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

Museum party to be this Saturday night

The annual Saints' Roost Museum Christmas Party is scheduled for next Saturday, December 6, from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the Donley County Activity Center.

Musical entertainment for the evening will be provided by Attebury Station of Wellington.

Tickets for the dinner and dance are \$50 per couple and a drawing will be held for \$5,000. You do not have to be present to win. Tickets are available at the Donley County State Bank or Every Nook & Cranny.

CISD to hold forum on 'super' search

The Clarendon Independent School District will hold a public forum on Monday, December 8, at 6:30 p.m. to take feedback on what residents what to see in the next school superintendent.

CISD is also conducting online surveys of employees and residents ahead of the public forum to help guide the selection process. That survey is available on the school's homepage at www.clarendonisd.net.

Hedley blood drive to be December 10

A Hedley Community Blood Drive will be held by Coffee Memorial Blood Center next Wednesday, December 10, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the High School Library and Media Center.

Every eligible donor who presents to donate will receive a free t-shirt and be entered into a weekly drawing for a one-year supply (52 gallons) of milk courtesy of Plains Dairy.

For appointments, please call 331-8800 or 1-877-574-8800.

Santa letters due to paper next Tuesday

Send your Christmas wishes to Santa Claus on the Enterprise Express this year. Just mail your letter to "Santa Letters," c/o The Clarendon Enterprise, PO Box 1110, Clarendon, Texas 79226, or drop it off at the office at 105 S. Kearney St. by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9.

Letters may also be e-mailed to Santa at ads@clarendonlive.com. Santa letters will be published in the December 18 edition of the Enterprise.

Angel Tree tags can be picked up now

This year's Community Angel Tree is located at the Burton Memorial Library.

Angel Tags are now available for adoption at the Library between 8 -5 Monday – Friday. Gifts need to be returned to the Library by December 19. Each Angel card has a shirt, pant, and shoe size along with a toy wish for a kid 12 and under. Donations for the Angel Tree can be made at Pilgrim Bank or mailed to PO Box 45. Please contact the Library at 874-3685 or call Christ's Kids at 874-2007 for more information.



Light the night

The family of Jimmy and Sharon Braddock were among those who crowded around the Donley County Courthouse last Saturday for caroling and festivities as organizers threw the switch on thousands of new LED lights illuminating 19 trees on the square.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

Late Night Shopping begins this Friday

Christmastime activities are lining up quickly in Clarendon, and local merchants are getting ready for a busy season with plans for Late Night Shopping and the second annual Chili Challenge.

In a move from the traditional Thursday schedule, Late Night Shopping this year will begin this Friday, December 5, at downtown merchants and continue every Friday until Christmas.

The "Great Bowls of Fire" Chili Challenge returns for its second year on Friday, December 12, with this year's event being held

from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Crossties Ministry Center and hosted by the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce.

Steve & Jesse will provide musical entertainment as businesses and organizations go up against one another for bragging rights and their chance at the 2014 title.

Monday, December 8, is the entry deadline for chili teams. The cost is \$25 per team. The winners will be selected on a "people's choice" basis, and admission is \$5 per person.

Challenge details and entry forms are available from Bonnie

Campbell at the Clarendon Visitor Center inside the Mulkey Theatre.

Holiday shopping is easy and affordable with a Christmas Cash loan from the Donley County State Bank and enjoy interest free shopping at a dozen participating establishments.

The program, organized by the Chamber of Commerce, allows anyone to make application for a loan of up to \$3,000 interest free with the Donley County State Bank. Once a loan has been approved, the borrower will be issued Christmas Cash Dollars, which may be spent

like US currency toward new purchases at all of the participating businesses. Christmas Cash must be spent by December 31, 2014.

As of Tuesday morning, participating Christmas Cash merchants this year are: Cornell's Country Store, J&W Lumber, Osburn Appliance, Country Bloomers, Ronna's Creations, Stavenhagen Video, Henson's, Every Nook & Cranny, Straight Off The Ranch, The Clarendon Enterprise, Mike's Pharmacy, Lowe's Family Center & Ace Hardware.

Firemen fight three blazes

Several homes were threatened Friday afternoon, November 28, when a grassfire raged through a portion of the Howardwick community.

Fire Chief Joe Hall said the cause of the fire near Dawn and Bell remains under investigation but the damage to property was extensive.

Three boat docks were destroyed, and fourth one was damaged by the fire, which spread across five properties and endangered six homes.

Hall said firefighters were on the scene for six hours Friday, and they returned on Saturday and Sunday to put out hotspots.

The Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department assisted with the fire with eight men and five units.

Another fire was reported at Howardwick Monday in the 500 block of Nocona Hills. Hall said a fire started in the attic of a residence where a stovepipe goes through the ceiling.

Clarendon also assisted Howardwick firemen with that incident, and Hall said the house suffered mostly smoke and water damage.

Hall extended his thanks to the Clarendon department and the Clarendon Firebelles for their assistance, and he reminds everyone that burning is prohibited in the Howardwick city



A Clarendon fire truck puts out hot spots west of the Country Club in Howardwick last Friday after a grassfire threatened several homes.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

limits. Barbecuing is permitted in gas grills only, he said.

New technology helped save thousands of dollars in damage during a cotton module fire Sunday, according to the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department.

Fire Chief Jeremy Powell said his department and Hedley firefighters were paged at about 8:43 a.m. to the property farmed by Bubba Newhouse on acreage owned by Jay O'Brien north of Hedley.

Powell said the cause of the blaze was unknown. Twenty-two cotton modules were

involved in the fire, and four modules were a total loss at a cost of about \$4,500 each, he said.

The Clarendon department's thermal camera proved very valuable during the fire. The device was used to find unseen hot spots within the modules so they could be dug out and extinguished.

"That camera made in the difference in losing four modules instead of 20," Powell said.

Volunteers fought the fire for about seven hours on Sunday, and Hedley firemen were still on the scene Tuesday morning, keeping a watch for any smoldering that might flare up.

Aldermen examine ordinance on signs

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen continued to look at the city's sign ordinance during regular meeting last Tuesday, November 25.

The ordinance, which was adopted in 1995, became a topic of conversation for the board in October after Alderman Sandy Skelton brought up the subject in the wake of dozens of PVC crosses and several black and white religious signs that have appeared along US 287 over the last two years.

The existing signs and crosses would not be affected by changes to the sign ordinance, but future markers could be governed.

City Hall gathered sign ordinances from other cities so aldermen could compare them with Clarendon's. Mayor Larry Hicks said he thought the local ordinance looked good, but Skelton felt there were areas that could be improved.

"I think we need to look at adding definitions to our ordinance," Skelton said and also noted that the ordinance appears to discourage or not allow billboards and variable electronic signs even though both types of signs are present in the city. "I don't know why we wouldn't want billboards," he said.

Aldermen took no action on the ordinance but will continue to study the subject.

In other city news, Greenbelt Water General Manager Bobbie Kidd addressed the board and explained the way water rates for municipalities are figured and the historical basis for those calculations.

Aldermen approved a request by the Burton Memorial Library to use surplus insurance payment funds purchase new bookshelves. Mayor Hicks said insured roof repairs on the library had accomplished with more than \$8,000 left over. The library will spend about \$1,189 of that money and keep the rest in reserve.

Employee wages were on the agenda also, but Hicks said he was not ready to present anything to the board. He said the city has a problem in that it does not reward employees with incentive raises or for staying past their probationary six months. The topic will be brought up at a future meeting.

Public Works Director John Molder explained a technical violation of Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) standards which occurred when water samples from the city arrived at the state office six days late.

Molder said the samples are drawn every three years and tested for copper and lead in the water system. For failing to meet the deadline, the city had to give public notice but suffered no financial penalty.

