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Christmas!



*May peace be your constant companion
during this special time of year.*

Poinsettias:
Texas' mark
on holiday's
festive Flower

'Tis the season of anticipation, and all around us are signs of the upcoming celebration. In church courtyards, three wise men eagerly look upon still-empty mangers. Elsewhere, some unsuspecting Texans have already seen their first snowfall of the season – or even the decade. And all across the state, Christmas lights twinkle at nightfall, while during the day, vibrant red poinsettias keep the mood merry and bright.



texas
times
by sen. john corynn

Poinsettias have become a staple of the season, but did you know the Christmas flower has ties to the Texas border?

In 1825, President John Quincy Adams appointed the first US Minister to Mexico: Joel Roberts Poinsett. Poinsett travelled south to Mexico with the task of renegotiating the US-Mexico border and bringing Texas into the US once and for all. At that time, the southern border of the US sat at the Red River, north of modern-day Texas. President Adams dreamed of the United States extending all the way south to the Rio Grande River, and he was willing to pay one million dollars for that prize.

Of course, Mexico saw great value in Texas and did not budge.

Unfortunately for him, Poinsett never succeeded in his mission of purchasing Texas. However, during his failed attempt in moving the US-Mexico border, the amateur botanist discovered a plant near Taxco de Alarcón so beautiful that he cut its stems and had them sent back home to the United States.

He mailed the vibrant red blooms to friends, fellow botanists, and botanical gardens across the country, and by 1836 – the very same year Texas won its independence from Mexico – the flowers had become widely known across the country not by their scientific name (Euphorbia pulcherrima), but by the name of the diplomat who brought them here: poinsettias.

Today, Texas is a top poinsettia producer, although cultivating the red Christmas poinsettias is no easy feat. To grow the brightest blossoms, poinsettias require at least five consecutive twelve-hour nights and warm, bright sunny days. These plants still grow best in the Taxco region of Mexico, where Joel Roberts Poinsett found them almost two centuries ago, and where they're still known as Flores de Nochebuena (Christmas Eve flowers). Texas' own native poinsettia has a distinct splash of red-orange, and is therefore aptly called the "Painted" Poinsettia or the "Fire on the Mountain" Poinsettia.

During Christmastime in Texas, poinsettias of all kinds adorn town squares, gardens, and homes. In Big Spring, Texas, the annual 'Poinsettias in the Park' attraction features multiple enormous metal poinsettias wrapped in Christmas lights. The Concho Christmas Celebration is also known for its life-like poinsettia light exhibit. And the winter wonderland display at the Gaylord Texan hotel in Garland, Texas boasts more than 2,000 live poinsettias in all.

As you see these famed poinsettia displays and others in Texas this season, I hope you'll take a moment to remember their history. To all Texans who produce, decorate with, and admire the beauty of poinsettias, I wish you and your family a very merry Christmas.



Watch is more than a timepiece

Now and again, a news story piques our consciousness with greater impact than carefully prepared ads. Such was the case a few months ago when ABC News ran a story about a couple whose appreciation for a physician runs deep. They credited a doctor for saving both the mother's life, as well as the baby she birthed. Months later, they were indebted for his saving the infant's life a second time. To express their thanks, they gave him a handsome wristwatch. A close-up provided by TV cameras revealed the "Bulova" name on the watch face.

This account evoked many long ago memories. It served to remind me how much I missed my Bulova Accutron watch I've worn for more than 25 years. No, the watch didn't fail, but a well-intentioned drugstore sales guy did almost two years ago when he insisted on installing my new battery. Figuring I'd botch the installation – and was several hundred miles away from my jeweler in Texas – I appreciated the offer. Hours later, retiring for the evening, I noticed the back of my watch was missing when I placed it on the nightstand....

Striving to remain optimistic, I sought a jeweler with an extra back for a watch manufactured almost 30 years ago. For months, I struck out, until chancing to visit "Best Jewelers" in Tyler, TX. There, owner Aaron Berry offered a glimmer of hope, suggesting that the part might be found on the Internet. It wasn't.

However, Bulova officials in New York City thought they could locate one, and sure enough, they did. It was sent immediately to Aaron, and my watch is now back on my wrist.

I consider it a Christmas present

to myself, and am grateful that Bulova's Robert Christian, Executive Vice President, Global Marketing, was immediately empathetic. As we spoke on the phone, he said he was viewing his own favorite wristwatch; it happens to be an Accutron....



the idle
american
by don newbury

This vignette ignited memories of "growing up" years in Brown County, TX, when we gathered around radios (dining on frozen radio dinners, of course) for nightly entertainment provided by network programming (mostly 30-minute comedy shows).

