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NEWS at a glance

Chamber banquet to be held Jan. 20

The annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held next Saturday, January 20, 2001, at the Bairfield Activity Center on the Clarendon College campus.

Festivities will begin with a silent auction at 6 p.m. followed by a dinner at 7 p.m.

This year's theme will be "Denim & Lace," and dress is casual. Entertainment will be provided by comedian/magician Lyndy Phillips, and Clarendon's own Dan Hall will inspire those attending with his music.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from any board member or by calling the chamber office at 874-2421.

Haywood receives committee seats

AUSTIN - State Sen. Tom Haywood (R-Wichita Falls) last week received his committee assignment for the 77th Legislative Session.

Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff announced Haywood will be serving on the Finance, Nominations, and Natural Resources Committees. In addition, Haywood has been re-named the Chairman of the Sub-committee on Agriculture within Natural Resources.

"I am very excited about these appointments," Haywood said. "There is a great deal of work to be done this session. Retaining my chairmanship from Lt. Gov. Ratliff is a great honor. I am anxious to get back to work with my colleagues for a fruitful 77th session."

Girl Scouts begin 2001 cookie sales

Girl Scouts will be selling cookies starting January 13 until January 28. The price is \$3.00 per box, and the girls will earn 45¢ for each box that they sell.

Orders for cookies will continue after January 28. Order deadline is March 7.

This will be the last year for Oatmeal Upside Down Iced Cookies. If you like them, be sure to stock up. They are packaged to freeze.

If you are not contacted to buy cookies and desire to purchase some, call 874-3155, and a Girl Scout will come to your house to take your order.

Headstart opening

Clarendon Headstart has announced that it has an opening for a child who was 4 years old on or before September 1, 2000.

For more information, call the Clarendon Elementary at 874-3855.

Inside:

- Christi Ross is back on board despite nature's efforts to hold her back.
- A local man attends a different kind of "roadeo" - a TxDOT competition.
- Two Bronco Band members have received recognition at the state level.
- And the Hedley boys and girls defeat Lefors in two district basketball games.

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

Proposal may allow vote on constables

A state constitutional amendment could allow counties to abolish constable positions with a local vote, according to State Rep. Warren Chisum.

Speaking during a public forum at the Clarendon High School Auditorium, the Pampa Republican said he currently has letters from six counties in his district that wish to abolish constables.

The Texas Constitution sets up the office of constable, and historically, an amendment is required every time a county wishes to permanently

abolish the office in that county.

"I don't like the idea of the whole state voting on what you need here in Donley County," Chisum said in response to a question by local Commissioner Buster Shields.

Chisum, who serves on the County Affairs Committee, thinks a better way would be for local counties to have the option of adding or deleting constable positions through a local referendum.

Such a proposal is likely to be introduced this year and has the support of the Texas Association of Coun-

ties, he said.

Randall County has recently faced legal difficulties regarding a salary for a constable that was considered unneeded. Locally, Jimmy Swinney last year filed as a write-in candidate for constable of Precincts 1&2 - a position that had been vacant for nearly 30 years. He was elected with 52 votes and has requested an annual salary of about \$17,000.

Education was also a topic during the forum. Chisum said he believed something will be done to provide teachers a state health plan. Such a

plan could cost between \$2 billion and \$6 billion and might be paid for by tapping a \$5 billion surplus in the teacher retirement fund.

The representative also said there is some push in some parts of the state to change the school start date but said he supports leaving the start date up to local districts.

A growing state and redistricting in the wake of the 2000 census will also be issues before the Legislature. A growing population means Texas will pick up two additional seats in

the United States Congress. It also means that 20 to 25 counties will have to be added to Chisum's largely rural district to add 20,000 people its total. He said the district will likely grow to the south and east.

Chisum said the state budget will exceed \$100 billion for the first time this biennium, and this Legislature is expected to get along very well since there are only 11 new members in the house and two new members in the senate.

"I don't see any critical issues that we can't handle," he said.

County will restore seats for courtroom

When the Donley County Courthouse Restoration is complete in 2002, it should look a lot like 1913 following decisions made by the commissioners' court Monday.

The court voted unanimously to salvage and refurbish theater seats currently in storage in the courthouse attic - seats which haven't been used for approximately 20 years.

The seats were first installed in the courtroom in 1912 or 1913 after the original bench seats were sold to the Goldston School for \$1.75 each. Today, 153 of the seats are stored in the attic, neglected, largely forgotten, and covered in bat guano.

To go back to the 1890 Court- house's original seating, new benches would have to be manufactured for the building.

"It just seems like the proper thing would be to use what we have," said County Judge Jack Hall, acknowledging that the theater seats are part of the courthouse's history. The theatre seats also have "a lot more character."

The wooden seats and backs on the theater chairs will all be restored or replaced.

The court also voted to reorient the courtroom with the judge's bench situated in an alcove on the north side of the room. Currently, the bench

is at the south end, but local recollections and physical evidence point to its originally being situated in the north.

"You just look at the room and the ceiling and all, and it just looks like [the north end] is where it belongs," said Commissioner Donnie Hall.

Judge Hall said the current bench is very nice, but it is not original and was going to have to be rebuilt anyway.

Commissioners also discussed the fate of two large trees on the north side of the building. The trees are destroying the sidewalk near the building, and leaves from branches overhanging the roof are clogging the gutters, causing water to damage the interior of the courthouse.

Also, the trees - both elms - are obscuring the view of the building, and commissioners agreed that it didn't make much sense to restore the building if it couldn't be seen.

The court voted to remove the trees, which Judge Hall said he understands came up volunteer and were not planted under special circumstances. Commissioner Hall suggested that local organizations might be asked to donate trees for memorials once the restoration project is complete.

Baker receives UIL-Bell Award

AUSTIN - The University Interscholastic League (UIL) is proud to announce that Todd Baker is a winner of the UIL-Southwestern Bell Sponsor Excellence Award.

Baker was one of 16 winners selected by a panel of judges in the areas of music, athletics, and academics from almost 100 nominations submitted by school principals and superintendents across the state.

Baker has been a sponsor of the marching band, concert band, and solo and ensemble for ten years. During his seven years at Clarendon, the band program has grown three-fold to include over half the student population at Clarendon High School.

Under his direction, the Bronco Band placed third at the 1999 UIL Area Marching Band Contest and has received numerous Sweepstakes trophies and Superior ratings at UIL competitions.

Baker's success can be attributed

to his philosophy that "every student grows, the program grows, and more success is achieved as a result of winning the competition in our band hall - not by beating other bands."

The award, now in its tenth year, was created to identify and recognize outstanding sponsors who enable students to develop and refine their extracurricular talents to the highest degree possible within the educational system.

"The benefits of interscholastic competition and student performance are only possible through the hard work and dedication of sponsors, coaches, and directors like these," said UIL Director Bill Farney. "On behalf of the UIL, I commend these outstanding educators."

Each winner will receive \$1,000 and a symbolic keepsake from Southwestern Bell in recognition of their outstanding achievements in the pursuit of educational excellence through



Seating arrangement

County Commissioners voted Monday to restore the old theater seats in the 1890 Donley County Courthouse as part of a \$2.9 million renovation of the building. The court was faced with deciding between the original bench seating (shown foreground) or the the 1913 era theater seats. The courtroom is currently furnished with old church pews (shown background). Those pictured here are former commissioner Randy White, County Judge Jack Hall, former commissioner Andy Wheatley, project architect Chris Hutson, and Commissioner Buster Shields.

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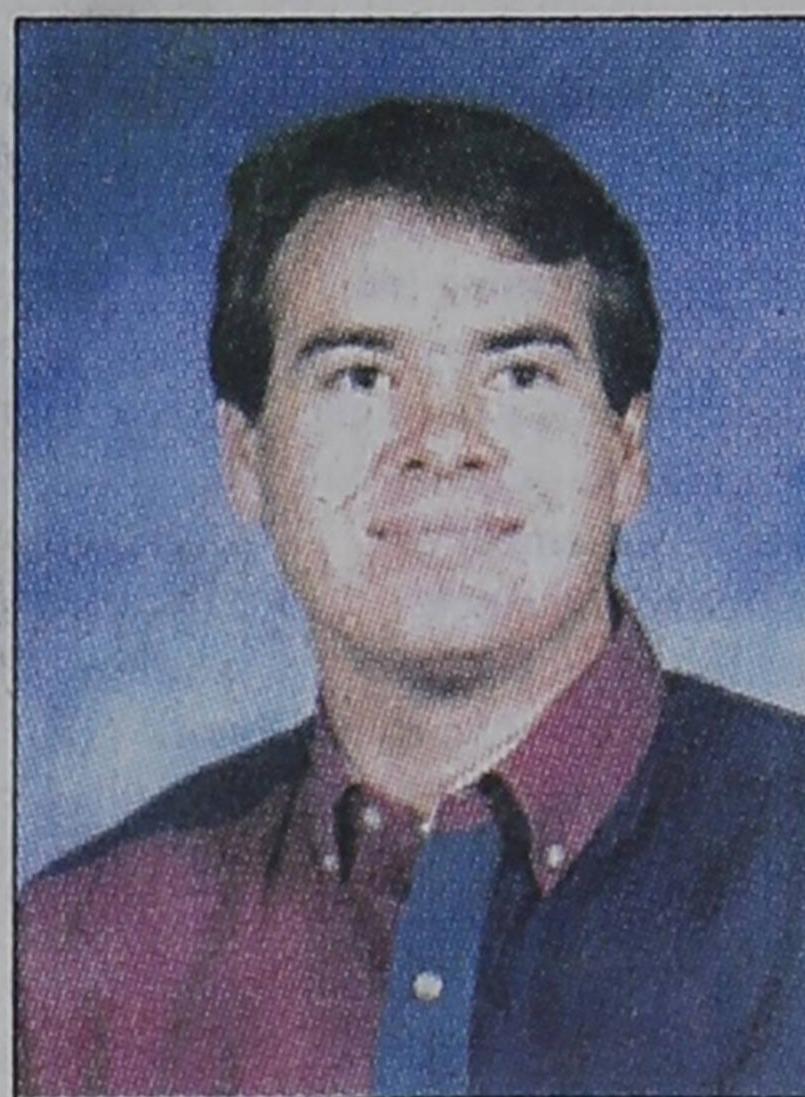
In other courthouse news, the court voted to advertise for bids next week for the abatement of lead paint, asbestos, and bat guano. The bids will be opened on February 12, 2001, and a contract will be awarded after con-

sultant Luis Acuña of Sun City Analytical, Inc., in El Paso has reviewed the bids. The abatement work should take about two weeks.

"If we're able to keep this timetable, construction work will follow

on the heels of the abatement," said John Kiehl of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

April 22, 2002, has been set as a target date for completion of the \$2.9 million restoration project.



Todd Baker

interscholastic competition. Southwestern Bell joins the UIL in its efforts to strengthen and promote the role of extracurricular activities in Texas. The quality of the Sponsor Excellence Award, along with all other UIL programs, is enhanced through the continued support of Southwestern Bell.

Donley County Jr. Livestock Show to be held Saturday

By Leon J. Church, County Agent

The Donley County Junior Livestock Show will be held on Saturday, January 13.

Seventy-three Donley County young people will be exhibiting their Beef, Sheep and Swine projects beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Clarendon Community Center (located north of Chamberlain Motor Company).

At 7:00 p.m. the annual Premium Sale will be held. This sale is the highlight of the 4-H and FFA member's year in raising this livestock.

During the past year these young people have spent many hours and considerable money feeding, caring for, and training their animals.

The show and sale give them an opportunity to demonstrate their abilities and be rewarded for their hard work.

Many of these young people will

be taking their projects on to the major Livestock Shows in Fort Worth, El Paso, San Antonio, Houston, and San Angelo.

Everyone is encouraged to come out to the show and sale and support these young people who are learning great lessons in life. They learn hard work, responsibility, record keeping, and sportsmanship.

If you would like to support the junior livestock show and sale in a financial way, give the extension office a call at (806) 874-2141 and details on how this can be done will be given.

Show organizers held a Setup Day Wednesday, January 10. All parents, grandparents, or interested individuals were invited to come out to the Community Building to help setup the facility to make ready for the livestock show.

Extension Service to offer computer classes to farmers, ranchers

AMARILLO - Area agricultural producers and financial managers of farm and ranch enterprises should register early for the award winning "Have Computer will Travel" education workshops offered by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

According to Steve Amosson, Extension farm management economist, and workshop instructor, the courses are more popular than ever. The mobile computer lab filled with more than a dozen laptops now serves the needs for group education around the state.

The economist first introduced the traveling lab project to promote early adoption of "computer age" technology and financial records management software by producers and agri-

business operators. The concept has worked almost too well. Now space is limited by the number of laptops available.

"It's a great problem to have so we've added a series of workshops to serve the needs of more people," the economist said.

Two types of training are involved in the 2001 workshops. The first features beginning Quicken 2000 for the Windows operating system. The other training involves the BUDPRO training that uses the budget projecting software for crop and livestock enterprises. All sessions are from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The first of four workshops on Quicken 2000 software will begin on January 23-24 in Canadian. Two separate 2-day sessions

are scheduled in Amarillo at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, Jan. 25-26 and Feb. 19-20, respectively. The last workshop will be held in Wheeler on Feb. 22-23. The \$75 enrollment fee covers computer lease payments and educational materials. Couples are encouraged to attend, and they pay one fee if they share a computer.

The single day BUDPRO workshop has been set for Feb. 21 and carries a \$50 registration fee. It will be at the Texas A&M Center, Amarillo. BUDPRO, a stand alone, menu-driven package, helps producers make budget projections for the various commodities they may produce. In addition to generating enterprise budgets, the package calculates break-

even prices and provides sensitivity analysis for varying prices and quantities produced.

"The new Windows version has an irrigation cost calculator among the other features added in the latest update," Amosson said. Each registered participant will receive the software package (a \$100 value).

Payment must be attached to the registration form before enrollment will be complete. Make checks payable to the Extension Service and mail to Amosson at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West, Amarillo, Texas 79106. Contact Amosson at 359-5401 or any area county Extension office for forms to register and more information.