Molder also reported that more than 290 street signs have been ordered to replace missing or faded signs around the city.

Hicks reported that the City of Clarendon was successful in its grant application to obtain a trailer for old tires. That will move forward an effort by the city to work with local businesses to properly dispose of old tires.

Texas leaders adopt spending cap for next budget

By Aman Batheja, The Texas Tribune

The Legislative Budget Board voted unanimously Monday to set the state's growth rate at 11.68 percent for its next two-year budget, about 1 percent higher than the spending cap for the current budget.

The decision comes as state officials expect to enter the next legislative session in January with a multibillion-dollar surplus and competing factions are pushing to ramp

spending growth both down and up.

The budget board – made up of Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, House Speaker Joe Straus, and four members each of the state House and Senate – selected the rate with little discussion, though the decision could have a big impact on next year's legislative session.

The growth rate guides how far the next budget can exceed the current one in spending on "non-

dedicated revenue," which are the parts of the budget that are funded by state taxes but not required to go to specific programs. In practice, the growth rate puts a spending cap on less than half of the state's two-year budget. State leaders have indicated they have no plans to attempt to "bust the spending cap" next year, a move that would require the support of a majority of lawmakers.

In one of his last public acts

before he steps down as lieutenant governor next month, Dewhurst expressed confidence that the next Legislature won't feel hamstrung by the spending limit selected Monday.

"I believe we are going to have enough funds with our surplus and our economy continuing to grow to meet all of our essential priorities," Dewhurst said.

The Legislative Budget Board traditionally sets the growth rate

based on the estimated rate of growth in Texans' personal income over the next two years. Two years ago, LBB staff provided five forecasts for personal income growth ranging from 8.71 percent to 12.21 percent. The LBB picked a mid-range figure of 10.71 percent. This year, LBB staff offered four options over a smaller range. The comptroller's office had the most pessimistic take, predicting

See 'Budget' on page 10.

WARNING: The following column is an editorial (i.e. an opinion, a point of view) and may contain ideas with which some readers may freely disagree. Read at your own risk.

Boards need to keep their processes open

It’s been a disappointing couple of weeks for open government and the right of the people in Donley County to know what their governments are up to.

Following the state norm, Clarendon ISD has formally declared that it will only name a lone finalist in its search to replace longtime superintendent Monty Hysinger.

The process is just getting started, and CISD missed the first step in informing the public by not posting the job opening in the local paper, even though the top city and college positions have always been advertised locally as well as to a wider audience. The next superintendent is probably not from Clarendon, but the paper does have a lot of readers and people who are connected to other people. The last director of the Clarendon EDC saw the job in the ENTERPRISE, and one of the finalists in the search for the next EDC director also saw the listing the local paper.

The school is at least going through the motions of getting public feedback ahead of the search. CISD will hold a public forum on what residents want to see in the next school superintendent next Monday, December 8, at 6:30 p.m. CISD is even conducting an online survey on that question at www.clarendonisd.net.

But the desire for public input apparently ends right there. Once, school officials start looking at candidates, the public won’t know who any of them are until one has been picked.

The school board has been advised that a candidate for this job will lose face at home if it is known that he or she has applied for the top job in Clarendon. “Their star will lose some of its luster,” Region 16 Executive Director John Bass told the board last month.

CISD Trustees are just following the counsel of their advisors in this process. But you have to wonder, why does the same not hold true for presidential candidates at Clarendon College? Did Dr. Robert Riza lose face at Hill College when he was named one of three finalists at Clarendon? Did Dr. Myles Shelton lose face here when he was named as a finalist in Galveston? What difference does it make? The people of Clarendon had a right to know that Riza was a candidate here, and before that they had a high interest in knowing that Shelton was looking to leave.

Sources have now told the ENTERPRISE that Hysinger was a candidate for the top job at another school months ago. People here would have been interested in that.

School superintendents, like college presidents, are important public employees and the interest in staying or leaving or coming is of high concern to their employers, i.e. the taxpayers. We have a right to know who is being considered as our superintendent *before* that decision is made.

The beef here is not with our school trustees as individuals. But it is rather with the advice that they have been given. Just because most other districts in the state run a confidential search and keep the public in the dark doesn’t mean Clarendon ISD had to. They could have chosen to name two or three finalists. Naming one “finalist” isn’t naming any “finalist”... it’s just naming who you’ve hired.

And on the lines of the public’s interest, while Clarendon College goes above and beyond when it’s time to hire a president, it unfortunately doesn’t follow the same philosophy when it comes to filling a vacancy on the Board of Regents.

Two weeks ago, Dr. John Howard resigned his position on the CC Board of Regents ahead of his being sworn-in as county judge next month. In the same meeting, the board appointed former CC employee Darlene Spier to take Howard’s seat, and less than two minutes later the board named her its vice chairman.

Setting aside Mrs. Spier’s qualifications and unquestionable knowledge of the college, the public was given no consideration as to the appointment. It would have been nice to at least see a month’s separation between Howard’s resignation and his replacement’s appointment. The college has a nine-member board, so it’s not like there was a danger of not having a quorum.

No other names were ever mentioned before Spier was appointed to represent the people of the college district. We can only assume that her candidacy was discussed in closed session sometime, but we don’t recall that topic ever being on a college agenda in the last few months. The attorney general says it’s okay to discuss board members in closed session under personnel – even though they are representatives of the people instead of employees – but the attorney general also holds that “...the more important the position being discussed, the more specific the posting will need to be in describing that position.”

Who represents the people on the board until the next election, in this paper’s view, should have been very important.

Our school and our college are both run with good people on their boards, and we hope that moving forward they will do their level best to keep the public in the loop as much as possible when important decisions are to be made.



editor's commentary
by roger estlack

Just follow the little bouncing ball...

Just Follow the Bouncing Ball... Time was, when urged to “follow the bouncing ball,” we did so willingly. Hopping from syllable to syllable, the ball was helpful as we sang along—or maybe just hummed—during cartoons at Saturday movie matinees. And didn’t we willingly “sing along with Mitch” (Miller) on his weekly TV show?

Lately, though, the general population has opted to say “phooey” to bouncing balls—essentially the same response as for many other rules, laws or requests.

Who among us has not ripped off the mattress labels warning us not to? Nevermind they are meant to protect consumers. We rip away – perhaps because we can – stubbornly bowing our necks, clinging to ever-diminishing independence....

There’s little doubt but that a subtle change at Costco introduced recently is intended to make things more orderly, enhance the shopping experience and expedite service. They’ve painted yellow lines leading to the “place order” points in the food court. The lines outline a lane—like at airports, but without ropes. It has just one turn and is probably no more than 50 feet in length.

If we followed the lane “suggestion,” all would be better served—far better, say, than joining the throng or even “taking a number.”

Customers could more easily make their exit without becoming entangled with the food court crowd. But no! There mostly to eat and drink, we’ll behave as we always have—lining up behind others to place orders – perpendicular to the recommended lane. I studied the scene for a full hour; invariably, patrons are missing the suggested route by, oh,

180 degrees. (Folks hungering or thirsting for something more tangible than righteousness don’t simply “fall in line” just because lanes suggest it.)... During a recent visit, I was second in line. I asked the fellow in front of me why we weren’t in the suggested lane. He was flabbergasted, sputtering that he had never noticed the lane. Then, he hopped right in it, as did I.

I correctly guessed him to be John Giordano, conductor of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra for almost three decades, an internationally-known musical icon recently retired from the faculty at Texas Christian University. He has a string of degrees and has appeared in numerous concert halls throughout the world as conductor, composer or saxophonist. For more than a half century, members of orchestras have followed every move of his baton. They still do in Corpus Christi, where he is music director of the symphony orchestra. Seems to me they’ve followed his “direction” to a “T”—readily obeying Giordano’s magical baton.

