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- 6 And the Broncos beat White Deer at the buzzer.

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

## Ag conference to be held here Friday

The North West Texas Ag Conference will be held in Clarendon at the Donley County Activity Center on Friday, January 13, with registration from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. A \$10 participation fee will be required at the time of registration to offset meeting cost.

Topics for this year's conference will include "Watering for the Future" presented by Nick Kenny, Texas AgriLife Extension Irrigation Specialist; "Thoughts for Controlling Weeds in 2012," presented by Dr. Peter Dotray, Texas AgriLife Extension Weed Specialist; "Cotton Disease Management," presented by Dr. Jason Woodward, Extension Plant Pathologist; "Soil Testing," presented by Fred Vocasek, Senior Lab Agronomist Serv-Tech Laboratories; and "Pesticide Laws and Regulations," presented by Levon Harmon, Texas Department of Agriculture.

A meal will also be served along with industry seed and chemical representative updates will be presented. Participants will receive five CEU credits toward their pesticide applicator License requirements. Participant will be asked to please RSVP to the Donley County Extension Office by Thursday, January 12, at 2 p.m. to assure meal head count.

If you have any questions or special needs, contact Leonard Haynes at 806-874-2141 or by cell at 806-282-7680.

## Higher Focus to be in Claude Feb. 4

Higher Focus Ministries is excited to announce they will be in Claude on Saturday, February 4, at 7:00 p.m. for the Higher Focus Crusade.

There is no admission fee for the crusade and doors open at 6:30 p.m. for this non-denominational event. The crusade is being held in the Armstrong County Community Center located south on Hurley Ave.

Special musical guests include the Christian band FADE and Christian rap artists J Da Truth and A-Ron. Message by Higher Focus Ministries Co-Founder, Steve Patterson.

For more information visit [www.higherfocus.org](http://www.higherfocus.org).

## Tax forms at Library

Federal income tax return forms are now available at Burton Memorial Library. Forms include basic 1040 forms, schedules, and workbooks. Library is open 9:00a.m. till 5:00p.m. Monday through Friday or Call 874-3685.

## CC students must get meningitis shot

Students looking to begin classes at Clarendon College next week need to add one more item to their "to do" list. CC reports that all new students are under the age of 30 are required to have proof of a Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination on or before January 17 or they won't be allowed to attend classes. For information, visit [www.clarendoncollege.edu](http://www.clarendoncollege.edu).

## Edes faces charges related to boy's death

A Clarendon woman is out on bond this week, facing a felony charge related to the death of her grandson, Chance Jones, last year.

Gayle Edes, age 67, was indicted by the Donley County Grand Jury last Wednesday, January 4, 2012, on the first degree felony charge of Injury to a Child by Omission, District Attorney Luke Inman said. She was arrested by Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn that evening, and arraigned by Justice of the Peace Connie Havens, who set bond at \$50,000.

The arrest came exactly one year after local authorities were called to the rural Donley County residence of Edes' son, Robert Babcock, where they found four-year-old Jones unresponsive and obviously beaten.

Jones died the next morning at

Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, and authorities believe his death could have been prevented if Edes had reported what was going on or taken action.

"She knew for two weeks

and helped hide the fact that the boy was being abused," Sheriff Blackburn said. "She made a conscious decision not get him medical care."

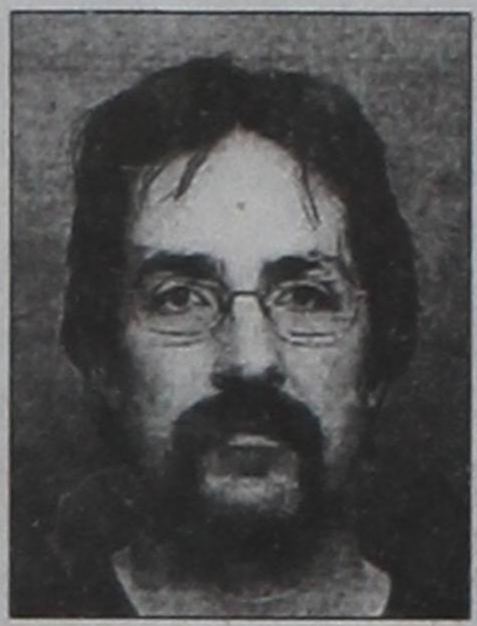
Blackburn said he would have charged Edes much earlier in the investigation but said he held off because the district attorney wanted more information. He said the DA finally got enough information to



Gayle Edes



Chance Jones



Robert Babcock

present the case against Edes to the Grand Jury last week.

"I've wanted to arrest her since about January 14," Blackburn said.

Court records allege that on January 3, 2011, Edes intentionally or knowingly, by omission, caused serious bodily injury to Chance Mark Jones by her failure to get medical attention for the boy and

that she had care, custody, or control of the child at that time.

"She was helping take care of him, which puts a greater burden on her to protect the child," Blackburn said.

Edes was taken to the Collingsworth County Jail for holding following her arrest and posted bond the next day. If convicted, Edes could face a sentence of five to 99 years or life in prison and a fine up to \$10,000.

Babcock remains in the Donley County Jail facing a capital murder charge in Jones' death with a bond

set at \$1 million. According to previous reports, Babcock had only recently met his son and only had custody of him for a few weeks before, according to investigators, he began abusing the boy on December 24, 2010, and continued abusing him until January 4, 2011.

An autopsy conducted January 6, 2011, revealed that the boy died from blunt force trauma to the head and that he also suffered internal injuries from trauma to the torso. Investigators at the time called the case the worse they had ever worked.

District Attorney Inman would not comment last week on the charges facing Gayle Edes, saying that his office is focused right now on the charges against Babcock, whose trial has been moved to Hall County.



## A winning kiss

Scottie Rodriguez shows some love to her Reserve Grand Champion Lamb at the annual Donley County Junior Livestock Show Saturday. Check out photos of all the winners on page eight of this week's issue.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / KARI LINDSEY

## Cobb, Williams top beef exhibitors Junior Livestock show raises \$60k for Donley County youth

Trevor Cobb and Tylee Williams exhibited the top animals in the Beef Division during the annual Donley County Junior Livestock Show last Saturday at the new Donley County Activity Center.

Cobb exhibited the Grand Champion Steer, and Williams had the Grand Champion Heifer.

Other top winners were Lilly Carr and her Grand Champion Lamb; Kylie Phillips' Grand Champion Goat, Austin Adams' Grand Champion Swine, and Tres Hommel with his Grand Champion Gilt.

A total of 62 young people from the Donley County 4-H Club and local FFA chapters showed 98 animals. Last year 70 kids showed 105 animals.

Figures show that the sale brought in about \$60,000, which included the sale and add on donations according to Leonard Haynes, Donley County Extension Agent - Ag and Natural Resources. That number may increase in the final tally as more donations are received.

Complete results were:  
Steers: Trevor Cobb, Grand Champion; Kaden Bennett, Reserve Grand; Trevor Cobb, Breed Champion (Class 406); Kelsey McAnear, Breed Champion (Class 402);

Kaden Bennett and Tylee Williams, Reserve Breed Champions; Brittney McAnear, first (Class 401); Kelsey McAnear, first (Class 402); Hannah Hommel, first (Class 403); John Pigg, first (Class 404); Kassie O'Dell, second (Class 401); Tylee Williams, second (Class 402); Seth Ruthardt, second and third (Class 403); Daquawne "Pumpkin" Oliver, second (Class 404); Trevor Cobb, second (Class 405); Austin Adams, second (Class 406); Chris Blackburn, third (Class 402); Kati Adams, third (Class 404); Jayson Pigg, third (Class 405); Tres Hommel, third (Class 406); Caden Farris, fourth (Class 404); Casey Jo Haney, fourth (Class 405).

Heifers: Tylee Williams, Grand and Reserve Grand Champion; Tres Hommel, first (Class 301); Kae Hewett, first (Class 302); Kae Hewett, second (Class 303); Chris Shults, second (Class 301); Jaimie Vinson, second (Class 302); Jacob Hewett, second and third (Class 303 and 302); Shelby Musick, third (Class 303); Hannah Hommel, third (Class 304).

Lambs: Lilly Carr, Grand Champion; Scottie Rodriguez, Reserve Grand; Skyler White, first (Class 101); Maci White, second

and third (Class 101); Brenden Hough, third (Class 102).

Goats: Kylie Phillips, Grand Champion; Chardy Craft, Reserve Grand; Abby Tolbert, second (Class 201); Izzy Craft, second (Class 202); Kolt Stevenson, third (Class 202);

Swine: Austin Adams, Grand Champion; Kati Adams, Reserve Grand; Coltin Kingston, first (Class 601); Kassie O'Dell, first and second (Class 602); Kati Adams, first (Class 603); Kyla O'Dell, first (Class 701); Austin Adams, second (Class 702); Denver Chambless, first (Class 703); Klaiton Moore, first (Class 801); Porsche Henderson, first (Class 802); Payton Havens, second (Class 601); Jake Owens, second (Class 603); Shelby Musick, second (Class 701); David Johnston, second (Class 702); Jade Benson, second (Class 703); Kati Adams, second (Class 801); Tres Hommel, second (Class 802); Kyla O'Dell, third (Class 601); Cole Ward, third (Class 702 and 703); Shelby O'Keefe, third (Class 801); Austin Adams, third (Class 802); David Bell, fourth (Class 601); Collin Monroe, fourth (Class 602); Ethan Naylor, fourth (Class 603); Kari O'Dell, fourth (Class 701);

Dalton Benson, fourth (Class 702); Klaiton Moore, fourth (Class 703); Caylor Monroe, fourth (Class 801); Kyle Lindsey, fifth (Class 702); David Johnston, fifth (Class 703); Hannah Hommel, fifth (Class 801); Payton Havens, sixth (Class 703);

Swine-Gilt: Tres Hommel, Grand Champion; Kati Adams, Reserve Grand; Lane Cabler, first (Class 501); Shelby Musick, first (Class 502); Kyler Lamberson, second (Class 501); Jacob Pigg, second (Class 502); Porsche Henderson, second (Class 503); Hannah Hommel, second (Class 504); Clay Ward, third (Class 501); Parker Womack, third (Class 502); Seth Greer, third (Class 503); Lilly Carr, third (Class 504); Ryan Ward, fourth (Class 501); Iago Alvarez Olcina, fourth (Class 502); Cody Cabler, fourth (Class 503); Justin Riggs, fourth (Class 504).

Showmanship Awards: Lambs - Brenden Hough, junior, Scottie Rodriguez, senior; Goats - Abby Tolbert, junior, Kylie Phillips, senior; Swine - Hannah Hommel, junior, Coltin Kingston, senior; Cattle - Kelsey McAnear, junior, Austin Adams, senior; Pee Wee Lamb and Goat - Heather Hough; and Pee Wee Swine - Coyt Tucheck.

## Fikes buys 63 Taylor Food Marts

A Temple, Texas, company announced this week that it has purchased 63 Taylor Food Mart Stores from Taylor Petroleum Company based in Amarillo, Texas, two of which are operated in Clarendon.

Fikes Wholesale Inc., parent company of the 194-location CEFCO Convenience Stores Chain based in Temple said in a press release that it had acquired the retail interests of the Taylor Food Marts located in West Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. Terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

"We are pleased to welcome the Taylor Food Mart Team and Stores into our Fikes/CEFCO Convenience Store Family" said James Fikes, President and CEO of Fikes Wholesale Inc. "This agreement truly represents a win-win for all parties involved and we look forward to serving our customers in these new market areas with immediate plans to resupply depleted inventories."

"The addition of the Taylor Stores coupled with the August 2011 acquisition of the 69 store Food Fast Store group has helped our company grow to a 257 Store Chain operating in seven states" said Fikes.

Fikes Wholesale, Inc. is a 60+ year old company that began as a fuel distributor. The company employs more than 2,000 people across the southern United States.

CEFCO Convenience Stores operates stores in Texas, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Arkansas and employs more than 2,000 team members chain-wide.

## Shooting of hunter under investigation

Investigators are still looking for answers in the case of a 63-year-old Amarillo man who was shot last Wednesday night, January 4, while hunting in Briscoe County.

Sava Garcia, Jr., was reportedly hunting on the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River near the bridge on Texas Highway 256 when he was shot once in the shoulder between 3:30 and 6 p.m.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said Garcia reportedly walked for some distance before collapsing and then being found by Antonio Padilla, Jr., age 53 of Spring Lake. The two men were hunting together.

