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Aldermen continue studying sign rules

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen last week continued consideration of changes to the city's sign ordinance during their regular meeting December 23.

Prompted by Alderman Sandy Skelton, city officials have been looking at the 19-year-old sign ordinance in response to dozens of 10-foot PVC crosses and several religious signs that have been erected by Jim Griffin over the last two years.

When the board first took up the issue in October, Griffin told aldermen that former city administrator Lambert Little had said he didn't need a permit when he started putting the crosses up.

City Hall says the sign ordinance approved in 1995 requires property owners to get a permit for any sign or marker, and city officials say Griffin has continued to erect crosses without a permit since October.

Griffin has, however, worked with city officials to move some signage out of the city's right of way.

Among the changes considered last week is increasing the sign permit fee from \$10 to \$50, but no action was taken.

County officials to take office today

Donley County will swear-in its recently elected and re-elected officials today (Thursday) at 9 a.m. in the Donley County Courthouse.

New officials taking office for the first time will be incoming Judge John Howard, Justice of the Peace Pam Johnston Mason, and Commissioner Daniel Ford.

Following the administering of the oaths of office, Judge Howard has announced that a prayer vigil will be held in the Courthouse.

Account set up for Wood's expenses

An account has been established at Pilgrim Bank to help with the medical expenses of Connie Wood.

Donations to that account would be greatly appreciated, and prayers for a full and speedy healing process are also welcome.

Shot clinic to be held

The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold an immunization clinic in Clarendon at the Burton Memorial Library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. next Thursday, January 8.

Hundreds attend services for Robertson

It was standing room only when funeral services for Patrick Robertson were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 27, in the First Baptist Church of Clarendon.

Robertson passed away at home Tuesday, December 22, 2014, at the age of 59. During the service celebrating his life, he was widely praised for his service to his community and his fellow man through his various roles as a volunteer, a businessman, and a friend.

Firemen from the Clarendon and Howardwick fire departments, to both of which Robertson had belonged, lined the church as honorary pallbearers, and the service

recognized his dedication to Donley County as a lifelong volunteer fireman and also as a volunteer paramedic.

Hundreds of people were in attendance demonstrating their thankfulness for Robertson's life and comforting his family with sympathy and prayer, as Robertson himself had done literally thousands of times throughout his career as a funeral director.

The Lone Star Flag draped the casket, and special recognition was given to Robertson's service to Texas as a member of the state funeral commission appointed by Gov. Rick Perry.

Rev. Dave Stout of the

Howardwick Baptist Church officiated at the service, and burial followed in Citizens Cemetery. Arrangements were by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon with the assistance of several area funeral directors during the service.

Patrick Wayne Robertson was born March 10, 1955 in Groom to Delbert Wayne and Patsy Darlene Robertson. He graduated from Clarendon High School in 1973. He attended the Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science, graduating in 1975. Patrick married Edith Faye Black of Wellington on September 27, 1975. She preceded him in death in 1987. On May 4, 1991, he and Vicky Annette Hawkins were united

in marriage in Clarendon.

Patrick was co-owner of Robertson Funeral Directors in Clarendon and co-owner of KEFH 99.3 FM radio station. He was a lifetime member of the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department serving from 1975 to 2009. He was a graduate of the first paramedic class in the Texas Panhandle and one of the first paramedics to serve Donley County. He served with the Clarendon EMS from 1973-1992. He later became a member of the Howardwick Volunteer Fire Department.

Patrick loved classic cars and was a member of the High Plains Cruisers of Pampa. He was a member

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Patrick Robertson

The Chairman

Thornberry prepares to lead House Armed Services Committee

By Roger Estlack, Clarendon Enterprise

Congressman Mac Thornberry will make history next week.

On Tuesday, January 6, he will be sworn in for his eleventh term in the US House of Representatives, and then the passage of a resolution will make the boy from Clarendon the first Texan to lead the House Armed Services Committee.

Thornberry never expected to be in Congress this long when he was first elected with the Republican revolution in 1994, but his longevity has led him to a position of influence that few Americans will ever realize.

"You feel a certain weight to do the most you can with the job," Thornberry told the Enterprise last week. "It is only because of the support of people at home that you can rise in seniority."

Thornberry's long road to the armed services chairmanship began in Donley County, where he grew up listening to his grandfather, Bill Thornberry, talk about what the government would and wouldn't let him do as a rancher.

"It dawned on me early on that decisions were being made that affected us in Clarendon," he said.

That interest in politics soon refined to an interest in national security and foreign policy. And by the time he was a student at Texas Tech University, Thornberry would maneuver every debate topic to something related to national security.

Later with nothing but a law degree and the urging of fellow Donley County native and attorney Broadus Spivey, Thornberry moved to Washington determined to work for a congressman with an interest in national security. He landed a job with Central Texas Republican Tom Loeffler, worked his way up to become former Lubbock congressman Larry Combest's chief of staff, and then spent some time in the state department during the last year of the Reagan administration. He then came back to Texas to practice law before defeating Democrat Bill Sarpalis to represent the 13th congressional district.

Winning that first election then and now taking on an even bigger role, Thornberry says his past helps keep him grounded.

"It's moments like this – when I take on new responsibilities – that I remember the people who got me where I am. It is because of my family, my community, Mrs. [Claudine] Todd's English class, and Mrs. Stave's [Jean Stavenhagen] speech class that I am able to do this," he said. "I have had the tremendous benefit of growing up when and where I did."