“Now, the ‘shoe’ is on the other foot’,” he laughed. “It’s pretty evident that I can’t even follow directions to order a hot dog.”...

At the recent Howard Payne University homecoming in Brownwood, Dr. and Mrs. Ray Ellis, alumni of Howard



the idle american
by don newbury

Payne where son Bill is president, were parade grand marshals. Oh, they didn’t have to give directions. Drivers of parade vehicles knew they were to trail the lead car occupied by Ray and Nancy—husband and wife for 66 years. They’d be waving to onlookers on the parade route.

If directions had been needed, however, Mrs. Ellis would have given them. At the homecoming banquet, she mentioned the names of six members of the immediate family who have doctoral degrees.

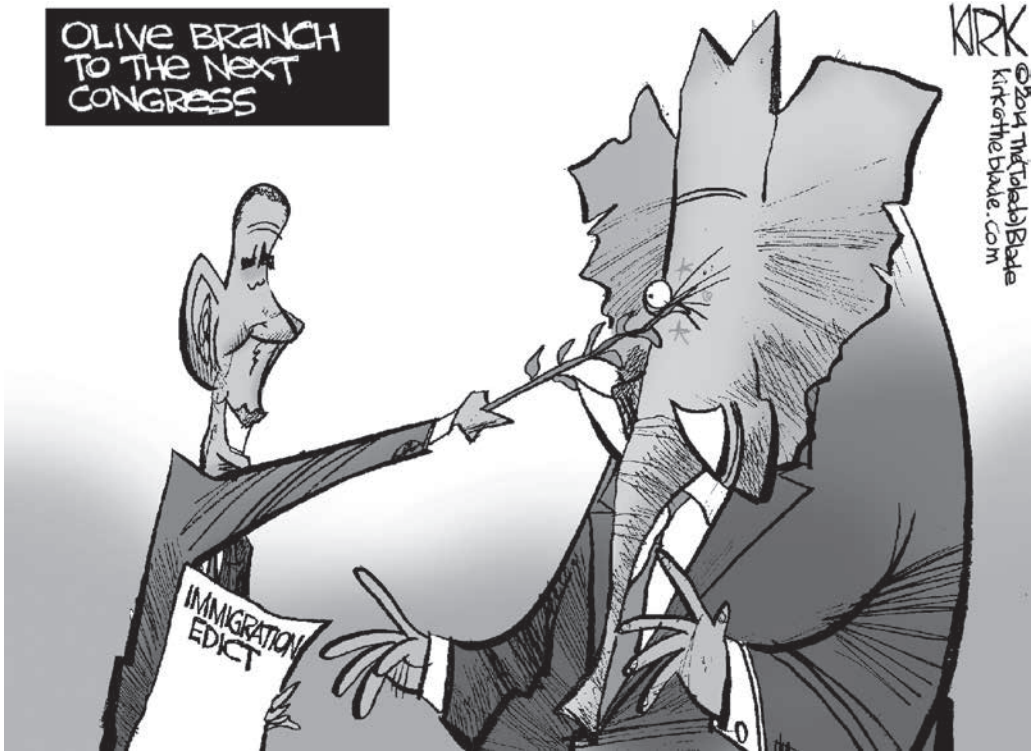
Most of them are associated with Hardin-Simmons University, where Ray was a longtime faculty member and administrator. Mrs. Ellis – a reading specialist with a master’s degree – said she’s been asked numerous times about her not pursuing a doctorate. Her answer: - “There has to be someone in the family who can find the car keys.”...

Before the session on “following directions” ends, perhaps an admission is due.

I solemnly promised to help Brenda prepare foodstuff for Thanksgiving. On the very first recipe, I asked, “How do I boil the water?”

Her directive was sharp. “I’ll handle the kitchen,” she said. “You go into the den, spread out newspapers on the floor, sit down and shell pecans. And when you’re through, trash the papers and vacuum the area thoroughly.” When she left the room, I hurriedly made some vacuum cleaner tracks – proof that I’d been there....

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NSA Reform: The Consequences of Failure

By Patrick G. Eddington, Cato Institute

If you were expecting this to be a detailed post-mortem on the demise of the USA Freedom Act, you will be disappointed. As others have covered that ground, I want to focus on the consequences of the failure to rein in NSA to date, and what a failure to do so in 2015 will mean for this country.

In the absence of real reform, people and institutions at home and abroad are taking matters into their own hands. In America, the NSA’s overreach is changing the way we communicate with and relate to each other. In order to evade government surveillance, more and more Americans are employing encryption technology.

The veritable explosion of new secure messaging apps like Surespot, OpenWhisper’s collaboration with WhatsApp, the development and deployment of open source anti-surveillance tools like Detekt, the creation of organizationally-sponsored “surveillance self-defense” guides, the push to universalize the https protocol, anti-surveillance book events featuring free encryption workshops— are manifestations of the rise of the personal encryption and pro-privacy digital resistance movement. Its political implications are clear: Americans, along with people around the world, increasingly see the United States government’s overreaching surveillance activities as a threat to be blocked.

The federal government’s vacuum-cleaner approach to surveillance—manifested in Title II of the PATRIOT Act, the FISA Amendments Act, and EO 12333—has backfired in these respects, and the emergence of this digital resistance movement is one result. Indeed, the existence and proliferation of social networks hold the potential to help this movement spread faster and to more

of the general public than would have been possible in decades past. This is evidenced by the growing concern worldwide about governments’ ability to access reams of information about people’s lives with relative ease. As one measure, compared to a year ago, 41% of online users in North America now avoid certain Internet sites and applications, 16% change who they communicate with, and 24% censor what they say online. Those numbers, if anywhere close to accurate, are a major concern for democratic society.

In April 2014, a Harris poll of US adults showed that in response to the Snowden revelations, “Almost half of respondents (47%) said that they have changed their online behavior and think more carefully about where they go, what they say, and what they do online.” Set aside for a moment that just the federal government’s collection of the data of innocent Americans is itself likely a violation of the Fourth Amendment. The Harris poll is just one of numerous studies highlighting the collateral damage to American society and politics from NSA’s excesses: segments of our population are now fearful of even associating with individuals or organizations executive branch officials deem controversial or suspicious. Nearly half of Americans say they have changed their online behavior out of a fear of what the federal government might do with their personal information. The Constitution’s free association guarantee has been damaged by the Surveillance State’s very operation.

Also at risk is the First Amendment’s guarantee of a free press able to investigate potential government abuses of power in the national security arena without reporters fearing that its communications are being monitored and

potentially used to unmask sources.

We now live in an age where the federal government is willing to prosecute journalists in an effort to compel them to reveal their sources in national security leak cases. The most recent example is the Justice Department’s multi-year legal assault on New York Times national security reporter James Risen. Even at the height of the Pentagon Papers case four decades ago, the Nixon administration did not go as far as the Bush 43 and Obama administrations have gone in trying to intimidate journalists into revealing their sources in national security leak cases. Since Snowden’s revelations in June 2013, the climate for journalists working issues like the NSA surveillance scandal has only become more hostile.

The failure of the Congress and the courts to end the surveillance state, despite the repeated efforts by a huge range of political and public interest actors to effect that change through the political process, is only fueling the growing resistance movement. Federal officials understand this, which is why they are trying—desperately and in the view of some, underhandedly—to shut down this digital resistance movement. This action/reaction cycle is exactly what it appears to be: an escalating conflict between the American public and its government. Without comprehensive surveillance authority reforms (including a journalist “shield law” and ironclad whistleblower protections for Intelligence Community contractors) that are verifiable and enforceable, that conflict will only continue. Patrick G. Eddington was senior policy advisor to Rep. Rush Holt for over 10 years. He is currently a Policy Analyst in Homeland Security and Civil Liberties at the Cato Institute.

