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

City Hall still seeking input on park projects

Clarendon city officials continue to urge local citizens to voice their opinions regarding suggested improvements at City Park at the baseball fields.

A survey, found on page three of this week's ENTERPRISE, asks citizens to rank their support or objection to a variety of ideas ranging from rehabilitating the existing ball parks to buying new playground or splashpad equipment.

The completed surveys will be considered as city officials move forward with development of a Master Plan to improve the park area and apply for state grants to fund such improvements.

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

Chamber announces winners of contest

This week's Festival of Light winners were Watson RV Park (Hwy. 287), business; Edward Graham, 402 South Park, Clarendon home; Levi and Dorothy Harvey, 200 Chamberlain Drive, Howardwick home; and Pick and Lequeta Cox, County Road 26, Hedley home.

The winners of the Christmas Cash drawing held during Late Night Shopping last week were Roger Estlack, Polly McAfee, and Jesse Christopher.

The Christmas Cash drawing is held at the end of Late Night Shopping each Thursday until Christmas at the Chamber of Commerce office.

HeadStart to sponsor Canned Food Drive

Clarendon HeadStart will be sponsoring its annual Canned Food Drive through December 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.

Friendship Club will meet this Friday night

The Friendship Club meets for a Christmas Supper on Friday night, December 17, 2004, at the Howardwick City Hall, 6:30 P.M. The turkey/dressing and ham will be furnished.

Bring a wrapped gift with your child's name on it for Santa Claus' bag and a covered dish to complement the meat dishes. Nelda Grider will be on hand to play Christmas carols for everyone to enjoy.



Moving day

Books and periodicals are being moved this week from the old Clarendon College Library on the west end of the Administration Building to the recently completed Vera Dial Dickey Library. The new library will be open for business when students return for the spring semester in January. Shown here are Library Director Jewel Houston, Richard Anderson of Clarendon, Jordan Hicks of Hereford, and Chase Craighead of

Duncan names school finance as priority issue

School finance will be the most ful in those important issue facing the Texas Leg- areas. islature when it convenes next month, according Sen. Robert Duncan (R- will

Speaking to a group of more issue facing than 30 citizens in the Donley the Legisla-County Courthouse Tuesday after- ture, Duncan noon, Duncan said a recent district said. He court decision declaring the Robin thinks a pri-Hood system of school finance to ority in that be unconstitutional hasn't affected area should his feelings on the issue. He already be to proknew it was bad.

I don't need a judge to tell me that."

The senator said the state is facing three basic options when it for schools. Shift the revenue from potential growth. commercial property taxes to the broaden the corporate franchise tax.

Duncan said the first two options would not be equitable, but broadening the franchise tax could be equitable if the state closed loopholes, which allow some companies to avoid taxation.

"You're looking at companies paying taxes to support our schools. also priorities for the Legislature. We need to spread the base to pick up tax rate and reduce the property tax."

Most businesses don't mind paying their fair share of taxes provided their competitors are paying to provide funds for infrastructure like they are, the senator said.

Duncan also said that the current funding formulas for sending last year. money to schools benefits rural Texas but said the state should be very care- look into the matter further.

another big



vide funding to assist communities "I think it's broken any way, and in developing water projects such as pipelines, water treatment, and sewer treatment facilities.

Duncan also said he believes comes to generating new revenues rural Texas needs to be ready for

"I think we will see the next state level, enact a new payroll tax, or migration in this country from urban to rural areas as people flee the cities. You can only stack so many people in Dallas," Duncan said. "We don't even necessarily have to offer economic development money to bring them here. If we have the resources and the infrastructure, they will come."

Careful management of groundlike SBC and Dell Computers," he water supplies and reforming the said. "These large businesses are not workers' compensation system are

Duncan responded to questions all sectors of the economy at a lower from local citizens. He agreed with Clarendon Economic Development Corporation President Jerry Woodard that local EDCs need to be able improvements - an ability which is restricted under legislation passed

Duncan also responded to combecause they were crafted when West ments by City Administrator Sean Texas had more clout in Austin. He Pate and Alderman Michael Tibbets said there will be talk in the next leg- by saying he thinks all taxing entities islative session of changing those for- should have a voice on appraisal dismulas and of consolidating schools trict boards and said his office would

Documentary covers Donley courthouse

sometime next year.

Texas Foundation of the Arts 2000 and 2003.

Bailey said a colleague at Texas courthouse." Tech University had recommended houses in West Texas."

Bailey and Sunset Productions have already made two documenta- whose courthouse burned told me, ries on Texas courthouses. The first you don't realize what you have until was 30 minutes long and featured 20 it's gone," Bailey said. courthouses, and the second ran 60 minutes and covered 30 buildings. mentary is expected to continue

The 1890 Donley County Court- be 30 minutes but will feature only house will be featured in a documen- restored courthouses that were built tary airing on PBS stations in Texas during the Victorian Era up through the 1920s.

"A lot of people say, 'Why don't President Jim Bailey and a camera- you do City Hall or municipal buildman were in Clarendon last Friday to ings?' But there's just something film the Romanesque Revival style about the courthouse," Bailey said. structure, which was the subject of "In many ways it really is the capitol a \$3.9 million restoration between of the county. In the early days, every county tried to out do its neighbor's

Bailey also said that many people he visit the local building and had don't appreciate the importance or called it "one of the finest court- the appearance of something that is such a part of their lives everyday.

"It's like one county judge

Production on the third docu-This latest documentary will also through next spring.



Donley County Historical Commission Chairman Jean Stavenhagen and producer Jim Bailey discuss the 1890 courthouse. 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

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 23; and beginning this 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 See 'Water' page 3. hours in the pages of the ENTERPRISE.

Water district issues record number of permits

WHITE DEER - The Panhandle don't have such opportunities and lowering it to \$0.0152 per \$100 of gauges static groundwater levels, Groundwater Conservation District with the need for conservation." approved 178 Initial Production of permits granted in recent memory, only after a drilling permit is granted. ents. according to the District's Annual The District issues well permits,

applicants' desire to export water out samples water quality in its role of according to the 2004 winter level Donley, Wheeler, and southeast Gray of the District," said C.E. Williams, managing groundwater for nine measurements. Actual water level counties continue to show mixed general manager of the Panhandle counties. GCD. "We will balance those interests with those of landowners who rate for the third time in four years,

monitors production, measures water Ogallala Aquifer dropped 0.4 foot Significant declines have also devel-"We are keenly aware of many levels, models aquifer depletion, and across the District over the past year, oped in southwest Roberts County.

The District cut its property tax feet to a rise of 10 feet.

during 2003-04, the largest number water; actual production can begin to \$7.70 a year for District constitu-

The measurement program

valuation from \$0.0154 as a result helping the District to assign decline An IPP authorizes the holder to of prudent management. The average values for income tax purposes and Permits covering 200,815 acres produce a stated quantity of ground- tax bill for a \$50,000 home amounts to assess potential risks in water Areas in Carson and Gray coun-

The average water level of the ties showed considerable declines. changes ranged from a decline of 18 reaction to pumping and rainfall pat-

guest commentary

Government has no place in baseball

Jason Giambi of the New York Yankees took steroids. So did Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants, though he claims not to have known what they were.

Ho-hum. These revelations are of interest only to fans, who deify athletes, and to politicians, who use any excuse to increase their power.

Steroids have long been used by gym rats to create bulging muscles and by professional wrestlers to build bulk. It was long assumed, obviously with good reason, that other sporting pros, particularly baseball and football players, often sought artificial aid in adding muscle

Real scandal typically comes only when top athletes violate competition rules to gain an advantage. Olympic champions Ben Johnson and Marion Jones were disgraced by revelations that they used steroids to improve their performance. Blood doping and injecting human growth hormones are similarly forbidden by many sporting organizations as artificial enhancements.

Nevertheless, observes Charlie Francis, who aided Johnson: "Steroids are so ubiquitous, so omnipresent in sport; they have been for decades." Thus, he adds, "There is a level playing field out there. It just isn't the playing field you thought it was."

That's probably not good. But it hardly constitutes a national crisis.

Steroids can hurt the taker. That's a particular concern when the users are young. There is a need for more parental involvement, improved educational efforts, and better rules enforcement

Reliance on steroids also undercuts the perceived fairness of sports competitions. Cheating begets cheating, as athletes are loath to fall behind their peers. The most important enforcers here are associations and leagues which fear losing support, both fans and financial backers.

