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All this and much more as *The Enterprise* reports in this week's action-packed issue!

Early deadlines set for next *Enterprise*

THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE has set early deadlines for next week's issue with the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

All news, ads, classifieds, and photos need to be turned in by noon this Friday, November 17, to be included in next week's paper, which will be distributed on Tuesday.

The ENTERPRISE will be closed November 22-24 for Thanksgiving.

Christian breakfast to be held Thursday

The United Christians Breakfast will be held this Thursday, November 16, at 7 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

The Thanksgiving program will be brought by Don Stone. Get up and enjoy a good breakfast and a great time of fellowship and thanks for the life we enjoy.

Local voters follow state election trend

Donley County voters went along with the rest of the state last week, agreeing to seven amendments to the State Constitution.

Turnout, in terms of percentage, was about twice what it was for the state as a whole. Donley County saw 10.3 percent of voters, 225 people, take the time to do their civic duty. Statewide turnout was only 5.7 percent.

Propositions 5 and 7 were the narrowest victories both locally and statewide. Both had to do with the ability of different organizations to conduct raffles.

Community church service is Sunday

The Donley County Ministerial Alliance will host its annual Community Thanksgiving Service this Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Arena of Life Church on Kearney Street.

Community dinner to be held Nov. 23

The annual Clarendon Community Thanksgiving dinner will be held on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23.

The dinner is free and will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Clarendon school cafeteria.

Take-outs are available and deliveries will be made to the handicapped and shut-ins by calling in advance. Donations can be made at Pilgrim Bank or mailed to PO Box 45. For further details or to volunteer, please call 874-2007.



American by choice

American Legion member Dick Bode salutes the flag during the Hedley ISD veterans service last week. Bode was the keynote speaker for veteran services at Clarendon College and Rowe Cemetery last week and spoke about his family's liberation by American forces during World War II in Europe. The family later moved to the United States from Holland and Bode served in the armed forces himself. Bode says he is an "American by choice" and says he gives speeches to help repay the debt his family owes to America.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / KARI LINDSEY

City searching for new water board member

The Clarendon City Council is looking for a new person to represent its interests on the Greenbelt Water Authority Board following last week's council meeting November 9.

Gary Campbell who has held Clarendon's seat on that board for six years told the board he did not wish to be reappointed as his term expires.

"I've enjoyed it. I've had a good time, but right now I'm overloaded," Campbell said. "I think it's time for me to step down."

Campbell said he would continue to be available if the city ever needed him with questions about water treatment.

City Administrator David Dockery praised Campbell's contributions to the city and noted his work on the Greenbelt Board in development of water wells and the acquisition of groundwater rights.

Aldermen discussed the

need to find someone quickly to fill Campbell's seat but took no action on the topic. The city council will not meet on its next regular date, November 23, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The Greenbelt position will be considered at the following regular meeting on December 14.

In other city business, the council voted to cast all 450 of the city's votes on the appraisal board in favor of the candidacy of Alderman Jacob Fangman.

Aldermen also approved reappointing three members of the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation Board. Those members are Terri Floyd, Doug Kidd, and Brandon Frausto.

In his administrator's report, Dockery said the city is looking at possible houses for demolition and specifically looking at properties that have been on the delinquent tax list for ten years or longer.

Byars, Holladay win Howardwick seats

The winds of change hit the City of Howardwick when voters went to the polls last Tuesday, November 7.

Greta Byars was easily elected to the vacant mayor's seat 75-46, over Mayor Pro-tem Eric Riddle; and Doc Holladay beat Jada Murray for a vacant alderman's position, 76-44.

City Hall said Tuesday that 121 people voted in last week's election. Despite losing the elec-

tion, Riddle remains on the city board as an alderman.

The election results has already caused a bit of a shake-up at City Hall. The city said Municipal Judge Heidi Phelps resigned her position effective last Friday, and Code Enforcement Officer Will Jordan resigned effective Tuesday.

Mayor Byars first meeting with the board was happening Tuesday night as the Enterprise went to press this week.

Donley Courthouse to be featured in new book

The 1890 Donley County Courthouse was recently photographed as part of new project to publish a pictorial book of all 254 Texas county courthouses.

Curtis Smith of Houston retired as a financial planner in 2000 and soon took up photography as hobby after taking pictures on a trip to Europe.

"I ended up taking a photography class at Rice University, and built up my quality of camera equipment," Smith said during a recent visit to Clarendon and the Enterprise.

Smith said he saw a lawyer posting courthouse pictures online and wondered who all could say they had been to all of Texas' 254 counties. That was four years ago, and now he's shot nearly 200

of the buildings all across the state.

The project is taking a lot of time because, as Smith notes, "they aren't in a straight line."

Smith's October visit to the Panhandle with his wife Debbie finished off photographing the courthouses in this part of the state, but he says it will probably be about two years before a book is completed.

"There are a lot of courthouse books out there," Smith says, "but they



Smith

are outdated."

Smith, who is a close friend of Clarendon native Will Lowe, also has an eye for details and unique features that he says is lacking in the current books.

He has a few favorites among the ones he's shot so far, including Clarendon's courthouse.

"This is definitely the jewel of the Panhandle," he says, noting that other favorites are Ellis County, Presidio County, Grimes County, and the 1910 Harris County Courthouse surrounded by ancient oak trees.

When he's finished with Texas' courthouses, Smith says his next project will be cars with a focus on details, lines, and rust.



Donley County Courthouse

COURTESY PHOTO / CURTIS SMITH

Local case among those heard in Memphis last week

One Donley County case was among three heard by the District Court last Thursday, November 9, when it met in Memphis.

District Attorney Luke Inman, assisted by Harley Caudle, prosecuted the cases for the State of Texas, with the Honorable Judge Stuart Messer presiding.

Allison Cearina Armstead pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication community supervision for a period of five years for the first degree felony offense of fraudulent use of identifying information.

Armstead, 25 from Arlington, was arrested in Donley County by DPS Trooper Kelly Hill for the offense that took place on October 12, 2017. Armstead pleaded to an information filed by the State on November 9, 2017.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Armstead is required to pay a \$500 fine, \$488 in court costs, and successfully complete 400 hours of community service.

If Armstead violates probation, she could face up to 99 years in the

Institutional Division of the TDCJ.

Edgar Eduardo Mendoza Diaz (a.k.a Julian Ulloa Mendoza) pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication community supervision for a period of two years for the third degree felony offense of money laundering.

Diaz, 23 from Modesto, Calif., was arrested in Carson County by DPS Trooper Darrin Bridges for the offense that took place on October 26, 2017.

Diaz pleaded to an information filed by the State on November 9,

2017.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Diaz is required to pay \$276 in court costs, a \$500 fine, and successfully complete 200 hours of community service.

If Diaz violates probation, he could face up to ten years in the Institutional Division of the TDCJ.

Lisa Shay Salas pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication community supervision for a period of three years for the third degree felony offense of possession of a controlled substance.

Salas, 39 from Wellington, was arrested in Childress County by Childress Police Officer Todd Gambol for the offense that took place on January 23, 2017. Salas pleaded to an information filed by the State on April 10, 2017.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Salas is required to pay \$354 in court costs, a \$3,000 fine, \$180 lab fee, and successfully complete 200 hours of community service. If Salas violates probation, she could face up to ten years in the Institutional Division of the TDCJ.

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Let's start focusing on 'junk news'

By Gene Polciniski
Inside the First Amendment

Let's stop talking so much about "fake news." Not that we should ever cease identifying, talking about or countering misinformation, be it accidental error, the result of negligent work, or deliberately false -- to which we must now add propaganda tactics aimed at destabilizing our democracy.

We face all those types of misinformation today; amplified as they are by platforms that allow for instantaneous, worldwide communication.

But the term "fake news" no longer has any real meaning as a national concern or a problem to be dealt with. The term has become far too politicized and much too imprecise, now serving as a catch-all for information anyone sees as divisive, disagreeable, biased or plain wrong. Instead, I prefer a term offered by my Newsweek Education colleagues: "junk news."

Regardless of what we call it, less talk and more action on misinformation is where our focus ought to be. Media Literacy Week, taking place Nov. 6 through 10, is as good a time to start as any.

NewsweekED, the Newsweek's nonpartisan education arm, offers information and tools to help students -- and all of us -- navigate today's complex media landscape. Its collections of resources are all aimed at helping us understand how news is made and how we can take a more active and responsible role in the information cycle. That includes having the skills to evaluate information, filter out fake news, separate facts and opinions, recognize bias, detect propaganda, spot errors in the news and take charge of our role as media consumers and contributors.

