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SOUTHWEST SHROUDED IN DARKNESS

Black Duster Strikes Sunday

Amarillo Radio Broadcasting Station Helps Clear Highways in Announcing Approaching Dust Storm and Probable Hour of Arrival

The fact that no serious accidents occurred late Sunday afternoon on any of the Panhandle highways is largely due to the forethought and human interest expressed over the other waves from an Amarillo broadcasting station when warning announcements were made at frequent intervals.

The black dust storm that turned daylight into inky darkness was traced by the station from the state line above Perryton to Amarillo. The scourge traveled from Dalhart to Amarillo in one hour flat. Below the Cap Rock, the wind velocity was much less.

News of the approaching storm spread rapidly. Autos of travelers were parked at service stations and occupants sought shelter from the choking dust.

Watchers in Clarendon became alarmed at the giant dust clouds thousands of feet high rolled up at the northern horizon around six p.m. Many sought relief from fear in storm cellars. As the winds swept on grey streaks were swept skyward along with the black as lighter soil spots was encountered.

Many sought their beds early to escape the dust. No home was exempt. Housekeeping has become a monotonous horror among our women folk.

This is the first storm of this kind to strike here since March 11, 1924. That was also on a Sunday afternoon, and the town was plunged into darkness the same as last Sunday.

The storm cloud reached approximately from the Wichita mountains in Oklahoma to the Estancia valley in New Mexico. It grew in less intensity as it moved southward, playing out in central Texas. Other dust storms had reached the gulf shore, one sprinkling dust on vessels 200 miles off shore on what is termed "Red Tuesday" of some two weeks ago.

The Donley County Leader, April 18, 1935

WORST DUSTER OF NEW YEAR STRIKES HERE

Many were reminded of last year's experience when the wind changed from the southwest to the northwest early Monday. The sandstorm was changed to a dust storm with the veering of the wind, bringing the first 'duster' of the new year.

The public school was dismissed after the first period after noon. The same rule was followed at Pampa permitting the children to return to their homes before visibility became poor and auto hazards more dangerous.

The high wind was said to be due to a snow storm in the central states, reaching as far south as the south line of Colorado. Traffic on the highways entering Amarillo almost stopped due to the dangers of collisions during the darkness.

The Donley County Leader, March 26, 1936

A Hobo Handout

A short time ago two hoboes appeared at the home of Mrs. N.S. Percival and were standing inside her kitchen, thinking no one was home, before she noticed them. Mrs. Percival asked the two men what they wanted and received the replay that they wanted a grub stake so they could pick cotton near Clarendon. Mrs. Percival gave them a sack of food, figuring that this was better than taking a chance on receiving harm in any way. The men thanked her and left.

The Donley County Leader, Nov. 1, 1949.



BLACK SUNDAY in Donley County, April 14, 1935 – a day long remembered on the Great Plains during the terrible drought in the middle of the Great Depression. The day started nice with clear skies and calm weather, but mid-afternoon brought one of the worst storms in American history.

PHOTO BY ALDERSON STUDIOS / CLARENDON

Playground Equipment For City Park Has Arrived

Lions, Chamber, City & Others Team Up For Kids

City officials announced yesterday that the playground equipment that was ordered some time ago to be placed at the City Park had arrived and that work was already in progress to install the larger merry-go-round and that all the equipment would probably be installed

by the end of next week.

There are six different units of equipment. Two slides, two swings, and two merry-go-rounds. The units were purchased by six different organizations and business firms. Those being the Lions Club, the City of Clarendon, the County of Donley, Chamber of Commerce, the School Board, the Clarendon Furniture Co. and Greene Dry Goods Co.

Amusing Incident Of '86 Depicts The Character Of Early Settlers

By Jerome D. Stocking

Spring of 1886 was a propitious season in the old town of Clarendon. Grass that year was luxuriant and moisture was plentiful while the pioneers of the creek village were enthusiastic over the opportunities on the frontier. The Denver Railroad was building this way and there was a direct stage connection with its terminal at Wichita Falls. There was a certain newness about the land, a kind of freshness about its people, unpolluted with politics and unspoiled with selfish competition. There was, too, a prairie richness then unseared with drought, still free from dust of the high plains. The serious struggle for survival had not begun and there was a neighborly spirit of camaraderie among the villagers on Salt Fork. There was, however, a very orderly procession of law and order, then as today.

One afternoon in the early spring of that year as a group of prospectors were conversing on the veranda of the old Atteberry Hotel, there appeared a cloud of dust upon the river road. Several horsemen were approaching and both riders and horses appeared fatigued like an entourage, weary at the trail's end. It was a little band of cowboys from Denton County going out to Lincoln, New Mexico, to work on a range which covered a quarter of the state.

With a little swagger of Western bravado, one of the riders who appeared the most listless drew a six gun from its holster and fired the piece about his head. Another, with effective bead, split a hitchrail, and a third member of the gang cut down a moral bag tied to a

picket line. The wayfarers were neither destructive more evil and intended no harm, but their wild play had violated the peace of the little village and a dutiful sheriff and his deputy arrested the group, all of whom pled guilty to disturbing the peace. Each was fined \$12.50.

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

The Clarendon News, June 25, 1936

Jack Brooks in Charge of Parking at Rodeo

The Rodeo committee announced this week that Jack Brooks would be in charge of the parking set-up for the Rodeo, both afternoons and nights, and if you have any particular place you would like to park your car inside the grounds, you should see Mr. Brooks this weekend and pick out the tickets you want, for they are fixed to where you can get the same parking space for all events if you want them. Buying your tickets early makes it more convenient, also in case you should happen to be late for any of the events, you would still have your parking space regardless.