Padilla transported Garcia into Donley County where they were met by local EMS personnel about eight miles south of Clarendon. Garcia was then transported to Clarendon and airlifted to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo where he

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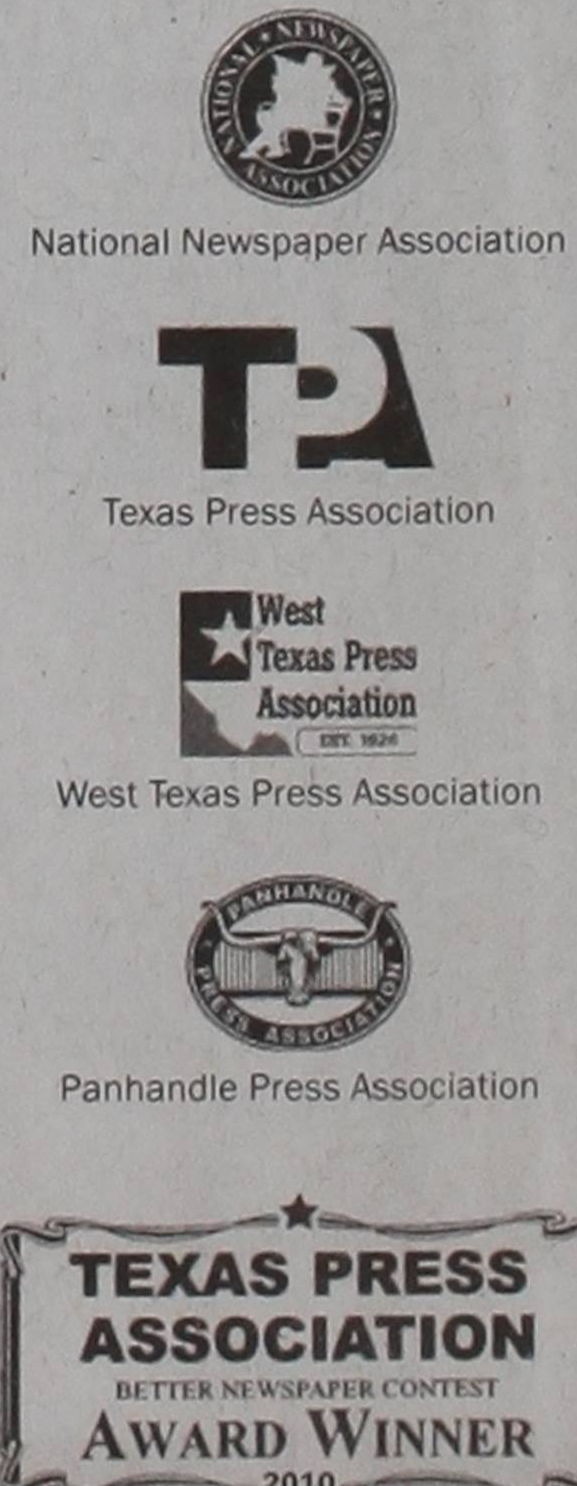
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# The undependable wealthy taxpayer

By Brendan Miniter

The President recently took the stage in Osawatimie, Kansas and delivered what looks to be his administration's definitive statement on income inequality.

Obama called this a "make or break it" moment for the American middle class. And he made it explicitly clear his favored solution for inequality is higher taxes on the rich, calling the current tax rules on top earners "the height of unfairness."

This idea is picking up steam well beyond the Democratic caucus. Even Warren Buffet wants higher rates on the wealthy. In this push, however, tax activists are ignoring an inconvenient truth: a tax system heavily dependent on the wealthy is highly volatile and a breeding ground for bitter budget battles.

Consider three examples.

The first is California. The Golden State has been stumbling for years. We can blame its economic woes on a wide range of things, including environmental regulations, unstable electricity markets, and tax rates that have driven businesses to Colorado, Texas and elsewhere. But we can also see that its budget deficits are, in large part, due to movement in one category of taxpayers.

From 2007 to 2008, California saw a sharp decline in taxes paid by those with incomes above \$200,000 a year. After crunching the numbers, UCLA professors Andrew G. Atkeson and William E. Simon Jr. concluded in January that this decline accounted for "fully 93 percent of the decline in total tax

revenues from 2007-08." A collapse in taxes paid by the wealthy put the state into the red.

The second example is New York. A full fifth of the Empire State's revenues come from taxes on financial companies. So the economic collapse of the past few years has led to plummeting revenues and a huge increase in public debt. In June 2007, the sixteen highest taxed banks paid \$173 million to the New York treasury. A year later, as the country was about to plunge into financial panic, those same firms paid just \$5 million in state taxes – a 97-percent decrease.

For all the trouble they have had, at least California and New York have confronted their budget problems in real time – however misguided their tax-rate-raising approach.

Our third example – the federal government – shows us that putting off the day of reckoning doesn't make it easier to solve deficit problems.

According to data from the IRS, between 2007 and 2009, the number of tax filers with reported incomes of \$1 million or more decreased from 390,000 to 237,000. As a result, the taxes paid by this group dropped 42 percent – from \$309 billion to \$178 billion. The drop-off in tax payments gets steeper the higher up the income ladder you go.

In the same period, the number of Americans with incomes of \$10 million or more fell by 55 percent – from 18,394 to 8,274 – causing tax revenue from this category to drop by 51 percent. Falling tax revenue from the rich is a huge reason federal revenues are now just

15 percent of GDP, down from 18% or more in recent years.

Back in the early 2000s, when public officials thought tax revenues from the wealthy would remain robust, it looked like the feds might actually pay off the national debt. Today, with spending far outstrips revenues total federal debt has climbed to \$15 trillion.

This is spike in national debt is precisely the danger of a tax system overly dependent on the rich. And it's a very good reason to believe that hiking rates on the "one percent" won't solve our budget problems.

The truth is that the wealthy are unreliable taxpayers because their income is volatile. So a deadlocked super committee might have saved us from a Washington deal that would have left us more dependent on an unstable tax source – the rich – and thereby has provided us with an opportunity to debate a reliable solution to our debt problems: economic growth.

Instead of seeking to tax the rich, we would do better to curb excessive spending and concentrate on enacting policies, such as tax simplification, aimed at sparking economic growth. With growth all things are possible. We can lower unemployment, raise living standards, and pay down our national debts. What's more, in a booming economy we'll also likely find that the wealthy are once again paying a bumper crop in taxes.

Brendan Miniter is Senior Editorial Director at the George W. Bush Institute and editor of the forthcoming book on economic growth, The 4% Solution, published by Crown.

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This past year, our state's leadership in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) was underscored by the international recognition garnered by two of Texas' brightest stars, one a distinguished scientist with decades of experience and the other a high school student beginning her career.

Dr. Bruce Beutler of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center won the 2011 Nobel Prize in physiology / medicine. His research enables scientists and doctors to understand humans' abilities to respond to infectious diseases and cancer, and is helping to develop new treatments for a broad spectrum of diseases. As a member of The Academy of Medicine, Engineering, and Science of Texas (TAMEST), and now as the state's 10th living Nobel Prize laureate, Dr. Beutler proudly carries on the Texas tradition of achievement in the STEM fields.

TAMEST took shape in 2004, when I joined with Nobel Laureates Dr. Michael Brown of UT Southwestern and the late Dr. Richard Smalley of Rice University to create a means for our state's best scientists in all fields to share information and knowledge. We wanted

to encourage greater collaboration, not competition, among university researchers.

This vision has paid off. First, by increasing cross-disciplinary science in our state we have improved the quality and impact of the research that Texas produces. Second, TAMEST has been a terrific tool for attracting the best scientific talent to our state. Third, since TAMEST's creation in 2004, Texas' share of federal research and development dollars to universities has increased to more than \$1.8 billion annually – from 6th to 3rd in the nation. On January 11th, TAMEST will kick off its 9th Annual Conference in Houston – welcoming 17 new members – all of whom have achieved membership in the national academies, as is required for every scientist, engineer, and doctor invited to join TAMEST.

As successful farmers know, you can't eat your seed corn. Likewise, America must continue investing in research to foster the innovation that fuels our economy. A year ago last month, the America COMPETES Act, legislation to reauthorize the key science agencies responsible for supporting basic research, was approved by strong, bipartisan majorities of Congress. As the ranking Republican on the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee, which brought forward this legislation, I'm also proud



capitol comment by sen. kay bailey hutchison

guest commentary

## Democrats just keep on spending

By Richard W. Rahn, Cato Institute

Despite pledges to cut spending by the new Republican House majority, it appears spending during the current fiscal year, which ends on Sept. 30, will actually be greater than in fiscal 2011. The House Republicans were filled with good intentions, but they got snookered by President Obama and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me.

The Tea Party crowd and other Americans who believe in fiscal responsibility are unlikely to be tolerant of and re-elect Republicans who are so incompetent that they cannot reduce federal spending and continue to fund programs that most of their voters oppose. The Constitution is clear. Article I, Section 9 states, "No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law." That is, only Congress can authorize the spending of money.

It is true that the Republicans only control one half of Congress, the House, and that many of the Senate Democrats want higher spending, so the House Republicans are not going to be able to get all of the spending reductions they wish. But it also is true that the House Republicans can insist on reductions in overall spending and, particularly, get rid of unpopular and nonessential programs as a price for passing any of the necessary appropriations bills.

The Republicans allowed themselves to get snookered last year by not insisting on the "regular order," whereby both the House and Senate are required to pass a budget resolution that sets the framework for overall spending. The various appropriations committees then are supposed to make their spending decisions within the limits set by the budget resolution. The House dutifully complied with the Budget Act and passed a budget resolution. The Senate did not – in fact, it has been three years since the Democrat – controlled Senate passed a budget resolution. Without a binding budget resolution signed onto by both houses of Congress, the appropriators basically had free rein, which is exactly what the majority of Democrats wanted.

The president and many of the Democrats demonstrate time and time again that they care little about the rules or the Constitution. Just last week, Mr. Obama made clearly unconstitutional "recess" appointments even though the Senate was not in recess. As former Attorney General Ed Meese and Todd Gaziano of the Heritage Foundation wrote: "If Congress does not resist, the injury is not just to its branch but ultimately to the people. James Madison made clear that the separation of powers was not to protect government officials' power for their sake, but as a vital check on behalf of individual liberty. To prevent future tyrannical usurpations of power, Congress must act to redress this serious threat to our liberty."

Again, Congress still has control of the purse, and even the big – spending senators cannot force an appropriation if the House majority does not approve it. Therefore, the Republican leaders must make it clear to the president, Democrats in the Senate and the American people that they will not approve any spending for programs or people that operate against the best interest of America or operate outside what is constitutionally permissible.

Republicans should prepare a specific list of spending non-starters and make it known to all. They need to be clear that if any of the items are contained in a future appropriations bill or continuing resolution, they will make sure it is defeated. The list should contain only those items that would cause the president to have a politically impossible public – relations problem if he threatened to veto the specific appropriation bill or continuing resolution and thereby shut down the government if the items were not included.

Republicans could start by insisting that no expenditure for salaries could be made for people not properly appointed with the advice and consent of the Senate as called for in the Constitution – that is, phony, non – recess appointments would not be funded.

The GOP and others have rightly complained about regulatory excess, but they need to put some teeth in these complaints by refusing to allow funding for regulations that have not been justified by a truly independent cost – benefit analysis, so the Environmental Protection Agency could not get away with unnecessarily attempting to shut down many needed power plants. The cost – benefit requirement also should be applied to the Internal Revenue Service and Treasury so they could not continue such outrages as making it almost impossible for Americans living abroad to get bank accounts and driving hundreds of billions of dollars of foreign capital out of the United States.

Republicans may not be able to reduce spending greatly until they have control of both houses of Congress, but they can stop specific spending programs that have little or no popular support and do great damage. They need to insist on the regular order and provide their list of non – starters now and not wait until the next budget crisis when, once again, they are likely to get snookered.

Richard W. Rahn is a senior fellow at the Cato Institute and chairman of the Institute for Global Economic Growth.

## Appraisal District offers new contact methods

Under a new law, chief appraisers of county appraisal districts, appraisal districts, and appraisal review boards may communicate electronically through email or other methods with property owners or their designated representatives.

According to a press release from the Donley County Appraisal District, written agreements are required for notices and other documents to be delivered electronically in place of mailing.

Certain guidelines must be followed for this local option:

- Written agreements with the county appraisal district must

be entered first, ensuring what electronic means of delivery are acceptable. If you are interested in receiving communications in electronic format, you should contact your local appraisal district.

- Public notice regarding the availability of agreement forms authorizing electronic communications may be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the district on or before Feb. 1 each year, or agreement forms may be delivered on or before Feb. 1 each year to property owners shown on the certified appraisal roll for the preceding tax year.

- The chief appraiser may determine the medium, format, content and method to be used for electronic communications other than notices required by Section 25.19 of the Tax Code, which are prescribed by Comptroller rule.

- A decision by the chief appraiser not to enter into agreements may not be the subject of an appraisal review board protest, a lawsuit or a complaint to the Texas Dept. of Licensing and Regulation.

For more information, contact: Donley Appraisal District, PO Box 1220, Clarendon TX 79226 or call (806) 874-2744.



## Money drain

The Clarendon Volunteer Fire Dept. and local TxDOT personnel were called to an accident at US 287 at Carhart Street Monday morning after a pickup driven by Clayton Crofoot of Clarendon ran into a westbound Kensworth tractor-trailer rig, impacting the passenger side diesel tank. Fuel spilled on the highway and was cleaned up that day. Donley County Deputy Mike Spier said Crofoot reported that he did not see the truck as he was turning on to the highway from Carhart Street. He was issued a citation for making an unsafe turn.

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## Shooting:

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underwent surgery. Blackburn said Garcia was in stable condition last Thursday morning.