Bulova ads led the way. One proclaimed, "Bulova watch time – B-U-L-O-V-A – is 7:30 p.m.," or whatever time it was.

Another one pitched the timepiece to be "on your wrist faithfully forever"....

Modest research reveals that Bulova watches date back to 1875, when Joseph Bulova introduced what has become an iconic brand.

Bulova remains headquartered in NYC, and now has eight international offices and distribution in 65 cities. It remains at the forefront of the timepiece industry.

"First" by Bulova include radio and television ads, 1926 and 1941, respectively. They proclaimed that "America runs on Bulova time." The

company introduced clock radios in 1928 and has provided timing instruments for satellites. Also, pilots in the fastest airplane ever made have depended on these timepieces. (More about the company's "history of firsts" at www.bulova.com)....

I know. There are many ways today to learn exact time. Grandchildren today cock their heads when I speak of asking my late grandfathers to pull out "pocket watches" so I could hear them tick. (They don't care that my Accutron is the first watch I've owned that doesn't tick, and probably wouldn't be impressed if Niagara Falls started running back-wards.)

I recall asking silly pre-school questions, such as, "What happens when the watch quits ticking?"

Each grandfather's answer was, of course, "I wind it,"....

As more than a "Christmas twist," I offer these suggestions. Don't try to impress grandkids with your watch, unless it does animal tricks. Use the children mostly to help out with computer and smart phone usage.

When your watch battery "kaputs," visit a jeweler. If I'm in Tyler, I'll visit Best Jewelers. If in Burleson, TX, my hometown, I'll head to Bobby Woolard's store.

I trust them both, but may apply Scotch tape to the watch back for a few days, just in case....

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The hog killers down in Draw, Texas

Ricky Barnes lives at Draw, a small place southeast of Tahoka. He loves to kill ferrell hogs. "It's an addiction. I could make excuses like it's good for the environment, it's good for my farming and ranching neighbors, but even if it wasn't all that, I would still love killing pigs."

He and his wife Diana shoot hogs a lot in the 75 miles of rangeland and Caprock country between Post and Gail. They started doing it 17 years ago just before Diana was going in for major surgery. "She mentioned that she was not going to be able to use her rifle for a while and that we ought to go out and kill a hog. So we did. We made a game out of it and called that hog number one. Since then, seventeen years ago, we've killed 978 wild hogs." After getting that first hog, Diana checked into a hospital in Lubbock for surgery at 6 AM the next day.

They both use single shot weapons. Ricky uses a pistol; Diana uses a rifle, both Thompson breaker guns. They had the barrels custom made because they take an unusual 375-caliber shell. They make their own bullets and save

their shell casings. "My pistol has been shot 5,300 times." They get around on 4-wheelers. Ricky drives while Diana sits behind him. They put 18,000 miles on their first one, then traded it for another one. This second one has 20,000 miles on it. They do take chances. Both have had wounded hogs run right toward them. Once Ricky, hunting by himself, had to stand up on the seat of the 4-wheeler and shoot down at a wounded hog that was mad and getting blood all over the side of the vehicle.

Ricky will actually walk into a sounder (that's what a bunch of hogs is called) that has about 30 animals in it and start shooting. "I get in the middle of them, put myself in harm's way, and I pick out the biggest boar and I bust him. After that, all these pigs are going nuts because they have figured out that some-

thing is not right. I killed 7 of those pigs in less than a minute with a singleshoot breaker pistol. I had to shoot, unload, reload, re-aim and fire 7 times before the sounder got away. I've done that 4 times."

Ricky travels with a camera and has a dozen thick albums with pictures of the hogs he and Diana have shot. Ricky tries to hit a pig in its ear. "Shoot them in the ear and they'll drop like a sack of flour. Of if they're running away from you, shoot 'em in the butt." Some of these hogs are more than 5 feet long and weigh hundreds of pounds. He used to give the hogs to his neighbors until they got tired of eating them. He hunts a lot. "On a 30-day month I'll hunt 25 days."

He says hogs are tough. "A wild pig will eat anything but a caliche rock to survive." A pig can have 3 liters a year. The normal life span is 8 years. "One male and one female and their offspring can be responsible for 24,000 pigs in 8 years."

Ricky has not been hurt. "Knock on wood and praise the Lord, not yet."

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January 5
Lady Owls • McLean • Away • 6:30 p.m.

January 9
Lady Owls • Whitdeer • Home • 6:30 p.m.