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TxDOT urges sober rides this holiday season

AUSTIN – As holiday festivities get into full swing, the Texas Department of Transportation reminds drivers to stay safe and sober when traveling to and from parties and other celebrations.

“We want drivers to have fun over the holidays, but more importantly, we want them to celebrate responsibly,” said TxDOT Executive Director Lt. Gen. Joe Weber, USMC (Ret). “Make a sober ride part of your plans and don’t let one bad choice ruin the holidays for you and your family.”

TxDOT’s Sober Ride Sleigh will be visiting more than a dozen cities across Texas to draw attention to the importance of having a sober ride. The “sleigh” is a donated limousine wrapped to look like a holiday gift. It will visit shopping malls, parades and other holiday-related venues.

During last year’s holiday season (Dec. 1, 2013 – Jan. 1, 2014), there were 2,367 DUI-alcohol traffic crashes in Texas resulting in 763 serious injuries and 92 fatalities. While these figures are staggering, DUI traffic fatalities actually decreased 8.9 percent compared with the same time frame the previous year.

“A decrease in fatalities is always welcome news and I think it speaks to the importance of our aggressive impaired driving campaigns,” Weber said. “As Texans, however, we must do better because one life lost to impaired driving is not only tragic, but also preventable.”

The TxDOT Sober Ride Sleigh campaign occurs in conjunction with law enforcement’s increased holiday efforts to crack down on drunk driving and curb vehicle crashes and fatalities. In many jurisdictions, no-refusal programs will be implemented.

TxDOT also is partnering with the National Safety Council and some of the state’s largest employers to help promote the safe and sober message this holiday season. The Texas Hospitality Association and Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission also will be distributing sober ride materials in stores and venues where alcohol is sold. Finally, TxDOT is working with transit authorities in Austin, San Antonio and Corpus Christi to encourage people to use the bus to get sober rides home.

Texans who make a pledge to have a sober ride this holiday season can enter to win donated prizes, including a day at the Richard Petty Racing Experience at Texas Motor Speedway or a SpaFinder gift certificate valued at \$2,000. Three runners-up each will win a \$1,000 American Express gift card. Contest details and ways to enter can be found at holidaysoberride.com.

Texans looking for a sober ride can visit soberrides.org for assistance.

High Plains Ag Conference set for Dec. 12

LUBBOCK – The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the annual High Plains Ag Conference from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 1102 E. Farm-to-Market Road 1294, Lubbock.

“This program will cover a wide spectrum of topics of interest to our region’s agricultural producers while offering them the opportunity to earn a hefty handful of Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units,” said Robert Scott, AgriLife Extension agent in Lubbock County.

“Topics this year will range from cattle parasites to vineyard management, and, as has become our tradition, we’ll also provide a great lunch as part of the preregistration fee.”

Individual preregistration is \$35 by Dec. 10 and \$45 thereafter and at the door, with no lunch guarantee. For more information, contact Scott at 806-775-1680 or rj-scott@tamu.edu. Five continuing education units – one integrated pest management, one laws and regulations and three general – will be offered.

All the scheduled speakers except Dr. Ted McCollum, are AgriLife Extension personnel headquartered at Lubbock. McCollum is the AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist at Amarillo.

Topics and presenters include: Beef Cattle Internal and External Parasite Control, McCollum; Grape Vineyard Management, Dr. Ed Hellman, viticulturist; New Systems Technology for Weed Resistance, Dr. Mark Kelley, agronomist; Exploring the Benefits of a Cover Crop, Dr. Calvin Trostle, agronomist; 2015 Program Updates, Scott, Dr. Mark Brown, county agent and Vikram Baliga, county horticulturist; Managing Pigweed Resistance, Dr. Peter Dotray, weed specialist; Pesticide Laws and Regulations, speaker to be announced; and Farm Bill Update, Dr. Jackie Smith, economist.

Texas State Parks offer holiday gifts, events

AUSTIN – With Christmas only a few weeks away, take time to get away from the craze of gift shopping and other holiday madness at a Texas state park.

“State parks have long been associated with the summer holidays, but some of the best programming for the entire year happens around Thanksgiving and Christmas,” says Texas Parks and Wildlife Department’s Thomas Wilhelm, marketing and branding manager for Texas State Parks.

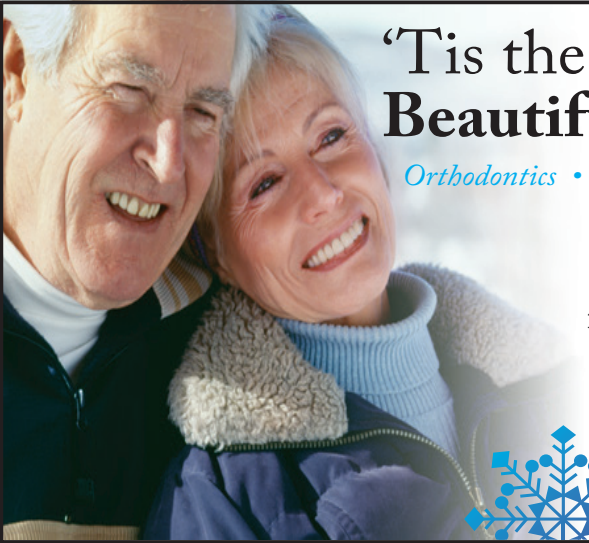
In the spirit of the season, state parks will be hosting more than 50 holiday-themed events from Dec. 1 until after Christmas at more than 40 parks across the state.

A new brochure is available at all state parks and Texas Travel Information Centers with details of each event. The 12-page booklet includes images of past events and a map of all parks offering holiday happenings. The brochure is also available online at www.texasstateparks.org/holiday.

Can’t make it to a park or want to take home something to commemorate the holidays? Take a piece of the parks home with you by purchasing a Texas state park ornament.

For the past 13 years, TPWD has offered Christmas ornaments featuring some of the most recognizable landscapes from the Texas state park system. This year the ornaments are showcasing Independence Hall at Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site, the Texas state bison herd at Caprock Canyons State Park and a horseback rider gazing at the majesty of Big Bend Ranch State Park.

All of the ornaments can be found and purchased at: texasstateparks.org/ornament. The ornaments are \$8.95 each, or \$19.95 for the set of three. During the month of December, if you purchase a Texas State Park gift card valued at \$75 or more, you can receive a free 2014 ornament.



