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The Newspaper of Record for the Jewel of the Plains.

THIS WEEK

- 2 An anonymous letter writer is going after local Republicans again.
- 3 Follow these tips to keep your stress levels down this Christmas.
- 7 The Lady Bronco JV squad takes second place in a local tournament.
- 8 And the Owls fall to the Broncos.

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

Duncan to hold town meeting here Tuesday

Sen. Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock) will visit with constituents in Clarendon next Tuesday, December 14, at 2 p.m. in the Donley County Courthouse.

The town hall style meeting will offer people of Senate District 28 an opportunity to discuss their concerns with the senator, and it will allow Duncan to hear directly from the people he represents.

The senator will also hold meetings in Knox City, Quanah, and Pampa the same day.

HeadStart to sponsor Canned Food Drive

Clarendon HeadStart will be sponsoring its annual Canned Food Drive, December 13-17. The food collected will be given to Panhandle Community Services to help with food baskets for the holidays.

Classes at Clarendon Elementary are competing for the most food collected. You may give your items to any elementary students or drop them off at the Clarendon Elementary Office.

Suggested items are canned food, box mixes, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, sauces (spaghetti, barbecue, etc), chips, crackers, pasta, beans, or rice.

C-C releases names of lighting, cash winners

This week's Festival of Lights winners were Every Nook & Cranny, business; Larry Jeffers family, 707 S. Bond, Clarendon home; Marvin Elam family, 172 Pampa Drive, Howardwick home; and Ron and Terry Hickey, 2nd and Reeves, Hedley home.

The winners of the Christmas Cash drawing held during Late Night Shopping last week were Jimmy Roberts, Johnna Jack, and Annette Osburn. The drawing is held at the end of late night shopping each Thursday until Christmas at the Chamber of Commerce office.

Little Dribblers to hold meeting next Monday

Little Dribblers Basketball is just around the corner. People interested in helping as coaches, assistant coaches, and officers need to be at the organizational meeting on Monday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Bronco Gym.

For more information, call Judy Thomas at 874-5420.

Christian Men to hold breakfast next week

The Christian Men's Breakfast will be held December 16, 2004, at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 7:00 a.m.

Brother James Edwards will do the program. Jesus is the reason for this season, so come out and let's all celebrate His birth.

City seeking input on park improvements

The City of Clarendon is seeking input from the community and moving forward in the process of planning improvements at City Park following a public hearing last Wednesday evening at the Clarendon High School Auditorium.

Much of the discussion during the hearing centered on making improvements to the existing baseball fields in order to have better facilities for the community and for the high school teams.

"I know the school has an interest in the park for our teams, and as a parent I'm interested in seeing something done at the park," said Clarendon ISD Superintendent Monty Hysinger.

An ad hoc committee of city, school, and economic development officials met twice prior to last week's meeting to discuss proposed ideas for improvements.

"We've talked about a recreation complex with new ball fields, a walking trail, and a splash pad," said City Administrator Sean Pate. "There would be something for everybody."

Colby Waters of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) gave an overview of two types of grants offered by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for which the city could apply.

A "Large Program Grant" provides up to \$500,000 to renovate outdoor public recreation areas.

The grant requires the city to have a master park plan and calls for a 50 percent match. Application deadlines are January 31 and July 31 of each year with awards made in August and January.

A "Small Communities Grant" provides up to \$50,000 for ball fields, picnic facilities, playgrounds, and other items to communities with populations fewer than 20,000. This grant also requires a 50 percent match but does not require a master plan. Application must be made by January 31.

Funds and labor from the city and school as well as in-kind donations of labor and materials can be used for the match of the grant.

"Park grants are done on a competitive basis, and how successful you are depends on how everyone else in the state does," Waters said. "You have started down the right path by getting several entities to work together."

Waters said the 20 people who showed up at the hearing was a good indication of community support and said the PRPC can help the city with master planning and grant applications.

Hysinger said the condition of McClelland Field and of Hart-Moore Field are of immediate concern to the school.

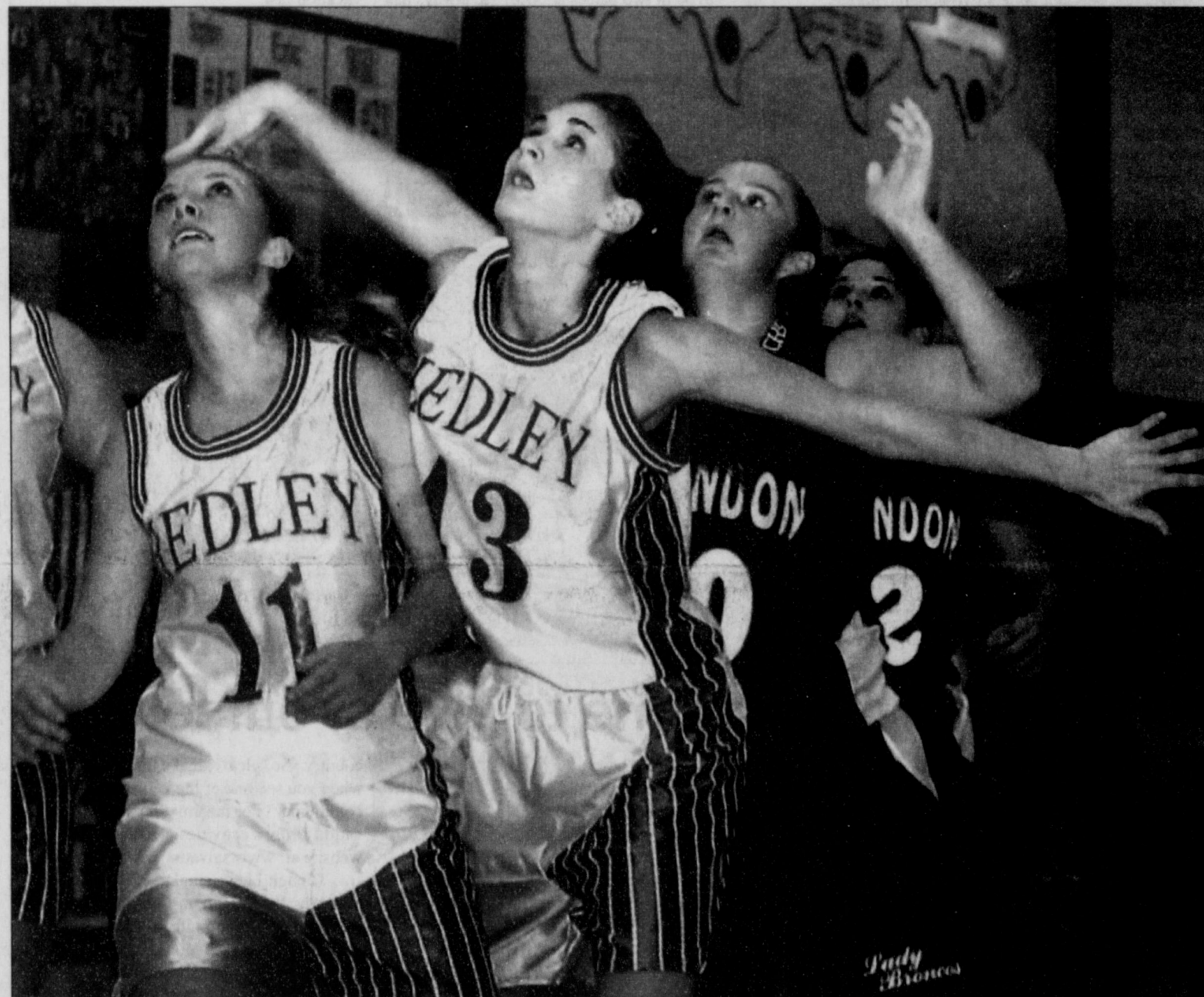
"We can play softball on the Little League (Hart-Moore) field,"

Hysinger said, "but we'd really like to see a true softball field, and I know a lot of parents are interested in helping. The dugouts (of McClelland Field) are also a big concern."

Little League representative Stan Shelton asked if the volunteer hours put in by parents could be counted as in-kind match for the grants. Waters said that the Little League would need to keep detailed records about the volunteer work and that those efforts would benefit the grant application the most if they could be shown to be following some master plan for the area.

"If you can say (to the state), 'We've done items one, two, and

See 'Park' on page 3.



Block out

Hedley Lady Owls Allison Hill and Sarah Bolin attempt to keep Clarendon Lady Broncos Shanna Shelton and Haley Shelton from getting the rebound during last Tuesday's game in the Owl Gym.

Clarendon won 50-31, but the Lady Owls fared better when they faced the girls in maroon again at the Childress Varsity Tournament on Thursday. In that close game, Clarendon won 39-36. Enterprise Digital Photo

Late Night Shopping continues

Late Night Shopping continues this Thursday with several downtown merchants participating on Kearney Street until 8 p.m.

The Chamber of Commerce is supporting Late Night Shopping this year by giving away \$100 in Christmas Cash each Thursday between now and Christmas. Shoppers can register from 5 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. at any participating Christmas Cash merchant, and the drawing will be held at 8 p.m. at the Chamber office.

That jolly old elf - St. Nicholas - will be on the loose downtown this Thursday. Kids are encouraged to come tell him all their wishes, and parents are reminded to bring their cameras to get those memorable photos.

Panhandle Transit is offering free transportation to and from the downtown area on December 2, 9, 16, and 23 from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. to allow local residents to take advantage of the late shopping.

Interested shoppers need to call Panhandle Transit at 874-2573 during regular office hours to make their bus reservations.

Late Night Shopping will continue December 16 and December 23; and beginning next week, several merchants will be sponsoring a wagon to give free rides to kids of all ages.

