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## THIS WEEK

2 A letter writer is urging more funding to battle Alzheimer's disease.

4 Local volunteers feed more than 200 people at a community Thanksgiving.

5 Clarendon Cub Scouts run their annual boat races.

6 And the Broncos bust the Longhorns on the basketball court.

All this and much more as The Enterprise reports in this week's amazing edition!

## Museum Christmas party this Saturday

The annual Saints' Roost Museum Christmas Party is scheduled for this Saturday, December 3, from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the Donley County Activity Center.

Musical entertainment for the evening will be provided by the Martin Band.

Tickets for the dinner and dance are \$50 per couple and a reverse drawing will be held for \$5,000. Museum officials say that for the first time this year the first ticket, the 100th ticket, and the 200th ticket will also win prizes.

You do not have to be present to win. Tickets are available at the Donley County State Bank or Every Nook & Cranny.

## Chamber planning Christmas event

The Chamber of Commerce will host "Christmas in Clarendon" on Saturday, December 10, in conjunction with the next Whistle-Stop Trade Days.

In addition to merchant sales around the city, downtown events will include holiday booths, pictures with Santa, movies at the Mulkey, a barbecue lunch, and a chili supper. Watch for more details coming up, and make plans to shop Clarendon first this holiday season.

## Angel Tree forms due this Thursday

Applications for the Community Angel Tree are now available at the Burton Memorial Library for children age 12 and under living in Donley County. Applications must be completed and returned by Thursday, December 1.

Donations in support of the Angel Tree Project can be made at Pilgrim Bank or mailed to PO Box 45. For additional information please call the Library at 874-3685.

## Local DPS office takes toy donations

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) in the Texas Panhandle has once again collaborated with Toys for Tots, a national charitable organization that collects toys to give to needy children in the Texas Panhandle.

DPS ask that toys remain in their original packaging. Toys for children ages 0-2 and 12-17 of either gender are in the most demand. Some examples of appropriate toys for the 0-2 range are teething rings, plush toys, ring towers or anything that would stimulate their senses. For the 12-17 range, appropriate toys include board games, books, jewelry, and anything for their teenage years.

For more information on Toys for Tots, please visit their website at <http://www.toysfortots.org> or contact Lieutenant Beth Watson or Sergeant Chris Ray with DPS.

Residents are invited to donate toys at Clarendon Highway Patrol Office at 723 W. Second (US 287 West) in Clarendon.



## St. Mary's to hold Open House at new Parish Hall

St. Mary's Catholic Church invites the public to attend the Open House of its new Parish Hall this Sunday, December 4, from 1 to 4 p.m.

After ten years of planning, a year of construction, and a formal dedication with the blessing of the bishop, St. Mary's parishioners are excited to have a facility for the many functions of their growing church, which has gone from a dozen families ten years ago to about 50 today.

Parish Council President Lindy Craft said the new building fills a need for St. Mary's.

"It's very nice to have our religion classes there," she said. "Previously we had to have them in the old priest's house."

The facility, which is available to be rented for activities, is a great achievement for the church, and parishioners are excited for the community to come see the new hall.

During the open house, tamales and enchiladas will be for sale for \$12 per dozen, and a raffle will be held to help three women struggling with medical crises – Amber Williams, Sue Carson, and Liz Carreon. Items being raffled include a handmade quilt, a wine basket, Nutcracker tickets, and other items.

Catholics were meeting in Clarendon by 1890, and in 1892 the present church was built and continues to serve as the Panhandle's oldest Catholic church. An academy building was later built on a block west of the church but was closed and dismantled early in the 20th century.

Craft said the church had a priest's house and perhaps a storage building, but in all its history it has never had a Parish Hall, a place for church meals, classes, family gatherings, and more... until now.

"Our church is the oldest in the diocese," Craft said, "and it's really nice to finally have something like this for the people of our church."

The Parish Hall, situated just east of the church, is 6,750 square feet and can seat up to 240 people, according to Building Committee Chair Denise Bertrand. The building also has four classrooms, a changing room – for weddings and other events – near the restrooms, a large kitchen, an office, and a library.

Ground was broken on the project just over a year ago, and contractor Claudell Wright build the facility and is credited with helping the church find ways to save money during construction.

"I'm just thrilled that we finally got it and that it's as nice as it is," Bertrand said. "A lot of parishioners put in a lot of time doing the finish work to get it done. I'm also thrilled

that it's almost paid for. We're still raising money, but we're close."

Craft said the project could not have happened if not for the support of local people as well as people from other areas.

"A lot of donors from outside the parish have helped make it possible," Craft said. "We've had money from the diocese and others that has helped reduce the debt."

Those interested in making a donation to the project can do so by sending a check to St. Mary's Catholic Church, PO Box C, Clarendon, TX 79226 and put "building fund" in the memo. For rental information, call 806-248-7584.



## Thanksgiving blaze

Clarendon volunteer firemen respond to a Thanksgiving Day fire that destroyed the home of Mandy McKinney. Firemen were dispatched at 12:36 p.m. to the fire in the 200 block of Sims Street. Fire Chief Jeremy Powell said the fire started outside the home and appears to have been an electrical issue. The fire burned into the home, which then suffered heavy fire and smoke damage. No one was home at the time of the fire, and no injuries were reported. Twelve firemen and seven units responded to the blaze. Powell said the house may be a total loss due to the damage suffered from the fire.

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## Accident hospitalizes local man

A Donley County man remains hospitalized this week after being severely injured in a two-vehicle accident east of Clarendon Saturday.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Lynn Mays said Clovis McCary was traveling south at about 8:25 a.m. November 26 on FM 1260 when he apparently went through the stop sign south of the BNSF railroad tracks, crossed westbound lanes and crossover of US 287 and was struck crossing the eastbound lanes by a 2012 Chevy pickup driven by Samuel Cummings of Whitesboro.

McCary's 2005 Chevy pickup was heavily damaged, and McCary, was airlifted to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo before later being flown to University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Cummings suffered only minor injuries, but his wife's injuries required her to be transported to Northwest Texas.

Mays said the DPS investigation of the accident is still on going.

Responding to the accident were DPS, the Donley County Sheriff's Office, Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department, Associated Ambulance Authority, and the Texas Department of Transportation.

## Clarendon soldier among those featured in documentary

A special screening will be held in Amarillo next week of the documentary film Citizen Soldier, which features Clarendon native Colt Floyd.

The screening will be held in honor of the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor on December 7 at the Veteran Resource Center's Happy State Bank Virgil Patterson Auditorium at 701 S. Taylor. The doors open at 6 p.m. and the movie starts at 6:30.

Citizen Soldier tells the true story of a group of young Soldiers and their life-changing tour of duty in Afghanistan. Using real footage from multiple cameras, including helmet cams, these Citizen Soldiers give the audience an intimate view into the chaos and horrors of combat and, in the process,

display their bravery and valor under the most hellish of conditions.