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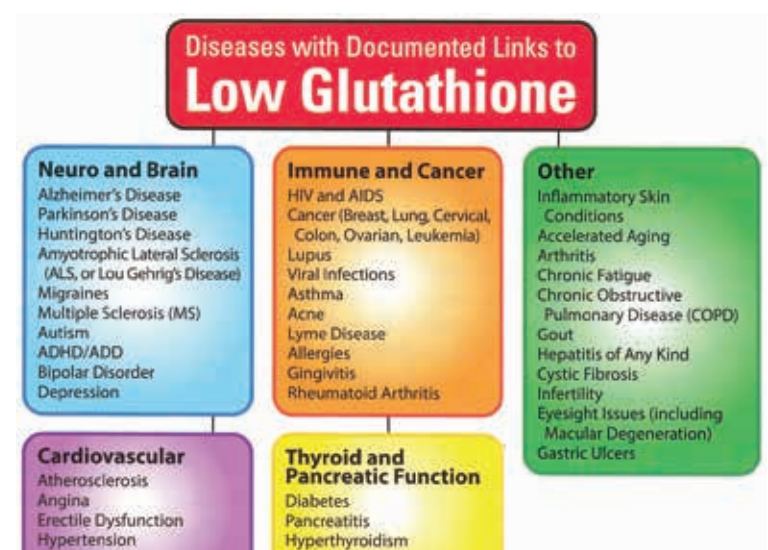

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Community Calendar

December 4-6
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Claude Tournament • Claude

Owls & Lady Owls v Lefors Tournament • Lefors

December 9
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Vega • JV 4 & 5 p.m. • Varsity 6:30 & 8 p.m. • Clarendon

Owls & Lady Owls v Holy Cross • 6 p.m. • Holy Cross

December 12
Owls & Lady Owls v Hartley • 6 p.m. • Hartley

December 16
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Valley • JV 4 & 5 p.m. • Varsity 6:30 & 8 p.m. • Valley

December 18-20
Owls & Lady Owls v Groom Tournament • TBA • Groom

December 24
Christmas Eve

December 25
Christmas Day

December 30
Owls & Lady Owls v Chillicothe • 1 p.m. • Chillicothe

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Menus

December 8 - 12
Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Spaghetti & meat sauce, green salad, diet dressing, garlic toast, sliced pears, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Crispy chicken/ bun, tomato, lettuce, pickle, carrot & raisin salad, potato wedges, peanut butter cookies, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Roast beef, baked potato w/ sour cream, buttered carrots, whole wheat roll, gingerbread, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: BBQ brisket, ranch style beans, cornbread, carrot sticks, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Vegetable beef stew, cornbread, garden salad, orange pineapple cup, chocolate chip cookies, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Salisbury steak, diced potatoes w/skin, English peas, rolls, fruit salad in juice, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Chicken tenders, garlic mashed potatoes, turnip greens, wheat rolls, mandarin oranges, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chopped BBQ on a bun, French fries, pinto beans, coleslaw, cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Beef stew, fried squash, corn bread, black forest parfait, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, cherry cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.

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Mon: Breaded pork chop, salad, carrot coins, peaches, breadstick, milk.
Tue: Chicken enchilada casserole, salad, salsa, charro beans, cinnamon applesauce, milk.
Wed: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, strawberries, roll, milk.
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Holidays are a dream come true for scammers

Hi, gang! This holiday season be prepared as you shop for bargains. This time of year offers many ways buy and give. Below are shopping tips and information, thanks to Janna Kiehl of the Panhandle BBB.

Before you go set a budget and create your shopping list before you go. Take copies of sales ads and coupons. Read the fine print for expiration dates and other limitations. Add the store's website to your favorites on your smart phone for easy access to coupons. Ask the store if viewing the coupon on your phone is sufficient to receive the discount.

Once you are at the store, ask about their return policy. Ask what items are "all sales final" and what items have a re-stocking fee. Remember that return policies vary from store to store. Keep receipts and all original packaging until you're sure they won't be returned. Ask for gift receipts. The proof-of-

purchase will make returning or exchanging an item less risky. You'll also be assured of the original purchase price.

Protect your packages, purses and personal information. Keep purses zipped and close to your body. Never leave a purse unattended in a shopping cart where it is more susceptible to theft. Protect personal information by tracking purchases regularly on your online statement. Avoid walking alone and leave malls and stores well before closing time to assure a more active parking lot. Do not hesitate to ask mall security to walk you to your car if you feel the need.

I recognize the importance of supporting small business in Clarendon, the jobs they help create and the culture they instill in our local community. According to the U.S. Small Businesses Administration, as of 2012, small businesses

nationwide accounted for 64 percent of net new private-sector jobs created and represented 99.7 percent of all employer firms.

For more consumer information you can trust, visit www.bbb.org/amarillo.

Shopping on line. Just like shopping offline, start with accredited businesses with a proven track record. Make sure sites are secure; review privacy policies as well as return policies.

Use your credit card to make online purchases; never wire money and avoid paying with other forms of payment which may not protect you like a credit card does. Protect



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by bob watson

your personal information and confirm that your online purchases are secure. Kiehl says, "Anyone can look good with a fancy website. Don't be fooled."

Giving Tuesday, the National Day of Giving, kicked off the holiday giving season on December 2nd. Before donating to a charity this season, it is wise to carefully review a charity and ensure it is a trustworthy organization. BBB WGA recommends these tips to give wisely, on any day of the year:

Watch out for copycats. There may be hundreds of charities seeking support in the same category, and some may have similar sounding names. Don't fall for a case of mistaken identity.

Consider the whole picture, not just finances. While financial ratios help in identifying cases of financial abuse, it's a mistake to use them as the sole basis for making a

giving decision. A good ratio does not necessarily mean a charity is well managed, honest in its appeals, transparent about its activities, and effective in achieving its mission. Avoid being pressured. Don't succumb to pressure to make an on-the-spot giving decision. Responsible organizations will welcome your gift tomorrow just as much as today.

Keep emotions in check. Donors need to be mindful that con artists will often strike when emotions are running high. Always take a moment to verify charities you donate to operate ethically.

Rely on rigorous evaluations. Charities can demonstrate they are trustworthy by undergoing a rigorous evaluation based on holistic standards such as the 20 BBB Standards for Charity Accountability. Get free access to BBB Charity Reports at Give.org.

Be extra safe out there!

The case of the pumpkin pies

Thanksgiving is over; the refrigerator is still full of leftovers, the Dallas Cowboys lost to Philadelphia, and we have a new holiday cooking story to pass around.

Ole Jim and I have one son and one daughter-in-law that I call Yankee because she was born and raised in Philadelphia. She hates that name, but sometimes the Yankee blood shows. The Case of the Pumpkin Pies was one of those times.

I was rolling out pie dough for the pumpkin pies, she offered to make the filling while I finished the shell, and I quickly agreed, telling her I use the recipe on the back of the Libby's pumpkin can. I answer her questions, hear her gathering ingredients, banging the bowls and I find my recliner, knowing all is well in my kitchen. She mixes the ingredients, dials in the cooking time on her smart phone and those pies are beautiful!

As they sit on the counter cooling we can't wait until tomorrow to slice into them.

We are watching a feel-good movie on TV when Yankee sits up with a horror look on her face and says, "I forgot the sugar!" Yep, she did because Ole Jim was the tasting guinea pig and when it comes to pie he is an expert.

Everyone agreed we had to have pumpkin pie so Son was sent on a mission to find another can of pumpkin in Clarendon – home of one grocery store, Dollar General and Family Dollar and sixty miles to the next store. He was lucky, one four dollar can of pumpkin was left



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in town so the process began again with much teasing about sugar directed toward Yankee.

Once again the pies were in the oven and once again we were watching another feel-good movie when someone noticed smoke coming from the oven. A hunk of pie crust had fallen off, landing on the heating element and the house was quickly filled with smoke but the pie was NOT on fire. Once again the pies looked beautiful, she remembered the sugar and for the first time ever we ate sweet, smoky flavored pumpkin pie.

Yankee will be making pumpkin pies again, and I am sure she will be asked if she remembered the sugar.

As we say thank you for our blessings, remember the sick in our community. Jerry Carter and Patrick Robertson are both hospitalized, please keep them in your prayers.

Santa Claus is coming to town

Helen Lamberson, a wonderful Hedley resident has passed away, Wednesday, November 26. She was 98 years young. Alma and Buddy Lamberson said she will be cremated and a memorial service at the First United Methodist Church in Hedley will be later after the holiday. They will let everyone know.

