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## THIS WEEK

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- 4 Local senior and junior FFA teams do well at a recent contest.
- 6 The Broncos start basketball season with a big win.
- 8 And the Donley County Gin announces the first bale of cotton for 2009.

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

## Merchants open late this Thursday

Late Night Shopping is back in Clarendon this Thursday evening with downtown merchants staying open late for your shopping convenience.

Among the activities scheduled for this week, Santa Claus will be downtown hosted by the Friends of the Library.

Shopping activities continue this weekend with a barbecue being held at the old JAMZ building from 11:30 to 2 p.m. on Saturday. The meal, catered by the Bar H Dude Ranch, will be held the next two Saturdays also.

On December 10 and 17, the merchants will host wagon rides downtown, and on Saturday, December 19, the merchants will hold the drawing for their big Clarendon Gold giveaway with \$2,000 in merchant bucks and gift certificates.

## Hedley Christmas festival to be Dec. 9

Everyone is invited to an "Old Fashion Community Christmas" in Hedley next Wednesday, December 9, 2009, on Main Street at 6:00 p.m.

The Hedley Grade School has made ornaments for the big tree and after they place them on the tree, there will be Christmas Carols while as Santa Claus comes to town.

Later, the Senior Citizens will be open for hot chocolate and cookies and lots of singing. Bruce and Gwynn Howard will tell the Christmas Story.

Then Santa will come to the Senior Citizens, and the kids will get to talk to him.

## Pancake Supper to be held in Hedley

The Hedley Senior Citizens will host a Pancake Supper this Friday, December 4, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.

For \$5.00 a plate you will get pancakes, bacon, sausage or ham. Come on down and enjoy a great Pancake Supper.

## Museum Christmas party to be Dec. 5

Tickets are on sale now for the annual Saints' Roost Museum Christmas Party to be held Saturday, December 5, at the Clarendon Community Center.

The cost is \$50 per couple, and each ticket comes with a chance at the \$5,000 jackpot given away in a reverse drawing.

Tickets are on sale at Henson's or from any Museum Board Member.



These Donley County youth were among more than 298 people who enjoyed a free Thanksgiving dinner last Thursday at the Clarendon School Cafeteria.

COURTESY PHOTO / LAURA PAUL

## Community dinner draws big crowd

More than 298 people were fed during the second annual Donley County Thanksgiving Dinner last Thursday. The Thanksgiving dinner was a huge success.

Opportunities for both sit in and take out were provided so that everyone could have a warm Thanksgiving meal, and Steve Carter and Ted Shaller provided transportation for those who needed a ride and delivered numerous meals. Food was also delivered to individuals both at home and at work by Bob Weiss.

Leftover food was donated to Faith City Mission in Amarillo.

Organizers credit the love and prayers of those who supported the meal with making it

possible. And they specifically credited the following individuals: Pat Ritchie, Monty Hysinger, Mary Shields, Bob and Jolene Weiss, Steve and Janet Carter, Kathy and Gene Hommel, Laura Hommel, Joe Neal and Ranelle Shadle, Hoppy and Rita Eason, Guy and Robin Ellis, Carl and Christy Cox, Bobby and Anessa Woodard, Audrey Jones, MaryLynn Manning, Regina Knorpp, Troy and Katherine Monroe, Bobby Ellebrook, Dusty Abbott, Lori Mays, Helen, Misty, and Ted Graham, Gigi and Jerome Martinez, Jason and Carol Musick, Pam Mason, Jeff Hewett, Jim Griffin, Linda Benson, Tammy Owens, Sue Burrows, Mickey Grady, Linda Crump, and numerous anonymous helpers.

Organizational support came from Clarendon CISD, THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE, Saints' Roost Cowboy Church, Knorpp Insurance Agency, Bronco Burger, JoBob's Piccadilly Pizza, Panhandle Community Services, Hedley and Clarendon Senior Citizen Centers, Monroe Peach Ranch, and Allsup's.

Financial support was provided by Primitive Baptist Church, Donley County Gin, First United Methodist Men, Lowe's Family Center, Joe and Ruth Robinson, Sharon Thomas, Earl Shields, Beatrice Kramer, Newt and Linda Scott, and numerous anonymous donors.

Organizers say if you missed this year's Thanksgiving feast, be sure to attend next year.

## FSA Committee Election deadline is next Monday

Farm Service Agency county committee election ballots must be turned in to the local FSA office by next Monday, December 7, 2009.

"The FSA county committee system is unique among government agencies, because it allows producers to make important decisions concerning the local administration of federal farm programs," said local FSA Executive Director Bruce Ferguson. "I urge all eligible farmers and ranchers, especially minorities and women, to get involved and make a real difference in their communities by voting in this year's elections."

Committee members apply their knowledge and judgment to make decisions on disaster and conservation payments, establishment of allotments and yields, producer appeals, employing FSA county executive directors and other local issues. FSA committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out federal laws.

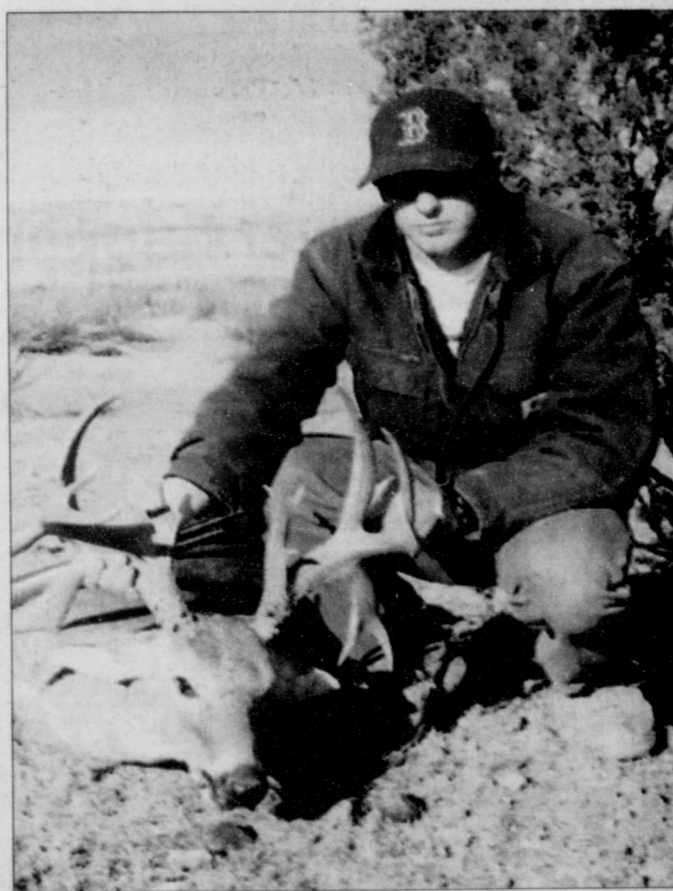
To be an eligible voter, farmers and ranchers must participate or cooperate in FSA programs. A

person who is not of legal voting age, but supervises and conducts the farming operations of an entire farm, can also vote. Agricultural producers in each county submitted candidate names during the nomination period held last summer.

Eligible voters who have not received ballots can obtain ballots at their local USDA Service Center. December 7, 2009, is the last day for voters to submit ballots in person to local USDA Service Centers. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than December 7. Newly elected committee members and alternates take office January 1, 2010.

Close to 8,000 FSA county committee members meet monthly at more than 2,300 FSA offices nationwide. Each committee consists of three to five members who serve three-year terms. Approximately one-third of county committee seats are up for election annually.

For more information, visit: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.



## Oh, deer!

Dalton Askew, age 19, shot this 19-point white tale buck on the Roach Ranch near Ashtola on November 19. The unofficial score on this rare buck is 197.

COURTESY PHOTO

## Suspect sought in church break-in

Authorities are on the lookout this week for a man suspected of breaking into the First Baptist Church in Clarendon Sunday night.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said church members had been decorating for Christmas and left the building between 8:30 and 9:00 p.m. Pastor Lance Wood then returned to his church office about 11 p.m.; and when he turned on the light, he discovered a man standing in his office. Wood quickly exited the building and called the sheriff's office.

Law enforcement personnel arrived quickly and searched the church and the area but could not find anyone, and nothing was found to be missing.

Blackburn said the suspect is described as a black male in his early 20s with pigment splotches on his face.

Anyone who has information or who might have seen something is asked to call the sheriff's office at 874-3533.

## Vandals hit CHS

The sheriff's office was also busy this week after vandalism was discovered at Clarendon High School Monday morning.

Blackburn was said a 16-year-old juvenile will face charges this week for spray painting graffiti inside the Clarendon High School Auditorium.

The subject, who attends CHS, was turned over to authorities by Principal Larry Jeffers.

"Mr. Jeffers really did the legwork on this case," Blackburn said.

Two other subjects from Canyon are believed to be involved with the case and will also be in court this Thursday.

## Local horse wins AQHA show award

AMARILLO - Salt Fork Cattle Co. of Clarendon earned a top-10 finish in Junior Working Cow Horse with Shine Happens, a 2005 Sorrel American Quarter Horse Stallion, during the FedEx Open Competition Show, held November 6-21 in Oklahoma City.

