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

Clarendon sales tax receipts climb again

Sales tax revenues for the City of Clarendon edged upward again for the city's December allotment as Hedley and Howardwick revenues slipped.

Clarendon's sales tax revenues have increased 11 of the last 12 months with the latest monthly rebate 3.7 percent ahead of last year for a total of \$21,403.99. The city is 10.46 percent ahead on the year-to-date total.

Howardwick's total dropped 10.84 percent this month to \$922.04. The year-to-date total is still 5.13 percent ahead.

Hedley's sales tax receipts were also down in December, falling 19.84 percent to a total of \$556.95. That city is also still ahead for the year to the tune of 50.85 percent.

Chamber announces winners of contest

The Chamber of Commerce has announced the winners of last Thursday's lighting contest.

Residential winners were Glen Bailey - Clarendon, Marvin Elam - Howardwick, and Kathleen O'Conner and Mike Ward - Hedley. The business winner last week was Country Bloomers Flowers & Gifts.

Local band students to perform in concert

Clarendon High School and Junior High band students will perform their annual Christmas concerts this Sunday afternoon.

The performance will begin at 2 p.m. in the Colt Gym.

Deadline approaching for Letters to Santa

THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE is getting ready to send its holiday issue to Santa Claus, and the deadline to have your letter turned in is fast approaching.

All letters need to be delivered to the Enterprise office at 105 S. Kearney by 5 p.m. Thursday, December 14.

Letters to Santa will be printed in the December 21 edition.

Extension service sets appreciation luncheon

Donley County Extension will be hosting an appreciation lunch December 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Church of Christ Family Life Center.

Every one is invited to attend. The Extension service would like to show our appreciation to everyone who has helped make this a successful year.

HISD investigating allegations Board president speaks to parents after meeting

A called meeting of the Hedley school board left some citizens unsatisfied Monday night, and they made their feelings known to officials afterward.

At issue is an ongoing investigation involving Hedley Superintendent Bryan Hill and an allegation of misusing a school computer.

The board first met in an emergency meeting December 1 when the allegations came to light and called in the Region 16 Education Service Center of Amarillo to conduct an investigation. The results of that investigation were given to the board in closed session December 5.

The board unanimously voted Monday to continue the investigation after a 45-minute closed session

during which they conferred with an attorney for the district.

"We have investigated the allegations to an extent," board president Cary Don Neeley said when the board reconvened in open session, "and we feel in fairness to Mr. Hill, the school, and the community, there are a couple of other steps we can take."

Neeley also told the crowd of about 20 people that the board was not at liberty to discuss the steps it was going to take and assured that the results of the investigation would be revealed in a future public meeting.

"We are not computer experts, and there are people in the computer field that can help us," he said. "We'd like to put this to rest, but we can't

tonight."

In speaking with the press after the meeting, Neeley told the ENTERPRISE that there is no timeline for the investigation and that it does center on computer usage and the superintendent but that no law has been broken.

As members of the local and Amarillo media readied to leave, two parents - Sandra Shields and Connie Wheatly - confronted Neeley and expressed their anger about not being able to speak at the meeting and the time the investigation is taking. They also wanted to know why Neeley was in Hill's office prior to the December 1 meeting with no other board members.

"We would have to have had

a posted agenda to have the board there," Neeley said. "We looked at it (the computer), said this is here, and called the meeting."

Board member Brannon Stephens then said these questions were all coming too early to be answered and that the board needed to complete its investigation.

"We're tired of the rumors," Stephens said, "and we're trying to find out what happened."

Former board member Bob White, whose wife works at the school, then confronted Neeley again about his presence in Hill's office.

"What were you doing here on Thursday (November 30)?" White asked.

"He (Hill) wanted me to come

in and look at the stuff on his computer," Neeley replied.

White then said he had previously asked Neeley if an investigation had been conducted prior to Region 16 coming in and had been told no. Neeley said he was not conducting an investigation and that he was there to "preserve evidence."

White then said maybe his original question should have been whether Neeley had looked at Hill's computer prior to the December 1 meeting.

"If you had asked that question, then the answer would have been 'yes,'" Neeley said.

"Then I think that was inappropriate," White said.

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Take it away

Andy Roberts (right) performs a clarinet solo directed by Carolyn Smith during the Christmas concert presented by the Clarendon College Choir and the Clarendon Community Choir in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center last Thursday evening. The concert also featured selections by the Handbell Choir of the First United Methodist Church and a sing-along of traditional Christmas carols.

Enterprise Photo / Roger Estlack

Wallendorff resigns constable's office

Donley County Commissioners accepted the resignation of Constable Mike Wallendorff when they met in regular session Monday.

Judge Jack Hall said Wallendorff made the move in a letter to the court and said the constable's resignation would take effect December 15.

"He just said he wanted a change in his occupation and had some other work he wanted to pursue," Hall said.

Wallendorff was elected to the constable's position in 2000.

Commissioners did not take action to replace Wallendorff, and Hall said the county is not looking to abolish the office of constable in Precincts 3&4 as it did the same position in Precincts 1&2 in 2003.

Hall said he knows of three potential candidates to succeed Wallendorff but said the county was not going to rush into a decision and would probably wait until January to fill the vacancy.

In other county business, TxDOT representative Jimmy Bridges also gave commissioners an update on plans to replace the bridge on CR 28 over Buck Creek. The project is in the contract letting stage and will get underway in 2007.

The county's match for the new bridge will be \$12,000, but Hall said that has already been taken care

of by some in-kind labor the county did for the state back in 2001.

Training and continuing education courses were approved for the county attorney and county treasurer. The court also authorized the county treasurer to administer some accounts for the district attorney's office.

The county policy manual was altered to require all part-time employees to participate in the county's retirement plan.

Commissioners approved the county's liability, auto, and property insurance coverage through the Texas Association of Counties in the amount of \$51,500, which is \$10,000 less than last year.

The court approved an agreement with TxDOT to keep trees trimmed near the Giles railroad crossing on CR Z, and commissioners also approved a resolution supporting the attorney general's grant for Victim Assistance Coordinator Kim Jeffrey.

Judge Hall's attendance at a preservation workshop in Austin next February was approved. The workshop, which will be on the maintenance of restored court-houses, is being funded by the Texas Land & Title Association.

Hall also said the Donley County Courthouse will be featured on a program on KACV-TV this Thursday at 9 p.m.

Late Night jackpot rolls over again, climbs to \$300 this week

Five lucky people took a spin at the wheel last Thursday during Late Night Shopping, but no one hit the big money. Now the jackpot is \$300 this week.

Several merchants on Kearney Street will be staying open Thursday until 8:30 p.m. for your holiday shopping convenience, and prizes from 27 local businesses will be on the wheel in addition to the jackpot money.

The Chamber of Commerce is providing the \$100 in Christmas Cash during each Late Night Shopping through December 21. Five lucky winners will be drawn; and if no one hits the big money, the pot rolls over and will continue to do so until the final night of Late Night Shopping when someone will win the

money.

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. You must be 18 years old to register.

Last week's winners were Laura Carr, Scarlet Estlack, Jan Farris, Gigi Martinez, and Jeremy Howard.

Santa Claus will be downtown again this Thursday. Kids are encouraged to come tell him all their wishes, and parents are reminded to bring their cameras to get those memorable photos.

The Downtown Ministry Center will also be open from 6 to 8 p.m. and will serve hot chocolate and refreshments.

