Constellation
  - 56. Small lake
  - 57. Therefore
  - 58. Kitty-cornered
  - 60. Words per minute
  - 61. \_\_\_\_\_ite, Muslim

### Sheriff's Report:

#### Officers assist in search for lost man

- July 9**  
4:09 a.m. - Deputy dispatched to Lelia Lake residence on a 911 call. No response on call back.  
1:19 p.m. - Responding to W. 3rd Street resident receiving harassing phone calls.
- July 10**  
7:01 a.m. - Deputy assisting on emergency call at Hedley residence.  
4:33 p.m. - Responds to alarm at US 287 and Koogle Street.  
6:31 p.m. - Sheriff dispatched to 500 block W. 5th Street. Subject reports being harassed by two females in a passing vehicle.  
8:23 p.m. - Dispatched to 500 block W. 5th Street.

- ing bicycle from roadway in 700 block E. 3rd Street.  
3:25 p.m. - Assisting driver of disabled vehicle at MP 165.  
7:17 p.m. - Out at accident on US 287 just west of Lelia Lake.  
7:21 p.m. - Deputy unable to locate three subjects reported fighting on W. 5th Street.  
10:10 p.m. - Deputy assisting Armstrong County Sheriff's Office with air search for lost mail.  
10:17 p.m. - Sheriff assisting in ground search.

**Summary for July 9-15**  
Ambulance Calls: 21  
Fire Calls: 5  
Wrecker Calls: 2  
Gasoline Drive-Offs: 1  
Livestock Out: 4

- July 11**  
12:00 a.m. - Deputy unable to locate vehicle with reported loud music and pipes on S. Koogle.  
4:04 a.m. - Deputy en route to alarm at 900 block of W. 2nd Street.  
10:26 a.m. - Deputy out at accident on East US 287.  
7:05 p.m. - Out with driver of disabled vehicle on US 287 and S. Kearney.
- July 13**  
5:22 p.m. - Sheriff at business on US 287 and Jefferson Street writing report on damaged equipment.
- July 14**  
8:02 a.m. - Deputy checking unfamiliar vehicle in 200 block of E. 2nd Street.  
11:15 a.m. - Check on residence on E. 3rd Street.  
3:41 p.m. - Deputy on scene of accident on E US 287 - bicycle vs. automobile.  
3:58 p.m. - Sheriff also on scene.  
11:41 p.m. - Deputy out at fire in N. Clarendon.

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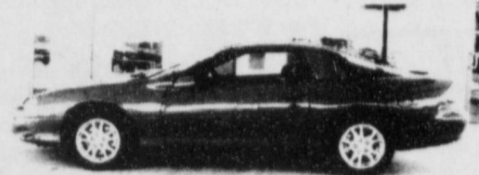
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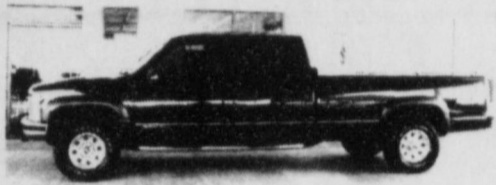
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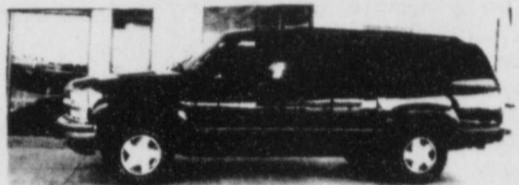
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