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

City begins looking for administrator

The process of selecting Clarendon's next city administrator will move forward next week when the Board of Aldermen holds its regular meeting on Tuesday.

City Hall says seven candidates applied for the job prior to the December 31 deadline, and the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission has reviewed those applications.

A PRPC representative is expected to be on hand as aldermen determine how many of the candidates to call in for interviews.

Clarendon is one of six cities in the Panhandle currently searching for an administrator or manager. Other towns with open positions are Spearman, Stinnett, Dumas, Tulia, and Bovina.

Livestock show to be held on Saturday

Seventy-seven local young people signed up as exhibitors for this year's Donley County Junior Livestock Show and Sale, which will be held this Saturday, January 10, starting at 9:00 a.m. in the Donley County Activity Center.

An on-site concession stand will be serving homemade breakfast and lunch for those in attendance, and the buyers' barbecue dinner will precede the sale that evening at 6:00 p.m.

Donations to the buyers' club can be dropped off at the Extension Office at the activity center or mailed to DCJLS at PO Box 661, Clarendon, TX 79226.

See 'Stock show' on page 3.

Ag conference to be held in Memphis

The Southeast Texas Panhandle Ag Conference will be held Wednesday, January 14, 2015, at the Kathy Fowler Agency, 123 South 6th Street, in Memphis.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the conference will start at 9:00 a.m. with Dr. Peter Dotray speaking on Chemical and Physical Weed Control and Resistant Weeds.

Dr. Jason Woodard will present Controlling Nematodes and Plant Disease. Josh Brooks and Leonard Haynes will give a Drift Minimization Demonstration. Industry Representatives will give New Technologies in Pesticide Resistant Weeds and Josh Brooks will conclude with Laws and Regulations.

This conference is sponsored by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and five CEU's will be given. There will be a \$10 charge at the door. Those attending should RSVP at 806-259-3015.

Chamber social to be held January 22

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce will hold its next "Business After Hours" on January 22 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Saints' Roost Museum.

Everyone is invited to network with other business professionals and bring a friend. Refreshments will be served.

Baking makes times Bright

By Addie Broyles, American-Statesman
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(Editor's note: Sharon Bright is a 1988 graduate of Clarendon High School. H.R. Bright was a longtime resident of Howardwick.)

When Sharon Bright's dad was in the hospital during the last few months of his life, she felt helpless.

It was 2010, and he was living near Amarillo while she was here [in Austin], working as a server at what was then Castle Hill.

As H.R. Bright's esophageal cancer worsened, he moved into a standalone hospice care facility, and Sharon Bright drove up there to gather with her family and be by his side.

She was amazed at the ability of the nurses to immediately connect with both the patients, making their end-of-life care more comfortable, and the family members, who aren't sure how to handle a situation involving medical and emotional needs that many of them hadn't experienced.

"All you can do is sit there, but the nurses were so in tune. I don't know how they are like that all the time. They are cheerleaders all day, every day," she says. "They bathed him, shaved him and helped him feel relaxed and happy."

The nurses and chaplains became part of their family team, and everybody played a role in supporting one another during this difficult time.

"People don't get (hospice care) until they are in it," Bright says. The friend she was staying with baked cookies and brought them to share. "Everybody bonded over food. It was the communal thing."

They spent about a week in hospice, saying their goodbyes and, in an important part of the process, also celebrating his life – he and Sharon's mom were married for 52 years – and their last days together.

Her dad died on Easter Sunday. She returned to Austin, her heart forever changed by the experience.

Later that year, after a stint at the Steeping Room, Bright found herself at an Uchi hiring event, where she brought salty oatmeal cookies to help woo the managers.

Her infectious personality stood out among the applicants, and Bright was picked to help open Uchiko, where she is one of those affable servers who stick with you long after you've forgotten what you ordered.

As she settled back into life in Austin, Bright was still grieving her dad's death.

"I felt like I really needed to do something, but I wasn't ready to go in and sit with someone in hospice,"



Sharon Bright, a server at Uchiko, bakes cookies, brownies or bars every week for the workers, volunteers and patients at Hospice Austin's Christopher House and their location in Georgetown.

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she says. "So I called hospice here and asked 'What can I do?' Nancy (McCranie, director of volunteer and bereavement services,) said, 'Well, what do you do?' I told her I can garden, upholster and bake."

Why don't you make some cookies, McCranie suggested.

What started as an impromptu act of altruism in early 2011 quickly turned into a weekly (and sometimes twice-a-week) affair.

Every Tuesday morning, Bright fires up her oven to bake something sweet for the staff, volunteers and patients at Hospice Austin's Christopher House and Hospice Austin-Williamson County in Georgetown.

"It touches them because it's homemade and heartfelt and linked to her own personal story," McCranie says. "Not everybody knows Sharon's story of why she does it, but know they do know that it's a love offering."

It reminds us all that we belong to each other one way or another."

Bright likes to try new cookie

recipes, but after three years of baking them for people who have become her friends, they will often request their favorites.

Most often, "it's four dozen of whatever I'm feeling that day," Bright says. No matter what recipe she pulls out, it's the ritual of baking every Tuesday morning that has had the most impact on her life.

"I love the consistency of baking," she says. "It teaches me precision, patience and helps make me feel happy. How can you feel sad when somebody gets so excited about eating a cookie?"

Bright's spirit of giving doesn't stop with the cookies. She is behind nearly all of the charitable efforts at the restaurants, from benefit dinners for a server involved in a motorcycle accident to a cakewalk fundraiser for another server who had a back injury.

In 2013, her fellow Uchiko staffers decided it was time to return the favor.

"My oven was dying and they

said, 'We are going to raise money and get you an oven.'"

She forgot about the proposal, but six months later, at their staff retreat and just two weeks after her workhorse of an oven had finally petered out, they handed her a gift card for \$2,000 to buy a new one.

"I was just sobbing."

