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City taps Dockery as administrator

By Roger Estlack, Clarendon Enterprise

David Dockery was named the next Clarendon City Administrator during the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen Tuesday night, January 27.

City officials made the decision after meeting behind closed doors for about 40 minutes. Dockery later accepted the position and is expected to meet with Mayor Larry Hicks soon to finalize contract details.

Hicks said Wednesday morning that a start date for the former Johnson City administrator has not been set.

The Board of Aldermen held a marathon day-long meeting Saturday, January 24, and interviewed five candidates for the city's top job. Mayor Larry Hicks said the city had strong candidates to choose from.

City Secretary Machiel Covey said Saturday's interviews at the

Burton Memorial Library were all held in open session with the board only going in to closed session periodically to discuss the candidates.

"Each one was given the choice of if they wanted it closed or open, and they were fine with it being open," she said.

Covey said the board met from 10 a.m. to about 4:40 p.m. with a break for lunch. Individual interview times ranged from about 25 minutes

to over an hour.

Hicks said having the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission assist with the search and interview process was invaluable to the city.

Candidates on Saturday were G.A. "Buster" Poling, Jr., former city manager of Bovina; Peter D. Kampfer, Alamosa, Colo., county administrator; Jeff Poindexter, a wastewater treatment plant operator in Amarillo; Gary Campbell, self-employed

online marketing businessman and Clarendon's representative on the Greenbelt Water Authority board; and Dockery, the former city administrator in Johnson City.

Dockery was a finalist to be Clarendon's administrator in 2010 but withdrew prior to interviewing. Hicks said Dockery was persuaded to keep his job at that time by Johnson City officials due to some projects that were underway in that city.

HISD interim will step down in June

Hedley ISD will soon begin an active search for its next full-time superintendent following an announcement by Interim Superintendent Bill Wood at last week's school board meeting.

Wood said he intends to step down as interim superintendent effective June 1 after holding the position since June 2013.

"I feel like we've made strides here in terms of board cooperation, finances, and other areas," Wood told the Enterprise this week. "We have put money back in fund balance, and things are going positively. That's a good time to bring someone in, and I told the board they need someone here seven days a week and seven nights a week."

Wood, who resides in Claude, also noted that he's on his eleventh year of doing interim work after retiring from a long career in education.

Wood said he is preparing the qualifications and salary information for application packets for the superintendent search, and he intends to present a timeline for the search at the February board meeting.

Sen. Seliger tapped to lead Higher Ed

State Sen. Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo) will lead the Senate Higher Education Committee during the 84th Texas Legislative Session this year.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick made that announcement last week when he named committee assignments.

"It is a privilege to continue to work as Chairman with our colleges, universities, and community colleges," Seliger said. "I am pleased to serve on committees that will address so many issues of importance to Texans. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Senate this session."

Seliger will also serve on the Senate Finance, Education, Natural Resources & Economic Development, and Business & Commerce committees.

Grand Jury hands up two indictments

The Donley County Grand Jury handed up two indictments on January 26, 2015.

Steven Wayne Kelley was indicted for Failure to Register as Sex Offender with Prior Conviction for an offense occurring November 24, 2014.

Jeremy Joseph Wooley-Wing was indicted on a Money-Laundering charge for an offense that occurred on July 9, 2014.

Shot clinic to be held in Clarendon

The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold an Immunization Clinic in Clarendon on February 12 at the Burton Memorial Library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All clinic times subject to change or cancellation in case of extenuating circumstances.

Fun in the Snow



Spots run in the family at the Osburn household. Kailee Osburn (left) with pet EJ and Kyndall Osburn (right) with Gianna pose with their dalmatian snowman. Six to eight inches of snow covered Clarendon last Thursday, Jan. 22.

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Clarendon College students Kristen Garner of Wheeler and Felicia Miller of White Deer stand by the snowman they built a January 19.

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Jacob and Josie Murillo with Payton Inman, Kyrlyne and Jeremy Shelley.

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Winter scene on Fifth Street.

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Election sign-ups underway

The sign-up period is underway for citizens interested in serving on the boards of six local governments.

Filing for ballot places began Wednesday, January 28, at the cities of Clarendon, Hedley, and Howard; the Clarendon and Hedley school districts; and the Donley County Hospital District.

The City of Clarendon has the mayor's position and two seats on the Board of Aldermen up for election this year. Those jobs are two-year terms and are currently held by Mayor Larry Hicks and Aldermen Doug Kidd and Sandy Skelton.

Hedley has three two-year positions up on its Board of Aldermen, seats that are currently held by Aldermen Tonya Metcalf, Kathy Spier, and Dusty Wilkinson.

Howard has its mayor and two aldermen's positions up for election for two-year terms. Those are now held by Mayor Mike Rowland and Aldermen Jim Cockerham and Gail Leathers.

Two positions are up on the Clarendon ISD Board of Trustees. The three-year terms of Wayne Hardin and Wes Hatley are expiring.

Hedley ISD also has two three-year terms on its board available for election. Dana Bell's term is up, and there is an open seat available that was formerly held by Mark Howard, who school officials say has moved out of the district.

Three seats are up on the board of the Donley County Hospital District. Those two-year terms are currently held by Wayne Tubbs (Place One), Carey Wynn (Place Two), and Melinda McNear (Place 3).

All local boards are elected on an at-large system, although hospital board members do have to run for a specific place on the board. Applications and more information are available at each entity's administrative offices.

Filing continues through February 27, 2015. This year's elections will be held on May 9.

Tickets on sale for annual Chamber Awards banquet

Tickets are on sale now for the 2015 Chamber Awards banquet to be held Thursday, February 12, at the Clarendon College Baird-Field Activity Center.

Dr. Don Newbury will be the headline entertainment at the banquet, and the Chamber will honor three of Donley County's top citizens with the Saints' Roost Award and Man and Woman of the Year and also recognize outstanding youth from Clarendon and Hedley

high schools.

Newbury, the former president of Western Texas College in Snyder and Howard Payne University in Brownwood, is an acclaimed speaker and noted writer with his column, The Idle American, appearing in about 150 Texas newspapers, including the ENTERPRISE.

Newbury has addressed more than 250 annual Chamber of Commerce banquets across the United States and conducts semi-

nars to stimulate community pride, and speaks for chamber boards at planning retreats.

This year's Chamber event with the Valentine's theme of "Clarendon - Sweetheart of the Panhandle" will begin at 6 p.m. with a reception and a silent auction followed by the banquet, entertainment, and awards at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 per person and must be purchased in advance at the Clarendon Visitor Center at the Mulkey Theatre or at The

CLARENDON ENTERPRISE.

Businesses are also invited to purchase blocks of tickets by sponsoring tables at the event. Table sponsors will get to decorate their tables to reflect their business and the theme of the banquet with a prize given for the best table decoration.

For more information, contact the Clarendon Visitor Center at 874-2421 or the ENTERPRISE at 874-2259.

Senate Democrats lose clout with change in procedure

By Morgan Smith, The Texas Tribune

With a new lieutenant governor installed for the first time in over a decade Wednesday — and the cries of Democrats — the Texas Senate voted to break from an almost 70-year tradition intended to encourage compromise among its 31 members.

Now the approval of only 19 senators instead of 21 will be required to bring legislation to the floor for debate. The change — passed on a vote of 20-10 — has the practical effect of allowing Republicans to

consider a bill without a single vote from one of the chamber's 11 Democrats. Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Senate, has targeted the tradition known as the "two-thirds rule" since he first entered the Legislature in 2007.