"The AQHA World Championship Show is the premier event for AQHA members," said Don Treadway, Jr., AQHA Executive Vice President. "Congratulations to Salt Fork Cattle Co. for achieving such a great honor with Shine Happens."

The AQHA World Championship Show is the largest, richest single-breed world championship horse show in existence with more than \$2.7 million awarded to 3,464 entries from 46 states, six Canadian provinces, and five foreign countries. To qualify for the invitational event, horses must have earned a predetermined number of points in AQHA-approved shows from August 1, 2008-July 31, 2009.

For more information about the AQHA World Championship Show, contact AQHA at 376-4811.



# Letters To Santa

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guest commentary

**Government works best out in public**

By Bill Hobby Op-Ed Piece

In Texas the law is clear. Governing bodies must conduct the people's business in public or else face some serious penalties.

This statute has protected the public and elected representatives alike for the past 42 years with a basic premise: public bodies should deliberate in public.

The days of making backroom good ol' boy deals in private are a thing of the past because the Texas Legislature outlawed it by passing the Open Meetings Act in 1967, and strengthening it in 1973 after the infamous "Sharpstown Scandal."

Yet, there are some serious and troubling attempts underway that could open the door for that very thing to occur. At least three Texas cities and the Texas Municipal League are endorsing a legal challenge in the courts that will render Texas' Open Meetings laws ineffective. TML, which is supported by your tax money in the form of membership fees, is urging more than 1,100 Texas cities to sign on to a federal lawsuit.

The details of the challenge are stated simply: These public officials claim the Texas Open Meetings Act unconstitutionally restricts their right of free speech under the First Amendment. Of course, they are free to say anything they wish to anyone they wish at any time they wish. However, when they are meeting as a quorum of a governmental body, they must say it in front of the public at an open meeting.

Even more importantly, the First Amendment cannot be a shield to prevent accountability of public officials but guarantees access to the workings of these governmental bodies just like it does to our courts.

TML wants criminal penalties such as jail time stripped from the law that has protected the public for more than four decades. They believe the current language is too punitive and argue "less restrictive penalties would not only continue to preserve the integrity of the Texas Open Meetings Act but would also recognize the fundamental right of city officials to free speech."

In other words, if public officials break the law in the future by conducting business in secret - i.e., "exercising their rights" to "free speech" behind closed doors, a slap on the wrist should be punishment enough.

It simply defies logic and apparently not all of TML's own members agree with this position. As reported in *The Brownsville Herald*, Nov. 21, 2009, TML board member and Mercedes Mayor Joel Quintanilla said, "Either I misunderstood the entire meeting or something is happening. The way I understood it, we all (board members) voted in favor of keeping the restrictive penalties, not lessening them."

Quintanilla went on to say, "We didn't want elected officials to get comfortable."

He's not the only one apparently confused by TML's action. Mercedes Commissioner Ruben Guajardo is also quoted as saying, "The consensus (of the TML Resolutions Committee) was that things were fine the way they were (with the Texas Open Meetings Act) and that trying to reinvent the wheel was not in the best interest of everyone involved."

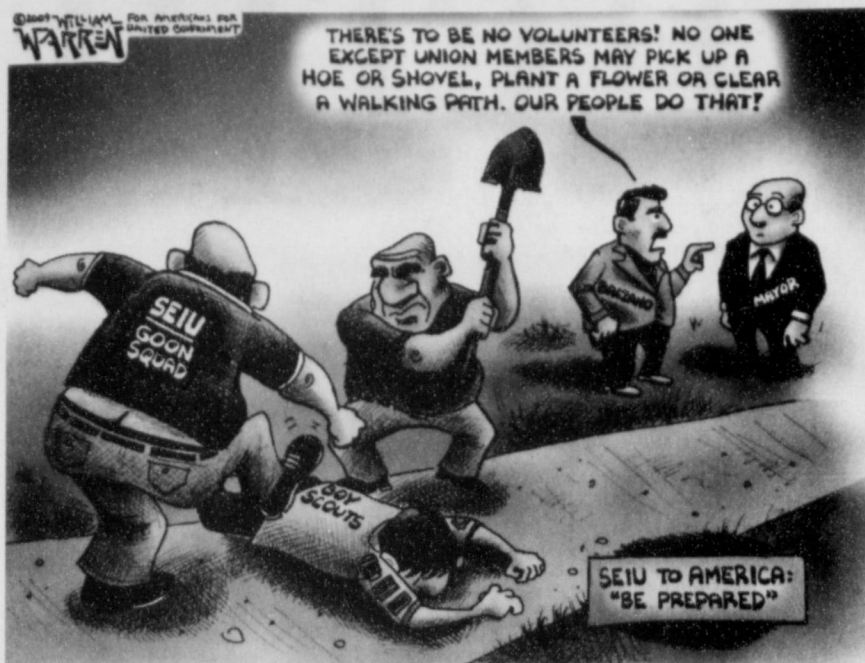
"We (the resolutions committee) felt that to change something (in the meetings act) was just not correct. It really wasn't right. The consensus was to leave the Texas Meetings Act the way it is."

I couldn't agree with Commissioner Guajardo or Mayor Quintanilla more. As a member of the public, I am left confused by what is happening and why. But I do know this. I don't want elected officials to get too comfortable either because I have seen firsthand what can happen if they do.

I hope you will join me in supporting the idea that the Open Meetings Act should be left intact and open government, without any strings attached, should continue to be the law in Texas. I also urge you to contact your city leaders and encourage them not to join in this effort that could weaken the Texas Open Meetings laws.

If clarifications are needed to address modern day changes such as electronic and digital communications, then they should be made at the statehouse - not city hall. And, at a minimum, you should point out to your public servants that any discussion on this or any other issue involving "free speech" should be debated in a public meeting instead of a rubber-stamp style vote to please Austin lobbyists.

Bill Hobby served as Texas lieutenant governor from 1973-91.



**Open government is fundamental**

By Fred B. Hartman

Open government is fundamental to our democratic system, and essential for elected officials to be responsible and accountable to the people they serve.

Otherwise, politicians would be able to conduct business in secret and our government would be more rife with corruption, cronyism, and scandals.

Yet, the Texas Municipal League, a lobbying organization funded by taxpayer dollars from its 1,100 member cities, is continually trying to chip away at the public's right to know.

On Oct. 23, TML passed a resolution offered by the City of Sugar Land that seeks to pass a law that provides "less restrictive penalties that balance the First Amendment right of government officials" who violate the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Simply put, they want to take the teeth out of the Open Meetings Act and make it ineffective.

The Open Meetings Act states that it's illegal if a member or members of a governmental body conspire to circumvent the law "by meeting in numbers less than a quorum for the purpose of secret deliberations."

An offense is punishable by a fine of \$100 to \$500 and/or confinement in

the county jail for one to six months.

The law's intent is to prevent government decisions from being made in secret. The penalties are necessary to prevent rogue elected officials from thumbing their nose at the statute. The reality is that there are only a handful of prosecutions under this statute, but the unspoken message is that it makes public officials mind their P's and Q's. If there is nothing to hide, why disrupt the status quo?

TML's resolution is disingenuous and duplicitous. It starts off by saying Texas cities support the Open Meetings Act, but its criminal penalties create an "unreasonable and possibly unconstitutional constraint on the ability of public officials to communicate with their colleagues regarding public matters outside of governmental meetings." This has never been a problem before, so why the sudden heartburn?

The resolution encourages "less restrictive penalties" that would preserve the integrity of the act and "recognize the fundamental right of city officials to free speech."

Stripping away the enforcement mechanism crucifies the integrity of the Act. TML is saying we need more government secrecy to protect free speech.

What tortured logic.

In the meantime, the cities of Alpine, Rockport, and Pflugerville aren't waiting on the Legislature. They're planning to file a lawsuit that seeks to declare the criminal penalties of the Open Meetings Act unconstitutional, and seeking other TML member cities to join in. This lawsuit is being paid for by taxpayer dollars as well - outrageous.

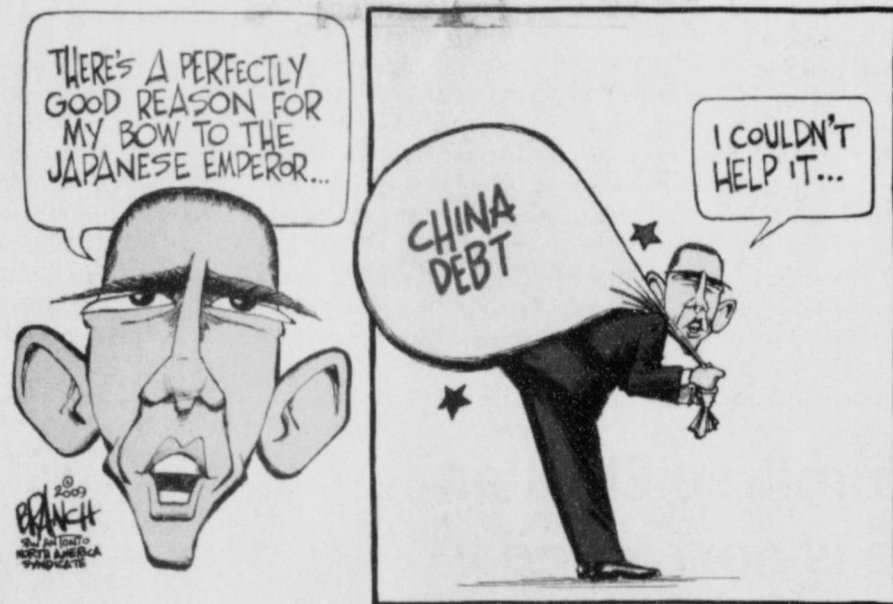
It stems from another lawsuit brought earlier this year, *Rangra v. Brown*, in which the Fifth Circuit Court of appeals dismissed a challenge to the Open Meetings Act.