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

Clarendon Elementary wins UIL meet

Clarendon Elementary students traveled to Shamrock to compete in the Fall UIL Literary Meet.

The meet, which is held each fall, provides Clarendon Elementary students the opportunity to compete with the five other elementary schools in the 1A District. This is the fourth consecutive year that the students in Clarendon have earned first place honors.

The students compete in a wide variety of events including oral reading, creative writing, storytelling, ready writing, number sense, spelling, listening skills, dictionary skills, art smart, music memory, and maps, graphs and charts. Students from the second through the fifth grade compete in the contests.

The team results were Clarendon Elementary, 1st, 368 points; Wellington Elementary, 2nd, 278 points; Quanah Elementary, 3rd, 211 points; Claude Elementary, 4th, 179 points; Shamrock Elementary, 5th, 157

points; Memphis Elementary, 6th, 82 points.

"It was a tremendous accomplishment for our campus to have won the meet by 90 points," said Mike Word, Clarendon Elementary principal. "It really proved that the hard work our students, coaches, and parents went through really paid off."

Students who placed during the meet will be awarded medals, ribbons, and certificates.

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Vegetable conference to be held in Canyon

LUBBOCK - Vegetable growers, processors, market gardeners, and master gardeners can renew their production and marketing skills and gain new insight on biotechnology, Africanized bees, retail marketing, and other topics at the January 11 High Plains Vegetable Conference in Canyon.

"The conference will feature more than seven hours of presentations and discussions with experienced growers, researchers, Extension specialists, and agribusiness representatives," said Russ Wallace, Texas Cooperative Extension

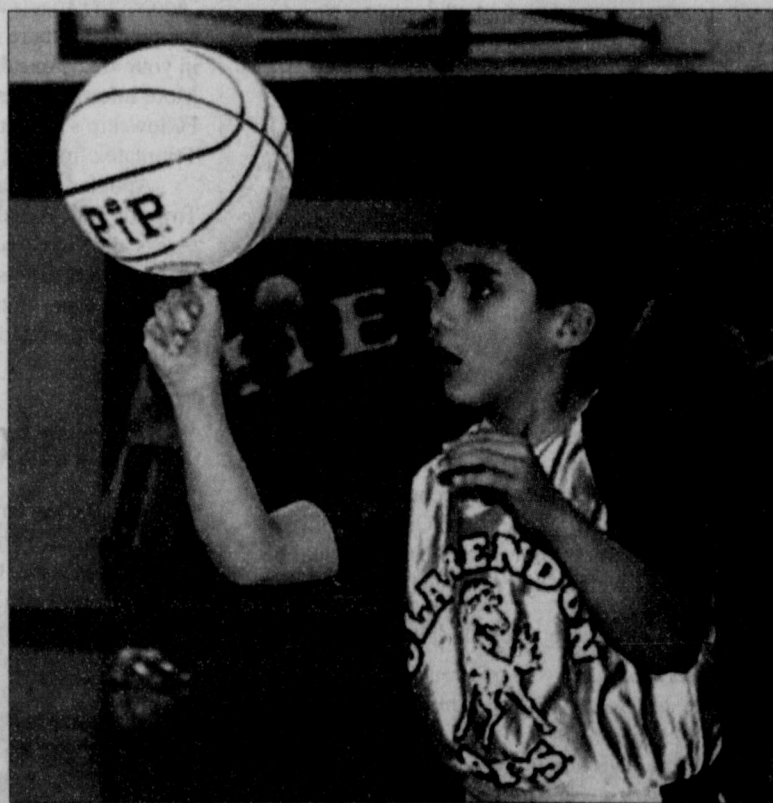
vegetable specialist at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock.

The event begins with registration at 7:45 a.m., at West Texas A&M University's Alumni Banquet Facility at North 3rd and 25th Streets. Registration costs \$25 per person before December 31, 2004 and \$30 per person at the door. This fee covers all handouts, materials, and lunch.

Morning sessions will focus on pesticides, safety issues and vegetable technology. Speakers will address herbicides and weed control, fungicides, West Nile virus, the Texas Department of Agriculture's pesticide regulations, biotechnology, and the watermelon breeding program at Texas A&M University.

Afternoon sessions will address marketing and management concerns. Speakers will address Africanized bees, retail farm markets, drip irrigation, the Texas Department of Agriculture's Go Texan program, personnel management, labor regulations, and estate planning.

For registration or exhibit information contact Wallace or Wendy Durrett at (806) 746-6101.



Steady

Kyle Lindsey of Hedley spins a basketball on his thumb as part of the Clarendon PIP group's halftime performance during the Lady Owls v. Lady Broncos game in Hedley last week. The kids will be performing this weekend at West Texas A&M University in Canyon and are scheduled to provide entertainment during an appearance of the Harlem Globetrotters in Amarillo early next year.

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guest commentary

Social Security reform cannot wait for politics

By Edward H. Crane, President of the Cato Institute.

Just two days after winning reelection, President Bush announced that reforming Social Security would be a top priority of his second term. In doing so, he can plausibly claim a mandate for reform.

While the election hardly turned on Social Security, there were sharp differences between President Bush and Senator Kerry over the future of the program. Bush's stump speech contained a call to allow younger workers to privately invest a portion of their Social Security taxes through individual accounts. In television ads and on the campaign trail, Kerry attacked the president for planning a "January surprise" that would "privatize" Social Security in a huge give-away to Wall Street.

Kerry's arguments did not carry the day. The president stomped on the third rail of American politics and lived. In fact, not only did the Social Security issue not hurt the president (he carried voters over 65), it likely added to his margin of victory. Exit surveys show that 56 percent of voters supported individual account proposals as long as current retirees and near retirees received all promised benefits. Overall, only 32 percent of voters were opposed.

The challenge now is to bring this widespread support for individual accounts inside the Beltway. It is promising that two rising stars of the Democratic Party, Rep. Harold Ford (D-Tenn.) and Senator-elect Barack Obama (D-Ill.), have both expressed interest in personal accounts.

Bush also benefits from the addition of four new GOP senators who campaigned in favor of personal accounts.

As the president proceeds, here are a few things he should keep in mind:

Reform can't wait. In less than 15 years, Social Security will begin spending more on benefits than it will take in through taxes. The Social Security Trust Fund has no real assets, a fact that President Clinton's 2000 Economic Report of the President makes explicit. The system faces unfunded liabilities of more than \$11.9 trillion in present value terms, \$26 trillion in constant 2004 dollars.

Every two-year election cycle that we wait costs an additional \$320 billion.

Solvency is not enough. The goal of Social Security reform should be to provide workers with the best possible retirement option, not simply to preserve the current system.

If solvency were the only goal of reform, that could be accomplished by raising taxes or cutting benefits, though this would be a bad deal for younger workers.

A successful Social Security reform will result in a solvent, sustainable system. It will improve Social Security's rate of return, provide better retirement benefits, and treat women, minorities, and low-income workers more fairly.

Size matters. Many proposals for Social Security reform would allow workers to invest only a small portion of their payroll taxes.

This "start small" approach is a mistake. The whole point of individual accounts is to take advantage of the higher returns available from private investment, using what Einstein reportedly called "the most powerful force in the universe" — compound interest.

Small accounts fail to take full advantage of the compounding dynamic. Moreover, small account proposals will not allow low- and middle-income workers to accumulate meaningful wealth or achieve the other objectives of reform.

Individual accounts should be as large as feasible, ideally at least half of payroll taxes. There are several proposals in Congress now, including one by Rep. Sam Johnson (R-Texas) based on work by the Cato Institute, that show how this can be done in a fiscally responsible way.

Higher returns, lower costs. Individual accounts will create a better, fairer and more secure retirement system. But they cannot create miracles. They will provide higher retirement benefits than Social Security can pay, but they will not make everyone into millionaires. They will help solve Social Security's financial crisis and save taxpayers trillions of dollars over the long run.

Under a system of personal accounts, total costs to the government will be significantly reduced, although the timing of those costs will shift forward. President Bush should not pretend otherwise.

If Congress adopts personal accounts, it will have to find a way to pay for those costs. One possibility, which would be smart politics for the GOP, would be to end corporate welfare and reallocate that money to Social Security reform.

Ownership is the key. The theme of the president's acceptance address at this year's convention was the "Ownership Society." Ownership is critical in the debate over Social Security.

Most Americans are not aware that in the 1960 case of *Fleming v. Nestor*, the Supreme Court ruled that we have to not own our benefits. Under the current system, what you get back at retirement is entirely up to 535 politicians.

President Bush has vowed to spend political capital to switch to a better, fairer system. All Americans will be better off if he succeeds.

Semester tests speed need for holiday

It is already noon on Monday; and my deadline is not approaching; it is passing behind me quickly. Meanwhile, I am cramming for finals this week and putting the finishing touches on class projects.

I am thinking of asking for my money back. This college thing is not all it's cracked up to be.

You start into it pretty slowly. They give you classes like Acting and Speech and Spanish that are tedious, but you survive.

You move on to classes with huge important titles like "American Literary Realism" and "Studies in Composition Theory," but in reality, they are just English.

You get into class discussions and find yourself really enjoying the class. You can forgive the occasional test because you realize they are a necessary evil.

Then they give you a lovely little 5-day weekend called Thanksgiving. You eat a lot of food, you take a nap, and you start thinking about Christmas.

There you sit with visions of sugar-plums when reality hits you like a ton of bricks. This is no TV show. This is not *Survivor*. There is no chance of getting voted off this island. You will take this test, or you will die. You will not pass Go. You will not collect two hundred dollars.

In two weeks, you have to read everything you were supposed to have read for an entire semester. You have to do an entire semester's worth of research. You have to craft a 20-page paper in half as many hours.

It is not enough that you have to study for finals. Everyone wants to keep interrupting you with study breaks and Christmas parties.

