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The Newspaper of Record for the Jewel of the Plains.

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- 6 One local man wins a national automotive sound system contest.
- 9 And the Lady Owls just keep on winning.

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

Christmas lighting set for Howardwick Park

The Howardwick Beautification Club is sponsoring its annual Christmas project beginning December 7, 2003, with the lighting of the Nativity scene in Howardwick City Park at 7:15 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend the ceremony led by Dr. Geona Goad of Howardwick Baptist Church, followed by refreshments and caroling at City Hall.

Judging for the lighting contest will be December 11. Registration will not be required. Turn your lights on that Thursday, and you will be entered. First, second, and third places will be awarded in two categories - general lighting and religious, with houses and trailers judged separately.

New this year will be a grand prize for the one house or trailer judged best overall.

Check out those lights and get them up. Let's make Howardwick sparkle again this year.

Producers meeting set in Claude next week

The fall producers meeting will be December 11 at the Armstrong County Activities Building.

They will offer five CEUs and a steak lunch. The program begins at 8:30 a.m. RSVP by December 9 at the Armstrong Extension Office, 806-226-3021.

CC offers Intermediate EMT class next month

Clarendon College will offer intermediate emergency medical technician (EMT) training beginning January 5, 2004.

Classes will be from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Monday and Thursday nights at the Associated Ambulance Authority building located at 3 Medical Center Drive in Clarendon. Cost for the 21-week course is \$250, which includes the textbook and insurance. Continuing education credits are earned upon completion of this course.

To register for the class, contact Tex Buckhaults at 874-3571.

Clarendon Elementary seeks A2S nominations

Clarendon Elementary School will be accepting nominations of elementary students (Grades K-5) for the A2S Program.

The A2S program is a program designed to serve academically advanced students. The A2S program is also known as the gifted and talented program. If you would like to nominate an elementary student for the A2S Program, please drop by the elementary office to obtain a nomination packet.

Parents, teachers, community members, and students may nominate students for the program. Elementary Principal Mike Word must receive all nominations by December 19, 2003.



Ten Million Dollar Cans

Portable toilets greeted holiday travelers last week at the new Safety Rest Areas near Giles. An improperly installed filter caused septic system dysfunctions for the indoor restrooms. The problem was fixed, but the portable units were left in place to make sure there were no holiday inconveniences. The twin rest areas on either side of US 287 opened in October and were built by the state at a cost of more than \$10 million. The facilities employ 15 people and two supervisors.

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Disaster grant work nears end

Clarendon city officials are reporting that work is nearing completion on drainage and street improvements funded by two disaster grants.

City Administrator Sean Pate says contractor J. Lee Milligan is finished laying down the first course of two-course paving in a ten-block area in the southeast part of town. Workers still have some clean up work to do and will have to return in the spring when warmer weather will allow them to put down the final course.

The project, funded by the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Texas Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA), includes paving and curbing portions of Hawley, McClelland, Goodnight, and Montgomery streets and part of Wood Avenue.

"It's been pretty smooth," Pate said. "Obviously, we would have liked to have seen the project done rather than have to wait until next spring for the final course."

Pate said gas and electric utilities did not move their lines in a timely fashion in the early stages of the project, which resulted in delays for the contractors.

Another part of the project, which is being done by L.A. Fuller & Sons, should be completed this week. That work includes drainage improvements that tie the new paving into the city's main drainage system and street and drainage work on Thurman Avenue on the east city limits.

Pate said all the work on this project has been paid for by the NRCS and ORCA grants except for one block of Goodnight Street, which

the Board of Aldermen authorized the city to pay for in order to help tie the drainage work together.

In other city news, the Board of Aldermen held its regular meeting last Tuesday, November 25, to address items on a short agenda.

The GreenLight Gas Franchise Agreement was discussed and approved. The only change was that the city will receive its franchise fees quarterly rather than annually.

The board approved a contract with the new Panhandle Revenue Recovery Association, which has been set up by the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission. The new association will be made up of a group of area towns to assist each other in collecting past due utility or waste disposal fees.

Once implemented, the association would set up a system to crack

State urges producers to follow biosecurity precautions

At 1,200 pounds, cattle look tough, but these animals, just like horses, sheep, goats, poultry, and other livestock, can be "taken down" by just a few unseen bacteria, viruses or parasites, whether they're introduced intentionally or accidentally.

By making some simple changes, however, you can ensure that your animals are afforded an extra measure of health protection.

Biosecurity practices don't have to be cumbersome, confusing, or expensive, according to the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

In fact, a small tub, a gallon of

bleach or disinfectant, and a brush will go a long way toward protecting your livestock from "outside" disease. Your premise needs to be a "safe" area, and biosecurity practices are the barriers you can use to keep disease out!

• Give "germs" the boot.

You wouldn't think of eating off the floor at the local coffee shop, livestock market...feed store or grocery. But, if you walk around these places in your work boots, then head home and work with your animals, you may be tracking "germs" on the soles of your shoes to your pasture, animal bedding, or any livestock feed you step in.

Don't take unwanted "guests" to your animals. Either keep a pair of boots or shoes to wear only on your own premise, or clean and disinfect your footwear before heading out to check on livestock.

Commercial disinfectants are readily available, or you can mix three parts bleach to two parts water in a small, flat tub. A quick scrub of your boots with a long-handled brush will remove manure, mud, or debris; and the bleach or disinfectant will kill viruses, germs and parasites.

Company coming? Ask your visitors and employees to clean their boots, too. If you entertain prospective international buyers, you might

City all abuzz with yuletide spirit and fun

Choir, opera to perform at CC

The Christmas Spirit is taking hold as Clarendon gets ready for holiday festivities starting downtown this week.

The Girl Scouts will open the season with their annual lighting ceremony at the Lions Hall this Thursday at 6 p.m., which is followed by the start of Late Night Shopping at several local merchants.

The Girl Scouts will be caroling up and down Kearney Street and will have an Open House at their office building with cookies and hot chocolate. They will also be accepting donations of canned goods to go in the Christmas Baskets for the needy that the Lions Club will distribute later this month.

The Chamber of Commerce office will be open, and refreshments will be available.

A wagon and team will be available to give free rides to anyone who wants them. Several local businesses have joined forces to provide this service.

Local Cub Scouts will have a bake sale set up at the Burton Memorial Library.

The kids can visit Santa Claus at the library and have their picture taken with the jolly old elf for a small fee.

The Clarendon College Chorale has scheduled its Fall Choir Concert for 7:00 p.m. in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center. Admission is free.

The holiday activities continue this weekend with the lighting of the Nativity scene at the Howardwick City Park on Saturday at, which is dusk followed by refreshments and singing in the Howardwick City

Hall. The Saints' Roost Museum Christmas Party starts at 7:30 p.m. this Saturday in the Clarendon Community Center. Tickets are \$50 per couple for beverages, dinner, and dancing and are available in limited numbers from Henson's. Each ticket has the chance to win \$5,000.

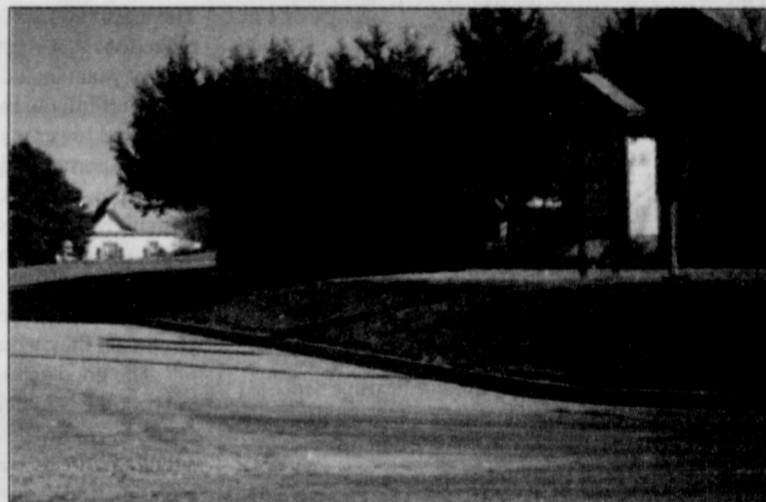
Clarendon College will host the West Texas A&M University Opera Workshop performance of "Amahl & The Night Visitors" by Gian Carlo Menotti on Sunday in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

This one-act opera is a touching Christmas story about the journey of the Three Kings to see the newborn Christ-child. Along the way, they stop to rest at the home of a poor widow and her crippled son, Amahl. Through his selfless act on this holiest of nights, a miraculous gift is given to Amahl.

The cast includes Landree Woodward of Spearman; Benjamin Oheim of Amarillo; Brian Kuhnert, instructor of music at Clarendon College (WT alum); Justin Loe of Canyon; Michael McBride of Amarillo; and Robert Cardwell of Laredo. Piano accompaniment will be provided by Rolando Salazar from Beeville.

Everyone is welcome at the opera performance. Donations will be accepted.

Citizens of all ages are encouraged to participate in these local events, and homeowners are urged to decorate since the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce and the Howardwick Beautification Club will be judging holiday decorations this year.