The Briscoe County Sheriff's Office believes the shooting to be accidental and says a white pickup was seen under the bridge prior to the shooting and is currently being sought by law enforcement.

Authorities are asking anyone who was hunting or who knows someone who was hunting on January 4 on the river near the Highway 256 Bridge to contact the Briscoe County Sheriff's Office at (806) 823-2135.

## Golfers take advantage of nice weather

By Sandy Anderberg

Several golfers have been out on the course enjoying the unseasonably warm weather and on Thursday several ladies participated in the weekly women's game.

Sandy Anderberg won low gross with an 88, and Mary Ann Sawyer was the low net winner with 68.

The course will remain open throughout the remainder of the winter and for further information regarding the happenings at the Clarendon Country Club, you may call the Pro Shop.

## weather report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	2	53°	20°	-
Tues	3	53°	20°	-
Wed	4	69°	30°	-
Thur	5	61°	26°	-
Fri	6	69°	28°	-
Sat	7	64°	27°	-
Sun	8	58°	22°	-

Total precipitation this month: .01  
Total precipitation to date: 0

## weekend forecast

	Fri., Dec. 13 Sunny 48°/25°
	Sat., Dec. 14 Sunny 52°/27°
	Sun., Dec. 15 Mostly Sunny 55°/31°

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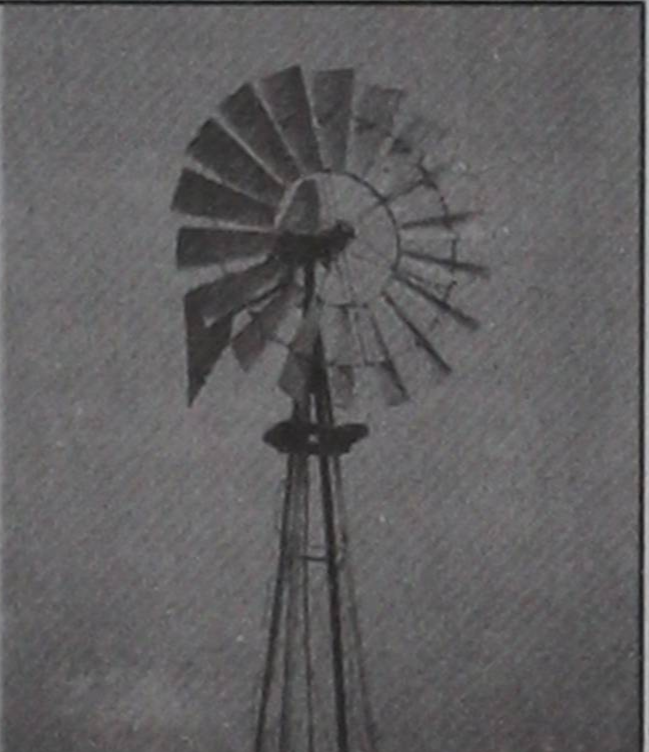
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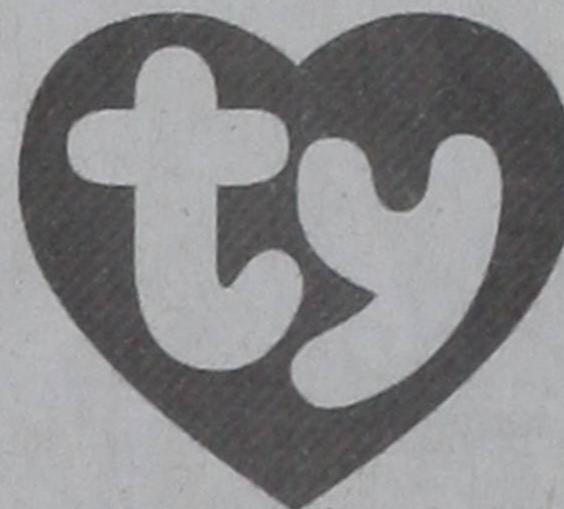
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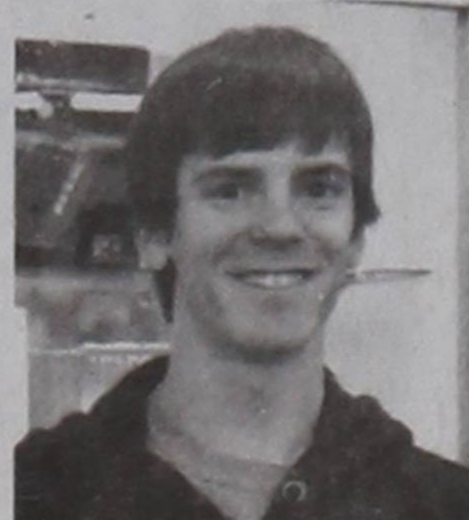
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*Community Calendar*

**January 12**  
Clarendon Family Medical Center Weight Loss Challenge Weigh-In • 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. • at the Clarendon Family Medical Center

**January 13**  
Broncos v. Wheeler • JV at 5 p.m., Varsity at 7 p.m. • in Wheeler

Lady Broncos v. Wheeler • JV at 4 p.m., Varsity at 6 p.m. • in Wheeler

Hedley Owls & Lady Owls v. Amarillo Flames • 6 p.m. • in Amarillo

**January 17**  
Broncos v. Wellington • JV at 5 p.m., Varsity at 8 p.m. • Bronco Gym

Lady Broncos v. Wellington • JV at 5 p.m., Varsity at 6:30 p.m. • Bronco Gym

Hedley Owls & Lady Owls v. Shamrock • 6 p.m. • Hedley Gym

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**Menus**  
January 16 - 20

**Donley County Senior Citizens**

Mon: BBQ brisket, ranch style beans, cornbread, carrot sticks, chocolate pudding, low fat milk/tea.

Tue: Baked chicken breast, baked potato/sour cream, green peas, pineapple tidbits, chocolate, pudding, low fat milk/tea.

Wed: Lasagna, garlic bread, Brussels sprouts, pears, low fat milk/tea.

Thu: Sweet & sour pork, fried rice, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, fruit parfait, low fat milk/tea.

Fri: Roast turkey, bread dressing, seasoned broccoli, cranberry slices, wheat roll, low fat milk/tea.

**Hedley Senior Citizens**

Mon: Spaghetti & meatballs, whole wheat rolls, margarine, spinach, honey dew melon, low fat milk.

Tue: Breaded chicken tenders, baked potato w/ sour cream, peas & carrots, strawberries w/ whip, low fat milk.

Wed: Beef taco bake, spanish rice, cauliflower, tossed salad w/ dressing, country apple crisp, low fat milk.

Thu: Creamy mushroom steak, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, whole wheat roll, margarine, emerald pears, low fat milk.

Fri: Roast turkey, bread dressing, seasoned broccoli, waldorf salad, cranberry squares, low fat milk.

**Clarendon ISD**

Breakfast  
Mon: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk.  
Tue: Sausage, biscuit, gravy, fruit, milk.  
Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk.  
Thu: Egg, toast, fruit, milk.  
Fri: Cinnamon roll, juice, milk.  
Lunch  
Mon: No school  
Tue: Frito pie, corn, salad, fruit, milk.  
Wed: Steak fingers, gravy, potatoes, green beans, fruit, roll, milk.  
Thu: Lasagna, mixed veggies, salad, fruit, roll, milk.  
Fri: Chicken sandwich, chips, pickle, cookie, fruit, milk.

**Hedley ISD**

Mon: Hamburger steak, baked potato, rolls, pineapple tidbits, lettuce & tomatoes, milk.  
Tue: Hot dogs, chili & cheese, corn, salad/dressing, pineapple chunks, milk.  
Wed: Steak fingers, green beans, mashed potatoes, salad, fruit, milk.  
Thu: Sliced turkey, savory green beans, rolls, brownies, sliced peaches, milk.  
Fri: Cheese burger, oven fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions, fruit, milk.

 **the lion's tale**  
*by roger estlack*

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting January 10, 2012, with Boss Lion Steve Hall in charge.  
We had 18 members and one guest this week - Scarlet Estlack, guest of Lion Russell Estlack.  
Lion Tex Buckhaults reported on college activities with classes starting next week, and Lions Monty Hysinger and Mike Word reported on the start of the spring semester at the public school.  
With no further business, we were adjourned.

**Ambulance Authority answers 758 calls in '11 CC names 79 to honor lists**

When I was elected to the Donley County Hospital board last year, I was wondering why we needed a Hospital Board and just what they did. I knew they were over the ambulance service and that we had an excellent ambulance service. What I found out is that the hospital board members are a very dedicated group. They take care of business and are spending tax dollars wisely and providing Donley County with one of the top rural ambulance services in the Texas Panhandle.

Clarendon is indeed fortunate to have in place a way to supplement our ambulance service. Medicare and insurance payments will not cover operation cost. Our citizens are an ageing group and the traffic on 287 has increased.  
I will get off my soapbox and present you some facts from 2011.  
Total calls for 2011 were 758, for an average of 2.07 runs a day. Runs that were chargeable for payment were Code 1 (stable) 374, Code 3 (unstable) 35, and Mutual Aid 06, total 415. There were 245 refusals of transport, 116 medical calls, and 129 traumas. These calls are expensive and the hospital board is considering a minimum charge for medical supplies used. A breakdown on transport calls reveals 316 medical, 92 traumas, and 13 were dead on scene.

other community gatherings, and also assisted the Life Star helicopter 10 times as mutual aid.  
Dr. Howard and the Family Medical Center staff provide outstanding medical care for our citizens.  
However any person requiring emergency or hospital care, or other care must be transported out of county.  
The out of county runs last year were Amarillo BSA 165, Amarillo Northwest 137, Amarillo VA 25, Childress 30, Pampa Regional 31, and other facilities 32. These 420 runs will tie up an ambulance for about four hours each due to increased paper work at the hospitals.  
The hospital board has authorized the purchase of an additional ambulance in 2012 due to the high mileage of our present units. Two of these units are 2010 models. Unit 1 has a total of 67,113 miles with 34,110 of these in 2011. Unit 2 has a total of 45,229 miles with 18,590

of these in 2011. Unit 3 is a 2002 model, 4-wheel drive and a 1991 box, with a total of 123,851 miles with 2,267 in 2011. Total miles driven in 2011 were 55,067.  
In 2011, we served 524 Donley County citizens and 151 out of county citizens.  
The staff of five has full time Paramedics, three part time Paramedics, nine part-time EMT Basic. Anna Howard is the Administrator. Anna is a Paramedic and holds additional certification as a Texas Department of Health Coordinator, Instructor and tester. Anna not only trains our own staff but teaches First Aid, CPR, and other classes to our citizens, and school children. Presently she is teaching a paramedic class nightly with 15 students with some from as far away as Perryton. The staff is proficient in collecting from insurance and Medicare. Many times all three ambulances are out, and then we are covered by other staff that serve with only a jump bag and use their own vehicles.  
The Hospital Board meets at 7:00 p.m., the third Tuesday of each month at the Ambulance Barn. I would encourage you to attend if you have comments or questions.

I know some of you think that we should go back to a volunteer service, as it was in the 1970s, when the funeral homes stopped operating an ambulance service and volunteer services were set up. Then people volunteered to study and become EMTs. Today all those have moved away or grown older and retired. State requirements for ambulances and personnel has grown much harder and finding people who will volunteer, to spend the time to train, as the state requires, is almost impossible.  
McLean has shut down their ambulance service due to the lack of certified staff. Groom may shut down; Shamrock, Wellington, and Memphis are struggling with little

or no way to have operating funds. The cooperation between the ambulance service, the three fire departments and the sheriff's office is outstanding. To protect our fire departments men and women, who serve as volunteers, the ambulance service stood by 92 times, treating injuries, providing water and a place to rest when needed. An additional 45 times at sporting events, rodeos,

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bob's whittlin' by bob watson

**Square House to host new artists' exhibit**

Two ladies who grew up in Carson County, Nita Ramming and Lorain Moore, are exhibiting their art at the Carson County Square House Museum during January and February.

The parallels in their paintings are very strong, but the divergence in their lives is also apparent. Both ladies are very prolific artists and have accomplished much during their lives. Their work includes portraits of family members, homes they have lived in, places they have visited, birds, flowers and other things around them they have enjoyed.

The public is invited to a reception for these artists, Sunday, January 22, 2012 from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. in the Purvines Annex Gallery at the Square House and the Hazelwood Gallery across the street.

For further information and registration forms, please call (806)537-3524.