See, with finals and school closing and such, we have to get all of our Christmas parties done long before Christmas. Everyone schedules their party for the Friday between Thanksgiving and finals.

Christmas is a tough season for a lot of people. Especially for those who are extremely popular, like me. Friday night I had two huge finals to begin preparing for and four Christmas parties to attend.

I realized on Wednesday when I was scrounging up change to buy a gift for my secret Santa that I was extremely overbooked that night. I felt like The Flintstones.

You know how Fred is always having to be in two places at once? He always has



life's lessons
by Carrie Helms

to choose between the Lodge and something Wilma is making him do. It's a classic comedic device, and it always fails.

The fun started at 7:00 with a Secret Santa gift exchange with my "fraternity," a term I have coined for a co-ed fraternity. At 8:00, I was supposed to be at a dorm-sponsored event downtown.

I had scheduled a party for the grand finale of No-Shave November for 10:00 that night. We watched *It's a Wonderful Life* and handed out hairy leg awards.

After my party wound down around 12:30, I ran to a graduation party for a couple of my theatre friends. I actually got there as the last guests were leaving, but they let me sing some karaoke, and we sat around and talked for a little while.

In the Flintstone tradition, something had to go wrong. I ate at every one of those parties (just to be polite, you know) so I went to bed at 3:00 a.m. and woke up Saturday afternoon with a three-day bellyache.

Now it's Monday morning. I am starting down the barrel of the toughest finals I have faced in my career thus far, completely unprepared and becoming less and less interested in preparation as the minutes pass.

Hurry, Santa. I need my Christmas vacation fast.



Holidays best time to give of ourselves

There is probably no other season which means as much to my family and me as Christmas. I look forward to sharing its festive traditions with my family and children.

While the joy of the season is infectious, we can make it more meaningful. Amidst all the celebration, I encourage you to try to make a difference for someone in need in your community. There are many charities deserving your support; here are just a few suggestions:

The Angel Tree program was established to provide gifts to children whose parents are incarcerated. The name of the child, along with relevant information to help the donor purchase an appropriate gift, is inscribed on a paper angel. Businesses, organizations, and individuals "adopt" the angels and buy gifts for the recipients. If there is not a drive underway in your area, consider starting one yourself. More information is available on the Prison Fellowship's website: www.pfm.org/AM/Template.cfm.

Another popular charity is the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. It provides happiness and hope to disadvantaged children who might otherwise be overlooked this holiday season. Donors provide unwrapped toys which the Marines deliver to needy

children. These toys can give a child joy and a positive memory for years to come.

The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation is a 57-year tradition of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves, which last year delivered more than 15 million toys to over 6.5 million children. For more information on the Toys for Tots Foundation and how you might help them, their website is www.toysfortots2004.com.

The colder winter weather also highlights the need for warmer clothing. Goodwill Industries is engaged in the Samantha's Coat and Clothing Drive to collect coats and other garments for needy children. For more information, or to locate a Goodwill facility in your community, you can visit the Goodwill website at: www.goodwill.org.

It would not be the holiday season if I did not take time to mention the traditional kettle program of the Salvation Army. The money raised during this effort funds the year-round activities of one of the most cost-effective and respected charities in our



capitol comment
by sen. kay bailey hutchison

country. So, please, make them a priority when you see one of the kettles in your community. For information about the Salvation Army's activities, you can visit their website at: www.salvationarmyusa.org.

Though I have singled out four organizations, there are a host of other charities we can help through gifts of cash, food, toys, or time. The Junior League, local churches, and many others are working to spread Christmas cheer. If you want to participate in the great American tradition of volunteering and need help finding an appropriate activity, consult the USA Freedom Corps, which was established by President George W. Bush to encourage Americans to continue donating their time to worthy causes. Their website, www.usafreedomcorps.gov, matches you with charitable organizations based upon your interests and location.

Sometimes the best gift we can provide is a simple helping hand, a greeting, or even a smile to a friend, neighbor, or stranger. That kind gesture may seem unimportant, but we should remember that sometimes the greatest gifts only appear to be insignificant, just like that child born to poverty in a horse's stall in Bethlehem.

I want to wish all Texans of all faiths a joyous holiday season.

'Masked Democrat' strikes once again

Well, he has struck again! Who is it I am referring to? The gay rights advocate, the liberal wonder, the supporter of the Bill Clinton Memorial Library. (The only federally funded library with a porn section) Yes, it's the Masked Democrat!

You all know him. He is the same one who sends messages through the mail without a return address. He likes to send his homemade version of what he thinks is the truth to unsuspecting supporters of the Bush family. Oh, you know him. He is the same guy I wrote about a few years back.

He is getting sloppy, though. He is now highlighting parts of his swill to point out how misguided he really is. And this time his letter was sent from within the city of Clarendon instead of Amarillo. Yep, he is getting closer. And since you can nearly count on one hand the number of people

who feel this way in Clarendon, it is only a matter of time before his true identity is revealed to us all. Yes, we will find him and remove his mask!

Oh well, I guess we should feel sorry for him. It is a lonely world he lives in. I mean who has he got to talk to now! Michael Moore is leaving the country, isn't he?

All jokes aside. I will argue with anyone; ask my wife. So if you want to send me a letter, please send me a return address and at least give me the chance to reply without having to write a letter to the paper.

I know that our President isn't perfect. But he is a good hearted Christian who loves his country. I believe he wants the country to unite and prosper. This is a tough job for one man. Especially with

biased reporting from most of the media. We need to support him and our troops in the Middle East. No one is happy that we are at war, including Mr. Bush. But we have to take care of the terrorist problem. If you think that there isn't a problem, then you have a short memory. 9/11. Need I say more?

So to the Masked Democrat, please write your address on the envelope, and I will not bore the rest of the readers with my opinion. I promise to respond to your letters.

Thank you for your time!

Steve Sell,
Clarendon

Editor's Note: For the record, unlike the cowardly Masked Democrat, Mr. Sell did submit his full address with his letter.

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You are reading The Clarendon Enterprise — named as an "Award Winner" by the Texas Better Newspaper Contest for seven consecutive years.

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bons, and certificates at the UI Award Assembly before Christmas break.

Those earning recognition in their events were:

Second Grade: Creative Writing - Zachary LaRoe, 1st; Addison Warren, 3rd; and Kaylee Sciacca, 4th. Storytelling - Zachery Watson, 3rd.

Third Grade: Music Memory - (team) Minnie Buckhaults, Felicia Miller, Jessica Cenicerros, McKayla King, Emberlie Holland, 3rd. Ready Writing - Minnie Buckhaults, 2nd; Zachary Cornell, 5th; Ryan Starnes, 6th. Spelling - Savannah Topper, 4th. Storytelling - Camra Smith, 2nd.

Fourth Grade: Art Smart - (team) Audrey Shelton and Lee Cook, 3rd. Music Memory - (team) Kenzie Perryman, Maritta Brady, Gabby Rodriguez, McKabry Williams, and Jency Burton, 1st. Number Sense - Jentry Shadle, 3rd. Ready Writing: Jentry Shadle, 1st; Jency Burton, 4th. Spelling - Maritta Brady, 1st; Gabby Rodriguez, 3rd; Anna Cenicerros, 4th. Art Smart - (team) Gabby Rodriguez, Jentry Shadle, and Jenci Burton, 2nd.

Fifth grade: Dictionary Skills - Jordan Lune, 2nd; Skyler Greer, 6th tie. Listening Skills - Makayla Shadle, 1st; Skyler Greer, 3rd; Collin Dickinson, 4th. Maps, Graphs, and Charts - Jordan Lune, 1st; Skyler Greer, 6th tie. Music Memory - (team) Jerah Luna, Jordan Lune, Christine Johnson, Brooklyn Bailey, and Amber Keelin, 2nd. Oral Reading - Jordan Lune, 6th. Spelling - Jordan Lune, 4th; Mikayla Shadle, 5th.

Sheriff's Report

Nov. 29
8:28 a.m. - Gas drive off in the 500 block of W. 287.
5:54 p.m. - Theft of city property - stop sign - on 8th and Johns.
7:00 p.m. - Out at college dorm.
8:42 p.m. - EMS assist in the 200 block of Main St., Hedley.

Nov. 30
7:36 a.m. - Gas drive off on US 287 at Hedley.
8:09 a.m. - Out at Hedley City Barn.
3:03 p.m. - Out at DA's office.
4:31 p.m. - Minor accident in parking lot on US 287 at S. Koogle.
7:33 p.m. - Standby DPS for vehicle search.
7:52 p.m. - Out at Hedley gym.

Dec. 1
9:19 a.m. - Semi parked in turning lane on US 287 unloading vehicles.
5:15 p.m. - Possible break-in in progress in the 900 block of S. Carhart.
9:51 p.m. - Stranded motorist on US 287 E. of Lelia Lake.

Dec. 2
5:53 a.m. - Assisting EMS in the 100 block of Dawn, Howardwick.
10:27 a.m. - Out at County Clerk's office.
4:51 p.m. - Serving paperwork.
7:15 p.m. - Out at CC gym.
8:09 p.m. - Removing debris from roadway on N. SH 70.
8:15 p.m. - See complainant in N. Clarendon.
9:46 p.m. - Transport two to Sheriff's Office, minor in possession.

Dec. 3
1:26 a.m. - House fire in the 100 block of Carroll Creek Lane, Howardwick.
11:06 a.m. - Out at County Courthouse.
7:41 p.m. - See complainant on 4th and Reeves, Hedley.
11:12 p.m. - To jail with one male in custody for out of county warrant.

Dec. 4
10:59 a.m. - Welfare check in the 100 block of Angel, Howardwick.
3:00 p.m. - Escort funeral procession four miles W. US 287.
6:50 p.m. - Residential alarm in the 400 block of Ten Bears Tr., Howardwick.