The Donley County Leader, June 19, 1947

The new equipment will be a welcome sight to all the youngsters of the county as this is one thing our park has been needing for a long, long time, and will give the youngsters a place to play and something to occupy their time.

The Leader wishes to take this means of expressing to the above organizations and business firms the thanks of all youngsters and grown-ups alike for this equipment, for we know they will all appreciate it but not have the opportunity to express their thoughts.

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Do You Want a Full Time Chamber of Commerce Secretary?

A decision must be reached by the citizens of Clarendon within the next few days as to whether or not they want to employ a full time secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at this time. For the past seventeen or eighteen years, the secretary has been hired on a part time basis. A number of merchants feel that Clarendon can support a full time Chamber of Commerce secretary and that the benefits will more than offset the increased cost.

At present time, the chamber operates on a budget of some \$2,200, which is used to pay the bandmaster \$1140 per year, the secretary \$750 per year, and the additional is used for telephone, telegraphs, highway hearings, etc. The budget will for a full time secretary will call for some \$6,000 or more or approximately three times the amount now being paid. In order to carry this load, approximately 100 merchants will have to pay monthly membership fees of \$5 or more.

Talk this matter over with your friends and co-workers so when the committee contacts you with regard to the matter you will be ready to give them your answer.

The Donley County Leader, June 19, 1947

More Plows, Sows, & Hens For Donley County

Rodeo And Celebration July 3 & 4

70th Celebration, 1947

In answer to a number of inquiries Clarendon will again have her annual July 3rd & 4th Celebration and Rodeo, and plans are well underway at the present time to have a bigger and better rodeo and celebration altogether.

The celebration this year is being co-sponsored by three separate organizations all working together to give the people a real treat. These organizations are the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, and the Roping Club.

As a special award for the rodeo event, a fancy cowboy's saddle will be given to the best all-around cowboy participating in the events here the two days. Other features of the rodeo will be calf roping and ribbon roping which as day money prizes running from \$40 down to \$10 with an entry fee of \$10 for the show. Special awards to the four best averages will be given. The prize money for bull riding and bronc riding will be from \$30 down to \$10 day money with special awards to the four best averages and the entry fee for the show will be \$8 in this event.

There will also be a Ladies barrel race and cutting horse contest and other special features. There will be two performances on each the 3rd and 4th beginning at 2 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Other features planned at the present time for the celebration will be a parade down [Kearney] street at 1 p.m. on the 4th and an Old Fiddlers contest at 5:30 on the Fourth – and to make the night time gay for both young and old, they have two dances scheduled for both nights.

William Greene reports that he has everything in readiness for the dances on both nights and has engaged Josh O'Neal and his colored gentlemen of Swing for both engagements. This band is reported to be quite popular and have plenty of "umph" to their music.

Everyone is urged to take part in the parade which starts promptly at one o'clock the afternoon of the 4th only. The parade will make up and start from the lot south of the Ft. Worth & Denver Depot.

A prize will be given for the oldest mounted couple, the youngest mounted couple, and the most original entry whether mounted or on wheels. All contestants will be required to ride in the parade and lets all cooperate to make it a colorful event, stated Joe McMurtry, who is in charge of the event.

Lloyd Johnson is in charge of taking rodeo entries at the county agent's office. Cap Morris and Pete Kunz are in charge of the special premiums committee.

The Donley County Leader, May 22 & June 26, 1947

Clarendon a Railway Town

After the Fort Worth and Denver Company determined it to be impracticable to come closer than three and a half miles south of the old town of Clarendon, the people, with great unanimity, at a public meeting at the courthouse on Monday night of this week, determined to move to an eligible site on the line of the road, three and a half miles south of the present town of Clarendon, and by a special election make it the county seat, and still to bear the name of Clarendon. A committee was appointed to consult with the authorities of the road and arrange the details.

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The Declaration of Independence

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

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



It's not the nice things that the professional politicians are always doing during the campaign, it's their thinking that we are too dumb to catch on to the scheme that gripes

Red Kian says this "patty foy grass" that you read on the menu at the swell café is nothing but what they call goose liver only it ain't. it is hog and cattle livers ground up at the packing house and put out under a name the Frogs use in France.

Hunting clean copy paper out of free space sheets mailed out by office-seekers is like hunting votes. Ain't there a decent mimeograph manufactured that will help the publisher in this respect?

A thing of beauty has kept many a husband broke forever.

Shakespeare Said It
"Reputation is a false conception upon the part of the public, oft gotten without merit."

Enforced Liberality
Due to the high tax rate and low property value, there are numbers of vacant lots in our city that could be turned into city parks. They could be had for nothing. I'll start this gift procession off by offering the City four choice lots above the flood line. The City may have a deed to them any day free of charge so far as I am concerned.

That's a bum idea. A lot of folks may start offering the City their homes and business houses in order to escape the high tax situation.

Gossiper's Text.
"Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shad be proclaimed upon the housetops." Read Luke, 12:3

If people said half of what they would like to say, they would be arrested. If the other half told all they knew, the whole works would get arrested.

The first air-conditioner in the Panhandle was a table affair with a trough built around the upper edges into which emptied the lead pipe from a windmill. Tow sacks were draped downward from the groughs on four sides (some used three sides only) being tacked to a platform surrounded by sacks was placed milk and butter. The sacks caused the water to seep over the jute surface. The natural wind did the rest. It was the best cooling system ever invited because it cost nothing to operate it, and it rendered a real service to the pioneers who like good butter and milk.