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 Friendliness. A score of 100 is achieved.

Bush should stand and fight for nominees

George W. Bush was officially and constitutionally named as the winner of the 2000 presidential election last Saturday when a joint session of Congress canvassed the votes of the Electoral College.

What is usually a hum-drum, boring affair took on new life as one after another, members of the black caucus stood up to object to the proceedings. From what I saw, Vice President Al Gore did a good job of presiding over the rebel rousers and insured that the rules for the proceedings were upheld. It was a tough job, especially in light of some representatives who didn't care what the rules were. (Of course this is no surprise coming from Democrats who wanted to change the rules after the election.)

My instinct is to sharply criticize those representatives and their pathetic tactics. I am, however, compelled to curtail that criticism. After all, I have already admitted in a previous column that I would have advocated secession if Al Gore had won based on dimpled, pregnant, or hanging chads. Emotions following the election were certainly high on both sides.

Two things trouble me deeply now, though. The first is the constant racist characterization every time something doesn't go the way the liberal black community wants. In the course of the last few months, we've seen an ad by the NAACP, which implied that Gov. Bush approved of the dragging death of a black man. We've seen impartial voting machines termed as racists for some reason that I still don't understand. We've heard allegations of some vast conspiracy in Florida to prevent blacks from voting. And we've heard about a dozen times the Reverend Jesse "I Don't Have A Real Job" Jackson say (fill in the situation of the week here) reminds him of another Selma.

It has gotten to the point that if you don't agree with a liberal black person, you must be a racist. Case in point: Sen. John Ashcroft. The man voted to confirm 26 black jurists to the federal bench. Then when he voted against number 27 because the guy is a left-wing nut, the Senator is suddenly a racist.

I'd like to know if any Democratic senator was ever called a racist for opposing the appointment of Judge Clarence Thomas to the bench. I don't think so. In my opinion it was during the Thomas hearings that the NAACP officially became an organization that only fights for liberal colored people. With the 2000 ad opposing Gov. Bush, the group has completely lost all credibility.

I know that reports say 90 percent of black Americans voted for Al Gore. It is understandable, therefore, that black elected representatives would reflect that displeasure. But does it really serve any useful purpose to play the race card at every turn? I can see only one reason to do that - to further divide people and shore up the Democratic voting base.

The second thing that bothers me is what appears to be an unwillingness on the part of Republicans to fight for their conservative beliefs. Last week, Sen. Trent "Let's All Get Along" Lott virtually ceded control of the United States Senate to the party that is out of power!

This power-sharing plan is the most ridiculous thing I have ever seen. The Senate is split 50-50, but with Vice President Dick Cheney casting tie-breaking votes, the GOP is technically in control. Do you really think the Democrats would share power if the situation were reversed? Certainly not.

This "spirit of bipartisanship" is a load of chicken crap. The Democrats will say anything and do anything to get back control of Congress and ultimately the White House. They will slit the Republicans' throats as soon as they get the chance.

And the chance may come sooner rather than later. As we go to press, the national media is reporting that Labor Secretary nominee Linda Chavez has withdrawn her name for that position. Chavez could have been the bane of labor unions. She believed in free markets, and she reportedly thought the minimum wage was some kind of Marxist, leftist idea (which it is). She was beleaguered by liberal attacks and then was faced with charges of aiding an illegal alien a few years back.

In a disappointing turn of events, President-elect Bush apparently did nothing to fight for her. Bush simply must stand up for his people and fight for them. He can't let the liberals hold all the press conferences and control what the media hears. You're the president, George. It's time to take the bully pulpit and vigorously defend your nominees. For heavens sake, even though you have slim majorities in both houses, they are still majorities.

There is blood in the water now. The Democrats can smell it with the withdrawal of Chavez, and you can believe they will soon swarm other nominees. It remains to be seen whether Republicans are willing to mount a counteroffensive.

Frankly, I think Bush should have come out Tuesday night and said, "You know what? I still want Linda Chavez to be my labor secretary, and I don't give a rat's booty what the Democrats think."

Texas didn't vote for President Bush. Rep. Mac Thornberry, and Senators Gramm and Hutchinson to "get along" with liberal Democrats. We sent them to Washington to stop the agenda of the left. With the de facto defeat of Chavez, the GOP has lost the first battle.

Hollywood types should love US or leave it

Last fall, the national media was all over the story regarding the slew of Hollywood actors who swore they would relinquish their U.S. citizenship if George W. Bush won the presidential election. Well guess what! It's time to call U-Haul and hold these ding-dong Democratic-supporters to their word.

But, after the Florida fiasco and the confirmation of Bush as President-elect, the media has somehow "forgotten" to follow-up on this threat that actors such as Alec Baldwin, Martin Sheen, and Barbara Streisand made back during the election.

So, what's going on now? Not a word has been heard from these Hollywood know-it-alls since Bush won the election. And I really doubt that Baldwin is searching for a house in Germany, as he said he would do if Gore was not elected as President.

Thus, using the words of the legendary Merle Haggard, let's remind these folks that "if you don't love it, leave it". And, I'd like to be the first one to call a moving service and help these Californians get on their way to another country. Let's just see them try to find another country which will let them air their views like they do here in the good ole' U.S. of A.

And while we're trying to help some people get on with their lives, let's also send the Reverends Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton packing, too. And by the way, just what church does Jesse preach at? Maybe it's called the Church of Making Trouble. Perhaps Al and Tipper Gore would like to move on as well.

They can all live together on some remote island and have their own little country. Then, when Bush refuses to



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pardon Clinton, we can ship him there, too. Of course, this would be after he does time and / or pays for all of his fines and legal bills.

Let's start the New Year off by cleaning house and reminding those who "volunteered" to move to get busy packing.

With the New Year, came a milestone birthday and a whole mess of trouble, too. No, I'm not thirty yet, but mighty close. And, there's nothing like celebrating your 29th birthday by driving home 14 hours from a holiday vacation, only to return to a house in Mill Creek, Oklahoma, without any electricity or water. The ranch was struck by the Christmas Eve ice storm, as was every tree and power line around.

After nearly three weeks without power or water. I want to nominate all of my neighbors, especially my friend Tamara, who's due to give birth any day now, for the next season of CBS's "Survivor". Plus, did I mention that Tamara has also lived with her in-laws for that length of time? What a tough gal, indeed! Since her and her husband's home only had central heat, they were forced to seek warmth somewhere else, and the in-laws happened to have a fireplace and propane heat.

So, if she can survive all of that, she's a shoe-in to win the next round of "Survivor". I'm not so tough. I'm currently wait-

ing for all of the amenities to return while staying with my folks in Benjamin, Texas.

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And with this milestone birthday, I want to publicly pledge that I will continue to give you my straight-forward viewpoint on important issues. In a world saturated with politically correct bull-hockey, I will maintain to tell it, like one ENTERPRISE reader explained to my father, "She doesn't hold anything back, and she let's you know just how the cow ate the cabbage." Of course, I had to have my Dad explain the cow and the cabbage part. But, thank you. I'll take it as a compliment.

I come from a long-line of independent thinking West Texas women. And, come to think of it, most were married to men who didn't talk much. There's nothing wrong with expressing your opinion, especially when you get paid to do it.

One former boss once told me, "You know, Christi, it's okay for men to be blunt and straight-forward, but it's not very becoming of a woman." I simply replied that if there was a lady-like way to tell him to kiss my derriere, then I would. But since there was no such thing, I settled on using the old reliable phrase. He got my meaning, and from that day on, he knew he would always get an honest answer from me. We had a wonderful working relationship until he was transferred to that big office in the sky.

Happy New Year, everyone, and thanks for all of the letters and comments you have shared. No matter whether you agree with me or not, I enjoy reading and hearing your viewpoints. Thanks for taking the time to read my column.



Reader: Nursing profession in critical condition

THE WASHINGTON POST recently published an article quoting physicians, patients, a nursing school dean, and even a hospital nursing director addressing the lack of safe care in the hospitals today and urging, almost insisting, that just to get basic care and be safe in the hospitals, you need to have either a family member or hire a sitter 24 hours around the clock.

The article can be found on the Internet at: <http://washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A27485-2001Jan6.html>. It is both a sad and frightening realization that our hospitals, which should be a safe refuge for the sick, are now a threat to the sick.

It is a well known fact that we are in the height of the most critical nursing shortage this country has ever faced. Almost every nursing journal that you pick up today has an article regarding the shortage. It is also a known fact that there are certain steps that an organization can take to help alleviate the profound effects the nursing shortage has on its institution. Because most of these steps involve money, money which most organizations are not willing to spend, it will take an outcry from both the healthcare profession and the public to change the system.

Lower reimbursement rates from managed-care plans and government programs have pressured the hospitals to cut expenses and trim staff, but to what point do we cut to sacrifice the safety and/or lives of not only the patients but also the staff? Are you all aware that many times in the critical care units one nurse has three patients and on the medical-surgical floors, where the patients are much sicker now than in the past, those nurses have sometimes 12-15 patients? Let me ask you another question, are you aware that according to the Institute of Medicine analysis that as many as 98,000 Americans die each year of medical errors that occur in the hospital. Many of those errors could and would be avoided if we as nurses actu-

ally had time to look, touch, feel, and see how each patient is doing. As a nurse, I can tell you that it is our sincere interest and genuine concern for good patient care, but it is impossible to do so when staffed at the current nurse patient ratios. Continuously, we work short staffed, many times without the supplies needed to do basic care for the patient, not to mention advanced life supportive measures. We work "12 hour" shifts, which more often than not are 13 or 14 hours. We are on our feet on concrete floors most all of that time, many shifts not even having the time to break for food or to go to the bathroom. We are subjected to all kinds of ridicule by irate doctors, patients, and families; not to mention the life-threatening job related exposures, such as HIV and Hepatitis that we are subjected to on a daily basis. I was recently exposed to the HIV virus, through no fault of my own. An irate HIV positive patient spit in my eye and to make matters worse, I had to practically jump through hoops, plead, beg, have an initial out of pocketed expense of \$900.00 (which was recouped the following day), and then become irate myself to get the hospital to initiate the prophylactic treatment for the exposure. What other profession do you know of (other than the Police Department - God bless all of you police men and women) who are treated this way, all for the sake of a dollar, for trying to save a life and protect the public? If the problem is not addressed, not only by the healthcare profession but also by the public, the trend will only continue. It is imperative that the public be aware of this potentially life threatening situation and the negative impact it will have on the care, or lack of, that you or your loved one will receive. I urge all of you out there to document your concerns, address them to the hospital administrations, hospital boards, as well as your local congressmen and representa-

tives. Nurses are the "heart" of any hospital and to put it in nursing lingo, the "heart" is in critical condition and in need of immediate life supportive measures.

SuLynn Mester, RN
Amarillo

Friends enjoy copies of Clarendon newspapers

We sent a Christmas box to our friends Jack and Wanda Rolf of Irving, Texas. Since Jack grew up in Clarendon, we enclosed some copies of your CLARENDON ENTERPRISE as stuffers in the box. I would like to pass along an excerpt from his recent letter:

"...read with interest the Clarendon newspaper. I read the DALLAS [MORNING] NEWS because I need to and read the Clarendon paper with pleasure. Obviously, Roger Estlack is part of the clan, but I don't know his place in the lineage. I like his style and attitude. It is one of the best weekly papers I've ever seen."

Jack lived in Clarendon, graduating in 1943, residing close to J.C. Estlack and knowing George Wayne Estlack real well. Jack went into the Marines, graduated from SMU majoring in journalism and retired from Mid Continent Oil & Gas.

Jack and Wanda Rolf have three daughters, one married to a colonel in the Air Force, one a District Court Judge in Dallas County and married to a lawyer, and one married to a plastic surgeon.

I just thought you would like to see how former Clarendon residents regard your paper.

Maurice Risley,
Clarendon

Thank you for sharing that letter, Maurice. We aim to please, and we're happy to see Mr. Rolf taking pleasure from our efforts.

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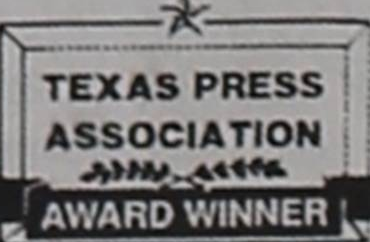
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Cotton conference to be Jan. 16

By Leon J. Church, County Agent

Crop producers can improve their cotton production and marketing skills and learn more about minimum tillage and pest management by attending the January 16 North West Texas Cotton Conference in Childress. The conference is a joint effort of the Extension Service in Childress, Hall, Cottle, Collingsworth, King, Motley, Hardeman, and Donley counties and the District 3 Extension Agricultural specialist from Vernon.

This conference offers producers a wealth of knowledge on several important topics. It will be held in the City Auditorium in Childress. Those who attend can earn six Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for their private or commercial pesticide applicator licenses.

The conference will run from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Speakers at the conference will cover these topics:

- Cotton Market Outlook; Shawn Boyd, National Cotton Council
- Crop Insurance Update; Dottie Sampley, Risk Management Association
- Cotton Minimum Tillage; Danny Davis, Dryland No-Till Cotton Producers
- Minimum Till Panel Discussion; Danny Davis, Burt Dockery, Bruce Inman, Johnny Lindley
- Pesticide Applicator Laws-Regulations; Don Rennie, Extension pesticide specialist
- Spray Drift Management; Brent Bean, Extension agronomist-Amarillo
- Boll Weevil Eradication Update; Larry Smith, Texas Boll Weevil Foundation
- Cotton Pest Management; Emory Boring, Extension entomologist-Vernon
- Pest Management and Production Projects on the Northern Rolling Plains; Todd Baughman, Extension agronomist-Vernon

Producers should be especially interested in the presentations by Shawn Boyd, Dottie Sampley and Danny Davis, but all of our speakers will provide information and insights on situations that Rolling Plains producers encounter every season.

The conference cost is \$5.00 and includes lunch. Producers can obtain more information on this event by calling the Donley County Extension office (806/874-2141), or by contacting the Childress, Hall, Cottle, Collingsworth, King, Motley, or Hardeman County Extension offices.