Fighting to preserve the rule, Democrats said the change would strike a blow to the democratic process.

"I think it's a sad day for the Senate, and one that we will look back on with regret," said state Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston.

In the past, senators have used the rule to scuttle measures on voter identification, abortion and redistricting.

Ellis, along with other Democrats, urged Republicans to look beyond the rule's effect on hot-button partisan legislation. Dropping the threshold needed to consider a bill from two-thirds to three-fifths, they said, would mean less clout for any members who held the minority view on issues like water rights, transportation policy and gambling.

State Sen. Kirk Watson,

D-Austin, noted that the change would affect not just debate over legislation but also over whether to approve other rule changes, including whether to bar lobbyists from the floor or publicly post committee meetings.

But Republicans argued that the rule had allowed for too much abuse of procedure for political purposes, including plunging lawmakers into multiple special sessions.

The change was about "better governing," said state Sen. Kevin Elfré, R-Tyler.

"If anyone on this floor can stand up and say they are an independent voter and don't always vote on party lines, you are looking at him," he said. He added that he was "very comfortable" that partisanship would not increase because of the new rule.

Elfré put together the package of procedural changes that included the new three-fifths rule in his role as chairman of the chamber's administration committee. He said some Republicans had pushed for a

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

Conservative train goes full steam ahead

LI. Gov. Dan Patrick helped set the tone for the Legislative session last week by partially squashing the voice of the minority party.

You can read the details of the new rules in the Texas Senate in a piece by the Texas Tribune that is reprinted in this week's Enterprise, but suffice it to say that the action falls right in line with comments this column made two weeks ago regarding Patrick's agenda.

In a nutshell, the Republican majority has made it difficult for minority interests to stop or slow legislation it considers harmful or if conceived. The State Senate has 31 members, and for nearly 70 years it took 21 members to bring any bill to the floor for a vote. Now it will only take 19 members. And with the Republican dominance in the Legislature, it pretty much neutered any opposition to the conservative agenda.

Nearly two decades ago, when your editor was new to the job, a Clarendon College employee approached me about helping get a College Republicans chapter started at CC. The sponsor for the group knew that I had been a CR member at Texas Tech and was looking for some tips on how to have a successful organization here.

I agreed to come to a meeting and then proceeded to tell them what I thought they needed to do. "The first thing you need to do is organize a Young Democrats chapter," I told them as they sat in stunned silence.

"Why would we do that?" one of the officers asked. "Because," I replied, "otherwise you're not going to have any fun or get anything done."

In College Republicans I learned two very valuable things: 1) fanatical conservatives are no better than leftwing wackos (they just want to limit your freedom in a different way), and 2) parties need other parties to thrive.

Our best functions were debates with the Young Democrats and College Libertarians. Our intramural games were with the Democrats. Our food or coat drive contest challenges, etc., were successful because of the competition between the other parties. We thrived off each other, and, I think, made each other better.

In a generation, we have seen the Democrats go from being the majority party in Texas to being the vocal minority and now to having even that limited voice muzzled. That can't be good, and Republicans should be wary that the wheel of fortune – and changing demographics – may one day reverse their current status.

Politicians always like to talk about the "democratic process" and what a great "democracy" we live in. But pure democracy can be the worst kind of evil, which is why our state and federal founders developed a system of republic (small "R") government with checks and balances and protections for minority voices. The heavy-handedness of the current majority, however, teeters on bringing Texas in line with absolute democracy where the will of the majority (fifty percent plus one) can override any other concern.

You like open government and private control of groundwater in West Texas? Well, with absolute democracy and no voice for the minority, crony politicians can corrupt government functions and a majority of urban Texans can do what they want to with rural groundwater.

And what happens in a generation or two when the left is back in power? Perhaps a conservative nightmare comes to life with free abortions in clinics across the state, mandatory Pre-K classes, and strangling regulations on oil, gas, hunting, and fishing. Won't that be fun?

According to the Tribune article, the new Senate rules also eliminated committees focused on open government, jurisprudence, economic development, and government organization. What's the reasoning behind that and what does it mean for Texans?

For now, the right has all the "might" in Texas, and it's marching forward at an alarming rate. But conservatives would do well to consider the long term ramifications of what their steamroller approach can bring down the line. The pendulum will one day swing the other way, and we may not like it when it does.



Thank God for shoulders we stand on

A candidate for political office – pontificating for the "unpeppert" time on the campaign stump – spewed words at 200 per minute, with gusts to 250. At full bluster, he quoted the old line about "standing on the shoulders of others gone before."

"If his shoulders are as slick as his speeches, you won't find any footprints on 'em," one critic muttered.

This is, however, a great truth worth revisiting. Many shoulders of folks who've gone on – as well as those still serving in military and public service posts – have helped America "stay stitched" at a time when more values are on trial than when we have enough gaves for....

Upon exiting movies recently – Unbroken, then American Sniper – I thought of this sobering quote. – I thought we stood for others' shoulders on which we thanked in a world where too many choose to humker down.

"One nation under God" and other patriotic thoughts flooded. Immediately I remembered the band playing the National Anthem at a high school football game in Mineral Wells, some 25 years ago. The entire stadium was pin-drop quiet. I was thankful for the reverence of the moment, and figured Fort Wolters, a long-time military base there, probably fostered about helping get that gratitude. (Mineral Wells' Vietnam Memorial Wall, with names updated annually as on the Wall in Washington, DC, attracts many visitors from throughout the state and beyond.)

A friend recently mentioned his understandable pride in his grandson, Spencer Seay. Spencer spent seven years in the US Army, including two tours in Iraq. He and wife Lauren – Cleburne



the idle american by don newbury

residents and CHS graduates – were in Dallas for the national premiere showing of American Sniper....

Their experience warrants re-telling: Seated next to them in the sold-out theater were several teenage boys. They were boisterous during previews, and Lauren worried that they might spoil their outing. At movie's end, she realized they had heard NOTHING from any of them – except for the several times they wept.

She lauded hero Chris Kyle – for his love of God, family and country. She recommends the book, too....

Also recalled was an organization called "Bugs Across America" (bugs@acrossamerica.org). Founded in 2000 by Tom J. Day, BAA continues to expand under his presidential leadership. A Marine vet, he works passionately arranging for live buglers to play at funerals throughout the country. He and 7,500 other buglers play plays for burials – military or civilian – at no charge. (Day also has opened a museum next door to his home near Chicago, IL.)

Day himself has played plays at 5,500 funerals to date, starting with his drum-and-bugle corps membership at age 10. For years, alongside of him almost every time is his 32-year-old daughter who has cerebral palsy and autism.

If you want some "red, white and

blue" cheer, visit the website. You'll be thrilled to learn more about these BAA patriots, ages 10-92. They are real live heroes of our Uncle Sam, even if we were born on the Fourth of July....

Growing numbers of folks are learning about the organization. The website provides contact information for families who want plays played for burial of loved ones. (Pentagon sources confirm that some 3,500 WWII vets die monthly, and 40% of their families are requesting BAA buglers.)

Irrespective of faith, creed, color or conviction, "whosoever will" are granted bugle tributes. Yes, sometimes wrong notes are hit, but aren't they during life, too?

Tom remembers one service that went awry....