Late Night Shopping will con-

tinue December 21.

Holiday shopping at home is easy and affordable with all three local banks again teaming up to provide zero-percent interest "Christmas Cash" loans this year. For the 12th year, anyone can make application for a loan up to \$3,000 interest free with Community Bank, the Donley County State Bank, or Herring Bank.

Christmas Cash may be spent like US currency toward new purchases of products and services (excluding Lottery tickets, gasoline, and tobacco products) at all of the participating businesses.

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



Lucky wheel spinners last week were Jan Farris, Jeremy Howard, Gigi Martinez, Laura Carr, and Scarlet Estlack.

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Who will save us from what threatens us?

Where are the Health Nazis when you really need them?

In all the headlines, we've got people dropping like *moscas muertas* from a food they've consumed, and nowhere can be found Der Führer Susan Combs, Henry "the Nose" Waxman, or anyone from the Center For Science in the Public Interest. When will they save us from this madness?

Of course, I'm talking about the E. coli outbreak at Taco Bell restaurants up North that has sickened more than 300 people in New York and another 73 in New Jersey. And the investigation is revealing a really scary source of the bacterial contamination.

It's not the usual suspects – beef and chicken. In fact eating any meat, any Health Nazi will tell you, is just like playing Russian roulette with five of six chambers loaded. But not this time. This time the enemy is green onions.

Or so they think. Tuesday they decided it might be white onions.

Hopefully, dear reader, I don't have to lead you by the hand at this point to make the obvious conclusion here. We must ban vegetables.

For the sake of our health and safety and most of all for the sake of – say it with me – *the children*, we need to pull vegetables from the market. At the very least, there should be warning labels on these killer foods.

This is no over reaction. You recall just a few short months ago another vegetable went postal and started taking people out on the west coast. That time it was spinach. This time it's the onions. What will be next? Avocados? Turnips? Beets? Or dare I say (gasp!) green beans?!

I've always been distrustful of vegetables. My mother will tell you that. Or you can ask the guys at Lions Club. If it's green, the only way it's getting in my mouth is if it's Jell-O or a margarita.

For years, generations really, we've been told by our elders and by society and by the government: "Eat your veggies, dear." But now we know the truth. Veggies can hurt you, and they'd probably kill you given the chance.

Former President George H.W. Bush knew this, and it's plainly obvious when you look back. He was head of the CIA; and when he became president, what did he do? He declared his hatred for broccoli, said his mother used to make him eat it, and he vowed never to eat the stuff again. We can only hope that his son will see the light and use the power of the White House to ally with the righteous health nannies in Congress to save us from our hour of doom.

We need several things to happen right away. First, farmers need to start labeling their vegetables. We need to know exactly what is in these things, where they've been, and whom they've been with. Second, restaurants and grocery stores need to take precautions to see that these veggies don't corrupt good, decent, fun-loving foods like cheeses, breads, and pretzels. Third, we need a national campaign to raise awareness of the enemy that hides within our pantries and refrigerators.

But most of all we need an all out jihad on Big Veggie. Forget Phillip-Morris. Go for Del Monte. How many billions of dollars have these corporate veggie types made all the while knowing that they were endangering our lives? It is just sick to think that someone could profit at the expense of our health.

Marketing is next. Congress must absolutely put a stop to the marketing of vegetables to children. Veggie-Tales obviously must be banned as a subversive influence on children designed to make them see veggies as something friendly and safe. The Jolly Green Giant and his sidekick Sprout must be put out to pasture with the Marlboro Man and Joe Camel.

And then there is Popeye. Oh, Popeye, how could you? Millions of boys and girls have looked up to you for generations. They've yearned to be "strong to the finish" so they've held their nose and managed to choke down that nasty green stuff that looks like it was dragged from the bottom of a river. And they did it for you, man. They did it because you were a hero. You were the guy who always protected the girl, who beat up Bluto, and wasn't a fat slob like that hamburger-gulping Wimpy. But now we know you for who you truly are, Popeye. You're a danger to little boys and little girls everywhere. You're no hero; you're a creep whose picture should be hung up down at the Post Office.

A few of us have always suspected the hidden threat that veggies represent. We've ordered our burgers plain and dry for years safe in the knowledge that this day would come when we would be vindicated of our pickiness. We are not proud of the fact that it took so many people getting sick to make our point for us, and we stand ready to help prepare veggie-free menu suggestions for restaurants and mothers everywhere.

Until we can learn the extent of this threat, everyone should act with the utmost caution and do the only thing we can do at this point: Put the terror alert on "green" and kick back with a big bowl of Blue Bell Ice Cream while this mess gets sorted out.

Is there only one man who can handle this problem? The deer will not stop jump-

A Christmas miracle for all consumers

By Mike Brown

They found me last week standing at my word processor, cheering and high-fiving the air.

Nobody seemed too concerned – after all me and my fellow workers are used to, ah, interesting behavior – but they did check to see what was going on.

I was reading a *Washington Post* article which delivered the best news for our culture since the invention of the remote control.

"Clamshell packaging" may be on the way out.

You know what clamshell packaging is even if you're like me and had never heard the term before.

It's the process of taking perfectly good merchandise, putting it on a card and selling it with hard plastic.

Very hard plastic.

Does the phrase "bullet proof" clue you in?

It seems in the most recent year for which statistics are available, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, injuries to poor saps like me trying to open clamshell plastic packaging resulted in 6,400 emergency room visits.

Consumer Reports even gave an award for the year's worst plastic packaging.

Uniden Telephone Company won that not-so-coveted honor. *Consumer Reports* said the package "took 9 minutes and 22 seconds to open and nearly caused injury to the person opening it."

There are at least two products on the market designed solely for opening that nearly impenetrable clamshell plastic.

The *Washington Post* referred to one such device as "brutally sharp," so we're entitled to ask if the solution might not be worse than the problem.

You have to wonder what the people who design clamshell packaging were thinking. Unfortunately we know exactly that.

A clamshell packaging patent describes the finished product as "difficult to puncture, cut, tear or compromise, so that human hands have great difficulty separating the backing and cover."

If that's their goal, why not just seal it in concrete?

I am grateful to clamshell packaging for one thing. It certainly has exploded the stereotype that men's brains are calculating and methodical while women's are impulsive and intuitive.

Give me a clamshell plastic package to open. I grab the nearest pair of scissors, let out a bloodcurdling scream and attack.

I stab, slice, cut, punch, dice, tear, rip, twist, kick, wrench, bite, decapitate, pummel and pulverize.

This miserably fails to open the package.

But if you give an identical package to my wife, the (fortunately) infinitely patient Susan Brown, she takes a more measured and logical approach.

She hauls out calipers, pliers, serrated shears, tweezers, levers and something that looks like a miniature fork lift.

"Now see, hon," she says. "If you will just make this incision, snip away this corner, insert this blade and pry up, the plastic will separate."

This also miserably fails to open the package.

But here's why I was high-fiving: Schick and Lexmark, two major companies, have quit using clamshell plastic in favor of something called Natralock, a new, softer, plastic-cardboard product.

Some of those new packages ever have easy to open tabs. It's predicted Natralock is the packaging wave of the future.

Fantastic. Now, could I talk to somebody about the shrink-wrap they put on CDs.