January 13
Donley County Junior Livestock Show & Sale • Donley County Activity Center

February 8
Chamber Awards Banquet & Silent Auction • 7:00 • Bairfield Activity Center

March 3 & 4
Whistle Stop Trade Days

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Menus

December 25 - 29

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Holiday
Tue: Sliced beef, macaroni and cheese, Italian mix vegetables, chocolate cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Soft beef taco, salad trimmings, Spanish rice, pinto beans, pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Hot dog on a bun, potato wedges, coleslaw, brownies, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Chicken spaghetti, broccoli, corn, crackers, spice cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Holiday
Tue: Beef & bean chili Verde, long grain white rice, tossed vegetable salad, saltine crackers, cantaloupe, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Meatloaf w/tomato sauce, mashed potatoes, Winter blend vegetable, wheat roll, apple fluff, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Ham & pinto beans, corn bread, margarine, spinach, seasoned corn, orange pineapple cup, country apple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Cheeseburgers, potato wedges, tomato wedge salad, melon medley, iced tea/2% milk.

Grand Jury hands up indictments

The Donley County Grand Jury handed up indictments against four individuals when it met Monday, December 11.

Christopher James Duke was indicted for the third degree offense of Driving While Intoxicated (third or more) for an incident on October 25, 2017.

Darren Ray Gunnels was indicted for the state jail felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance for an incident on July 13, 2017.

Frederick Joseph Muzzo was indicted for Possession of a Controlled Substance PG2, a third degree felony, for an incident on July 13.

Angelo J. Pisano was also indicted for Possession of a Controlled Substance PG2, a state jail felony in that case, for an offense on July 2, 2016.

United Christians to hold breakfast

The United Christians Breakfast will be held at 7 a.m. December 21 at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Breakfast starts at 7:00 followed by a very special Christmas program brought by Edwin and Jan Campbell. Be there for a special devotional and singing Christmas carols.

Rise early and see the best part of the Panhandle day and fellowship with Christians and still get to work by 8:00.

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Art club receives festival report

Les Beaux Art Club of Clarendon met for their regular meeting at the First Baptist Church on December 1.

Beautiful handmade petit point Christmas ornaments adorned the tables, along with festive red and white dinnerware.

The hostesses, Genella Eads, Gwynne Howard, Diane Skelton, Betty Ann Sansing, and Katherine Williams, prepared a wonderful meal consisting of hot chicken salad, spinach salad, homemade bread, and pumpkin rolls. It was enjoyed by everyone.

A report on the recent art festival was presented by Theresa Shelton. Consensus concluded that it was successful and was enjoyed by buyers and artist alike.

The main goal of the Art festival was to introduce art to our community and to our school children. The turnout for the event was high, and therefore it was deemed a success.

Special thanks to Roger Estlack for his help in getting advertising out to other towns via their newspaper and to all members who helped our children with their art projects that

were displayed and judged at the festival.

The program was presented by Diane Skelton, who had beautiful needlepoint pictures, pillows, and other lovely pieces that she displayed. She has been making these type of appliqué items for more than 40 years. She also discussed the appliqué machine, a computer operated devise that works with digital images. All who were in attendance were fascinated by the machine and enjoyed the program.

Out next meeting will be January 5 at the Catholic Church.

Hollands mark 75th anniversary

Buford and Geraldine (Foster) Holland celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary December 10 at a reception featuring a slideshow of memories hosted for them in Amarillo by their children and loved ones.

The couple was married December 12, 1942 at Lelia Lake, and together they raised four children: Darrell, Glyndol, Lynn, and Gail on their farm southwest of Hedley. Their love is now also shared and celebrated by nine grandchildren, eighteen great grandchildren and 12 great great grandchildren.



Geraldine and Buford Holland today and in 1942.



Buford and Geraldine have spent their entire lives working hard and being the biggest supporters

of their family and also the Hedley community. Congratulations on 75 years together!

Quilting club holds annual Christmas party

The Golden Needles Quilters met Thursday, December 14, with Annis Stavenhagen hosting their annual Christmas party in her home.

The program for the day was planned and coordinated by Gay Cole. There was much laughter as she led the ladies in games and then

in sharing stories from their "growing up years."

Each member brought case for the Angel Tree and a dish of food for sharing lunch together followed by singing Christmas carols accompanied on the piano by Betty Jean Williams.

Members present were Annis Stavenhagen, Gay Cole, Betty Jean Williams, Wilma Callis, Carlene Hollar, Louella Slater, MaryLynn Manning, Jana Koonitz, Suzan Chas-sande-Baroz, Donna Barnes, Eva Lee Swinney, Frances Smith, Tiny Alderson, and Barbara Helms.

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used a preprinted insert in the past 30 days. Adults keep inserts 4.4 days. 59% used inserts to compare prices. 55% used to compare one circular to another. 52% saved until visiting the store and 43% used to make an unplanned purchase.

