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City begins looking for administrator

The process of selecting Clarendon's next city administrator will move forward next week when the Board of Aldermen holds its regular meeting on Tuesday.

City Hall says seven candidates applied for the job prior to the December 31 deadline, and the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission has reviewed those applications.

A PRPC representative is expected to be on hand as aldermen determine how many of the candidates to call in for interviews.

Clarendon is one of six cities in the Panhandle currently searching for an administrator or manager. Other towns with open positions are Spearman, Stinnett, Dumas, Tulia, and Bovina.

Livestock show to be held on Saturday

Seventy-seven local young people signed up as exhibitors for this year's Donley County Junior Livestock Show and Sale, which will be held this Saturday, January 10, starting at 9:00 a.m. in the Donley County Activity Center.

An on-site concession stand will be serving homemade breakfast and lunch for those in attendance, and the buyers' barbecue dinner will precede the sale that evening at 6:00 p.m.

Donations to the buyers' club can be dropped off at the Extension Office at the activity center or mailed to DCJLS at PO Box 661, Clarendon, TX 79226.

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Ag conference to be held in Memphis

The Southeast Texas Panhandle Ag Conference will be held Wednesday, January 14, 2015, at the Kathy Fowler Agency, 123 South 6th Street, in Memphis.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the conference will start at 9:00 a.m. with Dr. Peter Dotray speaking on Chemical and Physical Weed Control and Resistant Weeds.

Dr. Jason Woodard will present Controlling Nematodes and Plant Disease. Josh Brooks and Leonard Haynes will give a Drift Minimization Demonstration. Industry Representatives will give New Technologies in Pesticide Resistant Weeds and Josh Brooks will conclude with Laws and Regulations.

This conference is sponsored by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and five CEU's will be given. There will be a \$10 charge at the door. Those attending should RSVP at 806-259-3015.

Chamber social to be held January 22

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce will hold its next "Business After Hours" on January 22 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Saints' Roost Museum.

Everyone is invited to network with other business professionals and bring a friend. Refreshments will be served.



Baking makes times Bright

By Addie Broyles, American-Statesman
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(Editor's note: Sharon Bright is a 1988 graduate of Clarendon High School. H.R. Bright was a longtime resident of Howardwick.)

When Sharon Bright's dad was in the hospital during the last few months of his life, she felt helpless.

It was 2010, and he was living near Amarillo while she was here [in Austin], working as a server at what was then Castle Hill.

As H.R. Bright's esophageal cancer worsened, he moved into a standalone hospice care facility, and Sharon Bright drove up there to gather with her family and be by his side.

She was amazed at the ability of the nurses to immediately connect with both the patients, making their end-of-life care more comfortable, and the family members, who aren't sure how to handle a situation involving medical and emotional needs that many of them hadn't experienced.

"All you can do is sit there, but the nurses were so in tune. I don't know how they are like that all the time. They are cheerleaders all day, every day," she says. "They bathed him, shaved him and helped him feel relaxed and happy."

The nurses and chaplains became part of their family team, and everybody played a role in supporting one another during this difficult time.

"People don't get (hospice care) until they are in it," Bright says. The friend she was staying with baked cookies and brought them to share. "Everybody bonded over food. It was the communal thing."

They spent about a week in hospice, saying their goodbyes and, in an important part of the process, also celebrating his life—he and Sharon's mom were married for 52 years—and their last days together.

Her dad died on Easter Sunday. She returned to Austin, her heart forever changed by the experience.

Later that year, after a stint at the Steeping Room, Bright found herself at an Uchi hiring event, where she brought salty oatmeal cookies to help woo the managers.

Her infectious personality stood out among the applicants, and Bright was picked to help open Uchiko, where she is one of those affable servers who stick with you long after you've forgotten what you ordered.

As she settled back into life in Austin, Bright was still grieving her dad's death.

"I felt like I really needed to do something, but I wasn't ready to go in and sit with someone in hospice,"



Sharon Bright, a server at Uchiko, bakes cookies, brownies or bars every week for the workers, volunteers and patients at Hospice Austin's Christopher House and their location in Georgetown.

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she says. "So I called hospice here and asked 'What can I do?' Nancy (McCranie, director of volunteer and bereavement services,) said, 'Well, what do you do?' I told her I can garden, upholster and bake."

Why don't you make some cookies, McCranie suggested.

What started as an impromptu act of altruism in early 2011 quickly turned into a weekly (and sometimes twice-a-week) affair.

Every Tuesday morning, Bright fires up her oven to bake something sweet for the staff, volunteers and patients at Hospice Austin's Christopher House and Hospice Austin-Williamson County in Georgetown.

"It touches them because it's homemade and heartfelt and linked to her own personal story," McCranie says. "Not everybody knows Sharon's story of why she does it, but know they do know that it's a love offering. It reminds us all that we belong to each other one way or another."

Bright likes to try new cookie

recipes, but after three years of baking them for people who have become her friends, they will often request their favorites.

Most often, "it's four dozen of whatever I'm feeling that day," Bright says. No matter what recipe she pulls out, it's the ritual of baking every Tuesday morning that has had the most impact on her life.

"I love the consistency of baking," she says. "It teaches me precision, patience and helps make me feel happy. How can you feel sad when somebody gets so excited about eating a cookie?"

Bright's spirit of giving doesn't stop with the cookies. She is behind nearly all of the charitable efforts at the restaurants, from benefit dinners for a server involved in a motorcycle accident to a cakewalk fundraiser for another server who had a back injury.

In 2013, her fellow Uchiko staffers decided it was time to return the favor.

"My oven was dying and they

said, 'We are going to raise money and get you an oven.'"

She forgot about the proposal, but six months later, at their staff retreat and just two weeks after her workhorse of an oven had finally petered out, they handed her a gift card for \$2,000 to buy a new one.

"I was just sobbing."

Last week, Bright baked Martha Stewart's white chocolate gingerbread blondies in that spiffy oven and then delivered them—still warm—to Christopher House, Hospice Austin's 15-room facility in East Austin, where she was greeted by staff whom she'd just seen earlier in the week.

One of them reminded her that she had a stack of Tupperware in the kitchen to take home.

Bright had designated 2014 as the "Year of Generosity" (or YOG, for short), but anyone who knows her knows that 2015 won't be any different, so she'd better remember to pick them up.

CLSD to name finalist Jan. 15

The question of who will be the next superintendent of Clarendon ISD is expected to be answered late next week.

Clarendon school trustees have held three called meetings this week to interview candidates for the job. A total of six men have interviewed for the job—two on Sunday afternoon, two on Monday night, and two more were scheduled to interview Tuesday evening as the ENTERPRISE went to press.

Interim Superintendent John Lemons said he's been satisfied with the process.

"I've been pleased with our candidates," he said.

School board members were expected to rank the six interviewees and narrow the field to two men Tuesday night with follow-up interviews planned for Monday and Tuesday of next week. The board then plans to name a lone finalist at its regular January 15 meeting.

The school has not released the names of any candidates so far. Lemons said state law requires the school to name a finalist or finalists 21 days before officially hiring someone as superintendent.