Last week, Bright baked Martha Stewart's white chocolate gingerbread blondies in that spiffy oven and then delivered them – still warm – to Christopher House, Hospice Austin's 15-room facility in East Austin, where she was greeted by staff whom she'd just seen earlier in the week.

One of them reminded her that she had a stack of Tupperware in the kitchen to take home.

Bright had designated 2014 as the "Year of Generosity" (or YOG, for short), but anyone who knows her knows that 2015 won't be any different, so she'd better remember to pick them up.

CISD to name finalist Jan. 15

The question of who will be the next superintendent of Clarendon ISD is expected to be answered late next week.

Clarendon school trustees have held three called meetings this week to interview candidates for the job. A total of six men have interviewed for the job – two on Sunday afternoon, two on Monday night, and two more were scheduled to interview Tuesday evening as the ENTERPRISE went to press.

Interim Superintendent John Lemons said he's been satisfied with the process.

"I've been pleased with our candidates," he said.

School board members were expected to rank the six interviewees and narrow the field to two men Tuesday night with follow-up interviews planned for Monday and Tuesday of next week. The board then plans to name a lone finalist at its regular January 15 meeting.

The school has not released the names of any candidates so far. Lemons said state law requires the school to name a finalist or finalists 21 days before officially hiring someone as superintendent.

A total of 32 applicants initially applied for the school's top job. Lemons said he then presented all those to the board of trustees on December 30 but pulled out a field of eight to ten that he felt best fit Clarendon ISD. From that group, the board chose the six men it has interviewed this week.

Lemons said the school would like the lone finalist to be able to take over the position by April 1, but he said that is a point that can be negotiated depending on what commitment the man has to his current school. Lemons said the successful candidate will also be asked to be involved in the process of renewing teacher contracts in March.

The interim also said that whoever is hired will be coming into a good position.

"Our board and school are impressive, and this will be a top job for somebody."

Red River Inn receives TripAdvisor excellence certificate

Clarendon's Best Western Plus Red River Inn announced this week that it has received a "TripAdvisor" Certificate of Excellence Award.

The accolade, which honors hospitality excellence, is given only to establishments that consistently achieve outstanding traveler reviews on TripAdvisor, and is extended to qualifying businesses worldwide.

Establishments awarded the Certificate of Excellence are located all over the world and represent the upper echelon of businesses listed on the website.

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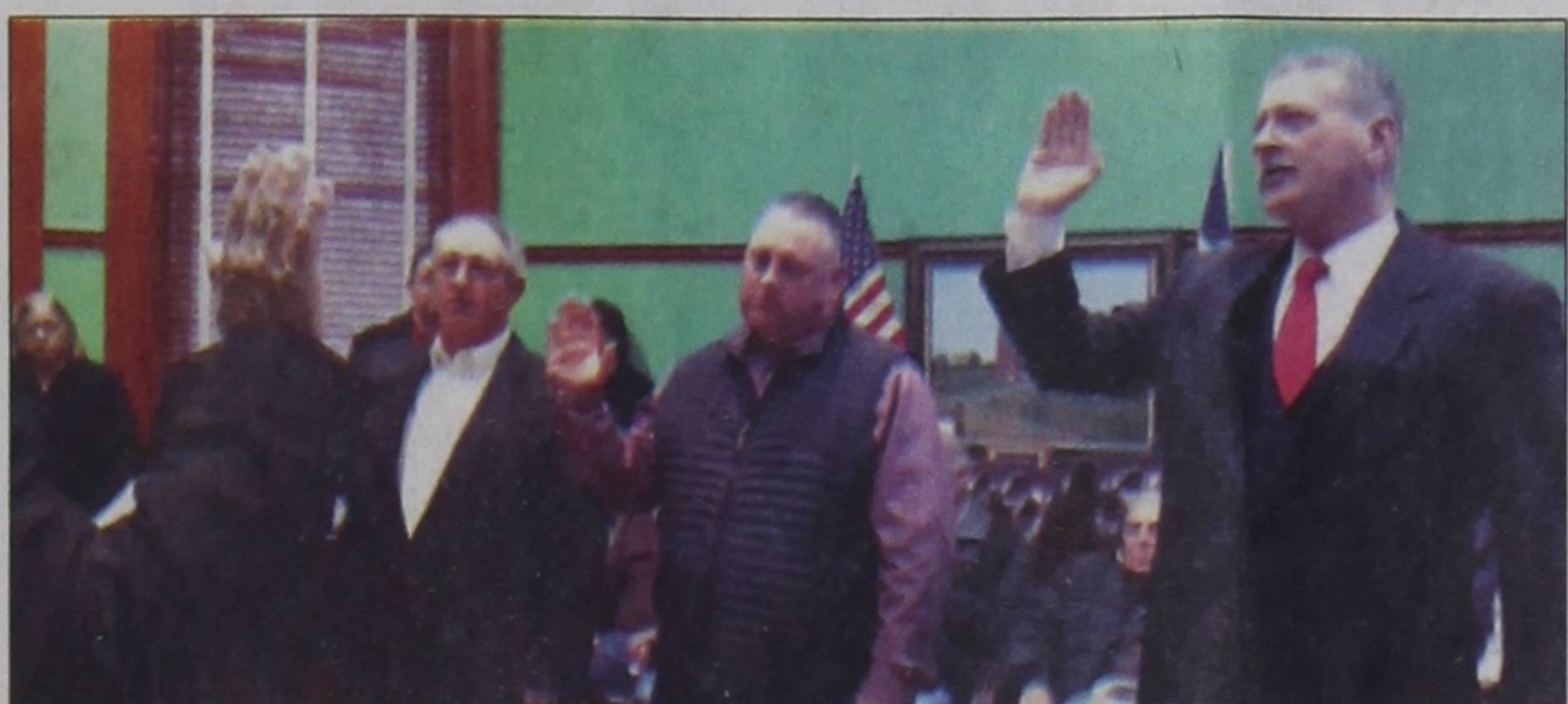
must maintain an overall TripAdvisor bubble rating of at least four out of five stars. Additional criteria include a business' tenure and popularity ranking on the site.