After 111 years, Montgomery Street in front of St. Mary's Catholic Church has finally been paved and curbed thanks to disaster grants from the state and federal governments.

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down on persons who leave one city with a past due account and move to another city. For example, if a person is overdue on their water bill in Clarendon and moves to Memphis,

then Memphis would be authorized to add that overdue balance to their bill and collect the money. Clarendon would get 75 percent of the collected

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friend's pasture. If you've been hauling livestock in your trailer, a quick trip through the car wash is advisable before returning home.

• **Bucket brigades & tool trades**

Borrowing equipment or tools from a neighbor? Carrying buckets, shovels, or wheelbarrows to use at the local fair or exhibit? You can bet you've picked up "germs" at the event. Don't bring these items home until you've washed off the "crud" and sprayed the equipment with disinfectant.

Clean and disinfect borrowed items before returning them.

See 'Biosecurity' on page 5.

WARNING: The following column is an editorial (i.e. an opinion, a point of view) and may contain ideas with which some readers may freely disagree. It could be harmful to senior citizens and AARP members. Read at your own risk.

Drug benefit will become heavy burden

The actions of the Republican leadership in Washington last week were sickening. In a shameful act of pandering to elderly voters, the GOP passed a prescription benefit for Medicare – the biggest new entitlement program since Lyndon Johnson's Great Society.

The law will give seasoned citizens a drug discount card for use in 2004 and 2005, which will supposedly save them 15 percent on their meds. Then in 2006, the feds will start picking up 75 percent of seniors' drug costs up to \$2,250, pay nothing for drug costs between \$2,250 and \$5,100 (which makes no sense at all), and pay 95 percent of drug costs over \$5,100.

Supporters of the bill say its price tag will be about \$400 billion over the next ten years. Reality will prove the plan will cost much more than that. When Medicare was first approved in 1965, it was estimated to cost \$23 billion in 2003. The actual cost today is \$245 billion.

Keep in mind this welfare program for the elderly is already on a collision course with financial disaster. The thing is destined to go bankrupt as the number of workers paying into the system fails to keep up with the retiring baby boomers. A recent Cato Institute study reports: "The number of elderly will soar 116 percent by 2040 while the number of workers supporting them will grow just 22 percent."

Sen. Christopher Bond (R-Missouri) hailed the new Medicare giveaway as "a tremendous milestone" and said its passage "is great news for seniors of our nation."

Great news for seniors, bad news for those of us who will have to pay for the damn thing, and even worse news for the future workers of tomorrow – the children of today and those yet unborn.

Researchers with the Heritage Foundation report, "A 40-year-old head of household in 2003 could expect his or her family to pay \$16,127 in extra taxes until retirement to pay for other people's drug benefit before paying for his or her own drug coverage. This is on top of taxes already needed to pay for existing unfunded Medicare obligations, as well as taxes for the Social Security shortfall."

The report goes on to say that "a baby born today would inherit at age 27 an extra tax burden averaging \$1,125 per household in 2030" and that the program will "cost the average household \$3,980 per year in higher taxes in 2030 when combined with Medicare's current \$5 trillion projected shortfall."

Democrats are absolutely furious over this new entitlement – not because of its cost or its burden on working folks but because they didn't get it done first. They are going bonkers because Bush and the Republicans are going to get the credit for "giving" a drug benefit to seniors. As such, they are trying to demonize the bill with Sen. Ted Kennedy saying it will cause "the unraveling of the Medicare system."

Shoot a mile! We couldn't be that lucky! The simple truth of the matter is that the federal government of the United States has absolutely no business taking taxpayer monies to fund other citizens' health care or medications (or retirement for that matter). The Constitution provides Congress no authority for wealth redistribution, and this bill – like Medicare itself and Social Security – is nothing short of organized theft, which takes money from one group and gives it to another. It is wrong. It is immoral.

I understand that senior citizens are on "fixed incomes" – a phrase that I am tired of hearing, and I understand that prescription drug costs are going through the roof. Some seniors have to choose between buying food and buying their meds, and I understand that, too.

But I also understand that everyone's drug costs and everyone's health care costs are going through the roof. And since I was just notified this week that my own health insurance premium will jump by 30 percent next month, you'll have to excuse me if I'm not too choked up about what someone else's drugs are costing.

In fact, my health insurance premiums have increased more than 355 percent since 2001, and I have not had any claims on the policy at all. If this keeps up, I will soon have to choose between paying for health insurance or paying my taxes so some geezer can have his Viagra funded by Uncle Sam; and since not paying the latter would mean going to jail, I guess there's really no choice at all.

Mark my words – cut 'em out and stick 'em on the fridge – this new law will in no way reduce the cost of prescription drugs for the average American. On the contrary, when this puppy kicks in, drug costs will skyrocket.

It is an undeniable truth. The more our government mucks around in the health care industry – whether it be through coverage mandates, so-called patients' bills of rights, or socialized welfare health plans like Medicare – the higher health care costs go.

If there were a "newspaper benefit" to Medicare, the ENTERPRISE would cost \$75 instead of 75 cents. It's just the nature of the beast. The government will pay any price, the people will demand every benefit, and the spineless politicians will dole it all out and lay the burden at the feet of future taxpayers.



editor's commentary by roger estlack

Ethics class pushing student over edge

So I made it through another holiday. As I sat down at the table for Thanksgiving dinner with all the extended Helms family, we began to discuss the fact that I do not give enough press to the rest of the extended family...

And then they decided that was okay. So in respect of their wishes, I will not mention anything about my sister swapping scary nursing school stories with my cousin or my aunt and uncle telling everyone who asks about my column that I am their daughter. It just wouldn't be ethical.

Speaking of ethics, you know, I just cannot express in words the hatred I feel for one Dr. Jerk Face, professor of ethics. You see, I wrote this paper on feminine ethics. The basic premise of the paper was that men reason differently than women.

I feel very strongly about feminine ethics. I know it to be true. Remember the boys' dorm exit sign experiment in electricity?

I noted that society emphasizes our biological differences and encourages our developmental differences by "segregating" boys and girls. Boys are blue. Girls

are pink.

The comment on my paper: "I do not think that you mean boys are literally blue or that girls are literally pink, for I have seen my son and he is only blue when he consumes a blue beverage and even then it is only his tongue that is blue."

Was anyone confused by my statement? Did you think I meant that we were literally blue and pink? Obviously he knew that is not what I meant, or he would not have said it. And who says their son "consumes a blue beverage?" Just say he drinks a stinking Slurpee and cut it out with this uppity, superfluous, vocabulary exhibition!

I admit that it was not the best paper I had ever written. It was mediocre, at best. I was just thinking of my audience. He's a fairly cynical and sarcastic guy. I thought he of all people would appreciate that.

He just wanted to try and out-cynic and out-sarcastic me. He just doesn't know what he's dealing with here. There is no



life's lessons by carrie helms

bottom to my cynicism and sarcasm.

Geez! It's no wonder I have digestive problems. I should go back to class and hand him the bill for my Upper G.I. Happy Thanksgiving to you, too!

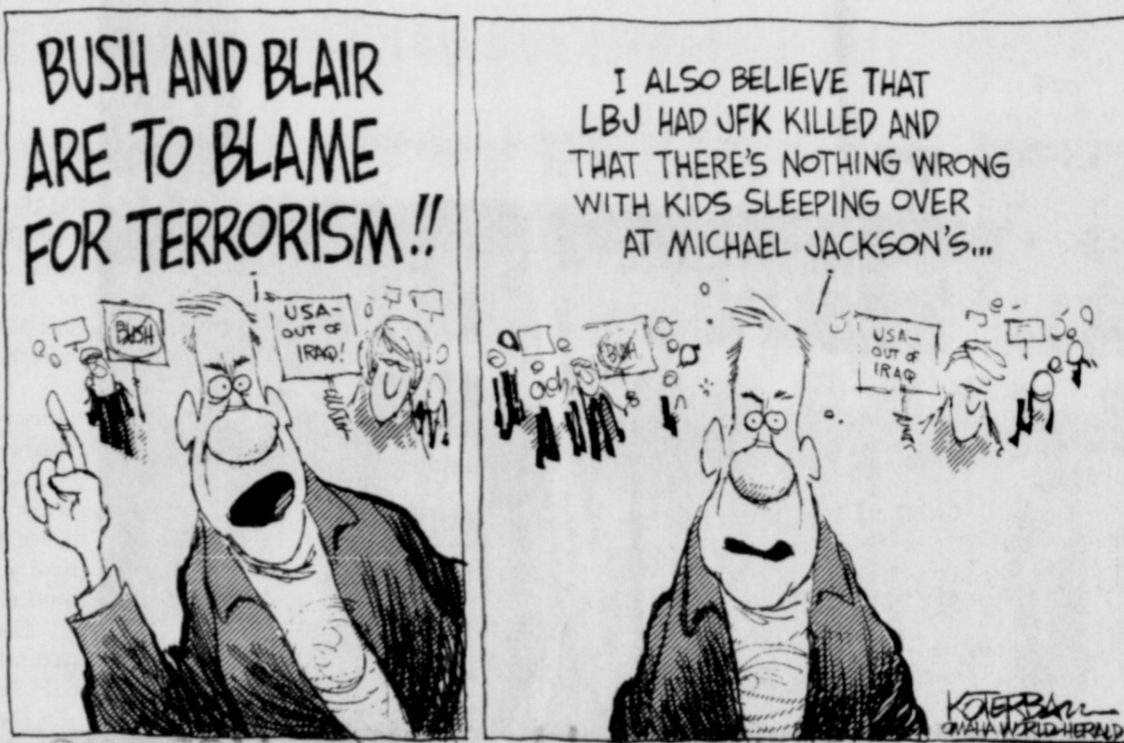
The Upper G.I. on the day after Thanksgiving was not all that bad. I just had to drink some stuff that was the consistency of three-day-old cheesecake that had been kept in a plastic bag in someone's back pocket. Only this stuff didn't taste that good.