**Senior Citizens receives donation**  
The electric company lit up a smile on director Mary Shields face Tuesday afternoon when representatives of AEP / Southwestern Electric Power Company made a \$750 donation to the Donley County Senior Citizens Center.  
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**Hedley residents to discuss ways to get truck stop**

We have said goodbye to some good friends the last couple of months; Wilson Stephens, Orelia Potts, Thomas Gay and Joe Neal Beavers, just to name a few. They will be missed and we pray for their families.  
We also want you to keep our community in your prayers. We are trying so hard to grow. There will be a community meeting Tuesday, January 21, at 5:00 p.m. in the Lions Club building. We are going

to discuss ways to get a truck stop in Hedley. Any ideas or suggestions are welcome.  
I am still looking for old pictures of Hedley for my "Hedley History." I am basically looking for buildings, but I don't

care if people are in front of them.  
Recipe: Easy Chicken Enchilada Crescent Bake: 2 cups shredded cooked chicken, 1 (10 ounce) can red enchilada sauce, 2 (8 ounce) cans Pillsbury refrigerated crescent dinner rolls or Pillsbury Crescent Recipe Creations refrigerated seamless dough sheet, 1 1/4 cups shredded Mexican cheese blend. In 2-quart saucepan, mix chicken and 1/2 cup of the enchilada sauce. Heat to boiling over medium-high heat,

stirring occasionally. Separate or cut dough into 8 long rectangles (if using crescent rolls, press perforations to seal). Spoon chicken mixture and 1 tablespoon of the cheese onto 1 long side of each rectangle. Roll up; pinch edges to seal. Place seam side down in 13x9-inch (3-quart) glass baking dish. Pour remaining sauce over enchiladas, and sprinkle with remaining cheese.  
Bake at 375°F for 15 to 20 minutes.



chatty kathy by kathy spier Hedley • 856-5302

**Howardwick residents make plans for the new year**

What can I say about this week's weather except it has been warm and wonderful but dry? I hope that weather pattern isn't developing with rain or snow in the forecast, and then oops, it went north or south. We can endure.  
After all the celebrations in November and December, January is for resting and renewing, planning for the New Year.  
I learned many years ago it was useless to use my energy planning New Year's resolutions with specific

goals, they just didn't happen.  
Planning for the year is a different matter. For instance, I have been compiling stories and facts for a history of my mother's family. Ten of the eleven children are deceased, but this history should

include stories from each of them, and it is quiet a task.  
Tracking those cousins of mine and beginning the conversation with "nothing is wrong" has led to great connections again. So far the ones that live away have been very cooperative, the ones near are the hold-up.  
My plan is to have all the stories ready to print by Christmas. I have passed two Christmases in 2010 and 2011, but many more stories have come to me and I believe this is an attainable plan. I'll keep you

updated.  
Martin Luther King week is coming. He was a man that changed America, and he died too soon, I think he was 39.  
He had the ability to talk and with his words make people see what he saw. He was non-violent, but people, both black and white, followed his words; and to die violently as he did was an abomination.  
His legacy lives on and you wonder what his feelings would be, 44 years later.



'wick picks by peggy cockerham Howardwick • 874-2886

**Local artist to be displayed at Armstrong County Museum**

The Armstrong County Museum of Claude is proud to share the art of Norma Hinkle from Pampa during January and February in their Art Gallery. Norma held the distinction of being Pampa's Fine Arts Artist of the Year for 2010. She creates with both oils and water colors. Her work is often called "nostalgic" because much of it is rustic and heart-warming. Much of her work is available for purchase.  
Norma has been drawing and painting since childhood. She says she always loved art. She grew up in

Clarendon and attended Clarendon College. She graduated from West Texas State University. Her elementary teaching career began in Paducah for four years. She spent nine years teaching on the Navajo Reservation in Chinle, Arizona, and retired after 20 years teaching second grade in Pampa.  
For many years, Norma has been active in the Pampa Art Club where she enjoys fellow artists, friends, lessons, and art shows. Fifty of her paintings hung in the White Deer Land Museum and her work

is a part of the Pampa Art Club's annual show in May. Norma also appreciates the Amarillo Art Institute and the Dumas Art Center. She says she has been privileged to study and learn from a variety of area artists as well as her "painting buddies." She is also grateful to her husband, Darrell, who encourages her art.  
A reception will be hosted to introduce Norma Hinkle and her fine art work on Saturday, February 4, at 6:30 p.m., in the Armstrong County Museum Art Gallery in Claude. The reception will be followed by a lively

performance in the Gem Theatre at 7:30 p.m.  
Norma's refreshing art work can be viewed in the Art Gallery anytime during Museum business hours, 12 - 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday weekly. The Museum is located at 110 N. Trice St. just off the Square in Claude. The phone is 806/226-2187.  
Don't miss the opportunity to visit the Museum, drink in the nostalgic art of Norma Hinkle through February, and attend the reception on February 4.

**Clarendon College names 79 students to the Dean's list and 42 students to the President's list for the Fall 2011 semester.**

Those listed on the President's List each achieved a grade point average of 4.0 while completing at least 12 credit hours. The students were:  
Joshua Olvera, Abilene; Patsy Schafer, Canadian; Amanda Nelson, Clarendon; Pamela Mayfield, Fritch; Kathleen Stevenson, Hedley; Aspen Larson, Holliday; Tammy Johnston, McLean; Stacy Rigsby, McLean; Sylvia Sommers, Memphis; Shaylie Thompson, Miami; Justin Shealy, Midlothian; Joyse Gammage, Pampa; Brittany Patterson, Pampa; Kelly Turk, Pampa; Aaron Baker, Pampa; Hannah Baker, Pampa; Jeffrey Chisum, Pampa; Ana Rodriguez, Pampa; Claudia Zamudio, Pampa; Juanita Munoz, Pampa; Gregory Lang, Pampa; Tori Lackey, Pampa; Shannon Leigh, Pampa; Ricardo Molina, Pampa; Ariana Ramirez, Pampa; Sydney Slaughter, Pampa; Judy Whitten, Pampa; Tyler Kimbell, Pampa; Ismael Rivera, Pampa; Amanda Morgan, Perryton; Luis Jusino, Sabana Grande, PR; Franklin Pannell, Scurry; Erin Frost, Stinnett; Natalie Bissell, Surrey, Canada; Maribel Almanza, Wheeler; Rosilina Emiliano, Wheeler; and Alexander Howe, Wollongong, NSW, Australia.

Each student on the Dean's List achieved a grade point average of between 3.6 and 3.99 while completing at least 12 credit hours. The students are listed by hometown.  
Jordan Dammier, Amarillo; Karen Mao, Anaheim, CA; Tera-Lyn Medlock, Arlington; Alex Palomeque, Bristol, England; Clayton Krause, Canyon Lake; Alisha Shurr, Central Point, OR; Lionel Benavides, Childress; Miranda Clarke, Childress; Lara Whitener, Childress; John Myers, Clarendon; Lacie Pointer, Clarendon; Chanda Reynolds, Clarendon; Annie Patten, Clarendon; Caleb McKinney, Cypress; Tabettha Wilson, Cypress; Thomas Benedict, Dexter, NM; Rebecca Couch, Florence; Scott Cone, Glenwood, NSW, Australia; Jordan Hinojosa, Granger; Emily Harris, Haslet; Emily Barrett, Pampa; Eunice Jackson, Pampa; Omar Pena, Pampa; Shelby Watson, Pampa; Alicia Anguiano, Pampa; Stevan Hernandez, Pampa; Shilo McCamy, Pampa; Brandi McCoy, Pampa; Mike Phillips, Pampa; Brittany Thomas, Pampa; Stacy Folland, Pampa; Regina Olsen, Pampa; Karami Rice, Pampa; Cynthia Solis, Pampa; Judith Wilson, Pampa; Kristie Davis, Pampa; Maria Solis, Pampa; Julie Cox, Panhandle; Jacob Gosselin-Deschesnes, Saint-Hyacinthe, Canada; Brittany Owens, Skellytown; Kaitlyn Meyer, Temple; and Meghan Murray, Wylie.

**Area writers to meet Jan. 21 in Amarillo**

Barbara Brannon, marketing manager at Texas Tech University Press, will present Circles of Desire: A Workshop for Refining Your Plot and Synopsis at the Panhandle Professional Writers bi-monthly meeting on Saturday, January 21, 2012 at St. Stephen United Methodist Church on the East Campus located at 4415 Wesley Drive in Amarillo.  
Registration and greeting time is 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. The program runs from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with a break for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.  
What do your characters really want—and what's keeping them from getting it? This workshop is useful for anyone with a work of fiction or nonfiction in any stage of completion, from early idea to late draft. Bring your materials for one project—ideas, notes, outline, manuscript, whatever you have—to this hands-on session.  
There is a \$5 program guest fee which will be deferred if the guest joins PPW on that day. PPW dues are \$30 annually. Members renew each January. Student guests with school ID will be charged a \$1 fee. Lunch is \$10 (requires an RSVP). To facilitate the caterer, please phone or email Janet Taylor, Hospitality Chair, at 282-1227 or ppw@ppw.com. The opportunity to network with fellow writers will be available from 3:00-3:30 p.m.

**Area writers to meet Jan. 21 in Amarillo**

For further information on the January meeting, call 806-745-4728.

## District court hears three pleas in Clarendon

Three pleas took place when the 100th District Court met in Clarendon Tuesday, December 20, 2011. The pleas resulted in one conviction and two deferred adjudications.

District Attorney Luke Inman prosecuted the cases for the State of Texas with the Honorable Judge Stuart Messer presiding.

A total of \$6,250 in fines was assessed as a result of the pleas that took place on December 20. In addition to the fines, the defendants were required to pay a total of \$1,703 in court costs and \$10,010.55 restitution.

Crystal Diane Romero was convicted for the state jail felony offense of theft. Romero pleaded guilty for the offense that took place on May 11, 2010, in Carson County and was sentenced to two years in the State Jail Division of Texas Department

of Criminal Justice, but the sentence was probated for a period of five years.

Romero, 29-year-old resident of Dalhart, was indicted by a Carson County Grand Jury on December 7, 2010 after being investigated by Panhandle Police Chief Sace Hardeman and Assistant Chief Taner Blackburn.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Romero is required to pay a fine of \$250 to Carson County, \$6,725.55 in restitution, and \$951 in court costs.

Ty Davis Reece was placed on probation for a period of eight years for the enhanced first degree felony offense of burglary of a habitation. Reece pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for the offense.

Reece, 31-year-old resident of Memphis, was arrested in Hall County for the offense that took

place on October 18, 2011, and pleaded guilty to a complaint and information filed by the State on December 15, 2011.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Reece is required to pay a \$4,000 fine to Hall County, \$376 in court costs, \$3,285 restitution, and successfully complete 400 hours of community service. If Reece violates probation, he could face up to 99 years or life in the Intentional Division of TDCJ.

Felicia Zawn Jacobs AKA Felicia Zawn Jacobs was placed on probation for a period of five years for the second degree felony offense of burglary of a habitation. Jacobs pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for the offense.

Jacobs, 34-year-old resident of Memphis, was arrested in Hall County for the offense that took place on October 18, 2011, and pleaded guilty to a complaint and

information filed by the State on December 15, 2011.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Jacobs is required to pay a \$2,000 fine to Hall County, \$376 in court costs, \$3,285 restitution, and successfully complete 300 hours of community service. If Jacobs violates probation, she could face up to 20 years in the Intentional Division of TDCJ.

The court also met in Panhandle on December 13, 2011, and four pleas took place which resulted in three convictions and one deferred adjudication.

A total of \$20,500 in fines was assessed as a result of the pleas that took place on December 13. In addition to the fines, the defendants were required to pay a total of \$1,357 in court costs and \$560.00 restitution to the Department of Public Safety Drug Laboratory.

## Clarendon Church of Christ

### ALL HAVE SINNED

In Romans 3:23, Paul wrote, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." That is significant for us to accept and understand. It can be easy to look at others and feel that we are doing ok, spiritually speaking. The problem is that we can't use that standard. Jesus was and is the standard by which we must live.

Since Jesus lived a perfect life, we will never live totally up to that standard. That is where His blood comes in to cleanse as we live as close to His standard as possible (1 John 1:7-9). One of the hardest things to do as a minister or preacher is to shine a light on sin while knowing at the same time that I am guilty of sin also. All of us still have the duty to try and help each other when we have succumbed to temptation.

Galatians 6:1-2 tells us that we must go to our fallen brother or sister and help "bear them up." It also tells us to do it with a humble and meek spirit because we may be the one to fall next time. Of course we must go to each other and tell the truth in love (Eph. 4:15). Also everything we do must be done in a loving way or it comes to nothing (1 Corinthians 13).

The point I am trying to make is that it is necessary to point out or shine a light on sin with a proper mindset. Our motivation must be the good of another's soul. If it is about playing "gotcha" or trying to demean someone, it hurts you and the one that is the object of your attention. Some feel that pointing out sin is harsh and unloving. That notion couldn't be farther from the truth. The most loving thing to tell someone is that their soul is in danger and you are there to help. I've been approached and told that I was wrong and although I didn't care for it at first, I realized it was the sweetest thing that person could have done for me. I actually straightened out the problem and was a better Christian for it.

I pray that we would all look to help one another spiritually speaking. I hope that no matter which side of that discussion we are on, that we would do so with a meek and humble spirit. Whether receiving constructive criticism or giving it, doing so with love is the Christian way.

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## CHS cheerleaders perform in London New Year's parade

Kae Hewett and Elizabeth O'Rear from Clarendon High School were two of more than 500 high school cheerleaders and dancers from across the U.S. who performed in the world famous London New Year's Day Parade.

The cheerleaders danced to three different dance routines which were Lady Gaga, Beyonce, or Black Eyed Peas. The New Year's parade was the first official event in the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee and the British Olympics.

