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## THIS WEEK

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

## Chili Challenge will be Dec. 19

Late Night Shopping continues this week featuring the first ever "Great Bowls of Fire" Chili Challenge Thursday, Dec. 19.

Local merchants are keeping their doors open until 8 p.m. December 19 for your shopping convenience. Santa Claus will be on hand both nights, and wagon rides will be available.

Ed Montana will provide the musical entertainment for the Chili Challenge, which will be inside LaVelle's, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. as businesses go up against one another for bragging rights and their chance at a traveling trophy.

The winners will be selected on a "people's choice" basis, and admission is \$5 per person. All proceeds from the challenge will go to the Mulkey Theatre project.

Local merchants and the Donley County State Bank are also making shopping at home easy this year with zero interest loans available for the holidays for those who qualify. Contact the bank at 874-3581 for details.

## Enterprise sets holiday schedule

The Clarendon Enterprise will be closed December 19 - 26 for the Christmas holidays.

We appreciate the loyal support of our readers and advertisers and your understanding of early deadlines during this time of year.

The deadline for next week's issue has already passed, and the December 26 edition will be distributed next Thursday.

With New Year's disrupting the schedule for the January 2 edition, we're asking everyone to please have all your news, photos, and ads for that paper in the office by noon on Monday, December 30. We will resume our regular deadlines for the January 9 edition. Thank you!

## Car registrations can be done online

Donley County residents can now renew their automobile tags online and pay with a credit card.

Tax Assessor / Collector Linda Crump said Monday that online registrations can be renewed at [www.txdmv.gov](http://www.txdmv.gov).

Crump said her office at the Courthouse Annex still cannot process credit cards at this time for those renewing their registrations in person.

## United Christians plan breakfast

The United Christian Ministry Breakfast will be held Thursday, December 19, 2013, at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Clarendon First United Methodist Church.

A full breakfast menu will be served. A Christmas program will follow, and Danny Mullins will be giving the program to keep us in the spirit. Everyone is invited so come and get a good start on your day with a good breakfast, program, and fellowship.



## Santa comes to town

Santa Claus poses with Haylin, Haughton, and Henry Bivens during the Clarendon Christmas Bazaar Saturday evening. The Jolly Old Elf will be back downtown this Thursday during Late Night Shopping before he makes his annual flight next week. Check out this week's special insert to see what all the boys and girls of Donley County want under their tree this year. CC YEARBOOK / MATTHEW MARTINEZ

## Sales tax receipts up in local cities

Clarendon's sales tax collections for the calendar year were more than \$75,000 higher than 2012, according to information released by Texas Comptroller Susan Combs last week.

City Hall received a December allocation of \$32,168.26, which was up 16.97 percent or \$4,667.68 compared to last December.

This month's allocation brings

the year-to-date sales tax collections to \$411,672.43, which is a 22.54 percent increase over the \$335,947.37 the city received in calendar year 2012.

Hedley's sales tax revenue was also up for the month and the year. The December allocation of \$1,296.54 was a 459.48 percent increase over the \$231.74 for the same time last year. The city's

total for the year was \$7,601.79, an increase of 47.22 percent.

Collections were also up in Howardwick but not nearly as dramatically. The December rebate for the lakeside city was up 3.72 percent to \$1,410.50 and the total for 2013 was \$17,380.16, an increase of 2.66 percent.

"State sales tax revenue continues to grow at a moderate pace as

expected," Combs said.

"Sales tax collections have increased for 44 consecutive months. Revenue from sectors such as wholesale trade, services industries and restaurants contributed to the most recent increase."

The sales tax figures in the December allocation represent October sales reported by monthly tax filers.

## Comptroller reports bigger than expected state surplus

By Aman Batheja, Texas Tribune

The oil drilling boom's impact on Texas coffers continues to outpace officials' expectations, according to a report released by the Texas comptroller's office on Thursday.

Comptroller Susan Combs reported that Texas ended the 2012-13 biennium with a \$2.6 billion surplus, more than double the \$964 million surplus her office projected over the summer. The report also predicts that Texas taxes paid by energy development firms will be at least \$2 billion more than earlier projections, resulting in \$8 billion in the state's piggy bank by 2015.

The revisions means that the Rainy Day Fund could be more flush than expected for the 2015 legislative session, even after lawmakers backed measures asking voters to approve tapping the fund's revenue stream for water and road projects.

Last month, Texas voters approved transferring \$2 billion from the Rainy Day Fund to a state water infrastructure bank. Earlier this year, state lawmakers also passed a measure that would require dedicating half of the future tax revenue currently earmarked for the Rainy Day Fund to the state highway fund.

If voters approve a related constitutional amendment in November, the highway fund will receive an extra \$1.38 billion in 2015, and the Rainy Day Fund will receive the same amount, according to Combs' latest estimates.

Under that scenario, the Rainy Day Fund will have a balance of \$8.1 billion by the fall of 2015.

Dale Cramer, president of the business-backed Texas Taxpayers and Research Association, said Combs' projections are still "very conservative" considering the economic activity coming from the oil and gas industry in South and West Texas in recent months.

"Expectations are that we'll probably be able to do better than these numbers," Cramer said.

While oil and gas activity has had a significant impact on state revenue, the broader state economy is also doing very well, Combs reported.

"Texas has recovered 100 percent of the jobs lost during the recession and added 597,000 beyond the previous peak in August 2008," Combs wrote. "The economic forecast underlying this revenue estimate projects Texas will continue adding jobs in fiscal years 2014 and 2015, although not at the pace of 2011, 2012, or 2013."

## Aldermen okay city workers' pay raise

Christmas came early for employees of the City of Clarendon last week when the Board of Aldermen approved raises for all personnel.

The board debated the raises at its regular December 10 meeting and were informed that the city had historically given three percent across the board raises on an annual basis but no raises were given in fiscal years 2012 or 2013. Employees also did not get a raise in 2008.

A recommendation for a five percent raise started the discussion, but it became quickly apparent that aldermen wanted to do more for their employees.

"I think it would be fair to pay a wage worth what they work," said Alderman Will Thompson.

"Compared to what other cities are paying, our guys are working a month for free," Alderman Larry Jeffers said.