Scheduled to play plays for a highly decorated Vietnam veteran, he decided to affix the shiny bayonet to his rifle for the three-shot tribute prior to plays. The first shot missed strange, and on the second, the barrel exploded, sending the bayonet 15 feet into the air, "stabbing" the earth seconds later at the priest's feet. ("God, just help me to get plays right," Day prayed.) The rest went well. The family insisted on making photos. The priest laughed, saying he couldn't wait to get back to the rectory to tell the nuns about the bugler who almost killed him.

We hope to take our six grandchildren to Chicago to meet Tom. We want to know a bonafide priest who has "been there, done that," and, at age 75, still is....

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Time to put the death tax to rest

My political life began in a slightly unlikely place: in the pickup with my grandfather in Donley County. A rancher by heritage and profession, he was always interested in the news and somehow imparted upon me the understanding that decisions being made a long way off affected our daily lives.

My ears would especially perk up as I would listen to my father and grandfather discuss the impact of the inheritance tax, or death tax, and the dire possibility that we would have to sell part of our land to pay the taxes.

Even at the age of 12, this seemed fundamentally unfair. Like most farmers and ranchers in the area, we weren't rich. The value of our ranch was in the land itself, not sitting in a bank somewhere.

I took it upon myself to write letters to our Senators and Representatives. There may have been a few chuckles as they read those letters I wrote at a young age, but I think I understood the basic facts. And, unfortunately, those facts haven't changed in all these years.

The death tax is still a burden to family farms, ranches, and small businesses. It still hurts rural economies



issue update by rep. mac thornberry

and still stops one of America's most important means of capital formation: building a family enterprise. The importance of my family's work was never lost on me. We were and still are a part of the less than one percent of the U.S. population that raises safe and healthy food for people here at home and abroad. And if we economists say is true, we will need to raise 70 percent more food by 2050.

That is a challenge the agriculture community here in the 13th District is ready to meet. But unfortunately, it is made more difficult because the federal government continues to stack the cards against us with onerous regulations and fundamentally unfair taxes.

How can we continue to feed a growing population when, as each generation moves on, a piece of or the

whole farm is sold off just to pay the tax bill? The federal government must stop stripping farmers and ranchers of not only our livelihoods, but our family legacies as well.

Congress has acted to raise the personal exemption, while President Obama wants to increase taxes on family businesses. But I believe that the death tax is wrong whether an estate is \$100 or \$100 million. You pay taxes when you earn it; you should not have to pay taxes on it again.

On the first day of the new Congress, I introduced a simple, two-page bill that would permanently and fully eliminate the death tax. I've introduced this bill several times before, and I will continue to push until the tax is eliminated. Death should never be a taxable event. The American people should be able to work hard, build, and save knowing that they can pass on what they have earned to their children and grandchildren.

US Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) is the Chairman of the House Small Business Committee.

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Study focuses on herd improvement

AMARILLO – The value of a herd bull is determined not just by his genetic merit, but also by the number of calves he may or may not sire, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

Emerging DNA technology offers the opportunity to identify genetic markers for traits of interest and identify individual sires used in multiple breeding pastures, said Dr. Bruce Carpenter, livestock specialist, Fort Stockton.

"We know there is a lot of variability that we can't manage in our herds, so let's do what we can, and that begins with an annual breeding soundness exam of all herd bulls," Carpenter said.

Carpenter, speaking at the recent Southwest Beef Symposium in Amarillo, said, "The thing we know about managing bull fertility is the breeding soundness exam performed by a qualified vet is the best and most practical predictor of potential fertility."

However, it is not a fertility guarantee, he said.

There are reasons some bulls don't perform, Carpenter said, and with new genetic testing technology, researchers are learning more about this.

"It is often said the bull is half the calf crop, but that's not always true – he can be more or less," Carpenter said. "And if he is genetically superior, that is great if he is more. But if he provides less desirable traits, but is siring 70-80 percent of

the calves, that may not be so good."

He said in the past few years, large-scale studies coming from California and Australia have shed some light on which bulls may be doing their job out in the breeding pasture and which ones may not.

"If you are just hauling pounds of beef to the sale ring, the most valuable bull may not be the one with the best genetics," Carpenter said. "It's the one that puts the most calves on the ground."

In all these studies, he said the bulls passed a breeding soundness exam, so that potential variability was removed, or bull prolificacy might have been even more inconsistent.

There were some bulls in California that sired a lot of calves, which made them more valuable than those which possessed superior genetics but provided fewer calves to sell, he said. In another California study, steers from 16 different bulls were sold at 10 months of age. Carcass premiums averaged \$721 and were similar for all bulls.

"The premiums, due to good carcass genetics sired by all these bulls, were sure nice for the producers to be able to put in their pockets," Carpenter said. "But when researchers identified which bulls were actually 'doing the work,' that ranged from a low of seven to a high of 77 steers sold per bull over five calf crops."

Because of the variability among individual bulls in number of calves sired, contributions to gross income ranged from \$4,881 to

\$55,889, he said.

In a 5,000-calf study, the average number of calves sired across all bulls was 19, but it found that 4 percent of all the bulls sired no calves and one bull sired 62 calves in one calf crop.

In 20 percent of all the herds they looked at, there was one bull in the bull battery that sired only one calf. But, in another 20 percent of the herds, there was one bull that sired 50 or more calves.

"That's direct proof of what we've always suspected, that stocking should be at about one mature bull per 25 cows, and one to 15 if using yearling bulls," Carpenter said. "If you don't know much about a group of bulls, this would be a good rule of thumb."

He said there can be a lot of variability on the male side that is hard to manage, but it is certainly worth being aware of. And genetic testing, while not cheap, may be a consideration in some situations; the most common probably being for multiple-sire registered operations. A sire test for paternity is about \$18 per sample per calf and bulls.

"That can get expensive, but if things aren't going the way they should and you are seeing low calf crops, and you've eliminated the usual suspects like disease and poor semen quality, sire testing is an option that might help explain what might be going on in the pasture," Carpenter said. "It might be useful to determine who did his job that year and who may not have."

Ornamental, turfgrass conference set in Amarillo

AMARILLO – The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's annual Ornamental and Turf Conference will be held Feb. 27 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd. in Amarillo.

"This conference is designed for those involved with caring and maintaining the landscape around buildings, schools and other public structures and grounds," said Nathan Carr, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Potter County.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. with the program from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration is \$10 per person.

Program participants are requested to RSVP by contacting the AgriLife Extension office of Potter County at 806-373-0713 by Feb. 25.

Five Texas Department of Agriculture private applicator continuing education units will be offered – one general, two integrated pest management, one drift and one laws and regulations. Topics will include:

- Insect ID: Good bugs, bad bugs and when to control insects and how to manage or control the applications – Blaine Reed, AgriLife Extension integrated pest management agent in Swisher County.
- Management of trees in an urban landscape and urban pests

– Vikram Baliga, AgriLife Extension horticultural agent in Lubbock County.

• Lawn and garden weed identification and management methods – Dr. Russ Wallace, AgriLife Extension vegetable specialist, Lubbock.

• Control, safety and management of rodents, such as prairie dogs and gophers – Jim Knuth, Liphatch representative, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

• Laws and regulations: the importance of management of record keeping – Levon Harmon, Texas Department of Agriculture retiree.

For more information, contact Carr at 806-373-0713 or ncarr@ag.tamu.edu.

Weed control topic of Feb. 5 range webinar

COLLEGE STATION – Best management practices for weed control will be the topic of a February 5 webinar by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service ecosystem science and management unit.