Mike Brown is the editor of the Rockdale Reporter in Rockdale, Texas.



editor's commentary
by roger estlack



Sales tax deduction needs preservation

The holiday shopping season is upon us; and over the next few weeks, Texans will spend millions of dollars purchasing gifts for friends and loved ones. Added to each purchase price is a sales tax, which is higher in Texas than most other states. In the past, these purchases were essentially taxed twice – first by the federal government on the earnings used to make the purchase, and then by the state on the purchase itself. However, a bill passed by Congress in the last days of our December session allows Texans to deduct the sales tax from their federal income taxes.

Extending the state sales tax deduction was one of my top legislative priorities this fall. The Texas Comptroller's Office reported that the sales tax deduction saves a family of four \$310 a year, or a total of about \$1 billion each year for the state's residents who itemize deductions.

Maintaining this deduction is an issue of fairness. Taxpayers in Texas, Alaska, Florida, Washington, Nevada, South

Dakota, Tennessee and Wyoming were set to be penalized had this deduction not been reinstated. In states where revenue is collected through state income taxes, residents have long been allowed to deduct state income taxes on their federal tax returns. From 1986-2004, the residents of states without a state income tax were penalized because of their state's choice to collect revenue through sales taxes.

Congress approved a two-year sales tax deduction in 2004, but that expired at the end of last year. Had Congress not reinstated this deduction for 2006 and 2007, Texans would have been unfairly penalized again. Thankfully, Congress did and ensured tax equity. However, this unfair limitation is set to return in 2008. I

remain dedicated to making this deduction permanent, so Texans are not treated like second-class citizens in regards to paying taxes.

The tax extenders package included several other measures that benefit our state's students, citizens and businesses. Among them is a deduction for college tuition and fees. This saves families thousands of dollars and allows a greater number of students to attend college each year. It allows those who earn up to \$65,000 (or \$130,000 for a married couple) to take an educational deduction worth up to \$4,000. Families with higher incomes (up to \$80,000 for an individual or \$160,000 for a couple) may qualify for a deduction worth up to \$2,000.

I firmly believe that taxpayers know better than the government how to spend their money, and I will continue to support pro-growth policies because our nation benefits when taxpayers are allowed to keep more of what they earn.



capitol comment
by sen. kay bailey hutchison

Reader frustrated with deer population

Recently we made application to Texas Parks and Wildlife for some doe permits. Enclosed find letter and application related to the following observation. It is not only for crop damage that we need deer control. This year they carried more ticks than usual. These ticks are the cause of Lyme disease. The deer are coming in yards and parks where children play. There are more auto accidents every night. Folks who depended on vegetables for farmers market were wiped out on beans and peas. It is not just my property loss, but all over Donley County and the State of Texas that there are landscape losses. Even the hunters acknowledge there will be a reduction in size and health of deer if there is not some control.

We feel that we are not being taken seriously when there is suggestion of fences to keep deer out. This is about as practical as fencing the Texas Mexican Border. As for changing crops, hay is the only crop not supplemented with Government funds.

Is there only one man who can handle this problem? The deer will not stop jump-

ing out in front of automobiles nor eating valuable crops while he is gone for ten days.

Are there not other responsible persons who will help protect against what is becoming an increasing problem that is seemingly tied up with red tape?

Naomi Morris Green,
Ashtola

Editor's Note: The following is the letter Mrs. Green is referring to.

Dear Mrs. Green,
Based on our phone discussion Friday, I am attaching the first form that must be completed concerning your request for a mule deer depredation permit in Donley County.

Depredation permits can only be issued if the applicant feels a wildlife species poses a threat to public safety or is causing serious property damage. If you still feel that the deer are still damaging your crops, then complete the attached form and present it to the Donley County Judge. He is required to post a copy of the

notice at the county courthouse and notify the District Leader (me) of the location of the property, type of damage, and name of the applicant.

Once I receive notification from the County Judge, then myself or one of the other biologists must inspect the property and determine if the damage is occurring. An additional requirement of our visit is to make recommendations to the landowner or their agent that they implement control measures to prevent further damage. These may include construction of a high fence to prevent access to the property by deer, changes in crops, etc.

If we determine that this is a valid complaint, then we will proceed with completion of an additional form that must be submitted to the Wildlife Permits section of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Headquarters in Austin. We can discuss this and future steps that must be followed at a later date.

Please note that I will be out of town the next 10 days.

Danny A. Sweptson
Panhandle Wildlife District Leader

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Newspapers applaud postal reform measure

The National Newspaper Association on Monday urged President Bush to sign into law the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act, the first major legislative reform of the United States Postal Service since 1970.

NNA President Jerry Tidwell, publisher of the HOOD COUNTY (TX) News, said passage of the legislation on the final day of the 109th Congress, before dawn on December 9, capped more than a decade of work by community newspaper publishers and other major mailers.

NNA Postal Committee Chairman Max Heath, vice president of Landmark Community Newspapers, Inc., hailed the passage as a breakthrough in the long impasse over price caps, repayment of over-funded pension accounts, and various labor matters. His Postal Committee oversaw NNA's work on the bill since NNA first endorsed postal reform in 1996.

"The Postal Service is affected by the Internet and so are newspapers," Tidwell said. "We foresaw a decade ago that the regimen of costly postal rate cases and pricing that depended upon an ever-growing first-class mail stream needed to come to an end."

"But we believe, along with Postmaster General Jack Potter, that print media are going to be in our lives for some time to come. The Postal Service has to be able to deliver our mail promptly and at an affordable price for either of our institutions to survive."

Tidwell congratulated and thanked the key bill sponsors: Sens. Susan Collins, R-ME, Joseph Lieberman, D-CT, and Thomas Carper, D-DE, and Reps. Tom Davis, R-VA, John McHugh, R-NY, Henry Waxman, D-CA and Danny Davis, D-IL. He said their leadership in the face of repeated stalls in five successive Congresses had been remarkable.

Heath said the bill contained many provisions that will help community newspapers.

"We looked for an iron clad guarantee that within county mail would not see a continuation of the unjustified increases that the Postal Service wants in 2007," Heath said. "The bill sponsors assured us of their support in holding the Postal Service to the intent of the price cap law, and we will be watching closely to see that it works."

"Also," he said, "there are several provisions in this bill put there expressly at the request of NNA, including a provision that solves the 'wandering route' problem where the Postal Service believed it had to charge higher postage when a few households on an in-county route happened to fall over a county line."

NNA's Director of Public Policy Tonda F. Rush said the passage had been a hard fought battle by NNA's Congressional Action Team.

A year of rulemaking will follow the President's signature. Mailers may not see the effects of the change until 2008, she said. New rates under the old law are expected this May.

CC to offer three courses during Winter Session

Registration is underway for Clarendon College's 2006 Winter Session, and those interested have until today, December 14, at 4:30 p.m. to sign up and pay all fees.

Courses offered during the session are GOVT 2305 - Federal Government, HIST 1302 - U.S. History from 1877, and PHED 1304 - Health-

ful and Effective Living.

Classes started December 12 and end January 12. These courses are only offered online and are subject to a minimum enrollment requirement. No Financial Aid or Scholarships are available for this session.

Contact the Registrar at 874-3571 for more information.



Helping out

Patsy Spier of the Hedley Senior Citizens Association accepts a check for \$4084.88 from Tommy Hudson, AEP Customer Service Representative, for an energy star refrigerator as part of the company's Energy Efficiency improvement Program for Not-for Profit Agencies serving low-income clients.

Hedley:

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"It possibly was, and I probably wouldn't do it again," Neeley said and later "officially apologized" to White.