Discussion settled on a raise of seven percent, and the debate then turned to how best to distribute that increase. Alderman Doug Kidd encouraged dividing the money evenly among all employees instead of making raises based on percentage of salary.

"If you're really wanting to help morale and help the guy at the bottom, this is better for lower paid employees," Kidd said.

The board approved a motion to give a seven percent across the board raise. Kidd cast the lone dissenting vote, noting that he was not against the raise but just preferred a different method of distributing it.

The raises will cost the city about \$27,000 and will come from the money previously budgeted for the city administrator's salary.

Aldermen also approved a motion to allow the mayor \$40 per month for mileage expenses.

The board considered the election of directors to the Donley Appraisal District and voted to give all the city's votes to Wilma Lindley for that position.

A budget amendment was approved to move \$1,000 from the elevator line item to the street department for equipment expenses.

## Child abuse can result from holiday stresses

AUSTIN - The holidays are a joyous time when loved ones come together to share traditions and to celebrate. But for many families, the holidays can also be a time of stress and frustration, sometimes unintentionally resulting in an increased risk of child abuse and neglect.

"Research tells us that economic and personal stresses are leading contributors to child abuse and neglect," said Wendell Teltow, Executive Director of Prevent Child Abuse Texas. "For too many parents, the holidays increase stress levels because of extra demands on their time, money and energy. To minimize the risk of abuse, it's best to reduce unnecessary stress."

Prevent Child Abuse Texas offers the following tips to help families enjoy the holidays while keeping tension to a minimum:

1. Establish a budget for holiday spending. Be realistic about what you can afford to spend on gifts, entertainment, decorations for the home, special foods, travel, etc.
2. Hold a family meeting to discuss holiday plans. Ask for ideas from the children for family activities that would appeal to them.
3. 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, parties, etc.

4. Remind children that a gift's importance is not determined by the amount of money spent on it. Handmade gifts and freshly baked cookies are welcome and appreciated by friends and relatives.

5. 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.

6. Find time to relax and reflect on the simple joys of the holidays. When you feel yourself becoming overwhelmed, take a break to get a better perspective on what needs to be done and what can be done.

7. If you find that it is becoming difficult to avoid being verbally or physically harsh with your children, STOP. Don't take out your anger on your kids. Instead, try the following: Take a deep breath and count to 20. Phone a friend. Take a walk outside, or use another form of exercise. Laugh. Even a comedy show on television will help relieve stress. Spend one hour doing something you really enjoy.

Prevent Child Abuse Texas is the leading organization working to prevent the abuse and neglect of our state's children.



## All I want...

Eli Ritchie visits with Santa last Wednesday at the Hedley Senior Citizens center. "I want a fuzzy sweater," he told Santa.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / KARI LINDSEY



# Let love and peace be with you all

It's Christmas time again. A season of peace and joy and, too often, stress.

There is shopping to be done, school programs to attend, community events scheduled, family calendars to be juggled, and all of life's usual craziness that seems to multiply from Thanksgiving to December 25.

At our office, this is the busiest time of year, which puts Ye Olde Editor on edge and Ye Young Staff on their toes. Then last Tuesday – right before press time – we found out that a major component at our printing plant had suffered a power surge that put everything on hold and ultimately delayed the Enterprise until Thursday of last week.

Use of the word “delay” is really just semantics in this case, however. Our paper for generations has been dated for Thursday even though it typically is distributed on Wednesday. Among other reasons, we keep it this way for situations such as these so that if we're ever a day “late,” we're actually right on time.

But when you're in a weekly routine for years, a disruption like that discombobulates your entire week and your sense of time and place. Add to that, technical failures at home – a garage door opener on the fritz and a fridge taking its dying breaths – and all the typical stuff that goes on this time of year. It's enough to make you just want to be done with Christmas.

But... then there are the things that really matter. At the top of the list, of course, would be the birth of our Savior and all the hope, joy, and love that this season is meant to convey. This is why we celebrate and ought to the focus of every day.

Looking at things through the eyes of a child helps put things into their proper perspective. The joy they get from just driving around looking at Christmas lights, the excitement they exhibit in the days leading up to Santa's arrival, and all the wishes and dreams they talk about as December 25 gets closer and closer.

And then they can turn on a dime, put all the toys and “things” aside, and drive home what it's all about. Like all kids, ours have a list of toys they hope to receive next week. But after their mother had shoulder surgery last week, Ben sat down by himself this weekend and wrote another letter to Santa. “I want my moms sholder to be fixed by December 24” so she can open presents, he wrote.

Never mind the train, the truck, and the “stuff.” Putting others above yourself is what we need to remember, and most importantly, we must all cherish the time we are given with our friends and families. We are not promised one more day, so we must take every opportunity we have to love each other, care for each other, and enjoy each other.

If you have your parents or grandparents, spend extra time with them... even if it's just over the phone... because the time will come when you wish you could. Never take for granted your time with family.

May this season wrap you and your family in love, forgiveness, and joy and inspire you with a sense of charity to all. That is what Jesus taught us, and that is the greatest Christmas gift of all.

Merry Christmas from our family to yours.



# America's great economic stagnation

Is the great age of American economic power over? Even though America's job growth seems to be modestly rebounding – as evidenced by the US economy adding 203,000 jobs in November – America will experience slower GDP growth in the years ahead. Since 1960, the rate has been 3.3 percent. Even so, the Federal Reserve predicts a rate of 2.1 to 2.5 percent in the future, and J.P. Morgan actually projects a rate of less than 1.75 percent. The longer time frame is even grimmer: U.S. economic growth has been steadily decelerating for scores of years, from a 70 year average of 3.6 percent (1939-2009) to a 10-year average of a miserly 1.9 percent (1999-2009).

Rather than bore our valued readers with a bunch of numbers, please allow me to point out that many prominent economists, including Robert J. Gordon and Tyler Cowen, acknowledge that all these numbers are signs of a long-term economic slowdown. This slowdown will most likely continue until the middle of the 22nd Century. Adding fuel to the fire, in a November 8, 2013 discussion at the International Monetary Fund, former Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers – one of the culprits that caused the Great Recession, I might add – speculated that the United States might be stuck in “secular” – which is to say, long-term – “stagnation.” Robert J. Gordon was a little more forceful when he circulated a paper with the all-caps headline “IS U.S. ECONOMIC GROWTH OVER?”