As junk news continues to infiltrate the newsfeeds of millions of social media users, education and awareness have become the best line of defense against the spread of misinformation and disinformation. Where journalists once served as the "gatekeepers" of society's daily information consumption, today anyone with Internet access can create and distribute content, and spread information by sharing it on social media.

For many, that's more comfortable and a better option: the power to choose and shape what we need to know, rather than having it fed to us by a select few. But with that power should come a greater sense of responsibility to draw our news from as many reliable, diverse sources as we can.

Failure to do that has created the now-infamous condition in which social media's omnipresent algorithms track our every keystroke to present us with news that we "like" -- or in other words, news that plays to our existing opinions and biases.

Sure, there was a time when readers would settle on a favorite TV network or, in an even earlier era, a favorite radio station for the nightly news. Newspaper readers in communities where there were multiple daily publications would subscribe to one over the others. Much of the non-local news, for good or bad, contained the same information -- very often taken from wire services that prided themselves on their ability to "get it first, get it right -- but above all, get it right, first." Those were the days when CBS news anchor Walter Cronkite was called the "most trusted man" in the nation, by virtue of that news media mantle.

In today's news world, where those long-standing print and broadcast news outlets are barely standing, and new media players have yet to show the depth or credibility it takes long to develop, we as consumers must take less on "faith" and more on "fact."

For their part, news operations, think tanks, social media companies and others are working on ways to help consumers play a more responsible role in the daily news cycle. Verifying stories and tightening ethical standards are good starts, but significant obstacles lay in the path -- namely, the declining revenue and resources of traditional press organizations, and the new web-based media economy that depends on eyeballs and clicks. In such an environment, thorough "accountability" reporting -- often dull but always necessary -- has fallen by the wayside.

There are some signs that people are rethinking a reliance on just one site, which is a good first step to improving our news diet. According to the Pew Research Center, about a quarter of all U.S. adults (26 percent) get their news from two or more social media sites, up from 15 percent in 2013 and 18 percent in 2016. But consumers shouldn't stop with just "more" -- our daily intake needs to consist of varied, credible sources. Otherwise, consumers trap themselves in a news bubble or echo chamber, in which they only see information that confirms and reinforces their opinions instead of challenging them.

At a forum last week on First Amendment issues and fake news, I advanced a long-held theory of mine that eventually news consumers will demand information on which they can rely, and will over time migrate to those sources; that credibility will be the news currency of the 21st century.

But it's no longer the province of news providers alone to build that demand. Individual consumers must join in that effort by getting savvy about the news. In a twist on an old saying, "Let the buyer be aware."

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Baseball champions on parade

Others may choose to "paint the town red," but not Houston. There, they lean heavily toward another hue. In the bayou city, orange paint is in high demand. Since their Astros won the World Series, some humans -- as well as a few animals -- sport dyed orange hair. And, the city's nighttime glow seems Sunkist.

We were in H-Town on parade day, when the Astros waved from firetrucks on an estimated half-million fans jamming the streets to honor their heroes' first-ever world championship. We viewed it on our hotel TV, noting "all things orange" as a common theme.

Except for the parade and an unusual convention in Galveston, we'd have motored down to the cruise port. However, Galveston -- a city of some 50,000 -- was engulfed by the nation's largest bike rally, and I don't mean Schwinn. The annual four-day event attracts some 250,000 motorcyclists; there was no room at any inn. Such were the rates that at choice hotels, the price of a night's sleep was equal to half of our fare for two on a five-night cruise. The former offered no free breakfasts. The cruise, however, featured 15 meals and on-board entertainment at no additional Caribbean water. ...

This is not to say there wasn't "free" entertainment in Galveston. The historic city is replete with many points of interest. Plus, folks into "people watching" could pretty much see whatever, particularly if they were interested in the "cycles, which abounded in all sizes and types. Some were painted in

flaming orange, and, predictably, the paint seemed fresh. Baseballs hanging from handrails were another giveaway.

With six bikers by every Galveston resident, it's little wonder that conversations occurred mostly indoors for 100 hours or so. "Vroom-vrooms" echoed throughout the city, and out to sea.

Galvestonians feel, in general, that the cyclists are a thoughtful, law-abiding and courteous group of conventioners who are welcomed back each year. After we boarded Carnival's Valor, we wondered how the departing vessel's whistle could be heard above all the "vroom-vrooms."

Maybe it was orchestrated, but there seemed to be a mass silencing of the cycles as the ship's whistle signaled our departure. ...

Cruising, we've long believed, provides a respite; most "land-lubbing" concerns are left behind. We learned on this cruise, however, that one does well to remember "what day it is."

For example, we forgot to "fall back" from daylight saving time. We filled out our "breakfast card" menu, asking for 8:30 a.m. room service delivery on Sunday.

At 9:20, my body ached for coffee, and I thought I'd caught Carnival in a



the idle american
by don newbury

minor mistake. (After 20 years of cruising, we've noted few miscues, and even those have been minuscule.) Just as I called room service to complain that our breakfast was an hour late, there was a knock at the door. The knock meant, of course, that our ON TIME breakfast had arrived. ...

There is much to be said for arriving a day early at cruise ports. It's simply the "leisurely thing" to do. For Galveston -- already the nation's fourth-busiest cruise port -- more than 1,000,000 visitors will board cruise ships in 2018. Folks who are interested in economizing might consider Houston for lodging the night before boarding. Galveston is but one hour away by freeway, and parking/luggage checking/boarding are easily done. This trip, Houston hotels seemed generally unaffected by the motorcyclists' convention. We "Pricelined" the Houston North Hyatt-Regency, a wonderful four-star hotel, for \$49, a figure perhaps one-sixth of the tab at a comparable hospitality in Galveston.

Walking the deck after dinner, my wife and I enjoyed the beautiful November evening. The temperature was in the low 70s, and there was a gentle breeze.

About 50 miles into the Gulf of Mexico, we glanced back toward Houston. Brenda and I are pretty sure we saw an "orange glow" never before seen in the City of Champions. ...

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Sweet potato royalty in Gilmer

We arrived in Gilmer the day before I was to keynote the all service club luncheon to kickoff the activities surrounding Yamboree, one of the largest festivals in Texas. It attracts upwards of 100,000 people. One of our hosts gave us tickets to the coronation of Queen Yam. I really didn't know what to expect. Since Gilmer has a population of around 5,000.

As usually happens in small towns, the event exceeded my expectations by about a thousand percent. It was true pomp and circumstance on a par with a royal wedding or coronation in England. The queen and her court were presented along with a series of Duchesses, the Noble Order of the Garter and the Bearers of the Royal Scepter. Court dancers provided entertainment.

All princesses had a royal promenade around the packed auditorium and when it came time for Queen Madison Lee of the House of Dean to make her appearance, the crowd showed its appreciation with quiet respect. You could almost hear the smiles breaking across faces and heads nodding up and down.

It was an elegant evening. The queen's train was at least twenty feet long. Four train guards managed the folds of material.

The coronation lasted more than two hours and the entire event was repeated the following night to accommodate the people who wanted to see it.

This is the 80th year for Yamboree. It was started in 1935, the same year Johnny Mathis was born in Gilmer. It was canceled for two years during WWII. The reason for the celebration is of course the sweet potato, a major crop in 1935 when the state encouraged communities to stage some sort of event for the state's centennial in 1936. A huge carnival takes place downtown and there are numerous contests involving

yam pie and other delicacies made from the vegetable. Booths offer all kinds of merchandise and there is an antique auto show. The program listing all the events is a narrow booklet with 140 pages.

Modest stands offering sweet potatoes for sale line the streets leading downtown. Schools turn out the Thursday and Friday of Yamboree weekend because kids are showing their animals in the livestock barn.

When I was asked to speak at the all service club luncheon I had no idea it was the event where US Presidents, Texas governors, heads of major industries and other prominent people have graced the podium. The crowd filled the high school gymnasium and the entire experience was a humbling one for me.

I did manage to interview some yam farmers, the president of the Yamboree Brandon Garman and of course, Queen Yam Madison Lee. Joyce Raab is in charge of judging the yam pie contest. She told me no spices are allowed in the preparation of the pies. "It must be just sweet potato."

Let's honor Veterans

There were more most tears in my eyes as I attended three services honoring our Veterans. The services I attended were: Clarendon College, Rowe Cemetery, and War Memorial on the Court-house Square.

Our Veterans have given their all to the United States of America and to us. God bless America!

Judy Hodges,
Clarendon





Eggs-ellent students

Clarendon High School egg drop regional championship team is Holden Coxe, Ryan Ward, Daquawne Oliver, and Zack Keith.