US Rep. Mac Thornberry

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The world today is different than when Thornberry was a student and even different than when he took office 20 years ago. The congressman says Washington is more partisan than ever, and he sees the advent of the 24-hour news cycle, the rise of social media, and the phenomenon of people just trying to make a name for themselves as elements that make it harder to get things done.

"There were lots of disagreements with President Clinton, but at the end of the day you thought he was trying to do the right thing for the country," Thornberry says. "I've been very disappointed with President Obama who shows no indication of wanting to work together on anything. He has made us more divided than ever. It will be a big job for the next president to heal those wounds."

Another change in the last two decades has been Congress' approval rating with the American public. Gallop polling shows

congressional approval has dropped from 33 percent in January 1995 to 15 percent in November 2014; and while 15 percent of people had no opinion of Congress in 1995, that number is now only six percent.

"This is an unusually frustrating period," Thornberry says. "Republicans and conservatives are frustrated with the Senate, and liberals and Democrats are frustrated because the House won't pass Obama's agenda. I also worry about expectations now that Republicans control the House and the Senate. We've got to pass something and not hold out for perfection on everything."

Since taking office, Thornberry has worked to make government smaller and more efficient; and while he says there have been some successes, he likens the fight to shrink government to trench warfare. The Affordable Care Act, commonly known as Obamacare, is one issue the new Congress will have to deal with and decide whether

to try to just improve the law or attempt to replace it.

But it will be national security and defense that are at the top of Thornberry's concerns when he returns to Washington. The Armed Services Committee he will chair oversees the policy, military operations, funding, and reform and organization of the Department of Defense; the nuclear weapons aspects of the Department of Energy; and several other matters such as counter drug programs and detainee affairs and policy.

A primary objective will be passage of the Defense Authorization Bill, which funds the military. For 53 straight years, the bill passed out of the Armed Services Committee has been approved by Congress and signed into law by the president.

"I don't want to just keep that streak going but to reform how we do things while still supporting our military," Thornberry says.

The usual order of things is to have hearings where the Secretary of Defense speaks on behalf of the president's budget request followed by supporting testimony from the heads of each branch of the military. Thornberry wants to have hearings on the threats facing the United States and then have the Secretary of Defense testify as to how the president's budget request addresses those threats.

It sounds simple and logical; but Thornberry says if he's able to get that done, it will be "revolutionary" in Washington. And to add to the complexity of the committee's job, sequestration being the law of the land will mean that less money will be available to meet the nation's defense needs.

Thornberry's committee will also have to help guide the nation in a world that is becoming ever more dangerous.

"There will always be trouble in the world," Thornberry says. "It's a fallen world, and the United States has a responsibility to provide some leadership and stability. Right now we're dealing with the results of a perceived withdrawal by the US. Our allies don't know if they can count on us."

He says the threat of terrorism is evolving with Al Qaeda urging attacks inside the US and concerns of biological terrorism are growing. Addressing the dangers of anthrax and other bio-threats require the cooperation of the military and the Department of Health & Human Services – two departments that Thornberry says live in entirely different worlds.

One emerging threat is cyberterrorism by which states around the globe can impact the lives of Americans by tampering with systems used by business and individuals for everything from banking to entertainment.

"We have to decide what we expect the government to do and what do we expect business to do," Thornberry says.

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Farewell to two faithful servants

This week marks the changing of the guard for two local institutions as Donley County Judge Jack Hall caps off 17 years of service and Clarendon School Superintendent Monty Hysinger leaves for new opportunities after 16 years.

Hall spent a full career of about three decades as a coach and teacher at Clarendon Junior High before ever becoming county judge. In fact, he started at CJH the same day the editor's mother did in the old school building that stood where Kevin and Cheryl Johnson's home now overlooks the baseball fields. Through the years, they would share many laughs before Hall's first retirement.



editor's commentary
by roger estlack

Donley County Commissioners appointed Hall as county judge after W.R. "Billie" Christal resigned in 1997, and it was that same year that representatives of the Texas Courthouse Alliance came to survey the 1890 Donley County Courthouse. It wasn't clear what, if anything, would come from that visit of folks from Austin, but Hall, your editor, and others were told that a movement was afoot to restore some of Texas' old courthouses. That was the beginning of a long road to save the Panhandle's oldest operational courthouse from the verge of condemnation and return it to its 19th century grandeur.

Today, most everyone in Donley County is proud of the courthouse and realizes the value of its restoration... a \$4.2 million project that was funded mostly by state money. But that wasn't the case 14 years ago as many people strongly opposed the project. Judge Jack Hall was steadfast in his dedication to preserve our courthouse and restore it so that generations to come would be able to enjoy it. Asked if it was a good idea or if it would work, Hall always replied, "I just don't see it any other way."

Since the project's completion in 2003, Judge Hall has protected "The Jewel of the Plains" (as Texas Historical Commission member Shirley Caldwell first called it) and given countless tours of the old building, recalling all the unique features, interesting stories, and architectural details of its construction and restoration.

In addition to his role in saving the courthouse, Hall has carried out his duties as judge in the best manner possible. He has conducted commissioners' court meetings with dignity and decorum and acted in every sense as a gentleman in the performance of his job. Donley County owes a debt of gratitude to Judge Hall. We wish him well in his much deserved second retirement, and we have high expectations for continued leadership and service from his successor, Judge John Howard.

At Clarendon Public Schools, Monty Hysinger has served in his position almost as long as Hall has been judge, and we have always found him to be a good man who has tried to do the best for the students of our district and who stood out for his service to our community.

