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## Enterprise to close for holiday season

THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE will be closed Friday, December 21, for the Mayan End of the World and will also be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25 for Christmas.

The 2012 Year In Review Edition will be distributed next Wednesday, December 26, and we will resume regular business hours and deadlines for the January 3 edition, although we will be closed Tuesday, January 1.

## Livestock show to be held January 12

The Donley County Junior Livestock Show will be held Saturday, January 12, at the Donley County Activity Center.

Seventy-three kids from around the county, involved in both 4H and FFA, will be taking part in the livestock show. Many competitors have been working with their projects since summer.

If any exhibitor would like to order a t-shirt, they can contact Darla Franks, Lon Adams or Don Hillis to get a form. All orders and money are due by December 21.

## City sees increase in sales tax income

Sales tax revenues for the City of Clarendon were up this month when Texas Comptroller Susan Combs Distributes delivered her December allocations.

Combs said that statewide sales tax revenue in November was \$2.34 billion, up 13.1 percent compared to November 2011.

In Clarendon, revenue was up 19.57 percent from last December with a total allocation of \$27,500.58, which puts the city up for the calendar year by 1.78 percent at \$335,947.37.

Howardwick was up 11.48 percent to \$1,359.91 for the month, and that city's year-to-date total was up 23.23 percent to \$16,929.57.

Hedley slipped again, falling 6.01 percent to \$231.74 in December and down 28.53 percent for the year at \$5,163.43.

## All-District football team announced

Several Broncos were named to the football All-District list according to coach Gary Jack with receiver Trevor Cobb leading the way on the first team offense. First team defensive honors went to Diego Santos in the secondary, JD Baxter, line backer, and Cobb, offensive line backer.

Second team offensive honors went to Charles Mason, running back; Santos, receiver; and John Pigg, lineman. Trajen Johnson was named to the second team defense as a line backer; Pigg on the line, Tyler Burch, punter; and Ryan Isbell, kicker.

Those receiving honorable mentions on offense were: Jonah Sell, Burch, Johnson, Tres Hommel, Austin McNelly, Rowdy Speed, Adam Topper, Chance McAnear, Mitch Parry, and Jordan Stone. Defense: Sell, Burch, Isbell, Hommel, Chance Roland, Corey Barker, McAnear, and Caleb Cobb.

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The remains of a machine shed are in a pile following a tornado near the home of Ernest Barbee.

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## Tornados damage two areas

Two tornadoes touched down in Donley County last Friday, December 14, and made the record books not for their severity but for their rarity.

Clarendon Fire Chief Jeremy Powell said the weather service noted that the two twisters were the only ones recorded to have touched down in the month of December in the Amarillo area since 1950.

Weather officials categorized the tornadoes as EF-0 in strength with winds up to 80 mph.

Produced by a fast moving storm, the first twister touched down at 4:53 p.m. five miles southeast of Clarendon near the residence of Ernest Barbee. The storm blew half the shingles off the Barbee house, and ripped the doors and part of the roof off a barn. Outbuildings were flattened, but a nearby trampoline was unmovable.

The storm produced another twister five minutes later one mile north northwest of Lelia Lake near the home of Larry Helms. The tornado damaged trees and said irrigation pipe was tossed around.

## Clarendon Aldermen terminate Little

City Administrator Lambert Little was terminated on a 3-1 vote by the Clarendon Board of Aldermen last Thursday, December 13.

Following a heated discussion between aldermen that elicited shouts and comments from the more than 20 citizens in attendance, Alderman Tommy Hill made the motion to terminate Little's employment immediately and to compensate him for accumulated sick leave and vacation time. Alderman Jesus Hernandez seconded the motion, and Alderman Abby Patten joined in voting for the measure. Alderman Will Thompson voted in opposition.

Little then stood up, shook each alderman's hand, boxed up his office, and left City Hall as the meeting continued.

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Mayor Larry Hicks gave a statement to the Enterprise this week regarding the firing.

"I'm really sorry that it happened, but we are moving on and getting our feet on the ground," Hicks said. "We will see that things get done, and the door is open if citizens want to come talk to us."

It was standing room only at last week's meeting as approximately 23 members of the public attended, including two former mayors and two former city aldermen.

Three people addressed the board prior to the meeting, including Joe Hall, former mayor Tex Selvidge, and Walt Knorpp.

Hall spoke out against micro-

managing and in-fighting among the members of the board, and said Clarendon needs a city administrator.

"We hired this man. You hired this man. Let the man do his job," Hall said.

Selvidge, who served as mayor longer than anyone in the city's history, gave a lecture to the board based on his experience, including his time serving with Alderman Patten's grandmother, the late Shirley Clifford, who he said was one of the best aldermen and mayors that Clarendon ever had.

"Y'all have a right to disagree," Selvidge said. "Everyone of you have your own opinion, but when that vote is taken, dadgumit, let it

be. And if the city administrator... if you can't lead us, then maybe it's time for you to look for another job. If you aldermen, if you can't lead us, then maybe it's time for you to get off and find someone who can."

Selvidge said everyone is in this together and then warned the board not to appoint someone with an agenda to former alderman Terry Noble's vacant position. He told everyone to vote their hearts, but when the majority has decided, to let it go and move on.

Walt Knorpp said he represented a group of businessmen who realized they had become remiss in attending the meetings of the city, the school, the college, and other boards, and he said those businessmen com-

mitted themselves to attending more of the local meetings.

"Each of these entities and the decisions they make will have an impact on the city as a whole and on each of our businesses whether it be directly or indirectly," he said.

Knorpp then urged and requested the board to consider Clarendon native Sandy Skelton for Noble's former position.

As the meeting progressed, the board took up appointing someone for the vacant seat, and Aldermen Thompson moved to appoint Skelton, but the motion failed for a lack of a second. The board then voted 3-1 to table consideration of this matter until the next meeting.

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## Crash landing

Clarendon emergency personnel transport 67-year-old Midge Graham of Des Moines, New Mexico, to a waiting ambulance after the woman wrecked her car on US 287 near Jackson Street last Thursday, December 13. According to the Donley County Sheriff's Office, Graham was westbound when she failed to control her speed and struck two utility poles before striking the residence at 701 E. Second (US 287).

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

## District court convicts local man of charges

A Clarendon man was convicted when the 100th district court met in Clarendon last Friday, December 14.

The court heard one contested adjudication hearing took place which resulted in the conviction of William Michael Shults.

District Attorney Luke Inman prosecuted the case for the State of Texas with the Honorable Judge Stuart Messer presiding.

William Michael Shults pleaded true to allegations listed in the State's Motion to Adjudicate. After the plea of true, a contested punishment hearing was held where Inman called two witnesses.

The State called Marci Mills and Mark White with the 100th Judicial District Community Supervision and Corrections Department.

White testified that Shults

performed poorly while he was on probation. After all the punishment evidence was presented, Shults was convicted and sentenced to nine years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The maximum was ten years.

On February 22, 2011, the 34-year-old resident of Clarendon originally pleaded guilty to the third degree felony offense of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone that occurred on July 26, 2010, in Donley County.

The State filed the motion to revoke on November 9, 2012, alleging nine violations of community supervision.

Shults is also required to pay \$443 in court costs to Donley County, \$140 restitution, and a \$3,000 fine.



## Lions honor Little

Boss Lion Russell Estlack presents a plaque to Lion Lambert Little for his service and dedication to the club Tuesday.

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# Little was a good man for our city

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen fired a good man last week. He wasn't always popular, he wasn't always right, but he was a good man, and our city is worse off without him.

Lambert Little came to Clarendon two years ago, and he inherited a mess. He did the best he could to work his way through that; and despite what you may hear on the street, he was making progress. No man – or woman – could solve all of this city's problems in a year or two, but Lambert was trying to do what he could with what he was given.

Over the past several months I've heard a lot of scurrilous comments and baseless accusations about Lambert, many of those from people who haven't spent much time with the man. People love to talk. There's no doubt about that. But you'd be surprised about what you can learn if you take the time to get to know someone.

In my position, I strive to learn the facts. Not what the folks on Facebook or at the coffee shop claim to know, but the facts as they are. When I hear a rumor about the city or county or school, I pick up the phone or go by the appropriate administrative office and find out the facts.

As such, I have had cause to go visit with Lambert in his office to find out the facts on different issues. I've also visited with him in my position with the Clarendon Economic Development Board and as a citizen. Lambert and I have not always agreed on everything, and, in fact, strongly disagreed about some things. But at the end of the day, we parted on friendly terms.

After the terrible way he was let go 12 days before Christmas, I think it is important for you to know what kind of city administrator you did have and some of the things that he accomplished while he was here. I write this knowing full well that I probably will forget something, but here it goes in no particular order.

Lambert got this city to set goals. This is huge, as he would say, because it hadn't really be done before. The board met in a called session one Saturday (I believe it was in 2010) and talked about what they wanted for Clarendon and how they were going to get there. I was the only member of the public to attend the meeting, and it was truly a high point for our Board of Aldermen. After a list of short and long term goals were set, Lambert started trying to make them happen.