Floyd and some of the other soldiers in the film will be in attendance next week and invite you to share this experience with them.

SSG Colt Floyd is a 2001 Clarendon High School graduate who attended Southern Nazarene University before enlisting in the Oklahoma Army National Guard after 9/11. He spent about 12 years serving as an infantryman and worked full time for the Oklahoma Guard in recruiting and retention, and served as an instructor trainer for the states Pre-Mobilization Training Assistance Unit.

SSG Floyd deployed twice to Afghanistan in sup-

port of Operation Enduring Freedom and was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart upon the completion of his most recent 2011-2012 tour.

Citizen Soldier follows Floyd's unit during his last tour in Afghanistan.

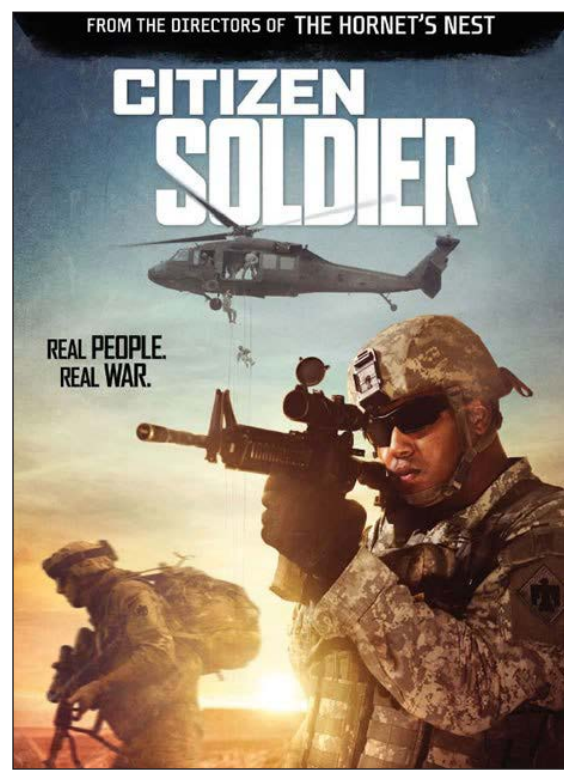
"This film has aroused several different thoughts and emotions from me," Floyd writes. "Early on I really didn't want to participate in it due to the deployment having such an impact on my life. Losing (Army Sgt. Mycal L.) Prince and my other men being hurt/wounded devastated me. I feel like I've been picking up the pieces ever since. With that being said I also know Prince would want what's best for us all. And that's to live our lives in a positive light and under the

best circumstances possible.

Floyd says it's important to raise awareness and have an up close and personal look at what combat is like in the line of fire. The chaos, he says, will show the American people what it's all about.

"It will help them to understand that even after the soldier returns home, the battle doesn't exactly stop. This film gives me a whole new sense of pride and I look forward to the response it receives from the tireless hours put into it to make it possible."

For those who cannot attend next week's screening, the movie is available for sale on DVD through Amazon.com. A preview video of the movie can be seen at <https://vimeo.com/180936857>.



**On the good list** Mason Green visits with Santa Claus about what he wants for Christmas before the lighting of the Courthouse last Saturday.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

## TML denounces budget proposal

AUSTIN – The Texas Municipal League on Tuesday denounced a state Senate committee's recommendation to restrict city budgets as "a direct assault on public safety, economic development and transportation that will produce no noticeable tax reduction for homeowners."

The committee, appointed by Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and chaired by Sen. Paul Bettencourt (R-Houston), has recommended placing a state-imposed cap on the property tax revenue of every city and county that could only be exceeded by holding

an election.

"Cities are not the cause of high property taxes in Texas," Sandlin said. "Cities get only 16 percent of the property taxes paid by Texans while 55 percent is levied by school districts. Legislators don't want to deal with the real cause of high property taxes – the school finance system – because the legislature depends on rising school property taxes to balance the state budget."

Sandlin also accused the committee of misleading Texans about city taxes by making deceptive

"apples-to-oranges" comparisons with household income while ignoring the fact city property tax collections increased at less than half the rate of state taxes from 2009 to 2014.

"Locally elected officials are accountable to voters for taxing and spending decisions every time they run for election. Politicians in Austin should not impose arbitrary and punitive state restrictions on the ability of locally elected city officials to budget for the needs of their communities, especially when the safety of our citizens is at stake."

# Trump can fix healthcare and cut taxes

By Michael F. Cannon, Cato Institute

If Donald Trump and the Republican Congress have a mandate to do anything, it is to repeal Obamacare. The law is already cratering. Sick enrollees, former president Bill Clinton laments, are seeing “their premiums doubled and their coverage cut in half.” Even supportive economists admit the program is in a death spiral.

Repeat won't be easy. But if Trump sets for Congress the same agenda he laid out during the campaign, he could become America's greatest health-care reformer, all while cutting taxes more than Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush combined.

During the campaign, Trump promised legislation that “fully repeals Obamacare and replaces it with Health Savings Accounts, the ability to purchase health insurance across state lines, and lets states manage Medicaid funds.” Here's how he can work with Congress to fulfill that pledge.

## 1. Fully repeal Obamacare.

Full repeal requires eliminating every penny of Obamacare spending, as well as every last mandate and regulation. Trump should ask Congress to send him a stand-alone bill repealing all these provisions. By the same token, he should pledge to veto any effort to preserve any of Obamacare's regulations, mandates, or spending.

Some Republicans, including Trump's reported pick for Health and Human Services secretary, Tom Price, want to modify rather than repeal Obamacare's misnamed “preexisting conditions” protections — the very provisions causing the high premiums and lousy coverage Bill Clinton laments — and keep the subsidies to insurers that Obamacare disguises as “tax credits.” This “Obamacare-lite” approach would accelerate the degradation of coverage for the sick while preserving all the problems the individual mandate creates, and it could increase spending even more than Obamacare.

By contrast, full repeal would cause health-insurance premiums to fall for the vast majority of exchange enrollees. And it would open the door to the following reforms, which would make health care better, more affordable, and more secure for hundreds of millions of Americans.

## 2. Replace Obamacare with health savings accounts (HSAs).

Currently, HSAs allow Americans to control only a portion of their health-care dollars tax-free. The tax code continues to penalize workers unless they surrender an average \$5,000-\$13,000 of their earnings to their employer, who then gets to decide what type of health-insurance plan they receive. Over the next ten years, this penalty will let employers control \$9 trillion of their workers' earnings.

Senator Jeff Flake and Representative Dave Brat have introduced legislation to expand HSAs in a way that lets workers take possession of those funds, tax-free. So-called “large” HSAs would return \$9 trillion to the people who earned it. That's an effective tax cut larger than the Reagan and Bush tax cuts combined, and nine times more than the effective tax cuts represented by a Congressional Obamacare repeal.