"Winning the TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence is a true source of pride for our entire team" said Steve Hall, owner. "We truly have outstanding people here and that

makes this possible. There is no greater seal of approval than being recognized by one's customers. This award is a remarkable vote of confidence to our business and our continued commitment to excellence."

"TripAdvisor is pleased to honor exceptional hospitality businesses for consistent excellence," said Marc Charron, President of

TripAdvisor for Business. The Certificate of Excellence award gives top performing establishments the recognition they deserve, based on feedback from those who matter most – their customers. From Australia to Zimbabwe, we want to applaud exceptional hospitality businesses for offering a great customer experience."



Ready for business

Retiring County Judge Jack Hall administered the oath of office to Donley County's new and returning officials during a ceremony in the Courthouse last Thursday, January 1. Shown here are Commissioner Dan Sawyer, Commissioner Daniel Ford,



County Judge John Howard, County Clerk Fay Vargas, County Treasurer Wanda Smith, Justice of the Peace Pam Johnston Mason, and Justice of the Peace Denise Bertrand. Following the ceremony a prayer vigil was held in the district court room for our nation, state, and community.

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Texas to benefit from normalized U.S.-Cuba relations

COLLEGE STATION – Efforts to normalize U.S. and Cuba diplomatic relations will have potential positive implications for Texas agriculture, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist. Dr. Parr Rosson, who heads the agricultural economics department at Texas A&M University in College Station, said there will be immediate increases in the amount of U.S. food exported to Cuba.

“Within a year to two years, we should see U.S. exports to Cuba return to the \$400 million to \$450 million range.

“The combination of allowing up to a four-fold increase in remit-

tances along with an increased role for U.S. banks may lead to a 15 to 30 percent increase in U.S. food exports,” Rosson said.

Currently, Cuban-Americans and others are limited to remittance of no more than \$500 per quarter to persons in Cuba. Rosson said under the new program, that limit would increase to \$2,000.

Texas supplies Cuba with several export items, including chicken leg quarters and corn. Pork, cotton and dairy products produced in Texas are also exported there. More rice exports are also expected. A growing tourism market in Cuba has also sparked demand for items such

as condiments, bottled water, beer, wine and spirits.

“These are products that we are seeing more interest in due to the growing tourism market in Cuba.”

Rosson said in addition to allowing U.S. and other travelers to use credit cards, this will boost demand for foods.

“Also expect to see the market for used agricultural equipment to increase,” Rosson said.

Workshops have previously been conducted to assist educating producers on export trade with Cuba, partnering with the Texas-Cuba Trade Alliance and Free Trade Alliance, he said.

CC releases spring Bulldog baseball schedule

The Clarendon College baseball team released their 2015 schedule this week. The 56-game slate will feature 23 home games and 20 non-conference games.

The Bulldogs will begin the season on the road at Ranger College for a four game set on February 6 and 7. The pre-conference schedule continues with a home match-up against Otero and a road trip to Cisco, both four-game series, as well as a home

and away matchup with Vernon College. In total, the Bulldogs will play 14 games before opening conference play at home on February 28 against New Mexico Junior College.

The conference schedule is highlighted by four home series against NMJC, Frank Phillips, NMMI, and El Paso. The Bulldogs will be on the road for five weekends in conference this year.

“I am excited by the schedule

that we have this year” said head coach Devin McIntosh. “The month of February will challenge our pitching depth as we play five games in four days on two different occasions.

However, this will also help to prepare us for another tough conference season. The players worked hard throughout the fall and we are excited for the start of the season in February.”

See the schedule on page eight.

Stock show: continued from page one.

Donley County youth scheduled to exhibit animals this year are as follows: Kati Adams, Ethan Babcock, Colton Benson, Dalton Benson, Jade Benson, Tanner Burch, Cody Cabler, Lane Cabler, Zack Caisson, Shaylee Chapman, Zach Chapman, Damarjae Cortez, Keandre Cortez, Chardy Craft, Izzy Craft, Issac Dunham, Mya Edwards, Brandalyn Ellis, Brenna Ellis, Clint Franks, Cole Franks, Laney

Gates, Levi Gates, Christopher Gonzales, Allyson Grahn, Bryce Grahn, Caton Grahn, Darcy Grahn, Jayde Gribble, Hadleigh Halsell, Taylor Halsell, Tristen Harper, Tyler Harper, Brock Hatley, Calder Havens, Payton Havens, Porsche Henderson, Kaylin Hicks, Kasie Hinton, Lane Hinton, Makenzie Hinton, Hannah Hommel, Harrison Howard, Ray Jaramillo, MaKayla Johnson, Clay King, Kallie Lindsey, Jasmine Lockeby, Kadee Lockeby, Christian Lucero,

Brittney McAnear, Jaxan McAnear, Kelsey McAnear, Leandra Mestas, Steven Mills, Caylor Monroe, Collin Monroe, Kylie Monroe, Kevin Munoz, Shelby O’Keefe, Kynna Phillips, Jodee Pigg, Emeri Robinson, Misti Scott, Anna Seifert, Raylyn Shelton, Braylee Shields, Alysse Simpson, Malerie Simpson, Madison Smith, Koyt Tucek, Reagan Wade, Riley Wade, Clay Ward, Ryan Ward, Wyatt Wheatly, and Mycah Woodard.

CC Livestock Team named Reserve Champs in Arizona

While most students were enjoying the New Year and time away from school, the Clarendon College Livestock Judging Team was competing in Phoenix, Arizona; and their hard work and dedication paid off with being named the overall reserve champion high point team.

The individual placings are below. These judges are back at practice again this week as they prepare for the National Western in Denver, Colo.