Through his involvement with the Lions Club, Hysinger has taken an active role in the club's Sweetheart program and volunteered many, many times to set out or pick up American flags for the club. For many years, Hysinger has almost single-handedly organized the annual Pancake Supper to the point where the rest of the club mostly just had to sell tickets and show up to flip pancakes.

At the school, Hysinger has pushed to keep the most current technology at our children's and teacher's fingertips. Soon after her retirement, he drafted the editor's mother in writing a grant she called "Teaching an Old Town New Tricks" that helped fund a lot of new technology for the school. Since then he has consistently found other opportunities to bring new technology to Clarendon ISD.

Hysinger also has been an excellent steward of the school's physical plant, undertaking initiatives that have greatly extended the life of a campus that was constructed in 1963 with some buildings dating back even earlier. At a time when some area schools were turning their backs on old buildings, Hysinger was repurposing them and adding decades to their usefulness at a long-term savings to the taxpayer.

Hysinger also is to be commended for his leadership in reworking the school's old tornado shelter. The 1960s "bomb shelter" under the cafeteria and library had been used for decades for tornado drills but had fallen out of use by the turn of the century due to concerns mainly over dust. Hysinger had the floor concreted, had emergency lights installed, and instituted a tornado plan under which all CISD students can get to cover in about five minutes.

Dumas ISD is getting a good man and a good leader in Monty Hysinger, and we hope that whoever succeeds him can build on the foundations that he has laid for our school.

Meanwhile...

Our hearts and prayers go out this week to the family of Patrick Robertson, a man who touched so many and served us all whether it was as a fireman, a paramedic, a funeral director, a radio personality, or a friend. No father should have to bury his son, and there is never a good time for a son to lose his father. Our greatest sympathies to Delbert, Chuck, Vicky, Debbie, and the rest of the family. Our community will miss Pat greatly, and we hope that his loved ones can find comfort in the love and friendship of others in the days to come.

A rocking chair with special meaning

At any given moment, folks are clearing attics and basements and marking garage sale items. They cling to the idiom that one man's (or woman's) trash is another one's treasure. Such has been the case for decades.

Sure enough, buyers show up, sometimes paying dimes on dollars for items that may need new paint, renovation or repairs to be made usable – or attractive for re-sale. Prices often are negotiated, and friendly "haggling" is not uncommon. (Both sellers and buyers believe they're making "real killings.")

That's the background for this account. Abigail Criner is a resident of Bellville where husband Michael has been a church pastor for two years. Early on, with daughters Adele and Ruth – now 4 and 3, respectively – she visited a garage sale, spotting a rocking chair she believed had "real potential." Abby paid \$15 for it, feeling she'd find time to sand, varnish and reupholster to restore its original splendor....

In short, the project was placed on her "to do" list. Instead of moving up, though, it moved to a "one-of-these-days list," iffy at best. Before long, she was pregnant with her third child, Talitha, now 11 months old. Suddenly, her lists seemed longer than the longest of bucket lists. While she loved the thought of rocking three youngsters, "must do" duties pushed her lesser "to do's" to the side.

Back in October, Abby decided to have a garage sale. Sadly, almost tearfully, she included the rocker in it, pricing it at \$5. Sure enough, a woman – also a new Bellville resident – paid the five bucks, confident she could restore the rocker to its original condition.

Telling her story to the purchaser she knew only as "Annie," Abby asked if she could see it when the project was completed....



the idle american
by don newbury

Soon, the rocker was both out of sight and almost out of mind.

The Criners saw Annie again recently during the community's annual Small Town Christmas. It featured parades, giveaways at local businesses, caroling and even "Breakfast with Santa." This time, she was dressed as "Mrs. Claus," handing out candy to the children as she proudly represented the local chapter of the American Cancer Society.

To Michael, Abby and the girls, though, she was "Mrs. Claus" – not the woman who had purchased the old rocking chair....

A few days before Christmas, the Criners' doorbell rang. Abby answered it. There was Annie, standing beside a beautifully restored rocking chair.

"Merry Christmas," she said. Then, Annie returned to her car and drove away.

Abby was stunned. The rocking chair now is one of her most cherished Christmas gifts of all time – not so much for its value, but because it is the centerpiece of a wonderful Christian gesture – the likes of which we tend to believe happened only in the long ago. And talk about a gift that keeps on

giving....

Maybe it wasn't too long after the invention of the wheel that someone discovered that half a wheel can be fashioned to provide rocking motion for cradles and chairs.

I'm guessing that such locomotion may be technologically enhanced as future decades unroll. I doubt, though, that mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, aunts, sisters and others will be interested in the "improved" versions.

They'll stick with their old-fashioned rocking chairs, putting up with their creaks, peeling paint and crayon marks. After all, they're grand for holding children close – singing and reading to them, praying for them and helping them get to sleep. And it is a "Christmasy kind of warmth" to know there still are people like Annie "out there" who gift others simply because they feel led to do so....

United Way many years ago in a little town capitalized on this slogan: "Don't give 'til it hurts; give 'til it feels good!" Some learn this truism early on; some never do.

As we face the clean slate of a new year, let's look for ways to assist others – yes, even people whose names and stories we don't know. To "pass it on" is nothing new. The Holy Bible instructs us to look after each other.

As others are blessed, so are we. Happy New Year!

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Politics makes our nation worse

By Trevor Burrus

Politics makes us worse – and at no time more so than around the holidays.

"If I have to listen to my crazy Tea Party uncle say one more thing about Michael Brown and Ferguson, I'm going to flip over the dinner table and retreat to my childhood room to look at old issues of Seventeen."