In lieu of flowers please send a donation to either Hedley Senior Citizens, PO Box 216, Hedley, TX 79237, Hedley FUMC, PO Box 119, Hedley, TX 79237 or at the Hospice where she was, but at this time we don't have the address. Alma will get it later. Helen will be missed

Santa is coming to Hedley on December 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Hedley Senior Citizens. Come enjoy music, Christmas Carols, cookies

and chocolate milk and Santa. The Hedley grade school is making ornaments for our tree and we will have a great time.

The Hedley Senior Citizens is also asking anyone for donations either to help with food for the elderly or our new building project. Everything is going fine and they should start the concrete slab hopefully next week. Everyone has been wonderful to donate to our new building and you all know that we need it.

God bless you all.



chatty kathy
by kathy spier
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Holiday happenings at Clarendon library

By Anne Purvis

Burton Memorial Library is abuzz with Holiday activity this year. The Friends of the Library are selling chances on a Christmas Basket that would make a wonderful gift for that person who has everything. Stop in and help support your local

library. A free sneak preview of the Downtown Abbey Season 4 will be shown on December 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Library.

New books have been arriving so check out the "New Book" shelf.

For more info on these activities call 874-3685.

Scouts go caroling at the Courthouse

Last Friday there was a wildfire out by the Country Club. Some of it got near a house there, but the firemen got it all off. The grass was pretty high and the fire spread quickly. The fire trucks had to on the side of a steep hill to get to it. The fire also spread on to some trees, too.

On Saturday, at the Courthouse, the Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts sang Christmas carols. The Cub Scouts sang Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. We counted down all the way to 19, and all the trees lit up when we said their number. Afterward we went to the Lions Club and had cookies, hot chocolate, and lemonade. My mom served the cookies and drinks.



the cub reporter
by benjamin estlack



Santa Claus arrived in style to the The Donley County Courthouse Christmas Lighting Celebration riding in a horse drawn wagon drove by Frank Hommel.

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The Donley County Courthouse Christmas Lighting Celebration was held last Saturday November 29, 2014. Attendies enjoyed caroling, Santa, and refreshments.

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'Texas-bred' wheat traits headed to Africa

COLLEGE STATION – Texas-bred wheat, by way of Amarillo and College Station, will find tiny bits of itself in new breeds of spring wheat in Africa in the near future.

Dr. Shuyu Liu, Dr. Amir Ibrahim, Dr. Jackie Rudd and Dr. Qingwu Xue – all Texas A&M AgriLife Research wheat program leaders – have been working to strengthen wheat varieties and increase yields and drought tolerance for the Texas industry.

But it is a Texas A&M University doctoral student they advise, Silvano Ocheya, who is taking their work and carrying it across continents in his thesis project.

Ocheya, a Monsanto Beachell-Borlaug Scholar who grew up in Kenya near Kisumu, addresses his work in the thesis, "Identifying Single Nucleotide Polymorphic (SNP) Markers for Drought Tolerance in Texas Wheat and Introgression into Spring Wheat for African Countries."

"I believe this research is vital and will link research in the U.S. and Kenya," Ocheya said. "I hope it will create a scientific community between developed and developing countries, and this will enhance germplasm flow as well as information between the two countries."

Ocheya has been named a Fellow for the Norman E. Borlaug

Leadership Enhancement in Agriculture Program of the U.S. Feed the Future Borlaug 21st Century Leadership Initiative and is provided U.S. Agency for International Development funding to cover travel expenses for his research in Kenya, said Liu, an AgriLife Research small grains geneticist in Amarillo.

"This study should add to the foundation required in tackling drought stress across the world," Liu said. "The SNPs associated with drought tolerance will be used in the marker-assisted breeding to move superior traits from Texas A&M AgriLife TAM wheat into Kenyan spring wheats."

In addition to Ocheya's U.S. advisors, Ocheya is working with Dr. Peter Njau at the Kenya Agricultural Research Institute, or KARI, and Dr. Sridhar Bhavani at the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center in Mexico, more commonly referred to as CIMMYT.

Ibrahim, an AgriLife Research wheat breeder in College Station, said the partnership between the researchers in the U.S., CIMMYT and KARI will be valuable and provides expansion of testing sites and technology sharing.

"This study will provide a platform for knowledge sharing through a student exchange program where students from developing countries

can visit schools in the U.S. and learn the experience of plant breeding in a developed country," Ibrahim said.

Rudd, an AgriLife Research wheat breeder in Amarillo, said this is a truly collaborative project.

"The Kenya wheat program will gain drought tolerance traits from our Texas wheat and we will gain new sources of rust resistance from the African wheat."

Ocheya said the development of improved wheat varieties with high yield and resilience to drought stress is much needed due to volatile climatic changes, scarce water resources and competing needs for water for urbanization and/or industrialization and rapid population increase, particularly in developing countries.

"We are taking a molecular breeding approach to tag important traits regulating drought tolerance in a known drought-tolerant winter wheat developed and released by Texas A&M AgriLife Research," he said. "The ultimate goal is to increase yield of spring wheat by introducing these traits into durable stem rust-resistant cultivars from Kenya using marker-assisted selection."

The research is being conducted at KARI/CIMMYT research farms in Kenya and AgriLife Research farms in Amarillo and College Sta-

tion. The marker-assisted breeding process will be conducted at the Amarillo center.

"We have made a backcross between durable stem rust-resistant Kenyan lines and TAM winter wheat possessing excellent drought tolerance," Liu said. "The objective is to introduce drought tolerance into the spring wheat cultivars possessing resistance to stem rust. The backcross seed were harvested mid-May this year and seeds will be prepared for planting in Kenya."

The field testing will be conducted in multiple target environments in Kenya. The planting season in Kenya is in January and note-taking for the target traits will be done in April and May. Ocheya said the results will be relevant to the U.S. and Kenya, as well as other countries across the world where wheat is grown.

Greenhouse and field trials will run concurrently, he said. The greenhouse experiment is being conducted under artificial inoculation with stem rust strains and data will be captured on disease reaction as well as yield and other agronomic traits.

"The AgriLife Research wheat team is looking forward to the results from this international collaboration and hope our research effort can help wheat production in many African countries," Liu said.

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Thur	27	58°	30°	-
Fri	28	83°	39°	-
Sat	29	88°	44°	-
Sun	30	75°	15°	-

Total precipitation this month: 1.14"
Total precipitation to date: 15.43"

weekend forecast

Fri., Dec. 5

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61° / 41°

Sat., Dec. 6

Mostly Cloudy

61° / 41°

Sun., Dec. 7

Showers

59° / 41°

Information provided by:
Lori Howard
National Weather Service

Hedley FFA was well represented at the District LDE contest held at Valley School. Competing were Zarek Mestas, Madison Shelp, Tristen Harper, Cody Cabler, Kallie Lindsey, Wyatt Wheatly, Kati Adams, Caylor Monroe, and Makinzie Hinton. Kati placed second in Sr. Creed Speaking, and advanced to the Area contest in Canyon where she placed seventh.

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Bronco JV pull out two-point win

The Clarendon Bronco junior varsity team pulled out a two-point win against Perryton at home last Tuesday night. After an early lead, the Broncos allowed the Rangers to get back in the game, but were able to hang on at 33-31.

The Broncos' offensive attack the first quarter of play gave them a seven-point lead in the first quarter, but Perryton came back to play them nearly even in the second quarter. The second half belonged to the Rangers as they outscored the Broncos by six points.

The Broncos were able to drain seven three-pointers to help them stay in the game with Keandre Cortez and Steven Johnson hitting three

each. Clay Koetting made good on the other three-pointer. Cortez led the Broncos with 12 points and Johnson, and Koetting added nine. Payton Havens had two, and Kenrick Addington put in one.

