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As the Christmas season approaches, we recall with pleasure, all the great folks we've had the privilege to know and serve this past year.

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NEWS at a glance

EMT class will be held in January

Associated Ambulance Authority of Clarendon will be sponsoring a TDH approved Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Class beginning January 2, 2003, and ending March 31, 2003.

Classes will be held on Monday and Thursday nights from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. in the ambulance station classroom at Three Medical Center Drive.

Upon successful completion of this class, students will be eligible to sit for the National Registry exam and become certified Emergency Medical Technicians.

This class is being funded through an education grant from Texas Tech and TXDOT: the only cost to the students will be for their textbooks, class supplies, and student insurance (less than $100.00). Class size will be limited to 25 students.

For more information and to reserve a seat in this class, please call Associated Ambulance Authority at 874-3139 Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or you may call Anita Aaron at 874-0617 after 5 p.m. or weekends.

Deadlines change for next edition

Due to the upcoming New Year's holiday, the deadline for all news items, photos, ads, and classifieds for next week's issue is this Friday, December 27, at noon.

The Enterprise will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, December 31 and January 1.

Regular deadlines will resume following next week's issue.

St. Mary's plans New Year services

St. Mary's Catholic Church in Clarendon will hold a New Year's Eve mass on December 31 at 7:30 p.m.

CC to offer testing during January

Clarendon College will offer two Q-TASP exams during the month of January.

Test dates are as follows: Tuesday, January 7, at 8 a.m. in the CC Administration Building and at the CC Pampa Center on Wednesday, January 8, at 1 p.m.

For more information about the Q-TASP or to register, please contact Clarendon College at (806) 874-3571 or the Pampa Center at (806) 874-8801.

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the True Spirit of Christmas

By Carrie Helms

Every child goes to sleep on Christmas Eve hoping that Santa will come down the chimney with a big sack of goodies and fill the house with toys and gifts for Christmas morning. But many children, even in Clarendon, wake up to just a cold and hungry morning like any other.

Fortunately, local businesses and organizations worked hard this holiday season to ensure that no one went without this Christmas.

"Every child should have something for Christmas," said Linda Gray, General Manager at Duckwall's in Clarendon. "Toys for Tots is a great way to benefit kids in the community."

Toys for Tots began seven years ago with Chamberlain Motor Company and has become a yearly tradition to be carried on by Suna AutoMall.

"All the toys go to kids in this community; that's the reason we do it," receptionist Vicki Sloan said. "It makes children happy who wouldn't have Christmas otherwise."

Duckwall's and Suna AutoMall collected the toys, and Panhandle Community Services wrapped and delivered them to local children.

Panhandle Community Services has sponsored an angel tree for children in the community for almost ten years.

"We put up the tree the last week of November," Robbie Hill of PCS said. "In two weeks, all 58 angels had been taken off the tree."

Each child, ranging in age from birth to elementary school, receives a new pair of shoes, a shirt, and pants; and Lions Club members put together a basket of food for their families.

"We get the food for the baskets and the names of the families from PCS," Lion Jimmy Johnson said. The Lions Club buys a turkey for each basket, then assembles and delivers them to families in need.

"All the Lions deliver them to the homes," Johnson said. "Most of the people who receive the baskets are very appreciative."

One of those appreciative families is Larinda Brown and her three children.

"The kids really appreciate the gifts," Brown said. "It is nice that my kids get to see the true meaning of Christmas and the spirit of giving."

Keith and Cherie Floyd of Floyd's Motor Company and Body Shop have been busy elves repairing old bicycles to be distributed to children in the community.

"This is the second year we have done this," Cherie Floyd said. "Last year we collected 20 or 25 bikes, and this year we already have more than 40 bikes."

The Boy Scouts volunteered their time to help get the bikes in working order.

"We couldn't have done it without the boys," Floyd said. "Steve Carter and Carl Draper have been a big help."

Floyd's delivered bikes to a list of 15 or more children on Christmas Eve.

"We deliver them on Christmas Eve so the parents can do what they want with them," Floyd said. "We have plenty of bicycles for any child who needs one. Every child should have a bike."

Children are not the only ones in need this holiday season. Residents at the Medical Center Nursing Home had a chance to have their Christmas wishes fulfilled with the help of the Angel Tree at Duckwall's.

"We have been doing the Angel Tree for four years," Gray said. "You take an angel off the tree with that person's specific needs written on it."

Duckwall's and the Medical Center Nursing Home handed out the gifts at their annual Christmas party on Thursday, December 20.

"It helps the residents because they cannot go shopping for themselves," Gray said. "They get so excited, and it is something easy that the community can do to help make their Christmas special."

Every year the youth from the First Baptist Church in Clarendon fill shoeboxes with gifts for children who visit the Ministry Center Clothes Closet and Food Pantry on Saturday mornings.

"Some kids who come in here probably don't even have running water, much less gifts under the tree," seventh grader Austin Howard said. "It is always good to do something nice for someone else, especially at Christmas."

Many of these businesses and organizations work non-stop all year long to keep the Christmas spirit alive.

Over the last year, the Ministerial Alliance of Clarendon spent close to $4,000 helping people in the community with financial difficulties.

"We help people pay for utilities and for their heating during the winter months," Alliance president Rev. James Ivey Edwards said. "Part of the money was spent buying food and gas for stranded travelers."

Panhandle Community Services is active in four counties and involved in charitable services including helping people in the community with rent, paying utility bills, and weatherizing homes.

"We provide transportation around town and take a bus to Amarillo three times a week," Hill said. "People can make donations of money or food or volunteer to help all year long."

The Lions Club is a service organization that makes annual contributions to many organizations including the Bronco Band, the Junior Livestock Association, Girls Town, and Clarendon College. The club also has a program to buy eye exams and corrective lenses for local school children in need.

"People can get involved by donating food or cash money," Johnson said, "or by joining in an organization like Lions Club."

The Ministry Center is open every Saturday morning from 10 to noon distributing clothes and food and accepting donations.

"When you clean out your closets and cabinets, please don't throw it all away," Jean Ledbetter of First Baptist Church said. "We are always in need of children's clothes, coats, and shoes or canned food."

The Christmas Spirit is alive and well in Clarendon, especially for the families who have received gifts of love from charities like these.

"It feels good to know that there are people out there who really care about families who need help," Brown said.



Lions Bobbie Thornberry and Jimmy Johnson look over the 40 holiday food baskets the Clarendon Lions Club delivered to local families last week. The club was just one of several organizations and businesses demonstrating good will toward their neighbors this year. Enterprise Digital Photo

TIP meeting discusses TxDOT plans

Officials with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) last week outlined future plans for work in Donley County for the 2004-2006 fiscal years.

Speaking during a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) meeting at the Bura Handley Community Building in Wellington last Thursday, area engineer Tracy Cain said $35.2 million will be spent per year in the TxDOT Childress District, which includes Donley County.

During fiscal year 2004, TxDOT plans to work on the concrete intersection at US 287 and Koogle Street in Clarendon. The work will involve strengthening the joints in the concrete and will cost $314,000.

In FY 2005, the northbound lanes of US 287 between Clarendon and Hedley will be overlaid at an estimated cost of $1.65 million. The same year will see the replacement of the bridge over Lelia Creek on CR 20 as part of the state's off-system program at a cost of $285,600.

The next project in Donley County comes in FY 2006 when the Salt Fork bridge below the Greenbelt Reservoir will be removed. The $800,000 job will take the roadway back down to grade and will add a small drainage structure for the water that is allowed to flow from the reservoir.

District-wide the state will spend $5 million in FY 2004 to seal coat 300 miles of state highways. Cain said the goal is for every roadway to get a new surface every eight years.

Local sales tax rebates increase

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered $292.2 million in monthly sales tax payments to local governments this month.

Rebates to local cities were up over the same period last year.

Clarendon received $16,820.94, up 9.86 percent. Hedley's rebate increased from $258.98 in December 2001 to $659.27 this year. Howardwick saw 5.68 percent increase for a rebate of $911.33.

December sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in October and reported to the Comptroller in November. The state's share of sales tax reported during this period was $1.3 billion.

For details of sales tax payments, locate the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports at <www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html>.

County considers adding work to courthouse project

With an infusion of cash from two recent grants, Donley County Commissioners began consideration of adding more work to the restoration of the 1890 Courthouse during a called meeting last Thursday.

The scope of the project had been cut drastically last year when the only bid for the job came in over budget. But with additional funds now available through a $185,000 supplemental state grant, the county is reconsidering some of the deleted project goals.

Sandstone replacement and rehabilitation is the first area the county is looking at. The original bid included approximately $250,000 to address stonework which has deteriorated or failed over the last 112 years. Funds raised through local efforts and from a successful $50,000 challenge grant will likely be directed to address the most critically needed stonework.

"I am very concerned about the stonework around that main entrance on the east side," said County Judge Jack Hall. "I also want to look at fixing that original cornerstone. It's very important that those men's names be there."

The cornerstone is badly deteriorated from time and the elements, and the names of the original builders and 1890 county officials are in danger of being lost.

Architect Chris Hutson will look at using either cast stone or real stone in rebuilding banisters on either side of the main entrance. Builders will salvage and re-use as much original stone as possible.

"Matching the color of the stone will be the biggest challenge," Hutson told the court. "Fortunately there is a variety of colors in the building."

The original quarry for the sandstone in the building has never been identified.

Other additional work being considered includes cleaning and restoration of the artwork on historic vault doors, rehabilitation of the stained glass window in the main corridor, exterior lighting, restoring wood floors in first floor offices, window coverings, sidewalk repair and replacement, and further restoration work on theatre seats in the district courtroom.

County officials also discussed the November collapse of a chimney on the northwest side of the courthouse.

An engineering report after the accident gave no single cause of the collapse but rather pointed to a possible combination of factors, which includes width and condition of existing masonry, weather, and a lack of temporary bracing.

Construction supervisor Stephen Dodge said Phoenix One workers had been concerned about the chimney and had put in more rebar than was called for as well as partially filling the chimney flue with concrete for additional strength.

Unlike most chimneys on the building, the one in question transitions to one side – in a stair step manner – as it goes through the attic, and as a result the center of it shifts approximately 10 inches to one side. While all other chimneys in the building are two-bricks wide on all

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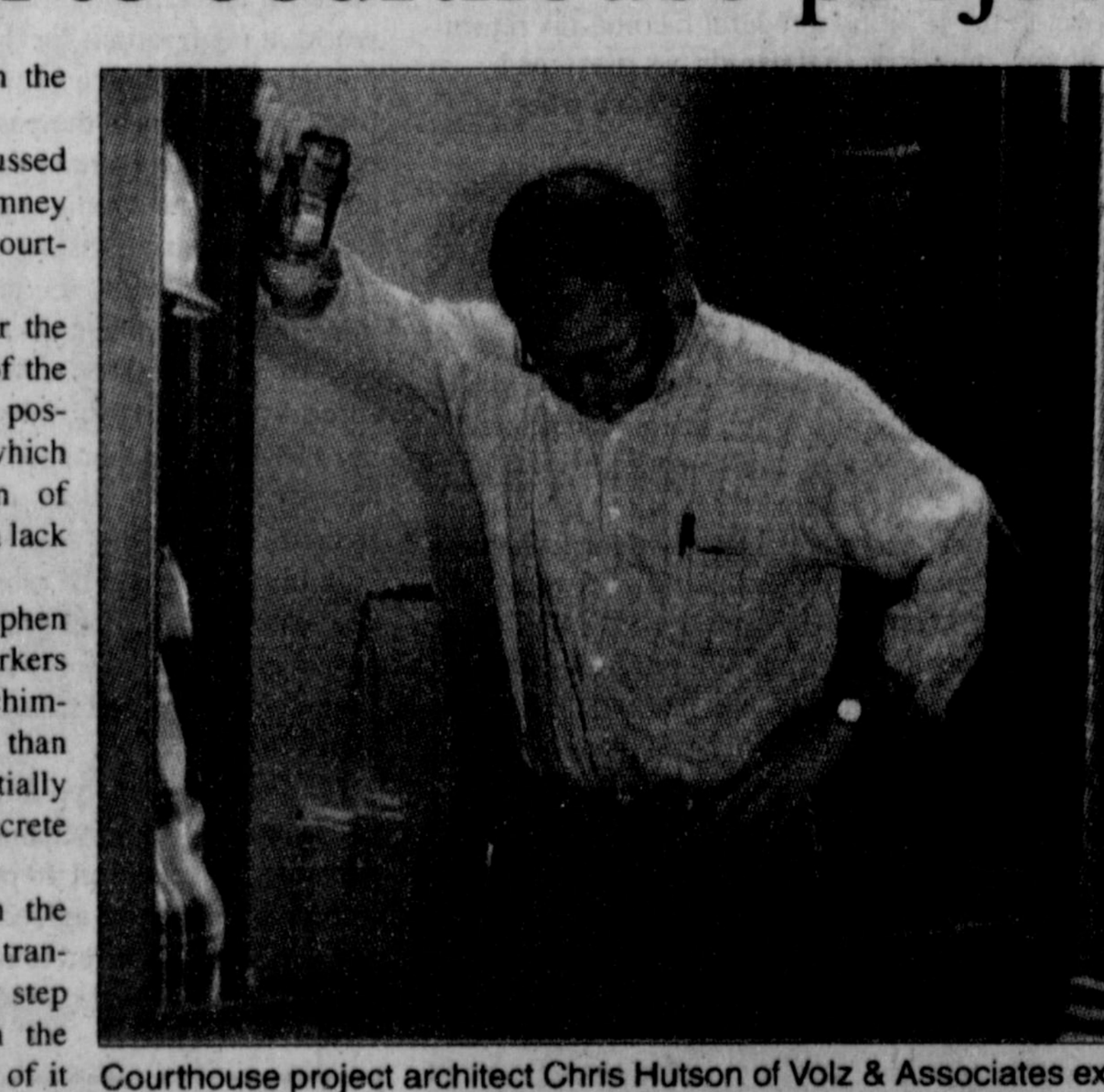

Courthouse project architect Chris Hutson of Volz & Associates examines the threshold of a bathroom door during a construction conference held last week. Work on the interior of the courthouse continues at a steady pace. Enterprise Digital Photo

guest Commentary

America should send revenuers after Saddam

By Jacob G. Hornberger

President Bush made a grievous mistake by relying on a UN weapons report to go after Saddam Hussein. He should have instead required Saddam to file a federal income-tax return. It would have been a much more effective and less costly way to get rid of the man.

Since the UN weapons inspectors have failed as of yet to discover any weapons of mass destruction, Bush is relegated to going to war on the basis that Saddam has committed a "material breach" of a UN resolution for filing what Bush claims is a false UN weapons report. That sounds a lot like breach of contract, which is usually a civil, rather than a criminal, offense. That wouldn't be the case with a fraudulent federal income-tax return – everyone knows that that's a criminal offense!

Moreover, since the resolution was enacted by the United Nations, rather than the U.S. government, what authority does an individual member of the United Nations (e.g., the United States) have to declare such a breach and then respond to it? Does this now mean that each member of the UN Security Council, including China and Russia, has the right to declare breaches of UN resolutions and respond to them? Does that apply to all UN resolutions?

The whole process has proven messy and embarrassing. A much better route would have been a federal income-tax return. What better way to have gotten Saddam than to sic the IRS on him?

Everyone knows that whenever the U.S. government has no other way to get a person it has targeted, it always has its golden standby: the false federal income-tax return. That's the way they got Al Capone. It's the way they got Leona Helmsley. The list of people they've gone after for income-tax violations goes on and on. Nothing can beat the federal income-tax return for going after our enemies.

The reason is that no one can ever be in full compliance with all the rules and regulations associated with federal income-tax returns. It's just not possible, given the multiplicity of rules and regulations and the subjective manner in which each of them can be interpreted. Anyone who files a federal income-tax return is inevitably going to screw up in some way, and then, if the IRS chooses, it's "Gotcha!" He's history! And the beauty of it is that everyone approves of the IRS's going after the tax cheat because he's making everyone else pay more taxes!

All the U.S. government would have had to do is require that Saddam file a federal income-tax return disclosing his income. That's all. End of story. They would have had him regardless of what he declared. And no one would have questioned it because the federal income-tax return has become such a standard part of everyone's everyday lives.

For example, suppose Saddam failed to disclose the biological, chemical, and nuclear weaponry that he received from the U.S. government as income, later claiming that the weaponry was intended as a gift. All the IRS would have had to say was, "Wrong, bozo! That's income, not a gift, because you agreed to pay subservience and loyalty to the United States in return for the weaponry." Boom. They would have had him. And no one would have questioned the matter.

Or suppose Saddam honestly reported the U.S. government's furnishing of that weaponry as his income. They would have still been able to get him. How? By claiming that he hadn't reported the full value of the weaponry. In other words, it wouldn't matter how much Saddam reported as value – the IRS could always claim it's too low, especially compared to what the U.S. government is secretly getting on sales of such weaponry to others. Boom. They would have had him – a false federal income-tax return.

Another advantage of having relied on the federal income-tax return pertains to the presumption of guilt. President Bush continues to claim that Saddam has filed a false weapons report but refuses to furnish any supporting evidence, claiming that Saddam is presumed guilty until he proves his innocence. Thus, many people outside the mainstream press are asking the obvious questions: Why does the accused, rather than the accuser, bear the burden of proof, and how is Saddam supposed to prove a negative? Those questions would never have arisen with respect to the IRS and a federal income-tax return because no one questions that people are presumed guilty and expected to prove their innocence when it comes to that part of their lives.

What if Saddam had claimed that he wasn't required to file a U.S. tax return? All the IRS would have had to do is reject the claim. That's the beauty of it, because as everyone knows, the IRS is a law unto itself. It darned sure doesn't have to go the United Nations to enforce its rulings. It has the power to enforce them all by itself, without even having to go to court. Isn't that great? Think what our American IRS could have done to Saddam compared with those weenies at the UN.

Perhaps the best part of relying on a federal income-tax return is that it would have gotten rid of Saddam in an efficient and cost-effective manner. All the IRS would have had to do is begin harassing him interminably with notices, levies, liens, and audits, and that would have been the end of it. Because the IRS would surely have accomplished what it's done to so many Americans – drive Saddam to committing suicide!

Isn't it a shame that in his quest to slay a foreign dragon, President Bush has utilized a poor, dirty, primitive weapon – a UN weapons report – when he could have used one of the most powerful, clean, and civilized weapons in the American arsenal – the IRS and the federal income-tax return?

Mr. Hornberger is founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation.

Family traditions make Christmas complete

life's Lessons
By Carrie Helms

It's Christmas! I think people get more excited about it the older they get. I know my mom does. She loves getting all her students ready for Christmas programs and putting together the choir musical at church.

Mom always gets so excited about Christmas but gets dragged down by everyone else's negativity. Every year she wants to decorate the tree as a family, and every year she ends up doing it alone.

My family does not even start getting ready for the holiday until about the second or third week of December. Everyone is busy with finals, Christmas musicals, and harvesting cotton and peanuts; and it takes a long time to get all of us in the house at the same time.

This year we put up our Christmas tree on the 14th. Mom got all the lights on the tree; and as soon as she backed away to look at it, half of the bottom string went out. She got frustrated, cried, and stopped. If you ask her, we are enjoying the natural beauty of the live tree. If you ask my dad, he'll tell you she's full of…Christmas Spirit.

It is not that we do not want to spend quality family time together; the real issue at hand is the attic. We are all afraid of the attic. That's where we keep all the ornaments and Christmas accoutrements. I am afraid of the dark and bugs and wild animals. Mom is afraid of heights and climbing the ladder, and my little sister is afraid of falling down or getting dirty.

This year Mom is getting very creative and going out of her way to avoid the trip to the attic. Instead of getting the usual ornaments, we are making our own festive bows and decorating with poinsettias and candy canes. My sister and I bought her some pretty ornaments and debated on whether or not we should wrap them and give them on Christmas day or let her have them now.

My poor mom always has two crying fits per holiday. (She will probably cry and never speak to me again after this week's episode:) One has already occurred with the pseudo-decorating of the tree, and the other is usually when she burns herself cooking.

Mom is a great cook. She makes the best Christmas dinner. She always makes my favorites: potato casserole with Corn Flakes and ham with pineapples. I don't really like ham, but I love pineapples. I always say it just isn't Christmas without tropical fruit.

It just isn't Christmas without the Christmas Eve Service at my church. My sisters and I get all dressed up in matching or color-coordinating outfits. Everyone else wears jeans and festive sweaters, but we go all out. Everyone has grandsons and nephews and other male relatives from out of town visiting for the holidays, and we have to make a good impression.

The service concludes with everyone making a circle around the sanctuary with candles in red cups. The light starts in the middle, and you light your candle and pass it on to the person next to you until every candle is lit.

The congregation sings Silent Night a cappella. Sadly, it is probably the first time in the whole season that we are all thinking about the real meaning of Christmas and really enjoying our time together- just like my mom wanted it to be all along.

I know I may have said some uncomplimentary things about my mother, but understand that she is creative and talented and wonderful no matter what I say. I can make fun of her in print and get away with it because she is a lot like me. She is special, and no one understands her like I do.

Merry Christmas, Mom, and Merry Christmas to you and yours.



"I understand you provided milk and cookies for Santa Claus... I'm Mr. Claus' attorney..."

Military protects freedoms of all Americans

capitol Comment
with Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson

"God grants liberty only to those who love it and are always ready to guard and defend it." I was reminded of that famous Daniel Webster quote by an insightful Texan who responded to my annual survey.

As the United States takes up the mantle of freedom around the globe, those words ring as true today as when they were uttered nearly two centuries ago. With 1.37 million active duty military personnel serving around the world and 1.28 million more waiting in the wings on standby and ready reserve, it is clear that our nation is poised to defend the liberty we love.

National defense has always been one of my top priorities, not only because I believe our democratic system is the best in the world, but also because I understand the need to bolster diplomacy with military might.

As we are engaged in a global war on terror and tensions spark around the world, it is important for the United States military to maintain a strong, capable force. Four times in the past 15 years we have attempted to streamline our military through the appointment of a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) commission, chartered to recommend the elimination or realignment of unneeded bases.

To gauge your opinion on base closures, I posed the following question in my survey: "The Pentagon has announced another round of military closures in 2005. Because a round of base closures riddled with mistakes could be more costly than no closures at all, I believe we need to have a good idea of force structure for the future before closing bases. What are your views?"

I received many pointed replies to that question from civilians and military personnel alike. A full 40 percent of the responses I received agreed that the Pentagon should be required to outline a 20-year military strategy before closure decisions are made. Twenty-seven percent of respondents felt the decision must consider the impact of closures on homeland security and local economies. The remainder were split evenly between closing no bases at all and going forward with the process.

One Texan from Winnie said, "Too much politics has been involved in closures; bases that are set up to do a job should not be closed and money then used to get another base ready to do the same job." I couldn't agree more. It has been my experience that there can be unintended consequences when we miscalculate future needs for military bases. First, I have seen bases closed and dismantled, only to later realize their missions have again become relevant to U.S. military operations. Second, I have not seen estimates ever come close to the true cost of closing a base. How can we best avoid the missteps of the last round of base closures?

The fate of Reese Air Force Base in Texas is an excellent example of a base closure that the commission said looked good on paper, but it turned out to be a costly mistake. Reese was one of the Air Force's premier sites for entry-level pilot training, but an Air Force analyst decided there were adequate training facilities available elsewhere. Reese was closed. Today, the Air Force is experiencing a serious shortfall in training spaces for new pilots and is desperately trying to reestablish training sites on other bases. Everyone involved now agrees that Reese never should have been closed.

Another egregious example can be found in the 1995 BRAC decision to convey Fort Chaffee to the local community. The small, rural town of Barling, Arkansas, was charged with the impossible task of turning Fort Chaffee, pockmarked with more than 700 lead paint and asbestos-laden World War II-era buildings, into an economic asset for the community. It couldn't be done. The Pentagon may have saved money with the closure, but it saddled a small town with an expensive, environmentally hazardous burden. Similar closures have resulted in the same devastating impact all over the country.

As incoming chair of the Senate Military Construction Appropriations Subcommittee, I believe we must operate not only with our national security interests in mind but also with good business sense. Rather than waste millions of dollars on ill-fated closures, we should spend that money building better housing and more facilities for the men and women of the military, purchasing better technology and equipment, and paying our personnel for the difficult job we are asking them to do.

As we begin the 108th Congress, I will make it a top priority to ensure that we carefully and thoughtfully assess troop strength and future military needs before closing bases. When the time is right, we must have a well-defined, transparent process that is conducted fairly and in the open.

As we wage this war on terrorism, we must heed the words of Daniel Webster because our liberty is at stake. We must support the President and give him the resources he needs to ensure victory in this great battle. And we must make sure that our men and women who proudly serve in the U.S. military have every tool and resource they need to win this war. Before we make any decisions to close another base, we must keep these objectives in mind.

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America should send revenuers after Saddam

By Jacob G. Hornberger

President Bush made a grievous mistake by relying on a UN weapons report to go after Saddam Hussein. He should have instead required Saddam to file a federal income-tax return. It would have been a much more effective and less costly way to get rid of the man.

Since the UN weapons inspectors have failed as of yet to discover any weapons of mass destruction, Bush is relegated to going to war on the basis that Saddam has committed a "material breach" of a UN resolution for filing what Bush claims is a false UN weapons report. That sounds a lot like breach of contract, which is usually a civil, rather than a criminal, offense. That wouldn't be the case with a fraudulent federal income-tax return – everyone knows that that's a criminal offense!

Moreover, since the resolution was enacted by the United Nations, rather than the U.S. government, what authority does an individual member of the United Nations (e.g., the United States) have to declare such a breach and then respond to it? Does this now mean that each member of the UN Security Council, including China and Russia, has the right to declare breaches of UN resolutions and respond to them? Does that apply to all UN resolutions?

The whole process has proven messy and embarrassing. A much better route would have been a federal income-tax return. What better way to have gotten Saddam than to sic the IRS on him?

Everyone knows that whenever the U.S. government has no other way to get a person it has targeted, it always has its golden standby: the false federal income-tax return. That's the way they got Al Capone. It's the way they got Leona Helmsley. The list of people they've gone after for income-tax violations goes on and on. Nothing can beat the federal income-tax return for going after our enemies.

The reason is that no one can ever be in full compliance with all the rules and regulations associated with federal income-tax returns. It's just not possible, given the multiplicity of rules and regulations and the subjective manner in which each of them can be interpreted. Anyone who files a federal income-tax return is inevitably going to screw up in some way, and then, if the IRS chooses, it's "Gotcha!" He's history! And the beauty of it is that everyone approves of the IRS's going after the tax cheat because he's making everyone else pay more taxes!

All the U.S. government would have had to do is require that Saddam file a federal income-tax return disclosing his income. That's all. End of story. They would have had him regardless of what he declared. And no one would have questioned it because the federal income-tax return has become such a standard part of everyone's everyday lives.

For example, suppose Saddam failed to disclose the biological, chemical, and nuclear weaponry that he received from the U.S. government as income, later claiming that the weaponry was intended as a gift. All the IRS would have had to say was, "Wrong, bozo! That's income, not a gift, because you agreed to pay subservience and loyalty to the United States in return for the weaponry." Boom. They would have had him. And no one would have questioned the matter.

Or suppose Saddam honestly reported the U.S. government's furnishing of that weaponry as his income. They would have still been able to get him. How? By claiming that he hadn't reported the full value of the weaponry. In other words, it wouldn't matter how much Saddam reported as value – the IRS could always claim it's too low, especially compared to what the U.S. government is secretly getting on sales of such weaponry to others. Boom. They would have had him – a false federal income-tax return.

Another advantage of having relied on the federal income-tax return pertains to the presumption of guilt. President Bush continues to claim that Saddam has filed a false weapons report but refuses to furnish any supporting evidence, claiming that Saddam is presumed guilty until he proves his innocence. Thus, many people outside the mainstream press are asking the obvious questions: Why does the accused, rather than the accuser, bear the burden of proof, and how is Saddam supposed to prove a negative? Those questions would never have arisen with respect to the IRS and a federal income-tax return because no one questions that people are presumed guilty and expected to prove their innocence when it comes to that part of their lives.

What if Saddam had claimed that he wasn't required to file a U.S. tax return? All the IRS would have had to do is reject the claim. That's the beauty of it, because as everyone knows, the IRS is a law unto itself. It darned sure doesn't have to go the United Nations to enforce its rulings. It has the power to enforce them all by itself, without even having to go to court. Isn't that great? Think what our American IRS could have done to Saddam compared with those weenies at the UN.

Perhaps the best part of relying on a federal income-tax return is that it would have gotten rid of Saddam in an efficient and cost-effective manner. All the IRS would have had to do is begin harassing him interminably with notices, levies, liens, and audits, and that would have been the end of it. Because the IRS would surely have accomplished what it's done to so many Americans – drive Saddam to committing suicide!

Isn't it a shame that in his quest to slay a foreign dragon, President Bush has utilized a poor, dirty, primitive weapon – a UN weapons report – when he could have used one of the most powerful, clean, and civilized weapons in the American arsenal – the IRS and the federal income-tax return?

Mr. Hornberger is founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation.

Family traditions make Christmas complete

life's Lessons
By Carrie Helms

It's Christmas! I think people get more excited about it the older they get. I know my mom does. She loves getting all her students ready for Christmas programs and putting together the choir musical at church.

Mom always gets so excited about Christmas but gets dragged down by everyone else's negativity. Every year she wants to decorate the tree as a family, and every year she ends up doing it alone.

My family does not even start getting ready for the holiday until about the second or third week of December. Everyone is busy with finals, Christmas musicals, and harvesting cotton and peanuts; and it takes a long time to get all of us in the house at the same time.

This year we put up our Christmas tree on the 14th. Mom got all the lights on the tree; and as soon as she backed away to look at it, half of the bottom string went out. She got frustrated, cried, and stopped. If you ask her, we are enjoying the natural beauty of the live tree. If you ask my dad, he'll tell you she's full of…Christmas Spirit.

It is not that we do not want to spend quality family time together; the real issue at hand is the attic. We are all afraid of the attic. That's where we keep all the ornaments and Christmas accoutrements. I am afraid of the dark and bugs and wild animals. Mom is afraid of heights and climbing the ladder, and my little sister is afraid of falling down or getting dirty.

This year Mom is getting very creative and going out of her way to avoid the trip to the attic. Instead of getting the usual ornaments, we are making our own festive bows and decorating with poinsettias and candy canes. My sister and I bought her some pretty ornaments and debated on whether or not we should wrap them and give them on Christmas day or let her have them now.

My poor mom always has two crying fits per holiday. (She will probably cry and never speak to me again after this week's episode:) One has already occurred with the pseudo-decorating of the tree, and the other is usually when she burns herself cooking.

Mom is a great cook. She makes the best Christmas dinner. She always makes my favorites: potato casserole with Corn Flakes and ham with pineapples. I don't really like ham, but I love pineapples. I always say it just isn't Christmas without tropical fruit.

It just isn't Christmas without the Christmas Eve Service at my church. My sisters and I get all dressed up in matching or color-coordinating outfits. Everyone else wears jeans and festive sweaters, but we go all out. Everyone has grandsons and nephews and other male relatives from out of town visiting for the holidays, and we have to make a good impression.

The service concludes with everyone making a circle around the sanctuary with candles in red cups. The light starts in the middle, and you light your candle and pass it on to the person next to you until every candle is lit.

The congregation sings Silent Night a cappella. Sadly, it is probably the first time in the whole season that we are all thinking about the real meaning of Christmas and really enjoying our time together- just like my mom wanted it to be all along.

I know I may have said some uncomplimentary things about my mother, but understand that she is creative and talented and wonderful no matter what I say. I can make fun of her in print and get away with it because she is a lot like me. She is special, and no one understands her like I do.

Merry Christmas, Mom, and Merry Christmas to you and yours.



"I understand you provided milk and cookies for Santa Claus... I'm Mr. Claus' attorney..."

Military protects freedoms of all Americans

capitol Comment
with Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson

"God grants liberty only to those who love it and are always ready to guard and defend it." I was reminded of that famous Daniel Webster quote by an insightful Texan who responded to my annual survey.

As the United States takes up the mantle of freedom around the globe, those words ring as true today as when they were uttered nearly two centuries ago. With 1.37 million active duty military personnel serving around the world and 1.28 million more waiting in the wings on standby and ready reserve, it is clear that our nation is poised to defend the liberty we love.

National defense has always been one of my top priorities, not only because I believe our democratic system is the best in the world, but also because I understand the need to bolster diplomacy with military might.

As we are engaged in a global war on terror and tensions spark around the world, it is important for the United States military to maintain a strong, capable force. Four times in the past 15 years we have attempted to streamline our military through the appointment of a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) commission, chartered to recommend the elimination or realignment of unneeded bases.

To gauge your opinion on base closures, I posed the following question in my survey: "The Pentagon has announced another round of military closures in 2005. Because a round of base closures riddled with mistakes could be more costly than no closures at all, I believe we need to have a good idea of force structure for the future before closing bases. What are your views?"

I received many pointed replies to that question from civilians and military personnel alike. A full 40 percent of the responses I received agreed that the Pentagon should be required to outline a 20-year military strategy before closure decisions are made. Twenty-seven percent of respondents felt the decision must consider the impact of closures on homeland security and local economies. The remainder were split evenly between closing no bases at all and going forward with the process.

One Texan from Winnie said, "Too much politics has been involved in closures; bases that are set up to do a job should not be closed and money then used to get another base ready to do the same job." I couldn't agree more. It has been my experience that there can be unintended consequences when we miscalculate future needs for military bases. First, I have seen bases closed and dismantled, only to later realize their missions have again become relevant to U.S. military operations. Second, I have not seen estimates ever come close to the true cost of closing a base. How can we best avoid the missteps of the last round of base closures?

The fate of Reese Air Force Base in Texas is an excellent example of a base closure that the commission said looked good on paper, but it turned out to be a costly mistake. Reese was one of the Air Force's premier sites for entry-level pilot training, but an Air Force analyst decided there were adequate training facilities available elsewhere. Reese was closed. Today, the Air Force is experiencing a serious shortfall in training spaces for new pilots and is desperately trying to reestablish training sites on other bases. Everyone involved now agrees that Reese never should have been closed.