Dec. 5
12:35 a.m. - Security check on business in the 200 block of S. Kearney.
1:38 a.m. - Reported vehicle in ditch on US 287 S.
2:20 a.m. - Hit and run on US 287 at Koogle. Pickup hit pole.
2:35 a.m. - CC have located vehicle involved in hit and run on US 287 and S. Koogle.
6:28 p.m. - Fire in CC dorm room.
9:50 p.m. - See complainant on US 287 at S. Koogle St.

Summary
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Park: Citizens urged to fill out survey

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three, but we need your help with items four and five,' that will be good," Waters said.

Any improvements would have to be designed by an engineer, and all new equipment would have to meet the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Waters said.

One course of action mentioned at the hearing was for the city to try to meet the January 31 deadline for a Small Communities Grant to fund improvements on one or more ball fields and then develop a master plan and apply for a Large

Project Grant in July to fund other park improvements.

Other ideas put forth at the meeting were to create a plan that includes kids who aren't just interested in sports and kids who live north of US 287 so they wouldn't have to cross the highway in the summer.

The idea of building a skate park was revived again, and it was also suggested that Clarendon consider building an activity/recreation center similar to the one in Wellington.

CISD Athletic Director

Gary Jack noted that the planned improvements could take many years to become reality, but he encouraged officials to move forward.

"It is definitely worth shooting for," Jack said. "I've seen it happen before."

City officials are asking citizens to fill out a survey found on page five of this week's ENTERPRISE to get their input on the proposed improvements.

The surveys are due back at City Hall by 5 p.m. on Friday, December 17, 2004.

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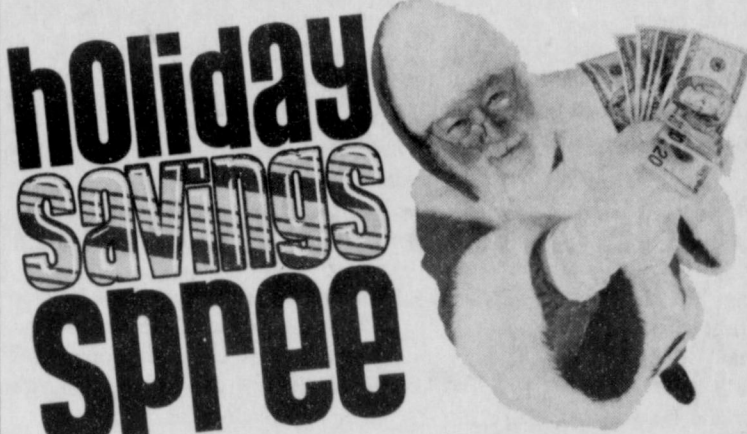
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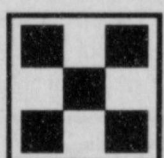


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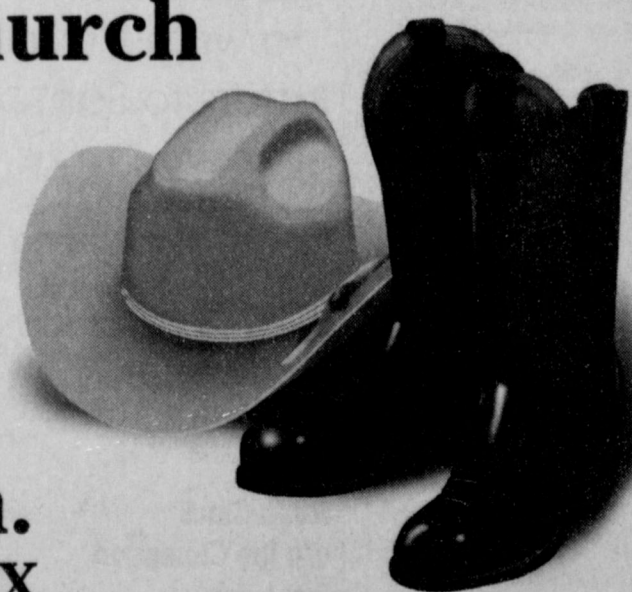
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PUBLIC NOTICE CLARENDON CISD
Clarendon CISD will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Functional Living Center Building located at the corner of 4th and Patrick Street, Clarendon, Texas. A public hearing will be held to discuss the school district's intent to apply for a waiver of the prohibition concerning the date of the first day of instruction. The district plans to start instruction for students on August 18, 2005. The waiver requested will affect the 2005-2006 school year. This hearing will be combined with the regularly scheduled meeting of the local board of trustees. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

¿Qué Pasa?
Your guide to "what's happening" around Donley County.

December 9
EQIP Program • CC Courson Building • 2 p.m.

Late Night Shopping • Downtown Clarendon • until 8 p.m.

December 13
Little Dribblers meeting • Bronco Gym • 7:30 p.m.

December 14
Immunization Clinic • TDH Office • 9 a.m.

Town Hall Meeting with Sen. Robert Duncan • Donley County Courthouse • 2 p.m.

December 16
United Christian Men's Breakfast • Methodist Fellowship Hall • 7 a.m.

Late Night Shopping • Downtown Clarendon • until 8 p.m.

December 17
Clarendon v. Valley • Bronco Gym • Girls, 6:30 p.m.; Boys, 8 p.m.

HHS v. Wheeler • Owl Gym • Lady Owls, 6:30 p.m.; Owls, 8 p.m.

December 20
Clarendon v. River Road • Bronco Gym • Girls, 2 p.m.; Boys 3:30 p.m.

December 23
Late Night Shopping • Downtown Clarendon • until 8 p.m.

December 25
Christmas

December 28 - 30
Clarendon Holiday Classic Tournament

Community Menus

December 13-17

Clarendon Schools
Breakfast
Mon: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk
Tue: Pancakes, juice, milk
Wed: Rice, toast, fruit, milk
Thu: Eggs, toast, fruit, milk
Fri: Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk
Lunch
Mon: Burritos, beans, salad, pineapple, milk
Tue: Chicken stir fry, Oriental vegetables, fortune cookie, fruit mix, crackers, milk
Wed: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruitcake, milk
Thu: Pizza, salad, corn, oranges, milk
Fri: Hot dogs with chili, French fries, pickles, carrot sticks, grapes, milk

Hedley Schools
Breakfast
Mon: Biscuit with sausage gravy, butter and jelly, cereal, juice, milk
Tue: Pancake on a stick, dry cereal, toast and jelly, fruit juice, milk
Wed: Ham and eggs with toast, butter and jelly, cereal, juice, milk
Thu: Biscuit and gravy, sausage patties, butter and jelly, cereal, juice, milk
Fri: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, peanut butter and toast, fruit juice, milk
Lunch
Mon: Fish sticks, potato wedges, black-eyed peas, salad, fruit, rolls, milk
Tue: Frito pie or chili cheese dog, chili beans, salad, mixed fruit, milk
Wed: Salisbury steak, scalloped potatoes, corn, salad, fruit, rolls, milk
Thu: Chicken nuggets or steak fingers, potatoes and gravy, salad, fruit, rolls, milk
Fri: Chicken or steak on a bun, fries, salad, fruit, milk

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Lasagna, green bean casserole, parsley potatoes, stewed apricots, lemon pie, garlic toast, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Tue: Chicken spaghetti, vegetable medley, corn, rosy applesauce, bread pudding, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Wed: Steakfingers, cream potatoes with gravy, broccoli rice casserole, pears and cottage cheese, orange juice cake, roll, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Thu: Peppered steak, rice, Oriental vegetables, carrot raisin salad, oatmeal raisin cookies, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Fri: Pork roast with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, fried okra, sawdust salad, cheese cake, roll, coffee, lowfat milk

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken enchiladas, rice, beans, tossed salad, banana pudding, chips or crackers, coffee, milk, tea
Tue: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, steamed broccoli, pickled beets, cobbler, roll, coffee, milk, tea
Wed: Steak and gravy, broccoli rice casserole, fried squash, pea salad, apricot halves, roll, coffee, milk, tea
Thu: Chili and beans, tater tots, kraut salad, brownies, crackers, cornbread, coffee, milk, tea
Fri: Turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, cookies, roll, coffee, milk, tea

CC troupe brings laughter, tears with play

I know. I've been negligent. Holidays do that to a person - first getting ready for them, then getting over them. Although I have another excuse for after Thanksgiving. I stayed behind to take care of grandbabies a couple of extra days. (Yes, I have pictures, and I'll try to remember to carry them with me. They're really cute.)

And there have actually been things happening in Clarendon to report about. For instance, the play put on by Clarendon College theater department. The weekend before Thanksgiving, they performed *Steel Magnolias* before a sell-out crowd. Several sell-out crowds, from what I am given to understand. Local folks are finally discovering the great entertainment to be had at the college's performances.

The six actors who filled the roles in this play did an outstanding job. *Steel Magnolias* is a comedy

with a tragedy at its heart, and these ladies had the audience both laughing and crying - at the appropriate moments. Every performance was outstanding. Kristin King played Truvy, the hairdresser with a heart of gold; and Christy Jones was the slightly peculiar Annelle, taken under Truvy's wing when her world fell apart. Chelsea Harada as the diabetic Shelby, and Amy Wilson as Shelby's mother M'Lynn had the most wrenching roles - especially Wilson - and both did stellar jobs. Sandi Anderson as Clairee and Scarlett Sperry as Ouiser provided most of the comedy and kept the angst from becoming too, too wrenching. They were truly comic relief.

With all the seating on the stage, it was possible to look across and see all the other people wiping tears from their eyes. It helped knowing you weren't the only one having to do so. When the next play comes around, go

see it. You'll be sorry if you don't.