The results are in. Turns out I'm perfectly normal. Well, at least my stomach is perfectly normal.

I did find time to do some shopping on the biggest shopping day of the year. I bought some shoes and a new purse. On my way back to Abilene, I stopped in Childress and bought two more pairs of shoes.

I think I may have a problem.

I needed a shoe fix to help me get through this next week and have something to live for at the end. If I can make it through three more hours of Applied Ethics without having a seizure or a nervous breakdown, then I will be home free. And I will get to wear my new shoes.



108th Congress has busy year in 2003

This column is a look back over the year and looks forward to what the 108th Congress in 2004 will achieve.

Economic Security In May, President Bush signed into law the 2003 Jobs and Growth package to return \$350 billion in tax cuts to the American people, building on the 2001 tax relief. The legislation accelerated many of the reductions that were being phased in over several years including my marriage penalty relief bill, an increase in the child tax credit and lower marginal rates. It also provided important relief for businesses and \$20 billion to states where many are facing difficult budgetary shortfalls. I fought to adjust the allocation formula so that Texas ultimately received \$1.3 billion to help balance the state budget, a full \$100 million more than they were on track to get.

The good news is that our policies to boost the economy are working. In October, employment rose by 126,000 for a total of 286,000 new jobs over a three-month period. Additionally, the real gross domestic product, or output of goods and services produced in the U.S., increased at an annual rate of 8.2 percent in the third quarter of 2003, building on a 3.3 percent increase in the second quarter. We experienced the fastest growth in nearly two decades. Other important indicators, such as new housing starts, which hit a 17-year high in 2003, and increased productivity, greater disposable income, and a stock market that experienced gains of more than \$2 trillion, all point toward a recovering economy. Putting people back to work is our highest priority.

Domestic Security We kicked off the year by confirm-

ing our nation's first Secretary of Homeland Security, Tom Ridge, passing national AMBER Alert legislation to more quickly recover kidnapped children, and enacting a budget to provide a spending blueprint for Congress. Our "Healthy Forests" bill was adopted to help protect America's public forests from catastrophic fires, diseases and infestations. We approved a record \$2.4 billion in funding to combat the global HIV/AIDS epidemic devastating Africa and the Caribbean, and passed the "do-not-call" registry bill to protect consumers from unwanted phone solicitations (which is now held up in Federal Court). We also enacted free and fair trade bills with Chile and Singapore to open new markets to U.S. exports.

In the final days of the session, we were finally able to fulfill a promise made to America's seniors by bringing Medicare up-to-date and offering a prescription drug benefit for the first time. We passed sweeping reforms that will provide choice, offer greater assistance for low-income Americans, and create Health Savings Accounts that will benefit millions of Americans.

National Security Perhaps the issue that most dominated 2003 was Operation Iraqi Freedom. In March we descended on Baghdad to remove the threat of Saddam Hussein. A democratic Iraq will stand as an example to all the Middle East and help ensure a safer world for future generations.



capitol comment by sen. kay bailey hutchison

We have stood firm in support of our troops, providing the necessary funds to fight the war and help the Iraqi people more quickly gain control of their own destiny. We also passed the Armed Forces Tax Fairness Act and the Fallen Patriots Tax Relief Act to help military families. Our efforts to eliminate terrorism continue in Afghanistan and points around the globe, and the passage of the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Act will help further our national security.

Moving Forward As with every year there are some important issues that were not resolved. We were unable to pass a comprehensive energy bill, something I have advocated during my decade of service in the Senate. Though we didn't get a bill this year, it is a top priority heading into 2004. The bill is long overdue, and we will not give up the fight. It means increased energy independence, conservation and new jobs in our country when we need it most, and we won't rest until we have an energy bill for the president to sign.

We'll also act to reauthorize highway legislation to create better highways and transportation systems, and hope to make progress on legislation I introduced to make Amtrak a viable, national alternative. In 2004 we'll continue to fight for the fair treatment of judicial nominees and encourage up-or-down votes in the Senate to fill critical vacancies in our nation's courts. We'll also work to pass class action and asbestos litigation reform and continue working to create jobs. As we move forward, we'll undoubtedly face new challenges, and we'll tackle them for the good of the American people.

PTA president seeks parent participation

My name is Denise Treviño. I am currently the president of the PTA (Parent Teacher Association). I am a new resident of Donley County and have two girls attending Clarendon Elementary. Both of my girls are active in the Girls Scouts, where I am an assistant. I am currently enrolled at Clarendon College taking eleven credit hours. My girls and I attend the Methodist Church.

As a new member to this small Christian community, I was extremely surprised at the first PTA meeting that out of 250 some students only five parents attended. I truly believed that a smaller community would be more involved and able to benefit the children better. The Clarendon PTA is in a need for parent involvement.

PTA is an organization that is set up to help in getting the parents and teachers involved with their child's education. Without the involvement of both parents

and teachers, our children are not getting the full educational benefits possible. I would love to see the Clarendon community show our children exactly how much we are here to support them.

Our next PTA meeting is December 4, 2003, in the Clarendon school cafeteria starting at 7:00 p.m. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Denise Treviño, Clarendon

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City: Pate discusses modern meter reading

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money, and Memphis would get to keep 25 percent.

Aldermen also heard a report from the city administrator in which he briefly discussed new technologies which are helping cities of all sizes read water meters more efficiently.

"If the city is to be run like a business - which it should be - then we need to make every minute count," Pate said this week.

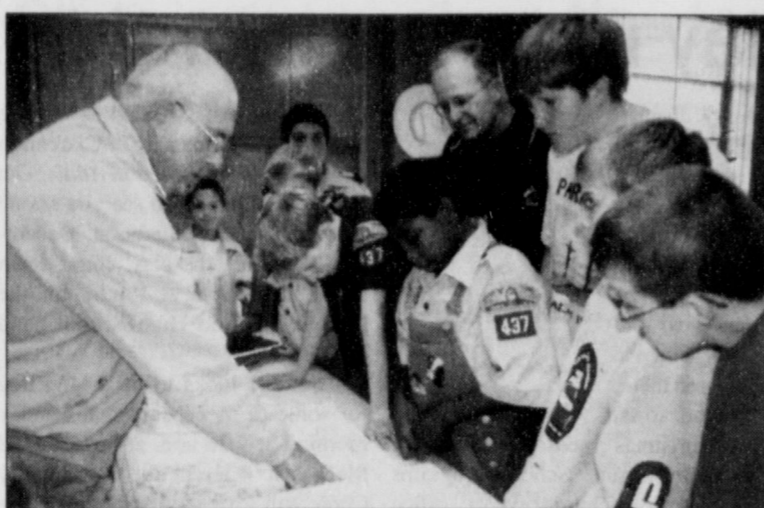
Currently, it takes four city employees about four days to read some 960 municipal water meters. That takes those workers away from their usual duties, and sometimes emergency jobs - waterline breakages or animal control calls - can delay getting the meters read.

There are several new methods of meter reading available, but each essentially attaches a device to monitor water usage and then transmits that information using radio waves that could be read with a handheld wand or by other means. Most of Clarendon's water meters could be fitted with the new technology.

Pate said its possible such an improvement could be phased in over three to five years to allow one person to read the entire town, thus freeing up the other employees for other tasks.

"We have to modernize to a certain extent to become more effective and more efficient," he said. "If we want to do more work with the same resources, this would be a way to accomplish that."

No action has been taken on this topic by the board. Pate said he may attend a meeting in Canyon next week which would provide more details about new methods of meter reading.



Cubs visit construction

The Armadillo Patrol visited with the contractor for the Best Western in Clarendon recently where the Scouts viewed the site plans for the hotel as part of their engineering activity pin. The job description of an electrical engineer was discussed along with the placement of the electrical wiring. Pictured are Steven Sarta, Mat Williams, Monty Holland, Brandon Thomas, Mac Devin, Quincy Harris, Bret Carter, Clayton Shields, and Neil Devin. Not pictured were Den Chiefs Billy Cenicerros and Nelson Devin, Kelly Brammer, Eli Short, and Den Leader Karla Devin.

Photo courtesy of Karla Devin.

Class of 2008 preparing to 'gear up' for high school

Clarendon Junior High 8th graders are now preparing for high school, according to CISD Counselor John Taylor.

In a process called "Gear Up," or Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs, students are looking beyond high school and into colleges and careers. Clarendon CISD is working to assure that the students will have a smooth transition from junior high to high school.