Another egregious example can be found in the 1995 BRAC decision to convey Fort Chaffee to the local community. The small, rural town of Barling, Arkansas, was charged with the impossible task of turning Fort Chaffee, pockmarked with more than 700 lead paint and asbestos-laden World War II-era buildings, into an economic asset for the community. It couldn't be done. The Pentagon may have saved money with the closure, but it saddled a small town with an expensive, environmentally hazardous burden. Similar closures have resulted in the same devastating impact all over the country.

As incoming chair of the Senate Military Construction Appropriations Subcommittee, I believe we must operate not only with our national security interests in mind but also with good business sense. Rather than waste millions of dollars on ill-fated closures, we should spend that money building better housing and more facilities for the men and women of the military, purchasing better technology and equipment, and paying our personnel for the difficult job we are asking them to do.

As we begin the 108th Congress, I will make it a top priority to ensure that we carefully and thoughtfully assess troop strength and future military needs before closing bases. When the time is right, we must have a well-defined, transparent process that is conducted fairly and in the open.

As we wage this war on terrorism, we must heed the words of Daniel Webster because our liberty is at stake. We must support the President and give him the resources he needs to ensure victory in this great battle. And we must make sure that our men and women who proudly serve in the U.S. military have every tool and resource they need to win this war. Before we make any decisions to close another base, we must keep these objectives in mind.

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Lady Broncos v. Vega at Vega

Broncos v. White Deer at Trinity Fellowship.

December 31
Donley County Officials to be sworn in • Courthouse Annex • 10 a.m.

HHS v. Wellington • Owl Gym • 5:30 p.m.

January 1
New Year's Day

January 3
CHS v. Shamrock • Bronco Gym • Girls 6:30 p.m., Boys 8:00 p.m.

HHS v. Samnorwood • at Samnorwood • 6:30 p.m.

January 2 - 4
Bulldog Basketball Camp • Call 874-3571 or 874-0360 for details.

January 7
CHS v. Memphis • in Memphis • Girls 6:30 p.m.; Boys 8:00 p.m.

HHS v. Groom • in Groom • 6:30

January 10
CHS v. Wellington • in Wellington • Girls 6:30 p.m.; Boys: 8:00 p.m.

HHS v. Valley • Owl Gym • 6:30

January 16
CC v. Howard College • Bulldog Gym • Women: 5:50, Men: 7:50

February 8
Chamber of Commerce Banquet • Details to come

Community Menus

Dec. 30 - Jan. 3

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, creamed corn, Waldorf salad, pineapple pudding, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Tues: Mexican pile on, rice, pinto beans, tossed salad, peaches, tortilla chips, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Wed: Closed for holiday
Thur: Meatloaf, mini baked potato, green bean casserole, tossed salad, tropical apple crunch, roll, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Fri: Catfish, onion rings, turnip greens, coleslaw, apricots, cornbread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Mexican casserole, Spanish rice, refried beans, tossed salad, orange slices, chips or crackers, milk, tea, coffee
Tues: Catfish fillet, broccoli soup, onion rings, coleslaw, jelled fruit with whipped topping, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee
Wed: Steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, pear halves, chocolate pudding, roll, milk, tea, coffee
Thur: Roast beef, baked potato, steamed broccoli, deviled egg, apricot cobbler, roll, milk, tea, coffee
Fri: Pinto beans and ham, fried squash, beet and onion salad, apple, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee

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Civic activities wind down as year closes

After the whirlwind activities of the previous weekend, this past weekend was calm – or as calm as last minute Christmas shopping can be. Anyway, with the lack of civic activities, when it came time to write this column, I was reduced to polling various folks to see what they thought I could write about.

Some of those surveyed suggested I write about school finals at the end of last week. "They were evil," one said, then amended that by saying the finals were easy. I suppose we'll know for sure which they were when grades come out. But students down at Clarendon schools did indeed spend Thursday and Friday taking finals before breaking for the holidays.

Then there's all the construction going on at the end of Clarendon Avenue, which for those of you who never keep up with what streets are actually named, is the street that runs between First Baptist and the college. For most of last week, I've had to dodge a backhoe every time I pulled out of my garage while workers extended the sewer line from the end of Third Street. Before long, they'll be pouring the foundation for new dormitories and extending Clarendon Avenue to provide access. There's not much to see right now besides a big flat space and lots of machinery, but that should change before too long.

A few Sunday School classes had their Christmas parties last week. People are heading off to visit parents, grandparents or kids. Others have kids coming home from college or back from wherever their working lives have taken them. Families are gathering.



around Town
By Gail Shelton
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I remember spending Christmas at an aunt's house when I was little. My mother was one of four sisters, each of whom had four children, except for the one who had six, so there were plenty of cousins to play with. Especially since we all lived in the same town at that time. That Christmas, all the cousins were laid out in sleeping bags in Aunt Bettye's living room because she didn't have any furniture in it yet. I had cousins by my head, at my feet and on either side of me – or maybe one of them was a brother or sister. I don't remember much about that Christmas – don't know what Santa brought me or any of the others, but I remember lying in that living room whispering and giggling and waiting for Santa, with one of the older cousins periodically yelling for everybody to be quiet. I remember it was one of the best Christmases ever.

I've had plenty of Christmases since, most of them full of whispering and giggling. Many of them had lots of cousins, though lately they've been my kids' cousins – my nieces and nephews – but not all. The one thing the best Christmases have had in common is family.

And as our families come together once again to remember the first Christmas and to worship the one for whom the holiday is named, I wish for each of you, my friends and neighbors, the very best of the season and the exact kind of Christmas you treasure most. Merry Christmas!

Howardwick contest spurs friendly rivalry among neighbors

Christmas in Howardwick began December 1 with the lighting in the park of the crosses and Nativity scene. Many people were entertained at the park by the Clarendon Methodist Youth Praise band led by Jay Gage.

They then moved to City Hall where 95 enjoyed cookies and hot apple cider and participated in caroling led by Diane Knight with Nelda Ellis at the keyboard.

Friendly rivalry, secrets, and competition had been building for a year as the date for the lighting contest drew near. On December 8th Howardwick lit up as the judges were out that night. Jodie Dickson from Suna AutoMall, Hilary McAnear of Herring National Bank, and Lonnie Davis, Clarendon Postmaster, had the difficult job of judging the entries. By the end of the night the results were: 1st place: Trailer- General, Roy Harris; Trailer-Religious, Merle Wimmer; Trailer-Whimsical, Sam Grider; House-General, Roy Monroe; House-Religious, Levi Harvey; House-Whimsical, Doyle Douthit, 2nd place: Trailer-Whimsical, Roy Hawkins; House-General, Ken Carden; House-Whimsical, tie Marvin Elam and Charles Davis; House-Religious, Carl Carter; 3rd Place: House-Religious, Gary Winters; House-General, tie Ronny Longan and Redell Johnston.

The efforts of all the citizens of Howardwick are shining, and they invite everyone to come see Howardwick.

Local youth cook for 4-H food contest

One hundred fifty 4-H'ers from the top 21 counties of Texas gathered at Westover Park Intermediate School for the Panhandle District 4-H Food Show Saturday, December 14, 2002. Each participant earned the privilege of competing at the district level by placing first in respective county food show competitions.

Youth prepared a dish, served it to a panel of adult judges, and answered questions in an interview format. 4-H'ers were asked about preparation skills needed to make their dish, food safety concerns involving the preparation and storage of their dish, the nutrients in the product as well as their community services and leadership activities in the foods and nutrition project.

Donley County had seven youth compete at the District meet. Lisle Rowland competed on the senior level in the Breads and Cereal category. Danielle Smith, Elizabeth Hrbacek, and Skyler Conatser competed at the intermediate level. Jacob Landrum, Dominique Mason, and Brandi Mays competed on the junior level. Brandi Mays placed second in the Fruit and Vegetable category.



Christmas joy
Edna Perdue shows her daughter-in-law Dana Perdue the gift she received during the Medical Center Nursing Home Christmas Party last week. Residents and staff enjoyed music, gifts, food, and a special visit from Santa Claus.
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Senior Citizens Center to close for New Year's

By Vicki O'Neal

The Donley County Senior Citizens Center will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2003, for the holiday. We will open again on the second to start off a new year.

On January 3, we will be giving away a beautiful paper weight (heavy) donated by Carolyn Moffett and Sadler and Son Monument Company. Chances are $1 and available at the Center.

Get well wishes to Helena Catoe, Theola Leeper, Flo Branigan, Mike Suiter, Pat Kuhn, Wes Braddock, and Van Holton.

The Board of Directors and staff at Donley County Senior Citizens wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

Reminders:
Jan. 7: Game Night, 6 p.m.

Hedley marks holidays with decorations, singing

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas around Hedley. Rhonda Shaw has a lighted Christmas tree beside the City Hall and lights strung all along in front of it. Gary Stewart has lights in front of his shop, and there are lights inside the Senior Citizens Center. I haven't noticed if Bill Carson has lights at Moffett's, but he usually does.

Janet Burns took me out to see the lights at Pick and LaQuitta Cox's house a few nights ago. She told me they had between thirty and forty thousand lights, and there are about fifteen or twenty paintings of the Christmas story beginning with the appearance of the Angel to Mary foretelling the birth of Christ.

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December 28
Lady Broncos v. Vega at Vega

Broncos v. White Deer at Trinity Fellowship.

December 31
Donley County Officials to be sworn in • Courthouse Annex • 10 a.m.

HHS v. Wellington • Owl Gym • 5:30 p.m.

January 1
New Year's Day

January 3
CHS v. Shamrock • Bronco Gym • Girls 6:30 p.m., Boys 8:00 p.m.

HHS v. Samnorwood • at Samnorwood • 6:30 p.m.

January 2 - 4
Bulldog Basketball Camp • Call 874-3571 or 874-0360 for details.

January 7
CHS v. Memphis • in Memphis • Girls 6:30 p.m.; Boys 8:00 p.m.

HHS v. Groom • in Groom • 6:30

January 10
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HHS v. Valley • Owl Gym • 6:30

January 16
CC v. Howard College • Bulldog Gym • Women: 5:50, Men: 7:50

February 8
Chamber of Commerce Banquet • Details to come

Community Menus

Dec. 30 - Jan. 3

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, creamed corn, Waldorf salad, pineapple pudding, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Tues: Mexican pile on, rice, pinto beans, tossed salad, peaches, tortilla chips, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Wed: Closed for holiday
Thur: Meatloaf, mini baked potato, green bean casserole, tossed salad, tropical apple crunch, roll, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Fri: Catfish, onion rings, turnip greens, coleslaw, apricots, cornbread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

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Mon: Mexican casserole, Spanish rice, refried beans, tossed salad, orange slices, chips or crackers, milk, tea, coffee
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Wed: Steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, pear halves, chocolate pudding, roll, milk, tea, coffee
Thur: Roast beef, baked potato, steamed broccoli, deviled egg, apricot cobbler, roll, milk, tea, coffee
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Civic activities wind down as year closes

After the whirlwind activities of the previous weekend, this past weekend was calm – or as calm as last minute Christmas shopping can be. Anyway, with the lack of civic activities, when it came time to write this column, I was reduced to polling various folks to see what they thought I could write about.

Some of those surveyed suggested I write about school finals at the end of last week. "They were evil," one said, then amended that by saying the finals were easy. I suppose we'll know for sure which they were when grades come out. But students down at Clarendon schools did indeed spend Thursday and Friday taking finals before breaking for the holidays.

Then there's all the construction going on at the end of Clarendon Avenue, which for those of you who never keep up with what streets are actually named, is the street that runs between First Baptist and the college. For most of last week, I've had to dodge a backhoe every time I pulled out of my garage while workers extended the sewer line from the end of Third Street. Before long, they'll be pouring the foundation for new dormitories and extending Clarendon Avenue to provide access. There's not much to see right now besides a big flat space and lots of machinery, but that should change before too long.

A few Sunday School classes had their Christmas parties last week. People are heading off to visit parents, grandparents or kids. Others have kids coming home from college or back from wherever their working lives have taken them. Families are gathering.



around Town
By Gail Shelton
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I remember spending Christmas at an aunt's house when I was little. My mother was one of four sisters, each of whom had four children, except for the one who had six, so there were plenty of cousins to play with. Especially since we all lived in the same town at that time. That Christmas, all the cousins were laid out in sleeping bags in Aunt Bettye's living room because she didn't have any furniture in it yet. I had cousins by my head, at my feet and on either side of me – or maybe one of them was a brother or sister. I don't remember much about that Christmas – don't know what Santa brought me or any of the others, but I remember lying in that living room whispering and giggling and waiting for Santa, with one of the older cousins periodically yelling for everybody to be quiet. I remember it was one of the best Christmases ever.

I've had plenty of Christmases since, most of them full of whispering and giggling. Many of them had lots of cousins, though lately they've been my kids' cousins – my nieces and nephews – but not all. The one thing the best Christmases have had in common is family.

And as our families come together once again to remember the first Christmas and to worship the one for whom the holiday is named, I wish for each of you, my friends and neighbors, the very best of the season and the exact kind of Christmas you treasure most. Merry Christmas!

Howardwick contest spurs friendly rivalry among neighbors

Christmas in Howardwick began December 1 with the lighting in the park of the crosses and Nativity scene. Many people were entertained at the park by the Clarendon Methodist Youth Praise band led by Jay Gage.

They then moved to City Hall where 95 enjoyed cookies and hot apple cider and participated in caroling led by Diane Knight with Nelda Ellis at the keyboard.

Friendly rivalry, secrets, and competition had been building for a year as the date for the lighting contest drew near. On December 8th Howardwick lit up as the judges were out that night. Jodie Dickson from Suna AutoMall, Hilary McAnear of Herring National Bank, and Lonnie Davis, Clarendon Postmaster, had the difficult job of judging the entries. By the end of the night the results were: 1st place: Trailer- General, Roy Harris; Trailer-Religious, Merle Wimmer; Trailer-Whimsical, Sam Grider; House-General, Roy Monroe; House-Religious, Levi Harvey; House-Whimsical, Doyle Douthit, 2nd place: Trailer-Whimsical, Roy Hawkins; House-General, Ken Carden; House-Whimsical, tie Marvin Elam and Charles Davis; House-Religious, Carl Carter; 3rd Place: House-Religious, Gary Winters; House-General, tie Ronny Longan and Redell Johnston.

The efforts of all the citizens of Howardwick are shining, and they invite everyone to come see Howardwick.

Local youth cook for 4-H food contest

One hundred fifty 4-H'ers from the top 21 counties of Texas gathered at Westover Park Intermediate School for the Panhandle District 4-H Food Show Saturday, December 14, 2002. Each participant earned the privilege of competing at the district level by placing first in respective county food show competitions.

Youth prepared a dish, served it to a panel of adult judges, and answered questions in an interview format. 4-H'ers were asked about preparation skills needed to make their dish, food safety concerns involving the preparation and storage of their dish, the nutrients in the product as well as their community services and leadership activities in the foods and nutrition project.

Donley County had seven youth compete at the District meet. Lisle Rowland competed on the senior level in the Breads and Cereal category. Danielle Smith, Elizabeth Hrbacek, and Skyler Conatser competed at the intermediate level. Jacob Landrum, Dominique Mason, and Brandi Mays competed on the junior level. Brandi Mays placed second in the Fruit and Vegetable category.



Christmas joy
Edna Perdue shows her daughter-in-law Dana Perdue the gift she received during the Medical Center Nursing Home Christmas Party last week. Residents and staff enjoyed music, gifts, food, and a special visit from Santa Claus.
Enterprise Digital Photo

Senior Citizens Center to close for New Year's

By Vicki O'Neal

The Donley County Senior Citizens Center will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2003, for the holiday. We will open again on the second to start off a new year.

On January 3, we will be giving away a beautiful paper weight (heavy) donated by Carolyn Moffett and Sadler and Son Monument Company. Chances are $1 and available at the Center.

Get well wishes to Helena Catoe, Theola Leeper, Flo Branigan, Mike Suiter, Pat Kuhn, Wes Braddock, and Van Holton.

The Board of Directors and staff at Donley County Senior Citizens wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

Reminders:
Jan. 7: Game Night, 6 p.m.

Hedley marks holidays with decorations, singing

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CISD Trustees hold regular meeting

The Clarendon ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session December 12 in the Functional Living Center.

Board President Wayne Hardin presented Sandra Ramirez with a certificate honoring her participation in the Lorenzo de Zavala Youth Legislative Session this past summer. Miss Ramirez spoke briefly about her experience.

Sharon Elam reported on the English as a Second Language program. Tashia Duncan, Marvin Elam, and Mike Word gave Gifted & Talented reports, and Kelly Thompson presented the dyslexia report.

Superintendent Monty Hysinger presented the West Texas Food Service Cooperative agreement renewal for consideration. The board approved the renewal.

The board discussed Walt Knorpp's offer to give the old Highway Department building to CISD. The trustees decided by consensus to decline the gift.

A motion was approved to accept the engagement letter of Dale A. Swan, P.C., for applying certain agreed-upon procedures for the State Compensatory Education Program special recording as required by the Texas Education Agency.

Enrollment was reported as high school, 145; junior high, 125; and elementary, 234.

Following a closed session, the board accepted the resignations of high school business teacher Colynn Harrison and cafeteria worker Paula Shay. The board voted to offer a teacher contract for the remainder of the school year to Suzanne Taylor.

Administrative reports were presented by CHS Principal Larry Jeffers, CJH Principal Marvin Elam, Elementary Principal Mike Word, Athletic Director Roger Hoeltzel, and Superintendent Hysinger.



Contest Winner
Clarendon College Baseball Coach Trent Petrie and Herring Bank President Jerry Woodard present a check to Curtis Schaefer of Clarendon. Schaefer was the winner of the drawing for a trip to Vegas or $500 cash sponsored by the Herring National Bank. Proceeds from the raffle benefited the Clarendon College baseball program. Coach Petrie and his team appreciate the community for their support.
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Hospital board holds regular meeting

The Donley County Hospital Board met in regular session December 17, 2002, in the Conference Room of the Medical Center Nursing Home.

District Administrator Alan Graham reported the ambulance service responded to 36 calls in the month of November, including 15 no-transport calls and eight trauma runs. Total billing was $23,741.35, and call volume and collections were both reported to be up. Paramedic Jeanette Knowles submitted her resignation to take another position in Amarillo.

The census for the nursing home was reported at 44 residents.

Holly Eads gave the indigent care report and said two applications, which were due for a six-month review, had been approved. One application was scheduled for a special review on December 23.

weather report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	16	69°	35°	-
Tues	17	66°	39°	-
Wed	18	71°	41°	-
Thur	19	58°	34°	-
Fri	20	48°	20°	-
Sat	21	54°	22°	-
Sun	22	54°	24°	-

Total precipitation this month: 0.77"
Total precipitation to date: 24.7K
Total precipitation in Dec. last year: 0.08"
Total YTD total last year: 21.82"

weekend forecast

Friday, Dec. 27
Partly Sunny
40°/20°

Saturday, Dec. 28
Partly Cloudy
46°/22°

Sunday, Dec. 29
Partly Cloudy
46°/23°

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Memphis center to benefit from dropout grant

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry announced last week a $100,000 grant to Hall County for a special learning center that will help five Panhandle school districts prevent dropouts.

"When students drop out, they face a lifetime of unfulfilled promise, and our state pays the price for it," Perry said. "This program will help keep students in Hall, Donley, and Briscoe counties on track and working toward their diplomas."

The grant, funded by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD), will support the Lakeview Accelerated Academy, a learning center that will feature individualized and self-paced curriculums as well as vocational and technical training. The Clarendon, Hedley, Turkey, Quitaque, Memphis, and Silverton independent school districts will recruit dropouts and students at risk of dropping out to complete their high school education at the academy.

Each year, CJD provides more than $130 million in grants for juvenile justice, crime prevention and victim services grants – all aimed at making Texas a safer place.

Currently, CJD provides more than $13 million in crime prevention grants, $30 million to juvenile justice and prevention projects, $40 million for victim services, and additional funding for a wide variety of other law enforcement projects.

Looking Back

20 Years Ago

The Clarendon Press, December 23, 1982

• First place winner of the Christmas window decoration was Bivens Pharmacy. Bronnie McNabb presented a plaque to Paul Bivens.

• Another traditional event was the revealing of Mrs. Santa. This year, Hedley had the honor of presenting Mrs. Flora Sanders, as Mrs. Santa. The best part of the evening was when some 30 kids left a basketball game in progress at Hedley, boarded a school bus, and came to Clarendon to be there when a very surprised and happy Mrs. Sanders was presented with a rose and a kiss from Santa Claus.

50 Years Ago

The Donley Co. Leader, Dec. 25, 1952

• Members of the Chamber of Commerce met last Thursday night in a called meeting at which time new directors were installed by the outgoing president, Bob Moss, and new officers were elected. Maurice "Butch" Lane, partner in the Lane & McCully Insurance office, was elected president to guide the affairs of the Chamber for the 1953 year; John H. Head, executive Vice President of the First National Bank, was elected vice-president; and Glenn Hoggatt, owner of Glenn's Jewelry, was elected treasurer.

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CC to host holiday camp

Head Bulldog basketball coach Tony Starnes has announced the dates for the Holiday Basketball Camp at Clarendon College January 2-4.

The camp will be held at the Bulldog Gymnasium January 2, 3, and 4. Students in grades 1-3 will participate from 10:00 a.m. until noon each day. Grades 4-7 will participate from 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. each day.

The cost of the camp is $25, and each player will receive a T-shirt.

This is a great opportunity for young basketball players to receive instruction from the CC coaching staff. Fundamentals of the game will be stressed along with an opportunity to scrimmage also.

Starnes also is asking the public to get out and support the Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs this season as they play their home basketball games.

CC has a lot of great athletes, and you'll be able to see some great basketball. Thursday, January 16, they will go up against Howard College; and Thursday, January 23, both teams will face New Mexico Military Institute. The women will play at 5:50 p.m., and the men will follow.

For more information, you may contact Tony Starnes at 806.874.3571, ext. 276 or 874.0360.

Courthouse:

Continued from page one.

sides, the failed northwest chimney is two-bricks wide on three sides and one-brick wide on the fourth side. This condition was unknown until after the accident, and it is that side that carries the most weight and was where the chimney failed to support the 20,000 pounds of brick above it.

An engineer has recommended additional bracing as well as lowering both north chimneys from 22 feet to 17 feet to reduce weight and wind pressures.

The Texas Historical Commission, however, has thus far resisted giving permission to lower the chimneys and insisted the now decorative chimneys be fully restored. County officials have sent a letter to the THC asking them to reconsider this decision based on safety concerns.

Holiday Deadlines
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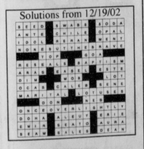
Solutions from 12/19/02



Sandell Drive-In
COMING NEXT WEEKEND:
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WITH PIERCE BROSNAN AS AGENT 007
Rated PG-13
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COMING SOON:
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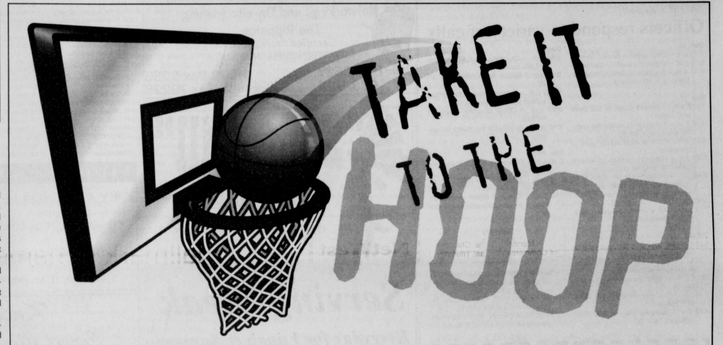

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CISD Trustees hold regular meeting

The Clarendon ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session December 12 in the Functional Living Center.

Board President Wayne Hardin presented Sandra Ramirez with a certificate honoring her participation in the Lorenzo de Zavala Youth Legislative Session this past summer. Miss Ramirez spoke briefly about her experience.

Sharon Elam reported on the English as a Second Language program. Tashia Duncan, Marvin Elam, and Mike Word gave Gifted & Talented reports, and Kelly Thompson presented the dyslexia report.

Superintendent Monty Hysinger presented the West Texas Food Service Cooperative agreement renewal for consideration. The board approved the renewal.

The board discussed Walt Knorpp's offer to give the old Highway Department building to CISD. The trustees decided by consensus to decline the gift.

A motion was approved to accept the engagement letter of Dale A. Swan, P.C., for applying certain agreed-upon procedures for the State Compensatory Education Program special recording as required by the Texas Education Agency.

Enrollment was reported as high school, 145; junior high, 125; and elementary, 234.

Following a closed session, the board accepted the resignations of high school business teacher Colynn Harrison and cafeteria worker Paula Shay. The board voted to offer a teacher contract for the remainder of the school year to Suzanne Taylor.

Administrative reports were presented by CHS Principal Larry Jeffers, CJH Principal Marvin Elam, Elementary Principal Mike Word, Athletic Director Roger Hoeltzel, and Superintendent Hysinger.



Contest Winner
Clarendon College Baseball Coach Trent Petrie and Herring Bank President Jerry Woodard present a check to Curtis Schaefer of Clarendon. Schaefer was the winner of the drawing for a trip to Vegas or $500 cash sponsored by the Herring National Bank. Proceeds from the raffle benefited the Clarendon College baseball program. Coach Petrie and his team appreciate the community for their support.
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Hospital board holds regular meeting

The Donley County Hospital Board met in regular session December 17, 2002, in the Conference Room of the Medical Center Nursing Home.

District Administrator Alan Graham reported the ambulance service responded to 36 calls in the month of November, including 15 no-transport calls and eight trauma runs. Total billing was $23,741.35, and call volume and collections were both reported to be up. Paramedic Jeanette Knowles submitted her resignation to take another position in Amarillo.

The census for the nursing home was reported at 44 residents.

Holly Eads gave the indigent care report and said two applications, which were due for a six-month review, had been approved. One application was scheduled for a special review on December 23.

weather report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	16	69°	35°	-
Tues	17	66°	39°	-
Wed	18	71°	41°	-
Thur	19	58°	34°	-
Fri	20	48°	20°	-
Sat	21	54°	22°	-
Sun	22	54°	24°	-

Total precipitation this month: 0.77"
Total precipitation to date: 24.7K
Total precipitation in Dec. last year: 0.08"
Total YTD total last year: 21.82"

weekend forecast

Friday, Dec. 27
Partly Sunny
40°/20°

Saturday, Dec. 28
Partly Cloudy
46°/22°

Sunday, Dec. 29
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46°/23°

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Memphis center to benefit from dropout grant

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry announced last week a $100,000 grant to Hall County for a special learning center that will help five Panhandle school districts prevent dropouts.

"When students drop out, they face a lifetime of unfulfilled promise, and our state pays the price for it," Perry said. "This program will help keep students in Hall, Donley, and Briscoe counties on track and working toward their diplomas."

The grant, funded by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD), will support the Lakeview Accelerated Academy, a learning center that will feature individualized and self-paced curriculums as well as vocational and technical training. The Clarendon, Hedley, Turkey, Quitaque, Memphis, and Silverton independent school districts will recruit dropouts and students at risk of dropping out to complete their high school education at the academy.

Each year, CJD provides more than $130 million in grants for juvenile justice, crime prevention and victim services grants – all aimed at making Texas a safer place.

Currently, CJD provides more than $13 million in crime prevention grants, $30 million to juvenile justice and prevention projects, $40 million for victim services, and additional funding for a wide variety of other law enforcement projects.

Looking Back

20 Years Ago

The Clarendon Press, December 23, 1982

• First place winner of the Christmas window decoration was Bivens Pharmacy. Bronnie McNabb presented a plaque to Paul Bivens.

• Another traditional event was the revealing of Mrs. Santa. This year, Hedley had the honor of presenting Mrs. Flora Sanders, as Mrs. Santa. The best part of the evening was when some 30 kids left a basketball game in progress at Hedley, boarded a school bus, and came to Clarendon to be there when a very surprised and happy Mrs. Sanders was presented with a rose and a kiss from Santa Claus.

50 Years Ago

The Donley Co. Leader, Dec. 25, 1952

• Members of the Chamber of Commerce met last Thursday night in a called meeting at which time new directors were installed by the outgoing president, Bob Moss, and new officers were elected. Maurice "Butch" Lane, partner in the Lane & McCully Insurance office, was elected president to guide the affairs of the Chamber for the 1953 year; John H. Head, executive Vice President of the First National Bank, was elected vice-president; and Glenn Hoggatt, owner of Glenn's Jewelry, was elected treasurer.

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CC to host holiday camp

Head Bulldog basketball coach Tony Starnes has announced the dates for the Holiday Basketball Camp at Clarendon College January 2-4.

The camp will be held at the Bulldog Gymnasium January 2, 3, and 4. Students in grades 1-3 will participate from 10:00 a.m. until noon each day. Grades 4-7 will participate from 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. each day.

The cost of the camp is $25, and each player will receive a T-shirt.

This is a great opportunity for young basketball players to receive instruction from the CC coaching staff. Fundamentals of the game will be stressed along with an opportunity to scrimmage also.

Starnes also is asking the public to get out and support the Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs this season as they play their home basketball games.

CC has a lot of great athletes, and you'll be able to see some great basketball. Thursday, January 16, they will go up against Howard College; and Thursday, January 23, both teams will face New Mexico Military Institute. The women will play at 5:50 p.m., and the men will follow.

For more information, you may contact Tony Starnes at 806.874.3571, ext. 276 or 874.0360.

Courthouse:

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sides, the failed northwest chimney is two-bricks wide on three sides and one-brick wide on the fourth side. This condition was unknown until after the accident, and it is that side that carries the most weight and was where the chimney failed to support the 20,000 pounds of brick above it.

An engineer has recommended additional bracing as well as lowering both north chimneys from 22 feet to 17 feet to reduce weight and wind pressures.

The Texas Historical Commission, however, has thus far resisted giving permission to lower the chimneys and insisted the now decorative chimneys be fully restored. County officials have sent a letter to the THC asking them to reconsider this decision based on safety concerns.

Holiday Deadlines
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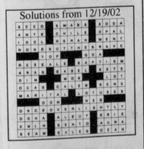
Solutions from 12/19/02



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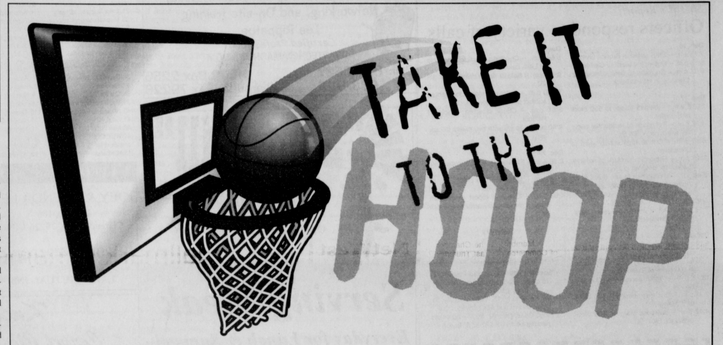

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Obituaries

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Mrs. Partain died Thursday, December 19, 2002, in Amarillo. She was born July 30, 1917 in Leedey, Oklahoma, and moved from there to the Ashtola Community near Clarendon in 1954. She married Robert Roy Partain on June 27, 1942, at Amarillo. She was a homemaker and a member of the Clarendon Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by a son, Robert Emory Partain, in 1956 and a sister, Evelyn Bentley in 1997.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Partain of Ashtola; one daughter, Roberta Alene Kime of Ashtola; one son, Rudy Lynn Partain of Panhandle; two sisters, Wanda Hamilton of Weatherford, OK, Dorothy Thornton of Grants, NM; four brothers, Avery Taylor of Irrigon, OR; Beul Taylor of Hermiston, OR; W.D. Taylor of Arnett, OK; and Buddy Taylor of Cushing, OK; five grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

Casket bearers were Cecil Ray Mills, Richard Wayne Mills, Ricky Lynn Partain, Roddy Glen Partain, Les Alan Thornton, and Larry Bentley.

Lucero

Esequiel A. "Kelly" Lucero, age 95, died Thursday, December 12, 2002. Services were held in Dumas, Texas, at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 2002, at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

Mr. Lucero was born May 22, 1907, in LaLiendre, New Mexico. He married Marcella Salaz in 1925 in Trementina, New Mexico. He was a long time resident of Clarendon where he lived with his son José Conrad Lucero and family for years.

He was loved by everyone. His loving touch, sound advice, and joyful spirit were not only a comfort, but an inspiration. He always made everyone smile. But most of all he loved God and his family. We will always be grateful to know such a special person.

Survivors include five daughters; eight sons; 340 grandchildren and great grandchildren; and nine great great grandchildren.

Sheriff's Report:

Officers respond to variety of calls

Dec. 16
7:18 a.m. – EMS assist in Bronco Gym.
5:13 p.m. – Out in 300 block of Carhart.
9:07 p.m. – En route to family dispute on Oleta St. in Howardwick.

Dec. 17
11:16 a.m. – Welfare assist in 500 block of S. Taylor.
4:07 p.m. – Responds to residential security alarm on W. 6th St.
6:36 p.m. – Out at high school gym in Clarendon.
7:45 p.m. – Reported burglary of vehicle. Search for suspect in progress.
8:40 p.m. – Dispatched to 100 block of W. 7th St. Suspicious activity.

Dec. 18
8:10 p.m. – Out of vehicle delivering legal papers to residence.

Dec. 20
5:49 a.m. – Possible abandoned vehicle on N. SH 70.
7:28 a.m. – Responding to business alarm in 100 block of E. 3rd St.
12:25 p.m. – Traffic accident on 3rd and Koogle.
2:31 p.m. – Out at residence in 300 block of S. Hawley.
4:42 p.m. – Business alarm in 100 block of E. 2nd St.

Dec. 21
5:59 a.m. – Checking suspicious vehicle at Lelia Lake.
9:14 a.m. – Bale of hay burning on N. SH 70.
12:00 p.m. – Assisting search for wanted subject out of Carson County.
3:51 p.m. – Check disabled vehicle at Ashtola.
9:40 p.m. – To jail with two males in custody.

Dec. 22
8:56 a.m. – EMS assist in 100 block of W. Rosenfield.
1:24 p.m. – Minor traffic accident on US 287 at S. McClelland.
4:32 p.m. – Check a report of children playing on railroad tracks near Front St.

