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THIS WEEK

- 2 Readers agree that parents need to take control of bratty kids.
- 3 The Donley County 4-H Club collects items for the food pantry.
- 6 Trees are available from the Soil & Water Conservation District.
- 9 And several Broncos make the all district team.

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

Kennedy joins roster list of office seekers

Filing for next year's elections continues this week in the Donley County Clerk's office with one new addition to the roster of candidates.

Democrat Ann Kennedy has filed for re-election as Justice of the Peace for Precincts 3&4. She joins County Judge Jack Hall on the Democratic primary ballot.

The Republican line up includes US Rep. Mac Thornberry, County Treasurer Wanda Smith, Pct. 2 County Commissioner Donnie Hall, and Landon Paul Lambert, who has filed to run for county attorney.

Other local positions up for election next year include county and district clerk, commissioner of Precinct 4, and justice of the peace for Precincts 1 & 2.

Filing continues through 6 p.m. January 2, 2006. Those seeking public office will be required to pay a \$750 filing fee or can present a petition to waive the fee.

The primary elections will be held March 7, 2006.

Teller Cartel runs sixth in Los Alamitos race

Several Clarendon eyes were on Teller Cartel in the wee hours of Saturday morning when the American Quarter Horse partially owned by Walt and Janice Knorpp ran in the Los Alamitos Million futurity in California.

But despite having posted the race's fastest qualifying time, Teller Cartel did not show and finished in sixth place after leaving the gate on top in the ten-horse contest.

Value The Man claimed first place, followed by Higher Fire and Finding Nemo.

Even though he didn't win, Teller Cartel earned \$72,200 to take his season tally to \$1,212,471, according to the Los Alamitos Web site. The All-American futurity winner ranks 21st in the list of all-time leading horses by money earned.

Friendship Club plans Christmas gathering

The Howardwick Friendship Club will meet this Friday, December 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Howardwick City Hall.

Santa will be on hand with a toy for good little boys and girls, and everyone will get a fruit and candy sock. Music will be provided by Nelda Grider.

Bring a dish and join the fun.

Little Dribblers to hold meeting next Tuesday

Anyone interested in coaching or helping with Little Dribblers is asked to attend a meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in Mrs. Perryman's classroom in the elementary.

If you have any questions or cannot attend, please contact Dee Perryman at 874-2465.

Train derails in Clarendon

Clean up continues this week after a southbound Burlington Northern-Santa Fe coal train derailed in Clarendon last Thursday morning.

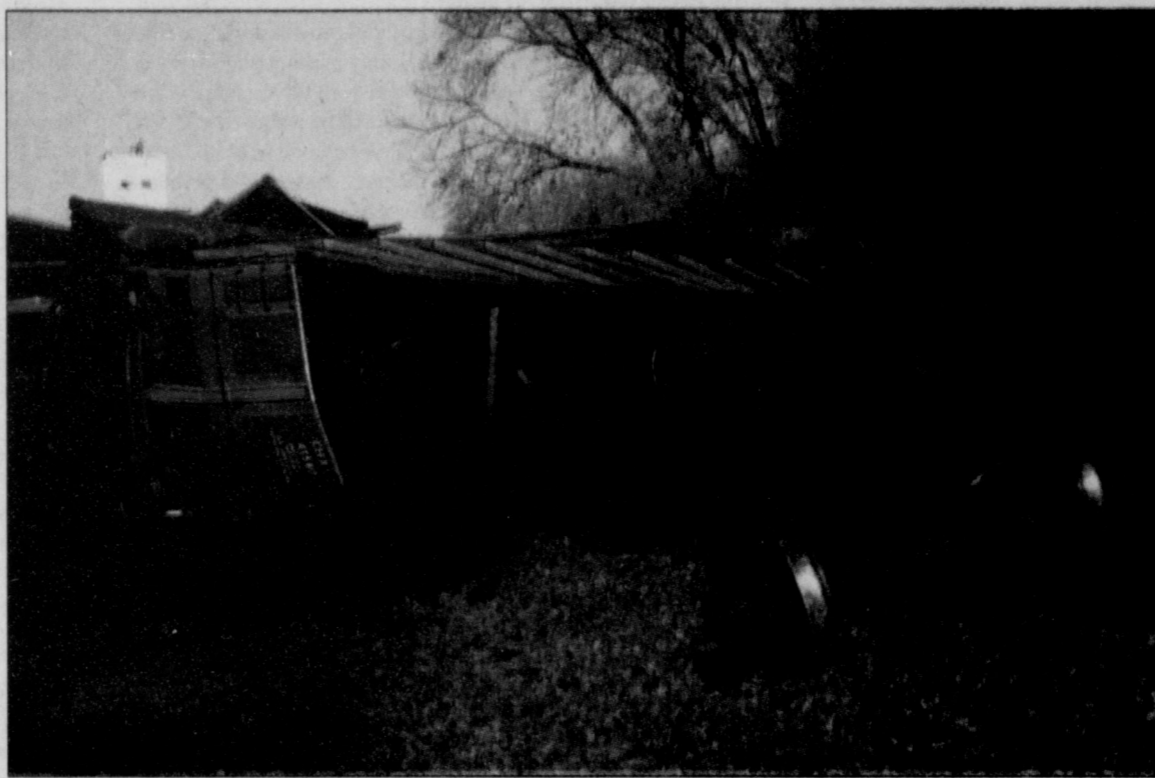
Twenty-seven loaded coal cars of the 121-car, three-engine train derailed north of the 200, 300, and 400 blocks of East First Street. Coal and mangled metal littered the scene around cars, which had been smashed together and some of which were jutting into the air.

BNSF Director of Public Affairs Joe Faust said the railroad is still looking into the cause of the derailment, but he did confirm that a bridge was demolished during the wreck.

Faust said no one was injured in the accident, which happened about 6 a.m.

The train crew notified the railroad dispatcher who in turn notified local authorities. But despite some citizens having heard the wreck or seen its aftermath, the Donley County Sheriff's Department did not receive any local calls about the accident until 8 a.m. even though part of the end of the train was blocking the crossing at Kearney Street.

Crews from Hulcher Professional Services were dispatched to



Coal and wreckage litter the scene after the derailment of a BNSF train here last week.

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Clarendon, and the BNSF railway was reopened at 4 a.m. on Friday, Faust said.

The train originated in Caballo,

Wyoming, and was bound for Iola, Texas. Each coal car carries an estimated 120 tons of coal, but coal recovered from the wreck-

age is not salvageable, Faust said. Some wrecked cars will remain in Clarendon until railroad officials can determine their usefulness.

Hedley man recovering from crash

A Hedley man was injured in a one-car accident last Thursday when his car ran off a county road.

David Forbes, age 52, was recovering Monday in University Medical Center in Lubbock, according to Department of Public Safety Trooper Chad Simpson.

Forbes was northbound on County Road 24 when his 2000 Pontiac Grand Prix traveled into the east ditch and struck at least four trees before coming to rest, Simpson said. Forbes, who was wearing his seatbelt, was pinned inside the car.

A passing motorist tried to help and called 911. The DPS, Associated Ambulance Authority EMTs, the Donley County Sheriff's Department, and the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department all responded to the call. Emergency personnel extracted Forbes, who was airlifted to North West Texas Hospital in Amarillo and later transferred to UMC.

An official cause of the accident has not been determined.

Sales tax receipts show higher local sales

Sales tax receipts for local cities increased again this month, according to information released Friday by Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn.

The Clarendon economy produced a sales tax allocation for December 21.51 percent higher than the same time a year with the city receiving \$20,640.18 this month.

The city will close the calendar year having posted significant gains in nine out of the last ten months, and the year-to-date figure now stands at \$269,037.02, an increase of more

than nine percent.

Likewise, Hedley collected \$694.88 this month compared to \$317.60 for the same period one year ago. Howardwick received \$1,034.18, which up from \$850.15 last year. Both cities are also ahead for the year-to-date with Hedley posting a 13.32 percent increase and Howardwick 3.91 percent higher than last year.

November state sales tax collections and December sales tax allocations to local governments mainly represent sales that occurred

in October.

Statewide some Southeast Texas communities continue to see declines in their sales tax revenue as a result of Hurricane Rita, but overall state and local sales tax revenues are up. Texas cities received \$252.8 million in sales tax allocations, up 15.8 percent compared to December 2004.

The state collected \$1.58 billion in sales tax in November, up 9.4 percent compared to November 2004. December sales tax allocations to local governments rose by \$50.8 million, or 15.8 percent, compared

to December 2004. Sales tax allocations are up 19 percent in 22 counties that were declared disaster areas following Hurricane Rita.

"These sales tax numbers tell the story of Texans' heroic response to hurricanes Katrina and Rita," Strayhorn said. "They show the generosity of Texans who purchased millions of dollars worth of clothing, household goods and emergency supplies for those in need. And the numbers reflect spending by thousands of evacuees, who were welcomed in cities throughout Texas.

Only 25 local governments in 22 Southeast Texas disaster counties show declines in their December allocations, compared to 73 local governments whose sales tax revenue dropped in November. Cities, counties, special taxing districts and a transit system located within the disaster area lost about \$271,000 in sales tax in December, compared to losses of \$2.3 million in November.

"Some towns continue to lose sales tax revenue because they have businesses that have not been able to reopen," Strayhorn said.

Late Night jackpot climbs to \$300

No big winner last week means the jackpot has climbed to \$300 in Christmas Cash for this week's Late Night Shopping drawing this Thursday.

Several participating merchants on Kearney Street will be open until 8:30 p.m., and the drawing will be held at 8 p.m.

The Chamber of Commerce is supporting Late Night Shopping this year by giving away \$100 in Christmas Cash each Thursday between now and Christmas. The jackpot rolls over when there is no winner.

Shoppers can register from 5

p.m. to 7:45 p.m. at any participating Christmas Cash merchant. You must be 18 years old to register. Five people will get a chance to spin the wheel for prizes from local merchants and the jackpot.

Last week's winners were Chris Tucek, Kiiipa Hayes, Judy Burlin, Greg Byars, and Cheryl Phillips, who spun the wheel two weeks ago.

This week marks the return of wagon rides downtown, which is being sponsored by several local merchants and is free to kids of all ages. Also this week, the Burton Memorial Library will hold its Open

House with refreshments and caroling led by local Girl Scouts

St. Nicholas will be downtown this Thursday. Kids are encouraged to come tell him all their wishes.

The Downtown Ministry Center will be open and will serve hot chocolate and refreshments.

Late Night Shopping will continue December 22, and the library will host photos with Santa at that time.

Support your local merchants this holiday season, and watch for their Christmas specials and holiday hours in the pages of the ENTERPRISE.