But in many cases the best response is neglect. Does it matter, for instance, if professional wrestlers take steroids? Hardly. Where adult athletes are willing to risk their health, fans don't care if their role models have feet of clay, and athletic integrity is irrelevant to the sport, why should anyone care?

In none of these cases should Washington be concerned. But Sen. John McCain (R-Az.) is outraged.

After the revelations involving Giambi and Bonds, from leaked testimony before a grand jury, Sen. McCain declared that he was "dismayed though not

Major League Baseball had better set up "a miniwould introduce legislation to do so. If MLB does not act, then "clearly we have to act legislatively, which we don't want to do."

"Major League Baseball and its players insist on turning a blind eye to the misconduct that threatens to undermine the legitimacy of their sport," said Sen. McCain. "There are many fans disturbed," he added.

It's worth repeating that the legitimacy of Major League Baseball is the League's problem. Congress is already doing a horrible job trying to do far too much. So now Uncle Sam will protect the integrity of base-

Sen. McCain announced that he did not care "about Mr. Bonds or Mr. Sheffield or anybody else. What I care about are high school athletes who are tempted to use steroids because they think that's the only way they can make it to the major leagues."

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) made much the same claim: MLB officials "have a responsibility, not only to the sport, but to the children of America who look up to these players."

Whether or not there's a MLB testing program, some kids are likely to look for any competitive advantage to get there. But who can best combat that temptation? Parents, teachers, and counselors; or legislators?

Moreover, this argument proves far too much. Some athletes drink. Some smoke. Some drive fast cars. Should the federal government ban all of these activities lest some young person somewhere foolishly follow their example?

Washington should not treat responsible adults as irresponsible children in the name of protecting chil-

Congress has already foolishly criminalized steroids use. Now Sen. McCain proposes creating a federal testing regime.

Instead, the government should leave adults free to do as they wish. Craig Masback, chief of USA Track and Field, argues that "Giving up is not an option," but leaving education and enforcement to private bodies is not giving up. Not everything that is bad

should be illegal. A free society is inevitably a messy place. Some people do things that others don't like. Some people

They may be making bad decisions. But it is far more important to preserve a free society than to stop athletes from making bad decisions.

Doug Bandow is a senior fellow at the Cato Institute and a r special assistant to President Ronald Reagan.

Semester's end brings brain's vacation

I'm home again. I finished all of my finals, closed down the dorms, and pointed my car north northwest, right into God's

I put my brain in park at 1:00 on Thursday afternoon when I handed in my last final, and it's been sitting in the garage under a tarp since then.

I took it out briefly Friday night to play my last game of chess with my friend Kim before she graduated on Saturday. You wouldn't know it by the way I played.

Chess is a remarkable game that I had seriously underestimated. I never really learned how to play when I was younger, so it looked boring to me. I couldn't see the strategy, the intensity, and the battle of wits that was raging across that board.

One night, I was hanging out with some friends of mine at a coffee house we frequently haunt. A couple of them started a chess game.

Kim gave me the play-by-play, annoying the players but fascinating me. I got in on the next game, and it has been with me ever since. We decided to play a game of chess

at least once a week. I liked to play on Wednesdays because I had one class at 11 a.m. and spent the rest of the day on duty, sitting at the front desk in the lobby of my

tering brain activity. If Kim came over with game in exactly the same pattern of moves,

the chess set, I could guarantee that for the next two hours, my brain would be firing on all eight cylinders. I could actually feel the machinery work-



life's lessons

To be really good by carrie helms at chess, you have to be somewhat clairvoyant. You have to see the move right in front of you, your opponent's response to that move, and then your response to his response.

I am certainly no prophet. I can scarcely tell you my next move; but playing with the same opponent regularly, you begin to pick up some of her patterns.

Kim is an actress and a magician. Her most valuable asset is the art of distraction. She gets you all worried about her bishop that is threatening your knight, and you completely forget that she has all of her other pieces breathing down the king's

Her favorite move is to set you up so that both your king and queen are being threatened at the very same moment. You have to make the move that will get the king out of check, but by doing so, you inevitably forfeit your queen.

That is last thing in the world that I could go the entire day without regis- you want to do, but it happens to me every and I never see it coming. And that makes

Bitterness is my Achilles' heel. If you can make me move out of spite, you can destroy me

I am blinded by fury. I start haphazardly capturing pawns. With each pawn I take, I put my own piece in jeopardy. When that is taken, it only adds fuel to the fire. My bitterness overrides all other thought processes.

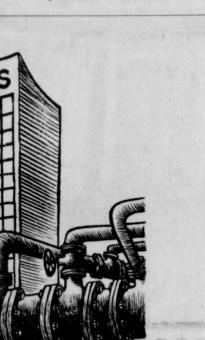
I suddenly realize that I have lost all of my major pieces due to carelessness. My king is sitting alone in the open with no one to comfort him as he dies a slow painful death. Check mate. Thus ends my career as a chess prodigy.

I will certainly miss Kim. No one could beat me with more grace. She always apologized for taking advantage of my mistakes and gave me ample opportunities to undo them.

Next month she moves to New York to try her hand at Broadway. If she gets to be a star, she has already promised that I can be her personal assistant and she will help me in my career as a fashion designer.

If at any time she loses her confidence and edge and begins to think that she can't make it, I will be there to let her beat me and boost her self-esteem.

It's a small price to pay to have a celebrity push my new spring line from the



Texans voice concerns, ideas to senator

This January, a new Congress will be sworn in and will begin setting its legislative priorities. As I contribute to the process on behalf of Texas, I use information I gather from many sources, including my annual Listening Post. In this year's survey on domestic issues, you provided excellent feedback and suggestions for dealing with energy, transportation, tax relief, legal reform, and more.

The largest number of responses came in support of tax relief measures that, without congressional action, are set to expire in 2011. More than any other provision, the respondents said, relief from the Marriage Penalty was the item to preserve. Permanent elimination of the Death Tax, lower marginal tax rates on all income brackets, and maintenance of the higher child tax credit were also heavily sup-

Dale, who lives in Flower Mound, said he favored elimination of the Marriage penalty, lower marginal tax rates, and the higher child tax deduction, and added, "I also want a balanced budget."

Legal reform questions generated a large number of reactions. The greatest number approved prohibiting lawsuits

I'm writing in regards to all the sup-

port I received from this town while I was

names for all the people that wrote me and

signed the cards, but I wish I could thank

every one of you personally. Some of the

people I didn't even know, and that meant

a lot to me and the fellow airmen I was sta-

sible, but it always seemed they reported

the bad aspects of the war and none of the

good. I'm here to tell you that it wasn't

as bad as they reported. I had some good

times there with the local population that

worked on the base I was at. The same

thing goes for the news from the United

States. All we ever heard about was people

upset with the military and President Bush.

But, when I arrived in the states and started

to drive, I realized that the news left out all

We watched the news as often as pos-

tioned with.

deployed to Iraq. I don't have a list of

against gun manufacturers. Medical liability and tort reform drew many responses on both sides. Fern, from Beaumont, argued, "Lawsuits and the threat of lawsuits are the only way to

FOOD

comment keep big business

by sen. kay bailey hutchison from putting out bad products and taking advantage of the little guy."

Carolynn, who hails from Friendswood, had a different take, saying she wants to see tort reform to prevent frivolous lawsuits from driving up insurance for doctors. "I lost my OB-GYN for this reason, and he was the best doctor I ever had," she wrote.

Energy policy generated many comments. Most of you said the United States should increase domestic oil and gas drilling and production, while nearly as many argued on behalf of renewable resources. Raising federal requirements for fuel efficiency was much less popular.

James, of Kilgore, said, "I believe our tax dollars are wasted on funding for solar

Serviceman thanks hometown supporters

the supporters. It meant a lot to me to see

You thanked us for our service, but

all the "Support Our Troops" stickers on

I'm here to thank you for the support. It

wouldn't mean anything without your sup-

S.A. Benjamin P. Vorheis

USAF Aviano, Italy

cars and trucks here.

and wind energy." John, of Pflugerville, counters that he wants, "Massive emergency federal funding research and development of alternative energy sources. Get out of dependency on foreign oil, NOW."