Summary
Arrests – 4
Fire – 2
EMS – 6

Sheriff's Office Lost and Found
To claim, you must give detailed description of item.
Vehicle Keys: July 15, 2002 – Sully St. between 3rd and 4th; Nov. 25, 2002.
Cartridge Case: Dec. 22, 2002 – business parking lot on US 287 at S. Taylor.



Visitor from the North
Children from Paula's Daycare in Clarendon received a special visit from Santa Claus last week. Those pictured are (front) Payton Hicks, Safiq Sinda, Riley Shadle, (back) Ryan McCleskey, Paula Blackburn, Quentin Overby, Misti Scoot, Jessica Lowrie, Blaine Layton, Kasie Hinton, Makinzie Hinton, and Sam Hinton. Enterprise Digital Photo

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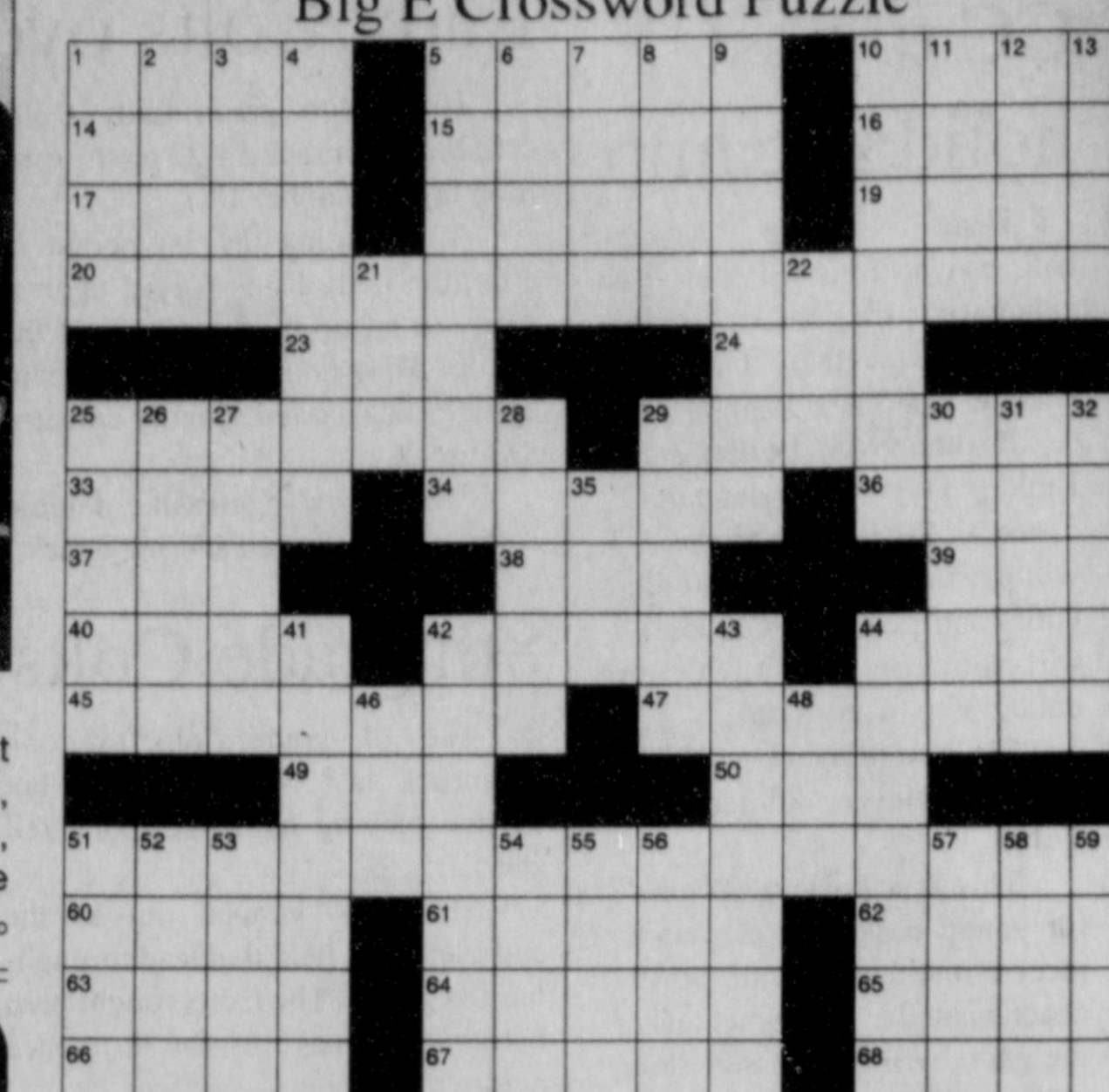

ACROSS
1. City in Switzerland, var.
6. Buzz off!
11. Rotating mechanism 14. White burgandy
15. Striped tropical game fish
16. Back
17. Government reports
19. Maya ___ of Vietnam Veteran's Memorial
20. A manner of performance
21. Inner Roman sanctuary
23. Musical compositions
27. Beguiled
29. In a way, paddled
30. Lucas, filmmaker
31. In a way, plagiarizes
32. Tuna-like food fish
33. Chart
36. Rapid Eye Movements
37. Bundles
38. Call for
39. Rapid busting movement
40. Angel and Niagara
41. Gnat, for one
42. Member of U.S. Navy
44. A particular environment or walk of life
45. Kind acts
47. Rechristens
48. Turkic language
49. Receive regularly
50. Lilly, drug company
51. Cocktail
58. Born of
59. Airs
60. Fill with high spirits
61. Distress signal
62. Time of life
63. Elastance unit

DOWN
1. Yuppie status symbol
2. Express pleasure
3. It (slang)
4. Anything taken or chosen at random
5. Foes
6. Lots
7. Manage
8. Relative biological effectiveness, abbr.
9. Notes forming a distinctive sequence
10. Cosmetic
11. 1950 Merman musical
12. Mentally quick and resourceful
13. Single unit
18. Weight unit
22. Work unit
23. Capital of Ghana
24. Defied
25. Ermines
26. Lots
27. Goddess of fertility
28. Troughs of bricks
30. Celanese seaport
32. Trade
34. Texas team member
35. Hammer ends
37. Minor
38. Native American group
40. Best place to drive
41. Affluent
43. Seventh letter of the Greek alphabet
44. Fake
45. Belongs to sun god
46. Celebes megapode that lays eggs in holes in sandy beaches
47. Croupier's tool
49. Czar
52. Color property
53. Gershwin
54. Patti Hearst's captors
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FARM EQUIPMENT

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LEGAL NOTICES

CLARENDON COLLEGE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL #9913

Clarendon College is soliciting proposals for the 2003-2004 College catalog. Proposals are to be received in the Office of the Dean of Instruction or faxed to 806-874-3201, Clarendon College, 1122 College Drive, PO Box 968, Clarendon, Texas 79226, by 2:00 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2003 (the due date). The estimated date of award will be Thursday, February 20, 2003. Clarendon College reserves the right to negotiate with any/all proposers at anytime, before or after submission of a proposal. Clarendon College reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technicalities.

To request complete specifications, contact Mr. Tex Buckhaults, Dean of Instruction, Clarendon College, PO Box 968, Clarendon, Texas 79226 or call 806-874-3571. 52-2tc

NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

On December 12, 2002, GreenLight Gas ("GreenLight"), in accordance with the Gas Utility Regulatory Act, filed a Statement of Intent with the City of Clarendon to implement a new schedule of rates for natural gas service to be charged to the city's residential and commercial customers.

The proposed rates are expected to increase in GreenLight's annual revenues by about 3.85%. The proposed change does not constitute a "major" change as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. A residential customer receiving a bill for 6 mcf of gas consumption would have a bill of $41.47 per month under the proposed rate. A commercial customer receiving a bill for 30 mcf of gas consumption would have a bill of $ 179.35 per month under the proposed rate. The proposed rate changes will affect 748 residential and 131 commercial customers. The proposed effective date of the rate change is January 17, 2003.

A complete copy of the Statement of Intent is available for inspection in GreenLight's business office located at 116 South 6th Street, Memphis, Texas 79245. Persons with questions or who want information about this filing may contact GreenLight at 1-806-259-1444. Any affected persons may file written comments or a protest with the Clarendon city office concerning the proposed change in rates with at any time within 30 days following the date on which the change would or has become effective. 52-4tc

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON AN APPLICATION FOR A MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION REGISTRATION PROPOSED REGISTRATION NO. MSW-40192

APPLICATION: City of Clarendon, 119 S. Sully, Donley County, Clarendon, Texas 79226 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) (formerly the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission) for Proposed Registration No. MSW-40192, to construct and operate a new Type V, municipal solid waste transfer station. The proposed facility site is located approximately 1,200 feet West and 750 feet North of the intersection of US 287 and Kearney Street in the City of Clarendon. This facility as proposed will be authorized to accept up to 125 tons per day of municipal solid waste.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. The TCEQ will conduct a public meeting on the application for the proposed facility. During the meeting, the public will be able to ask questions of the staff and the applicant and provide comments on the application.

The Public Meeting is to be held:
Tuesday, January 14, 2003,
at 7:00 p.m.
City of Clarendon
City Hall
119 S. Sully
Clarendon, Texas 79226

INFORMATION. For information concerning the public meeting process or for any additional information, please contact the Office of Public Assistance, MC 108, TCEQ, PO Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or call toll free 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at **www.tceq.state.tx.us**. The registration application is available for viewing and copying at the City of Clarendon, City Hall, 119 S. Sully, Clarendon, Texas 79226. For additional information concerning this registration application, please contact the City of Clarendon, 119 S. Sully, Clarendon, Texas 79226 or by calling Ms. Linda Smith, City Secretary, City of Clarendon at (806) 874-3438.
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1-3tc

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HOUSE WITH UNATTACHED APARTMENT - Principal residence is 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, large living, large kitchen/dining/utility - efficiency apartment has 1 bedroom/living, 1 bath, and kitchen; unattached 1 car garage, fenced back yard at 414 S. Carhart for $49,500.

WEST CLARENDON - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, living, utility, sunroom, central heat, car port, storage shed, fruit trees, corner lot at 700 S. Johns Street. (Owner says make an offer.)

CLARENDON COMMERCIAL - SWEET RICE CAFE - Established Thai Restaurant, complete with all buildings, lots, furniture, and fixtures conveniently located in Clarendon on Hwy. 287 at the intersection with Koogle St.

LELIA LAKE - FARM WITH HOUSE - 345.07 acres (172.7 cropland - balance grass), 1120 sq. ft. house. $300 per acre.

LELIA LAKE - HOUSE AND 2½ ACRES - 1,681 sq. ft., stucco, 3 bedroom, 1½ bath, living, dining, garden room. $25,000

GREENBELT - W-A-T-E-R-F-R-O-N-T L-O-T-S (2) - with great view overlooking Greenbelt Lake from the residence which has 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen, dining, utility, central heat & air, and 2 wood burning stoves. Also basement which can be third bedroom, plus large 816 sq. ft. den. A great place to relax and enjoy the view. Fenced yard, 2 car port, and nice shop/storage building at Least Lots 148 & 149 for $98,500.

GREENBELT - NICE HOUSE BUILT ON SITE - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, kitchen/dining, living, utility, FULLY FURNISHED - INCLUDING KITCHEN, neat, clean, and ready to move in at 251 Plainview Ln., Saints' Roost for only $20,000.

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• 716 S. Ellerbe. Two bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car garage, cellar, fenced, 3½ lots, partial remodeled. ~~$29,500~~ $26,000
• 514 E. Browning. Three bedroom, 2 bath, extra nice mobile home with a deck, fenced yard, and 2.5 lots. See to appreciate. ~~$18,000.~~ $14,000
• 1109 W. 8th Street. 1.5 acs. with nice shop, H&A, bath, additional shed. ~~$25,000~~ $21,000
• Choice restricted lots with underground utilities in west Clarendon.
• Hwy. 70 and Hwy. 287. Three corner lots with brick commercial building. Approx. sq. ft. 2,080. CH/A, four bathrooms, currently used as a Doctor's office. Lots of possibilities. Approx. 7,975 sq. ft. of asphalt parking. ~~$80,000.~~ $60,000

DONLEY COUNTY
• 100 ac. with 2,000 sq. ft. home, barn, two wells, beautiful view. ~~$195,000.~~ REDUCED TO $186,000
• 120 ac. (73 ac. CRP, 5 yea... $136,000. SOLD

GREENBELT LAKE
• Choice waterfront. Lots 1&2, fantastic view, 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, new paint, carpet, and tile, CH&A, 1 car garage, cement boat ramp. $150,000
• 338 Becky. Three lots with marble siding 3 bedroom, 1½ baths, central heat and air, 2 car garage, fireplace. $55,000
• 160 Angel St. Two lots, 3 bedroom, 2 baths, furnished. $20,000.

HALL COUNTY
• 792 acs. 2 dirt tanks. One well, beautiful canyon, $275 per acre.

BRISCOE COUNTY
• 3915 acs. ranch land, 6 wells, 4 dirt tanks. Borders Prairie Dog Fork of the Red River. Battle Creek runs through Northwest sections. Good hunting. $250 per ac.

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FOR SALE

CLARENDON - HOUSE

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HOUSE WITH UNATTACHED APARTMENT - Principal residence is 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, large living, large kitchen/dining/utility - efficiency apartment has 1 bedroom/living, 1 bath, and kitchen; unattached 1 car garage, fenced back yard at 414 S. Carhart for $49,500.

LARGE HOUSE & SHOP BUILDING - 4 bedroom, 2 bath, modern kitchen with built-in Gen-air cook top and double oven, dishwasher, utility, large den/living/dining area with wood burner fireplace, concrete cellar, well or city water option, 121 sq. ft. storage/well house bldg., 1,200 sq. ft. shop all on 3 lots at 203 S. Wells for ~~$54,900~~. **REDUCED TO $48,000.**

WEST CLARENDON - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, living, utility, sunroom, central heat, car port, storage shed, fruit trees, corner lot at 700 S. Johns Street. ~~$30,000~~. REDUCED TO $21,900.

HISTORICAL HOUSE & 10 ACRES - Originally RO Ranch Foreman's house, recently remodeled 1959 s... 2 ... living, dining, kitchen with built-ins, laundry, sun room, ... with unobstructed view overlooking beautiful ranch country, unattached one car garage, shop or tack room, concrete cellar, child's play house, well with sub. pump, south of Alanreed for $67,500. **SOLD**

CLARENDON COMMERCIAL - SWEET RICE CAFE - Established Thai Restaurant, complete with all buildings, lots, furniture, and fixtures conveniently located in Clarendon on Hwy. 287 at the intersection with Koogle St. Neat and clean and ready for new owner to continue operation as is or building could easily be converted for other commercial use.

ASHTOLA - 2.23 ACRES - including nice house with 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen/dining/living, add on room for third bedroom or utility, enclosed porch, large utility, 2 car garage/shop, covered patio, large concrete cellar with electricity, extensive landscaping, well with submersible pump, 74 new fruit trees with drip irrigation, numerous large fruit, nut, and shade trees - all this plus an additional 2 bedroom, 1 bath mobile home, and more, located downtown Ashtola for $39,900.

HEDLEY - 80 ACRES GRASS - 3 miles East and just South of Texas Hwy. 203 - like new fence, good water from the windmill and excellent pasture for cattle and just rough enough for the deer and game birds that frequent the place - a nice little ranchette for $325.00 per acre. **SOLD**

LELIA LAKE - FARM WITH HOUSE - 345.07 acres (172.7 cropland - balance grass), 1120 sq. ft. house presently remodeled - new heating and air conditioning, new wiring, ... system have been completed plus some wall and floor repair (considerable remodeling work remains), well with sub. pump, unattached garage & storage building, deer & game birds; owner will negotiate also for the sale of farm equipment & machinery or will sell farm alone for $300 per acre. **SOLD**

LELIA LAKE - HOUSE AND 2½ ACRES - 1,681 sq. ft., stucco, 3 bedroom, 1½ bath, living, dining, garden room, unattached garage, like-new metal roof, well with submersible pump, acreage is fenced, reasonably priced at ~~$35,000~~. REDUCED TO $25,000.

LELIA LAKE - ALL GRASS - 160 ACRES South of Lelia Lake - surrounded by ranch land on 3 sides, good for hunting deer, turkey, quail, and dove. Financing negotiable - for $69,000.

GREENBELT - EXCEPTIONAL HOME - 3 levels, 3 bedroom, 3 bath, kitchen with all built-ins, dining/living, den, utility, wood burner fireplaces on two levels, built in television, oversized attached garage and storage, additional attached 3-car port, central heat and ref. air, landscaped with sprinklers, 2 lots back up to Carroll Creek, boat dock, (owner will sell with or without furniture and fixtures) at 105 Tyng. House only for $135,000.

GREENBELT - W-A-T-E-R-F-R-O-N-T L-O-T AND NICE HOUSE overlooking beautiful Greenbelt Lake - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, kitchen, dining, utility, attached oversized double garage and large living/den with wood burner fireplace and lots of glass providing a view of the lake and wildlife that frequents the premises plus large covered porch also overlooking the lake, fenced backyard and nice yard building at Lease Lot #84 for $135,000.

GREENBELT - W-A-T-E-R-F-R-O-N-T L-O-T-S (2) - with great view overlooking Greenbelt Lake from the residence which has 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen, dining, utility, central heat & air, and 2 wood burning stoves. Also basement which can be third bedroom, plus large 816 sq. ft. den. A great place to relax and enjoy the view. Fenced yard, 2 car port, and nice shop/storage building at Least Lots 148 & 149 for $98,500.

GREENBELT - EXTRA NICE - 1862 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2 bath, living/dining/den, kitchen with built-ins and lots of cabinets, utility, abundant storage throughout, wood... unattached 768 sq. ft. double garage and shop, large cellar under garage, nice trees, grass & shrubs, only 4 minutes by cart to golf course at 137 Sunfish in Country Club Central for $79,500. **UNDER CONTRACT**

GREENBELT - (OWNER FINANCING NEGOTIABLE) - good view of lake, 5 bedroom (3 down/2 up), 1 & 3/4 baths, large living/den, kitchen with built-ins, utility, unattached 2-car garage, shop, well with sub. pump, many evergreen, fruit, and shade trees on four lots at 91 Pampa Lane for $49,000

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Obituaries

Partain

Funeral services for Jewel Alene Partain, age 85, were held Monday, December 23, 2002, in the Clarendon Church of Christ with Eddie Stegall, Minister and Don Stone, Minister of the White Deer Church of Christ, officiating. Burial was held in Citizens Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mrs. Partain died Thursday, December 19, 2002, in Amarillo. She was born July 30, 1917 in Leedey, Oklahoma, and moved from there to the Ashtola Community near Clarendon in 1954. She married Robert Roy Partain on June 27, 1942, at Amarillo. She was a homemaker and a member of the Clarendon Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by a son, Robert Emory Partain, in 1956 and a sister, Evelyn Bentley in 1997.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Partain of Ashtola; one daughter, Roberta Alene Kime of Ashtola; one son, Rudy Lynn Partain of Panhandle; two sisters, Wanda Hamilton of Weatherford, OK, Dorothy Thornton of Grants, NM; four brothers, Avery Taylor of Irrigon, OR; Beul Taylor of Hermiston, OR; W.D. Taylor of Arnett, OK; and Buddy Taylor of Cushing, OK; five grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

Casket bearers were Cecil Ray Mills, Richard Wayne Mills, Ricky Lynn Partain, Roddy Glen Partain, Les Alan Thornton, and Larry Bentley.

Lucero

Esequiel A. "Kelly" Lucero, age 95, died Thursday, December 12, 2002. Services were held in Dumas, Texas, at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 2002, at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

Mr. Lucero was born May 22, 1907, in LaLiendre, New Mexico. He married Marcella Salaz in 1925 in Trementina, New Mexico. He was a long time resident of Clarendon where he lived with his son José Conrad Lucero and family for years.

He was loved by everyone. His loving touch, sound advice, and joyful spirit were not only a comfort, but an inspiration. He always made everyone smile. But most of all he loved God and his family. We will always be grateful to know such a special person.

Survivors include five daughters; eight sons; 340 grandchildren and great grandchildren; and nine great great grandchildren.

Sheriff's Report:

Officers respond to variety of calls

Dec. 16
7:18 a.m. – EMS assist in Bronco Gym.
5:13 p.m. – Out in 300 block of Carhart.
9:07 p.m. – En route to family dispute on Oleta St. in Howardwick.

Dec. 17
11:16 a.m. – Welfare assist in 500 block of S. Taylor.
4:07 p.m. – Responds to residential security alarm on W. 6th St.
6:36 p.m. – Out at high school gym in Clarendon.
7:45 p.m. – Reported burglary of vehicle. Search for suspect in progress.
8:40 p.m. – Dispatched to 100 block of W. 7th St. Suspicious activity.

Dec. 18
8:10 p.m. – Out of vehicle delivering legal papers to residence.

Dec. 20
5:49 a.m. – Possible abandoned vehicle on N. SH 70.
7:28 a.m. – Responding to business alarm in 100 block of E. 3rd St.
12:25 p.m. – Traffic accident on 3rd and Koogle.
2:31 p.m. – Out at residence in 300 block of S. Hawley.
4:42 p.m. – Business alarm in 100 block of E. 2nd. St.

Dec. 21
5:59 a.m. – Checking suspicious vehicle at Lelia Lake.
9:14 a.m. – Bale of hay burning on N. SH 70.
12:00 p.m. – Assisting search for wanted subject out of Carson County.
3:51 p.m. – Check disabled vehicle at Ashtola.
9:40 p.m. – To jail with two males in custody.

Dec. 22
8:56 a.m. – EMS assist in 100 block of W. Rosenfield.
1:24 p.m. – Minor traffic accident on US 287 at S. McClelland.
4:32 p.m. – Check a report of children playing on railroad tracks near Front St.

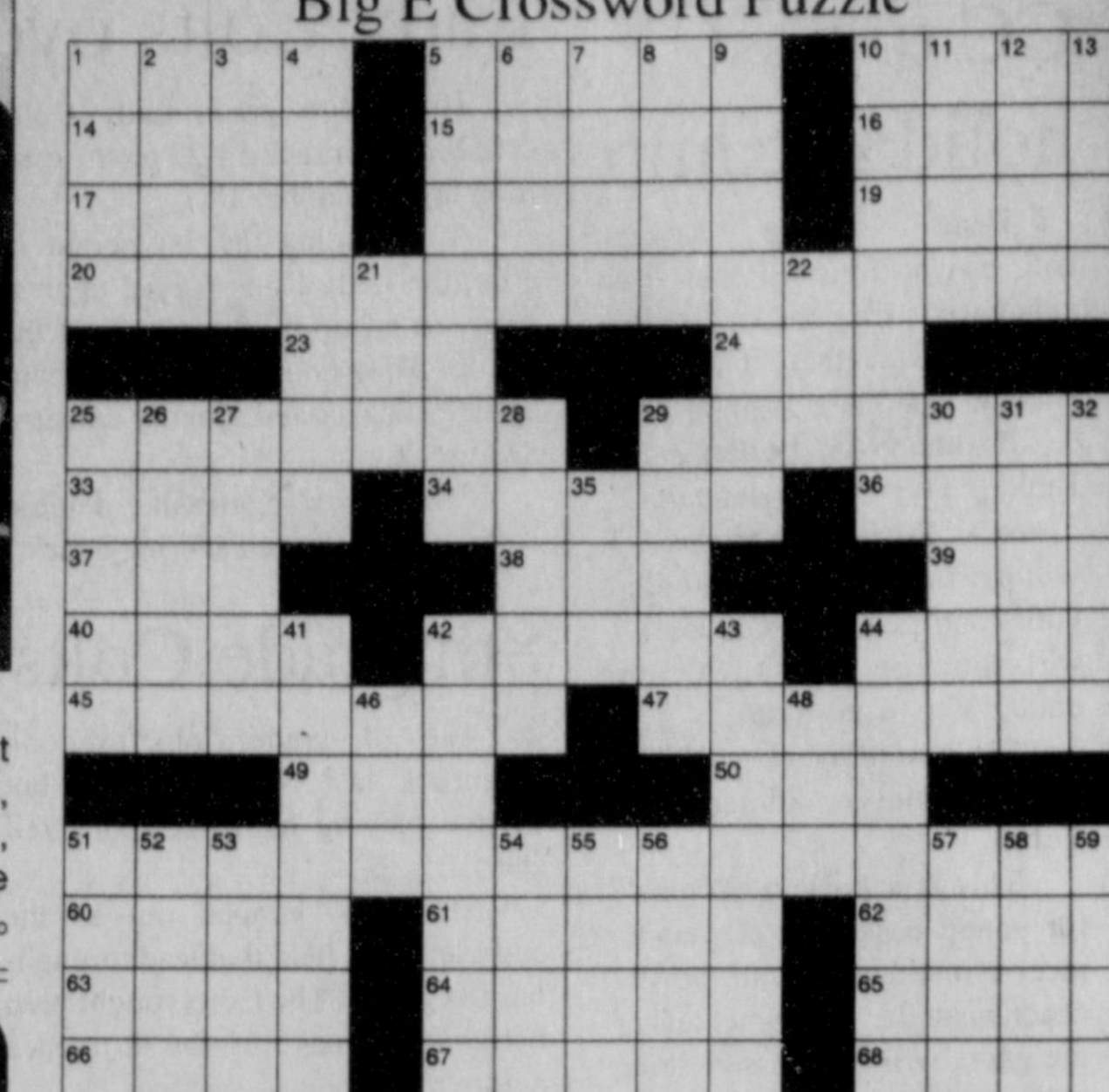
Summary
Arrests – 4
Fire – 2
EMS – 6

Sheriff's Office Lost and Found
To claim, you must give detailed description of item.
Vehicle Keys: July 15, 2002 – Sully St. between 3rd and 4th; Nov. 25, 2002.
Cartridge Case: Dec. 22, 2002 – business parking lot on US 287 at S. Taylor.



Visitor from the North
Children from Paula's Daycare in Clarendon received a special visit from Santa Claus last week. Those pictured are (front) Payton Hicks, Safiq Sinda, Riley Shadle, (back) Ryan McCleskey, Paula Blackburn, Quentin Overby, Misti Scoot, Jessica Lowrie, Blaine Layton, Kasie Hinton, Makinzie Hinton, and Sam Hinton. Enterprise Digital Photo

Big E Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1. City in Switzerland, var.
6. Buzz off!
11. Rotating mechanism 14. White burgundy
15. Striped tropical game fish
16. Back
17. Government reports
19. Maya ___ of Vietnam Veteran's Memorial
20. A manner of performance
21. Inner Roman sanctuary
23. Musical compositions
27. Beguiled
29. In a way, paddled
30. Lucas, filmmaker
31. In a way, plagiarizes
32. Tuna-like food fish
33. Chart
36. Rapid Eye Movements
37. Bundles
38. Call for
39. Rapid busting movement
40. Angel and Niagara
41. Gnat, for one
42. Member of U.S. Navy
44. A particular environment or walk of life
45. Kind acts
47. Rechristens
48. Turkic language
49. Receive regularly
50. Lilly, drug company
51. Cocktail
58. Born of
59. Airs
60. Fill with high spirits
61. Distress signal
62. Time of life
63. Elastance unit

DOWN
1. Yuppie status symbol
2. Express pleasure
3. It (slang)
4. Anything taken or chosen at random
5. Foes
6. Lots
7. Manage
8. Relative biological effectiveness, abbr.
9. Notes forming a distinctive sequence
10. Cosmetic
11. 1950 Merman musical
12. Mentally quick and resourceful
13. Single unit
18. Weight unit
22. Work unit
23. Capital of Ghana
24. Defied
25. Emmies
26. Lots
27. Goddess of fertility
28. Troughs of bricks
30. Celanese seaport
32. Trade
34. Texas team member
35. Hammer ends
37. Minor
38. Native American group
40. Best place to drive
41. Affluent
43. Seventh letter of the Greek alphabet
44. Fake
45. Belongs to sun god
46. Celebes megapode that lays eggs in holes in sandy beaches
47. Croupier's tool
49. Czar
52. Color property
53. Gershwin
54. Patti Hearst's captors
55. Paddle
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MEETINGS

Clarendon Lodge #700 AF&AM Stated meeting: Second Monday each month, 7:30 p.m. Refreshments served at 6:30 p.m. Practice sessions: Fourth Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Russell Estlack - W.M.
Allen Estlack - Secretary

Clarendon Order of the Eastern Star #6 Stated meetings: First Thursdays, 7:30 pm; Refreshments served at 6:30 pm
Naomi Green - W.M.
Juanita Meador - Secretary

Clarendon Lions Club Regular meeting each Tuesday at noon.
W. Myles Shelton, Boss Lion. Monty Hysinger, Secretary

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

Donley Co. Memorial Post #7782 of the VFW & Auxilary Stated covered dish meeting: Second Tuesday at 6 p.m. Dale Powers - Post Commander; Carol Holden - President. Post Home Phone No: 874-VETS Bingo - Saturdays, 7:00 p.m.

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LEGAL NOTICES

CLARENDON COLLEGE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL #9913
Clarendon College is soliciting proposals for the 2003-2004 College catalog. Proposals are to be received in the Office of the Dean of Instruction or faxed to 806-874-3201, Clarendon College, 1122 College Drive, PO Box 968, Clarendon, Texas 79226, by 2:00 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2003 (the due date). The estimated date of award will be Thursday, February 20, 2003. Clarendon College reserves the right to negotiate with any/all proposers at anytime, before or after submission of a proposal. Clarendon College reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technicalities.
To request complete specifications, contact Mr. Tex Buckhaults, Dean of Instruction, Clarendon College, PO Box 968, Clarendon, Texas 79226 or call 806-874-3571. 52-2tc

NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST
On December 12, 2002, GreenLight Gas ("GreenLight"), in accordance with the Gas Utility Regulatory Act, filed a Statement of Intent with the City of Clarendon to implement a new schedule of rates for natural gas service to be charged to the city's residential and commercial customers.
The proposed rates are expected to increase in GreenLight's annual revenues by about 3.85%. The proposed change does not constitute a "major" change as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. A residential customer receiving a bill for 6 mcf of gas consumption would have a bill of $41.47 per month under the proposed rate. A commercial customer receiving a bill for 30 mcf of gas consumption would have a bill of $ 179.35 per month under the proposed rate. The proposed rate changes will affect 748 residential and 131 commercial customers. The proposed effective date of the rate change is January 17, 2003.
A complete copy of the Statement of Intent is available for inspection in GreenLight's business office located at 116 South 6th Street, Memphis, Texas 79245. Persons with questions or who want information about this filing may contact GreenLight at 1-806-259-1444. Any affected persons may file written comments or a protest with the Clarendon city office concerning the proposed change in rates with at any time within 30 days following the date on which the change would or has become effective. 52-4tc

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON AN APPLICATION FOR A MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION REGISTRATION PROPOSED REGISTRATION NO. MSW-40192
APPLICATION: City of Clarendon, 119 S. Sully, Donley County, Clarendon, Texas 79226 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) (formerly the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission) for Proposed Registration No. MSW-40192, to construct and operate a new Type V. municipal solid waste transfer station. The proposed facility site is located approximately 1,200 feet West and 750 feet North of the intersection of US 287 and Kearney Street in the City of Clarendon. This facility as proposed will be authorized to accept up to 125 tons per day of municipal solid waste.
PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. The TCEQ will conduct a public meeting on the application for the proposed facility. During the meeting, the public will be able to ask questions of the staff and the applicant and provide comments on the application.
The Public Meeting is to be held:
Tuesday, January 14, 2003, at 7:00 p.m.
City of Clarendon City Hall 119 S. Sully Clarendon, Texas 79226
INFORMATION. For information concerning the public meeting process or for any additional information, please contact the Office of Public Assistance, MC 108, TCEQ, PO Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or call toll free 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us. The registration application is available for viewing and copying at the City of Clarendon, City Hall, 119 S. Sully, Clarendon, Texas 79226. For additional information concerning this registration application, please contact the City of Clarendon, 119 S. Sully, Clarendon, Texas 79226 or by calling Ms. Linda Smith, City Secretary, City of Clarendon at (806) 874-3438.
Issued: December 20, 2002.
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HOUSE WITH UNATTACHED APARTMENT - Principal residence is 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, large living, large kitchen/dining/utility - efficiency apartment has 1 bedroom/living, 1 bath, and kitchen; unattached 1 car garage, fenced back yard at 414 S. Carhart for $49,500.
WEST CLARENDON - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, living, utility, sunroom, central heat, car port, storage shed, fruit trees, corner lot at 700 S. Johns Street. (Owner says make an offer.)
CLARENDON COMMERCIAL - SWEET RICE CAFE - Established Thai Restaurant, complete with all buildings, lots, furniture, and fixtures conveniently located in Clarendon on Hwy. 287 at the intersection with Koogle St.
LELIA LAKE - FARM WITH HOUSE - 345.07 acres (172.7 cropland - balance grass), 1120 sq. ft. house. $300 per acre.
LELIA LAKE - HOUSE AND 2½ ACRES - 1,681 sq. ft., stucco, 3 bedroom, 1½ bath, living, dining, garden room. $25,000
GREENBELT - W-A-T-E-R-F-R-O-N-T L-O-T-S (2) - with great view overlooking Greenbelt Lake from the residence which has 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen, dining, utility, central heat & air, and 2 wood burning stoves. Also basement which can be third bedroom, plus large 816 sq. ft. den. A great place to relax and enjoy the view. Fenced yard, 2 car port, and nice shop/storage building at Least Lots 148 & 149 for $98,500.
GREENBELT - NICE HOUSE BUILT ON SITE - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, kitchen/dining, living, utility, FULLY FURNISHED - INCLUDING KITCHEN, neat, clean, and ready to move in at 251 Plainview Ln., Saints' Roost for only $20,000.