During a week of activities, the eighth graders will have the opportunity to complete a career interest survey, visit with the high school Career and Technology and Advanced Placement teachers, and learn about graduation requirements. John Taylor, CCISD counselor said that this year's focus would be on the first three habits from the book,

The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens. Students will be encouraged to be proactive, to begin with the end in mind, and to put first things first.

Parents of eighth graders will be involved as well. CCISD will host a parent night on December 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. All parents are encouraged to be in attendance. Agenda items will include graduation plans, testing requirements, CATE coherent sequences, financial aid, and personal graduation plans (which must be in place for all 6th-11th graders not passing the 2004 TAKS test).

The process culminates with the completion of a graduation plan for each student.

Parents with questions about the Gear Up process are encouraged to call the CCISD counselor's office at 874-3241.

weather report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	24	38°	10°	
Tues	25	52°	12°	
Wed	26	60°	26°	
Thur	27	68°	35°	T
Fri	28	52°	23°	
Sat	29	55°	24°	
Sun	30	70°	29°	

Total precipitation this month: 0.23"
Total precipitation to date: 16.87"
Total precipitation in December last year: 9.35"
Total YTD total last year: 23.97"

weekend forecast

	Friday, Dec. 5 Partly Cloudy 50°/28°
	Saturday, Dec. 6 Mostly Sunny 58°/28°
	Sunday, Dec. 7 Mostly Sunny 59°/29°

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Looking Back

15 Years Ago

THE CLARENDON PRESS, December 1, 1988

• The Bronco varsity defeated Valley last week, 63-44. Five players were in double figures, including Chris Ward, Che Shadle, Michael Adams, Jonathan Stewart, and Justin Ham.

• Clarendon Boy Scouts joined a nationwide food drive last week and collected 945 cans and 1,005 pounds of food before a snowstorm stopped their efforts.

50 Years Ago

THE DONLEY COUNTY LEADER, Dec. 3, 1953

• The Upper Basin of the Salt Fork Red River Association Board met in Paducah last week and voted to change the organizations name to the Greenbelt Municipal and Industrial Water Association. Member towns include Clarendon, Hedley, Wellington, Memphis, Childress, Paducah, and Quanah.

• The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce has elected four new directors. They are H.D. Gordon, E.S. Ballew, G.W. Estlack, and B.L. "Mutt" Graham. Lonnie Walker will serve as the Chamber president next year with Graham and Gordon serving as vice president and treasurer.

Museum to host Christmas Party

The annual Saints' Roost Museum Christmas Party will be held this Saturday, December 6, at the Clarendon Community Center.

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Biosecurity: State agency gives tips to ag producers

Continued from page one.

• Trash & Garbage: "Bag it."
Control refuse on your premises. Don't haul home trash or garbage from your office, store, or another site unless it's bagged in plastic and sealed.

Never bring home meat scraps to feed livestock. Besides being illegal to feed pigs meat scraps, it's also a dangerous practice as viruses and bacteria can be alive in undercooked meat scraps.

• Tourist OR terrorist?
Be aware of who is on your property. Strangers lurking near your fence line could be innocent tourists admiring the scenery and your stock... or they could have sinister intentions. Ask questions - or call the local law enforcement officials. These days, it pays to be alert - and justifiably suspicious.

Friends, family or business asso-

ciates coming to visit? If they've traveled internationally within the previous week, discourage them from handling your livestock. At the very least, make certain their footwear is disinfected. Some viruses can stay alive for several days on clothing, footwear.

If you've traveled internationally, wash your clothes, shower and clean your boots before going out to check on livestock or poultry. Better yet, avoid getting near your animals for at least 48 hours after traveling internationally, to ensure you don't pass any viruses that may be 'harbored' in your nasal passages.

• Padlock your perimeter.
Lock your gates. Keep feed sacks and veterinary supplies in a secure location. Don't tempt someone to tamper with feed, supplements, or medicines. Taking animals to a show

or fair? Don't take chances with feed supplies and equipment at the show grounds. With the increased threat of agricultural terrorism, security is extremely important, particularly where unknown persons have access to livestock or poultry.

• Give 'germs' space.
Keep newly introduced animals isolated for at least two weeks.

Newly acquired animals should be isolated for at least two weeks, to ensure you don't introduce disease to your main herd or flock. Although it's not required, unless you import animals from out of state, you might consider having your private practitioner inspect animals prior to, or shortly after, making a purchase.

As an added precaution, consider keeping show animals segregated for two weeks after they've been to a fair or exhibit. If someone has intro-

duced a disease at an event, you'll be protecting your main herd or flock.

• Report signs of disease immediately.

Don't wait to report unusual signs of disease to your private practitioner or the Texas Animal Health Commission. TAHC or U.S. Department of Agriculture veterinarians will work with you and your private veterinary practitioner at no charge to take samples for diagnostic testing.

Early reporting is crucial to the health and safety of your herd or flock and to the entire livestock and poultry industry.

The TAHC operates a 24-hour, toll-free hotline, with veterinarians on call to assess the situation and dispatch a foreign animal disease diagnostician, if the situation warrants. Call 1-800-550-8242 and follow the menu instructions.

ALT to present 'Man of La Mancha' this season

Amarillo Little Theatre proudly presents one of Broadway's greatest musicals, "Man of La Mancha," as the second production of the mainstage season. This epic story of Don Quixote was recently revived on Broadway and is certain to be a spectacular theatre experience for Amarillo audiences.

The story begins in the common room of a stone prison vault in Seville, Spain, at the end of the six-

teenth century. There, poet Miguel de Cervantes, along with his servant Sancho Panza, awaits his time before the Spanish Inquisition, his fate very uncertain. In order to survive his time in the vault among the "thieves and murderers," he enacts a tale of the dauntless knight, Don Quixote, and his adventures in La Mancha. As his vivid story draws to a conclusion, Cervantes has won the hearts and minds of the prisoners, and we sus-

pect he will have won over ALT audiences as well. This show also features a fabulous score including the song "The Impossible Dream."

The cast for "Man of La Mancha" is an extraordinary collection of talent from the area.

The Production staff includes Allen Shankles as Artistic Director, Rolando Salazar as Music Director and Conductor, and Shawn Walsh as Choreographer.

This extraordinary musical will be an event for Amarillo theatre goers! Make your reservations now as this is sure to be a sell-out.

Tickets are available at the Amarillo Little Theatre Box Office at 2019 Civic Circle or by calling (806) 355-9991. Tickets may be reserved by emailing info@amarillolittletheatre.org.

For additional information, please contact Allen Shankles.

Ag groups applaud postponement of COOL

Congressional action last week postponed implementing the mandatory country-of-origin labeling law (COOL) until September 2006.

Texas ag groups have serious concerns about mandatory COOL. Estimates show the law will place tremendous costs on the beef industry without providing any benefits to producers or consumers.

Leaders with the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Texas Pork Producers Association and Texas Produce Association welcomed the action and expressed appreciation to Congress for giving the industry time to seek alternatives to the government-mandated program.

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We had 18 members and three guests. Our guests were Cennet Rhode, guest of Lion Roger Estlack; Scarlet Estlack, guest of Lion Russell Estlack; and Cathy Marable of the Donley County Senior Citizens Center, who presented our program.

Cathy explained the Save Our Center program of giving \$8 per month to help operate the center. At present they have 137 sponsorships and are on their way to making their goal of 200 sponsorships. Anyone interested in helping with this can contact the Senior Citizens Center.

The Girl Scouts will turn on the decorations at the Lions Hall this Thursday at 6 p.m., followed by a program with refreshments at the Girl Scout office. They will also be collecting canned goods to go in our Christmas Baskets.

The college ball teams and judging teams are having much success, and a music program will be held Thursday at the college auditorium. The museum will have its Christmas Party on Saturday night, and everyone is encouraged to get a ticket and have a big time.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

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Local producers must sign contracts to receive payments

Producers wanting to receive advance direct payments in December under the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) must sign their 2004 DCP contracts before the end of the year, according to the head of the Donley County Farm Service Agency.

"The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 introduced the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program, which requires producers to sign a new contract every year," said Bruce Ferguson, executive director of the Donley County FSA. "This is a change from the old Production Flexibility Contracts, which were good for seven years."

The Direct and Counter-cyclical Program offers eligible farmers and ranchers direct cash payments based on acres and yields established for each farm. Producers can elect to receive their direct payments as a lump sum in October or as two partial payments—an advance payment of up to 50 percent of the total and a final payment for the remainder.

When electing to receive two partial payments, Ferguson said, "the producer also selects the month in which to receive the advance payment - that's where timing is critical," he said.

"Producers who, for tax or other purposes, want to receive an advance

payment this month, have to sign their 2004 DCP contracts in the next few weeks so the advance direct payments can be issued by December 31," he said.

Regardless of which month a producer selects for the advance direct payment, final payments are made in October, following the end of the fiscal year.

The Direct and Counter-cyclical Program is designed to help stabilize U.S. agriculture by providing payments to eligible producers who enroll their farms each fiscal year during the life of the current farm bill.