Yes, folks, ‘tis true – long-term growth is slowing, and the grandest party ever may be coming to an end. Or, is it? Maybe it is not all bad news. Let us all take a deep breath and remember that slow growth is not no growth; any rise whatsoever in per capita GDP helps boost our standard of living. Moreover, if we can get our government off high center, good policies that improve productivity have the potential to boost overall growth.

Now for those who have not brushed up on their economic principles recently, especially our Congress, GDP

growth is driven mainly by two factors: labor-force growth, due to increases in population and labor force participation; and productivity growth, the ability to produce more goods and services using the same number or fewer workers, due to innovative technology or organization. Our demographic trends are, without a doubt, putting the first factor in danger, with both American population growth and labor-force participation in long-term decline.

America's birth rate has dropped from 3.5 in the 1950s to 2.1 today. Meanwhile, labor-force participation, percentage of the working-age population in the workforce, is expected to drop from 67.1 percent in 2010 to 62.5 percent by 2020, primarily as a result of the aging of the Baby Boomers – even without factoring in lingering unemployment from the Great Recession. As our population growth slows and our labor-force participation declines, the growth of the U.S. labor force is expected to fall dramatically until 2020, then accelerate even faster from 2020 to 2050. In other words, our national economic productivity is in deep trouble.

The power of our government to increase labor-force growth is limited. Policies to increase national birthrates have failed or shown limited results in other industrialized countries, and expanding opportunities for legal immigration, especially in light of our gridlocked political parties and Congress is highly problematic.

If the United States is to reverse slowing growth, increasing our productivity is probably our best hope. The contribution of labor-force growth to GDP growth has plummeted, from 46 percent in the 1960s to less than 20 percent beginning in the 2000s – which



the quick, the dead, & fred  
by fred gray

means productivity, in comparison, now accounts for 80 percent of that growth. In short, growth of the American economy in the future will depend almost exclusively on improvements in the speed and quantity of our production capability.

As usual, many economists are pessimistic about growth because they see the age of innovation as all but over. They negatively think that the rapid progress of the past 250 years is over, and that we should only expect to go downhill from here. They suggest that we are at the absolute pinnacle of our economic success. They say that all the revolutionary technologies have already been invented and that there is nothing but decay ahead for the American economy.

Well, I think these economists are full of beans. Innovation is not dead. Good grief! Actually, I think it is only beginning. As long as there are gifted, motivated people American civilization will continue to advance. It is our nature and our will to innovate, adapt, and conquer. It is the American exceptionalism of the future. Our Manifest Destiny is as relevant as ever.

Progress continues in many areas of science and technology (S.T.E.M.). Hydrogen as a stable source of powering transportation is just around the corner. Wind and solar energy are in their infancy, and harnessing the power of our seas is not too distant into the future. Microbiology and chemistry are pregnant with promise, as are most of our technological capabilities.

We may appear to be in a tough spot, in the limited light of economic productivity as measured in GDP, but it would be a terrible mistake to sell America short. If we stick to the basics, including free markets and modest government investment in basic R&D, public education, and infrastructure, we should be able to see a continued rise in America's standard of living, even if GDP grows at a slower rate.

America's great economic stagnation is a myth.

IF THE ARCHITECTS OF OBAMACARE WERE IN CHARGE OF DEVELOPING AMAZON'S DELIVERY-BY-DRONE PROGRAM...



# The Idle American: On the road again...

By Dr. Don Newbury

For the longest time, Americans by the millions were pampered and charmed by airlines in general. One ad urged us to “fly the friendly skies.” And we did, with pleasure.

The horrific 9-11 tragedy changed everything. Suffice it to say that folks who formerly chose to fly when facing trips of 150 miles or more have upped the number greatly, say to a minimum of 300 miles....

Facing a 600-mile trip to New Orleans recently for the inaugural cruise of the Carnival Sunshine, we chose to drive. We “drank in” geography we’d not seen “up close” for several decades.

Instead of “pedal to metal” driving, we opted to cram “one day into four.” After all, my spouse could help greatly—driving part of the time and pointing out missed turns when I was at the wheel.

With GPS turned off and no specific route in mind, we headed east on “roads less taken.”...

Averaging 150 or so miles daily—many of them barely above sea level—we smelled few roses, but aromas of Cajun food wafting from one-of-a-kind restaurants made up for it. And the stretch

from Lafayette to Baton Rouge is home to a culture we mostly have heard jokes and stories about.

“Cajun Country” is the real deal, known for a work ethic to be envied and delectable menu items to be savored.

May it long include names ending in “eaux” and dialects to spice up stories from the swamps....

Who would guess that Breaux Bridge, by any measure a small town, claims a tiny eating place with the world’s best “po-boy” sandwiches and hamburgers? A local said so, and we found it to be true—for the burger, anyway.

We bragged on the burger as a dozen other diners nodded. “Do you bake your own buns?” I asked the Le Cafe owner.

“Oh, no, we get ‘em from the bakery a block over,” she answered. We made a stop at the bakery to buy pastries for the road, learning it has been operated continuously since 1888 by the Champagne family....

Baton Rouge, Louisiana’s “other city,” combines both old-time charm and upbeat progress to rival whatever city you’d care to name. Clearly, there’s a “downtown renaissance.”

IBM is constructing a building where 800 employees will work when it is soon completed. And Hilton recently built an inviting Hampton Inn and Suites. It overlooks the “Mighty Mississippi” and is the first new downtown hotel since the 1920s.

We mostly “poked around” the city, spending time at LSU, where they “love purple and live gold.” It’s where the sports magazine is called Tiger Rag, bumper stickers urge “Geaux Tigers” and LSU’s mascot, Mike VI, pads around in sumptuous digs. An outlay of private funds totaling \$3 million provides a sprawling habitat for its lone occupant....

A “must” was a visit to George’s, a tiny eatery said to offer the world’s tastiest onion rings. We split the tiniest order available; I took the smaller portion. The rings are to be dreamed of—and ordered again one day.