The wise man conceals his ignorance, while the nut attempts to display his knowledge.

A foot on the brake is worth two in the grave. Even the highway department advocates good, serviceable breaks.

The best way to break up the monotony of any job is to study up a plan to improve it.

THE END (Is not yet.)
The Donley County Leader
June 16, 1938

First Train From New Clarendon

Arrives In Fort Worth Monday

Railroad Continues Its

March On To Denver

Another step in its advance to Denver was taken by the Fort Worth and Denver yesterday, through trains being put on between Fort Worth and Clarendon, 277¼ miles from Fort Worth. The first train from Clarendon came in yesterday. It is probably that a new time card will be issued as seen as the Missouri Pacific coages time which will be about October 9th or 10th. It is the intention to have the northbound train leave between 6 and 7 o'clock a.m. and returning arrive at 7 or 8 o'clock p.m. The Panhandle Construction Company operates the road from Clarendon to the end of the tracks and carries passengers at the regular rate of 3 cents per mile. Chief Engineer Bissell who was in Fort Worth yesterday says the track is now laid 352 miles from Fort Worth ad within sixteen miles of Tascosa. The crossing of Canadian will be made at a point about four miles beyond Tascosa. The track will pass out of Texas eight miles below the North-western corner of the Panhandle, and 103 miles of track is still be laid in Texas. Mr. Bissell says he sees nothing to prevent the completion of the line in Texas by January 1, 1888, and by the middle of March or April the line will be completed to Denver. A third rail is now being laid between Pueblo and Trinidad on the Denver and Rio Grande, and a heavy force is at work this side of Trinidad. Mr.

Clarendon should have a nice shady, public park. With a little expense this could be had in connection with an auditorium and boating lake. Who will push the matter?

The Industrial West,
July 4, 1902

Bissell says the graders on the Southern Kansas have stopped work at Panhandle, and it does not look as if the company intended to build beyond that point at present. This leaves a gap of fourteen miles between the two roads.

Fort Worth Daily Gazette,
Sunday, October 2, 1887.

Clarendon Motor

Employee Knocked

Tuesday Night

Arvis Davis, employee of the Clarendon Motor Company, was the victim of an unseen and unknown assailant Tuesday night about 8:15 when he went back to straighten up the basement warehouse after having his supper. Sherriff Wright reported that Davis apparently was struck on the back of his head by some person who had been locked up in the building with the intention of possibly stealing a car as nothing was missing after a closer check up.

Davis told the sheriff that all he knew was that he came to after laying in the floor approximately 30 minutes after he went down in the basement and never knew what hit him. He had a big knot on the back of his head and face scratches where he fell face down.

The Donley County Leader, 1942

Douglas Lowe Wins First

Place Essay Contest

Douglas Lowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lowe, received a certificate of award from the Ft. Worth Press as a first place winner in the Region One School Essay contest sponsored by that paper. The topic of the contest was soil conservation.

The Donley County Leader,
May 22, 1947

Rains Help Crops
Clarendon, Tex., April 14 – The rains throughout the Panhandle have been copious and continued. The ground has received a good soaking. Cattle ate in very fine condition, and many young calves are seen on the ranges. The air is filled with the hum of prospectors, sellers and settlers. About 1000 acres of land is in cultivation within a radius of three miles of Clarendon. The crops are looking very fine, and promise is given of an abundant harvest. Numerous fruit and foliage trees are being set out this spring or ground made read to put them out in the fall. Mr. McKinney of the Clarendon ranch says there is a continued stream of immigration of the best class pouring into Donley and Carson counties, and describes them as an energetic, healthy, well-to-do appearing set of men.

Ft. Worth Daily Gazette. April 19, 1887

Crops in the Panhandle

We have just been shown a bunch of rye grown on the farm of Rev. Williams Lomas, a few miles south of Clarendon, the heads of which measure over seven inches. It was sown the first week in November and has been pastured all winter, and yet promises a bountiful yield in harvest. It has had no rain since the sowing until a few weeks ago. Mr. Lomas gives as flattering a report of his wheat harvest, which was sown the last week in October. It is now making ready to head. His corn is eight inches high, and was planted the last week in March. It is growing very finely. In addition to his farm work, Mr. Lomas has put out \$150 worth of fruit trees, and they are all growing vigorously. As Mr. Lomas is a close student of the habits of plants and of the peculiarities of the climate and soil of the Panhandle, our readers may expect some very interesting reports in our paper as the season progresses.

Ft. Worth Gazette,
May 3, 1887.

Family Tradition

Your local news has been delivered by five generations of the Estlack Family.

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THE DONLEY COUNTY LEADER & THE CLARENDON NEWS

Spreading the word since 1878.

Church Of Christ Began Here In 1914

In 1914 the first members of the Church of Christ met in Clarendon, Texas in the First Christian Church and worshipped. In the year 1917 the First Christians purchased a piano and installed it in the church building and it became a part of their worship. As a result of this the Christians – 14 in number withdrew and started worshipping in the T.M. Little home at the end of Carhart Street.