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CLARENDON
• 716 S. Ellerbe. Two bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car garage, cellar, fenced, 3½ lots, partial remodeled. ~~$29,500~~ $26,000
• 514 E. Browning. Three bedroom, 2 bath, extra nice mobile home with a deck, fenced yard, and 2.5 lots. See to appreciate. ~~$18,000.~~ $14,000
• 1109 W. 8th Street. 1.5 acs. with nice shop, H&A, bath, additional shed. ~~$25,000~~ $21,000
• Choice restricted lots with underground utilities in west Clarendon.
• Hwy. 70 and Hwy. 287. Three corner lots with brick commercial building. Approx. sq. ft. 2,080. CH/A, four bathrooms, currently used as a Doctor's office. Lots of possibilities. Approx. 7,975 sq. ft. of asphalt parking. ~~$80,000~~. $60,000

DONLEY COUNTY
• 100 ac. with 2,000 sq. ft. home, barn, two wells, beautiful view. ~~$195,000~~. REDUCED TO $186,000
• 120 ac. (73 ac. CRP, 5 yea[SOLD]ce) $36,000.

GREENBELT LAKE
• Choice waterfront. Lots 1&2, fantastic view, 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, new paint, carpet, and tile, CH&A, 1 car garage, cement boat ramp. $150,000
• 338 Becky. Three lots with marble siding 3 bedroom, 1½ baths, central heat and air, 2 car garage, fireplace. $55,000
• 160 Angel St. Two lots, 3 bedroom, 2 baths, furnished. $20,000.

HALL COUNTY
• 792 acs. 2 dirt tanks. One well, beautiful canyon, $275 per acre.

BRISCOE COUNTY
• 3915 acs. ranch land, 6 wells, 4 dirt tanks. Borders Prairie Dog Fork of the Red River. Battle Creek runs through Northwest sections. Good hunting. $250 per ac.

Jimmy Garland Real Estate
874-3757

FOR SALE

CLARENDON - HOUSE
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LARGE HOUSE & SHOP BUILDING - 4 bedroom, 2 bath, modern kitchen with built-in Gen-air cook top and double oven, dishwasher, utility, large den/living/dining area with wood burner fireplace, concrete cellar, well or city water option, 121 sq. ft. storage/well house bldg., 1,200 sq. ft. shop all on 3 lots at 203 S. Wells for ~~$54,900~~. REDUCED TO $48,000.
WEST CLARENDON - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, living, utility, sunroom, central heat, car port, storage shed, fruit trees, corner lot at 700 S. Johns Street. ~~$30,000~~. REDUCED TO $21,900.
HISTORICAL HOUSE & 10 ACRES - Originally RO Ranch Foreman's house, recently remodeled 1959 [SOLD] 2 [...] living, dining, kitchen with built-ins, laundry, sun room [...] view overlooking beautiful ranch country, unattached one car garage, shop or tack room, concrete cellar, child's play house, well with sub. pump, south of Alanreed for $67,500.
CLARENDON COMMERCIAL - SWEET RICE CAFE - Established Thai Restaurant, complete with all buildings, lots, furniture, and fixtures conveniently located in Clarendon on Hwy. 287 at the intersection with Koogle St. Neat and clean and ready for new owner to continue operation as is or building could easily be converted for other commercial use.
ASHTOLA - 2.23 ACRES - including nice house with 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen/dining/living, add on room for third bedroom or utility, enclosed porch, large utility, 2 car garage/shop, covered patio, large concrete cellar with electricity, extensive landscaping, well with submersible pump, 74 new fruit trees with drip irrigation, numerous large fruit, nut, and shade trees - all this plus an additional 2 bedroom, 1 bath mobile home, and more, located downtown Ashtola for $39,900.
HEDLEY - 80 ACRES GRASS - 3 miles East and just South of Texas Hwy. 203 - like new fence, good wat[SOLD]ellent pasture for cattle and just rough enough for the [...] a nice little ranchette for $325.00 per acre.
LELIA LAKE - FARM WITH HOUSE - 345.07 acres (172.7 cropland - balance grass), 1120 sq. ft. house presently remodeled - new heating and air conditioning, new wiring, [SOLD] system have been completed plus some wall and floor re[...] work remains), well with sub. pump, unattached garage & storage building, deer & game birds; owner will negotiate also for the sale of farm equipment & machinery or will sell farm alone for $300 per acre.
LELIA LAKE - HOUSE AND 2½ ACRES - 1,681 sq. ft., stucco, 3 bedroom, 1½ bath, living, dining, garden room, unattached garage, like-new metal roof, well with submersible pump, acreage is fenced, reasonably priced at ~~$35,000~~. REDUCED TO $25,000.
LELIA LAKE - ALL GRASS - 160 ACRES South of Lelia Lake - surrounded by ranch land on 3 sides, good for hunting deer, turkey, quail, and dove. Financing negotiable - for $69,000.
GREENBELT - EXCEPTIONAL HOME - 3 levels, 3 bedroom, 3 bath, kitchen with all built-ins, dining/living, den, utility, wood burner fireplaces on two levels, built in television, oversized attached garage and storage, additional attached 3-car port, central heat and ref. air, landscaped with sprinklers, 2 lots back up to Carroll Creek, boat dock, (owner will sell with or without furniture and fixtures) at 105 Tyng. House only for $135,000.
GREENBELT - W-A-T-E-R-F-R-O-N-T L-O-T AND NICE HOUSE overlooking beautiful Greenbelt Lake - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, kitchen, dining, utility, attached oversized double garage and large living/den with wood burner fireplace and lots of glass providing a view of the lake and wildlife that frequents the premises plus large covered porch also overlooking the lake, fenced backyard and nice yard building at Lease Lot #84 for $135,000.
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GREENBELT - (OWNER FINANCING NEGOTIABLE) - good view of lake, 5 bedroom (3 down/2 up), 1 & 3/4 baths, large living/den, kitchen with built-ins, utility, unattached 2-car garage, shop, well with sub. pump, many evergreen, fruit, and shade trees on four lots at 91 Pampa Lane for $49,000
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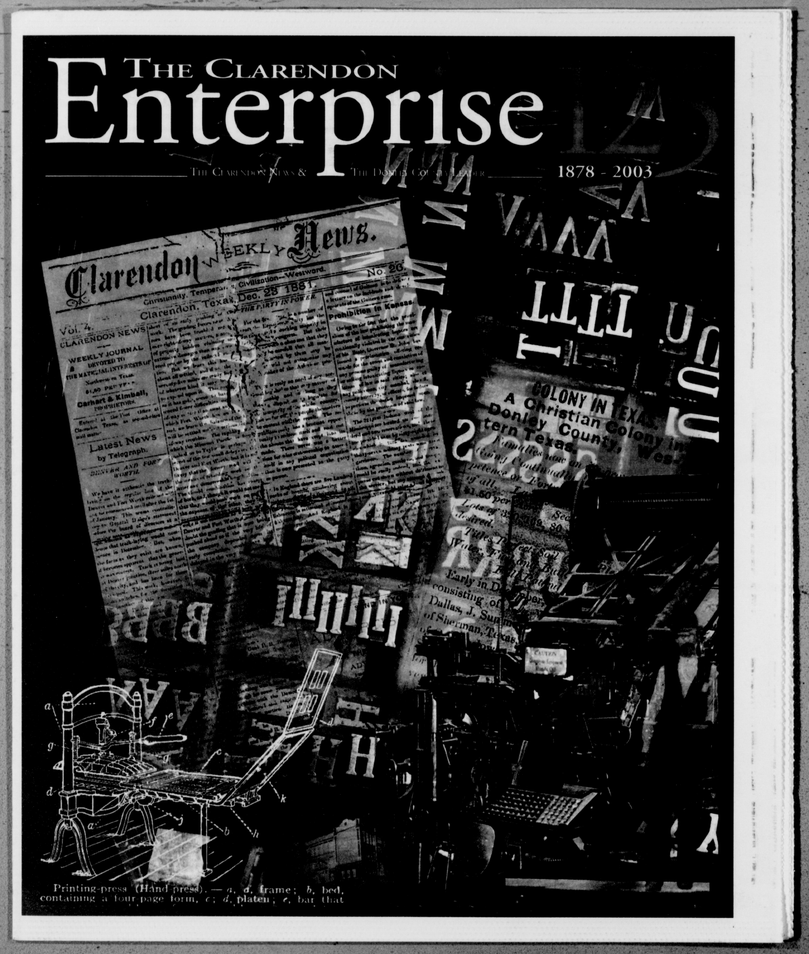
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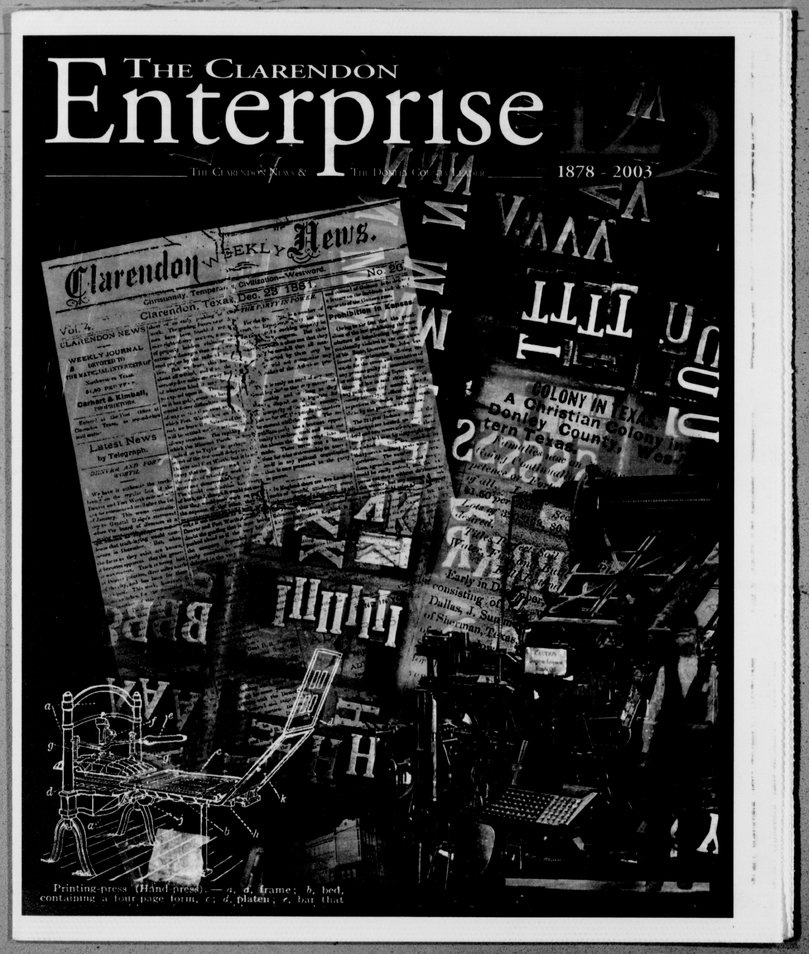
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The Texas Panhandle's First Newspaper

• Prologue

"Everything good got its start at Clarendon."

Those words from African-American cowboy Matthew "Bones" Hooks sum up the history of the Texas Panhandle's third oldest town. While Mobeetie and Tascosa scraped out an existence on the Plains surrounded by the roughest trappings of the Old West, Clarendon's purpose was to bring civilization to the wilderness.

Many of the territory's oldest churches are in Clarendon. Hooks himself helped organize the area's first black church in Clarendon, the first doctor lived here, and the first college was established here. But before all that, there was The Clarendon News.

For 125 years, this newspaper has endured changes of ownership, name changes, the relocation of the town itself, droughts, floods, blizzards, tornados, wars, a Great Depression, and techological revolutions.

The paper's history has at times become muddled as it was penned from the memories of its editors, all of whom suffered from the the human frailty of imperfection. Our own research has been hampered by the fact that most of the early issues of the paper are forever lost to us. We have had to rely on those few surviving 19th century editions, 20th century archives, contemporary regional papers, written histories, oral histories, and public records.

The result is the most exhaustively researched history of this newspaper ever published. It is not meant to be a history of Donley County or of Clarendon, but it is rather a tribute to an institution which witnessed and recorded that history.

• A Christian Utopia

In 1877, Rev. Lewis Henry Carhart, a Northern Methodist Episcopal minister in Sherman, became interested in developing land in West Texas. He enlisted the financial assistance of a brother-in-law, Alfred Sully of New York, and purchased 343 sections in the Texas Panhandle. Much of the land was used for ranching interests, but an area was set aside at the juncture of Carroll Creek and the Salt Fork of the Red River for what Carhart hoped would be a Methodist utopia – a Christian colony where temperance and education would reign and whiskey and sin would be unknown.

Rev. Carhart led his first group of colonists from the East and Midwest to the new town site in the spring of 1878 and named it Clarendon in honor of his wife, Clara Sully Carhart.

Dedicating its purpose to the "promotion and upbuilding of Northwestern Texas," Rev. Carhart established the Panhandle territory's first newspaper, and the premier issue of The Clarendon News was published June 1, 1878.

It must be noted that some confusion has emerged since the 19th century regarding exactly when the News began. Various sources give the date as August 1879 and some as late as 1880. But in research for this article, the June 1, 1878, date has been confirmed beyond all doubt.

The region's first newspaper began as a six-column, four-page rag content newspaper. L.H. Carhart served the paper as its editor and business manager and was assisted by James H. Parks, a surveyor who served as the local editor while Carhart continued to travel to gather supplies and settlers for the colony.

With very few businesses in the new colony, early advertisers were mostly from Wisconsin and Ohio, and most of the early "news" articles were designed to promote the ideal location of the colony and to encourage even more settlement of the area.

News items were gathered in Clarendon, Carhart contributed articles and sermons, and the content was then shipped to Carhart's cousin, Dr. John Wesley Carhart, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, for printing. The issues were then shipped back to Sherman, Texas, and freighted from there to the colony.

Later, William A. Brewer joined the News staff to assist with the paper. This situation continued until 1880 when Rev. Carhart sent for his Wisconsin cousin's son to come take over the operation. Edward E. Carhart was young but not a stranger to the newspaper business. In 1876, he and his sister, Mattie, had started their own paper in Oshkosh called The Early Dawn and printed it on their father's press. Mattie did not think her brother would be successful on his own and said he wouldn't last a week, but the young Carhart insisted, "I'll stay six months or bust!"

Clarendon Weekly News.

"Clarendon... is a charming spot, commanding a long view of the river and a fine landscape. The slope is southward, and the soil is well adapted to gardening.... A large and beautiful campus for seminary and public school has been reserved, and the sale of all town property will pay a percentage toward the erection and development of permanent educational advantages."

— Lewis H. Carhart, The Clarendon News, July 1, 1878

• The First Press

At age 16 with financial backing from his father, Ed Carhart left Wisconsin for Texas, stopping in Chicago to purchase a printing outfit for the colony. He shipped it to Gainesville and there loaded it into a wagon for a three-week journey to Clarendon.

The young man installed the territory's first printing press in the News office – a picket house chinked with mud and with a dirt floor. Ed Carhart turned the News into a weekly publication and printed his first edition in July of 1880, a feat which impressed the colonists and "swelled the hat band" of the young man. Ed's sheet-fed press turned out one 12x14 inch page at a time. With his changes, he increased the annual subscription rate from 50-cents to $2 per year.

In 1881, Charles Kimball bought an interest in the paper. A Washington hand press was installed to increase the size of the publication, and the paper moved into a larger structure.

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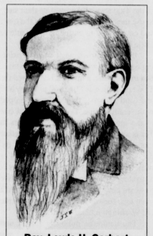

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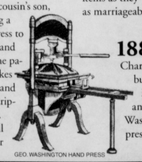

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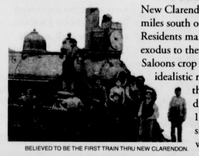

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For 125 years, this newspaper has endured changes of ownership, name changes, the relocation of the town itself, droughts, floods, blizzards, tornados, wars, a Great Depression, and techological revolutions.

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• A Christian Utopia

In 1877, Rev. Lewis Henry Carhart, a Northern Methodist Episcopal minister in Sherman, became interested in developing land in West Texas. He enlisted the financial assistance of a brother-in-law, Alfred Sully of New York, and purchased 343 sections in the Texas Panhandle. Much of the land was used for ranching interests, but an area was set aside at the juncture of Carroll Creek and the Salt Fork of the Red River for what Carhart hoped would be a Methodist utopia – a Christian colony where temperance and education would reign and whiskey and sin would be unknown.

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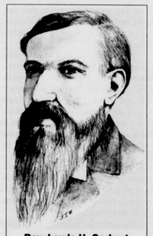

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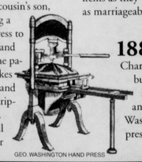

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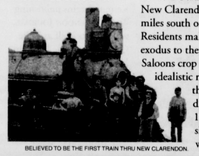

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First Paper: *Clarendon editors help form the Panhandle's first press association*

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• Competition Emerges

In May 1889, Grant sold out to B. Wilson Edgell, who had established The Clarendon Traveler the month before. Edgell published a seven-column folio with all home print, assisted by N.T. Thomasson as editor. Just as the Carharts, Grant, and others had promoted Clarendon with the News, those working at the Traveler also saw it as their duty to use their medium to advertise the town and county and to entice more people to settle here.

It is not known what specific printing equipment was used at the Traveler. But in one issue, a house ad described the Traveler office as "live and progressive" and said it was "thoroughly equipped with steam engine, fast presses and one of the most complete printing outfits in Texas outside the big cities." Whether that passage was intended to mean the presses were as fast as steam engines or were in fact powered by steam engines is a mystery. If it were the latter, the move to steam power would have represented a giant leap forward in technology over the old Washington hand press.

The tenure of publisher Edgell and his life are difficult to chronicle. Only two issues of the Traveler are known to exist, and they both list B. Wilson Edgell as the publisher. But some written histories say it was R.B. Edgell who established and ran the Traveler. Records in the Donley County Clerk's office show that property in downtown Clarendon was sold by Grant to R.B. Edgell in May of 1889. Other contemporary county records show that B. Wilson Edgell was also buying real estate in and around Clarendon.

The Clarendon Weekly Traveler.

There is no other means by which such information can be so effectually and so thoroughly disseminated as through the medium of a live, energetic, enterprising local paper, like the Traveler claims to be.

– N.T. Thomasson, The Clarendon Traveler, Feb. 27, 1891

The Edgells were brothers, but written histories of The Clarendon News have sometimes blurred the distinction between the two men and have had the effect of merging them into one identity.

Both Edgells are said to have come to Clarendon from Vernon, Texas. Writing in 1919, Laura V. Hamner said B. Wilson Edgell had edited the Vernon Guard and described him as "forceful as a writer and fearless as a man." Hamner wrote that B. Wilson Edgell eventually moved to Wynnewood, Oklahoma, after his time in Vernon and that R.B. Edgell moved to Claude, Panhandle, Amarillo, and then Tucumcari, New Mexico, after his time in Clarendon.

The Traveler enjoyed being the county's sole newspaper for just one year. In 1891, competition emerged to challenge Edgell when R.W.H. Kennon introduced The Clarendon Journal, which he liked to bill as "The Only Democratic Paper In Donley County."

The Traveler was purchased by Del Harrington in 1892, who changed the name to The Industrial West. That same year, Edgell's former local editor N.T. Thomasson started The Donley County Pluck, declaring "only the fittest" of papers could survive. It was later written that the Pluck had a "brief and spasmodic life" before "its toes soon turned to daisies" when Harrington purchased it and shut it down in July of 1893. The acquisition left Clarendon with two papers – The Industrial West and Kennon's Journal. But that was a very brief arrangement. In October, R.B. Edgell came back to town and started a new paper – The Clarendon Banner.

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– Del Harrington, The Industrial West, May 11, 1900

Harrington quickly tired of the newspaper business and operated The Industrial West for less than a year before selling it to W.P. Blake. Harrington eventually became mayor of Dalhart, Texas, but he kept close ties with the Clarendon newspaper and occasionally filled in for Blake in the editor's chair. During one such substitution in 1900, Harrington reflected on his newspaper career with the advantage of hindsight:

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W.P. Blake served as editor longer than any of his predecessors – 16 years. He published a six-column paper that was filled with reading matter he considered to be "fair and forceful," which he later said brought upon him both "commendation and condemnation."

His successor, A.M. Beville, would later write that Blake "had convictions and the courage to express them…" and that Blake's "character (had) stamped itself for good upon the community."

Still other changes were soon in store for the newspaper scene. In 1896, the Banner purchased The Clarendon Journal. Two years later, Edgell sold out to Albert Erwin who changed the name to The Banner-Stockman. He was joined two years later by John E. Cooke.

• A Re-Birth of Culture

Despite many changes going on around it, the Panhandle's oldest paper, still going by the moniker of The Industrial West, was going strong and reporting the news of the day. Blake was there to record a re-birth of culture in Clarendon as the community resurrected a commitment to the qualities – education and temperance – that had made Carhart's colony famous.



The staff of **The Banner-Stockman** in November 1899. On the porch are Editor John E. Cooke, Bert Marcey, and Albert Erwin.

Clarendon College & University Training School opened its doors on September 5, 1898, under the direction of the Methodist Church. Clarendon College, the first institution of higher learning in the Panhandle, gave Clarendon the title of "The Athens of the Panhandle;" and, although it has seen many changes, it continues to be an asset to the community and the territory to this day. The late 1890s also saw the establishment of St. Mary's Academy in Clarendon by the Catholic Church and a Baptist college at Goodnight. Neither of those schools survived for long.

A temperance movement also gripped Donley County as the 19th century gave way to the 20th. In February of 1899, Clarendon again had three newspapers after Methodist minister Jonathan R. Henson started The Agitator. Printed every week with these words under the

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Carhart: Founder leads the 'saints' to colony

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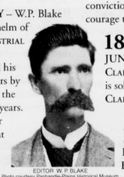

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In February 1888, Grant journeyed to Canadian, Texas, and helped organize the territory's first regional press association. As one of the first items of business, the Panhandle Editorial Association made L.H. Carhart an honorary member for his role as the "first editor of the Panhandle region." Canadian Crescent editor Freeman Miller delivered the welcome at the convention, and the chairman called on Carhart to give a response. As the convention proceeded, both Carhart and Grant were named to serve on the Permanent Organization committee, and Grant was appointed to the Constitution committee. By the close of the convention, Grant was selected as the association's chairman, and Carhart was appointed to the Executive committee to represent Donley County.

• Competition Emerges

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It is not known what specific printing equipment was used at the Traveler. But in one issue, a house ad described the Traveler office as "live and progressive" and said it was "thoroughly equipped with steam engine, fast presses and one of the most complete printing outfits in Texas outside the big cities." Whether that passage was intended to mean the presses were as fast as steam engines or were in fact powered by steam engines is a mystery. If it were the latter, the move to steam power would have represented a giant leap forward in technology over the old Washington hand press.

The tenure of publisher Edgell and his life are difficult to chronicle. Only two issues of the Traveler are known to exist, and they both list B. Wilson Edgell as the publisher. But some written histories say it was R.B. Edgell who established and ran the Traveler. Records in the Donley County Clerk's office show that property in downtown Clarendon was sold by Grant to R.B. Edgell in May of 1889. Other contemporary county records show that B. Wilson Edgell was also buying real estate in and around Clarendon.

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The Edgells were brothers, but written histories of The Clarendon News have sometimes blurred the distinction between the two men and have had the effect of merging them into one identity.

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The staff of **The Banner-Stockman** in November 1899. On the porch are Editor John E. Cooke, Bert Marcey, and Albert Erwin.

Clarendon College & University Training School opened its doors on September 5, 1898, under the direction of the Methodist Church. Clarendon College, the first institution of higher learning in the Panhandle, gave Clarendon the title of "The Athens of the Panhandle;" and, although it has seen many changes, it continues to be an asset to the community and the territory to this day. The late 1890s also saw the establishment of St. Mary's Academy in Clarendon by the Catholic Church and a Baptist college at Goodnight. Neither of those schools survived for long.

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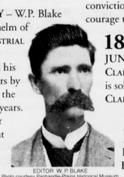

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The Clarendon Chronicle.

We have the best equipped office for quick and efficient service, and while we propose to give this to both subscriber and advertiser, we only ask such patronage as you think our enterprise merits, and such will be duly appreciated.

– W.P. Blake, The Clarendon Chronicle. February 6, 1903

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The cost of a subscription was one dollar, and the content of the paper was a mix of local, state, and national news. The CHRONICLE was a five-column, four-page product and by February 1907 was expanded to six-columns. It was printed on a Prouty cylinder press, and Blake wrote that his press "runs by power." It is not clear whether he meant electric power or gas engine power. A Prouty press could have run by either.

Blake spent considerable time as an active member of the old Northwest Texas Press Association. He served as its president in 1901 and was also active in state and national press associations.

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Cooke was always a force for positive change in Clarendon. He worked for every positive enhancement of "The City Beautiful" and was instrumental in encouraging the passage of bonds for a sewer system and promoted the development of a fire department.

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Beville maintained the schedule and format set by Blake and gave the paper a new motto, which would be carried on the nameplate for more than 30 years – "All the local News — while it is news." He also put the emphasis on local news and hoped his product would be something people simply could not do without.

"In fact," Beville wrote, "we want to make the NEWS a household necessity in every home in the Clarendon trade territory; so much so that it will be like a famous patent medicine – that even the children cry for it."

• Death to a Killer

Right away, Beville found himself covering what remains one of the biggest news stories in the history of Clarendon. In March 1909, G.R. Miller had shot a boy in the head as the train they had hitched a ride on neared Giles. The boy, Floyd Autry, died the next day, and Miller was soon captured and charged with the crime. Beville's inaugural issue carried the jury's verdict of guilt and the sentence of death. After unsuccessful appeals, Miller was executed in Clarendon on the morning of June 3, 1910, and a crowd of about a thousand people was there to watch.

THE CLARENDON NEWS

While we exceedingly regret that it was necessary to have a legal execution in our county, yet the law is and must be supreme and like all who suffer the law's penalties, it was the result of his own actions. May this event have the warning effect upon others that the makers of our laws hoped and believed it would.

– A.M. Beville, The Clarendon News. June 4, 1910

Beville took no pleasure in the big news of the day and placed the story on page two of the paper. He gave a thorough but not overly detailed account of the hanging.

Miller's was the only execution to take place in Donley County, and today it is noted for being the last legal hanging in the Texas Panhandle.

By the end of 1910, the NEWS consolidated with its only competitor, THE CLARENDON TIMES, and ended what had been two decades of competition in the local newspaper business. Beville then returned the paper to a once-a-week schedule and altered the nameplate by adding "And CLARENDON TIMES Combined" beneath THE CLARENDON NEWS.

On October 1, 1911, Beville sold the newspaper to Joe M. Warren, who, after a short time as publisher, removed the CLARENDON TIMES from the nameplate and added "Established 1878" to the cover.

Warren had moved to Clarendon from Newcastle, Texas, to give his four children the educational benefits available at Clarendon College. The new publisher and his brother had learned the newspaper business at the BROWNWOOD BULLETIN under the direction of William Harding Mays – a man who later became lieutenant governor and founded the School of Journalism at the University of Texas.

There was plenty of work to be done in getting out a weekly newspaper and completing the various other printing orders which were on hand. The paper was printed on Thursday night. Warren gathered ads and news and enlisted the help of his eldest daughter, Leta, and his eldest son, Harry, in setting type and running the press. Ed Boliver, who later ran the newspaper at Hedley, served as editor of the NEWS.

"Miss Leta," as she was fondly known, also helped gather the news from around town. Other community members contributed items to help fill the columns. G.W. Antrobus sent letters to the NEWS when he toured the Old South, and Mrs. Cornelia Adair's visits from England were big news also.

• New Technology

Joe Warren and Leta were both active in the Texas and Panhandle press associations. Warren also later implemented one of the biggest technological changes in the NEWS' history. Previously all type was painstakingly set one letter at a time by hand. But Warren introduced "hot metal" type with the installation of a used Model One Linotype, one of the earliest such machines in the area. Modern historians say the Linotype, which cast a line of type in molten lead, reduced printing time by as much as 85 percent in some shops.

Sam Braswell purchased THE CLARENDON NEWS from Warren on July 19, 1917. Braswell increased the subscription rate to $1.50 and set about making other changes. In September of 1918, a little more than a year after taking over, the new publisher had a brand new Model 14 Linotype installed to displace the old Model One. The new machine set seven faces of type to the old machine's two faces and surpassed the Model One in a ratio of one hundred to one in "general satisfaction." It was the latest model Linotype between Fort Worth and Denver except for one in Amarillo, but Clarendon's machine was five months newer and therefore had "a few adjustments not on that one." Braswell said the reason for

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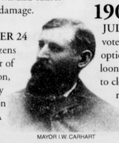

MAYOR I.W. CARHART

I.W. Carhart, a brother of the town's founder, is elected the first Mayor.

1902

JULY 1 – County voters pass the local option and give saloons until September to close. Temperance reigns again in Carhart's former colony. That fall college president Rev. J. Sam Barcus kneels on Kearney St. in a prayer of celebration.

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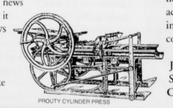

PROUTY CYLINDER PRESS

1904

JUNE 24 – A flood hits the City Beautiful, and a three-foot current flows through downtown. One house is washed "clear across the adjoining lot and into the street south of the courthouse."

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Osburn Appliance
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Susie Q's Family Hair Care
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James Owens
Handmade Boots & Leather Goods
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Carhart: Founder faces many difficult times

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Carhart's family never cared for life in the wilderness. They maintained a home in Sherman and eventually took up permanent residence in Brooklyn, New York.

Lewis meanwhile threw himself wholeheartedly into building up his new colony and tried to maintain his duties to the church at the same time. By 1882, he took a leave of absence from the ministry to focus on the interests of the Quarter Circle Heart Ranch. With business booming, Sully and Carhart decided to expand the operation with the help of British investors. Carhart sailed to England and spent a year selling stock in the Clarendon Land Investment & Agency Co. With Sir Charles Clifford and John Eldon Gorst set up as trustees for the C.L.I.&A. stockholders and Count Cecil Kearney serving as secretary, Carhart returned to his Texas colony to assume full financial responsibilities.

• THE FALL FROM GRACE

The prosperity of the Quarter Circle Heart was short lived. The double hit of a drought and a blizzard combined with supposed mismanagement took their toll, and by 1887 the British investors – as well as Carhart's own brother, I.W. Carhart – had become suspicious, especially those investors who had never seen any return on their money. I.W. and Count Kearney arrived in Clarendon in June and took an inventory of the herd.

The Tascosa Pioneer, which had previously described Rev. Carhart as a man of "high esteem," then reported the C.L.I.&A. could only account for 14,000 of the 25,000 cattle the ranch was supposed have. Carhart stepped down from his post at the ranch and was replaced by his brother, who tried in vain to salvage the investment.

To add insult to injury, the Ft. Worth & Denver City Railroad was pushing through the Panhandle, and its chosen path was six miles south of Carhart's colony. The people, correctly recognizing the importance of a rail connection for future prosperity, acquired a new town site. By September 1887, Old Clarendon had been largely abandoned, and New Clarendon was not adhering to such strict Christian principles. Carhart left the following year and apparently never returned.

Having rejoined the ministry in 1887, Carhart tried to resume his labors for the Lord, but his life soon spiraled out of control. He left the church and invested his last $10,000 in a bathhouse in Hot Springs, Ark., in 1891. That same year Lewis Carhart was suspended by the Methodist conference. Although no reason was given, an article from the **St. Louis Republic** that was reprinted on page one the **Dallas Times-Herald** on November 20 may shed some light:

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1905

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The Clarendon Chronicle.

We have the best equipped office for quick and efficient service, and while we propose to give this to both subscriber and advertiser, we only ask such patronage as you think our enterprise merits, and such will be duly appreciated.

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Blake spent considerable time as an active member of the old Northwest Texas Press Association. He served as its president in 1901 and was also active in state and national press associations.

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Beville maintained the schedule and format set by Blake and gave the paper a new motto, which would be carried on the nameplate for more than 30 years – "All the local News — while it is news." He also put the emphasis on local news and hoped his product would be something people simply could not do without.

"In fact," Beville wrote, "we want to make the NEWS a household necessity in every home in the Clarendon trade territory; so much so that it will be like a famous patent medicine – that even the children cry for it."

• Death to a Killer

Right away, Beville found himself covering what remains one of the biggest news stories in the history of Clarendon. In March 1909, G.R. Miller had shot a boy in the head as the train they had hitched a ride on neared Giles. The boy, Floyd Autry, died the next day, and Miller was soon captured and charged with the crime. Beville's inaugural issue carried the jury's verdict of guilt and the sentence of death. After unsuccessful appeals, Miller was executed in Clarendon on the morning of June 3, 1910, and a crowd of about a thousand people was there to watch.

THE CLARENDON NEWS

While we exceedingly regret that it was necessary to have a legal execution in our county, yet the law is and must be supreme and like all who suffer the law's penalties, it was the result of his own actions. May this event have the warning effect upon others that the makers of our laws hoped and believed it would.

– A.M. Beville, The Clarendon News. June 4, 1910

Beville took no pleasure in the big news of the day and placed the story on page two of the paper. He gave a thorough but not overly detailed account of the hanging.

Miller's was the only execution to take place in Donley County, and today it is noted for being the last legal hanging in the Texas Panhandle.

By the end of 1910, the NEWS consolidated with its only competitor, THE CLARENDON TIMES, and ended what had been two decades of competition in the local newspaper business. Beville then returned the paper to a once-a-week schedule and altered the nameplate by adding "And CLARENDON TIMES Combined" beneath THE CLARENDON NEWS.

On October 1, 1911, Beville sold the newspaper to Joe M. Warren, who, after a short time as publisher, removed the CLARENDON TIMES from the nameplate and added "Established 1878" to the cover.

Warren had moved to Clarendon from Newcastle, Texas, to give his four children the educational benefits available at Clarendon College. The new publisher and his brother had learned the newspaper business at the BROWNWOOD BULLETIN under the direction of William Harding Mays – a man who later became lieutenant governor and founded the School of Journalism at the University of Texas.

There was plenty of work to be done in getting out a weekly newspaper and completing the various other printing orders which were on hand. The paper was printed on Thursday night. Warren gathered ads and news and enlisted the help of his eldest daughter, Leta, and his eldest son, Harry, in setting type and running the press. Ed Boliver, who later ran the newspaper at Hedley, served as editor of the NEWS.

"Miss Leta," as she was fondly known, also helped gather the news from around town. Other community members contributed items to help fill the columns. G.W. Antrobus sent letters to the NEWS when he toured the Old South, and Mrs. Cornelia Adair's visits from England were big news also.