"What are these liberal universities doing to our son?!? I'm not sure we should let him go back there."

"When did you get so angry at the world, Mom and Dad? Is there something that isn't Obama's fault!?"

Welcome to an American holiday tradition. Apple pie now comes with a side of political yelling, especially after a few glasses of eggnog.

The problem, of course, is that "they" don't get it. How could they? Mom and Dad's brains might as well be directly hooked to Fox News like the humans in the Matrix. The children's "progressive" universities are as hermetically sealed off from reality as North Korea. And don't even get me started on Uncle Tim, whose rural worldview is a strange mixture of a fear of black helicopters and a demand for increased farm subsidies.

How can you be expected to live in the same state, let alone country, with people who vote for fascism while you are voting for freedom? When they live in a fake world created by a self-serving news media and you live in reality? It's probably best if we just double spike the eggnog and watch A Christmas Story for the third time.

But it's not "their" fault; it's politics' fault – specifically, the politicization of more and more important and irreconcilable values. America is a deeply divided nation of clashing values partially because politics has made us this way. No matter what

side of the political spectrum you're on, it's time to stop hating the players and start hating the game.

It was a nice, progressive, like-minded neighborhood until they moved in. With their "Jesus is the reason for the season" sign and their "Palin in 2016" bumper sticker, they stuck out like Bears fans at Lambeau Field. Then they started showing up at school board meetings and pushing for curriculum changes. Less environmentalism, more Founding Fathers. And others joined them, perhaps having been too scared to speak out before. Now there's an ongoing political fight over curriculum standards and two different yearly block parties, one red and one blue. Friends are now enemies, children are not allowed to play together. But why did they have to come in and try to control the education of your children in the first place?

The answer, of course, is because politics controls education, and as long as that's true, then it really can't be any other way. The education of future generations is too important. Rather than give control over education to individual parents via school choice, we've given control to those who can galvanize 50 percent +1 of the vote. And since the outcomes are zero sum – what the winning side wins the other side loses – then the stakes are even higher. So people fight, not because they want to, but because they have to.

Like any other game, the rules create the attitudes and strategies of the players. Throw two brothers into the Colosseum for a gladiatorial fight to the death, and brotherly sentiment will quickly evaporate. Throw siblings, neighbors, or friends into a political world that increasingly controls our deepest values, and love and care are quickly traded for resentment.

But it gets even worse. The first-

past-the-post rules of our democratic politics turns a continuum of possibilities into binary choices and thus imposes black-and-white thinking onto a world made mostly of grays. Teams (politicians), cheerleaders (pundits), and fans (voters) galvanize around an artificially schismatic world view.

And then our biases take over. Now that we've invented a problem – "which group of 50 percent +1 will control education for everyone?" – imposed a binary solution – "we will teach either creation or evolution" – and invented teams to rally around those solutions – "are you a science denier or a science supporter?" – our tribal and self-serving brains go to work assuring us that we are on the side of righteousness and truth. The shrillest and most dogmatic pundits and politicians become the most popular, feeding our sense of righteousness like southern Baptist preachers.

This is your brain on politics, and these are the people that an overly politicized world creates. And it's inevitable if politics continues to take over more of our deepest, most divergent values.

Classical liberal and libertarian principles are about providing an operating system for free and diverse people to thrive cooperatively rather than combatively, creating a Minecraft for human ingenuity and flourishing rather than a Call of Duty fight to the death. Limiting the scope of political decision-making creates a type of mutual disarmament – "I won't try to control your education or health care if you don't try to control mine."

Minimal government has virtues beyond lower debt, less crowded prisons, and less militarized police. It might even save your family. Trevor Burrus is a research fellow at the Cato Institute's Center for Constitutional Studies.

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Clarendon Elementary wins Memphis UIL contest

Clarendon Elementary School students competed in the University Interscholastic League Fall Literary meet on December 9 and 10 at Memphis ISD.

Local students competed well and placed first out of six schools at the meet, earning 367 points.

Other schools at the meet were Wellington with 322 points, Quanah with 262.5, Wheeler with 200, Memphis with 157.5 and Shamrock with 81.

Students, parents, and coaches worked well together, and all their efforts came together at the meet. Clarendon faculty, staff, and administration are all very proud of everyone’s hard work.

Student and team places are as follows:

Second Grade Creative Writing: Gracie Clark, first; Bella Neal, second; and Bryce Williams, third.

Third Grade Ready Writing: Jaxan McAnear, first; and Easton Frausto, second.

Fourth Grade Ready Writing: Cate Word, first; Makenna Shadle, fifth; and Jayde Gribble, sixth.

Fifth Grade Ready Writing: Madison Smith, second; and Hadleigh Halsell, fifth.

Third Grade Spelling: Nicole Phipps, first; Jaxan McAnear, fourth; and Harrison Howard, sixth.

Third Grade Spelling Team Score: 8 (first place).

Fourth Grade Spelling: Makenna Shadle, second; and Jayde Gribble, fourth.

Fourth Grade Spelling Team Score: 6 (second place).

Fifth Grade Spelling: Samantha Clendaniel, first; Mycah Woodward, fifth; and Gracie Drackley, sixth.

Fifth Grade Spelling Team Score: 8 (first place).

Fourth Grade Music Memory: Bradin Balogh, third.

Fourth Grade Music Memory Team Score: 4 (third place).

Fourth Grade Number Sense: Jace Cottrell, third.

Fourth Grade Number Sense Team Score: 6 (second place).