Workers could save their Large HSA balances, use them to purchase medical care, or use them to purchase the health plan of their choice, all tax-free. The uninsured and uninsurable would get a big tax break on their medical expenses. Large HSAs would benefit the poor most of all when 160 million newly cost-conscious consumers put downward pressure on health-care prices.

## 3. Let Americans purchase health insurance across state lines.

Letting consumers and employers buy insurance licensed by states other than their own would further reduce the cost of coverage. The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that allowing small employers to avoid unwanted regulatory costs would reduce premiums by an average of 13 percent. Congress and the president should fight to give all individuals and employers this freedom.

## 4. Let states manage Medicaid funds.

Trump should direct Congress to convert federal Medicaid funding to “block grants.” Each state would get a fixed amount of money from the federal government that does not vary from year to year, combined with full flexibility to administer their programs.

Building on the success of welfare reform, block grants would give states the incentive and flexibility to target Medicaid funds to the truly needy, while removing from the rolls millions of people who could obtain coverage on their own. States could keep covering every single Obamacare Medicaid-expansion enrollee if they wished, or establish high-risk pools for former exchange enrollees with preexisting conditions.

Critics will complain that these reforms don't provide health insurance to everyone. But guess what? Neither does Obamacare. These simple steps would mean fewer poor and sick patients falling through the cracks of America's health-care system than ever before. And that would be a legacy for the history books.

Michael F. Cannon is director of health-policy studies at the libertarian Cato Institute.

# Some icehouses became beer joints

I was at a friend's house the other day and he was breaking up some ice cubes that had frozen together. He was using an ice pick; something that I thought had faded away. Seeing that pick made me think of the days before refrigeration when ice was delivered or bought at an icehouse.

I've interviewed older people who actually got ice from a frozen pond, covered it with newspapers and quilts and treated it like it was a treasure and used it sparingly for iced tea and making ice cream. My aunt and uncle near Canton kept milk in a spring behind their house. As I recall they had a small icebox and the iceman delivered ice in 10, 25 or 50 pound blocks. In those days, ice customers had a card with numbers along each side. If they wanted 25 pounds of ice they would make sure the number 25 was at the top of the card. Then they would put the card in the window so the iceman could see it.

A long time ago, icemen would deliver ice by mule-drawn wagons. The mules were so familiar with the route the iceman seldom sat in the driver's seat. He usually stayed in the back of

the wagon and jumped out when he reached a customer's house or business. The icemen wore heavy leather vests on their backs for protection. He used tongs to grab the blocks of ice and slung them over his shoulder for delivery.

The ice was made at ice plants (always called icehouses) in 300-pound blocks. An ice pick was used to break them into smaller chunks. The process was complicated, using ammonia, water, heaters and freezers. The ice days were great for kids. They'd follow the iceman, who always gave them pieces of ice. They were special treats on a hot summer day.

As refrigerators came on the scene, icehouses began to decline. To combat the loss of business, some added items like bread, milk or beer and became like neighborhood grocery stores. “After

a while a lot of them realized the most popular item was beer so they did away with everything else,” says Jerry Markantonis, whose family owns the West Alabama Ice House in Houston. “To be a real ice house, it has to be a place that actually sold blocks of ice.” There are more than 50 icehouses listed under “taverns” in the Houston yellow pages.

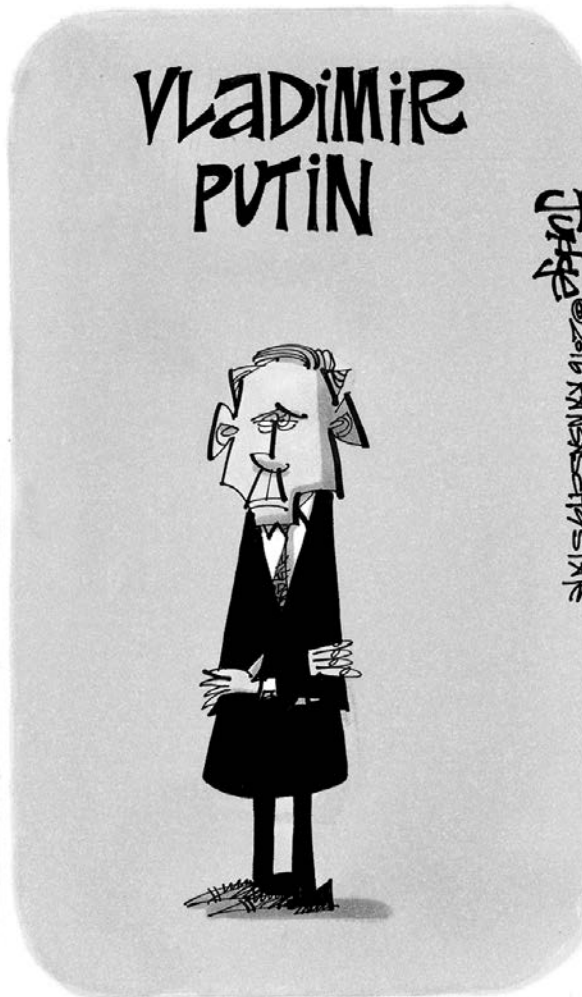
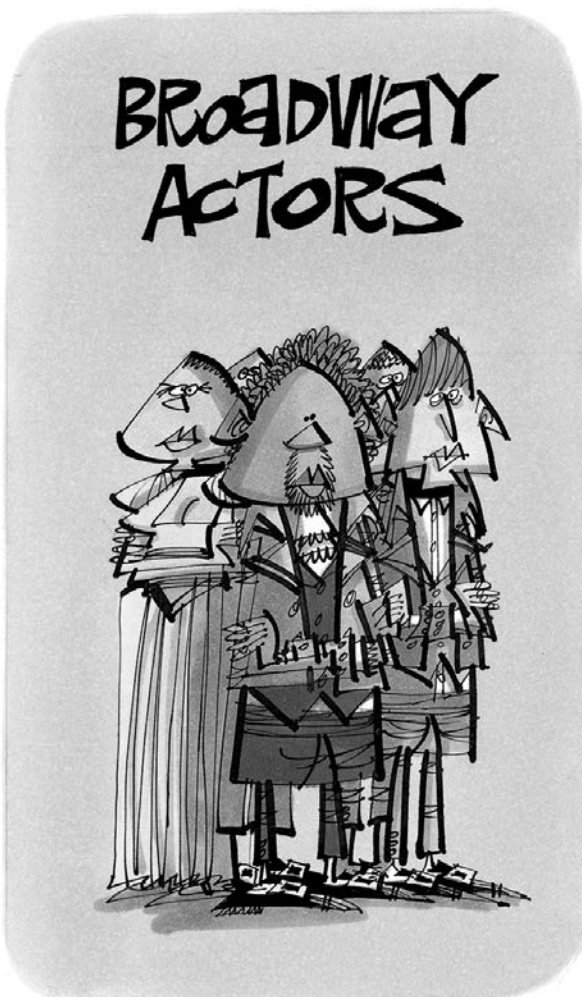
Some people say today's icehouse has inadequate parking and keeps the beer cold in tubs of crushed ice. Most of them are not air-conditioned and have outside areas where customers drink. Beer is served mostly in bottles. Customers say it tastes better than beer from a can and enjoy taking a bottle that has been buried in ice. Most icehouses are casual. You don't have to dress up to go into one. Researchers of icehouses call them folk venues or ongoing performance art.