Stephens and board member Abby O'Neal then said the whole incident could have been handled better if the board had received an official complaint rather than finding out about the allegations through the rumor mill. Now they have to have an investigation into what really happened, they said.

The board will hold its next regular meeting Monday at 7 p.m. Neeley did not know if the investigation would be a topic on that agenda.

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Thur	7	56°	22°	..
Fri	8	39°	18°	..
Sat	9	55°	27°	..
Sun	10	55°	33°	..

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Total precipitation to date: 18.11"
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weekend forecast

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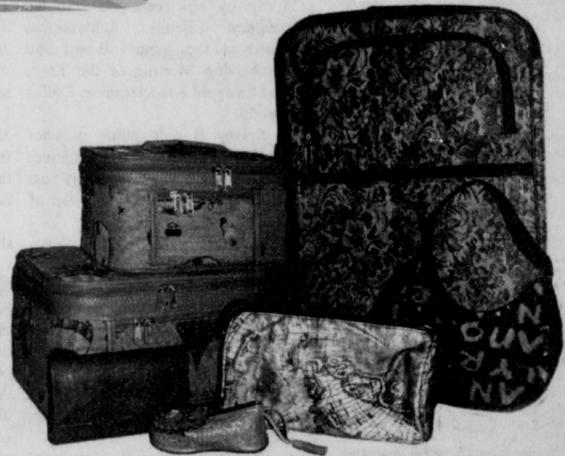
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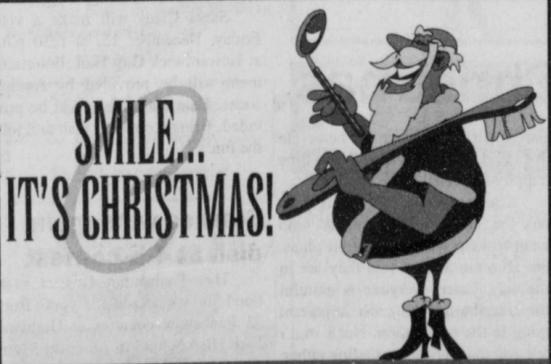
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December 14

Santa Letters Deadline • 5 p.m.

Late Night Shopping • Downtown Clarendon • 5-8 p.m.

Howardwick Lighting Contest • Judging begins at 7 p.m.

December 15

Howardwick Friendship Club • Howardwick City Hall • 6:30 p.m.

December 17

Bronco and Colt Band Concert • Colt Gym • 2 p.m.

December 21

Late Night Shopping • Downtown Clarendon • 5-8 p.m.

December 25

Christmas

Community Menus

December 18 - 22

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Lasagna, Corn, Apricots, Blond Brownies, Garlic Toast, Coffee, Tea, Lowfat Milk

Tue: Catfish, Hominy Casserole, Mixed Greens, Cole Slaw, Strawberry Cake, Hushpuppies, Coffee, Tea, Lowfat Milk
Wed: Chicken Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Steamed Broccoli, Peaches, Bread Pudding, Biscuits, Coffee, Tea, Lowfat Milk

Thu: Charbroiled Patties/Onions, Au Jus Gravy, Baked Potato, Three Bean Salad, Tropical Apple Crunch, Rolls, Coffee, Tea, Lowfat Milk

Fri: Roast Beef/Brown Gravy, Carrots, Potatoes, Onions, Apricot Salad, Cookies, Rolls, Coffee, Tea, Lowfat Milk

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Chicken & Dumplings, Fried Squash, Carrot/Raisin Salad, Baked Apple, Corn Bread

Tue: Baked Ham, Broccoli Casserole, Carrots, Lime Jello/Pear/Cottage Cheese, Orange, Rolls

Wed: Stew, Potatoes, Onions, Tomatoes, Carrots, Macaroni Salad, Pudding, Corn Bread

Thu: Steak & Gravy, Mashed Potato, Buttered Squash, Tossed Salad, Cobbler, Roll

Fri: Chicken Strips, Potato Soup, Asparagus, Cucumber/Onion Salad, Apricot Halves, Corn Bread

Clarendon ISD

Breakfast
Mon: Cereal, toast, fruit mix, milk

Tue: Sausage, biscuit, peaches, milk

Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk

Thu: Eggs, toast, fruit, milk

Fri: Homemade cinnamon rolls, juice, milk

Lunch
Mon: Corn dog, Fries, Blackeye Peas, Fruit mix, Milk

Tue: Chicken Tetrazzini, Mixed Vegetables, Salad, Crackers, Milk

Wed: Baked Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Green beans, Roll, Cake, Milk

Thu: Chili Burgers, Chips, Pickles, Carrot Sticks, Fruit, Milk

Fri: Schools Out!!! Merry Christmas!

Hedley ISD

Mon: Baked potatoes, sliced ham & cheese, salad, fruit, Texas toast, milk

Tue: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli and cheese, salad, fruit, rolls, milk, juice

Wed: Burrito or corn dog, corn, fruit, salad, juice, milk

Thu: Cowboy nachos w/ rice and beans, salsa & salad, fruit, milk, juice

Fri: Chicken on a bun, tater tots, salad, fruit, milk

Driving skills earn awards from TxDOT

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) recently sponsored the annual Truck Roadshow at the Childress Airport.

Donley County TxDOT employees returning for the finals were: Brian Miller, Mike Ritchie, and Roy Bertrand

Barry Smith and Lonnie Guerrero, Cottle County Maintenance, came away with the top two highest scores and earned the right to compete in the State Roadshow Finals in San Antonio.

Donley County TxDOT employees along with approximately 195 other Childress District employees were honored at the TxDOT Safety Awards Banquet November 17. The Texas Department of Transportation Donley County employees receiving safe operator, no-injury awards in 2006 included: Refugio Benavidez, 13 years safe operator and 13 years no injury; Roy Bertrand, eight years safe operator and eight years no injury; Steven Christopher, one year safe operator and one year no injury; Gary English, six years safe operator and 18 years no injury; Scott Martin, nine years safe operator and 10 years no injury; Keith Milhoan, 12 years safe operator and 12 years no injury; Brian Miller, two years safe operator and two years no injury; Benny Osburn, 19 years safe operator and 19 years no injury; Mike Ritchie, 16 years safe operator and 10 years no injury; James Thomas, 24 years safe operator and 25 years no injury; and Howard Weatherston, nine years safe operator and nine years no injury.

Mayor proclaims H'wick as Red Hat town

When the Twilight Red Hatters of Clarendon hosted an area wide Christmas party at the Clarendon Country Club in Howardwick on December 9, Mayor Marvin Elam welcomed them and designated the community a "Red Hatters Community."

The designation states the Red Hat Society has proven to be an effective way for communities to direct their attention to creating a culture of peace and good natured fun and the ladies have worked to transform infamy into community service. It further states that Howardwick has a desire to be a fun-loving family place and recognizes the Red Hatters are positively contributing to the well being of their surroundings and, with pleasure, welcomed them to the peaceful community.

Peggy Cockerham welcomed and introduced the chapters, which were: the Bodacious Duchesses of Wellington, the Grooving Mad Hatters of Groom, the Gussied Up Red Hat Floozies of Fritch, the Red Hat Cotton Queens of Memphis, the Red Hat Rockers of Mobeetie, the Red River Red Hatters of Memphis, the Red Hot Flashers of Canadian, the Red Hat Ex's of Pampa, the Scar-

let Saints of Clarendon along with the hosts, the Twilight Red Hatters.