COURTESY PHOTO / BRUCE HOWARD

CHS engineers win Egg Drop Competition

For the third straight year, the Clarendon High School Physics program has produced the regional champion in the 11th-12th grade division of the Don Harrington Discovery Center's Annual Egg Drop Competition.

Projects are judged by a panel of professional engineers represent-

ing TAME (Texas Association of Minorities in Engineering). This year's champions were Holden Coxe, Ryan Ward, Daquawne Oliver, and Zack Keith.

Clarendon High School also had both 2nd and 3rd place teams for the second year running. Eastin Goodpasture, Zack Caisson, Cole

Franks, and Cody Lowry placed 2nd. Coming in 3rd place was the team of Dalton Benson, Preston Elam, Gavin Word, and Noab Elam.

Students enjoy the hands-on project of creating an egg-craddling device to protect a raw egg from breaking when dropped from twenty feet on to a hard floor.



the lion's tale
by scarles estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting November 14, 2017, with Boss Lion Robert Riza in command.

We had 18 members and one guest this week - Rit Christian, guest of the Boss Lion.

Lion Mike Norrell reported on the public school where the high school theatre group is traveling to Grapevine this week for a workshop, the physics team protected its egg title, and the Broncos are in the playoffs.

Lion John Howard reported on the county, and Lion Ashlee Estlack reported on the college, where the basketball teams are winning and a Charlie Brown Christmas play is planned for next month.

Lion Howard was presented with a Centennial Pin for bringing in new members, Lion Brian Fuller received his official name button, and the club was recognized by Lions International for "member satisfaction."

Lion David Smith gave a pancake report. Attendance at the supper was down, but those who attended were very complimentary of the food.

The club voted to support the annual museum Christmas Party.

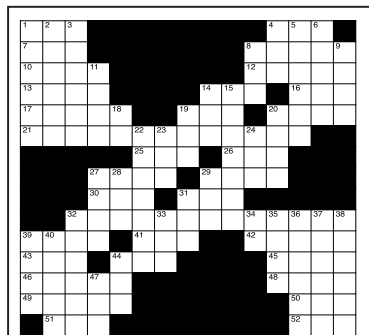
There being no further business, we were dismissed to spread Lionism and good cheer throughout our fair county.



Gold Star Awards

Donley County 4-H members Chardy Craft and Brandalyn Ellis were recognized with Gold Star Awards during the 60th annual Panhandle 4-H Gold Star Banquet at West Texas A&M University recently.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. "Be back later"
- 4. Zhou dynasty state
- 7. Mineral
- 8. ___ and gagged
- 10. One of Lebron's former sidekicks
- 12. Ivory Coast village
- 13. Caffeinated beverage
- 14. Without armies
- 16. Intention
- 17. Sulfuric and citric are two
- 19. Supplement with difficulty
- 20. & &
- 21. George and Weezie
- 25. Liquefied petroleum gas
- 26. Immortal act
- 27. Ancient Greek sophist
- 29. Aids digestion
- 30. Comedy routine
- 31. Actress Thurman
- 32. Adult beverage
- 39. Amounts of time
- 41. An awkward stupid person
- 42. ___ Walker, "The Color Purple"
- 43. Covers babies' chests
- 44. Parts per billion (abbr.)
- 45. Ottoman military title
- 46. More skilled
- 48. Natives to New Mexico
- 49. Indigent
- 50. Illuminated
- 51. Very fast airplane
- 52. Devoid of cordiality

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Comedian Goldthwait
- 2. Worn by women
- 3. "Naked Gun" actor Nielsen
- 4. Processes fatty acids
- 5. Mortals
- 6. Not invited
- 8. Show ___ entertainment
- 9. Darkens
- 11. Pilgrimage
- 14. Danish krone
- 15. Savior
- 18. Midway between south and east
- 19. Electroencephalograph
- 20. Henry's wife Boleyn
- 22. Hairstyle
- 23. Frames per second
- 24. Sinclair novel
- 27. Basics
- 28. A person's life story
- 29. Luxury automaker
- 31. Ultrahigh frequency
- 32. Island and antelope are two
- 33. Taxi
- 34. Farm state
- 35. Fence part
- 36. Rwandan capital
- 37. Onomatopoeic
- 38. In a state of turbulence
- 39. Abba ___ Israeli politician
- 40. Flowering plants
- 44. Inquire too closely
- 47. Sun up in New York

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November 21
Lady Broncos v Lockney • Away

November 23
Thanksgiving

November 25
Small Business Saturday

November 26
Christmas Lighting Celebration • Santa Clause at 5:00 p.m. • Caroling and Lighting at 6:00 p.m.

November 28
Lady Broncos v River Road • Home

November 30 - December 2
Broncos & Lady Broncos • Miami Tournament

November 30 - December 2
JV Broncos • Claude Tournament

December 2 & 3
Saints' Rost Museum Christmas Party • Donley County Activity Center • 6:30 p.m.

December 2 & 3
Whistle Stop Trade Days

January 6 & 7
Whistle Stop Trade Days

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Menus

November 20 - 24

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Meatball submarine, hominy, Italian mix vegetables, cookie, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Steak fingers, roasted potatoes, spinach, whole wheat roll, sliced pineapple, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Soft beef tacos, pinto beans, tossed salad, applesauce, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Holiday
Fri: Holiday

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, broccoli, garlic toast, Autumn Jello, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Chicken fajitas, fajita vegetables, chuckwagon corn, Spanish rice, flour tortillas, fruit cocktail, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Herb roasted chicken, potato wedges, whole wheat roll, margarine, peas & carrots, strawberries w/ whipping topping, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Holiday
Fri: Holiday

Clarendon ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Sausage kolache, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Tue: Cheese omelet, toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: No School
Thu: No School
Fri: No School

Lunch
Mon: Frito pie, fresh veggie cup, charro beans, salsa, lettuce & tomato garnish, apple-pineapple delight, milk.
Tue: Pizza, baby carrots, corn salad, fresh grapes, cookie, milk.
Wed: No School
Thu: No School
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Social Security payments up... slightly

Hi, gang! Social Security payments are increasing. It's the biggest boost since 2012 but not nearly enough to keep up with rising costs. I remember when Social Security was new, and it was pushed as a great and good thing. I believe it could have been just that, however when the Social Security reserves started getting big the Congress couldn't keep their grubby fat little hands off of it. Then they enticed people who never worked or paid into it.

I know many retired people who don't want to go into any Government handout program but would love to get back the money promised when they paid into Social Security. Now they exist in poverty or near poverty. Oh, I forgot! The Government is taking care of that. We will get an increase of \$27.38 a month.

"Social Security Payments to Increase 2 Percent Next Year" by Gary Strauss, AARP.

A 2 percent cost-of-living adjustment for Social Security recipients is coming in 2018, but it doesn't keep pace with rising costs. Social Security recipients will be getting a 2 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) in 2018, the biggest increase since 2012. But it won't be enough to keep pace with the rising costs affecting millions of older consumers who depend on the monthly benefit as their prime source of retirement income.

The COLA, announced Friday by the Social Security Administration, will boost the average beneficiary check by \$27.38 a month, or about \$329 a year.

The increase is the largest since a 3.6 percent hike in 2012. The adjustment was a minuscule 0.3 per-

cent increase in 2017, and there was no change in 2016.

AARP CEO Jo Ann Jenkins said the 2018 COLA will provide recipients some financial relief but not enough to offset the higher costs eroding older consumers' purchasing power. "For the tens of millions of families who depend on Social Security for all or most of their retirement income, this cost of living increase may not adequately cover expenses that rise faster than inflation including prescription drug, utility and housing costs," Jenkins said.

Indeed, while overall inflation remains relatively tame, those on fixed incomes and struggling to make ends meet are feeling an economic pinch. Average consumer electricity bills are up about 3.5 percent over 2016, and prescription drug prices are climbing at an even faster clip.

The 2018 COLA could be crimped by higher Medicare Part B premiums. The standard premium is now about \$134 a month, but many participants pay about \$109 a month if they have the fee deducted from monthly benefit payments. A "hold harmless" provision in federal law prohibits Medicare from raising a person's Part B premiums if it reduces their Social Security benefits. For the past two years, most Medicare beneficiaries have been held harmless because, without a significant COLA, increasing their premiums would have resulted in

lower Social Security benefits. In 2018, the COLA will be large enough to allow for the increase in premiums. Medicare costs have grown very slowly in the past few years. The increase in premiums that some beneficiaries will see next year is an unfortunate side effect of not having a substantial Social Security COLA recently. Medicare Part B premium prices are expected to be announced next month. "For many beneficiaries, even this small adjustment will be wiped out by increases in Medicare premiums and other health care costs," said Nancy Altman, president of Social Security Works, a nonprofit advocacy group. "It's long past time for Congress to update the formula used to calculate the yearly COLAs so that it reflects the real expenses that seniors and Americans with disabilities face every day."