The heyday of the icehouse was between the end of World War II and 1969 when liquor by the drink became legal in Texas. Many icehouses have been victims of urbanization and rising real estate prices. [www.tumbleweedsmith.com](http://www.tumbleweedsmith.com)



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# Alzheimer's most expensive disease

As we approach the holidays, I can't help but think of the 350,000 Texas families who have a loved one living with Alzheimer's disease.

For all of these people, the holidays can be a mixed blessing. For caregivers and families, the challenges of living with someone who has Alzheimer's can outweigh the blessings that come along during the holidays. For families this disease is devastating emotionally and, for many, financially. At a cost of \$236 billion a year, Alzheimer's is the most expensive disease in the nation.

Nearly one in every five Medicare dollars is spent on people with Alzheimer's

er's or another dementia. And, these costs will only continue to increase, soaring to more than \$1 trillion in 2050. Alzheimer's disease is the only cause of death among the top 10 in the U.S. that cannot be prevented, cured or even slowed. Today more than 5.4 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's. And, barring the development of medical breakthroughs to prevent, stop or slow Alzheimer's disease by 2050, the number of people age 65 and older with Alzheimer's disease may reach as high as 16 million people.

Alzheimer's disease is a growing crisis for our families and the economy.

The federal government must address the challenges the disease poses and take bold action to confront this crisis now. Please contact Congressman Thornberry, as well as other members of Congress, today. Ask them to continue the fight against Alzheimer's disease by approving an additional \$400 million in NIH funding fiscal year 2017 by the December 9 deadline. Action is needed now. Congress must not wait to help those living with Alzheimer's disease.

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**Ready to serve**

Natalie Monds, Jami Vierig, and Philip Monds stand ready in the food line during the Community Thanksgiving meal held at the Clarendon School Cafeteria last Thursday. Officials say they fed as many as 245 people at the school and with take-out or delivered meals during the day.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

**Conservation program assisting Monarch habitat**

TEMPLE - The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) is working in cooperation with 143 soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs) to enhance and restore Monarch butterfly habitat in Texas.

It is estimated that over the past 20 years, the Monarch population has declined from 1 billion to less than 60 million. One of the most prominent factors that contributed to the steep population decline is the loss of habitat and food sources.

The iconic orange and black insects are dependent on nectar producing vegetation to produce energy for their annual migration from Mexico to Canada. The Monarch caterpillar, on the other hand, depends on milkweed as a critical food source.

As a result of the decline in the Monarch butterfly population, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) have provided grant funds to the TSSWCB to assist in enhancing and restoring Monarch butterfly habitat.

The project will provide fund-

ing to develop conservation plans and plant pollinator-friendly plant species on 1,600 acres of rural Texas lands along the Monarch's migratory pathway. The funds made available to farmers, ranchers, or private landowners will pay \$375 per acre to cover seed cost, planting, and maintenance of the land on tracts of land between 1 and 30 acres. Entities such as schools or municipalities qualify for funding to develop a Monarch butterfly garden between 100 and 300 square feet.

The TSSWCB began accepting applications for the project on May 2, 2016. To date, 684 applications have been received to enhance and restore Monarch butterfly habitat. Of those applications, 583 were for rural plots of land between 1 and 30 acres, totaling a request of over 12,800 acres of habitat enhancement or restoration. The remaining 101 applications were for urban gardens. The current grant allows for enhancement or restoration of approximately 1,600 acres and installation of 30 Monarch butterfly gardens.

TSSWCB staff began notifying applicants of awards in June 2016. Currently, 68 individuals have

received or are receiving technical assistance through TSSWCB regional offices or SWCDs. To date, 14 Monarch Habitat Conservation Plans have been completed and certified. Planting will begin on lands with certified plans beginning December 1, 2016.

If the TSSWCB acquires additional funding for enhancement and restoration of Monarch butterfly habitat, the agency will continue to fund applications in the order that they were received.

The views and conclusions contained in this news release are those of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board's and should not be interpreted as representing the opinions or policies of the U.S. Government or the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and its funding sources. Mention of trade names or commercial products does not constitute their endorsement by the U.S. Government or the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and its funding sources.

To learn more about enhancing and restoring Monarch butterfly habitat in Texas visit, <http://www.tsswcb.texas.gov/monarch>.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting November 29, 2016, with Boss Lion Tex Buckhaults in charge.

We had 16 members and Sweethearts Hannah Howard, Cire Jauregui, and Brooke Smith this week.

Lion Ashlee Estlack reported on college activities where graduation will be held Friday night, and Lion David Dockery said the water recreation committee will meet this Thursday, December 1, as fundraising continues for that project.

Lion John Howard and Lion Jacob Fangman reported that the lights were on at the courthouse for Christmas, and Lion Mike Norrell reported on school activities.

The club discussed the upcoming Christmas basket project. The junior high and high school students are collecting canned goods for those baskets, which will be delivered December 20.

Lion Robert Taylor delivered our program on the influence of fake news during the recent election.

There being no further business, we were adjourned to spread Lionism and good cheer throughout our fair county.

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Lady Broncos & Broncos @ Miami Tournament • Away

Lady Owls & Owls @ Miami Tournament • Away

**December 2**  
Lady Broncos & Broncos @ Miami Tournament • Away

Lady Owls & Owls @ Miami Tournament • Away

**December 3**  
Saints' Roost Museum Christmas Party

Lady Broncos & Broncos @ Miami Tournament • Away

Lady Owls & Owls @ Miami Tournament • Away

**December 6**  
Lady Broncos & Broncos v Vega • 4, 5, 6:30, and 8 p.m. • Home

Lady Owls & Owls v Miami • 6 p.m. • Away

**December 9**  
Lady Owls & Owls v Silverton • 6 p.m. • Home

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**Menus**  
December 5-9

**Donley County Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Cheesburger on a bun, French fries, tomato, lettuce, pickle, oatmeal raisin cookies, iced tea/2% milk.  
Tue: Beef stew, cornbread, garden salad, apple cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.  
Wed: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, spinach, gingerbread, iced tea/2% milk.  
Thu: Meat sauce/spaghetti, tossed salad, Italian mix vegetables, garlic toast, sliced peaches, iced tea/2% milk.  
Fri: Roast turkey, cornbread dressing, seasoned broccoli, cranberry slices, pumpkin squares, wheat rolls, iced tea/2% milk.