The final category of questions addressed our state's transportation needs. On a topic that generated the most answers for any single question in the survey, Texans wanted a fairer share of the gasoline taxes paid to build more roads. Raising those excise taxes received the lowest backing of any proposal in the survey. Almost as unpopular was the suggestion of an alternative way to finance highways through methods such as tolls.

Michael, a Dallas resident, replied, "New taxes and tolls are not the answer. Increasing efficiency is...I, and everyone I have spoken to, find it hard to believe that there is no high-speed rail system connecting major Texas cities."

With the help of your responses and other input from my fellow Texans, we can work together to develop practical answers to these and many other challenges face our state and nation. I really appreciate the time you took to weigh in... I am listening.

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The Texas Panhandle's First Newspaper

THE CLARENDON News, established June 1, 1878 with which have merged: The Clarendon Traveler, February 1889; The Clarendon Journal, Nov 1891; The Banner-Stockman, October 1893; The Agitator, February 1899; The Clarendon Times, May 1908; The Donley County Leader, March 12, 1929; The Clarendon Press, May 18, 1972; and The Clarendon Enterprise, March 14, 1996.











Student wants public swimming pool

I am writing a letter to you about something that we could use in our community. It is something like a public swimming pool. Not water slides, but a public pool like the ones in Amarillo.

Because if you get a "public pool," the kids and parents would have fun. Also the community will make a lot of money.

Some other reasons are that it will pay the city's taxes from the money they make. Or it could attract people to our community; and the more people are attracted, the more taxes and money we make.

> Zack Rattan. Clarendon

CHS alum appreciates efforts of Enterprise I would like to send my deepest thanks

to all [of you]. You guys help keep me updated on events happening in Clarendon. It is good to know that I have a way to see what is happening back home considering I am in Yokosuka, Japan. You guys and gals are doing an outstanding job. Again I would like to thank you.

OS2(SW) David Sanchez USN Clarendon Class of '99

Continued from page one.

The board of directors spent much of its time in the most ambitious updating of District rules in its history. The overhaul reflected growing competition for water, improving science and new powers granted to groundwater districts in Senate Bills

In May all but one of the rules were updated. As the end of the fiscal year approached the, final one - the Depletion Rule - was nearing adoption, completing nearly two years' of work.

A trigger mechanism contained in the Depletion Rule will alert the District when water withdrawals exceed the acceptable annual rate of decline in the aquifer. This helps ensure that the District meets its 50/50 management standard - 50 percent of the aquifer must be left in 50 years from implementation (1998). This standard is the hallmark of the District's management procedures.



Donation to child welfare board

The Donley County Child Welfare Board presented a check to Child Protective Services Monday. The money, which was donated by Donley County citizens who served as juries and elected to give their jury pay to the board, will be used to buy Christmas presents for seven Donley County foster children. Pictured are Kim Dickinson, Debbie Howard, CPS Supervisor Marc Latimer, Mary Ruth Bishop, and Ted

Prosecutors' association honor Senator Duncan

(TDCAA) with its Law and Order state's court system. Award.

8 in recognition of Duncan's service during the 78th Regular Session.

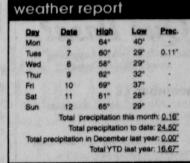
Duncan was recognized for his the 78th Regular Session in 2003.

of incompetent defendants and improved state laws on post-conviction DNA testing for prison inmates, addition to his own bills, Duncan him."

Sen. Robert Duncan, Sena- used his position as Chairman of tor for District 28 in West Texas, the Senate Committee on Jurispruwas honored by the Texas District dence to continue his efforts toward and County Attorneys Association improving the efficiency of our

Sen. Duncan's work on the state The award was presented at budget also endeared him to county the association's Elected Prosecutor and district attorneys. As a member Conference in Austin on December of the Senate Finance Committee, he was one of the select few to sit on the to the Texas criminal justice system legislative conference committee that wrote the final state budget,

'Senator Duncan had to make work on behalf of prosecutors during some very hard choices regarding funding last session, and his final Sen. Duncan spearheaded successful decisions proved that he strongly efforts to revise the state's handling supports law enforcement and protecting the public," said Bill Sowder, criminal district attorney in Lubbock County. "We appreciate his efforts laws that he originally authored. In and look forward to working with



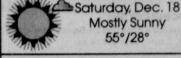
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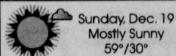


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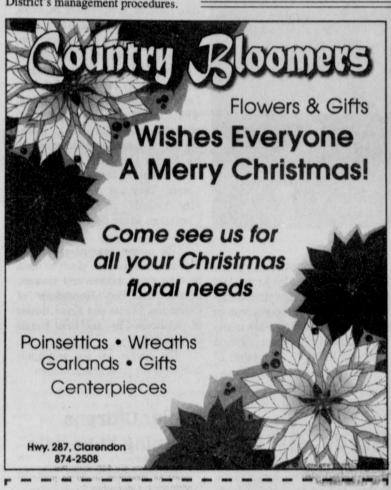
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Friday, Dec. 17 Decreasing Clouds 44°/27°





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Your Opinion

I 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

STRONGLY OPPOSE 1 STRONGLY SUPPORT

Renovate existing Little League and senior league fields with new fencing, lighting, dugouts, scoreboards, etc. 4 5 STRONGLY SUPPORT STRONGLY OPPOSE 1

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 4 5 STRONGLY SUPPORT

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

Turn City Park and adjacent ball fields into a "recreation I

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

Add skate park facilities to City Park.

STRONGLY OPPOSE 1 2 3 5 STRONGLY SUPPORT

Build a multipurpose activity / recreation center.

STRONGLY OPPOSE 1 2

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.

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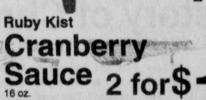
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Lunch Mon: Burrito, corn, salad, fruit mix, milk

fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, oranges, milk Wed: Christmas Holiday

Thur: Christmas Holiday Fri: Christmas Holiday

Hedley Schools

Mon: Biscuit with sausage gravy, butter and jelly, cereal, juice,

Tues: Breakfast bake, toast and jelly, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk Wed: Christmas Holida Thur: Christmas Holiday Fri: Christmas Holiday

Lunch Mon: Hot dog, baked beans, tossed salad, fruit, pudding,

milk Tues: Ham and cheese sandwich, sliced apples, chips, fruit juice, milk

Wed: Christmas Holiday Thur: Christmas Holiday Fri: Christmas Holiday

Donley County Senior Citizens Mon: Beef stroganoff, mini baked potato. Harvard beets. strawberries and bananas. bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk Tues: Chicken fried steak. mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, tossed salad, brownies, biscuit, coffee, tea,

Wed: Turkey and dressing, yam patties, fruit salad, pumpkin pie, roll, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Thur: Hamburgers with cheese and all the trimmings, tator tots, peaches, chocolate chip cookies, coffee, tea, lowfat milk Fri: Christmas Holiday

Hedley Senior Citizens Mon: Catfish, onion rings, spinach, coleslaw, pudding, cornbread, coffee, milk, tea Tues: Roast pork, mashed California vegetables, tossed salad, cake, roll, coffee, milk, tea Wed: Stew with potatoes, tomatoes, carrots, and onions, macaroni salad, bread pudding, cornbread, coffee, milk, tea Thur: Steak and gravy, baked potatoes, black-eyed peas, Jell-O salad, peaches and strawberries, roll, coffee, milk, Fri: Christmas Holiday

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lighting contest sponsored by the yard. Second place went to Frank and ing were Rose-Beautification Club was held Decem- Susie Dale on Pike with a Christmas mary Winters as ber 9 with Jean Ledbetter, Shirley flag and lighted figures; third place coordinator and Osburn, and Annette Osburn having fun while judging another tight contest. They judged 10 houses and five mobile homes with one point separat- place went to Sam and Nelda Grider and coffee as the scores were tallied. Nelda Grider will play Christmas ing 3rd and 4th place.

from Clarendon and catch that first white lights. It's the first home you Tom Jaramillo glimpse of Howardwick, you wonder see as you drive into Howardwick. In what is causing the glow. A few miles the home division, first place went to Husband Blvd. closer, and you realize it is the Christ- the Marvin Elam family - the second house you see. It's trimmed with tification Club The fourth annual Christmas white lights and figures in the front members helpwent to the Tim Gallagher family on Dawn with blue lights.

on Angel, second place went to the The club appreciates each participant music on the keyboard, and it will be

The Beaupicks navigator, Dorothy Arnold, and

In the mobile home division, first Leona Lingerfelter serving cookies The grand prize went to the Levi Ron Hawkins family on Sailfish, and and knows the work involved in a fun evening for everyone.

by peggy cockerham

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decorating your home, but everyone enjoys the results.