Speaking of plays, the high school's fall production is this coming weekend. They're putting on *Harvey*, with Tim Sears in the Jimmy Stewart role of Elwood P. Dowd. It should be a great evening of entertainment. Pick a performance - Friday and Saturday nights, and Sunday afternoon - and go. (This is not a suggestion. Do it!)

Tryouts for All-Region band were Monday this week, and Clarendon has two of the top musicians in the region. Branson Carter made the top Symphonic Band with two instruments - first on tenor sax and third on alto, and Robert Shelton placed first on baritone in



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the Symphonic Band. By doing so, they both ranked higher than many students from two- and three-A high schools. Andra Helms on flute and Todd Thompson on trombone also made the Symphonic Band. Other Clarendon students made the All-Region Concert Band: Ladez Captain on percussion and Ryan Petty on trombone. The clarinet lists hadn't been released by the time my informants had to leave the tryouts.

Congratulations to everyone who made All-Region Band; and if I left your name off, let me know and I'll mention you next time.

Let's see - Art Club met last week, but I didn't make it. I had to work. I am told it was a wonderful program presented by Martha Porter who makes beautiful things out of items like chicken feeders. I'm sorry I missed it. Hopefully I'll be able to make the next one. Y'all take care, and I'll see you around town.

Senior Citizens re-elects four board members

By Marlee Sharp
All incumbents were re-elected to the Donley County Senior Citizens Board of Directors during an election held recently at the Center.

Those re-elected were Onita Thomas, Carolyn Moffett, Judy Castner, and Wanda Nichols.

We will be taking a trip to Amarillo, weather permitting, to see the Christmas lights. There will be a limited number of people we can take; so if you would like to go, please contact the Donley County Senior Citizens. The scheduled trip is December 17 at 5:30. There are only two spaces left.

Our inspirational singing will be held Sunday, December 12, at 2:00 p.m.

Those celebrating birthdays this week are Frankie McKinney, Cathy Marable, James Giesler, and Rebecca Toler.

Out get well wishes go to Putty Putman.

Our condolences go to the families of Eureda Mays and Opal Messer.

Reminders: Game nights are on Tuesdays at 6 p.m.; Exercise Group is every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 a.m. Inspirational singing is on the second and fourth Sunday beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Howardwick park shines with holiday spirit

The park is beautiful. After many hours of work with Jim Cockerham and Buster Baird working in the cold wind, the crosses have new lights, Christmas flags are up, and the annual Nativity lighting was held Sunday night.

Dr. Geona Goad, pastor of the Howardwick Baptist Church, led the lighting services, which were enjoyed by about 40 citizens. Hot cider, coffee, and cookies were waiting at City Hall, where Christmas wishes and visiting were in high gear.

Sam Grider brought Nelda's keyboard, and she played carols with

singing led by Dianna Knight. Donna and Bobby Murdock did an outstanding job decorating that big room. Refreshments were coordinated by Dorothy Arnold, and everyone went home feeling good. We issue an invitation to everyone to come see our lighted park with the addition of the "Peace on Earth" sign donated by Roy Monroe. It is outstanding.

Everyone has been tempted to enter a contest. Well, R.C. Curry took up the challenge and entered the tourism board's recipe contest of "anything pumpkin." When those judges took a bite of his Homemade

Pumpkin Ice Cream, he came home with the blue ribbon. He won a cash prize, too, and he said it was almost enough to pay for the ingredients in the ice cream because when you use whipping cream and half-and-half and top ingredients, the cost mounts quickly. Anyone who has eaten any of R.C.'s



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ice cream knows it's a winner. He now has proof.

Cora Bland has had that second knee replaced and is in Bivins' rehab. Her son, Donald, reports she is doing better than last time and hopes to be home by the end of December.

Don't forget to turn your Christmas lights on by 7 p.m. Thursday, December 9, for the annual lighting contest. Several people who usually enter are not participating this year because of poor health, so everyone else needs to plug those lights in. Let's make our little community shine.

Live Nativity to be presented in Claude

The First United Methodist Church of Claude is celebrating the birth of Jesus with their second annual Living Nativity presentation.

The re-enactment will run from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 18, and Sunday, December 19, on the north side of the Armstrong County Courthouse in Claude.

Admission is free, and hot chocolate and cookies will be served each evening.

Everyone is invited to take a few minutes during this busy season to celebrate the true reason for the season.

Burton Library offers Christmas selections

Too busy with Christmas preparations to do much reading? Maybe not when you consider the marvelous holiday selections offered by Burton Memorial Library for you and your children.

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

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

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

red fox, meadowlark, and chipmunk. You'll discover how birds and beasts develop clever devices to keep on top of the snow, how buffalo and elk are designed to cope with the elements, how lovely snowbirds survive freezing night temperatures of 5 degrees below zero, what is meant to be "snow free." If your sledding skills are sharp, you'll find out "who killed cock robin?" and "who's been in my woods?" After investigating animal habits in reindeer and caribou lands, it's obvious why "Santa Claus couldn't have chosen a better sleigh team than reindeer."

In keeping with the season, younger readers will delight in *Country Angel Christmas* by Tomie de Paulo as St. Nicholas wants to plan a Christmas celebration for all of Heaven. The story centers on three littlest angels, Ari, Pip, and Kira, who want to help with plans but are always told to stay out of the way. Later, everyone is grateful to them for contributing the most important

thing to the celebration. What is it? You'll have to read the book to find out.

The Bear Who Slept Through Christmas by Rick Reinert is a heartwarming story of Ted E. Bear's experience as he looks for Christmas. He keeps looking until a kind old gentleman in red explains that Christmas is not a place, but a way of giving, sharing, and loving from the heart.

James Reeves' *The Christmas Book*, illustrated by Raymond Briggs in color and in black and white, presents a collection of stories, poems, and one Christmas play written by many well-loved children's authors and poets: Kenneth Grahame; Christina Rossetti; Lord Tennyson; Clement C. Moore; Thomas Hardy; Charles Dickens; and others. *The*



check it out
by mary beth nelson

Sugar Plum Christmas Book by Jean Chapman includes stories, poems, songs, recipes, and crafts contributed from other writers. Both provide delightful reading for children.

Jan Brett's enchanting *The Wild Christmas Reindeer* delights preschoolers and first graders with the story of Teeka getting reindeer ready to fly on Christmas Eve. Unique illustrations bring the story to life in this brief but beautifully written book.

The Christmas Kitten, a "picture book," offers a charming story, which your pre-reader will be able to follow without words.

Why not check it out?

On Thursday, December 9, at 5:00 p.m., a Cub Scout bake sale, including a visit with Santa, is one of various Christmas activities scheduled at Burton Memorial Library. Watch for more information in upcoming issues. The library plans to be closed December 23-26. In the meantime, best wishes for a happy holiday season.

Immunization Clinic set for Clarendon

An Immunization Clinic offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases is scheduled in Clarendon at the Texas Department of Health (TDH) office on December 14, 2004.

The clinic will be held 9:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the TDH Clinic, which is located at Medical Drive #5 by the Medical Center Nursing Home.

This clinic is free and open to the public.

Letters To Santa
Hey Kids! Time to write those letters to Santa.

Everyone knows that the Jolly Ole Elf reads The Clarendon Enterprise to find out what all the Donley County kids want for Christmas. So get busy, write those wish lists, and mail your letter to:

Santa Claus
c/o The Clarendon Enterprise
PO Box 1110
Clarendon, TX 79226

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Don't let stress ruin your holiday cheer

By MaryRuth Bishop

As the winter holidays near, our stress levels go up. Does just thinking about Christmas and New Year's make you tense? Do you feel like Scrooge? You're not alone; in fact, you're the majority!

It becomes very difficult to savor time with your family and friends when you've got too many responsibilities and not enough time. Many of the duties such as cleaning, decorating, cooking and shopping for gifts are mostly assigned to women. With this in mind, it's no doubt that the holidays can be the most stressful time of the year.

This article will outline some great tips for you to ease up on yourself and take pleasure in the small things that often go unnoticed when you've got too much on your to-do list.

Make To-Do Lists

By making lists, you're acknowledging what you need to get accomplished. Underline everything on the list that is an absolute MUST and do those things first. Usually, these are the most difficult chores and are best accomplished early on. Just by

having a to-do list, you reduce the stress of trying to remember everything and ensure you won't forget the most important things that need attention.

Be Organized

Whether it's your kitchen pots and pans or Christmas wrapping paper, arranging things in an organized manner will make jobs easier to tackle. Invest in some plastic storage containers for Christmas decorations and use a large empty popcorn tin to store your bows so they don't get smashed.

Have you ever been buried in gifts and wrapping paper only to realize you can't find the tape that you just had in your hand 30 seconds ago? Have 2-3 rolls of tape on hand, and you won't be looking for long. The same goes for scissors and pens to write on your gift tags. Use empty shopping bags for a makeshift trash can.

Get Help

For immediate holiday stress relief, distribute some tasks on your to-do lists to family members. You probably won't receive any help if you don't ask, so don't be shy. Put

the family on notice that if your holiday is going to be perfect, it's going to have to be a group effort. You may notice that some things your family always wanted seem less important to them now if they're the ones responsible for doing it.

Set a Budget

AND STICK TO IT. From Christmas gifts, decorations to food, avoid overspending. You're not going to appreciate credit card debts in January and February, so set limits for gifts. Have family members make a wish list with only items in the price range that was agreed upon. Don't be tempted to bend the rules and spend more. This will lower your resolve, and soon you'll be spending more than you anticipated. Most larger families find it much easier to draw names for Christmas.

Pamper Yourself

The days leading up to Christmas are the most stressful, so make time for yourself. Trigger your senses with aromatic potpourri and scented candles. Kick back and listen to soothing Christmas music and take a cat nap if necessary. Plan a day or just several hours only for yourself. This

will do wonders for your stress level and self esteem.