The Social Security Administration also announced that the maximum amount of earnings subject to Social Security tax, now \$127,200, would climb to \$128,700 next year. This year, 42 million retirees are receiving Social Security payments averaging \$1,377 a month, or about \$16,524 a year. With the 2018 COLA, payments will average \$1,404 a month, or \$16,848 a year. In its 2017 annual report, Social Security trustees again warned that without changes, the Social Security trust fund would be depleted by 2034. Jenkins says AARP will keep pressing for solutions. "AARP continues our advocacy for bipartisan solutions to help ensure the long-term solvency of the program, as well as adequate benefits for recipients," Jenkins said.

Stay safe out there!



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Remember the contributions of veterans

The city election is over with newly elected Mayor Greta Byars and Alderman Doc Holladay taking their places on the board.

With many promises, expectations are high from the citizens and the way to know how those promises are met is to attend the regular City Council meeting held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at City Hall. Congratulations, Greta and Doc. The community is hoping for unity, and that begins with the board.

Veterans Day was commemorated last week, November 11. As a kid I knew it as Armistice Day in remembrance of the signing of the Armistice ending WWI on the

western front at Compiegne, France. The time was the 11th hour, 11th day, 11th month, 1918.

In 1954, it was changed to Veterans Day to honor all that had served and are currently serving in the military. In the early 1970s, Congress began messing with our holidays, moving them to a Monday which gave many another three-day weekend. In 1971, Veterans Day was moved by law to the 4th Monday in October but many people



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and states continued to view November 11 as the true date and it was officially moved back to November 11. This was a day of reflection for me and all my ancestors that have fought for our country beginning with the French and Indian War in 1756, American Revolution, War of 1812, Civil War, WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan plus the Cold War.

I proudly stand and salute the flag and always cry when the Star Spangled Banner is played/sung. I am a patriot. God bless all our service men and women and listen to the stories. Write them down because you won't remember small details when they are gone.

New farm simulator game is very realistic

Last month for my 11th birthday, I got a new game called Farming Simulator.

Farming Simulator is a computer game where you choose a difficulty and then design your character and follow a tutorial to learn the game.

You can plant a few different things like trees, potatoes, sugar beets, and grain. You can either sell the grain or feed it to farm animals... but it takes money to buy the animals

and take care of them. You earn money by selling your crops and animals.

You also have a chicken coop when you start and you can sell your eggs, but you have to collect all the eggs.

Some of the challenges in the



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game are keeping your crop from withering before you can get it harvested and you also have to deal with the weather, such as hail that ruin your crops. Sometimes you can take out a loan but you have to be careful, because I bought too much equipment once and couldn't pay it back for a long time.

I think this is really close to real farming and my Uncle Michael, who is a farmer, says it sounds just like farming, too.

Scenes from Veterans Day at Clarendon CISD



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Whistle-Stop owners Jordan & Kimberly salute this week's legends...

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Alvin Andrew "P.C." Messer was born in Temple in 1912 and lived most of his life at McKinney before moving to Clarendon in 1941.

He served Donley County faithfully as the county and district clerk for 32 years – diligently recording the births, deaths, and marriages along with court proceedings and other official business in Donley County – from 1955 until his retirement in 1987, just a few months before his death.

P.C. also served America in World War II in the Navy and lived in service to others through civic and church organizations, particularly the Clarendon Lions Club where he was a longtime member, past president and Lion Tamer at the time of his passing.

The Whistle-Stop and the community salute the memory of P.C. Messer for his service to Donley County and his service to his fellow man. Thank you, sir!

Don't miss Whistle-Stop Trade Days: Dec. 2 & 3

SWEPCO warns about utility scams

Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) is proud to stand with its fellow electric, water, and natural gas utilities and trade associations in support of Utilities United Against Scams (UUAS).

UUAS is a consortium of more than 100 U.S. and Canadian utilities and will observe the second annual Utility Scam Awareness Day, Wednesday, November 15, as part of a week-long advocacy and awareness campaign, November 13-17.

Many electric, water, and natural gas customers throughout the country are being targeted by impostor utility scams each day. Scammers typically use phone, in-person, and online tactics to target these customers. Scammers pose as electric, water, or natural gas company employees, and they threaten that customers' services will be disconnected or shut off if they fail to make an immediate payment – typically

using a prepaid card or other non-traceable form of payment.

Scammers can be convincing and often target those who are most vulnerable, including senior citizens and low-income communities. They also aim their scams at small business owners during busy customer service hours.

"Scammers are targeting local businesses, senior citizens and customers whose native language is not English," said Brett Mattison, SWEPCO's director of customer services and marketing. "We're sharing this information so customers can protect themselves from this fraudulent activity!"

"SWEPCO employees will never demand immediate payment, insist a payment be made with a prepaid credit card or ask a customer to meet us in a parking lot to make a payment," said Mattison.

How Customers Can Protect

Themselves:

- Customers should never purchase a prepaid card to avoid service or connection or shutoff. Legitimate utility companies do not specify how customers should make a bill payment and always offer a variety of ways to pay a bill, including accepting payments online, by phone, automatic bank draft, mail, or in person.
- If someone threatens immediate disconnection or shutoff of service, customers should hang up the phone, delete the email, or shut the door. Companies never send a single notification one hour or less before disconnection.

Customers who suspect they have been victims of fraud, or who feel threatened by scammers, should contact local law enforcement authorities. The Federal Trade Commission's website is also a good source of information about how to protect personal information.



The Junior Horse Quiz Team of Gracie Ellis, Grant Haynes, Bryce Williams, and Maloree Wann placed 1st at the Fall Roundup.

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The Senior Beef Quiz Team of Taylor Shaller, Caton Grahn, Ryan Ward, and Cutter Goodpasture placed 3rd and will also be advancing to the State Roundup after competing at the Fall Roundup.

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The Junior Horse Quiz Team of Kinslee Hatley, Parker Haynes, and Whitney Williams placed 2nd at the Fall Roundup.

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The Senior Horse Quiz Team of Brandalyn Ellis, Darcie Hunsaker, Payton Havens, Tanner Burch, and Malerie Simpson placed 3rd at District and will advance to the State Roundup.

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Haideen Norman, Tandle Cummins, and Parker Haynes competed in the Food Show at the recent 4-H Fall Roundup.

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Donley County 4-H competed at fall roundup

Donley County 4-H recently had 33 members compete in the District 1 4-H Fall Roundup held at West Texas A&M University November 2-4.

The Food Challenge is a contest where team members are given a basket of surprise ingredients with a set amount of time to prepare a dish and give a presentation about the finished dish and its nutritional value to a panel of judges.

Members competing in this contest were Junior Team A: Parker Haynes, Tandle Cummins, and Haideen Norman; Team B: Kennadie Cummins, Kinslee Hatley, Kena Cruse, and Aubry Stidham; and the Intermediate Team: Laney Gates, Hailey Wilson, and Levi Gates.

In the Food Show, contestants prepare a dish ahead of time and present it to a panel of judges who conduct an interview asking questions about the preparation and nutritional value of the dish. Members competing in this contest were Tandle and Kennadie Cummins.

Lindy Carter and Shonda Cummins are the leaders for the food contests.

Quiz Bowl contests were a big event for Donley County where team members go head to head with another team in a "Jeopardy" style contest answering questions in Beef, Pork, or Swine categories working their way through the tournament brackets.

The Senior Horse Quiz Team placed 3rd overall and will advance to State Roundup. Members on this team are Brandalyn Ellis, Darcie Hunsaker, Malerie Simpson, Tanner Burch, and Payton Havens.

The Intermediate Team of Mycab Woodard, Brenna Ellis, and Jodee Pigg placed 1st; and the team of Laney Gates, Kasen Hatley, and Levi Gates placed 3rd.

The Junior Team of Maloree Wann, Gracie Ellis, Grant Haynes, and Bryce Williams placed 1st; and Kinslee Hatley, Whitney Williams, and Parker Haynes came in 2nd after meeting head to head in the championship round. The team of Lindley Hill, Evelyn Mills, and Haideen Norman also did very well.

Shelly Hunsaker, Jennifer Pigg, and Julie Gates are the coaches for these teams.

The Senior Beef Quiz Team of Taylor Shaller, Caton Grahn, Ryan Ward, and Cutter Goodpasture placed 3rd and will also be advancing to State Roundup. The Intermediate Team of Madison Smith, Emeri Robinson, Brock Hatley, and Calder Havens competed well, too.