New officers

Donley County gained several new officials January 1, 2001. During swearing in ceremonies on December 29, oaths of office were administered to Commissioner Precinct 1 Ernest Johnston, Sheriff Butch Blackburn, Tax Assessor/Collector Wilma Lindley, Commissioner Precinct 3 Buster Shields, and Constable Precincts 1&2 Jimmy Swinney. Lindley was the only incumbent in the bunch.

weather report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec
Mon	1			
Tues	2	30	23	.02
Wed	3	30	21	.02
Thurs	4	36	20	
Fri	5	46	24	
Sat	6	60	32	
Sun	7	59	32	
Total precipitation this month				.04"
Total precipitation to date				.24"
Total precipitation in Dec. last year				.26"
Total YTD total last year				.26"

weekend forecast

	Friday, Jan. 12 Partly Cloudy 63° / 35°
	Saturday, Jan. 13 Rain/Snow Mix 49° / 29°
	Sunday, Jan. 14 Rain/Snow Mix 43° / 25°

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

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Governor proclaims January to be School Board Recognition Month

In one of his last acts as Texas governor, President-Elect George W. Bush proclaimed January 2001 as School Board Recognition Month. Districts across the state will use this opportunity to show their appreciation and bolster understanding of the crucial role elected boards of education play in their communities and schools.

"Young people are the Lone Star State's most precious resource, and their education is our most important responsibility. In towns and cities throughout Texas, locally elected school board members govern and guide schools in accordance with the will of the people. They also ensure that control of education accountability for the schools stay where they belong - with the residents of that community," Bush said.

"Texas has more than 7,000 school board members, representing the largest group of elected officials in the state. Most school boards consist of seven locally elected trustees who serve three-year terms without pay. These dedicated men and women make policy, set budgets, and work to ensure academic excellence and accountability for students, teachers, and administrators," he said.

"The Texas Association of School Board (TASB) represents and serves local school boards across the Lone Star State. TASB has designated January 2001 as School Board Recognition Month to raise awareness of the board members' contributions in helping children learn and succeed academically," he said.

"I encourage all Texans to recognize school board members for their

service to communities throughout the Lone Star State. Their commitment to quality and excellence helps give students the opportunity to reach their full potential," Bush said.

"School board members serve as advocates for our children first and foremost, protecting each child's opportunity to maximize his or her potential. Trustees offer vision, knowledge, leadership, and dedication, and work purely for the common good. It is important to recognize the many contributions made by our locally elected school board members and support them as they tackle the demanding and rewarding task of educating our youth," said James B. Crow, TASB executive director.

"Local trustees work with community leaders, families, and educators to develop sound educational policies in their districts. They help us to set high standards in the education system and encourage us to strive to reach those goals. The results of this cooperative effort are reflected in a generation of Texas children who are more prepared to be our nation's leaders," he said.

"Today's schools face great challenges and great opportunities, making the school board's role more critical than ever before. We hope every community will acknowledge the thousands of trustees, and particularly their local school board members, who take the time to care about Texas children and their futures," Crow said.

For more information call Barbara Williams, TASB public information officer, at 800-580-8272, ext. 6418.

Clarendon College to celebrate King's birthday

Clarendon College will host the third Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration on Tuesday, January 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bairfield Activity Center.

Fifteen years after Dr. King's death, President Ronald Reagan signed a bill into law making the third Monday of January a national holiday celebrating the birth and life of Dr. King.

This year's theme is Redeem the Dream. The public is invited to attend as the community comes together to enjoy this celebration of service, singing, and unity.

For more information, you may contact Jewel Austin at 874-3571.

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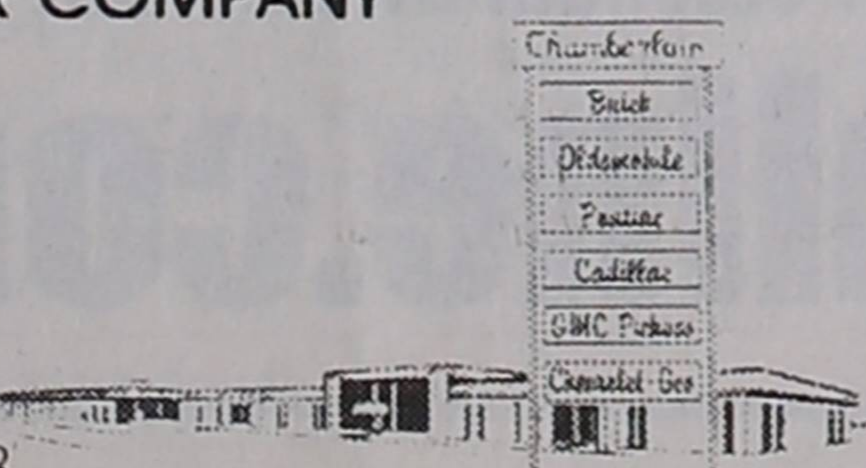
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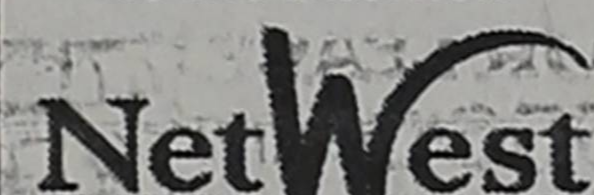
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Your guide to "what's happening" around Donley County.

January 11

Friends of the Library • Burton Memorial Library • 4:30 p.m.

January 12

Hedley v. McLean • Owl Gym • 6:30 p.m.

January 13

Donley County Jr. Livestock Show • Community Center.

Saints' Roast Jamboree • Harned Sisters Auditorium • 7 p.m.

January 15

MLK Day

Registration for Spring 2001 starts at Clarendon College.

January 16

CHS v. Panhandle • Bronco Gym.

MLK Birthday Celebration • Bairfield Activity Center • 7 p.m.

January 18

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

January 19

CHS v. Wellington • at Wellington.

January 20

Chamber of Commerce Banquet • details still to come

January 23

CHS v. Canadian • Bronco Gym

January 29

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic • MCNH • 356-1905

Community Menus

January 15 - 19

Hedley Schools

Breakfast
 Mon: Cheese toast, dry cereal, canned peaches, fruit juice, milk
 Tues: Eggs and sausage, toast and jelly, cereal, fruit juice, milk
 Wed: Biscuit and gravy, sausage patties, butter and jelly, cereal, juice, milk
 Thur: Blueberry pancake on a stick with syrup, cereal, juice, milk
 Fri: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, ham and cheese roll ups, fruit juice, milk
Lunch
 Mon: Grilled chicken or tuna fish, black-eyed peas, tossed salad and fruit, sliced bread, milk
 Tues: Frito pie or chili cheese dog, chili beans, salad, mixed fruit, milk
 Wed: Barbecue beef on a bun or barbecue weenies, green beans, salad and fruit, rolls, milk
 Thur: Chicken strips or steak fingers, potatoes and gravy, salad and fruit, rolls, milk
 Fri: Philly steak sub or ham and cheese sub, potato chips, salad and fruit, pickle spears, milk

Clarendon Schools

Breakfast
 Mon: No School
 Tues: Cereal, fruit, milk, toast
 Wed: Waffles, fruit, milk
 Thur: Sausage in a blanket, juice, milk
 Fri: Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk
Lunch
 Mon: No School
 Tues: Fish sticks or peanut butter and jelly sandwich, French fries, coleslaw, hushpuppies, fruit, milk
 Wed: Meatloaf with roll or pizza, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, cake, milk
 Thur: Hamburger with rice casserole or peanut butter and jelly sandwich, peas, fruit, milk
 Fri: Ham and cheese sandwich, carrot sticks, potato chips, pickles, fruit, milk

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Butter beans and ham, French fries, cucumber and onion salad, apricot cobbler, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee
 Tues: Steak and gravy, au gratin potatoes, buttered carrots, tossed salad, banana pudding, roll, milk, tea, coffee
 Wed: Chicken potpie, fried okra, deviled egg, jelled fruit with whipped topping, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee
 Thur: Roast beef, baked potato, English peas, cabbage and pineapple salad, bread pudding, roll, milk, tea, coffee
 Fri: Turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, green beans, sweet potatoes, fruit salad, cookies, roll, milk, tea, coffee

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Teriyaki chicken, rice pilaf, oriental vegetables, apricots, tapioca pudding, roll, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
 Tues: Mexican pile on, rice, pinto beans, tossed salad, peaches, tortilla chips, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
 Wed: Caribbean ham, mini baked potato, squash casserole, Jell-O with fruit, gingerbread, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
 Thur: Barbecue beef on a bun, potato salad, onion rings, chunky fruit, pastries, hamburger bun, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
 Fri: Smothered pork chops, macaroni and tomatoes, turnip greens, purple plums, millionaire pie, cornbread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Hibernation is a good thing; it conceals clumsiness

The holidays are officially over. Yes, I know New Year's Day was more than a week ago, but school didn't start back till Monday.

There was still snow on Fifth Street and in the parking slots in front of the Post Office on Monday as the Great Christmas Snow of 2000 lingered on. I understand the population of Clarendon boomed for a day or two, with people stacked like cordwood in all kinds of unlikely places. I have to confess that I'm glad we went to visit relatives in parts south. We went so far south that we endured nothing worse than rain. And it didn't freeze either. I'm beginning to understand the reasoning of birds.

It's entirely possible that most

of town went into hibernation during the inundation. I can't say for sure, because I was one of the ones hibernating once we got home again. I only noticed the trucks that drove by my house - don't believe I saw any cars, except for the one that lives here. Frankly, hibernation seems to be a wonderful policy to follow when possible. If there's snow on the street, stay home.

It may take a while for the wild Clarendon social whirl to get moving again, now that the snow's (mostly) melted. The Lions Club is always up for a party - or a meeting, which can amount to the same thing. The Art Club is meeting on Friday. The ladies were smart enough to wait till the



around Town

By Gail Shelton
CLARENDON • 874-9186

post-snow week. Either that, or it just turned out that way.

The snow contributed to an upswing in business at the local clinic, either from falls or diseases caught due to close confinement with other sickly people. This does not include falls that caused only minor bumps, scrapes and bruises. Hibernation can be a good thing when it means that no one else is around to see you slip on the half-melted ice on your front steps and fall with a grace that

rivals Gerald Ford. The knee is quite purple, but much better, thank you, and we extend our sympathies to all you other folks with secret bruises.

When the snow finally melted out of the flower beds out front a good two weeks after it fell, I was amazed to see the violas I got from White's and planted a few months ago. They were still blooming.

Yep, that's right. Tiny yellow and white and blue flowers just shook off the snow and opened right up. Next snowfall, I plan to look out my window at the white stuff and think about those tough little flowers snoozing under the snow blanket waiting for another warm day and do some of the same.

Columnist is on the lam, running from the flu bug

The Flu is here. I know because a friend gave it to me for an early Christmas present. I then gave it to my daughter, and she passed it on to her boyfriend. He gave it back to me when they visited on Christmas Eve. Now I know the meaning of "The Gift That Keeps On Giving!"

As I write this, it has been ten days since I first awoke with the flu, and I am just now starting to feel a little better. I can almost hear out of both ears, and I can actually be away from the Kleenex box for more than 5 minutes at a time! I'm still worried though because Mr. Flu is still out there and making the rounds.

Our local doctor wrote a piece in the paper a couple of weeks ago warning us to get flu shots, but did I? Nooooo...not me....not on your life. Why? Because I don't like shots. So, instead I have spent 10 miserable days aching from head to toe and carrying a big bucket around with me. The bucket is for the gallons of - well - what the heck - snot! I know that's a gross word, but what can I say? I didn't know that a human body could actually contain that much of the substance. At one point I considered put-

ting a cork up each nostril.

My friend who works at the doctor's office told me yesterday that she had never seen so many sick people in her life.

"It reminds me of Baskin-Robbins," she said. "Take a number and get in line...everyone has the flu!"

In a small town like Clarendon, Mr. Flu will complete his first round soon and then begin again. In fact, I think he already has. You can't go anywhere without hearing somebody sneeze, and I'm starting to get paranoid.

I read a statement by Dr. Jacob Fakoori (I'm not making that name up!) of Los Angeles in which he said, "It certainly doesn't hurt to wash your hands. But, I think it's more of a respiratory transmission. You should try to avoid close contact with anyone who is coughing or breathing on you."

No, really! You think!! That brilliant statement is easier said than done. Everywhere you go, there are people, and...they are breathing! I have been using the drive-thru window at the pharmacy just so I won't come into contact with



rain or Shine

By Cynthia Hall
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Mr. Flu - disguised as my neighbor picking up some Vicks VapoRub. At the bank when they slide the money out in the little drawer, I feel like asking them to hose it down first.

And what about going to the grocery store, huh? How are you supposed to eat without buying food. And how can you buy food without going to the grocery store? It doesn't make any difference if you go at 8:00 a.m. or 8:00 p.m., there are always other shoppers in the store. It's gotten so that I turn and head the other way if I see someone coming down the same aisle that I'm on. I just circle around until the aisle is clear, then make a mad dash for the item I need. I went in for milk and bread the other day, and it took me an hour because I spent so much time circling. The guys stocking the shelves must think I'm a real nut case!

That doesn't even begin to describe what one woman must have

thought. We both arrived in the produce section at the same time, but she was checking out the potatoes, so I hung around the lettuce. As I studied the lettuce like it was the most amazing thing I had ever seen, I watched her out of the corner of my eye. She looked pretty healthy to me - no red nose, no coughing, and no Kleenex poking out of her pocket. I decided to risk it. Slowly I made my way over to the potatoes, picked up a sack, and was just about to pick up a spud when she let forth with a huge sneeze! I jumped and yelped like I had seen a ghost, threw down my sack, and raced back to the radishes.

She looked at me with suspicion written all over her face. I imagine she thought I was on an unsupervised field trip from a local mental health facility. I didn't care though because I knew something she didn't. She is about to be visited by Mr. Flu. She probably thought her one little sneeze was caused by dust from the potatoes, but I know better. He's out there - somewhere - looking for a nice place to visit. If he tries to visit me again, I'm moving and not leaving a forwarding address!