"If you missed this game you missed a good one," coach Alton Gaines said. "The boys played excellent basketball against a good Perryton team and came out with a one-point win. These guys play so well as a unit. I'm so impressed with their unselfishness; they make each other better every game and for that guys, thank you."

The Broncos will participate in the River Road Tournament Thursday and Saturday, December 4 and 6.



Frank Ramirez drives down the court during Hedley's game against Kress.

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8th grade Colts win against Wheeler

Last Monday, November 24, the 8th grade Colts took on Wheeler at home and totally dominated them in a 58-15 win.

The Colts set the tempo of the game early on and held a 10-0 after the first quarter of the play. They stayed strong offensively through the second period to increase their lead and their defense in the first half was solid as they held the Mustangs to only two points the entire first half of play. The Colts were able to coast in the second half to seal the win.

Wheeler had trouble containing all of the Colts, but Bear Smith was unstoppable and pumped in 18 points, and Preston Elam was close behind with 10 points. Noab Elam hit three field goals and two

free throws to finish with eight, and Isaac Dunham was strong inside and helped with eight points also. Cole Franks pumped in six points all in the fourth quarter, and Ryan McCleskey and Ryan Ward each had four.

The seventh grade Colts fought hard for the entire game, but lost 4-35. Clay Ward and Jamal Butler put in two points each.

Wheeler played an aggressive basketball game and the Colts struggled to stop their offense. The Colts had several shots on the offensive end of the court that should have fallen, but they just could not get anything going.

Both Colt teams will be in action on the road against Shamrock on Monday, December 8 at 5:00 pm.



Kasie Hinton dribbles around her opponent.

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Lady Colts combine to defeat Wheeler

Because Wheeler did not have the numbers, the 7th and 8th grade Lady Colts had to combine teams Monday night when they took on the Wheeler Lady Mustangs. The Lady Colts bested their opponent and earned a 27-16 win.

The Lady Colts jumped out to a 10-2 lead as they controlled the offensive end of the game and held a 22-9 lead at the break. The Lady Colts slowed some offensively in the second half of play, but their defense was able to pick up the slack to hold on for the big win.

"The girls played well," coach Sandi Johnson said. "Wheeler only had one team so we had to combine the girls for one game. It was a good win for our team, but with 15 girls on the bench it is hard to get everyone the playing time that I would like for them. But we were excited to have a good win."

Johnson likes the direction her team is headed and optimistic about the remainder of the season.

"The girls are learning so many basic defensive fundamentals," Johnson said. "It is a lot of fun to see them growing as a team. This is a great group of athletes and girls."

Sandra Smith led the ladies on the scoreboard with 10 points and Mattee Johnson followed closely behind putting up seven while hitting 75 percent of her bonus points. Jenci Hernandez finished with four and Emily Johnson and Madi Gay put in three each.

The Lady Colts will play Shamrock at home on Monday, December 8, at 5:00 p.m.




Tristen Harper looks for an open man against Kress.

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Drugs in the News

Testosterone Should Not Be Started on Healthy Women

The Endocrine Society has released new guidelines stating that healthcare professionals should not prescribe testosterone for healthy women. The agency released this statement after researching cases showing that women were prescribed testosterone therapy after lab work showed low testosterone levels. However, there were no symptoms that may have lead to concern. Researchers indicate that there are no longterm studies that show any harm or benefit for using testosterone in healthy women without symptoms of low testosterone levels. They conclude it is better not to start it until more studies are done.

Testosterone therapy is prescribed to men to help treat low testosterone levels. Testosterone in different dosage forms is FDA-approved for men only. Some physicians may prescribe testosterone to women as an off-label use to help treat low sex drive that cannot be improved with other means or that which originates from a medical condition. Common side effects include increased body and facial hair, acne, and balding on the scalp.



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Lady Broncos defeat Perryton

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos knew there was work to do against and good Perryton team last Tuesday night and they did exactly what they needed to do. They defeated the Rangerettes, 53-52.

The Lady Broncos grabbed the early momentum when they jumped out to a 15-8 lead. But Perryton battled back to within two points at the break.

The third period belonged, once again, to the Lady Broncos and they fought off four three-pointers by Perryton to hold onto the win.

Head coach Kalen Grahm was excited for the progression his team is making.

“What a great game,” Grahm said. “Taylor Gaines and Allyson Grahm had huge games offensively.

Broncos narrowly lose to Perryton

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos gave their all against a good Perryton team Tuesday night at home, but came up short at 47-50. A slow-shooting second quarter pushed the momentum to Perryton’s side and the Rangers took advantage of it outscoring the Broncos by 13 points.

The Broncos did not give up and came back with vengeance in the second half of play. They outscored their opponent in the last quarter by seven points, but it was not enough to overtake them and get the win.

“We did not shoot the ball that well,” coach Brandt Lockhart said. “But I was pleased with our effort. The kids did a great job of coming back. We were down 17 points at one time.”

Bryce Grahm turned in 20 points to lead the Broncos and he finished with two three-pointers, 75 percent from the bonus line, two assists, and two steals. Cedrick McCampbell turned in seven points, seven rebounds, two assists and two steals. Chance Lockhart had eight points and Charles Mason helped the Broncos with five points and two assists. Jr. Cenicerros put in five points and Chesson Sims finished with two points and five rebounds.

The Broncos will participate in the Claude Tournament to be held December 4-6.

Lady Bronco JV defeat Wheeler

The Clarendon Lady Bronco junior varsity took on Wheeler at home before the Thanksgiving break and ended with a 43-23 win.

The Lady Broncos broke out early and set the tempo of the game with a six-point lead after one. They were able to stay solid on both ends of the court and maintained their point spread through the first half of play.

After the break, the Lady Broncos exploded using their aggressive defense to rack up 19 more points to seal their win. Their win was led by three Lady Broncos that finished in double figures. Briley Chadwick put in 11 while Jensen Hatley, and Damara Brown each helped with 10. Sarah Williams had five, Berkeley Alexander put in three, and Allison Hogan and Karlee Adams each had two.

Coach Kasey Bell was pleased with the win.

“We turned it over on their press,” Bell said. “It was the first time we had seen a press. And we need to handle pressure situations a little better and that will come with practice. The girls played hard and I know we will continue to improve.”

The ladies will participate in the River Road Thursday and Saturday, December 4 and 6.

Taylor led our team in scoring and she was attacking the rim and finishing. Perryton had no answer for her.”

Gaines led the Lady Broncos with 21 points and Grahm pumped in 18. Grahm went five for six from the bonus line and Gaines put in eight out of eleven.

The Lady Broncos also excelled defensively. “Defensively, we are getting better as a team,” Grahm said. “They are adjusting to a new defensive culture, which takes time. We are looking forward to this weekend.”

Skyler White put in eight points, Carlee Johnson had five, and Hannah Hommel had one to round out the scoring.

The Lady Broncos will participate in the Claude Tournament to be held this Thursday through Saturday.




Shoot for two
Sophomore Bryce Grahm goes up for the shot during the Broncos’s game against Perryton last Tuesday.

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Lady Bronco Jensen Hatley makes the layup against Perryton.

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Lady Broncos

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12 Taylor Gaines

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December 16

Clarendon v Valley • There

Varsity Girls 6:30 p.m.

Varsity Boys 8 p.m.

Broncos

1 Cedrick Mccampbell

2 Bryce Grahm

3 Charles Mason

5 Junior Cenicerros

10 Colt Wood

12 Riley Shadle

15 Chance Lockhart

24 Chesson Sims

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Obituaries

Hamilton

Cora Rose Hamilton, 84, died Wednesday, November 26, 2014, in Clarendon.