A total of 32 applicants initially applied for the school's top job. Lemons said he then presented all those to the board of trustees on December 30 but pulled out a field of eight to ten that he felt best fit Clarendon ISD. From that group, the board chose the six men it has interviewed this week.

Lemons said the school would like the lone finalist to be able to take over the position by April 1, but he said that is a point that can be negotiated depending on what commitment the man has to his current school. Lemons said the successful candidate will also be asked to be involved in the process of renewing teacher contracts in March.

The interim also said that whoever is hired will be coming into a good position.

"Our board and school are impressive, and this will be a top job for somebody."

Red River Inn receives TripAdvisor excellence certificate

Clarendon's Best Western Plus Red River Inn announced this week that it has received a "TripAdvisor" Certificate of Excellence Award.

The accolade, which honors hospitality excellence, is given only to establishments that consistently achieve outstanding traveler reviews on TripAdvisor, and is extended to qualifying businesses worldwide.

Establishments awarded the Certificate of Excellence are located all over the world and represent the upper echelon of businesses listed on the website.

When selecting Certificate of Excellence winners, TripAdvisor uses a proprietary algorithm to determine the honorees that takes into account reviews ratings. Businesses

must maintain an overall TripAdvisor bubble rating of at least four out of five stars. Additional criteria include a business' tenure and popularity ranking on the site.

"Winning the TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence is a true source of pride for our entire team" said Steve Hall, owner. "We truly have outstanding people here and that

makes this possible. There is no greater seal of approval than being recognized by one's customers. This award is a remarkable vote of confidence to our business and our continued commitment to excellence".

"TripAdvisor is pleased to honor exceptional hospitality businesses for consistent excellence," said Marc Charron, President of

TripAdvisor for Business. The Certificate of Excellence award gives top performing establishments the recognition they deserve, based on feedback from those who matter most - their customers. From Australia to Zimbabwe, we want to applaud exceptional hospitality businesses for offering a great customer experience."



Ready for business

Retiring County Judge Jack Hall administered the oath of office to Donley County's new and returning officials during a ceremony in the Courthouse last Thursday, January 1. Shown here are Commissioner Dan Sawyer, Commissioner Daniel Ford,



County Judge John Howard, County Clerk Fay Vargas, County Treasurer Wanda Smith, Justice of the Peace Pam Johnston Mason, and Justice of the Peace Denise Bertrand. Following the ceremony a prayer vigil was held in the district court room for our nation, state, and community.

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GOP Congress sizes up big government

By Richard W. Rahn, Cato Institute

What is the greatest obstacle confronting the new congressional Republican majority in enacting good policy? It may not be President Obama, because there is an even more formidable force in Washington that crushes good policy: the permanent bureaucracy. The permanent bureaucracy is made up of federal employees, government contractors and their employees, congressional staff and the special-interest lobbying community (including law and accounting firms). It also includes the media establishment, which depends on leaks and information from those in government for stories in exchange for protective coverage.

Hardworking taxpayers never cease being ripped off by wasteful and fraudulent government spending and regulation. Unlike what happens in the private sector, people in government rarely go to jail or are even fired for financial misconduct.

The government requires financial and senior officers of companies to sign off on the accuracy of their financial statements in order to protect stockholders. Company officers are subject to civil and criminal penalties, including jail time for misstatements, and their names are released to the press.

There is no reason for taxpayers to be any less protected than stockholders from financial negligence or fraud. If the Justice Department fails to act, private parties representing taxpayers should be given standing to sue individual government employees who fail in their fiduciary responsibilities — and the government should be required to disclose the names of all of those who signed off on any expenditure of taxpayer dollars (other than those involved in national security).

If private persons attempt to extort money from you, they can be held criminality liable. The False Claims Act protects the government from those who would engage in financial fraud against it. Yet, the Internal Revenue Service tries to shake down many taxpayers who, in fact, owe nothing or owe far less than the agency claims. Usually this occurs because the IRS employees fail to learn the law they are supposed to administer. At times, the IRS has been known to target individuals or groups for political or personal reasons. One way of putting a stop to this is to require that any request to a taxpayer for payment be signed by an actual person who takes responsibility for the demand — and who can be held personally liable for neglect or abuse.

Over the last few months, there have been many stories in major media (including this newspaper) about the abuses of “asset forfeiture” laws, whereby the assets of people who have not been convicted of any wrongdoing have been seized by government agents, and often not returned. The abuses have become so widespread that first two directors of the Justice Department’s Asset Forfeiture Office, Judge John Yoder and Brad Cates, wrote an article, “Government Self-interest Corrupted a Crime-fighting Tool into an Evil,” recently published in The Washington Post, where they argued that “asset forfeiture” is beyond repair and that the practice should be abolished.

If you ask people outside the permanent bureaucracy whether any regulation should have more benefits than costs and not abuse the liberties granted to the people by the Constitution, overwhelmingly people will say “yes.” Despite paying lip service to the idea of cost-benefit analysis by those in government, few regulations are actually subjected to serious and independent analysis.

A particularly outrageous example of extremely destructive regulation for which no cost-benefit analysis was ever made is the nice-sounding Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act. The act is driving hundreds of billions of dollars of investment and business out of the United States, destroying many jobs and making life miserable for millions of people around the planet, including almost all Americans living abroad (because they are refused bank accounts in many countries).

The proponents of the act claimed that it would produce a few hundred million dollars in additional tax revenue, but owing to the volume of business and jobs being destroyed, the act will most likely cost the Treasury hundreds of billions of dollars of tax revenue over the years. The requirements are incomprehensible to Americans and foreigners alike, making it less likely that foreigners will buy U.S. goods and services.

In case you think I overstate the problem, go online and look at IRS form W-8BEN-E. It requires that any U.S. taxpayer who has non-product-related transactions with a foreign entity must receive the completed IRS form from the foreign entity or be subject to a 30 percent withholding on the payment.

There are members of Congress who will support common-sense solutions to the abuses described above, but they will be opposed by many in the permanent bureaucracy (including some members of their own staff) who hate the idea that they should be held accountable for their actions. The open question is whether the new Republican Congress has enough backbone to require that government employees be held accountable and to require real cost-benefit analyses for any regulations that curtail job or economic growth, or that destroy liberty. Or will the permanent bureaucracy win again?

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Mother Hubbard flies again

The calendar – unwrapped to allow rays of sunlight to warm the prospects of a brand new year – has replaced last year’s model. Alas, it included potential column “tidbits” that never saw the light of day.

For most folks, 2014 calendars now are in the trash heap of “finished business.” Writers can, however, turn back the clock – like legislators do – to squeeze a few more items from the old year.

Some of the topics were treated “once over lightly” – or perhaps not at all. We are permitted “re-visitation rights” by what we call “Mother Hubbard” columns. (Oh, I know she’s much maligned; one wonders why she is central to a rhyme at all, what with her inability to scrounge from her cupboard a bone for her poor dog.) Columns bearing her name are closely akin to ministers’ Mother Hubbard sermons which, like Mother Hubbard dresses, cover almost everything but touch almost nothing....

First off, a seasonal observation: Christmas decorations are coming down, only to go into the attic for 11 months of hibernation. Two-dozen candy canes – deliberately placed on lowest limbs within easy reach of grandchildren – have gone 100 percent “unreached.”