• New Technology

Joe Warren and Leta were both active in the Texas and Panhandle press associations. Warren also later implemented one of the biggest technological changes in the NEWS' history. Previously all type was painstakingly set one letter at a time by hand. But Warren introduced "hot metal" type with the installation of a used Model One Linotype, one of the earliest such machines in the area. Modern historians say the Linotype, which cast a line of type in molten lead, reduced printing time by as much as 85 percent in some shops.

Sam Braswell purchased THE CLARENDON NEWS from Warren on July 19, 1917. Braswell increased the subscription rate to $1.50 and set about making other changes. In September of 1918, a little more than a year after taking over, the new publisher had a brand new Model 14 Linotype installed to displace the old Model One. The new machine set seven faces of type to the old machine's two faces and surpassed the Model One in a ratio of one hundred to one in "general satisfaction." It was the latest model Linotype between Fort Worth and Denver except for one in Amarillo, but Clarendon's machine was five months newer and therefore had "a few adjustments not on that one." Braswell said the reason for

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– Sam Braswell, The Clarendon News. September 26, 1918

1901

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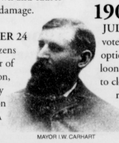

MAYOR I.W. CARHART

I.W. Carhart, a brother of the town's founder, is elected the first Mayor.

1902

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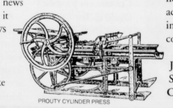

PROUTY CYLINDER PRESS

1904

JUNE 24 – A flood hits the City Beautiful, and a three-foot current flows through downtown. One house is washed "clear across the adjoining lot and into the street south of the courthouse."

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Osburn Appliance
32 Years of Service
Rabbit & Shirley Osburn

Clarendon Steakhouse
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Susie Q's Family Hair Care
Since 1996

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• THE FALL FROM GRACE

The prosperity of the Quarter Circle Heart was short lived. The double hit of a drought and a blizzard combined with supposed mismanagement took their toll, and by 1887 the British investors – as well as Carhart's own brother, I.W. Carhart – had become suspicious, especially those investors who had never seen any return on their money. I.W. and Count Kearney arrived in Clarendon in June and took an inventory of the herd.

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The Donley County Leader

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– J.C. Estlack, The Donley County Leader, Mar. 19, 1929

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Moore was apparently only interested in the paper for its physical assets. He took possession of all the presses, the Linotype, the type cases, and most other equipment. Then in May of 1945, Moore sold the NEWS and its remaining archives to George Wayne Estlack of the competing newspaper, THE DONLEY COUNTY LEADER.

After the purchase, the Estlacks discovered that someone had cleaned out most of the morgue and the archives of THE CLARENDON NEWS. Much of the early history of the community should have been there along with the earliest editions of the newspaper, but there was no trace of them and no sure indication of who had taken them.

Estlack and his brother, Alfred, merged the two papers, and the resulting publication would carry THE DONLEY COUNTY LEADER & THE CLARENDON NEWS on its nameplate for the next three decades. The word "Leader" was prominent.

In 1958, George Wayne and his wife, Ruby Dell Estlack, became the sole owners of the paper following the death of Alfred. Both George and Alfred had been raised with printers ink, having grown up in their father's printing business in Clarendon. They and their brothers had learned the newspaper business from the ground up when their father, J.C. Estlack, established the LEADER in 1929.

Ruby Dell had become active in the paper shortly after she and George Wayne married in 1936. She was assigned the job of collecting on accounts, which she did in person in order to improve goodwill between the paper and its customers. Ruby Dell later would take on the role of Society Editor as well.

George Wayne was very active in the state and regional press associations from the time he was a young man. He served as secretary, vice president, and, in 1960, president of the Panhandle Press Association. During his time as secretary, the LEADER did all the printing for the PPA's PANHANDLE PUBLISHER on a Kelly B flatbed press. George Wayne was a member of the Board of Directors for the Texas Press Association. He received first place awards for Editorials on both the PPA and TPA levels for articles which pulled no punches.

Estlack was also involved in community organizations such as the Clarendon Lions Club and helped organize the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association. He was recognized during his career by the Vo-Ag Teachers of Texas, the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, the Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts, and the Department of Health and Human Services.

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NOVEMBER 1 – Beville buys the CHRONICLE and renames it THE CLARENDON NEWS. He later also buys the TIMES, and brings nearly two decades of newspaper business competition to an end.

1910

JUNE 3 – Convicted murderer G.R. Miller is hung by the neck one-half mile north of the Clarendon Depot. One thousand people attend what will become known as the last legal hanging in the Texas Panhandle. Editor Beville writes: "Be sure your sin will find you out."



THE HANGING OF G.R. MILLER

1911

OCTOBER 1 – Beville sells out to J.M. Warren, who brings a quantum leap in technology when he later introduces a Model One Linotype to the local publishing operation.

NOV. 11 – St. Mary's Academy is closed by an outbreak of typhoid fever in the area.

1917

JULY 15 – Sam Braswell buys THE NEWS.

1918

MAY 27 – Clarendon is again flooded as water runs four feet deep downtown. Braswell writes: "Clarendon Lake, like Hell, 'hath enlarged herself,' and now covers hundreds of acres."

Greenbelt Water Authority
Established 1954

Floyd's Automotive Supply
27 years of service

Robertson Funeral Directors
Established 1973

Steve's Texas Steakout
7 months of service



The Donley County Leader office in March 1929. From left to right: Frank Cain, Jim Grundy, Alfred Estlack, J.C. Estlack, Earl Humphrey.

Carhart: Founder dies forgotten in California

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Smith reported his wife had met Carhart in Hot Springs and exchanged letters with him before leaving her Illinois home. He tracked the couple to St. Louis, where he claimed they were calling themselves "Mr. and Mrs. Williams," and he had a warrant issued for them.

Carhart vehemently denied having done anything dishonorable by Mrs. Smith, who had left her husband under distress. He said she had come to him for help and he had taken her to a boarding house and introduced her as "Mrs. Williams." Carhart was adamant that their relationship was "perfectly pure and honest."

• JOURNEY'S END

The record of Carhart's life gets murky after the St. Louis episode. He and Clara were divorced in about 1895, and when pressed for details, Whitfield Carhart would only tell Willie Newbury Lewis that his uncle's actions late in life "were a source of great distress to all the family."

Carhart married his third wife, Martha Jane, in 1896, and the couple continued to live in Hot Springs until the turn of the century.

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At this point something happened which caused his children and Clara to completely disown him. In the 1900 census, Clara, still living in Brooklyn, declared herself to be a "widow." She did the same in 1910, and in filling out an alumni directory form for Princeton University in 1922, Carhart's son, Alfred, said his father died October 25, 1900.

Still very much alive, Lewis and Martha lived the remainder of their days in California. By 1920, Carhart was living in the Sawtelle Union Soldiers Home, where he died on February 25, 1922, at the age of 88. He was buried in the National Cemetery in Los Angeles with full military honors. Having fallen out of favor back in Texas, the obituary of the town's founder and the paper's first editor was only three inches long when it appeared in **The Clarendon News**.

Martha stayed in California after Lewis' death, collected survivor benefits as the wife of Union veteran, and died in Los Angeles in 1941. She is buried beside her husband.

• LASTING LEGACY

Today, Carhart is best known for what were his finest moments – the founding of Clarendon and its newspaper.

Despite the turmoil in his life in 1887, he was honored in 1888 by this region's editors who made him an honorary member of their first press association. Their successors in the Panhandle Press Association inducted Carhart into the PPA Hall of Fame on April 11, 2003.

It is the everlasting impact he had on the Texas Panhandle, its people, and its papers that is and will continue to be Carhart's legacy.

1918

NOVEMBER 11 – A huge crowd converges on Kearney Street to celebrate the signing of the Armistice and the end of what will later become known as World War I.



ARMISTICE DAY, 1918

1919

MAY 8 – The landmark trees on Kearney Street are removed as the city launches the first phase of a brick paving project.

1920

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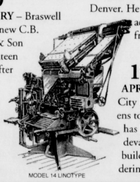

MODEL 14 LINOTYPE

1921

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1922

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Clarendon Auto Supply
30 years of service

Mike's Pharmacy
Since 1979

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Serving Clarendon for 16 years.

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As time goes by, we expect to give you a much better paper. Subscriptions are pouring in without any extra inducement. We want the Leader to grow strictly on its own merits. If it can't, it can turn its toes to daisies, and we will turn over the job to others.

– J.C. Estlack, The Donley County Leader, Mar. 19, 1929

In 1942, Estlack turned over daily operations of the LEADER to his sons to become Clarendon's postmaster, but he continued to write for the paper.

Meanwhile, the NEWS continued publishing under Braswell's leadership until July 17, 1935, when he sold it to Fred L. Williams. But the new editor had a short tenure. Just a year and a half later, Braswell returned to Clarendon and resumed his roles as publisher and editor on December 3, 1936. He continued in that capacity for six more years before turning daily operations over to the News Publishing Company with Dick Cooke as editor. Cooke had previously worked for the NEWS as an editor. Under his direction the paper began to falter; and in 1944, Braswell finally sold the paper to two local businessmen – O.C. Watson and Joe Goldston. They in turn sold the paper to J.R. Moore.

Moore was apparently only interested in the paper for its physical assets. He took possession of all the presses, the Linotype, the type cases, and most other equipment. Then in May of 1945, Moore sold the NEWS and its remaining archives to George Wayne Estlack of the competing newspaper, THE DONLEY COUNTY LEADER.

After the purchase, the Estlacks discovered that someone had cleaned out most of the morgue and the archives of THE CLARENDON NEWS. Much of the early history of the community should have been there along with the earliest editions of the newspaper, but there was no trace of them and no sure indication of who had taken them.

Estlack and his brother, Alfred, merged the two papers, and the resulting publication would carry THE DONLEY COUNTY LEADER & THE CLARENDON NEWS on its nameplate for the next three decades. The word "Leader" was prominent.

In 1958, George Wayne and his wife, Ruby Dell Estlack, became the sole owners of the paper following the death of Alfred. Both George and Alfred had been raised with printers ink, having grown up in their father's printing business in Clarendon. They and their brothers had learned the newspaper business from the ground up when their father, J.C. Estlack, established the LEADER in 1929.

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George Wayne was very active in the state and regional press associations from the time he was a young man. He served as secretary, vice president, and, in 1960, president of the Panhandle Press Association. During his time as secretary, the LEADER did all the printing for the PPA's PANHANDLE PUBLISHER on a Kelly B flatbed press. George Wayne was a member of the Board of Directors for the Texas Press Association. He received first place awards for Editorials on both the PPA and TPA levels for articles which pulled no punches.

Estlack was also involved in community organizations such as the Clarendon Lions Club and helped organize the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association. He was recognized during his career by the Vo-Ag Teachers of Texas, the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, the Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts, and the Department of Health and Human Services.

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1909

OCTOBER 11 – THE BANNER-STOCKMAN is sold to THE CLARENDON TIMES.

NOVEMBER 1 – Beville buys the CHRONICLE and renames it THE CLARENDON NEWS. He later also buys the TIMES, and brings nearly two decades of newspaper business competition to an end.

1910

JUNE 3 – Convicted murderer G.R. Miller is hung by the neck one-half mile north of the Clarendon Depot. One thousand people attend what will become known as the last legal hanging in the Texas Panhandle. Editor Beville writes: "Be sure your sin will find you out."



THE HANGING OF G.R. MILLER

1911

OCTOBER 1 – Beville sells out to J.M. Warren, who brings a quantum leap in technology when he later introduces a Model One Linotype to the local publishing operation.

NOV. 11 – St. Mary's Academy is closed by an outbreak of typhoid fever in the area.

1917

JULY 15 – Sam Braswell buys THE NEWS.

1918

MAY 27 – Clarendon is again flooded as water runs four feet deep downtown. Braswell writes: "Clarendon Lake, like Hell, 'hath enlarged herself,' and now covers hundreds of acres."

Greenbelt Water Authority
Established 1954

Floyd's Automotive Supply
27 years of service

Robertson Funeral Directors
Established 1973

Steve's Texas Steakout
7 months of service



The Donley County Leader office in March 1929. From left to right: Frank Cain, Jim Grundy, Alfred Estlack, J.C. Estlack, Earl Humphrey.

Carhart: Founder dies forgotten in California

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Smith reported his wife had met Carhart in Hot Springs and exchanged letters with him before leaving her Illinois home. He tracked the couple to St. Louis, where he claimed they were calling themselves "Mr. and Mrs. Williams," and he had a warrant issued for them.

Carhart vehemently denied having done anything dishonorable by Mrs. Smith, who had left her husband under distress. He said she had come to him for help and he had taken her to a boarding house and introduced her as "Mrs. Williams." Carhart was adamant that their relationship was "perfectly pure and honest."

• JOURNEY'S END

The record of Carhart's life gets murky after the St. Louis episode. He and Clara were divorced in about 1895, and when pressed for details, Whitfield Carhart would only tell Willie Newbury Lewis that his uncle's actions late in life "were a source of great distress to all the family."

Carhart married his third wife, Martha Jane, in 1896, and the couple continued to live in Hot Springs until the turn of the century.

He then made a brief return to the ministry, helping establish Pine Street Methodist Church in Dalhart and assisting that congregation to secure the old frame church and the bell from Old Clarendon. He and Martha then moved to California where he invested the last of his money in rental properties.

At this point something happened which caused his children and Clara to completely disown him. In the 1900 census, Clara, still living in Brooklyn, declared herself to be a "widow." She did the same in 1910, and in filling out an alumni directory form for Princeton University in 1922, Carhart's son, Alfred, said his father died October 25, 1900.

Still very much alive, Lewis and Martha lived the remainder of their days in California. By 1920, Carhart was living in the Sawtelle Union Soldiers Home, where he died on February 25, 1922, at the age of 88. He was buried in the National Cemetery in Los Angeles with full military honors. Having fallen out of favor back in Texas, the obituary of the town's founder and the paper's first editor was only three inches long when it appeared in **The Clarendon News**.

Martha stayed in California after Lewis' death, collected survivor benefits as the wife of Union veteran, and died in Los Angeles in 1941. She is buried beside her husband.

• LASTING LEGACY

Today, Carhart is best known for what were his finest moments – the founding of Clarendon and its newspaper.

Despite the turmoil in his life in 1887, he was honored in 1888 by this region's editors who made him an honorary member of their first press association. Their successors in the Panhandle Press Association inducted Carhart into the PPA Hall of Fame on April 11, 2003.

It is the everlasting impact he had on the Texas Panhandle, its people, and its papers that is and will continue to be Carhart's legacy.

1918

NOVEMBER 11 – A huge crowd converges on Kearney Street to celebrate the signing of the Armistice and the end of what will later become known as World War I.



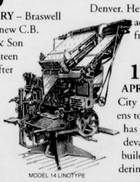
ARMISTICE DAY, 1918

1919

MAY 8 – The landmark trees on Kearney Street are removed as the city launches the first phase of a brick paving project.

1920

FEBRUARY – Braswell installs a new C.B. Cottrell & Son Press eighteen months after installing a brand new Model 14 Linotype – the newest between Ft. Worth and Denver. He also banishes ads from the front page.



MODEL 14 LINOTYPE

1921

APRIL 4 – The City Beautiful wakens to find a storm has left Kearney St. devastated – three buildings in smoldering ruins, another in a shattered wreck, and windows broken out up and down the street. Photos taken that morning are forgotten and go unpublished for nearly 80 years.

1922

FEBRUARY 25 – Lewis Henry Carhart dies in the Sawtelle Union Soldiers Home in Los Angeles, Calif., at the age of 88.

Clarendon Auto Supply
30 years of service

Mike's Pharmacy
Since 1979

B&R Thriftway
Serving Clarendon for 16 years.

Country Bloomers Flowers & Gifts
Established 1997

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LEADER

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– G.W. Estlack, The Donley County Leader, Nov. 28, 1974

In Clarendon, editors continued to serve short terms after Koch and Eakin became sole owners. Bob Litton was on the job in 1977, followed by Ruth Hancock in late 1977 and early 1978.

In 1978, Clarendon marked its 100th anniversary of its establishment, and the PRESS was there to document the celebration with Jeanice Weatherly as editor and Helen Woody, who had started in 1972 as a typesetter, as general manager. The two ladies and their staff published a three-section, 44-page special edition to document the history of the community in June of that year.

1924
APRIL 12 – The Pathfinders Club opens a public library in Clarendon, which will later become known as the Gabbie Betts Burton Memorial Library.

1926
SEPTEMBER 14 – Clarendon College assumes senior rank and begins offering Bachelor degrees. The new status only lasts a year before Methodist Conference officials elect to move the school.

1927
SEPTEMBER 5 – Clarendon College resumes operations as a municipal junior college under the guidance of the Clarendon Independent School District.

1929
MARCH 12 – J.C. Estlack and his family launch THE DONLEY COUNTY LEADER after 756 people say they want a new paper and pay a year's subscription in advance to get it started.



EDITOR J.C. ESTLACK

OCTOBER 29 – Local entertainment takes a leap forward when Homer Mulkey introduces "talkie" motion pictures at Clarendon's Pastime Theater, and hundreds are in attendance for the event.

1934
SEPTEMBER 1 – What THE NEWS calls "the most devastating flood in the history of Clarendon" inundates the city. The concrete drainage ditch built a few years earlier fails to carry enough water, and a two-foot wave rolls through the central business district, flooding stores, smashing vehicles into each other, and undermining nearly an entire block of brick paving.

The Clarendon Outpost
Established 1995

Medical Center Nursing Home
Established 1971

Associated Ambulance Authority
Many years of quality, professional service to the people of Donley County.

Clarendon Family Medical Center
Four years of service



The Donley County Leader force using the old Cottrell & Son sheet-fed press. From left to right: John Just, Bill Tipton, G.W. Estlack, and Ernest Moreland.

• Back In Local Hands

Helen Woody purchased THE CLARENDON PRESS, THE DONLEY COUNTY LEADER, and THE CLARENDON NEWS from Eakin and Koch on August 1, 1978. The paper was then back under local ownership, and printing operations were moved back to Oxbow Printing in Childress. Weatherly stayed on as editor until mid-1981, when she was followed by Katie Dvorak. Woody soon after took over the editorial duties as well.

As owner of the paper, Woody was involved in the Chamber of Commerce; and for a time, the chamber headquarters were located in the newspaper office.

Woody's biggest accomplishment as editor came in 1982 when Donley County celebrated its 100th anniversary. In addition to weekly historical articles leading up to the celebration, Woody and her staff put together a massive 192-page tabloid special centennial edition. The project included reprints from old newspapers, rare photographs, and newly penned family and subject histories. It remains one the most comprehensive local histories produced about Donley County.

Woody and her husband, J.C., were also responsible for giving the paper a new home. In June 1983, they moved THE CLARENDON PRESS into a building J.C. constructed, and the paper is still that location today at 105 S. Kearney Street.

The eight-column format first adopted by the LEADER in 1968 came to an end during Woody's tenure with the advent of the Standard Advertising Unit (SAU) in 1984. The SAU was designed by the American Newspaper Publishing Association to standardize broadsheet column widths and make the medium more attractive to national advertisers. The majority of broadsheet newspapers

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And named it Clarendon for his wife...



Clara Sully Carhart

Despite having had the town named for her, Clara Carhart has largely been ignored by local historians. The stories can be summed by saying, "She came, she didn't like it, she went home." But new research has revealed Clara to be more upstanding and more respected by her contemporaries than her husband was.

Much of the following information comes from **Woman of the Century**, a virtual "who's who" of influential women during the late 19th century. The book, unknown in Clarendon until last summer, was published in 1897 and reprinted as **American Women** in 1973.

Clara Hannah Sully was born April 29, 1843, in Ottawa, Canada, to English parents James and Laura Sully. She was baptized into the Methodist Church in Bytown on July 23 of that same year. Growing up she showed an interest in books and decided early on to be a teacher. She attended a boarding school in Ottawa, where she excelled in music. Her family moved to New York, and Clara attended Buffalo High School, then enrolled in the seminary in Darien Center, New York.

She began to teach after graduation and moved with her family to Davenport, Iowa, in 1863. She taught for six years and introduced musical instruction in every grade of that city.

She married Rev. Lewis H. Carhart in 1871, eventually following him to Texas where her popularity helped him build large congregations in Dallas and Sherman. The article does not mention Clarendon specifically, but it does say that Clara's influence was responsible for banning the sale of alcohol in Donley County, Texas.

In 1883, she returned to Brooklyn to be near her family and became deeply involved in the temperance movement there, rising to the rank of secretary in the Women's Christian Temperance Union. In 1885, she began working diligently with other prominent churchwomen to improve the lives and social conditions of the shop-girls working in the city's factories. She was a pioneer of girls' clubs.

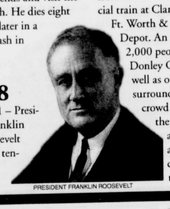
She was also a member of the advisory council of the women's branch of the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

Following her divorce from Lewis Carhart, Clara continued to care for her children. She later moved in with her daughter, Elsie, and her family.

In later years Clara Carhart migrated south where she died in Augusta, Georgia, on December 23, 1913. Her final resting place is unknown.

1934
SEPTEMBER 6 – Local officials meet with Rep. Marvin Jones to devise a plan to build retention dams south and west of the city to prevent floods.

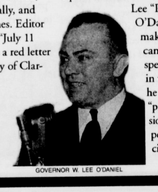
1935
JANUARY 24 – Renowned humorist Will Rogers flies into Clarendon to see friends and visit the JA Ranch. He dies eight months later in a plane crash in Alaska.



PRESIDENT FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT

1938
JULY 11 – President Franklin D. Roosevelt makes a ten-minute speech from the back of his special train at Clarendon's Ft. Worth & Denver Depot. An estimated 2,000 people from Donley County as well as others from surrounding towns crowd in to hear the president address soil and water conservation. Also on the presidential train are Gov. James V. Allred, Sen. Tom Connally, and Rep. Marvin Jones. Editor Braswell writes, "July 11 will long remain a red letter day in the history of Clarendon.

1940
JULY 24 – A crowd of 2,500 gather on the Donley County courthouse square to hear Governor W. Lee "Pappy" O'Daniel make a campaign speech in which he blasts "professional politicians."



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22 years of service

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And named it Clarendon for his wife...



Clara Sully Carhart

Despite having had the town named for her, Clara Carhart has largely been ignored by local historians. The stories can be summed by saying, "She came, she didn't like it, she went home." But new research has revealed Clara to be more upstanding and more respected by her contemporaries than her husband was.

Much of the following information comes from **Woman of the Century**, a virtual "who's who" of influential women during the late 19th century. The book, unknown in Clarendon until last summer, was published in 1897 and reprinted as **American Women** in 1973.

Clara Hannah Sully was born April 29, 1843, in Ottawa, Canada, to English parents James and Laura Sully. She was baptized into the Methodist Church in Bytown on July 23 of that same year. Growing up she showed an interest in books and decided early on to be a teacher. She attended a boarding school in Ottawa, where she excelled in music. Her family moved to New York, and Clara attended Buffalo High School, then enrolled in the seminary in Darien Center, New York.

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She was also a member of the advisory council of the women's branch of the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

Following her divorce from Lewis Carhart, Clara continued to care for her children. She later moved in with her daughter, Elsie, and her family.

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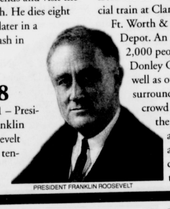

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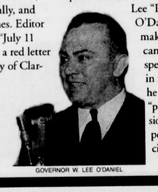

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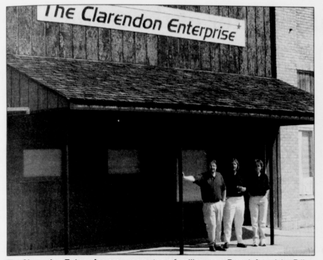

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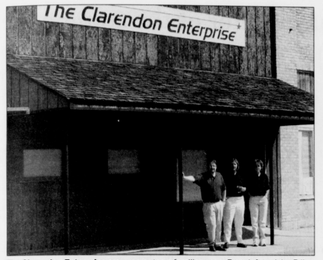

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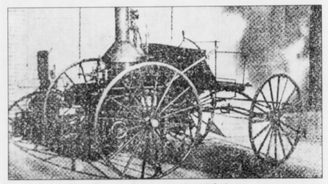

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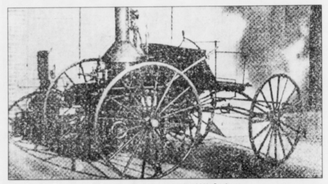

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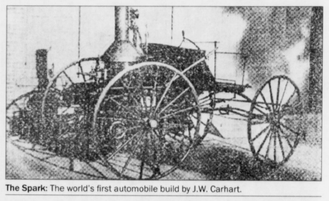

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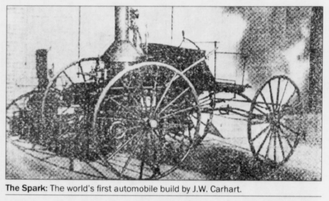

The Spark: The world's first automobile build by J.W. Carhart.

One of the most interesting tidbits discovered in delving into the history of this paper was its connection to the world's first automobile. We have long known that the cousin of our founder was credited with that invention, but we didn't know its direct tie to the paper.

Dr. John Wesley Carhart was born June 26, 1834, near Couymans, New York. From an early age he demonstrated a propensity for engineering, but he focused his early energies on the ministry. He became an ordained minister at age 17 and received his D.D. degree in 1861. After leading churches in New York, Vermont, and Massachusetts, he found himself in charge of a congregation in Racine, Wisconsin.

It was while in Racine, in 1871, that he returned to dabbling in engineering. He enlisted the help of his brother, H.S. Carhart, who was a professor at the University of Michigan, and constructed what he later called "the smallest steam boat for carrying people ever built." But it was no ordinary "boat." The thing had wheels and was, in fact, the world's first self-propelled horseless carriage.

The device consisted of a strong buggy with steering gear for the front wheels and a miniature boiler and steam engine on the rear. Dr. Carhart drove his new contraption – dubbed "the Spark" – around Racine, but the noisy, smoking thing startled horses and pedestrians alike so he eventually parked the Spark. One source quotes Carhart as saying that the locals were "unanimous in predicting that the Spark would blow up."

Although it was no longer in use, the Carhart invention inspired the Wisconsin Legislature to spur the development of the automobile by holding a contest and awarding cash to the winner of horseless carriage race.

Dr. Carhart moved to Oshkosh where he continued preaching and engaged in the printing business. He later left the ministry, earned his medical degree, and migrated to Texas. He stayed briefly in Clarendon, where his son, Ed, and cousin, Lewis, were living. He then moved to Lampasas where he edited a weekly newspaper and practiced medicine.

He later gave up the newspaper business and focused on medical interests, becoming a skin and nerve specialist. He was a strong proponent of public sanitation measures at home and in developing countries. Dr. Carhart became active in the Texas Medical Association and was one of the leaders at the first Pan American Medical Congress when it convened in Washington, D.C., in 1893.

He also was an early advocate of prenatal care, saying in 1890, "We must begin to treat the child before he is born."

Writing was also among Dr. Carhart's many talents, although it sometimes got him into trouble. He penned his autobiography after leaving the church and wrote many professional articles. In 1895, he wrote a fictionalized account of an actual case in Tennessee in which a young woman became enamored with another young woman. The second woman didn't share the same "unnatural affection" for the first, so the first woman killed her.

Despite having a high moral overtone, the homosexual subject matter in Norma Trist went too far in La Grange, Texas, where the author was living. He was arrested for "sending obscene literature through the mails," but the charges were later dropped.

A later book, Under Palmetto and Pine, dealt with the treatment of black Americans and their struggle for equality in the face of poverty and discrimination.

After the turn of the century, Carhart began receiving proper recognition as "the father of the automobile." He was credited for inventing the auto by the American Automobile Manufacturers Association, was honored by Horseless Age in 1903, and was a guest of the French government and received a cash award at the International Automobile Exposition in Paris in 1905.

Dr. J.W. Carhart died December 21, 1914, in San Antonio and is buried in Austin.

What connection did the Spark have with this newspaper?

Well, when Dr. Carhart started his printing business, he took the steam engine off the Spark and used it as the power plant for his press. And, while we can't be one hundred percent certain, it appears it was that press – cranked by the engine from the first automobile – that in 1878 printed the first issues of The Clarendon News in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

1973
DECEMBER 22 – After an incredibly successful season, the Clarendon Bronchos lose the state football championship game to Schulenberg, 14-10.



CHS QUARTERBACK RANDY CROSLIN

1974
NOVEMBER 28 – The Press buys The Donley County Leader & The Clarendon News and makes it a Sunday paper.

1975
MARCH 2 – The last Sunday issue of the Leader & News is published, and the paper is merged with the Press for publication on Thursdays.

1978
JUNE – The Press issues a three-section, 44 page edition for Clarendon's 100th Anniversary.

AUGUST 1 – Helen Woody buys the Press and brings the paper back under local ownership.

1981
JANUARY 25 – Clarendon's Kenny King goes to the Super Bowl with the Oakland Raiders and sets a bowl record for the longest play from the scrimmage line when he takes a pass from Jim Plunkett and runs 80 yards into the end zone.



KENNY KING

1982
JULY – Woody oversees the publication of a massive 192-page tabloid Donley County Centennial Edition.

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Sully bankrolled colonization of Clarendon



Alfred Sully

It was Carhart's dream, and it was named for his wife. But Clarendon would have never become a reality with out the assistance of Clara Carhart's brother - Alfred Sully.

Interestingly enough, like his sister, Alfred also had a town named after him, and we are indebted for the following information to the helpful people at the library in Sully, Iowa.

Alfred Sully was born in Ottawa, Canada, on May 2, 1841, and worked as a young boy as a watchman in for the railroad there. When the family moved to Buffalo, New York, a local lawyer took Alfred under his wing and encouraged him to study law. The advice fell on fertile ground, and Sully graduated from law school from the University of Cincinnati. He led his family to Davenport, Iowa, where he set up the firm of Brown & Sully.

Alfred married Louise Price in July 1865, and in 1872 he returned to New York to join the banking firm of Austin Corbin as cashier and general manager. The financial business was perfect for Alfred's talents as he quickly gained wealth and influence. In 1895, a book entitled America's Successful Men described him as "a gentleman of education, refinement and marked ability."

By 1876, he was moving into the railroad industry where he eventually would merge one line after another. At one time he brought together several railroads to create a 4,700-mile network in the south and was elected to work as its president.

In 1877 and 1878, he provided the financial backing for his brother-in-law's colony idea in Texas and later provided the investment know-how for the Clarendon Land Investment & Agency Company. But the work in West Texas apparently did not reap the same profits as other activities, and it is unclear how much time he devoted to the matter.

Alfred Sully later invested in a small rail company in Iowa; and during the construction of a new line, he was instrumental in the establishment of a depot at the Lynn Grove Township. The people there were so appreciative that they named their town Sully.

Alfred and Louise had three children: Reginald, Katherine, and Cecil. Following the death of his wife in 1882, Sully made his home in Hackettstown, New Jersey, with his widowed mother. He died on May 25, 1909, at the age of 68.

Ed Carhart became prominent Panhandle citizen



Ed Carhart

Photo courtesy Square House Museum

Credit goes to Edward Elmer Carhart for being the first printer in the Texas Panhandle, and we cannot overlook his important role in the life of this newspaper.

He was born December 15, 1863, in Watertown, New York, to John Wesley and Theresa Carhart. Entering the printing business at an early age in Wisconsin, Ed and his sister Minnie published a weekly newspaper entitled Early Dawn.

In 1880, Ed was enticed by his father's cousin, Rev. L.H. Carhart, to bring a printing press to Clarendon, and he was put in charge of The Clarendon News. He took the monthly paper and turned it into a weekly publication.

The next year he married Mary Estella Brewer. They were the first young couple married in Donley County, and they eventually made their home in Panhandle where they had four children.

During his lifetime, Ed was engaged in the drug store business, banking, an auto dealership, and a grain elevator. He served for a time as postmaster of Panhandle and as treasurer of Carson County.

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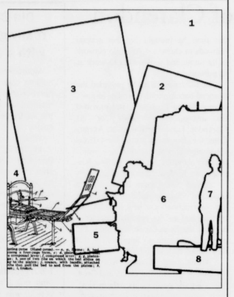

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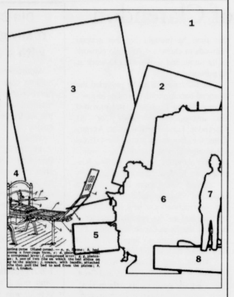

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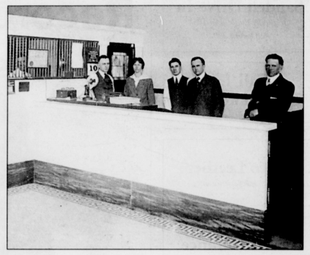

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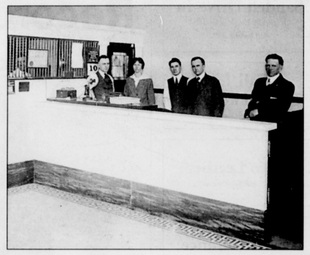

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NEWS at a glance

Livestock show set for January 11

The Donley County Livestock Show and Sale is set for Saturday, January 11, at the Clarendon Community Center.

4-H and FFA exhibitors will be showing their animals throughout the day followed by the livestock sale on Saturday evening.

The 4-H and FFA exhibitors appreciate all the buyers for their past support and would like to invite everyone out to the show and sale again this year. It is your support that makes these youth programs a success, and they look forward to seeing everyone at the 2003 Donley County Livestock Show and Sale.

Workday planned for stock show

A workday will be held at the Clarendon Community Center next Wednesday, January 8, to get ready for this year's Donley County Jr. Livestock Show & Sale.

All parents and interested persons are asked to come help get the grounds and building ready for this annual event. The show and sale will be January 11.

Enterprise will dispose of photos

A box full of photos at The Clarendon Enterprise will soon be thrown out, and residents are asked come get their pictures before that happens.

In three weeks, all photos left in the box will be disposed of and no longer available to the owners. Some of the photos are baby pictures, wedding pictures, class pictures, etc. These are not Enterprise photos.

Anyone wishing to claim these photos can come get what they want.

The paper takes responsibility for photos left here for ten days after publication. Any photos left after that are up for grabs.