Both direct payments and counter-cyclical payments are calculated using base acres and payment yields established for each individual farm. Direct payment rates are constant. Counter-cyclical payment rates vary with the average price of program commodities each marketing year. When crop values are high, counter-cyclical payments are zero.

Producers wanting more income in 2003 are encouraged to call the Donley County Farm Service Agency office to book an appointment.

For more information regarding DCP and other FSA programs, contact the Donley County FSA office at 806-874-3561 or visit the USDA Web sites at <http://www.usda.gov>.

SBA disaster loans available for businesses

FORT WORTH — Businesses in some Texas counties, including Donley County, can now apply for low interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the US Small Business Administration (SBA).

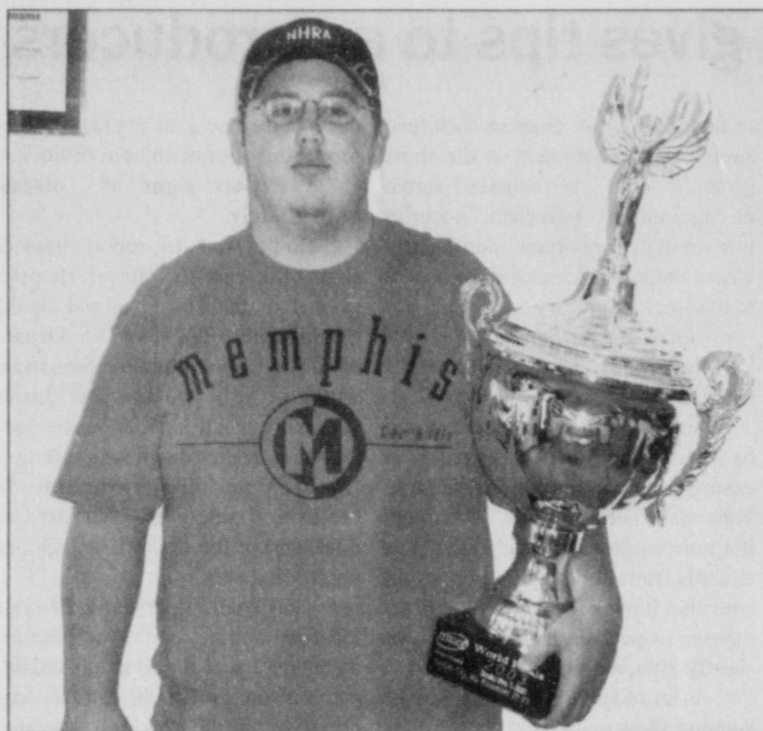
These loans are available to help businesses — not producers — meet normal expenses that cannot be met due to the effects of a disaster. Drought, high winds, static electricity, and heat that occurred June 1, 2003, and continuing, caused many farmers and ranchers to experience reduced incomes which may have had an adverse economic effect on

businesses depending upon these producers. Loans are also available for businesses who experienced excessive rain, hail, high winds, and lightning that occurred on June 22, 2003, causing farmers and ranchers to experience reduced incomes.

Other counties also included are Armstrong, Briscoe, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Floyd, Hall, Motley, and Swisher.

To obtain an application or additional information, call the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303.

The deadline for filing an application is July 6, 2004.



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Emergency farm loan applications being accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by excessive rain, hail, high winds, and lightning are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located at 321 Sully Street in Clarendon, stated Larry Goetze.

Donley County is one of seven in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the excessive rain, hail, high winds, and lightning.

Goetze said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for a FSA emergency loan," said Goetze.

Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until July 6, 2004, but farmers should apply as soon as possible," said Goetze. "Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season."

The FSA office in Clarendon is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

CC Chorale to present holiday concert Dec. 4

The Clarendon College Chorale has scheduled its Fall Choir Concert for Thursday, December 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center. Admission is free.

The Chorale is under the direction of Brian Kuhnert, first-year music instructor at the college. For more information, call (806) 874-3571.

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Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
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Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
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Obituaries

Blount

Funeral services for Gerald Weldon Blount, age 83, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 29, 2003, in Robertson Chapel of Memories with Rev. Bryan Knowles, Pastor of the Fellowship Christian Church in Clarendon, officiating. Burial was held at Citizens Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mr. Blount died Monday, November 24, 2003, in Childress. He was born February 22, 1920, in Golf, Texas, and was a resident of Memphis before moving to Hedley 23 years ago. He married Margaret Edna Morris on September 13, 1946, in Fort Worth. He was a US Army Veteran of World War II and a charter member of Clarendon VFW Post 7782. He worked in a civil service job prior to his retirement. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by two daughters, Dorothy C. Blount in 1957 and Sheri Green in 2001.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Blount of Hedley; three sons, Felix Hilburn and wife Betty of Oklahoma City, Allen Blount and wife Kathy of Oklahoma City, and

Jonathan Blount and wife Edna of Amarillo; a son-in-law, Mike Green of Atchinson, Kansas; and four grandchildren.

Casket bearers were members of the Clarendon VFW Post 7782.

McCauley

Funeral services for John Morgan McCauley, age 87, were held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 1, 2003, in the Clarendon Church of Christ with Ron Suiter of Canyon, officiating. Masonic graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. in River View Cemetery in Seymour under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mr. McCauley died Wednesday, November 26, 2003, in Amarillo. He was born January 11, 1916, in Throckmorton, Texas, and was a resident of Howardwick for ten years before moving to Amarillo seven years ago. He married Willie Frances Abston on September 11, 1986, in Howardwick. He had owned a dry cleaning and tailor business in the 1940s and 1950s, had worked in road construction, and was an independent distributor for the Dr Pepper Company before his retirement. He was a lifetime member of the Memphis Masonic Lodge and a

former long time member of the Simmons-Noel American Legion Post in Memphis. He was a US Navy Veteran of World War II and a member of the Bell Avenue Church of Christ in Amarillo.

He was preceded in death by a son, Nicholas Philip McCauley, in 1985; by a sister, Elfleta McCauley, and by a brother, Roy Den McCauley.

Survivors include his wife, Willie McCauley of Amarillo; two daughters, Jondel Moffett of Clarendon and Paula Pollock of Robert Lee, Texas; one son, Swayne Eric McCauley of Cordova, Tennessee; three brothers, Bob McCauley and Neal McCauley, both of Bowie, and Lee McCauley of Wichita Falls; seven grandchildren; 12 step grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; numerous step great grandchildren; and three step great grandchildren.

Woody

Graveside services for Rick Woody, age 46, of Gordonville, Texas, were held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 29, 2003, at Dixie Cemetery in Grayson County, Texas, under the direction of Huff Funeral Home in Whitesboro, Texas.

Mr. Woody died Wednesday,

November 26, 2003, at Wilson N. Jones Medical Center in Sherman, Texas. He was born October 31, 1957, in San Antonio, Texas, to James Clark Woody and Helen Chance Woody. He married Susan Molder on November 26, 1977, in Clarendon. He was a blender operator for Phillips Petroleum in Borger for twenty years.

Survivors include his wife, Susan Woody of Gordonville, Texas; three sons, Daniel Woody of Gordonville, Eric Woody of Borger, and Matthew Woody of Gordonville; his father, James Woody of Pampa; his birth mother, Wynona E. Jones of Lufkin; a brother, Cecil Riddles of Longview, Texas; three sisters, Pat Eubanks of Round Rock, Kaye Nicholson of Paris, and Neva Levitt of Jacksonville, Florida; and two granddaughters, Elizabeth Woody of Pampa and Hannah Woody of Whitesboro.

The community is invited to attend the annual **Lighting of the Nativity**

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"The purpose of this survey is to determine which color of poinsettia people would prefer to purchase, where they make their purchases, and the degree to which they are satisfied with the plants bought," said Dr. Dan Lineberger, horticulture professor and survey designer.

Consumers are asked to take the survey, <http://aggiehorticulture.tamu.edu>, so that "poinsettia growers and others in the nursery/floral industry can make sure that the variety of products they grow will reflect the preferences of the consumers who purchase their plants," Lineberger said.

The horticulturist said the poinsettia is the most popular flowering plant for interior decoration for the holiday season.

In 2002, almost 70 producers in Texas sold 3.8 million pots with a wholesale value of \$14.6 million. Texas was third in the US, in terms of wholesale value, and sixth based on the number of pots sold, according to the Texas Department of Agriculture.

"The colorful part of the plant is actually modified leaves or bracts that become highly colored as a result of the short days of fall. Poinsettia varieties are available in many different bract colors, but the overwhelming majority of plants produced are variations of red."

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Clarendon College judging team members (seated left to right) Chris Fischbacher, Melissa Harrison, Cole Gardner, Jenea Antonick, and Levi Canales. Photo courtesy Clarendon College

CC Judging Team places third at Louisville livestock contest

The Clarendon College sophomore judging team finished third out of 28 teams at the Junior Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest during the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Ken., November 19-20.

The team finished second in cattle judging and is continuing to show improvement between contests.

Individually, Chris Fischbacher paced the team with a fourth high overall honor. Levi Canales, Cole

Gardner, Melissa Harrison, and Jenea Antonick also turned in cards and finished 13th, 15th, 38th, and 44th respectively out of 130 total contestants.