Melting snow in Hedley allows grass to peek out

Shout Hallelujah, come and be happy! The snow is finally gone!

I'm not a snow person. I don't mind the cold so very much, but I hate snow. My experience with the white stuff consists of huge drifts in the east-west roads and almost none of the fields and pastures. I've heard people say that snow puts nitrogen in the soil. Well, the roads don't need nitrogen. The road maintenance men just grade it off the surface, and it washes away in the bar ditches...so there.

Now, maybe I can get back to walking. I haven't walked more than to the post office since before Christmas.

I was so glad when I could see my grass showing through the snow, so green, just like spring.

Some small boys rode their bicycles across our front yard and kicked some of the tiles down at the edge of my part of the yard. When it gets warm enough I'll put them back. One of them got broken, but I guess that's

alright. If I ask the boys to keep out of the yard, they'll tell their mothers and I'll be in trouble with them. Why don't parents teach their kids to respect other people's property?

When I was young and went to steal watermelons, I only took the ripe melons and didn't pull up the plants. We never tore down a fence.

Speaking of stealing watermelons... my friend Allen called a few days ago and told me he could only count to eighteen. When I asked him why, he said the doctors had to remove two of his toes.

It's amazing how selective our memories are. I remember going places with Allen to put on programs at Lions Clubs around and the way I remember is nothing compared to the way he remembers.

I remember how we used to dance, and I had two left feet that couldn't hit the floor at the same time. He mentioned how well I danced, in perfect rhythm to the music... WRONG!



watt's Happening

By Peggy Watt
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I remember how much fun we had though. Myrtle Reeves was our sponsor, or whatever you call it, and she was a blast. She kept us laughing all the way to wherever it was we were going, then home when it was over.

I walked down to Carson's store, and the sidewalk from First to Main to his store is in terrible shape. The rain gutter on the corner of First has almost completely fallen in, and there's concrete stones along the walk. I'm afraid to walk that way. When I have to go to Carson's, I walk at the edge of the street and hope no one comes barreling along at fifty miles an hour and knocks me down.

I'm afraid to walk on the sidewalk because of my limited vision. I have no depth perception and can't

tell if there's a shadow or a hole in front of me. I have to sort of feel my way along, and sometimes a stone rolls underfoot.

I don't know who's responsible for repairing the sidewalk, but it's dangerous.

I certainly appreciate Steve and Jo Lawson. While the weather was so bad, Jo ran errands for me and brought me many items that I needed from Bailey's store. Sue Weatherly scooped the snow off my walk as wide as the scoop, and Steve came and shoveled all the snow off. It was at least a foot deep and well over the tops of my boots.

Then the highway department people came and cleaned the street, sort of. They bladed the snow out of the middle of the street and piled it up at the edge, about a foot deep. Then it froze.

Oh, well. It's gone now, but forecasters are predicting another one this weekend.

I'm ready for spring.

Begin new year with a book from Burton Library

Have you had time for your favorite author during the past few weeks? With holidays over and the children back in school, how about being nice to yourself with Burton Memorial Library's outstanding reading selections as you settle into your regular routine?

Janette Oke fans can enjoy four of the author's best selling novels combined in one volume, *Seasons of the Heart. Once Upon A Summer, The Winds of Autumn, Winter Is Not Forever, and Spring's Gentle Promise* portray a "touching family saga" of an American family on "yesterday's prairies."

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By Mary Beth Nelson

popular best selling authors Barbara Taylor Bradford and Danielle Steel continue to be available at BML.

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which each book fictionally delves into three friends' adventures after their separation from the Orphan Train.

Mary Higgins Clark retains her "favorite mystery writer" reputation with chilling suspense in her newest novel, *Deck The Halls*, written with her daughter, Carol Higgins Clark.

If you are ready for a legal thriller with more mystery intrigue, John Grisham's writings are always in demand.

I can't think of a more relaxing way to begin the New Year than with one or more of Burton Memorial Library's enticing novels. Can you? Why not check it out?

Senior Citizens recognize donors

By Vida O'Neal

The end of 2000 came around awfully quick this year. I sure did seem to be a fast year.

The Donley County Senior Citizens Association would like to express our appreciation to everyone who has helped the Center and our patrons out in the year of 2000. There are some very special people in our community who volunteer their time, concern, and love for their senior community whether it be through working at the center, bake sales, contributing to our fundraisers, washing our van, scooping snow, donations (monetary, food, or physical), or helping in numerous ways. You are very special people, and we (as well as everyone you serve) love you all.

Our December bake sale and candle sales were a great success. The snowflake afghan was won by Laqueta Cox.

We hope everyone enjoyed their holiday season (in spite of the snow). The snow was beautiful; but now that it is melted, we are ready to get things back to normal around here. We are ready to see everyone back at the center to start the year of 2001.

Get well wishes go to Mildred Housden and Jean Chamberlain.

Our condolences to Bud White, Virginia Christie, and Bernice Crocker and their families on the loss of their loved ones.

Reminders:

Jan. 11: Hearing Aid Clinic, 10:30
 Jan. 15, 22, 29: Dance Club, 7 p.m.
 Jan. 16, 23, 30: Game Night, 7 p.m.
 Jan. 26: Blood Pressure Clinic, 10:30
 Jan. 30: Birthday/Anniversary Supper, 6 p.m.

BSA Hospice training class to start January 15

BSA Hospice is presenting its Winter Volunteer Training and Community Education Class starting Monday, January 15.

This comprehensive class is designed for adults who are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, want to learn more about hospice care, or desire personal growth and enrichment.

The class will meet on Mondays and Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for five weeks. Class sessions will be held at the Clarendon College Pampa Center, 1601 W. Kentucky in Pampa. This program is offered free of charge to the Pampa, Borger, and surrounding communities; and CEU's will be awarded by Clarendon College.

For more information or to pre-register, call Janet McCracken, Volunteer Coordinator, BSA Hospice Pampa at 806-665-6677.

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic set in Clarendon

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold a breast cancer screening clinic in January 29 at the Medical Center Nursing Home.

A minimum of fifteen women need to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to Clarendon. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify.

All exams are done by appointment only and space is limited. For more information or to register, call 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

CC names Dean's List

Clarendon College recently announced the students who were named on the Dean's List for the fall semester.

Mark Howard of Clarendon and Derek Shields of Lelia Lake were named to the Dean's List. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.6 GPA or higher.

Men's breakfast to be held next Thursday

United Christian Men's breakfast will be January 18 at 7:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

They will select a committee to nominate officers.

Online Church Directory and an extended ¿Qué Pasa? calendar available at

www.ClarendonOnline.com

Ritchie attends TxDOT roadeo

Mike Ritchie of the Donley County Maintenance Section of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Childress District, participated in TxDOT's State Truck Rodeo Finals in Waco.

Ritchie earned the right to participate at the state level by competing with all commercial drivers from Childress District's 13 counties. He scored top honors for the Childress District to earn the right to participate in the state drive-off finals. He will receive a special award at the annual TxDOT Safety Banquet.

TxDOT sponsors the Truck Rodeo annually as part of the fleet safety training and to recognize the skills of TxDOT truck drivers and to showcase the pride they have in the safe operation and maintenance of TxDOT equipment. Drivers are scored on their skills by driving through an obstacle course. They are also scored on their ability to identify "planted" safety defects on a dump truck.



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Photo courtesy of TxDOT

I would like to thank my family and friends in Clarendon and those who live elsewhere for all their kinds thoughts during this holiday season. The cards, food, gifts, phone calls, and other acts of kindness were all wonderful. I feel truly blessed to be able to call you all my family and friends.

I would especially like to thank Jerry Stockton and Scott and Claudia Elliott who have cared for me even though they are many miles away. My love is always with each of you.

Thanks again, and God bless each of you in this New Year!

Cennet Rhode

Texas gets HHS money for welfare reform advances

AUSTIN — Texas' continued success in job placement for welfare recipients has garnered the state a \$24.3 million high performance bonus from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

HHS announced this week that Texas is among 28 states receiving performance bonuses for superior results in welfare reform. Texas' \$24,312,838 share of the \$200 million awarded by HHS is an almost \$8 million increase over Texas' 1999 bonus and the second largest amount awarded this year.

This award was the maximum amount Texas was eligible to receive based on the state's portion of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant.

"For the second year in a row, this award from HHS validates the design of the workforce development system in Texas and the effectiveness of the cooperative partnership between TWC and the Texas Department of Human Services (DHS)," Texas Workforce Commission Chair

Diane Rath said.

Texas' award was based upon its second consecutive top 10 performance in job placement with 84,115 adult Texas welfare recipients entering employment for the first time during the reporting period.

This number represents a significantly larger proportion of the total number of welfare recipients moving into the workplace than in Texas' previous top ten-job placement performance. Texas' continued success in this category is a direct result of the state's landmark welfare reform laws that facilitate employment for those who are ready, willing, and prepared to move off of the welfare rolls.

For the last two years, HHS has awarded the high performance bonuses to states with the greatest success in helping parents on welfare find and maintain jobs and increase earnings. Reports were submitted by 48 states and the District of Columbia this year indicating that more than 1.2 million parents went to work in the period between October 1, 1998

and September 30, 1999.

Overall, 43 percent of welfare recipients entered the workforce, an increase of 4 percent over 1998. Of those who did find jobs, 77 percent were still working in the next quarter, and the states also reported an average increase of 31 percent between the first and third quarters of the reporting period.

As of June 2000, there were 5.8 million recipients on welfare nationwide including 343,464 Texas recipients, a decrease of 59 percent and 56 percent respectively since 1993 and the lowest proportion of the total U.S. population (2.1 percent) since 1963.

"Helping Texas parents on welfare move into self-sufficiency is one of the cornerstones of our mission. This award confirms that we are succeeding in that mission," said T.P. O'Mahoney, TWC commissioner representing labor.

For details on TWC, click on www.texasworkforce.org or call (512) 463-8556.



He's our Poppy and our Pa, and he's really pretty tall and we really really love him all! So we wish him a Happy Birthday all fifty of them all!

Sts. Roost Jamboree returns Saturday night

By Patsy Hill

Saints' Roost Jamboree will start at 7:00 p.m. on January 13 in the Fine Arts Auditorium at Clarendon College.

A great show has been planned which will include "The Country Sounds" from Silverton, who will be performing some of their special music.

Doris Vardell from Amarillo will

be entertaining our audience with her country songs and will include some of her yodeling numbers. "Saints' Roost Band" will be doing some of everyone's favorites. "Tule Creek" will conclude our show with some great music.

Admission is free, and door prizes will be awarded during the evening. Refreshments will be available during the evening.

Immunization Clinic set for Clarendon January 16

An Immunization Clinic offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases is scheduled for Clarendon on January 16, 2001.

The clinic will be held from 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00 at the Texas Department of Health Clinic located inside the Associated Ambulance

Authority office at 114 S. Sully Street (across from City Hall).

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

Flu shots will be available.

Obituaries Campbell

Graveside services were held for Jennette Moore Campbell, age 78, at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 5, 2001, in Claude Cemetery with Dr. Charles Davenport, Pastor of First Baptist Church in Tulia, officiating. Burial was held in Claude Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc.

Mrs. Campbell died Tuesday, January 2, 2001, at Claude. She was born July 9, 1922, in Gainesville, Texas, and was raised in White Deer. She moved from White Deer to Claude 55 years ago. She married LeRoy Campbell on March 9, 1947, at Claude. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Claude where she taught the ladies' Sunday school class for 16 years.

Survivors include her husband, LeRoy Campbell of Claude; three daughters, Debra Vincent of Claude, Dianne Ollinger of Claude, and Leslie Skelton of Amarillo; two sons, Edwin Campbell of Clarendon and Wayne Campbell of Plano; her twin sister, Geneva Reed of Claude; 14 grand-

children; and three great grandchildren.

Casket bearers were Brandon Vincent, Jerrid Vincent, Jeremy Vincent, Chad Campbell, Orry Skelton, and Heath Skelton.

Taylor

Graveside services for Virginia Lee Taylor, age 55, were held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2001, in Citizens Cemetery with Rev. Bryan Knowles, Baptist minister, officiating. Burial was held in Citizens Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc.

Mrs. Taylor died Saturday, January 6, 2001, in Memphis. She was born March 6, 1945, in Ringley, Maryland, and was a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, before moving to Clarendon in 1964. She married Kenneth Abner Taylor on May 10, 1960, at Cincinnati, Ohio. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth Taylor of Clarendon; two sons, Eddie Taylor of Amarillo and Rick Taylor of Amarillo; and two brothers, Harold Middleton of Amarillo and Johnny Middleton of Memphis.