Austin Adams of Hedley was second high individual overall and high individual in the cattle division; Lane Harrington of Frost was fifth high overall, high individual sheep, and brought home a 5th in reasons; Shannon Reeves of Munday was sixth high individual overall; and Kobie Jordan of Amado, Ariz., was high individual in the swine division and ninth high individual overall.

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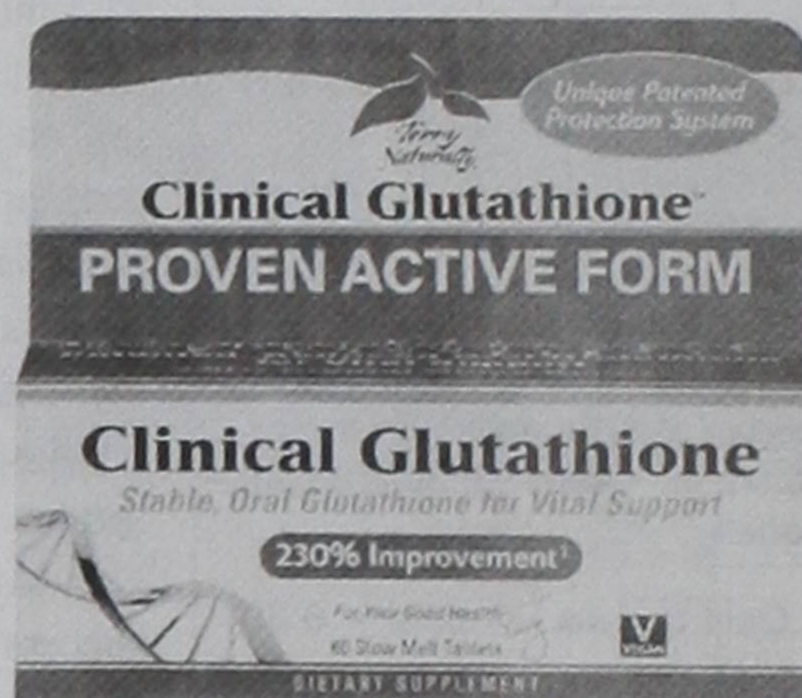
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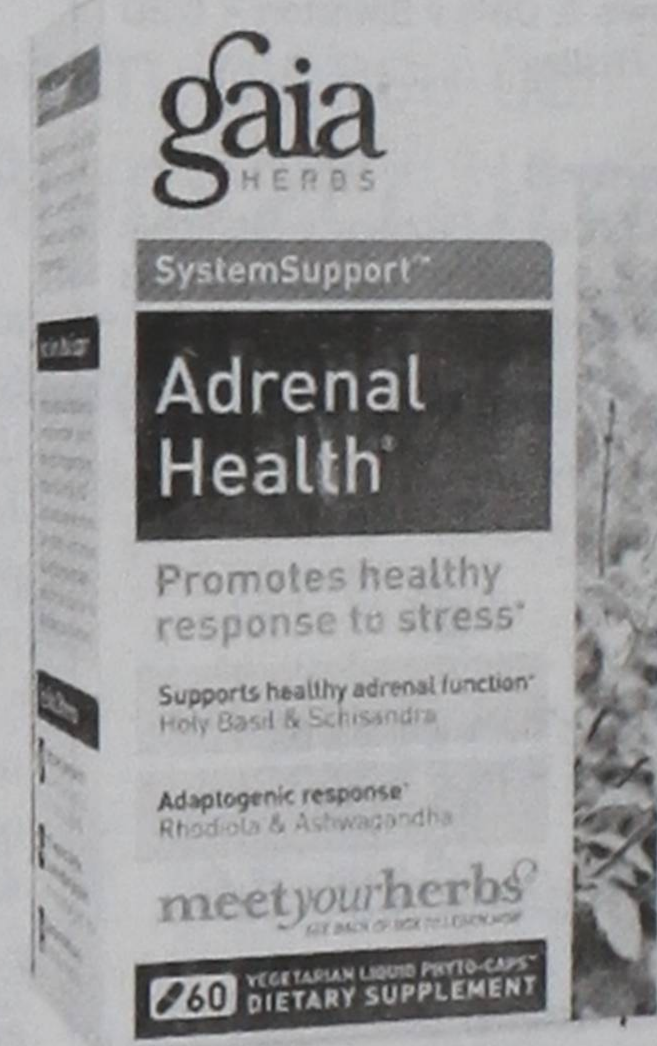
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¿Qué Pasa? Community Calendar

January 9 Lady Broncos v Quana... Varsity 6:30 p.m. • Clarendon

January 10 Lady Bulldogs & Bulldogs v Howard College • 2 & 4 p.m. • Dawg House

January 12 Lady Bulldogs & Bulldogs v South Plains College • 5:45 & 7:45 p.m. • Dawg House

January 13 Broncos v Ascension Academy • JV 6 p.m. • Varsity 7:30 p.m. • Amarillo

Lady Broncos v Wheeler • JV 5 p.m. • Varsity 6:30 p.m. • Wheeler

Lady Owls & Owls v Silverton • 6:30 p.m. • Silverton

January 16 Lady Broncos & Broncos v Memphis • JV 4 & 5 p.m. • Varsity 6:30 & 8 p.m. • Clarendon

Lady Owls & Owls v Groom • 6:30 p.m. • Hedley

January 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Bulldogs v Western Texas College • 7:45 p.m. • Dawg House

January 20 Lady Broncos & Broncos v Shamrock • JV 4 & 5 p.m. • Varsity 6:30 & 8 p.m. • Clarendon

Lady Owls & Owls v McLean • 6:30 p.m. • Hedley

January 23 Lady Broncos & Broncos v Wellington • JV 4 & 5 p.m. • Varsity 6:30 & 8 p.m. • Wellington

Lady Owls & Owls v Valley • 6:30 p.m. • Valley

January 27 Lady Broncos & Broncos v Quana... JV 4 & 5 p.m. • Varsity 6:30 & 8 p.m. • Quana