He hired a code compliance officer to try to improve our city by cleaning it up and making people aware of the rules that we are to live by. The first one didn't work out, he was let go, and a new one was hired amidst some controversy. But regardless, last week the board was presented with an impressive list of activities that the code officer and the municipal court has undertaken in the last month. Things are moving, and we are beginning to see the results of that.

Early on Lambert thought the city needed a new professional look, so he commissioned my wife, Ashlee, to design a new city logo at no cost to the city. The board adopted the logo, and it has come into common use now. Most people may not realize the significance of that, but branding and marketing is an important part of growing a community. Lambert knew that, and he understood that image and perception is a reality in a many people's minds.

Along those same lines, Lambert conceived the idea of combining the city's tourism efforts and the EDC's work by creating a new position. The city and EDC boards embraced the idea, and Lambert led the search that resulted in Chandra Eggenmeyer being hired this year to head up a new tourism and economic development office that is housed in the old Mulkey barbershop.

Lambert worked on a grant that got us a new (to us) trash truck, and he worked every day to try to find ways to spend the city's money wisely.

He undertook a paving project on Fourth Street that was universally declared a flop, but the citizens still trusted him enough to approve a bond election for \$700,000 to take on a new street paving project. That was later doubled when the board approved adding another \$700,000 worth of water and sewer improvements to the project.

The city has had cordial relations with the Donley County Sheriff's Office under Little, which is something that was soured by the previous administrator.

Responding to complaints about brown water, Little, with the board's permission, contracted an engineer to study the city's water system and make recommendations for improvements over the long term. The final report of that \$25,000 investment isn't even done yet, but it should show the way forward to address the problems that so many citizens have had for years.

Lambert was involved in our community like no other city administrator has been. He joined the Lions Club and volunteered for a vacant third vice president's position and was to be our Boss Lion next summer. In fact, he volunteered every chance he got, putting out flags when other members couldn't and providing programs for our weekly meetings.

Lambert, above all, was a gentleman, and those are in short supply these days. He was the type who would remove his hat when he met a lady, and he was always pleasant to be around. And with 20 years of municipal experience, he was a bargain for his salary of \$50,000 plus benefits.

There is more that Lambert did, but I'm short on space. Suffice it to say, that I believe he was just hitting his stride in Clarendon, and if we could have only held on to him, we could have accomplished many great things.

But now we are set back... again.



**editor's commentary**  
by roger estlack

# Time to strengthen gun control laws

The slaughter of the innocent children and their teachers in Connecticut last week has once again cast questions on the place of guns, particularly assault weapons, in our society. The question of gun control will, once again, be put on the front burner, with much more passion, and justifiably so.

The debate about access to guns in our society will become louder and more intense. We might as well be ready for it, and this debate will require our energetic participation if reason is to prevail. There have simply been too many killings over the past few years. We have got to find a better way to protect our children and our loved ones from these horrible attacks.

I'm not going to comment specifically about the slaughtered babies in Newtown, Connecticut. My emotions are still too raw to rationally address these horrors. I simply cannot wrap my mind around why such an evil thing could happen.

Back in 2007, I was two blocks away from a mass murder that occurred in Salt Lake City, while it was still happening. In that instance a Muslim teenager (with a 12 gauge assault shotgun and a .38 cal. hand gun) entered Trolley Square, an upscale shopping mall, and randomly shot nine people, killing five, all the while repeatedly shouting "Allah Akbar." His personal jihad was cut short by the quick actions of an off duty police officer (carrying a concealed weapon) from nearby Ogden.

Before that there was Columbine High School in Colorado, Aurora, Colorado, Virginia Tech, plus many other similar attacks around the country.

As should be expected, a hue and cry is once again heard throughout the land, folks clamoring to slap quick and severe limitations on gun ownership. As tragic and heart rendering as the Fish Hook slaughter was, we must not make

hasty, knee-jerk decisions in this matter. This continual slaughter is extremely serious and must be dealt with accordingly.

I have always believed that the Constitution gives us a clear and unquestioned right to bear arms, which means owning as many guns as we wish. I still strongly believe that. However, an imminent assault on the personal ownership of assault weapons is probably forthcoming, because most of these mass murders were executed with assault weapons, weapons that were very effective in killing innocents quickly.

In Connecticut, a Bushmaster .223 was the primary weapon used by the perpetrator to kill those precious children and their teachers. Many of the children were shot more than 10 times, resulting in their little bodies being torn apart. In Salt Lake City, a shot gun with extra magazine capacity was used. Horrible injuries resulted. Assault weapons were used in Columbine. Assault weapons were used in the murders in Aurora, Colorado. Then, of course, there is Virginia Tech, the worst mass shooting in our history. You get the picture. In every case, none of the primary weapons used were designed as hunting/sporting weapons. They were designed primarily to kill people efficiently and effectively, and they did.

The coming debate will be primarily defined as a debate about the relevancy of private citizens' ownership of assault weapons, and their use in our society. Why do we allow assault weapons? What is their purpose, if not



**the quick, the dead, & fred**  
by fred gray

to kill large numbers of people quickly? Should all assault weapons be banned? If so, will the current owners of assault weapons be grandfathered in retaining ownership of the aforementioned weapons, or will people be forced to give up possession of these weapons?

We must look at the value of the right to own assault weapons and compare it to the cost of ownership. Is the right to own assault weapons worth the price, when measured in the lives of our babies and loved ones? If we don't answer these questions rationally and competently, they will be answered for us. We may not like their answers.

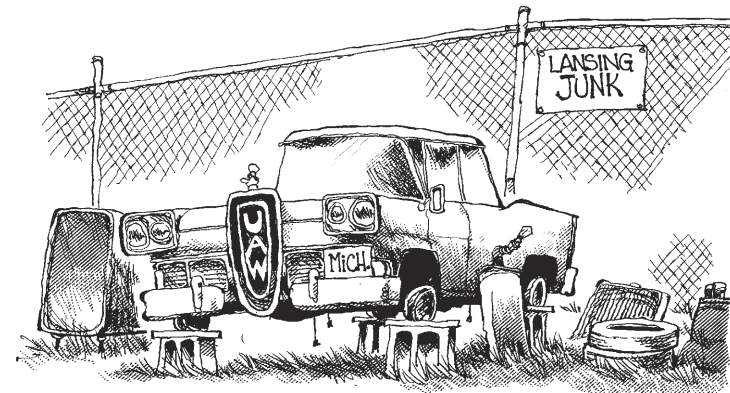
Personally, I think we would be better served if we looked more closely at the perpetrators of these atrocities. Why were they still walking the streets among us? In every single case, the perpetrators were mentally or emotionally unstable. In each case, there is information available that indicates that someone in the mental health field knew of their problems. Is the failure attributable solely to the mental health field? After all, no one in their right mind would commit such a violent, inhuman act, would they?

What about the constitutional right to privacy when citizens are suffering from mental illness? Do we abridge their rights? After all, aren't evil, mean-spirited scumbags entitled to constitutional protections? We have to find a way to balance the civil rights of the mentally and emotionally unbalanced with the rights of our babies to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

In the coming debate, we must address every single contributing factor to these horrific acts. After all, the lives of our babies, our children, and our loved ones are at stake.

Those who control the content of the debate will control the resulting legislation. We best be actively engaged.

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# Tales of Christmas past in Texas

"We just got up on Christmas morning...and we'd usually have an apple and orange in our stockings. That was about the only time we ever had oranges. I can smell an orange to this day, and it always makes me think of Christmas. We didn't get many toys. We got necessities."

This was a Christmas memory of Zulieka O'Daniel, who was born in 1911 and was raised on a farm southwest of Hart, Texas. Zulieka's Christmas mornings were much the same for many other Texas children in the early 1900s. While the settings were simple and the gifts limited, Christmas inspired the same anticipation and excitement then that it does for children today.

Elora Riddle, who lived on a farm to the west of Kress, Texas, recalled that her older siblings traveled into town by buggy to purchase surprise Christmas gifts one year for the younger children in the family: "Lucindy and Elbert went to town and it snowed and they couldn't get back on Christmas Eve. We hung our stockings on Christmas Eve and Papa and Mama put an orange and an apple, nuts and candy in, so we had that for Christmas and we thought that was all we were going to get." The morning after Christmas, Elora went to the breakfast table to find a "celluloid doll" at her place at the table. "We were so happy that Santa came back," she said.

In 1920, a third-grader by the name of Mill Boyd of Dumas, Texas,

attended community Christmas celebration at her schoolhouse. Instead of individual Christmas celebrations at home, the entire community would gather at the schoolhouse and Santa would visit all of Dumas' children at once. Mill left that year's gathering in delight, carting home with her a "wicker doll buggy and a Schoenhut doll." According to Mill, the Schoenhut dolls were hand-carved, German-made dolls who were "jointed and had real hair." In addition to the doll and buggy, Mill also received two boxes of chocolates from her "little boyfriend" that year. Her mother was not pleased and told Mill she was too young to receive the chocolates and would have to return them. Mill's father, however, interjected, "Leave her alone now. I'm gonna eat that candy."