Passed in 1973 after the infamous Sharpstown scandal, the Open Meetings Act has been successful in allowing more sun to shine on state and local government.

It would be a giant step backward for the courts or Legislature to weaken the act. What are the people at TML afraid of, anyway?

A government of the people, for the people and by the people must do business in the open, not under the cover of darkness.

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**Whatever happened to 'do no harm'?**

By Michael D. Tanner

Back when he was running for president, Barack Obama promised that health-care reform would save the average family \$2,500 per year. That promise has long since been abandoned, but one might still expect that health-care reform won't leave the average American worse off.

Increasingly, it looks like that won't be the case. On Monday the Congressional Budget Office released a new report showing the Senate health bill would actually increase premiums by 10-13 percent for the millions of Americans who buy their insurance on their own. Those increases are over and above the increases that would occur if we did nothing. Today, an average insurance policy can cost about \$2,985 for an individual or \$6,328 for a family. Without reform, that cost is expected to rise to \$5,500 for an individual or \$13,100 for a family by 2016. But under the Senate bill, those premiums will increase to \$5,800 for an individual worker and \$15,200 for a family plan. In other words, the Senate bill would cost a typical family an extra \$2,100.

According to the CBO, those with employer-provided plans won't necessarily be paying more under the Senate bill, but they certainly won't be paying less, either. And even here, the bill will do nothing to restrain growing costs. Whether or not the bill passes, premiums for employer-provided family plans are expected to roughly double for small businesses by 2016.

This comes on top of the tax

increases contained in the bill. The Senate bill, for instance, has at least 15 new or increased taxes totaling more than \$493 billion. Those taxes include an increase in the payroll tax for individuals earning more than \$200,000 per year, a 5 percent tax on cosmetic surgery, taxes on health-care providers and medical-device manufacturers, and a 40 percent excise tax on so-called "Cadillac" insurance plans — that is, insurance plans that the government considers too generous. According to CBO, roughly 19 percent of workers would initially find their plans subject to the tax. However, because the tax threshold (plans with value in excess of \$8,500 for an individual or \$23,000 for a family) is set to increase at a rate slower than medical inflation, as time goes by more and more middle-class workers will be hit by it.

Americans will pay more in still other ways. The Senate bill would require everyone to buy insurance plans that meet government-designed minimum requirements. This will force some people who are happy with their insurance to switch to more expensive plans, and failure to comply brings a penalty of up to \$6,750 for a family of four.

Another provision would mandate that employers provide insurance to their workers. If they fail to do so, and if even a single worker qualifies for federal subsidies, the employer could be fined up to \$750 per employee. The CBO estimates that those penalties will amount to more than \$28 billion. Unemployment is now 10.2 percent, and the Senate bill will make it more costly to hire workers.

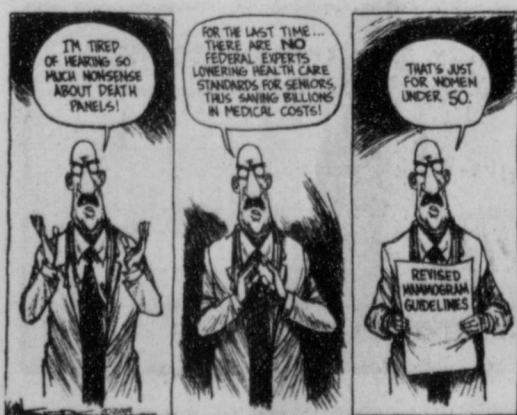
And because the penalty only applies in the case of subsidy-eligible workers, it is low-wage and unskilled workers who will suffer the most.

An earlier CBO report called into question claims that the Senate bill would reduce future budget deficits. Although CBO "scored" the bill as reducing the deficit by \$127 billion over the next ten years (which is about \$50 billion less than the deficit the government ran last month alone), even that tiny savings depends on budget gimmicks and the willingness of future Congresses to make huge cuts in Medicare spending. Any wagers on the chances of that actually happening?

In fact, the CBO warned that it will be "difficult" to achieve the predicted savings. The reality is that the bill will likely end up adding to our already unsustainable debt.

President Obama is fond of saying that "we can't afford to do nothing" on health-care reform. Of course, no one really proposes doing nothing. Opponents of the proposed reforms actually support a wide range of alternatives that build on free markets and consumer control to reduce costs. Some of those reforms have been "scored" as substantially reducing premiums and avoiding new taxes.

Still, given the higher taxes, greater debt and, now, higher premiums under this bill, even "nothing" is looking better all the time. Michael Tanner is a senior fellow at the Cato Institute and coauthor of *Healthy Competition: What's Holding Back Health Care and How to Free It*.



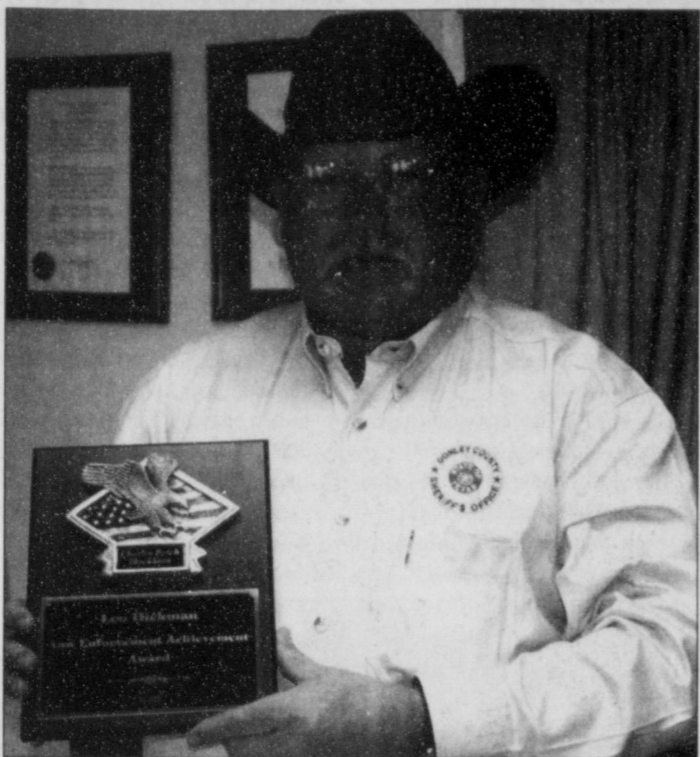
### Blackburn receives Leo Hickman Award

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn was named the 2009 recipient of the Leo Hickman Award on November 18.

Two Hickman awards, which are named for retired Texas Ranger Leo Hickman, are given annually – one to an experienced lawman and the other to a young, up-and-coming lawman. Law enforcement personnel throughout the 100th Judicial District make nominations for the awards, and the winners are selected by Hickman and the previous year's recipients.

Blackburn received the award for the experienced lawman who has been successful and helped younger lawmen learn the ropes. The newcomer's award this year went to Scotty Morgan, a Collingsworth County Deputy.

The first Hickman awards were handed out in 2007 and were given to Donley County Chief Deputy Randy Bond and then Panhandle Police Officer Tanner Blackburn. Last year's recipients were Collingsworth County Sheriff Joe Stewart and Donley County Deputy James O'Malley.



Sheriff Butch Blackburn

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Mon	24	72°	33°	
Tues	25	56°	21°	
Wed	26	60°	28°	
Thur	27	70°	37°	
Fri	28	75°	43°	
Sat	29	77°	39°	
Sun	30	41°	25°	

Total precipitation this month: 0.05"  
Total precipitation to date: 15.48"  
Total precipitation in Nov. last year: 1.37"  
Total YTD last year: 10.55"

**weekend forecast**

Friday, Dec. 4  
Pt. Cloudy  
40°/20°

Saturday, Dec. 5  
Pt. Cloudy  
46°/26°

Sunday, Dec. 6  
Pt. Cloudy  
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**December 1**  
JV Broncos & Lady Broncos v. Paducah • 5 p.m. • Bronco & Colt Gym

