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Fund established for Olivas family

A love fund has been established for Stella Olivas and her three children at the Donley County State Bank, and donations are also being accepted at Lowe's Family Center.

Stella had a brain aneurysm last week and is having several medical procedures done to help with swelling and other complications that have occurred. She is a lifelong resident of Donley County, raised in Lelia Lake and now residing in Howardwick with her children.

Stella's friends are asking for help for her with bills and other things her family needs during this holiday season as she is the only source of income they have due to a tragedy that took her husband's life in 2011.

CEDC seeks listings for new web site

The Clarendon Economic Development Corporation is inviting local property owners to list their available commercial properties on the CEDC's new web site.

The site is still under development but will include a listing of commercial properties for sale or rent in Donley County for people who may be interested in establishing a business in our community.

Interested owners are asked to contact CEDC Director of Tourism & Economic Development Chandra Eggemeyer at 806-874-2421, email her at tourism@cityofclarendontx.com, or come by the CEDC office in the Mulkey Theatre for more information.

State plans shot clinics next month

The Texas Department of State Health Services has scheduled three Immunization Clinics in Clarendon for the month of December.

The clinics will be held on December 6, 13, and 20 at the TDSHS office at Five Medical Drive from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. with the first 15 clients being seen each time.

All clinic times subject to change or cancellation due to weather conditions or unforeseen scheduling conflicts.

Webcast to provide 'virtual leadership'

Members of 4-H clubs and others throughout Texas will be able to enhance their leadership skills and abilities through the Leadership Live! virtual leadership experience from 7-8:30 p.m. Dec. 10, said coordinators.

The link from which the session will be streamed is: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/leadershiplive>, and participants may register through this link.

The Leadership Live! experience will be useful not only for 4-H officers and members, but for anyone wanting to develop leadership skills.

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A Truck-load of giving

Hedley National Honor Society sponsored a canned food drive in the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving. Canned food and non-perishable items were donated to the Hedley Senior Citizens on Wednesday. The items literally filled up the back of a pickup. Pictured with a small portion of the items are NHS advisor Garrett Bains and NHS members Kassie O'Dell, Kristen Liner, Caden Farris, Emily Blum, Coltin Kingston, and Austin Adams with Hedley Senior Citizen Director Patsy Spier.

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Take steps to prevent child abuse during holidays

The holidays are upon us, which is good news for excited kids and family members anxious to re-connect. But many Texas parents struggle to find childcare while school is out and worry how they can afford the added expenses of holiday gifts and travel. The frustration and stress that many families experience this time of year often lead to more cases of child abuse or neglect.

For one Clarendon boy, the holidays became a nightmare in 2010 when his biological father began beating him on Christmas Eve. Twelve days later Chance Mark Jones was dead at the age of four. His father, Robert Babcock, is currently serving a life sentence for killing the boy. And Chance's grandmother, Gayle Edes, is serving a 90-day sen-

tence in the Donley County Jail for admittedly knowing about the abuse and doing nothing.

The reason Babcock began abusing his son is not known, but the Children's Hospital Association of Texas reports that more than 65,000 Texas children are abused or neglected each year. Many times, economic and personal stresses are contributors to child abuse. For many parents, the holidays increase these stress levels because of the extra demands on their time, money and energy.

"Many children and adults have unrealistic expectations for a perfect holiday season," Bryan Sperry, president of the Children's Hospital Association of Texas (CHAT), said. "Additionally, arguments with

family members, exhaustion from over-planning and dependence on food and alcohol – among other factors – can become a catalyst for parents losing their temper."

To minimize the risk of abuse, it's best to reduce unnecessary stress by planning ahead. The Children's Hospital Association of Texas recommends the following tips that parents can use to avoid having a holiday meltdown.

Establish a family budget for holiday spending and be realistic about what you can afford.

Hold a family meeting to discuss holiday plans, and include the children in planning activities.

Post a calendar of family activities in a place where all family members will see it. Ask each person to

remind you of school events, church activities, holiday parties, etc.

Limit travel. On top of everything else, long trips may be more than your family can handle. Suggest visiting relatives later in the year when things are calmer and you can enjoy the trip more.

Have your children make a list of elderly or shut-in neighbors in your area. Plan to share a meal, some of your time, or run errands for these neighbors. Explain to children that helping and sharing are important elements of special holidays.

Set family priorities for the season. A big cause of holiday stress is having too much to do in a short period of time. This year, sit down as a family and make decisions that are important to all of you.

Learn to say "no." Fewer activities mean more time to relax and enjoy being with family.

If you do find that it is difficult to avoid being verbally or physically harsh with your children, stop and try the following:

- Take a deep breath and count to 20.
- Phone a friend.
- Take a walk outside.
- Ask for help.
- Place your child in time out or a safe area, such as a crib, and leave the room.
- Take a time out and leave your child with a responsible adult.
- Catch up on sleep.
- And most importantly, if you know of a child in abusive situation, take steps to stop it. Don't take a Chance on child abuse this season.



Keep away

Clarendon junior Chance McAnear during the Broncos' 78-49 victory over Highland Park last Tuesday. For complete game results, see page five.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / MATTHEW MARTINEZ

Thanksgiving dinner draws 233 people

Organizers of the fifth annual Community Thanksgiving dinner at the Clarendon School Cafeteria say the event fed a total of 233 people with no charge this year.