It is known for thousands of auto-graphed \$1 bills adorning walls and ceilings, napkins swirled like those in fine restaurants and clever signs.

One reads: “Eat right, enjoy regularly and die anyway....so excuse!” Another says: “Save the humans.”...

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## BEEF Team rides in ADA Tour de Cure

AUSTIN – The checkoff-funded Texas BEEF Team once again formed strong groups and rode in the American Diabetes Association (ADA) Tour de Cure in Austin, San Antonio and Houston.

The Tour de Cure is a series of fundraising cycling events held in 44 states nationwide to benefit ADA. In Texas, rides are held in Houston, Austin, San Antonio and Dallas. The Texas BEEF Team chose to support ADA's mission to find a cure and raise awareness for diabetes and diabetes risk factors.

"Research shows that lean beef as a high quality protein plays an important role in muscle building, muscle maintenance, weight management and the prevention of chronic diseases such as type 2 diabetes," said Jennifer Matison, Texas

Beef Council (TBC) senior consumer marketing manager and Austin Tour de Cure Committee Food and Nutrition Chair. "Our involvement in the ADA Tour de Cure was driven by our quest to raise awareness about diabetes and the importance of balancing protein rich foods, like lean beef, with carbohydrates to help maintain a healthy blood sugar level. Educating the health and fitness communities remains a focus for the Texas beef checkoff."

TBC has been a proud sponsor of the Tour de Cure for many years and continues to encourage the Texas BEEF Team athletes to showcase their healthy lifestyle and be an advocate for beef. The Texas beef checkoff-sponsored Tour de Cure teams combined, personally raised more than \$60,000 and consisted

of nearly 200 members. The Austin team was recently recognized as one of the top 20 fundraising teams in the nation out of more than 6,000 teams.

In addition, TBC served a beef lunch at all three finish lines, sponsored rider rallies, galas, Lunch & Learns, VIP dinners and champion's dinners throughout the year in each market. All activities included opportunities to distribute beef materials and speaking opportunities to educate participants on the healthfulness of beef. "The teams raised money for a great cause and this is a win for everyone involved," said Dr. Dick Sherron, Texas physician, cattlemen and TBC board member. "Beef has a great nutritional story to tell and by partnering with health organizations like ADA we enhance our outreach efforts."

## Southwest Beef Symposium set for Jan. 9-10

CLAYTON, New Mex. – The Southwest Beef Symposium, jointly hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service, is set for Jan. 9-10 at the Clayton Civic Center, 124 N. Front St. in Clayton, N.M.

"This is the 10th year of the Southwest Beef Symposium," said Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist in Amarillo. "We continue to address issues of concern to the industry at large, but also at the ranch level."

"This year we are focusing on aspects as the industry hopefully turns a corner and begins to stabilize the national cow inventory and as the weather hopefully turns a corner and allows ranchers to continue the recovery from the drought conditions of the past few years."

Individual registration is \$70, which includes a steak dinner on Jan. 9, lunch on Jan. 10, refreshments and symposium proceedings.

Registration forms are available at <http://aces.nmsu.edu/register/swbeef/>. Registration and payment can be completed online or via regular mail. If registering by mail,

checks should be made payable to: NM State University and mailed to: Southwest Beef Symposium, Box 30003, MSC 3AE, Las Cruces, N.M. 88003.

Although registration will be available onsite, those planning to attend are asked to complete registration by Jan. 3 to aid in meal planning, McCollum said. Late registrations cannot be guaranteed a meal.

The opening session from 1-5 p.m. on Jan. 9 will address big-picture emerging issues in the global beef industry, he said.

Leann Saunders of Castle Rock, Colo., co-founder and president of Where Food Comes From Inc. and chair-elect of the U.S. Meat Export Federation, will open the symposium with a discussion on the Effects of Global Meat Exports on U.S. Beef Producers.

Additional afternoon sessions include: changes in agriculture lending policies, Larry Fluhman, president of Farmers & Stockmens Bank in Clayton; emerging beef sustainability issues, Tom McDonald of JBS Five Rivers Cattle Feeding in Dalhart, Texas and Ben Wein-

heimer with Texas Cattle Feeders Association in Amarillo, Texas; and a weather outlook by Brian Bledsoe, chief meteorologist for KKTU News in Colorado Springs, Colo.

On Jan. 10, Cooperative Extension Service and AgriLife Extension specialists and university faculty from Kansas State University and New Mexico State University will provide strategies and considerations on rebuilding regional beef herds specifically focused on the economics of re-stocking, defining current pasture lease rates and effectively selecting and managing the nutrition and health programs for stocker calves and cows.

The symposium will wrap up with a panel discussion by regional ranch managers on their individual perspectives of rebuilding regional cattle inventories. Shuttle service is available from all lodging locations to the Civic Center. Transportation also will be available from the Civic Center to the museum for the social hour. For more information, go to the Southwest Beef Symposium website <http://aces.nmsu.edu/ces/swbeef/> or contact McCollum at 806-677-5600 or [ft-mccollum@tamu.edu](mailto:ft-mccollum@tamu.edu).

## DPS increases DWI enforcement during Holidays

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will increase DWI patrols for a 21-day period that includes both the Christmas and New Year holidays. From December 13 – January 2, DPS troopers will focus DWI patrols in high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent.

"Historically, the holiday season brings an increased potential for drinking and driving incidents, and these enhanced DPS patrols will help save lives," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Impaired driving can easily turn a holiday celebration into a tragic situation. By designating a sober driver or finding alternative transportation if drinking alcohol is expected, Texans can do their part in keeping our roadways

safe and making the holidays memorable for the right reasons."

The increased patrols that target impaired driving are funded through a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). During the Christmas/New Year holiday enforcement effort last year, DPS troopers made more than 1,200 DWI arrests, and approximately 303 were the direct result of the increased patrols.

DPS enforcement also resulted in more than 17,600 speeding citations and more than 2,000 seat belt/child safety seat citations. DPS patrols also resulted in 258 fugitive arrests and 211 felony arrests during the same time period.

DPS offers the following additional tips for safe travel during the holidays:

Don't drink and drive. Designate a driver or take a cab. Eliminate distractions, including the use of mobile devices.