Lady Broncos v. Paducah • 6:30 p.m. • Bronco Gym

Broncos v. Paducah • 8 p.m. • Bronco Gym

**December 3-5**  
Broncos at River Road Tournament • in Amarillo • TBA

Lady Broncos at Nazareth Tournament • in Nazareth • TBA

**December 4**  
Pancake Supper • Hedley Senior Citizens • 5 p.m.

**December 5**  
Museum Christmas Party • 7 p.m. • Clarendon Community Center

**December 6**  
Howardwick Lighting at the Park • 7:15 p.m.

**December 8**  
Lady Broncos v. Perryton • 6 p.m. • in Perryton

Broncos v. Perryton • 7:30 p.m. • in Perryton

**December 9**  
Hedley's Old Fashioned Christmas • Main Street • 6 p.m.

**December 10**  
Destination Donley County Tourism Group Chili Cook-Off • During Late Night Shopping

**December 17**  
Destination Donley County Tourism Group Ginger Bread Competition • During Late Night Shopping

## Menus

December 7-11

**Donley County Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Steak fingers/gravy, tator tots, macaroni & tomatoes, apple crisp, wheat rolls  
Tue: Beef stew with veggies, cheese sticks, pears & cottage cheese, strawberry jello, cornbread  
Wed: King Ranch chicken, fried okra, purple plums, cheese cake, rolls  
Thu: Rib-eye steak, mashed potato/gravy, corn, orange mandarin salad, carrot cake, biscuits  
Fri: Pinto beans/ham, potato wedges, cole slaw, cookies, cornbread

**Hedley Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Liver and onions, mashed potatoes, green beans, pear & cottage cheese, apricot halves  
Tue: Chili and beans, onion rings, spinach, tossed salad, peaches & strawberries, corn bread  
Wed: Cheeseburger and corn dogs, French fries, lettuce, tomato, onion, cobbler, bun  
Thu: Steak and gravy, baked potatoes, steamed broccoli, carrot/raisin salad, bread pudding, roll  
Fri: Beef stew, potatoes, carrots, onion, tomatoes, fried green beans, macaroni salad, pudding, cornbread

**Clarendon CISD**  
Breakfast  
Mon: Cereal, wheat toast, fruit, milk.  
Tue: Sausage, biscuit, fruit, milk.  
Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk.  
Thu: Egg, wheat toast, fruit, milk.  
Fri: Cinnamon roll, juice, milk.  
Lunch  
Mon: Hotdog, baked beans, chips, sparkly apples, milk  
Tue: Chicken enchilada, casserole, refried beans, salad, cinnamon-apples, milk  
Wed: Teriyaki chicken, rice pilaf, mixed veggies, pineapple, roll, milk  
Thu: Taco salad, corn, carrot sticks, brownie, milk  
Fri: Hamburger with cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle, tater tots, cobbler, milk

**Hedley CISD**  
Mon: Pizza, spaghetti, corn, salad, fruit, milk.  
Tue: Chili cheese dogs, frito pie, chili beans, salad, fruit, milk  
Wed: Salisbury steak, chicken nuggets, potato/gravy, green beans, rolls, milk.  
Thu: Pizza, chicken & rice, peas & carrots, salad, fruit, milk  
Fri: Cheeseburger, fries, salad, fruit, cookies, milk

## Party to honor the First Lady of Howardwick

The weather cooperated and Thanksgiving was nice, the food was delicious, and visiting with family was the best. Mother Nature decided it was time for winter weather and dumped snow over the Panhandle except Howardwick. If you saw pictures of snow on the news, let me tell you it passed us by (again). Rain/snow is in the forecast for later in the week; and since this is coming from the south, we may be hit.

I do love snow and wish we could have a big storm, but I also wish all the cotton could be out of the fields when that happens. The Nativity and other park decorations

have not been put up yet because of illness gripping Howardwick. Plans are to work either Wednesday or Thursday, but the weather may make us postpone the lighting. The plans are to have the lighting Sunday at 7:15 p.m. at the park followed by cookies, cocoa, and carols at City Hall. If the lighting is postponed, a notice will be posted at City Hall.

A big party is planned December 26 to celebrate the birthday of the First Lady of Howardwick, Cora Bland, who will be 90. Howardwick was started in the late 1960s as a resort area when Greenbelt Lake was constructed. Cora and Henry

Bland began building their home on Dana Drive in 1969, sustained some damage to the home during the tornado of 1970 that killed 14, but kept the faith.

They retired from chicken farming in Dickens County and moved into the community in 1971. She is a founding member of the Howardwick Baptist Church, watched the

construction of the church, served as treasurer until a few years ago, and remains a very active church member. Cora didn't neglect her civic duties either. She served as judge or clerk on many election days and could always be relied on for a dish at any function. Do you want to know something about Howardwick? Just ask Cora.

Cora's children, Kelly, Cherry, Donald, and Judy invite everyone to her birthday party December 26, 2009, from 2-4 p.m. at Howardwick Baptist Church. No gifts, cards only please. Mark your calendar and call 874-3719 if you plan to attend.



**'wick picks**  
by Peggy Cockerham  
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## Fall semester winding down

The semester is winding down at Clarendon College.

Graduation for the vocational nursing department will be held this Friday night at 7 p.m. in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center Auditorium.

The Cosmetology department will host graduation exercises for the 2009 class on Saturday, December 5, at 6 p.m. at the Pampa Center.

A complete listing of these graduates will be released next week.

Final exams start this Thursday and wrap up next Thursday, December 10. The dorms close on Friday, December 11.

The basketball games against Lubbock Christian JV originally scheduled for Tuesday, December 1, for both men and women, were cancelled due to inclement weather. The women's game scheduled for Thursday, December 4 against Cisco has also been cancelled.

The men's basketball team is planning to play New Mexico Junior College at home at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2.

The Clarendon College Men's and Women's basketball teams are sponsoring a food drive this semester at all home games. The proceeds from the drive will benefit the

First Baptist Church food pantry. Collection boxes will be set up at Lowe's, Clarendon Outpost, and in the Dawg House during all home basketball games. Food can also be given to Coach Tony Starnes at the college. If you have any questions please call 806-874-4833.

The student Christmas banquet will be held on Thursday, December 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the BAC.

Late Night Breakfast will be held on Monday, December 7, from 9 to 10:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

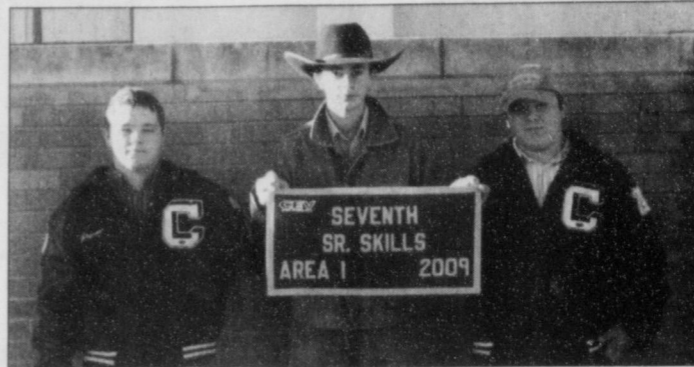
Coffee Memorial Blood Center will be on campus Tuesday, December 8, for a blood drive from 2 to 6 p.m. in the BAC.

A list of the courses being offered for the winter and spring sessions can be found on our website at [www.clarendoncollege.edu](http://www.clarendoncollege.edu).

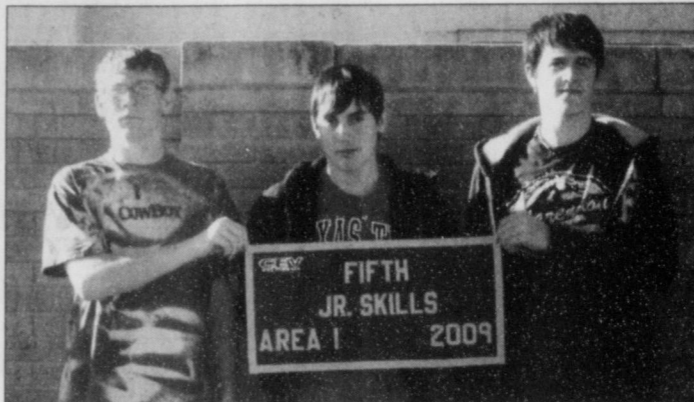
The college will close for the Christmas holiday on Friday, December 18, and will reopen Monday, January 4.



**happenings on the hill**  
by Ashley Estlack,  
CC marketing coordinator



**THE CLARENDON FFA** competed at the Area I Leadership Development Events at West Texas A&M University on November 21. Senior Skills team placed seventh and qualified. They are Jayson Pigg, Brady Clark, and Jacob Pigg.



**THE CLARENDON FFA** competed at the Area I Leadership Development Events at West Texas A&M University on November 21. Junior Skills team placed fifth. They are JD Baxter, Lee Cook, and Cole Ward.

## Fill out your Christmas reading list

Before discussing inspiring Christmas selections, I have additional good news.

Friends of the Library are planning a publication of Donley County recipes in the near future. We all know of the talented "cooks" in our community. It is hoped that all of you will share some of your delicious recipes by allowing them to be published. If you agree, please leave your recipe at Burton Memorial Library. Thanks. You will continue to be informed about progress of the publication.

While deciding on special holiday library books to delight children, why not include a library treat for yourself?

Thomas J. Davis' *The Christmas Quilt* takes place in North Georgia Mountains. According to the author, the plot and main character are fictional. Many things that provide atmosphere are not. The book is an account of seven months in the lives of a hard-working family with a deep capacity for love. A special quilt is created for a special son. It is the "story of a gift from the heart that embodies true spirit of what it means to be a family."