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NANCY DAVIS
Born in California 1938, Nancy Davis moved to Texas when she was just six years old and lived a full life, including a distinguished record of service in the Women of the Moose, before retiring to Howardwick in 1993.
It wasn't long before she became very active in the community, serving as a city alderman for more than four years, including two as mayor pro tem, and then being elected mayor in 2000. She served as mayor for 2 1/2 years before resigning to care for her cancer-stricken daughter.
Nancy was also very active as a member of the Country Club, the Card Club, and the Classic Dames Red Hat Club, and she also served as a member of the Burton Memorial Library Board before her death in 2015.
The Whistle-Stop and the community salute the memory of Nancy Davis for her devotion to Howardwick through her spirit of service. Thank you, ma'am!

Don't miss Whistle-Stop Trade Days: Mar. 3 & 4

DPS offers winter safety tips

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) encourages Texans in all regions of the state to make preparations for winter weather as we enter the cold weather season.

"While we've all heard the joke about Texas only having two seasons — hot and hotter — all Texans need to prepare now for the serious threats that the upcoming winter could bring," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Every year, Texas faces the dangers of winter weather conditions, including freezing temperatures, ice, sleet, and even snow. Texans are urged to stay informed about changing weather in their area and to take steps now to help stay safe during the coming months."

Texans should winterize their vehicles by checking the battery, windshield wipers (including appropriate freeze resistant fluid), tire pressure, tire tread, fluid levels, and lubricate door and trunk locks to prevent freezing. In addition, here is a list of emergency supplies drivers can keep in their vehicle: Blankets; sleeping bags, extra clothing, gloves and a hat; Cell phone, radio, flash-light and extra batteries; First-aid kit and pocket knife; High calorie, non-perishable food and bottled water; Bag of sand or cat litter to provide traction for tires; and Windshield

scraper, tool kit, booster cables, tow rope and a shovel.

DPS offers the following additional tips for staying safe during possible winter weather:

Monitor local weather broadcasts and follow up to-the-minute weather conditions, at <http://www.weather.gov/>; Purchase an all-hazards weather radio for up-to-date warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information; Sign up for your local emergency notification system; Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before any trip, and keep your gas tank full; On icy roads, drive slowly and increase distance required for stopping, and avoid using cruise control; Watch for downed trees and power lines across roads. If power is out, treat all intersections as four-way stops; Allow extra time when traveling in inclement weather; Avoid traveling when sleet, freezing rain or snow is predicted, and monitor road conditions by visiting www.drvetexas.org or by calling 1-800-452-9292; Insulate outside faucets and pipes near outer walls; and Make sure that furnaces, heaters, fireplaces and wood stoves are clean, well-ventilated and in good working condition.

Also, to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, NEVER operate generators and other fuel-powered

devices inside a home or an enclosed space, such as a garage. The deadly odorless, colorless gas is produced any time a fossil fuel is burned, with sources including motor vehicle engines, generators and fuel-burning appliances or heating systems. Consider installing a carbon monoxide detector. Make arrangements for proper shelter and an emergency supply of food and water for your pets and livestock. Stock up on firewood and supplies, including canned goods and bottled water. If you will be away from home for a long period of time, set your thermostat to 55 degrees or higher and open cabinets under sinks. Make sure you have inclement weather contact numbers for schools and work. Check on friends and family members whose health or age may put them at greater risk from cold weather.

During the winter season, residents can contact 2-1-1 Texas, the state's free 24-hour helpline, to check on possible community-established warming centers or related services in their area. No matter where you live in Texas, you can dial 2-1-1 or 877-541-7905 for community resources.

Visit <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/ThreatAwareness/winterstorm.htm> for information regarding winter weather preparedness.

Sagan files to run for Congress

Greg Sagan of Amarillo, TX, has filed to appear on the Democratic Primary Ballot on March 6, 2018, for the US House of Representatives, District 13. He will be opposing Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) in the General Election after what appears at this time to be unchallenged Primary races.

A Vietnam Veteran, Greg Sagan has spent the past several months traveling the District on a listening tour.

"I was raised to believe two things about America. The first was that we all owe our country something for the blessings it provides us," Sagan said. "The second was that America's government is there to defend the interests of the weak, the poor and the helpless against the selfish interests of the strong. I intend to be a voice in Congress for all the people in District 13 and to apply myself to the cause of restoring fairness, individual liberty and fiscal responsibility in a government that has been struck dead to the anger of the people."