**Hedley Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Vegetable beef stew, cornbread, tossed salad w/dressing, orange pineapple cup, diet pumpkin custard, iced tea/2% milk.  
Tue: Baked chicken breast, baked potato/sour cream, peas, pineapple tidbits, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.  
Wed: BBQ beef w/sauce, smothered potatoes, pinto beans, wheat roll, apricots, iced tea/2% milk.  
Thu: Sloppy Joe on bun, country potato salad, carrots & zucchini, creamy fruit square, iced tea/2% milk.  
Fri: Macaroni, beef, tomato, lima beans, wheat roll, fruit & oatmeal bar, iced tea/2% milk.

**Clarendon ISD**  
Breakfast  
Mon: Pancakes, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.  
Tue: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk.  
Wed: Scrambled eggs, fruit, fruit juice, milk.  
Thu: Sausage kolache, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.  
Fri: Egg & cheese sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch  
Mon: Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, strawberries, roll, fruit, milk.  
Tue: Spaghetti bowl, salad, California blend, peaches, breadstick, milk.  
Wed: Chicken quesadilla, corn, charro beans, cinnamon apple-sauce, milk.  
Thu: Texas chili, cornbread, broccoli bites, tomato cup, orange, milk.  
Fri: Popcorn chicken, oven fries, cucumber dippers, fruit, roll, milk.

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Breakfast  
Mon: Pancakes, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.  
Tue: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk.  
Wed: Biscuit, egg, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.  
Thu: Sausage kolache & yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.  
Fri: Breakfast club, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch  
Mon: Steak fingers, roll, gravy, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, strawberries & banana, milk.  
Tue: Spaghetti bowl, breadstick, garden salad, California blend vegetables, sliced peaches, milk.  
Wed: Texas combo plate, corn, charro beans, lettuce, tomato garnish, cinnamon applesauce, milk.  
Thu: Texas chili, cornbread, broccoli bites, tomato cup, orange smiles, milk.  
Fri: Popcorn chicken, roll, oven fries, cucumber dippers, fresh fruit, cookie, milk.

# Cub Scouts held annual Rain Gutter Regatta

Clarendon Cub Scout Pack 437 held its annual Rain Gutter Regatta Monday night at the First United Methodist Church.

Mason Allred won the Championship Trophy, beating 17 other competitors in five dens. Blowing his homemade boat down the track, Allred was also the fastest in Den 3. Other first place winners were Bodhi Schlegelmilch – Den 1, Ronan Howard – Den 4 & 5, and Jacob Murrillo – Den 2.

Following the competition, rank advancements and achievements were recognized.

Earning their Bobcat ranks were Justus McAnear, Hagen Newman, Flint Pittman, Jaxon Robertson, Bodhi Schlegelmilch, Koltyn Shields, Blake Ratcliff, and James Anderson.

Den 1 Tiger Cubs Bodhi, Justus, Flint, and Hagen all received their loops for Games Tigers Play and Family Duty to God.

Den 5 Wolf Cubs Logan Mathis and Ronan received their Duty to God Footsteps loop, and Eli Ritchie earned his Call of the Wild loop.

Den 4 Bear Cubs Kaendan Moffett and Haughton Bivens earned their Bear Necessities loop.

Den 3 Webelos Ben Estlack, Daniel Estlack, Mason Allred, Henry Bivens, John Anderson, Blake Ratcliff, and Jaythan Green all received their First Responder pin.

The Cubs next Pack meeting will be their annual Blue & Gold celebration in February, which will feature rank advancement recognitions and the bridging of Den 2 Webelos into Boy Scouts.



On Monday night the Clarendon Cub Scout Pack 437 met at the First United Methodist Church for their annual Rain Gutter Regatta.

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## Don't let thieves steal your holiday cheer

Hi, gang! Shop at home first. If you must go to a large city to shop, remember that the scammers, thieves, and other people who want to do you harm are there waiting for you. Take precautions especially if you are shopping at night. Remember these people are there to harm you.

"Don't Let scammers take away your holiday cheer" by Amy Hebert, FTC

You've got meals to plan and gifts to buy. The last thing you need is to lose money to a scam. Here are three ways to avoid giving your hard-earned money to a scammer this holiday season. Know how NOT to pay. Is someone asking you to pay with an iTunes or Amazon gift card? Or telling you to wire money through services like Western Union or MoneyGram? Don't do it.

Scammers ask you to pay in ways that let them get the money fast – and make it nearly impossible for you to get it back. If you're doing any holiday shopping online, know that credit cards have a lot of fraud

protection built in.

**S**pot imposters: Imposters pretend to be someone you trust to convince you to send money or personal information. They might say you qualified for a free government grant, but you have to pay a fee to get it. Or they might send phishing emails that seem to be from your bank asking you to "verify" your credit card or checking account number. Don't buy it. Learn more about spotting imposter scams.

Make sure your money goes to real charities. As a reformed Ebenezer Scrooge shows us year after year, the holidays are an important time to share with people in need. Unfortunately, sometimes charity scammers try to take advantage of your good will. And even when you're dealing with legitimate charities, it's still important to make sure a charity will



**bob's whittlin'**  
by bob watson

spend your donation the way you want it to. Always check out a charity before you give.

Want a bonus tip? Sign up for free scam alerts from the FTC at [ftc.gov/scams](http://ftc.gov/scams), and read 10 Things You Can Do to Avoid Fraud. If you spot a scam, report it at [ftc.gov/complaint](http://ftc.gov/complaint). Your reports help the FTC and other law enforcement investigate scams and bring the people behind them to justice.

"What you need to know about rent-to-own home deals" by Amy Hebert, FTC

You dream about buying a house, but you can't at least not yet. Maybe you don't have the money for a down payment, or you've had problems with your credit. But what if someone offered you a chance to eventually own the house you're renting? You might be told it's a chance to "stop throwing money away on rent." But we've heard that many people who thought these deals were a path to owning a home watched their dreams disappear instead.

In a rent-to-own deal, the

person or company that owns a home agrees to sell it to you in the future for a specific price. Rent you pay now is counted toward your future down payment on the house. But these deals can be risky – and even flat-out scams. Sometimes people find out: the "seller" doesn't really own the property, the owner hasn't paid property taxes, the house is in terrible shape, or has issues like lead or asbestos, promised fixes aren't made after a contract is signed, the house is getting foreclosed on.