Buckle up everyone in the vehicle – it's the law.

Slow down – especially in bad weather, construction areas and heavy traffic.

Slow down or move over for police, fire, EMS and Texas Department of Transportation vehicles and tow trucks that are stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated – it's the law.

Don't drive fatigued. Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.

Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins.

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**December 24**  
Christmas Eve

**December 25**  
Christmas Day

**December 30**  
Owls & Lady Owls v Jayton • 1 p.m. • Valley

**December 31**  
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Memphis • 12 p.m. • Memphis

**January 1**  
New Year's Day

**January 2**  
Broncos v Aenslon Academy • 6/7:30 p.m. • Clarendon

**January 3**  
Broncos v Childress • 6:30/7:30 p.m. • Childress

Lady Broncos v San Jacinto • 5/6:30 p.m. • Clarendon

Lady Owls v Silverton • 6:30 p.m. • Hedley

**January 7**  
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Claude • 4/5/6:30/8 p.m. • Claude

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

**January 10**  
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Vega • 4/5/6:30/8 p.m. • Clarendon

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

**January 14**  
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

**January 16**  
Bulldogs & Lady Bulldogs v Frank Phillips • 5:45/7:45 p.m. • Dawg house

**January 17**  
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Panhandle • 4/5/6:30/8 p.m. • Clarendon

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

**January 21**  
Owls & Lady Owls v Silverton • 6:30 p.m. • Silverton

**January 24**  
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Claude • 4/5/6:30/8 p.m. • Clarendon

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

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Menus

**December 9 - December 13**

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What to Do About Text Message Scams: Text message scams are becoming increasingly common. Here's what to do if you receive one: Hit delete: Ignore instructions to text "STOP" or "NO" to prevent future texts. This is a common ploy by scammers to confirm they have a



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

# Merry Christmas from Peggy

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and remembers the reason we celebrate... the birth of Jesus Christ. It is so easy to get caught up in the decorating and presents and food and parties we forget the real reason. As I talked with my young grandsons about their Christmas list, nine-year-old Jacob reminded us the most important part of Christmas was Jesus.

I usually have a story to tell about my happy childhood and Christmas during WWII. Rationing and lack of goods available was very different than 2013. Mother ordered from Sears & Roebuck catalog. I used the internet and am always pleased with the way Amazon handles my order. Dad cut down a cedar tree in the canyon, Ole Jim unpacked a box and plugged in a ready-lit

tree. Mother bought a roll or two of wrapping paper from the variety store. I bought gift bags, paper and tape from Dollar General or Family Dollar. The biggest difference was in the gifts. There were books and simple toys such as yo-yos given this year but the tricks for the yo-yos were found on the website. Most toys had an electronic connection; wish I had bought stock in the AA battery business way back when. Laughter and happy smiles around the tree are the goal every year, whether it was



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Merry Christmas, Be Safe Out There.



## New arrival

Kellan and Paige Roberts of Clarendon are proud to announce the birth of their son, Kensler Dale Roberts. Kensler was born October 17, 2013, in Amarillo weighing 7 pounds and measuring 20 inches in length. Kensler is welcomed by his sister Addie Roberts; maternal grandparents Phil and Trudy Casto of Clarendon and Todd Drackley of Austin; paternal grandparents Tom and Teressa Heck of Turkey, and Kenny and Kim Roberts of San Antonio .



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Over 40% of our country at this time receives monies or benefits from the government. Some of that is earned (social security and medicare). A lot of it is just free stuff given out to secure votes at every election. People are paid not to work (years of unemployment). People are paid to have babies that they can't support (welfare). Add to that government housing, food stamps, Medicaid, WIC, free(?) cell phones, utility assistance, free daycare, etc., the U.S. treasury is awash in IOU's to the tune of 90 trillion dollars. That's 12 zeroes after the 90! The deficit is at 17 trillion and supposed to be at 25 trillion in 7 years.

Since man can't make wealth or money out of thin air (although the government is printing money every day) what can be done? Man doesn't have the answer for our troubles, nor does government which is just a collection of men and women trying to get elected.

God can solve all problems if He is allowed to be our Master. He answers prayers and blesses us. He does this without taking from one person and giving it to someone else. He doesn't steal from Paul to give to Peter. I read an article the other day called, "Jesus Was a Liberal." If the person had meant liberal with love and grace, I totally agree. But, if he meant (and he did) that Jesus was a Socialist, he was dead wrong. The Bible teaches work and keeping the fruit of your labor except for the charity that YOU decide upon. Family and church are to take care of folks in temporary or permanent trouble. God has a system, but it requires that you and I are plugged into it. I pray that our country would turn back to that system; it never runs out of resources.

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Broncos slam Canadian

By Sandy Anderberg  
The Clarendon Broncos demolished the Canadian Wildcats at home by the score of 73-24. A great offensive surge in the second half helped to seal the win after the Broncos stifled the Wildcats with aggressive defense.

Clarendon jumped on the Cats early and grabbed the coveted momentum. After settling into a rhythm, three Broncos finished in double figures and the team shot 76 percent from the free throw line.

"We were able to get turnovers and turn those into points," head

coach Brandt Lockhart said. "We did a good job of pushing the ball down the court. I was pleased with our overall effort."

Scoring: JoJo Cartwright 16, Charles Mason 14, Chance McAnear 10, Jr Cenicerros 9, Ashton Smith 8, Bryce Hatley 6, Cedrick McCampbell 4, Chesson Sims 2, Riley Shadle 2, and Chance Lockhart 2.

The Broncos will play in the Canadian Tournament December 27 and travel to Memphis December 31. They will play Ascension Academy on January 2 and play Childress on the road January 3.

Lady Broncos fall to Canadian

The Lady Broncos hosted Canadian Tuesday, December 10; and despite holding the early lead, fell short at 40-54. Foul trouble loomed huge over the ladies and hindered their attempt to defeat the Lady Cats.

Clarendon led after the first eight minutes of play, but an over-aggressive defense turned sour when the ladies were called for too many fouls. The Lady Cats were able to tie the score at 21 at the break and rode the momentum into the final half of play to get the win. Their best player pumped in 21 points and was the

spark they needed.