We missed the Carden, Carter, Monroe, and Wimmer homes this year. Maybe they will be back in the race next year.

Friday night is Friendship Club at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall with turkey, dressing, and all the trimmings. That old fat man in the red suit will be there; if you have a child, bring a wrapped gift with their name on the package for Santa to give them.



Mildred and Boyd Baxter

Baxters celebrate 50th anniversary

Boyd and Mildred Baxter celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with their family and friends on Saturday, November 27, 2004.

Hosts for the event were the children of the couple and family friends, Bette and Rita Kramer.

Boyd married the former Mildred Johnson on November 26, 1954, in Guymon, Oklahoma. The couple moved to Guymon where they were agents for Bruce & Sons Moving Co. for 19 years. They moved to Oklahoma City in 1980 and then to Lelia Lake in 1995. Boyd retired with Crete Trucking Company and currently works for JL&S Trucking out of Amarillo. Mildred works for Nurses Unlimited and operates their business, Millie B's County Corner. They are members of the: First Assembly of God Church of Clarendon, where they are both very

The couple enjoyed a vacation to Branson, Missouri, given to them by their three children and spouses, Brenda and Bob Hornberger of Clarendon, Monte and Kristi Baxter of Oklahoma City, and Brad Baxter

The couple has ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Leeper earns AP Scholar rank from College Board

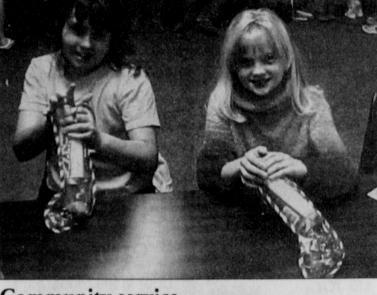
Clarendon High School, has earned ful performance on the AP Exams. the designation of AP Scholar by More than 1,400 institutions award a the College Board in recognition of full year's credit to students presenthis exceptional achievement on the ing a sufficient number of qualifying college-level Advanced Placement grades. Thirty-four AP Exams are Program (AP) Exams. Students offered in a wide variety of subject qualified for the AP Scholar Award areas, each consisting of multipleby completing three or more AP choice and free-response (essay or Examinations, with grades of 3 or problem-solving) questions.

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universities award credit, advanced admirably and deserves recognition.

Tim Leeper, a 2004 graduate of placement, or both based on success-Clarendon High School offers a

The College Board's Advanced wide variety of AP courses including Most of the nation's colleges and for these exams. Tim performed



Community service

Emilee Blum and Kenzie Perryman, Donley County 4-H'ers, enjoy bringing a little bit of Christmas to shut-in's in Clarendon. At the last 4-H meeting, the group had a program from Juli Sides, assistant director of the Clarendon Senior Citizens. She shared with them some of the things the center does for the community and how there are many seniors who are shut-ins and need our support. The group made stockings which will be delivered to shut-ins through the month of Digital photo courtesy of Jennifer Tubbs.

Novel puts story of Christmas in new light

for His Son."

She presents Mary and Joseph as, "a teen-age girl and a young carpenter, alone, frightened, in love, faced with family conflict, a hostile she was a woman." According to conceived. "And so it was that Mary as a king... one who will mount the world, and an awesome responsibil-

Holmes' inspiration for the novel unfolded during Christmas usually between ages 11 to 14. Eve church services she attended the author's own daughter.

she kept hearing, "Nobody wants towels.

In her unique novel, Two From to read a Biblical novel anymore." Galilee, Mariorie Holmes not only They criticized that she had made betrothed. portrays a beautiful love story, but the Holy Family as real as the people couples were she provides insight into every day next door. Her response? That was linked by law. opinions and family life in Nazareth. exactly what she intended ... "to Punishment It is the story of "two people chosen make people realize they weren't for adultery by God to provide an earthly home just statues or Christmas Card pic- could be as tures. They were human beings who severe breathed, hurt, hoped, and loved just like we do."

> Galilee customs, wedding arrange- knew God, and became at once His ments began to take form as soon as child, His mate, and His mother, and a young maiden entered womanhood, the miracle was achieved." (page 81)

with her 13-year-old daughter. The effectively interspersed with factual concept of the manger scene's reality events, the author relates preparation relatives, Elizabeth and Zacharia; overwhelmed her. This really hap- steps... the synagogue announcepened! When Virgin Mary gave birth ment, betrothal date which could be to Jesus, she was not much older than as long as a year before the formal After three years' research, spinning, weaving, drying herbs and six additional years passed before cheeses, making clay pots, sewing to crowded Bethlehem. publishing. According to Holmes, draperies, bedding, tablecloths, and

check it out death by stoning. It was The scene is set with "and now during this betrothal period that Mary

Dramatic events are brilliantly

Through fictional conversations described by the author: Mary's parents' disbelief: her trip to visit gossips' wagging tongues of accusations; Joseph's agonized dilemma until his anxiety was relieved by the wedding ceremony, busy women angel's assurance that Isaiah's prophecy was about to be fulfilled; the trip

Joseph felt he had failed Mary for a little while. when he told her of no room at the

inn. God had chosen him to look after her, and all he could provide was a cave of a stable.

Mary and Joseph adored their precious baby and His little ways. While relishing His infant charms, God's great plan.

At one point, Joseph said, "Somehow, I can't think of our son throne one day and rule the world. But rather a king that will somehow change men's hearts. Mary talked of how prophets had already spoken of his fate... man of sorrows... to bear

the whole burden of people's sins. Joseph again speaks of his love for Mary and how it will enable them to grow together in strength so they would be worthy of the great blessing that came to them in a Bethlehem stable... so they would be worthy of having Him entrusted to them even

Senior Citizens planning bake sale

We will have a bake sale on Wednesday, December 22, at Lowe's. There will be plenty of homemade food items for sale, and we will start

We invite the public to support they couldn't help but think of Jesus' us in our efforts to raise money for future suffering that would be part of our Meals on Wheels program. So take advantage of this opportunity to get a delicious food item and help a

Lige Smith has been bringing the center turnips out of his garden. It is so nice for the community and people like him who bring us fresh garden vegetables.

We will be closed Friday, December 24, to give all of our employees time off for family during this Christmas season. We will be open again on Monday, December

This week those with birthdays are Mary Beth Nelson, Betty Thomas, Marie Cope, and Beverly Ross.

Our get-well wishes go to Nelson

Christie and Bud White. 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.

milk, cream, or fruit juice. Many are

Quilting Club meets The Golden Needles Quilting Club met for their annual Christmas party at Gay Cole's home on December 9, 2004.

Everyone brought a neat goodie to eat and something we had made for show and tell.

Those present were Pam Casteel, Dortha Reynolds, Jossie Burgess, Jo Shaller, MaryRuth Bishop, Ruth Lindley, Rosa Lee Watson, Barbara Helms, Shirley Lockhart, Kim Kirkland, Eva Lee Swinney, Donna Barnes, Ann Bunyan, and Gay Cole.

Extension offers tips for holiday calorie budget

The most fattening days of has been sung, your scale registers a few extra pounds.

trying to "behave." But believe it or at the end, tempting you to come brain that it's full. not, it is possible to navigate through back for seconds because your plate the holiday season and remain within your calorie budget.