Rhonda Aveni gave the invocation, and entertainment was provided by "The Mason Jars" from Wheeler. These four ladies: Judy Wollard, Brenda Sparlin, Debra Finsterwald and Kim Goad, have been performing together for 21 years and can put together a good show. They sing songs from the 50s and 60s, ending with "The Leader of the Pack" and the crash of the motorcycle.

The Ruby Red Hat Auction was a fun progressive auction raising money for St. Jude's Hospital Christmas Fund. Paulette Kidd made a fine auctioneer; and Francis Smith, Mary Farris, Topsy Roby and Rhonda Aveni were kept busy catching the money. The auction items were donated by members along with the door prizes.

Joy Martin, Nancy Davis, Paulette Kidd, Vida O'Neal, Josie



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by peggy cockerham
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Dorothy Brinson, Vida O'Neal, Rhonda Aveni, and Topsy Roby at the Twilight Hatters Christmas party last Saturday. Picture by Jeannie Molder

Burgess, Willene Judd, Thelma Shields, Elvie Shields, Roxanne Hamilton, and Peggy Cockerham dressed purchased bears for centerpieces that were given away. What creative imaginations this group had with a Harley bear on a motorcycle to a sleeping angel bear on a cloud, rollerblading bears, Scarlet O'Beare, cowgirls, and many others, all with red hats.

The party was a big success, the

Country Club was lovely, the food and service outstanding. The committee of Joy Martin, Nancy Davis, Wanda Beddingfield, Peggy Cockerham, Vida O'Neal and Paulette Kidd acknowledge all the help from our members and families in planning this event, and maybe we will do it again.

Good luck to Vida O'Neal who is moving to Tom Ball, Texas, north of Houston. We will miss you.

Spivey receives award for lifetime achievement

Former Clarendon man Broadus A. Spivey was presented with the inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award at the Annual Board and Membership Meeting of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association in Dallas recently.

Spivey is a longtime member and past president of the association, and the award was presented by past TLA President George Chandler of Lufkin.

The TLA Lifetime Achievement Award was created to honor members whose career accomplishments exemplify the very best of the legal profession and is awarded in recognition of a trial lawyer whose professional life has set a standard of excellence in the following areas: Outstanding advocacy, leadership, and involvement.

Spivey is universally recognized as one whose professional achievements, honors, and conduct exhibit the best of the legal profession.

Born in Hall County, Spivey attended schools in Lakeview, Friendship, Memphis, and Goodnight before coming to Clarendon High to play football. He was president of his senior class and president of the student council at CHS in 1954.

He married the former Ruth Ann King after they completed two years at Clarendon College, and he graduated from the UT School of Law in 1962. He practiced law in Lubbock for ten years and then returned to Austin where he has practiced law as a civil trial lawyer in all kinds of civil litigation. He currently practices with

the Austin firm of Spivey & Grigg, L.L.P.

He is board certified in Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Mr. Spivey served as President of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association from 1981-1982, as Texas State Bar President from 2001-2002, and as President of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers in 2002-2003.

Other offices include Fellowship Member of the Texas Trial Lawyer's Association; Past President of the Capital Area Trial Lawyers Association; Board of Governors of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America; Director and Treasurer of Trial Lawyers for Public Justice; Advocate of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA); Fellow of the International Society of Barristers; Fellow of International Academy of Trial Lawyers; Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers; Fellow of the College of the State Bar of Texas; Member of the Philosophical Society of Texas; and Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation. Other awards include the 1998 Professionalism Award, 1999 President's Award (State Bar of Texas), the American Bar Association's 2003 Pursuit of Justice Award, and the 2003 Trial Lawyer of the Year (Texas chapter of ABOTA).

Spivey also received the Clarendon College Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2005. He is the son of the late Claude C. and Mary E. Spivey, both of whom were longtime Clarendon residents.



Chuck Robertson and Lindsey Howell

Robertson, Howell to wed

Joe and Rhonda Howell of Clarendon announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsey Brooke, to Charles Wayne "Chuck" Robertson.

Robertson is the son of Patrick and Vicky Robertson of Clarendon and the late Edie Black Robertson.

The couple plans to wed February 24, 2007, at First Baptist Church in Clarendon.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Clarendon High School. She graduated in 2004

from Amarillo College of Beauty. She is a cosmetologist at Guys and Dolls Salon in Clarendon.

The prospective groom is a 2003 graduate of Clarendon High School. He graduated in 2005 from Amarillo College with an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Mortuary Science. He is employed with his family at Robertson Funeral Directors in Clarendon.

The couple will reside in Clarendon.

Burton Library houses books for Christmas

While deciding on special holiday books from Burton Memorial Library to delight children, why not include a literary treat for yourself? It might provide an occasional and necessary break when schedules have, possibly, become overloaded with too many festive activities and appointments during this particular season.

Thomas J. Davis' *The Christmas Quilt* takes place in North Georgia Mountains. According to the author, the plot and main characters are fictional. Many things that provide atmosphere are not. The book celebrates family. It 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 that comes from the heart, and embodies true spirit of what it means to be a family."

I suppose we seldom think of mysteries as seasonal, but talented author May Higgins Clark might change your mind with her suspenseful writings taking place during the Christmas season. Clark's *Silent*

Night offers a special story demonstrating the power of love through a child's courage and faith. After seeing a woman stealing 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."

John Grisham displays a different type of novel, *Skipping Christmas*, than we mystery fans usually expect from Grisham. His unique style conveys warmth, humor, and surprising consequences for a couple who decide to skip Christmas and discover that it is not as easy as they thought. The book has been described as "a classic tale for modern times, offering a hilarious look at the chaos

and frenzy that have become part of our holiday tradition."

Like always, library shelves are full of familiar and new children's Christmas stories including picture books and activity books. Two heartwarming books providing equal enjoyment to parents as you read to your children and to teachers as you read to your students are *The Bear Who Slept Through Christmas* by John Barrett, illustrated by Rick Reinert, and *Country Angel Christmas* by Tomie de Paulo

Barrett's book will enchant you as you follow Ted E. Bear's experiences in searching for Christmas. Thinking that Christmas is a place, he keeps looking for it until a kind of 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 explana-



check it out
by mary beth nelson

tion that it is a place in his heart. He does find Christmas. How? You'll be happily surprised at the ending.

Country Angel Christmas centers on three littlest angels who want to help with celebration plans, but who are always told they are in the way. Later, everyone is grateful for contributing the most important thing to the celebration. No, I won't tell you that surprising ending either. You'll love both books.

Keeping a Christmas Secret and *Sugar Plum Christmas*, among many others, are available. Readers will delight with the variation of Clement Moore's classic poem, *The Night Before Christmas, In Texas That Is* by Leon Harris, Jr., and complemented with humorous Western illustration.

K-3 Teachers will appreciate *Christmas Handbook*, which is chock-full of learning activities, songs, games, crafts, rhythmic activities, and much more. Why not check it out?

The drawing for bicycle to be given away by Sonic Drive-In will be on Thursday, December 21.

'Who's Who' lists several teachers, students locally

AUSTIN - Educational Communications, Inc. (ECI), has named honorees for each of its 2005-2006 editions of *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, *The National Dean's List*, and *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

The annual publications' purpose is to publicly recognize outstanding high school students, student-athletes, college students, and teachers for their distinctive achievements and participation in extra-curricular and community activities.