The individuals invited to perform in the parade qualified for the trip after being selected as an All American at one of the summer camps hosted by Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA), National Cheerleaders Association (NCA), United Spirit Association (USA), Universal Dance Association (UDA) and National Dance Alliance (NDA). All Americans are selected to try out based on superior cheerleading skills at camps across the country.

Only the top 12 percent of the cheerleaders who attend Varsity summer camps earn the chance to march in the holiday spectacular. In addition to performing in the London parade, the All Americans will have the chance to tour London during their seven-day trip.

These girls proudly represented Clarendon High School as well as the community. The experience was a once in a lifetime experience. The girls appreciate everyone for their support on this lifetime memory. Cheerleading offers many opportunities as these girls will gladly share with anyone. So if you see them, just ask.



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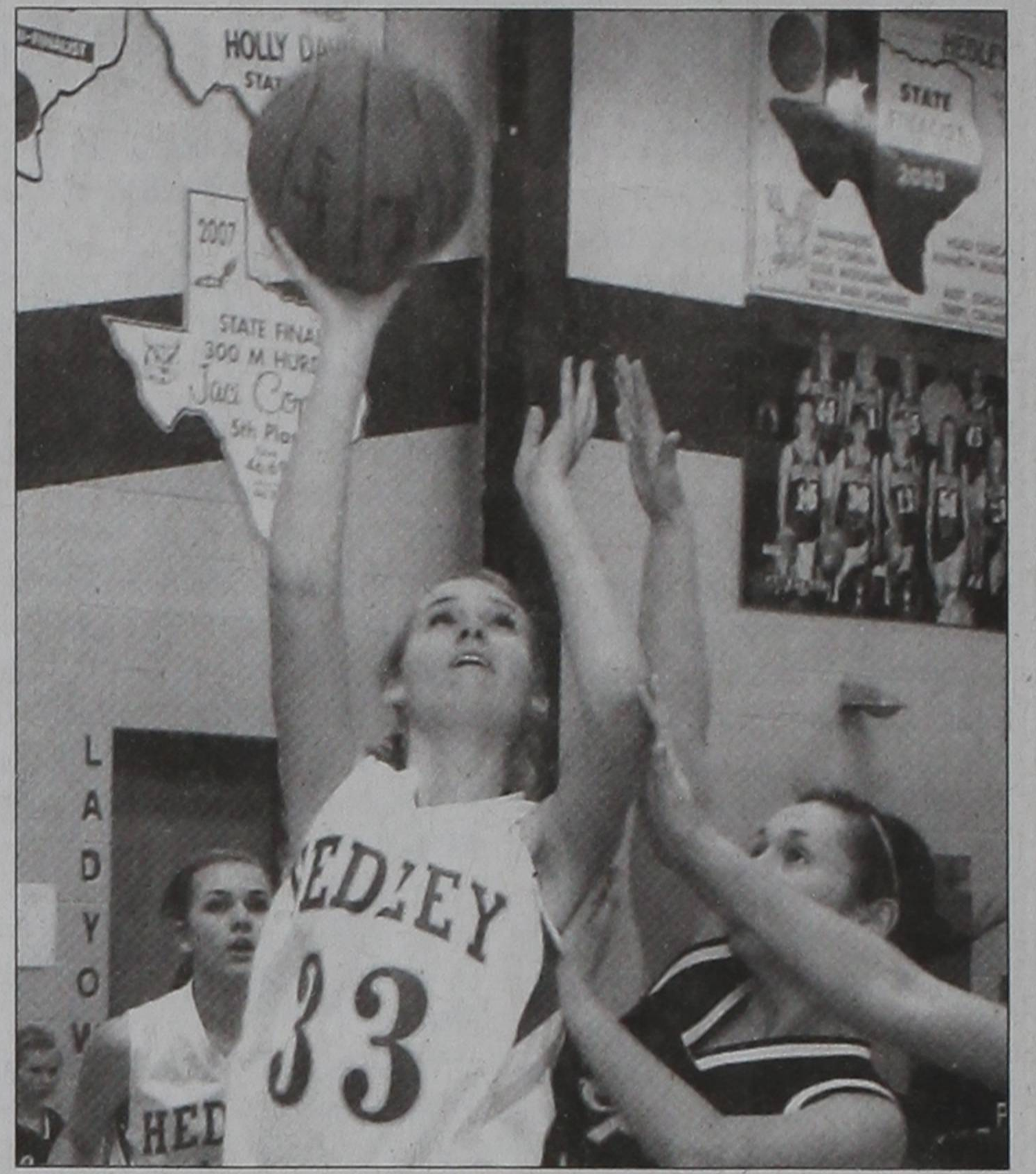
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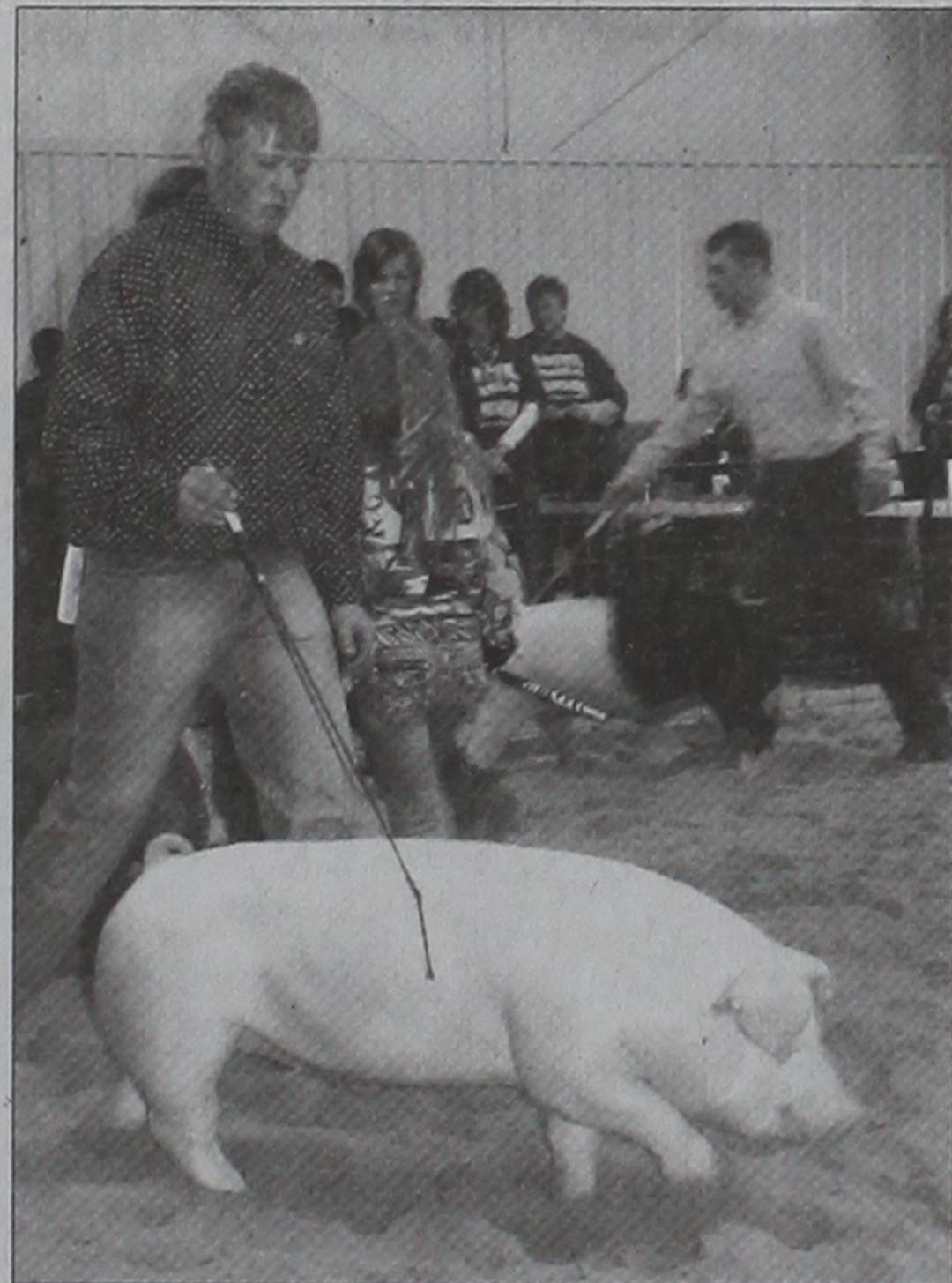
Kassidy Burton in Friday's battle against the Lefors Pirates. Hedley Lady Owls won the game 66-33. Hedley Owls also came away with their first district win with a score of 59-40



Channing Maul is giving the gift of life Tuesday, Jan 3rd in the annual blood drive at HHS. There were 10 pints of blood gathered that day.



Chris Shultz



David Johnston



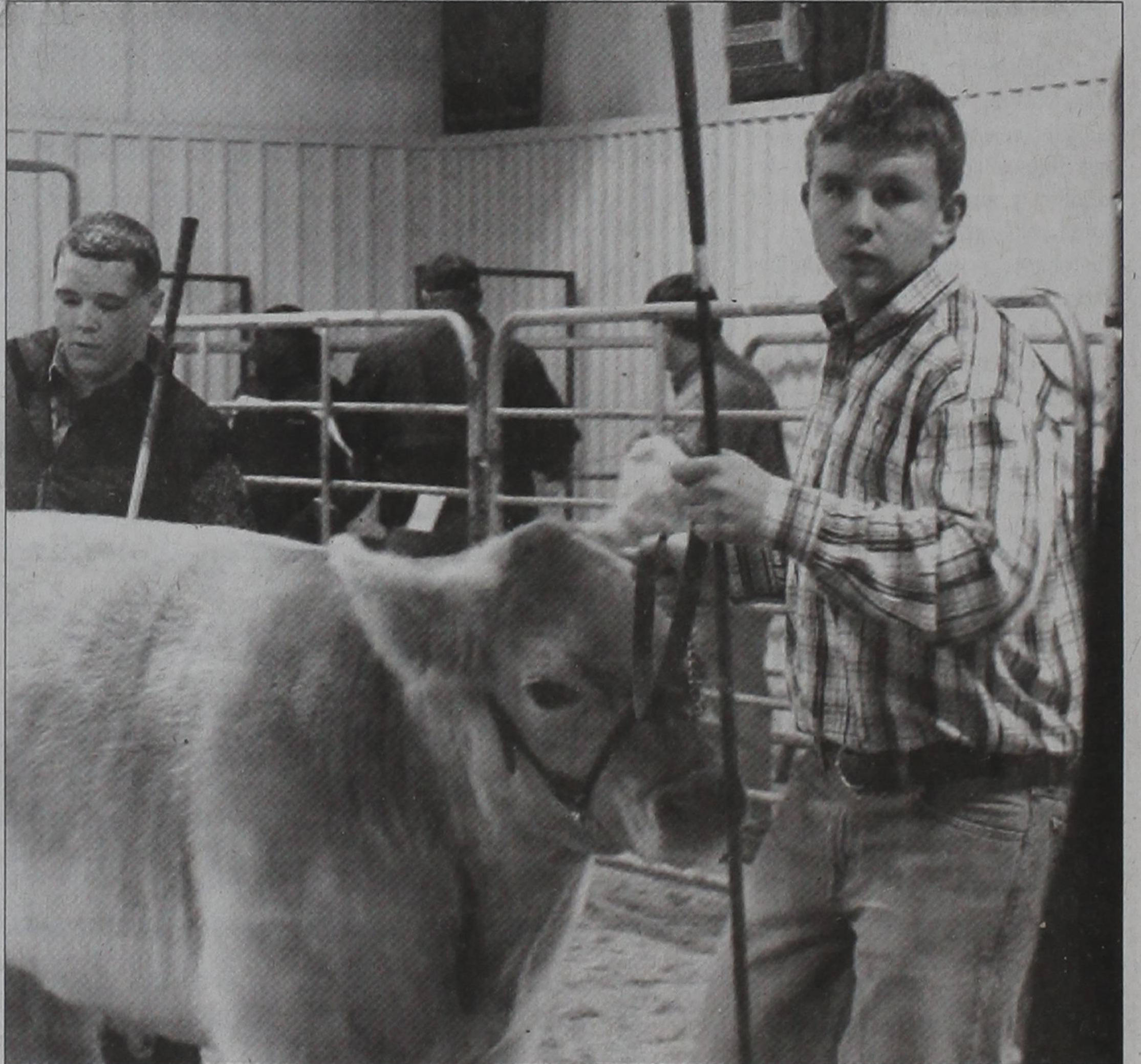
Enjoying time in the dirt.



Porsche Henderson



Clay Ward



Seth Ruthardt

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## Auction Calendar

**January 10, 2012 - Located: Sudan, Texas**

Chester Farms - Owners

Time: 9:30 a.m. - Selling: Tractors, Cotton Strippers, Farm & Peanut Equipment

**January 14, 2012 - Located: Panhandle, Texas**

Panhandle Area Farmers - Owners

Sale Time: 9:30 a.m. - Selling: Farm & Ranch Equipment

**January 21, 2012 - Located: Clarendon, Texas**

Curtis Schaefer - Owner

Sale Time: 9:30 a.m. - Selling: Farm, Ranch, & Peanut Equipment

**Wednesday, January 25, 2012 - Located: Olton, Texas**

Gary Kelley & Neighbors - Owners

Sale Time: 10:00 a.m. - Selling: Farm & Cotton Equipment

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## Broncos beat the Bucks in last second win

By Sandy Anderberg

After 31 minutes and 58 seconds were used up, the Broncos found themselves in a do or die situation at home Friday night against the White Deer Bucks as they trailed by one point near the end of the game.