In the same year a debate was arranged and held in the First Christian church building. This debate concerned the use of musical instruments in the worship service. A.O. Colley debated with Mr. Nichols who was a preacher for the First Christian Church. Following this debate on July 10, 1917, the Christian breather purchased a small wood frame building from the Methodist people near the present post office site. Christians worshipping in this little building were Mr. and Mrs. T.M. Little, Grandmother Little, Mr. and Mrs. McGowen, Mr. and Mrs. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. John Watters, Mr. and Mrs. U.T. Denver, Mr. M.F. Roberson and possibly others. Dee Smith and family came to Clarendon and also worshiped in this building in 1919. G.W. Brewer was the first local minister with the Church of Christ in Clarendon and he came here in 1920.

A storm demolished the little wood church building and the Elders at once began looking for another location for a new building. While they were selecting a new site the flock met in the Court House and worshiped, and continued until a new building was completed. The Elders purchased the South East corner at 3rd and Carhart St. – a part of our present location and started building the new structure that stood there until the present building was built in 1970. Dee Smith hauled all of the bricks for that building. We still have two members who met and worshiped in the little wood

New Clarendon Is Booming

We can't hold still any longer. We have been elbowing out of the way of the crowd of land grabbers all week to get to our office and back. On Tuesday night the Fort Worth and Denver construction train reached section 12, owned by Attorney O.C. Fisher, which is one mile and a half east of the new town. Here there is a deep cut to be made in the grade and a force of 150 men are at work to finish it. On this account the track-layers may be detained nearly a week. It is only five miles and a half now to the end of the track from our office. Everybody is getting ready to move to the new town. Several persons who have had school lands in Carson county have abandoned their claims and taken a section a piece near the new town site. A reaction has set in Favor of Clarendon and Donley county that is making things whoop and it will take a quick man to keep up with the march of the crowd. An accommodation hack runs every day from the old town to the new Clarendon which is destined in a few years to be a city of 5000 people. It is a very beautiful location. A test well has been dug by the railway company and an abundance of fine soft water has been struck at sixty feet. It is the first good water found after leaving the cross timbers and settles the questions of division headquarters for passenger and freight trains. It proves an unexpected bonanza to Donley County – Clarendon News. Fort Worth Daily Gazette. Tuesday, July 5, 1887.



Clarendon Church of Christ groundbreaking, 1970. Members participating in the groundbreaking for the modern church building were Arling Cordell, Earl Shields, Doug Burgess, Gordon Mann, Roland Shields, John Garner, Laurence Price, and Robert C. Jones.

LEADER ARCHIVE PHOTO

structure that blew away. They are Ruth Grissum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T.M. Little and Dee Smith.

Mrs. Saye was the last Charter member of Clarendon Church of Christ.

The preachers over this period of time are almost too numerous to mention. Some were Bro. T.C. Miholand, Perking Cooper, Jimmy Stand-

bridge, Mr. Crumbley, Claude Smith, M.F. Manchester, Robert Bankus, Wallace Layton, W.T. Hine, Doyle Williams, Robert Copeland Jr., Bert Wells, Doyle Williams, B.W. Davis, Clarence Tilly, Eugene Clapp. Then came Robert C. Jones, who was very instrument in raising funds and promoting our present building, in fact our present structure would have never been

completed except for the long hours of planning and working that he did. Then came Tom Water, Don Stone, Gene Basden and Tom Harguess. Also during part of Don Stones work with the Church, Bright Newhouse served as assistant preacher, youth director, song leader,

Deacon and Elder. Other men who have served as Elders over the past recent years are Doug Burgess, Earl Shields, Doug McGuire, and Elvis White. Deacons who have served in recent years are Donald White, Don Robinson, Harold Browning, Hardy Bobitt, Arthur Shields,

Ira Page, Blackie Hartwick, and Mark Allen.

The present Elders are: Arthur Shields, Earl Shields, Donald White, and Elvis White. The present Deacons are: Mark Allen, Hardy Bobbitt, Gene Denney and Black Hartwick. The preacher is Tom Harguess, and youth minister is Paul Whitfield. The song leader is Marvin Thompson.

The Clarendon Press, Donley County Centennial 1982

Men's Chorus Will Sing Sunday

The Men's Chorus will sing in a Mission Program at the [St. Stephen's] Baptist Church across the track this Sunday afternoon at 4:30. The men are asked to meet at the First Baptist church at 3 p.m. for a last minutes practice. This will be a good program, and everyone is invited to come out and hear these men sing.

The Donley County Leader, June 26, 1947

LET FREEDOM RING

Stand up and be proud this July Fourth to show your support for all those who have given their lives for the freedom we enjoy today.

Mike's PHARMACY

Freedom

Join us in celebrating our freedom this Independence Day by praying for those who are serving our country in the U.S. and abroad. Pray for them and their families for a safe return and peace everywhere.

God Bless America!

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1887 Rail Tour of the Panhandle

March Of The Fort Worth And Denver Into The Northwest

Quanah Advance July 14

"All aboard for the north," cried the conductor of the construction train running between the Quanah and the town of New Clarendon, to which point the track of the Fort Worth and Denver extension has just been completed, at 7 a.m. last Sunday morning. Owing to the splendid condition of the track and the easy grades, the train, though consisting of eighteen cars loaded with rails, ties and other construction material, ran at a rated speed equal to that made by passenger train on many roads over which we have traveled. About three miles out we crossed the iron bridge that spans the Grossbeck creek, the spring-fed pride of Hardeman county – the abundant, swift flowing, rock confined waters of which will drive the water wheels of the numerous mills and factories that will be created on its picturesque banks at no very distant time in the future.