Mary Higgins Clark offers mystery writings taking place during the Christmas season. Clark's *Silent Night* demonstrates the power of

love through a child's courage and faith. After seeing a woman steal his mother's wallet, he "impulsively follows the woman into the city's subway, thereby, beginning a journey that will threaten his life and change that of his mother and of the thief as well. Written with warmth, yet set against a background of thrilling suspense, the book is about courage in the face of adversity and about faith renewed and rewarded.

Clark and her daughter, Carol Higgins Clark, combine talents in another suspenseful novel entitled *Deck the Halls*. A "kidnapping played against a holiday setting." Their newest combined writing is *He Sees You While You're Sleeping*, a delightful warmhearted tale of perseverance, redemption, and love."

*The Bear Who Slept Through Christmas* by John Barrett will enchant you as you follow Ted E. Bear's experience in searching for Christmas. Thinking that Christmas is a place, he keeps looking for it until a kind gentleman in red explains that Christmas is a way of giving, sharing, and loving. The little

bear, surprised that Christmas is not a place, tries to understand the gentleman's explanation that it is a place in his heart. He does find Christmas. How? You'll be happily surprised with the ending.

*Christmas Tails* by Robert K. Leeds relates a beautifully illustrated poetical story of a Christmas when all of Santa's reindeer became ill. How ill he deliver toys? He only has his dog, Snuggles.

If your children have close relatives serving in the military. *Love Lizzie - Letters to a Military Mom* by Lisa Tucker McElroy, might be an excellent reading source. Accompanied by attractive, cleverly "hand drawn" illustrations, Lizzie's letters, possibly printed in the same manner of your child's printing encourage lessons such as "although parents might be serving overseas, they are always remembering and loving their children and family."

Jane O'Conner has written a series entitled *I Can Read* which was planned, not only to present charming stories, but to encourage love of reading in your children. Three of the series, "Pajama Day," "The Show Must Go On;" and "A Dazzling Book Report" relate entertaining experiences of Fancy Nancy, the main character.

Why not check it out?



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**Obituaries**

**Adams**

**Billy Bob Adams**, 77, died Monday, November 23, 2009, Alanreed, Texas.



Adams

Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 25, 2009 at the Alanreed Cemetery with Sam Line, Minister of the Church of Christ in Groom, officiating. Interment was held at Alanreed Cemetery in Alanreed. Services were under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Billy Bob was born September 27, 1932. He and Jeannie Hall Adams were married 57 years. Billy Bob served in the United States Marine Corp and then completed his Bachelor Degree and Masters Degree in Education at WTSU (WTAMU). He was a talented educator being a teacher, coach, principal, and superintendent in several of the area schools. He served as Tax Assessor/Collector, and also served as a Trustee on the Alanreed Cemetery Board. After retiring, he continued his education and became a Certified Master Appraiser. Billy Bob was a devoted, loving husband and father. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Bernice Adams, and his brother, Raymond Adams.

Billy Bob will forever be remembered by his loving wife Jeannie, his daughter Rebecca Simmons and her husband Mark, two granddaughters Natasha and Lexi Simmons of Alanreed, two brothers William and Donald Adams, and a large extended family and friends.

The family request memorials be to Hospice, PO Box 950, Amarillo, Texas 79105 or Alanreed Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box B, Alanreed, Texas 79002.

**Paciorek**

A mass of Christian burial for Stanley Walter Paciorek, 85, of Clinton, Okla., was held on Wednesday, November 25, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Clinton.

Paciorek died Sunday, November 22, 2009, at Integris Clinton Regional Hospital. He was born November 13, 1924, in Albany, NY, the 2nd of four sons born to Polish immigrants Michael and Agnes Paciorek.

Reared in Clio, MI, after graduating from high school, he joined the US Navy at Great Lakes, IL. He met and married Mary Villarreal while stationed at the Clinton Naval Air Station in Burns Flat, OK, in 1943. They soon were transferred to Northfolk, Virginia, where he served on the rescue craft, *USS Lake Champlain* before being honorably discharged as a gunner's mate 2nd class in December of 1945.

He and his wife then moved to Clio, MI, where they lived for four years before returning to Clinton where he took a job with the Singer Sewing Machine Co. In 1952 he began working as a lineman for Southwestern Bell. He received teletype training and continued his service with the company for 32 years before retiring in 1984. After his wife retired in 1987, they began traveling and eventually purchased a mobile home in Harlingen where they happily spent their winters.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a brother, Steve; and eldest daughter, Roseanne Engel.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Mary, of Clinton; children Dianne McKinney and husband Cecil of Clinton, Mike Paciorek and wife Suzzy of Lula, OK, and Joanne

Wright and husband Marc of Piedmont, OK, Stan Paciorek of Elk City, OK; Marianne Rattan of Clarendon; 11 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; and two brothers, Frank and Joe, of Clio, MI.

**Nelson**

James Marion Nelson, 79, died November 29, 2009, in Clarendon.

Friends are invited to come by 617 Gorst Street in Clarendon to share their remembrances. There will be no formal services. Cremation and arrangements were by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mr. Nelson was born September 20, 1930, in Antioch, Oklahoma to Crawford Champion and Myrtle Grimes Nelson. He married Sarah Gentry on June 28, 1987, in Amarillo. He had been a resident of Clarendon since 1993. He was an avid hunter and was very active in square dancing. He loved being a pilot, flying, and working on aircraft.

His other hobbies include wood working and working in the yard. He enjoyed his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren and was the best girl daddy you would ever find.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Vicki Nelson Douglas; a grandson, and a granddaughter.

He was survived by his wife, Sarah Nelson of Clarendon; two daughters, Cheryl Nelson Robinson and husband J.R. of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Elizabeth Nelson Jennings of Denham Springs, LA; a step son, Bud Barber and wife Samara of Friendswood; two step daughters, Kelly Beavers and husband David and Tracy Barber all of Amarillo; a son in law, Joseph R. Douglas of Denham Springs, LA; a brother, Farris Nelson of Hobbs, NM; eight grandsons, eight granddaughters, and 12 great grandchildren.

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# Broncos start out strong on court

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos have had barely enough time to trade their cleats for basketball shoes, but were ready to go when they traveled to Highland Park Tuesday, November 24 to take on the Hornets in the season opener.

After trailing in the first quarter, the Broncos put their game together and left Highland Park with a 54-45 victory.

Three Broncos finished in double figures to lead their team

to the win. Seniors Tré Brown and Stephino McCampbell pumped in 16 points each while junior Johnny Gaines helped with 10. After a three-point deficit after one, the Broncos refined their offense to take a four-point lead into the break.

The second half belonged to Clarendon, and they cruised to the nine-point win.

"We didn't really have a lot of practice time, but the kids remembered a lot from last year and the

summer," Coley said. "A lot of them were still kind of beat up from football, and I was just really proud of the way they went out and competed. I think our depth really wore them down towards the end of the game and it allowed us to go ahead and pull it out."

The Broncos definitely put in a team effort in the win.

"We had a lot of kids contribute in lots of different ways," Coley said. "We have a long way to go; but

with the way these guys work, we'll get there."

Scoring: Brown 16, McCampbell 16, Gaines 10, Justin Shillings 5, Dylan Wright 4, Brayden Phillips 2, and Josh Krumwiede 1. Also playing for the Broncos: Chris Crump, Mike Crump, Matt Henderson, Forrest Yelverton, Glenn Weatherton, and Jadon Thornton.

The Broncos will play in the Nazareth Tournament December 3-5 and travel to Perryton December 8.

## Several CHS athletes are All-District

By Sandy Anderberg

Senior quarterback Westin Williams from Wellington was unanimously named the Offensive most valuable player in the All-District Team announced by the participating coaches, and Terry Menefield from Wheeler was named the Defensive MVP also unanimously.

The first team quarterback named to the team was Wellington's Menefield.

Mike Crump from Clarendon, Roderick Woodard (Quanah), Prentice Coffee (Wellington), and Mike Gaines (Wheeler) were unanimously named to the running back position and first team tight end honors went to Sean Shipman from Wellington. Frankie Ramirez (Wheeler) was named as the first team center and Brayden Phillips (Clarendon) and Jacob Weatherly (Wellington) were named as first team wide receivers.

The first team offensive line included Bronco Tre Brown, Lane Taylor (Wellington), Blaine Stephens (Wellington), and Dustin Ross (Quanah). First team kicker was Terry Menefield (Wheeler) and punter was Johnny Gaines (Clarendon). Aaron Gaines (Wheeler) and Sean Shipman (Wellington) were named as defensive ends. Defensive tackles named to the list were Tre Brown (Clarendon), Lee Tolbert (Clarendon), Frankie Ramirez (Wheeler), Trevor Marshall (Wheeler), Kelvin Wynn (Wellington), and Blaine Stephens (Wellington). Mike Crump (Clarendon), Layne Taylor (Wellington), Matt Needham (Wellington), Roderick Woodard (Quanah), and Mike Gaines (Wheeler) were named to the first team as line backers. Johnny Gaines was named as a defensive back as was Westin Williams (Wellington), Jorge Poras (Wheeler), Johnny Venzor (Wheeler), and Matt Cummings (Wellington).