The Beef Quiz Teams are coached by Guy Ellis.

A lot of time is put in preparing for these contests and county agent Leonard Haynes appreciates all the effort put forth by the kids, volunteers, and parents.

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Lady Bronco JV win Consolation trophy in Tascosa Tournament

After taking a 43-50 loss to River Road in the first round of the Tascosa Junior Varsity Tournament, the Lady Bronco JV turned up the heat to take the Consolation Trophy over Nazareth. They played four good games of basketball with one loss and three wins.

In their opening game with River Road, the Lady Broncos played well but had trouble handling the Lady Cats physical game. Matte Johnson pumped in 16 points to lead the ladies on the scoreboard and Ashlyn Newsome and Darcy Hunsaker each helped with seven. Missed free throws hurt them somewhat as they only converted 17 of 32.

Kira Weatherton finished with four, MaKayla Brown and Raynee Newsome each helped with three, Jade Benson had two, and Aubrey Jaramillo put in one.

Things went better in the next game against Randall and the ladies won, 57-34. The ladies shot much better and were able to convert bonus

points throughout. Offensively, they had nine players add to their point total and everyone contributed to the win. Weatherton led all scorers with 16. Benson put in 14, and Johnson added 10. A. Newsome and Hunsaker each put in six, while MaKay Shelp helped with five. R. Newsom and Sophie Bilbrey had two each.

The Lady Broncos then took on Lubbock Coronado and defeated them 43-35. Once again the ladies were solid on both ends of the court despite trailing by three after the first quarter of play. They were able to take the lead in the second quarter and never look back. Johnson and Benson put in 13 while Hunsaker added 12. Shelp and Kailee Osburn each added two and Brown put in one.

The win over Coronado put them in the Consolation game with Nazareth. Hard work and determination paid off and the ladies earned the win at 50-32. The Lady Broncos led throughout the game and really



Lady Bronco JV placed second at Tascosa tournament last week. COURTESY PHOTO

tuned up the heat in the second half. Defensively, they were strong, especially in the third quarter, as they held the Swiftettes to only four points. They held the momentum in the second half to get the win. Weatherton finished with 13, Johnson had 12, and Benson put in 10. A. Newsome had eight, Hunsaker put in four, Brown had two, and Kaylin Hicks added one.

"After a rough game with River

Road with too many fouls, the girls really began to execute the offense," coach Kasey Bell said. "They really played hard and worked well as a team. We got a lot of our points off the press and were able to convert their turnovers into points. I was pleased with the way they played so hard to win their last three games."

The ladies will travel to Lockney on Tuesday, November 21, and play at 4:00 p.m.



Hedley Senior Night

The Class of 2018 had their annual Senior night on Friday, November 6. The seniors, along with their parents walked the field for the last time as HHS students.

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Farm and Ranch Symposium set for November 28

AMARILLO - The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will offer two sessions during this year's Panhandle Farm and Ranch Management Symposium at the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show.

The program is set for Nov. 28 in the Grand Plaza of the Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan St. in Amarillo. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. for the morning session and 1:30 p.m. for the afternoon session.

"This year we are running all day Tuesday and we're dividing the program in two," said Danny Nusser, AgriLife Extension regional program leader in Amarillo. "We know not every producer needs to or can stay for the entire program, so we want to make sure we are offering them what they may need in a timely format."

Six Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education credits, three in the morning - two integrated pest management and one laws and regulations, and three in the afternoon - two general and one drift minimization, will be offered. Morning program CEU certificates will be given at 12:30 p.m. and those for the afternoon program will be handed out at 4:30 p.m.

Nusser said while lunch will not be provided, producers are welcome to attend all day. There will be a one-time fee of \$10, whether they attend one session or both sessions.

Agenda topics include: Aphid Focus on Wheat and Sorghum, Dr. Ed Bynum, AgriLife Extension entomologist, Amarillo.

Best Management Practices for Corn Mycotoxins (Fumonisin/Aflatoxins), Dr. Jourdan Bell, AgriLife Extension agronomist, Amarillo.

Making the Right Decisions Related to Leasing Arrangements, Dr. Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, AgriLife Extension agricultural law specialist, Amarillo.

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Skyrockets end Broncos' streak

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos went up against Wellington, who is a top ten team in the state rankings, last Friday night and were defeated 0-49.

The Broncos finished District play in second place to the Skyrockets and will have a playoff game in Hereford Friday night at 7:00 p.m. against Vega.

Things just did not go well against Wellington last Friday night according to head coach Clint Conkin.

The Broncos' rushing yards, which have been great all season, only amounted to 42 yards against Wellington. Daquawne Oliver, who has been unstoppable, carried the ball six times for only three yards on the night.

Damarjae Cortez has also racked up several yards on seven carries, at 11 yards on the seven carries.

Dalton Benson carried the ball six times for 13 yards, and Ryan McCleskey had eight carries for 20 yards.

Noah Elam was seven of nineteen passing for 76 total yards, Cortez, Preston Elam, Colt Wood, Andy Davis, and Benson each had catches on the night. But the Broncos were unable to find the end zone.

"Our defense played well," Conkin said. "We had several guys with tackles. We just have to regroup and get ready for the playoffs."

The Broncos finished their regular season at 9-1 and were 4-1 in District play.



Bronco Preston Elam protects the ball Friday night against Wellington.

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Colts beat Wellington 52-8

The Clarendon Junior High Colts have had a great season (6-2) with only two losses for the year. They were able to cap off their season with a big 52-8 over Wellington at home last Thursday.

Sylvester Ballard scored four rushing touchdowns and he converted two two-point bonuses. Jordan Evans found the end zone once and had one two-point conversion.

Koyt Tucek caught a pass from Josiah Howard for six, and Josh Dunn had one rushing TD. Rhett Caison had two two-point conversions.

sions.

Coach Blake Nichols noted that standouts on defense were Brock Hatley, Aiden Cadogan, Cutter Goodpasture, and Jodee Pigg.

"Overall, I felt like we had a good season. Obviously our record speaks to that, but more importantly everyone improved greatly from the first day of the season," Nichols said. "It was fun to watch these guys develop as the season went along. They worked hard all season and were very coachable, and that's really all you can ask of a group of kids."



Sylvester Ballard runs the ball for a touchdown last Thursday against Wellington.

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Lady Broncos get the best of Follett

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos put their first loss behind them and regrouped to defeat Follett, 40-19, on the road last week.

The ladies shot 82 percent from the bonus line as a team, and senior Carlee Johnson led the way with 15 points.

After a slow first quarter, the Lady Broncos turned up the heat on the Lady Panthers outscoring them, 21-6.

"The Lady Broncos had a slow start after their two-hour bus ride to Follett," coach Kory Conkin said. "But they picked up the pace tremendously in the second quarter and never looked back."

Defensively, the Lady Broncos were the key as they only allowed six points the entire first half of play.

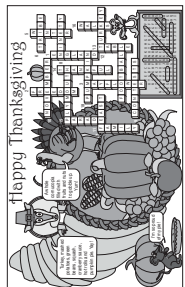
"Defense was the key as their full-court pressure put them on a 13 point run against the Lady Panthers," Conkin said. "They had a strong finish in the second half of play."

Also adding to the point total was Mattee Johnson with eight, Sandra Smith and Ashlynn Newsome four each, Emily Johnson put in three, and Jade Benson, Kira Weatherston, and Hannah Hommel each finished with two.

"The girls were a bit unfocused at the beginning of the game," Conkin said. "We couldn't grab a hold of steals. When their defense picked up, their shots started falling. I'm glad we could get us a 'W' on the road."

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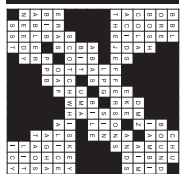
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Seliger files for re-election to senate

State Sen. Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo) this week filed his papers with the Republican Party of Texas to seek re-election to Senate District 31. Senate District 31 spans 37 counties across the Panhandle, South Plains, and Permian Basin, including the cities of Amarillo, Midland, Odessa, and Big Spring. The district, larger than the State of Indiana, is one of the biggest and most conservative in Texas.

"I was born and raised here and my family is from here," Kel said. "I'm honored and proud to fight for the small-town values of our communities."

Since he was first elected, Seliger has been recognized for his conservative principles, and his dedication to education, small government, and local control.

He is 'A' Rated by the NRA, endorsed by Texas Alliance for Life, and has a 100% Pro-Life Rating from Texas Right to Life. He was named a "Fighter for Free Enterprise" four times by the Texas Association of Business for promoting a healthy Texas business climate. Seliger also received the Texas Conservative Coalition's Conservative Champion Award, Texas Wildlife Association's Conservation Hero Award, and the

Conservative Roundtable of Texas's Effective Conservative Lawmaker award.