"We got in foul trouble early," head coach Molly Weathered said. "And their best player really came alive in the third quarter to go up on us. We just could never get it back."

Taylor Degrate, Ryann Starnes, and Taylor Gaines finished in double figures with 13, 12, and 11 points each.

Also scoring: Deborah Howard 3 and Skyler White 1.

The Lady Broncos will play in the Canadian Tournament December 27 and travel to Memphis December 31. They will play San Jacinto at home January 3.

Bronco JV finish second at home tourney

The Bronco junior varsity did all they could do in the Clarendon JV Tournament held here last weekend, but finished second to a good Childress team in the final game by the score of 52-31. Chance Lockhart had a huge game on the scoreboard with 16 points and Clay Koetting added eight. Marshal Johnson helped with six and Taylon Knorpp finished with one.

In the first game of the tournament, the Broncos breezed by Wheeler 68-10. It was never a contest for the Broncos as they were unstoppable. Lockhart, Riley Shadle, and Koetting all finished in double figures with 18, 13, and 11 respectively. Johnson added eight, Knorpp

and Keandre Cortez each had six, and Seth Greer finished with four.

They took on Memphis in the second game of the tournament and defeated them, 45-35. The Broncos jumped out to the early lead, but allowed the Cyclones to fight back somewhat before the break. However, the Broncos refocused in the third quarter and stretched out the lead winning by 10 points. Lockhart and Johnson teamed up for 17 and 15 points, Shadle added eight, and Koetting helped with five.

The Broncos will travel to Memphis December 31 and play Ascension Academy at home on January 2 and travel to Childress January 3 and play at 6:30 p.m.

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## Seventh grade Colts win Canadian Tournament

The seventh grade Colts went up against three very tough teams in the Canadian Tournament and went undefeated winning the tournament championship.

They took on the host team in the first round and defeated them, 49-24. After going up by 12 points at the break, the Colts were able to cruise to the win. Preston Elam and Bear Smith finished in double figures with 17 and 14 points and Payton Hicks, Noab Elam, and Ryan McCleskey each had four.

The Colts took on Borger in the next game and pounded them, 53-10. It was never a contest for the Colts as they dominated from the beginning of the game. Smith led the Colts on the scoreboard with 12.

Scoring: N. Elam 9, McCleskey

7, Gavin Word 4, Hicks 2, Brandon Santos 2.

Those two wins put the Colts up against Perryton in the final game and they easily won 45-24. Clarendon stayed strong defensively and stifled anything Perryton tried. Offensively, they played solid and stayed aggressive to get the win. "I was very pleased with the tournament and outcome," coach Brad Elam said. "We won all three games playing one 2A and two 3A (teams) and all by double digits."

Scoring: Smith 11, N. Elam 9, McCleskey 6, Chris Bruce 2, and Word 2. Elam added that the seventh graders hit eleven three-pointers in the tournament.

The eighth grade Colts played hard as well, but dropped their first

game to a solid Canadian team 29-36. The Colts could not get anything going in the contest.

Scoring: Colt Wood 19, Demarjae Cortez 4, Justin Christopher 3, Zack Caison 2, and Nathan Shadle 1.

The eighth grade regrouped and took on Borger in the next game and soundly defeated them, 45-17. They were sharp offensively and got back on track for the win.

Scoring: Wood 11, Payton Havens 8, Cortez 3, Shadle 5, Christopher 4, Andy Davis 4, and Caison 4.

The Colts played Perryton in the final game and won 34-20. The Colts hit twelve out of thirteen free throws, which helped them get the win. "I thought we played really well," Elam said. "We went 2-1 and

played good competition."

Scoring: Wood 21, Cortez 11, Christopher 2, and Shadle 1.

Earlier in the week, the Colts won by five over White Deer at 32-27.

"After starting extremely and getting behind 12-3 after the first, we were able to come from behind again for the win," Elam said. "After the first, we out-played them and out-scored them 29-15. We looked sluggish from the beginning, but played much better later in the game."

Scoring: Wood 15, Christopher 6, Cortez 3, Caison 3, Davis 3, Shadle 2, and Havens 1.

The Colts will resume their schedule after the Christmas break on January 9 in Memphis beginning at 5:00 p.m.



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## Lady Colts participate in Canadian Tournament

The seventh and eighth grade Lady Colts traveled to Canadian last week to participate in their junior high basketball tournament.

The seventh grade Lady Colts went up the host team in the first round and were defeated. But they refocused and met Borger head on in the next round defeating them 18-4. The Lady Colts held the first half lead and played solid defense to hold their opponent to only two points. A huge third quarter for the Lady Colts put the game away out of their opponents' reach.

"The girls are getting better, but we just ran into a good Canadian team in the first game" coach Johnny Nino said. "Against Borger, the girls finally put a good game together and we came out with a win. Brandalyn

Ellis did a good job of getting into the lane and hitting the jump shot. Jessica Lowrie also got some of her shots to fall."

Scoring: Brandalyn Ellis 8, Jessica Lowrie 6, and Emily Johnson 4.

The Lady Colts met up with Perryton in the final game and fell short 16-30. Perryton jumped out to the early lead and played solid defense against the Lady Colts who were held back by their aggressive play. Johnson played a solid offensive game and put in thirteen points and Lowrie added three.

Earlier in the week, the ladies lost 12-36 at White Deer. Johnson put eight points on the board and Lowrie helped with 4.

"I fell like the 7th grade improves every time they play a

game," Nino said. "We need to quit making the mistakes that take possessions away from us."

The eighth grade Lady Colts took on Canadian in the opening round and lost 5-35. The ladies played hard, but could never get anything going against a solid defense.

"We started out playing well, we just turned the ball over too much and our shots were not falling," Nino said.

Scoring: Shaelyn Owiti 3, Abby Ceniceros 2. They went up against Borger in the next round and earned a huge 60-6 win. The Lady Colts dominated their opponent from the tip off and played aggressive on both ends of the court to get the big win.

"The girls played good defense and it translated to good offensive

production," Nino said.

Owiti pumped in 25 points to lead the Lady Colts. Kendra Weatheron helped with 12 and Hannah Hommel racked up 11. Sandra Smith had eight, Whitney LaRoe put in five and Ceniceros had two.