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Wells returns to Wellington after Iraq duty

Spc. Tommy G. Wells, a 2003 graduate of Hedley High School (pictured right), is now back home in Wellington following his deployment to Iraq in January 2005.

Wells is a member of the Army National Guard Unit 2/142. He and his unit returned to Fort Hood on December 6, 2005.

Tommy's friends and family, who are very proud of him, have welcomed him back home and are glad he is safe.

They ask that everyone still keep in their prayers the many men and women who are still serving in Iraq, especially those away from loved ones this season.



Thornberry fights against tax increases

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Americans from a wide range of income levels will be spared higher tax bills next year as a result of legislation approved this week by the U.S. House of Representatives.

Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) voted in favor of H.R. 4297, the "Tax Relief Extension Reconciliation Act," which was approved by a 234-197 margin.

"What this bill does is plain and simple - it prevents a tax increase by keeping our tax law as is," said Thornberry.

Unless action is taken, a long list of tax relief measures approved by Congress in recent years will expire in the near future. H.R. 4297 will extend such provisions as reduced tax rates on capital gains and dividends, full benefit of "percentage depletion" deductions for marginal oil and gas well producers, the

"saver's tax credit" available to lower income workers contributing to retirement accounts, and above-the-line deductions for higher education expenses and out-of-pocket teacher classroom expenses. (Above-the line deductions can be claimed without having to itemize deductions.)

H.R. 4297 also protects the new income tax deduction for state and local sales taxes that was granted to Texas residents in a bill passed last year.

The Senate has passed legislation similar to H.R. 4297. Differences between the House and Senate bills will be worked out in a conference committee.

Thornberry also voted for another measure to protect taxpayers approved on a 414-4 vote yesterday in the House. H.R. 4096, the "Stealth Tax Relief Act of 2005," prevents a tax increase by the Alternative

Minimum Tax (AMT).

The original purpose of the AMT was to prevent higher income taxpayers from using tax credits, deductions, and other means to avoid paying taxes. However, because the exemption levels are not routinely adjusted for inflation, the AMT is now falling on many middle class taxpayers. The higher exemption levels preserved through H.R. 4096 will keep an estimated 15.4 million middle class Americans from facing a tax increase from the AMT.

Thornberry believes tax relief approved in recent years has played a vital role in our nation's economic recovery following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Since May of 2003, 4.4 million new jobs have been created in this country - an expansion that is continuing despite this summer's devastating hurricanes.

guest commentary

Growing wealth leads to defeat of oppression

By Daniel T. Griswold

President Bush's trip to Asia highlighted once again America's ambivalence toward China.

While China has emerged as one of our most important commercial partners, its rising wealth has also raised new concerns about its military might and intentions.

Those concerns were stoked by a recent report by the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, which predictably painted virtually every aspect of the U.S.-China relationship in ominous hues. The reality is far more positive for both the U.S. and the future of freedom in China.

China's emergence from centuries of isolation and stagnation is one of the great stories of our time. The world's most populous nation has rejoined the global economy.

As Bush and other visitors to China see firsthand, hundreds of millions of citizens there are beginning to taste the rewards of middle-class life -- a home or business of their own, a telephone, appliances, a car, foreign travel, college for their kids. We should accept this trend while guarding our national security interests.

The U.S.-China panel further warns that our growing commercial ties to China are sapping America's economic strength. But it completely misses how trade and investment ties benefit both nations.

The more than \$200 billion we will spend this year on Chinese-made clothing, shoes, toys, consumer electronics and other goods benefit tens of millions of American families every day. Lower prices in stores mean higher real wages for the large majority of American workers. For all the attention on China as an export powerhouse, its exports make up only about 6% of the world's total.

Even with its allegedly undervalued currency, China has become the world's No. 3 importer. Its companies and consumers have a voracious appetite for farm products, energy, raw materials, and higher-end products such as airliners and high-tech inputs.

Chinese demand is especially strong for American wheat, soybeans, cotton, plastics, semiconductors and industrial machinery.

U.S. exports to China have doubled since 2000, and farm exports have grown even "As the people of China grow in prosperity, their demands for political freedom will grow as well," President Bush fester. China has now surpassed Great Britain to become our fourth largest export market—and our only major growth market.

Our bilateral trade deficit with China will probably exceed \$200 billion in 2005, but all those dollars the Chinese earn from selling in the U.S. market return as investments in U.S. financial assets. This helps lower U.S. interest and mortgage rates.

The big story of China is not the difference between China and the U.S., but the difference between China today and what it was only 25 years ago. Within China, economic growth has brought greater independence and freedom for individuals. The number of Chinese with cell phones, Internet access, and the freedom to travel abroad has been growing exponentially. Restrictions on religious worship and family life, while still oppressive, are gradually being loosened.

As seen in Taiwan, South Korea, Chile and elsewhere, economic reforms enabled a rising, educated middle class to undermine oppressive regimes, while tilling the soil for more representative governments.

As Bush said last week: "As the people of China grow in prosperity, their demands for political freedom will grow as well."

China's communist rulers are riding a tiger. The country's spectacular growth during the past two decades has lifted its per capita GDP into the neighborhood of middle-income countries. In contrast to lower income countries, it's a neighborhood where "domestic violence" against civil and political liberties is much less common.

Of the 89 countries in the world that have higher per capita GDP than China, more than two thirds are described as "free" in political and civil liberties by Freedom House.

Of the 103 countries with lower per capita GDP, only about a quarter are "free." Of those with higher per capita GDP than China, only 15% are, like China itself, "not free," where political and civil freedoms are systematically denied.

In other words, if countries are rich, it's difficult for their governments to remain oppressive, and if governments are oppressive, it is difficult for those countries to prosper. At some point the Chinese government will confront the choice of achieving even greater wealth and economic status, or maintaining its oppressive rule. Experience shows that, absent a lot of oil in the ground, it is just about impossible to do both.

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Remember true meaning of Christmas

I haven't written a letter to the paper in quite some time now, but it is very heavy on my heart to do this one. With all the media coverage trying to tell us what this season is all about, I believe this story needs to be retold.

When Christmas began approaching this year, I decided since we have three young children living with us we should do something special. We put up both Christmas trees as usual. One the grandkids call the Angel tree, and the other they call the Santa tree. Yes, you guessed it. One has angels all over it, and the other has Santas all over it, but both are true Christmas trees. Both hold stories about Christian beliefs. Angels were the ones who announced the birth of Jesus, and the other tells how a human in love with doing the work of Christ becomes a saint by following His example and giving all he had. I loved that both were told in church.

We are also taking one figure from the manger scene each night to the dinner table. There we each tell something about the figure that we have learned from the Bible as we hold it before passing it on to the next person. The first night was a sweet white lamb. Rance, our eight-year-old, was the first to tell us what he knew about lambs from the Bible. He stated that some lambs were eaten up by mean old wolves. Next was Gene, who said that lambs had their necks cut and were used for sacrifices to help people be forgiven of their sins. (This got some big eyes from the little ones.) Next was Jett, the four-year-old, who agreed with his older brother that lambs got eaten by wolves.

Thank goodness the girls finally got a hold of the lamb. Tammie said that in the Bible, Christ referred to the people as

lambs and He was their shepherd. (That way He could help them not be eaten by wolves. A true mother save for her.)

Brittany and myself told the story about the first Christmas, and it goes like this: "And there were shepherds living out in their fields nearby with their sheep and lambs, keeping watch over their flocks at night so the wolves would not eat them. An angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you. You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' Suddenly, a great company of heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest and on Earth, peace to men on whom his favor rest.'"

The story goes on to tell how the shepherds said: "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." They did find the baby just as they were told and then returned, glorifying and praising God and telling all about what they had heard and seen.

Now what we need to see in this is the true story of the first Christmas. It is where the holiday came from. Without the story, there would be no holiday. The story is for all people. Remember, that is just what it said. It will bring good news and great joy for all the people -- not just from some but for all the people. That all children and adults alike could hear the story. Remember that the shepherds heard the news, got together and talked it over, and

they decided to check it out by going to see the baby.

Not once do I see where anyone was forced to do anything. To me that is what freedom of religion is all about. To take Christmas out of the holiday would be to take away the freedom of choice. If you are not told the story, how will you even have a choice to make?

Putting a manger scene on the courthouse lawn doesn't force anything; singing "O, Holy Night" along with "Here Comes Santa Claus" does not force anything; and spreading and sharing the good news of Christmas does not force anything. Instead, it opens the heart to hear and make a choice.

Never have I read in His Word that we must force Christ on anyone. We are just to love our neighbors and share the good news. I have heard the story of the Jews and their celebration of the season. I have seen their symbols, which are beautiful and hold such meaning, and I would never ask that they not be seen, used, or heard. That is their freedom of religion, their choice.

It was our president's choice to first share the good news through a scripture and then wish those who didn't believe as he does to have a wonderful holiday in his Christmas card.

Yes, I would love for everyone in our country to know the love of Christ as I do, and I will try to always tell the good news so they can have a choice. But that is all I am asked to do.

So my Christmas wish this year is for Christmas to be Christmas and that all have great joy from the good news.

Merry Christmas.

Kathy Hommel,
Clarendon

"...AN EXPLANATION OF THE MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN."

Parents should raise kids to be adults

First of all, all of my comments are my own, not those of my employer, church, or other organization with which I am affiliated (just to be safe).

Dan McCauley is right. I used to think it was just something we should all ignore when a kid threw a fit or misbehaved in public, but it seems to happen more and more... and more... and the noise is now deafening.

It has to stop! Parents, we must parent our children.

My wife says I have an amazing capacity to tune out extraneous noise, and I'll admit that I can tune out our boys' goofing off. But in public they know what's required of them. In church, they are to sit quietly and listen to the sermon, and in social situations they can play with other kids when appropriate or join the adult conversation and conduct themselves appropriately. I want our children to be happy, but I'm not willing to sacrifice their respect for me, Tracey, themselves, or the society of which they are a part, to achieve temporal happiness.

There is ample evidence to prove that children are happier when they have clear boundaries and expectations. Children also perform better in school when their parents and teachers hold them to high standards.

Both my wife and I enforce high expectations with the boys, and there are consequences when they misbehave. However, my parents and my in-laws (all four wonderful, kind, Godly individuals) taught Tracey and me to be well-behaved adults. That's right -- adults. I see many, many parents who do their best to raise happy kids, when our job as parents is to raise well-adjusted adults who make a contribu-

tion to the society in which we live. I'll say it again -- our job as parents is to create competent, contributing adults.

There's nothing wrong with allowing our children to play -- our boys love to play with other kids, their parents, and grandparents. And yes, as their father I love to wrestle, goof off, and have Nerf dart wars with them. But they also pay a quarter to us when they leave the light on in their bedroom or bathroom when they go to another room. They have chores, and I've actually made them pick up trash that has blown into the yard.