Eight miles out we passed the siding that marks the point where the Panhandle Construction Company took charge of the work. The place would be a high prairie just sufficiently rolling to drain in almost any direction, while the country surrounding it on all sides is composed of the agricultural lands, some of which is already in cultivation as several fields of fine corn border on the road, and from our elevated position we could see many more of these dark green spots upon the lighter ground of mesquite grass of the prairie, indicating other growing fields of that staple crop, and here and there dugouts and small box houses can be seen, indicative of the fact that pioneer settlers have chosen this locality as a favorable one in which to make their homes.

Eight miles further on, we came to Kirkland and Henry, the next station, has just enough diversity in its appearance to prevent it from becoming monotonous to the eye of the beholder. It is crossed at frequent intervals by small streams fringed by a growth of elm and hackberry timber, and bordered on either side by pretty valleys, while the rolling prairie is studded in many places by circular clumps of timber which mark those natural depressions in the earth and rocks, locally

known as "gyp sinks." Many of these little groves form beautiful building sites for those who love timber near their dwellings.

Henry is located near the center of Childress county; it occupies a level prairie void of any timber or brakes. There is plenty of room for a good sized town although the depot building and school house together with a few tents are all the buildings that have yet been erected.

About four miles from Henry, we passed Childress, the county seat. The town is rather picturesquely located upon a rolling prairie, high and dry, drained by several branches leading off to the west and north. There are perhaps twenty buildings, including dugouts, in the place, the most prominent among them being the courthouse which has just recently been completed. It is a one-story building, 80x60 feet, and presents quite a large appearance when contrasted with other houses in the place.

Between Childress and Red river, a distance of some seven or eight miles, the country for the most part is broken, but as it is well watered by Baylor and Mountain creeks, and is covered with a good growth of grass it affords good winter range for stock.

After crossing the river and passing through a narrow belt of sand hills, the road runs through a fine scope of country consisting of broad prairie flats, intersected by grass covered hills. It is in this scope of country, upon an ample valley, surrounded by picturesque hills, that the station of Salisbury is located. It is in Hall county, and is likely to make a very good town when the country once becomes settled. A depot building is under process of construction and will soon be completed.

From this point on to Clarendon, the country presents very much the same appearance, and taken altogether is as fine as a person could wish to see.

At Giles, on Buck creek, the company have just completed the digging of a well sixteen feet square and fifty feet deep to supply their engines with water. The water stands some six feet deep in the well and is of a good quality, containing no gypsum or other substance that will detract from its value for use in the engines, or make it disagreeable to the taste or unhealthy for drinking purposes.

About 1 o'clock, we stopped at Lelia, located near Worley lake and the pretty residence of

Judge Brown of Donley county. We expected to take dinner at this point, as the boarding cars had been stationed here for some time, but we were disappointed upon arriving to find that it had moved out that morning to Clarendon, seven miles further on. Our appetite, however, had been so worked up by absence of breakfast and expectation to proceed any further without something to satisfy its cravings, so we got down from our comfortable observatory, and in company with Mr. Mat Wells, the station agent at Quanah, who shared our "roost" on the trip, and Mr. Lehane, the terminal agent, whose car was still here, went to one of the "check tents" that follow the end of the track, and had not yet moved, and took on a supply of ham and eggs. The train moved off and left us in the tent town, which that afternoon, pulled up stakes and moved out for the front, and there was nothing left for us to do but to move with them or be left behind to "hold down" the deserted town site alone.

We arrived at Clarendon about 5 o'clock and found quite a good size tent town already on the ground, while others were coming in at every minute and being pitched on both sides of the track.

Clarendon has a fine location and good water, which can be procured in abundance by digging to a depth of from twenty-five to thirty feet. This place, it is believed, will ultimately become one of the best towns on the road, as the old town of Clarendon, some five miles to the north, which has been the seat of Donley county for several years, will soon all be moved to this point on the road, and as its location is a good one, surrounded by a wide scope of fine agricultural and grazing lands, already settled to a considerable extent by a good class of settlers, and others are rapidly coming in, the future of the place is bright.

We had a pleasant trip throughout, and came home fully convinced that there can be no stretch of country in Texas naturally any better than that bordering on the ninety miles of the Fort Worth and Denver road between Quanah and Clarendon.

G.W.B.
Ft. Worth Daily Gazette, July 21, 1887

Regular church services are already held at Clarendon. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of Heaven."

The Clarendon News, June 1, 1878



Chow time on the RO Ranch. Cowhands gather around the Chuckwagon in this undated photo from the RO Ranch northeast of Clarendon. The man in the suit just to the left of the wagon is Alfred Rowe, the British ranch owner who met his end aboard the Titanic. Second from the right is Jim Christal, ranch foreman.

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Clarendon Fourth of July Parade, 1941. The RO Ranch Chuckwagon rolls down Kearney Street during the city’s 64th annual July Fourth celebration in front of what is now Ronna’s Creations.

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‘Indian Uprising’ Near Clarendon And Tales Of Early Newspaper Doings

Historical And Fictional Story Of The Old Days Of The Clarendon News And The Facts Regarding Certain Happenings.

By J.W. Caraway
Coming to Clarendon in the first passenger train that ever carried passengers and being compelled to defend myself in a fight the next morning against two other boys who had also reached Clarendon only a day or so earlier than my family. Thus early learning that to do as I chose meant to fight for the right to explore the then new town and at an early date, discovered at the back door of one of the buildings some peculiar shaped lead pieces suitable for use in a shotgun as ammunition, gathering some of them for this purpose and finding that they were on one end of the letters, and upon arranging them, they could be made to spell names of things.