Fifth Grade Number Sense: Gracie Drackley, first; Natalie Monds, second; and Brock Hatley, fourth.

Fifth Grade Number Sense Team Score: 8 (first place).

Fifth Grade Maps, Graphs, and Charts: Josiah Howard, fourth (tie).

Fourth Grade Art Smart: Addison Willoughby, third.

Fifth Grade Art Smart: Mycah Woodward, second; and Finley Cunningham, fourth (tie).

Fifth Grade Art Smart Team Score: 4 (third place).

Fifth Grade Listening Skills: Calder Havens, second; and Isabella Martinez, fourth.

Fifth Grade Listening Skills Team Score: 6 (second place).

Third Grade Storytelling: Levi Gates, fourth.

Fourth Grade Oral Reading: Taylor Halsell, first; and Cate Word, second.

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“Cyber security is something every person and business has to take responsibility for, but no business can protect themselves from state sponsored cyberterrorism. Right now we’re asking the military to defend military network, and everyone else is on their own.”

It’s a lot of work for the incoming chairman, and he doesn’t have long to make reforms. Congressional term limits, which were a party goal in 1994, never passed, but Republicans were successful in placing six-year term limits on committee chairmanships. January 6 will therefore start the clock ticking on Mac Thornberry’s legacy in that role.

Thornberry says that he hopes his best work lies ahead in Congress and that he has tried to serve in an honorable way.

“I hope that one thing I’ve done is to give people in our area some confidence that someone is working for them and in the best interest of the country,” Thornberry says. “I’ve tried to stay anchored in the land and the community. The part of me that will last is here in Donley County.”

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of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association for 25 years. He received his Eagle Scout from Troop 433 of Clarendon in 1972. He was awarded funeral director of the year by Panhandle Funeral Directors Association for the year 2011-2012. He was appointed to the Texas Funeral Service Commission by Governor Rick Perry in 2011 and served until 2014. He was a devoted member of the First Baptist Church of Howardwick.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Patsy Wallace Robertson, in 2008.

Survivors include his wife, Vicky Hawkins Robertson of Clarendon; a son from his first marriage Charles Wayne (Chuck) Robertson of Clarendon; his father Delbert Robertson and step-mother Naomi of Clarendon; a grandson Jaxon Robertson of Clarendon; a sister Debbie Thompson and husband Michael of Clarendon; two step-sisters Linda Allison and husband Con

of Shamrock and Glenda Harvey and husband Mike of Austin; three step-brothers Gary Lowe and Dennis Lowe, both of Shamrock, and Boe Lowe and wife Sue of Lumberton.; his mother-in-law Wanda Beddingfield of Clarendon; a sister-in-law Sonya Hawkins Shieldknight of Spearman; three brothers-in-law Sam Hawkins III and wife Lisa of Scott, La, Doug Hayton and wife Kathy of Claude and Shane Beddingfield of Fayetteville, North Carolina; a brother-in-law from his first marriage Charles Black and wife Patsy of Dumas; an aunt Margaret Vines of Wellington; many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

The family suggests memorials be to First Baptist Church of Howardwick, 235 Rick Husband Blvd., Howardwick, TX 79226 or Citizens Cemetery, P. O. Box 983, Clarendon, TX 79226.

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January 2
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January 5
Lady Bulldogs v Connors State College • 2 p.m. • Dawg House

January 6
Lady Broncos & Broncos v White Deer • JV 4 & 5 p.m. • Varsity 6:30 & 8 p.m. • Clarendon

Lady Owls & Owls v Shamrock • 6 p.m. • Hedley

January 9
Lady Broncos v Quanah • JV 5 p.m. • Varsity 6:30 p.m. • Clarendon

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

January 10
Lady Bulldogs & Bulldogs v Howard College • 2 & 4 p.m. • Dawg House

January 12
Lady Bulldogs & Bulldogs v South Plains College • 5:45 & 7:45 p.m. • Dawg House

January 13
Broncos v Ascension Academy • JV 6 p.m. • Varsity 7:30 p.m. • Amarillo

Lady Broncos v Wheeler • JV 5 p.m. • Varsity 6:30 p.m. • Wheeler

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

January 16
Lady Broncos & Broncos v Memphis • JV 4 & 5 p.m. • Varsity 6:30 & 8 p.m. • Clarendon

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

January 19
Bulldogs v Western Texas College • 7:45 p.m. • Dawg House

January 20
Lady Broncos & Broncos v Shamrock • JV 4 & 5 p.m. • Varsity 6:30 & 8 p.m. • Clarendon

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

January 23
Lady Broncos & Broncos v Wellington • JV 4 & 5 p.m. • Varsity 6:30 & 8 p.m. • Wellington

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January 5 - 9

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Electronics dominates Christmas gifts

Christmas is over for another year, and I wish a magic elf would suddenly appear to put these pretty decorations away.

We had a wonderful Christmas at my house. Ole Jim and I enjoyed watching the family open gifts then modeling what they received. We had a crawling one-year-old named Maple who attempted to keep up with the Yorkie's – Buffy the Wonder Dog and Bilbo. Maple's favorite gift was empty boxes and paper, two-year-old Hannah was on a sugar overload, and so was three-year-old Grace who was happy to have her cousins to play with. The three boys disappeared to watch TV and hide from adults who might find a job for them to do. Throughout the chaos and laughter, I kept thanking the Lord for sending Jesus and for all

our blessings, our loving family.