The 40th edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students* includes 367,913 honored students from 15,574 schools. The 29th Annual Edition of *The National Dean's List* included 153,676 college students from 2,873 schools, and the 10th edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* features 156,059 educators from 38,566 schools.

Students included in the publications are invited to nominate a current or former teacher, coach, or other adult leader who has dedicated their time to light the fire and light the path of success for students. School boards, peers or local communities may also nominate teachers.

Local teachers who were honored include: Clarendon College - Charla Crump, Scarlet Estlack, Vickie Liles, and Michael Tibbets; Hedley ISD - Lyndon Messer and Linda Naylor; and Clarendon ISD - Jan Campbell and Scott Strobel.

Clarendon High School students honored were Katie Askew, Wesley Christopher, Regan Lemley, Amanda Mendez, and Jake L. Miser.

Hedley High School students honored were Erica Brown, Kristen Dwight, and Charlie Widener.

Local college students who were honored include Staci Barnett, attending West Texas A&M University, and Stan Leffew, attending Amarillo College.

Terry earns Bachelor of Science degree

CHICKASHA, Okla. - Urging graduates to dream big, work hard and give charitably, Oklahoma's new chancellor of higher education addressed an overflow crowd at fall commencement ceremonies on Friday night at the University of Science and Arts.

Dr. Glen Johnson addressed 80 graduates and their families in Te Ata Memorial Auditorium on a stage decked in poinsettias and lighted fresh pine boughs. More than 1,300 guests saw the event on campus, and the ceremony was televised on the USAO Channel.

Feaver issued 56 Bachelor of Science degrees, 20 Bachelor of Arts degrees, and four Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees. Among those receiving Bachelor of Science degrees were Marcia D. Terry of Clarendon.

Howardwick Club will meet this Friday night

Santa Claus will make a visit Friday, December 15, at 6:30 p.m. at Howardwick City Hall. Entertainment will be provided by Audrey Jones. Ham and turkey will be provided. Bring a covered dish and join the fun.

Starnes wins main dish at 4-H contest

The Panhandle District 4-H Food Show attracted 123 youth from 21 Panhandle counties at Highland Park High School in Amarillo Saturday, December 2.

Youth prepared a dish, served it to a panel of adult judges, and answered questions in an interview format concerning the preparation skills needed to make their dish, the food safety concerns in preparation and storage of their dish, the nutrients in the product, and how the nutrients affect their bodies.

The Junior Top Four Medalists in Main Dish included Ryann Starnes of Donley County.

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Obituaries

Brown
Malinda Lou Tubb Brown, 60, died on Wednesday, December 6, 2006, in Clarendon. Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 11, 2006, in the Clarendon Church of Christ with Roger Todd, Church of Christ Minister from Mangum, OK, and Don Stone, Church of Christ Minister from Clarendon, officiating. Burial was in Citizens Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.



Mrs. Brown was born July 23, 1946, in Needles, California, to Woodrow and Lois South Tubb. She married Jerry Brown on April 16, 1965, in Oildale, California. Malinda and Jerry made Amarillo their home for the next 30 years and were residents of Stroud, OK, before moving to Donley County four years ago. Besides being a loved wife, mother, grandmother, and daughter, Malinda enjoyed quilting, sewing, cooking, gardening, and serving others. Throughout her life and illness, Malinda never wavered in her faith and love of Jesus. She was an active member in the Church of Christ in both Amarillo and Clarendon. Malinda was an inspiration to all who knew and loved her. Malinda's family would like to thank the Veterans Administration Oncology Department and the BSA Hospice.

Mrs. Brown was preceded in death by her father. Survivors include her husband, Jerry Brown of Clarendon; her mother, Lois Tubb of Amory, Mississippi; a daughter, Bobbie Renee Gallegos and husband Carlos of Amarillo; two sons, Michael Lynn Brown and wife Lynne of Slaton, Jeremy Tait Brown and wife Alyssa of Minneapolis, Minnesota; two sisters, Charlotte Gann of Amory, Mississippi, Carolyn Gaskell of Fayetteville, Arkansas; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Malinda was also a mom to 23 foster children. Pallbearers were nephews of Mrs. Brown. The family requests memorials be to High Plains Children's Home or the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

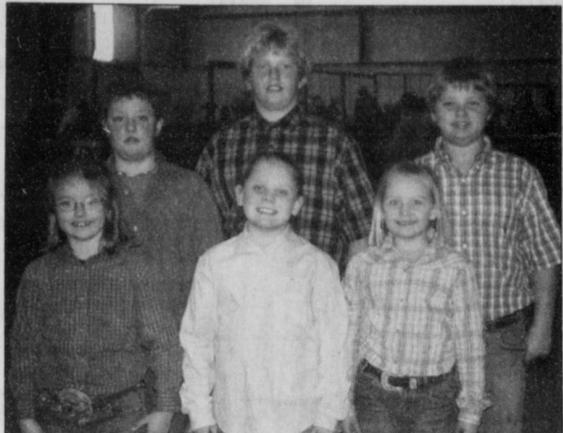
Sheriff's Report:

- December 4, 2006**
9:00 a.m. - Fire standby 100 Blk. E. 4th St
3:30 p.m. - Escort funeral procession
4:15 p.m. - Clerk's office
- December 5, 2006**
8:01 a.m. - See caller 1000 Blk. E. 3rd; defendant juvenile
8:14 a.m. - Transport juvenile to school
11:54 a.m. - Clerk's office
1:11 p.m. - Minor vehicle accident North parking lot, Clarendon School
5:22 p.m. - EMS assist 300 Blk. E. 6th St.; cardiac
- December 6, 2006**
1:49 p.m. - Escort funeral procession
4:53 p.m. - Clerk's office
6:07 p.m. - Business alarm Medical Center Dr.
8:46 p.m. - See complainant 400 Blk. S. McLean St.; theft
11:19 p.m. - Check reported vehicle accident Hwy 287 3 miles W. of Memphis
- December 7, 2006**
12:03 a.m. - EMS assist college; injury to hand
2:24 a.m. - EMS assist 400 Blk. S. Carhart; cardiac
8:04 a.m. - See complainant 500 Blk. E. Browning; theft
9:04 a.m. - See caller 700 Blk. W. 4th St.; vehicle blocking private driveway
4:06 p.m. - Annex
8:34 p.m. - Possible prowler; Front St.
10:54 p.m. - Business alarm 900 Blk. W. 2nd St.
- December 8, 2006**
7:45 a.m. - Business alarm 100 Blk. S. Kearney
9:56 a.m. - 100 Blk. E. 5th St.; juvenile not attending school
10:00 a.m. - No contact
3:22 p.m. - 5th & Koogle; distraction of City property
6:30 p.m. - Suspicious subject and activity E. 3rd at Hwy 70 S.
10:11 p.m. - Suspicious activity Rosenfield St.
- December 9, 2006**
8:57 a.m. - EMS assist 400 Blk. W. 3rd St.
9:06 a.m. - Civil standby 1000 Blk. E. 3rd St.
10:39 a.m. - 6th & Leroy; subject hit gas meter
- December 10, 2006**
10:49 a.m. - Assist resident 400 Blk. W. 3rd St.
7:53 p.m. - See caller 200 Blk. Steven, Howardwick
11:27 p.m. - See caller 5th & Goodnight
11:40 p.m. - Caller reporting assault; 400 Blk. W. 2nd St.