Seliger consistently champions agriculture and energy issues, including a recent proposal to cap state revenue from energy taxes - so our industry, economy, and community can benefit more from what we produce.

As Chairman of the Senate Higher Education Committee and the longest serving member on the Senate Education Committee, Seliger is one of Texas's top education leaders. Notably, he authored the bill to provide the option of Individual

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Seliger also serves on the Senate Finance Committee and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development. He is a long-time member of the NRA and the Texas Farm Bureau. Seliger and his wife, Nancy, have two sons, Jonathan and Matthew.



King on campus

State Rep. Ken King (R-Canadian) visited Clarendon College last week, where he was a guest lecturer for a government class and then ate lunch with representatives of the Student Government Association.

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Clarendon College honors students helped set a gravestone for a veteran recently with County Veterans Services Officer George Hall.

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CC students volunteer with VFW

Clarendon College honors program students recently helped Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7782 in preparing and placing a veteran's headstone for PFC Billy G. Hill recently.

Donley County Veterans Service Officer George Hall says the

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Students assisting with the project were Wyatt Braden Armbrister of McLean, Maria Perez Hernandez

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Shopping local this holiday season can benefit your community in various ways.

Shopping is a big part of the holiday season, when families and friends gather to reconnect and exchange gifts. While the popularity of shopping online has grown, such practices are not always eco-friendly or timely, as gifts bought online must be packaged and shipped, wasting valuable resources and time that last-minute shoppers may not have.

The benefits of shopping locally go beyond convenience and the chance to reduce your carbon footprint. The following are a few ways that shopping locally this holiday season can directly benefit

your community and the people who call it home.

COMMUNITY IDENTITY

Local small businesses go a long way toward creating a neighborhood identity, and that identity can create a stronger sense of community among you and your neighbors. In addition, a unique community identity can make your town more attractive to outsiders, and that appeal can improve the value of local real estate while also attracting more people to local businesses in your neighborhood.

LOCAL ECONOMY

When men and women shop locally, they are putting money

back into their local communities.

Local small businesses may be owned by your neighbors, and it can be comforting to know that your holiday shopping dollars are going to support a neighbor instead of a large corporation. Local businesses also employ your neighbors, so shopping local can strengthen the local economy by creating jobs that may not exist if you and members of your community fail to support local small businesses.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

The accessibility of customer service is another oft-overlooked benefit of shopping locally. When buying from national chains, especially during the holiday season



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• **Hit the gym.** The American Society for Exercise Physiologists says exercise has been shown to increase one's sense of well-being, mood, self-esteem, and stress responsiveness. Stress can rev up adrenaline, and exercise can help relieve any pent-up energy and frustration.

• **Eat the right foods.** Stay hydrated and eat plenty of fiber, fruits and vegetables. This can help stabilize blood sugar levels and decrease cravings for comfort foods. Do not turn to caffeine, sugary sweets and alcohol to reduce stress, as such foods and beverages may only



compound the problem.

• **Get ample rest.** Go to bed and rise at the same time each day. Many adults function best when they get between seven and eight hours of sleep per night, and a good night's rest can help in the fight against stress.

• **Engage in activities you enjoy.** Make time for activities that you like to do, such as crafts, hobbies and listening to music. Take time away from holiday tasks to give yourself a break.

• **Skip the need to be perfect.** Christmas movies and holiday ideals portrayed in advertisements can put undue pressure on the average person. Ignore any perceived pressure to have a perfect holiday season, instead resolving to enjoy the time with family and friends.

Stress can impact the ability to enjoy oneself during the holidays. But stress can be overcome, even during this busy time of year.

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SHOP LOCAL - SUPPORT CHARITIES

Give the gift of charity

The charity watchdog organization Charity Navigator says that total giving to charitable organizations equalled \$390.05 billion in 2016. This was an increase of 2.7 percent in current dollars from 2015. In fact, giving has increased every year since 1976 with the exception of 1987, 2008 and 2009.

Historically, religious groups receive the largest share of charitable donations. However, education-based charities and human services charities also received a large percentage of donations in 2016, says Giving USA's 2017 Annual Report on Philanthropy.

Giving can be a year-round occurrence, but philanthropy tends to rise during the holiday season when people are feeling charitable. Some people even turn their charitable efforts into gifts for loved ones. The following are some gift ideas that can benefit the recipient, the person doing the giving and a third-party group as well.

REAL ESTATE

Donating real estate can be an option for the person who has a piece of property or a home they no longer need. Rather than face taxes on the property once it's been sold, donating it to an organization or individual represents a charitable offering, and in some cases, may be eligible for a tax deduction equal to the fair market value of the real estate. Giving a plot of land or transferring a deed to a home to someone worthy

can make for a memorable, life-altering gift.

EDUCATIONAL BEQUEST

A donation to a college can help pay the tuitions of future students. Some philanthropists like to fund particular renovations at their alma maters or fund scholarships for students looking to work in a particular industry.

CHARITABLE TRUST OR STOCKS

A charitable trust is a great way to transfer wealth to heirs or simply provide a stream of income over the years. Individuals can establish a period of time during which the assets are held in a trust and when those assets can be accessed.

A tax-efficient way to give is to contribute to long-term securities in a person's name. Recipients of such gifts can choose to cash in their stocks at a later date.

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SHOP LOCAL - ENJOY FRIENDSHIPS

Maximize entertaining space

People who live in compact homes or apartments may find space is at a premium during regular times of the year. When the holidays arrive, decorations, trees and presents can make homes seem even more cluttered. This can make it especially challenging for holiday hosts who want to open up their homes for festive gatherings. Even if space is at a premium, all it takes is a little ingenuity to entertain successfully.

1 Put nonessential furniture and other decor away. It's impossible for would-be holiday hosts to move all of their belongings out of their homes to create entertaining space. But hosts can certainly cut down on clutter. Check out the flow of a room and then move pieces around as needed to open up floor space. Push tables or large pieces of furniture up against walls. Swap out armchairs for folding chairs. Stow knickknacks in bedrooms or in closets.

2 Put benches and wide ledges to use. Narrow benches, such as those common to picnic tables, can seat three or four comfortably. Do not discount deep window ledges as potential seats, as these areas can be made more comfortable with pillows or cushions.

3 Collapse tables after meals. If a sit-down dinner is the goal, set up tables accordingly. Then break down the tables afterward to free up more space. Serve small desserts that can be easily transported from room to room.

4 Use islands and countertops. Tables can take up valuable space. When entertaining a lot of

guests, set up an all-purpose counter island and add barstools. This can be an area for food prep, eating and entertaining.

5 Create conversation areas. Encourage guests to spread out by setting up intimate spots in various rooms. This way guests won't feel the need to congregate in the same space. Bistro tables in a den, a few floor pillows in front of the fireplace and stools by a kitchen island will create conversation areas.

6 Expand outside, if possible. Rent a tent that can be warmed with a space heater. If your home has a closed-in porch or patio space, cover screens with insulating plastic to create a comfortable added room.

7 Skip a sit-down meal. Large tables take up a lot of space, so serve a buffet, tapas, or passed hors d'oeuvres so guests mix and mingle rather than sit down at one large table.

8 Use all available surfaces. Invest in some sturdy serving trays that can be placed on television stands, upright speakers, ottomans, or even wooden crates. This will increase the amount of room you have to serve and store items.

9 Spread out refreshments. Avoid bottlenecks in common areas by putting food, beverages and other items in various locations. Fill up the kitchen sink with ice and make it an oversized beverage cooler.

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SHOP LOCAL - CONTROL YOUR FINANCES

Set and Stick to a Holiday Budget

The chance to give gifts and spend time with loved ones makes the holiday season a special time of year. But for many people, the holiday season often leads to overspending.

A 2016 survey from the American Research Group found that American shoppers anticipated spending an average of \$930 on gifts that holiday season. Data from T. Rowe Price confirms that parents are spending between \$400 and \$500 per child each year. In 2015, CPA Canada conducted a random phone survey of 1,004 adult Canadians and found the average adult planned to spend \$766 on holiday gifts.

Although these numbers can reflect an overwhelming sense of generosity, many times excessive spending is based on a desire to outdo gifting from the year prior - sometimes at the risk of personal finances. Some people are taking drastic measures to make holidays over-the-top, with some delving into emergency savings while others withdraw prematurely from retirement

accounts. Budgeting for the holiday season can help shoppers keep their finances in check.