Take Control

Most important, be in control. This doesn't mean being a control freak; it means taking charge of your own life. If you're going to run around trying to please everyone, you will feel resentful. Choose which things you can and cannot do -- and be firm. If you're the type of person who finds it hard to say "no", there may be family members who are aware of that and will take advantage.

Don't let this happen anymore, and absolutely do not do something you don't want to do just because you THINK it's expected of you. Be straight forward and tell them this is something that you cannot do this year, or if it's less significant, simply don't do it.

You'll soon find that being in control of your own plans brings wonderful holiday stress relief, and you will look forward to Christmas instead of feeling that knot tighten in your stomach.

For more information please contact MaryRuth Bishop, Donley County Extension, 874-2141.

Girl Scouts seeking new office location

For the past three years, local Girl Scouts have enjoyed the visibility and accessibility of their location on Kearney. They need a new location, however, because of the high cost of utilities and telephones.

The fundraising dinner that was held in June 2004 resulted in donations of about \$3,500. However, yearly expenses to maintain the Clarendon office exceed \$11,600. Currently, two Girl Scout employees and numerous troops and their adult

leaders use the office for meetings and trainings.

The Girl Scout Council is unable to afford these on-going costs. They are looking for alternative locations that include donated space. Girl Scouts has had a long and rich history within Donley County, and they are now asking for community support to maintain a strong presence here.

Please call 874-3372 if you have any information or wish to assist Girl Scouts with their needs.

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Community Fellowship Church presents

Clowns Under Construction

December 15, 2004
at 5:30 p.m.

Children's Choir will also perform followed by a Spaghetti Supper

Everyone Is Invited

Evergreen trees available at SWCD office

The Donley County Soil and Water Conservation District is now taking orders for several varieties of evergreen trees.

Evergreens should be used exclusively in windbreaks made up of only one or two rows of trees. Since evergreen trees are densely branched and retain their foliage in winter, they provide year-round protection. For maximum protection, it is important to select a tree that also retains its branches to the ground line. Pine trees such as the Ponderosa, Austrian, and Afghanistan pines all have a tendency to shed lower branches, which

allow the wind to pass freely underneath. Other evergreens, particularly Arizona Cypress, Eastern Redcedar, and Rocky Mountain Juniper, maintain their lower branches and thus provide better protection. All three of these dense evergreens grow well in our area. They are all drought and heat tolerant and will survive our winters.

Of these three, Arizona Cypress will grow to be the largest in our area reaching a height of 50 feet. The other two will grow up to 35 feet. Arizona Cypress does best on deep soils while the Redcedar and the

Rocky Mountain Juniper grow well on poor sites.

All three are generally available through the Donley County Soil and Water Conservation District; however, the Arizona Cypress is usually in short supply. The Texas Forest Services usually sells out before they can place an order.

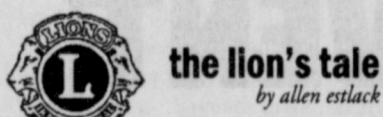
If you are interested in placing an order for evergreen trees, especially the Arizona Cypress, please call Mike at 874-3561 ext. 101 or come by the NRCS office at the corner of 4th and Sully in Clarendon as soon as possible.

Shop Clarendon First. Support the merchants who support your community.

Hedley Aldermen agree to sell donated property

The Hedley Board of Aldermen met in regular session December 2 at 7 p.m.

Aldermen discussed lots at 301 Johnson Street that were donated to the city, and the board approved a motion to solicit bids for the sale of the property for consideration at the January meeting.



The Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting December 7, 2004, with Boss Lion Monty Hysinger in charge.

We had 16 members and one guest: Extension Agent MaryRuth Bishop, who presented our program.

MaryRuth brought a program on the different areas of the extension service and discussed the upcoming FRED (Fathers Reading Every Day) program, which encourages fathers to read to their children. She also addressed the benefits the programs can bring to children and to society.

The college is in the middle of finals, and everyone will be gone for the semester by Friday. The city, public school, and others are working on a grant project for the park and ball fields

Click all you want at www.ClarendonOnline.com

Your Opinion Matters

The City of Clarendon is conducting a survey of local citizens in preparation for applying for a Texas Parks & Wildlife Department grant to make improvements around City Park and the adjacent ball fields.

The following ideas were discussed in a public forum on December 1, 2004. Circle a ranking for each idea (5 being strongly supporting, and 1 being strongly opposing).

Construct and equip new softball field south of current ball fields.
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Renovate existing Little League and senior league fields with new fencing, lighting, dugouts, scoreboards, etc.
STRONGLY OPPOSE 1 2 3 4 5 STRONGLY SUPPORT

Close Jefferson Street between Sixth and Seventh Streets in order to improve safety and expand existing ball fields.
STRONGLY OPPOSE 1 2 3 4 5 STRONGLY SUPPORT

New playground equipment for City Park.
STRONGLY OPPOSE 1 2 3 4 5 STRONGLY SUPPORT

Add a Splash Pad or similar aquatic playground equipment to City Park.
STRONGLY OPPOSE 1 2 3 4 5 STRONGLY SUPPORT

Turn City Park and adjacent ball fields into a "recreation complex" with a walking / nature trail incircling the area and install park benches along the trail.
STRONGLY OPPOSE 1 2 3 4 5 STRONGLY SUPPORT

Build new concession / restroom facility for ball fields.
STRONGLY OPPOSE 1 2 3 4 5 STRONGLY SUPPORT

Add skate park facilities to City Park.
STRONGLY OPPOSE 1 2 3 4 5 STRONGLY SUPPORT

Build a multipurpose activity / recreation center.
STRONGLY OPPOSE 1 2 3 4 5 STRONGLY SUPPORT

Other ideas: _____

Please deliver or mail your completed survey to City Hall, PO Box 1089, 119 S. Sully, Clarendon, Texas, by 5 p.m., Friday, December 17, 2004.

weather report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	29	54°	31°	-
Tues	30	33°	21°	-
Wed	1	47°	16°	-
Thur	2	56°	23°	-
Fri	3	51°	21°	-
Sat	4	55°	22°	-
Sun	5	67°	34°	0.05"

Total precipitation this month: 0.05"
Total precipitation to date: 24.38"
Total precipitation in December last year: 0.00"
Total YTD last year: 16.62"

weekend forecast

	Friday, Dec. 10 Mostly Sunny 61°/35°
	Saturday, Dec. 11 Mostly Sunny 62°/33°
	Sunday, Dec. 12 Partly Cloudy 54°/34°

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Obituaries

Messer

Funeral services for Opal Faye Monroe Messer, age 85, were held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 8, 2004, in the First Baptist Church with Bro. Jack Hutson, son-in-law, officiating. Burial was held at Rowe Cemetery in Hedley under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mrs. Messer died Monday, December 6, 2004. She was born March 1, 1919, in Temple, Oklahoma, and moved from the McKnight Community in Donley County to Clarendon in 1941. She married Alvin Andrew "PC" Messer on October 28, 1939, at McKnight. For most of her life, Mrs. Messer was a child care provider to many, many Clarendon children who lovingly knew her as "Nano." She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Clarendon.

She was preceded in death by her husband on November 19, 1987, and by a grandson, Michael Messer, in 1977.

Survivors include one daughter, Katrina Hutson of Vanderbilt, Texas; one son, Tom Messer of Claude; two sisters, Jo Ann Felder of Sunray and Mary Lou Keisinger of Dumas; three grandchildren, Clay Messer, John Mark Hutson, and Holly Hassialis; and a great grandson, Hunter Messer.

Housden

Funeral services for Melvin Ray Housden, age 64, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 1, 2003, in the Community Fellowship Church in Clarendon with Rev. Bryan Knowles, Pastor, officiating. Burial was held in Citizens Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mr. Housden died Sunday, November 28, 2004, in Houston. He was born June 20, 1940, in Clarendon

and lived for a time in Borger before moving to Houston 34 years ago. He had worked much of his life as an oil and gas broker and had served in the National Guard. He was an active volunteer in some community groups in the Houston area. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Clarendon.

Survivors include one daughter, Tonya Housden of Houston; a son, Eric Housden of New Orleans, LA; a brother, Kenneth Housden of Eastland; and one grandson, Holden Housden.

Casket bearers were Johnny Davis, Larry Davis, Jack Eads, Eddy Eads, Darrell Leffew, Jimmy Johnson, John Tom Morrow, and Weldon Steen.

Venable

Graveside services for Elmer Lester Venable, age 93, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7, 2004, in the Claude Cemetery with Kent Watson, Minister of the Claude Church of Christ, officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mr. Venable died Sunday, December 5, 2004, in Claude. He was born June 1, 1911, in Huckaby, Erath County, Texas. He was a resident of Bovina before moving to Claude almost 30 years ago. He married Viola Lee "Polly" Malone on November 24, 1930, in Lovington, NM. He had worked much of his life as a trucker, and he had worked for Parmer County for several years as a heavy equipment operator before his retirement. He was a member of the Claude Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his wife on December 4, 2002; a daughter, Patricia Ann Venable in 1933; a son, Elmer Stanley Venable in 1995; two brothers, Vester Cleatus Venable in 1976 and Chester Cirby Venable in 1994.

Survivors include a daughter, Betty Jean Salmon and husband

Don of Claude; a daughter-in-law, Dannie Lovina "Tessie" Venable; one brother, Elton Radford Venable of Bovina; two sisters, Vila Mae Wilkerson of Corpus Christi and Sara Marie Wilkerson of Amarillo; five grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren.