Second team honorees were also selected. Quarterback: Johnny Gaines; Running back: Chris Crump (Clarendon), Jorge Poras (Wheeler), Casey Quisenberry (Quanah), Micheal Henderson (Memphis); tight end: Brock Sabbe (Wheeler); Center: Matt Needham (Wellington); offensive line: Jacob Pigg (Clarendon), Jeremy Horton (Wheeler), Anthony Moralez (Wellington), Jared Casas (Memphis), Jonathan Engles (Wheeler); wide receiver: Josh Krumwiede (Clarendon), Matt Cummings (Wellington), Juan Rodriguez (Memphis), Garrett Betts (Quanah); kicker: Colby Braughton (Clarendon), Casey Quisenberry (Quanah); punter: Mike Gaines (Wheeler); defensive ends: Jared Casas (Memphis), Gerardo Diaz (Wheeler); defensive tackles: David Roberts (Clarendon), Hayden Morris (Wellington), Casey Quisenberry (Quanah); line backers: Stephino McCampbell (Clarendon), Dylann Wright (Clarendon), Brock Sabbe (Wheeler), Tony Lopez (Quanah); defensive backs: Robert Lewis (Wheeler), Trae Hendrix (Quanah), Tyson Marsh (Quanah), Wallace Johnson (Memphis), Prentice Coffee (Wellington).

Head coach Gary Jack and the Bronco coaching staff also named several Honorable Mentions for this season. Offense: Stephino McCampbell, R.J. Nino, Ryan Hill, Bradley Watson, Matt Henderson, Dylann Wright, David Roberts, Wes Williams, and Lee Tolbert. Defense: Glenn Weatherton, Brayden Phillips, Bradley Watson, Charleston Harris, Chris Crump, Jadon Thornton, and Jacob Pigg.

## Lady Broncos fall short to HP

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos struggled against a good Highland Park team on the road last Tuesday night on the road and were defeated 41-62.

The first quarter of play was fairly even with the ladies only trailing by four, but the next two proved detrimental for the Lady Broncos. The ladies began to put their game back together in the final period of play, but time was not on their side and they took the loss.

"I thought we came out play-

ing well, but then we hit a period where we didn't execute," coach Randy Yelverton said.

"We gave them some three's which was a concern. Highland Park is so big inside, and they shoot well from the outside that we tried to defend both. The second half we played a lot better, and then in the fourth quarter we really showed some spark."

Yelverton went on to say that the Lady Broncos' small size put them in foul trouble.

"I like the way our kids didn't give up," Yelverton said. "They hung in there and competed until the end."

Scoring: Haley Hall 11, Jentry Shadle 11, Lauren Shelton 5, Danielle Ford 4, Trevela Dronzek 4, Lydia Howard 2, Kia Bryley 2, Elissa Holland 1, and Deidre Lewis 1.

The Lady Broncos will play in the River Road Tournament December 3-5 and go to Perryton December 8.

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## Drugs in the News

### Cholesterol-Lowering Drugs May Reduce Gallstones

According to a new study, statin-type cholesterol-lowering drugs, when used long term, appear to reduce the incidence of gallstone formation and possibly the need for gallbladder surgery. Results of the study appeared in a recent issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association. Researchers associated with the study report that protection appears to increase the longer these drugs are continued.

The gallbladder is a small sac-like organ located just below the liver. It contains bile, a liquid involved with the digestion of fats. Stones or pellets can form when the bile contains too much cholesterol. The majority of gallstones are made up of hardened cholesterol. If enough stones accumulate, they can block the flow of bile from the liver. If they do not cause abdominal pain, they are called "silent stones". However, many people have pain in the upper right abdomen, in the back between the shoulder blades, or under the right shoulder. If blockage of the bile duct continues, infection may result. Surgical removal of the gallbladder may become necessary.



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# Bronco & Lady Bronco Basketball

**Dec. 3 - 5**

**River Road Tournament Varsity Girls At River Road, TBA**

**Tuesday, December 8**

**Lady Broncos v. Perryton in Perryton, 6:00 p.m.**

**Broncos v. Perryton in Perryton, 7:30 p.m.**

**Dec. 3 - 5**

**Nazareth Tournament Varsity Boys In Nazareth, TBA**

**Dec. 3 - 5**

**Highland Park Tournament JV Boys & Girls At Highland Park, TBA**

### Lady Broncos

- 3 Jentry Shadle Fr.
- 10 Jill Luna Sr.
- 11 Danielle Ford Jr.
- 12 Kia Bryley Sr.
- 12 Lydia Howard Fr.
- 20 Lauren Shelton Sr.
- 23 Haley Hall Sr.
- 24 Trevela Dronzek So.
- 25 Dominique Mason Sr.
- 33 Caityn Christopher Sr.
- 40 Deidre Lewis Sr.
- 44 Elissa Holland Sr.

Head Coach: Randy Yelverton  
Assistants: Kasey Bell & Shauna Shelton  
Managers: Teshia Trevino, Kylie Phillips & Lora Thornton  
Superintendent: Mony Hysinger

### Broncos

- 2 Glen Weatherton Sr.
- 3 Josh Krumwiede Sr.
- 5 Matt Henderson Sr.
- 10 Justin Shillings Jr.
- 12 Johnny Gaines Jr.
- 15 Brayden Phillips Jr.
- 21 Stephino McCampbell Sr.
- 24 Forrest Yelverton Fr.
- 25 Chris Crump Jr.
- 32 Mike Crump Jr.
- 33 Jadon Thornton Sr.
- 42 Dylan Wright Sr.
- 50 Tre Brown Sr.

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## Lady Bronco JV stays gets solid win over HP

The Lady Bronco junior varsity put four strong quarters together and easily defeated the Lady Hornets 40-16 on the road Tuesday night.

Clarendon jumped out to gain the early momentum and quickly put their opponent away. They led by 18 points at the end of the third period and increased that lead in the fourth.

"The girls did a great job against Highland Park," coach Kasey Bell said. "They executed offensively very well and seemed to begin to gel as a team and work well together. I was pleased with the teamwork they displayed."

Scoring: McKayla Cartwright 13, Brooklyn Bailey 6, Amber Keelin 5, Ashlyn Tubbs 4, Cheyenne Kosechata 4, Maci White 4, Jency Burton 2, and Anna Ceniceros 2.

The ladies will play in the Highland Park Tournament December 3-5 and will play Perryton December 8.

### Bronco JV kicks off season with huge win

The Bronco junior varsity made the transition from football to basketball look easy as they got a big win over Highland Park on the road last Tuesday night.

They fought hard and took the 58-33 win over the Hornets. Three players finished in double figures to lead their team to the win, and several players contributed on both ends of the court. Adam Topper led all scorers with 19, and Cole Ward

pumped in 14 from the inside. Wes Williams added 10 points in the win.

"The guys made the change from football to basketball really well," coach Alton Gaines said. "They only had a little time in practice, but focused well and took care of business on the court. It was a good start for us."

Scoring: Topper 19, Ward 14, Williams 10, Diego Santos 7, Cody Wood 4, Monty Holland 2, and Tanner Burch 2. Also playing for the Broncos are Jordan Luna and Jonah Sell.

The Broncos will play in the Highland Park Tournament December 3-5 and will play Perryton December 8.

### Lady Colts defeat Memphis Whirlwinds

The 8th grade Lady Colts quickly established their dominance in their 47-13 win over Memphis at home Monday night to go 2-0 for the year.

The ladies jumped out to an early eight-point lead in the first quarter while holding Memphis scoreless and were never challenged throughout. A big run in the second quarter of play helped to seal the game early, and the ladies were able to cruise in the second half of play.

"I thought our 8th grade girls started off a little slow, but then we got into a rhythm and played really well," coach Randy Yelverton said.

"I was pleased with the pressure we put on Memphis on defense, but on offense we need to make our shots. I thought we missed too many shots under the basket, but overall I was extremely pleased with the way our kids played."

Scoring: Jacy Hill 12, Camra Smith 10, Savannah Topper 7, Deborah Howard 6, Ryann Starnes 4, Audra Thomas 4, Phara Berry 2, and Glory Bryley 2.

The seventh grade Lady Colts played hard, but fell short 5-31 against Memphis.

The ladies fell behind early, and could never find their offense against the Lady Whirlwinds.

"Memphis was a tough team and our girls played hard, but we still have a lot to work on," said coach Shanna Shelton.

Scoring: Taylor Gaines 3 and Skyler White 2.

The ladies will play Shamrock on the road December 7 and take on Wheeler at home December 14 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

### Colts beat Memphis

The 7th grade Colts zeroed in on the Whirlwinds' offense and stopped them 35-21 at home Monday night. The win was the first for the Colts and are at 1-1 for the year.

Charles Mason led his team to the win with 20 points. Offensively, the Colts put their game together and were tough on their opponent defensively.

"The 7th graders rebounded nicely from their opening game and got a good win," coach Clint Coley said. "Charles Mason was a spark plug for us defensively and our press really hurt them. We were able to get some easy baskets."

Scoring: Mason 20, Ashton Smith 8, Zach Laroe 5, and Cedric McCampbell 2. The eighth grade Colts fought hard, but was defeated 34-43. Things were all even in the first quarter, but Memphis took control in the second and outscored the Colts by 13 points. After playing them even after the break, the Colts rebounded in the final period but could not make up the difference.