Electronic gifts were the main gifts this year; Xbox, Smart phones, and tablets. Even I was included with an iPad. This is a challenge, but thank goodness I have many teachers who are only a phone call away. They keep saying I will love it, but frustration is the main word to describe my feelings so far.

As I sat warm, cozy, and well fed this Christmas I did not think about Christmas 100 years ago and the Christmas Truce along the trenches of the Western Front in Belgium between British and German troops during WWI. First, I cannot imagine living in that situation, ditches deep enough to walk through, open to snow, sleet and rain, frozen except the floor and that is mud. How did they sleep or eat or go to

the bathroom? All I can envision is misery with bullets flying, then hearing from the German side of the trenches, Christmas songs followed by shouts of "Merry Christmas." Can you see the young British private peeking over the top of the trench and seeing his German counterpart peeking back and waving?

The Christmas truce involved about 100,000 British and German troops, but many did not participate. While two groups agreed to the truce, ones on either side of them

may not and continued firing. This was not official and could have been seen as treason for fraternizing with the enemy and was never repeated.

What did they do during the truce? Well first, stop shooting and a few at a time, do a meet and greet while exchanging small gifts. It was also a time to retrieve and bury the dead, a very important part of the truce. Peace and hope for mankind was the feeling that day and the reason the story of the Christmas Truce is still told 100 years later.

Our condolences to two families this week, the Patrick Robertson family, who did not live out here but are active in our community, and the Forrest Newton family, who have lived in Howardwick for about 12 years. Vickie and family and Judy and family, our prayers are with you.



‘wick picks
by peggy cockerham
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Supervising kitchen construction

Eleven weeks ago, my Mom wanted a new kitchen, and so we called my uncles and my Poppa and started ripping down walls. Then the next day we started ripping out cabinets and countertops. A few days later they came and put in the new cabinets. They came painted them, and some are white,



the cub reporter
by benjamin estlack

and some are brown.

Me and my Dad went to my uncle's farm and drilled holes in insulators for lights over our new island, and we hung them from wire on the ceiling. I put in a plug by the refrigerator all by myself, and my Mom tested it, and it worked. My Pa-pa was an electrician and so was my Dad.

My Anndy is getting a new house, too.

I want to thank Tim [Herbert] and all the guys who helped make our house better.



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Eighth grade Colts handle Wellington

The eighth grade Colts flexed their muscles against a good Wellington team at home December 15 and earned an exciting 43-36 win over a team that towered above them in height.

The Colts and Rockets went back and forth in the first six minutes of the game and played to a 12-12 tie. It was not until the second period that the Colts found their stride.

Clarendon held a big lead at the break, but succumbed to cold shooting after halftime, which allowed the Rockets to get back into the game.

Determination and hustle aided the Colts in the final minutes of the game and once again they took advantage of a momentum shift and

earned the advantage. Isaac Dunham was a great asset inside putting in 15 points despite giving up eight or nine inches to the Rockets' tall post player. Bear Smith put in eight, Preston Elam helped with six, and Noab Elam racked up five points. Ryan McCleskey, Cole Franks, and Caton Grahm each recorded three points in the game.

"This is the first game against a tough team and I was proud of the way we battled," coach Brad Elam said. "We got behind 34-35 with under four minutes to play, but were able to battle back. Isaac Dunham had his best game of the year and was a dominant force. He was the leading scorer and added 11 rebounds. Bear Smith also had a

strong game with 12 rebounds and seven assists. Preston Elam added seven steals."

The seventh grade played hard, but fell short at 9-32. Wellington used their quickness and depth to cause the Colts to struggle offensively and they could not get anything going. Jamal Butler ended the game with five; Trent Smith and Brandon Santos each had two.

"We started out a little slow, but were able to pick it up," Elam said. "Very proud of the progress we are making. Trent Smith is playing really well on defense and our defense as a whole has gotten better."

The Colts will play Quanah after the break on January 8 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Seventh grade Lady Colts burn Wellington

The Lady Colts were on the road against Wellington December 15 and the seventh grade came away with an enormous win against a good Lady Rocket team. The final score was 40-34.

The Lady Colts trailed most of the game, but their determination would not allow them to give up. Their perseverance paid off at the end as came from behind to get the win.

Matte Johnson had a big game

for the ladies and finished with 14 points. Kira Weatherton helped with 12, and Madi Gay put in eight. Raynee Newsome and Darcie Hunsaker added three each to the win.

The eighth grade struggled to find any offensive rhythm and was defeated 2-46. Kyla Dunham put in the lone Lady Colts' score.

"The Wellington club has a great group of girls," coach Sandi Johnson said. "The seventh graders

had a very close game and they made some excellent decision and plays toward the end of the game to come up with a win. I am very proud of the eighth graders. Playing such a tough team is very difficult at this age. I expected a good attitude and lots of effort and hustle, and they did their best to do this in a tough game."

Both Lady Colt teams will resume their schedule after the break on January 8 when they host Quanah beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Bronco JV clobbers Valley Patriots

The Clarendon junior varsity left no doubt against Valley on December 16 and soundly defeated them, 52-22.

The Broncos opened the game with intensity and quickly put the lopsided game out of reach for the Patriots. The Broncos held jumped on them at the tipoff and frustrated them with their quickness.

Clarendon recorded several steals and easily turned them into points on the scoreboard. The Cortez brothers led the Broncos on the board with 37 points between them,

and Kenrick Addington helped with seven. Steven Johnson and Clay Koetting each added four.

"The boys were up for the challenge and they got after it defensively," coach Alton Gaines said. "We were just too fast for them and speed is our strength. Because we've been outsized every game this year, we've been relying on our speed as a team with good defense as our backbone. Job well done, boys."