Attendance was slightly down this year in terms of participants and helpers, volunteer Laura Paul told the Enterprise, but everyone still had a good time.

"We would like to first praise God for providing us with His resources," Paul said. "We also would like to thank all who took part whether it was serving, fellowshiping, or participating."

Paul said the food was kept in the local area with much of the remainder going to the nursing home.

"We would like to commend those who made sacrifices time, resources, and talent this year. If it were not for the prayers and willing hearts to serve, the Community Thanksgiving would not be able to happen."

The Community Thanksgiving is managed by Christ's Kids Outreach Ministries. For more information, contact Paul at 806-874-2573.

Red Cross names new regional leader

After years of covering disasters across the Texas Panhandle from the newsroom at KVII-TV, Steve Pair, newly appointed executive director for the American Red Cross, will now be leading the response.

Pair recently accepted the position as executive director which will oversee the mission for the Texas Panhandle Chapter in Amarillo and the Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter in Pampa. Pair began his career on Monday with training in Dallas and will then report to the Texas Panhandle Chapter for a community-wide welcome celebration on Thursday, November 29.

"I couldn't be happier to have this opportunity," said Pair. "Right now, the Red Cross is carrying out a massive relief operation across New York and New Jersey because of Superstorm Sandy. Some of our local volunteers are there helping. It makes me proud to know that from as far away as the Texas Panhandle, our teams can bring comfort and healing to millions. That is what the Red Cross is all about every single day and I can't wait to get started and to nurture and grow our Red Cross chapters right here at home."

A Holiday Open House and Welcome Reception has been planned so that members of the community can stop by the Red Cross to greet Pair on Thursday, November 29, between 4:00 and

7:00 p.m. at the American Red Cross, 1800 S. Harrison Street in Amarillo. Additionally, community members can sign a holiday card for a member of the military which will be sent out through the American Red Cross "Holiday Mail for Heroes" program.

To RSVP, call 806-376-6309.

Prior to accepting the Executive Director position at the American Red Cross, Pair served as the Communications and Marketing Manager for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Amarillo. Before that, he served as the news director for local television station, KVII.

"Steve has been involved with the Red Cross for a number of years," said Scott Keating, board chair, American Red Cross. "He knows our mission and how to deliver it and because of that, we couldn't have made a better selection to lead our team forward."

Pair says he'll not only set up shop from the 1800 S. Harrison location in Amarillo, but he'll also have a designated office space at the Red Cross office in Pampa.

"We cover quite a bit of territory so I want to be sure I'm connected to all of the areas we serve," said Pair. "We want our fire departments, emergency managers, community partners and most importantly, the people that we serve, to know that we're in your local community and we're here when you need us."

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

Conservatives talk secession and compromise

The impact of the President Obama's re-election has drawn some interesting reactions from the right. On the most extreme side we've seen people calling for secession with people in almost every state going to the White House website to petition the president to let their state leave the Union. The petition for Texas has more than 117,000 signatures according to our latest information, which seems like a lot of people but really isn't.

Texas has a population of more than 25 million people, so the petitioners are less than one-half of one percent of Texans. It's hard to pin down since polls weren't around back then, but by contrast it is believed that about 40-45 percent of colonists supported the American Revolution.

The thing that always amuses me about talk of secession is that automatic reactions that range from a) Texas reserved the right to secede as a condition of admission to the Union in 1845, to b) the Civil War and/or the Supreme Court has determined that no state can secede. Neither position is correct.

Owing to its size, the Congressional joint resolution admitting Texas to the Union does allow it the option of dividing into as many as five states, but it nowhere says that Texas can leave. On the other side, the failed War for Southern Independence showed that the north had a greater industrial capacity and military might than did the south, and, as far as the courts go, the federal government is never going to say it is okay for states to break away. But states certainly can secede, and history proves it.

If you read the Declarations of Independence of both the United States and Texas, then it is pretty clear the founding fathers were secessionists. They believed to the death that sometimes people may need to dissolve their political ties with governments that are abusive to their liberties. Indeed, Jefferson wrote that people have not only the right but the duty to throw off their oppressors. However, governments – from London to Mexico City to Washington, DC – never agree that their own subjects can secede.

Of course, just because you can do a thing doesn't mean you should. A free and independent Texas is fun to contemplate. The Lone Star is big enough to take care of itself, and it would be nice to see "a whole other country" that embraced liberty and limited government. Enshrine personal and economic liberty in law, join NAFTA to enjoy free trade with the US and Mexico, and watch a new national economy take off like a rocket. Unfortunately, with the ideologues we currently have running our state, it is very likely that a new Republic of Texas would be plagued by religious intolerance, a mediocre commitment to higher education, and political agendas in school curriculums. We would, however, have a balanced budget and sport very nice highways in Dallas, Austin, and Houston.

The question is moot though, because without a groundswell of popular support and the backing of prominent statesmen (who are in short supply these days), secession is an idea that is just never going to get traction.