Lady Owls & Owls v Lefors • 6:30 p.m. • Lefors

January 30 Lady Broncos & Broncos v Wheeler • JV 4 & 5 p.m. • Varsity 6:30 & 8 p.m. • Clarendon

Lady Owls & Owls v Silverton • 6:30 p.m. • Hedley

February 3 Lady Broncos & Broncos v Memphis • JV 4 & 5 p.m. • Varsity 6:30 & 8 p.m. • Memphis

Lady Owls & Owls v Groom • 6:30 p.m. • Groom

★ Menus

January 12 - 16

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Sliced beef, macaroni and cheese, mix vegetables, chocolate cake, sliced wheat bread, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken tenders, garlic mashed potatoes, turnip greens, wheat rolls, mandarin oranges, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon ISD
Mon: Corn dog, baked beans, broccoli salad, apple-pineapple, milk.

Health care rip off and subscription scam

Hi, gang! Happy New Year! May this be your best year ever and may you not get scammed.

First, let's take a look at that newspaper payment con trick. This trick relies on fooling recipients into believing they've received a legitimate bill for renewing a subscription to a newspaper or a well-known magazine. Actually, it's mainly focused on local newspapers in the vicinity of the victims.

It's not clear how the scammers find out the names of subscribers or whether they simply send out a spam mail letter to everyone with the knowledge that some recipients will be subscribers. It looks like a genuine bill. The trouble is they pay around a 20 percent premium, which ends up in the pockets of the scammers.

Back to the beginning of 'Wick Picks'

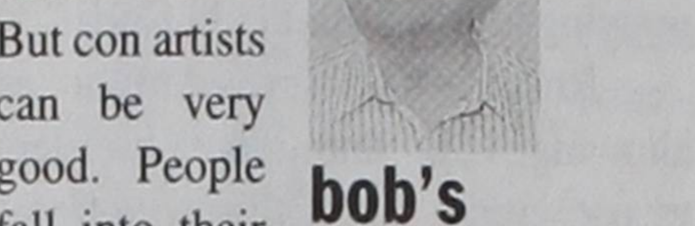
Happy New Year to everyone! I wondered how long I had been writing 'Wick Picks for the Enterprise, and in my files I found the paper welcoming me dated Jan. 22, 2004.

My first column described the success of the Hobo Stew fund raiser the Beautification Club had held. Sadly, the Club no longer exists, and people miss that stew packed in pint mason jars with cornbread and a brownie.

Church of the Nazarene to host Jerry McGee

Clarendon Church of the Nazarene will host Evangelist Jerry McGee during Revival, January 9 through January 11. Services on January 9 and 10 will be held at 7:00 p.m.

profits repeatedly warn of these scams. But con artists can be very good. People fall into their traps regularly.



Discount cards called insurance plans. These are marketed heavily in poorer regions because they're cheap. But they often have fake lists of providers, high fees hidden in fine print, and no benefits.

A cheesy end to construction

My Mom has put pictures of our new kitchen on Facebook, and I really, really like it. Mom made homemade cinnamon rolls in it, and they are very, very good.

Monday night, I made macaroni by myself. We called it Ben's Cheese Pasta. I put clumps of cheese, pasta noodles, macaroni noodles, milk, water, salt, and black pepper in it. It was delicious! And everyone liked it... most of all me.

Next, I want to try to make biscuits and gravy on my own. I think I'll have my dad tell me what to get and do, and I'll make it, just like how mom told me how to make macaroni and cheese.

people sign up for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act. Con artists posing as navigators charge for their advice and they want your Medicare, bank, Social Security, or other personal information to use in illegal medical claim schemes.

Rushing and scare tactics. Con artists know the faster they can force you to make a decision, the likelier they are to walk away with your private information or sell you something you don't need or want.

ACA cards, paying to enroll. Scoundrels preying on the uninformed have devised two basic ways to rip off people under the Affordable Care Act. They say they need your personal data before you can get an "ACA card."

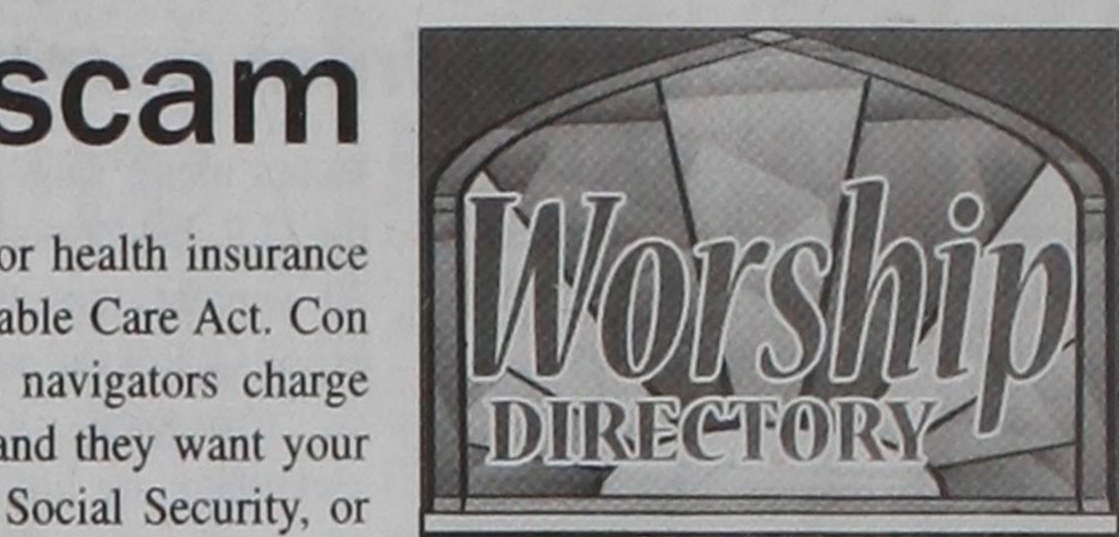
Stay safe out there and enjoy 2015!