The Broncos will travel to Fritch January 2 and take on White Deer at home January 6.

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Broncos win over Patriots, 53-48

By Sandy Anderberg

The Bronco varsity earned a big win over the Valley Patriots on the road last Tuesday night at 53-48. They shot solid from the bonus line at 68 percent, which gave them the edge they needed to get the win. They also hit four three-pointers from the offensive end in the win.

The Broncos jumped on the Patriots early to hold an eight-point lead after the first period of play. But cold shooting hindered the Broncos in the second quarter that allowed Valley to close the gap and trail by only one at the break. After a fairly even third quarter of play,

the Broncos got aggressive and took back the lead from the Patriots in the final minutes of the game.

“We had a good fourth quarter and I was proud of the way we finished the game,” coach Brandt Lockhart said. “We also shot 17 for 22 from the line.”

Senior Cedrick McCampbell took charge of the scoring and put in 17 points. Junior Cenicerros and Bryce Grahm followed suit with 12 and 11 points, respectively. Chance Lockhart connected on seven, Colt Wood had four, and Charles Mason added two.

Grahm grabbed six rebounds

and Wood had five. Lockhart had four assists and Grahm and Shadle each had three. Grahm and Wood finished with three and two steals respectively. Friday night, the Broncos picked up a game with Crowell and after playing a very physical game, fell short 43-55. The loss put the Broncos at 8-4 on the year.

The Broncos stayed fairly solid in the first half of play, despite struggling to make shots fall and only trailed by one at the break. Crowell made good on several attempts at the foul line and were able to pull away in the final period

after opening up an eight-point lead after the third quarter. Mason led the Broncos with 14 points and three assists. Grahm helped with 12 points, four rebounds, and two steals and Lockhart had seven points. Wood grabbed five rebounds and put in five points while Cenicerros had four points and three assists. Taylon Knorpp put in one free-throw and the team shot seven for thirteen from the bonus line.

“We did not shoot the ball well,” Lockhart said.

The Broncos will play at Fritch January 2 and take on White Deer at home January 6.

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Lady Broncos lose to Valley

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos turned in a solid game against the Lady Patriots on December 16 but could not overcome a third-quarter deficit and were defeated, 50-65.

After a close first period, the Lady Broncos struggled somewhat, which gave the Lady Pats the advantage early on. The third quarter hit the ladies hard, and they were unable to keep the offensive rhythm going against their opponent. Despite the loss, coach Kalen Grahm felt the ladies played hard.

“It was a great game for us,” Grahm said. “We played hard, we ran into foul trouble, so our young girls gained some valuable varsity time. Skyler White had a nice game offensively. Jensen Hatley gained a lot of experience against a very solid point guard. The girls played hard, we had nothing to hang our heads about.”

Taylor DeGrate put in 16 points, and Carlee Johnson added 11 going three for four from the bonus. Taylor Gaines had a great night from the free throw line making good on seven out of eight and putting in one field goal for nine points. Skyler White worked hard from her position and had eight, and Hannah Howard and Briley Chadwick helped with two each. Hannah Hommel connected on one free throw. The team shot 78 percent from the charity stripe.

The ladies will travel to Fritch January 2 and take on White Deer at home January 6.

Lady Bronco JV wins over Valley

The Lady Broncos played hard and stayed intense in their 32-28 come-from-behind win over Valley December 16.

The Lady Broncos trailed early on as Valley seemed to hold the upper hand in the game. But after the break, the Lady Broncos stole the momentum and worked their way back to the lead.

Jensen Hatley led the ladies on the board with nine points, and Damara Brown chiseled away at their defense to help with eight. Briley Chadwick hit three out of four from the bonus line for a total of seven points and Sterling King added three. Shaelyn Owiti, Karlee Adams, and Berkeley Alexander each had two.

“Valley was a very aggressive team,” coach Kasey Bell said. “We never could get anything going until the last quarter. Our defense got things going with two big steals that resulted in scores. And offensively, we handled the pressure at the end of the game.”

The Lady Broncos will take a little break and travel to Fritch January 2 and play White Deer at home January 6.

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12	Taylor Gaines	Sr.
15	Hannah Howard	Soph.
20	Jensen Hatley	Soph.
21	Skyler White	Sr.
22	Sterling King	Jr.
23	Taylor DeGrate	Sr.
25	Allyson Grahm	Sr.
33	Hannah Hommel	Soph.
44	Briley Chadwick	Jr.

Head Coach: Kalen Grahm

Broncos

1	Cedrick Mccampbell	Sr.
2	Bryce Grahm	Soph.
3	Charles Mason	Sr.
5	Junior Cenicerros	Jr.
10	Colt Wood	Fr.
12	Riley Shadle	Soph.
15	Chance Lockhart	Soph.
24	Chesson Sims	Jr.
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50	Marshal Johnson	Soph.

Head Coach: Brandt Lockhart

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Obituaries

Evans
Opal Evans, 90, passed away peacefully on December 18, 2014, in Georgetown, Texas in the company of her daughter. If she could tell you the cause of her death she would say "too many birthdays" and she would smile. It was her time.



Evans

She was born in Lubbock, Texas on Dec. 8, 1924, to Charles Nessmith and Minnie Arvin Nessmith. Opal graduated from Lubbock HS. She met a returning WWII Air Force pilot, James W. Evans, when he resumed college at Texas Tech. They married on New Year's Eve 1946. Opal "helped" him complete much of his college homework. The family always credited her with an honorary college degree. She loved this experience and believed that women needed to be educated and have job skills that matched men so that they could live independently if necessary. She was ahead of her time on these issues.