My take: Unlike conditions a few generations ago – when Christmas gifts consisted mainly of fruit and nuts – candy canes were reminders of the special day to come. For hurried and harried children these days, there are more desirable treats that taste better and can be gobbled more quickly. Back when, we eagerly competed to see who could lick canes longest. Sucking them hastily brought quick delight, but also guar-

anteed a last-place finish in the “who-can-make-candy-canes-last-the-longest” contest. Given to multi-tasking, today’s children are reluctant to mess with candy canes. Licking or sucking sugary treats while they’re immersed in technology seems hardly worth the effort.

Prediction: Two-dozen candy canes will be hung again next year, with the same results anticipated. Eventually, the pennies will go the way of gum balls. We used to drop pennies in gum ball machines, eagerly awaiting the treat – maybe even the color we’d hoped for – to drop out. Such machines have gone the way of the wild geese. Alas, such coins have limited use now, except perhaps to adorn penny loafers....

Old duffers – a term often used to describe golfers – also “fits” folks who’ve spent much of their lives wallowing in words, spoken or written. I find it applicable to retired preachers, some more than others. (I heard of a preacher’s wife who said her hubby’s sermons were morphing from “rambling” to “rambling.”)

Anyway, two retired ministers who have been friends across the decades are Larry Heard of Pampa and Roy Kornegay of Amarillo. They began long tenures as area directors of missions on the same date – January 1, 1987.

In banter begun early on – and exchanged as recently as a few weeks



the idle american

by don newbury

ago – Heard maintained his claim of “seniority.” His reasoning: “Sunrise in Pampa occurs six seconds earlier than in Amarillo.”...

As the Super Bowl draws nigh, let us recall the chagrin of a church youth minister who feared there might not be enough food for youth expected to crowd fellowship hall to watch the game following church services.

You recall, perhaps, that the churchman scrawled a message atop the sign on the sandwich table. It read “Please take just two sandwiches. Remember, God is watching you.”

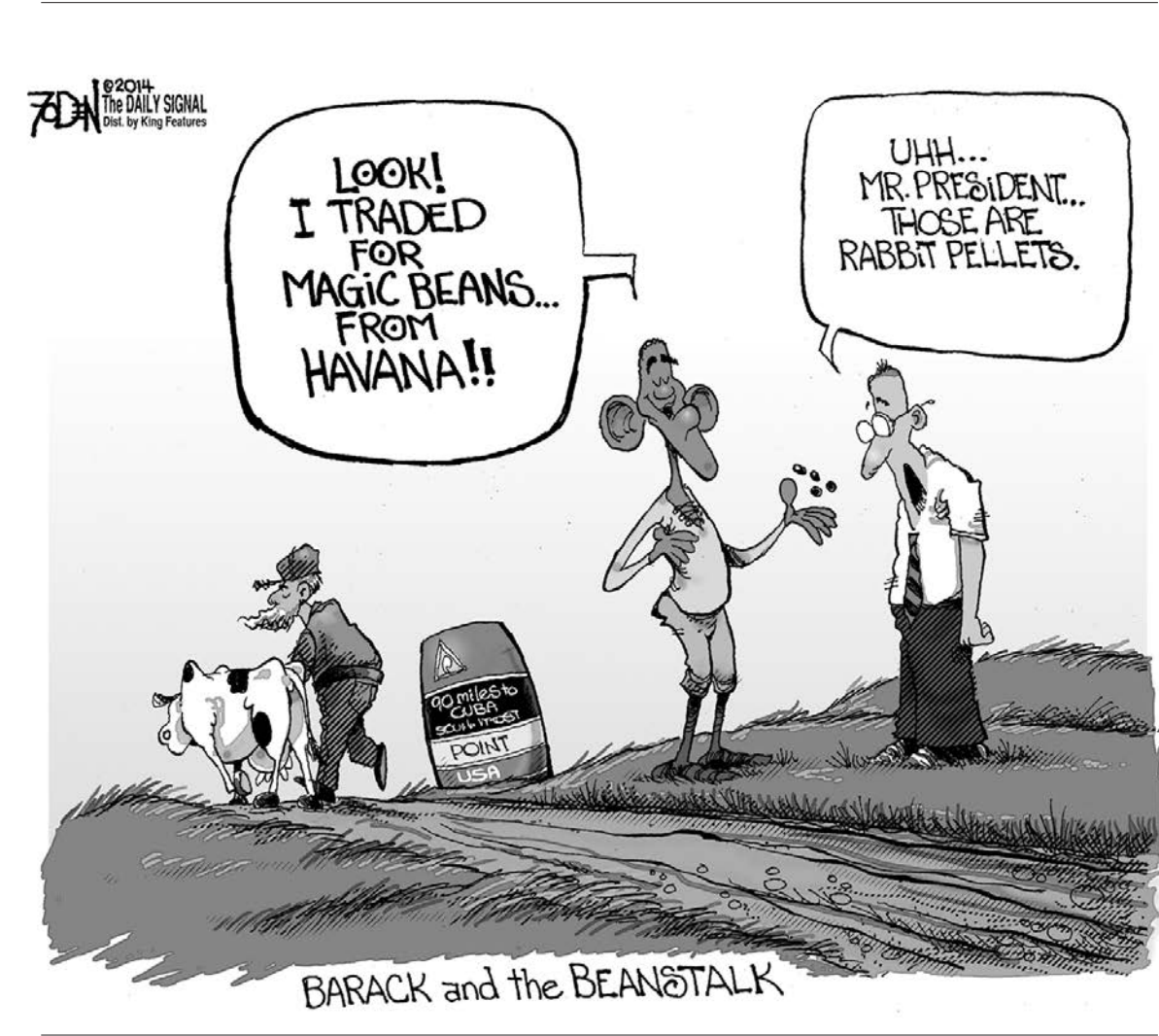
A junior high guy, noticing the warning, scrawled a more hopeful message for placement on the cookie table. “Take all you want; God is watching the sandwiches.”...

To face the New Year’s challenges head-on, let’s shoot for reality, hopeful that little of it will be regrettable and/or call for apologies. More desirable, it seems, is to claim personal memories, whether fashioned by high drama or perhaps no drama at all. Maybe everything doesn’t have to be “awesome” or “surreal.” Won’t “real” suffice?

Reality should trump pretense, which continues to run amuck in our culture, where so much seems to be so “virtual.” The other day, someone cited a grand example of pretense: the plastic smile plastered on the face of the runner-up in a beauty contest.

Happy New Year!

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Approve the Keystone XL pipeline

By Drew Johnson

America’s 629,000 unemployed construction workers face a grim New Year. The recession brutalized their sector of the economy, and the recovery remains tepid.

While the rest of the nation is now enjoying a 5.8 percent unemployment rate, in the construction sector, it’s 7.5 percent. That means a longer spell between projects for many workers. Meanwhile, public and private spending on construction remains 13 percent below pre-recession rates.

President Obama could help these struggling Americans welcome 2015 with a long overdue approval of the Keystone XL pipeline.