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columns from Peggy Watt in Hedley with Watt's Happening and Around Town by Gail Shelton. Peggy Watt told about training Eastern Star members received in Childress, and Gail described the All-region band members playing in Canyon.

In the help wanted classified ads, the new Best Western was accepting applications which were available at Western Skies. Sports was prominent as usual with the Panhandle Hall of Fame set to honor



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Drugs in the News

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Three Quail Forever chapters start in area

AMARILLO – Quail hunters and conservationists in Texas have added three Quail Forever chapters across the state's northern tier. Officially known as the Top O' Texas, Adobe Walls, and Lone Star Chapters of Quail Forever, the new committees are focused on boosting quail populations through local habitat improvements, while providing outdoor education opportunities for area youth.

"Our new chapters have a definite passion for wildlife habitat conservation and connecting youth to the great outdoors," said Laura McIver, Quail Forever's regional field representative in Texas. "The potential exists for Texas to be the number one quail hunting destination in North America, but local conservation groups such as Quail Forever need to be involved. This is exciting news for Quail Forever in Texas, I hope our mission and impact will continue to expand throughout the state."

The formation of three Quail Forever chapters in the state comes at a crucial point for Texas quail. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department recently awarded grants to put \$4 million worth of quail habitat conservation on the ground, using a

special appropriation by the Texas Legislature to help bring back the quail. These appropriations will be allocated as part of the Texas Upland Game Bird Strategic Plan with three focus areas identified in the state. The newly formed chapters hope to work closely with state agencies and other partners to positively impact quail populations.

- The Top O' Texas Chapter of Quail Forever has elected Marc Fenner of Canyon as president, Dean Barnett of Amarillo as treasurer, Freda Powell of Amarillo as publicity chair, and Glenn Raef of Amarillo as vice president.

- For more information about the chapter or to become involved, please contact chapter president, Marc Fenner, at (785) 821-4106 / email

- The chapter will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, January 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the downtown Courtyard by Marriott in the boardroom (724 South Polk St. - Amarillo, Texas 79101). Hunters and conservationists interested in joining the chapter as a volunteer are encouraged to attend.

- The Adobe Walls Chapter of Quail Forever has elected Bill Horne

of Pampa as president, Tim Fathere of Pampa as treasurer, Andy Brown of Pampa as vice president and youth/education chair, Ben Cooper of Lindale as banquet chair, and Colby Johnson of Pampa as webmaster.

- For more information about the chapter or to become involved, please contact chapter president, Bill Horne, at (806) 205-1437 / email.

- The chapter will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, January 6, at 6:30 p.m. at Clarendon College Academic Center (1601 West Kentucky Ave. - Pampa, Texas 79065). Hunters and conservationists interested in joining the chapter as a volunteer are encouraged to attend.

- The Lone Star Chapter of Quail Forever has elected Al Stover of Springtown as president, John Blackall of Lewisville as treasurer, Randy Chandler of Grand Prairie as banquet chair and vice president, Richard Roberts of Sanger as habitat chair, and Jason Erwin of Decatur as youth/education chair.

- For more information about the chapter or to become involved, please contact chapter president, Al Stover, at (512) 657-4205 / email.

- The chapter will hold its next

meeting on Thursday, January 15, at 6:30 p.m. at Willhoites Restaurant in Grapevine, Texas (432 South Main St. - Grapevine, Texas 76051) Hunters and conservationists interested in joining the chapter as a volunteer are encouraged to attend.

Quail Forever is the quail division of Pheasants Forever. Texas is home to five chapters of Quail Forever, and over 1,500 members of "The Habitat Organization." For more information contact Laura McIver at (907) 750-2600 / email.

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Education issues to come up in next Legislature

By Morgan Smith, The Texas Tribune

When Texas lawmakers come back to Austin in January, there will be a new governor who touts public schools as a top priority, and plenty of money in the state bank account. But that doesn't mean everything will go smoothly as the 84th Legislature navigates public education policy.

Here are five things to watch when the legislative session gets underway:

Education Committee Shuffling: Whomever Lt. Gov.-elect Dan Patrick appoints to fill his spot leading the Senate Education Committee — Larry Taylor, Kelly Hancock and Donna Campbell are possible contenders — will wield considerable control over which education bills do and don't get hearings. Patrick could also opt to combine the chamber's higher and public education committees, another move that could affect how quickly and easily legis-

lation makes it through the Senate. The House could also take the single education committee approach. With the departure of Higher Education Chairman Dan Branch, R-Dallas, that would leave current Public Education Chairman Jimmie Don Aycock, R-Killeen, who is expected to continue in that role, to preside over both.

Pre-K Fireworks: There's widespread and bipartisan energy building behind a push to boost early education in the state. But there's a catch — a divide exists between those who want to expand half-day programs to a full day and make them better, and others who want to first get a better handle on how the existing programs are working. Count education advocacy group Raise Your Hand Texas in the former camp, and Gov.-elect Greg Abbott in the latter.

The School Choice Battleground: In the 2013 session, despite a loud drumbeat leading up to Janu-

ary from supporters including Patrick and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, legislation that would allow students to receive public money to attend private schools died with barely a whimper. Now, a skirmish over private school vouchers is brewing again, but it's unclear whether 2015 will see a different outcome. Two areas that may instead become the school choice battleground: a proposal known as an "Achievement School District," which would create a statewide entity to manage underperforming campuses, and efforts to loosen regulation of virtual education.

How Money Gets Doled Out: With a school finance lawsuit awaiting arguments at the Texas Supreme Court, the Legislature could easily punt on making any changes to the way the state distributes funding to school districts. But that might be too much of a delay for some lawmakers. State Sen. Kirk Watson, an

Austin Democrat, has already filed a slate of bills that he told the Houston Chronicle he hoped would get the "conversation started" on school finance. And regardless of how Watson's bills fare, lawmakers can still tinker around the edges of the school finance system as they make choices in how the budget allocates funding across school districts.