The Lady Colts took on Perryton in the final game and narrowly lost 24-27. Clarendon led through three quarters, but succumbed to their opponent in the final period of play. "It was a close game," Nino said. "We had some girls step up and do well when we got into foul trouble."

Scoring: Owiti 11, Hommel 11, Smith 3, and Weatheron 2.

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Clarendon teams runners-up in tournament

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Bronco junior varsity team had a chance to play in the Championship game of the tournament in the Bronco gym last weekend. The Lady Broncos fell to Canadian 35-47.

In their fourth game of the tournament, the Lady Broncos played hard, but could not outlast the Canadian Lady Cats and claimed the runner-up spot. The ladies trailed in the first quarter of play and struggled to catch up before the break. A huge fourth period of play for Canadian all but sealed their win as the Lady Broncos had a slow-shooting quarter. Briley Chadwick finished in double figures with 10 and Briana Butler helped with nine. Sterling King had seven, Hannah Howard put in five, and Jensen Hatley and Berkeley Alexander each had two.

The ladies played an outstanding tournament and dominated their opponents in the three opening games. They were able to shoot down Memphis 54-17 in their opening game to set the tempo for the tournament. They quickly found a rhythm in the game and took control

early on. Chadwick pumped in 17 points to lead the Lady Broncos to the win. Also scoring: Hatley 7, King 7, Butler 6, Howard 6, Myra Castillo 4, Alyse Simpson 3, Amelia Weatherton 2, and Zaryia Smith 2.

The first win put the ladies in a match up with Wheeler in the second game of the two-day event and they earned the 45-33 win. Clarendon led from the beginning and used an offensive attack that the Lady Mustangs could not stop. King and Chadwick finished in double figures with 12 and Butler helped with nine. Weatherton put in four, Alexander had three, Hatley had two, and Castillo finished with one.

The Lady Broncos faced off against White Deer in the next game and cruised to a 39-28 win. There was never any doubt as the ladies stayed aggressive throughout and shot down anything White Deer attempted.

Scoring: Chadwick 11, King 8, Hatley 6, Butler 4, Alexander 4, Howard 3, and Karlee Adams 3.

The Lady Broncos participated in the River Road JV Tournament December 6-7 and hustled hard to

earn two out of four wins. The ladies dropped the opening game to Bushland 46-69. After playing an even first quarter, the Lady Broncos struggled on the scoreboard in the second period of play. Bushland took advantage of the opportunity and built up a twenty-point lead that took them to the win. Scoring: King 11, Chadwick 10, Howard 9, Alexander 6, Hatley 4, Castillo 4, and Butler 2.

The ladies then defeated Pampa in the second round 48-35. Great hustle and determination aided the ladies in their big win. Howard and Alexander finished in double figures with 11 each and Butler, Hatley, and King added six each. Weatherton and Adams helped with two.

They took on Borger in the third game of the tourney and narrowly lost 30-34. Borger held a 10-point lead after three quarters, but the Lady Broncos came storming back. They put up twice as many points as their opponent in the final period of play to close the gap, but ran out of time and took the loss. Scoring: Howard 8, King 7, Chadwick 6, Butler 4, Alexander 3, and Hatley 2.

In their final game of the tour-

namment, the Lady Broncos slammed Boys Ranch 53-31. A huge second quarter of play helped the ladies gain the momentum they needed to demolish the Lady Rough Riders in the second half of play. Howard pumped in 18 and Hatley helped with 11 to lead the ladies to the win. Chadwick had 9, Butler 5, King 4, Alexander 4, and Weatherton 2.

The previous Tuesday, the ladies hosted Canadian and fell short by three points at 44-47. The Lady Broncos trailed by ten points after three quarters of play, but were able to turn up the heat in the final period of play to get back within three. However, time ran out and the ladies took the loss. Briley Chadwick made good on 21 points to lead the ladies and was 76 percent from the free throw line.

"The ladies played so hard," coach Kasey Bell said. "I am proud of their fight. We played them within three points."

Also scoring: Howard 9, Hatley 5, King 5, Butler 2, and Castillo 2.

The ladies will play in Memphis on December 31 and San Jacinto at home January 3 beginning at 5:00.

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DEC. 5-7TH	MIAMI TOURNAMENT	TBA
DEC. 10TH	CANADIAN	8 PM
DEC. 12TH	OPEN	TBA
DEC. 17TH	VALLEY	8 PM
DEC. 27-28TH	CANADIAN TOURNAMENT	TBA
DEC. 31ST	MEMPHIS	12:00 PM
JAN. 2ND	ASCENSION ACADEMY	7:30 PM
JAN. 3RD	CHILDRESS	7:30 PM
JAN. 7TH	CLAUDE	8 PM
JAN. 10TH	VEGA	8 PM
JAN. 14TH	WHITE DEER	8 PM
JAN. 17TH	PANHANDLE	8 PM
JAN. 21ST	OPEN	TBA
JAN. 24TH	CLAUDE	8 PM
JAN. 28TH	VEGA	8 PM
JAN. 31ST	WHITE DEER	8 PM
FEB. 4TH	PANHANDLE	8 PM



Varsity Girls

DEC. 3RD	GROOM	6 PM
DEC. 6TH	PERRYTON	6 PM
DEC. 10TH	CANADIAN	6:30 PM
DEC. 12TH	OPEN	TBA
DEC. 17TH	VALLEY	6:30 PM
DEC. 27-28TH	CANADIAN TOURNAMENT	TBA
DEC. 31ST	MEMPHIS	12:00 PM
JAN. 3RD	SAN JACINTO	6:30 PM
JAN. 7TH	CLAUDE	6:30 PM
JAN. 10TH	VEGA	6:30 PM
JAN. 14TH	WHITE DEER	6:30 PM
JAN. 17TH	PANHANDLE	6:30 PM
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## Obituaries

### Hardin

Homer Watt Hardin, 90, died Wednesday, December 11, 2013, in Amarillo.

Services were held Saturday, December 14, 2013, in the First Baptist Church in Clarendon with Rev. Lance Wood, officiating.