Jordan

Memorial services for Billy Jack Jordan, age 74, were held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 2, 2004, at Washington Avenue Christian Church in Amarillo with James McElroy, son-in-law, officiating. Cremation and arrangements were under the direction of Cox Funeral Home in Amarillo.

Mr. Jordan died November 29, 2004. He was born January 14, 1930, in Donley County, where he was raised. He graduated from Clarendon High School and attended Clarendon College. He married Patricia L. Pittman in Clarendon in 1949. She passed away in 2002. He was a resident of Amarillo for over 50 years. He transferred to Belen, New Mexico, in 1980 with Santa Fe, where he retired in 1993 after forty years of service. He returned to Amarillo in 1993. He was Chairman of the Local Carmen's Union

for many years. He was a member of the Washington Avenue Christian Church since 1950, where he served as an Elder and Treasurer. In the past year, he participated in Cowboy Church at Craig Methodist Retirement Center.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Cora Lee Robertson of Pampa and Geraldine Norton of Bakersfield, California.

Survivors include one son, Kim Jordan and his wife Pauline of Canyon; one daughter, Karla McElroy and her husband Jim of Lynnwood, Washington; one brother, Perry Jordan of Glendale, Arizona; four grandchildren, Charise McElroy and Jared McElroy of Seattle, Washington; Billy Jack Jordan II of Canyon; and Jerrica Jordan of Houston.

The family requests memorials be to Puget Sound Christian College for Team Macedonia, 15414 35th Ave W. #61, Lynnwood, Washington 98037.

Mays

Funeral services for Velma Eureda Mays, age 76, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 4, 2004, in the Martin Baptist Church in Clarendon with Rev. Darrell Burton,

Pastor, and Rev. Bryan Knowles, Pastor of Community Fellowship Church, officiating. Burial was held in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon under the direction of Robertson Funeral Home in Clarendon.

Mrs. Mays died Wednesday, December 1, 2004, in Clarendon. She was born October 15, 1928, in Memphis and had been a Clarendon resident much of her life. She married Marva Lee Thomas Mays on June 5, 1945, at Memphis. He preceded her in death on January 27, 1991. She had earned her Master's Degree and had taught school. She had also worked at the Clarendon Community Action Center as a day

care provider, worked for Planned Parenthood, and had served for several years on the Donley County Child Welfare Board. She had also worked in the JPTA at TSTI and had been active in Phi Theta Kappa. She was a member of the Martin Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, three daughters, one son, and two brothers.

Survivors include two daughters, Mae Hill and Lori Lea Mays, both of Clarendon; two sons, John William Mays of Amarillo and Gary Thomas Arnold Mays of Clarendon; ten grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren.



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Lady Bronco JV take 2nd place in tournament

Clarendon hosted a junior varsity tournament December 2-4 and took the second place trophy by defeating Valley and Claude before losing to tournament champion Panhandle.

The Lady Broncos got things rolling Thursday as they defeated a tough Valley team, 48-35. Aggressive play and good ball movement aided the Lady Broncos in their win.

"We were able to move the ball against their zone defense and find the open shots," coach Kasey Bell said.

Scoring: Kimberly Tolbert 16, Holly Cornell 12, Jessie Howard 9, Anndria Kidd 5, Kristin White 2, Haley Carter 2, and Katie Askew 2.

The Lady Broncos faced Claude in the next round and got the two-point win to secure their spot in the championship game. The final score was 40-38.

"This was a good game against one of our district teams," Bell said. "We allowed them to stay in the game by shooting free throws, but the ladies never quit, and we were able to prevail."

Scoring: Kidd 12, Carter 9, Tolbert 6, Askew 5, H. Cornell 4, Howard 2, and J. Cornell 2.

The championship game was against Panhandle; and despite playing hard, the Lady Broncos were only down by five points at the break, but the Pantherettes took control of the final two quarters and protected their win. Scoring: Tolbert 8, H. Cornell 8, Howard 6, and Kidd 5.

The coaches appreciate all of those who helped keep the clock, books, and the hospitality room at the JV tournament.

The Lady Broncos will play at Silverton December 14 at 4:00 p.m.

Colts fall to Quanah

The eighth grade Colts fell four points short as they lost to the Quanah Indians on the road November 29 by a score of 49-53.

The Colts began the game with a nine-point lead in the first half of play and held that lead through the third period. But Quanah took over in the last period and went ahead of the Colts to get the win. Scoring: Alton Gaines 17, Danzel Wilson 10, Nathan Gribble 8, Jesus Hernandez 6, Derrick Shelton 6, and Erick Holland 2.

The Colts will host a junior high tournament December 11 at the Bronco Gym. Seventh grade results were not available at press time.

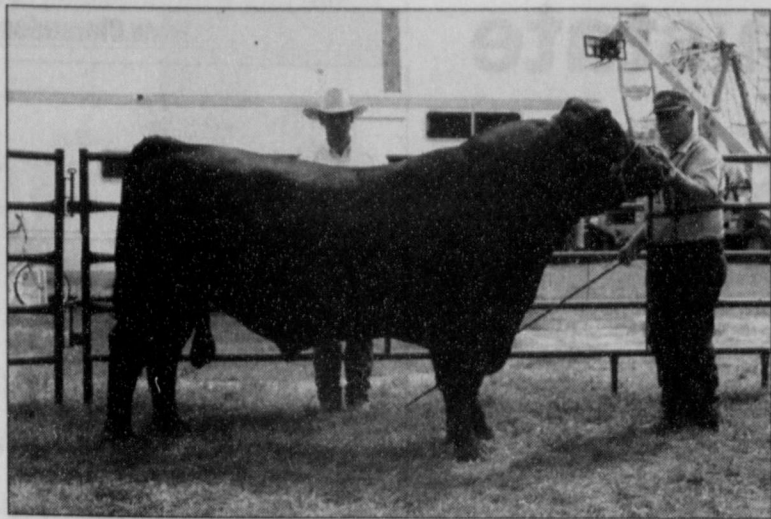
Hedley Jr. High boys lose to Groom, 40-38

The Hedley Junior High boys took on the Groom Tiger Cubs in a close match on Monday, November 29. Both teams played hard ball the first half with Hedley going into the locker room at halftime with just a one-point lead. The boys knew this would not be enough to win the game and continued to play tough ball, but the Tiger Cubs came out the last quarter and outscored the Owls. The Owls lost this game 38 to 40.

Scoring this game were Peter Howard 21 points, Braden Montgomery 9, and Archie Sharp and Angel Villarreal 4 each.

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Photo by American Angus Association.

Hedley School to host book fair next week

Hedley School will host a Scholastic Book Fair on December 13, 14, and 15.

The Fair will feature specially priced books and educational products, including newly released works, award-winning titles, children's classics, interactive software, and current bestsellers from more than 150 publishers.

"The Book Fair brings children, teachers and families together within a school and community to celebrate reading and learning," said Hedley Principal Joline Wilson.

The Fair will be open each day from 8:00 to 3:45. Parents, children, teachers, and the community are invited. Book Fair proceeds go to purchase new books for the library.

4-H Spotlight

By Ashlyn Tubbs, Club Reporter

This week's 4-H Spotlight is on 15-year-old Sade Cobb.

Sade has been in 4-H for seven years and has participated in the following 4-H projects - food and nutrition, showing pigs, steers, and heifers in the livestock show, method demonstration, and consumer decision making. She has been an officer in 4-H for four years and has been very active in the 4-H program.

"One thing I really like about 4-H is all the people I get to meet and that I get to get out of school to go to the livestock shows!" said Sade.

Some of Sade's hobbies include playing softball and basketball, showing her steer, shopping, taking pictures with her camera, and hanging out with her friends. Her favorite foods are chicken fried rice, egg rolls, and cheesecake. She enjoys going with her family to stock shows, rodeos, church, and going out of town to visit family on the holidays.



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Broncos rank number 20 in state

By Sandy Anderberg

Following last Tuesday's defeat of the Hedley Owls, the Clarendon Broncos are currently sitting at number 20 in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches state rankings.

"It's always nice to get recognition from outside sources," Callaway said. "The guys have worked hard, and the ranking is a tribute to their hard work and dedication. Hopefully

we can continue to improve and earn a ranking at the end of the year when it really counts."

Also last week, the Broncos participated in the Childress Tournament, played the Childress JV, and defeated them handily 42-15. Scoring: Thornberry 12, Randall 10.

The Broncos went head-to-head against Memphis in the second round and came out on top 50-48. After an injury to Thornberry, it was a back

and forth game, but the Broncos came back from three points down in the third period to take the win. Scoring: Randall 10, Smith 9, Jesse Gowdy 7, Michael Henderson 5, Ballard 4, and Jesse Rodriguez 4.

The Broncos played Childress next. They couldn't put things together and lost, 40-73. Scoring: Ballard 16, Gowdy 9, Will Betts 8, Randall 4, and LaDez Captain 3.

"I was disappointed in how we

reacted to some adversity (Chase's injury), but we are going to continue to fight and improve to get ready for district," Callaway said. "A mid-season slump is not unusual. How we react to this will be crucial to our future success. I'm optimistic!"

The Broncos will participate in the Elk City Festival in Elk City, Okla., on December 10-11. They will travel to Silverton December 14 to take on the Owls at 8:00 p.m.

Lady Broncos finish second in Childress tourney

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos finished second to Quanah in the Childress Tournament December 2-4, where seniors Shanna Shelton and Destiny Weatherton were named to the All-Tournament Team.

In their first game, Clarendon held a five-point lead over Hedley at the break and came on strong in the 3rd period to go up by 14 points. The final period belonged to the Lady Owls as they attempted to overtake the Lady Broncos and steal the win but were unsuccessful. The final

score was 39-36. Scoring: S. Shelton 12, Weatherton 8, H. Shelton 5, Kaitlyn Howard 4, Jessie Anderberg 4, Regan Lemley 2, Cierra Benavidez 2, and Samantha Myatt 2.