Summary
Arrests-3
EMS-6
Fire-1

4-H members to sell flowers

By Annie Patten
The Donley County 4-H meeting was held on December 5 at the Family Life Center. It was called to order by President Danielle Smith. Paul Goetze read the inspiration, Lilly Carr led us in the US Pledge, and Skyler White led us in the 4-H motto and pledge. Kenzie Perryman conducted the roll call for the meeting, and Rowdy Speed read the minutes. Donley County 4-H will be going Christmas Caroling December 14 at 6:30 p.m.; all in attendance should meet at the 4-H Extension Office.



Donley County 4-H members participated in pig jackpots at Wellington on Saturday and Wheeler on Sunday, including Tres Hommel, Zack Rattan, Austin Adams, Hannah Hommel, Madison Carr, and Lilly Carr. (Not pictured Katie Adams.)

In new business the club decided they will be selling geraniums this spring. 4-H is going to donate \$100 to the County Livestock Show this year. Lyndal Goetze and Janice Bennett furnished refreshments. 4-H announcements include: County Stock Show-January 13; Ryan Starnes placed in the top four at the District Food Show; next meeting-January 12. The Donley County 4-H would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

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Drugs in the News

Many Children Not Getting Two Flu Vaccine Doses
According to a report in a recent issue of Pediatrics, the records of 125,928 children enrolled in US health maintenance organizations who received the flu shot during different flu seasons were evaluated. They found 44% of children ages 6 to 23 months vaccinated for the first time in 2001-2002 were correctly vaccinated (two doses). In 2003-2004, 29% were vaccinated with two doses. According to the report, older children (2 to 8 years old) were vaccinated less frequently. In 2001-2002 both doses of flu vaccine were given to only 15% of children evaluated. However, in 2003-2004 only 12% of children in this age group got both doses. Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices indicate that all children ages 6 months to 8 years old, not previously vaccinated with the flu shot (trivalent influenza virus vaccine), should also have a booster after the first shot. Children 5 to 8 years old, not previously vaccinated, getting LAIV (Live attenuated influenza virus vaccine), administered as a nasal mist, should receive a booster 6 to 10 weeks later.

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the lion's tale
by roger estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting December 12, 2006, with Boss Lion Jim Shelton in charge. We had 19 members and two guests this week - Ashlee Estlack, guest of Lion Roger Estlack, and Carrie Moss, guest of Lion Marvin Elam. Ms. Moss discussed the junior high student council's efforts to help gather canned goods for the club's Christmas baskets, and the club outlined plans for the delivery of the baskets. After some discussion, the club voted not to meet on December 26 and January 2 since most members will be out of pocket for the holidays. There being no further business, we were adjourned.

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Sunday, December 24
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9:45 - 10:45 A.M.

We invite all our customers and friends to come enjoy refreshments and lunch during our annual
Customer Appreciation Days
December 20 & 21
Wednesday, 9:00-3:00
Thursday, 9:00-3:00

We invite all our customers to sign up for our Christmas give-aways!

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Broncs defeat Silverton

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos posted one win and one loss over the week as they defeated Silverton on the road and lost to Highland Park at home.

The Broncos' win over Silverton came easily as they had three players in double figures, which included a double double for senior Ladez Captain and junior T.J. Brown. Captain turned in 18 points with 12 rebounds, and Brown was good for 14 points and 10 rebounds. But it was a team effort as the scoring was spread out between eight different players.

The Broncos took a huge lead in the beginning of the game and never looked back as they strolled to the big win.

"Our defense played well, and the team work is getting better every game," coach Colby Waldrop said. "But we still need to take care of the ball better."

Scoring: Captain 18, Brown 14, Aaron Gordon 13, Brad Sell 6, David Gordon 6, Alton Gaines 5, Dalton

Askew 2, and Danzel Wilson 2.

Friday night the Broncos hosted the Hornets from Highland Park and fell short at the buzzer at 43-45. Last minute shots went against the Broncos as they desperately tried to get something to fall to get the win or go into overtime. But it was not meant to be for the Broncos as they suffered the two-point loss to a good 2A team.

"Considering we had mostly sophomores and juniors on the floor, we played very well," Waldrop said. "It makes us excited about the season and what we are doing. However, we did commit too many turnovers, and there were too many missed free throws. But the guys played hard."

Scoring: Wilson 14, Brown 11, Nathan Gribble 7, Derrick Shelton 6, and A. Gordon 5.

The Broncos will play River Road at home December 15 beginning at 7:30 p.m. and travel to Arbor Academy December 18 beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Lady Broncos split 2 games

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos faced a tough situation in Silverton Tuesday night as they took on the Lady Owls. Despite playing hard on the court, they could not get things to go their way on the scoreboard and were defeated, 39-49.

After playing the first half to a one-point game, the second half proved to be devastating for the Lady Broncos as Silverton outscored to take the win.

"We just could not buy a bucket," coach Steve Myatt said. "They played very hard, but it just did not work out for us."

Scoring: Jessi Howard 15, Macy Shadle 12, Regan Lemley 9, and Jill Cornell 3.

The Lady Broncos hosted Highland Park Friday, December 8, and played hard to get the 57-53 win over the 4A team.

Because of other commitments, the Lady Broncos team was somewhat reconfigured with junior varsity players moving up. The ladies that filled in did a great job of stepping up to get the win. They took a big lead in the first period of play, held that lead until the buzzer, and did not allow their opponent to gain any momentum over them.

"We were short some players tonight because of other commitments," Myatt said. "I am really proud of those who stepped up from the JV, and they did a great job for us."

Scoring: Shadle 24, Haley Carter 12, Abbie Massingill 8, Cornell 6, Holland 4, Janae White 2, and Patten 1.

The Lady Broncos will play River Road December 15 at home beginning at 6:00 p.m. They will play Arbor Academy in Amarillo December 18 at 6:30 p.m.

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25	Macy Shadle	Soph.
33	Haley Carter	Sr.
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12	Nathan Gribble	So.
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30	Derrick Shelton	So.
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Friday, December 15

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Lady Bronco JV win

The Lady Broncos played four intense games this week and were rewarded with second place in the White Deer Tournament. They traveled to Silverton Tuesday, December 5, and wiped out the Lady Owls 40-12. Scoring: Morgan Hysinger 12, Deidre Lewis 12, Cortnee Thornberry 4, Amelia Taylor 4, Kia Bryley 3, Haleigh Lewis 2, Jill Luna 2, and Dominique Mason 1.

They battled Booker in the first round of the White Deer Tournament and totally dominated them at 46-20. Scoring: D. Lewis 16, Bailey Starnes 10, Janae White 8, Erin Holland 4, H. Lewis 2, Jenci White 2, Hysinger 2, and Taylor 2.

The second round proved to be tougher for the Lady Broncos, but they held their intensity and outlasted the Claude Lady Mustangs by five by the final score of 39-34. Scoring: Holland 15, Janae White 12, Abby Patten 4, D. Lewis 4, Starnes 2, and Jenci White 2.

The win against Booker and Claude allowed the Lady Broncos to storm through to the Championship round, where they faced Sunray. They came up short at 26-31. Scoring: Holland 10, Starnes 8, Janae White 2, Patten 2, Hysinger 2, and D. Lewis 2.

The Lady Broncos will play Arbor Academy in Amarillo on December 18.