"To Spray or Not to Spray" is next in the Texas Range Webinar Series, scheduled on the first Thursday of each month from noon to 1 p.m., said Pete Flores, webinar coordinator in Corpus Christi.

"Weeds are a common problem among landowners and can be managed with some best management practices," said Dr. Vanessa Cornther-Olson, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service forage specialist in Overton.

"This presentation will include discussion on effective weed control with weed identification, proper timing and herbicide selection," she said. "Sandbar control with the use of products such as Pastora, a post-emergent, will also be discussed."

This webinar and others in the series can be accessed at <http://naturalresourcewebinars.tamu.edu>.

Participants seeking Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units must pay a \$10 fee on the website. For all others, there is no fee. Flores said. Licensed agricultural private pesticide applicators participating in this webinar can earn one integrated pest management unit.

For more information on the webinars, contact Flores at Pete. Flores@ag.tamu.edu.

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Community Calendar

January 22
Buildings v NMMI • 6:30 p.m. • Dawg House

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 Quansah • JV 4 & 5 p.m. • Varsity 6:30 & 8 p.m. • Quansah

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 Silverton • 6:30 p.m. • Hedley

February 2
Lady Bulldogs & Bulldogs v Midland College • 7:45 p.m. • Dawg House

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

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

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

February 10
Lady Broncos & Broncos v Wellington • JV 4 & 5 p.m. • Varsity 6:30 & 8 p.m. • Clarendon

February 12
Chamber Awards Banquet • 6 p.m. • Bairfield Activity Center

February 13
Lady Broncos & Broncos v Quansah • JV 5 p.m. • Varsity 6:30 p.m. • Clarendon

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

February 14
Valentine's Day

February 16
Presidents Day

Lady Bulldogs & Bulldogs v Frank Phillips College • 7:45 p.m. • Dawg House

February 17
Lady Broncos & Broncos v Wheeler • JV 5 p.m. • Varsity 6:30 p.m. • Wheeler

February 26
Lady Bulldogs & Bulldogs v New Mexico JC • 7:45 p.m. • Dawg House

★ Menus

February 2 - 6

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Cheseburger, potato wedges, relish plate, omelet raisin cookies, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Beef stew, cornbread, potatoes, tomatoes, veggies, apple cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Baked chicken breast, baker potatoes, green peas, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Thur: BBQ beef sandwiches, carrots, carrots & zucchini, hot cinnamon apples, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Breaded chicken tenders, potato wedges, peas & carrots, strawberries w/whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, turnip greens, wheat roll, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Beef stew, fried squash, corn bread, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, black-eye peas, roll, cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Thur: Steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, beans, tossed salad, cherry cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Beef tips & noodles, meadow blend vegetables, corn, chocolate cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon ISD
Mon: Pizza, salad, veggie cup, mixed fruit, milk.
Tue: Taco salad, salsa, corn, snowball salad, milk.
Wed: Chicken & broccoli penne, salad, baby carrots, apple slices, milk.
Thur: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, apple pie, roll, milk.
Fri: BBQ on a bun, cinnaple, pinto beans, baby carrots, orange smiles, milk.

Stop spam text messages and handy chart on reporting

Hi, gang! The snow was great, let's thank the Lord for it. This week let's have a short study on how do we stop spam text messages and a handy chart on how to report them. My personal way is to not to answer any area code number I don't recognize. Then I Google the number, and it will give you a list to check to see if this is a spam number. I know the spammers are getting smart and now can use local area codes. This is making it harder to spot, but I know all the numbers that I normally receive. Below is an article "What you can do to avoid rising cellphone scams and fake text messages" by: Sid Kirchheimer. "You won't" "Short on cash?" Every day, about 45 million spam text messages are sent to North American cellphones. If you don't have a text message plan, you'll pay around 20 cents for each one you receive. But the real cost comes if you respond to those micro messages about such things as free gift cards, cheap mortgages and meds.

and urgent "account problems" at your bank. That's because at least 70 percent of all cellphone-text spam is designed to defraud you in some way. Spam in text messages may be to guide you to shady websites that will install "malware" on your phone to vacuum up all the personal data stored in it. Or the messages may urge you to dial a phone number where your personal and financial information is solicited. Whatever you provide is either used to steal your identity or sold to third parties who'll send you yet more spam texts. Why? For spammers, cellphone text messages are fast, cheap, easy and effective. The thieves use inexpensive, hard-to-track prepaid phones to transmit myriad text comings. When word spreads of the spam du jour, the scammers simply toss the phones they're using and buy new ones. What's more, cellphone users are three times more likely than computer users to respond to spam. Because you always have your cellphone with you, answering

it becomes more of an impulse reaction. Here's How To Protect Yourself: Ignore instructions to text "STOP" or "NO" to prevent future texts. This is a common ploy by scammers to confirm they have a live, active contact for more cellphone spam. Never dial toll-buck numbers either. Forward the texts to 7726 (SPAM on most keypads). This will alert your cellphone carrier to block future texts from those numbers. Anti-malware software is available for many phones. The trade-off may be reduced battery life, so check with your service provider or phone manufacturer for recommendations. Install upgrades to your security software. If you suspect an upgrade notification is phony, check with your cellphone or software provider. Never store credit card or account

log-in information in emails or notes on your cellphone. When you get a text promising you a \$1,000 gift card, ask yourself: Would anyone really give me that? Know, too, that banks and other legitimate businesses don't send customers unsolicited texts. Here is A Handy Chart In Reporting Fraud. If you are in need of legal advice, please contact your local bar association at www.findlegalhelp.org for legal advice or a lawyer referral. The Fraud Section conducts criminal prosecutions and cannot provide legal advice to citizens. If you would like to report fraud, please contact the appropriate investigative agency as follows: General fraud and other criminal matters: Please contact the FBI at (202) 324-3000, or online at <https://tips.fbi.gov>. Health Care Fraud and Medicare/Medicaid Fraud, and related matters: Please contact the Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General at 1-800-HHS-TIPS or at www.oig.hhs.gov. Consumer Fraud and Identity Theft: Please contact the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP or 1-877-ID-THEFT, respectively. Securities Fraud: Please contact the Securities and Exchange Commission at 1-800-SEC-0330 or enforcement@sec.gov. Mail Fraud, Lottery/Sweepstakes Fraud: Please contact the U.S. Postal Inspection Service at 1-800-372-8347. Internet Fraud and Lottery/Sweepstakes Fraud by Internet: Please contact the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) at www.ic3.gov. Disaster-related Fraud: Please contact the National Center for Disaster Fraud at (877) NCDF GCF (623-3423), fax (225) 334-4707 or disaster@leo.gov. Correspondence may be sent to: National Center for Disaster Fraud Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4909. State and local fraud matters: Please contact Donley County Sheriff's Office or Texas State Attorney General's Office. Stay safe out there!