Below, tips for doing just that:

spoon to eat, you eliminate high fat, the year are the ones sandwiched high calorie choices like pigs in a blindly gobble up nuts and chips. between Thanksgiving and New blanket and cheese puffs. Many of Stop. Think. Is what you're putting in Year's. A handful of Christmas tree- the appetizers that circulate go for your mouth worth the extra pounds? shaped cookies here, a couple of upwards of 300 calories a pop. And Pick something you only get during seltzer to cut your consumption. missed workouts there, and before who can eat just one? Two notable the holidays. If you really want to the last chorus of "Auld Lang Syne" exceptions: raw veggies and shrimp.

doesn't require a knife, fork and everything, but limit quantities. Be a thoughtful eater: Don't just

nibble on some party mix, put it on Yes, it's harder to work in a walk Be a buffet slayer: Cruise buffet a plate so you're conscious about or some exercise when your traveltables and survey the offerings before how much your "nibbling" adds up. ing, shopping, gift wrapping, baking Where does this holiday heft going in for the kill. Once it's on your Wait at least 20 minutes before you come from? Those additional calories plate, you'll feel obligated to eat it. go back for seconds; that's how long related activities. That's why it's so can sneak up on you even if you're And the better stuff may be down it takes your stomach to signal your important to commit to some kind of

is already full. Be last in line; the thirst. Most alcoholic drinks deliver stress and gives you more energy. fattening stuff will be gone. Choose over 100 calories an ounce - and foods that are high in water content believe us when we tell you they are 874-2141 if you have any ques-Don't let your fingers do the and fiber like veggie and fruit dishes, not exactly high in fiber. In addition, tions. Healthy Holidays from Donley walking: By avoiding anything that clear soups, and non-oily salads. Try try to avoid those drinks that contain County Extension!

filled with sugar (empty calories) and fat (extra calories). Try wine spritzers or alternate each alcoholic drink with a glass of water, diet soda, or flavored Make exercise out a priority:

and a whole host of other holidayexercise. Besides counteracting extra Be careful how you quench your holiday calories, exercise reduces

Contact MaryRuth Bishop @

Twilight Red Hatters

will meet this week The Twilight Red Hatters will meet at the Texas Steakout on December 16, at 6:00 p.m.

Those attending are asked to bring a white elephant gift to exchange. Everyone is invited to come help them celebrate the

Car dealer makes scholarships available to local FFA members

in the spring of 2005.

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college during the 2005-2006 school designed to recognize the academic once again has chosen to award a In addition, Ford Trucks spon- talents of FFA members throughout three most high-scoring applications. past five years. This scholarship is sors five national scholarships, the United States. Ford Trucks and

As a special incentive for FFA The scholarship program is chapters and members, Ford Trucks achievement, accomplishments, and new F150 to the FFA chapter with the

For information, contact the FFA

CHS Band members compete

CHS band members competed in the All Region contest at Panhandle High School on December 6, 2004. Nine of its members qualified as all region and will participate in the All Region Band Concerts on January 15, 2005.

Those qualifying for the Symphonic Band were Branson Carter, sax; Robert Shelton, 1st chair baritone; Andra Helms, 10th chair flute; LaDez Captain, 5th chair percussion; and Tood Thompson, 10th chair

Branson and Robert will attend Area try-outs for All-State Band on Saturday, January 8, in Lubbock. Branson is the first band member in Clarendon history to ever qualify for regional competition on two instruments.

Members of the Concert Band will be Sarah Depew, 1st chair clarinet; Andy Roberts, 8th chair clarinet; Ryan Petty, 7th chair trombone; and Laura Dziedzic, 7th chair trumpet.

The Bronco Band will be offering its Christmas Concert at 2:00 Gym. Band members will also be Band in January. competing in the UIL Solo/Ensemble contest on February 6 at WTAMU.

Foster parents needed

There is an urgent need for more families to open their hearts and homes by becoming foster and adoptive parents. To learn more about fostering and adoption, attend an informational meeting the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the CPS office located at 6200 I-40 West in Ama-

For information, call 354-6230.



The Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting December 14 with Boss Lion Monty Hysinger in charge.

We had 19 members and one guest, Ashlee Kidd, guest of Lion Roger Estlack.

The high school and junior high are very busy with basketball. The college is moving the library this week and getting ready for the spring semester and the holiday basketball tournament.

There was a discussion on finding a new caterer for the club, and we voted to raise the dues by three dollars per month.

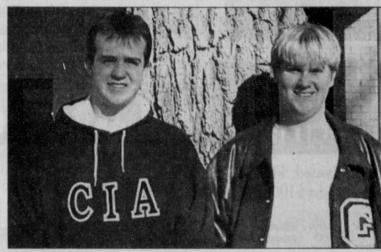
There being no further business,

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CHS Band members Ryan Petty, Laura Dziedzic, Andra Helms, Sarah Depew, Todd Thompson, LaDez Captain, and Andy Roberts recently 1st chair tenor sax and 3rd chair alto competed in the All-Region Band contest in Panhandle.



CHS Band members Robert Shelton and Branson Carter recently competed in the All-Region Band Contest in Panhandle, were named p.m. on December 19 in the Bronco to the Symphonic Band, and will attend the area try-outs for All-State



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Wilson

Obituaries

Funeral services for Jonnie Mae Eppers Wilson, age 74, were held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 10, 2004, in the First Baptist Church in Hedley with Rev. Bruce Howard, Pastor, officiating. Burial was held in Rowe Cemetery in Hedley under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mrs. Wilson died Wednesday, December 8, 2004, in Amarillo. She was born February 19, 1930, in Hedley and had lived in several different places before returning to Hedley several years ago. She had worked as a dental assistant for several years before her retirement. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Hedley.

Survivors include one daughter, Beverly Wilke of Lubbock; a brother, Ardell Eppers of Archer City; two sisters, Mary Hanvey of Memphis and Juanita Feldman of Las Vegas; a niece, Robin Malloy of Memphis; and a nephew, Joe McDougal of Dalhart.

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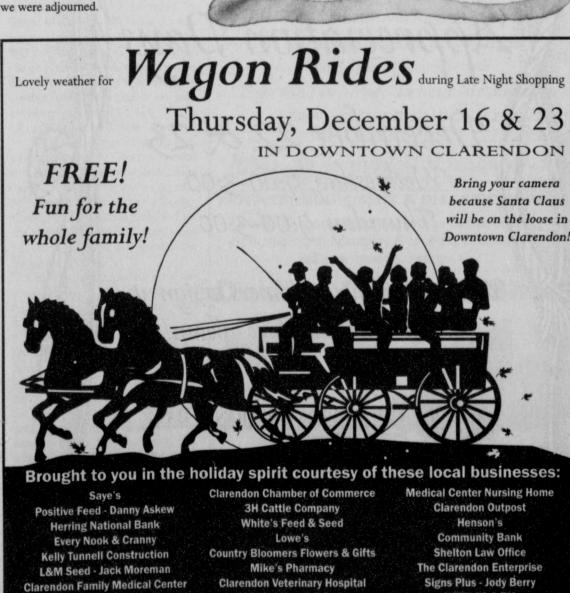
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Rotary District Governor visits Clarendon club

Rotary District 5730's 86th Governor visited Clarendon November 30 through December 1.

Governor Charles Cotton and his wife Bonnie met with the members of the Clarendon Rotary on Tuesday evening for a potluck dinner. The Governor presented a PowerPoint of local and international programs serving people in numerous areas. One of the most successful programs Rotary International has been involved in is the eradication of polio. Only a few regions remain where polio is active. These areas are projected to be polio free in 2005.

Rotary will celebrate 100 years of Rotary in 2005. All Rotary Clubs are planning special projects to honor the centennial. Clarendon Rotary is preparing numerous projects to serve local citizens.

The Clarendon Rotary Club also hosted two speakers recently from two people associated with the prison system.

Chuck Stout presented a program to the club on November 17 about his experiences teaching in the prison. Chuck delivers information to students with humor and poetry.

Lt. Todd Curry, correctional officer at the T.L. Road Unit, also presented a program to the club. Officer Curry is a 14-year veteran of the State of Texas. Curry provided insight into the life of not only the inmates, but the officers who work in the prison system.

CC RFO alumni form association

The Clarendon College Ranch and Feedlot Operations program held its first alumni reunion in Amarillo on November 21, 2004.

Elected officers include President Danny Askew, 1975 alum and resident of Clarendon; Vice President Ray Minkley, 1975 alum and resident of Claude; Co-Secretary David Jones, 1996 alum and resident of Amarillo; Co-Secretary Zia Harris, 1999 alum and resident of Silver City, New Mexico; and Treasurer Richard Hadley, 1978 alum and resident of Texico, New Mexico.

"The intent of the alumni chapter is to help students learn about and enroll in the RFO Program," said Askew. The annual membership fee for the RFO Alumni Chapter is \$50. The next alumni reunion is set for Sunday, November 13, 2005, during the weekend of the Ranch Rodeo in Amarillo.