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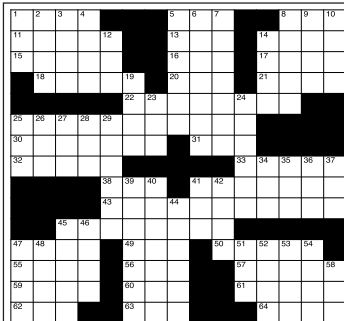
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- Listen to
- Longed
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- Descriptor
- Yankees' sensation Judge
- Zero
- Comics legend Lee
- Honorary title holder
- "Uncle Joey"
- Graceland and stylish
- Pitching term
- Former Mets outfielder Jones
- One who avoids animal products
- Quick to learn
- Mechanism in an organ
- Redo with new materials
- Epics
- Wings
- Extrasensory perception
- Cavalry sword
- Bangladeshi monetary unit
- Not the bottom
- Afflicted
- Bound
- One who is highly skilled
- Jewish spiritual leader
- Tall, rounded vase
- Liturgical language of Hinduism (abbr.)
- Check

CLUES DOWN

- Pie __ mode
- Portuguese cape
- Ottoman military title
- Movable frame used in burials
- Type of coal
- A treeless grassy plain
- Artist's workroom
- Assists
- Protein-rich liquids
- A song of praise to God
- Much __ about nothing
- Japanese city
- Atomic number 10
- Egyptian goddess
- Go places
- Having ten
- Complete
- Automotive belt
- Psyche
- Melodious bird
- Medical personnel
- Acquired
- Type of beverage
- Neither
- Spanish monetary units
- Small area of grass
- Your
- Diana __, singer
- Salt's partner
- Made of wood
- No longer alive
- Alaskan island
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Colts breeze past Claude

Both Colt teams earned big wins over Claude at home last week. They used a solid offense and aggressive defense to get the wins. The seventh grade won 58-45.

Sylvester Ballard continues to dominate offensively finishing with 31 points, but a great team effort allowed them to execute their offense. Defensively, they were able to make stops when they needed to and cause Claude to make mistakes. They were somewhat weak from the free throw line only converting fourteen of twenty-five.

Cody Bond turned in nine points in the win and Bradin Balogh helped with seven. Josh Dunn had six, Anthony Martin put in three, and Bud Woods helped with two.

The eighth grade won big at 37-10. Josiah Howard and Catter Goodpasture finished in double figures to lead the Colts on the scoreboard. Giving another solid offensive effort, the Colts worked together to get the job done. They opened the game on fire and led by 10 and held Claude to single digits at the break. The second half was more of the same and a focused defensive game plan held the Mustangs only allowing three points to be scored. The Colts only shot 48 percent from the bonus line.

Jodee Pigg helped with four, Aiden Caudle had two, and Levi Eytcheson put in one.

Lady Colts slam Claude, 31-5

The Lady Colts won big on the road at Claude last week by 26 points at 31-5.

The jumped on them early in the game gaining the momentum and finding an offensive rhythm. The Lady Mustangs were unable to stop them while struggling to find their own offense. Clarendon held them to only one point the first half and four points in the second.

Madison Smith exploded on offense for the Lady Colts and put in 12 points. Emeri Robinson helped with six, and Darcy Grahn and Graci Kidd added four each. Kaylee Bruce put in three and Kyler Robinson had two.

"The eighth grade played well," coach Carrie Hicks said. "They won pretty easily and played awesome defense. They only let Claude score five points. All but two Lady Colts put up points on the scoreboard."

The seventh grade played hard, but was up against a good Lady Mustang team and lost 23-54.

Claude gained the early momentum and was unstoppable.

Booker beats JV Broncos at buzzer

In their opening game this season, the Bronco junior varsity suffered a disappointing loss at home against Booker last week. The game was close throughout and went back and forth in the final quarter of play. A shot by Booker at the buzzer gave the Broncos the loss at 21-19.

The low score tells the tale of a defensive game from the beginning to the end. Neither team dominated on the offensive end of the court. Costly turnovers and missed shots plagued the Broncos who only had one good practice before the game. They struggled to find a rhythm in the game and could never gain the momentum over the Kiowas. Aaron Roys led with eight and Gavin Word put in four. Cole Franks finished with three points and Ivan Gonzalez had two.



Calder Havens (12) sneaks in a steal as Josiah Howard (44) defends the basket against Claude. The Colts came out victors on December 11th when they defeated the Mustangs.

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Esmeralda Lucero (40) prepares for the press against Claude December 11th during a fifth quarter.

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- town where Christ was born
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- carried the Kings
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- three of them brought gifts
- tree decorations
- lighted to show warmth and joy
- ring of greens
- marked the place in the sky
- birthday of Jesus Christ
- songs of the season
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carols

Kings

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bells

What Plant is This?

Use these letters to spell the name.

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This plant used to brighten the holidays is native to Mexico. The "flowers" are actually leaves!

p i s t i s

Broncs defeat Booker

By Sandy Anderberg

Just coming off a great football season and only having one practice day, the Broncos cleaned house on Booker at home last week. Clarendon won by 21 at 69-48.