On the opposite end of the spectrum in reaction to the president's re-election, we see continued calls for "compromise" in Washington as the nation inches toward the so-called "fiscal cliff" – a series of automatic tax increases and spending cuts that will take effect in January and possibly throw the economy back into a recession. To that end, we are beginning to see some Republicans breaking away from the "no tax increase" stance, and the emboldened president continues to demonize the right, saying this week that the GOP will ruin Christmas if it doesn't back down.

Will it never end? America doesn't have an income problem; it has an expense problem. The government just flat spends too much money, and the best our "leaders" in Washington can come up with is a plan to save \$1 trillion over ten years. How does that help us when we have a \$1 trillion annual deficit and total debt of more than \$16 trillion? We can't tax our way out of that mess.

"Compromise," it seems, is still a one-side proposition. There can be no solution to this disaster without reforming – and cutting – entitlements, namely Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. But Democrats have said those are off limits. The results will be that the Republicans will cave – as they usually do – and America will get a semi-solution that gets us past January. After that, "Dancing with the Stars" will be back for a new season, and politicians will be mostly quiet until 2014.

Meanwhile...

It now appears certain that Barack Obama will go down in history as one of America's great progressive presidents. Like all presidents who fit in this category, he has expanded entitlements, grown the role of the government, become a savior to the down trodden, and has championed social justice. Presidents like Teddy Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, and Lyndon Baines Johnson have occupied similar statuses in the minds of the American public to the extent that they became known just by their initials – T.R., F.D.R., J.F.K., and L.B.J. As such it would seem fitting that, out of reverence, we henceforth refer to President Obama as simply B.O.



editor's commentary
by roger estlack

Fiscal cliff is a Thelma & Louise redux

For those who didn't see the movie, Thelma and Louise (played by Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon), while running from the law after driving a wife abuser what he deserved, drove a 1966 Ford Thunderbird convertible over a cliff of the Dead Horse Point State Park, just north of Moab, Utah. I've been there and it is a magnificently spectacular drop off of several thousand feet. Absolutely nothing could survive a plummet off that cliff.

We the People may have the opportunity to experience a similar economic plummet if the Congress doesn't get its act together and find a way to avoid making the plunge. In their infinite stupidity, the Congress actually decided to make such a possibility feasible in the event that they couldn't get together and do what is best for the United States, which I will concede, difficult to ascertain.

Well, surprise, surprise. They couldn't get together to pass the needed legislation, primarily because of different policy positions. Policy is the name we give to our future mistakes. And it does take a certain kind of man to be in politics – a small one, with a small mind. I'm amazed that such little men can make such a big mess. About the only thing they can pass is gas.

Can any of you seriously say that the Bill of Rights could get through Congress today? Hell, it wouldn't get out of committee.

Granted, these are difficult times for the deficit critics, who have dominated policy discussion for almost three years. If it weren't for their role in deflecting attention from the continuing problem of an inadequate economic recovery, thereby helping to preserve disastrously high unemployment, one could almost feel sorry for them.

Has anything changed? Actually, for one thing, the crises they predicted keeps not happening. Instead of fleeing from U.S. debt, investors have continued to frantically jump in, driving interest rates to historical lows. What? Yep, 'tis true. And beyond that, suddenly the clear and present danger to the American economy that the Varmint News Channel (Fox News) has been warning us about isn't that we'll fail to reduce the deficit enough; it is, instead, that we'll reduce

the deficit too much. Because, people, that's what the "fiscal cliff" – more accurately named the austerity bomb – is all about: the tax increases and spending reductions scheduled to kick in at the end of this year are precisely not what we want to see happen in a still recessed economy.

Due to factual flaws, the deficit-critic movement has lost some of its glitter. That movement, in case you didn't know, is a multi-headed beast, compromising many organizations that are actually financed by and operated by pretty much the same people – people like Grover Norquist, truly a greedy American idiot. Dig down deep enough into these groups histories and you will find people like Peter Peterson, my old boss at Lehman Brothers Kuhn Loeb, Inc., and now a private-equity multi-billionaire, playing a key role.

Even so, the deficit-critics are not throwing in the towel and skulking back into their palatial mansions. Yet another organization has risen from the muck surrounding Grover. *Fix the Debt*, is advocating for cuts to Social Security and Medicare, all the while making lower tax rates a "core principal." That last part makes absolutely no sense in terms of the organization's stated mission, but makes more sense if you look at the roster of big corporations, from that bastion of integrity Goldman Sachs to the United Health Group, that are involved in the campaign and would benefit from the aforementioned tax cut. Meanwhile, sacrifice is for the little people.

Should we take this latest song and dance seriously? Not really, these people are born-again hypocrites and have been dead wrong on everything so far. The truth is that, at a fundamental level, the crises story they are trying to sell to the great unwashed doesn't make economic sense.

We've all heard the story enough to make us puke: Supposedly, any day now,



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investors will lose faith in America's ability to come to grips with its budget fiascos. When they do, there will be a choleric type run on Treasury Bonds, interest rates will spike, and the U.S. economy will plunge back into darkness and despair.

This isn't going to happen. First of all, just because it happened to Greece doesn't mean it will happen to us. In case you haven't noticed, we are not Greece, and it's pretty much impossible to see how this could actually happen in the United States, in light of our situation.