The then at that time publishers of the news, have forgotten, but was employed by them to do the inking when they were printing the paper.

I became regularly employed on The Clarendon News in 1902, at that time R.W.H. Kennon was editor and publisher. The location of the building was about where the present building is now located. [Where the Clarendon

Visitor Center at Mulkey theatre is today.]

I was also connected with the Industrial West and Banner Stockman. These two papers had their periods of life, but, The News still remains in the field. Many interesting things, stories, politics, fiction, and facts, among the most interesting was the invention of the “Air Ships” and Uncle Charlie Goodnight, “Goodnight Bulls” and the Indian Uprising was caused by the wife of the railroad agent at Newlin imagining that the Indians had killed her husband who was hunting one evening after the train going north had passed through Newlin. Some cowboys slaughtered a beef and the rest of the cattle holding a wake over the fresh blood; she mistook all the excitement for an Indian

uprising. So upon wiring all points up and down the railroad, and the husband coming back to the depot and seeing the cowboy fire and hearing the noises made by the cowboy fire and hearing the noises made by the cowboys practicing with their sixshooters, again wired that the Indians were out of the Territory and killing and scalping.

The train arrived in Clarendon at 9:55 and the citizens of Clarendon having armed themselves with all sorts of weapons, a coach and engine proceeded back toward Newlin prepared to stop the Indians. Happily they returned along about daylight in the morning with the news no Indians could be found.

The Clarendon News,
July 4, 1935

T.M. Shaver Displays Big Vegetables

T.M. Shaver came into the Leader office Wednesday morning with plenty to eat in just two separate vegetables. One was a four pound purple top turnip and the other a three pound carrot that had five lengthy prongs extending from the top part which was solid. Mr. Shaver grew these giant, specimens in his garden and stated that he had plenty more that were of a very nice size.

The Donley County Leader, 1942

Our population is yet small but is rapidly increasing. We have a small army of sifted men and women there during the year.

The Clarendon News,
June 1, 1878

Highway No. 5 Is Completed; To Be Dedicated July Fourth

Sam Braswell To Deliver Principal Address At Dedication.

Paving work on Highway 5 through Donley County was completed Wednesday morning at 9:20 o'clock and the barriers were removed, throwing the fine new highway open to traffic.

The completion of the highway marks the culmination of a fight by Donley County good roads enthusiasts covering a period of 10 years, and is heralded with rejoicing by citizens of the county.

Crews have taken a little more than one year in completing the 75 miles of asphalt paving. The road has been accepted by the State Highway Commission, and given a paved highway from Claude to Gulf Coast.

Plans are going forward to hold a dedicatory ceremony here July 4, in conjunction with the Pioneer Round-Up and Centennial Celebration. Judge Ralph Porter will act as master of ceremonies at the dedication, and Sam M. Braswell, former publisher of The Clarendon News and now editor of The Paducah

Post, will deliver the principal address. Mr. Braswell for years was an active good roads booster here and was instrumental in bringing about the Highway 5 project. He was extended a special invitation to deliver the dedicatory address, and has signified his willingness to act in this capacity.

W.J. Van London, divisional highway engineer, P.S. Bailey, maintenance engineer, and T.E. Johnson, editor of the Amarillo Globe, will also participate in the program.

Invitations have been extended to Gibb Gilchrist, chief engineer to the State Highway Department, Harry Hines, chairman, and other members of the department to participate in the program, according to A.L. Chase, but it is not known at this time whether or not they will be able to attend.

All present and past county commissioners will be honored guests on this occasion.

The dedication ceremony will be held on the improvised platform at Kearney Street. It will begin at 11 a.m.

The Clarendon News, June 25, 1936

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“The Christmas Seal does not ask much of anyone, but it asks something from everyone,” said Mrs. John T. Sims, local manager of sales. “For the fight against tuberculosis is everybody’s fight, and until the disease is completely controlled, no home is absolutely safe. The larger the sale of Christmas Seals the greater will be the health work that can be done next year.

If no one asks you to buy Christmas Seals, ask someone to sell you some. They are now on sale at Ethel Rutherford’s Shoppe, at the News office, and Mrs. Sims is selling them.

The Clarendon News
December 10, 1925

Let Freedom Ring

Our forefathers fought for our freedom. Our veterans have fought to protect our freedom.

Let us remember them during this holiday and be thankful for what we enjoy.

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and all City Employees



Adair Hospital: Built in 1910 by JA Ranch owner and local philanthropist Cornelia Adair, the Adair Hospital building provided medical attention to JA cowboys as well as Donley County residents. Following the closing of the hospital in the 1970s, the building found new life in the 1980s as the home of the Saints’ Roost Museum and now houses numerous artifacts pertaining to local history, including an exhibit on Mrs. Adair and her ranch. The Museum is open daily Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Remembering Schools In Old Clarendon

By James Brandon

The school in Old Clarendon was a one room, clap-board, old building. The school building was located down by the creek as was the custom and necessity of those days to locate a settlement by fresh water. When Clarendon was moved to its present site, a new school building was built with three rooms. Most of the old settlers of Clarendon recall this three room building. Only one or two can remember the one room school building down by the creek.

Recalling the qualities of the educational system of those days, one person remembered the personal touch of the teacher. There was more time to teach with less children and a lot less extracurricular activities. “The teacher could use his time teaching without interruption,” commented one person. “These interruptions in today’s educational hinder the quality the quality of education given,” she stated.