Howardwick club to hold luncheon

The Howardwick Beautification Club met on December 10, 2002, to discuss items of business including their Hobo Dinner Fundraiser.

The dinner will be held on January 14, 2003, at noon at the Howardwick City Hall. They will be serving stew, cornbread, and brownies. The cost is $4.00 per plate, and they will deliver the meal for $4.50 per plate.

The next meeting for the club will be held on January 7, 2003, at noon at City Hall.

Inside:

2 One state considers using satellite technology to track people in their automobiles.
5 The Lady Owls get a tournament championship when they go to Canadian.
6 The Broncos are gearing up for district competition.
8 And a white Christmas makes traveling dangerous and keeps officers busy.

All this and much more in this week's New Year's edition!

City closes shooting area

By Roger Estlack, Clarendon Enterprise

Local gun enthusiasts will have to find a new place for target practice after the Clarendon Board of Aldermen closed a local shooting range Monday night.

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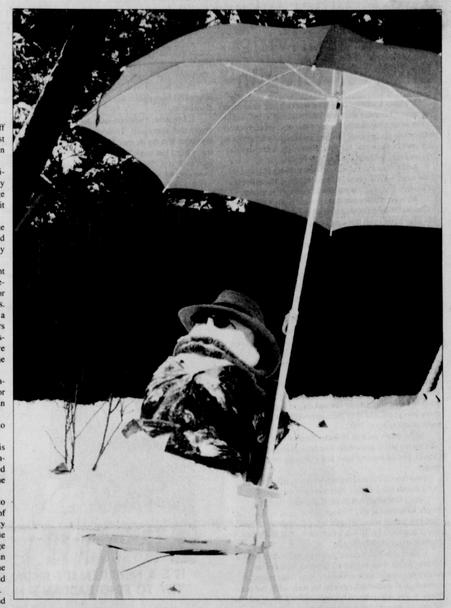

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NEWS at a glance

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4-H and FFA exhibitors will be showing their animals throughout the day followed by the livestock sale on Saturday evening.

The 4-H and FFA exhibitors appreciate all the buyers for their past support and would like to invite everyone out to the show and sale again this year. It is your support that makes these youth programs a success, and they look forward to seeing everyone at the 2003 Donley County Livestock Show and Sale.

Workday planned for stock show

A workday will be held at the Clarendon Community Center next Wednesday, January 8, to get ready for this year's Donley County Jr. Livestock Show & Sale.

All parents and interested persons are asked to come help get the grounds and building ready for this annual event. The show and sale will be January 11.

Enterprise will dispose of photos

A box full of photos at The Clarendon Enterprise will soon be thrown out, and residents are asked come get their pictures before that happens.

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Anyone wishing to claim these photos can come get what they want.

The paper takes responsibility for photos left here for ten days after publication. Any photos left after that are up for grabs.

Howardwick club to hold luncheon

The Howardwick Beautification Club met on December 10, 2002, to discuss items of business including their Hobo Dinner Fundraiser.

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The next meeting for the club will be held on January 7, 2003, at noon at City Hall.

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All this and much more in this week's New Year's edition!

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By Roger Estlack, Clarendon Enterprise

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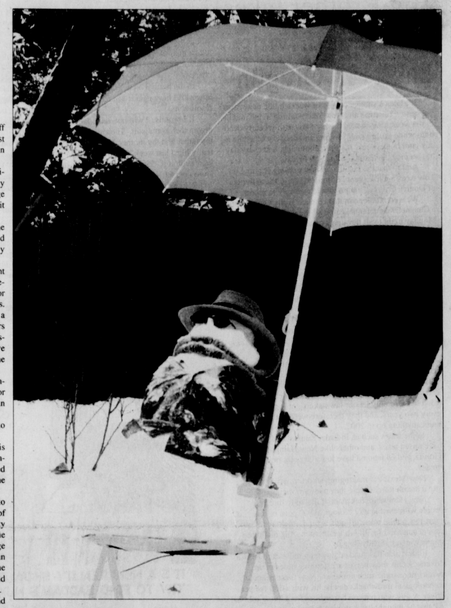

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NPT This column has been Rated NPT* by the Enterprise Institute For Reader Prudence. A sense of humor is advised.

Big Brother takes a look at driving habits in Oregon

It's been a strange couple of weeks in the newspaper business. Christmas and New Year's falling in the middle of the week have caused the ENTERPRISE to set early deadlines while pushing our printing and delivery schedule a day later in the week. It's been confusing, and every day has seemed like either Monday or Friday.

Add to that the fact that almost *nothing* is going on. This week we had plenty of time to report the activities of Donley County… but not much activity to report.

We weren't alone in that respect. Holly Gurwell and a Channel 7 cameraman came all the way from Amarillo Monday night to sit through a rather non-exciting Clarendon city meeting and then made that the top story on ProNews. (Granted it's our top story too, but you'd think something was happening in the big city. You'd be wrong though.)

In the news business, the adage '"no news' is good news" does not hold true. "No news" is just that.

The same dilemma has befallen the editorial topics for this week. I've always got something to say, but this week there just isn't really a burning issue about which I am just dying to dispense my usual wisdom. I even deliberately delayed writing anything, hoping something would break, but alas.

So this week we're reduced to looking at some of the laws coming into effect on January 1, 2003, in the various states of the union as reported by the Associated Press. In Texas, that's an easy task since we have the good sense to only let our lawmakers get together once every two years, and they therefore were not allowed to mess anything up in 2002.

Some states such as Indiana, Kansas, and Nebraska have raised taxes, and others like New Hampshire, Florida, and Oklahoma have lowered taxes or given tax breaks.

New Mexico is making repeat drunk drivers blow into a breath tester before they can start their cars.

New Hampshire has made it illegal to threaten people with chemical or biological weapons or take the same to a public place. Illinois made it a felony to trespass at a nuclear facility. It's rather amazing that these things weren't already illegal.

Illinois also has cracked down on those darn Amish drivers. Seems their horses are gouging holes in the pavement or some such nonsense. Now these peaceful, technological throwbacks can be hit with a $50 fee per driver. A guy who puts on horseshoes for a living told the AP that he thought heavy trucks did more damage than horses.

Tennessee enacted a new law to make pharmacies report all prescriptions to a big, central computer in an effort to find drug abusers. Meanwhile, Connecticut cracked down on the dreaded mercury thermometer and banned the sale of the same. Those things could kill somebody apparently, which I suppose is true if you were stupid enough to break them open and use the mercury as a skin cream or hair tonic.

But the most interesting – and disturbing – thing to come down the pike is up in the People's Republic of Oregon. The SALEM STATESMAN-JOURNAL reports that state's legislature in 2001 set up a Road User Fee Task Force, which is now prepared to make a suggestion for a new high-tech road tax to the 2003 legislature.

The idea goes like this. The pinheads on the committee want Oregonites (Oregonians? Oregoners?) to pay tax for every mile they travel within the state. They have initially proposed a 1.25-cent per mile rate, but Jim Whitty, who heads the task force, told reporters the rate would probably have to be higher to cover administrative costs.

This would be implemented by requiring state citizens to fit their vehicles with a Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) transponder. The government could then accurately see exactly how many miles had been driven within the state and send out a monthly bill accordingly. Or, the report says, gas stations in Oregon would be fitted with devices to read the transponders and collect the tax while citizens are re-fueling.

That's more than a tad scary. GPS could also give the state your vehicle's exact location at any given time and be used to track your travel patterns and keep up with your whereabouts. The article says a privacy provision would prohibit the state from using the system in "real time," but frankly that would be of little consolation to me if I lived there.

I purposefully didn't buy a car with the OnStar® system because, in addition to locating you when you drive off in a ravine, the salesman said it could be used by the police to find the car. Well, heck, what if I decide to rob a bank? Do I want my car squealing on me?

Of course the real reason I didn't get that vehicle was because I couldn't afford it. But there is something a little unnerving about someone knowing exactly where your vehicle is at any given moment. It's a little less worrisome when it's a private company that you willingly contract with, as opposed to being coerced into such a situation by the state.

I wonder what would prevent Oregon from using their proposed system to track drivers' speeds of travel as well and then issue citations accordingly? Why not tie the system in to the traffic light system in major cities and send out red light tickets?

Is Big Brother watching us? With the passage of the USA PATRIOT Act, he probably is. But if this idea passes, he will definitely be keeping a close eye on the folks in Oregon.

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New Year's resolve dissolves too quickly

life's
Lessons

By Carrie Helms

Happy New Year, everyone. I love this time of year. You get to flip over to your new calendar and start over. It is statistically proven that something like 900 billion Americans start new diets at the New Year. That is why 900 billion Americans are cranky and starving until about the middle of January.

Not me. I don't believe in being healthy or so-called dieting. I think I would like to go out happy with a heart attack than hungry and starving to death. I will drink my Dr Pepper and take my chances.

In the normal New Year tradition, however, I have decided to make a few resolutions.

1. I promise I will not make fun of my mother ever again. Thou shalt honor thy father and thy mother. By the way, she really liked last week's column, but she won't admit it. I know her better than she knows herself.

2. I swear that I really will study harder. I got the grades back and was very pleased, as were the folks, but it had been previously agreed upon that there would be no CD player for my car without a few more points on that GPA. Like any good capitalist, I need bribery to keep me in the books.

3. I will eat fewer things in tortillas. That does not mean going on a diet. It is simply a wise health decision. That means salad instead of tacos at lunch and not so many trips to the Bell.

4. I am going to play tennis everyday. I love tennis. I am absolutely no good at it, but that is inconsequential. I like it so much, I don't even mind breaking a sweat. I am taking a class three times a week this semester, but I have a feeling it is going to take a lot of extra work not to embarrass myself.

5. I am going to watch more old movies and musicals. I enjoy old movies, especially WWII flicks. I have seen a lot of the essential old classics, but I have not seen them all. I am determined to do so in 2003.

6. I am going to learn how to dance. I have always wanted to be a dancer. A real dancer, too, like Ginger Rogers. I'm talking about tap dancing, ballroom dancing, swing dancing and line dancing. I am getting all giddy just thinking about it.

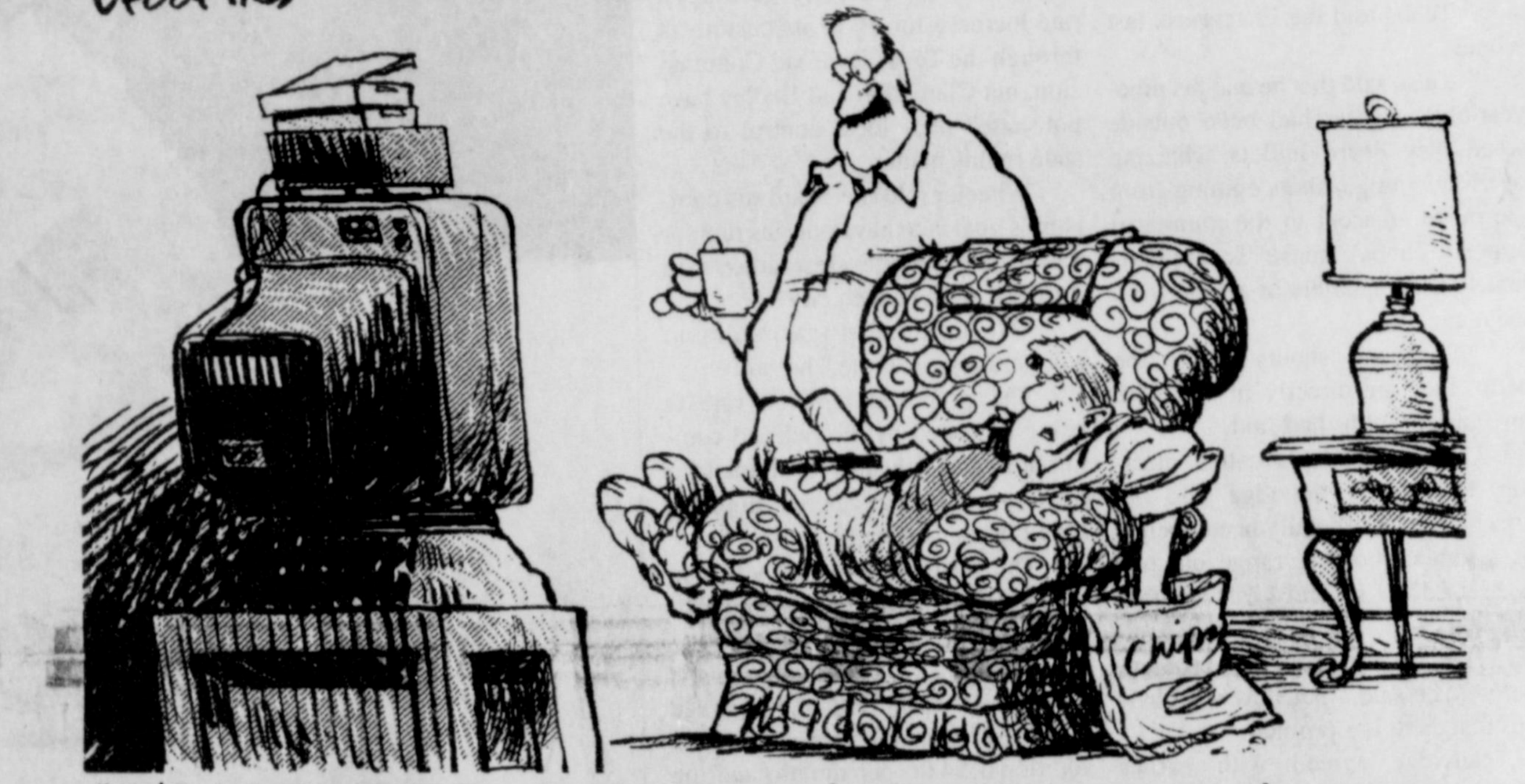
7. I am going to be better about spending money, too. No more late night trips to Wal-Mart to buy rubber chickens or dog sweaters. I am only going to shop when I am fully conscious and not in my pajamas.

8. I am not going to be swindled by telemarketers. I feel sorry for the poor little dears who have such terrible jobs, but the longer you listen to them, the more information they steal from you and the harder it is to get away from them. I entered a sweepstakes that way and got signed up to receive a bunch of coupons and memberships I had to cancel. I will not do that ever again.

9. I will learn to play the guitar. I own one. I got one for my birthday back in the 90s, but I never really got around to learning how to play it for real. Fortunately, my little sister picked it up and has become a guitar guru, but I think it is my turn to learn.

10. I am resolved, most of all, not to make any resolutions this year. These are all very worthy goals, I think, but I am merely setting myself up for another disappointment. Like everyone else, I make a good list of promises like this, but by January 3, I have lost all of my resolve. I guess that means my resolve has dissolved.

May all your resolve not dissolve in 2003, and may you have the happiest of Happy New Years.



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New asbestos ligitation cheating victims

By Robert Zepeda and Jeff Clark

Some of the largest lawsuits filed today are on behalf of plaintiffs who aren't sick against businesses that did not manufacture the product at the center of the litigation.

Thirty-five years after the nation's first asbestos lawsuit was filed in Beaumont, a new wave of asbestos claims is flooding our courts, inundating seriously ill victims and small and large businesses alike. Asbestos-related cases now rank as one of the fastest-growth areas of litigation. It is also one of the most abused.

All told, 600,000 asbestos claims have been filed against 6,000 companies spread across nearly every industrial sector of the US economy. While more than 200,000 claims are still pending in our courts – no small number in itself – that figure is expected to explode in the coming years.

Texas courts can expect to hear the lion's share of these cases. Estimates are that as many as half of all pending asbestos claims are now in Texas courts.

Yet with many of the original asbestos defendants in bankruptcy, this generation of litigation is targeted at businesses that in most cases have only a remote connection to asbestos. From local brake repair shops to brick makers to Sears, the newly targeted never manufactured but may have sold or used products containing the mineral.

At the same time, seriously ill victims are now seeing their cases lumped together with individuals who are not sick. The vast majority of asbestos claimants today – 80 percent – are not ill. Some of these people apparently feel compelled to file suit, wanting to preserve a legal remedy in the event they develop an asbestos-related condition in the future. Yet lawyers clearly see the benefit of grouping together truly sick and healthy plaintiffs – swelling cases to drive defendants to settle.

Unfortunately, the sheer enormity of these premature claims has delayed and diluted fair compensation for the seriously injured.

For many years, asbestos was used in thousands of products because of its resistance to heat, its strength, and its flexibility. While it still can be found in some products, its use was curtailed beginning in the 1970s after it was determined that prolonged exposure could cause lung cancer and other lung-related health problems.

Many of those illnesses are just now coming to light. Only now the path to the courthouse is clogged by lawsuits on behalf of thousands of healthy people hoping to win compensation for an illness they might develop.

Sixty-five percent of asbestos compensation paid in the past decade was to individuals with non-malignant conditions, according to the Rand Institute. The most seriously ill victims have received little more than a third of asbestos-related payouts. In all, asbestos claimants receive 43 cents of every dollar spent on asbestos compensation after court costs and legal fees.

This new generation of asbestos litigation is taking resources away from people who need compensation now and ruining businesses that never manufactured asbestos in the first place. Not only does this offend justice, but is also harms the very people who most need help.

Zepeda is the chairman of San Antonians Against Lawsuit Abuse. Clark is the Texas director of the National Federation of Independent Business.

Prayers sought for young Dallas area football player

I am writing to you to ask the people in Clarendon to please keep my husband's football player in their prayers. On Saturday, December 14, one of our players, Corey Fulbright, hit an opponent and has fractured his C5.

For specific details you can find more information at www.eisd.org or the FT. WORTH STAR TELEGRAM or Damon Sayles at the DALLAS MORNING NEWS. Damon has done a better job at being more positive than the Ft. Worth paper.

I just know how strong the power of prayer is, and I believe that with more people praying miracles can happen!

Haley Clark-Keeling, Everman

Haley is the daughter of Jackie Clark and the granddaughter of the late Carrol McClellan of Clarendon.



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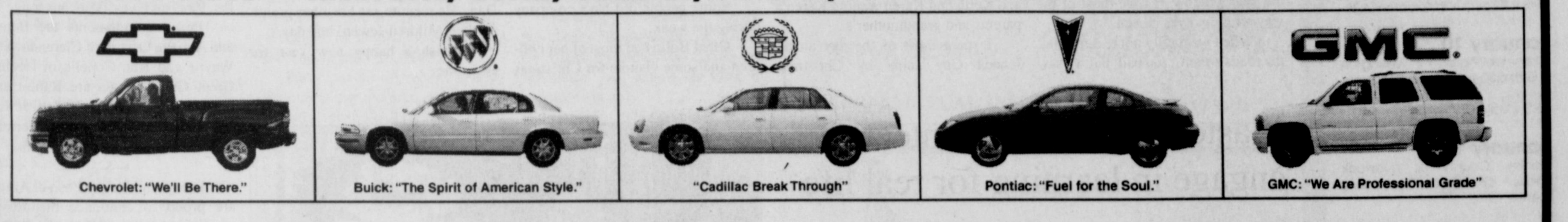

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editor's Commentary

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

NPT This column has been Rated NPT by the Enterprise Institute For Reader Friendliness. A sense of humor is advised. "Truth (as I see it)"

Big Brother takes a look at driving habits in Oregon

It's been a strange couple of weeks in the newspaper business. Christmas and New Year's falling in the middle of the week have caused the ENTERPRISE to set early deadlines while pushing our printing and delivery schedule a day later in the week. It's been confusing, and every day has seemed like either Monday or Friday.

Add to that the fact that almost *nothing* is going on. This week we had plenty of time to report the activities of Donley County… but not much activity to report.

We weren't alone in that respect. Holly Gurwell and a Channel 7 cameraman came all the way from Amarillo Monday night to sit through a rather non-exciting Clarendon city meeting and then made that the top story on ProNews. (Granted it's our top story too, but you'd think something was happening in the big city. You'd be wrong though.)

In the news business, the adage "'no news' is good news" does not hold true. "No news" is just that.

The same dilemma has befallen the editorial topics for this week. I've always got something to say, but this week there just isn't really a burning issue about which I am just dying to dispense my usual wisdom. I even deliberately delayed writing anything, hoping something would break, but alas.

So this week we're reduced to looking at some of the laws coming into effect on January 1, 2003, in the various states of the union as reported by the Associated Press. In Texas, that's an easy task since we have the good sense to only let our lawmakers get together once every two years, and they therefore were not allowed to mess anything up in 2002.

Some states such as Indiana, Kansas, and Nebraska have raised taxes, and others like New Hampshire, Florida, and Oklahoma have lowered taxes or given tax breaks.

New Mexico is making repeat drunk drivers blow into a breath tester before they can start their cars.

New Hampshire has made it illegal to threaten people with chemical or biological weapons or take the same to a public place. Illinois made it a felony to trespass at a nuclear facility. It's rather amazing that these things weren't already illegal.

Illinois also has cracked down on those darn Amish drivers. Seems their horses are gouging holes in the pavement or some such nonsense. Now these peaceful, technological throwbacks can be hit with a $50 fee per driver. A guy who puts on horseshoes for a living told the AP that he thought heavy trucks did more damage than horses.

Tennessee enacted a new law to make pharmacies report all prescriptions to a big, central computer in an effort to find drug abusers. Meanwhile, Connecticut cracked down on the dreaded mercury thermometer and banned the sale of the same. Those things could kill somebody apparently, which I suppose is true if you were stupid enough to break them open and use the mercury as a skin cream or hair tonic.

But the most interesting – and disturbing – thing to come down the pike is up in the People's Republic of Oregon. The SALEM STATESMAN-JOURNAL reports that state's legislature in 2001 set up a Road User Fee Task Force, which is now prepared to make a suggestion for a new high-tech road tax to the 2003 legislature.

The idea goes like this. The pinheads on the committee want Oregonites (Oregonians? Oregoners?) to pay tax for every mile they travel within the state. They have initially proposed a 1.25-cent per mile rate, but Jim Whitty, who heads the task force, told reporters the rate would probably have to be higher to cover administrative costs.

This would be implemented by requiring state citizens to fit their vehicles with a Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) transponder. The government could then accurately see exactly how many miles had been driven within the state and send out a monthly bill accordingly. Or, the report says, gas stations in Oregon would be fitted with devices to read the transponders and collect the tax while citizens are re-fueling.

That's more than a tad scary. GPS could also give the state your vehicle's exact location at any given time and be used to track your travel patterns and keep up with your whereabouts. The article says a privacy provision would prohibit the state from using the system in "real time," but frankly that would be of little consolation to me if I lived there.

I purposefully didn't buy a car with the OnStar® system because, in addition to locating you when you drive off in a ravine, the salesman said it could be used by the police to find the car. Well, heck, what if I decide to rob a bank? Do I want my car squealing on me?

Of course the real reason I didn't get that vehicle was because I couldn't afford it. But there is something a little unnerving about someone knowing exactly where your vehicle is at any given moment. It's a little less worrisome when it's a private company that you willingly contract with, as opposed to being coerced into such a situation by the state.

I wonder what would prevent Oregon from using their proposed system to track drivers' speeds of travel as well and then issue citations accordingly? Why not tie the system in to the traffic light system in major cities and send out red light tickets?

Is Big Brother watching us? With the passage of the USA PATRIOT Act, he probably is. But if this idea passes, he will definitely be keeping a close eye on the folks in Oregon.

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New Year's resolve dissolves too quickly

life's Lessons

By Carrie Helms

Happy New Year, everyone. I love this time of year. You get to flip over to your new calendar and start over. It is statistically proven that something like 900 billion Americans start new diets at the New Year. That is why 900 billion Americans are cranky and starving until about the middle of January.

Not me. I don't believe in being healthy or so-called dieting. I think I would like to go out happy with a heart attack than hungry and starving to death. I will drink my Dr Pepper and take my chances.

In the normal New Year tradition, however, I have decided to make a few resolutions.

1. I promise I will not make fun of my mother ever again. Thou shalt honor thy father and thy mother. By the way, she really liked last week's column, but she won't admit it. I know her better than she knows herself.

2. I swear that I really will study harder. I got the grades back and was very pleased, as were the folks, but it had been previously agreed upon that there would be no CD player for my car without a few more points on that GPA. Like any good capitalist, I need bribery to keep me in the books.

3. I will eat fewer things in tortillas. That does not mean going on a diet. It is simply a wise health decision. That means salad instead of tacos at lunch and not so many trips to the Bell.

4. I am going to play tennis everyday. I love tennis. I am absolutely no good at it, but that is inconsequential. I like it so much, I don't even mind breaking a sweat. I am taking a class three times a week this semester, but I have a feeling it is going to take a lot of extra work not to embarrass myself.

5. I am going to watch more old movies and musicals. I enjoy old movies, especially WWII flicks. I have seen a lot of the essential old classics, but I have not seen them all. I am determined to do so in 2003.

6. I am going to learn how to dance. I have always wanted to be a dancer. A real dancer, too, like Ginger Rogers. I'm talking about tap dancing, ballroom dancing, swing dancing and line dancing. I am getting all giddy just thinking about it.

7. I am going to be better about spending money, too. No more late night trips to Wal-Mart to buy rubber chickens or dog sweaters. I am only going to shop when I am fully conscious and not in my pajamas.

8. I am not going to be swindled by telemarketers. I feel sorry for the poor little dears who have such terrible jobs, but the longer you listen to them, the more information they steal from you and the harder it is to get away from them. I entered a sweepstakes that way and got signed up to receive a bunch of coupons and memberships I had to cancel. I will not do that ever again.

9. I will learn to play the guitar. I own one. I got one for my birthday back in the 90s, but I never really got around to learning how to play it for real. Fortunately, my little sister picked it up and has become a guitar guru, but I think it is my turn to learn.

10. I am resolved, most of all, not to make any resolutions this year. These are all very worthy goals, I think, but I am merely setting myself up for another disappointment. Like everyone else, I make a good list of promises like this, but by January 3, I have lost all of my resolve. I guess that means my resolve has dissolved.

May all your resolve not dissolve in 2003, and may you have the happiest of Happy New Years.



"IT'S A NEW REALITY SHOW CALLED 'INSPECTORS IN IRAQ'... THEY TRY TO FIND SADDAM'S NUKES BEFORE HE CAN LAUNCH 'EM ...!"

New asbestos ligitation cheating victims

By Robert Zepeda and Jeff Clark

Some of the largest lawsuits filed today are on behalf of plaintiffs who aren't sick against businesses that did not manufacture the product at the center of the litigation.

Thirty-five years after the nation's first asbestos lawsuit was filed in Beaumont, a new wave of asbestos claims is flooding our courts, inundating seriously ill victims and small and large businesses alike. Asbestos-related cases now rank as one of the fastest-growth areas of litigation. It is also one of the most abused.

All told, 600,000 asbestos claims have been filed against 6,000 companies spread across nearly every industrial sector of the US economy. While more than 200,000 claims are still pending in our courts – no small number in itself – that figure is expected to explode in the coming years.

Texas courts can expect to hear the lion's share of these cases. Estimates are that as many as half of all pending asbestos claims are now in Texas courts.

Yet with many of the original asbestos defendants in bankruptcy, this generation of litigation is targeted at businesses that in most cases have only a remote connection to asbestos. From local brake repair shops to brick makers to Sears, the newly targeted never manufactured but may have sold or used products containing the mineral.

At the same time, seriously ill victims are now seeing their cases lumped together with individuals who are not sick. The vast majority of asbestos claimants today – 80 percent – are not ill. Some of these people apparently feel compelled to file suit, wanting to preserve a legal remedy in the event they develop an asbestos-related condition in the future. Yet lawyers clearly see the benefit of grouping together truly sick and healthy plaintiffs – swelling cases to drive defendants to settle.

Unfortunately, the sheer enormity of these premature claims has delayed and diluted fair compensation for the seriously injured.

For many years, asbestos was used in thousands of products because of its resistance to heat, its strength, and its flexibility. While it still can be found in some products, its use was curtailed beginning in the 1970s after it was determined that prolonged exposure could cause lung cancer and other lung-related health problems.

Many of those illnesses are just now coming to light. Only now the path to the courthouse is clogged by lawsuits on behalf of thousands of healthy people hoping to win compensation for an illness they might develop.

Sixty-five percent of asbestos compensation paid in the past decade was to individuals with non-malignant conditions, according to the Rand Insitute. The most seriously ill victims have received little more than a third of asbestos-related payouts. In all, asbestos claimants receive 43 cents of every dollar spent on asbestos compensation after court costs and legal fees.

This new generation of asbestos litigation is taking resources away from people who need compensation now and ruining businesses that never manufactured asbestos in the first place. Not only does this offend justice, but is also harms the very people who most need help.

Zepeda is the chairman of San Antonians Against Lawsuit Abuse. Clark is the Texas director of the National Federation of Independent Business.

Prayers sought for young Dallas area football player

I am writing to you to ask the people in Clarendon to please keep my husband's football player in their prayers. On Saturday, December 14, one of our players, Corey Fulbright, hit an opponent and has fractured his C5.

For specific details you can find more information at www.eisd.org or the Ft. Worth Star Telegram or Damon Sayles at the Dallas Morning News. Damon has done a better job at being more positive than the Ft. Worth paper.

I just know how strong the power of prayer is, and I believe that with more people praying miracles can happen!

Haley Clark-Keeling, Everman

Haley is the daughter of Jackie Clark and the granddaughter of the late Carrol McClellan of Clarendon.



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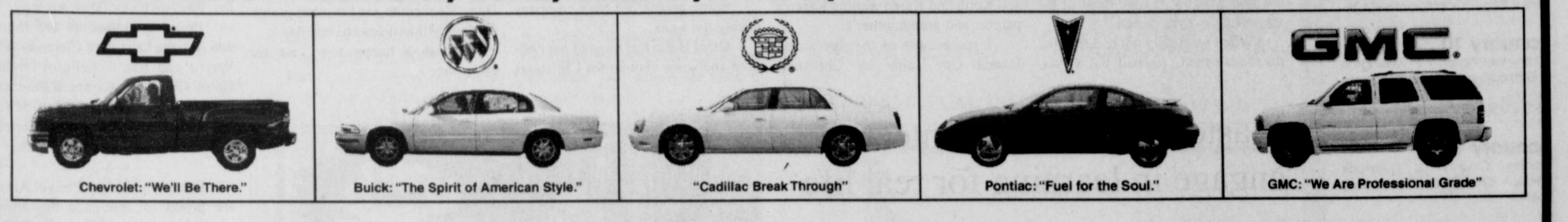

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Your guide to "what's happening" around Donley County.

January 3
CHS v. Shamrock • Bronco Gym • Girls 6:30 p.m.; Boys 8:00 p.m.

HHS v. Samnorwood • at Samnorwood • 6:30 p.m.

January 2 - 4
Bulldog Basketball Camp • Call 874-3571 or 874-0360 for details.

January 7
CHS v. Memphis • in Memphis • Girls 6:30 p.m.; Boys 8:00 p.m.

HHS v. Groom • in Groom • 6:30

January 10
CHS v. Wellington • in Wellington • Girls 6:30 p.m.; Boys: 8:00 p.m.

HHS v. Valley • Owl Gym • 6:30

January 11
Donley County Jr. Livestock Show • Clarendon Community Center

January 16
CC v. Howard College • Bulldog Gym • Women: 5:50, Men: 7:50

January 20
Breast Cancer Screening • Medical Center Nursing Home • 356-1905

Community Menus

January 6 - 10

Clarendon Schools

Breakfast
Mon: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk
Tues: Pancakes, juice, milk
Wed: Oats and toast, fruit, milk
Thur: Scrambled eggs, toast, fruit, milk
Fri: Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk
Lunch
Mon: Burrito, corn, mixed salad, fruit mix, milk
Tues: Steakfingers, French fries, salad, rolls, peaches and cream, milk
Wed: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, applesauce cake, milk
Thur: Spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian salad, garlic bread, corn, Jell-O, milk
Fri: Hamburgers with cheese, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, cobbler, milk

Hedley Schools

Breakfast
Mon: Egg sausage bake with cheese, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk
Tues: Breakfast bar, toast and jelly, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk
Wed: Pancake on a stick with syrup, dry cereal, fruit juice, and milk
Thur: Biscuit and gravy, sausage patties, butter and jelly, cereal, juice, milk
Fri: Peanut butter and toast, muffins, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk
Lunch
Mon: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, green beans, tossed salad, mixed fruit, milk
Tues: Pizza, bread sticks and sauce, corn, salad, fruit, canned peaches, milk
Wed: Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, or chicken potpie, rolls and honey, salad, fruit, milk
Thur: Barbecue chicken or barbecue weiners, beans and potato salad, strawberries and peaches, sliced bread, milk
Fri: Ham and cheese subs or Philly steak subs, later tots, lettuce and tomato, applesauce, milk

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Smoked sausage, steamed cabbage, hoppin john, pears with cottage cheese, chocolate pudding, cornbread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Tues: Creamy chicken bake, macaroni and cheese, green peas, tossed salad, mixed fruit, roll, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Wed: Black bean soup, hot dog on a bun, potato chips, peaches and bananas, cookies, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Thur: Oven fried chicken, corn dressing asparagus, cinnamon apples, butterscotch pudding with topping, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Fri: Beef enchiladas, beans, tossed salad, chocolate applesauce cake, tortilla chips and hot sauce, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Beef stew with peas, carrots, tomatoes, potatoes, onions, and celery, orange slices, butterscotch pudding, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee
Tues: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, English peas, orange Jell-O with carrots, peaches, bananas, and pineapples, roll, milk, tea, coffee
Wed: Baked ham, black-eyed peas, corn, pear and cottage cheese salad, cake, roll, milk, tea, coffee
Thur: Steak and gravy, baked potato, fried okra, pea salad, mixed fruit cobbler, roll, milk, tea, coffee
Fri: Spaghetti and meat sauce, steamed broccoli, tossed salad, sliced peaches, garlic toast, milk, tea, coffee

Holiday snowfall makes driving treacherous

Did everyone have a happy Christmas? How'd you like the snow? I didn't like it one bit. I don't like snow. But nobody asked me how I felt about it. It came, and that's all there is to it.

Keith took me to Amarillo Monday morning, and I thought we'd never get there... in one piece anyway.