DETERMINE SPENDING PATTERNS

An examination of receipts and spending habits from previous holiday seasons can help individuals establish budgets for the current year. Make a list of all expenses - even the ones that extend beyond holiday giving. These may include expenses such as gym service fees, homeowner's insurance, traveling expenses, gift exchanges at work, and more. Extra costs can add up and should be factored into holiday budgets.

Try to recall if your spending last year felt comfortable or if you were paying off credit cards long after the holiday season had ended. If it's the latter, resolve to make adjustments.

SET A BUDGET THAT FITS

There is no such thing as a one-

size-fits-all budget. Figure out if there is extra money this season or if times are tight. This will help you plan accordingly and avoid overspending. Shifting priorities can help free up some cash. If children are interested in this year's hot (and likely expensive) gift, cut back on holiday travel or entertaining. Instead of buying gifts for coworkers, buy a drink during a night out.

USE THE HOLIDAYS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SELL

Collectibles, gently used toys, video games, action figures - all of these items may be collecting dust at your home, but they might be coveted by other shoppers. Rely on the season for spending to make some extra income that can be cashed in for your own holiday purchases.

TRACK SPENDING

Establish a separate account strictly for



holiday spending. This can include a credit card only used for gifts and entertaining or a savings account at a bank or credit union. You won't know what is going out of your account unless you keep careful tabs on it. Tracking spending is the biggest key to sticking with a budget.

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SHOP LOCAL - MAKE IT EASY

Keep holiday hosting simple and easy

Hosting family and friends for the holidays is a tall task. According to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, during the Christmas/New Year holiday period, the number of long-distance trips (to and from a destination 50 miles or more away) increases by 23 percent compared to the rest of the year. While many of those traveling will stay in hotels, many more will enjoy the hospitality of loved ones.



pitch in any way they can. If guests offer to do some holiday baking or take the family out for dinner during their visits, allow them to do so. This takes a little responsibility away from hosts while also allowing guests to show how much they appreciate the hospitality of their hosts.

Holiday hosting can make an already hectic time of year that much busier, as hosts must prepare their homes for guests in the midst of holiday shopping excursions, office Christmas parties and social engagements around the neighborhood and at kids' schools.

Holiday hosting does not have to run hosts ragged in the days leading up to guests' arrival. The following are a handful of ways to simplify holiday hosting.

Plan menus well in advance of guests' arrival. One of the more time-consuming tasks associated with holiday hosting is cooking. Hosts who plan their holiday menus in advance can get started on prep work several weeks before guests arrive. Choose dishes that can be prepared in advance and then frozen, so dishes need only be defrosted and cooked once guests arrive.

Let guests pitch in. Some hosts may feel obligated to cater to all of their guests' needs during the holiday season. But many guests want to

Plan a night out. Another way to make hosting friends and family for the holidays less taxing is to plan a night out for everyone. In lieu of cooking at home, dine out at an affordable, family-friendly restaurant before taking everyone to a local holiday light display or trade days. This gets everyone out of the house and allows hosts to showcase their hometown pride.

Rotate hosting duties. The holiday season is full of tradition, and some hosts may feel beholden to tradition and offer to host each year. But family traditions are about getting together, not about getting together in a particular place each year. Families who rotate hosting duties each year can ensure one member of the family does not feel overwhelmed time and again. And sharing hosting duties means someone new gets to avoid the hectic holiday traveling season each year.

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SHOP LOCAL - SING ALONG

The origin of Rudolph

Adults and children alike are familiar with the tale of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." As the lyrics of the song illustrate:

Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer had a very shiny nose / And if you ever saw it, you would even say it glows.

Popularized by the song written by Johnny Marks and sung by Gene Autry, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer dates back to 1939. A copywriter named Robert L. May created the story of the misfit reindeer in 1939 when working for Montgomery Ward. The retail giant was producing marketing

holiday coloring books for children and wanted to come up with a clever character.

*He was almost
Reginald with
a blue nose.*

Although Rudolph is now beloved, May's original ideas included Rollo and Reginald. Also, Rudolph's famed red nose almost didn't come to be. Because a red nose at the time was viewed as a sign of alcoholism, Montgomery Ward was hesitant to be on board with the bulbous, red snoot. A blue nose was

considered, but later changed. In its first year of publication, Montgomery Ward had distributed 2.4 million copies of Rudolph's story.

The catchy tune came thereafter and a cartoon short in 1948. In 1964, the stop-motion animated television special further propelled Rudolph to celebrity, and became the most recognizable Rudolph adaptation.

Today, Rudolph is known across the globe as the reindeer responsible for navigating Santa's sleigh through tricky weather on Christmas Eve. He continues to be loved by many young and old.



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Angel Tree applications are currently available at the Burton Memorial Library in downtown Clarendon. Kids ages 12 and under, who might not otherwise have Christmas, are eligible for this program. The application period will close December 1, 2017.

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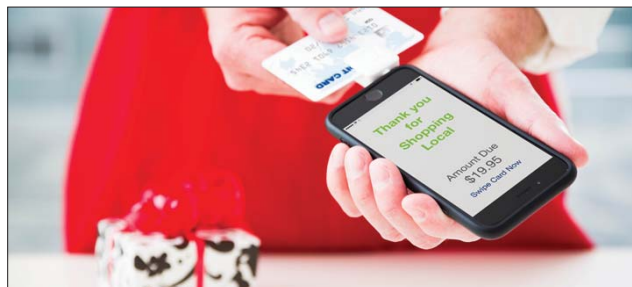
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SHOP LOCAL - MANAGE YOUR MONEY



Smart ways to pay for gifts

Entertaining, dinners, gifts, travel, and decorating may make for a festive time of year, but the holidays certainly can put a strain on personal finances. No one wants to experience a financial hangover come January. Therefore, making a plan for paying for holiday expenditures now can help the average person save and protect their finances.

Figuring out how to finance holiday purchases can be just as important as scouting out deals and cashing in coupons. Here's a look at some of the ways to pay for holiday gifts.

CREDIT CARDS

Many consumers feel that credit cards are the safest way to make purchases, whether in-store or online. With credit cards, shoppers are using a line of credit. Should fraudulent purchases be made or errors in accounting occur, shoppers aren't responsible - the credit card company is in charge of tracking down or absorbing the error.

Now that spending has increased after the last recession, credit card companies are again offering deals to lure in new customers. Rewards cards are quite popular. Such cards offer points, cash back or travel miles to customers who meet certain criteria. For those who can pay off balances and meet the requirements, these cards can

help save substantial amounts of money. Keep in mind that regular cards carry an interest rate of 15 percent on average, while retail store cards may be as high as 24 percent.

LAYAWAY

Layaway is a safe way to shop for the holidays. Layaway entitles consumers to buy an item by making installment payments. The frequency of payments depends on shoppers' ability to pay. Failure to pay will not affect a credit score or negatively impact credit standing in any way - the consumer may just lose their down payment or be forced to pay a layaway fee. Paying in installments helps lock in a special sale rate and can discourage impulse buying as well.

CASH AND PREPAID CARDS

Paying in cash can help shoppers avoid overspending on gifts. After setting aside a cash limit, once the money is spent, shopping is done. Paying in cash does carry some risk if the money is stolen or misplaced. Plus, as opposed to paying with credit, which can offer some purchase protection or built-in warranties, cash may have no protective benefits.

As an alternative to cash, consumers may want to purchase prepaid cash cards in various amounts. Like cash, when the value on the card is depleted, shopping is finished.

SHOP LOCAL - BE READY

Being prepared for unexpected company

The latter part of the year is full of social engagements with family and friends. While many social occasions surrounding Christmas are anticipated for months in advance, unexpected pop-ins are also the norm this time of year. Rather than being caught off guard, individuals can take steps to prepare for unexpected guests.

Have food available. Even if guests pop in for a little while, it's nice to be able to offer them something to eat. Keep cheese and crackers, fresh fruit, pretzels, and other snacks on hand. Make-ahead, crowd-friendly foods can be prepared and frozen. Keep cookies in air-tight tins and purchase a premade frozen pie to serve, if necessary. In a pinch, you can always order out.

Keep the bar stocked. Toasting to a happy holiday season is the norm during this time of year. Toasting requires hosts have some spirits on hand. Stock the bar with a few staples, such as red and white wine, vodka, rum, whiskey, and mixers. Also, you may just want

to create a signature or seasonal cocktail that can be served when guests arrive.

Cue the musical playlist. Put together a playlist of holiday music that will provide the ideal ambiance should guests arrive. Thanks to services like Spotify, Amazon Music and Pandora, holiday music that fills a home with the sweet sounds of the season is now always accessible.