News Items, 1880

The prairie dog is now receiving a great amount of attention from various sources. As land advances in value, the prairie dog depreciates as a tenant. He must go.

The Grand Jury at Clarendon got its work in at a lively pace. If it had continued in session much longer, it would have been compelled to work on its own members, for there would have been no one else to indict.

Times are exceedingly dull in Clarendon just now.

Dave Maxwell was riding bronchoes again yesterday. They were not as rollicky as some he has already tamed.

Dr. J.W. Carhart has just received from Chicago a new invoice of elegant and valuable surgical and Guynaecological instruments.

Osborn got some more Venison on Sunday last. In attempting to break the Sabbath, he broke a deer’s neck. Such accidents do not often happen.

Several rattlesnakes and one adder have lately been killed in town. The weeds are unusually tall this year which makes it a little ticklish to be abroad in unfrequented ways.

Lovers who stroll in the moonlight and recline on dewy banks should be ware. Some take the precaution to carry flasks with them.

The Clarendon News,
July 19, 1883

“Our teacher took time to tie our ribbons in our hair,” said one. “I remember a teacher who took me up into her lap to help me with my reading lesson. Our teacher was patient and gave us the personal touch,” she stated.

“I recall one teacher who taught with rod in hand. He gave me nightmares. I remember one time when he was out of the room for a minute, we all got into an eraser fight,” our senior citizen said. Well, kids will be kids wherever they are. It looks as if he might have needed that rod. “For discipline, we had to stand in the corner with our backs to the class. Sometimes we had to stand with our noses in a circle on the chalk board. The teacher also used the paddle.” Summing up her comments about teachers, she said, “Some of our teachers remembered that they were once children too.”

Children came to school on horseback, by wagon, or walked. One person told of one teacher who came to school on horseback.

“On our exams,” commented a senior citizen, “our teacher told us: “Do your best. That is all angels can do.”

“We had a water barrel in the hall with one old tin dipper. We all drank out of that dipper. If any water was left in it after we were finished drinking, we just threw it back into the water barrel. Everybody lived to a ripe old age. I’m still living. I don’t guess it hurt me any,” commented one of our old settlers.

The one room school building of Old Clarendon was heated by an old pot bellied stove. Wood and coal were used for fuel. The

stove set right in the middle of the room with the seats around it. The stove was movable. It was removed in the Spring and installed in the Fall. It was vented by pipe. It had a damper. The damper was a metal plate which usually fit in the stove pipe just above the stove. Its purpose was to regulate the draft in the stove. It was controlled from the outside of the stove pipe by a handle.

The books studied in those days were of the highest quality. Everyone learned to spell from the old Blue Book Speller. They learned grammar from books which bore in mind Shakespeare’s words: “No profit grows where is no pleasure taken.” One author said, “If the pupil finds no pleasure in his text book, he will get no profit from it” (C. Alphonso Smith Our Language, Second Book preface). One of these old readers has on its first page the question: “How To Get on in the World.” Under this question is a picture of the open Bible with the words: “But seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matt. 6:33) (Major A. R. Callhoun, How to Get On in the World, New York: The Christian Herald Press, 1895).

It is evident to see that the quality of education given in those days was the result of Christian influences. The Bible was a part of the classroom situation. Teachers were required to be of the highest character and example. As one person put it, “The teacher had to be at almost as good as the preacher.”

The Donley County Leader



Celebrate a Safe & Happy 4th of July!

It’s in this traditional spirit that we celebrate Independence Day. The virtues this country was founded on are the values that allow us to serve customers like you as best we can. So, on this July 4th, we would like to wish everyone a fun-filled holiday, and say thanks for being a great customer.

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Clarendon School Helps To Buy “Old Ironsides”

The pupils of the Clarendon Public Schools co-operated in a National movement this week to purchase the old battleship, “Old Ironsides” from the Navy. The ship was rotting at the docks and had been condemned to be destroyed. The Secretary of the Navy stated that the purchase price of the old vessel would be one half million of dollars and the school children of the nation are planning to buy the vessel. Each student is asked to bring a penny or a nickel to be applied on the purchase of the vessel, and the total sum received will be mailed direct to the Navy department. Announcement of the results will be made in the next issue of the News.

Clarendon News,
October 22, 1925

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Personals, 1880

Hon. John G. Adair and lady, from Ireland, who are interested in the Goodnight ranch and herd, gave us a brush en route last month.

Dr. Williams of Denison will be at Clarendon for a month and will give attention to such work in the Dental line as our citizens may desire. Fort Elliott, Mobettie and the surrounding country will find it wise to improve the present reliable professional service of Dr. W. whom we recommend.

Mr. Widney has gone to Kansas.

Mr. Drake and Son have located with us and will buy a herd of sheep. They are from Michigan.

Mr. Rising, of our mercantile, firm is off for Sherman with a large shipment of wool.

W. Kimball, Esq. is our first Justice of the Peace. Geo. F. Osborn is constable.

The Clarendon News, June 1880

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What Wuz It?

Flying Object Attracts Much Attention Here

Many a neck muscle was strained here Tuesday when Clarendon residents sighted a silvery, transparent-looking object flying high, in the sky. The object was first noticed around 9:30 in the morning and was visible until around 2 p.m. when clouds moved in shutting off the view.

The phone at the Leader office began buzzing soon after the object was first sighted and the whole town has been buzzing ever since. There have been hundreds of ideas as to what the object was but nothing even close to definite has been submitted to date. The general opinion of local residents has been that it was some type of balloon.