I was very proud of both of them when they saved up money from birthdays and extra chores at home to buy their own GameBoys. Lance also saved up and bought his own golf clubs. And both of them know that they will get an answer of "no" from us when they want us to spend unnecessarily on them because part of being an adult is knowing that those in authority will often say "no" when we want something, and we must work hard for both the necessities and luxuries in life. Yeah, I'd love a brand-new Dodge Megacab, but there are more pressing priorities that a responsible adult must take into account -- i.e. the electric and gas (both home AND car) bills.

I don't claim to be a perfect parent -- far from it. Our focus for our children is their lifelong character and integrity. I'll always be proud of my children, but I'll be proud of myself, as a parent, when I see them grown up, graduated from college, and making sound decisions for themselves as adults.

Also, it's nice to know that I'm not the only one who, growing up, often heard

the statement "Stop crying, or I'll give you something to cry about." But I still had a happy childhood, and I still love my parents. Parents, I triple-dog dare you to be a strong-willed leader for your children.

Jeff Rhodes,
Clarendon

Undisciplined kids bad for our society

Sad as it is, your comments on bratty kids and uncaring parents are so true. The older I get, the harder it becomes to tune out such behavior. We cannot expect children to behave unless someone teaches them what good manners are.

Unfortunately, for the most part, I think that we are now reaping the harvest most of us deserve for not providing our children the discipline they needed, so that they could teach it to their children and grandchildren. I believe that beginning not long after WWII, Society as a whole and parents individually, have failed at least three generations, by not expecting enough from our children, by not teaching them right from wrong, by not holding them responsible for their mistakes and bad choices, by allowing them to be rude, uneducated, disruptive, lazy, unkind, unlawful, and undisciplined.

We haven't done ourselves, them, or anyone else a favor by shirking our parental responsibilities to produce well behaved, well rounded, happy individuals who in turn, can and will, teach their own children values and skills they need have a happy, productive life.

Evone Heathington Holland,
Amarillo

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Members of the Donley County 4-H Club held their Christmas Party last Friday at the Family Life Center. The kids enjoyed a hayride, caroling, and games. They also held a contest to see which group could collect the most food for the food pantry. The winning group was led by adult leader Dee Perryman and included team members Tyler Burch, Kati Adams, Haley Ferguson, and Cameron Wright. Photo by Jennifer Tubbs.

4-H Club collects items to donate to food pantry

By Ashlyn Tubbs

The Donley County December 4-H meeting was held on December 6 at the Church of Christ Family Life Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by President Paul Goetze.

Brittany Hargrove started the meeting off by reading an inspiration. Caden Ferris and Tres Hommel led everyone in the U.S Pledge and the 4-H Motto and Pledge. Austin Adams conducted roll call, asking each member what their dream Christmas present would be. Secretary Danielle Ford read the minutes of our last meeting.

Goetze reported on the Method Demonstration Contest he competed in recently. He received first place for his speech about asparagus.

Leonard Haynes, Donley County Extension Agent, reported about the Horse Quiz Bowl. Jacob, Jayson, and John Pigg entered it and got second overall.

Skyler White reported on the Donley County Food Show, in which many 4-H members entered and had a great time.

The old and new business was discussed by County Extension

Agents, Mary Ruth Bishop and Haynes. After that, President, Paul Goetze, introduced the meeting's program for this month, which was a scavenger hunt for food for the Panhandle Community Food Pantry. All 4-H club members were numbered off into groups and got a packet of coupons with the desired food and signature of the person who donated it to them on it. Our chauffeurs were Dee Perryman, Laura Hommel, Jan Kidd, Nikki Adams, Misty Speed, and Leslie White. We only had 20 minutes to get the most cans we could get. The winners were Dee Perryman's group, which collected 37 cans of food. Overall, 4-H collected 119 cans of food for the Food Pantry. We appreciate everyone that donated cans. After that, we drew for the door prizes. The lucky winners were Cameron Wright, Austin Lowery, and Jordan Stone.

The meeting was adjourned to snacks and drinks provided by Ty and Ashlyn Tubbs, Bradley Watson, and Kenzie Perryman.

Our next 4-H meeting will be held on January 3 at 6:00 in the Family Life Center. Hope to see you there!



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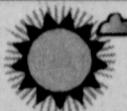
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Fri	9	38°	2°	-
Sat	10	51°	12°	-
Sun	11	58°	20°	-

Total precipitation this month: 0.00"
Total precipitation to date: 17.29"
Total precipitation in December last year: 0.32"
Total YTD last year: 24.63"

weekend forecast

 Friday, Dec. 16
Cloudy
36°/22°

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39°/18°

 Sunday, Dec. 18
Mostly Sunny
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December 15
Clarendon College Winter Session Registration Deadline • 4:30 p.m.

Late Night Shopping • until 8:30 p.m.

December 16
Howardwick Friendship Club Christmas Party • Howardwick City Hall • 6:30 p.m.

December 20
Little Dribblers Meeting • Clarendon Elementary • 7 p.m.

December 22
Clarendon Enterprise 'Santa Letters' edition

Late Night Shopping • until 8:30 p.m.

December 22 - January 2
Clarendon ISD Christmas Break

December 25
Christmas

December 29 - 31
Greenbelt Holiday Tournament • Bronco and Bulldog Gyms • Schedule TBA

January 1
New Years Day

January 4
CC Administrative Offices re-open

January 14
Donley County Jr. Livestock Show & Auction • Clarendon Community Center

January 17
CC Spring Semester begins

Community Menus

Dec. 19-23

Clarendon Schools

Breakfast
Mon: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk
Tues: Oatmeal, toast, fruit, milk
Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk
Thur: Eggs, toast, fruit, milk
Fri: No School
Lunch
Mon: Pizza, corn, salad, fruit mix, milk
Tues: Beans, cornbread, salad, fruit, milk
Wed: Mexican casserole, beans, salad, peaches, milk
Thur: Pigs in a blanket, fries, salad, fruit mix, milk
Fri: No School

Hedley Schools

Lunch
Mon: Chicken nuggets, green beans, potatoes and gravy, rolls, tossed salad, fruit, milk
Tues: Ham and cheese sandwich, chips, apples, cookies, milk, juice
Wed: No School
Thur: No School
Fri: No School

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Oven fried chicken, parsley potatoes, steamed vegetables, apricots, blonde brownies, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Tues: Chile rellenos with cheese sauce, fiesta corn, refried beans, Waldorf salad, coconut cake, chips and salsa, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Wed: Hamburgers with cheese and all the trimmings, tater tots, mandarin orange salad, pistachio pudding, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Thur: Spaghetti with meat sauce, peas, corn salad, apple crisp, garlic bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Fri: Turkey and dressing, green beans, yam patties, fruit salad, Vida's pie, rolls, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Chicken and dumplings, fried squash, carrot and raisin salad, baked apple, cornbread, coffee, tea, milk
Tues: Baked ham, broccoli casserole, corn, Lime Jell-O with pears and cottage cheese, orange, rolls, coffee, tea, milk
Wed: Stew with potatoes, onions, tomatoes, and carrots, macaroni salad, pudding, cornbread, coffee, tea, milk
Thur: Steak and gravy, baked potato, buttered squash, tossed salad, cobbler, roll, coffee, tea, milk
Fri: Closed for holidays

Helpful tips cut calories in baking recipes

By MaryRuth Bishop

Here are easy ways to lower calories, fat, saturated fat, and sodium from baking recipes.

1. Use applesauce in place of half or more of the fat in baked goods like muffins and quick breads. Use tub margarine in place of butter or stick margarine.
2. Eliminate salt when using margarine since it already contains salt. Most baked good recipes can have the salt reduced by 50 percent or more and not suffer any ill effects. Breads are one exception - do not reduce salt in yeast dough because salt helps keep the yeast in check.
3. Substitute 1/4 cup egg whites or nonfat egg substitute for each whole egg.
4. Use white whole-wheat flour in place of all-purpose flour. Find this product in whole-foods markets. It adds the fiber and nutrients from

the whole-grain. White whole wheat is lighter than regular red wheat so you can substitute this flour 100% for all purpose flour - you can also use whole wheat pastry flour.

5. Use Splenda in baking - substitute up to half the amount in baked goods or 100% of the amount of sugar in sauces and puddings.
 6. Use skim milk in place of whole milk.
 7. Use just one piecrust on the top of fruit pies.
 8. Eliminate frosting or use sparingly on a frozen cake.
 9. Bake smaller batches of favorite items.
 10. Cut smaller pieces and make smaller cookies, too.
- The Best Light Pumpkin Pie**
This pumpkin pie saves 100 calories per slice from the traditional version, and it tastes identical!
1 cup ginger snaps (about 16

- cookies)
16 oz can pumpkin
1/2 cup egg whites (about 4)
1/2 cup sugar
2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice (1.25 tsp cinnamon, 1/2 tsp ginger, 1/4 tsp cloves)
12 oz. can evaporated skim milk
Preheat the oven to 350°. Grind the cookies in a food processor. Lightly spray a nine-inch glass pie pan with vegetable cooking spray. Pat the cookie crumbs into the bottom of the pan evenly. Mix the rest of the ingredients in a medium-sized mixing bowl. Pour into the crust and bake until knife inserted in center comes out clean, about 45 minutes.
Store in the refrigerator.
Allow to cool and slice in 8 wedges. Optional: serve each wedge with fat free whipped cream.
Serves 8. Each slice: 165 calo-

- ries, 1.5 g fat, .5 g saturated fat, 1.5 mg cholesterol, 170 mg sodium, 32 g carbohydrate, 2 g fiber, 6 g protein. Diabetic exchange: 2 bread.
Pumpkin Pie Calorie Facts:
Store-bought pumpkin pie: About 260-290 calories per slice.
Use a traditional piecrust in place of ginger snaps for this recipe: Increase from 165 calories to 220 calories per slice.
Use 1/3 cup sugar and 1/3 cup Splenda in place of 1/2 cup sugar for this recipe: Decrease from 165 to 150 calories per slice.
Cut this pie in six instead of eight: Increase to 202 calories per slice.
Cut this pie in 10 instead of eight: Decrease to 120 calories per slice.
Add light whipped cream from the can: 15 calories per 2 tablespoons

Senior Citizens seek donations

In 2003, the Donley County Senior Citizens Center in Clarendon sent out an urgent call for financial assistance. More than 80 people answered the SOS with a monthly pledge of \$8.00 (or more) per month. That did keep the Center afloat.

Today, there are still 20 percent of those who signed on still supporting the Center, but again a financial impasse is coming. There is a need for 60 other people to pledge a year's support of at least \$8.00 per month.