Bronco JV beat Owls

The Bronco junior varsity made short work of the Owls in Silverton Tuesday, December 5, defeating them 48-35. Scoring: Brown 31, Chris Herndon 4, Ryan Hill 4, Glen Weatherthorn 4, Keifer Burton 2, Johnny Ballard 2, and Billy Ceniceros 1.

The Broncos participated in the White Deer JV Tournament and faced Gruver in the first round of play and were defeated 21-53. Scoring: Brown 7, Hill 4, Ballard 3, Burton 2, Herndon 2, Stephino McCampbell 2, and Weatherthorn 1.

The second round proved to be better for the Broncos as they took on Sunray and got the 37-20 win to advance. Scoring: Brown 14, Herndon 7, McCampbell 6, Ceniceros 4, Ballard 4, and Burton 2.

Claude was the Broncos' next opponent; despite playing hard, they came up short on the scoreboard at 29-38. Scoring: Herndon 12, McCampbell 5, Ballard 5, Brown 4, and Ceniceros 3.

The Broncos will travel to Arbor Academy December 18.

Colts beat White Deer

The eighth grade Colts found revenge at home against White Deer, who had handed the Colts a loss earlier in the season. They handily defeated the Bucks at 42-23. Scoring: Johnny Gaines 19, Mike Crump 8, David Roberts 6, Quincy Harris 5, Bradley Watson 2, and Brayden Phillips 2.

The seventh grade Colts gave a great effort, but they needed a few more licks on the clock to get the win over the Bucks. The final score was 20-21 with the win going to White Deer. Scoring: Charleston Harris 6, Jayson Pigg 4, Chris Blackburn 4, Devonte Hardaway 4, and Jacob Pigg 2.

The Colts will resume play after the first of the year when they participate in the Bushland Tournament January 4 and 6 and travel to Claude January 8.

Lady Colts keep winning

The seventh grade Lady Colts

racked up another win as they took on White Deer on Monday, December 4, on the road. The Ladies won that match up 31-23. Scoring: Trevela Dronzek 16, Brittany Hargrove 7, Marqueda Gaines 6, Cheyenne Kosechata 1, and Brooklyn Bailey 1.

Things did not go as well for the eighth grade Lady Colts as they were defeated 15-19 in a close contest. Scoring: Vanessa Williams 10, Danielle Ford 4, and Annessa Williams 1.

The Lady Colts will participate in the Bushland Tournament that will be held after the first of the year on January 4 and 6. They will host Claude at home January 8.

Hedley JH beat Lefors

The Hedley Junior High Owls played Lefors on Monday, November 27. The Owls started out strong and finished up victorious 42-25. Scoring for the Owls was: Brady Montgomery 13, Reid Copelin 14, Angel Villereal 7, Braden Montgomery 5, Troy Chambliss 2, Austin Adams 2, Tanner Gross 2, and Josh Llewellyn and Willie Lewis each with one point apiece.

Next the Hedley Owl Junior High boys played the Groom Tiger Cubs. The boys once again started with a bang and ended up with the victory winning 64 to 38. Scoring this game was: Braden Montgomery 18, Chambliss 12, Villereal 10, Copelin 8, Jacob Widener 5, Llewellyn 5, Brady Montgomery 2, Kolby Foard 2, and Adams 2 points.

The boys traveled to McLean to play this past Monday night, but they struggled with foul trouble the whole game narrowly losing to the Tiger Cubs by two points 42 to 44. Those Owls putting points on the board were: Braden Montgomery 11, Copelin 8, Brady Montgomery and Foard 6 points apiece, Chambliss 5, and Gross 2 points.

The Hedley Junior High will not play another game until January 8 in Kelton game time 6:00 p.m.

Owls second in tournament

By Tangelia Copelin

The Hedley Owls took second place at the Ft. Elliott Tournament narrowly missing out on winning by losing to White Deer on Saturday.

Their first two games had the boys matched up against Miami where they easily won the game 60 to 42. Their second game against Wheeler was won also 52 to 33.

Scoring for the Owls in the first game were Peter Howard 21, Andy Alston 14, Will Verstuyft 10, Brayden Bennett 7, and Dustin Thomas and Isaias Ramirez 4 points apiece. The second game had Howard with 16, Verstuyft 13, Thomas 11, Alston 10, and Tyler Pepper with 2 points. The final game had Howard and Alston both with 11 points, Thomas 8, Bennett 4, Jonathoan Edmonson and Verstuyft both had 2 points apiece.

The Lady Owls beat Miami 50 to 28. The second game had the Lady Owls matched up against Shamrock in a head to head match that came down to the final seconds of the game. The Lady Irish won the game by 4. The last game the Lady Owls played for 3rd place against Ft. Elliott and won 65 to 29.

Lady Owls scoring this tournament in the first game were: Ruth Howard 15, Kristen Dwight 11, Katie Gregory 9, Kelby Shields 6, Julie Woodard 5, Jaci Copelin 4, and Haley Hall 2 points. In the second game: Hall 14, Gregory 10, Woodard 6, Copelin 4, Howard 2, Dwight 2, Shields 1, Shandy Koetting 1, and in the third game: Howard 20, Garcia 10, Woodard 9, Copelin 8, Hall and Gregory 6 points apiece, Shields and Koetting 3 points apiece.

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your guide to area CHURCHES

Clarendon

Agape Christian Church
712 E. 2nd (Hwy. 287)
Minister: Leonard Holt
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.

Calvary Baptist Church
US 287 E • 874-3156
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 7 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m.

Church of Christ
300 S. Carhart • 874-2495
Minister: Eddie Stegall
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
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.

First Assembly of God
501 McClelland • 874-9090
Pastor: Matthew Stidham
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service: 10:50 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
300 Bugbee Ave • 874-3833
Pastor: Lance Wood
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service: 10:55 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m.

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

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
420 S. Jefferson • 874-3667
Pastor: Tom Garmon
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday: 8:30, 10:50 a.m.

Jesus Name Apostolic Church
720 E. Montgomery
874-2388
Sunday Services: 3 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.

Old Paths Primitive Baptist Church
416 S. Kearney • 874-5374
Pastor: Lyman Little
Sunday Services: 10:30 a.m.

St. John The Baptist Episcopal Church
301 S. Parks St • 874-2511
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Corner of Montgomery & McClelland
Fr. Jose Palathara
Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

St. Stephens Baptist Church
300 N. Jefferson St.
Pastor: Melvin Brooks
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sun. Service: 11:15 a.m.
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.
(weather permitting)

True Church of God in Christ
301 N. Jefferson St
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sun. Service: 11:15 a.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m.

Clarendon Family Christian Center Church
116 S. Kearney St.
Pastor: R.W. Ellerbrook
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Service: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

Hedley

Church of Christ
110 E. Second St.
Minister: Bright Newhouse
Sun. Bible Class: 10 a.m.
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
210 N. Main St.
874-5980
Pastor: Bruce Howard
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m.

First Methodist Church
200 N. Main St.
Pastor: Gary Boles
Sunday Service: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.

Howardwick

First Baptist Church
222 Sherwood Blvd. 874-3326
Pastor: Genoa Goad
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 6 p.m.

Martin

Martin Baptist Church
US 287 W • 874-2025
Pastor: Darrell Burton
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m.

Brice

Brice Deliverance Tabernacle
867-3029 or 867-2012
Pastor: Louis Bennett
Sun. Service: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 6 p.m.

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