In 1952, a few years after their daughter was born, they moved to Hedley and Opal became partners in Johnson-Evans Dry Good Store. After selling this business she worked more than 20 years at the Security State Bank. At the same time she and James started their own business, Evans Fertilizer. After her husband's death in 1993 she sold the business and officially retired.

She moved to the Sun City neighborhood of Georgetown, Texas in 2001 to be near her daughter and son-in-law. One of her biggest blessings was to be totally independent, living in her own home until the very end. Those that knew her well, knew she had this strong will and determination.

Opal loved creating beautiful things. She was an artist and a perfectionist. She was a skilled seamstress, enjoyed all kinds of creative crafts, crochet, painting, flower arranging, upholstery, interior design & decorating. She was also known for her cooking, canning and at the business, for her brownies. Over the years she participated in the small town's activities, Lioness Club, Cotton Festival Committees, substitute teacher, etc. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Opal was preceded in death by her parents, three siblings, Estul and Omera Nessmith, Glenna Nessmith Ivy, her husband James, and son-in-law Tom Buckner.

She is survived by her only child, Jamie Buckner, of Georgetown, six

nieces and one nephew and their families.

She will be interred next to her husband in Rowe Cemetery in Hedley. A private family service was held in Georgetown and no other services are planned. However, if you are indeed a friend of Opals, you will take a collected moment over a cup of coffee, with a sugary treat. You will recall a fond memory and say a blessed goodbye. The family suggests memorials be sent to the Rowe Cemetery Fund, Box 185, Hedley, TX 79237.

You may share a message or memory in the memorial guestbook at www.RamseyFuneral.com.

Harris

Janet Peggram Harris passed on to her eternal destination on Saturday, December 20, 2013, after long struggle with Alzheimer's and other illnesses.

Janet was born October 8, 1935, in Golston, Texas. She spent most of her years in the Clarendon area. While she resided in Liberal, Kansas she worked as a caregiver in younger years. She loved her kids and animals.

She married Benny Leroy Harris on June 20, 1974, in Potter County, Amarillo,.

She was survived by her husband Benny Leroy Harris, one daughter Terry A. Sims and husband Ronny of Clarendon, two sons Wildon Garrett of Larnett, Kansas, Steven Micheal McCauly and wife Tina of New Albany, Indiana. Seven grandkids Rachel Ann McCauly of Tennessee, Jenny Ann McCauly of new Albany, Indiana, Lacuisha Smith of Hedley, Janet Marie (McCauly) Size of Kansas, Alaunda Ann McCauly and sisters Kaliea Ann Kashea Ann all of Louisville, Kentucky. Five great grandchildren Wildon Casey and twin siblings of New Albany, Indiana, Randy Carl and Eliena Smith of Hedley.

She will be missed by most who knew her closely.

Newton

Forrest Lynn Newton, 73, passed away on Tuesday, December 23, 2014, in Amarillo. He was born on July 31, 1941, in Hamilton, Texas to Omri Newton and Clara Thaye (Hale) Newton.

Funeral services for Forrest Newton were held Monday, December 29, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. at Robertson Saints' Roost Chapel in Clarendon. Interment followed at Plainview Memorial Park in Plainview, Texas.

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

Forrest had been a resident of Howardwick for the past 12 years. He loved to fish, play golf (and

even had a hole in one), and playing volleyball. He was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan and loved to watch all sports.

Forrest was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Connie Sue Jones Newton and daughter, Julie Anne Papa.

He is survived by Judy Newton of Howardwick; son, Dusty Newton and wife, Chrystal of Dallas; daughter, Denise Newton and partner, Francine Bradley of Ringwood, New Jersey; step-son, Jim Heathington and wife, Brittanie of McKinney; and brother, Doyce Newton and wife, Wanda of Tow; 9 grandchildren; and 2 great grandchildren.

The family request memorials be sent to the Clarendon Country Club.

Trout

Bobby Gene Trout died Friday, December 19, 2014, at Clarendon at the age of 84.

Services were held on Sunday, December 21, in First Baptist Church in Clarendon with Rev. Lance Wood, officiating. Interment will follow in Citizens Cemetery with arrangements by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Bobby was born July 22, 1930, in Donley County to Mayburn and Ella Mae Putman Trout. He married Cula Jo McClellan on May 31, 1950, in Clovis, New Mexico. He was a US Army veteran serving during the Korean War. He had worked for West Texas Gas prior to his retirement. Bobby served as a commissioner for Donley County and was a member of the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department and the Hedley American Legion Post 287. Bobby was a member of the First Baptist Church in Clarendon where he served as a deacon.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife in 2012; his daughter, Wanda Hill; son-in-law, Chuck Hill; two brothers, Kenneth and Freddie; two sisters, Jo Dean McFall and Elaine Auldridge; and a granddaughter, Traci Amber White.

He is survived by two daughters, Valorie Ashcraft and husband Terry and Pat White and husband Bob all of Clarendon; his grandchildren, Shane Ashcraft and wife Mecca of Plainview, Mandi Gay and husband Michael of Clarendon, Aaron Ashcraft, Kasi Anderson and husband Gary of Blue Springs, Missouri, and Holli White of Amarillo; his great grandchildren, Madisen, Alex, and Maddex Gay, Jace and Kamryn Anderson, and Brylee Ashcraft.

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