An even earlier Christmas recollection in 1863 by the daughter of former Texas Governor E.M. Pease, Julia, included a description of the family Christmas tree: "Not tall and stately as the German Tannenbaum, but just a common cedar." Julia recalled that the ladies of the household spent the weeks leading up to Christmas preparing the trimmings for the tree, including stringing popcorn. Julia noted that because of the Civil War, goods had been blockaded from the North and all food and clothing that year had to be made at home.

In the 1890s, Mrs. W.H. Thaxton of Onion Creek, Texas, told the Austin American-Statesman that "real" eggnog was served in "liberal portions" among her family and the neighbors at Christmas. She also noted that "all laws, short of murder and arson, were suspended for the time, and many were the mutual misunderstandings that were settled at Christmastime." At the end of Christmas day, "dancing was engaged in, and the nights were enlivened by the merry strains of the fiddle (not violin), and the calls of the prompter as merrily the dance went on far into the night."

Today, as many of us find ourselves caught up in the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, there is something to be said about the simplicity of Christmas past in Texas. May we all take the time to enjoy the small things, the time together with family and friends, and the real meaning of the season. From my family to yours: Merry Christmas, happy holidays and best wishes for a safe and prosperous New Year.

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Chaparral Sams met for Christmas Luncheon

Chaparral Sams chapter members met Saturday, December 15th at 11:30 AM in the Willie Wiredhand room of Greenbelt Electric Cooperative, Wellington for their Christmas Luncheon.

Tom Etheredge, president, presided at the business meeting with Cary Don Neeley, Chaplain, voicing the opening prayer. Secretary, JoAnn Meyer, read the minutes of the previous meeting and Virginia Etheredge gave the treasurer's statement. Committee reports were given by Pam Neeley, Sunshine Lady, Cary Don Neeley, Chaplain, Pat Riggins, Newsletter Editor and Kenneth Ellis, Wagon Master and Edwin Meyer.

Incoming 2013 president, Larry Reich, spoke to those attending and introduced his officers, Rudie Tate, vice-president; JoAnn Meyer, sec-

retary; Virginia Etheredge, treasurer and Edwin Meyer, Wagon Master. He also introduced his committee members, Pam Neeley, newsletter editor; Verna Teague, Sunshine Lady and Cary Don Neeley, chaplain.

Chapter members and guests gave a \$180.00 to the Wellington Meals on Wheels. Rudie and Karon Tate, who deliver meals in Wellington, will present the donation to Joanna Gartin, Director.

Table grace was voiced by Rudie Tate. Sarah Martin and daughter, Kari Day, catered the Mexican buffet. Table favors included Christmas themed bookmarks and mini-linen sacks of Christmas candies.

The Hatfields and McCoys met for a 'Family Feud' with questions of Christmas traditions. The McCoys won this lively game. McCoy family

members were JoAnn Meyer, Joe Stewart and Shirley Henard. The Hatfields family included Cary Don Neeley, Beverly Logsdon and Larry Reich. Those in attendance were impressed with the correct answers these families gave.

Attending were guests, Harvey Hartman, Bobby Hayes, Dudley and Velta Miller and Lee and Sidney Jackson. Members attending were Edwin and JoAnn Meyer, Margaret Vines, Cary Don and Pam Neeley, Dan and Shirley Henard, Joe and Peggy Stewart, Ruth Caldwell, Bobbie Rhodes, J. W. and Ida Hartman, Buster Hughs, Jay and Verna Teague, Pat Riggins, Buddy and Beverly Logsdon, Larry and Eva Reich, Kenneth and Yvonne Ellis; and the host couples, Rudie and Karon Tate, and George and Vickie Porter.

City: Clarendon Aldermen terminate Little

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The board then began consideration of Little's employment status with the city. Little was on a 90-day probation with the city following his annual evaluation by the board in October. Alderman Hill moved to go into executive session on this topic, but Little said he was comfortable staying in open session.

Discussion was opened by Hill who said the day to day operations were not being done "lawfully, efficiently, effectively, and ethically."

Mayor Hicks stopped Hill and asked the alderman if he was saying that Little had broken laws. Hill recalled a time when bids were opened prior to the board meeting, but the mayor said the rules were followed.

Hill said he believed the law requires bids to be opened in front of the council and called for the city secretary to get the municipal law book, but he could not find the particular passage in the law book.

Hicks said in his time with the housing authority it was common for bids to be opened outside the presence of the housing authority board as long as the bid was not opened before the specified time.

"But that's totally different," Hill said. "That's government money, and this is city... this is taxpayers' money."

Then Hill said to "forget the law part" and began criticizing Little for not getting out of the office more and also for using his personal laptop computer in his city office. Thompson interjected that he didn't see the problem with that if he was using the laptop for city business because he (Thompson) uses his personal tablet computer for college business. Hill said Little was communicating

with colleagues on the laptop, and Thompson said the administrator communicates with colleagues on city business and he was probably taking the laptop home and doing city work at home.

"William, you don't see what's going on," Hill said to Thompson.

"I will admit I don't tailgate the city employees or post myself at the local store to watch them go in and out of the City Barn," Thompson said.

Patten then opened a line of discussion regarding comments in the community that people around town don't want the city micromanaged but things aren't being tended to. She also complained about comments made on Facebook, which prompted the mayor to say that she "needed to get some thicker skin."

Patten responded, "Oh, I'm not the one who went to an alderman's parents, but I'm the one who needs thicker skin?"

She then said that citizens concerns weren't being addressed and particularly noted the elevator installed on the front of City Hall. Patten also questioned whether Little, under the city ordinances, could delegate his authority to hire and fire. Little said he felt like he did have that authority.

"I'm the boss," Little said. "If I want to do that, that's what I'm going to do. It's a personnel issue, and that's my deal."

At one point in the discussion, the mayor asked for a show of hands from those in attendance who were in support of Little, and the majority raised their hands.

Hill said he keeps hearing that the board is micromanaging and said Little was the one micromanaging.

The mayor responded that Little's job is to manage. Hill then said if every citizen knew what was going on, "they would have a heart attack, but all they know is what they read in the paper."

Patten said she agreed the city needs an administrator but that the city needs more communication and less riff raff between citizens.

Little then asked if he wasn't the right man for the job, to let him go.

"Please just terminate me and put me out of my misery," Little said, and Hill made the motion to do so.

The firing prompted outbursts from the public, and former alderman Ann Huey was recognized to speak by the mayor over the objections of Alderman Hill.

"I feel very strongly about what just happened," Huey said. "It is a repeat of what we've already gone through. Who are we going to get in here to run this city? We have lost three city administrators because of this man (Hill) and the people he has complained to and who have supported him. It is disgraceful."

In other city business, the board approved an agreement for tax collection services with the Donley County Appraisal District, approved a corrected contract with the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation to manage the city's Hotel Occupancy Tax funds, approved the CEDC's budget for those tax funds, authorized implementation of an emergency notification system through the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, approved revisions to the employee policy manual, and canceled the next regular meeting scheduled for December 25.

Nusser named AgriLife Extension program director for North Region

AMARILLO – Danny Nusser has been named the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service North Region program director for agriculture, natural resources and 4-H and youth development, effective Feb. 1, according to Dr. Pete Gibbs, AgriLife Extension associate director for state programs in College Station.

While Nusser will move from his current position as district administrator for the Panhandle District, which he began in 2009, he won't be changing office addresses as both positions are located in the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd. in Amarillo.

He will replace Dr. Galen Chandler, who is retiring effective Jan. 31 after 32 years of service to AgriLife Extension. AgriLife Extension's North Region includes all counties served by district offices in Amarillo, Vernon and Lubbock.

"Danny's close working relationships with people will no doubt

provide synergy and strength to effective program supports across the north region," Gibbs said. "His knowledge of the significant production agriculture on the High Plains, Panhandle and Rolling Plains, and his continuing emphasis on youth development, will all be beneficial to programming across the North Region." Nusser joined AgriLife Extension as an assistant agent in Hale County in 1984, and served in Carson and Gray counties before he took the agriculture and natural resources agent position in Randall County in 2003.

"Danny has the background, experience and knowledge of AgriLife Extension that comes from having served as a county agent in four Texas counties and as a district administrator," Gibbs said. "We look forward to his transition into the regional program director position and the interaction that will take place to effectively address and identify issues and needs with program

planning, development, delivery and education."

Nusser was honored in 2001 with the Texas A&M System Agriculture Program's Vice Chancellor's Award in Excellence for his outstanding programming efforts in agriculture and natural resources. In addition, he received AgriLife Extension's highest honor – the Superior Service Award – in 2000.