For more information about joining the RFO Alumni chapter, contact President Danny Askew at 874-5001.

CC judging team brings home honors

The Clarendon College Livestock Judging Team participated in contests at Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell and West Texas A&M University in Canyon, December 3 and 4.

At the OPSU contest, the freshmen team, consisting of Andrew Hokanson of Dumas, Tanner Winter of Lubbock, Jordan Hicks of Hereford, Reed Parker of Idalia, Colo., and Keith Hunt of Friona, tied for first place.

Hokanson was high individual. The sophomore team placed second and consists of Shane Sherrill of Smyer, Justin Myers of Aspermont, Cassi Matejovsky of Tucson, Ariz., Becca Herod of Frost, and Brandon Borgstedt of Waller.

At the WTAMU contest, the team placed second overall. Cassi Matejovsky of Tucson, Ariz., won high individual, Tanner Winter of Lubbock won second high individual, Andrew Hokanson of Dumas won fifth high individual, and Tonya Lane of League City won eighth high individual and was the high individual in the reasons division.

CC offers driving class

Defensive Driving through Clarendon College is now available anytime online at www.clarendonco llege.edu.

At the site just click on CC Online, then Defense Driving. The course is administered through the state of Texas. More information is available through the CC Web site.

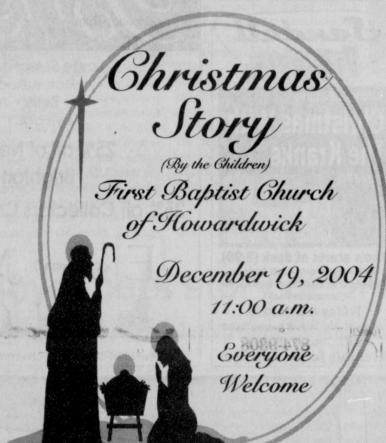


The Rotary District Governor visited Clarendon recently. Those pictured are District Governor Charles Cotton and wife Bonnie, Clarendon Rotary President Linda Frye, 2004 Pampa Rotary President Kathy Cota, and Assistant District Governor Jaylyn Engle of Childress.

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USDA releases final rule for tech services

WASHINGTON - U.S. Depart- ber 29, 2004, is located at http: pices and that of public and private approved conservation practices. ment of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service Chief Bruce Knight today announced help farmers and ranchers meet the release of the final rule that will their individual conservation goals," allow USDA to certify third parties Knight said. "By using TSPs, USDA that can provide conservation techni- is able to direct more resources for cal services to the nation's farmers conservation technical assistance to and ranchers.

The 2002 Farm Bill expanded state and local governments." the availability of technical assistion technical services.

The final rule for technical serin the Federal Register on Novem- working under his or her own aus-

//www.gpoaccess.gov/fr.

"Technical service providers the private sector, nonprofits, and

The final rule details the process tance to producers by encouraging NRCS will follow to administer TSP the use of third parties - called tech- assistance. In addition to establishnical service providers (TSPs) - to ing a national certification process, assist USDA in delivering conserva- the rule also explains criteria for evaluating all potential providers of technical assistance. It distinguishes vice provider assistance, published between certification of an individual

and procedures that NRCS can use to ensure certified technical service providers deliver high quality technical services to producers and to decertify those who fail to meet other groups and individuals to help the quality standards. The rule also us do conservation planning and details the system NRCS will use to implementation work for producers," pay for TSP-provided services and protects producers by ensuring TSPs are responsible for the service they

NRCS state conservationists will to provide technical assistance on behalf of USDA, including conservation planning and the design, layout, installation and checkout of at http://techreg.usda.gov.

entities. The rule contains conditions Once certified, their work must meet NRCS standards and specifications, program requirements, and relevant laws and regulations.

> "This unique process will allow Knight said.

"Producers may still use NRCS for technical assistance or select a certified technical service provider. This will allow much needed assiscertify TSPs within their jurisdiction tance to carry out voluntary conservation programs."

Additional information on technical service providers can be found

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Emergency farm loan applications begin accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for damages and losses caused by excessive rain, hail, and high winds that occurred on August 12, 2004, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located at 321 Sully Street in Clarendon.

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

FSA Farm Loan Manager Larry 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 agriculture 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 an FSA emergency loan," Goetze said. 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 25, 2005, but farmers should apply as soon as possible to avoid delays into the new farming season," Goetze said.

The FSA office in Clarendon is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

4-H Club holds monthly meeting

The December 4-H meeting was held on December 7 at the Church of Christ Family Life Center. The meeting was called to order by president Danielle Ford.

Caitlyn Christopher read the inspiration, and Skyler Greer and Amelia Taylor led the club in the US and 4-H pledge. Secretary Ty Tubbs won a prize for being the first one to sign in; and then he read the roll call, the minutes, and asked all the club members what their favorite Christmas carol was. Parliamentarian Amelia Taylor recognized the new members and guests. Maci White reported on the food show.

Mr. Haynes reported on the livestock show, and Mr. Goetze reminded the members about the woodworking project scheduled for this weekend.

Mrs. Julie Sides from the Donley County Senior Citizens came and led the group in an activity. They made fun stockings filled with goodies for the senior citizens.

Mr. Haynes reported on Consumer Decision Making before the meeting was adjourned by the presi-

The door prize winner of a cup full of candy was Trevor Cobb. Annie Patten led the group in a game in which each club member got a partner, and they both sat on the ground to hook arms. Then they tried to stand up together. The first couple standing was the winner. The winners were Abby Patten and Sadie Cobb, and they each won a Coke and

candy bar. After the game, refreshments were provided by Virginia Patten and Janice Bennett. Each member left the meeting with an ornament that read "4-H 2004" on it which was provided by Leslie White.

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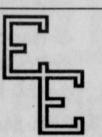
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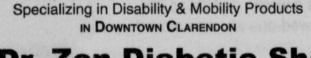
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The eighth grade Colts faced in the second game." Highland Park in the first round and throughout, and time got away from Hernandez 6, and Gribble 3. the Colts as they hustled to try to get and Nathan Gribble 2.

against Wellington in the next round The Colts took the early lead and Zack Rattan 2, and Hernandez 1. held on until the buzzer to win.

lacked intensity and focus. The second game was a different story as we beat a Wellington team that earlier. We played better defense, Nathan Judd 2. and Denzel had another big game his inside game, and Nathan does a once again. The final score was each game beginning at 5:00 pm.

The seventh and eighth grade great job of running the offense, and 42-49. After playing to a 10-10 tie Colts hosted the Colt Classic Tourna- he played steady defense. Al got into in the first period, the FireCrackers ment at the Bronco Gym Saturday, foul trouble, but he was a factor when went on to take the lead at the break. December 11, with four teams par- he was out there. Jesus hit some big The Colts took control of the third baskets, and we played much better period and began a comeback, but

Scoring Wilson 13, Gaines 11, the buzzer. fell short 33-40. The game was close Johnny Ballard 11, Shelton 10, Jesus

and soundly defeated them 54-46. 12, Gaines 12, Ballard 10, Shelton 8, and felt Ford and Jean West have

"I was just a little disappointed Highland Park in the first round Devin for his improved play. "Overin the opening game," coach Brad and fell eight points short with the all, I was happy about the way we Elam said. "I don't think we played final score of 30-38. The Colts only played Saturday," Elam said. Scoras well as we could have. We trailed by four points at the break, ing: Brown 13, Judd 12, Thornton 8, but the Hornets held the lead and Ryan Hill 5, and Dustin Ford 2. the Colts just couldn't make up any ground. Scoring: Nelson Devin 14, in the week and got a commanding had beaten us a couple of weeks Jaydon Thornton 8, Tre Brown 6, and 35-21 win over the Whirlwinds.

on offense. Derrick has improved in the next round and came up short and January 10 at Shamrock with

Wellington held onto their lead until

"The seventh grade played really well at the tournament," Elam said. Earlier in the week, the Colts "Even though we lost both games, the win. Scoring Alton Gaines 14, took on Memphis at home and won I thought the guys showed much Denzel Wilson 11, Derrick Shelton 6, big at 63-18. They completely domi-improvement. We keep getting better nated the court on both ends, and all every game, and that is all you cans The Colts went head-to-head of the players contributed to the win. ask of these guys." Elam cited Judd Scoring: Wilson 18, Gribble and Thornton as having great games improved with their increased play-The seventh grade Colts played ing time. Elam also gave credit to

The Colts met Memphis earlier

The Colts will resume play Janu-The Colts took on Wellington ary 6 on the road against Wellington



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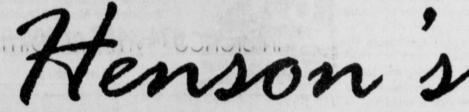
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Lady Colts host four-team tournament

The eighth grade Lady Colts sidered. I think that we (8th and I)

opponent to only one point in the first three periods, and they only gave and Bailey Starnes 1. up four more points to grab the win. Scoring: Macy Shadle 12, Haleigh Lewis 6, Abbie Massengill 6, Janae White 4, Courtnee Thornberry 2, and Morgan Hysinger 1.