You see, we have our own currency – and almost all of our debt is in dollars. So our government, unlike Greece, literally can't run out of money. After all, it can create the stuff on demand. So, there's a very minute risk that America will default on her debt. There would probably be no risk at all if weren't for the possibility that those pesky Republicans will try to, once again, hold the nation hostage over the debt ceiling. And no, if the economy is still depressed, the U.S. government printing money to pay its bills will not automatically lead to inflation. 'Tis true that we might experience some inflation some years down the road. That might push down the value of the dollar. However, both of these things would actually help the U.S. economy right now. Expected inflation would discourage corporations and people from sitting on cash, and a weaker dollar would make our exports much more competitive.

In my opinion, it's time for Washington to stop listening to Grover and his disciples of doom and gloom. Actually, we could send them to Antarctica to study pink unicorns. This country is much stronger than we realize. We don't intentionally need to drive it off the cliff, while running from boogie men, like Thelma and Louise. Let's stand pat.

As an aside, Roger wrote a well-written, cogent column expressing his divergent view on the impending fiscal cliff. While I don't agree with it, it has much merit and valuable information. The problem with economic theory is that it's nigh impossible to know what is and what is not correct. Who knows, he may be right.



We can't afford to go over the cliff

You can't turn on the news these days without hearing about the looming "fiscal cliff." The stock market goes up and down daily as some small bit of good or bad news is reported about avoiding the economically catastrophic tax increases and automatic spending reductions that are set to occur at year's end.

I believe Congress and the White House can come together and reach the necessary bipartisan agreements that are needed to avoid the fiscal cliff and put America's economic house in order again. The stakes for our economy and our future are enormous. According to the Congressional Budget Office, the impending tax hikes and across-the-board spending reductions in most programs (known as sequestration) would drag America back into recession and push unemployment back above 9 percent.

The underlying problem is out-of-control deficits. For the fourth consecutive year, our budget deficit is over \$1 trillion. Total debt now exceeds \$16 trillion, and our country will be financially crippled if we don't deal with deficits.

Several bipartisan solutions have been put forward, including a plan from the President's Simpson-Bowles Commission. The President has said repeatedly that taxes must be raised on those who make more than \$200,000. But if

every millionaire in America were taxed at 100 percent, it would put only a small dent in our enormous budget deficits.

Although going over the fiscal cliff would raise taxes on everyone, the big threat is to middle class families. If action isn't taken by year's end, middle class families, small business owners, and retirees are going to take it on the chin in their 2013 taxes.

Uncertainty about taxes has small businesses stuck in neutral. Three-quarters of small businesses pay taxes at individual rates. Until they know what their tax rates for 2013 will be, the businesses that account for almost two-thirds of new job creation are standing still – and more than 20 million Americans who are looking for work will be on hold, too.

Senior citizens who saved for retirement are at financial risk, too. Taxes on dividends are set for huge increases on January 1 – to as much as 40 percent. Retirement planning and financial security will go out the window for millions who did all the right things throughout their working lives.



capitol comment
by sen. kay bailey hutchison

Also at risk if we don't avoid the fiscal cliff are my two top tax priorities. First, in states like Texas, which don't have an income tax, the deductibility of sales taxes for federal income taxes assures fairness with other states. If state sales tax deductibility isn't renewed by year's end, millions of Texas taxpayers will see their federal income tax bills swell by an average of \$500 next year.

My second priority is renewing tax relief for middle class married couples. Before my amendment was made law in 2001, 25 million married couples were forced into higher income brackets and paid an average of \$1,400 more than they would have as single people. This marriage penalty is, well, un-American, and my fix must be renewed.

There is still time for Congress and the White House to come together on a comprehensive long-range fiscal plan – to avoid punishing tax increases that will kill our weak economy, assure long-term Social Security and Medicare solvency (without cutting current benefits), and lock in prudent spending limits that will pare back deficits. The first step is for Congress and the White House to agree before year's end on a tax and spending framework that will avoid the fiscal cliff and put our country back on the right track.

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CEDC Classic to be held at CC this weekend

The Clarendon College Men's Basketball Team will host the Clarendon EDC Classic this weekend, November 29 - December 1, in the Dawg House in Clarendon.

This tournament is sponsored by the Clarendon EDC and will feature the CC Bulldogs, Northlake, Onpoint Hoops Academy, and Wayland Baptist.

"We really want to thank the EDC for helping us with our tournament," Bulldog Head Coach Tony Starnes said. "This is just another example of the people in Clarendon supporting our kids and their endeavors."

The schedule of games is:
Thursday, November 29, 7:00 p.m., Dawgs vs. Northlake College.

Friday, November 30, 5:30 p.m., Northlake vs. Onpoint Hoops Academy; 7:30 p.m., Dawgs vs. Wayland Baptist

Saturday, December 1, 3:00 p.m., Northlake vs. Wayland Baptist; 5:00 p.m., Dawgs vs. Onpoint Hoops Academy.

Bronco JV falls short against Highland Park

Despite fighting hard, the Bronco junior varsity came up short against Highland Park at home last Tuesday night with the final of 28-33.

A slow start in the first quarter put the Broncos behind, but they were able to stay close to the Hornets. They only trailed by five points at the break, but could never swing the momentum to their side.