"The 8th graders played extremely hard, but came up short," Coley said. "We played much better the second half as our press allowed us to get back in the game. We don't have a lot of depth so that might have hurt us here early. We are not quite in basketball shape yet, but we'll get there."

Scoring: Tres Hommel 10, Terance Wilson 10, Cody Harjo 9, and Chance McAnear 5.

Both Colt teams will play Shamrock on the road December 7 and play Wheeler at home December 14 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

### Enterprise Deadlines

News & Photos: Monday noon  
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### the lion's tale

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting December 1, 2009, with Boss Lion Chuck Robertson in charge.

We had 16 members and two guests this week - CHS Coaches Randy Yelverton and Clint Coley, who presented our program.

Both coaches invited the public out to see the local basketball teams this season. Coach Yelverton said the varsity girls are working hard and doing very well despite the challenge of facing teams who seem to be "four to six feet" taller than they are. Coach Coley said the boys' team is hoping to translate success in football to success in basketball. They will begin tournament play soon and are working with a new "gun" that shoots balls during practice.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

### Angel Tree to begin taking nominations

The Panhandle Community Services Annual Tree Project is now underway.

From December 1 to 15, interested citizens of Donley County may come choose their angel or give a donation to help with the purchase of gifts. The gifts need to be wrapped and brought back to Panhandle Community Services on or before December 15.

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Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.

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Rev. Rob Seale  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening: 7 p.m.  
Wednesday: 7 p.m.

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300 S. Carhart • 874-2495  
Minister: Chris Moore  
Sun. Bible Class: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.

**Church of Nazarene**  
209 S. Hawley • 874-2321  
Pastor: Bill Hodges  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Service: 10:30 p.m.  
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: 7 p.m.

**Community Fellowship Church**  
12148 F.M. 2162 • 874-0963  
Pastor: Larry Capenica  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening: 5 p.m.

**First Christian Church**  
120 E. Third Street • 874-3212  
Sunday Service: 11:00 a.m.

**First Assembly of God**  
4th St. & Hwy. 70 South  
Pastor: Matthew Stidham  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

**Clarendon**

Sunday Service: 10:40 a.m.  
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.  
Wed. Youth Service: 6:15 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

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Rev. Lance Wood  
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Sunday Service: 10:55 a.m.  
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. GA & Team Kid Ministry  
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**First Presbyterian Church**  
Fourth & Parks • 874-9269  
Pastor: Rev. Robin Gantz  
Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Service: 11:00 a.m.

**First United Methodist Church**  
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Pastor: Jerry Lowe  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday: 8:30, 10:50 a.m.

**Jesus Name Apostolic Church**  
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Rev. Calvin Burrow  
Sunday Services: 3 p.m.  
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.

**Clarendon Family Christian Center Church**  
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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.

**Hedley**

**First Methodist Church**  
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Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.

**First Baptist Church**  
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Pastor: Bruce Howard  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: 7 p.m.

**Howardwick**

**First Baptist Church**  
222 Sherwood Blvd. 874-3326  
Reverend: Dave Stout  
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Sunday Service: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.  
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**Martin**

**Martin Baptist Church**  
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Pastor: Darrell Burton  
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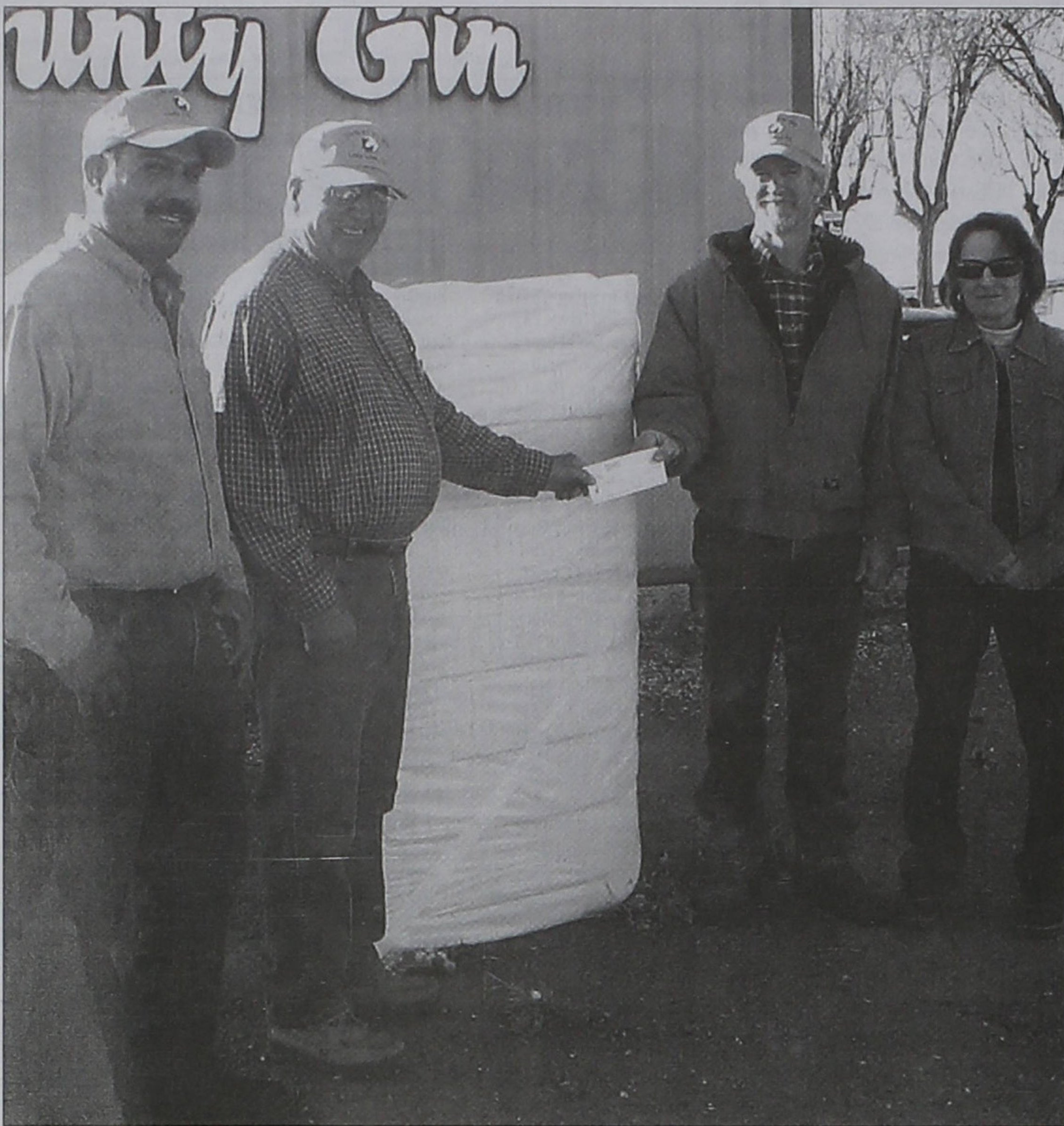
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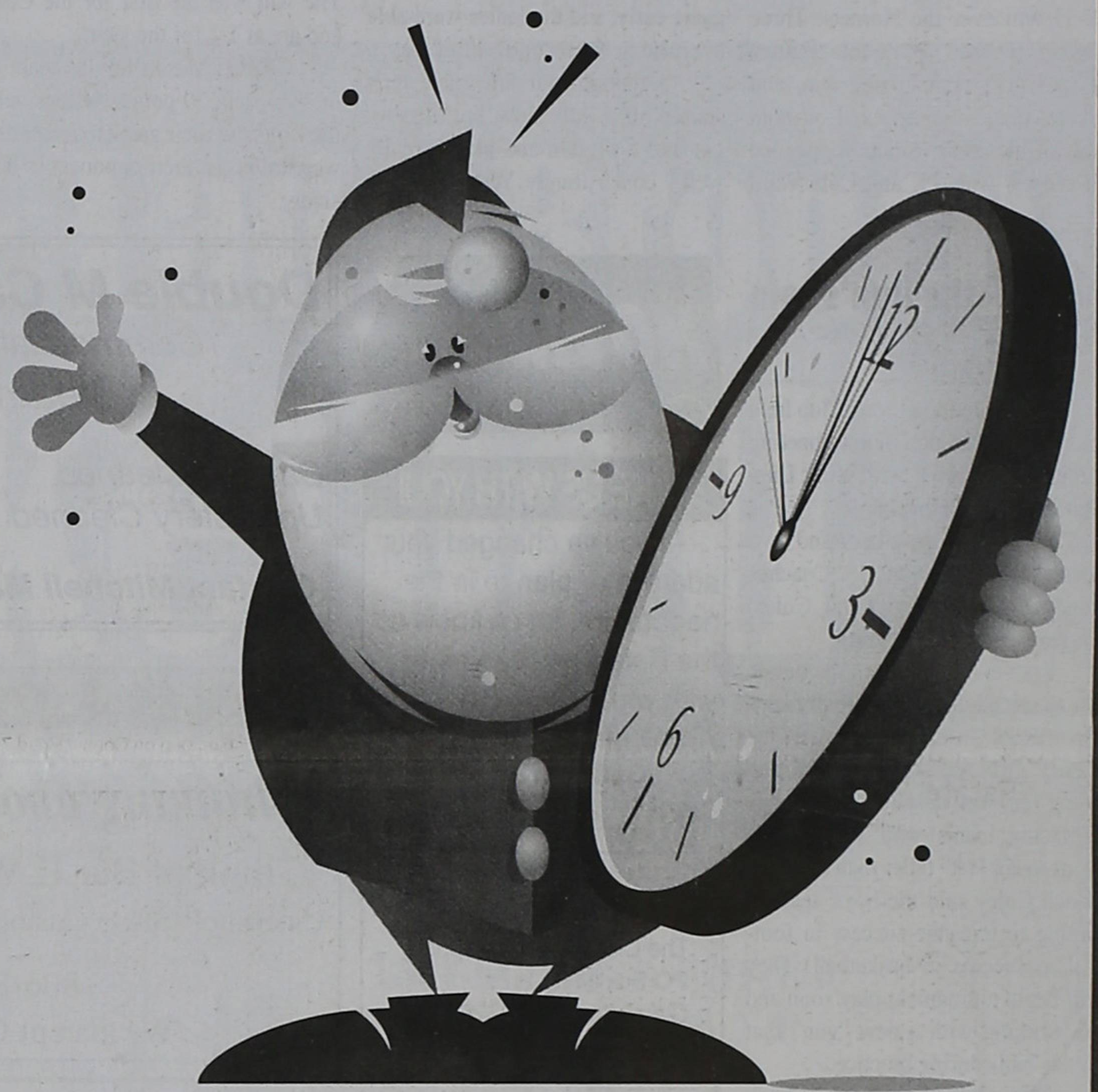
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**Sheriff's Report**