The Broncos came out looking to the goal in the first quarter of play and executed their offense like they wanted to. They held the frustrated Kiowa team to only 21 points in the first half of play. Working off their momentum control, the Broncos continued their dominance on both ends of the court. It was not until the fourth quarter that Booker was able to attempt a comeback hitting four three-pointers to tighten the game. But the Broncos quickness was too much for the Kiowa's and they earned the win.

Bear Smith led the Broncos on the scoreboard with 25 points, which included four three-pointers and shooting 75 percent from the bonus line. Colt Wood hit two three-pointers and finished with 12 points. Daquawne Oliver put in eight, Isaac Dunham was strong inside and had six, and Damarjae Cortez added five. Collin Butler and Justin Christopher each had four. Caton Graham had three, and Preston Elam put in two.



Justin Christopher takes a free throw for the Clarendon Broncos during last weeks victory against Booker.

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Lady Broncos beat Booker girls, 47-23

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Lady Broncos put together four good quarters of basketball to defeat the Lady Kiowa 47-23 last week.

The Lady Broncos played strong in the first half of play and had things going their way. A strong offensive plan on the perimeter gave them a cushion to go into the second half with a strong 18-point lead. Sandra Smith and Shadlyn Owiti combined to rack up 13, and Carlee Johnson nailed a three for 16 first quarter points to get the momentum they needed. They were able to stay aggressive on the defensive end of the court and hold Booker when they needed to.

Smith finished with 10 and Owiti had seven. Kira Weatheron and Darcie Hunsaker had six, C. Johnson had five, and Mattee Johnson put in four. Jade Benson and Brandalyn Ellis each helped with three, Hannah Hommel had two, and Emily Johnson added one.



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Broncos win two, lose two at Lockney Tournament

Over the weekend, the Broncos competed in the Lockney Tournament. They came home with two wins and two losses.

The Broncos took on Happy in the first round and were narrowly defeated 57-63. Happy was able to hold the early edge and the Broncos struggled to find a rhythm to overtake them. Wood was on fire and put in 28 points and Smith added eight. Cortez had five, Grahm put in four, Oliver had four, N. Elam had three, and P. Elam and Christopher had two each.

They took on Ralls in the second round and breezed to a win. The Broncos turned up the heat early and played solid on both ends of the court for the win. Wood, Smith, and Cortez finished in double figures with 18, 15, and 14 points. Oliver had seven, P. Elam had four, Isaac Dunham had three, Butler, N. Elam, and Grahm each had two, and Christopher added a free throw.

They were defeated 55-59 by Morton in the next round. The game was tied at 29 all at the break and the Broncos stayed close. But Morton was able to get the win in the final quarter. Wood had 16, Cortez and Smith each put in 14. Butler had five and Grahm, Oliver, and N. Elam helped with two each.

They took on Happy once again in the fourth round and got their revenge on them from their previous loss. They took out the Cowboys at 63-42.

The Broncos seemed to be on their game on both ends of the court and after the first quarter of play, they were able to use the momentum for their benefit. Three finished in double figures to lead the Broncos on the scoreboard. Wood had 20, Cortez 14, Smith 13, N. Elam five, and Oliver three. Butler, Grahm, P. Elam, and Dunham each helped with two.

The Broncos will play the Amarillo Flames on Tuesday, December 19 at home beginning at 8:00 pm.



Bronco Colt Wood looks for an open man while playing Morton during the Lockney tournament last weekend.

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Lady Broncos defeat four teams to win tournament

The Lady Broncos stormed into Lockney and solidly defeated four teams for the Tournament Championship.

They met up against Tahoka in the first round and defeated them 61-51. The game was too close to call until the final period of the game. After trailing in the first half, the ladies took a two-point lead after three. With the momentum on their side, they were able to get the best of Tahoka and get the win.

Shaelyn Owiti and Sandra Smith finished in double figures with 13 and 11 respectively. Matte Johnson added nine, Carlee Johnson eight, and Darcie Hunsaker had five. Hannah Hommel had four, Jade Benson and Kira Weatherton put in three, Brandalyn Ellis had two and Emily Johnson put in one.

Their second round opponent was Happy and they earned a 40-33 win. A slow shooting start for both teams in the first quarter led to a stronger second quarter for both teams. But the third quarter is where the Lady Broncos took control and outscored the Cowgirls for the lead and win.

Owiti was on top again with 10 and M. Johnson put in nine. Hommel, C. Johnson, and E. Johnson each put in five. Weatherton had four, and Smith put in two.

The host team was their next opponent and they got the win at 48-40. Again, a third quarter surge after a close first half allowed the ladies to get the win. Owiti put in 18 points that include two three-pointers and going four for four from the bonus. Smith added 11 and C. Johnson had eight. M. Johnson put in seven, and Hommel and Darcie Hunsaker each helped with two.