Two ticks on the clock remained and they needed that many points to get the 55-54 win. The Broncos executed the play to perfection and inside player Adam Topper got the ball and made the two-point shot untouched by any defender to win the game.

It was a well-deserved win for the Broncos as they fought hard to defeat a very athletic opponent. Topper finished the game with 13

points and Trevor Cobb added 10 from the outside to lead the Broncos to the win.

It was a game of determination and grit as the Broncos trailed the entire game. They were plagued throughout by missed free throws and too many turnovers, but they never gave up and earned their win.

"We did a good job of coming back in the fourth quarter and executing the final play to win at the buzzer," coach Brandt Lockhart said.

The Broncos will ride that intensity into their week as they open District play on Friday, January 13, at Wheeler.

Scoring: Topper 13, Cobb 10, Cody Wood 8, Cole Ward 8, Diego

Santos 8, Wes Williams 6, and Tyler Burch 2.

### Bronco JV beat WD

The Bronco junior varsity sent the White Deer Bucks packing last Friday night as they defeated them 28-17. The first half of play was closely contested as the Broncos had only a two-point advantage at the break.

A big defensive final half by the Broncos turned a fairly close game into a huge gain for the home team as they held their opponent to only two points each quarter while scoring thirteen for themselves. That defensive push allowed the Broncos' offense to do what they needed to do

to get the win. Mitchell Parry was the top scorer for the Broncos with 11 points.

"The boys played really well coming off the Christmas break," coach Alton Gaines said.

"I thought they really played solid defense and offense. We needed to start the year off right and they did."

The Broncos will begin their district schedule on Friday on the road against Wheeler and Gaines would like to see the stands full with support for the Broncos and Lady Broncos.

Scoring: Parry 11, Charles Mason 7, Johnathon Cartwright 7, Ashton Smith 2, and Zach Cornell 1.

## Lady Broncos calm Memphis Cyclones, 61-43

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos opened their District season with a big win over Memphis on the road Friday night. The 61-43 win put them at 1-0 in District play with six more district games remaining.

The Lady Broncos played from behind the first quarter of play, but worked up to a one-point advantage at the break. A huge offensive and defensive surge in the third quarter allowed the ladies to break free of their opponent and take a demanding lead into the final eight minutes of the game.

Despite only shooting 58 percent from the free throw line, the

ladies were able to take advantage of shots made from the field. Marqueda Gaines, McKayla Cartwright, and Jentry Shadle finished in double figures to lead their team to the win on the scoreboard. However, all players contributed to the win. Coach Molly Weathered was pleased with the win in the District opener and knows the ladies need to continue to work hard toward their goal of a district championship.

Scoring: Gaines 12, Cartwright 11, Shadle 10, Deborah Howard 8, Ryann Starnes 8, Trevela Dronzek 4, Lydia Howard 4, Anna Cenicerros 2, and Audrey Shelton 1.

The ladies will continue district

play January 13, at Wheeler beginning at 6:30 p.m. and will play Wellington at home January 17.

### JV Ladies beat Memphis

The Lady Bronco junior varsity left no doubt as to who was the better team in their opening District game with Memphis last Friday night. Clarendon defeated Memphis 43-10 on the road.

The Lady Cyclones were totally stunned by the aggressive defensive play by the Lady Broncos and only scored four points in the first half of play. The first half dominance by the Lady Broncos progressed into the second half of play as they main-

tained the momentum and earned the big win.

"We were just a little rusty in the beginning from the break," coach Kasey Bell said. "But we finally picked up our game and fell into a rhythm. I was very proud of how they overcame their slow start and finished strong."

Scoring: Haley Ferguson 9, Elizabeth O'Rear 8, Phara Berry 8, Taylor Gaines 7, Camra Smith 4, Skyler White 4, Jacy Hill 2, and Savannah Topper 1.

The JV ladies will play Wheeler on the road January 13 beginning at 4:00 p.m. They will play Wellington at home Tuesday, January 17.

# AUCTION

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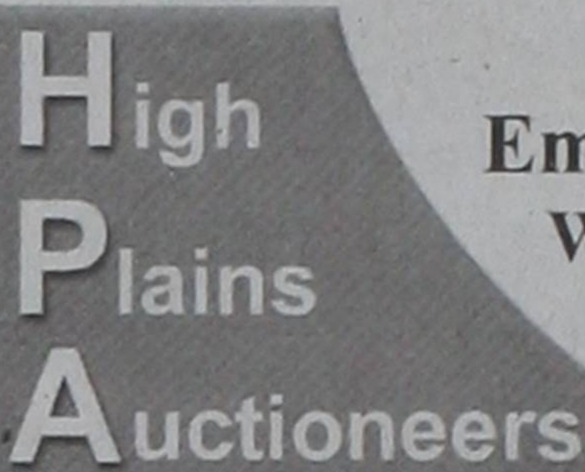
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# BRONCO & LADY BRONCO BASKETBALL

### January 13

Broncos v. Wheeler  
JV 5 p.m.  
Varsity 7:00 p.m.  
in Wheeler

### January 17

Broncos v. Wellington  
JV 5 p.m.  
Varsity 8:00 p.m.  
Bronco Gym

### January 13

Lady Broncos v. Wheeler  
JV 4 p.m.  
Varsity 6:00 p.m.  
In Wheeler

### January 17

Lady Broncos v. Wellington  
JV 5 p.m.  
Varsity 6:30 p.m.  
at Bronco Gym

## Broncos Roster

2	CODY WOOD	JR.
3	MITCHELL PARRY	JR.
5	DIEGO SANTOS	JR.
12	JONAH SELL	JR.
15	TREVOR COBB	JR.
24	JASON PIGG	SR.
25	WES WILLIAMS	SR.
32	TRAJEN JOHNSON	JR.
33	COLE WARD	JR.
42	TYLER BURCH	JR.
44	JACOB PIGG	SR.
50	ADAM TOPPER	JR.

HEAD COACH: BRANDT LOCKHART  
ASST COACH: ALTON GAINES  
ASST COACH: STEVE REYNOLDS

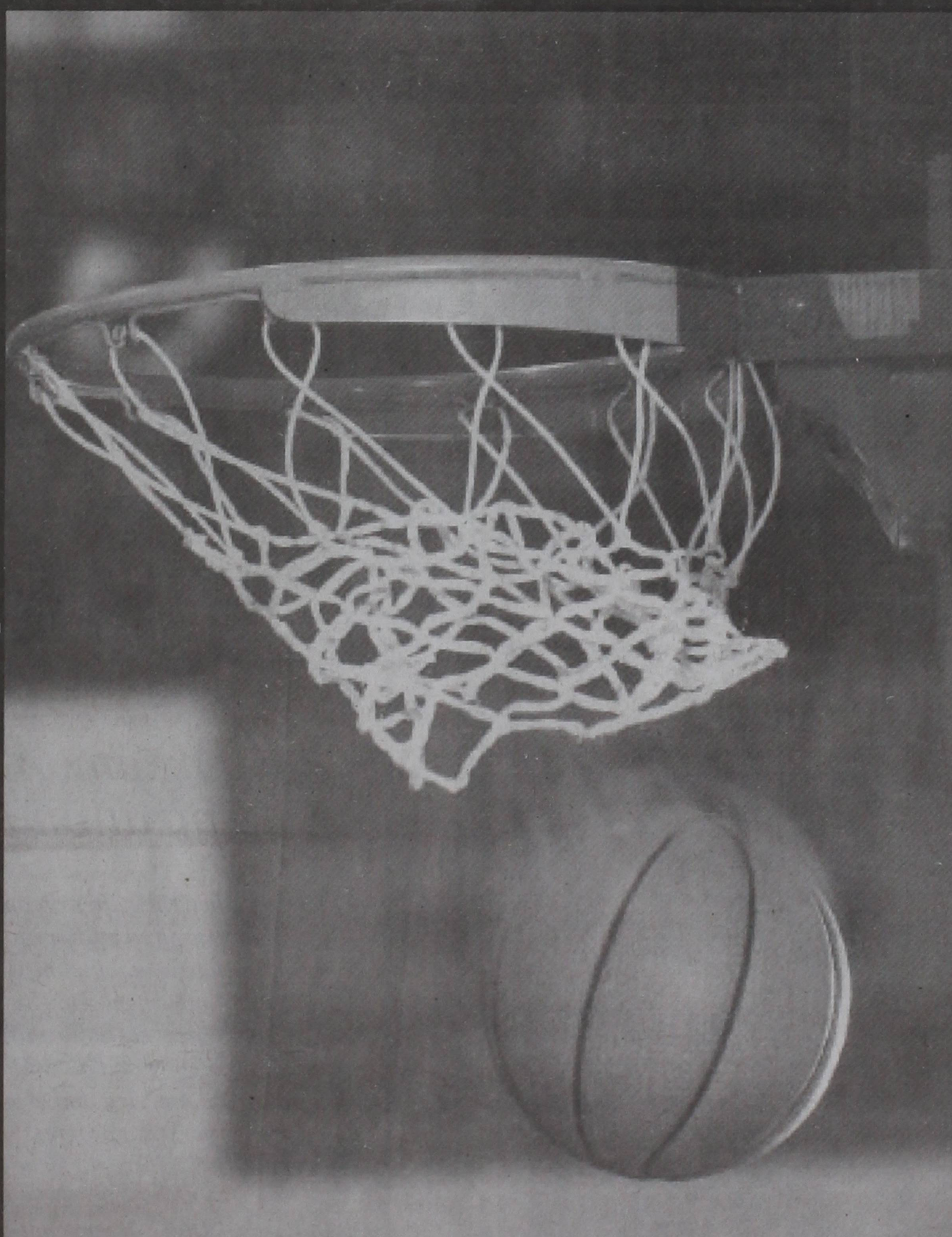
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## Lady Broncos Roster

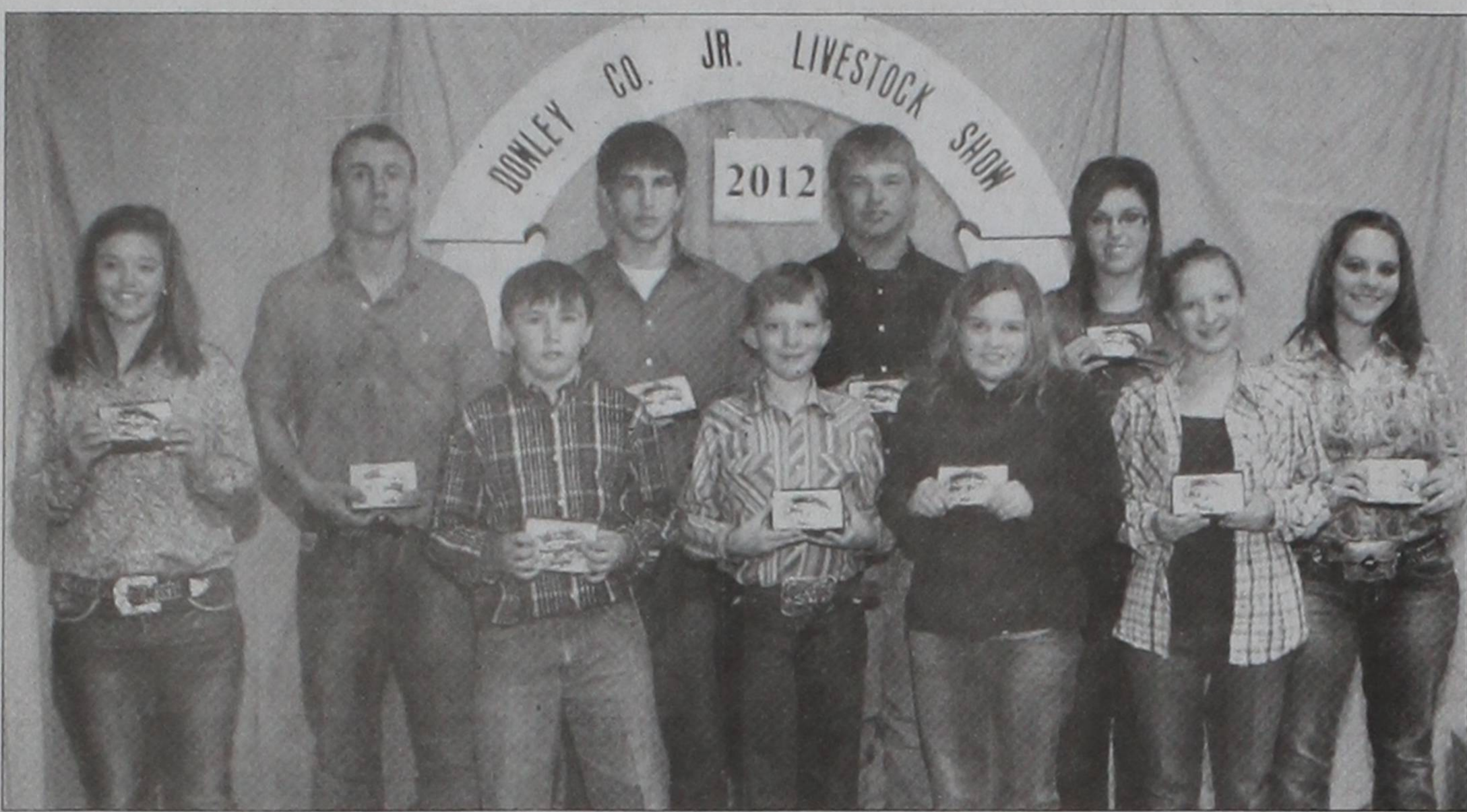
3	JENTRY SHADLE	JR.
10	JENCY BURTON	JR.
12	TREVELA DRONZEK	SR.
15	DEBORAH HOWARD	SO.
20	MARQUEDA GAINES	SR.
22	ANNA CENICEROS	JR.
23	RYANN STARNES	SO.
24	MCKAYLA CARTWRIGHT	JR.
25	LYDIA HOWARD	JR.
33	AUDREY SHELTON	JR.