Even with legitimate rent-to-own deals, the devil is in the details. You might have to pay upfront fees and higher monthly payments than if you were renting. In some deals, if you miss a payment, the deal is off. If you do make it to the end, you might find you're locked into paying more than the home is now worth, or that you can't qualify for a mortgage to finish paying off the house.

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Mom and Dad, you are teaching those girls American values.



**'wick picks**  
by peggy cockerham  
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Christmas is coming, houses are being decked out in lights and red and green decorations, trees are going up, and excitement is in

the air. Ole Jim and I have not started that job as yet but will this week.

After all these years, I have a rather large collection of Christmas decorations. I would guess about half are put out each year and are confined to two rooms, the remainder stay in the attic. Ole Jim has a little part of the Grinch in him and grumbles under his breath saying, "Next year we are cutting back." I just smile. I am looking forward to another Christmas.

## Trying out of UIL

A few weeks ago, I tried out for Number Sense UIL. After our tests were in, we learned who was going to be on the team. Me, Tandie Cummins, Hayden Elam, and Aiden Word made the team. I ended up being the alternate. That means if someone can't make it to a competition, I take their spot.



**the cub reporter**  
by benjamin estlack

Number Sense is fun because you learn how to do math that we won't learn in class until later. You can't do any of the work on paper, but we are taught tricks to learn how to do all the math in our heads. I really like my team, and I think being the alternate is good. We're on our few last practices now. We have to get as much in as we can before competition.

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Ernest Neal "Ernie" Johnston was a man known for his love of his family and his community.

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Ernie helped develop Clarendon's city recycling program and helped educate residents about the importance of recycling. As a county commissioner, Ernie helped guide the restoration of the 1890 Donley County Courthouse. He also served as the county's emergency coordinator, was a reserve deputy, and was named the Pioneer Man of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce for 2008.

Ernie was a man who wore many hats and who showed his love for his family and fellow man through his every day actions. He passed away in 2010 but his laugh and his smile are still remembered.

The Whistle-Stop and the community salute the memory of Ernie Johnston for his friendship, service, and contributions of time and talent to our city and county. Thank you, Ernie!

## Scenes from the Courthouse Lighting



Clarendon Girl Scouts singing before the lighting.



Clarendon Cub Scouts singing before the lighting.



The Howard Family singing Christmas carols and seasonal music Saturday night at the Donley County Courthouse.



Ella Estlack and Matthew Newhouse admire the lights on Santa's sleigh after the lighting of the courthouse square Saturday night.

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# Greer to play in Blue-Grey All-American Bowl

Clarendon High School senior Seth Greer has been selected to play in the Blue-Grey All-American Bowl on December 22 at Dallas Cowboys' AT&T Stadium.

Greer, 6'3" 270 lbs., participated in the Blue-Grey National Super Combine at AT&T Stadium in June. From that performance, he was chosen to play in this year's bowl game. This fall, he had a standout season on the Clarendon Broncos who finished the year 8-3 (3-2 in District play). Greer was in on 40 tackles with a couple of quarterback sacks from his defensive tackle position. On offense, he graded out at 97 percent at right tackle.

"Seth is the strongest player I have ever had in 25 years of coaching football," said Clarendon Athletic Director Gary Jack. "He is a workaholic in the weight room and continues to get better with his footwork.

Seth had a great year for Clarendon, he dominated on our offensive line. There is no doubt Seth is college material."

Greer is looking to get more exposure in the Blue-Grey All-American bowl, which is touted as the best of best meeting on the big stage. NFL veteran and three-time defending winner Mark McMillian will coach the West, while NFL veteran and Alabama alum George Teague coaches the East.

Blue-Grey Football was established in 1989 by Gus Bell and his son Erik Bell to help prep prospects from all over the country receive national exposure and increase their chances to secure college scholarships.

While talks continue for a television deal, the game will also be nationally streamed on Impact Football Network.



Seth Greer

## Lady Colts drop games to Wheeler

The seventh and eighth grade Lady Colts fell short against two good Wheeler teams on the road last Monday night. The seventh grade lost 18-46, and the eighth grade narrowly lost 19-23.

The seventh grade Lady Colts fell behind early and had trouble regrouping in the first half. They played better after the break, but they were unable to stop the Lady Mustangs. Hadleigh Halsell put in 10 points, and Madi Smith added four. Kaitlyn Davis and Kaylee Bruce each had two.

The eighth grade Lady Colts fought hard in the opening half of play and only trailed Wheeler by one point at the break. The game remained close in the second half,

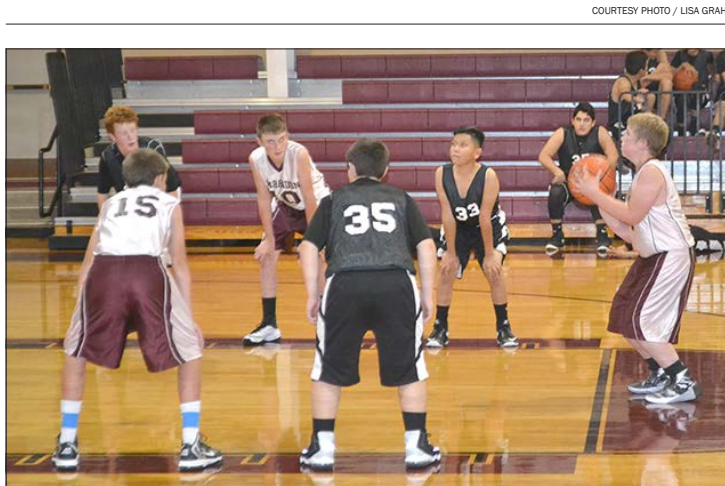
but the ladies were not able to do enough to get the win. Ashlynn Newsome led the scorers with seven, Jade Benson and Amnesty Oatman each had five, and Aubrey Jaramillo and Kaylin Hicks helped with two apiece.

"Both teams played hard, but they just couldn't get things going their way," coach Carrie Hicks said. "The seventh grade struggled against Wheeler's zone defense. The eighth grade team did slow down and run their offense, but neither of them could get their shots to fall. We did come away from our losses with things we need to improve."

The Lady Colts will travel to Panhandle on Monday, December 5, and play at 5:00 p.m.



Calder Havens, a 7th grade student, plays for the 8th grade team Monday against Wheeler.



Brock Hatley shoots a free throw against Wheeler while Koyt Tucek and Josiah Howard prepare to rebound.

## Bronco JV turns up heat on Lockney

After the first quarter of play, the Bronco junior varsity had little trouble subduing the Longhorns in their 57-42 win in the Bronco Gym last Tuesday night.

After a tough eight minutes, the Broncos found their rhythm and began to convert shots.