It was raining when we left Hedley. By the time we got to Lelia Lake, it was sleeting. At Clarendon, the sleet turned to snow; and it took us about an hour to go to Goodnight. It snowed as hard as I've ever seen. Keith couldn't see the road through the windshield and had to watch out the side window. I rode most of the way with my eyes closed.

When we finally got to Amarillo, the roads weren't too bad; but we saw several cars in the ditch and against the guardrails. The road was really bad when we started home; but when we got to the Donley County line, the boys had been out with their sand trucks and ice scrapers, and the road was clear to Hedley.

The maintenance crews are to be commended for the work they did to keep the highway clear.

We haven't had our Christmas yet. Guy is snowed in in Colorado. Leon just had Christmas day off. All the paramedics and EMTs except one left town so Su-San had to stay in Memphis. My brother, William Mullins and his wife, Margie, got stranded in Amarillo on their way to Lubbock, and Keith and Karen went to Karen's parents and grandmother's.

I spent most of the day alone. Jeneda Gay came by Christmas morning and had a cup of spiced tea with me, and Grace Burkhalter came just after lunch. Keith stopped by later.

We'll have Christmas when we can. The day you celebrate isn't as important as the fact that you do. I always thought Jesus was born in the spring or fall anyway. The shepherds had their sheep out in the fields, and they only went out when it was warm, not in the middle of winter.

Some people did have company during the week.

Othel Bolin had most of her children and some visitors for Christmas dinner.

Juanita Brown and Grace Burkhalter had two daughters and several grandchildren with them.

Buford and Jerry Holland enjoyed Christmas with their children from across Texas and Oklahoma.

Dorine Conatser enjoyed a visit from her nephew, Kenneth Word. He lives somewhere in California. She also had her great-granddaughter, Jacie, here from Lawton. Lucky Dorine. Kids make Christmas.

Leonard Mullins visited with Mother at the nursing home Wednesday. I understand Steve Mullins is here from Tennessee with his mother, Nancy Mullins, and brothers Bill and Dan. He went to see his other grandmother, Mildred Jewett, one day.

I wish a happy new year for everyone.

watt's Happening
By Peggy Watt
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Kailee Joanne Osburn

New Arrivals

Blake Osburn and Erin Carothers announce the birth of their daughter, **Kailee Joanne Osburn**. She was born November 28, 2002, weighing 6 lbs. 9 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Benny and Annette Osburn of Clarendon and Wayne and Jean Copelin of Hedley. Great Grandparents are Rabbit and Shirley Osburn of Clarendon, Jewell Gholson of Clarendon, and Herman and Ernestine Cross of Memphis.

Darryl and Kelley Cash of Anson are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, **Cortnee Bailey Cash**, on November 24, 2002. She weighed 7 lbs. and 6 oz. and was 19½ inches long. She is welcomed by her sisters Brittany and Ashlynn.

Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harve Williams of Clarendon and Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Cash of Portales, New Mexico. Great grandmother is Arlowene Williams of Turkey.

Master Clothing Volunteers engage in learning for real life

By Dawn Watson, County FCA Agent

People who want to be well informed about sewing skills and construction techniques and are willing at teach others what they have learned will want to apply to be Master Volunteers with Texas Cooperative Extension.

Dawn Watson, County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences, states this opportunity will be February 12, 13, and 14 in San Antonio. The training is co-sponsored and held in conjunction with the Creative Inspiration Exhibition, ProShow, Inc.

Participants in the Master Clothing Volunteer training will go through intensive training from Texas Cooperative Extension faculty and experienced Master Clothing Volunteers. National sewing experts presenting at Creative Inspiration Exhibition will also teach some sessions of the MCV training. Volunteers will receive project ideas on teaching beginners how to sew. New to this year's training will be web and e-commerce sewing resources.

Individuals trained will serve as Extension Master Clothing Volunteers for one year. In exchange for training, they will teach others what they learned by volunteering 50 hours of community teaching to extend sewing skills as a lifetime resource for individuals and families.

"We're looking for members of the community who can attend the training and then go teach others what they learned," Watson said.

"By going through the Master Volunteer training, individuals will learn how to work with groups and individuals as they teach others how to sew," Watson said.

To apply, contact the Extension Officeat 874-2141. Registration must be postmarked by January 27. Cost is $75 for the three days of training. Check the Family and Consumer Sciences web site <http://fcs.tamu.edu/clothing/clothing.htm> for more information or a registration form.



Photo courtesy of Gwen Barker

On the 'nice' list

Children at Gwen's Daycare enjoyed a visit from Santa on Monday, December 23 during their Christmas party. Those visiting with Santa are (front) Emily Johnson, Preston Elam, Noab Elam, (back) Marshal Johnson, Payge Pettie, and little Santa Samuel Thomas.

C-C announces winners of 2002 lighting contest

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce announced the final winners of their Festival of Lights contest.

Residential winners were Alan Graham in Clarendon, Kathy Spier in Hedley, and Marvin Elam in Howardwick. Special recognition was also given to S.I. and Gail Johnson in Hedley. Business winners were Guys & Dolls Salon in Clarendon and the Hedley Lioness Club.

Obituaries

Leathers

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The luncheon is a social time for those grieving the death of a loved one. For more information, call 372-7696.

TDA taking nominations for heroism award

AUSTIN – Agricultural Commissioner Susan Combs announced today that the Texas Department of Agriculture is now accepting nominations for TDA's 2002 Rural Heroism Award.

Candidates must have performed a heroic, lifesaving act in Texas during 2002. The heroic deed should be related to farming or ranching and occur in a rural area. Automobile accidents or accidents caused by negligence will not be considered.

Nominations should include a written account of the incident and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of everyone involved. If available, newspaper clippings and photographs should accompany all nominations.

Nominations must be postmarked by February 1, 2003, and be mailed to Lola Lemmon, TDA Safety Coordinator, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711. For additional information on qualifications, contact Lemmon at (512) 475- 1611.

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic set for Clarendon

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Cancer will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Clarendon Medical Center Nursing Home on Hwy. 70 North on January 20, 2003.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only.

Call 356-1905 for information.

Looking Back

15 Years Ago
The Clarendon Press, Jan. 7, 1988

• Mrs. Hattie B. Terbush, Clarendon's oldest citizen, says the secret to living to be 103 is hard work, reading the Bible, talking to the Man upstairs everyday, and refraining from smoking, drinking, and using bad language. Being part Indian also helps.

50 Years Ago
The Donley Co. Leader, Jan. 1, 1953

• Donley County's new sheriff, Truett Behrens, announced this week that his deputy staff has been selected. Chief Criminal Deputy will be F.A. Fitzgerald, Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector will be P.C. Messer, and Messer's assistant will be Mrs. Hazel Guy.

• R.C. Hill assumed double duties today, taking over as the Constable of Precinct 2 as well as becoming Clarendon's City Marshall.

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Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	23	41°	27°	0.56"
Tues	24	39°	23°	0.38"
Wed	25	33°	7°	-
Thur	26	28°	6°	-
Fri	27	31°	11°	-
Sat	28	45°	18°	-
Sun	29	59°	31°	-

Total precipitation this month: 1.21"
Total precipitation to date: 25.68"
Total precipitation in Dec. last year: 0.26"
Total YTD total rain last year: 21.22"

weekend forecast

Friday, Jan. 3
Partly Sunny
57°/27°

Saturday, Jan. 4
Mostly Cloudy
45°/27°

Sunday, Jan. 5
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Your guide to "what's happening" around Donley County.

January 3
CHS v. Shamrock • Bronco Gym • Girls 6:30 p.m.; Boys 8:00 p.m.

HHS v. Samnorwood • at Samnorwood • 6:30 p.m.

January 2 - 4
Bulldog Basketball Camp • Call 874-3571 or 874-0360 for details.

January 7
CHS v. Memphis • in Memphis • Girls 6:30 p.m.; Boys 8:00 p.m.

HHS v. Groom • in Groom • 6:30

January 10
CHS v. Wellington • in Wellington • Girls 6:30 p.m.; Boys: 8:00 p.m.

HHS v. Valley • Owl Gym • 6:30

January 11
Donley County Jr. Livestock Show • Clarendon Community Center

January 16
CC v. Howard College • Bulldog Gym • Women: 5:50, Men: 7:50

January 20
Breast Cancer Screening • Medical Center Nursing Home • 356-1905

Community Menus

January 6 - 10

Clarendon Schools

Breakfast
Mon: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk
Tues: Pancakes, juice, milk
Wed: Oats and toast, fruit, milk
Thur: Scrambled eggs, toast, fruit, milk
Fri: Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk
Lunch
Mon: Burrito, corn, mixed salad, fruit mix, milk
Tues: Steakfingers, French fries, salad, rolls, peaches and cream, milk
Wed: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, applesauce cake, milk
Thur: Spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian salad, garlic bread, corn, Jell-O, milk
Fri: Hamburgers with cheese, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, cobbler, milk

Hedley Schools

Breakfast
Mon: Egg sausage bake with cheese, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk
Tues: Breakfast bar, toast and jelly, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk
Wed: Pancake on a stick with syrup, dry cereal, fruit juice, and milk
Thur: Biscuit and gravy, sausage patties, butter and jelly, cereal, juice, milk
Fri: Peanut butter and toast, muffins, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk
Lunch
Mon: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, green beans, tossed salad, mixed fruit, milk
Tues: Pizza, bread sticks and sauce, corn, salad, fruit, canned peaches, milk
Wed: Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, or chicken potpie, rolls and honey, salad, fruit, milk
Thur: Barbecue chicken or barbecue weiners, beans and potato salad, strawberries and peaches, sliced bread, milk
Fri: Ham and cheese subs or Philly steak subs, later tots, lettuce and tomato, applesauce, milk

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Smoked sausage, steamed cabbage, hoppin john, pears with cottage cheese, chocolate pudding, cornbread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Tues: Creamy chicken bake, macaroni and cheese, green peas, tossed salad, mixed fruit, roll, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Wed: Black bean soup, hot dog on a bun, potato chips, peaches and bananas, cookies, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Thur: Oven fried chicken, corn dressing asparagus, cinnamon apples, butterscotch pudding with topping, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Fri: Beef enchiladas, beans, tossed salad, chocolate applesauce cake, tortilla chips and hot sauce, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

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Mon: Beef stew with peas, carrots, tomatoes, potatoes, onions, and celery, orange slices, butterscotch pudding, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee
Tues: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, English peas, orange Jell-O with carrots, peaches, bananas, and pineapples, roll, milk, tea, coffee
Wed: Baked ham, black-eyed peas, corn, pear and cottage cheese salad, cake, roll, milk, tea, coffee
Thur: Steak and gravy, baked potato, fried okra, pea salad, mixed fruit cobbler, roll, milk, tea, coffee
Fri: Spaghetti and meat sauce, steamed broccoli, tossed salad, sliced peaches, garlic toast, milk, tea, coffee

Holiday snowfall makes driving treacherous

Did everyone have a happy Christmas? How'd you like the snow? I didn't like it one bit. I don't like snow. But nobody asked me how I felt about it. It came, and that's all there is to it.

Keith took me to Amarillo Monday morning, and I thought we'd never get there... in one piece anyway.

It was raining when we left Hedley. By the time we got to Lelia Lake, it was sleeting. At Clarendon, the sleet turned to snow; and it took us about an hour to go to Goodnight. It snowed as hard as I've ever seen. Keith couldn't see the road through the windshield and had to watch out the side window. I rode most of the way with my eyes closed.

When we finally got to Amarillo, the roads weren't too bad; but we saw several cars in the ditch and against the guardrails. The road was really bad when we started home; but when we got to the Donley County line, the boys had been out with their sand trucks and ice scrapers, and the road was clear to Hedley.

The maintenance crews are to be commended for the work they did to keep the highway clear.

We haven't had our Christmas yet. Guy is snowed in in Colorado. Leon just had Christmas day off. All the paramedics and EMTs except one left town so Su-San had to stay in Memphis. My brother, William Mullins and his wife, Margie, got stranded in Amarillo on their way to Lubbock, and Keith and Karen went to Karen's parents and grandmother's.

I spent most of the day alone. Jeneda Gay came by Christmas morning and had a cup of spiced tea with me, and Grace Burkhalter came just after lunch. Keith stopped by later.

We'll have Christmas when we can. The day you celebrate isn't as important as the fact that you do. I always thought Jesus was born in the spring or fall anyway. The shepherds had their sheep out in the fields, and they only went out when it was warm, not in the middle of winter.

Some people did have company during the week.

Othel Bolin had most of her children and some visitors for Christmas dinner.

Juanita Brown and Grace Burkhalter had two daughters and several grandchildren with them.

Buford and Jerry Holland enjoyed Christmas with their children from across Texas and Oklahoma.

Dorine Conatser enjoyed a visit from her nephew, Kenneth Word. He lives somewhere in California. She also had her great-granddaughter, Jacie, here from Lawton. Lucky Dorine. Kids make Christmas.

Leonard Mullins visited with Mother at the nursing home Wednesday. I understand Steve Mullins is here from Tennessee with his mother, Nancy Mullins, and brothers Bill and Dan. He went to see his other grandmother, Mildred Jewett, one day.

I wish a happy new year for everyone.

watt's Happening
By Peggy Watt
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Kailee Joanne Osburn

New Arrivals

Blake Osburn and Erin Carothers announce the birth of their daughter, **Kailee Joanne Osburn**. She was born November 28, 2002, weighing 6 lbs. 9 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Benny and Annette Osburn of Clarendon and Wayne and Jean Copelin of Hedley. Great Grandparents are Rabbit and Shirley Osburn of Clarendon, Jewell Gholson of Clarendon, and Herman and Ernestine Cross of Memphis.

Darryl and Kelley Cash of Anson are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, **Cortnee Bailey Cash**, on November 24, 2002. She weighed 7 lbs. and 6 oz. and was 19½ inches long. She is welcomed by her sisters Brittany and Ashlynn.

Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harve Williams of Clarendon and Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Cash of Portales, New Mexico. Great grandmother is Arlowene Williams of Turkey.

Master Clothing Volunteers engage in learning for real life

By Dawn Watson, County FCA Agent

People who want to be well informed about sewing skills and construction techniques and are willing at teach others what they have learned will want to apply to be Master Volunteers with Texas Cooperative Extension.

Dawn Watson, County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences, states this opportunity will be February 12, 13, and 14 in San Antonio. The training is co-sponsored and held in conjunction with the Creative Inspiration Exhibition, ProShow, Inc.

Participants in the Master Clothing Volunteer training will go through intensive training from Texas Cooperative Extension faculty and experienced Master Clothing Volunteers. National sewing experts presenting at Creative Inspiration Exhibition will also teach some sessions of the MCV training. Volunteers will receive project ideas on teaching beginners how to sew. New to this year's training will be web and e-commerce sewing resources.

Individuals trained will serve as Extension Master Clothing Volunteers for one year. In exchange for training, they will teach others what they learned by volunteering 50 hours of community teaching to extend sewing skills as a lifetime resource for individuals and families.

"We're looking for members of the community who can attend the training and then go teach others what they learned," Watson said.

"By going through the Master Volunteer training, individuals will learn how to work with groups and individuals as they teach others how to sew," Watson said.

To apply, contact the Extension Officeat 874-2141. Registration must be postmarked by January 27. Cost is $75 for the three days of training. Check the Family and Consumer Sciences web site <http://fcs.tamu.edu/clothing/clothing.htm> for more information or a registration form.



Photo courtesy of Gwen Barker

On the 'nice' list

Children at Gwen's Daycare enjoyed a visit from Santa on Monday, December 23 during their Christmas party. Those visiting with Santa are (front) Emily Johnson, Preston Elam, Noab Elam, (back) Marshal Johnson, Payge Pettie, and little Santa Samuel Thomas.

C-C announces winners of 2002 lighting contest

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce announced the final winners of their Festival of Lights contest.

Residential winners were Alan Graham in Clarendon, Kathy Spier in Hedley, and Marvin Elam in Howardwick. Special recognition was also given to S.I. and Gail Johnson in Hedley. Business winners were Guys & Dolls Salon in Clarendon and the Hedley Lioness Club.

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Lauren Hill received the honor of All Tournament Team Most Valuable Player. Haley Bennett was also named to the All Tournament Team. Both these Lady Owls put their plaques in their bags to show once again how they all believe team work is what makes them such a winning team.

Sunshine Lunch planned

Crown of Texas Hospice will sponsor a bereavement Sunshine Lunch on Thursday, January 23, at 11:30 a.m. at Steve's Texas Steakout in Clarendon.

The luncheon is a social time for those grieving the death of a loved one. For more information, call 372-7696.

TDA taking nominations for heroism award

AUSTIN – Agricultural Commissioner Susan Combs announced today that the Texas Department of Agriculture is now accepting nominations for TDA's 2002 Rural Heroism Award.

Candidates must have performed a heroic, lifesaving act in Texas during 2002. The heroic deed should be related to farming or ranching and occur in a rural area. Automobile accidents or accidents caused by negligence will not be considered.

Nominations should include a written account of the incident and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of everyone involved. If available, newspaper clippings and photographs should accompany all nominations.

Nominations must be postmarked by February 1, 2003, and be mailed to Lola Lemmon, TDA Safety Coordinator, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711. For additional information on qualifications, contact Lemmon at (512) 475- 1611.

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic set for Clarendon

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Cancer will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Clarendon Medical Center Nursing Home on Hwy. 70 North on January 20, 2003.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only.

Call 356-1905 for information.

Looking Back

15 Years Ago
The Clarendon Press, Jan. 7, 1988

• Mrs. Hattie B. Terbush, Clarendon's oldest citizen, says the secret to living to be 103 is hard work, reading the Bible, talking to the Man upstairs everyday, and refraining from smoking, drinking, and using bad language. Being part Indian also helps.

50 Years Ago
The Donley Co. Leader, Jan. 1, 1953

• Donley County's new sheriff, Truett Behrens, announced this week that his deputy staff has been selected. Chief Criminal Deputy will be F.A. Fitzgerald, Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector will be P.C. Messer, and Messer's assistant will be Mrs. Hazel Guy.

• R.C. Hill assumed double duties today, taking over as the Constable of Precinct 2 as well as becoming Clarendon's City Marshall.

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Wed	25	33°	7°	-
Thur	26	28°	6°	-
Fri	27	31°	11°	-
Sat	28	45°	18°	-
Sun	29	59°	31°	-

Total precipitation this month: 1.21"
Total precipitation to date: 25.68"
Total precipitation in Dec. last year: 0.26"
Total YTD total rain last year: 21.22"

weekend forecast

Friday, Jan. 3
Partly Sunny
57°/27°

Saturday, Jan. 4
Mostly Cloudy
45°/27°

Sunday, Jan. 5
Mostly Cloudy
42°/20°

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Owls struggle with opponents

By Tangela Copelin

The Hedley Owls played the Wheeler Mustangs on December 20. Even though the Owls fell to their opponent, they continued to play hard until the very end.

Scoring were Bradley Conatser with an amazing 27 points; Will Wallendorff, 5; Aaron Hanes, 4; E. Centero, 2; and Wes Shields, 1.

Even though the Hedley Owls failed to place in the Canadian Tournament, the young team showed their guts and determination by never giving up.

In the first game, the Owls played the Wellington Skyrockets and came up short with a final score of 40 to 48.

The Owls only senior, Bradley Conatser, scored 17 points, and the only Owl junior, Aaron Hanes, scored 4 points. The other three scorers were sophomores; Eric Alston, 8; Steven Howard, 7; and Will Wallendorff; 4. The rest of the Owl team consists of sophomores Jared Marcum and Cole Llewellyn, and freshmen Wes Shields and Travis Hrbacek.

The second game had the Owls falling to the Gruver Greyhounds 32 to 49.

Scoring were Conatser, 7; Alston, 6; Howard, 5; Wallendorff, 4; Shields and Hanes, 2 points each.

The third and final game of the tournament had the Owls coming from behind a 17-point lead by the San Jacinto Patriots to lose in the final seconds of the game 67 to 69.

Scoring were Conatser, 19; Shields, 14; Wallendorff, 11; Howard and Alston, 8 points each; Marcum, 5; and Hanes, 2.

Lady Broncos seek consistency in district games

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos are continuing to work hard and are staying optimistic concerning their District schedule beginning in January.

Before the Christmas break, the Lady Broncos hosted Tulia and were defeated, 53-35. The Lady Broncos led by one point at the break, but Tulia came out red hot against the Lady Broncos and outscored them by eleven points in the 3rd quarter. Tulia kept the game out of reach until the buzzer.

"The game was very on and off for us," Coach Kathy Barton said. "We need to find the consistency level."

Scoring: Lacey Eads 18, Haley Shelton 5, Brittney Hall 4, Kaitlyn Howard 3, Destiny Weatherton 2, Brandi Betts 2, and Lacey Anderberg 1.

The Lady Broncos played Childress December 20 and only lost by one point in the final seconds of the game. The final score was 57-56.

The Lady Broncos trailed by one point at the break, but they made that up and took the lead from the Lady Cats. It was a hard-fought battle, but the Lady Broncos couldn't put the game away.

"We just couldn't seem to hang on to the lead," Barton said. "It was good to have everyone able to play again. It will be better when we are 100% again."

Scoring were Eads 18, Weatherton 16, Shelton 10, Brandi Martindale 5, Claudia Thomas 3, Kaitlyn Howard 2, and Brittney Hall 2.

The Lady Broncos begin their District schedule January 3 at home against Shamrock. They will play Memphis January 7. Both games will begin at 6:30 p.m.

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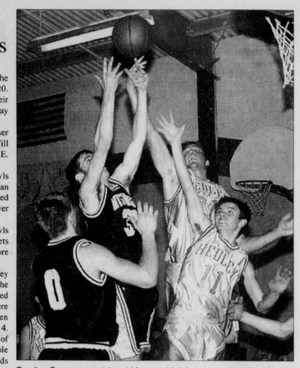

Bradley Conatser and Jared Marcum (right) try to capture the rebound during the Hedley Owls' recent game against Wheeler. Enterprise Digital Photo

Broncos gear up for district season

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos are putting an end to their pre-district play and are ready to begin District play January 3 at home against Shamrock.

The Broncos faced Tulia and Childress in the week before Christmas break and were defeated by both teams. The final score in the Tulia game was 52-42 with Jeremy Howard and Todd Hoeltzel each scoring 14 points.

On December 20, the Broncos traveled to Childress to play the Bobcats. Despite playing hard, the Broncos fell short 47-52. Judge Smith had 23 points, and Drew Sell added 12.

Head coach Wade Callaway is very optimistic that the Broncos will be successful in district play.

"Even though we came up short in both of these games, I think we have taken some strides forward," Callaway said. "We have improved as a team, and that is our main goal going into district."

After opening district , the Broncos travel to Memphis January 7 and will be at home against Wellington January 10. All of the Bronco varsity games begin at 8:00 p.m.

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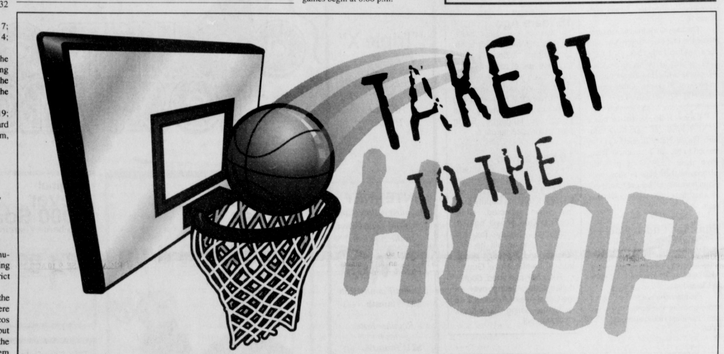

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Friday, Jan. 3

Lady Broncos v. Shamrock in Bronco Gym, 6:30
Broncos v. Shamrock in Bronco Gym, 8:00

Tuesday, Jan. 7

Lady Broncos v. Memphis in Memphis, 6:30
Broncos v. Memphis in Memphis, 8:00

Broncos			
10	Drew Sell	Jr	Guard
11	Judge Smith	Sr	Guard
15	Jeremy Howard	Jr	Forward
30	Tim Anderson	Sr	Guard
21	Todd Hoeltzel	Sr	Forward
22	Cameron Word	Sr	Guard
23	Pat Childs	Sr	Forward
32	Kevin Green	Sr	Forward
33	Taylor Shelton	Sr	Post
44	Chuck Robertson	Sr	Fwd/Post
55	Jordan Zehr	Sr	Post

Head Coach: Wade Callaway
Assistant: Brad Elam

Lady Broncos			
3	Kaitlyn Howard	Fresh	Guard
10	Lacey Eads	Jr	Guard
30	Claudia Thomas	Fresh	Post
22	Haley Shelton	Fresh	Guard
23	Angel Williams	Soph	Guard
24	Lacey Anderberg	Sr	Post
32	Destiny Weatherton	Soph	Guard
33	Brandi Martindale	Sr	Post
34	Brittney Hall	Jr	Post
40	Brandi Betts	Sr	Post

Head Coach: Kathy Barton
Assistant: Kasey Bell

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Russell Estlack - W.M.
Allen Estlack - Secretary

Clarendon Order of the Eastern Star #6 Stated meetings: First Thursdays, 7:30 pm; Refreshments served at 6:30 pm
Naomi Green - W.M.
Juanita Meador - Secretary

Clarendon Lions Club Regular meeting each Tuesday at noon.
W. Myles Shelton, Boss Lion. Monty Hysinger, Secretary

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

Donley Co. Memorial Post #7782 of the VFW & Auxilary Stated covered dish meeting: Second Tuesday at 6 p.m. Dale Powers - Post Commander; Carol Holden - President. Post Home Phone No 874-VETS Bingo - Saturdays, 7:00 p.m.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING

Notice is hereby given that the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) is applying for grant funding from the Texas Water Development Board's Research and Planning Fund to be used for the purpose of Interregional Coordination during the development of the second Regional Water Plan. The application is being filed with the Executive Administrator of the Texas Water Development Board. The PRPC consists of the following counties: Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hartley, Armstrong, Donley, Collingsworth, Hall, and Childress. The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission serves as the designated political subdivision for the Panhandle Water Planning Group (Region A) and is represented by Gary Pitner, Executive Director, and can be reached by mail at PO Box 9257, Amarillo, Texas 79105. The Texas Water Development Board may be reached at PO Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231, Attn: Corner Tack. Individuals wishing to make comments regarding this notice of intent or the application for funds must file such comments with the Texas Water Development Board, Attn: Executive Administrator, and with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, Attn: Gary Pitner within 30 days of publication or mailing of this notice. 2-1tc

NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

On December 12, 2002, GreenLight Gas ("GreenLight"), in accordance with the Gas Utility Regulatory Act, filed a Statement of Intent with the City of Clarendon to implement a new schedule of rates for natural gas service to be charged to the city's residential and commercial customers.
The proposed rates are expected to increase in GreenLight's annual revenues by about 3.85%. The proposed change does not constitute a "major" change as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. A residential customer receiving a bill for 6 mcf of gas consumption would have a bill of $41.47 per month under the proposed rate. A commercial customer receiving a bill for 30 mcf of gas consumption would have a bill of $ 179.35 per month under the proposed rate. The proposed rate changes will affect 748 residential and 131 commercial customers. The proposed effective date of the rate change is January 17, 2003.
A complete copy of the Statement of Intent is available for inspection in GreenLight's business office located at 116 South 6th Street, Memphis, Texas 79245. Persons with questions or who want information about this filing may contact GreenLight at 1-806-259-1444. Any affected persons may file written comments or a protest with the Clarendon city office concerning the proposed change in rates with at any time within 30 days following the date on which the change would or has become effective. 52-4tc

NOTICE OF ESTATE SALE

Estate of Joseph Martin Gilchrest, deceased
The following described real property is being offered for sale:
TRACT ONE: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, Block 8, Original Town of Hedley, located at corner of N. 1st Street and Blair Street, including mobile home and other improvements located thereon.
TRACT TWO: All of Lot 1, and the N/2 of Lot 2, Block 14, of Nat Smith Addition, Hedley, located at corner of 2nd Street and Short Street, including house and garage located theron.
TRACT THREE: The East 66 feet of Lots 13 and 14, Block 3, Original Town of Hedley, located at the corner of N. 1st Street and Daniels Street.
Bids will be accepted on any one or all three of the properties until 4:00 p.m. on January 24, 2003. Seller reserves the right to reject all bids. The properties are being sold "as is". Title will be conveyed by an Administrator's Deed. Terms of closing are subject to negotiations.
Bids should be submitted to the following: James T. Shelton, Attorney At Law, PO Box 1370, Clarendon, Texas 79226, (806) 874-3591.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON AN APPLICATION FOR A MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION REGISTRATION PROPOSED REGISTRATION NO. MSW-40192

APPLICATION: City of Clarendon, 119 S. Sully, Donley County, Clarendon, Texas 79226 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) (formerly the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission) for Proposed Registration No. MSW-40192, to construct and operate a new Type V municipal solid waste transfer station. The proposed facility site is located approximately 1,200 feet West and 750 feet North of the intersection of US 287 and Kearney Street in the City of Clarendon. This facility at proposed will be authorized to accept up to 125 tons per day of municipal solid waste.
PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. The TCEQ will conduct a public meeting on the application for the proposed facility. During the meeting, the public will be able to ask questions of the staff and the applicant and provide comments on the application.
The Public Meeting is to be held: **Tuesday, January 14, 2003, at 7:00 p.m., City of Clarendon, City Hall, 119 S. Sully, Clarendon, Texas 79226.**
INFORMATION. For information concerning the public meeting process or for any additional information, please contact the Office of Public Assistance, MC 108, TCEQ, PO Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or call toll free 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at **www.tceq.state.tx.us**
The registration application is available for viewing and copying at the City of Clarendon, City Hall, 119 S. Sully, Clarendon, Texas 79226. For additional information concerning this registration application, please contact the City of Clarendon, 119 S. Sully, Clarendon, Texas 79226 or by calling Ms. Linda Smith, City Secretary, City of Clarendon at (806) 874-3438.
Issued: December 20, 2002. 1-3tc

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

The City of Clarendon is seeking to select a state-registered engineering firm to provide professional engineering services to the city for the purposes of planning, designing, and implementing municipal infrastructure projects and other engineering services on an as-needed basis. The following outlines this request for proposals.
I. Scope of Work – Street Improvements. This will be the first work task for the selected firm and will encompass, at a minimum, the following services to develop a comprehensive street improvement project for the City of Clarendon:
• Develop a master plan for street improvements with the City of Clarendon.
• Develop preliminary and final design plans and specifications.
• Preparation of the bid packet.
• Conduct all field-testing and inspections (interim and final).
• Other special services.
Please specify actual tasks to be performed under each of these categories, and whether or not any of the work will be subcontracted. If it will be subcontracted, please identify the proposed subcontractor.
II. Scope of Work – General. In addition to the services required under Item I above, the city intends for this RFP to cover future projects that may require the services of a registered engineering firm. Work tasks that the city may undertake include, but are not limited to, water system improvements, sewer system improvements, assistance with federally funded construction projects, and general facilities improvements.
Please include sufficient information in your response to clearly identify your firm's experience in these areas.
III. Statement of Qualifications – The city is seeking to select a competent engineering firm, registered to practice in the State of Texas, that has had experience in the following areas:
Work with small municipalities (under 5,000 population)
Municipal street improvements projects
Municipal infrastructure projects
Projects located in this general region of the state
As such, please provide with your proposal a list of past client local governments, as well as résumés of all engineers and staff who will or may be assigned to this project if you receive the engineering services contract award.
Also, please provide a copy of your current certificate of insurance for professional liability.
IV. Evaluation Criteria – The proposals received will be evaluated and the firms will be ranked according to demonstrated competence and qualifications.
V. Deadline for submission – 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 14, 2003.
Please submit six (6) copies of the proposal to: Mr. Tex Selvidge, Mayor, City of Clarendon, PO Box 1089, Clarendon, Texas 79226
VI. Submission Requirements – All submissions should be kept to a maximum of 10 pages, with each topic listed in sections I through III above clearly identified.
VII. Submission Evaluation – All submissions received meeting the requirements of this Request for Proposals will be reviewed and evaluated by the City of Clarendon Board of Aldermen at the January 14, 2003, meeting. The Board of Aldermen meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Clarendon City Hall, 119 South Sully Street, Clarendon, Texas.
VIII. Period of Service & Conditions – It is the intention of the City of Clarendon that this Request of Proposals shall cover a period of three calendar years from the date of the initial selection. In addition, the City reserves the right to extend the Period of Service for up to an additional three years. The City will negotiate an agreement for each requested project as necessary and as approved by the Board of Aldermen. A specific cost proposal for each requested project will be included in the agreement.
The City of Clarendon reserves the right to negotiate with any and all engineers or firms submitting proposals or to reject all proposals received, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-102. 2-2tc

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WEST CLARENDON - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, living, utility, sunroom, central heat, car port, storage shed, fruit trees, corner lot at 700 S. Johns Street. ~~$30,000~~. REDUCED TO $21,900.

HISTORICAL HOUSE & 10 ACRES - Originally RO Ranch Foreman's house, recently remodeled 1959 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2 bath, living, dining, kitchen with built-ins, laundry, sun room, fireplace, large picture window overlooking beautiful ranch country, unattached 2-car garage, shop, well with sub. pump, concrete cellar, child's play house, well with sub. pump, south of Alanreed for $67,500.

CLARENDON COMMERCIAL - SWEET RICE CAFE - Established Thai Restaurant, complete with all buildings, lots, furniture, and fixtures conveniently located in Clarendon on Hwy. 287 at the intersection with Koogle St. Neat and clean and ready for new owner to continue operation as is or building could easily be converted for other commercial use.

ASHTOLA - 2.23 ACRES - including nice house with 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen/dining/living, add on room for third bedroom or utility, enclosed porch, large utility, 2 car garage/shop, covered patio, large concrete cellar with electricity, extensive landscaping, well with submersible pump, 74 new fruit trees with drip irrigation, numerous large fruit, nut, and shade trees - all this plus an additional 2 bedroom, 1 bath mobile home, and more, located downtown Ashtola for $39,900.

LELIA LAKE - FARM WITH HOUSE - 345.07 acres (172.7 cropland - balance grass), 1120 sq. ft. house presently remodeled - new heating and air conditioning, new wiring, new kitchen cabinets, new siding (work remains), well with sub. pump, unattached garage & storage building, deer & game birds; owner will negotiate also for the sale of farm equipment & machinery or will sell farm alone for $300 per acre.