The Center served 14,211 meals in November. Some 30 shut-ins depend on the Center's Meals-On-Wheels for their main nourishment. It was necessary to pull \$2,000 out of savings (half of the money saved back from the SOS drive) to make up the expenses.

Some help may be on the way. Fund-raisers are planned; but right now and in the near future, the program must find some support.

The Center has a 501-C tax-exempt status. All donations are tax deductible.

One way some of the readers can help is by coming to the Center for lunch. A donation of \$3.00 is requested, but not required (\$5.50 for those under 60). Spouses of those 60 and above are qualified to eat for a \$3.00 donation. The food is good, and the fellowship is good.

Contact Marlee at 874-2665 or mail gifts to PO Box B, Clarendon, Texas 79226.

4-H Spotlight

By Ashlyn Tubbs

This week's 4-H Spotlight is on Jayson Pigg. Pigg is 11 years old. He has been in 4-H for four years and participated in showing his steer in the Tri-State Fair (in which he got first place), participating in the Horse Quiz Bowl (where he just recently got second place with his team); and Food and Nutrition.

"I like 4-H because you get to meet new people and friends, you get to participate in judging projects, and you get to go to county camp," Pigg says.

Pigg's hobbies include reading, riding horses, and riding steers at rodeos. His family activities are farming, working cattle, and going to the movies together. His church and community activities that he is involved in are singing Christmas songs to elders and going to Sunday School at the Fairmont Baptist Church. Some of the activities that he participates in school are Pee Wee Football, ULL, and Little Dribblers.

4-H enjoys having Jayson in their group. We hope he will continue to come to all our meetings and participate in all the activities we have to offer.

Be sure to stay tuned next week for our next 4-H Spotlight!

Quilting Club meets

The Golden Needle Quilting Club met on December 8, 2005, for their Christmas party at Gay Cole's home.

Everyone brought a neat goodie to eat and something they had made for Show and Tell. They also collected money for the Angel Tree.

Those present were Rose Lee Watson, Ann Bunyan, Dortha Reynolds, Barbara Helms, Sue Leeper, Jossie Burgess, Pearl Hermesmeier, Jo Shaller, Eva Lee Swinney, and Gay Cole.

CC Winter session registration Dec. 15

The deadline for registering for the Clarendon College Winter Session is December 15, at 4:30 p.m. Courses include GOVT 2305 - Federal Government, HIST 1301 - U.S. History to 1877, ENGL 1301 - English Composition and Rhetoric I, and PHED 1304 - Healthful and Effective Living. Classes will start December 19 and end January 13.

These courses are only offered online and are subject to a minimum enrollment requirement. No Financial Aid or Scholarships are available for this session. Contact the Registrar at 874-3571 for more information.

Holiday activities keeping folks busy in Howardwick

The Christmas lighting contest will be held Thursday, December 15, in Howardwick. To participate, simply have your lights on by 7:00 p.m., and you will be in the judging pool. The lights are so pretty, and so many people have worked hours getting their lights "just right." Come out and enjoy them.

The Friendship Club will meet Friday night at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall for the traditional Christmas dinner. Santa Claus will come with goodie bags for everyone. If you are bringing a small child, bring a wrapped gift with their name for Santa to give to the child.

Singing will be led by Nelda Grider, so come out and have fun

with your neighbors from the community.

Secretary Dianna Knight was off a few days last week because her two-month-old grandson, **M a y s u n** McGrew, of Lubbock had hernia surgery. He is home and doing well, and I think Mom and Grandmother have recovered too.

Remember our sick folks in your prayers and pray for our troops. Merry Christmas.



'wick picks
by peggy cockerham
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Christmas elves

The Girl Scouts from Troop 118 collected clothes to donate to the Downtown Ministry Center's clothes closet recently. Those participating were (back) Kameron Shields, Cire Jaurequi, MaRae Hall, (middle) Sarah Williams, Eliza Dickinson, Blayne Layton, Kaylee Fulton, (front) Haley McManus, and Brooke Smith.

Burton Library offers holiday literary treats

While deciding on a special holiday books with stories to delight children from Burton Memorial Library, why not include a Christmas literary treat for yourself? It might provide an occasional and necessary break when schedules have, possibly, become overloaded with too many festive activities and appointments during this particular season.

Wildlife's Christmas Treasury promises to intrigue nature loving readers of all ages. Many people at National Wildlife Federation plus editors of *National Wildlife*, *International Wildlife*, and *Ranger Rick Nature* magazines cooperated in preparing this remarkable book. The outstanding photography and unusual illustrations complement a creatively written text into which readers are drawn as if it were a favorite story.

Winter secrets of wildlife, birds of Christmas, snow fantasies, living ornaments, year around "friends" are only a sample of marvelous discoveries within the publication's pages.

As you take a "Christmas hike" across country, various authors make it possible to vicariously experience the first winter storm with the red

fox, meadowlark, and chipmunk. You'll discover how birds and beasts develop clever devices to keep on top of snow, how buffalo and elk are designed to cope with the elements, how lovely snowbirds survive freezing night temperatures of five below zero, what it means to be "snow free."

If your sleuthing skills are sharp, you'll find out "who killed cock robin?" and "who's been walking in my woods?" After investigating animal habits in reindeer and caribou lands, it's obvious why "Santa Claus couldn't have chosen a better sleigh team than reindeer."

Thomas J. Davis' *The Christmas Quilt* takes place in a small town in the North Georgia Mountains. According to the author, the plot and main characters are fictional. Many things that provide the atmosphere are not. The book celebrates family. It is an account of seven months in the lives of a hardworking family with a deep capacity for love. A special quilt is created for a special son. It is the "Story of a gift that comes from the heart, and it embodies true spirit of what it means to be a family."

I suppose I seldom think of mysteries as seasonal, but talented author, Mary Higgins Clark, might change your mind with her suspenseful writings taking place during the Christmas season. Clark's *Silent Night* offers a special story demonstrating power of love through a child's courage and faith. After seeing a woman steal his mother's wallet, he "impulsively follows the woman into the city's subways, thereby beginning a journey that will threaten his life and change that of his mother and of the thief, as well. Written with warmth, yet set against a background of thrilling suspense, the book is about courage in the face of adversity, and faith renewed and faith rewarded."

The author and her daughter, Carol Higgins Clark, combine talents in another suspenseful novel entitled *Deck the Halls*, a "kidnaping played against a holiday setting."

John Grisham displays a different type of story of his novel, *Skip- ping Christmas*, than we mystery fans usually expect from Grisham. His unique writing style conveys warmth, humor, and surprising consequences for a couple who decide to skip Christmas and discover it is not as easy to do as they thought. The book has been described as "a classic tale for modern times, offering a hilarious look at the chaos and frenzy that have become part of our holiday tradition."

Our Texas children (also parents) will especially enjoy Leon A. Harris, Jr.'s humorous *The Night Before Christmas, In Texas That Is*.

As always, library shelves are full of familiar and new children's Christmas stories. Picture books, activity books, and heartwarming books with enticing titles will charm both children and adults.

Burton Memorial Library invites you to its Open House from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evening, December 15. Santa Claus will be there to greet everyone, and he will be available for pictures.

Why not check it out?



check it out
by mary beth nelson

Hedley Senior Citizens planning annual Christmas celebration

The Hedley Senior Citizens will have their December Birthday Dinner and Christmas Party on Thursday, December 15, at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join them for some Christmas fun.

There will be refreshments and gifts at the party. Please bring one man gift for a man and one woman gift for a woman (approximate

\$10).

They had a Steak and Gravy Fundraiser Dinner on Sunday, December 11, and enjoyed a full house. They appreciate everyone who came and ate with them. They also gave away the Red, White, and Blue Quilt that was made and donated by Andrea Salinas from Memphis. The winner was Mr. Wayne Cole of

Clarendon.

The First United Methodist Church in Hedley gave a special offering for the senior citizens recently. All monies from the fundraisers will support the building fund.

The Hedley Senior Citizens are in the process of trying to get a new building since the present building is 100 years old and not in good shape. They have applied for a grant and all looks good, but we need to build up a Building Fund for preliminary costs. Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

The new building will have a Community Storm Shelter, which will house approximately 80 people and will be handicapped accessible.

Donley County Senior Citizen Center holds Christmas party

By Marlee Sharp

Our annual Christmas Party was held on December 8, 2005, and was well attended. There was good food and lots of fellowship. Everyone enjoyed the gift exchange, and no one went away hungry. We sincerely hope that next year, many more of you will join us for this event.

We are having our Christmas Bake Sale on December 22, at Lowe's Family Center. All proceeds will benefit our home delivery

program. We also have a beautiful Christmas afghan, donated by Onita Thomas, that we will be raffling off on December 16. If you would like to purchase a ticket, come by the Center from 8:00 to 3:00, Monday through Friday.

Another fund-raiser give away that is going on at the Center is a gift box filled with goodies for your Christmas dinner, including a 14-16 pound turkey. These items were donated by Carolyn Moffett and

Judy Castner. We will continue each month with some kind of fund-raiser to help us subsidize our programs in hopes that more can enjoy them.

We have received confirmation that we are getting a grant for a new van. We are in the process of getting this in order so that we can get it purchased as soon as possible.

We would like to welcome two new members to our staff. Lyndia Meaker has taken over the job of floater. Julie Sides has moved on to

her LVN schooling, and we wish her well and good luck. Kathy Goodwin has taken over as salad and dessert cook position that Lyndia was doing. We hope that everyone will take time to welcome both of these ladies to our staff.

Our condolences go out to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Trout and the Marion Bollinger family.

Reminders:
Tuesdays: Game Night, 6 p.m.
M-W-F: Exercise Group, 9 a.m.

Obituaries

Hill

Funeral services for Wanda Jeanette Trout Hill, age 50, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2005, in the First Baptist Church in Clarendon with Dr. Buddy Young, Interim



Hill

Pastor, and Rev. Truman Ledbetter of Claude, officiating. Burial was held in Rowe Cemetery in Hedley under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mrs. Hill died Monday, December 12, 2005, in Amarillo. She was born June 25, 1955, in Pampa and was a lifelong Donley County resident. She was a 1973 graduate of Clarendon High School and was a public school teacher. She married Clayton Lee "Chuck" Hill on October 20, 1979, in Clarendon. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Clarendon.

She was preceded in death by her husband on June 3, 1993.

Survivors include her parents, Bob and Cula Jo Trout of Clarendon; two sisters, Valorie Ashcraft and husband Terry and Pat White and husband Bob, all of Clarendon; nieces and nephews, Shane and Mecca Ashcraft of Dimmitt; Mandi and Michael Gay and their children Madisen and Alex of Havelock, North Carolina; Aaron Ashcraft of Havelock, North Carolina; Kasi and Gary Anderson of Amarillo; Holli White of Amarillo; Jennifer and Jason Sargent and their children Marlee, Jasie, and Zack of Hedley; Janna and Johnny Hoggatt and their children Nathan and Clay of Canyon; Matt Hill of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Karlee Hill of Lake Jackson; Ashlee Hill of Amarillo; Lauren Hill of Hedley; Allison Hill of Hedley; Lance and Michelle Hill and their children Melissa and Riley of El Paso.