"It was the first game of the year and the guys were a little tight and nervous and it showed," coach Alton Gaines said. "Even though we lost the game, the effort and hustle was there, so I was very pleased with that."

Scoring: Ashton Smith 9, Bryce Hatley 7, Zach Cornell 7, and Chesson Sims 5.

The Broncos will travel to Canadian December 11 and will play in their own tournament in Clarendon December 13 and 15.

Friends of the Library donate socks to USO

Friends of the Library met Wednesday, November 14, for the monthly pot luck luncheon and business meeting. There were twenty-two in attendance. It was approved to donate socks to the USO for a Christmas project this year. The library will accept donations of socks to this cause until the next meeting which is scheduled for December 12.

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Clarendon College's Jerard Graham, a sophomore guard from Burkburnett, Texas, accepts a \$500 donation from Machiel Covey representing the Clarendon EDC.



Clarendon junior Haley Ferguson during the JV varsity girls' game last Tuesday.

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December 1

Colts v Bulldogs v Onpoint Prep • 5 p.m. • Dawg House

December 3

Colts v Vega • 5 p.m. • Vega

Lady Colts v Vega • 5 p.m. • Clarendon

December 4

Varsity Broncos & Varsity Lady Broncos v Groom • VG 6 p.m. & VB 7:30 p.m.

December 6-8

Broncos & Lady Broncos play in Greenbelt Tournament • Clarendon

JV Broncos & JV Lady Broncos play in River Road Tournament

December 10

Colts & Lady Colts v White Deer • 5 p.m. • Clarendon

CC Lady Bulldogs v Ranger College • 6 p.m. • Dawg House

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Menus

December 3 - 7

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes garden mix vegetables, wheat roll, vanilla pudding, iced tea/2% milk.

Tue: Beef pepper steak, baby baker potatoes, wheat bread, sliced peaches, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Vegetable soup, Santa Fe chicken, squash medley, wheat bread, angel food delight low fat, iced tea/2% milk.

Thur: Beef soft tacos, Spanish rice, seasoned corn, mandarin oranges w/whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Baked fish/tartar sauce, parsley new potatoes, baby carrots, whole wheat bread, iced tea/2% milk.

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Breakfast

Mon: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk.

Tue: Sausage, biscuit, gravy, fruit, milk.

Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk.

Thur: Egg, toast, fruit, milk.

Fri: Cinnamon roll, juice, milk.

Lunch

Mon: Chicken fajitas, charro beans, corn, orange smiles, salsa, milk.

Tue: Beef & ches chalupas, garden salad, applesauce, salsa, milk.

Wed: Country fried steak with gravy, potatoes, green beans, hot roll, strawberries, milk.

Thur: Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, fresh apple, breadstick, baby carrots, milk.

Fri: Fish sticks, sweet potato fries, coleslaw, sliced peaches, milk.

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Santa Claus is coming to Hedley

Hedley Senior Citizens will hold a "Steak & Gravy" dinner, Sunday, December 2, at noon and it will be \$8 per plate. We sure hope to see you there.

Santa Claus will be visiting Hedley on December 12 at the Hedley Senior Citizens at 6:00 p.m. The grade school will make the ornaments for our tree, Gwynn and Bruce Howard will tell the Christmas Story, and we will sing Christmas Carols and have hot chocolate and cookies. Hope you all have been good little girls and boys.

Chicken Taco Casserole: non-stick cooking spray, 12 ounces chicken breasts, strips for stir-frying, 2 garlic cloves, minced, 1 teaspoon chili powder, 2 teaspoons canola oil, 1 medium onion, halved and thinly sliced, 3/4 cup chopped red bell peppers (1 medium) or 3/4 cup green bell pepper (1 medium), 1

(10 ounce) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry. 1½ cups salsa, 24 inches corn tortillas, coarsely torn, 3 ounces reduced-fat monterey jack cheese, shredded (3/4 cup), 1/2 cup cherry tomatoes, quartered (optional), 1/2 avocado, halved, seeded, peeled, and chopped (optional), corn chips, baked tortilla chips (optional) or broken taco shell (optional). Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Coat an unheated large nonstick skillet with cooking spray. Preheat skillet over medium-high heat. In a medium bowl toss together chicken, garlic, and chili powder. Add to hot skillet.



chatty kathy
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Thankful for a full Thanksgiving and for family

Thanksgiving is over, most leftovers are gone from the refrigerator – eaten, frozen, sent to another home or thrown away – but, oh my, how delicious it was! With diverse cooks you eat new food and that makes the meal interesting. We cooked too much food as usual, but, after all, Thanksgiving comes but once a year.

I have so much to be thankful for: my back continues to improve, all four children were here with spouses, grandson and family and two great-grand's, six-year-old Weston from near Houston and 20-month-old Grace. She is truly Amazing Grace or Princess Grace, it depends on her mood. Ole Jim and I



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Land office's Christmas map sales Save Texas History

AUSTIN – Archives staff members at the Texas General Land Office are as busy as elves this time of year, stuffing tubes with historic map reproductions and sending them off to good Texans all over the globe.

"Online sales in December earn more for Save Texas History than any other time of the year," Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson said. "Historic Texas maps make a great gift and buying them from the General Land Office helps preserve our state's legacy."