The ladies then took on the "I think that they did well all con- Christopher 2.

took top honors at the Colt Tourna- need to spend more time together in lington in the next round and were ment held in the Bronco Gymnasium practice so that we can get to know defeated 12-20. The Lady Colts just each other better. I was impressed couldn't get anything going in the The 8th grade Lady Colts faced with their attitude overall. They first half of play, but they got back Highland Park in the first round and never quit, and that's something that on track in the third period. But handily defeated them 31-5. The coaches like to see." Scoring: Shadle Wellington proved to be too much, Lady Colts were able to hold their 9, Massengill 8, Thornberry 4, Janae however, and they went on to take White 3, Hysinger 2, Jenci White 2, the win.

Colts destroyed Memphis 31-18. hoping that as the season progresses, Scoring: Massengill 10, Shadle 8, we will become more mentally dis-Hysinger 6, Starnes 2, Thornberry 2, ciplined." Kaysea Green 2, and Janae White 1.

Lady Fire Crackers from Welling- competed in the tournament as 2. December 6, the Lady Colts travton and defeated them 25-22. The well and defeated Highland Park eled to Memphis and were edged out Lady Colts took the early lead and in the first round 25-17. The Lady by one point (20-21) in a defensive controlled the tempo of the game as Colts dominated on the court, took battle on the court. Scoring: Bryley well as the scoreboard despite a small a demanding lead, and held it until 10, Brandi Mays 6, Lewis 4. comeback attempt by their opponent the buzzer. Scoring: Jill Luna 7, and got the three-point win. "This Dominique Mason 6, Deidre Lewis at home January 6 against Wellington was my first time to coach the 8th 4, Kia Bryley 2, Mariah Benavidez after the Christmas break beginning grade," coach Cara Hathaway said. 2, Lauren Shelton 2, and Caitlyn at 5:00 p.m. and will host Shamrock

The Lady Colts took on Wel-

"The girls did well with having Earlier in the week, the Lady so little experience with it. I am

Scoring: Lewis 4, Bryley 2, The seventh grade Lady Colts Luna 2, Mason 2, and Erika Edwards

The Lady Colts will resume play January 10 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

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CHS to host 2nd holiday tournament

By Sandy Anderberg

Head basketball coach Wade Callaway has announced the dates for the second annual Greenbelt Holiday Classic to be held December 28-30 at the Bronco Gymn and the Clarendon College Bulldog Gym.

According to Callaway, 16 boys' teams and 16 girls' teams will compete in the three-day event.

"We're excited about hosting our annual Greenbelt Holiday Classic," Callaway said. "We've had great support once again from the community, and we are very appreciative."

Callaway encourages all who want to get involved with the tournament do so by contacting CHS. You may contact Callaway or Steve Myatt, high school coaches; or Tony Starnes, head basketball coach at CC for more information on how you can get involved.

Teams from New Mexico and the Dallas area as well as many local teams will be participating in this year's tournament. Several teams from last year's tournament will be there as well as new teams from the

Locals are encouraged to take a minute to support your local athletes for this tournament and come out and watch great high school basketball December 28-30.

Lady Broncos perform well in tournament

By Sandy Anderberg

Despite two losses, the Lady Broncos played hard and gained valuable experience against two Oklahoma state-ranked 4A teams December 10-11 in Elk City, Okla-

The Lady Broncos took on the ninth-ranked Elkettes on Friday, December 10, and lost 44-66 in a game that was not indicative of the final score. Elk City jumped out to the early lead, but the Lady Broncos stayed within four to five points of the Elkettes for three quarters, but gave way in the last period as Elk City's 6'1" star took control of the

Scoring: Shanna Shelton 15, Destiny Weatherton 12, Kaitlyn Howard 4, Jessie Anderberg 4, Haley Shelton 4, Jamie Simmons 2, Samantha Myatt 2, and Cierra Benavidez 1.

The Lady Broncos played the fifth-ranked Clinton Lady Reds in the next round and fell short 47-61. The Lady Broncos held a two-point. lead at the break at 25-23, but they trailed by four going into the last period. Clinton hit three 3-pointers to increase their lead, and the Lady Broncos could not recover despite playing an aggressive game.

"We played some awesome competition and competed well," coach Steve Myatt said. "We are improving and searching for the formula to win against the best. The girls are coachable and hard-working."

Scoring: Weatherton 15, Anderberg 11, S. Shelton 9, Caitlan Hall 5, Howard 3, H. Shelton 2, and Regan

Lemley 2. The Lady Broncos will take on Valley at home Friday, December 17, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and will host River Road December 20 beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Local youth compete in CBT Rodeo

Clarendon kids made a good showing at the CowBoy Times (CBT) Rodeo Series at the Hereford Barn Church Arena on Sunday, December

Kaysea Green and Dalton Askew both ran the barrels in the 10-14 years old division. Kaysea placed first with a time of 17.09 and Dalton came in second with a time of 18.31.

Dalton also roped in the 10-14 age breakaway calf roping and had a no time. In the regular tie down calf roping, he had a time of 36.08.

Katie Askew ran the barrels in the 15-18 year old division. She placed first with a time of 18.74.

Dale Askew roped in the open calf roping and had a time of 12.72.

Broncos play in Elk City Tournament

defeated 26-64. Cold shooting hin- entire game. That takes quite a bit dered the Broncos' attempt to win, of character." but their hard work defensively only helped to improve their game.

"We ran into the number seven in front of a hostile crowd in a game that did not start until 10 p.m.," coach Wade Callaway said. "That's going to be tough no matter who 41-50. you are. They are big and physical and very talented."

is a key player on their team and to Callaway.

The Clarendon Broncos par- defensively (held them to 64 points ticipated in the Elk City Festival and caused 22 turnovers), but we December 10-11 in Elk City, Okla- couldn't score," Callaway said. "Against a team like that, all of your Elk City in the first round and were backed down and played hard the 6.

Scoring: Quentin West 6, Jesse

4A team in Oklahoma on their court Broncos against Clinton, who is have only played two Class A teams.

"Clinton was a team I felt we could have defeated," Callaway from here on out." Elk City's 6'5" sophomore said. "Again, defensively, we are too selfish (especially in the first in the Bronco Gym.

'We did a pretty good job three quarters). In the fourth quarter we showed signs of being coached a little, and we did some really good things. We hope to build on that."

Scoring: Gowdy 14, Chase They faced seventh-ranked 4A weaknesses are exposed. We never Thornberry 7, and Michael Randall

> "Overall it was a good experience in that we faced really tough competition," Callaway said. "Our schedule has been by far the tough-The second round, pitted the est in the district. We are 7-5, but we also a 4A team. Too many turnovers Friday we will play Canadian; and hampered the Broncos' attempt to then on Monday, December 20, we get the win, and they were defeated will take on 3A River Road for the fourth time this year. We shouldn't be intimidated by anybody we face

The Broncos will play Canaplaying well enough to win; how- dian Friday, December 17, at 8:00 is being actively recruited by the ever, offensively we're turning the p.m. and will take on River Road University of Oklahoma, according ball over too much and being a little Monday, December 20, at 3:30 p.m.

CCC golfers make good use of warm days to take to links

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Thursday of last week.

Bonnie Crofford's 71 was Claiming first in the men's good enough for first place in the golfers took full advantage of the game were Wendoll Miller and Ellis women's game, and Ruth Jackson spring-like weather and were able to Knight with a 69. Charlie Davis and Maxine McLaughlin tied for

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Bronco Basketball

Lady Owls beat Shamrock by two

the Shamrock Lady Irish last week Lady Owls the opportunity to play in a match up that came down to the three different games. final seconds of the game.