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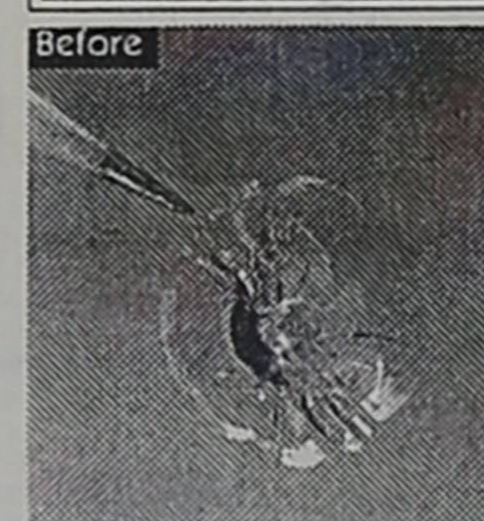
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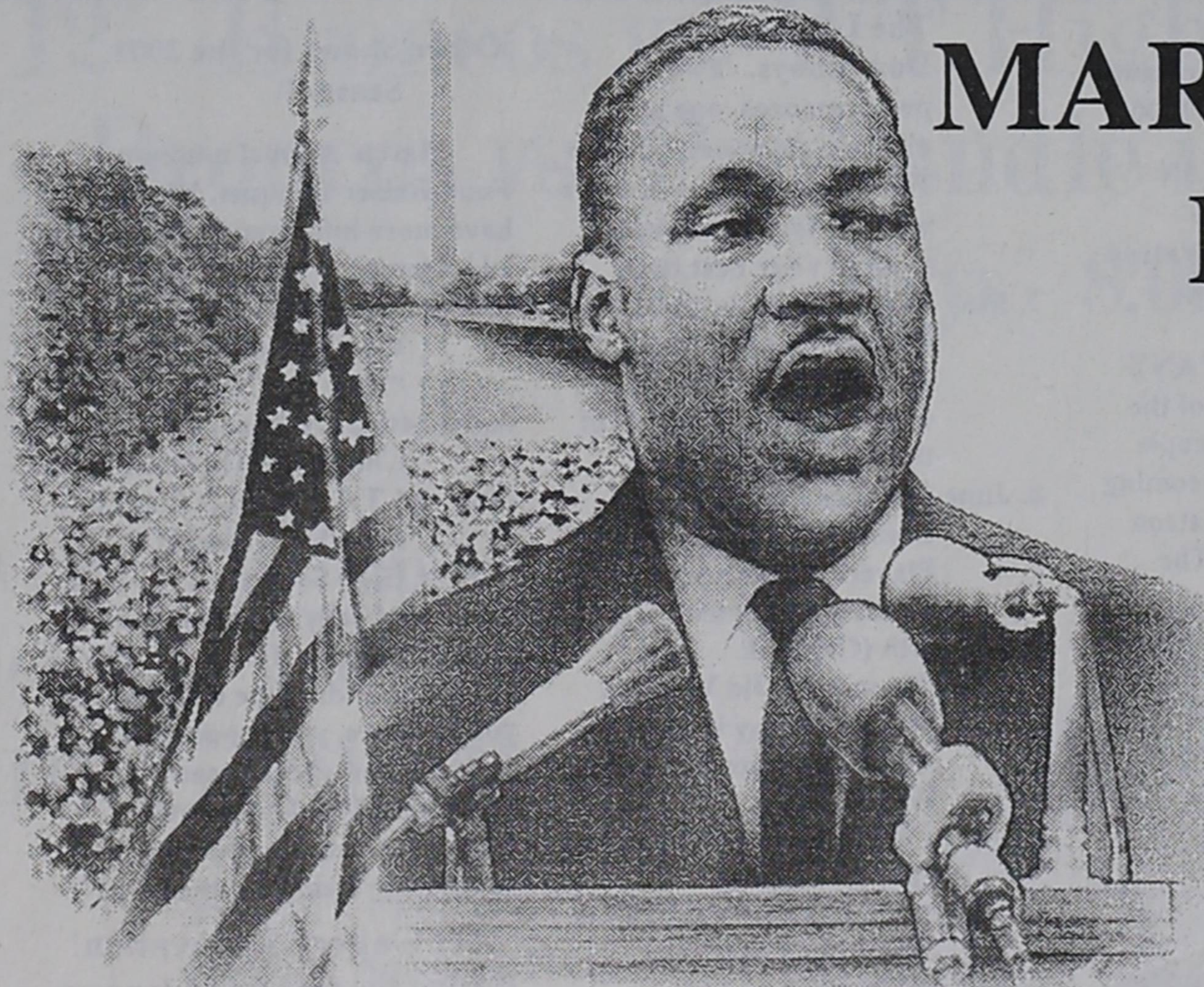


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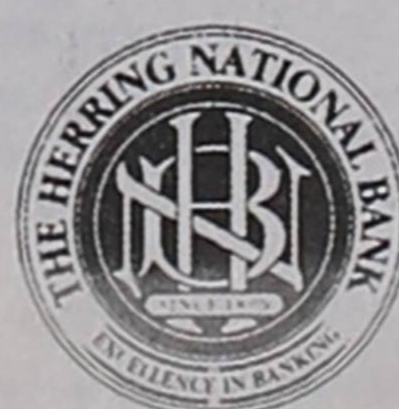


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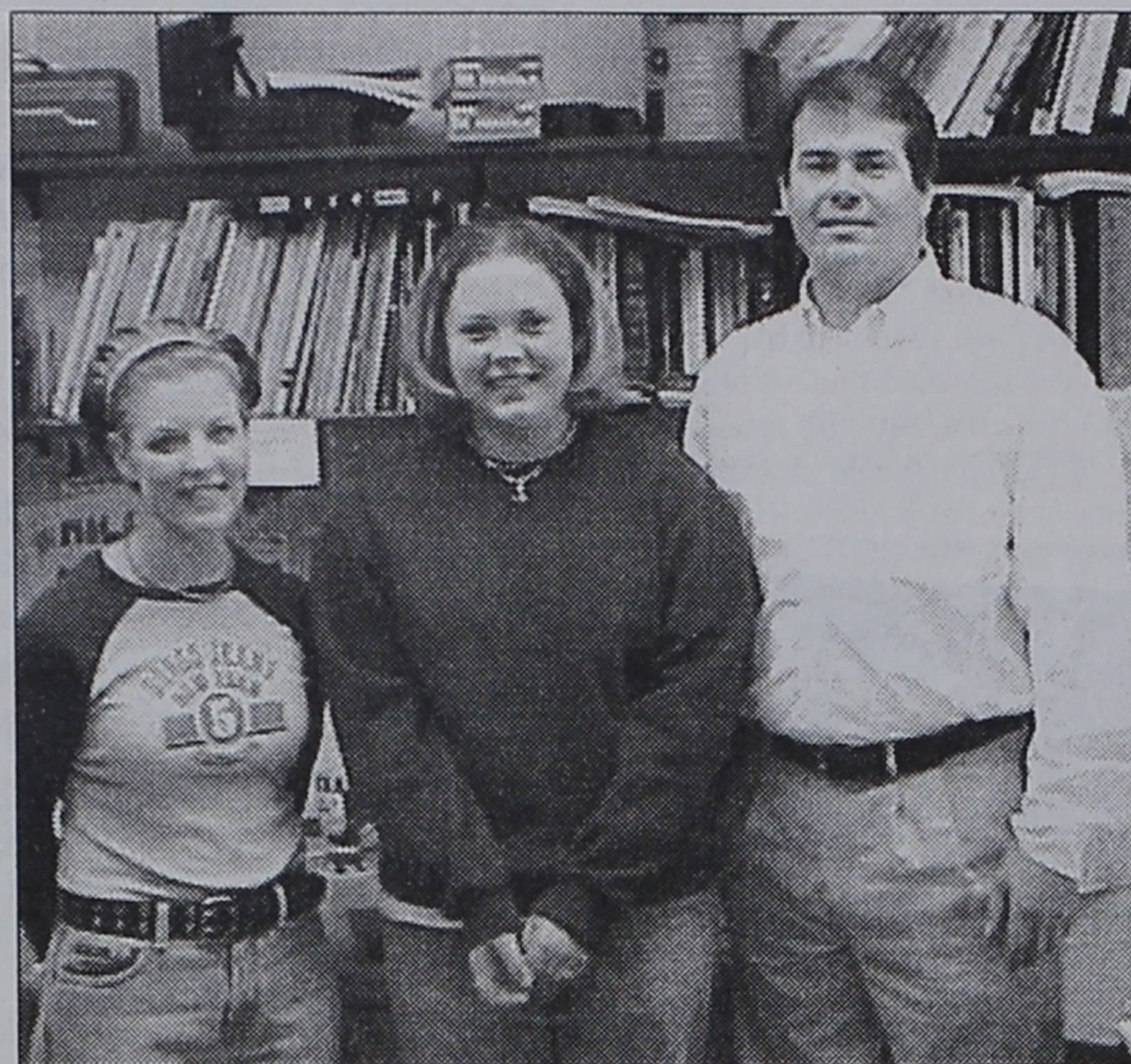
Roberts, Kelly make All-State Band

Clarendon Bronco Band Member Megan Roberts and Chantelle Kelly were named to the All-State Band Saturday when they competed at Sundown.

Roberts and Kelly competed against students from A, AA, and AAA schools in the Amarillo, Lubbock, Odessa, and El Paso regions. They will compete February 7-10 in San Antonio at the All-State Band Clinic. They will have a concert February 10 at 11 a.m. at the Scott Rite Auditorium in San Antonio.

Roberts is a junior at Clarendon High School. She was named first chair in the keyboards. Kelly is a sophomore at Clarendon High School and was named fourth chair clarinet.

Nickless Devin, senior, also competed at Sundown and was named 15th chair trumpet. Chuck Robertson, sophomore, attended the event as an alternate.



Bronco Band members Megan Roberts and Chantelle Kelly with director Todd Baker.

Digital photo courtesy CHS.

The Lion's Tale
By Allen Estlack

Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting January 9 with Boss Lion Stan Leffew in charge.

We had 17 members and three guests: Russell Estlack, guest of Lion Allen Estlack; and Carolina Selvidge, guest of Lion Judith Burlin.

Lion Frosty Hickerson presented a program on the Lions Eye Bank of District 2-T1. The eye bank is affiliated with Tissue Bank International. We are not only trying to get people to donate eyes, but we also have a program where we help people have eye surgery when they can't finance it on their own.

The club was presented with a 100% Club patch for our recent donation to the Texas Lions Camp.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

Combs announces Rural Economic Development and Financing Workshop

AUSTIN - Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture is partnering with the Childress Economic Development Corporation to host a workshop on Monday, Jan. 22 in Childress.

The open forum will provide farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses, manufacturers, small businesses, commodity groups and the community a chance to learn about the opportunities available to them through TDA's and SBA's economic develop-

ment programs.

The conference will begin at 5:30 p.m. at Fair Park Auditorium, north end of Commerce Street, in Childress. The meeting is free and open to the public. Attendees are asked to pre-register by calling (806) 799-8555 or (940) 937-8629.

The "Lender-Borrower Workshop" will feature business development specialists and loan officers presenting the latest in business planning, marketing and financing programs that can assist in rural develop-

ment in Texas.

Allison Workman-Morris, TDA's chief of marketing for the Panhandle-West Texas region, will discuss new markets and promotional opportunities available through TDA's GO TEXAN programs. David Luttrell, director of finance, will present information on the financing available through the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority.

"Agriculture is one of the most dynamic industries in Texas. By working with our producers and agri-

business leaders, we can keep our industry on the forefront of change in the 21st century," Combs said.

Other sponsors include Small Business Development Center, Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, Texas Department of Economic Development, U.S. Small Business Administration, U.S.D.A.-Rural Development and the Texas Rural Development Council.

For more information on the conference, contact Sheila Martin at (806) 799-8555.

Hedley city aldermen hold regular meeting

The Hedley Board of Aldermen met in regular session January 4.

Randy Shaw reported on the negotiations with BNSF concerning railway crossings, and Mayor Janie Hill reported on a meeting with Rep. Warren Chisum and TxDOT engineer David Casteel concerning the problems caused by the traffic on Railroad St. and County Road W.

The aldermen reviewed a report

on the wastewater treatment plant inspection by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission. The report stated that the treatment plant is in violation of state rules requiring the plan area to be completely fenced, have lockable gates at all access points, and have hazard signs posted. The board voted to erect a barbed wire fence and to install a lockable gate and warning signs.

Ag Producer Roundtable meeting is postponed

The January 18 Agriculture Producers Roundtable meeting has been postponed. The date and time will be publicized as they are confirmed. The topic was to be on Cotton Production. Producers are encouraged to

attend the North West Texas Cotton Conference on Jan. 16 in Childress.

Further information on this postponement can be obtained by contacting the Donley County Extension Office at (806/874-2141).

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The Armstrong County Museum's Gem Theatre News

Preserving Sights and Sounds of Yesteryears and Today!

January, 2001

The 2001 Season is Here!

A Little History! We urge you to plan to spend a few hours in Goodnight Memorial Hall. This new addition to the museum is attracting visitors from all across the nation. Tourists and tour buses are finding the material on Charles Goodnight to be fascinating. School children from Claude and across the Panhandle are also among our many visitors. So catch up on a little history. ***** Since 1997, the Gem Theatre has been home to Claude's own Community Heritage Players. Under the direction of Dr. Carale Manning-Hill, "Doc." With every show the "players" are becoming more and more professional and they fill out the schedule along with the shows presented by the Texas Touring Artists.

Coming Attraction!

1. January 13th Gemmy Awards, a time for remembering the best shows of the year 2000.
2. January 20, 2001 JOPLIN AND CO. Musical Revue with Keat Watson and "Abby" Wilks, vocalist.
JOPLIN AND COMPANY with Keat Watson is one of the all time favorite shows. People from all over the area are coming to Claude to hear Keat Watson and his friends perform. The January treat includes from Hereford Texas, Abigail Wilks, winner of The Panhandle Area Texas Farm Bureau Talent Competition.
3. February 17th From San Antonio, Texas The Accordion Kings featuring Santiago Jimenez y Conjunto. One of the top rated Hispanic accordion musicians in the state of Texas and his band. A very special show!
4. February 23rd & 24th The Community Heritage Players present, "The Odd Couple."
5. March 17th From Ft. Worth, Texas "Threadneedle Street" featuring celtic and cowboy music and stories.

6. April 21st from Mesquite, Texas The Light Crust Doughboys. Two performances one at 4:00 pm & one at 7:30 pm Two performances is a new venture for us so please reserve your best time.
7. May 19th from Woodburn, Oregon "TAPS" (An Armed Forces Day Salute with Songs and Stories of the Civil War)
8. June 15th and 16th The Community Heritage Players Melodrama "Dearly Departed."
9. July 14th (Caprock Roundup) Old Western Movies all day in the Gem Admission Free (Donations Welcome.)
10. July 21st Playwrights Festival Part I.
11. July 27th & 28th "Vanities" A Community Heritage Production.
12. August 19th JOPLIN & CO. Musical Revue.

Thanks to the "Angels"!