Among the most popular maps each year are the colorful 1849 DeCordova map, which shows the Republic of Texas when its northern boundary stretched to present day Wyoming, and an 1837 map of the Republic of Texas. Early bird's-eye view maps showing Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio are also top sellers.

All map purchases from the General Land Office are tax-deductible charitable donations, as all proceeds go to the Save Texas History Program, which preserves and digitizes historic maps and documents that tell the story of Texas.

Historic map reproductions are available at www.savetexashistory.org for as little as \$20. Maps ordered before Monday, Dec. 18 can be shipped in time for Christmas Eve delivery. Orders can also be called in directly to the Archives and Records Division of the Land Office at 1-800-998-4GLO (4456). Maps may be purchased as late as December 21 by walking into the General Land Office in Austin at 1700 N. Congress Ave.

The Save Texas History Program is a unique campaign that brings together private and government efforts to preserve the 35 million maps and documents at the Texas General Land Office.

After items are conserved, they're digitally preserved and made available to the public via the Internet. The Digital Preservation Project of the Save Texas History Program has been recognized by the Texas Historical Commission for its monumental effort to digitally preserve these historic treasures.

To search for maps, place orders, or make a monetary donation to the Save Texas History Program, visit www.savetexashistory.org or call the Land Office toll-free at 1-800-998-4GLO. Maps must be ordered by December 18 to ensure Christmas receipt.



Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Floyd

Floyd, Gibson exchange vows

Tamra Dee Floyd and Nathan John Floyd were united in marriage September 22, 2012, at the First Presbyterian Church in Amarillo.

Dr. Murray Gossett officiated at the double ring ceremony, and a reception followed at the Donley County Activity Center north of Clarendon.

The bride is the daughter of Tanya Gibson of Amarillo and Roger Gibson of Canton, Okla. The groom is the son of Terri Floyd and Johnny Floyd, both of Clarendon.

Flower girls were Savannah Church and Olivia Flowers, and ushers were Jason Floyd, cousin of the groom, and Daniel Bolgrin, friend of the bride.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, and the Maid of Honor was Tara Gibson of Amarillo, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Shelly Howlett of Ridgecrest, Calif., friend of the bride; Lauren Shields of Hedley, friend of bride and relative of groom; and Courtney Monroe of Hedley, friend of the bride.

The groom's attendants were Colt Floyd of Cartwright, Okla., Best Man and cousin of the groom. Groomsman were Clay Sawyer of Lelia Lake, friend of the groom; Chris Johnsen of Houston, friend of the groom; and Lee Stegall of Memphis, friend of groom.

Following their honeymoon to St. Lucia, the couple is making their home in Clarendon.

The couple thanks everyone who helped, supported them, sent gifts, and shared their special day. "We are so thankful to have so many loving people around us!"



Benavidez, Smith to wed

Refugio and Kathy Benavidez of Clarendon are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Cierra, to Oddie Smith of Lubbock. The prospective bride is employed by Associated Ambulance Authority. The prospective groom is son of Jimmy Smith and the grandson of Polly Smith and the late Oddie Smith of Clovis, New Mexico, and he is employed by the Donley County Sheriff's Office. The couple will be wed on December 15, 2012, in the First United Methodist Church of Clarendon.

First Assembly of God to host Tomlins

The First Assembly of God in Clarendon will host a Pentecost message delivered by Chresten and Bridgette Tomlin on Sunday, December 9.

Filled with the Spirit and driven by conviction, the Tomlins will bring Pentecostal preaching and anointed music to the 10:40 a.m. worship service followed by a Christmas concert at 5 p.m. For information, visit www.ctministries.com.

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Broncos swat Hornets in season opener

By Sandy Anderberg

Fresh off the football season, the Clarendon Broncos destroyed the Highland Park Hornets at home, 78-49. Good defense and spot-on offense allowed the Broncos to set the tempo of the game and shut down anything Highland Park offered.

The Broncos jumped out to the early lead in the first quarter of play and expanded that lead before the break. But, their third quarter offense was on target and they were able to keep the momentum to get the win. Defensively, the Broncos stopped the Hornets and frustrated them offensively. Cole Ward nailed two three-pointers and hit several other shots to lead the Broncos with 21 points. Cody Wood was also a work-horse for the Broncos putting in 13, and Adam Topper was solid inside and helped with 10.

"I thought we played well for our first game," head coach Brandt Lockhart said. "I was pleased the way we passed the basketball and hustled."

Also scoring: Trajen Johnson 8, Diego Santos 7, Tyler Burch 5, Cedric McCampbell 4, Charles Mason 4, Chance McAnear 4, and JoJo Cartwright 2.

The Broncos will play Groom at home December 4 and participate in the River Road Tournament December 6.

Lady Broncos roll Highland Park

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos shot 77 percent from the free throw line in their 84-30 romp over the Lady Hornets Tuesday night at home. Deborah Howard, Jency Burton, and Camra Smith all shot 100 percent from the charity stripe in securing the win.

The Lady Bronco team was on target offensively as they built on their lead each quarter while denying their opponent any points the second quarter of play. They were solid on both ends of the court and by half-time took a commanding lead of 37 points. Senior Jentry Shadle hit four three-pointers, and Ryann Starnes hit one. Three Lady Broncos finished in double figures with Shadle leading the way with 20 and Deborah Howard and Taylor Gaines putting in 15 and 14 respectively.