Donley County received needed moisture

God was good to us last week. He covered us with snow. All three TV weather-guessers in Amarillo ignored Donley County, but the weather map from the National Weather Service showed the county receiving 6-8 inches. It was a beautiful, wet snow with little to no wind which covered each tree limb and branch, the temperature hovered just above freezing. Snowmen were easy to build, and the snow made perfect snow balls for a good fight. I hope we continue to receive more moisture. Thank you, Lord, for your bounty. After all the holidays, January is a slow-news time for me and a chance remark by my Aunt Charlene

Owens Reynolds put me on the hunt for early history of Howardick. As many citizens know, the original town site of Clarendon which was platted where Carroll Creek and the Salt Fork of the Red River meet and was settled in 1878 by Lewis Henry Carhart and named after his wife, Clara. Carhart was a Methodist minister and planned his town to be

liquor free, so naturally the cowboys around called it "Saints' Roost." The town was settled, and a post office and other buildings were added to make a thriving community. Ten years later when the Ft. Worth and Denver Railroad planned their line six miles south the citizens voted overwhelmingly to move the town. Many sites remained until Greenbelt Lake was planned, and the old cemetery was moved with all bodies reburied at Citizens Cemetery near Clarendon. I will continue the next chapter in the life of Howardick next week with maybe a commentary of Super Bowl forty-nine added. Stay safe and warm and pray for moisture.

Birthday wishes to the best mom

This week my Mom had her birthday on January 28. If you see her, tell her that I love her very much and tell her happy birthday.

I love her because she lets me go down to the track with her at the college and she cooks me dinner and cookies. She drops me off at school every day. She lets me play with my cousins and play Minecraft in the basement.

Last week she helped us build a snowman. She went sledding with me and had a snowball fight. I got to have a snowball fight with her while were on sleds. Nathan steered my sled, and Daniel steered Mom's sled while we threw snowballs at each other.

Saturday we went bowling to celebrate both my Mom's and my Aunt Amndy's birthdays, and I was the winner of the kids' lane. And Mom and Amndy were usually the winners of their lane.

Mom, happy birthday, and I really love what you do for me. Happy 29th birthday! :)

Clarendon Head Start has openings

Clarendon Head Start has openings available for the rest of the 2014-2015 school year. You may make an appointment to fill out an application by calling the Elementary Office at 874-3855. Children who turn 4 years old on or prior to September 1, 2014, will be considered for the Head Start class first and any openings available after 4 year old applications are accepted can be filled by children who are 4 but birthdate was after September 1, 2014. Head Start is a tuition free class for children who meet federal guidelines. Parents must fill out an application to see if they meet eligibility standards.

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WOWW
Pictured with Hedley Elementary students, Mr. Tom Panger from Amarillo demonstrated chalk art on Wednesday. Mr. Panger came to Hedley School as part of the WOWW (Windows on a Wider World) program that Hedley is a member of. Mr. Panger's drawing took a little over an hour to complete.



Hedley first grade students posed with Mr. Panger and his chalk drawing. He left the drawing for Hedley School to showcase.

Join community hand bell choir
Work is underway to organize a Community Hand Bell Choir under the direction of Brit Patton. No past experience with a musical instrument is necessary to be in the choir, and those interested are asked to call Missy Kidd at the First United Methodist Church at 874-3667.



Howard earns wings
Lt. Jg. Austin Howard is congratulated by his father, Capt. John Howard at Naval Air Station Kingsville, Tex., on January 9. Austin received his wings and was designated a US Naval Aviator after two years of intensive training. He will be flying the EA 18 Super Hornet with a Carrier Battle Group.

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CC board blesses new industrial technology certificate program

The Clarendon College Board of Regents met January 22 and considered several agenda items.

The board gave its blessing to a new industrial technology certificate program, which will allow students to get certified in different areas to make them more marketable in the workforce. CC President Robert Riza said two industry executives have indicated their intent to hire students with this new certification right away, and college officials may try to offer the certification as early as this spring and summer to get out in front of the economic downturn in the oil and gas industry.

Vice President of Instruction Roger Schusterer reported on online dual credit classes that are drawing students from outside of Clarendon College's traditional service area, and he said a pioneering approach by CC faculty to developmental math classes has been sub-

mitted as a topic for an education conference.

Riza reported on the results of Department of Education audit at the college, which found 12 items that needed to be addressed. Eleven of those were corrected while the audit team was still on campus, and the 12th is being addressed. The DOE will issue a final report to the college in 60 to 90 days.

Under personnel matters, Courtney Fuller was moved from assistant faculty position to a fulltime position. Jay Anders and Allison Vera were named residence hall directors, and the resignation of cross-country coach Zach Leggett was accepted as he takes the top cross-country position at his alma mater, McMurry University.

Regents met behind closed doors for about 20 minutes to discuss real property but took no action upon returning to open session.

What your library can do for you

Burton Memorial Library would like to remind everyone in Donley County and surrounding areas that not only do they offer the collection the latest books by such authors as Rick Riordan, Nora Roberts, Clive Cussler, Debbie Macomber, Dean Koontz, Linda Lael Miller, John Grisham, and many others but they provide many more services.

Burton Memorial library also offers interlibrary loan for renting books from other libraries. A meet-

ing room is available with kitchen to accommodate up to 30 people. Available week days, nights, and weekends. At Burton Memorial library citizens can pay electric, credit card, television, and cell phone bills. Burton Memorial Library offers public computers, incoming and outgoing faxes, free WIFI, small or large laminating, and research of local information.

WIC meets at the Library every 2nd Monday and Shot Clinics are held at the Library when scheduled.

CC Rodeo team in NIRA Southwest Region Top 10

The Men's Team from Clarendon College is sitting in 3rd place of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Southwest Region team standings.

Colten Jackson, a sophomore from Gruver, TX, is sitting in 3rd for Saddle Bronc Riding, while teammate Wyatt Casper, a freshman from Balco, OK, currently sits in 10th place.

After completion of the fall competition, the Bulldogs had 525 points. There are 15 schools in the NIRA Southwest Region.

The next rodeo for the Southwest Region is scheduled for March 19-21 at Odessa College.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting January 27, 2015, with Boss Lion Pro Tem Jacob Fangman wielding the gavel.

We had 14 members, Lion Sweetheart Abby Johnson, and one guest this week. Our guest was Sheriff Butch Blackburn, guest of Lion Jerry Woodward.

Lion Robert Riza updated the club on college activities, and the Sweetheart gave the run down on the high school team schedules. Lion Ashlee Estlack reminded everyone of a blood drive planned for next Tuesday at the college. Lion Roger Estlack reminded everyone of the Chamber Banquet coming up on February 12 at the Fairfield Center.

Sheriff Blackburn presented our program and discussed recent news from his office. He said new bullet-proof vests and shotguns had been obtained for his officers through a grant, and he said more equipment may soon be made available through another grant.

The sheriff's office has been handling a lot of cases of scams on the elderly, Blackburn said. Crooks prey on seniors through phone calls, email, and regular mail. Blackburn said the county was hit with a rash of thefts before Christmas but that they had been cleared up with just three arrests.

The sheriff praised the cooperative efforts of local agencies and said that Donley County's fire and EMS personnel were the best in the Panhandle.

There being no further business, they were adjourned.



Clarendon College sophomore Marcus Ellison makes a drive for the college during last Friday's 60-65 loss to New Mexico Military Institute. The CC women played Southwestern Texas Jr. College on the road last Thursday and won, 81-43. The Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs will play Odessa on the road this Thursday and be back in the Dawg House on Monday, February 2, to meet Midland College. The women play at 5:45, and the men's game starts at 8:00 p.m.

ENTRANCE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK



Colten Jackson



Wyatt Casper

Senate:

Continued from page one. simple majority vote to bring bills to the floor, but he had fought to keep some form of a supermajority requirement in place.

The changes passed Wednesday reduce the number of standing Senate committees from 18 to 14 - mixing panels on open government, jurisprudence, economic development, and government organizations. They also limit the honorary recognitions and resolutions members can make on the floor.