Other members of the Clarendon College judging team who played a vital role in the success included Danny Hamby, Heath Begeman, JoSeth Savage, Karl Huebner, Ty Duncan, Andrea Yelek, and Craig Dickinson.

For more information, contact Johnny Treichel at 874-3571.

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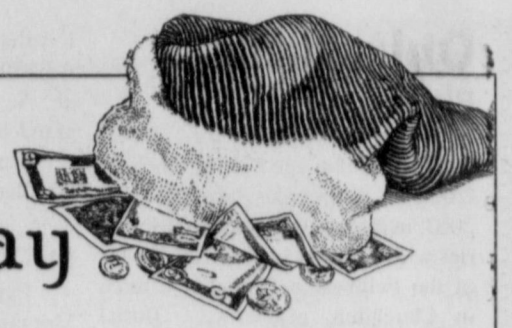
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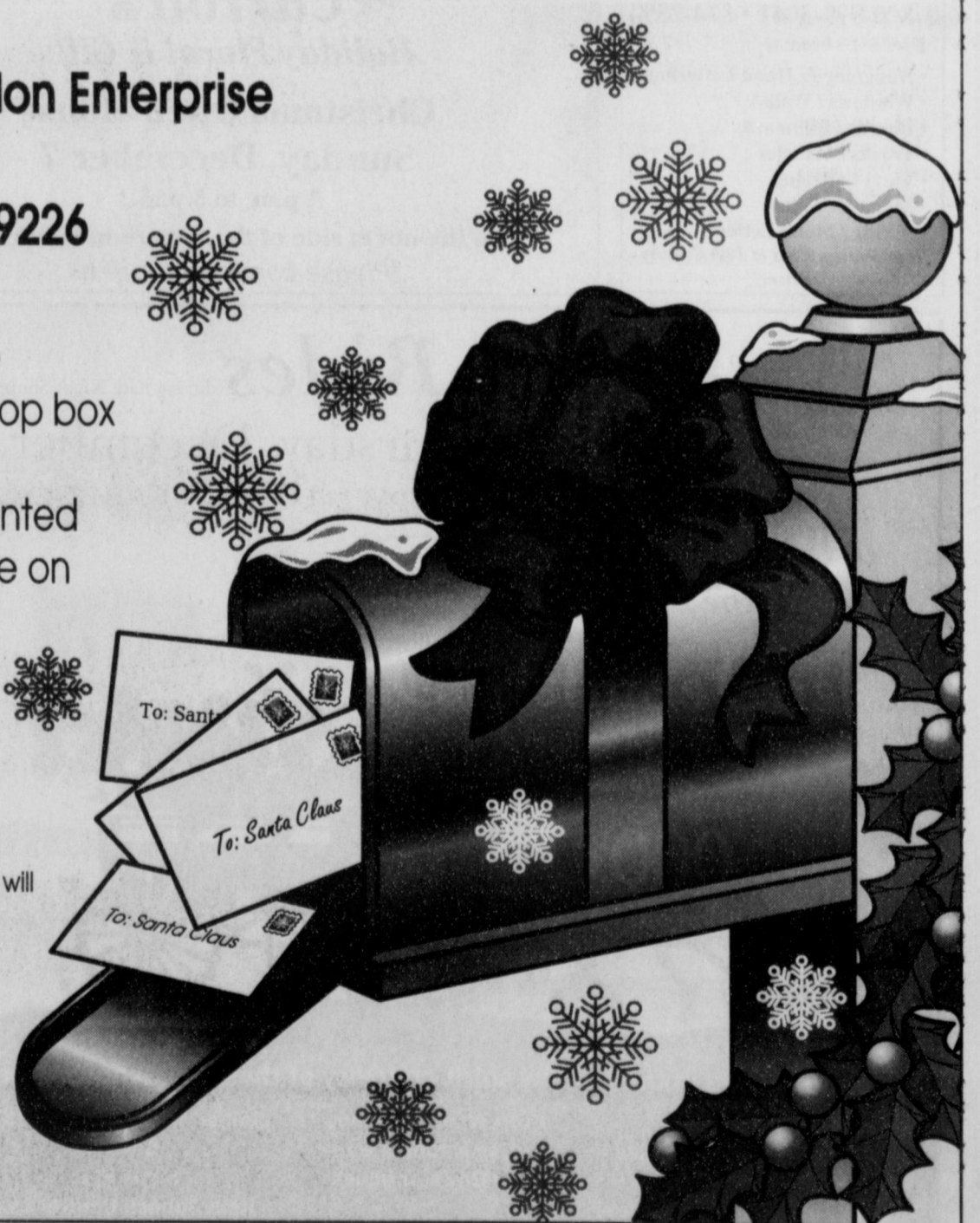
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Owls defeat Motley Co.

By Tangela Copelin
On Monday, November 24, the Hedley Owls traveled to Motley County to play the Matadors. The Owls played a tough game with starter Stephen Howard out sick and Eric Alston getting hurt in the third quarter. The other Owl players stepped up to win the game, 53-37. Scoring were Alston, 17; Will Wallendorf, 14; Aaron Hanes, 8; Wes Shields, 7; Matthew Glover, 2; Cole Llewellyn, 2; and Seth Koetting, 1. Freshman Dustin Thomas played in this game as well. The Owls will play in the Miami Tournament December 4-6.

Lady Owls keep beating foes

By Tangela Copelin
The Hedley Lady Owls played Motley County on Monday, November 24, on the Lady Matadors court. Hedley began the first quarter of play by outscoring Motley County by 20 points and continued to pound the Lady Matadors with a winning score of 94-24. Scoring were Kasi Woodard, 18; Brittany Bennett, 18; Sarah Bolin, 17; Rebekah Howard, 16; Haley Bennett, 15; Treva Rowland, 7; Julie Funderburg, 4; and Allison Hill, 2. The Lady Owls will play December 4-6 in the Canyon Tournament.

7th grade Colts stomp Memphis

The seventh grade Colts have increased their record to 2-0 as they defeated the Memphis Cyclones, 46-37, on the road November 24. A slow start by the Colts in the first quarter allowed the Cyclones to take the early lead, but the Colts retook the lead before the break. A good scoring fourth period allowed the Colts to retain the lead and helped to secure the win. "Everyone contributed to the win," Coach Mike Ray said. "Alton Gaines led all scorers, and Derrick Shelton and Danzel Wilson led the team in rebounds." Scoring: Gaines 15, Shelton 11, Wilson 10, Jesus Hernandez 6, Nathan Gribble 2, and Eric Holland 2. The 8th grade Colts suffered a one-point loss to the Cyclones by the final score of 42-43. The Colts took a commanding lead in the first period, but they let Memphis back into the game at the break. The Cyclones took the lead in the third period and held it until the buzzer. "As we mature in the game, and we eliminate our own mistakes, we will be pretty tough." T.J. Brown led the team in points at 14, and P.J. Ray and Dalton Askew led the team in rebounds. Scoring: Brown 14, Ray 11, Austin Howard 8, Trevor Leeper 5, and Askew 4. The Colts will be at home December 8 against Claude at 6:00 p.m. and will host a tournament December 13. They will continue their regular schedule December 15 at Wheeler at 6:00 p.m.

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From Our Exchanges

Renovation has begun on the Ritz Theatre after sitting abandoned for many years. Construction crews are hard at work inside the shell of the building getting debris cleaned out in preparation to fix the roof to stop further weather damage. Their work has caused many local residents to be thankful for the good news that the Ritz building will no longer be vacant. - Wellington Leader

Though illegal deer hunting is not taken lightly by Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Warden Jerry Stucki, it has served a useful purpose this week when three deer poachers were apprehended November 15. The four deer seized were taken to Scroggins Meat Processing, where owner Tommy Scroggins agreed to donate time and labor to process the deer for the needy. The deer yielded about 300 pounds of meat, which has been processed in two-pound packages to be given away. - The Canadian Record

On Tuesday morning, 18 wild turkeys paraded around the south end of Memphis. The birds have been regular visitors in town this fall and do not display the wild side of their nature. - The Memphis Democrat

All-District honors go to five Owl players

By Tangela Copelin
Several Hedley players were recently named to Texas Six-Man Football District 2 All-District Teams.

Senior Eleazar Centeno was named to the first team as running back, and senior Kale Brandon was named to the first team as kicker. The defensive first team named junior

Stephen Howard as cornerback and senior Chris Fobbs as punter.

Fobbs was also named to the second team as offensive end, and Howard was named as a utility back. Casey Glasgow was named to the special teams.

Fobbs and Glasgow were also named to the second team as defensive end and safety respectively.

Hedley Junior High teams split two games at Valley

The Hedley Junior High teams traveled to Valley on Monday, November 24, to face the Patriots.

The girls' team played consistent offensive and defensive ball to win 55-25.

Scoring were Lori Bugg, 18; Julie Woodard, 12; Kristen Dwight, 10; Kelby Shields, 5; Shandy Koetting, 4; Marlee Sargent, 2; Haley

Hall, 2; and Skyler Conatser, 2.

The boys' team played a hard game against a team boasting 15 players versus the small Hedley team. The Owls lost, 55-20.