Revisiting the Big Ticket Items of 2013: Last time they were in Austin, lawmakers overhauled high school curriculum and scaled back standardized testing requirements. They also approved the first expansion of charter schools in the state since they were established in 1995. If the interim hearings over the last year on the rollout of those new laws are any indication, expect discussion about improving high school students' access to guidance counselors, and clarifying the process the state uses to close low-performing charters schools.

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Broncos finish second in holiday tournament

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Broncos competed in the Canadian Basketball Tournament over the holidays and brought home a second place finish. Their only loss came from the host team in the championship game.

In the first round of the tournament, the Broncos took on Cashion, Oklahoma and easily defeated them, 56-36. The Broncos led throughout the game, and the Wildcats were not able to stop them offensively. Seniors Cedrick McCampbell and Charles Mason finished in double figures with 12 and 11 points respectively. McCampbell also had two steals. Bryce Grahn put in nine points, adding 10 rebounds, four assists, and three steals, and Colt Wood added eight points and three assists. Riley Shadle had seven points, Chesson Sims helped with four, Chance Lockhart had three, and

Taylor Knorpp put in two. Lockhart also had seven rebounds and two steals.

The Broncos met up against White Deer in the next game and severely demolished them, 74-30. The Broncos led from the tip off and never looked back, while the Bucks were clearly outmatched. Grahn finished the game with a double-double that included 16 points and thirteen steals. He also added five assists. Junior Cenicerros led the Broncos on the scoreboard with 17 and Lockhart put in 15. Lockhart added five rebounds and four steals. Mason and Sims each had six points, Marshal Johnson and Knorpp put in five, and Shadle and McCampbell helped with two each. Knorpp grabbed seven rebounds, McCampbell had four steals, and Wood had five assists.

The two wins put the Broncos in the championship game and the final

score was 49-60. The Wildcats led after the first quarter of play, but the Broncos fought back to lead by four points at the break. But the Broncos struggled somewhat in the second half and could never get anything started. McCampbell finished with 15, Grahn had 11, and Cenicerros and Lockhart put in 10 points each. Colt Wood helped with three points and Lockhart posted a double-double. He pulled down 10 rebounds, and Grahn added seven. Lockhart had three assists, Grahn and Shadle had two, and Grahn had three steals.

"I thought we played really well during the tournament," Brandt Lockhart said. "We played really well against Canadian, which is a pre-season top ranked team. We just have to get better at the little things before we enter district play. I was very pleased with our effort."

On Friday the Broncos traveled

to Fritch and posted a 54-46 win. The Broncos trailed by six points in the first half of play, but got things rolling on their side of the court in the second half of play. "We did shoot the ball well," Lockhart said. "I was proud of the way we finished the game. We played well in the third quarter."

Grahn and McCampbell put in 10 each and Lockhart had nine. Cenicerros had eight, Mason and Wood put in six, and Knorpp added two. McCampbell had eight rebounds, three assists, and two steals. Cenicerros had five rebounds and five assists, Lockhart helped with five rebounds, three assists, and two steals, and Grahn had five rebounds and five steals.

The Broncos will take Ascension Academy Friday, January 13, at 7:30 p.m. The JV Broncos will play at 6:00 p.m.

Lady Broncos participate in Canadian Tournament

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos played in the Canadian Basketball Tournament over the holidays and came home with one win in their three games.

The ladies took on White Deer in the opening round and were defeated, 30-49. The Lady Broncos jumped out to the early advantage, but the Does came back to post a one-point lead at the break. A cold-shooting third quarter was devastating for the Lady Broncos, and they struggled to find a rhythm. Taylor DeGrate and Carlee Johnson finished in double figures with 12 and 10 respectively, but it was not enough to overtake their opponent. Taylor Gaines and Allyson Grahn added three each, and Briley Chadwick helped with two.

In the next round, the Lady Broncos regrouped and bested a good McLean team, 59-40. They were able to dominate their opponent throughout the game and finished with a big win. DeGrate posted 26 points as she was unstoppable and Grahn added 12. Johnson and Chadwick added eight each, Hannah Hommel put in three, and MaRae Hall had two.

The ladies shot eight of eleven as a team from the bonus line.

The ladies met up against the host team in the third round and struggled to get anything going offensively. They were defeated 13-71.

Scoring: Gaines 4, Skyler White 3, Johnson 2, Hannah Howard 2, Grahn 1, and Jensen Hatley 1.

Clarendon took on Fritch Friday night and came home with an easy win at 55-38. The Lady Broncos were able to get back on track and execute their offensive attack against the Lady Eagles. DeGrate exploded once again and put in 25 points to lead the team on the scoreboard and Johnson added 14. Grahn put in seven points, and White had four. Chadwick helped with three, and Howard put two points on the board.