The Lady Broncos met up against Happy in the Championship game and defeated them a second time at 36-29. Free throws turned out to be the difference in the game with the Lady Broncos making fourteen out of twenty. Happy stayed very close throughout the game, but the ladies held on for the win. Owiti put in 13 and Smith and J. Johnson put in six each. Hommel put in five, E. Johnson had four, and Weatherton put in two.

The girls played four close games in the Lockney Tournament," head coach Korey Conkin said. "We looked pretty solid for about three and a half quarters each time out. We've got to learn to play smart for 32 minutes. But, we grew each game as a team and dealt with adversity and overcame for four straight victories. This is a great way to finish up our last little bit of pre-season play. Building a lot of confidence as well as coming together as a unit and family. I'm extremely proud of this group of girls. It's a blessing to get to coach them and see them grow."

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Shriners Hospital urges safety this holiday

GALVESTON – The holiday months can carry an increased risk of house fires and burns, due to more time indoors, more cooking, open flames and decorations. An independent survey commissioned by Shriners Hospitals for Children polled US adults on their fire safety practices and found habits that could lead to serious injuries or even death.

Conducted as part of the Shriners Hospitals for Children annual Be Burn Aware campaign, survey results show:

Twenty-five percent of people surveyed leave lit candles unattended in their homes;

Twenty-seven percent leave lit candles within the reach of children;

Forty-seven percent do not keep something nearby to extinguish a fire when cooking, such as a lid or cookie sheet;

Twenty-five percent do not turn pot handles to the back of the stove and out of a child's reach; and

Forty-five percent do not water live Christmas trees daily, even though 70 percent were aware that they should.

"Some of these findings seem alarming, but each year at our Galveston Shriners Hospital we see the unfortunate results – children who have been injured in cooking related accidents or in fires associated with holiday decorations or candles," said David Hernon, M.D., of staff for Shriners Hospitals for Children – Galveston. "These injuries can mean years of ongoing treatments and extensive rehabilitation for a child. That's why we encourage families to learn about fire safety and prevention, before a tragedy occurs."

Designated by the American Burn Association and the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma as a verified pediatric burn care center, Shriners Hospitals

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Since the Galveston Shriners Hospital entered the burn care field in 1966, the survival rate of children with burns over more than 50 percent of their body surface has doubled. Today, patients with burns over 90 percent of their body can survive and go on to lead full, productive lives thanks to the cutting-edge clinical care, research and education at the Galveston Shriners Hospital. All care and services are provided regardless of the families' ability to pay.

"As a global leader in pediatric burn care, we want to remind the public of the simple precautions they can take to reduce the risk of fires and burns for a safe and happy holiday season," said Gary Bergens, chairman of the Board of Directors, Shriners Hospitals for Children. "Should a severe burn injury occur, our medical staff is here to help, regardless of the families' ability to pay. It is just another way we send Love to the rescue."

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AgriLife Extension to offer three TDA-mandated training courses

AMARILLO – The Texas Department of Agriculture will require special training in 2018 for new auxin herbicides applied under a Section 3 approval on dicamba-tolerant and 2,4-D-tolerant cotton.

To meet this requirement, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Amarillo will host three trainings – Jan. 12, Feb. 9 and March 9 – at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd., Amarillo.

The programs will each be from 8:30-9:30 a.m. There will be no registration fee. Each class will provide one TDA continuing education unit on laws and regulations.

"TDA is requiring auxin-specific herbicide training for those using the new formulations of dicamba (Xtendimax, FeXapan and Engenia)," said Dr. Jourdan Bell, AgriLife Extension agronomist, Amarillo. "The auxin training is required for all applicators including licensed applicators and unlicensed applicators who spray under a licensed applicator."

Xtendimax, FeXapan and Engenia were approved for use in XtendFlex, the dicamba-tolerant cotton from Monsanto. Training is not required for the use of Enlist, the new 2,4-D tolerant cotton from Dow AgroSciences.

However, Bell said, the information provided will still be applicable for producers planning to use Enlist technology.

Enlist is included in several varieties in the PhytoGen Cottonseed company brand while XtendFlex is in several varieties from Deltapine, Americot/NexGen, All-Tex/Dyna-Gro and CROPLAN Genetics brands.

She said the training is not required for old formulations such as Weedmaster, Clarity or Banvel.

AgriLife Extension county agents will be trained so they can also provide training in their counties, but all are welcome at the trainings in Amarillo, Bell said.