TransCanada first submitted its application for the pipeline in September 2008. In the years since, the U.S. Department of State has published five environmental-impact assessments determining that the pipeline’s effect would be negligible at worst. And the outcome of the recent congressional elections makes passage of legislation approving the pipeline a near-inevitability in January.

In other words, President Obama has no good excuses to leave a \$7 billion, shovel-ready, economy-boosting investment languishing.

The two-year construction process will generate 42,000 jobs, including

9,000 in construction. Some complain that most of those jobs are only temporary. They miss the point: construction jobs are always temporary. Workers in the industry move on when a project is completed.

Speaking of temporary, the clock on President Obama’s term in office is running down, too. Even from a political perspective, stonewalling approval of the Keystone XL pipeline is a short-sighted move for the President and his party. The Pew Research Center recently reported the majority of Americans want the pipeline green-lighted, while fewer than one in three oppose it.

Public support for Keystone remains high because the benefits of the pipeline are clear. Approval of Keystone will have a ripple effect throughout the U.S. economy.

The domestic economic benefit of imported oil is only 10 cents on the dollar, compared to a domestic benefit of between 80 and 90 cents on the dollar for North American oil. Lower oil and gas prices also spur American manufacturing; in 2012 alone, cheaper energy saved the manufacturing sector around \$130 billion.

Approval of the pipeline would also reduce our dependence on foreign oil and increase our energy security. Keystone would move 830,000 barrels of oil a day from our friendly and reli-

able neighbor to the north, dramatically reducing America’s reliance on Middle Eastern oil imports.

There’s an environmental component, too. The Alberta tar sands may be the third-largest oil reserve in the world, but they account for only .01 percent of carbon emissions globally.

Meanwhile, all of the alternatives to Keystone XL carry major environmental costs. If the United States fails to import its crude oil from Canada, it will rely instead on Middle Eastern oil, which exacts a greater toll on Mother Nature.

Some opponents of fossil fuels seem to think that if Keystone XL doesn’t go forward, all that oil will remain in the Canadian tar sands. That’s flat-out wrong. It will find an alternate market somewhere far across the world – racking up even more carbon-intensive travel. Without the pipeline, Canadian oil will move by train, truck and tanker, increasing emissions by 42 percent, according to the State Department.

After six years of extensive debate, it’s clear that going ahead with the Keystone XL pipeline is the right thing to do for the economy, the environment and the security of the United States.

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Texas to benefit from normalized U.S.-Cuba relations

COLLEGE STATION – Efforts to normalize U.S. and Cuba diplomatic relations will have potential positive implications for Texas agriculture, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist. Dr. Parr Rosson, who heads the agricultural economics department at Texas A&M University in College Station, said there will be immediate increases in the amount of U.S. food exported to Cuba.

“Within a year to two years, we should see U.S. exports to Cuba return to the \$400 million to \$450 million range.

“The combination of allowing up to a four-fold increase in remit-

tances along with an increased role for U.S. banks may lead to a 15 to 30 percent increase in U.S. food exports,” Rosson said.

Currently, Cuban-Americans and others are limited to remittance of no more than \$500 per quarter to persons in Cuba. Rosson said under the new program, that limit would increase to \$2,000.

Texas supplies Cuba with several export items, including chicken leg quarters and corn. Pork, cotton and dairy products produced in Texas are also exported there. More rice exports are also expected. A growing tourism market in Cuba has also sparked demand for items such as condiments, bottled water, beer, wine and spirits.

“These are products that we are seeing more interest in due to the growing tourism market in Cuba.”

Rosson said in addition to allowing U.S. and other travelers to use credit cards, this will boost demand for foods.

“Also expect to see the market for used agricultural equipment to increase,” Rosson said.

Workshops have previously been conducted to assist educating producers on export trade with Cuba, partnering with the Texas-Cuba Trade Alliance and Free Trade Alliance, he said.

CC releases spring Bulldog baseball schedule

The Clarendon College baseball team released their 2015 schedule this week. The 56-game slate will feature 23 home games and 20 non-conference games.

The Bulldogs will begin the season on the road at Ranger College for a four game set on February 6 and 7. The pre-conference schedule continues with a home match-up against Otero and a road trip to Cisco, both four-game series, as well as a home and away matchup with Vernon College. In total, the Bulldogs will play 14 games before opening conference play at home on February 28 against New Mexico Junior College.

The conference schedule is highlighted by four home series against NMJC, Frank Phillips, NMMI, and El Paso. The Bulldogs will be on the road for five weekends in conference this year

“I am excited by the schedule

that we have this year” said head coach Devin McIntosh. “The month of February will challenge our pitching depth as we play five games in four days on two different occasions. However, this will also help to prepare us for another tough conference season. The players worked hard throughout the fall and we are excited for the start of the season in February.”

See the schedule on page eight.

Stock show: Continued from page one.

Donley County youth scheduled to exhibit animals this year are as follows: Kati Adams, Ethan Babcock, Colton Benson, Dalton Benson, Jade Benson, Tanner Burch, Cody Cabler, Lane Cabler, Zack Caison, Shaylee Chapman, Zach Chapman, Damarjae Cortez, Keandre Cortez, Chardy Craft, Izzy Craft, Issac Dunham, Mya Edwards, Brandalyn Ellis, Brenna Ellis, Clint Franks, Cole Franks, Laney Gates, Levi Gates, Christopher Gonzales, Allyson Grahn, Bryce Grahn, Caton Grahn, Darcy Grahn, Jayde Gribble, Hadleigh Halsell, Taylor Halsell, Tristen Harper, Tyler Harper, Brock Hatley, Calder Havens, Payton Havens, Porshe Henderson, Kaylin Hicks, Kasie Hinton, Lane Hinton, Makenzie Hinton, Hannah Hommel, Harrison Howard, Ray Jaramillo, MaKayla Johnson, Clay King, Kallie Lindsey, Jasmine Lockeby, Kadee Lockeby, Christian Lucero, Brittney McAnear, Jaxan McAnear, Kelsey McAnear, Leandra Mestas, Steven Mills, Caylor Monroe, Collin Monroe, Kylie Monroe, Kevin Munoz, Shelby O'Keefe, Kynna Phillips, Jodee Pigg, Emeri Robinson, Misti Scott, Anna Seifert, Raylyn Shelton, Braylee Shields, Alysse Simpson, Malerie Simpson, Madison Smith, Koyt Tucek, Reagan Wade, Riley Wade, Clay Ward, Ryan Ward, Wyatt Wheatly, and Mycah Woodard.

CC Livestock Team named Reserve Champs in Arizona

While most students were enjoying the New Year and time away from school, the Clarendon College Livestock Judging Team was competing in Phoenix, Arizona; and their hard work and dedication paid off with being named the overall reserve champion high point team.

The individual placings are below. These judges are back at practice again this week as they prepare for the National Western in Denver, Colo.

Austin Adams of Hedley was second high individual overall and high individual in the cattle division; Lane Harrington of Frost was fifth high overall, high individual sheep, and brought home a 5th in rears; Shannon Reeves of Munday was sixth high individual overall; and Kobie Jordan of Amado, Ariz., was high individual in the swine division and ninth high individual overall.