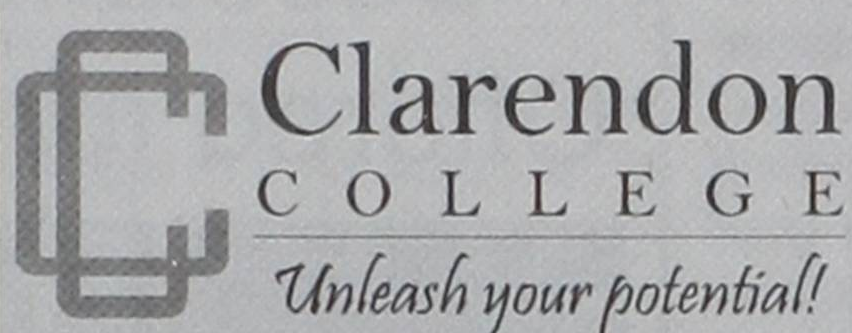
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20	Jensen Hatley	Soph.
21	Skyler White	Sr.
22	Sterling King	Jr.
23	Taylor DeGrate	Sr.
25	Allyson Grahn	Sr.
33	Hannah Hommel	Soph.
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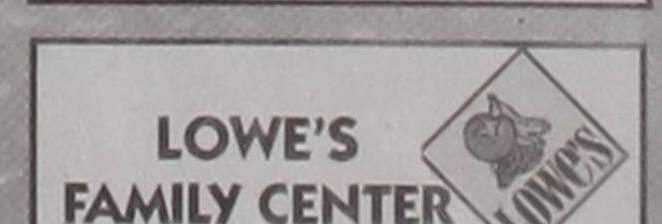
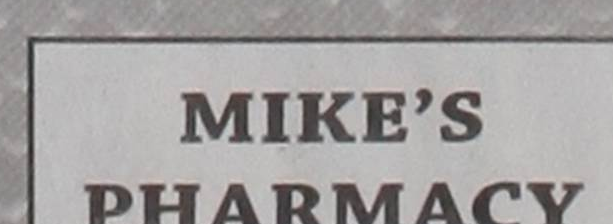
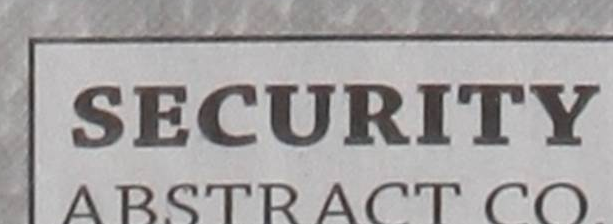
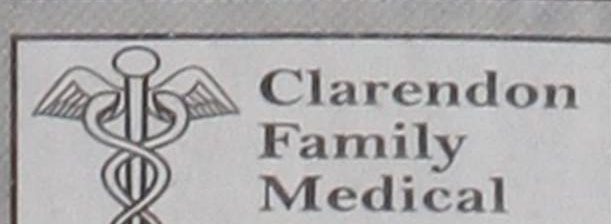
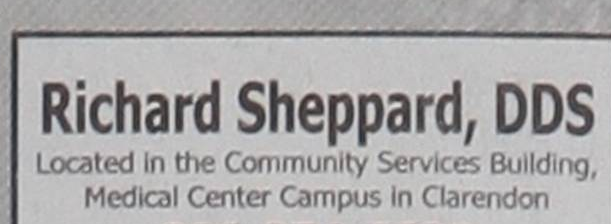
Broncos

1	Cedrick Mccampbell	Sr.
2	Bryce Grahn	Soph.
3	Charles Mason	Sr.
5	Junior Cenicerros	Jr.
10	Colt Wood	Fr.
12	Riley Shadle	Soph.
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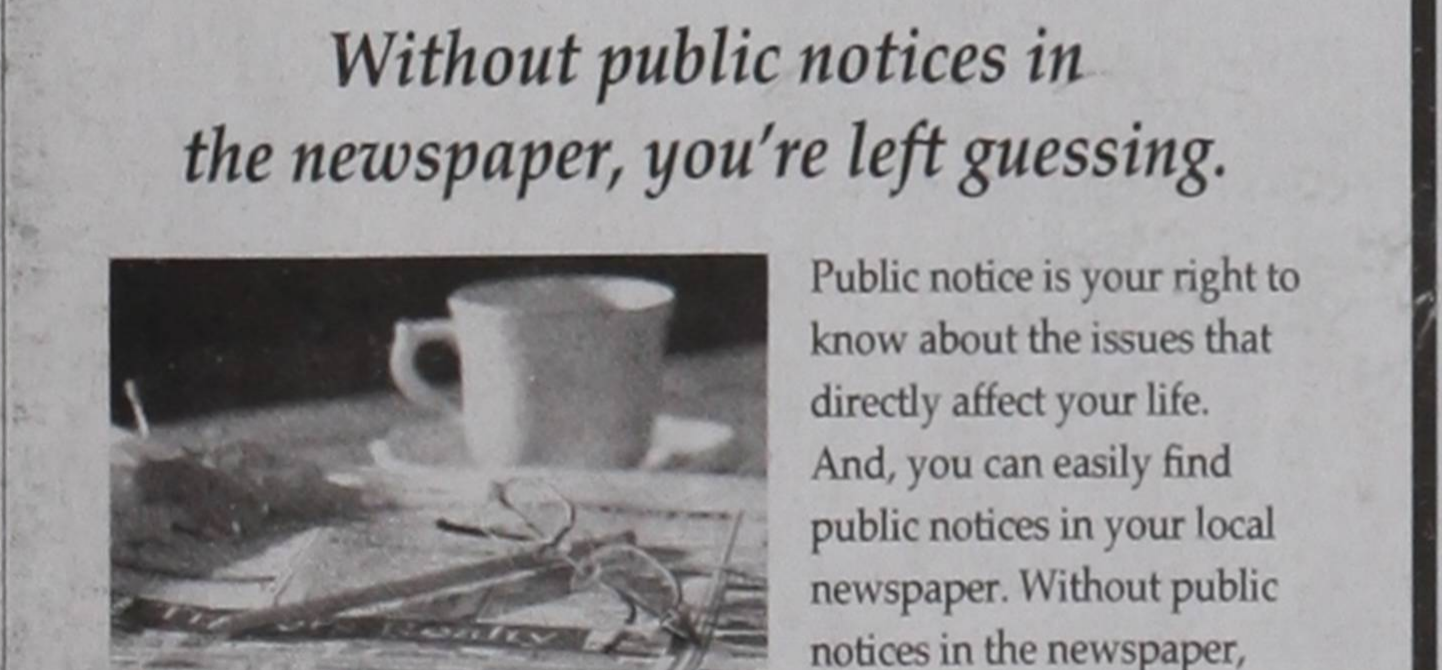
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