They got things rolling before the break to take the lead and continued to build on that in the second

half of play. Noab Elam was on fire and finished with 28 points. Preston Elam and Daquawne Oliver each finished with 10. Jaydon Monds helped with four, Collin Butler added three, and Trent Smith put in two.

The Broncos will participate in the Borger Tournament December 1 and 3 and will take on Vega at home on Tuesday, December 6, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

## Seventh grade Colts rope the Mustangs

Clarendon's seventh grade Colts fought hard against Wheeler at home last Monday night and earned a 27-18 win.

The Colts led throughout the game and never allowed the Mustangs to get an edge on them. They led by six after the first quarter but were able to increase that lead to double figures at the break. They worked hard in the second half to hold onto their lead and get the win.

Koyt Tucek led the Colts on the scoreboard with nine, and Brock Hatley added eight. Josiah Howard put in six, and Jodee Pigg added four.

The eighth grade Colts fought hard but fell short losing, 13-41. They were outmatched against Wheeler, who not only had the numbers, they had the size as well.

The Colts were scoreless in the first quarter but managed to put six on the board before halftime. They trailed throughout the game, but they did not give up and continued to work hard. Calder Havens and Ethan Babcock each had five, and Chase Gwin put in three.

The Colts will play Panhandle at home on Monday, December 5, at 5:00 p.m.



Kadee Lockeby helps the Lady Owls with a 33-19 win over Shamrock.



Emma Lambert against Shamrock Junior High.

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Kaitlyn Davis plays point guard for the 7th grade girls basketball team against Wheeler.

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Sophia Bilbrey asking for the basketball at Wheeler last Monday.

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## Broncos bust Longhorns, 74-46

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Broncos had no problem sliding by Lockney at home last Tuesday night. They were able to work both ends of the court and earned a 74-46 win.

The Broncos jumped on the Longhorns early taking a 22-point lead into the break. Lockney was unable to stop the Broncos as they executed their offense almost perfectly. Clarendon was dominant on the defensive end and stopped Lock-

ney from finding a rhythm.

"We did a good job of taking care of the basketball," coach Brandt Lockhart said. "I was pleased with our defensive effort."

The big five accounted for 64 of the Broncos' total score. Keandre Cortez led the scoring effort with 17 and Chance Lockhart put in 16. Colt Wood had 11 and Marshal Johnson and Jared Jeffers each had 10. Bryce Grahn and Damarjae Cortez each had four and Bear Smith added two

to finish out the scoring.

The Broncos' rebounding was good as well with Grahn grabbing 10 and Smith getting nine. Grahn led with seven assists and Wood and D. Cortez each helped with five. Grahn also led in steals with six and D. Cortez and Smith each had two.

The Broncos will participate in the Miami Tournament December 1-3 and play Vega at home on Tuesday, December 6, beginning at 8:00 p.m.

## Lady Broncos slam Lady Longhorns

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos took on the Lockney Lady Longhorns at home last Tuesday night and finished with a 57-33 win. According to coach Korey Conkin, the ladies began slow, but regained their offense and were able to put points on the board.

After playing the first quarter the ladies led by three, but were able to put on a scoring show in the second eight minutes. They put 16 points on the board to take a sizable lead into the break.

"The girls played a great game," Conkin said. "We had trouble early, missing too many easy buckets, but once we found our rhythm, it was good. Our defense keeps getting better with time and we are learning to control our bodies and stay out of foul trouble."

The Lady Broncos shot 50 percent from the free throw line and had 19 total fouls.

Berkeley Alexander was strong inside for the ladies and finished with 21 points to lead the Lady Broncos

on the scoreboard. She also made 75 percent of her free throws. Brianna Butler went five for seven from the bonus line and put in 15 points to help her team. Shaelyn Owiti had nine, which include one three-pointer, and Hannah Hommel added six. Emily Johnson had four, Hannah Howard 2, and Briley Chadwick 1.

The Lady Broncos will participate in the Miami Tournament December 1-3 and play Vega at home on Tuesday, December 6, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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## Texas Medicaid brings back mosquito repellent benefit

AUSTIN – The Texas Health and Human Services Commission announced last week that it is reinstating the Medicaid benefit for mosquito repellent due to the first reported case of Zika virus disease likely transmitted by a mosquito in Texas.

Texas quickly made the decision to bring back the benefit, which had ended Oct. 31, given the possibility of local transmission and risk of Zika in the local community. The newly reported case is a Cameron County resident who is not pregnant. Zika is spread primarily by

mosquito bite and can cause severe birth defects in unborn children whose mothers are infected while pregnant.

The benefit begins tomorrow and will be in place through December, as the state collects more information about the case and scope of transmission in Texas.

“We will do all that we can to protect Texans and slow the spread of the Zika virus,” said HHSC Executive Commissioner Charles Smith. “Insect repellent is the best way to protect yourself, and we want it to be widely available.”

Eligible Texas women can go to participating pharmacies to pick up mosquito repellent, as Texas Medicaid has a standing order for mosquito repellent prescriptions for women who are between the ages of 10 and 45 or pregnant.

The benefit includes two cans per month per eligible beneficiary. Women are encouraged to call the pharmacy ahead of time because supply can vary by location.

Women eligible for the Medicaid, CHIP and CHIP-Perinate programs are covered. Women covered under the Healthy Texas Women and

Children with Special Health Care Needs programs also can receive the benefit.

The following Zika-related items also are covered under current Texas Medicaid benefits: Family planning services, Contraceptives, Diagnostic testing, Targeted case management, Physical therapy, Long term services and support, Acetaminophen and oral electrolytes for Zika symptoms, and Potential coverage for additional ultrasounds for pregnant women.

For more information about the Zika virus, visit [TexasZika.org](http://TexasZika.org).

## Size matters when it comes to forages fed to beef cattle

AMARILLO – Just how much forage does a ruminant need if a ruminant does need forage?

Dr. Jenny Jennings, a Texas A&M AgriLife Research beef nutritionist in Amarillo, and her team are on their second research trial aimed at determining forage needs for proper rumination in beef cattle consuming high concentrate diets.

“We want to feed finishing cattle in an efficient manner that best utilizes our commodity resources while maintaining animal health and well-being,” Jennings said.

“Roughage has always been known to be an important part of a ruminant’s diet, but has been largely forgotten about in feedlot research,” she said. “Limited forage in a grain-based diet can result in metabolic disorders on the back end, which can cost the producer and the packer money.”

The dairy industry has done extensive forage research in this area, Jennings said, so “I wanted to see if we could come up with a natural abatement strategy with forage to prevent certain metabolic disorders in feedlot cattle. We know we need it, we just don’t know exactly how much and particular physical characteristics of the forage that can benefit the animal.”

Her team is utilizing expertise and technology from the dairy industry to gather the data, including the use of rumination collars, something that hadn’t been done previously in beef cattle. These collars measure when and how long a feedlot animal is essentially chewing its cud.