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January 9
Lady Broncos v Quannah • 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
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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

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

January 27
Lady Broncos & Broncos v Quannah • JV 4 & 5 p.m. • Varsity 6:30 & 8 p.m. • Quannah

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

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

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

February 3
Lady Broncos & Broncos v Memphis • JV 4 & 5 p.m. • Varsity 6:30 & 8 p.m. • Memphis

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

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Wed: Sliced pork roast, applesauce, green beans, mixed green salad, wheat roll, gingerbread, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Chopped brisket sandwich, potato wedges, peas & carrots, strawberries w/ whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Roast turkey, sweet potato casserole, seasoned green beans, cranberry salad, wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.

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Mon: Chicken tenders, garlic mashed potatoes, turnip greens, wheat rolls, mandarin oranges, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Chopped BBQ on bun, French fries, pinto beans, coleslaw, cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Beef stew, fried squash, cornbread, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Sloppy Joes, potato wedges, coleslaw, cake, bun, iced tea/2% milk.
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Wed: Beef & bean burrito, salsa, Mex-corn, veggie cup, fruity gelatin, milk.
Thu: Meaty pasta bake, mashed potatoes, salad, grapes, pears, milk.
Fri: Pizza, tomato-cucumber cup, baby carrots, mandarin oranges, milk.

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Health care rip off and subscription scam

Hi, gang! Happy New Year! May this be your best year ever and may you not get scammed.

First, let's take a look at that newspaper payment con trick. This trick relies on fooling recipients into believing they've received a legitimate bill for renewing a subscription to a newspaper or a well-known magazine. Actually, it's mainly focused on local newspapers in the vicinity of the victims. If you receive an unexpected bill from The Clarendon Enterprise contact Tara or Roger at 874-2259.

It's not clear how the scammers find out the names of subscribers or whether they simply send out a spam snail mail letter to everyone with the knowledge that some recipients will be subscribers. It looks like a genuine bill. The trouble is they pay around a 20 percent premium, which ends up in the pockets of the scammers. Plus, of course, they'll also get another fake notice when renewal time comes around.

How is this legal? Buried in the small print is a disclaimer, saying that the notification is, indeed, a solicitation and not a bill. So the con artists take their cut and then pass

on the subscription request and payment to the publisher. This one is in the gray area of legal. Action: Here's hard evidence that you should always read the small print, especially in anything that looks like a bill.

(Editor's note: The Clarendon Enterprise has never received payments from a third party for billing subscriptions; and while we've never heard of our readers being scammed in this way, Bob's advice is still sound. Stay alert!)

The next scam is very important now that health care is so important. This is from an article by Tom Laue, Executive Editor, Blue Cross-Blue Cross of Texas. Fake health insurance policies. Discount cards passed off as insurance plans. Phony state health exchanges. Government "workers" who aren't. Rush and scare tactics. Untrained Affordable Care Act (ACA) navigators. Websites that look like those of trusted health insurance companies. Charges to-enroll you in health insurance.

The list of ways con artists use health insurance to separate you from your money and give nothing in return is long. The FBI, state insurance regulators, and local non-

profits repeatedly warn of these scams. But con artists can be very good. People fall into their traps regularly.

Discount cards called insurance plans. These are marketed heavily in poorer regions because they're cheap. But they often have fake lists of providers, high fees hidden in fine print, and no benefits.

Phony state health exchanges. Since some states didn't set up health exchanges under the Affordable Care Act (leaving it to the federal government), scammers set up fake state exchange websites hoping to reel in the unsuspecting. A further fear: Those who leave private data on sham state sites could be easy targets for hackers. Stay safe by visiting the federal exchange at healthcare.gov, or an established insurance company website like bcbs.tx.com.

Government workers who aren't. The government has trained workers called "navigators" to help

people sign up for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act. Con artists posing as navigators charge for their advice and they want your Medicare, bank, Social Security, or other personal information to use in illegal medical claim schemes. Officially trained navigators are not allowed to take your money or your bank information.

Rushing and scare tactics. Con artists know the faster they can force you to make a decision, the likelier they are to walk away with your private information or sell you something you don't need or want. So go on high alert when scammers say things like, "Today is the last day to act."

ACA cards, paying to enroll. Scoundrels preying on the uninformed have devised two basic ways to rip off people under the Affordable Care Act. They say they need your personal data before you can get an "ACA card." Or they charge a fee for enrolling in ACA insurance. But remember: There are no fees to sign up for health insurance, and there is no such thing as an ACA card.

Stay safe out there and enjoy 2015!



bob's whittlin'
by bob watson

Back to the beginning of 'Wick Picks' A cheesy end to construction

Happy New Year to everyone! I wondered how long I had been writing 'Wick Picks for the Enterprise, and in my files I found the paper welcoming me dated Jan. 22, 2004. The headlines read "CC awards bid for \$1.3 million library" with secondary story headlines of "City holds hearing on rezoning issue." The single copy price for a paper was 75 cents, "Lord of the Rings: the Return of the King" was showing at the Sandell Drive In, and ticket prices were \$5 for adults and \$4 for kids and seniors.

My first column described the success of the Hobo Stew fund raiser the Beautification Club had held. Sadly, the Club no longer exists, and people miss that stew packed in pint mason jars with cornbread and a brownie.

Also, on the society page were

columns from Peggy Watt in Hedley with Watt's Happening and Around Town by Gail Shelton. Peggy Watt told about training Eastern Star members received in Childress, and Gail described the All-region band members playing in Canyon. The Girl Scouts were selling cookies for \$3.00 per box, and Shamrock was taking entries for Miss Irish Rose.

In the help wanted classified ads, the new Best Western was accepting applications which were available at Western Skies. Sports was prominent as usual with the Panhandle Hall of Fame set to honor



'wick picks
by peggy cockerham
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Angel Williams for track, the Lady Broncos defeated Memphis and Wellington, the Lady Bulldogs defeated Howard College, and the Lady Owls clawed the Tigers. I am sure copies of those stories have gone into scrap books to be looked at and reminisced over or maybe, like me, to check a date.

In the beginning, most stories were about Howardwick, then slowly I began writing history or my memories of history, and I receive favorable feedback from my readers regarding those stories. I have always encouraged readers to call me to request a story or report news, and I will continue to set down at my computer each Monday morning and send something to the Enterprise before noon until the well runs dry.

So many people are sick, please pray for them.



the cub reporter
by benjamin estlack

Monday night, I made macaroni by myself. We called it Ben's Cheese Pasta. I put cups of cheese, pasta noodles, macaroni noodles, milk, water, salt, and black pepper in it. It was delicious! And everyone liked it... most of all me.

Next, I want to try to make biscuits and gravy on my own. I think I'll have my dad tell me what to get and do, and I'll make it, just like how mom told me how to make macaroni and cheese.

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Drugs in the News

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Clinical trials have shown that Rapivab helped alleviate influenza symptoms faster and helped lower a high temperature faster than it did for those who were not taking Rapivab. It should not be taken by those who have a serious flu infection and have been infected for more than two days.