"Last year there were issues in other cotton-growing regions," Bell said. "Fortunately, there were very few issues reported in Texas. As we plan for our 2018 cotton crop, we want to be proactive and promote stewardship of the new dicamba formulations so we can maintain the technology in Texas."

Bell said when the Environmental Protection Agency approved the registration for Xtendimax, FeXapan and Engenia, it was a two-year conditional registration.

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What Happened to All the Quail?

By Chadd Malone, Texas Parks & Wildlife

If you are a hunter, landowner, ranch manager, naturalist, bird watcher or someone who just generally loves the great outdoors you may be wondering, "What happened to all the quail?" For the last couple of years quail were seemingly everywhere. Places they should be and even shouldn't be, running amuck in cover-rich river valleys all the way to the shortgrass prairies with no cover in sight. But then all of a sudden it seemed like they were gone – disappearing without a trace. So, what happened to them?

Before we can answer that question, it's important to look into the past. The last couple of years have been really good years for quail, seeing record numbers in the Panhandle in both 2015 and 2016. Adequate, timely rainfall brought good quality habitat and high food availability, which allowed the birds to survive and reproduce in a tremendous fashion.

At the Matador Wildlife Management Area (WMA) near Paducah, TX wings from harvested quail are collected annually from hunters and are aged and quantified to gauge overall harvest. The results showed that 81% of the 657 birds harvested in 2015 were juveniles, and 76% of the 1,464 birds harvested in 2016 were juveniles with the rest being adult birds. But what about this year? Of the wings received so far, only 48% are juveniles out of a total of 382 birds. That's a big difference, which means that the quail had a difficult time producing offspring this year as compared to the previous two years. Now we can begin formulating an answer for our question.

May and June were very dry months, with most of the Panhandle seeing less than half to a third of its usual rainfall during this time. June is also a very important time for quail brood-rearing and grasshopper nymph production, which is the main food source for young quail chicks due to their high protein requirements. Without adequate rainfall during the spring and summer months, especially the month of June, quail have a tough time making babies and those babies have a tough time surviving. But that is not the only kink in the hose, so to speak.

With the boom in quail numbers and other birds and small mammals like we've seen the past two years, predator numbers will also start to increase. It takes predators approximately two years to catch up to an increase in prey numbers. In other words, 2017 is the year that predator numbers have finally caught up to the surplus of prey. This increase in predator numbers will have some sort of impact on the quail population. But how much impact will they have? Glad you asked.

It's important to remember that predators will eat quail regardless of there being a surplus of them or not. If there are more predators present then more quail will get eaten, hypothetically speaking. It is equally important to remember that quail are not the easiest meal to catch. You know this if you've ever been on a quail hunt. Even with a good bird dog and your trusty over and under shotgun, they are still challenging game to take. Imagine how hard it is for a bobcat or a red-tailed hawk to catch just one quail. It's tough. Very tough. Predators have (and always have) had some impact on the quail population.

Although most types of predators are at an all-time high in 2017, they are only partially responsible for the decline. But when the prey goes away, the predator decline is not far behind—once again allowing quail and small mammals free reign to explode in numbers when the time and weather is right.

So it is a rise and fall pattern just like that of rainfall and the quail population. Both of which follow an almost identical trend and have for many years. Disease, parasites and other factors do play a part in the biology of quail, but usually only become more of a problem when the species is already under a large amount of stress, like drought for example.

The main determining factor in the rise and fall of the quail population has been and always will be rainfall. Rainfall leads to good habitat which leads to good quail numbers. And you won't have good quail habitat if you don't have adequate rainfall during key times throughout the year. Those key times are: during the previous growing season to produce good nesting habitat; during the spring to provide escape cover, as well as good food in the form of seeds from forbs (or weeds) and grasshoppers; during the summer months to produce good nesting and brood-rearing cover, as well as continued grasshopper production for the chicks; and during the fall and winter to provide continued food and thermal cover throughout the colder dormant months.

So now you've made it this far and hopefully have a better understanding of how the quail population rollercoaster works. If you are like me and most of the others reading this, you probably have one final burning question – "Are the quail gone for good?" And to that I positively say: No. It's just the rise and fall nature of the species. Once the timely rainfall returns, so will the quail.



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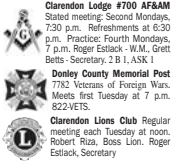
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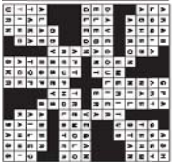
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A complete copy of the Company's Application is available for inspection in its office located at 116 S. 6th St., Memphis, TX 79245. Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact the Company at (806) 259-1444. Additionally, any affected person may file written comments or a protest concerning the proposed change in rates with the regulatory authority having original jurisdiction, your City Council, at any time within 30 days following the date on which the change would or has become effective, or January 4, 2018, whichever date is later.

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