Casket bearers were E. Wayne Barbee, Steve Carter, Danny Holland, John Holland, Patrick Robertson, Joe Neal Shadle, Russell Keown, Steve McAfee, and Ricky Rattan.

The family requests the memorials be to the Chuck and Wanda Hill Scholarship Fund at Hedley High School or BSA Hospice in Amarillo.

C-C announces names of contest winners

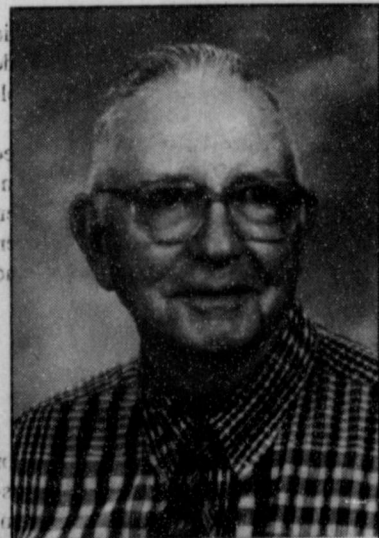
The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce has announced the winners for the second week of the 2005 Christmas Lights contest.

In the Clarendon home division, first place went to Glen and Susan Bailey at 1102 W. Fifth St., and second place went to Jitter and Derlene Graham at 514 S. Collinson. Otis and Jan Farris received honorable mention. Every Nook & Cranny was the winner in the business division.

Levi and Dorothy Harvey won the Howardwick division with their home at 200 Chamberlain Dr.

Donnie and Jill Chambless took top honors in the Hedley home division at 209 Blair, and Monroe Peach Ranch on US 287 won the business division.

The Chamber reminds everyone to have their lights on by 6 p.m. each Thursday to be in the judging.



If you see a blue module truck rolling down the highway, honk, wave, and say Happy Birthday for J.E. Is 80 today! Keep on Trucking Granddad!



Ho, ho, ho

Santa & Mrs. Claus (Donnie & Colleen Owens) visited in Hedley on Wednesday, December 7. Santa was sponsored by the City of Hedley, Hedley Fire Department, and the Hedley Homemakers. Visiting with Santa is Clay Koetting.

Enterprise Photo / Karl Lindsey

South Plains Agriculture Conferences to be held in January and February

LUBBOCK - South Plains producers can update their crop production and management skills and earn continuing education units at any of seven agriculture conferences.

The Texas Cooperative Extension events are slated in January and February.

Conference dates and locations are:

- Jan. 12 - West Plains Cotton Conference at the Sundown Room on the South Plains College campus in Levelland. Call the Extension office in Hockley County at (806) 894-3159 for more details.

- Jan. 17 - Caprock Cotton Conference at the Plains Baptist Assembly south of Floydada. Call the Extension office in Floyd County at (806) 983-4912 or Crosby County at (806) 675-2347.

- Jan. 25 - Llano Estacado Cotton Conference at the Bailey

County Coliseum in Muleshoe. Call the Extension office in Bailey County at (806) 272-4584.

- Jan. 26 - Southern Mesa Ag Conference at the Dawson County Annex Building (609 N. First St.) in Lamesa. Call the Extension office in Dawson County at (806) 872-3444.

- Feb. 7 - South Plains Ag Conference at the Nikki Vinson Youth Center (110 E. Hill St.) in Brownfield. Call the Extension office in Terry County at (806) 637-4060.

- Feb. 9 - Sandyland Ag Conference at the Gaines County Civic Building in Seminole. Call the Extension office in Gaines County at (432) 758-4006.

- Feb. 10 - Hale and Swisher County Crops Conference at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview. Call the Extension office in Hale County at (806) 291-5267 or Swisher County at (806) 995-3726.



the lion's tale
by allen estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting December 13, 2005, with Boss Lion Mark C. White in charge.

We had 18 members and one guest: Waller County Extension Agent Cody Dennison, guest of Lion Russell Estlack.

The college will finish finals Thursday and dismiss for Christmas break. The public school will finish a week from Thursday and start their Christmas break. There are Christmas parties and basketball games going on at this time.

We will make up and deliver our Christmas baskets next Tuesday, and all Lions are encouraged to help with this.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

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Wildlife Packets, trees available at County SWCD office

Whether it's to lease the land to hunters for additional household income or to hunt and observe wildlife in the company of family and friends, managing land for wildlife is gaining interest with Texas landowners.

To assist landowners in creating additional habitat, wildlife seedling packets produced by the Texas Forest Service West Texas Nursery in Lubbock are now available.

Throughout West Texas and the High Plains, the Texas Forest Service notes that one of the best opportunities to install additional wildlife habitat are at right angles in dry corners. Many producers use crop circles and center pivot irrigation to grow agricultural crops. This leaves 28 acres, 7 acres per corner, out of

production. So what do you do with these "empty" corners?

"Why not plant wildlife food pots?" said Brian Scott, Texas Forest Service forester in Amarillo says.

By planting multiple rows of trees and shrubs, at right-angles in these corners, it will provide additional habitat to attract more wildlife to these areas.

Other than attracting more wildlife, food plots additionally provide some wind protection to the crop in the pivot, add an aesthetic quality to the landscape, and diversify the farmstead.

For example, on a dry corner, five wildlife packets can be used to produce a four-row, right-angled wildlife planting. Scott recommends beginning on the northwest corner to

provide winter cover and facilitate snow capture on the cropland.

Scott says, other prime opportunities to install wildlife packets occur in blocks on grasslands, parallel to irrigated cropland, and in "motts" along playas. For best results, Scott recommends 10 to 20 foot spacing between each deciduous tree within a tree row; 5-foot spacing between each shrub within a shrub row; and 20-foot spacing between each row.

Since the Texas Panhandle only receives about 20 inches of annual rain, weed control and supplemental water is essential in creating successful food plots.

This coupled with proper land conservation practices, such as crop residue and brush management, will promote good habitat for game birds

and wildlife for years of hunting and observing to come.

Four wildlife packets are available to Texas Panhandle landowners and included packets for attracting quail and pheasant, deer, turkey, and squirrel. Each packet contains 100 bare-root deciduous trees and shrubs that cater specifically to habitat needs of the labeled species.

"Now is the time for landowners in the Texas Panhandle to order wildlife packets before they sell out," says Scott. He added that wildlife packets are sold on a first come, first served basis.

To order wildlife packets, wind-break trees and shrubs, assorted fruit and pecan trees, please contact the local Soil and Water Conservation District at 874-3561 ext. 101.

USDA providing grants to rural first responders

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"We worked hard to assist rural communities prepare for emergencies and the delivery of lifesaving services," said Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director. "Our Community Facility Programs offer loans and grants to rural Texas communities as a part of USDA's First Responder Initiative."

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Hedley Aldermen hold regular meeting

The Hedley Board of Aldermen met in regular session at 5:10 p.m. December 5.

Among the items on the city's agenda, the board considered and approved budget amendments for the 2005-2006 budget, and the board approved the purchase of a new computer and printer from A-1 Computers for utility billing.

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"Gifts Galore" was the theme for the Donley County Child Welfare Board meeting on Monday, December 12. Marc Latimer and Shannon Burch from Children Protective Services were on hand to receive the gifts that members of the board had purchased for Donley County children who are in CPS care. The gifts were paid for by monies raised by the group during the annual Chipin' For the Children's golf scramble back in the summer. Helping Donley County children is the focus of the Board, and it has used the money raised by the scramble on school supplies, scholarships for youth to participate in sports activities, and winter coats. Members of the Board present were: Debbie Howard, Alton Gaines, Ann Huey, Greg Henry, Ted Shaller, Kathy Hommel, MaryRuth Bishop, Kim Dickinson, and Pearl Hermesmeier. Also in the picture are Marc Latimer and Shannon Burch.

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State warns about winter fire threat

State fire control leaders continue to gear up for what could be a long winter wildfire siege for the state's firefighters.

Additional in-state and out-of-state personnel and equipment resources, including six dozers and seven engines from Wisconsin, have been ordered and mobilized to strategic areas to bolster the state's firefighting arsenal. Critically dry fuels (vegetation) exist across much of the state, a fact evidenced by several large wildfires that have already occurred. With no significant change in the weather pattern in sight, fire control leaders are planning for the worst but hoping for the best.

Grasses, weeds, and other vegetation in much of the state lie dead and dormant from a combination of drought and hard freezes, according to Mike Dunivan, fire behavior analyst with the Texas Forest Service. Areas hit by hard frosts earlier in the year are where the lion's share of the known large fires occurred, but essentially all of the state is now at risk, due to the presence of the dead vegetation, said Dunivan.

"Vegetation is critically dry in much of the state," said Dunivan. "Add winds and low humidity during the afternoon prime burning period, and you have a recipe for fast-spreading, dangerous wildfires. Most of the large wildfires that already occurred statewide resulted from this deadly combination of wildfire ingredients."

The fire analyst noted that the Texas Forest Service sent an advisory to fire departments in Texas warning of the possibility of dangerous fire behavior during periods of dry, windy weather and the need for diligent use of fire safety practices and protective gear. Already this year, two volunteer firefighters suffered serious burns upon being overrun by wildfires, and another firefighter lost his life in an accident when the fire tanker he was driving rolled over.

"Now that most summer grasses and weeds have gone dormant, any wildfires that arise will have more fuel available to stoke the flames. Also, wherever dead grass, weeds and other fine-textured fuels are present, even short periods of dry, windy weather can cause a rapid escalation in wildfire risk and difficulty of control," Dunivan declared.

Unless the weather cooperates and brings significant moisture statewide and/or the public exercises greater safety with all outdoor fire use, firefighters fear that additional wildfires are likely. Many wildfires result from careless burning of household trash, leaves and brush piles. The following are suggestions from the Texas Forest Service.

- Obey outdoor burning bans.
- Postpone all outdoor fires during periods of dry, windy weather.
- When outdoor fires are permitted, establish wide control lines down to bare soil before igniting your fire, and stay with your fire until it is cold to the touch.
- Dispose of smoking materials properly, either in an ashtray or crushed out in bare dirt.
- Avoid using welding or grinding equipment in or near dry grass and weeds.
- Avoid driving or parking in tall grass and weeds that could be ignited by the pollution control equipment on your vehicle.