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Three Quail Forever chapters start in area

AMARILLO – Quail hunters and conservationists in Texas have added three Quail Forever chapters across the state’s northern tier. Officially known as the Top O’ Texas, Adobe Walls, and Lone Star Chapters of Quail Forever, the new committees are focused on boosting quail populations through local habitat improvements, while providing outdoor education opportunities for area youth.

“Our new chapters have a definite passion for wildlife habitat conservation and connecting youth to the great outdoors,” said Laura McIver, Quail Forever’s regional field representative in Texas. “The potential exists for Texas to be the number one quail hunting destination in North America, but local conservation groups such as Quail Forever need to be involved. This is exciting news for Quail Forever in Texas, I hope our mission and impact will continue to expand throughout the state.”

The formation of three Quail Forever chapters in the state comes at a crucial point for Texas quail. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department recently awarded grants to put \$4 million worth of quail habitat conservation on the ground, using a

special appropriation by the Texas Legislature to help bring back the quail. These appropriations will be allocated as part of the Texas Upland Game Bird Strategic Plan with three focus areas identified in the state. The newly formed chapters hope to work closely with state agencies and other partners to positively impact quail populations.

- The Top O’ Texas Chapter of Quail Forever has elected Marc Fenner of Canyon as president, Dean Barnett of Amarillo as treasurer, Freda Powell of Amarillo as publicity chair, and Glenn Raef of Amarillo as vice president.
- For more information about the chapter or to become involved, please contact chapter president, Marc Fenner, at (785) 821-4106 / email
- The chapter will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, January 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the downtown Courtyard by Marriott in the boardroom (724 South Polk St. - Amarillo, Texas 79101). Hunters and conservationists interested in joining the chapter as a volunteer are encouraged to attend.
- The Adobe Walls Chapter of Quail Forever has elected Bill Horne

of Pampa as president, Tim Fatheree of Pampa as treasurer, Andy Brown of Pampa as vice president and youth/education chair, Ben Cooper of Lindale as banquet chair, and Colby Johnson of Pampa as webmaster.

- For more information about the chapter or to become involved, please contact chapter president, Bill Horne, at (806) 205-1437 / email.
- The chapter will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, January 6, at 6:30 p.m. at Clarendon College Academic Center (1601 West Kentucky Ave. - Pampa, Texas 79065). Hunters and conservationists interested in joining the chapter as a volunteer are encouraged to attend.
- The Lone Star Chapter of Quail Forever has elected Al Stover of Springtown as president, John Blackall of Lewisville as treasurer, Randy Chandler of Grand Prairie as banquet chair and vice president, Richard Roberts of Sanger as habitat chair, and Jason Erwin of Decatur as youth/education chair.
- For more information about the chapter or to become involved, please contact chapter president, Al Stover, at (512) 657-4205 / email.
- The chapter will hold its next

meeting on Thursday, January 15, at 6:30 p.m. at Willhoites Restaurant in Grapevine, Texas (432 South Main St. - Grapevine, Texas 76051) Hunters and conservationists interested in joining the chapter as a volunteer are encouraged to attend.

Quail Forever is the quail division of Pheasants Forever. Texas is home to five chapters of Quail Forever, and over 1,500 members of “The Habitat Organization.” For more information contact Laura McIver at (907) 750-2600 / email.

Pheasants Forever, including its quail conservation division, Quail Forever, is the nation’s largest nonprofit organization dedicated to upland habitat conservation. Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever have more than 140,000 members and 745 local chapters across the United States and Canada. Chapters are empowered to determine how 100 percent of their locally raised conservation funds are spent, the only national conservation organization that operates through this truly grassroots structure. Since creation in 1982, Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever has spent \$508 million on 475,000 habitat projects benefiting 10 million acres nationwide.

Education issues to come up in next Legislature

By Morgan Smith, The Texas Tribune

When Texas lawmakers come back to Austin in January, there will be a new governor who touts public schools as a top priority, and plenty of money in the state bank account. But that doesn’t mean everything will go smoothly as the 84th Legislature navigates public education policy.

Here are five things to watch when the legislative session gets underway:

Education Committee Shuffling: Whomever Lt. Gov.-elect Dan Patrick appoints to fill his spot leading the Senate Education Committee — Larry Taylor, Kelly Hancock and Donna Campbell are possible contenders — will wield considerable control over which education bills do and don’t get hearings. Patrick could also opt to combine the chamber’s higher and public education committees, another move that could affect how quickly and easily legis-

lation makes it through the Senate. The House could also take the single education committee approach. With the departure of Higher Education Chairman Dan Branch, R-Dallas, that would leave current Public Education Chairman Jimmie Don Aycock, R-Killeen, who is expected to continue in that role, to preside over both.

Pre-K Fireworks: There’s widespread and bipartisan energy building behind a push to boost early education in the state. But there’s a catch — a divide exists between those who want to expand half-day programs to a full day and make them better, and others who want to first get a better handle on how the existing programs are working. Count education advocacy group Raise Your Hand Texas in the former camp, and Gov.-elect Greg Abbott in the latter.

The School Choice Battleground: In the 2013 session, despite a loud drumbeat leading up to Janu-

ary from supporters including Patrick and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, legislation that would allow students to receive public money to attend private schools died with barely a whimper. Now, a skirmish over private school vouchers is brewing again, but it’s unclear whether 2015 will see a different outcome. Two areas that may instead become the school choice battleground: a proposal known as an “Achievement School District,” which would create a statewide entity to manage underperforming campuses, and efforts to loosen regulation of virtual education.

How Money Gets Doled Out: With a school finance lawsuit awaiting arguments at the Texas Supreme Court, the Legislature could easily punt on making any changes to the way the state distributes funding to school districts. But that might be too much of a delay for some lawmakers. State Sen. Kirk Watson, an

Austin Democrat, has already filed a slate of bills that he told the Houston Chronicle he hoped would get the “conversation started” on school finance. And regardless of how Watson’s bills fare, lawmakers can still tinker around the edges of the school finance system as they make choices in how the budget allocates funding across school districts.

Revisiting the Big Ticket Items of 2013: Last time they were in Austin, lawmakers overhauled high school curriculum and scaled back standardized testing requirements. They also approved the first expansion of charter schools in the state since they were established in 1995. If the interim hearings over the last year on the rollout of those new laws are any indication, expect discussion about improving high school students’ access to guidance counselors, and clarifying the process the state uses to close low-performing charters schools.

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Broncos finish second in holiday tournament

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Broncos competed in the Canadian Basketball Tournament over the holidays and brought home a second place finish. Their only loss came from the host team in the championship game.

In the first round of the tournament, the Broncos took on Cashion, Oklahoma and easily defeated them, 56-36. The Broncos led throughout the game, and the Wildcats were not able to stop them offensively. Seniors Cedrick McCampbell and Charles Mason finished in double figures with 12 and 11 points respectively. McCampbell also had two steals. Bryce Grahm put in nine points, adding 10 rebounds, four assists, and three steals, and Colt Wood added eight points and three assists. Riley Shadle had seven points, Chesson Sims helped with four, Chance Lockhart had three, and

Taylor Knorpp put in two. Lockhart also had seven rebounds and two steals.