While we have always appreciated those folks who have advertised in our programs, we now have a new category of support which we appropriately call our "Angels". Jim and Mary Schooler and Rex and Pat Morgan have given above and beyond advertising and ticket

sales thus providing special support for our shows. Without them and the Texas Commission on the Arts, we could not provide the shows at the prices you pay. We need more "Angels" and maybe you could use the tax break for a contribution to the Arts at the Gem Theatre. We'd love to put a "halo" on your head!

Other Shows for the 2001 Season!

- March Annual museum Fund Raiser Banquet. We will have more information about this event later.
- March 20th - UIL. One -Act Play Contest at Vega "Aria Da Capo"
- April 14th Jelly Bean Junction Children's Theatre Show!
- May 3rd Two One-Act Plays by the 8th Division at the High School.
- June 23rd Jelly Bean Junction Summer Camp Show!
By attending the children and youth shows, you support the children and youth theatre programs. We do need your support to keep community theatre "growing" at the Gem.
- Art Gallery Renovation!
During the months of January and February there will be no shows in the Art Gallery due to renovations. We hope that when the Gallery reopens, there will be much more display area and much better lighting. In March the Art Gallery will open with the works of Scott Hyde, photographer from Amarillo.

We Need an Organist!

We are still missing Benita Skidmore at the organ. If you or anyone you know would care to audition to play the organ before our shows and during intermission, please call 226-2451. There is no pay, but the organist and a guest get complimentary front row seats for all shows.

About the 2001 Shows! The Accordion Kings!

Among the remaining shows will be performances by Texas Touring Artists. The February show this year will feature one of the most outstanding Hispanic accordion bands in Texas. The Accordion Kings is a dynamic program that calibrates the ethnic accordion music of Texas, featuring Santiago Jimenez y Conjunto. Please mark your calendars for February 17th and make your reservations early for this one!

Threadneedle Street!

Did you know that "Threadneedle Street" is the "Wall Street" of London? We won't be trading in stocks and bonds at the March Show, but we will be celebrating St. Patrick's day on March 17th with a "Stitch in Time" production featuring Celtic (Irish that is!) and western music. The group returns to the Gem after a hit performance in 1999 when they interjected some songs created especially for and about Claude. Wear some green and come claim your Irish heritage!

The Light Crust Doughboys!

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Keep In Touch!
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Editor/Program Director

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Broncos remain undefeated in district play

By Sandy Anderberg

Determined to repeat last year's District 6-2A championship, the Broncos have gotten off to a great start winning their first three district games. On Tuesday, January 2, the Broncos defeated the Spearman Lynx 71-67.

At the end of the first period, the Broncos trailed Spearman by one point. In the second quarter, the Broncos played tough basketball and took a two-point lead into the locker room.

"The guys played real well and gave a great team effort," said Coach Mike Ray.

In the third quarter, the Lynx rallied back to come within one point of the Broncos. But the Broncos held on and defeated Spearman by four points.

"We have to realize that every game is going to be tough," said Ray. "If we don't take every-one serious we can lose a game we shouldn't. We have to be on top of our game for all of our District games."

Seniors Josh Williams and Sam Holton grabbed 14 and 9 rebounds respectively. Williams also helped with 8 assists, and junior Jeremy Ray had 5.

Scoring for the Broncos were Josh Williams 23, Ray 13, Cody Watson 9, Holton 8, James Williams 7, Colt Floyd 5, Antonio Wilson 3, and G.J. Martindale 3.

The Broncos traveled to Sunray January 5 to play a persistent Sunray team. The Broncos were victorious by the score of 72-66.

The Broncos played aggressive basketball offensively and made the defensive stops when they needed to.

The Broncos led by five points at the end of the first quarter and increased their lead to six points at the break.

But Sunray would never give up and kept up the pace in the third and fourth quarters. An overall effort by everyone gave the Broncos the win.

Scoring for the Broncos were: Josh Williams 24, James Williams 16, Ray 11, Wilson 9, Martindale 8, Floyd 2, and Holton 2.

The Broncos travel to Stinnett Friday, January 12, to face the West Texas Comanches and will host the Panhandle Panthers at home January 16.

Hedley beats Lefors in two district games

By Lauren Hill

On Friday, January 5, the Owls and Lady Owls traveled to Lefors to start off district play against the Pirates.

In the girls' game, Hedley started off quick by scoring 29 points. At half time, the score was 53-9.

The Lady Owls continued their strong force throughout the rest of the game, beating the Lady Pirates with a final score of 89-29.

Scoring were Amber Solis, 16; Rebekah Howard, 16; Haley Bennett, 13; Lauren Hill, 9; Lora Llewellyn, 8; Brittney Bennett, 6; Evange Ramirez, 6; Tasa Watts, 5; Kasi Woodard, 4; Treva Rowland, 4; and Lana Wallendorff, 2.

The Lady Owls increased their record to 17-3 overall, 1-0 in district.

In the boys' game, Hedley took the first quarter lead, the score being 19-11. Lefors cut back Hedley's lead at the half, 31-26. In the third quarter, the Owls only outscored the Pirates one point. The score was 46-40. In the final period of play, the Owls came out with an outstanding performance, beating the Pirates in the first round of district. The final score was 63-48.

Scoring were Bradley Conatser, 20; David Evans, 15; Josh Collins, 12; Justin Alexander, 8; Aaron Bugg, 6; and Rhett Holland, 2.

The Owls improved their record to 6-12 overall, 1-0 in district.

Hedley will continue district play by hosting the McLean Tigers on Friday, January 12, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Lady Broncos split two games

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos played a good Spearman team Tuesday, January 2 at home. The Lady Broncos came out on top once again by the score of 42-39.

"We started really slow," said Coach Steve Schmidt. "Spearman was a much different team than we had seen at our tournament last week."

Both teams struggled somewhat and shot poorly according to Schmidt. "Sometimes tough district games go that way," he said.

The Lady Broncos played tough defense and because of their perseverance defeated the Lady Lynx.

Spearman jumped out to an early lead and led by five points at the break. In the third quarter the Lady Broncos rolled back and made it a one-point ball game. The fourth quarter went in the favor of the Lady Broncos, and they defeated Spearman 42-39.

Scoring for the Lady Broncos were Kelley Lemley 20, Geri Butler 12, Janey Aduddell 6, and April Bryley 4.

Friday night, the Lady Broncos traveled to Sunray to face the Lady Cats. The Lady Broncos knew Sunray would be tough inside and would take advantage of the Lady Broncos' lack of size. The Lady Broncos lost by the score of 48-50.

"Sunray has two pretty good posts," said Schmidt. "We expected them to attack us inside."

"Defensively, we were okay," said Schmidt of his Lady Broncos' first District loss. "But our rebounding was poor. We struggled in many areas."

The Lady Broncos were plagued with poor free throw shooting and got into foul trouble early on. A rash of turnovers also was instrumental in the Lady Broncos' loss.

The Lady Broncos played a great first quarter and led the Lady Cats by seven points. But the Lady Cats struggled back, and at the end of the second quarter, the score was tied.

Sunray came out fighting in the third quarter and went ahead of the Lady Broncos by eight points.

But the Lady Broncos fought back and nearly pulled off another down-to-the-wire victory. "Again the girls came up with a great fourth quarter effort to make it close," said Schmidt. "They always give our hearts a good workout!"

But don't count the Lady Broncos out. They usually find a way to win, and they're fighters. "We've been living on the edge too much, and a loss was bound to happen," added Schmidt. He hopes the loss will have a positive affect on the Lady Broncos from now on. "We're still tied for first place in our District race," said Schmidt. "We also have the tie-breaker advantage because we've beaten both of the teams we're tied with."

"We would have rather defeated Sunray, but we're still in a good position if we can get back in sync and start playing our kind of basketball." The Lady Broncos' current record overall is 16-3 and 4-1 in District 6-2A.

Scoring for the Lady Broncos were Lemley 14, Aduddell 12, Butler 12, Bryley 4, Jamee Sparks 3, Liz Simmons 2, and Shannon Cooper 1.

The Lady Broncos will play at West Texas January 12 and the Panhandle Lady Panthers at home January 16.

Junior Varsity Bronco squad suffer lose to Sunray boys, 45-41

The JV Broncos played Sunray January 5. It was a hard-fought game that went down to the last quarter of play.

The final score was Clarendon 41, Sunray 45.

Sunray came out in the first quarter and played hard. They led the Broncos at the end of the first quarter by six points. But the Broncos came back in the second period and came

within two points of Sunray.

The Broncos continued to chip away at Sunray's lead in the third quarter and outscored them by three points to lead by one. But Sunray shut down the Broncos in the fourth quarter and won by four points.

"The guys played really good basketball the 1st three quarters," said Coach Danny Brittain. "They didn't look as sharp the fourth quarter, and

we couldn't hold onto the lead."

Scoring for the Broncos were: Chris Johnsen 8, Richard Anderson 7, Cameron Word 7, Taylor Shelton 6, Micah Sparks 4, Todd Hoeltzel 4, Justin Johnson 3, and Judge Smith 2.

Hoeltzel had 11 rebounds and Anderson helped with 3 assists.

The Broncos will play West Texas January 12 and host Panhandle January 16.

BASKETBALL

Broncos & Lady Broncos

2000 Bronco Roster

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11	Greg Leeper	Sr.
15	Cody Watson	Jr.
30	Sam Holton	Sr.
32	Josh Williams	Sr.
33	Jeremy Ray	Jr.
40	Antonio Wilson	Jr.
44	G.J. Martindale	Sr.
55	James Williams	So.

Head Coach: Mike Ray
Manager: Michael McFarland and Serenity Shay

2000 Lady Bronco Roster

5	Claire Rodriguez	Jr.
10	Courtney Newhouse	Sr.
12	Kelley Lemley	Jr.
14	April Bryley	Jr.
20	Janey Aduddell	Jr.
22	Kristen Glover	Jr.
23	Geri Butler	Sr.
24	Elizabeth Simmons	Sr.
32	Lindsey Shelton	Sr.
33	Brandi Martindale	So.
34	Shannon Cooper	Sr.
42	Jamee Sparks	Sr.

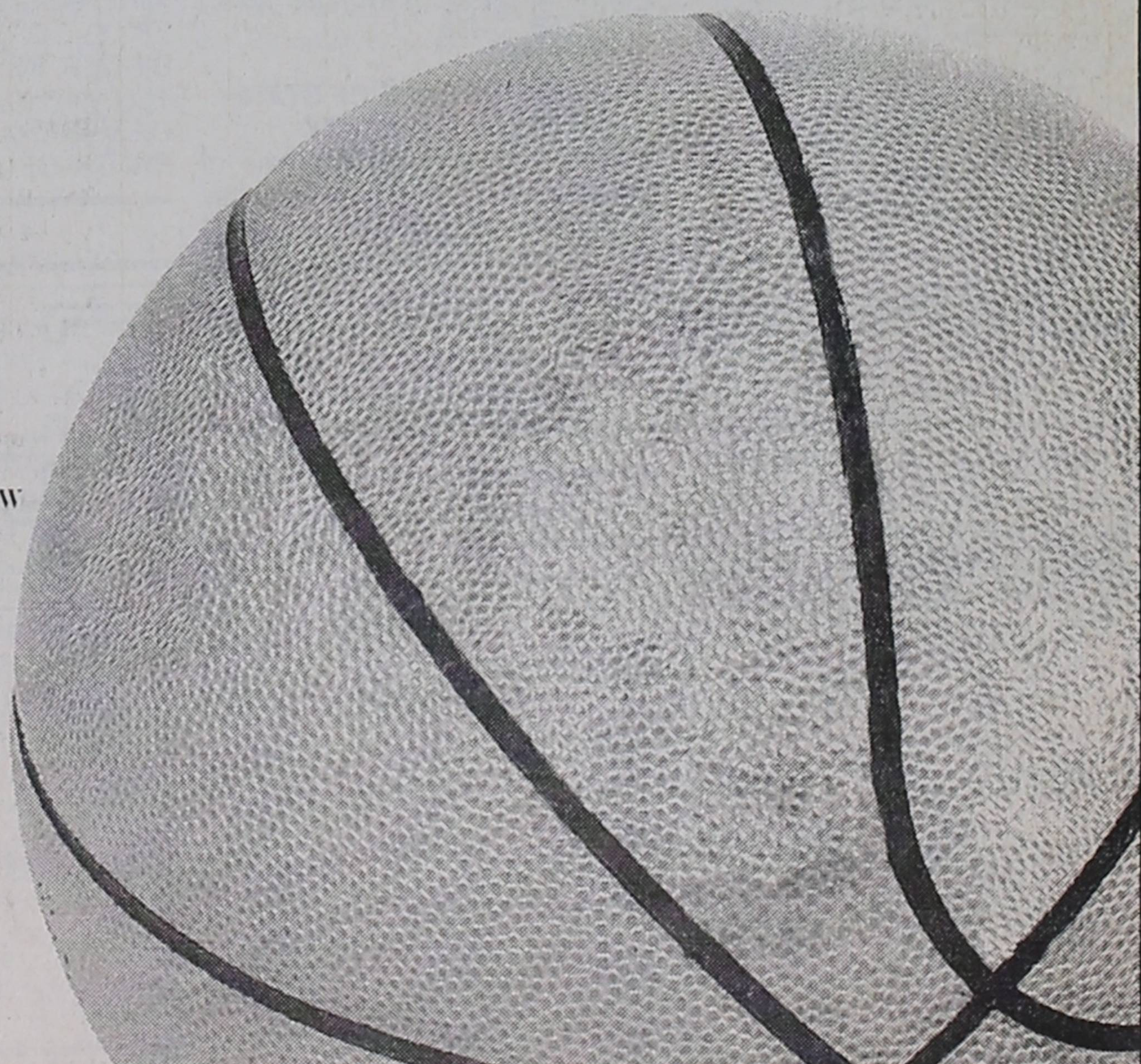
Head Coach: Steve Schmidt
Managers: Amanda McCabe and Candice Hall

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Well another whitetail deer season has gone by. I hope everyone who hunted had a successful hunt. And, even if you didn't get your trophy buck this year, I hope you enjoyed just being outdoors with nature.