HEAD COACH: MOLLY WEATHERED  
ASST COACH: KASEY BELL  
ASST COACH: SHANNA SHELTON

MANAGERS: CYNTHIA MEDINA, LAUREN MEDINA, DARBE WOODARD



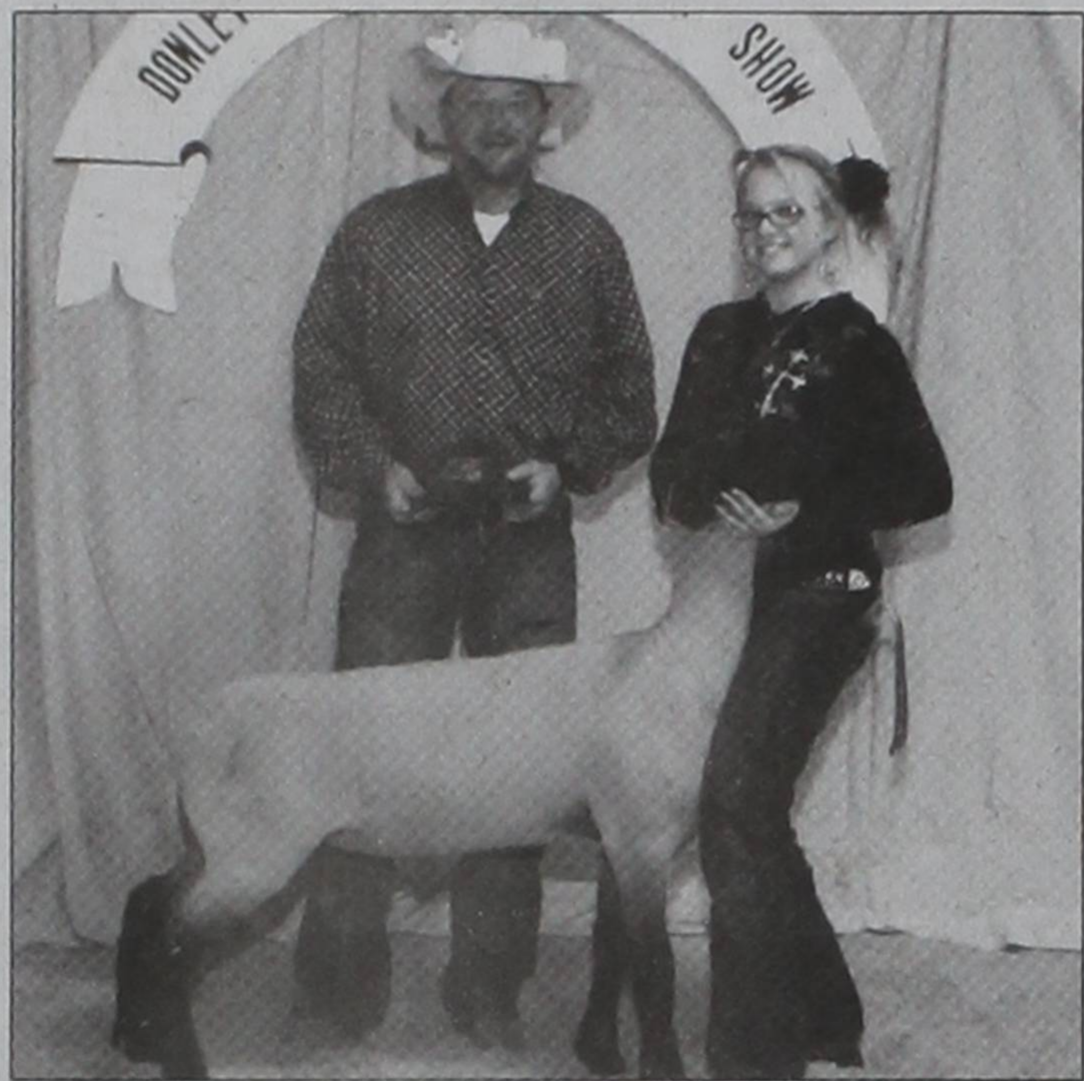
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Tylie Williams with her Reserve Champion Heifer.



Lilly Carr with her Grand Champion Lamb purchased by Donley County Gin.



Tres Hommel with his Grand Champion Gilt purchased by Greenbelt Electric.



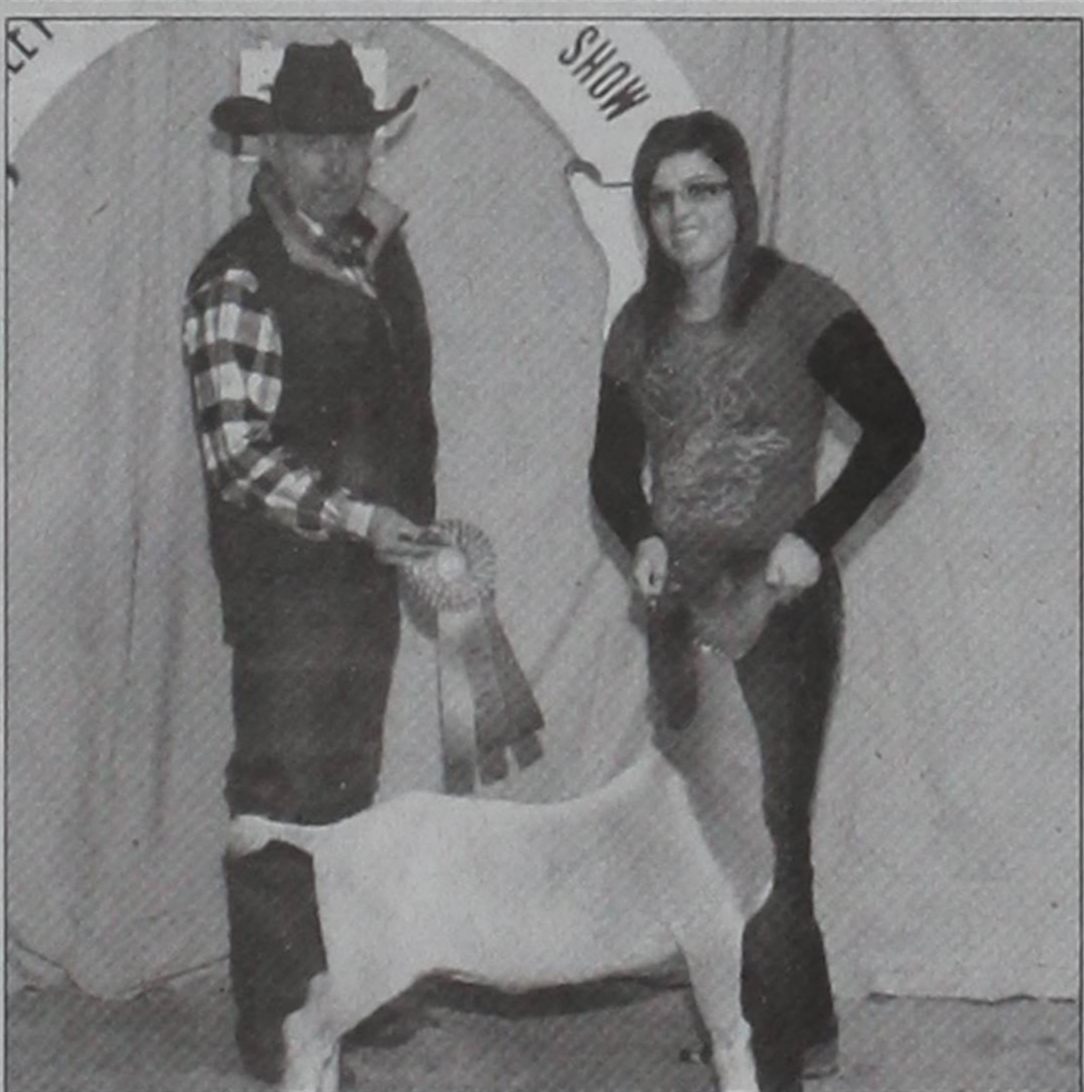
Austin Adams with his Grand Champion Swine purchased by Shannon Realty and Shannon Motorsports.



Kati Adams with her Reserve Champion Gilt



Caden Bennett with his Reserve Champion Steer purchased by Best Western Red River Inn and DeBruce Grain.



Kylie Phillips with her Grand Champion Goat purchased by Alliance Processing.



Trevor Cobb with his Grand Champion Steer purchased by Texas Auto Crushers.



Kati Adams with her Reserve Champion Swine purchased by Shannon Realty, Ken Wishkaemper, and James and Sherry Race.



Chardy Craft with her Reserve Champion Goat purchased by Greenbelt Electric.



Scottie Rodriguez with her Reserve Champion Lamb purchased by Greenbelt Electric.

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### USDA drops rate for home loans

The US Department of Agriculture Rural Development has announced a decrease in home mortgage interest rates for its Direct Homeownership Loan program. Effective December 1, 2011, the interest rate was reduced to 3.25 percent for home mortgages. The interest rate stayed the same for January 2012. This is the lowest interest rate ever offered by the Agency.

Homeownership opportunities are available under this program with no down payment, and provide for long-term, fixed interest rate financing. Applicants must have acceptable credit history and repayment ability. Homes must be located in eligible rural areas and be modest in size and cost. Rural areas are communities with a population of 20,000 or less.

The very low interest rate makes it a good time for eligible families to purchase a home through the USDA Rural Development Direct Homeownership Loan program. Depending on household income, mortgage payments may be further subsidized to as low as 1 percent interest rate. The program is available to households with incomes at 80 percent or less of the county median income.

Funding is for the purchase of an existing home or for new construction in rural areas. For example in the rural communities of Armstrong, Carson, Potter and Randall Counties, a family of 4 with an adjusted gross household income of less than \$46,500 could qualify for this program. To view rural eligibility requirements and/or area income limits for other counties, visit <http://eligibility.sc.gov.usda.gov>

For information, call the USDA Rural Development Area Office in Amarillo at 468-8600. The USDA Rural Development Area Office in Amarillo serves Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, and Wheeler Counties.