The girls started out slow allowin the first quarter. At the half, the Lady Owls had only closed the gap by two points. The Lady Owls picked up the pace and played ball to finally pull out the win 45 to 43.

were; Sarah Bolin 19, Julie Funder- lin and Holly Davis had one point of 46 to 34. burg 12, Ruth Anne Howard 4, Holly Davis and Katie Gregory 3 points, and Allison Hill and Lori Bugg 2

Owls maintained the lead with a

halftime lead of 35-16. The Owls

4th quarter 22-8. The Owls' final

11, Will Wallendorff 11, Matthew

Glover 6, Wes Shields 6, Dustin

Thomas 3, Brayden Bennett 2, and

Hedley Junior High Owls

the Silverton Owls in an exciting

game. The boys were outsized, but

they continued to play hardball until

the very end. The boys lost this game

Peter Howard 10, Reid Copelin 9,

Angel Villarreal, and Will Monroe

each had 1 point apiece.

Scoring were Isaias Rameriz 18,

Hedley Junior High boys played

fall to Silverton, 52-39

Elliot Tournament December 9-11. Shields 5.

score was 71-36.

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Owls stomp Shamrock

The Hedley Owls traveled to Randall JV. The Owls found them-Shamrock to take on the Irish on selves in the first quarter down by

The Owls came out and took the The fourth quarter the Owls were

game from the Irish and outscored able to outscore Randall, but it was

them in the first quarter 17-2. The not enough to win. The Final score

dominated the Fighting Irish in the Glover 11, Alston 6, and Howard 2.

Scoring were Eric Alston 19, out and took the lead from the War-

The Owls played in the Fort lendorff 14, Glover 8, Howard 7, and

Cole Llewellyn 12, Stephen Howard riors 17-10. The Owls kept it up

The Hedley Lady Owls took on was held this past weekend gave the contain the Does, losing 37 to 42.

The Lady Owls started the tournament out by playing the Miami ing the Irish to outscore them 6 to 12 Lady Warriors. The girls quickly pulled ahead of their foes, winning the game 50 to 28.

Lady Owls scoring were Bolin

Owls matched up against the White apiece, Hill 8, Howard 6, and Greg-Deer Lady Does. The girls played ory 1 point.

The Owls' first game was against

one. At the half the score was 13-28.

Scoring were Wallendorff 15,

The Owls' next game was against

the Miami Warriors. The Owls came

going into the half, 31-22. The Owls

would keep the lead through out the

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Scoring were Alston 18, Wal-

game with a final score, 52-43.

Various Lady Owls scoring: Bolin 14, Bugg 9, Howard and Hill 5 points apiece, and Funderburg 4

The third and final game the girls played had them in the running for 3rd place in the tournament.

They were matched up against 19, Funderburg 10, Howard 9, Katie the Booker Lady Kiowas. The Lady Gregory 6, Julie Woodard and Bugg Owls played this team with determi-Lady Owls scoring in this game each had 2 points, and Jaci Cope- nation and won the game by a score

> Scoring for Hedley were Bolin The second game had the Lady 11, Funderburg and Bugg 10 points

Hedley Junior High girls clip Silverton's wings

The Hedley Junior High Girls traveled to Silverton this past week to take on the Lady Silverton Owls. The ladies began the game by shutting out their opponents in the first quarter 17 to 0. The ladies continued to outplay their opponents, winning the game

Those Lady Owls putting points on the board were Shandy Koetting 15, Kaylee Shields 11, Kelby Shields 9, Haley Hall 8, Brook Martin 5, Marlee Sargent 3; and Skylar Conatser, Jenni Allen, Jasie Sargent, and Laura Howard all had 2 points

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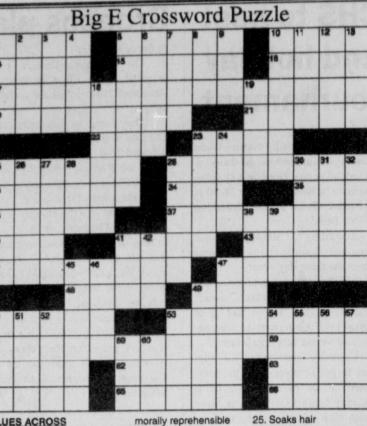
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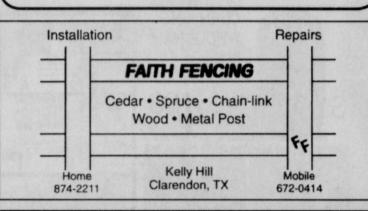


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Sheriff's Report

12:40 a.m. - Welfare check in the 900 block

Lyons, Hedley. 8:11 a.m. - Out at high school. 12:56 p.m. - Assisting DPS with vehicle

search. 5:06 p.m. - See complainant in the 900 block of W. 2nd. 5:21 p.m. - Disturbance in the 500 block of

E. 2nd - loud music. 7:46 p.m. - To jail with one male in custody. 8:37 p.m. - Out at college dorm. 11:06 p.m. - Out on US 287 at S. Jefferson

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2:06 a.m. - See complainant in the 600 block of W. 4th - dog barking for hours. 7:55 a.m. - Out at elementary school.

10:30 a.m. - Securing building in the 100 block of E. 1st. 11:51 a.m. - Disabled vehicle in median on

US 287, East of Lelia Lake. 1:13 p.m. - Reported break-in in the 500 block of E. Browning.

2:30 p.m. - Dispatched to Sheriff Office to see complainant. 7:32 p.m. - Out in the 100 block of S. McClellan.

11:17 p.m. - EMS assist in the 200 block of Janny, Howardwick. 11:35 p.m. - See complainant in Hedley

- terroristic threat. 11:40 p.m. - Out at Hedley School, vehicle located, subjects possibly armed.

12:13 a.m. - To jail with two males in cus-6:29 a.m. - Assisting EMS on US 287 at S. Koogle 9:03 a.m. - At junior high school.

Alarm in the 800 block of E.

2nd St. 4:12 p.m. - Courthouse to post citation. 5:07 p.m. - Shots fired close to City Plant. 7:17 p.m. - See resident on JA Ranch

Road. 11:50 p.m. - See complainant on US 287 at

Dec. 10

8:41 a.m. - Notified of trouble at Memphis school, two sheriff's office units respond to assist, two EMS units, and one DPS unit. 12:28 p.m. - Report of two horses in the

middle of US 287 near Martin Baptist 4:37 p.m. - Out on Carhart serving papers. 6:46 p.m. - Report of cow out on FM 1260,

S. of US 287. 11:30 p.m. - Report of erratic driver on US 287 W. of town.

11:42 p.m. - Erratic driver stopped.

8:01 a.m. - Female turns self in to serve time for DUI, minor. 8:51 a.m. - Report of suspicious vehicle

sighted on Roach Ranch during the 10:49 a.m. - Suspicious vehicle investi-

12:42 p.m. - Owner of suspicious vehicle cleared by ranch caretaker. 1:21 p.m. - Responding to report of disturbance at Clarendon High School gym.

1:52 p.m. - Following up with checks on activity at high school gym. 2:16 p.m. - Report of strange dogs in lady's backyard.

2:21 p.m. – Strange dogs gone. 2:48 p.m. – Report of elderly female walking in NB lane near CR 1 on US 287. Unable to locate. 3:06 p.m. - Follow up check at high school.

5:20 p.m. - Report of kids hanging out at Hedley Post Office parking lot and littering the area 9:11 p.m. - Subject complains officer is

harassing him. 10:28 p.m. - Report of subjects throwing beer cans and trash out on US 287 near Circle C.

1:45 a.m. - Report of male subject banging on door at VFW.

2:39 a.m. - Witnesses report semi truck with trailer hit light pole at Mike's Pharmacy. Vehicle stopped East of town. AEP

6:42 a.m. - Assist EMS in the 600 block 10:32 a.m. - Traffic control in Hedley, 18-

wheeler backing onto US 287. 11:22 a.m. – Assisting EMS on W. 3rd St. 2:07 p.m. - Report of intruders on 6th and

Bugbee. 4:09 p.m. - Gas drive off at Allsups 5:55 p.m. - Fire in dumpster behind Old

Taylor 5:56 p.m. – Behind It'll Do. 9:36 p.m. – Assisting EMS.

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