“We had no idea what the appropriate rumination time was of a finishing beef animal before this study,” Jennings said.

She said they have several objectives with this multiyear study funded by the Beef Sustainability Initiative through AgriLife Research. The first year’s results were recently published in the *Journal of Animal Science* and can be found at <http://bit.ly/2f8EKgU>.

“We want to determine what the optimum rumination minutes are per day in feedlot cattle. We want to know how we can maintain or improve that number with minimal logistic changes for a feedlot.

“And finally, we want to gather enough data on forage sources, particle length and inclusion rate in the diet to develop better capabilities to predict performance based off of forage and diet characteristics.”

Because ruminants need that “scratch” factor to aid in rumination or digestibility, Jennings said she

started with the premise that maybe grinding the forage less finely, thus making longer stalks or particles, would be the answer instead of adding more forage.

“The challenge was to measure and validate how much forage is needed in finishing beef cattle rations and how forage, particle size and inclusion rate affect performance,” Jennings said.

That’s when she utilized the collars with the help of SCR Dairy, an entity of Allflex.

The study included 54 head of cattle fed in three different treatments: inclusion of 5 percent long-particle forage, 5 percent short-particle forage and 10 percent short-particle forage to the feed ration.

“We found the 5 percent long-particle ration was very comparable as far as rumination minutes per day as the 10 percent short particle,” she said. “The 5 percent short particle had the lowest rumination per day, but the best feed conversion. So where is the balance?”

At the conclusion of the first study using the collars, “we determined feedlots can in fact feed less of a larger particle size of forage and get the same results in rumination as a higher rate of small particle forage,” Jennings said.

## Obituaries

### Skaggs

Marie Skaggs, 79, died Tuesday, November 22, 2016, in Memphis.

Services were held on Friday, November 25, 2016 in the First United Methodist Church in Memphis with Rev. Dale Griswold, officiating.

Burial followed at Rowe Cemetery in Hedley.

Arrangements were under the direction Robertson Funeral Directors of Memphis.

Marie was born February 8,

1937 in Hedley to O.C. and Mary Bland Hill. She married J.D. Skaggs on June 4, 1955 in Hedley. She had been a resident of Memphis since 2006 and loved her grandkids dearly. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Memphis.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her grandparents, Daddy and Bunny Bland; 1 brother; 3 sisters.

She is survived by her husband, J.D. Skaggs of Memphis; 3 daughters, Vicky Knowles and husband Anthony and Kay Manuel and husband Gary all of Memphis, and Cheryl Skaggs of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; 3 sisters, Oattie Dollins and Rose Smith both of Clarendon, and Beneva Adams of Pampa; 3 grandchildren, Josh Talley, Matthew Talley, and Dustin Knowles; and 7 great grandchildren.

The family request memorials

be sent to Rowe Cemetery Association in Hedley.

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### Bolles

Elois Jearlene Bolles, 91, died Sunday, November 27, 2016, in Tyler.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, December 1, 2016, in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon with Rev. Larry Capranica, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral

Directors of Clarendon.

Mrs. Bolles was born December 23, 1924 in Clarksville, Texas to Charles Everett and Martha Watson. She had been a resident of Plainview before moving to Palestine 3 years ago. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Virgil Bolles; 2 brothers, L.A. and D.A. Watson; a sister, Lela Lester; a grandchild; and a great grandchild.

She is survived by her daughter, Vivian Watts and husband Ralph of Palestine; her son, Lloyd Ward and wife Sarah of Lake Palestine; 4 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; and 6 great great grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

The family request memorials be sent to East Texas Hospice.



Skaggs



Bolles

## Sheriff's Report

### November 21, 2016

2:09 a.m. – Security check – 200 block Sadie Drive  
10:50 p.m. – See caller Goodnight Street

### November 22, 2016

1:35 a.m. – See caller 700 block South Collinson  
2:27 p.m. – To jail with 2 in custody

### November 23, 2016

9:31 a.m. – Welfare check Co Rd 13  
10:58 a.m. – EMS assist location not logged

12:08 p.m. – EMS assist Ambulance Station  
1:00 p.m. – See caller 100 block Lloyd - Howardwick

5:24 p.m. – Loose livestock Co Rd 7  
11:08 p.m. – EMS assist 700 block West 2nd

### November 24, 2016

5:50 a.m. – Commercial burglar alarm 600 block West 2nd  
9:15 a.m. – Welfare check 100 block

North Bailey - Hedley  
12:36 p.m. – Units paged – House fire 200 block South Sims

### November 25, 2016

2:44 a.m. – EMS assist 300 block Rosenfield  
9:09 a.m. – EMS assist 300 block Rosenfield

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**Extension test lentil potential as winter crop**

VERNON – Just as lentils add variety to a soup, Dr. Emi Kimura believes they could add variety to the crop options for wheat producers in the Rolling Plains.

Lentils are legumes that grow in pods on a bushy plant, and as a legume, they are high in nitrogen, which would be beneficial for the following wheat crop, Kimura, a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agronomist in Vernon, said.

"In the Rolling Plains of Texas, our crop options are limited because of rainfall," she said. "Our average is 25 inches of annual precipitation, but that is not spread out through the growing season. Primarily it comes in the spring and fall, so during the summer growing season, we really don't have enough moisture. We have to concentrate on drought-tolerant crops."

Currently, she said, the crop options for fall planting are limited to canola. Canola has done very well, improving soil tilth for the following wheat production.

"But it would be nice to have an additional crop rotation option to not only improve soil health, but to also improve wheat production," Kimura said. "Lentil is a grain legume that can improve overall fertility in the soil through nitrogen fixation as well as allow grassy weed control and break disease cycles."

Lentils are also known to be very tolerant to the extreme environmental conditions such as high temperatures and low limited moisture conditions, she said.

"If we get too much stress during the flowering or fruit set, that might reduce the yield potential, but it is still a strong drought-tolerant crop that can be planted as a winter crop," Kimura said.

In the U.S., the lentil crop is generally planted in the Pacific Northwest in Washington and Idaho and is planted in the spring, she said. However, there have been considerable studies to improve the winter hardiness of lentils so they can be planted in the fall as winter lentils.

"I believe winter lentils will work better than spring lentils because our summer precipitation is so low and summer heat might be too high," Kimura said.

"I planted a variety called Morton winter lentil on Sept. 30 at the AgriLife Research station at Chillicothe, along with winter wheat and canola, just to compare the rotation options. Next year I will come back and plant winter wheat after the winter lentil to investigate how it positively or negatively affects the winter wheat."

Beyond this initial study, Kimura said more studies will need to be done on seeding rate, variety, timing, and weed and insect control.

"If we can make it work, we can improve crop diversity or available crop options for Rolling Plains' wheat producers," she said.

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