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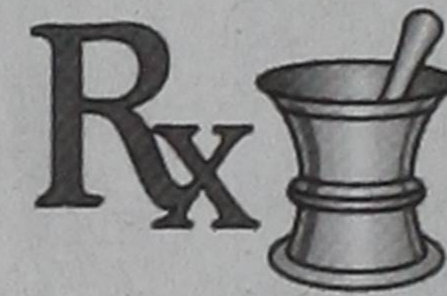


### Drugs in the News

#### Flu Shot OK for Children with Egg Allergy

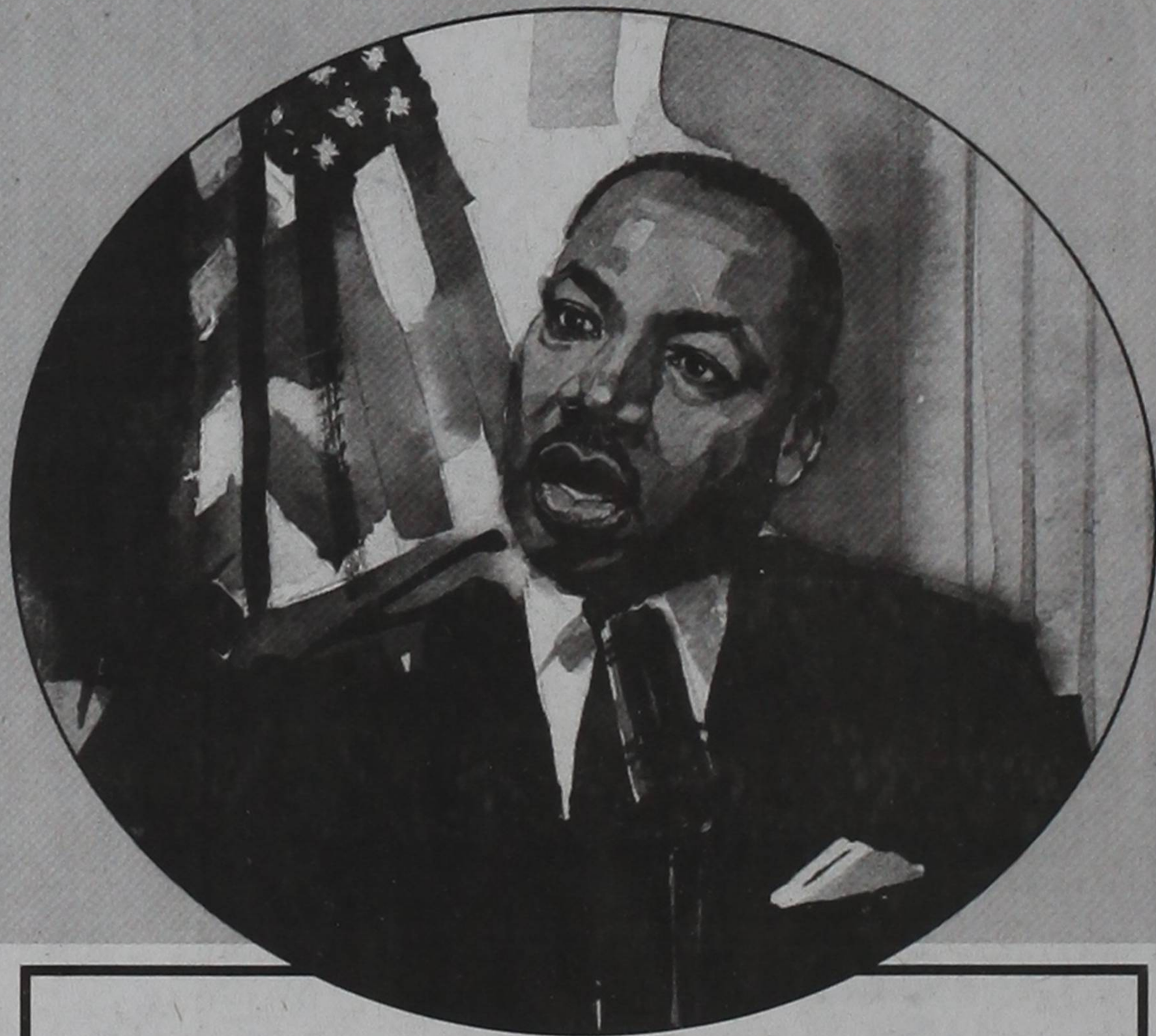
According to the results of a two year, multi-center study presented at a recent meeting of the American College of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology, it is now considered safe for children who have a severe egg allergy to receive the annual flu shot. The vaccine is manufactured using eggs that contain protein to which some individuals are allergic. Previously, the American Academy of Pediatrics Red Book considered a severe allergy to eggs as a health risk. This risk was actually listed as a contraindication, meaning you should not receive this vaccine. That contraindication no longer exists.

Health experts now recognize that the finding of this and other studies are important in protecting the health of young children, even children with a history of egg allergy and those with asthma. Two different health organizations suggest that if the child can eat cooked eggs, the health care provider caring for that child may give the flu vaccine. It is further recommended that children with a history of anaphylaxis (severe allergy) receive their vaccine from health providers that are experienced in managing reactions to vaccines.



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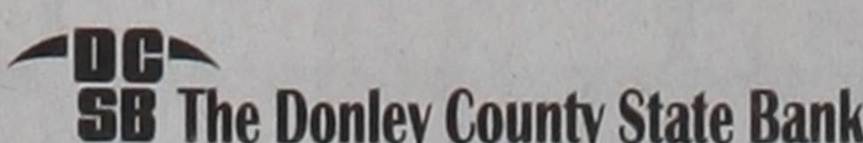
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## SBA Disaster assistance available for small businesses in Donley County

Small, nonfarm businesses in 131 Texas counties, including Donley County, and neighboring counties in New Mexico and Oklahoma are now eligible to apply for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

"These loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by drought, excessive heat, high winds and wildfires that occurred in 40 primary Texas counties beginning January 1, 2011," announced Alfred E. Judd, Director of SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center-West.

Primary Texas counties: Bexar, Borden, Carson, Crane, Dallas, Dawson, Dimmit, Ector, Falls, Fannin, Gaines, Grayson, Henderson, Hill, Hunt, Kaufman, Kinney, Llano, Mason, Matagorda, Maverick, Montague, Navarro, Nueces, Real, Red River, Rockwall, Runnels, Tarrant, Terry, Uvalde, Van Zandt, Ward, Wharton, Williamson, Wilson, Winkler, Wise, Yoakum and Zavala;

Neighboring Texas counties: Anderson, Andrews, Aransas, Armstrong, Atascosa, Austin, Bandera, Bastrop, Bell, Blanco, Bosque, Bowie, Brazoria, Burnet, Calhoun, Cherokee, Clay, Cochran, Coke, Coleman, Collin, Colorado, Comal, Concho, Cooke, Crockett, Delta, Denton, Donley, Edwards, Ellis, Fort Bend, Franklin, Freestone, Frio, Garza, Gillespie, Gonzales, Gray, Guadalupe, Hockley, Hopkins, Howard, Hutchinson, Jack, Jackson, Jim Wells, Johnson, Karnes, Kend-

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"SBA eligibility covers both the economic impacts on businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers that have suffered agricultural production losses caused by the disaster and businesses directly impacted by the disaster," Judd said.

Small, nonfarm businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private, nonprofit organizations of any size may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) of up to \$2 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred.

"Eligibility for these loans is based on the financial impact of the disaster only and not on any actual property damage. These loans have an interest rate of 4% for businesses and 3% for private, nonprofit organizations, a maximum term of 30 years, and are available to small

businesses and most private, non-profits without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship," Judd said.

By law, SBA makes EIDLs available when the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture designates an agricultural disaster. Secretary Tom Vilsack declared this disaster at the request of Governor Rick Perry.

Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching are not eligible for SBA disaster assistance. Agricultural enterprises should contact the Farm Services Agency (FSA) about the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) assistance made available by the Secretary's declaration. However, in drought, disasters nurseries are eligible for SBA disaster assistance.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

Disaster loan information and application forms are also available from SBA's Customer Service Center by calling SBA toll-free at (800) 659-2955, emailing [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov), or visiting SBA's Web site at [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance). Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call (800) 877-8339.

The deadline to apply for these loans is September 4, 2012.

For more information, visit SBA's Web site at <http://www.sba.gov>.

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### Sheriff's Report

January 1, 2012

12:21 a.m. - Traffic stop 287, mile 170 westbound.  
11:06 a.m. - EMS requested to 700 BLK of Johns.  
1:17 p.m. - EMS requested to Nursing Home.  
1:37 p.m. - Traffic stop 287 Westbound at Co Rd R.  
5:05 p.m. - Info requested on stolen saddle report.  
5:54 p.m. - Controlled burn at 1260 & Co Rd 13.  
7:43 p.m. - EMS requested on 100 BLK of N. Sully.

January 2, 2012

3:08 a.m. - Traffic stop 287 EB at Co Rd 6.  
10:32 a.m. - Controlled burn 1/2 mile W of 287 at Co Rd 6.  
1:19 p.m. - Traffic stop 287 Eastbound at mile 189.  
2:23 p.m. - Traffic stop 287 at co Rd 5.

January 3, 2012

7:20a.m. - Unattended vehicle behind JP office.  
1:40p.m. - EMS requested at Ambulance barn.  
1:50 p.m. - Report of fire East end of town.  
1:59 p.m. - Fire Department put fire out.  
7:34 p.m. - Report of street light out between Ellerbee & Koogle and Carhart & Burkhead.

January 4, 2012

12:41 a.m. - Report of horse out on 1260 South.  
8:01 a.m. - Traffic stop 287 at mile 170 Eastbound.  
8:39 a.m. - EMS requested at 500

BLK of 4th St.  
9:08 a.m. - Traffic stop 287 Eastbound at mile 182.  
9:23 a.m. - Traffic stop 287 Eastbound at mile 182.  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Multiple traffic stops on 287.  
4:10 p.m. - EMS requested at Nursing home.  
6:49 p.m. - EMS requested 70 South.  
9:34 p.m. - EMS requested 287 Northbound at Co Rd 23.  
10:46 p.m. - Motorist assist 287 at Eastbound at mile 194.

January 5, 2012

9:32 a.m. - EMS requested at 300 BLK of Rosenfield.  
11:41 a.m. - Controlled burn at Co Rd 13.  
12:57 p.m. - Traffic stop 287 at mile 187 Eastbound.  
6:55 p.m. - Report of cow out on 273.  
10:03 p.m. - EMS requested 500 BLK of 3rd St.

January 6, 2012

10:51 a.m. - Traffic stop 287 Eastbound at mile 172.  
4:30 p.m. - EMS requested at Co Rd 13.  
6:22 p.m. - EMS requested at 100 BLK of 4th St.

January 7, 2012

7:22 a.m. - Traffic stop 287 Westbound at mile 176.  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Multiple traffic stops on 287.  
12:35 p.m. - controlled burn 1/5 mile West of Hedley.  
1:47 p.m. - Controlled burn on Co Rd 10.  
2:00p.m. - 4:00p.m. - Multiple traffic stops on 287.

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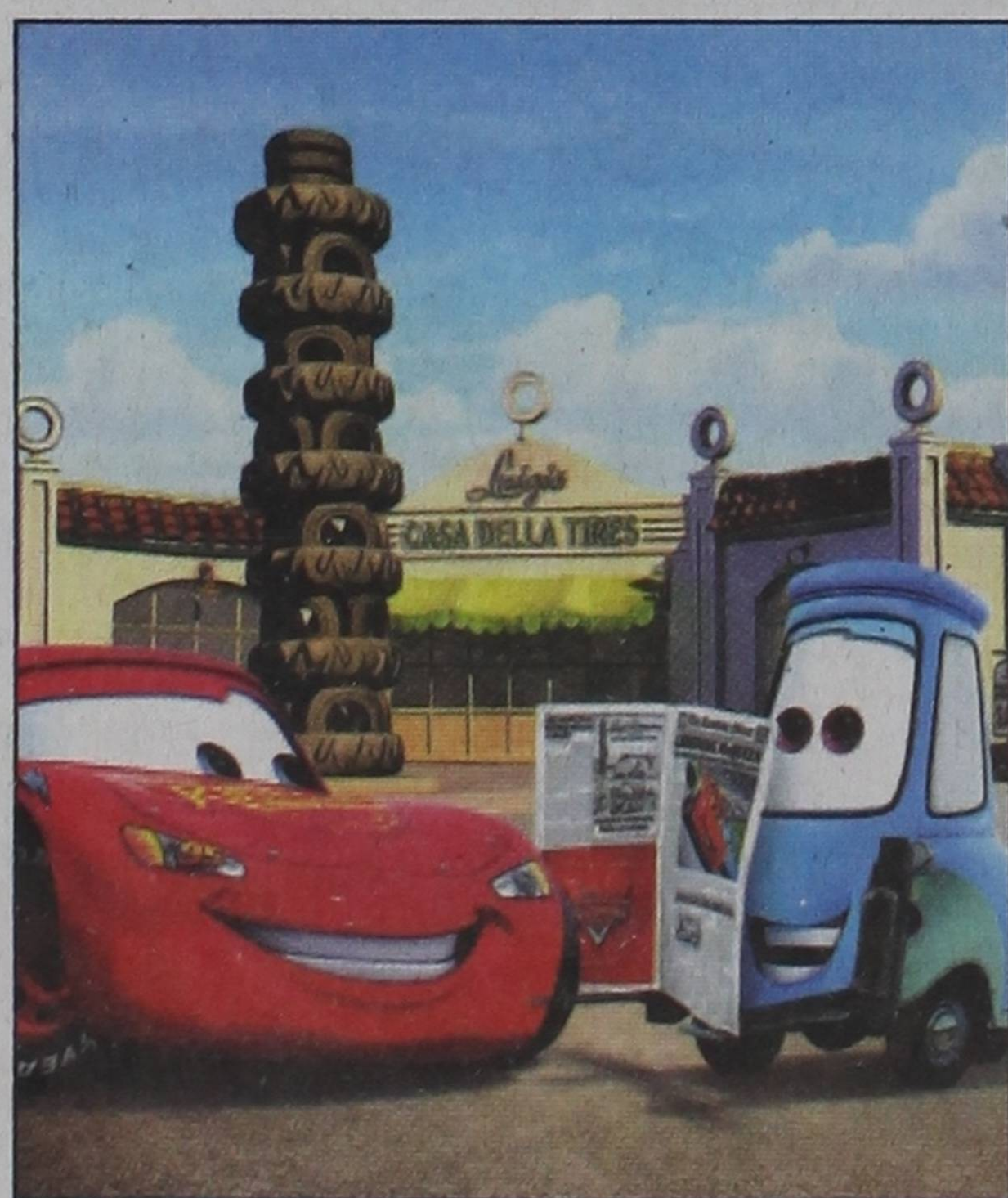
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