"I thought we played with a lot of energy and were able to get some steals that lead to layups," head coach Molly Weathered said. "I was pleased with our effort, but we still have a lot to get better at."

Also scoring: McKayla Cartwright 9, Smith 8, Starnes 7, Burton 6, and Audrey Shelton 3.

The Lady Broncos will play in the River Road Tournament November 29-December 1 and play Groom at home Tuesday, December 4.

Lady Bronco JV storms past the Lady Hornets

The Lady Bronco junior varsity dominated Highland Park at home last Tuesday night defeating them 48-22. Great defense and controlling offense helped the ladies in their win over the Lady Hornets. The ladies were also 100 percent from the free throw line, which was a positive according to head coach Kasey Bell.

Clarendon dominated early in the game holding their opponent to single digits in the first half of play. They were able to continue to hold on to the momentum and control the tempo on offense and defense.

"We did a better job of attacking the basket," Bell said. "It was good to get a win before the Thanksgiving break."

Phara Berry had a huge offensive game with 19 points and Haley Ferguson followed suit with 13.

Also scoring: Skyler White 6, Kendra Davis 4, Damara Brown 2, Tessa Buchhaults 2, and Shelby Baxter 2.

The Lady Broncos will play travel to Canadian December 11 and will host a tournament December 13 and 15.

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Clarendon senior Jentry Shadle during the varsity girls' basketball game last Tuesday.

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Clarendon 8th grader Marshal Johnson guards a Claude player Monday night during basketball games held in Clarendon. The combined team of seventh and eighth grade Colts demolished the Claude team, 68-7..

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November 20, 2012

10:01 a.m. – EMS assist 12400 block Co Rd R
2:40 p.m. – Caller reporting possible trespassers Co Rd CC

November 21, 2012

1:20 p.m. – EMS assist 100 block North Sully
7:32 p.m. – Loose livestock FM 3257
9:57 p.m. – EMS assist MM 131 I-40

November 22, 2012

6:02 a.m. – EMS assist South bound Rest Area I-40
5:47 p.m. – Loose livestock FM 3257
7:04 p.m. – EMS assist – Ambulance Station

November 23, 2012

2:04 a.m. – EMS assist 800 block South Kearney
9:42 a.m. – Report of truck stuck in Median West of Hedley
4:59 p.m. – To jail with one in custody

November 24, 2012

7:34 a.m. – See caller 600 block Plainview Street
1:55 p.m. – Ems assist 900 block East 3rd
1:55 p.m. – Caller reporting car running into yard 9th and Allen
6:32 p.m. – See complainant 300 block East 2nd
8:54 p.m. – EMS assist at EMS station
11:20 p.m. – Report of Party- 400 block Gorst

November 25, 2012

2:45 a.m. – Reporting suspicious vehicle Community Care Center



PEAK money

Clarendon Elementary Principal Mike Word presents a check to Clarendon Superintendent Monty Hysinger for \$6,000 from the Clarendon Elementary Pony Parents as a donation to the PEAK Scholarship fund last week. Courtesy Photo / Melody Hysinger

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Drugs in the News

Added Benefit of the Flu Vaccine

A Canadian medical research team is reporting a discovery that for one year after people received the annual flu vaccination, their risk of a major heart events, including heart attack, and stroke dropped by as much as 50%. The risk of cardiac death in these individuals was reduced by as much as 40%. This group of researchers presented their findings recently at the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress. In one of two studies presented, over 3,200 individuals were evaluated. Some evaluations in the study went back as far as the 1960s. Scientists who have looked at these study results feel that there may be a link between the flu vaccine and a reduction in inflammatory substances in the body that can inflame blood vessels and trigger heart attacks. This largely unexpected finding may lead to more encouragement by health professionals for older adults and those with a history of heart disease to get their vaccination against the flu each year.

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Obituaries

Kidd

Nell Rose "Susie" Kidd, 83, died Monday, November 26, 2012, in Clarendon, Texas.

Services were held at 3:00 pm Wednesday, November 28, 2012, at the Church of Christ in Clarendon with Don Stone, officiating. Interment followed at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

Arrangements are under the direction Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Susie was born March 17, 1929, in Childress, Texas to Guy William and Evelyn Tobin Murphy. She married J.E. Kidd, Jr. on October 16,



Kidd

1948, in Hedley where they lived until moving to Clarendon in 1956. She had been a babysitter at her home for many years and then went to work at the Medical Center Nursing Home, where she worked for 20 years as a nurse's aide. Susie loved the color red and enjoyed collecting dolls. Susie loved to drink coffee with her friends, and could be found at the coffee shop about twice a day.

She was a member of the Clarendon Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 2 brothers, Guy and Robert Murphy; and a sister Frances Geopfert.

She is survived by her husband; a son, Larry Kidd and wife Paulette of Clarendon; 5 sisters, Geneva Hill and Velma Byrd of Clarendon, Norma Hall and Ellen Cooley of Amarillo, Nadine Cortner of Overland Park, Kansas; 5 grandchildren, Jan Farris, Jill Chabless, Jodi Cruse, Kari Lindsey, and Todd Petty; 11 Great Grandchildren, Deston Chambless, Cole

Farris, Caden Farris, Haley Chambless, Denver Chambless, Kyle Lindsey, Kallie Lindsey, Branson Cruse, Baylor Cruse, Brayson Cruse, and Madelyn Petty.