He was honored again in 2000 by the Texas Association of 4-H Agents with the organization's award in communications. And in 2007, he received the Distinguished Service Award from the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association. Nusser is a member of state and national professional Extension organizations, including the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association and the National Association of County Agricultural Agents. He earned a master's degree from Texas Tech University and a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University.

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Community Calendar

**December 24**  
Christmas Eve

**December 25**  
Christmas Day

**December 27-29**  
Varsity Broncos & Lady Broncos compete in Canadian Tournament • TBA

**December 31**  
New Year's Eve

**January 4**  
Owls & Lady Owls v Silvertown • 6:30 p.m. • Silvertown

**January 7**  
Buildogs & Lady Buildogs v Frank Phillips • Girls 5:45 p.m. • Boys 7:30 p.m. • Dawg House

**January 8**  
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Claude • 5, 6:30, 8 p.m. • Clarendon

Owls & Lady Owls v Kress • 6:30 p.m. • Hedley

**January 10**  
Colts & Lady Colts v Memphis • 5 p.m. • Clarendon

**January 11**  
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Vega • 4, 5, 6:30, 8 p.m. • Vega

Owls & Lady Owls v Valley • 6:30 p.m. • Valley

**January 12**  
Buildogs & Lady Buildogs v Odessa • Girls 1 p.m. • Boys 7:30 p.m. • Dawg House

**January 14**  
Colts & Lady Colts v Claude • 5 p.m. • Claude

**January 15**  
Broncos & Lady Broncos v White Deer • 5, 6:30, 8 p.m. • Clarendon

Owls & Lady Owls v McLean • 6:30 p.m. • Hedley

**January 18**  
Owls & Lady Owls v Groom • 6:30 p.m. • Hedley

**January 22**  
Owls & Lady Owls v Silvertown • 6:30 p.m. • Hedley

**January 25**  
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Claude • 4, 5, 6:30, 8 p.m. • Claude

Owls & Lady Owls v Kress • 6:30 p.m. • Kress

**January 28**  
Colts & Lady Colts v White Deer • 5 p.m. • White Deer

Buildogs & Lady Buildogs v Midland • Girls 5:45 p.m. • Boys 7:30 p.m. • Dawg House

**January 29**  
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Vega • 5, 6:30, 8 p.m. • Clarendon

Owls & Lady Owls v Valley • 6:30 p.m. • Hedley

**January 31**  
Buildogs & Lady Buildogs v South Plains • Girls 5:45 p.m. • Boys 7:30 p.m. • Dawg House

**February 1**  
Broncos & Lady Broncos v White Deer • 4, 5, 6:30, 8 p.m. • White Deer

Owls & Lady Owls v McLean • 6:30 p.m. • McLean

**February 4**  
Colts & Lady Colts v Panhandle • 5 p.m. • Clarendon

**February 5**  
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Panhandle • 5, 6:30, 8 p.m. • Clarendon

Owls & Lady Owls v Groom • 6:30 p.m. • Hedley

## Menus

**December 24 - 28**

**Donley County Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Holiday  
Tue: Holiday  
Wed: Cheese burger, potato wedges, tomato wedge salad, melon medley, iced tea/2% milk.  
Thu: Chopped steak, mushrooms, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.  
Fri: Spaghetti/meatballs, whole wheat roll, margarine, strawberries/whipped cream, iced tea/2% milk.

**Hedley Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Holiday  
Tue: Holiday  
Wed: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, corn, waldorf salad, brownie, wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.  
Thu: Chicken & dumplings, squash, tossed salad, corn bread, winter fruit cup, iced tea/2% milk.  
Fri: Cheeseburgers, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, onion, wheat bun, strawberry shortcake, iced tea/2% milk.

# Watch out for holiday scams and schemes

Hey, all! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

It is sad that our Aldermen have run off another Administrator. It will harder to get anyone that is capable to come to Clarendon. The Aldermen should not try to run the daily problems of the city. They are the administrative body to take care of the overall city problems not to micromanage the day to day city operations. Maybe we need some of our citizens who have business knowledge to step up to the plate and run for Alderman.

I understand that two of our Aldermen who were against raising taxes and were in favor of raising water, sewer and trash rates. We all don't want to see our taxes go up. However they are associated with a lot of rental property and didn't want to see property taxes raised, but it was alright to raise rates on the people who rented from them.

I want to thank Alderman Thompson for standing up for what is right for Clarendon. Now I will get off my soap box and let's look at scams. On second thought maybe we are being scammed by some of our Aldermen.

Christmas Card Scam and Spam Alerts

With the holiday season in full swing, Internet security firms have issued a strong warning about a card scam surge – not of the credit card variety (though no doubt we'll have them too) but of virtual greetings cards, or eCards. In addition to delivering a seasonal message, bogus eCards are bombarding victims with spam or installing malware on

their PCs. The delivery mechanism is simple. You get an email saying someone has sent you an eCard and, when you click the link, you go to a bogus product website.

If there's an attachment -- "ChristmasCard.zip" is a common name -- it may turn out to be a flyer promoting fake products or a virus installer. According to security outfit Symantec, bogus offers include gifts, health products and financial help. In addition, anavalanche of plain old holiday-related spam is dropping into inboxes, usually with an inviting subject line like "\$1,500 cash for Christmas," "Share a Little Magic This Christmas" and "Wanna make Christmas shopping easy?"

Colorful ads, special offers like "Buy One, Get One Free" and bogus endorsements such as "As seen on TV" all make these deals look genuine. Sometimes, poor English is a giveaway for a scam and you may be able to spot it. The supposed sender may also look suspicious. Symantec identified names in the "From" field like "Christmas Letters from Santa," "The National Christmas Lottery" and "Fun4Kids." The important thing is to keep your Internet security software up to date. This will identify and weed out most "spamvertising."

Gift Card Scams Abound During The Holiday Season

Recent activity at the BBB reveals local consumers have been receiving a text message (a smishing scam) claiming they won a \$1,000 Best Buy, Target, Wal-Mart, ETC. gift card. The text is actually an offer

to apply for a loan. "Be careful when responding to unsolicited text messages," says Janna Kiehl, CEO of the BBB. "You may be replying to a solicitation."



**bob's whittlin'**  
by bob watson

A BBB investigation into one of the gift cards found these disclosures in the fine print:

You must be "accepted" to receive the card. Being "accepted" comes with program requirements.

"Eligible members" must complete "reward offers" and refer 3 friends to do the same.

Completion of reward offers most often requires a purchase or filing a credit application and being accepted for a financial product such as a credit card or consumer loan.

The manufacturers and retailers of the gift items offered have not endorsed the promotion and are not affiliated with the promotion in anyway.

Your information will be shared with the site's marketing partners.

For product trial offers you must typically pay a fee for shipping and/or processing.

If you do not cancel within the trial period you will be billed at the Reward's posted rate.

It is unlikely you won a gift card free and clear. You may have won the opportunity to apply for a loan that you would receive in the form of a gift card. But there are strings attached, lots of them. Be a

wise consumer by taking note of the tips below:

Most business will not communicate with you via text message. If you do not recognize the website or phone number being sent to you, don't visit or call it.

Avoid e-mailing and texting personal and financial information. If you have determined the website to be legitimate and do decide to submit financial information, look for the "lock" icon on the browser's status bar. It signals that your information is secure during transmission.

But first, Start With Trust. Look up any company free at www.bbb.org.

Review your credit card and bank account statements as soon as you receive them to determine whether there are any unauthorized charges. If your statement is late, call your credit card company or bank to confirm your billing address and account balances. Domain Renewal Emails are Solicitations in Disguise

Watch out for solicitation emails that look like bills for domain name renewal. Savvy scammers are cashing in on the fact that many businesses and individuals who own domain names don't keep track of where and when they've registered them. How the Scam Works: You own domain names for business or personal use. One day, you receive an email that looks like an invoice for the registration or renewal of your domain name. The email looks official, uses your name and/or address and comes from a legitimate sounding business, such as "DNS

Services" (see right). It tells you to click on a link and pay \$50 or more.

Before you click through to the website, be sure to read the email carefully. It's likely a sales pitch in disguise. These emails are selling services you probably don't need, not actually asking you to renew a domain. Typically, these types of spam offers come in the mail stamped clearly with the notice "Not a Bill," but the email versions are much harder to spot. Scammers are currently using the business name "DNS Services," but that is likely to change as the scam evolves. Some fake invoices avoid using a business name all together.

Is my Domain Name Expiration Notice Real? Check the website address carefully. Sometimes the domain name listed in the invoice is very similar to your actual domain name, but has a different ending or spelling. For example, it may end in .net instead of .com. Know the names of your providers. Figure out whether the bill actually comes from the business that sold you your domain name.

Check for other signs, such as high prices (domain registration should be \$10-\$15 not \$70), the use of a personal email address and a link to a third party payment provider, such as PayPal. Avoid this issue by selecting a single business to register all your domain names. That way, you can identify this spam immediately.