That win gave the Lady Broncos the opportunity for revenge against Childress after an earlier loss. Clarendon was successful and blew out the Lady Cats 59-29. Scoring: H. Shelton 12, Weatherton 9, Caitlan Hall 8, Lemley 8, Howard 7, S. Shelton 6, Myatt 4, Benavidez 3, and Anderberg 2.

That win pitted them against dis-

trict foe Quanah. The Lady Broncos fell short in their quest to defeat them 35-48. Scoring: S. Shelton 7, Lemley 6, Weatherton 6, H. Shelton, Myatt 4, Howard 4, and Anderberg 3.

Because it was a double-elimination tournament, the Lady Broncos had to face Childress once again. The outcome was the same, but the point spread was narrowed as the Lady Broncos held on to take the win 46-40 to advance to the championship round against Quanah. Scoring: Weatherton 14, S. Shelton 9, H. Shelton 8, Howard 7, Anderberg 3,

Lemley 3, and Myatt 1.

The Lady Broncos fell short in the championship round as they were defeated by the Lady Indians 28-51. Quanah took the early lead and the ladies just could not catch up to narrow the gap and get the win. Scoring: Weatherton 8, Anderberg 6, S. Shelton 4, H. Shelton 3, Howard 3, Hall 2, Lemley 2, and Benavidez 1.

The Lady Broncos will participate in the Elk City Festival in Elk City, Okla., on December 10-11. They will travel to Silverton December 14 to play at 6:30 p.m.

Broncos beat Owls, 35-19

The Clarendon Broncos made short work of the Hedley Owls as they defeated them Tuesday, November 30, at Hedley.

The Owls got off to a slow start against the Broncos in the 1st quarter. They picked up the pace in the second quarter but were still down going into halftime, 35-19. The Owls did better in the second half, allowing the Broncos to outscore them by only two points each quarter.

But Hedley's efforts weren't enough as the Broncos dominated the Owls on both sides of the ball and got the 20-point win. The final score was Clarendon 58, Hedley 38.

"It was an ugly game to watch, and we were fortunate to win," coach Wade Callaway said. "We did some things well (balanced scoring, rebounding, and our effort most of the time was good), but we gave up easy buckets and fouled too much."

The Broncos were plagued with too many turnovers, according to Callaway, and had trouble finishing easy shots.

"The good news is that it is early, and we shouldn't be playing our best ball yet," Callaway said. "We give Hedley credit for battling the entire game, getting to the free-throw line 28 times, and for hurting us inside with Wallendorff, who had 20 points."

Scoring for the Broncos were Chase Thornberry 18, Michael Randall 14, Steven Ballard 10, and Ben Smith 8.

Scoring for Hedley were Will Wallendorff 20, Stephen Howard 8, Eric Alston 4, Cole Llewellyn 3, Matthew Glover 2, Wes Shields 1.

Sandy Anderberg & Will Verstuyt contributed to this report.

Lady Owls fall to Clarendon

By Tangela Copelin

The Hedley Lady Owls and the Clarendon Lady Broncos played each other for the first time of the season on Tuesday, November 30.

The Lady Owls could not execute their offense against the Lady Broncos and lost the game 50 to 31.

Lady Owls scoring this game were Julie Funderburg 7, Allison Hill and Lori Bugg 6 each, Ruth Anne Howard and Sarah Bolin 4 points each, and Holly Davis and Katie Gregory 2 points each.

HJH Lady Owls win again

The Hedley Lady Owls Junior High Girls blew the Lady Tigrette Cubs away on Monday, November 29. The girls outscored their opponents 32 to 9 in the first half. They won the game 56 to 13.

Scoring were Kelby Shields 14; Haley Hall and Brook Martin 10 points apiece; Shandy Koetting 6; Jenni Allen 4; and Marlee Sargent, Kaylee Shields, Alexandria Sharp, Skylar Conatser, and Jasie Sargent all had 2 points apiece.

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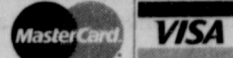


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Hedley Owls suffer losses in Childress Tournament

By Will Verstuyft
The Hedley Owls competed in the Childress Tournament last weekend on December 2, 3, and 4. The Owls played the Childress Bobcats first on Thursday.
The Owls played tough against the Bobcats but came up short in the first. The second quarter was the one that killed the Owls as they were out-scored big. At halftime the score was 17-39. The Owls played hard to out-score the Bobcats in the third. The fourth quarter, however, was another

bad quarter for the Owls. The final score was 37-66.
Scoring for the Owls: Cole Llewellyn 10, Will Wallendorff 10, Eric Alston 7, Wes Shields 5, Stephen Howard 3, Dustin Thomas 2.
The Owls' next game was also on Thursday against the Memphis Cyclones. The Owls played tough against The Cyclones but failed to stay close in the first quarter. The Owls played better in the second quarter and out-scored the Cyclones but only by one point. The Halftime

score was 34-46. The Owls tried to stay tough, but Memphis's lead kept gaining in the fourth quarter, and the Owls could not come back. The final score was 65-79. Scoring for the Owls: Wallendorff 15, Llewellyn 14, Alston 11, Howard 10, Shields 8, and Dustin Thomas 7.
The Owls' next game was on Saturday, so they had a day of rest and prepared for their next opponent, which turned out to be Memphis again. The Owls came out and knew what to expect from the Cyclones.

They took control in the first and took the lead by one. The Owls lost that lead but only by one at the half, 24-25. The Owls came out in the third and took the lead by six at the end of the quarter. The fourth quarter was a big hit for the Owls, who were out-scored enough that it ended up to be the main factor of the game. The Owls lost 45-51.
Scoring for the Owls: Alston 11, Wallendorff 9, Shields 7, Howard 6, Llewellyn 6, Thomas 4, and Matthew Glover 2.

Lady Owls compete in Childress Tourney

By Tangela Copelin
The Lady Owls traveled to Childress to participate in the varsity tournament that was held this past weekend.
Once again the Lady Owls were matched up against the Clarendon Lady Broncos. This time the Lady Owls played a better defensive game coming from a 14-point deficit in the third quarter to finally lose to the Lady Broncos in the final seconds of the game 36 to 39.

This game had Bugg scoring 17, Bolin 8, Davis 5, Howard 4, and Jaci Copelin 2 points.
The second game had the Lady Owls face the Memphis Lady Cyclones. In this game all the girls who were present went out and scored to bring about a team win 51 to 21.
Those scoring were Funderburg 11; Copelin 8; Howard 6; Julie Woodard, Kristen Dwight, and Bolin all had 4 points apiece; Davis, Hill, and Betty Cruz put 3 each; Carmen Garcia and Gregory 2 each; and Bugg 1 point.

The third game of the tournament the Lady Owls took on the Childress JV girls to win 64 to 36.
Scoring were Bolin 13, Funderburg 11, Howard and Davis 10, Bugg 8, Cruz 4, Copelin 3, Garcia and Woodard 2, and Hill with 1 point.
The Lady Owls' fourth and final game was against the Childress Lady Bobcats' varsity team. The girls went out this game and played some tough defense, but they could not seem to implement their offensive game. Despite their trouble scoring, the Ladies played some strong defense to cause the game to have to go into overtime. The girls could not pull the win out during the overtime play and lost 30 to 36.
Scoring were Bolin 11; Bugg 8; Hill, Funderburg, and Davis 3 points; and Howard 2.

Lady Colts grab win over Quanah

The seventh grade Lady Colts put it all together to get a big win over Quanah at home November 29 by the final score of 22-18.
Quanah got the early jump on the Lady Colts as they led early in the game, but the Lady Colts had a big fourth quarter to take the lead away from Quanah and keep it until the buzzer.
"We got the win, and I was proud of their effort," coach Cara Hathaway said. "We were a little sluggish from the Thanksgiving break, but the girls played hard, and we finished on top."
Scoring: Dominique Mason 8, Brandi Mays 6, Kia Bryley 4, Jill Lund 2, Caitlyn Christopher 2, and Deidre Lewis 1.
After a long battle, the eighth grade Lady Colts fell one point short against Quanah with the final score 29-30. Quanah breezed to a good lead in the first period, but the Lady Colts shortened that lead and came within one point at the break. The second half belonged to the Lady Colts as they racked up a six-point lead before Quanah took back control of the pace and the boards and gaining the one point advantage at the break.
"The girls played hard against Quanah," coach Steve Myatt said. "Our first quarter was a little slow and we gave them too much of a lead. I am proud of their effort."
Scoring: Macy Shadle 16, Abbie Massingill 7, and Haleigh Lewis 6.
Both Lady Colt teams will participate in the Jr. High tournament December 11 at the Bronco Gym.

Bronco JV participate in local tournament

The Bronco JV faced off against White Deer in the opening round of the Clarendon JV Tournament December 2-4. They played strong throughout the game and defeated the Bucks 47-39.
After leading the Bucks by one point in the first period, the Broncos continued to dominate their opponent and got the win.
Scoring: Brad Sell 13, TJ

Brown 12, Edward Butler 12, Dalton Askew 5, Stephen Ford 3, and Brett Carter 2.
The Broncos went on to face Highland Park in the second round and lost by only two points in the final minutes of the game, 59-61.
The Broncos trailed in the first period by eight points, but came within one point of tying the Hornets before the break. The third

period belonged to the Broncos as they were up by one basket, but the Bucks took over to get the win.
"I know the guys will continue to work hard to finish on top the next game," coach Kerry Teafattler said.
Scoring: Brown 15, Ford 13, Morgan Robinson 11, Sell 7, Askew 5, Carter 4, and Butler 4. The Broncos will take on Silverton December 14 at 5:15 p.m.

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