The last two weeks of the season were kind of tough with all the snow we had. But, how many times do we get snow like that? If everything was perfect in this less than perfect world, where would the challenge be?

I will have to admit I did not get a deer this year. I only had the chance to go three times, and I only saw does and only one six point buck that I passed up. I spent a total of 13 hours in a blind and maybe five miles of walking, and I enjoyed every bit of it.

Last year I went hunting with my friend, Wayne Carter, and I still hear about it...hahaha. Wayne and a friend had been hunting for two days at a lease and had no luck at all. They saw a lot of does, but no bucks. On the third day, Wayne shot a nice 8 point mule deer. He called me up

and asked if I wanted to come down and hunt the last day with them, and I accepted.

Wayne is my mentor when it comes to hunting. He has hunted all of his life. I have only been deer hunting for about five years and have only shot two does and one small buck. Wayne is a very good hunter and knows the way of the land.

I got down to the lease about 4:00 p.m. and say my hello's. Wayne decides to put me in a blind on one side toward the lease. We both saw a buck in the distance, so we glassed him. Sure enough, from about 400 yards away he looked to be a good buck. It was a whitetail. We drove up around some trees to get closer, and the buck started prancing away. I got out of the truck to watch him because once he got in the trees he will be gone, but he stopped. I asked Wayne how far it was away, and he said about 250 to 300 yards. I wasn't sure my rifle was scoped in correctly, so he told me to take his rifle and aim dead on. I grabbed his rifle, aimed, and in ten seconds I scoped and shot



outdoor Life
By Gary Dzedzic

this whitetail. It jumped up and ran ten yards and fell down. We drove over to the deer and were both surprised to see that it was a perfect symmetrical eight point. It ended up scoring 154. The total time of hunting was 30 minutes, and boy did I hear it from them! Here they had spent three days, and here I came, and 30 minutes later I got this nice buck. Needless to say, I became the cook after that deal, and the next day and a half, I fed Wayne and his friend. They never did see another buck, and they still flick on me about my 30 minute hunt.

Wayne and I did not deer hunt together this year, but I took him quail hunting, and he got the best of me. He out shot me two to one and even killed a quail with a stick. Yes, a stick. He winged this quail, and when we went to look for it, the quail

started running. Wayne and I each weigh 250 lbs. and let me tell you, we are not runners. So, Wayne picked up a stick and hit this quail about 20 feet ahead of us and knocked it out cold. We were both tired, and it was the end of the day. I started laughing so hard that I couldn't breathe. I said, "Dang, who are you? Daniel Boone?"

We still get a good laugh when we talk about that quail hunt.

There's not a whole lot going on. Fishing is slow, and most of the hunting is over. So, I will see y'all from time to time in the next month. Let's all work on our fishing gear and get ready because the fish will start to pick up in February, depending on the weather.

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

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Junior Varsity Lady Broncos lose two games

The JV Lady Broncos hosted Spearman January 2. The Lady Broncos lost 24-43.

The Lady Broncos started out slowly in the first and second quarters, and Spearman took advantage of it. The Lady Broncos trailed by 17 points at the end of the first half. The Lady Broncos came out in the second half and played hard, but couldn't stop Spearman from finding the basket. A comeback effort by the Lady Broncos in the fourth quarter was quickly answered by Spearman.

"The JV team seems to be struggling," said Coach Kathy Barton. "Players have been moved around a little, and our free throw shooting is suffering." The Lady Broncos only

shot 35% at the free throw line.

Scoring for the Lady Broncos were Lacey Eads 8, Lacey Anderberg 3, Sarah Ray 3, Christine Holden 3, Crystal Holman 3, Equilla Weather-ton 2, and Crystal Lawler 2.

The Lady Broncos traveled to Sunray January 5. The Lady Cats defeated the Lady Broncos 47-27.

"The ladies are still off and on for quarters at a time," said Barton. "When we play the entire ball game, we will come out on top."

The Lady Broncos trailed by nine points at the end of the first quarter. At halftime, the Lady Broncos trailed by 15 points. The third quarter was a poor shooting quarter for both teams. The Lady Broncos played hard in the

fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough to make up for the lead that Sunray had.

According to Coach Barton, poor shooting and too many turnovers are something the Lady Broncos need to correct.

"The girls are working very hard in practice," said Barton. "They are improving, although our record doesn't show the improvement. I look for the season to start looking up for these girls."

Scoring were Eads 7, Anderberg 5, Brittney Hall 4, Holden 4, Lawler 4, Holman 2, and Taylor 1.

The Lady Broncos will play West Texas January 12 and will host Panhandle January 16.

Hedley girls defeat Fort Elliott, 59-48

By Lauren Hill

On Tuesday, January 2, the Hedley Owls and Lady Owls hosted the Ft. Elliott Cougars for two non-district varsity ballgames.

In the girls game, the Lady Owls came out with a good start by outscoring the Lady Cougars, 28-5. In the second quarter, the Lady Owls had only improved their score by ten more points, leaving the score 38-23 at halftime. In the third quarter, the Lady Cougars cut the Lady Owls' lead by six points. But the Lady Owls weren't willing to give up a win to Ft. Elliott. Hedley won the game by a final score of 59-48.

Scoring were Lauren Hill, 17; Lora Llewellyn, 16; Kasi Woodard, 13; Amber Solis, 8; Rebekah Howard, 2; Lana Wallendorff, 1; Tasa Watts, 1; and Haley Bennett, 1.

In the boys' game, the Owls got off to a slow start with a score of 4-19 at the end of the first quarter. They fought back in the second, outscoring the Cougars by five points leaving the half time score 20-30.

In the second half, the Owls were not able to outscore the Cougars. The final score was 36-65.

Scoring were Josh Collins, 17; Rhett Holland, 6; Aaron Bugg, 6; David Evans, 3; Samuel Howard, 2; and Bradley Conatser, 2.

Hedley will host McLean for their second district ballgame on Friday, January 12 at 6:30 p.m.

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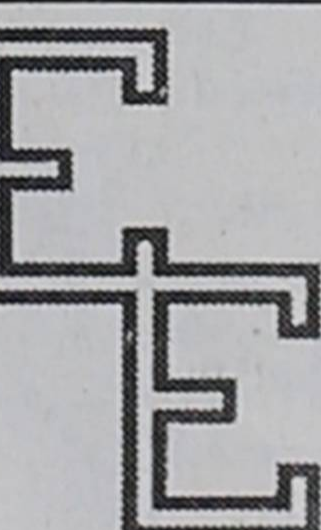
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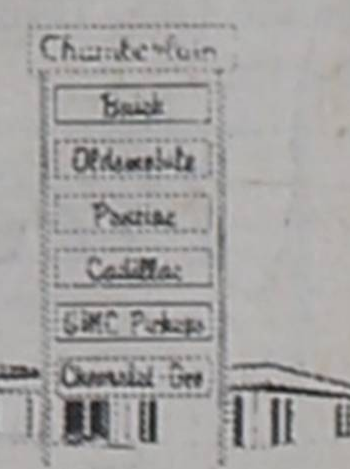


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Larry Hicks - Secretary

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 12:50 p.m. - Caller reported vehicle going the wrong way on I-40. Contacted Shamrock.
 2:07 p.m. - Keys locked in vehicle.
 3:05 p.m. - Armstrong County reported separated motorists.
 5:50 p.m. - Dog in the middle of US 287. Contacted animal control.
 5:51 p.m. - Report of loud music on E. 3rd.
 7:03 p.m. - Trooper advising freezing mist is falling.
 7:09 p.m. - Caller reported a strange vehicle.
 7:09 p.m. - Caller needing a wrecker.
 8:21 p.m. - EMS needed at local residence.
 8:38 p.m. - EMS en route to NWTH.
 9:12 p.m. - Car overturned at Hedley.
 9:18 p.m. - EMS en route.
 9:21 p.m. - Caller reported boys fighting. Weapons involved.
 9:30 p.m. - Trailer overturned instead of car at Hedley. Trooper en route.
 9:32 p.m. - Deputy en route to sheriff's office with one in custody.
 9:40 p.m. - Trooper reported roads are a sheet of ice.
 10:07 p.m. - Another accident close to where the trooper is already located. Trooper and Constable looking in different directions.
 10:07 p.m. - Constable reported the accident is 2 miles east of Giles store. Everyone is okay. Vehicle is on its side.
 10:29 p.m. - Vehicle rollover 10 miles north of Memphis. EMT and Rescue squad dispatched. Deputies en route to assist until the trooper can get there.
 10:39 p.m. - Another car in the ditch just past this accident.
 10:42 p.m. - Deputy at other wreck. Notify the highway department to get some sand to get the trucks out.
 10:43 p.m. - Highway department reported the truck is already out.
 10:56 p.m. - Trooper on scene of accident.
 11:00 p.m. - Another vehicle on its side at CR CC.
 11:02 p.m. - Trooper reported that one accident has been worked.
 11:02 p.m. - Ambulance en route to Amarillo with two people.
 11:07 p.m. - Caller reported an accident in Armstrong County. Reported that it is a major accident. Armstrong County contacted.

They are on the scene.
 3:03 a.m. - Accident reported. EMS, fire department, and trooper en route.
 3:30 a.m. - Need a wrecker at this location.
 3:39 a.m. - Armstrong County reported their roads are real bad and that the fog is bad. Advised ambulance personnel.
 5:28 a.m. - Trooper and Deputy en route back to Donley County.
 6:10 a.m. - Accident east on US 287.
 6:19 a.m. - Accident 18 miles west of Clarendon.
 6:21 a.m. - No injuries at accident.
 7:36 a.m. - Collingsworth County sheriff's office checking to see if US 287 is closed. Reported no, but it is icy and foggy.
 9:01 a.m. - Accident at Floyd's Motor Company. Deputy en route.
 9:51 a.m. - One vehicle rollover south of Goodnight on its side. Two injuries.
 10:10 a.m. - Armstrong County requests help with these people. EMS needed. Send two ambulances if possible.
 10:19 a.m. - Two ambulances en route to Goodnight to assist Armstrong County.
 10:50 a.m. - Both units en route to Amarillo with four injuries.
 11:01 a.m. - Report of a horse out north of the Bar H Dude Ranch. Deputy en route.
 11:28 a.m. - Need an ambulance at the Post Office. Deputy and EMS en route.
 11:54 a.m. - No transport. Patient refusal.
 1:20 p.m. - DPS office needs to talk to EMT's when they get in.
 2:47 p.m. - 911 call. No one on the other line. Tried to call the number back but it was busy. Deputy en route.
 2:48 p.m. - Ambulance needed. Girl passed out. EMS en route.
 3:06 p.m. - No transport; patient refusal.
 3:33 p.m. - Caller wanted to talk to the game warden.
 5:23 p.m. - Carson County reported three vehicles at a high rate of speed headed to Clarendon. Gave to deputy.
 5:52 p.m. - Caller has car stuck at Lake McClellan and needs a wrecker. Wrecker en route.
 9:26 p.m. - Getting harassing phone calls. Deputy talked to them.
 10:06 p.m. - Report of a Jeep thumping up and down the highway. Numerous complaints of the music being too loud.
 10:24 p.m. - The sheriff visited with the young person about their loud music and the numerous complaints.
 10:28 p.m. - Jeep with loud music in an alley with the lights off. Driving without any lights and the music is loud again.
 11:55 p.m. - Possible drunk driver from Memphis headed our direction. Deputy en route.

12:17 a.m. - Back in car. Driver was tired.
 12:41 a.m. - Checking vehicle sitting beside the Hedley Cafe.
 7:16 a.m. - Childress Police Department needs to speak with the sheriff.
 7:36 a.m. - Trooper is assisting a stranded motorist.
 2:55 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle on fire south of Clarendon. EMS and fire department responding.
 3:04 p.m. - Cancel all units. Vehicle is not on fire, transmission is out.
 4:48 p.m. - Ambulance needed at the medical center.
 5:15 p.m. - Ambulance en route to NWTH.
 6:45 p.m. - Caller reported accident at FM 3330 and US 287. Armstrong County notified.
 6:49 p.m. - Caller reported a burglary.
 7:33 p.m. - EMS is en route to the VA.
 9:18 p.m. - Deputy en route to DCSO to speak with constable.

Jan. 4
 9:07 a.m. - Caller reported a big opossum in garage.
 10:15 a.m. - Residential alarm sounding.
 10:25 a.m. - Deputy reported all to be okay at residence.
 12:42 p.m. - Report of starving cattle. Deputy en route.
 2:48 p.m. - Caller reported truck ran her off the road. Contacted the trucking company.
 4:54 p.m. - Caller reported a theft. Deputy en route.
 6:28 p.m. - Caller reported wreck on I-40. Called Carson County.
 6:28 p.m. - Fire reported by the water tower. Deputy en route to check on it.
 7:23 p.m. - Deputy checking out vehicle sitting behind the post office.
 8:48 p.m. - Deputy escorting two juveniles to their residences.
 8:55 p.m. - Deputy escorting juveniles back to where they were picked up.

Jan. 5
 11:05 a.m. - Vehicle picked up driver of car hauler and left. Car hauler parked in the turning lane. Deputy en route.
 11:07 a.m. - Report of a deer shot on road and is not dead. Someone saw the antler off. Sheriff en route.
 11:12 a.m. - Deputy got the car hauler to move.
 11:16 a.m. - Sheriff needs to talk to the Game Warden.
 1:00 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle driving very fast toward Clarendon. Trooper notified.
 1:32 p.m. - Domestic dispute. Two deputies responding.
 8:13 p.m. - Deputy en route with two in custody.
 8:13 p.m. - Sheriff en route with one in custody.
 8:13 p.m. - Deputy en route with one in custody.
 9:41 p.m. - Caller reported dog missing.

11:31 p.m. - Caller reported loud music going up and down Koogle.