For more, check out BBB's tips about computer and web issues.

Be safe out there and enjoy the holidays.

## Christmas is coming with new memories

"Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat, won't you please put a penny in the old man's hat."

I recall the one line of that song but what movie/TV show it saw it in, I don't know. But the point is, Christmas is coming. I know it is coming by looking at the calendar, listening to music on the radio, watching "It's a Wonderful Life" or "A Christmas Story" with Ralphie asking for "a Red Ryder BB gun" on television, the Salvation Army bell ringers, or the Nativity Scene in City Park.

The one thing that has always meant Christmas is coming to me has been putting up the Christmas tree. The tree is filled with memories because I have tried putting up one of those themed trees with all silver ornaments but my family said "NO" and the next year those old ones were back up. I have an angel tree-topper I bought a few years ago but as my daughters decorated the tree this year they put the 58 year old topper back up.

I have stopped the silver icicles, they are hard on the back and make a mess but they always made those skimpy Charlie Brown type tree sparkle. I had a rule about the icicles, no clumping, no throwing, one icicle at a time. By that time my helpers, who had been so enthusiastic at the beginning were ready to stop and as I remember it, Mom (me) usu-

ally ended the icicle job. Tall or small, real or fake, bought at a tree store or chopped down by Daddy or Ole Jim, the tree was special and remains so to me.

A couple of Christmas gift stories and the way a child's brain works. My earliest Christmas memories occurred during WWII with most items either rationed or unavailable. My sister and I both had a doll that was well taken care of and Mother began the Santa Clause propaganda as I call it, you know Moms, you show pictures, tell a story, just redirect your child's wishes to things that are appropriate to your wallet or circumstances. She began by saying things like wouldn't it be nice to have new clothes for our doll and ended by playing the "because of the war, Santa had to ration his dolls and we should be proud to let a little girl in Europe have all the dolls" card. I swear, if I had gotten a new doll from Santa and not clothes that matched my dresses I would have cried from disappointment.

The second story involved our oldest daughter and her first Barbie.



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She was about six and wanted a Barbie with all the clothes and accessories so I made the clothes, Ole Jim made the furniture. If you know children, they are going to look and probably find that gift you have hidden away. Well,

Cindy found the clothes I was making but that innocent mind decided I was one of Santa's helpers and when she found those Barbie clothes under the tree she knew she was right, her Mama worked for the big man in the red suit. In later years she realized what she had seen but it took time and as for me, I learned that Santa propaganda and took it to a new level.

We will be adding to our Christmas memories this year with five great-grand children visiting. Boys 10, 8, 6 years, girls 21 months and 7 months, a little crawler. With Santa level at a 10 or more, this little house will be rocking. Thank goodness the "guest house" aka travel trailer, is well heated, you may find me out there.

As I talk about the tree and Santa I never forget the real reason for Christmas, the birth of Jesus. He fills my heart with gladness and love and I wish each of my readers a wondrous and joyful Christmas.

God Bless you everyone, Peggy, Ole Jim and Buffy the Wonder Dog



Winning fifty dollars for her Christmas coloring page is Clarendon's Anna Hardy. Anna is seven years old and is the daughter of Sue Hardy.

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Receiving her fifty dollars for her Christmas coloring page entry is Clarendon's Jordan Thomas. Jordan is nine years old and is the daughter of Sonia Thomas. Jordan's picture is featured on the cover of the Christmas special.

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### First Christian to hold Dec. 24 service

The First Christian Church will hold a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service this Monday at 7 p.m.

The spiritual event is to remind everyone why we celebrate, everyone is welcome to attend. There will be open communion and special music by Katie Askew.

The First Christian Church is located at Third and Gorst.

### Hedley Holiday Hoot

The Hedley Holiday Hoot will be held Friday, December 21, at the school library and will offer the community the chance to get into the holiday spirit.

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## Bulldog Cross Country coach qualifies for Boston Marathon

Clarendon College Cross Country Coach Zack Leggett participated in the Dallas Marathon on Sunday, December 9, and finished 28th out of a field of 4,873 full marathon finishers.

Leggett ran the 26.2-mile event in 2:56:26, beating his personal goal of 3:00:00.

Leggett said he enjoyed running in a marathon of this size—over 25,000 participants in total.

"It took 8 city blocks for the starting line," Leggett said. "It was a lot of fun to get to run with that many people."

In preparation, Leggett said he runs 6 days a week and averages anywhere from 70 to 80 miles per week.

His motivation for running a marathon came after he graduated college and found himself at a weight of 260 pounds.

"I ran two years in college, but when I stopped that's when I gained the weight," he said. "I started getting back in shape and my goal was to finish a marathon."

He met that goal last year when he ran the Dallas Marathon for the first time and finished with a time of 3:16:00. He bested that time by about 20 minutes this year.

This year's finish qualifies Leggett to run in the Boston Mar-

athon in 2014, and he plans to be there. He also wants to return to the Dallas Marathon next year and best his time once more.

"My goal for next year is 2:45:00," he said.

In his division for men age 30-34, Leggett finished the Dallas Marathon in 8th place. The overall fastest time for all finishers in the full marathon was 02:19:38.

While he doesn't require his cross country runners to train in the same way he does, he said he does have them run up to 15 miles a day and about 80 to 90 miles a week in order to compete in their 5 mile races.

"They do more of a speed workout than I do," he said. "I have to conserve enough energy to finish the race, but still run at a marathon pace."

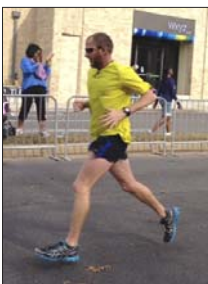
Leggett is in his first year at Clarendon College and it will be exciting to see what his runners accomplish this spring.

"Not only does Zack talk the talk, but he walks the walk," Clarendon College Athletic Director John Green said.

"I am very proud to have him as a coach at Clarendon College, and I look forward to seeing the Cross Country program improve under his leadership."



Clarendon College Cross Country Coach Zack Leggett



Clarendon College Cross Country Coach Zack Leggett running in the Dallas Marathon.

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Sat	15	57°	37°	-
Sun	16	62°	39°	-

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weekend forecast	
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**Drugs in the News**  
**Breast Cancer Drugs in the News**

There are two important news items related to breast cancer therapy research. One relates to an experimental drug that has shown excellent results in women with advanced breast cancer. The drug, which is still in clinical trials, is referred to as PD-0332991. According to recent news reports from the company studying the drug, test results were so impressive that late stage trials of this drug are already being planned for next year. Those conducting the study report an improved survival rate over an existing therapy for advanced cancer of the breast.

The other news item relates to tamoxifen, a breast cancer drug that has been around for several years. In short, researchers found in a study involving about 13,000 women, that those who stayed on tamoxifen longer (10 years in fact) experienced a much greater chance of not having the cancer come back, than if they only took it for five years. Specifically taking the drug twice as long was shown to cut the risk of the cancer coming back by 25 percent. In addition they found that the risk of dying from breast cancer in these women was reduced even more.

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Our kids went to Canadian for a basketball tournament on Saturday. The seventh and 8th grade hoopers travelled a long way for an all day affair. One of our teams had a 9:45 a.m. game and would have to play its last game, starting at 7:30 p.m. I knew my son would be home late. I was hoping maybe by 11:00 p.m. My son texts me at 8:43 p.m. and says the bus won't crank. I wasn't able to make the tournament and I'm thinking that I'm about to make a late night drive to Canadian. Then, Jack texts me back and said Canadian was loaning us one of their buses. Wow! What a display of kindness and generosity. Maybe that is standard practice in the panhandle of Texas, but I've never heard of it anywhere. Even if happens occasionally, I will always be grateful to whoever made the decision to give us a bus to get our kids home. I think we should send a fruit basket or something to the school administration of Canadian. Matthew 7:12 gives us the Golden Rule and how we should treat others. Canadian went over the top in my opinion.

I saw another display of how people treat others on Thursday night, and it was much different than the above narrative. I occasionally go to some of the city council meetings here in Clarendon. I would like to be a little more informed and involved if possible. Also, from what I hear and read, I want to see our city government in action. Was I in for a terrible display!

Our city manager was treated in a way that was shameful in a town nicknamed "Saints' Roost." It was shameful for any town, but it was saddening to watch. There were a good number of citizens there to witness it. Even if the man deserved to be let go, what he went through was appalling. Lambert Little was accused of breaking the law without proof. Not all of the board made this accusation, but it was made in front of a lot of witnesses. He was nipped about hiring and firing. He was berated for being in his office too much. It seems the last guy the city had was fussed at for not being in his office. Long story short, he is fired 12 days before Christmas. While he is packing up his belongings in the adjacent room, projects or ideas of his are voted on and implemented by the city council. It would be funny if it wasn't so tragic.