All but one of the chamber's Democrats opposed dropping the new rule, and all but one of its Republicans voted in favor of it.

State Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, said he supported it because too many of his bills had been killed over the years after they lacked one vote to come to the floor. State Sen. Craig Estes, R-Wichita Falls, who led the chamber quickly without speaking to reporters, abstained from the vote.

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Colts shine against Memphis Cyclones

The eighth grade Colts put together a solid first half effort to solidify their 41-23 win over Memphis on last Monday night.

The Colts made a statement against the Cyclones in the first quarter of play and outscored them, 13-1. Their defense continued to be strong in the first half of play and offensively the Colts were unstoppable as they built up a 19-point lead at the break.

"I thought we might have played our best half of the year in the first half," coach Brad Elam said. "But the second half was totally opposite of the first. As good of defense as we played in the first half, we played that bad in the second half. Bear Smith had a solid game and contributed nine rebounds, and Caton Grahn came off the bench and added 10 steals and four assists."

Smith and Isaac Dunham topped the scoreboard with 12 points each while Preston Elam added eight.

Gavin Word put in three, and Noah Elam, Grahn, Dalton Benson

each helped with two, and Ryan Ward had one.

Over the weekend the Colts participated in the Childress Tournament. They took on the host team in the first game and fell short at 30-46. Childress held the early advantage, but the Colts had a fairly good second quarter and began to come back. Their comeback attempt was cut short in the third quarter, as Childress was able to open up their lead.

"We struggled a little against Childress," Elam said. "I didn't think we played too bad, but not good enough to win. We needed to play a good game; good teams show you what you need to work on." Smith had eight, Dunham put in seven, Noah Elam had six, Preston Elam helped with five, and Cole Franks and Grahn each had two.

The Colts took on Quannah in the next game and cruised to a 47-27 win. Clarendon opened with a two-point lead and soon added to that lead. They were able to put the game away in the second half.

"Against Quannah, we started

off slow but really turned it on in the second quarter," Elam said. "We outscored them 17-5 to break the game open."

Smith and Noah Elam each had 13 and Dunham put in eight. Gavin Word finished with five, Preston Elam and Franks had three, Grahn helped with two and Benson put in one.

The seventh grade Colts struggled against a fairly good Cyclone team and was defeated 6-32. Memphis took control of the game in the opening quarter and dominated offensively. The Colts were unable to get anything going and struggled to stop the Cyclones.

"I was a little disappointed in the way we played," Elam said. "We had too many turnovers and made too many mistakes. We were coming off a couple of games where I had seen improvement and was expecting that to continue. But we took a step back that we will need to correct."

Brandon Santos, Zane Sneathen, and Jamal Butler put in three points each.

The seventh grade Colts also played in the Childress Tournament and went up against Childress in the first game and lost 5-36. The Colts worked hard, but had trouble getting anything going offensively against a good Childress team.

"We struggled in the first game against Childress," Elam said. "We had trouble breaking their press."

The Colts took on Quannah in the second game and worked hard to avenge their previous loss to take a 23-21 win from the Indians. The Colts played their opponent to a tie at five all in the first quarter, but stepped up their game before the break taking a two-point lead. After another tie at the end of three, the Colts took control and earned the winning bucket.

"We had a much different game against Quannah," Elam said. "We played much better on offense and defense. We still have a lot of work to do, but I see some improvement."

Both Colts teams will wrap up their season on February 2 in Wellington beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Bronco JV get by Shamrock; Wellington

The Bronco junior varsity eased by Shamrock at home last Tuesday night at 50-43. They bested the Skyrocks, 48-44.

In the Shamrock game, the Broncos played aggressive basketball and pounded away on the Irish each quarter of play. The Broncos held their biggest lead after the third quarter of play as they led by nine points. Shamrock cut the lead to seven but could never get any closer than that.

Keandre Cortez hit four three pointers for 21 points to lead the Broncos, and Steven Johnson nailed three three-pointers for 13 points. Clay Ketting added six, and Payton Havens and Marshall Johnson helped

with three.

The Broncos continued their solid play on the road Friday night when they defeated Wellington. Clarendon took a big lead in the first seven minutes, but the Skyrocks closed the gap in the second quarter. The Broncos were able to work their way back to the lead and hold on for the win.

Ketting put in 13, and Cortez and Johnson each added 10. Johnson hit three three-pointers again for nine points and Kenrick Addington added six.

The Broncos will take on Wheeler at home Friday night and travel to Memphis Tuesday, February 3.



Payton Havens takes a shot during the JV boys game against Shamrock last Tuesday.

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The Lady Broncos junior varsity faced off against Shamrock last Tuesday. Damaris Brown scored two for the ladies.

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Lady Colts suffer one-point loss

The eighth grade Lady Colts lost to Memphis by one point at 25-26 in overtime in a regular season game last week. A basket made at the bonus line by the Lady Cyclones cost the Lady Colts the win.

Clarendon played solid basketball, but could not convert in the overtime period.

"Injuries and fouls were factors in our loss," coach Sami Johnson said. "Memphis hit a free throw in overtime to win, but our girls played hard."

Sandra Smith led the ladies with 15, Brandalyn Ellis put in six, and Kyla Dunham and Zoe Adams put in one each.

The eighth grade took on Childress in the tournament last weekend and lost 15-36. The Lady Colts opened the game with a big first quarter and led by six points in the first quarter, but they struggled offensively in the next six minutes. Childress took advantage and stifled the Lady Broncos with good defense. Smith pumped in 11 points, and Ellis helped with four.

The seventh grade Lady Colts took on Memphis last week and lost in a close game.

"Our girls were out-hustled," Johnson said. "They just played harder than us and we missed a lot of shots."

The seventh grade played Childress in the Childress Tournament over the weekend and was able to regroup to win 37-14.

The Lady Colts took the lead early on and never looked back. A big third quarter sealed the win for the ladies as the host team was unable to stop them. Kira Weather-ton led the ladies on the scoreboard with 10 and Mattie Johnson added nine. Raynee Newsome had seven, Darcie Hunsaker put in six, Madi Gay had five, and Giselle Mellado finished with two.

They took on Wellington in the next game and lost a close one at 26-30. The first half belonged to the Lady Colts, but the momentum shifted in the final half and Wellington was able to grab the game on both ends of the court to get the win.

Weather-ton put in 12, Johnson had eight, Gay had four, and Newsome put in two.

The Lady Colts will take on Wellington at home on Monday, February 2 in their final season game.

Turnovers cost Lady Bronco JV

The Lady Bronco junior varsity played hard against Wellington last Friday night, but too many turnovers spelled doom for the young team. The Lady Broncos were defeated, 36-51.

The game began at nine all after the first seven minutes, but Wellington took advantage of the Lady Bronco mistakes and began to open a lead. The Lady Broncos could never recover from their mistakes and took a 15-point loss.

"We played tough against Wellington, but they scored on our turnovers," coach Kasey Bells said. "You can't have that against a good team."

Sterling King put in 12 points, and Briley Chadwick added eight. Berkeley Alexander helped with six points from her side position, and Shaelyn Owiti added three. Amelia Weather-ton, Sarah Williams, and Damaris Brown had two and Karlee Adams put in one.

On Tuesday, the Lady Broncos controlled Shamrock and defeated them, 52-34.