The Broncos met up against White Deer in the next game and severely demolished them, 74-30. The Broncos led from the tip off and never looked back, while the Bucks were clearly outmatched. Grahm finished the game with a double-double that included 16 points and thirteen steals. He also added five assists. Junior Cenicerros led the Broncos on the scoreboard with 17 and Lockhart put in 15. Lockhart added five rebounds and four steals. Mason and Sims each had six points, Marshal Johnson and Knorpp put in five, and Shadle and McCampbell helped with two each. Knorpp grabbed seven rebounds, McCampbell had four steals, and Wood had five assists.

The two wins put the Broncos in the championship game and the final

score was 49-60. The Wildcats led after the first quarter of play, but the Broncos fought back to lead by four points at the break. But the Broncos struggled somewhat in the second half and could never get anything started. McCampbell finished with 15, Grahm had 11, and Cenicerros and Lockhart put in 10 points each. Colt Wood helped with three points and Lockhart posted a double-double. He pulled down 10 rebounds, and Grahm added seven. Lockhart had three assists, Grahm and Shadle had two, and Grahm had three steals.

“I thought we played really well during the tournament,” Brandt Lockhart said. “We played really well against Canadian, which is a pre-season top ranked team. We just have to get better at the little things before we enter district play. I was very pleased with our effort.”

On Friday the Broncos traveled

to Fritch and posted a 54-46 win. The Broncos trailed by six points in the first half of play, but got things rolling on their side of the court in the second half of play. “We did shoot the ball well,” Lockhart said. “I was proud of the way we finished the game. We played well in the third quarter.”


Grahm and McCampbell put in 10 each and Lockhart had nine. Cenicerros had eight, Mason and Wood put in six, and Knorpp added two. McCampbell had eight rebounds, three assists, and two steals, Cenicerros had five rebounds and five assists, Lockhart helped with five rebounds, three assists, and two steals, and Grahm had five rebounds and five steals.

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Lady Broncos participate in Canadian Tournament

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos played in the Canadian Basketball Tournament over the holidays and came home with one win in their three games.

The ladies took on White Deer in the opening round and were defeated, 30-49. The Lady Broncos jumped out to the early advantage, but the Does came back to post a one-point lead at the break. A cold-shooting third quarter was devastating for the Lady Broncos, and they struggled to find a rhythm. Taylor DeGrate and Carlee Johnson finished in double figures with 12 and 10 respectively, but it was not enough to overtake their opponent. Taylor Gaines and Allyson Grahm added three each, and Briley Chadwick helped with two.

In the next round, the Lady Broncos regrouped and bested a good McLean team, 59-40. They were able to dominate their opponent throughout the game and finished with a big win. DeGrate posted 26 points as she was unstoppable and Grahm added 12. Johnson and Chadwick added eight each, Hannah Hommel put in three, and MaRae Hall had two.


The ladies shot eight of eleven as a team from the bonus line.

The ladies met up against the host team in the third round and struggled to get anything going offensively. They were defeated 13-71.

Scoring: Gaines 4, Skyler White 3, Johnson 2, Hannah Howard 2, Grahm 1, and Jensen Hatley 1.


Clarendon took on Fritch Friday night and came home with an easy win at 55-38. The Lady Broncos were able to get back on track and execute their offensive attack against the Lady Eagles. DeGrate exploded once again and put in 25 points to lead the team on the scoreboard and Johnson added 14. Grahm put in seven points, and White had four. Chadwick helped with three, and Howard put two points on the board.

The Lady Broncos will open district play when they take on Quanah at home January 9 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The JV will play at 5:00 p.m.



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25 Allyson GrahmSr.

33 Hannah HommelSoph.

44 Briley ChadwickJr.

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Broncos

1 Cedrick MccampbellSr.

2 Bryce GrahmSoph.

3 Charles MasonSr.

5 Junior CenicerrosJr.

10 Colt WoodFr.

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Joining Schnell in the research are Ryan Collet, AgriLife Extension agent in Hill County; Dr. Tony Provin, AgriLife Extension soil chemist, College Station; Russell Sutton, Texas A&M AgriLife Research associate research scientist, Commerce; and Jon Gersbach, AgriLife Extension agent for Milam County. This work was supported by the Texas Sorghum Producers.

“What we are trying to do with this project is determine: If we have an idea what the weather is going to be and the seasonal rainfall outlook, can we alter our management prac-

tices based on those long range forecasts?” Schnell said.

If the forecast can be utilized, he said, this could give producers an opportunity to reduce seeding rates significantly if drier than normal conditions are expected, as well as other yield-based inputs such as nitrogen to match anticipated moisture conditions.

“Excessive plant populations can exacerbate soil moisture limitations and result in lower yields, stalk rot diseases and lodging in grain sorghum,” Schnell said.

He said finding the optimum seeding rate is complicated by the variability of pre-season soil moisture and in-season precipitation.

In its first year, this study evaluated grain sorghum yield in response to increasing seeding rates and contrasting soil moisture conditions in the central and northern Blacklands of Texas.

The trials were imposed at five locations in the central and northern Blacklands. April and May precipitation was slightly below normal, while June precipitation was well

above normal.

Over the three months, precipitation was in line with forecasted conditions. Winter precipitation, although variable, had been sufficient to recharge the soil profile before planting.

“We looked at seeding rates and we wanted to know if we could identify optimum population rates for given hydrological conditions and then if we could use some of the long-term forecast to adjust our seeding rates,” Schnell said.

This year at planting time, precipitation was not expected to be above or below normal, so no adjustment to normal seeding rates would be justified.

“But, what we did see in June as the crop reached critical growth stages and water use started to peak was depletion of profile soil moisture,” he said. “This year we also had above-normal precipitation in June, so we had the water to replenish that profile. But we know the soil moisture was rapidly depleted during later growth stages, possibly resulting in brief periods of moisture stress

at all locations.”

Without timely rainfall, moisture stress would have intensified and higher plant populations may not have been successful, Schnell said.

He said in this first year of testing, the optimum population rate for the sites was near what the normal recommendation would be because of the predicted moisture.

“We have to keep in mind that for this year we had a full profileat planting and had some very timely heavy rainfalls during the growth stages, so this year will represent a year where higher seeding rates would be successful,” Schnell said.

“However, there are other years that we suspect if we did not get normal rainfall, it would certainly justify reductions to those seeding rates and that would help to maintain and reduce some of the secondary issues you come up with when moisture is limited.”

Schnell said they will try to continue the study at some level next year and have a broader range of moisture-level conditions to compare.

Obituaries

Davis

Nancy Darlene Davis, 76, died Sunday, January 4, 2015 in Clarendon.

Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 8, 2015, in Robertson Funeral Directors Saints’ Roost Chapel in Clarendon with Rev. Dave Stout and Rev. C.W. Parker, officiating.