**November 16, 2009**  
 2:25 a.m. - EMS assist 600 Blk. E. Barcus St.  
 10:17 a.m. - South of Lelia Lake to remove animal carcass and vehicle fender from roadway  
 10:27 a.m. - Out at Hedley school  
 3:13 p.m. - Vehicle accident milepost 165 on Hwy 287  
 5:07 p.m. - See caller 100 Blk. S. Goodnight St.  
 10:06 p.m. - Out at college gym

**November 17, 2009**  
 8:45 a.m. - En route to Hedley  
 11:09 a.m. - At residence 100 Blk. S. Goodnight St.; trespass order being violated  
 11:11 a.m. - No response to numerous attempts to make contact with resident. No response to phone calls.  
 11:23 a.m. - To second location looking for home owner.  
 11:30 a.m. - Checking another location  
 11:36 a.m. - Finally made entry to residence 100 Blk. S. Goodnight St.  
 5:23 p.m. - See caller White & N. Carhart St.  
 6:17 p.m. - Out with male walking Hwy 287 near Co. Rd. 16  
 6:30 p.m. - Male subject is driver of truck, lost drive shaft. Started small grass fire. Fire already put out.  
 6:48 p.m. - Another call about unoccupied residence White & N. Carhart Sts. Deputy explained to neighbors. New owner will be in and out next few days.  
 11:46 p.m. - Cotton fire Co. Rd. 5 at Co. Rd. LL; contained and gonna let it burn out

**November 18, 2009**  
 3:12 p.m. - See manager 600 Blk. W. 2nd, reporting theft  
 7:13 p.m. - See complainant Apts. 6th & Carhart Sts.  
 9:09 p.m. - 300 Blk. Reeves St. in Hedley; juvenile males reporting threats and harassment.  
 9:37 p.m. - Vehicle accident Hwy 287 near Lelia Lake; sedan hit by semi

**November 19, 2009**  
 3:38 a.m. - Hwy 287 E.; euthanizing injured animal  
 9:51 a.m. - Sending solicitors to get permit at City Hall  
 11:29 a.m. - Clerk's Office to pick up citations  
 2:45 p.m. - 500 Blk. W. 2nd; employee found small amount of marijuana inside the building  
 4:17 p.m. - Hwy 287 E.; civil service  
 6:36 p.m. - Assist motorist Hwy 287 Near Co. Rd. 26A  
 8:25 p.m. - 800 Blk. S. Koogle St.; Solicitors knocking on doors  
 8:30 p.m. - S. Taylor St.; between 3rd & 4th Sts. Vacuum salesperson said he's making follow up calls. Deputy suggested he call it a night. Start again tomorrow morning.  
 9:28 p.m. - En route to rest area on Hwy 287; couple reporting they are stranded and have been robbed

**November 20, 2009**  
 11:06 a.m. - Out at College dorm  
 9:58 p.m. - Abandoned vehicle Hwy 287 one mile East.

**November 21, 2009**  
 12:42 a.m. - EMS assist 900 Blk. Martindale St.  
 5:00 a.m. - Business alarm 500 Blk. W. 2nd St.  
 7:34 a.m. - Neighbor reporting family dis-

pute 4th & Hawley Sts.  
 7:43 a.m. - No dispute, resident calling his dogs  
 9:05 a.m. - At residence 500 Blk. S. Hawley St.  
 10:18 a.m. - Responding to alarm museum.  
 11:16 a.m. - See caller 500 Blk. E. 3rd St.  
 4:07 p.m. - See caller 500 Blk. S. McLean St.  
 8:34 p.m. - 800 Blk. E. 2nd St. Occupied vehicle parked at closed business.

**November 22, 2009**  
 9:13 a.m. - Checking oversized load; Hwy 70 N  
 9:22 a.m. - Oversized load Hwy 287 W; something dragging causing a problem.  
 10:15 a.m. - Co Rd 31; stranded motorist  
 12:21 p.m. - Standby DPS vehicle search, Hwy 287 at Hwy 70 N  
 6:15 p.m. - Responds to request for assistance I-40; head on collision, multiple vehicles involved. EMS and Fire Department also responding  
 10:32 p.m. - See caller 100 Blk. S. Janny St. in Howardwick  
 10:55 p.m. - To jail with one male in custody, disorderly conduct.

**November 23, 2009**  
 8:44 a.m. - At High School, stolen property  
 10:41 a.m. - See caller reporting theft at 900 Blk. W. 2nd St.  
 1:14 p.m. - Back to location 900 Blk. W. 2nd St.  
 1:43 p.m. - Out at business 200 Blk. S. Kearney St.; continue investigation of theft from business 900 Blk. W. 2nd St.  
 1:56 p.m. - Back out 900 Blk. W. 2nd St.  
 2:10 p.m. - Checking activity 1100 Blk. Co. Rd. K St. Alarm company reporting  
 5:19 p.m. - At High School Gym  
 9:35 p.m. - See caller 800 Blk. S. Koogle St.

**November 24, 2009**  
 8:41 a.m. - En route to Wellington for court  
 11:35 a.m. - At residence in Hedley  
 5:08 p.m. - Deputy requesting wrecker service Hwy 287 one mile East  
 8:04 p.m. - 500 Blk. W. 5th St.; disturbance  
 8:12 p.m. - To jail with one female in custody, family assault  
 8:13 p.m. - To jail with one male in custody, family assault  
 10:06 p.m. - See caller 5th & Gorst Sts.

**November 25, 2009**  
 1:24 p.m. - Courtesy transport  
 3:35 p.m. - At residence 400 Blk. S. McLean St.  
 3:43 p.m. - 900 Blk. Goodnight St.  
 3:49 p.m. - To jail with one female in custody from 400 Blk. S. McLean; Donley Co Warrant theft. More than \$1,500 and less than or equal to \$20,000.  
 4:30 p.m. - Paper service W. 4th St.  
 4:44 p.m. - Back to residence 400 Blk. S. McLean St.  
 4:50 p.m. - To jail with one male in custody; Donley Co. Warrant theft. More than \$1500 and less than of equal to \$20,000.

**November 26, 2009**  
 1:06 a.m. - Call reporting disturbance 800 Blk. S. Parks St.; new quiet  
 9:58 a.m. - 600 Blk. E. 2nd St.  
**November 27, 2009**  
 2:03 a.m. - See caller at Rest Area on Hwy 287; hit a deer 30-40 miles back.  
 8:59 a.m. - Out at 3rd & Gorst Sts.  
 10:52 a.m. - Unattended child 800 Blk. W. 7th St.  
 10:57 a.m. - Child lives there, playing in his yard.  
 9:39 p.m. - Have located deer carcass 3 miles West of town off roadway  
 10:19 p.m. - Welfare check 700 Blk. S. Johns St.

**November 28, 2009**  
 3:43 a.m. - Welfare check 700 Blk. S. Johns St.  
 8:50 a.m. - Responds to residential alarm 200 Blk. Church St. Lelia Lake  
 11:35 a.m. - EMS assist Co. Rd. I  
 1:20 p.m. - EMS assist 600 Blk. W. 4th St.  
 8:36 p.m. - At residence on Rosenfield St.  
 9:14 p.m. - To jail with two males in custody

**November 29, 2009**  
 4:38 p.m. - To jail with one male in custody, deadly conduct.  
 5:10 p.m. - To jail with one male in custody, deadly conduct.  
 11:13 p.m. - Caller reporting break in at First Baptist Church, Bugbee Ave.

SUMMARY  
 Arrests - 13  
 EMS - 19

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