After a slow scoring first quarter, the Lady Broncos exploded on the scoreboard and took an 11-point lead. That allowed them to find a rhythm and ride the momentum into the final minutes of the game as they held a commanding lead. King finished with 13, and Owiti and Brown put in 11 each. Weather-ton put in six, Chadwick had five, and Zaryia Smith, Adams, and Alexander each added two.

"We hustled and stayed focused in this game," Bell said. "We were able to hit shots when we needed them."

The ladies will play Wheeler at home on Friday and travel to Memphis February 3.

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Lady Broncos fight off Shamrock

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos battled hard against a good Shamrock team at home last Tuesday night and earned a huge 64-56 win.

The game was tight throughout, but the Lady Broncos played with determination and stayed focused. Clarendon jumped on the Lady Irish early and held a five-point lead going into the break. Shamrock worked their way back after three periods, but the Lady Broncos stayed solid the last eight minutes to get the win.

Taylor Gaines had a huge game and finished with 24 points. Carlee Johnson also had a big game hitting 15 points, and Taylor DeGrate helped with 14. Allyson Grahm had

nine points, and Sarah White put in two.

The ladies took on Wellington Friday night and despite playing a really good game fell short at 44-54.

The Lady Broncos came out ready to play and surprised Wellington, who has been in the top of the 2A rankings all year. After only connecting on two field goals in the third quarter Clarendon was able to keep them in the game when Johnson went five for eight from the free throw line. Gaines went four for six from the bonus line in the final quarter to stay close to Wellington.

"The girls played real well," coach Kalen Grahm said. "They (Wellington) are ranked #2 in the

state. They were able to grab the lead early and hold on for the win, but the girls played very hard and learned a lot about ourselves. They hurt us on the offensive rebounding and inside play. We need to handle the pressure better to close the gap between a win and a loss. Overall, we played a very solid game. We are looking forward to the next couple of games to set ourselves up for district."

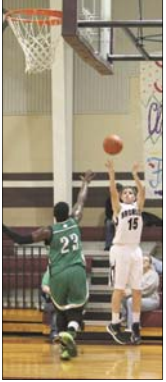
Gaines ripped 17 points and Johnson, and Grahm helped with 10. DeGrate put in seven.

The Lady Broncos will take on Wheeler at home Friday, January 30, as they begin the second half of district. They will travel to Memphis, Tuesday, February 3.



Taylor DeGrate shoots for two in last Tuesday's game against Shamrock.

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Chance Lockhart scores three for the Broncos.

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Broncos slam Shamrock, Wellington

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos jumped to 3-0 in the district race with wins over Shamrock and Wellington last week. At home on Tuesday, the Broncos demolished the Irish defeating them, 72-52.

Shamrock took the early lead against the Broncos as they stormed to a four-point lead in the first quarter. But the Broncos would not be denied and took control of the game in the second period of play. They were able to takeover the lead before the break and never relinquish their momentum.

The Broncos were able to hold their own in the last half and get the district win. Charles Mason stormed the court with 20 points including two three-pointers. Bryce Grahm followed suit and put up 16 points, and Cedrick McCampbell showed his senior leadership with 13 points. Colt Wood put in eight, Taylon Knorpp had four, Chance Lockhart had three, and Riley Shadle and Chesson Sims each had two.

On Friday, the Broncos fought hard to earn a two-point win over a good Wellington team at 58-56.

The Broncos trailed until the very end when they gained the two-point advantage over the Skyrocks. Wellington jumped out to the early advantage in the first quarter of play and led by three points. After holding a two-point lead at the break, the Skyrocks ended the third period with a three-point lead. The Broncos turned up the heat in the final period to get the win.

"We shot the ball well from behind the arc," coach Brandt Lockhart said. "It was a big win on the road for us against a ranked opponent. I was very pleased with our effort."

Lockhart came up big with 16 points. McCampbell put in 12, and Grahm finished with 11. Mason had nine, Cenicerros put in seven, and Wood finished with three. Grahm led the Broncos rebounding with 13 and Lockhart grabbed nine. The duo teamed up again in the assist column with Grahm helping with six and Lockhart five. Grahm also nabbed two steals.

The Broncos will play Wheeler at home on Friday, January 30, at 8:00 p.m. and travel to Memphis February 3.

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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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This property tax information covers a wide range of topics, such as taxpayer remedies, exemptions, appraisals and is of value to select groups, such as disabled veterans and persons who are 65 years of age or older.

"Whether you are a homeowner, business owner, disabled veteran or a taxpayer, it's important you know your rights concerning the property tax laws," said Paula Lowrie, Chief Appraiser of the Donley Appraisal District. "You can contact us about any property tax issues with full confidence that we will provide you the most complete, accurate and up-to-date available information to assist you."

This includes information about the following programs.

- **Property tax exemptions for disabled veterans** - The law provides partial exemptions for property owned by veterans who are disabled, spouses and survivors of deceased disabled veterans and spouses and survivors of military personnel who died on active duty. The amount of exemption is determined according to percentage of service-connected disability. The law also provides a 100 percent exemption for 100 percent disabled veterans and their surviving spouses, beginning in 2009.

- **Property tax exemptions** - Non-profit organizations that meet statutory requirements may seek property tax exemptions and must apply to their county appraisal district by a specific date. Businesses that receive tax abatements granted by taxing units, firms that ship inventory out of Texas, and businesses that acquire pollution control property may also be eligible for statutory exemptions.

- **Rendering taxable property** - If a business owns tangible personal property that is used to produce income, the business must file a rendition with its local county appraisal district by a specified date. Personal property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property such as church property or an agriculture producer's equipment used for farming.

- **Appraisal notices** - If a taxpayer's property value increased in the last year, the Texas taxpayer will receive a notice of appraised value from the appropriate local county appraisal district. The city, county, school districts and other local taxing units will use the appraisal district's value to set property taxes for the coming year.

- **Homestead exemptions** - A homestead is generally defined as the home and land used as the owner's principal residence on Jan. 1 of the tax year. A homestead exemption

reduces the appraised value of the home and, as a result, lowers property taxes. Applications are submitted to the appropriate local county appraisal district.

- **Productivity appraisal** - Property owners who use land for timberland production, agricultural purposes, and wildlife management can be granted property tax relief on their land. They may apply to their local county appraisal district for an agricultural appraisal which may result in a lower appraisal of the land based on how much the taxpayer produces, versus what the land would sell for in the open market.

- **Residence homestead** tax deferral - Texas homeowners may postpone paying the currently delinquent property taxes due on the appreciating value of their homes by filing a tax deferral affidavit at their local county appraisal district. This tax relief allows homeowners to pay the property taxes on 105 percent of the preceding year's appraised value of their homestead, plus the taxes on any new improvements to the homestead. The remaining taxes are postponed, but not cancelled, with interest accruing at 8 percent per year.

- **Property tax deferral** for persons age 65 or older and disabled homeowners - Texans who are 65 years of age or older, or who are disabled as defined by law, may postpone paying current and delin-

quent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit. Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred, but not cancelled, as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Interest continues to accrue on unpaid taxes. You may obtain a deferral affidavit at the appraisal district.

- **Notice of availability of electronic communication** - Chief appraisers of a county appraisal districts and appraisal review boards may communicate electronically through email or other media with property owners or their designated representatives. Written agreements are required for notices and other documents to be delivered electronically in place of mailing.

- **Protesting property appraisal values** - Property owners who disagree with the appraisal district's appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the appraisal district's appraisal review board.