Jan. 6
 12:10 a.m. - Armstrong County sheriff's office wants us to respond to accident in their county.
 3:34 a.m. - 911 call on S. Sully. Deputy and EMS en route.
 4:03 a.m. - EMS en route to Hall County Hospital.
 11:12 a.m. - Ambulance needed on Carhart. Pregnant person in labor.
 11:31 a.m. - EMS en route to Amarillo.
 3:00 p.m. - Hawk down and injured at Post Office. Deputy en route.
 3:06 p.m. - Deputy requested us to call the vet so he can look at the hawk when it is caught. Vet will meet you at his office.
 3:15 p.m. - Ambulance needed on Leroy.
 3:19 p.m. - Deputy out at the vet clinic.
 3:35 p.m. - Ambulance back to station. No transport.
 4:48 p.m. - Report of burglary in Hedley.
 7:30 p.m. - Hall County sheriff's office reported a bus broke down at rest area between Memphis and Hedley. Deputy en route.
 7:42 p.m. - 911 call. Break in reported on a pickup.
 7:44 p.m. - Trooper reported this is a church bus and others are en route. They have DCSO number if they need anything.
 8:25 p.m. - 911 call. Burglary of a house. Deputy en route.
 8:59 p.m. - Report of a subject with a gun. All units en route.
 9:02 p.m. - Vehicle is stopped. Several people in vehicle.
 9:10 p.m. - Deputy en route to office with one in custody.
 10:54 p.m. - Alarm going off on a local business. Deputy en route.
 11:02 p.m. - Advise sheriff there has been a break in.
 11:04 p.m. - Owner notified and en route.

Jan. 7
 9:30 a.m. - Man here to pick up a child on exchange.
 12:38 p.m. - Caller needs to speak with game warden. Advised and he is en route to talk to them.
 12:39 p.m. - Caller reported a break-in in Hedley. Deputy en route and sheriff advised.
 1:04 p.m. - It is an old abandoned house and not to worry. A neighbor lady feeds cats there and this is nothing.
 3:21 p.m. - Deputy en route to sheriff's office with one in custody.
 6:50 p.m. - Report of a fight. Deputies en route.
 6:51 p.m. - Sheriff at Ashtola en route.
 6:52 p.m. - Deputy reported everything is okay.

Jan. 2
 12:10 a.m. - 911 calls coming in about a vehicle that slid off into the ditch 20 miles east of Amarillo. Gave to Armstrong County.
 12:26 a.m. - 911 call. Unable to hear.
 12:28 a.m. - Finally able to hear 911 caller. Vehicle is not 20 miles east of Amarillo, it's 6 miles east of Claude.
 1:05 a.m. - Vehicle in ditch east of the city limits. Deputy en route.
 1:06 a.m. - Car on its side east of town.
 1:09 a.m. - EMS and Fire Department en route.
 1:13 a.m. - Trooper and wrecker en route.
 1:16 a.m. - Check Western Skies Motel to see if they have any rooms available.
 1:29 a.m. - 911 call. Wreck in Armstrong County 22 miles north of Clarendon.
 1:39 a.m. - 911 call. Accident 5 miles north of Claude. Vehicle in ditch.
 1:47 a.m. - Found some rooms available.
 1:58 a.m. - Trooper transporting subject to town.
 2:02 a.m. - Accident 12 miles west on US 287. Trooper responding.
 2:03 a.m. - Report of two more vehicles off the road. Deputy en route.
 2:29 a.m. - Accident in Armstrong County.

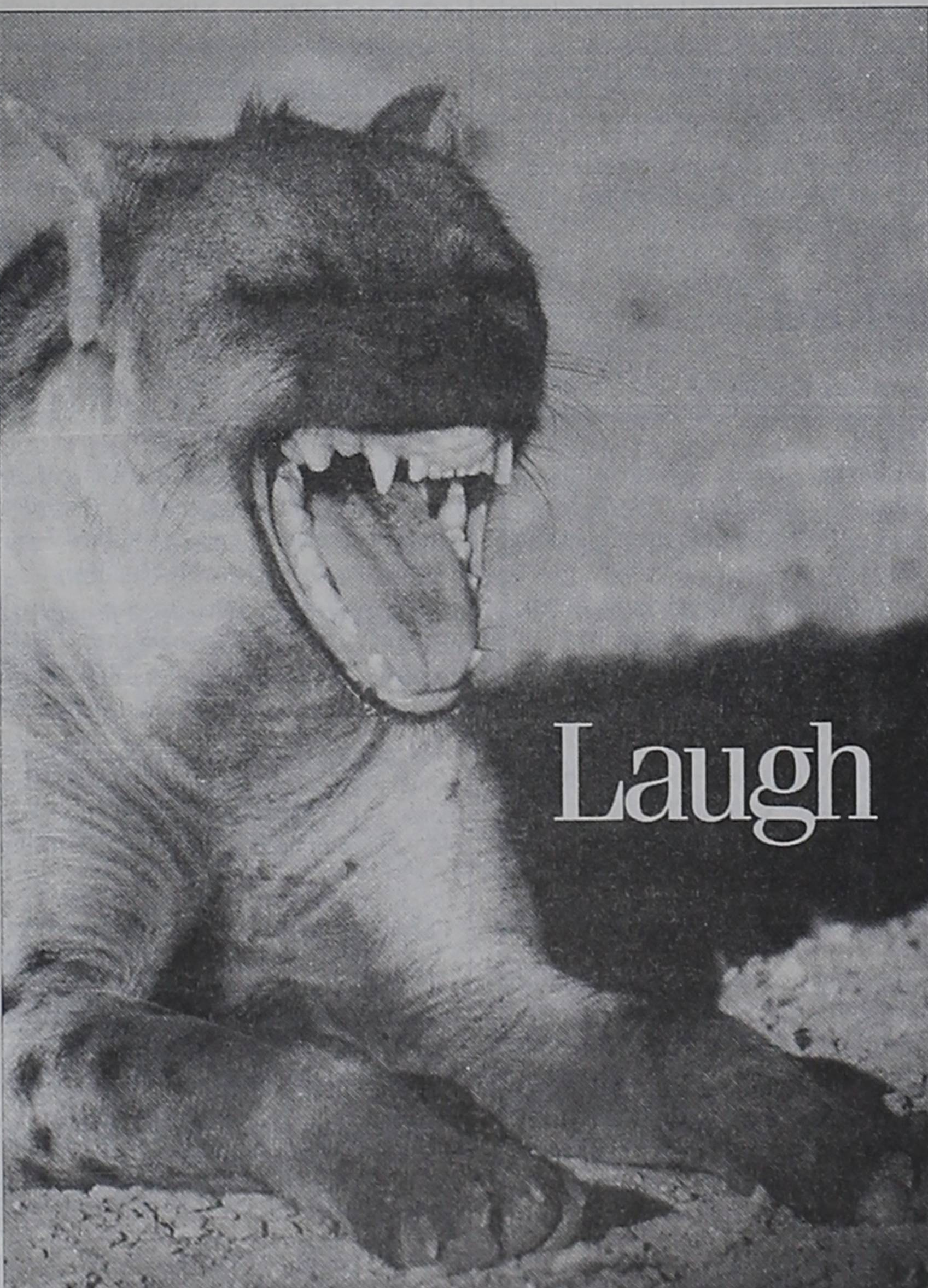
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 12:16 a.m. - Deputy out with this vehicle.



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ACROSS

- 1 Tramp
- 5 Trainee
- 10 Questions
- 14 Winged
- 15 Comic or grand
- 16 Grandmother
- 17 1956 winners
- 20 Personal backgrounds
- 21 Rhizopodan (var.)
- 22 Type of tube
- 23 Many blood vessels
- 25 Bench
- 29 Migrants
- 33 Bitter chemical
- 34 Equal (prefix)
- 35 Sound of disgust
- 36 Spears
- 38 Flour
- 41 Fed
- 42 Detroit suburb
- 44 Covered with marks
- 45 Greenwich, for one
- 48 Terminates
- 49 Artificial diamond
- 50 Blackball
- 51 Puff adder genus
- 54 Nakedness
- 59 1944 winners
- 62 Frank's diary
- 63 Machine for shaping

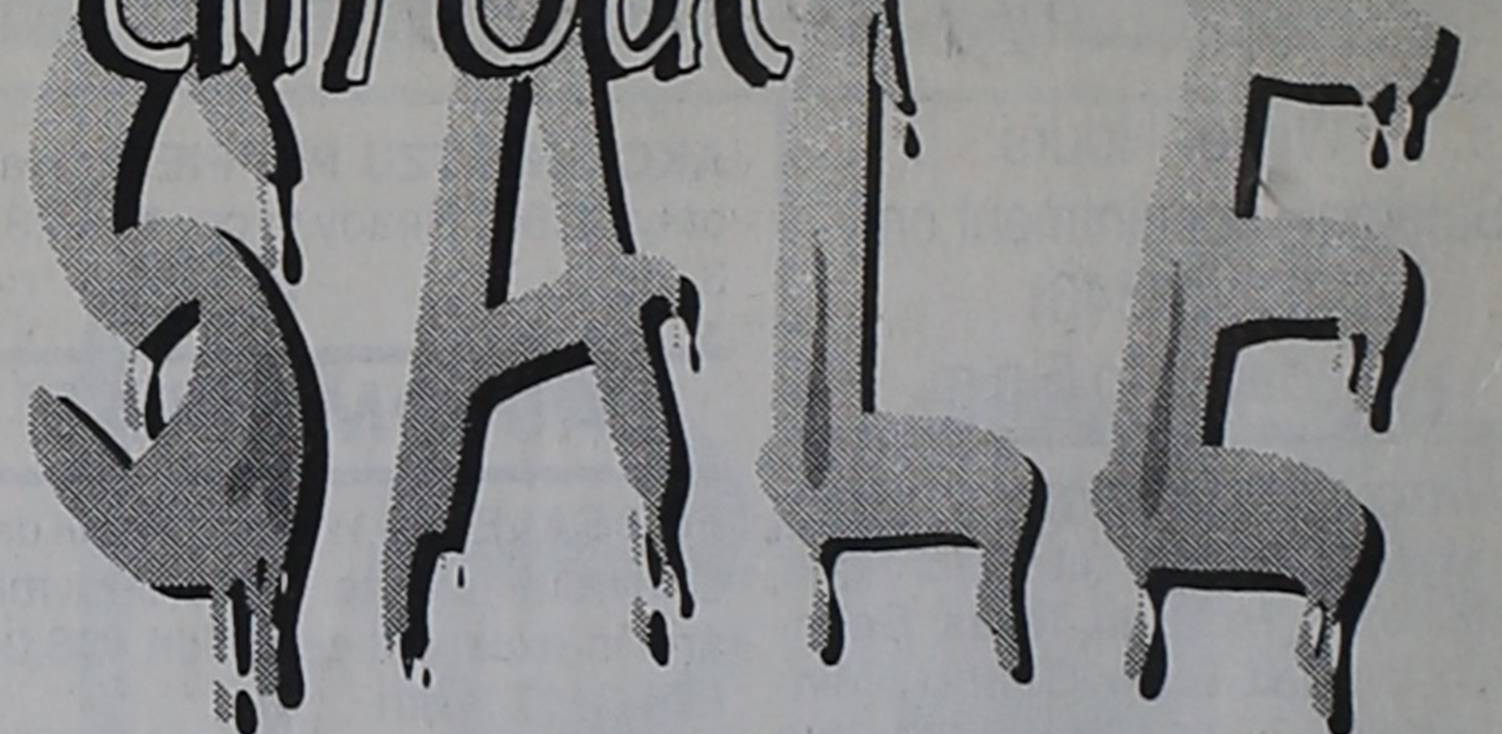
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- 2 Stew with chickpeas
- 3 Low voice
- 4 Minerals
- 5 Adjoin
- 6 Opposite of starboard side
- 7 H2Os
- 8 Before
- 9 Seaman
- 10 Type of instinct
- 11 Former East German state
- 12 Ornament
- 13 Capital of Yemen
- 18 Church council of A.D. 325
- 19 Thomas, American cartoonist
- 23's Rebellion, slave uprising
- 24 Minute particle
- 25. i. spicy sausage
- 26 Lift up
- 27 Used in laser printers
- 28 Twitch
- 29 Stone parsley
- 30 Poems
- 31 Leopold von, German historian, 1795-1886
- 32 Daniel, rebel of 1786
- 37 Commotion
- 39 Can or bottle
- 40 Mauna, Hawaiian volcano
- 43 Tell on
- 46 Waders
- 47 Measured portion
- 48 Menus (French)
- 50 Cleanse
- 51 Pitt
- 52 Private school in New York
- 53 To seize or hold
- 54 Sandwiches
- 55 Atom bomb
- 56 Ruler
- 57 Cuts
- 58 Vexation
- 60 Radio frequency
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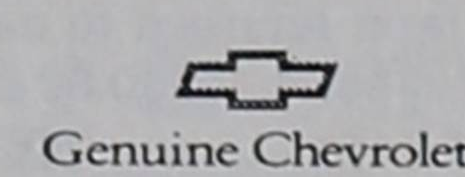
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2000 Metro, 4 dr., 27,000 miles	\$8,500
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2000 S10 Ext. Cab Pickup, 21,000 miles	\$15,000
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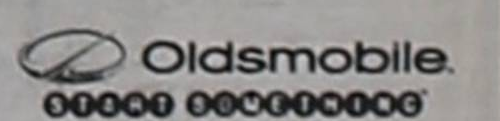
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'83 Chevy Pickup	\$2,000
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'00 3/4 Ton Short Bed Ext. Cab	\$23,500
'93 Ford Crew Cab	\$7,950
'96 Chevy Ext. Cab 1/2 Ton	\$12,300
'98 Chevy Z71 4x4 Ext. Cab	\$16,800
'95 Ford 1/2 Ton Ext. Cab	\$9,450
'95 Chevy Conversion Van	\$8,950
'98 Chevy 1/2 Ton Ext. Cab	\$10,500
'96 Ford 3/4 Ton 4x4	\$10,500
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The program is a free, national public service program dedicated to teaching women cancer patients beauty techniques to help restore their appearance and self-image during cancer treatment.

For more information on the program or to RSVP, contact the Amarillo Unit of the American Cancer Society at 353-4306 or 1-800-ACS-2345. You can also visit their website at www.lookgoodfeelbetter.org.

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