The family request memorials be sent to Odyssey Hospice or the Donley County Senior Citizens.

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Lamberson

Jack Lamberson, 92, died Sunday, November 25, 2012, in Bowie, Texas.

Services were held Wednesday, November 28, 2012, at Robertson's Saint's Roost Chapel in Clarendon with Dwayne Lamberson officiating. Interment followed at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

Arrangements were under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Jack Lamberson was born April 3, 1920, in Clarendon to Stock Wat-

kins Lamberson and Cleta Youree Lamberson. Jack was a WW II veteran serving in the United States Army. He married Roberta Bernice McManus on April 1, 1944, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He moved to Bowie 16 years ago after retiring as a Ranch Hand in Clarendon, where he spent most of his life. Jack was a member of the Grace Baptist Mission of Bowie.

He was preceded in death by 2 brothers and 3 sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Bernice Lamberson, of Bowie; his son, Dwayne Lamberson & wife Glenda, of Jacksboro; his daughter, Sandra Morgan & husband Mickey, of Carrollton; 2 sisters, Willie Nell Waddell of Centerville and Edna Lou Bullman of Canyon; 4 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren.

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| 12 | JONAH SELL | SR. |
| 24 | TRAJAN JOHNSON | SR. |
| 32 | JOJO CARTWRIGHT | JR. |
| 33 | COLE WARD | SR. |
| 42 | TYLER BURCH | SR. |
| 50 | ADAM TOPPER | SR. |

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ASST COACH: ALTON GAINES
ASST COACH: STEVE REYNOLDS

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| 10 | JENCY BURTON | SR. |
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Nov. 29 - Dec. 1

Varisty Broncos

Compete in River Road Tournament

Tuesday, Dec. 4

Broncos & Lady Broncos v Groom

VG 6:00 • VB 7:30 p.m. • in Clarendon

Friday, Nov. 30

Lady Broncos v River Road

5:30 p.m. • in River Road

Dec. 6 - Dec. 8

Varsity Broncos & Lady Broncos

Compete in Greenbelt Tournament

Monday, Dec. 3

Colts v Vega

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A: Frost forms when the temperature at the ground reaches freezing, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Very often on calm, clear nights, the temperature near the ground can be several degrees cooler than temperatures above the ground," he explains. "The thermometer might read 34 degrees on top of a roof, but at the ground, it might read 32 degrees. This is because the ground loses heat quickly. So water vapor in the air, because it is so cool, condenses as supercooled dew and then turns to frost and maybe ice. Frost tends to form on glass, such as car windshields or windows, metal or rock surfaces first because these tend to lose more heat quicker. So usually, a car windshield will frost over before vegetation does."

Q: Does frost form quicker in some areas than others?

A: Yes, McRoberts says. "Cold air is dense and it tends to sink," he explains. "On a calm night, cold air will tend to sink into low spots. That's why valleys can be much cooler than the surrounding area because the cold air from the hills sinks into the lower areas. So when the cold air starts sinking, frost will form quicker in the low spots than the high ones. It's not uncommon for some valleys to be cooler by 10 degrees or more, thus more frost tends to form in these low areas. Also, some soil types, such as sand, retain less heat than others, and frost tends to form quicker on these."

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Now the passage above tells we are saved "not of works." Yet, read the following passage: (Ephesians 2:10) "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." Some would say that maybe the Bible contradicts itself at times. Many would just ignore this passage because it doesn't fit their predetermined understanding of the Bible. That passage plainly teaches that God created some works and we are expected to do them.

There is no contradiction here. In verses 2-8, a different kind of work is considered than in verse 10. In the first passage it is discussing works of merit, and in verse 10 it is speaking of God commanded works that are required. How would I prove that we are saved by faith and by doing the works of God that are commanded? (James 2:24) "You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only." That is the only verse in the New Testament with the words "faith" and "only" together. In that verse it tells us that we aren't justified by faith only. Does that contradict Eph. 2:8-9? No, because Eph. 2:8-9 never said salvation was by faith only. It said we are saved by faith and not by works of merit. If you read verses 8-10 in totality you will see that we must have faith and do the works that God has prepared for us. James simply reiterates the same thing. Faith only or works only won't save anyone. Faith and ignoring the works of God won't get us to heaven and neither will doing God's works while ignoring a strong faith.

If we just accept what the Bible teaches us then we are being fully obedient. Why should anyone limit themselves to a partial obedience to the Bible? It will avail us nothing to do so. Matthew 7:21, Jesus said: "Not everyone who says to Me Lord, Lord shall enter the kingdom of Heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in Heaven." There it is! If we do "all" of God's will we can go to Heaven. It isn't a buffet with choices that can be picked over or outright ignored. All commands to the church in the New Testament are to be obeyed to the best of our ability. If we do that we have nothing to fear but every reason to rejoice. I pray that you and I would seek to do all of God's will and that we would all be joined together in our heavenly eternal home, when this life is done.

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