For more information about these programs contact the Donley Appraisal District at 806-874-2744. On our website, www.donleycad.org, there is contact information for our staff and more information on the topics listed above. Information is also available from the state Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division website at www.window.state.tx.us/hcmf/proptax/.



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Charles Wayne Robertson, CFSP, a funeral director with Robertson Funeral Directors in Clarendon, Texas, has recently qualified for recertification of the designation of Certified Funeral Service Practitioner (CFSP), by the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice. Charles Wayne Robertson is also a Lifetime Member of the Academy.

A number of professions grant special recognition to members upon completion of specified academic and professional programs and "CFSP" is funeral service's national individual recognition.

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Since its 1976 founding, the Academy has had its goals: 1) to recognize those practitioners who have voluntarily entered into a program of personal and professional growth, 2) to raise and improve standards of funeral service and 3) to encourage practitioners to make continuing education a life-long process in their own self-interest, the interest of the families they serve, and the community in which they serve.

To initially receive this award, the practitioner must complete a 180 hour program of continuing education activities and events. In addition, the practitioner is required to accumulate 20 hours per year to recertify. Credits are awarded by the Academy for work leading to personal and/or professional growth in four areas: Academic Activities, Professional Activities, Career Review (for retroactive credit), and Community and Civic Activities.

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Control Codes	10 General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 473,420	\$ 42,794	\$ 516,214
5800 State Program Revenues	1,061,307	75,556	1,136,863
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	112,746	112,746
5020 Total Revenues	1,534,727	234,076	1,768,803
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
0014 Instruction	739,256	62,073	801,329
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	7,799	-	7,799
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	-	8,986	8,986
0023 School Leadership	81,255	-	81,255
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	309	-	309
0033 Health Services	269	-	269
0024 Student (Pupil) Transportation	107,563	-	107,563
0035 Food Services	-	86,139	86,139
0036 Extracurricular Activities	53,509	-	53,509
0041 General Administration	150,299	-	150,299
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	160,299	-	160,299
0053 Data Processing Services	94,859	-	94,859
Debt Service:			
0071 Principal on Long Term Debt	-	80,000	80,000
0072 Interest on Long Term Debt	-	11,508	11,508
0073 Bond Insurance Cost and Fees	-	323	323
Capital Outlay:			
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	8,914	-	8,914
Intergovernmental:			
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	12,731	-	12,731
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	20,288	-	20,288
6030 Total Expenditures	1,457,350	249,029	1,706,379
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	77,377	(14,953)	62,424
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
7915 Transfers In	-	14,997	14,997
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(14,997)	-	(14,997)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(14,997)	14,997	-
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	62,380	44	62,424
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	723,470	299	723,769
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 785,850	\$ 343	\$ 786,193



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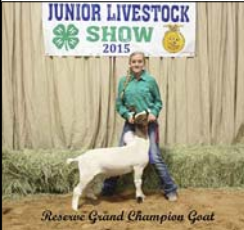
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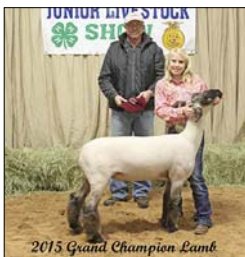
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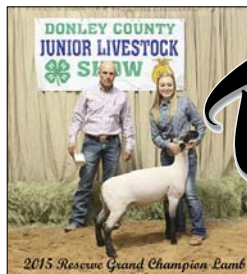
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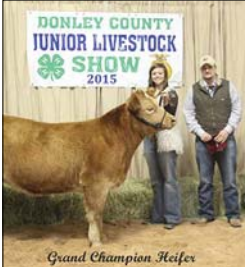
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Live Here is a program that celebrates questions, showcases and explores the people, the places, and the pieces that tell our story of why and how we "live here."

Live Here is a weekly, on-air series with a public affairs segment that will examine and attempt to explain timely and critical issues that matter here in the Texas Panhandle. The program will also feature

segments on the arts, community organizations, events and people making a difference and working to shape and inform the culture and the sensibilities of our lives here. Other pieces will include features on our community partners. Live Here will also feature pieces produced by students in the Amarillo College Mass Media program. Each show with additional content, will be available online at PanhandlePBS.org after broadcast.

Live Here will begin Thursday, February 5, 2015, at 7 p.m., and each additional episode will premiere on Thursday evenings, and encore Sunday afternoons at 4:30 p.m.

A diverse community public affairs committee is being formed to

help identify topics and issues that are of interest to the people of the Panhandle. The first two identified subjects are educational attainment, and Drug Court. The premiere episode on February 5 will take a behind-the-scenes look at Drug Court with Judge John Board of the 181st District, where an innovative approach to dealing with drug users on probation is helping save both families and lives. Live Here will feature firsthand accounts of participants in Drug Court, the paths they are taking to recovery, and how different Panhandle organizations are working together in each stage of recovery to help offenders regain control of their lives and move forward with hope.

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New Ear Drops for Swimmer's Ear

Finafloxacin (Xtora) ear drops have been approved by the FDA to help treat a condition that is commonly known as swimmer's ear. This condition affects the outer part of the ear. It is an infection (acute otitis externa) of the ear and external ear canal. Otitis externa is typically caused by bacteria when the ear is moist. Swelling, redness, pain, and ear discharge can occur. Finafloxacin ear drops are applied to the ear to help kill two major types of bacteria that causes the infection. Finafloxacin is an antibiotic that belongs to the drug class of the fluoroquinolones. This group helps eradicate bacteria by interrupting the bacteria's genes.

The results of the clinical trials that led to approval of finafloxacin ear drops showed a seventy percent cure rate in the people who used the ear drops compared to a thirty seven percent cure rate in people who received an ear drop that did not include the antibiotic, finafloxacin. The most common side effects of Xtora include nausea and itching of the ear.



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Obituaries

McCampbell

Misty Renee McCampbell, 42, of Clarendon, passed away on January 20, 2015. Memorial Services were held on Monday, January 26, 2015, at First Assembly of God Church in Clarendon.



McCampbell

Misty resided in Clarendon and was self-employed in her own house keeping business. Her greatest joy in her short 42 years on this Earth was her children & grandbaby. She was the apple of her parent's eyes, a delight to her siblings, and a companion to many other family & friends.

She is survived by her four children, Stephino McCampbell, Shaquille McCampbell, Cedric McCampbell and Savannah Harkness; her grandbaby Anaiiah McCampbell; her parents, Cal & Sherry West and Helen & Ted Graham; her siblings San & Kim West, Gina & Tim Teffetteller, and Kelli & JayR Dunn, and a host of other relatives and friends.

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Yankie

Joseph "Joe Mike" Michael Yankie died January 19, 2015.

Memorial Services were held, January 20, 2015, in Agape Christian Church with George Hall, officiating.

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

Mr. Yankie was born August 2, 1952, in Clarendon, to Doc and Kathleen Oden Yankie. He served in the US Army in Vietnam and was a carpenter. Mr. Yankie married Betty Mays on November 15, 2014. He had lived in Clarendon most of his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his Wife, Betty Yankie of Clarendon; two sons, Joey Yankie and wife April of Clarendon and John Mark Yankie of Clarendon; a sister, Sue Page of Brodnax, Virginia; three Grandchildren; two step-sons, Mark Holmes and Chris Holmes and wife Robin, all of Carrollton, and six step-grandchildren.

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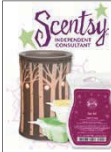
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