Keep things neat. Set aside a closet or space that can serve as a catch-all where errant items can quickly be stored should guests arrive. Gather loose toys, books or stray papers in a basket and then stash the basket in the closet until guests depart. Routinely empty the dishwasher so dirty dishes left in the sink can be quickly loaded before guests arrive.

Create an aromatic atmosphere. Scented candles that evoke the aromas of the season can refresh stale indoor air. Butter cookie, apple pie and cinnamon scented candles can make it seem like you just finished some holiday baking.



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Warm up with a classic toddy

Come the holiday season, hot toddies are ideal for entertaining, providing spirited fun and a means to chasing away the winter chill.

Hot toddies have been around for centuries. Usually a mix of a spirit - either whiskey, rum or brandy - hot water, honey and spices, some believe the word "toddy" comes from an Indian drink of the same name that is produced by fermenting the sap of palm trees. Other sources say the hot toddy was created by Dr. Robert Bentley Todd, an Irish physician who prescribed a drink made of brandy, white cinnamon, sugar syrup, and water. The drink was dubbed the "hot toddy."

Hot drinks embellished with

alcohol were long used for medicinal purposes. While alcoholic beverages are no longer used as medicine, hot toddies can still chase away a chill. "Grog" is another name given to hot alcoholic drinks, or any drink in which unmeasured amounts of spirits are mixed with other ingredients. Grog may also refer to a water-and-rum mixture that sea merchants once drank. The water kept the merchants hydrated, while the rum prevented the water from spoiling during voyages.

The classic hot toddy can be a versatile drink used to keep guests comfortable and cheerful. This warm libation is soothing and savory, mixing citrus, honey and spices, which each have their various health benefits.



Although hot toddy recipes vary, the following is the recipe for a classic hot toddy, as culled by recipes from Wine Enthusiast, Imbibe and PBS Food.

Classic Hot Toddy

- 1½ ounces bourbon, whiskey or another brown liquor
- 1 tablespoon honey
- ½ ounce fresh lemon juice
- 1 cup boiling water

Cinnamon stick

Lemon wedge

Cloves or star anise

Combine liquor, lemon juice, honey, and boiling water together in a mug or Irish coffee glass. Push cloves or star anise into the lemon wedge. Add the cinnamon stick and lemon wedge to the mug. Allow lemon and cinnamon stick to steep in the beverage for a few minutes. Stir and enjoy.

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The first-ever Small Business Saturday was held on Nov. 27, 2010. It encouraged people across the country to support small, local businesses, and started a holiday shopping tradition.

In 2011, from Washington, D.C., to Washington State, governors, mayors, senators, and even President Obama all voiced their support for Small Business Saturday.

Small businesses owned the day in 2012 when American Express encouraged small business owners to take charge of the day, helping them promote their business through free, personalized ads, which appeared millions of times across the web.

In 2013, more than 1,450 neighborhoods celebrated Small Business Saturday, with individuals and local organizations pledging to support the day as Neighborhood Champions.

The nationally recognized movement to celebrate and shop small businesses was created as a counterpart to Black Friday and Cyber Monday. This year's event is slated for Saturday, November 25.

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SHOP LOCAL - ALL YEAR LONG

Shop Local Year Round

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Extend your yuletide joy to Mother's Day, Father's Day, birthdays and anniversaries for maximum impact on your local community and business owners.

Your effort in doing so may make more of a difference than you realize. A recent collaborative study by the Small Business Administration, United States Department of Labor and other major organizations found that small businesses employ about 77 million Americans and account for 65 percent of all new jobs over the past 17 years.

So by spending your money locally, you are helping keep your friends and neighbors employed during the holiday season and beyond!

Here are some of the other notable findings from the study:

- Eighty-nine percent of consumers agree that independent businesses contribute positively to local economies.
- Residential neighborhoods served by a successful independent business district gained, on average, 50 percent more in home values than their citywide markets.
- Independent retailers

return more than three times as much money per dollar of sales than chain competitors. Independent restaurants return more than two times as much money per dollar of sales than national restaurant chains.

- If independent businesses regained their 1990 market shares, it would create 200,000 new small businesses, generate nearly \$300 billion in revenues and employ more than 1.6 million American workers.
- If just half of the United States employed population spent \$50 each month at locally owned independent businesses, it would generate more than \$42.6 billion in revenue.
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A quick, delicious holiday dessert

The holiday season is synonymous with many things, including delicious foods. While Thanksgiving turkeys or Christmas geese will be found on many a table this holiday season, baked goods and desserts are what many people look forward to this time of year.

Holiday hosts with a lot on their plates might not have the time to prepare homemade baked goods for their guests. Thankfully, the following recipe for "Chocolate-Strawberry Pie" from Addie Gundry's "No-Bake Desserts" (St. Martin's Press) can be prepared in just 15 minutes, all without turning on the oven.



Chocolate-Strawberry Pie

Yields 1 pie

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 pint fresh strawberries, washed, trimmed and halved 1 store-bought (or homemade) chocolate cookie pie crust 2/3 cup sugar 1/4 cup cornstarch 2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder 1/4 teaspoon minced crystallized ginger 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg Pinch of kosher or sea salt 6 large egg yolks 2½ cups half-and-half 6 ounces bittersweet or semisweet chocolate, chopped 1/2 tablespoon rum extract | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 teaspoon vanilla extract <p>Additional strawberries for garnish (optional)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Place the strawberry halves in a single layer in the bottom of the pie crust. 2. In a medium saucepan, whisk together the sugar, cornstarch, cocoa powder, ginger, nutmeg, and salt over medium heat. 3. Whisk in the egg yolks to create a thick paste. Gradually whisk in the half-and-half until the mixture thickens, about 5 minutes. Bring to a boil and cook for 1 minute. Remove from the heat. 4. Add the chocolate and whisk until combined. Add the rum and vanilla extracts. Cool the mixture for 4 minutes. 5. Pour the filling over the strawberries and up to the top of the crust. Chill the pie for 2 hours or until set. 6. Garnish with additional strawberries, if desired. |
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Clever Ways to Clear Out Unwanted Gifts

Plenty of holiday gifts hit the mark in terms of usefulness and desirability. But not every gift-giver has a knack for finding the perfect gift.

According to an ING international survey, 81 million unwanted gifts were received in 2015. One in four people didn't want, use or appreciate the gifts they were given. Even though it's the thought that counts, keeping duplicates of gifts or items that are simply not needed is wasteful and can create clutter around the home.

Rather than filling the dark crevices of a seldom-used closet with unwanted sweaters that don't fit or books you never plan to read, consider these clever ways to clear out unwanted gifts.

Return or exchange: Courteous gift-givers often facilitate returns or exchanges by including gift receipts with the gifts they give. Without a receipt, chances are you cannot get a refund. But you may be able to exchange the gift for store credit at the price the item is currently showing. Something is better than nothing.

Swap: Invite friends or family members over for a post-holiday swap party. Encourage everyone to bring a gift they can't use. Make sure you don't offer up something that one of your invitees may have given you.

Sell: Find out the value of the item and then sell it

online or at a tag sale. What you find unnecessary may be a treasure to someone else.

Regift: According to research by Menulog, a food-delivery service in Australia, 52 percent of people are expected to pass on an unwanted gift on to someone else. Toiletry products are often the first to go. If you choose to regift, try to find someone who will make good use of the item. Don't regift opened packages or used items. Also, be careful not to regift an item to the original gift-giver.

Transform: Turn gifts into something else that can serve a purpose in your life. That itchy sweater may make beautiful doll clothing for a child's imaginative play sessions. Many items can be made to fit your style with a different finish, like a new stain color or coat of paint. Empty unwanted perfumes in decorative bottles and use them as decorative pieces around the house.

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Last Minute Gift Ideas

Early bird shoppers may purchase and even wrap gifts before December, but eleventh-hour shoppers may need some help come the holiday season. For those last-minute folks, there still are plenty of ways to ensure your shopping list is checked off. The following gifts are quick to purchase and can still make for thoughtful presents.

Liquor or wine basket: Prepackaged spirits often come with decorative glasses and other accoutrements for entertaining. What's more, they're convenient to purchase if you're on a time crunch.

Gas station gift card: Drivers

will appreciate a gift card to their favorite fueling station. Such cards suit anyone who has a car and frequently travels or commutes.

Food basket: A visit to the supermarket or a convenience center can yield many tasty finds that can be packaged together into a gift basket. Pair foods with a gift card to that retailer.

Premade gifts: Don't overlook your local pharmacy as a place to find convenient gifts. Look for unique items in the seasonal aisle, where you might be able to find stocking-stuffer toiletries or cosmetic gifts that suit several people on your shopping list.

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