Much more went on at the council meeting that I am sure Roger Estlack will report on. My purpose here isn't a news report of our city government but the childish and ungodly way it operates. I hope more concerned citizens will attend future meetings. Maybe some of their behavior can be attributed to us, as they hear a lot of complaints and not much in the way of encouragement. But, surely we as citizens of Clarendon can be better than this. I ask every council member to reflect on the last several months. Are you satisfied with the tone and conduct exhibited? The Bible tells us to pray for our leaders and I do. Often you have a thankless job, but you represent all of us. Your conduct on Thursday and recently doesn't represent most of Clarendon.

Canadian put on quite a display of how to treat others. Surely we can rise to the occasion and handle our business in a more professional and godly way.

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## Les Beaux Art Club met to discuss Art Festival reports

The Les Beaux Art Club had its December meeting at The Family Living Center. The hostesses were Susie Shields, Frances Deyhle, Cindy Shelton and Bobbie Thornberry. The decorations were just beautiful and the food was delicious.

Our program was presented by Courtney Monroe. She showed us the art of decorating a wreath. We got some tips on arranging, but there is no way ours will ever look as good. This was our first meeting after the Arts Festival, so reports were given by Freddie Moreman on the finances and Greta Byars reported on the

overall success. This was our fourth year and each year has been successful.

We started the Art Festival to help bring art appreciation and awareness to the young people as they do not have an opportunity to have any art experience as they no longer have art in the school and the other reason was to bring people into Clarendon. We are proud of our town and would like to see more people come in to see what we have to offer. This has been a good thing as we have artist from several states. On Friday we have school day which

is attended by surrounding schools. Demonstrations, viewing of the art and snacks for them has been successful. This year we added a "kids corner" for students from K-5 to display their arts. We are hoping this will grow and grow. This is not a money making project for us. We will spend a lot of money to advertise to promote this event. This is a lot of work and expense for us as we make just enough to start over for next year. We would not be able to do this except for our sponsors. So, we hope you enjoy this event for Clarendon as much as we do.

## Quilting Club held Christmas party

The Golden Needles Quilting Club met at the Gay Cole home for our Christmas party, with singing, visiting, pictures, ate lunch, and finished singing Christmas carols. Decided when we would have our quilting for the next year. We also adopted an angel off the Christmas tree.

Those present were: Eva Lee Swinney, Rosa Lee Watson, Ann Bunyan, Josie Burgess, Jo Shaller, Francis Smith, Mary Lynn Manning, Wilma Lindley, Betty Jean Williams, Barbara Jean Williams, Wilma Callis, and Gay Cole.



The Clarendon Girl Scouts lit the Annual Christmas in the Court-house Square Sunday, November 26.

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## United Christian Ministries to hold Breakfast Dec. 20

The United Christian Ministries Breakfast will be held Thursday, December 20, 2012 in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist church at 7-00 a.m.

A Christmas devotional program will be given by Rev. Capranica with Christmas music by Rev. Capranica and accompanied by Shelia White. Everyone is invited—so come and enjoy a delicious breakfast, a wonderful program, and good fellowship.

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Chesson Sims plays defense against a Wheeler player during the JV Tournament.

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Charles Mason plays defense for the Broncos.

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Jensen Hatley dribbles the ball for the Lady Colts during the 8th grade girls game.

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Cole Ward scores for the Broncos in the game against Canadian last Tuesday night.

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Audrey Shelton takes the ball from a Lady Wildcat during the Clarendon vs Canadian game last Tuesday night in Canadian.

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Charles Mason plays defense for the Broncos.

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### Broncos Roster

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3	CHARLES MASON	SO.
5	DIEGO SANTOS	SR.
10	CHANCE MCANEAR	JR.
12	JONAH SELL	SR.
24	TRAJEN 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

MANAGERS: SAVANNAH TOPPER, MCKAYLA KING, BRITTNEY MCANEAR, EMILY MARTINEZ, & KATIE GOOCH

### Lady Broncos Roster

3	JENTRY SHADLE	SR.
10	JENCY BURTON	SR.
12	TAYLOR GAINES	SO.
15	DEBORAH HOWARD	JR.
20	MACI WHITE	SR.
21	CAMRA SMITH	JR.
22	ANNA CENICEROS	SR.
23	RYANN STARNES	JR.
24	MCKAYLA CARTWRIGHT	SR.
25	LYDIA HOWARD	SR.
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Lady Broncos won the championship when they defeated Canadian in the final game 52-48.

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Clarendon JV Boys came in 2nd place in the JV Tournament.

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## Bronco JV finishes second in Clarendon Tournament

The Bronco junior varsity basketball team completed a tough week that ended in second place in their own tournament.

The Broncos began the tournament with a huge win over Wheeler at 41-12. The game was totally dominated by the Broncos as they scored big through three quarters of play. The Mustangs were only able to muster eight points going into the final quarter.

The Broncos' dominance on defense hindered anything Wheeler tried. Scoring: Ashton Smith 9, Cheson Sims 8 Jr. Ceniceros 6, Montana Hysinger 5, Bryce Hatley 4, Cedrick McCampbell 4, Caleb Cobb 4, and Zach Cornell 2.

The Broncos took on Claude in the second round and breezed to a 50-25 win. The Mustangs never contested the game, as the Broncos were able to set the tone from the opening quarter. Jo Jo Cartwright pumped in 16 and Hatley added 10 in the win.

Also scoring: Hysinger 6, McCampbell 4, Cornell 4, Sims 3, Ceniceros 2, Smith 2, Cobb 2, and Austin Lowry 2.

The two earlier wins put the Broncos in the Championship game

against Wellington. Despite playing against three varsity players, the Broncos held their own until the final minutes of the game. The final score of 50-6 did not reflect how well the Broncos played as they fought to the end. Hatley and Cartwright finished in double figures with 14 and 11 points, respectively. Coach Alton Gaines was pleased with his team's play. "Great job by the boys this weekend," Gaines said. "They are really growing as a team and starting to understand the team concept. You're strong as a team, but very weak as individuals."

Also scoring: McCampbell 8, Cornell 6, Cobb 5, Ceniceros 2, Sims 2, and Smith 2.

The Broncos took on Canadian earlier in the week and lost to the Wildcats 21-35. The Broncos played hard, but could never get a handle on the Wildcats despite shooting decent from the field. Hatley led the Broncos on the board with 10 and shot 60% from the bonus line.

Scoring: Hatley 10, Smith 5, McCampbell 4, and Hysinger 2.

The Broncos will play Memphis at home on January 2 beginning at noon.

## Lady Broncos grab wins from Canadian, Boys Ranch

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos put together two good wins last week at Canadian and at home against Boys Ranch.

The final of the Canadian game was 43-33. Jentry Shadle and Ryann Starnes teamed up to hit five three-pointers and the team shot eight for thirteen from the bonus line to aid in the win. The Lady Broncos had a great start in the game and never let up on their opponent. They led by ten at the break and held that spread until the buzzer. "The Canadian game was an extremely physical game," head coach Molly Weatherred said. "I thought our girls did a great job of handling Canadian's physical play and matching it. The game was definitely a battle of the defenses. Our girls played tough defense and made it hard for Canadian to score. That is the reason we won the game."

Scoring: Shadle 13, McKayla Cartwright 13, Starnes 8, Taylor Gaines 5, Deborah Howard 2, and Anna Ceniceros 2.

On Friday, the Lady Broncos took on Boys Ranch at home. They had no trouble cruising to a 60-26 win.

The ladies swarmed the Rough Riders early on and put on a defensive show most of the game. They were able to stifle their opponent and limit their offense throughout.

Several Lady Broncos were on target from the bonus line and they shot 75% as a team to help in the win. "I thought we played extremely aggressive against Boys Ranch," Weatherred said. "We also played really hard and with a lot of energy. We are a lot better team when we play with a lot of energy."

Scoring: Cartwright 11, Jency Burton 8, Shadle 7, Gaines 7, D. Howard 4, Audrey Shelton 4, and Lydia Howard 2.

The Lady Broncos will participate over the holidays in the Canadian Tournament and host Memphis January 2 beginning at 1:30 p.m.

## Broncos suffer two losses last week

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos had a tough week on the basketball court and encountered two tough teams with the first loss coming on the road against Canadian and the other at home against Boys Ranch.

The Broncos lost the Canadian game 54-59 after being plagued by a slow start in the first half of play. However, they were able to regroup somewhat in the third quarter to narrow the gap and contest the game. But Canadian retained the lead and get the win.

"I was proud of our hustle, but we could not buy a basket several times in the game," head coach Brandt Lockhart said. "It was the second worst shooting night we had as a team. However, we did have a chance to win a tie at the end of the game, but could not convert." Adam Topper led the Broncos with 22, Cody Wood hit for 15, and Cole Ward added 12. Jonah Sell had three

points and Diego Santos had two.