Services were held on Monday, December 1, 2014, in Community Fellowship Church in Clarendon with Rev. Anthony Knowles and Rev. Larry Capranica, officiating.

Burial followed at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

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

Cora was born December 29, 1929, in Stillwell, Oklahoma to Calvin and Leona Frances Brown. She married Earl Hamilton on January 2, 1950, in Hollis, Oklahoma. She had been a resident of Clarendon since 1966 where she worked for Dale Robinson for many years selling vegetables and volunteered at Donley County Senior Citizens. She was a super mom and will be dearly missed by her loving family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 1991; and several brothers and sisters.

She is survived by a son, Ray

Hamilton of Amarillo; 2 daughters, Karen June Nicholas of White House Station, New Jersey and Janice Hamilton of Clarendon; 2 brothers; 2 sisters; 7 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; and 6 great great grandchildren.

The family request memorials be sent to the Donley County Senior Citizens in Clarendon.

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Bertrand

Clarence Edward "Buster" Bertrand, 94, of Amarillo, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2014.

Rosary was said on Friday, Nov. 28, 2014, at St. Francis Catholic Church. Mass was celebrated on Saturday, Nov. 29, 2014, in St. Francis Catholic Church with the Rev. John Dalton and the Rev. B. Chinninniah officiating. Burial was

in St. Francis Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Buster was born Oct. 11, 1920, in Clifton to Adolph and Ida Bertrand. He proudly served his country in the Army. Buster married Margaret Grabber on Sept. 22, 1943, at St. Francis Catholic Church, where he was a longtime member. He farmed and ranched all of his life and was a partner in B&H Cattle Company. Buster was a big supporter and adult leader of 4-H for many years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret; two daughters, Mary Ann Bertrand and Louise Carol Ropes; a sister, Doodle Raef; and three great-grandchildren.

He is survived by a daughter, Judy Kay Tomlinson of Amarillo; four sons, Buddy Bertrand and wife Terry of Amarillo, Harold Bertrand and wife Sharon of Panhandle, Roy D. Bertrand and wife Denise of Clarendon and Laurence Bertrand and wife Sandy of Amarillo; eighteen grandchildren; thirty-one great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to St. Francis Memorial

Fund or School Sisters of St. Francis of Panhandle.

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Lamberson

Margaret Helen Lamberson, 98, died November 26, 2014.

Memorial services will be held at Hedley United Methodist Church at 2:00 p.m., Friday, December 5, 2014, with Rev. Rusty Early officiating.

Cremation by Robertson Funeral Directors.

Helen was born October 11, 1915, in Bowie to Melvin and Estah Williams.

She married J.T. Lamberson on May 1, 1933, in Bowie. They lived in Bowie, Vernon, and Clarendon before moving to Pampa. While living in Pampa, she worked for J.C. Penny's and was a member of The First Baptist Church and Eastern Star.

They retired and moved to Hedley in 1982 to live on their sons Ranch, 3 miles east of Hedley. While living in Hedley, she was a Member of the Hedley United Methodist a Church, Hedley Lioness Club, and

Hedley Senior Citizens. She was always first to step forward and help if needed.

In January 2014 she moved to Caprock Nursing & Rehab in Borger to be closer to her granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J.T. Sr., of 77 years; twin daughters Oleta & Cleta; a grandson Randall Lamberson; a sister Betty Hix; a brother Adrian Williams; and her parents.

She is survived by two sons, J.T., Jr. and wife Jacki of Pasedena, Texas and Buddy and Alma of Hedley. Eight grandchildren, Juli Ward, Mike Lamberson, Lisa Willis, Joe Lamberson, Mike Cade, Denise Hixon, Stephenie Blankenship, and Sara Franco; fourteen great-grandchildren; twelve great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Thanks to Caprock Nursing and Southwest hospice for their loving care.

Family requests in lieu of flowers, donations to Hedley United Methodist Church, Hedley Sr. Citizens, Hedley Volunteer Fire Dept., Caprock Nursing, and Southwest Hospice, in Borger.

Sheriff's Report

November 24, 2014

7:38 a.m. – Fire Department paged to check possible Carbon Monoxide leak – 400 block East Wood
7:53 a.m. – EMS assist 400 block East Wood
5:28 p.m. – Report of shoplifter HWY 287 & Koogle
6:03 p.m. – To jail with one in custody
6:45 p.m. – EMS assist 300 block South Jefferson
7:42 p.m. – EMS assist 800 block South Carhart

November 25, 2014

3:02 a.m. – EMS assist 100 block North Sully
10:39 a.m. – EMS assist 400 block East Wood
11:13 a.m. – See caller Co Rd W
1:52 p.m. – Units paged – feeder fire – Co Rd 23
4:51 p.m. – EMS assist 700 block

South Allen
10:28 p.m. – See caller 800 block East 2nd

November 26, 2014

8:25 a.m. – Loose livestock Co Rd T
9:27 a.m. – Report of female walking in Median West of Lelia Lake
4:14 p.m. – See caller 500 block East 4th
4:27 p.m. – Report of accident HWY 203&273

November 27, 2014

3:14 a.m. – EMS assist 500 block Jackson
1:23 p.m. – Commercial burglar alarm 200 block South Kearney
1:24 p.m. – EMS assist 500 block South Jackson

November 28, 2014

1:03 a.m. – Units paged – grassfire 3 miles South of Co Rd X
1:12 a.m. – Vehicle accident 500 block South Orpe
9:03 a.m. – Units pages- vehicle fire 100 Polk Bailey - Hedley

12:16 p.m. – Units paged – fire in Howardwick
4:45 p.m. – EMS assist West of Lake Dam

November 29, 2014

3:31 a.m. – EMS assist 200 block East 4th
8:02 a.m. – EMS assist location not logged
10:15 a.m. – Report of alarm 400 block East 2nd
1:46 p.m. – EMS assist 300 block Rosenfield
3:38 p.m. – EMS assist 700 block East 3rd

November 30, 2014

5:54 a.m. – EMS assist Co Rd 25
8:16 a.m. – EMS assist Community Care Center
8:43 a.m. – Units paged - cotton module fire – FM 1932
5:46 p.m. – EMS assist Eastbound I-40
7:23 p.m. – EMS assist 800 block South Parks

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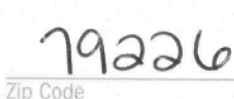
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personal income will grow over 2016 and 2017 at 11.68 percent. Moody's Analytics had the most optimistic forecast, at 15.71 percent.

Dick Lavine, a senior fiscal analyst for the liberal Center for Public Policy Priorities, estimated that picking the Moody's figure would have given the next Legislature \$3.4 billion more to work with under the spending cap. By going with the lowest rate offered to them, the LBB cut off lawmakers from having a more thorough discussion next year of how the state should be addressing its competing needs, he said.

"There's no reason to prejudice that by picking the lowest possible number," Lavine said. "They could have left themselves the room."

In the past, legislatures have passed budgets within the spending cap with little trouble, prompting some critics to argue that the cap should be tightened. Since 2012, the conversation has shifted as Texas' coffers have swelled by billions of dollars, in large part because of an oil drilling boom. Along with conservative groups calling for tightening the cap, others have advocated for busting the cap to address issues like crumbling infrastructure and public education needs.

"It is important to remember that the limit is a cap, not an obligation," said Dale Craymer, president of the business-backed Texas Taxpayers and Research Association. "Legislators should continue to exercise restraint as they begin work on the 2016-17 state budget."



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Santa Claus joined the Clarendon Courthouse Lighting Celebration giving children like Madison Green a chance to tell him their Christmas wishes.

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The Clarendon Community Children's Choir sang for the guest attending the Donley County Courthouse's Lighting Celebration.

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