Burial followed at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

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

Homer was born October 25, 1923, in Donley County to Watt and Lola Sims Hardin. He married Frankie Annette Nash on January 14, 1956, in Dallas. She preceded him in death on September 20, 1985. He later married Ivon Ellis Goodman on November 22, 1990, in Clarendon. She preceded him in death on March 31, 2006. He had served in military during World War II. He had been a

lifetime resident of Clarendon where he farmed and worked security at Pantex prior to his retirement. He loved to piddle at his farm, playing bridge, and enjoyed learning. He had also served on the Soil Conservation board for several years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Clarendon.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Frankie; and his second wife, Ivon; 2 brothers, W.K. Hardin and Hall Hardin; and 2 sisters, Ruth Cearley and Anna Marie Estes.

He is survived by 2 sons, Wayne Hardin of Clarendon and Dwight Hardin and wife Kassandra of The Colony, Texas; a daughter, Cynthia Lindley and husband Tommy of Claude; a sister, Mary Kay Todd of Clovis, New Mexico; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests that memorials be sent to America Supports You Texas, PO Box 3218, Amarillo,

Texas 79116.

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### Moss

David Bryan Moss, 49, died Wednesday, December 11, 2013 in Clarendon.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, December 15, 2013, at Robertson Funeral Directors Saints' Roost Chapel in Clarendon with Rev. Anthony Knowles, officiating.

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

Burial followed at the Goodnight Cemetery in Goodnight.

David was born August 20, 1964, in Memphis, Texas to Donald Joe and Vivian Gayle Molder Moss. He was a life-long resident of Clarendon. David had been a mechanic most of his life, where he was known to be able to fix anything. He was a hard worker, would

help anyone who needed it, and was generous to so many people and organizations. He loved traveling and especially loved going to the mountains. He had always loved motorcycles, but most of all, loved his dog, Critter.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his daughter, Hope Cummings and husband Corey of Clarendon; a son Casey Hunter Moss; 2 sisters, Becky Horton and husband Tom of Amarillo, Carrie Moss of Clarendon; his companion and sweet angel on earth, Tammy Overstreet and her son Kenny Overstreet, of Clarendon; and by his four-legged best friend, Critter.

The family suggests that memorials be to the Donley Co. 4-H or to Clarendon Boy Scout Troop 433, c/o David Smith, PO Box 1050, Clarendon, Texas 79226.

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**December 9, 2013**

8:15 a.m. – EMS assist 287 & Co Rd 1

**December 10, 2013**

10:53 a.m. – EMS assist Clarendon Family Medical Center

11:00 a.m. – Units pages to grass fires West of Giles

1:35 p.m. – Out @ Annex

1:45 p.m. – See caller 1200 block South Jackson

3:00 p.m. – EMS assist Clarendon Family Medical Center

10:17 p.m. – See caller @ Clarendon College

**December 11, 2013**

4:46 a.m. – EMS assist A Brice  
2:23 p.m. – EMS assist 4700 block Co Rd 7

**December 12, 2013**

5:54 a.m. – EMS assist Community Care Center

6:29 p.m. – EMS assist 3900 block FM 1260 South

11:06 p.m. – EMS assist Clarendon High School

12:10 p.m. – Loose livestock

1:36 p.m. – Out @ Annex

2:04 p.m. – Units paged vehicle accident HWY 70 South

**December 13, 2013**

10:51 a.m. – To jail one in custody

3:24 p.m. – Units paged – fire – Co Rd 7

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### Drug Combo May Help Lose the Most Weight

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The combination of two weight loss medications works in two different pathways to help people lose weight. Phentermine works by increasing a chemical in the body that will make a person not feel hungry and more active. Although it is prescribed to reduce migraines and seizures, topiramate also helps people lose weight. Some of the side effects of Qsymia seen in the clinical trial include tingling in the skin, dry mouth, headache and constipation. Qsymia can only be prescribed by a healthcare professional to help a person lose weight.



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on November  
22, 2013, Greenbelt Electric Cooperative, Inc.,  
(Greenbelt) and Golden Spread Electric Co-  
operative (Golden Spread) filed a joint applica-  
tion (Application) with the Public Utility Com-  
mission of Texas (PUC) under Section 37.154  
of the Public Utility Regulatory Act. The case  
has been assigned Docket No. 42037.

In the Application, Greenbelt and Golden  
Spread request that the PUC approve their  
proposal to transfer the CCN rights concerning  
certain transmission facilities from Greenbelt  
to Golden Spread. No new facilities are pro-  
posed and the boundaries of Greenbelt's ser-  
vice area are not affected by the Application.  
Both Greenbelt and Golden Spread are  
engaged in the transmission of electricity  
under certificates of convenience and neces-  
sity (CCN). Greenbelt owns and operates  
approximately 1 mile of high voltage transmis-  
sion lines, 5 substations with high-side facili-  
ties, and associated SCADA equipment in the  
Electric Reliability Council of Texas. Those  
facilities are located in Wheeler, Donley and  
Collingsworth Counties. Greenbelt proposes  
to sell all of these facilities to Golden Spread.  
The estimated sales price is approximately  
\$513,313.89. Following the transaction,  
Greenbelt will continue to operate and main-  
tain the facilities.

Additional information about this docket is  
available from the PUC's website at [www.puc.state.tx.us](http://www.puc.state.tx.us), or you may contact the PUC's Cu-  
stomer Assistance Hotline at (512) 936-7120  
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Hotline at (512) 936-7136 or (800) 735-2989.  
In addition to the intervention deadline, other  
important deadlines may already exist that  
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should review the orders and other filings  
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Persons who wish to intervene in the proceed-  
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their requests to intervene or their comments to:  
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must also mail a copy of their request for inter-  
vention to all parties in the docket and all per-  
sons that have pending motions to intervene  
at or before the time the request for interven-  
tion is mailed to the PUC. The deadline for  
intervention in this proceeding is January 24,  
2014, and the PUC should receive a letter from  
anyone requesting intervention by that date.  
Copies of the Application and the map illustrat-  
ing the facilities are available in Greenbelt's  
offices at 706 10th Street, Wellington, Texas  
79095. Arrangements to obtain additional  
information, or view or obtain a copy of the  
Application or map, may be made by contact-  
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