The Broncos hosted Boys Ranch at home Friday night and lost a close one at 67-71. The Broncos led early in the game, but the Rough Riders tied the game at 35 all at the break. The Broncos came out ready to play in the third quarter and took a seven-point lead. Their fourth quarter was riddled with turnovers and Boys Ranch was able to capitalize to get the win. once again Ward, Topper, and Wood led the Broncos on the scoreboard.

"Overall, we played well, but had too many turnovers in the fourth quarter, which resulted in easy baskets (for Boys Ranch)," Lockhart said.

Scoring: Ward 23, Topper 21, Wood 12, Santos 6, and Charles Mason 5.

The Broncos will play in the Canadian Tournament December 27 and take on Memphis at home January 2 beginning at 3:00 p.m.

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## Colt teams claim championship in Canadian

Both Clarendon Colt teams walked away with big wins in the Canadian Tournament over the weekend and claimed the Championship trophy.

The eighth grade Colts played Sunray in the opening round and managed a 49-26 win. It was never a contest for the Colts as they hit early and stayed solid the entire game.

Scoring: Chance Lockhart 12, Clay Koetting 10, Riley Shadle 7, Taylor Knorpp 7, Marshal Johnson 16, Justice Burton 4, and Seth Greer 3.

The Colts went up against Wellington in the second game and again had no trouble handling the team defeating them 37-19. Lockhart played strong on both ends of the court and connected with 13 points in the game. Koetting helped with 11.

Also scoring: Burton 5, Knorpp 4, Clint Franks 2, and Shadle 2.

The two wins put the Colts in the championship game and were still not challenged. They made an easy go of it defeating the host team 48-14. Shadle and Koetting teamed up to hit four three-pointers to help the Colts win the game. The Colts jumped out to the early lead and outscored their opponent by 21 points.

The first quarter set the tempo for the remainder of the game.

"The eighth grade played well together overall and won all three games in the tournament," coach Steve Reynolds said. "They are a little more polished than the seventh grade, but they have been playing together longer. They executed very well and at the end of the day it showed it their scores."

The seventh grade Colts won the championship as well, but had to fight a little harder than the eighth grade. They went up against Canadian, Sunray, and Wellington and earned three tough wins. The Colts began the Canadian game slow, but regrouped in the second quarter to take an eight-point lead before the break. The Colts fell back in the third quarter, which allowed the Wildcats to tie the game in the fourth. In overtime the Colts outscored their opponent by one point and took the game.

Scoring: Colt Wood 20, Damarcus Cortez 8, Justin Christopher 7, Nathan Shadle 3, and Payton Havens 1.

The Colts took on Sunray in the next round and defeated them 40-25. The game began fairly even, but the Colts took control and grabbed the momentum in the second and third

quarters. They were able to execute their offense and played strong defense against the Bobcats to maintain their lead and get the win. Wood had another good scoring game with 20 and Cortez added 10.

Also scoring: Christopher 6, Shadle 2, Daquawne Oliver 2, and Havens 1.

The win put the Colts up against a good Wellington team who they defeated 49-46 for the championship. Wood was unstoppable putting in 28 points to lead the Colts. Cortez finished in double figures as well and put in 11. All of the players worked together to get the win and bring home the trophy.

Also scoring: Shadle 4, Zach Caison 3, and Christopher 3.

"The seventh grade Colts went 3-0 against Canadian, Sunray, and Wellington," Reynolds said. "They went into overtime with Canadian and pulled it out in the end. It was a total team effort and all of the kids played well. They were down 16-0 in the first quarter to Wellington and went on a 33-6 run to take an 11-point lead into halftime."

On Monday, the seventh grade Colts played White Deer and won 55-16. They had little trouble managing their opponent. Only three Colts

scored and all of the three finished in double figures. Wood had a huge night and was on target from the three-point line. Woods nailed four three-pointers and finished with 28 points. Cortez pumped in 15 points and Shadle finished with 12.

The Colts began the game with a seven-point lead in the opening quarter and led by 12 at the break. They were able to seal their win in the third quarter as they outscored their opponent 19-2 to put the game away.

The eighth grade had no problem taking care of White Deer, keeping them in single digits winning 49-6.

The Colts exploded from the beginning taking a 27-4 lead on the Bucks at the break and never looked back. The Colts went to the free throw line ten times and connected on half of those shots to add to their score.

Shadle finished in double figures with 11 points to lead the Colts to the win.

Scoring: Shadle 11, Burton 9, Lockhart 9, Koetting 6, Franks 6, Johnson 6, and Greer 2.

Both Colt teams will play January 10 at home against Memphis beginning at 5:00 p.m.



The Clarendon 8th grade Colt competed at the Canadian Tournament this weekend where they won all three games of their tournament. Team members include: (back) Taylor Knorpp, Justus Burton, Seth Greer, Marshal Johnson, Chance Lockhart, Keandre Cortez, (front) Clint Franks, Clay Koetting, Riley Shadle, and Jack Moore.

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## Lady Bronco JV claim Championship

The Lady Bronco junior varsity hosted their own tournament over the weekend and claimed the top spot over three good teams. The Lady Broncos won the championship when they defeated Canadian in the final game 52-48.

The ladies played Borger in the opening round and defeated them 53-31. Clarendon roared to an 18-point lead in the first half of play and was able to settle in and play fundamentally sound basketball for the remainder of the game to get the win. Phara Berry exploded offensively and pumped in 28 points to lead the Lady Broncos to the win.

Also scoring: Skyler White 7, Abby Durham 7, Sterling King 5, Elizabeth O'Rear 4, and Shelby Baxter 2.

The ladies used their skill in the second round against San Jacinto taking the win at 42-32. The Lady Broncos were fairly sharp in the contest and inside player Damara Brown

added a much-needed spark to help the Lady Broncos get the win. Haley Ferguson led the Lady Broncos with 11 points and White put in seven.

Also scoring: Berry 6, Brown 6, King 5, Gail Mata 3, O'Rear 2, and Tessa Buckhaults 2.

The Lady Broncos were geared up for the Lady Wildcats in the Championship game and led by seven after the first quarter of play. But Canadian worked their way back to cut the lead to four before the break. Each team connected offensively after the break, but the Lady Broncos were able to hold on for the win. Berry had another big game and racked up 24 points on the board.

"This was a great tournament for us and we had some hard fought games," coach Kasey Bell said. "Every game we have started out slow, but these young ladies have found a way to win. In the Canadian game, we had players step up and hit some key free throws, but extremely

proud of all these young ladies for how hard they work. Thanks to those that helped in the hospitality room and all that worked to make this a successful tournament."

Scoring: Berry 24, White 8, Mata 6, O'Rear 5, King 5, Ferguson 2, and Brown 1.

The Lady Broncos had met up with Canadian earlier in the week and defeated them with almost an identical score at 52-47. The Lady Wildcats had the upper hand in that contest before the break, but the Lady Broncos came roaring back to earn the five-point win. Berry hit four three-point shots in the game and several ladies stepped up to make big shots. "We were stepping up and hitting some big free throws in this game," Bell said. Scoring: Berry 24, White 9, Mata 6, O'Rear 5, King 5, Ferguson 2, and Brown 1.

The Lady Broncos will play Memphis at home January 2 beginning at noon.

## Lady Colts participate in Canadian Tournament

The Lady Colts competed in the Canadian Basketball Tournament last Saturday and brought home two wins.

The ladies took on the host team in the first round and were narrowly defeated 20-26. The Lady Colts never led in the game, but stayed close to their opponent after trailing by three points at the break. Brooke Smith led the ladies on the scoreboard with eight points and Jensen Hatley and Berkeley Alexander helped with four each. Myra Castillo and Sarah Williams added two points each.

The Lady Colts were able to rebound after their earlier loss and defeated Sunray in the second round at 46-18.

Hatley had a huge game to finish in double figures with 12.

The ladies took a commanding lead in the opening quarter of play and controlled the momentum to the final buzzer. Scoring: Hatley 12, Williams 8, Alexander 6, Hannah Howard 4, Whitney Laroe 4, MaRae Hall 4, Castillo 2, Smith 2, Jazmine Mellado 2, and Hannah Hommel 2.

The Lady Colts went up against Wellington in the third round and breezed to a 36-20 win over the Lady Rockets. Once again Hatley led the ladies on the board with nine points.

The Lady Colts jumped on their opponent early when they found their offensive rhythm and held them to single digits in the opening half. They were able to continue their dominance on both ends of the court to get the win. "I was very proud of the girls' effort this weekend," coach Shanna Shelton said. "I thought they

played hard and worked together as a team."

Scoring: Hatley 9, Hommel 7, Howard 6, Hall 4, Alexander 4, Smith 2, Castillo 1, Laroe 1, Williams 1, and Zaryia Smith 1.