Burial will follow in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon

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

Nancy was born February 25, 1938, to George Clifton and Dorothy Amelia Walker in Los Angeles, California. When she was 6 years old her parents moved to Briscoe when her grandfather W.M. Lohberger became ill. This place was settled in 1905 and was recognized in 2011 on the senate floor at the Austin Capitol. She attended school at Briscoe and Clarendon College. She married Charles Davis on July 10, 1954, at the Catholic Church in Canadian, Texas and into this family 2 daughters and two sons was born. In 1966



Davis

she joined the Pampa Chapter of “The Women of the Moose” serving in all the elective offices. She earned her Academy of friendship and College of Regents Degrees in Ft. Worth in 1968 and Chicago, Illinois in 1974. In 1979 she was selected to serve as Deputy Grand Regent of Texas in Los Angeles, California. International appointments from over half million members was College of Regent Board member (4 member board) appointed in New Orleans, LA 1984-1986. Grand council (8 member council) appointed in Orlando, Florida 1991-1993. In the spring of 1993 Charles and Nancy moved to Howardwick at Greenbelt Lake, retirement was planned by the City changed those plans. She served 4 ½ years as alderman and 2 years as Pro Tem Mayor. In 2000 she was elected Mayor of Howardwick and served 2 ½ years before resigning to care for their oldest daughter with cancer. She was a member of the Clarendon Country Club and Card Club and also Classic Dames Red Hat Club. She also served on the Burton Library Board in Clarendon.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Ellie Darlene Usleton; one son in law, Harley Douglas Woods; one great granddaughter, Brooke Baldwin; her parents, Cliff and Dorothy Walker; a brother, James Walker; and one nephew, Cody Reed Walker.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Davis of Howardwick; a

daughter, D’Anne Woods of Pflugerville; 2 sons, Danby Davis and wife Julie of Amarillo and Don Alton Davis of Pampa; 5 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; a brother, William Dean Walker of Ruidoso, New Mexico; 3 nieces and 3 nephews.

The family request memorials be sent to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital or the First Baptist Church in Howardwick.

Couch

Ernest Earl Couch, 81, died Tuesday, December 30, 2014, in Clarendon.

Graveside services will be held at a later date in Alvarado, Texas.

Cremation & arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Ernest Earl Couch was born January 22, 1933, to Will and Edna Couch in Alvarado. Earl worked as a carpenter most of his life. He also served in the US Army. He had lived in Clarendon since 2004 moving here from Burleson. Earl was loved very much and will be remembered for his kindness and generosity.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Ralph Couch; a sister, Geneva Reese; and a nephew, David Couch.

He is survived by his sisters, Mickey West and husband Raymond of Burleson and Lucille Burdett and husband Travis of Alvarado; and several nieces and nephews.

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The meeting will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2015 beginning at 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the TxDOT Childress District Office Bldg. A – Training Room, located at 7599 US 287, Childress, Texas 79201.

Those residents of TxDOT’s Childress District who currently use public transit, want to use public transit, or would like more information on public transportation services in their particular community are encouraged to attend. TxDOT staff will be on hand to answer questions and provide information about the federal Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities grant program.

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Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time / Result
2/6/2015	at Ranger College	Ranger, TX	12:00 PM
2/6/2015	at Ranger College	Ranger, TX	3:00 PM
2/7/2015	at Ranger College	Ranger, TX	12:00 PM
2/7/2015	at Ranger College	Ranger, TX	3:00 PM
2/9/2015	vs. Vernon College	Clarendon, TX	2:00 PM
2/13/2015	vs. Otero Junior College	Clarendon, TX	12:00 PM
2/13/2015	vs. Otero Junior College	Clarendon, TX	3:00 PM
2/14/2015	vs. Otero Junior College	Clarendon, TX	12:00 PM
2/14/2015	vs. Otero Junior College	Clarendon, TX	3:00 PM
2/16/2015	at Vernon College	Vernon, TX	2:00 PM
2/20/2015	at Cisco College	Cisco, TX	12:00 PM
2/20/2015	at Cisco College	Cisco, TX	3:00 PM
2/21/2015	at Cisco College	Cisco, TX	12:00 PM
2/21/2015	at Cisco College	Cisco, TX	3:00 PM
2/27/2015	vs. New Mexico JC *	Clarendon, TX	12:00 PM
2/27/2015	vs. New Mexico JC *	Clarendon, TX	3:00 PM
2/28/2015	vs. New Mexico JC *	Clarendon, TX	12:00 PM
2/28/2015	vs. New Mexico JC *	Clarendon, TX	3:00 PM
3/4/2015	at Odessa College	Lubbock, TX - LCU	3:00 PM
3/6/2015	vs. Frank Phillips College *	Clarendon, TX	12:00 PM
3/6/2015	vs. Frank Phillips College *	Clarendon, TX	3:00 PM
3/7/2015	vs. Frank Phillips College *	Clarendon, TX	12:00 PM
3/7/2015	vs. Frank Phillips College *	Clarendon, TX	3:00 PM
3/15/2015	at Frank Phillips College	Borger, TX	3:00 PM
3/18/2015	vs. Seward County College	Clarendon, TX	3:00 PM
3/20/2015	at Howard College *	Big Spring, TX	12:00 PM
3/20/2015	at Howard College *	Big Spring, TX	3:00 PM
3/21/2015	at Howard College *	Big Spring, TX	12:00 PM
3/21/2015	at Howard College *	Big Spring, TX	3:00 PM
3/25/2015	at Seward County College	Liberal, KS	3:00 PM
3/27/2015	at Odessa College *	Odessa, TX	12:00 PM
3/27/2015	at Odessa College *	Odessa, TX	3:00 PM
3/28/2015	at Odessa College *	Odessa, TX	12:00 PM
3/28/2015	at Odessa College *	Odessa, TX	3:00 PM
4/3/2015	vs. NM Military Institute *	Clarendon, TX	12:00 PM
4/3/2015	vs. NM Military Institute *	Clarendon, TX	3:00 PM
4/4/2015	NM Military Institute *	Clarendon, TX	12:00 PM
4/4/2015	NM Military Institute *	Clarendon, TX	3:00 PM
4/10/2015	at Luna College *	Las Vegas, NM	12:00 PM
4/10/2015	at Luna College *	Las Vegas, NM	3:00 PM
4/11/2015	at Luna College *	Las Vegas, NM	12:00 PM
4/11/2015	at Luna College *	Las Vegas, NM	3:00 PM
4/15/2015	at Seward County College	Liberal, KS	3:00 PM
4/17/2015	vs. El Paso College *	Clarendon, TX	12:00 PM
4/17/2015	vs. El Paso College *	Clarendon, TX	3:00 PM
4/18/2015	vs. El Paso College *	Clarendon, TX	12:00 PM
4/18/2015	vs. El Paso College *	Clarendon, TX	3:00 PM
4/22/2015	vs. Seward County College	Clarendon, TX	3:00 PM
4/24/2015	at Western Texas *	Snyder, TX	12:00 PM
4/24/2015	at Western Texas *	Snyder, TX	3:00 PM
4/25/2015	at Western Texas *	Snyder, TX	12:00 PM
4/25/2015	at Western Texas *	Snyder, TX	3:00 PM
5/1/2015	at Midland College *	Midland, TX	12:00 PM
5/1/2015	at Midland College *	Clarendon, TX	3:00 PM
5/2/2015	at Midland College *	Midland, TX	12:00 PM
5/2/2015	at Midland College *	Midland, TX	3:00 PM

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