Scoring: Brandon Montgomery, 10; Peter Howard, 4; Andy Alston, 4; and Jonathon Edmonson, 2.

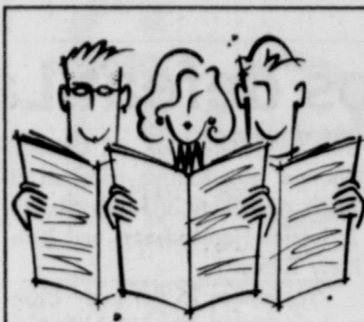
Both teams will play on December 8 at 6:00 p.m.

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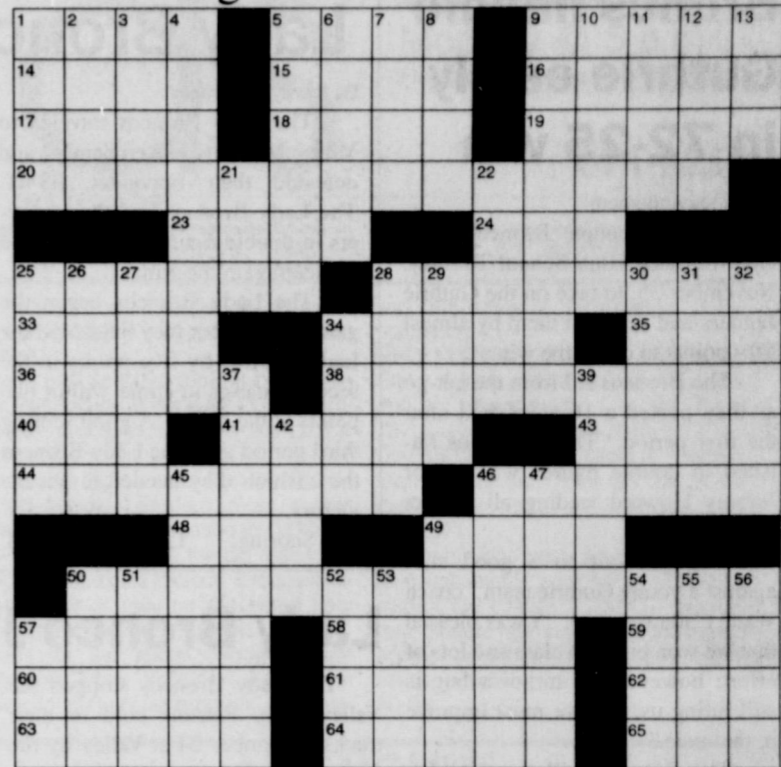
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 16. Mythological keeper of winds (Greek)
 17. A "square" student
 18. Sudden intake of breath
 19. Allman brother
 20. Marx Brothers movie
 23. Prejudice
 24. Chameleon genus
 25. Framework
 28. Illegal anise liqueur
 33. Teen-
 34. Ben ___ US painter
 35. Moray, for one
 36. Shuttlecocks (slang)
 38. Having more than three angles and sides
 40. ___ Lilly, drug company
 41. City in Greenland
 43. A short syllable (poetry)
 44. Mediated
 46. Hurts (slang)
 48. Household god (Latin)
 49. Expression of sorrow
- or pity
50. Cozy winter wear
 57. Plait
 58. Novo seaport
 59. Express relief
 60. Chili con ___
 61. More frigid (abbr.)
 63. Fought (slang)
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 65. Military interjection used to mark cadence.
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 3. Monetary unit of Italy
 4. Mrs. LBJ (nickname)
 5. Rabble (slang)
 6. Shoots the breeze (slang)
 7. Luxurious
 8. Kind
 9. Tranquilizing
 10. Brilliantly colored bird
 11. Wings (archaic)
 12. Firearms
 13. Compass pt.
 21. Own (Scottish)
 22. Covered with rushes
 25. Pole (Scottish)
 26. Nimble
 27. Typographical attribute
 28. Near or close to the wind (nautical)
 29. A large bundle bound for storage or transport
 30. Placido Domingo
 31. Core
 32. Greece (Greek)
 34. Spew (alt. spelling)
 37. Cut off
 39. Cows' stomach
 42. A wading bird (archaic)
 45. ___ May, actress
 46. Intended
 47. Big leagues (slang)
 49. Foolish month
 50. Wife (German)
 51. Songbird
 52. Impressive in size or scope
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Broncs handle Guthrie easily in 72-25 win

By Sandy Anderberg
The Clarendon Broncos traveled to Valley High School Tuesday, November 25, to take on the Guthrie Jaguars and defeated them by almost fifty points to claim the win.

The Broncos led from the get-go as they posted a 16-point lead after the first period. Three Broncos finished in double figures with senior Jeremy Howard leading all scorers with 21 points.

"We got out to a good start against a young Guthrie team," coach Wade Callaway said. "I was pleased that we won big with class and lots of effort; however, the turnover bug is still biting us, and we must improve in that area."

The Broncos will travel to the Childress Tournament December 4-6 and play Canadian in the first round at 8:30 p.m. December 9 the Broncos will play Motley County there at 8:00 p.m., and December 12 they go to Silverton with the game beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The junior varsity boys will play Silverton Thursday, December 4, at 1:30 p.m. as they kick-off the Clarendon JV Tournament. Other JV scores and stats were not available at press time.

Lady Bulldogs 6-6 on season so far

By Sandy Anderberg
The Lady Bulldogs are all even as they near mid-season.

The Clarendon College women faced Odessa in the WJAC Tournament held at Big Spring on November 21 and were defeated, 57-53. On Saturday, the Lady Bulldogs defeated Howard Jr. College, 72-56.

The Lady Bulldogs captured a big win over Cisco College at home November 24 as they won by two points in double-overtime by the final score of 85-83. November 25, the Lady Bulldogs fell to Otero Junior College 54-78.

According to Coach Rusty Kennedy, sophomore Stephanie Russell, a 5'7" guard from Jenks, Okla., is the Lady Bulldogs' leading scorer, averaging 19 points per game.

CC will be in action December 5 at Cisco College beginning at 6:00 p.m. and will play McClennan Community College in Cisco on December 6 at 5:30 p.m.

The Lady Bulldogs will play Oklahoma Baptist University JV on December 13 at home at 2:00 p.m.

7th grade Lady Colts edge out Memphis; 8th grade falls, 32-19

The seventh grade Lady Colts remain undefeated as they continue their season. Their latest win came over a good Memphis team on November 24 as the Lady Colts won, 27-24.

The Lady Colts took the early lead and continued that lead until the final buzzer.

"The girls played really well," coach Kirby Hatley said. "They are working hard in practice and are improving all of the time."

Scoring: Caitlan Clark 11, Jenci White 8, Janae White 4, Bailey Starnes 2, and Kasey Green 2.

The eighth grade Lady Colts fell short in their attempt to defeat a tough Lady Cyclone team, losing, 32-19.

The game was nearly tied at the end of the first period, but Memphis rallied before the break and took a five-point lead. Memphis took advantage of a cold-shooting third period by the Lady Colts, adding to their lead.

"We came out a little slow," Hatley said. "The girls are working hard in practice, and I know they will come out next time and play hard."

Scoring: Abbie Massingill 6, Sade Faas 5, Macy Shadle 4, Beka Ray 2, and Destiny Smith 2.

Both Lady Colt teams will be in action Monday, December 8, at Claude beginning at 5:00 p.m. They will host a tournament December 13 with times and opponents to be announced. The Lady Colts will resume their regular schedule Monday, December 15, at home against Wheeler.

Lady Broncos defeat Lady Patriots

By Sandy Anderberg
The Lady Broncos traveled to Valley Monday, November 24, and defeated their opponent, 48-41. The Lady Broncos had three players in double figures, which helped the team gain the win.

The Lady Broncos began the game slowly, but they outscored the Lady Patriots by five points in the second quarter to come within two points at the break. A good scoring third period gave the Lady Broncos the cushion they needed to get the victory.

Scoring: Lacey Eads 14,

Destiny Weatheron 14, Claudia Thomas 10, Kaitlyn Howard 3, Jessie Anderberg 3, Haley Shelton 2, Jessica Hernandez 1, and Kimberly Tolbert 1.

November 25 the Lady Broncos traveled to Highland Park to take on the Lady Hornets and were defeated 36-39.

The Lady Broncos trailed the Lady Hornets throughout and just couldn't get things rolling. Senior Lacey Eads led all scorers with 19, Howard and Weatheron added six points each, Anderberg put in three, and Thomas finished with two

points. Despite the loss, head coach Kathy Barton feels the Lady Broncos are showing improvement.

"Our new players on varsity have really stepped up and played well in the last couple of games. Having depth will really help us down the road."

The Lady Broncos will participate in the Childress Tournament December 4-6 and will face Canadian in the first round on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. They play Motley County there December 9 at 6:30 p.m. and travel to Silverton December 12 to play at 6:00 p.m.

Lady Bronco JV defeats Valley, loses to HP

The Lady Broncos stopped the Valley Lady Patriots cold in their tracks December 24 at Valley by the final score of 45-18.

The Ladies held only a slight lead at the break, but they went on a scoring frenzy in the third and fourth periods only allowing three points by their opponent for both quarters.