Earlier in the week, the seventh grade Lady Colts grabbed a win over White Deer at 24-18. Clarendon held a slight lead after the opening period and increased that lead before the break. Their lead held up in the second half of play and they were able to get the six-point win. Hommel scored big for the Lady Colts with 14 points. Scoring: Hommel 14, Castillo 2, Mellado 2, Laroe 2, Abby Cenicerros 2, and Aubryanna Powell 2.

The Lady Colts will play at home against Memphis January 10 at 5:00 p.m.

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### December 10, 2012

7:24 a.m. – Need traffic control 287 & 70 South  
12:46 p.m. – EMS assist 1100 block West 8th  
11:51 p.m. – EMS assist 600 block Borger Street

### December 11, 2012

8:28 a.m. – Loose livestock North Jefferson  
1:41 p.m. – EMS assist- 700 block East 3rd  
2:07 p.m. – EMS assist 400 block

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#### December 12, 2012

2:40 p.m. – Dispatched to minor fender bender 800 West 2nd  
2:57 p.m. – EMS assist Hedley Cemetery

#### December 13, 2012

10:29 a.m. – EMS assist 4200 block Co Rd 14  
12:35 p.m. – Units paged – one vehicle accident 287 & Kearney

#### December 14, 2012

9:27 a.m. – Units paged – vehicle accident 287 & Kearney  
11:40 a.m. – Out @ annex  
1:43 p.m. – Out @ Hedley School  
4:50 p.m. – Report of funnels near

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4:51 p.m. – Report of funnels ½ mile East of 1260

#### December 15, 2012

5:38 p.m. – EMS assist mile marker 127 I-40  
7:39 p.m. – To jail with two in custody

#### December 16, 2012

12:00 a.m. – See complainant 600 block Plainview St  
12:14 a.m. – EMS paged to 600 block Plainview St  
2:19 a.m. – EMS assist 300 block Walleye  
7:27 p.m. – EMS assist 4700 block Co Rd 7

## Obituaries

### Graham

Brenda Joyce Graham, 63, of Claude died Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012.

Memorial services were at 2 p.m. Sunday in Church of Christ in Clarendon with Carroll Thomason officiating. Arrangements are by Cox Funeral Home, 4180 Canyon Drive.



Graham

Brenda was born March 21, 1949, in Memphis to Johnnie and Cleo Driver. She was raised in Lesley and graduated from Lakeview High School. She married Keith Graham on Feb. 19, 1966, in Memphis. Brenda worked at the Hall County ASCS office in Memphis for more than 10 years before going to work for the Texas Prison System at the Clements Unit in Amarillo as a corrections officer. She worked there for 20 years and was employed there at the time of her death.

Brenda was a hard working, honest and faithful woman to her Lord and family. She loved being with her family and took great joy in cooking for them. Most of all, she loved being Maw to her pre-

cious grandchildren. She will also be remembered for her willingness to help others, for her big heart and her laugh.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Macelanie Joyce Graham; her parents; a brother, Floy Lee Driver; and a sister, Edith Houshale.

Survivors include her husband, Keith Graham of Claude; a daughter, Leslie White and husband Bret of Clarendon; a son, Mark Graham and wife Cene'e of Amarillo; a brother, Lester Driver of Levelland; a sister, Betty Ann Hudgins of Burns Flat, Okla.; and four grandchildren, Maci, Brice, Skyler and Briss.

### Thomas

Betty Sue Thomas, 83, died Saturday, December 15, 2012, in Amarillo, Texas.

Services were held Tuesday, December 18, 2012, in the Community Fellowship Church in Clarendon with Rev. Larry Capranica and Pastor Lavon Thompson, officiating. Burial followed in Llano Cemetery in Amarillo. Arrangements were under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Betty was born December 17, 1928, in Vernon to Ralph and Masel McDuff. She married John Wesley "Wes" Thomas on December 15, 1950, in Plainview. She had been a longtime resident of Amarillo before moving to Clarendon in 1986. She

had 3 hobbies/addictions horses, books, and chocolate. She also loved Snapple peach tea. She was a woman of faith and loved her family dearly. She had been involved with the Humane Society in Amarillo and was a member of the Donley County Senior Citizens and the Community Fellowship Church in Clarendon.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a son, Jim Travis Thomas.

She is survived by her husband, Wes Thomas of Clarendon; 2 sons, Lightin McDuff and wife Debbie Carey and John Thomas and wife Beckey of Amarillo; a daughter, Debra Reece and husband Ricky of Amarillo; a sister, Tommie Lu Privitt of Farmersville; 9 grandchildren, J.W. Thomas, Karlee Creek, Jacob Thomas, Dylan Reece, Matt Thomas, April Carey, Jessica Thomas, Jamie Ross, and Josh Arnett; 12 great grandchildren; and 1 great great grandchild.

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## Hedley Lady Owls douse flames, compete in Valley Basketball Tournament

By Fred Gray

On Tuesday, December 11, the Lady Owls, led by Bailey Wood's 5 three-point baskets and 17 points, beat the Amarillo Flame (a team composed of home school students) 46 – 43. Salem Shelp added 13 points, and Kortney Burton contributed 10. Kati Adams threw in another 6 points to the Lady Owls' scoring.

The Lady Owls then participated in the Valley Tournament on the 13th, 14th, and 15th of December. In the first game of the tournament, the Lady Owls fell to Childress High School, 37 – 62. Only Bailey Wood scored in doubt figures, with 14 points. Kati Adams and Charlie Neeley each scored 6 points, while Salem Shelp added 4 points. Kortney Burton scored 3 points, while Marijke Tidden and Kassie O'Dell added a bucket apiece.

In the second game of the tournament, the Lady Owls rebounded to beat Chillicothe High School 50 – 20. Bailey Wood again led Hedley's scoring with 15 points. Kati Adams and Kassie O'Dell scored 11 points each, and Charlie Neeley scored two baskets and made 3 free throws for a total of 7 points. Steady Salem Shelp closed out the scoring with 6 points.

Hedley closed out the tournament with a 36 – 59 point loss to Hale Center. Only one Lady Owl, Bailey Wood, scored in double figures, with 12 points. Both Kati Adams and Salem Shelp got close to the double figure mark with 9 points each. Charlie Neeley scored 4 points, and foreign exchange student Marijke Tidden added 2 points.

The Lady Owls' open district play in Silverton, January 4th. Tipoff is 6:30 P.M.



Kortney Burton against Childress in the Valley Tournament.

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## Owls compete in Valley Tournament

By Fred Gray

The Amarillo Flames singed the Owls' feathers 42 – 20 on December 11. Once again the the Evans twins, Brandon and Bryan led the Owls scoring – with Brandon putting in 9 points and Bryan adding 6. The Flames, a home schooled team, used their superior size and speed to good advantage. They played gritty defense and used their quickness to stifle the Owls' scoring efforts. Wyatt Wheatly added 3 points and Clay King contributed 2 points to the effort.

Hedley opened the Valley Tournament with an 82 – 16 loss to Sudan. Sudan is a 1-A school, with a much larger pool to draw players from, and Hedley couldn't overcome Sudan's quickness, or their size and height advantages. Wyatt Wheatly led the Owls' scoring with 9 points. Brandon Evans scored 4 points, David Bell added 2, and Diego

Souza added 1 point.

In the second game of the tournament the Owls soared, beating Chillicothe 53 – 51. Bryan Evan lit up the board for 20 points, Wyatt Wheatly was hot too, adding 17, and Brandon Evans hit double figures with 10 points. Lane Calber had 4, and Diego Souza added 2. Hedley outthustled Chillicothe and played really good defense.

The Owls closed out the tournament by losing to Canadian 14 – 66. It was one of those games everyone who plays sports has to endure from time. Canadian was quicker and smothered the Owls with great defense. Only three Hedley players scored: Brandon Evans had 7, Bryan Evans had 5, and Lane Calber added 2.

The Owls travel to Silverton for their next game, which opens district play, on January 4, 2013. Tipoff is 6:30 P.M.



Merry Christmas from the Donley County 4H and the Donley County Clover Kids! Over 200 care packages of homemade hot chocolate and candy canes were assembled at our regular December meeting. These were handed out to the Nursing Home, the Donley County Senior Citizens and the Hedley Senior Citizens. Ten Clover Kids helped decorate the paper sacks, while at least twenty-six 4H members and their parents mixed the hot chocolate mix and portioned them out into bags.

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The Clarendon Junior High Student Council organized a canned food drive competition among the sixth, seventh and eighth grades this month. The canned food was donated to the Clarendon Lion's Club for their annual food drive. CJH collected just over 600 items, and the winning class was the sixth grade with 318 cans.

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Tornado damage at the Ernest Barbee residence.

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Lions Club delivered forty Christmas baskets to families in Clarendon on Tuesday. Shown here are Lions Don Smith, Roger Estlack, John Taylor, Cameron Word, Chandra Eggemeyer, Russell Estlack, Steve Hall, and Lloyd Stice. Not pictured Lions Lambert Little, Ashlee Estlack, and Tex Buckhaults

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