Pig jackpot

Clarendon FFA and Donley County 4-H members participated in a pig jackpot at Wellington this past Saturday, December 10. Those present were (top) Brittany Davis 7th, Brittany Hargrove 5th, Kalli Sawyer 4th, Jon McGlaun - helper, Smith Sisomsouk 5th, Ashley Hill 4th, R.J. Floyd 6th, (middle) Sabra Patton 1st, Tres Hommel 3rd and 7th, and (bottom) MaRae Hall 4th, Hannah Hommel 4th, and Rance Hargrove 4th.

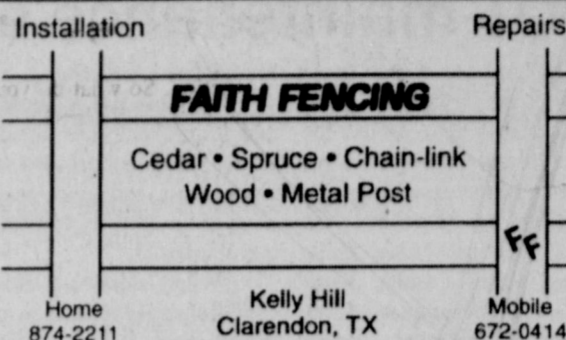


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TxDOT maintenance sections preparing for winter

CHILDRESS - The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is gearing up to protect the traveling public and roadways against possible ice and snow conditions.

The Childress District's 13 maintenance sections have been busy testing winter weather roadway maintenance equipment. Snow plows, material spreaders, safety lighting, and other necessary equipment are ready if and when inclement weather occurs.

"TxDOT uses bottom ash mixed with Meltdown 20 on intersections, bridges and inclines. This material enhances traction to help traffic stop easier at intersections and also aids vehicle traction when climbing a hill", said Clyde Harper, District

Maintenance Manager.

"We also use a liquid form of magnesium chloride in advance of storms. This material slows the freezing process and gives maintenance crews more time to respond," continued Harper.

"When addressing snow and ice conditions, we prioritize our roadways", said Harper. "Our maintenance forces address hospital routes and school routes along with higher volume roadways first; this schedule allows us to assist the largest majority of our customers first," continued Harper.

Once ice and/or snow hit the roadway, maintenance personnel will begin applying bottom ash and de-icing materials at bridges and

intersections. The maintenance staff will work around the clock to clear roadways.

The safety of the traveling public is a TxDOT priority, and we respond to snow and ice situations as quickly as possible. Motorists can also do their part by driving carefully and:

- Using caution when driving over bridges and overpasses. These are the first to freeze.

- Reducing speed and driving with caution. A vehicle needs at least three times more space to stop on a slick roadway. Visibility can also be reduced during winter weather conditions.

- Being patient. Your trip time -including short commutes to work- could increase when adverse weather

conditions exist.

- Winterizing vehicles before traveling during adverse weather. Check fuel, tire, oil, and antifreeze levels. Make sure heater, brakes, and windshield wipers are working properly.

- Checking area weather conditions on radio or television before starting a trip.

- Motorists can also call TxDOT's toll-free highway conditions line at 800-452-9292 or go on-line to www.dot.state.tx.us/hcr/main.htm.

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Seminars help producers map '06 crop year

AMARILLO - The 2006 crop year will present unique problems for producers, and understanding the situation is key to attacking the problem, said one Texas Cooperative Extension economist.

Help in evaluating crops and establishing production strategies will be available at "Crop Profitability: What Will Work in 2006?" seminars around the High Plains, said Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension economist here.

"We are faced with the highest projected energy costs we've ever seen, so things are going to have to be penciled very closely," he said.

"With \$10 (per mcf) gas, it's almost double what we were facing last year, and it's going to severely hurt the feasibility of irrigation crops."

In each three-hour seminar, Amosson will discuss supply and demand of major commodities in the area and the profitability for those and alternative crops.

Dustin Gaskin, Extension risk management program specialist, will address profitability for minor irrigated and dryland crops, as well as ways to minimize production costs.

DeDe Jones, Extension risk management program specialist, will analyze crop share lease agreements.

Extension risk management programs also will be discussed.

Meetings scheduled include: Randall County - 8:00 a.m., December 21, Herbert F. and Jeannie Kuhlman Extension Center in Canyon; Deaf Smith County - 8:30 a.m., Dec. 19, Hereford Community Center, 100 Ave. C; Hansford County - 1:00 p.m., Dec. 20, O'Loughlin Center in Spearman; Gray County - 9:30 a.m., January 4, Gray County Annex in Pampa; Ochiltree County - 1:00 p.m., January 5, Ochiltree County Expo Center in Perryton; and Lipscomb County - 7:00 p.m., January 5, Darrouzett School Auditorium.

Sheriff's Report: Variety of calls keep local officers busy

Dec. 5
8:45 a.m. - Away from vehicle.
3:17 p.m. - Out at residence in Ashtola.
5:02 p.m. - Debris on roadway in the 200 block of W. 2nd.
5:57 p.m. - EMS assist in the 400 block of E. 4th.
6:07 p.m. - Set up landing zone for Life-Star in Ashtola.
9:09 p.m. - See complainant in the 800 block of W. 2nd. - semi hit pole, left scene.

Dec. 6
1:15 p.m. - Dispatched to Sheriff's Office.
5:41 p.m. - Stranded motorist on US 287 W. of Hedley.
6:31 p.m. - Out at residence in the 200 block of S. Goodnight.
6:49 p.m. - Out at residence on 3rd St.
7:10 p.m. - Back to residence in the 200 block of E. 3rd.
7:15 p.m. - On to residence in the 700 block of E. 3rd.

Dec. 7
3:28 a.m. - Assist stranded motorist 9

miles W. on US 287.
7:36 a.m. - Out at elementary school.
11:10 a.m. - EMS assist on CRY.
12:48 p.m. - Dispatched to Sheriff's Office.
3:23 p.m. - See caller on US 287 at S. Koogler.
6:31 p.m. - Residential alarm on FM 2471.
11:25 p.m. - See caller at Medical Center Nursing Home for possible fire.

Dec. 8
8:00 a.m. - Check reported train derailment on 1st and Hawley Sts.
9:39 a.m. - Away from vehicle.
11:11 a.m. - Assisting DPS with vehicle search.
11:38 a.m. - Vehicle accident on CR 24.
12:42 p.m. - Out at JP's office.
1:49 p.m. - Out at annex.

Dec. 9
1:30 p.m. - Out at annex.
1:56 p.m. - Out at Community Center.
3:15 p.m. - Vehicle fire in the 800 block of W. 2nd.

6:49 p.m. - Check semi blocking entrance to Howardwick.
7:49 p.m. - Out on Billy Dr. in Howardwick.
7:57 p.m. - Back to Howardwick entrance.
10:49 p.m. - Out in the 300 block of S. Goodnight.

Dec. 10
2:19 a.m. - Accident on US 287 at MP 183 - vehicle v. deer.
3:14 p.m. - Vehicle accident in Hedley on Reese and 2nd.

Dec. 11
2:30 p.m. - Serving papers in the 200 block of S. Carhart.
6:53 p.m. - At residence in the 200 block of W. 4th.
Summary: Arrests 4, Fire 2, EMS 14

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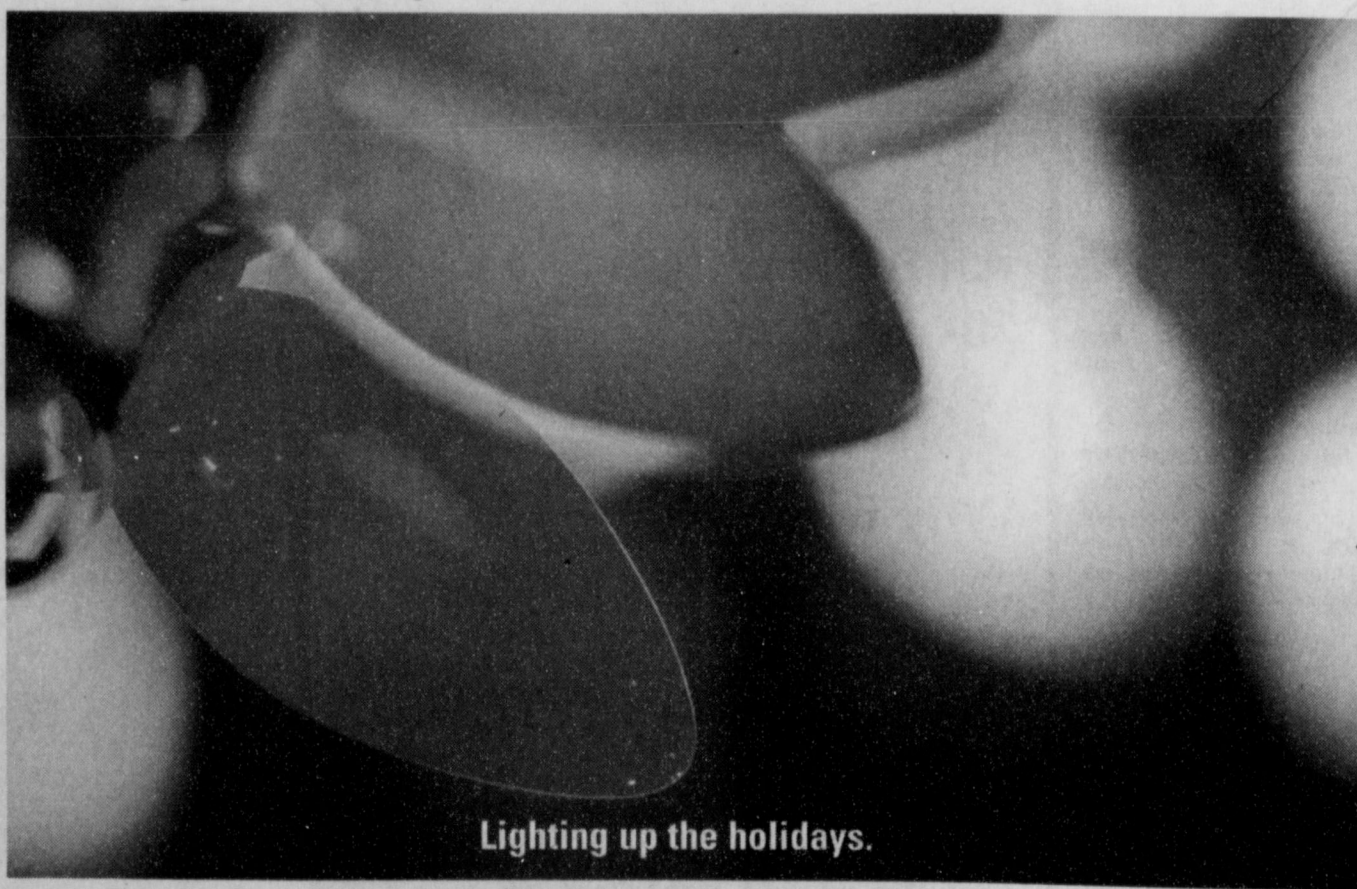
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District 2-1A announces All-District selections

By Sandy Anderberg

The 2005 2-1A Football All-District selections have been announced, according to Bronco Athletic Director Gary Jack. Each district coach makes nominations, and the selections are voted on by the participating coaches. Several Broncos were named to this year's All-District team.