"The second half of the game was much better for us," Coach Kasey Bell said. "We were able to

hold the Lady Patriots to only three points and this allowed us to extend our lead."

Scoring: Regan Lemley 12, Meghan Gribble 9, Caitlan Hall 7, Haley Carter 5, Holly Cornell 4, Cierra Benavidez 4, Jessie Howard 2, and Jamie Simmons 2.

The Lady Broncos traveled to Amarillo November 25 to take on the Lady Hornets and were defeated 29-30. The score was tied at eight all

at the end of the second quarter, but the Lady Hornets outscored the Lady Broncos by five points in the third to take the lead.

Scoring: Lemley 8, Shelby Watson 6, Carter 4, Howard 4, Benavidez 2, and Hall 1.

The Lady Broncos will play Silverton at 1:30 p.m. at the Bronco JV Tournament December 4-6. December 9 they travel to Motley County to play at 4:00 p.m.

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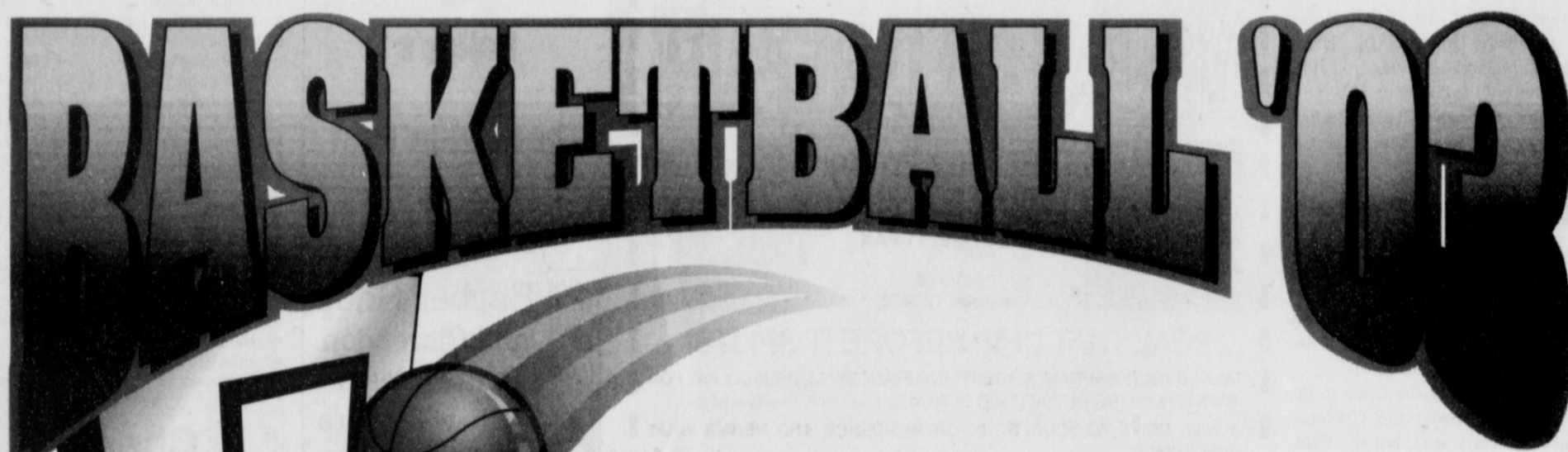
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Broncos v. Motley County in Matador, 8:00

Broncos		
10 Drew Sell	Sr	Guard
12 Tim Sanchez	Jr	Guard
14 Grady Swearingen	Jr	Guard
20 Jesse Gowdy	Jr	Forward
22 Jeremy Howard	Sr	Forward
24 Quentin West	Soph	Guard
30 Will Betts	Soph	Guard
32 Chase Thornberry	Soph	Guard
34 Steven Ballard	Fr	Guard
40 Tim Leeper	Sr	Post
42 Ladez Captain	Fr	Post
44 Michael Henderson	Soph	Post
50 Andrew Thomas	Fr	Post
Head Coach: Wade Callaway		
Assistant: Brad Elam		

Lady Broncos		
3 Kaitlyn Howard	Soph	Guard
10 Lacey Eads	Sr	Forward
12 Jessica Hernandez	Jr	Guard
14 Jessie Anderberg	Jr	Forward
20 Claudia Thomas	Soph	Post
22 Haley Shelton	Soph	Guard
24 Anndria Kidd	Soph	Guard
30 Shanna Shelton	Jr	Post
32 Destiny Weatheron	Jr	Guard
33 Kimberly Tolbert	Soph	Post
34 Brittny Hall	Sr	Post
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Five cooperatives join Golden Spread family

Five additional electric cooperatives have joined Amarillo-based Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, bringing member cooperatives in the system to 16, with loads exceeding 1,000 megawatts and annual revenues exceeding \$300 million.

New members of the alliance are Coleman County Electric Co-Op, headquartered in Coleman; Concho Valley Electric Co-Op, headquartered in San Angelo; Lyntegar Electric Co-Op, headquartered in Tahoka; Southwest Texas Electric Co-Op, headquartered in Eldorado; and Taylor Electric Co-Op, headquartered in Merkel.

The new members will assign their existing wholesale power contracts to Golden Spread. As soon as all required contractual and regulatory approvals can be obtained, Golden Spread will become responsible for supplying electricity to these new members.

Golden Spread is a consumer-owned generation and transmission cooperative organized in 1984 to provide low cost, reliable electric service for eleven rural distribution cooperatives. The original member cooperatives are located in the Texas Panhandle, the Oklahoma Panhandle, and the Texas South Plains. The new

member co-ops serve counties in West Texas and the Edwards Plateau region.

"We are pleased that five additional cooperatives have joined our innovative and growing network of member-owned electric providers," said Robert W. Bryant, president and general manager of Golden Spread.

Golden Spread owns 50 percent of Mustang Station, a state-of-the-art generating facility located near Denver City. Mustang Station burns natural gas in two large gas turbine-generators to produce 300 megawatts of power. Exhaust heat from the gas turbines is converted to steam

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The original co-op members are Bailey County EC, based in Muleshoe; Big Country EC, based in Roby; Deaf Smith EC, based in Hereford; Greenbelt EC, based in Wellington; Lamb County EC, based in Littlefield; Lighthouse EC, based in Floydada; North Plains EC, based in Perryton; Rita Blanca EC, based in Dalhart; South Plains EC, based in Lubbock; Swisher EC, based in Tulia; and Tri-County EC, based in Hooker, Oklahoma.

Sheriff's Report:

Toilet paper pranksters get cleanup duty

Nov. 24

9:04 a.m. - Post citation at clerk's office.
10:51 a.m. - Out in 800 block of E. 2nd St.
12:43 p.m. - Fight in progress on US 287 at Hedley.
12:46 p.m. - Fight in progress in 800 block of W. 5th St. - juveniles.
120 p.m. - To jail with one male for local warrant of delivery of a controlled substance.
2:37 p.m. - Away from vehicle in Howardwick.
4:48 p.m. - Out in 800 block of 5th St.
8:35 p.m. - EMS assist in 800 block of S. Kearney.

Nov. 25

4:43 p.m. - Assist motorist on US 287 W.
6:17 p.m. - Loose livestock in 300 block of Adamson
6:40 p.m. - Remove animal carcass on US 287 just west of town.

Nov. 26

9:24 a.m. Loose livestock on FM 1260 south at CR 16.
12:36 p.m. - One in custody en route to judge's office.
3:34 p.m. - K-9 vehicle search in 400 block of W. 2nd.
9:39 p.m. - Out in 600 block of W. 2nd. Drug paraphernalia in public bathroom.
11:52 p.m. - Out in 300 block of W. 2nd - toddler locked in vehicle.

Nov. 27

4:15 a.m. - Out in 300 block of W. 2nd. Have located subject of attempt to locate welfare check.
12:10 p.m. - Disturbance in 700 block of W. 3rd - loud music.
2:52 p.m. - Disturbance in 500 block of E. 2nd - loud music.
10:56 p.m. - Water leak in 100 block of S. Parks.

Nov. 28

1:33 a.m. - Water leak on 7th and Allen Sts.
10:30 a.m. - Disabled motorist on US 287 and N. SH 70.
11:26 a.m. - Clarendon school alarms sounding.
12:06 p.m. - Out in 700 block of Carhart.
11:42 p.m. - EMS assist in 200 block of S. Goodnight.

Nov. 29

1:20 a.m. - Escorting three juvenile

subjects back to location to clean up mess from their prank - toilet papering.
5:39 a.m. - Vehicle v. deer, one mile S. on SH 70.

Nov. 30

1:10 a.m. - Out at 6th and Koogle.
9:37 a.m. - Loose livestock on N. SH 70.
6:44 p.m. - EMS assist on 6th and Carhart.
9:02 p.m. - Out in 300 block of Ellerbee - 911 call.
9:16 p.m. - To jail with one female in custody for second DWI.

Summary Arrests - 3 EMS - 8

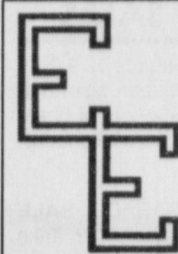
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