Soon after the object was sighted, the Fort Worth Star Telegram started an intensive investigation of their own and the following is part of what they had to say about it in Wednesday morning's issue:

Various reported as cigar shaped and spherical, the seemingly stationary object was seen by CAA observers, Air Force and civilian pilots, and ground watchers.

A CAA official here said CAA stations at Wichita Falls, Childress and Clarendon plotted the location and altitude at 60,000 feet directly above Memphis.

The object first became visible about 9:30 a.m., disappeared in early afternoon, and reappeared about 3 p.m.

A spokesman at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, told the Star-Telegram by telephone that a special Air Force storm weather unit from Oklahoma City began operating at Sheppard several days ago and released two rawinsonde balloons Tuesday.

These balloons are 12 feet in diameter on the ground but inflate as they rise. One was released at 9 a.m., the other at 1 p.m.

Radio instruments carried by the balloons indicated to the ground station that the first, by mid-afternoon, was traveling at a

velocity of 55 miles an hour, west of Wichita Falls, and the second was moving at 49 miles an hour, at a height of 25,000 feet.

The Panhandle object first became visible about 9:30 a.m. when it was spotted by W.J. Hightower, CAA communicator at Clarendon. He said it was southeasterly, in the direction of Childress.

Hightower said a pilot flying at 8,500 feet en route from Amarillo to Fort Sill, was heard to report by radio that he had seen the unusual object at an estimated height of 60,000 feet.

The pilot of a F-61 "Black Widow," who gave the last three digits of his plan number as 357 but failed to give his name, reported to CAA that he climbed to 29,000 feet and the strange object still was high above him.

Too, the mysterious craft reportedly was sighted by a Braniff Airlines pilot, Capt. Carl G. Gray, who saw it in the vicinity of Memphis as he flew from Wichita Falls to Amarillo.

From Denver, Gray told the Star-Telegram:

"We were asked by CAA to be on the outlook north of Memphis. They thought it was around 60,000 feet. We started climbing as soon as we left Wichita Falls and had reached 12,000 feet due north of Childress when we sighted it.

"There were high cirrus clouds at 30,000 to 35,000 feet which blocked out the object every once in awhile. There was no telling how high it was.

"When I first sighted it at a 45 degree angle through my wind shield, it looked more like a ball. As I came up under it, it looked more like a plate or disc. It sort of bobbed. It was not stationary but it was not moving in any one direction.

"It was silvery or white and when I was directly underneath, what looked like a real bright streak went right through the center of it.

"From the time we sighted it until we were directly underneath took seven minutes. We were doing 180 miles per hour, so we traveled in the vicinity of 20 miles to get under it. The object was pretty good size.

"I've never seen anything like it before. It looked like it could have been a balloon but I don't think it was."

The Donley County Leader, April 20, 1950



Kearney Street, looking north from the intersection of Fourth Street in about 1935. On the left the Piggy Wiggly is where the modern Hair Connection is and Alderson Studio is where Guys & Dolls Salon is today. On the right, West Texas Utilities is where Ronna's Creations is today, and further down is a Ford dealership where Clarendon College's automotive building is now.

COURTESY PHOTO / TINY ALDERSON

Local Citizens Asked To Contribute Soup Bowls, Spoons, Glasses, Etc., For Needed School Cafeteria Here

UNDERPRIVILEGED KIDDIES TO BE FED AT LOCAL EMERGENCY CAFETERIA


Clarendon people are being asked to contribute soup bowls, spoons, glasses or tumblers, plates, cracker bowls, knives and forks, immediately so that noon lunch feeding of near a hundred underfed, underprivileged children in the lower grades of Clarendon public school can begin next Monday, Feb. 22.

In a co-operative plan of the Clarendon Lions Club and the school board, Mrs. Joe Terry has been employed to cook nourishing soup and conduct the cafeteria with the help of those who will join the plan.

Every home in Clarendon is asked to check the items needed as listed above, and bring them immediately to Joe terry, janitor at the Junior High school, for serving this needed nourishment to innocents who are in need. Remember that little bodies in need of proper food are a shining mark for diseases of all kinds and cannot develop mentally in such a condition.


DO IT TODAY-Let's take scores of soup bowls, dozen of glasses, lots of plates, plenty of spoons, knives and forks. Since the food and the labor is provided surely we will not fail in the little we are asked to do in furnishing the dishes and table-ware.

Clarendon News, February 18, 1937.



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Founding Fathers

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"And the star-spangled banner, forever shall wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!"
-Francis Scott Key

As we celebrate Independence Day, we are once again reminded that freedom is not free. Just as America fought for independence in 1776, American troops continue to defend freedom around the world today. July Fourth is a day to honor the men and women who have sacrificed so much to protect our liberty. It's a day to proudly celebrate our great country and the ideals it represents.

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Happy Birthday, America - let freedom ring forever!

Our Heritage Lives On


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

As the elected officials of Donley County, we welcome visitors to the 137th annual Saints' Roost Celebration.

Have a safe and happy Fourth.

Jack Hall, Judge
Wanda Smith, Treasurer
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Doug Wright, Constable

Our offices will be closed
Friday July 4





CELEBRATING AMERICA

On July Fourth, we celebrate the birthday of the United States of America and all the great things our nation represents. We are proud of our country and the values it upholds, and we gratefully salute the brave men and women of our Armed Forces who fight to defend America and her ideals. God bless the U.S.A.

**Wishing You and Yours a Safe and
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