LELIA LAKE - HOUSE AND 2½ ACRES - 1,681 sq. ft., stucco, 3 bedroom, 1½ bath, living, dining, garden room, unattached garage, like-new metal roof, well with submersible pump, acreage is fenced, reasonably priced at ~~$35,000~~. REDUCED TO $25,000.

LELIA LAKE - ALL GRASS - 160 ACRES South of Lelia Lake - surrounded by ranch land on 3 sides, good for hunting deer, turkey, quail, and dove. Financing negotiable - for $69,000.

GREENBELT - EXCEPTIONAL HOME - 3 levels, 3 bedroom, 3 bath, kitchen with all built-ins, dining/living, den, utility, wood burner fireplaces on two levels, built in television, oversized attached garage and storage, additional attached 3-car port, central heat and ref. air, landscaped with sprinklers, 2 lots back up to Carroll Creek, boat dock, (owner will sell with or without furniture and fixtures) at 105 Tyng. House only for $135,000.

GREENBELT - W-A-T-E-R-F-R-O-N-T L-O-T AND NICE HOUSE overlooking beautiful Greenbelt Lake - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, kitchen, dining, utility, attached oversized double garage and large living/den with wood burner fireplace and lots of glass providing a view of the lake and wildlife that frequents the premises plus large covered porch also overlooking the lake, fenced backyard and nice yard building at Lease Lot #84 for $135,000.

GREENBELT - W-A-T-E-R-F-R-O-N-T L-O-TS (2) - with great view overlooking Greenbelt Lake from the residence which has 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen, dining, utility, central heat & air, and 2 wood burning stoves. Also basement which can be third bedroom, plus large 816 sq. ft. den. A great place to relax and enjoy the view. Fenced yard, 2 car port, and nice shop/storage building at Least Lots 148 & 149 for $98,500.

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CLARENDON

• 716 S. Ellerbe. Two bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car garage, cellar, fenced, 3½ lots, partial remodeled. ~~$29,500~~ $26,000
• 514 E. Browning. Three bedroom, 2 bath, extra nice mobile home with a deck, fenced yard, and 2.5 lots. See to appreciate. ~~$18,000~~. $14,000
• 1109 W. 8th Street. 1.5 acs. with nice shop, H&A, bath, additional shed. ~~$25,000~~ $21,000
• Choice restricted lots with underground utilities in west Clarendon.
• Hwy. 70 and Hwy. 287. Three corner lots with brick commercial building. Approx. sq. ft. 2,080. CH/A, four bathrooms, currently used as a Doctor's office. Lots of possibilities. Approx. 7,975 sq. ft. of asphalt parking. ~~$80,000~~. $60,000

DONLEY COUNTY

• 100 ac. with 2,000 sq. ft. home, barn, two wells, beautiful view. ~~$195,000~~ REDUCED TO $186,000
• 120 ac. (73 ac. CRP, 5 yes SOLD 36,000.

GREENBELT LAKE

• Choice waterfront. Lots 1&2, fantastic view, 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, new paint, carpet, and tile, CH&A, 1 car garage, cement boat ramp. $150,000
• 338 Becky. Three lots with marble siding 3 bedroom, 1½ baths, central heat and air, 2 car garage, fireplace. $55,000
• 160 Angel St. Two lots, 3 bedroom, 2 baths, furnished. $20,000.

HALL COUNTY

• 792 acs. 2 dirt tanks. One well, beautiful canyon, $275 per acre.

BRISCOE COUNTY

• 3915 acs. ranch land, 6 wells, 4 dirt tanks. Borders Prairie Dog Fork of the Red River. Battle Creek runs through Northwest sections. Good hunting. $250 per ac.

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Owls struggle with opponents

By Tangela Copelin

The Hedley Owls played the Wheeler Mustangs on December 20. Even though the Owls fell to their opponent, they continued to play hard until the very end.

Scoring were Bradley Conatser with an amazing 27 points; Will Wallendorff, 5; Aaron Hanes, 4; E. Centero, 2; and Wes Shields, 1.

Even though the Hedley Owls failed to place in the Canadian Tournament, the young team showed their guts and determination by never giving up.

In the first game, the Owls played the Wellington Skyrockets and came up short with a final score of 40 to 48.

The Owls only senior, Bradley Conatser, scored 17 points, and the only Owl junior, Aaron Hanes, scored 4 points. The other three scorers were sophomores; Eric Alston, 8; Steven Howard, 7; and Will Wallendorff; 4. The rest of the Owl team consists of sophomores Jared Marcum and Cole Llewellyn, and freshmen Wes Shields and Travis Hrbacek.

The second game had the Owls falling to the Gruver Greyhounds 32 to 49.

Scoring were Conatser, 7; Alston, 6; Howard, 5; Wallendorff, 4; Shields and Hanes, 2 points each.

The third and final game of the tournament had the Owls coming from behind a 17-point lead by the San Jacinto Patriots to lose in the final seconds of the game 67 to 69.

Scoring were Conatser, 19; Shields, 14; Wallendorff, 11; Howard and Alston, 8 points each; Marcum, 5; and Hanes, 2.

Lady Broncos seek consistency in district games

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos are continuing to work hard and are staying optimistic concerning their District schedule beginning in January.

Before the Christmas break, the Lady Broncos hosted Tulia and were defeated, 53-35. The Lady Broncos led by one point at the break, but Tulia came out red hot against the Lady Broncos and outscored them by eleven points in the 3rd quarter. Tulia kept the game out of reach until the buzzer.

"The game was very on and off for us," Coach Kathy Barton said. "We need to find the consistency level."

Scoring: Lacey Eads 18, Haley Shelton 5, Brittney Hall 4, Kaitlyn Howard 3, Destiny Weatherton 2, Brandi Betts 2, and Lacey Anderberg 1.

The Lady Broncos played Childress December 20 and only lost by one point in the final seconds of the game. The final score was 57-56.

The Lady Broncos trailed by one point at the break, but they made that up and took the lead from the Lady Cats. It was a hard-fought battle, but the Lady Broncos couldn't put the game away.

"We just couldn't seem to hang on to the lead," Barton said. "It was good to have everyone able to play again. It will be better when we are 100% again."

Scoring were Eads 18, Weatherton 16, Shelton 10, Brandi Martindale 5, Claudia Thomas 3, Kaitlyn Howard 2, and Brittney Hall 2.

The Lady Broncos begin their District schedule January 3 at home against Shamrock. They will play Memphis January 7. Both games will begin at 6:30 p.m.

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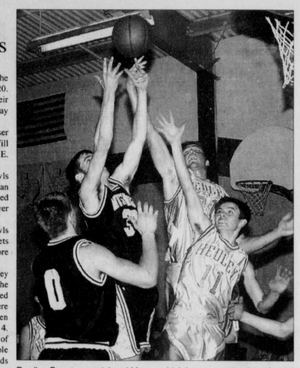

Bradley Conatser and Jared Marcum (right) try to capture the rebound during the Hedley Owls' recent game against Wheeler. Enterprise Digital Photo

Broncos gear up for district season

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos are putting an end to their pre-district play and are ready to begin District play January 3 at home against Shamrock.

The Broncos faced Tulia and Childress in the week before Christmas break and were defeated by both teams. The final score in the Tulia game was 52-42 with Jeremy Howard and Todd Hoeltzel each scoring 14 points.

On December 20, the Broncos traveled to Childress to play the Bobcats. Despite playing hard, the Broncos fell short 47-52. Judge Smith had 23 points, and Drew Sell added 12.

Head coach Wade Callaway is very optimistic that the Broncos will be successful in district play.

"Even though we came up short in both of these games, I think we have taken some strides forward," Callaway said. "We have improved as a team, and that is our main goal going into district."

After opening district , the Broncos travel to Memphis January 7 and will be at home against Wellington January 10. All of the Bronco varsity games begin at 8:00 p.m.

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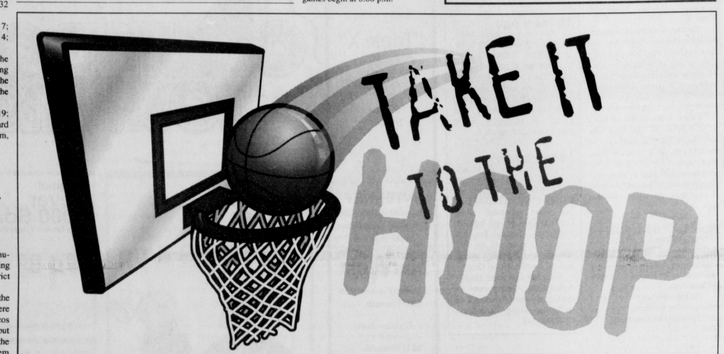

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Friday, Jan. 3

Lady Broncos v. Shamrock in Bronco Gym, 6:30
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Tuesday, Jan. 7

Lady Broncos v. Memphis in Memphis, 6:30
Broncos v. Memphis in Memphis, 8:00

Broncos			
10	Drew Sell	Jr	Guard
11	Judge Smith	Sr	Guard
15	Jeremy Howard	Jr	Forward
30	Tim Anderson	Sr	Guard
21	Todd Hoeltzel	Sr	Forward
22	Cameron Word	Sr	Guard
23	Pat Childs	Sr	Forward
32	Kevin Green	Sr	Forward
33	Taylor Shelton	Sr	Post
44	Chuck Robertson	Sr	Fwd/Post
55	Jordan Zehr	Sr	Post

Head Coach: Wade Callaway
Assistant: Brad Elam

Lady Broncos			
3	Kaitlyn Howard	Fresh	Guard
10	Lacey Eads	Jr	Guard
30	Claudia Thomas	Fresh	Post
22	Haley Shelton	Fresh	Guard
23	Angel Williams	Soph	Guard
24	Lacey Anderberg	Sr	Post
32	Destiny Weatherton	Soph	Guard
33	Brandi Martindale	Sr	Post
34	Brittney Hall	Jr	Post
40	Brandi Betts	Sr	Post

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Bronco Basketball

BIG E Classifieds

Big-E Deadlines:
Monday @ 5 p.m.
Prepayment required on all classifieds.

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MEETINGS

Clarendon Lodge #700 AF&AM Stated meeting: Second Monday each month, 7:30 p.m. Refreshments served at 6:30 p.m. Practice sessions: Fourth Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Russell Estlack - W.M.
Allen Estlack - Secretary

Clarendon Order of the Eastern Star #6 Stated meetings: First Thursdays, 7:30 pm; Refreshments served at 6:30 pm
Naomi Green - W.M.
Juanita Meador - Secretary

Clarendon Lions Club Regular meeting each Tuesday at noon.
W. Myles Shelton, Boss Lion. Monty Hysinger, Secretary

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

Donley Co. Memorial Post #7782 of the VFW & Auxilary Stated covered dish meeting: Second Tuesday at 6 p.m. Dale Powers - Post Commander; Carol Holden - President. Post Home Phone No 874-VETS Bingo - Saturdays, 7:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Saturday and Sunday
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WANTED: Native grass pasture and irrigated farm land for lease or rent. Larry Helms. 874-3127 or 336-0952. 1-6tc

WANTED: Moose and elk antlers for reasonable price. Call 806-930-2141 (cell) or 806-874-3081. 51-1tc

WANTED: Old marbles. Call 806-669-0547. 2-1tnc

FOR RENT

FOR RENT: 2 bedroom, 1½ baths. HUD accepted. 874-3934. 2-1tp

APARTMENT FOR RENT: One bedroom. Available January 5. Call 806-874-3708. 2-1tnc

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(home)

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REAL ESTATE

3000 SQ. FT. HOUSE with 65 acres - all grass, barn, and corrals. $67,500. Call 806-664-5623. 47-ctfc

TWO LOTS IN HOWARDWICK at Greenbelt Lake. Taxes paid up until 10-1-2003. $1,400. 806-865-3354. 1-2tp

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FOR SALE: Carter corner playpen with removable bassinet – clean and in good condition, folds into bag for easy travel. $60. Call 874-2259, ask for Cheryl or after 5:00 p.m. call 874-3081. 48-ctfc

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING

Notice is hereby given that the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) is applying for grant funding from the Texas Water Development Board's Research and Planning Fund to be used for the purpose of Interregional Coordination during the development of the second Regional Water Plan. The application is being filed with the Executive Administrator of the Texas Water Development Board. The PRPC consists of the following counties: Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hartley, Armstrong, Donley, Collingsworth, Hall, and Childress. The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission serves as the designated political subdivision for the Panhandle Water Planning Group (Region A) and is represented by Gary Pitner, Executive Director, and can be reached by mail at PO Box 9257, Amarillo, Texas 79105. The Texas Water Development Board may be reached at PO Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231, Attn: Corner Tack. Individuals wishing to make comments regarding this notice of intent or the application for funds must file such comments with the Texas Water Development Board, Attn: Executive Administrator, and with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, Attn: Gary Pitner within 30 days of publication or mailing of this notice. 2-1tc

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NOTICE OF ESTATE SALE

Estate of Joseph Martin Gilchrest, deceased
The following described real property is being offered for sale:
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IV. Evaluation Criteria – The proposals received will be evaluated and the firms will be ranked according to demonstrated competence and qualifications.
V. Deadline for submission – 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 14, 2003.
Please submit six (6) copies of the proposal to: Mr. Tex Selvidge, Mayor, City of Clarendon, PO Box 1089, Clarendon, Texas 79226
VI. Submission Requirements – All submissions should be kept to a maximum of 10 pages, with each topic listed in sections I through III above clearly identified.
VII. Submission Evaluation – All submissions received meeting the requirements of this Request for Proposals will be reviewed and evaluated by the City of Clarendon Board of Aldermen at the January 14, 2003, meeting. The Board of Aldermen meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Clarendon City Hall, 119 South Sully Street, Clarendon, Texas.
VIII. Period of Service & Conditions – It is the intention of the City of Clarendon that this Request of Proposals shall cover a period of three calendar years from the date of the initial selection. In addition, the City reserves the right to extend the Period of Service for up to an additional three years. The City will negotiate an agreement for each requested project as necessary and as approved by the Board of Aldermen. A specific cost proposal for each requested project will be included in the agreement.
The City of Clarendon reserves the right to negotiate with any and all engineers or firms submitting proposals or to reject all proposals received, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-102. 2-2tc

SERVICES

Big-E Deadlines:
Monday @ 5 p.m.
Prepayment required on all classifieds.

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REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE

CLARENDON - HOUSE

PRETTY LANDSCAPING & NICE BRICK - 3 bedroom, 1 & 3/4 baths, living/kitchen/dining with built-in oven, cooktop, and dishwasher, utility, attached 1 car garage, 1 car port, central heat and ref. air, fenced backyard, yard building, and cellar at 604 S. Johns for $69,500.

HOUSE WITH UNATTACHED APARTMENT - Principal residence is 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, large living, large kitchen/dining/utility - efficiency apartment has 1 bedroom/living, 1 bath, and kitchen; unattached 1 car garage, fenced back yard at 414 S. Carhart for $49,500.

LARGE HOUSE & SHOP BUILDING - 4 bedroom, 2 bath, modern kitchen with built-in Gen-air cook top and double oven, dishwasher, utility, large den/living/dining area with wood burner fireplace, concrete cellar, well or city water option, 121 sq. ft. storage/well house bldg., 1,200 sq. ft. shop all on 3 lots at 203 S. Wells for ~~$54,900~~. **REDUCED TO $48,000.**

WEST CLARENDON - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, living, utility, sunroom, central heat, car port, storage shed, fruit trees, corner lot at 700 S. Johns Street. ~~$30,000~~. REDUCED TO $21,900.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING

Notice is hereby given that the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) is applying for grant funding from the Texas Water Development Board's Research and Planning Fund to be used for the purpose of Interregional Coordination during the development of the second Regional Water Plan. The application is being filed with the Executive Administrator of the Texas Water Development Board. The PRPC consists of the following counties: Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hartley, Armstrong, Donley, Collingsworth, Hall, and Childress. The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission serves as the designated political subdivision for the Panhandle Water Planning Group (Region A) and is represented by Gary Pitner, Executive Director, and can be reached by mail at PO Box 9257, Amarillo, Texas 79105. The Texas Water Development Board may be reached at PO Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231, Attn: Corner Tack. Individuals wishing to make comments regarding this notice of intent or the application for funds must file such comments with the Texas Water Development Board, Attn: Executive Administrator, and with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, Attn: Gary Pitner within 30 days of publication or mailing of this notice. 2-1tc

NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

On December 12, 2002, GreenLight Gas ("GreenLight"), in accordance with the Gas Utility Regulatory Act, filed a Statement of Intent with the City of Clarendon to implement a new schedule of rates for natural gas service to be charged to the city's residential and commercial customers.
The proposed rates are expected to increase in GreenLight's annual revenues by about 3.85%. The proposed change does not constitute a "major" change as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. A residential customer receiving a bill for 6 mcf of gas consumption would have a bill of $41.47 per month under the proposed rate. A commercial customer receiving a bill for 30 mcf of gas consumption would have a bill of $ 179.35 per month under the proposed rate. The proposed rate changes will affect 748 residential and 131 commercial customers. The proposed effective date of the rate change is January 17, 2003.
A complete copy of the Statement of Int

Sheriff's Report:

Snow, ice keep officers busy with accidents

December 23
1:19 a.m. – Moisture starting to fall.
4:45 a.m. – Sleeting
5:24 a.m. – Sleet and Snow sticking to roadway. Numerous calls on road conditions.
6:22 a.m. – Pick up slid off roadway between Hedley and Lelia Lake.
7:59 a.m. – Vehicle slid off roadway North SH 70 ¼ mile North US 287.
8:34 a.m. – Sent wrecker to Lelia Lake.
8:56 a.m. – Loose livestock FM 2471.
8:59 a.m. – Need wrecker 9 West US 287. Vehicle in ouilvert.
9:04 a.m. – Gas meter hit in 300 block of East 3rd Street. Deputy and gas company en route.
9:50 a.m. – Truck stuck ½ mile West US 287.
9:58 a.m. – Check vehicle in median US 287.
9:59 a.m. – Traffic control. Vehicle hung up US 287 at South Koogie Street.
11:00 a.m. – Checking vehicle off roadway Aathola.
11:06 a.m. – Dispatch DPS to accident.
11:29 a.m. – Check pickup in ditch Southwest US 287.
1:25 p.m. – Vehicle accident just west of County Road 4.
4:20 p.m. – Telephone lines down, not all areas affected.
4:21-5:36 p.m. – More questions on road conditions all directions.
5:42 p.m. – Checking stranded motorist near west county line.
5:43 p.m. – Deputy advises ground blizzard, black ice. Discourages travel. Dozens of calls reporting vehicles off roadway. Sheriff, deputy constable, DPS, wreckers all directions. TxDOT out working on road conditions
8:06 p.m. – Power out in Hedley.
8:30 p.m. – Power back on.
8:47 p.m. – All emergency units to vehicle rollover 1 mile West Hedley.
9:01 p.m. – Dispatched to 700 block of east 3rd Street Clarendon. Also wrecker.
9:02 p.m. – Need deputy on North Sully Street.
9:05 p.m. – Sheriff also en route.
9:33 p.m. – Dispatched to 3rd and Faker Streets Clarendon.
9:42 p.m. – To jail. 2 males in custody. 1-DWI, 1- Public intoxication and warrants out of Potter County.
10:38 p.m. – West of town Semi in ditch. What a day for everyone!

December 24
3:39 a.m. – Jack knifed truck US 287 between Lelia Lake and Hedley. Right eastbound lane blocked.
4:22 a.m. – Caller reporting vehicle slipping into ravine "S" curves North SH 70. Pickup in bardtch US 287 near FM 1260.
4:23 a.m. – Dispatched wrecker.
4:41 a.m. – Constable en route to check vehicle slid off roadway near Giles Hills.
5:34 a.m. – To business US 287 at South Taylor Street. 2 semis blocking diesel island.
6:25 a.m. – EMS assist 200 block of South McClelland Street Clarendon.
7:41 a.m. – Need deputy on scene US 287 at South Taylor when wrecker tows semi blocking diesel island.
10:32 a.m. – Check vehicle center median 2 miles West US 287.
11:20 a.m. – Constable dispatched to check welfare of child sleddring into roadway.
12:43 p.m. – Emergency units dispatched to accident North SH 70 at I-40.
6:16 p.m. – Unable to locate reported loose livestock US 287 East of Hedley.
7:13 p.m. – Minor accident 700 block of East 2nd Street Clarendon.
7:53 p.m. – TxDOT still working highways, advises SH 70 dry.
9:56 p.m. – All potential slick spots sanded.

December 25
12:06 a.m. – Sheriff dispatched to South Carhart street to take report on missing females.
2:24 a.m. – Deputy, EMS, Howardwick Fire Department dispatched to fire 300 block of Nocona Hills Howardwick.
2:46 a.m. – Electric transformer out. Contact Electric Company.
5:13 p.m. – Caller reporting large block of ice on roadway. TxDOT will check.

December 26
12:17 a.m. – To 300 block of South Johnson Street Hedley. Skunk in yard acts sick.
2:13 a.m. – Out of vehicle, open door on vacant house Arthur Street Howardwick.
4:26 a.m. – EMS assist 300 block of North Rosenfeld Street.
12:14 p.m. – Welfare check 200 block of South Parks Street Clarendon.
2:36 p.m. – Escort funeral procession.
7:13 p.m. – Out at residence 200 block of Carhart Street Clarendon.
7:34 p.m. – EMS assist 100 block of East 6th Street Clarendon.

December 27
6:32 a.m. – Welfare check 6th and Carhart Streets.
10:43 a.m. – Out of vehicle 3rd Street Clarendon.
7:10 p.m. – Out 400 block Adamson Street Hedley.
7:15 p.m. – To jail, 1 in custody with bond surrender.

December 28
6:27 a.m. – Single vehicle accident FM 1260.
2:29 p.m. – EMS assist medical US 287 West of Donley County Line.
8:26 p.m. – Domestic dispute, County Road 7A Aathola.
11:09 p.m. – Dispute 300 block of East 5th Street Clarendon. Suspects reported to have left the scene. Out at 4th and Gorst Streets with suspect in dispute.
11:29 p.m. – 2 males arrested. Disorderly conduct.

December 29
6:59 a.m. – EMS assist. 200 Block of South Hawley Street Clarendon.
3:45 p.m. – EMS assist. 700 block of Burkhead Street Clarendon.
3:56 p.m. – EMS assist. 700 block of Barcus Street Clarendon.
4:39 p.m. – Check reported gunshots. 100 block of Nocona Drive Howardwick.

Summary:
Arrests – 6
Ambulance – 19



Four-wheeler winner
Mary Martin was the lucky winner of the new 300 Kawasaki 4x4 four-wheeler given away by the Al Morrah Shrine Club on December 24. Shown here are A.R. Henson, Mitchell & Mary Martin, Terry Ashcraft, Bob McCombs, and J.D. Hopper. On board the four-wheeler are the Martins' grandkids, Mitchell and Leslie. The Shriners appreciate everyone who purchased a ticket to help crippled children. Enterprise Digital Photo

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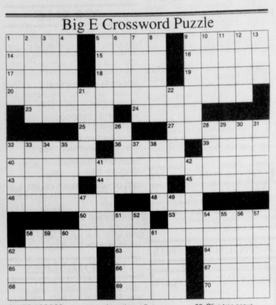

CLUES ACROSS
1. Siberian river
5. Ones
9. An edict of the Russian tsar
14. A young male horse under the age of four
15. The brightest star in the constellation Lyra
16. Cover with wood
17. German river
18. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
19. Natural talent
20. Sign of Spring
23. Organized crime heads
24. Mentally healthy
25. Largest English dictionary, abbr.
27. A final climactic stage
32. Min dialects
36. In a way, recreates
39. Real estate
40. Where Carmen held a rose
43. Alligator
44. Hamlet, for one
45. Rings
46. Type of seed or oil
48. Conductance unit
50. A slight elevation where the malleus attaches to the eardrum
53. Existing at birth
58. Straightforwardly
62. A way to roll up
63. Bible or com
64. Mythological mountain
65. Artery
66. A way to look
67. Amount of time
68. A way to grind
69. Arab king
70. Soluble ribonucleic acid, abbr.

CLUES DOWN
1. Maple genus
2. Indian tribe
3. Lumps of soil
4. Aweigh
5. Strongly opposed
6. Give over
7. Good Gosh!
8. Ballroom dancing
9. Maintenance
10. Japanese characters
11. Swan genus
12. A dissenting clique
13. Large northern deer
21. Rope
22. Ribonuclease
26. __ Carvey, comedian
28. Olive tree genus
29. Kelt
30. Within, prefix
31. Old English letters
32. Basics
33. Being nothing more than specified
34. Native American people
35. Urban gym
37. Box, abbr.
38. Not us
41. Excessive fluid accumulation
42. Lash
47. Islamic teacher
49. In a way, suggested briefly
51. Wild ox
52. Russian lake
54. Squanders
55. The vertical part of a stair
56. City in Germany
57. Capital of Bangladesh
58. Atomic number 26
59. Ancient Japanese religious ctr
60. Holes
61. Norse goddess of old age
62. Take unlawfully


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NEWS at a glance

Amarillo residents hurt in accident

Eight Amarillo residents were injured in the early morning hours of New Year's Day in a one vehicle accident west of Hedley.

They were on their way to Dallas on US 287 driving a white '98 Chevy Suburban when the driver, Bhadreshkumar Desai, reportedly fell asleep at the wheel and rolled the vehicle.

"All eight passengers were injured," State Trooper Chris Ward said. "One was in very critical condition and had to be transported by LifeStar."

The other seven passengers were transported to Northwest Texas Hospital by ambulance.

"Their injuries were fairly minor considering the nature of the accident," Ward said. "They should all be okay."

CC registration to be January 13-14

Clarendon College is holding general registration for the Spring 2003 semester Jan. 13 and 14.

Students can come to the Bairfield Activity Center on the CC campus from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. both days to register for classes.

For more information, contact Clarendon College at 806-874-3571.

Rabid skunk bites 2 dogs in Hedley

A skunk was found to be positive with rabies after attacking two dogs in December 2002 in Hedley.

If your animals are not current on their rabies shots, please contact the Clarendon Veterinary Hospital as soon as possible to update.

For more information, please call Dr. Guy Ellis at 806-874-3544.

Cowboy poets will meet in Amarillo

The Southwest Cowboy Poets Association will meet January 11 at The Big Texan Steak Ranch in Amarillo.

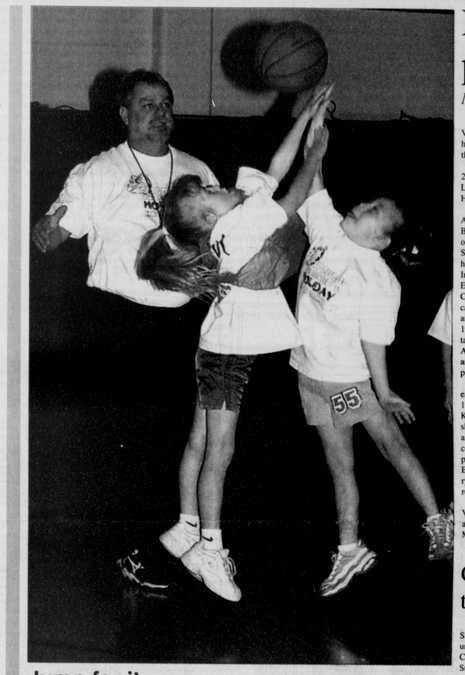
The headliner is Sarah Gill-Northcutt of Miami. An open mike session follows the headliner. Breakfast starts with opening music at 7:30.

Entertainment is free with breakfast charge of $6.50. The meeting is open to the public.

Christian Men will hold breakfast

The United Christian Men's Breakfast will be held January 16, 2003, at the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon at 7:00 a.m.

Men from all denominations are invited to attend.



Jump for it

Coach Mike Ray watches as Kaelea Hewett and Maci White of Clarendon jump for the tipoff during a practice game held as part of the Clarendon College Bulldog Basketball Camp last weekend. The camp attracted several local kids as well as young athletes from nearby towns. Enterprise Digital Photo

Prominent artist passes away at 94

Mrs. Bugbee was curator of art at PPHM

Renowned painter Olive Freda Vandruff Bugbee of Clarendon died here on Saturday, January 4, 2003, at the age of 94.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. January 15 in the Hazlewood Lecture Hall at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon

Born at Martin's Ferry, Ohio, on April 17, 1908, to Ross and Mame Buskirk Vandruff, she spent much of her childhood traveling in the Southwestern United States with her geologist father and her mother. In Chicago, she studied with painter Edmund Giesbert at the University of Chicago. She also studied with Chicago sculptors Elisabeth H. Hibbard and Frederick C. Hibbard in the mid 1940s, eventually becoming an assistant to them. Vandruff moved to San Antonio in 1931, where she became an assistant to sculptor Pompeo Coppini.

About 1937, she married the engraver Charles F. Anderson. In 1950 she operated a sheep ranch near Kerrville. While in the Hill Country, she became a renowned painter of animals and birds and was often commissioned to paint pet and horse portraits. She met Western artist H.D. Bugbee of Clarendon in 1960, marrying him the following year and relocating to Clarendon.

Upon Bugbee's death in 1963, Vandruff succeeded him as curator of art at the Panhandle-Pains Historical Museum until her retirement in 1982. After retiring, she still volunteered at the Museum, driving the 150 mile round trip from Clarendon nearly every day until November 2002.

Vandruff worked in several media, including pastel, watercolor, casein, and oil. She was a member of the Coppini Academy of Fine Arts in San Antonio and began exhibiting there in the early 1930s. By the early 1960s, she had had numerous solo exhibitions. Vandruff's paintings are found in private collections across the United States.

Among her patrons were former President Lyndon B. Johnson and Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe. Her public commissions consist of murals in Texas and Oklahoma, including a mural of Palo Duro Canyon for the First National Bank of Amarillo, now Bank of America. In 1976, she was included in the landmark exhibition, "The Women Artist, in the American West, 1860-1960," in Fullerton, California. Recently, she was included in the *Dictionary of Texas Artists, 1800-1945*.

A memorial exhibition of Vandruff's paintings will be presented in the Bugbee Gallery at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. The exhibition will include works of art from her personal collection as well as from the Museum's.

Her body will be cremated. Arrangements were under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

County livestock show, sale to be held here this weekend

Donley County Junior Livestock Show and Auction will be held Saturday, January 11, at the Clarendon Community Center located behind Suna AutoMall.

More than seventy young people will be exhibiting their beef, sheep, and swine projects at 9:00 a.m. The day's activities will conclude with an auction at 6:00 p.m.

During the year, these participants spend many hours feeding and caring for their animals, and the auction gives them an opportunity to be rewarded for their hard work.

Many participants will take their livestock on to major shows in Ft. Worth, San Antonio, and Houston.

If you would like to support the Junior Livestock Show and sale or need more information, contact Lon Adams at (806) 856-5323.

District court sends four men to prison

Four area men are starting the New Year in the custody of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice following their December 30, 2002, sentencings by 100th District Court Judge David McCoy.

According to information from the district attorney's office, Dustin Dean Dann and Bobby Carol Atkinson, both of Childress, came to plea agreements with the State through District Attorney Stuart Messer. They were represented by attorney Earl Griffin.

Dann received 2½ years in prison for the third degree felony of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm. Atkinson was sentenced to three years in prison for the third degree felony of Driving While Intoxicated.

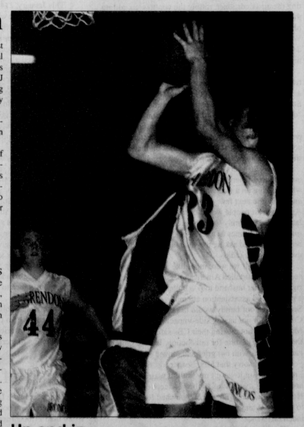
Carson County inmate Terry Wayne Gollihugh and Donley County inmate Preston Wayne Havens came before the court on motions filed by Messer to revoke probation.

Gollihugh was placed on felony probation on January 4, 1999, for Driving While Intoxicated. He received three years in a TDCJ Institutional Division for his probation violation. Gollihugh was represented by attorney Steve Cross.

Havens was placed on probation for the second degree felony of Indecency with a Child and the first degree felony of Aggravated Sexual Assault on May 23, 2002. He was sentenced to 15 years in a TDCJ Institutional Division for violating probation, and he was represented by Earl Griffin.

The district attorney complimented the Probation Department on these cases.

"I want to commend the work of the Probation Department for keeping tabs on these men and letting us know when they violate their probation requirements so we can work to keep our cities and counties safe for all of us," Messer said.



Up and in

Taylor Shelton shoots two for the Broncos during the varsity game against Shamrock last Friday. The Clarendon teams will face Memphis this week. See page seven for more information. Enterprise Digital Photo

CISD students to face new state test this spring

By John Taylor, CISD Counselor

Students in Clarendon Schools and across the state will face a new assessment this spring. The Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, or TAKS test replaces the decade old TAAS test.

The new TAKS test, (pronounced 'tax') is more rigorous due to increased depth and complexity of the questions.

Teachers prepare students for the TAKS by teaching the state curriculum, the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills or TEKS.

One of the biggest changes brought about by the new assessment program is the Student Success Initiative. Under this program, 3rd graders must pass the TAKS Reading test in order to be promoted to the 4th grade. They will have three opportunities to meet expectations. Additional instruction will be provided for all students who do not pass. A parent can request a GPC or Grade Placement Committee be formed that will ultimately decide if the student will be retained should the student not meet requirements on the third test. In 2005, all 5th graders will have to pass both the TAKS Reading and Math tests to be promoted to the 6th grade. In 2008, 8th graders will have to pass these tests to be promoted to the 9th grade.

Another change TAKS brings is a shift in the Exit Level test (the test that high school students must pass to graduate) from the 10th to the 11th grade. The Exit Level TAKS will consist of an English Language Arts test, a science test, a math test, and a social studies test- all of which must be passed before the student can graduate.

Clarendon High School has made several changes the past few years to address the TAKS requirements. An alternating block schedule has been in place for 2½ years. Longer blocked classes allow the teachers enough flexibility during each class to teach the TEKS and address the critical thinking required by TEKS. Several master schedule changes have been made, and all student graduation plans are devised with TAKS preparation in mind.

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