"We are very well represented on the All-District Team," Jack said. "It is definitely a tribute to the guys for their hard work and dedication to the Bronco football team."

Several seniors were named to the team: Will Betts finished with three selections as he was named

running back, punter, and linebacker. Quentin West was selected as quarterback, and Morgan Robinson was named as the tight end. Cody Scrivner was first team offensive line, and Stephen Ford was named as a receiver and a defensive back. Danny Derry was named on the defensive line. Junior John Vaught was named as a defensive end, and sophomore Stephen Fowler was named on the defensive line.

Several other Broncos were named to the second team All-District team. Seniors named to the team were: Jeremy Utsey, defensive back; Michael Henderson, offensive and defensive line; and Jesse Rodriguez,

receiver. Juniors included Brad Sell, running back and linebacker; LaDez Captain, defensive end; and John Vaught, offensive line.

Offensive honorable mentions went to: Michael Bruce, Ty White, LaDez Captain, and Stephen Fowler. Defensive honorable mentions went to: Michael Bruce, Ty White, Quentin West, Jesse Rodriguez, Wes Christopher, and Cody Scrivner.

Others on the team were: Bubba Claudrick, Quanah Offensive MVP; Adam Choat, Quanah Defensive MVP; Mark Lemons and Byron Ingram, running backs Wellington; Alex Fuentes, Quanah center; Zach Mitchell and Caleb Bursley, Quanah;

Thomas Hunt, Shamrock; Jacob Killian, Wellington offensive line; Justin Martin, Wellington receiver; Donte Henderson, Memphis; Edward Arreola, Wellington kicker; Jacob Killian, Wellington; Laramie Jackson, Quanah; Rodrigo Santos, Memphis defensive ends; Zach Mitchell and Caleb Bursley, Quanah; Bo Bohannon, Wellington defensive line; Isaac Archie and Mark Lemons, Wellington, Timmell McFalls, linebackers; Donte Henderson, Memphis; Derek Stone, Shamrock; Bubba Claudrick, Quanah; and Justin Martin, Wellington defensive back.

Bronco JV participate in White Deer tourney

The Broncos took part in the White Deer JV Tournament and drew Gruver in the first round. Despite playing hard, the Broncos were defeated 32-53. The Broncos began slowly and good never catch up to the Greyhounds.

Scoring: Trevor Leeper 15, Dalton Askew 6, Austin Howard 3, Jesus Hernandez 2, and Derrick Shelton 1.

The second round the Broncos played Sanford-Fritch and took a 39-31 win. Although they started out slowly, the Broncos made up ground in the second period and went on to take the win.

Scoring: Danzel Wilson 14,

Askew 10, Shelton 6, Leeper 5, and Howard 2.

The win put them in the consolation game against Highland Park. The Broncos took the early lead, but were unable to stop the Hornets and took the six-point loss.

"We played better at times," Coach Brandon Word said. "We know we have to keep working hard in practice to get ready for our district season."

Scoring: Wilson 14, Leeper 11, Howard 11, Shelton 8, Askew 6, Keifer Burton 2, Zack Rattan 2, and Jake Miser 2.

Earlier in the week, the Broncos traveled to Pampa to take on the Har-

vesters and were defeated 43-83.

The Broncos stayed close through the first period, but fell behind by 18 points before the break. The Harvesters capitalized on the momentum change and continued to extend their lead.

"We struggled against a pretty good team," Word said. "We just did not play up to our ability, but we will be able to fix those problems."

Scoring: Wilson 12, Shelton 9, Leeper 8, Howard 6, Askew 4, and Burton 2.

The Broncos will play Valley December 16 at home at 5:00 p.m. and travel to River Road December 20 to play at 6:00 p.m.

Lady Bronco JV win White Deer Tourney title

They went through Claude and Sanford-Fritch to get to the title game where they met up with Vega. Determined to win, the Lady Broncos ran through Vega and were crowned champions of the White Deer Tournament.

The Lady Broncos drew district foe Claude in the first round and defeated them 41-32. Clarendon started out slowly in the first period of play but bounced back to come within three points of the lead at the break. The second half belonged to

the Lady Broncos as they got the big win.

Scoring: Sade Faas 13, Macy Shadle 11, Erin Holland 4, Janae White 4, Jill Cornell 4, Shelby Watson 3, and Sarah Scrivner 2.

The Claude win sent the Lady Broncos to the second round to face Sanford-Fritch. They had no trouble gaining the upper hand on their opponent and took the 36-20 win.

Scoring: Cornell 8, Haleigh Lewis 4, Shadle 4, Bailey Starnes 4, Abby Patten 3, Scrivner 3, Holland 2,

White 2, Morgan Hysinger 2, Faas 2, and Abbie Massingill 2.

The Lady Broncos faced a tough Vega team in the championship game and stayed strong to gain the 41-32 victory. The Lady Broncos dominated over Vega and sealed the win.

Scoring: Shadle 13, Faas 12, Scrivner 7, White 4, Cornell 3, and Watson 2.

The girls will play Valley December 16 at home at 5 p.m. and will travel to River Road December 20 at 7:30 p.m.

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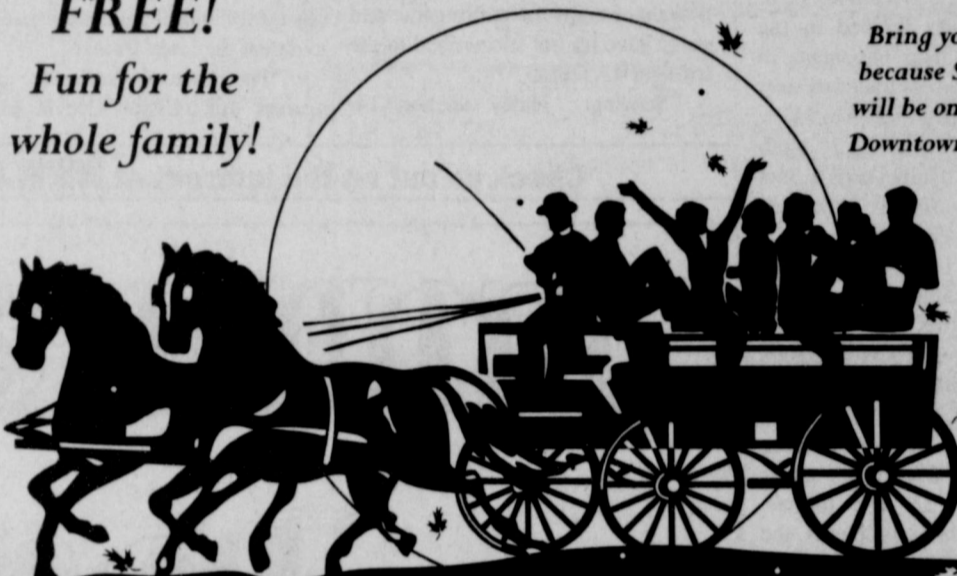
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Broncos fall to Elk City, Clinton in tournament

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos are striving to get better, and they felt a contest against better teams would be just what they needed.

They found those better teams in Oklahoma at the Elk City Classic, which included the Broncos, Elk City, Okla., Clinton, Okla., and Amarillo High.

The Broncos took on Elk City in the first game and fell short at 31-61. Elk City took the early lead in the game as the Broncos struggled to

get something going against the 4A team.

"We played the best team we will play all year," Coach Wade Callaway said.

"They have at least one high-major Division I player (6'5" junior) who has been approached by Oklahoma University. They also have several other quality players. We played hard, but teams like that expose your weaknesses."

Scoring: LaDez Captain 9, Will Betts 8, Jesse Rodriguez 6, Bret

Carter 4, Brad Sell 2, and Michael Henderson 2.

The Broncos took on Clinton the next day; and despite playing hard, they were defeated 38-54.

"Clinton was much improved over last season," Callaway said. "They lost to Amarillo High by 11 points the night before and again showed us some areas where we must improve by district. We'll watch film and practice and get some things figured out."

"We could have played some

bad teams and won by 30 points and felt good about ourselves, but we wouldn't have learned near as much about ourselves if we did."

I think the experience will be well worth it come district time."

Scoring: Rodriguez 17, Captain 5, Henderson 4, Sell 4, Morgan Robinson 3, Stephen Ford 2, Carter 2, and Betts 1.

The Broncos will play Valley at home December 16 at 8:00 p.m. and travel to River Road December 20 and play at 7:30 p.m.

Hedley girls defeat New Home, 49-31

By Tangelia Copelin

The Lady Owls played New Home on Tuesday, December 6, at Lockney. The girls jumped in the game outscoring their opponents in the first quarter and continued to keep the lead to win this game 49 to 31.

Scoring were Lori Bugg 21, Ruth Anne Howard 12, Holly Davis 6, Jaci Copelin 3, Kelby Shields 3, Shandy Koetting 2, Katie Gregory 2.

The Lady Owls started the Ft. Elliott tournament by playing Wheeler. The girls played some tough ball, but foul trouble plagued them as they tried to overcome some defensive defaults. The girls were not able to overcome in the end, shooting and scoring only 5 free throws versus their opponents' 22 free throws. Despite the free throw problems, the girls only lost by 9 points.

With this loss behind them, the Lady Owls took on Booker in the second game to overpower their opponents 50 to 22. The third game the girls played for consolation and were pitted against the Lefors Lady Pirates. The girls keep the Pirates at bay at won the game 41 to 33.

Scoring were Davis 13, Julie Funderburg 13, Howard 8, Shields 4, Dwight 2, and Copelin 1.

Second game scorers were Davis 16, Funderburg 10, Dwight 6, Shields 6, Koetting 4, Copelin 2, Howard 2, Julie Woodard 2, and Katie Gregory 2.

The third game scorers were Hoard 11, Funderburg 10, Davis 9, Bugg 7, Gregory 3, and Shields 1.

Lady Broncos participate in Elk City Classic

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos traveled to Elk City, Okla., to face Elk City and Clinton in a two-day match up against the 4A teams. On Friday, December 9, the Lady Broncos played Elk City and despite playing hard fell short at 27-39. The Lady Broncos fought the entire game and never gave up but succumbed to the stronger 4A team.

Scoring: Haley Shelton 14,

Regan Lemley 7, Samantha Myatt 2, Kristin White 2, Holly Cornell 1, and Haley Carter 1.

On Saturday, the Lady Broncos took on Clinton and were defeated 28-49. The Lady Broncos took the early lead, but a cold shooting second period gave Clinton the change of momentum they needed to defeat the Lady Broncos.

"The girls played really well against Elk City," Coach Steve

Myatt said. "We didn't fair as well against Clinton, but it was good experience for us to play two good 4A teams."

Scoring: J. Howard 9, Lemley 8, Cornell 5, K. Howard 2, Hall 2, and Shelton 2.

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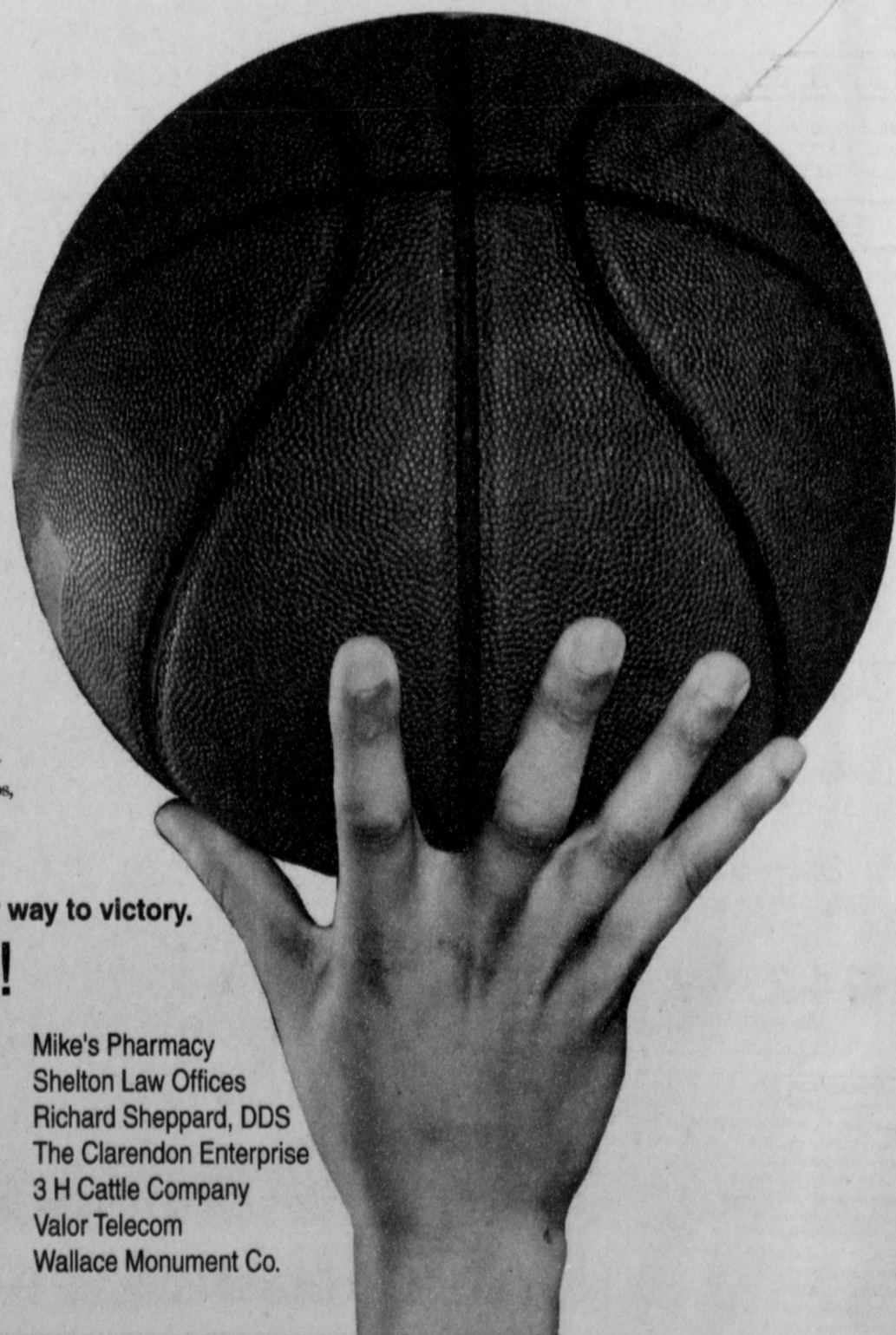
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Colts sweep Memphis Whirlwinds, 60-10

The seventh grade Colts were on the road at Memphis Monday night, December 5, and cleaned up the Whirlwinds, defeating them 60-10.

The Colts' confidence at the beginning of the game took them to a 27-point lead at the break that included an 18-0 shutout in the first period. The Colts just added to their lead in the second half of play and took the 50-point win. Several Colts contributed to the win as the points were spread out over most of the roster.

"The guys played great," Coach Brad Elam said. "Everyone got a lot of playing time, and twelve out of the fourteen kids scored. Memphis was just outmatched."

Scoring: Johnny Gaines 10, Bradley Watson 8, Michael Santos 6, Chris Crump 6, David Roberts 6, Brayden Phillips 4, Clayton Shields

4, Daniel West 4, Mike Crump 4, Trent White 4, John Lavario 2, and Quincy Harris 2.

The eighth grade Colts' margin was not as wide as the seventh grade, but they got the win nonetheless. The Colts took the early lead but didn't have the big pull-away until the final period as they held the Whirlwinds to only two points.

"The eighth grade game was close until the last quarter," Elam said. "We played much better defense in the fourth quarter which allowed us to pull away. Glen (Weatherthon) hit some big shots."

Scoring: Nelson Devin 12, Glen Weatherthon 8, Jaden Thornton 7, Dustin Ford 4, Dylan Wright 4, Ryan Hill 2, and Josh Krumweide 1.

Both Colt teams will play Wellington at home Thursday, January 5, at 5:00 p.m.

Lady Colts split two with Lady Whirlwinds

The eighth grade Lady Colts hosted the Lady Whirlwinds at home Monday, December 5, and walked away with the 29-26 win.

The Lady Colts led from the tip off but only held a two-point lead at the break. They played hard in the remainder of the game and held off a comeback attempt by Memphis at the end.

"The girls played well at the beginning of the game but fell off a little," Coach Cara Hathaway said. "They got things going again at the end and never quit. I am proud of them for that."

Scoring: Deidre Lewis 13, Jill Luna 7, Dominique Mason 4, Kia Bryley 3, and Brandi Mays 2.

The seventh grade Lady Colts did not fair as well as they were defeated in a close 26-31 ending. Clarendon trailed throughout the game but came back in the fourth period to narrow the gap to only five points.

"We started out good but fell

off a little into the game," Hathaway said. "They played hard at the end of the game, but we just ran out of time."

Scoring: Danielle Ford 11, Chelsea Alaniz 7, Kaleigh West 4, Ashlyn Tubbs 2, Annessa Williams 2, and Megan Hysinger 2.

Several of the seventh and eighth grade Lady Colts traveled to Hedley that same night to take on the Lady Owls and were defeated 12-53.

Cold shooting kept the Lady Colts from keeping up with the Lady Owls, but several players saw a lot of time on the court.

"This was a good chance for us to play somebody new," Coach Steve Myatt said. "The girls played hard and did a good job."

Scoring: Brittany Sanchez 4, Elyssa Holland 4, Annie Patten 2, and Amanda Reynolds 2.

The Lady Colts will travel to Wellington after the Christmas break on Thursday, January 5, at 5:00 p.m.

Owls beat Miami in tourney, 50-29

Tangela Copelin

The Hedley Owls played in the Ft. Elliott tournament last weekend, and the boys won their first game against Miami by a wide margin 50 to 29.

Their second game was a close game, but the boys were unable to overpower the much larger Wheeler boys and lost this game. The third and final game the boys played had them matched against the Wellington Skyrockets. The Owls played tough defense but in the end fell short by

7 points.

Those Owls scoring in the Miami game were Andy Alston 14, Wes Shields 10, Jonathon Edmonson 8, Dustin Thomas 7, Will Verstuyft 7, and Brayden Bennett 2.

Owls scoring in the Wheeler game were Thomas 12, Alston 9, Verstuyft 8, Shields 7, Edmonson 5, and Peter Howard 2.

Scoring in the final game against Wellington were Shields 19, Thomas 10, Verstuyft 9, Alston 4, and Edmonson 3.

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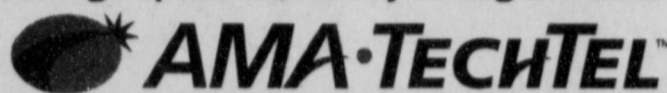
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HJH girls beat CJH

The Hedley Jr. High girls played Clarendon Junior High on Monday, December 5. The Hedley girls took to the court with a vengeance and played tough ball to win the game.

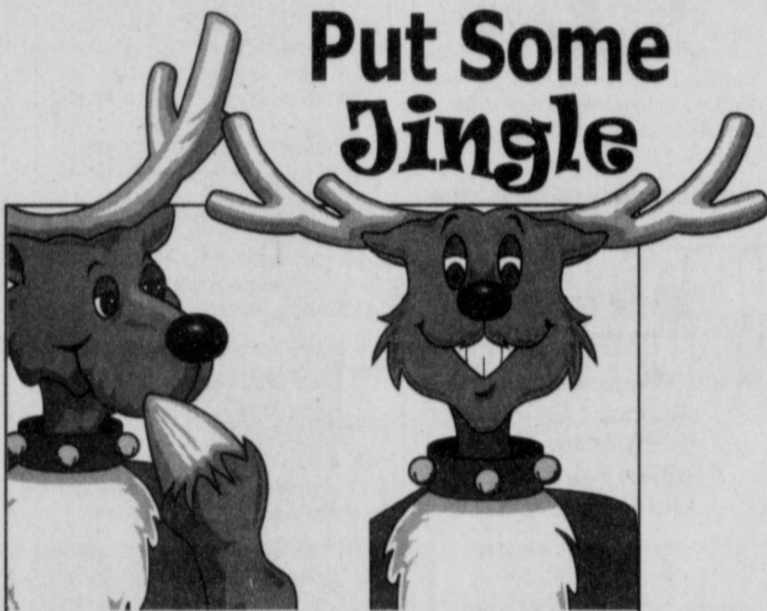
Scoring were Haley Hall 10, Kaylee Shields 8, Jenni Allen 8, Miriam Garcia 6, Brook Martin 4, Brittany Granados 4, Brittney Netterville 3, Kallie Verstuyft 2, Alex Sharp 2, Kailee Burton 2, Tamra Burnam 2, and Jasie Sargent 2.

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