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## THIS WEEK

2 Good journalism should never need an apology no matter who it offends.  
3 Ceremony remembers the death of a legendary local cattleman.  
4 Local students help gather food for the families in the community.  
8 And the Mulkey Theatre hosts a Big Band Christmas!

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

## Enterprise sets holiday schedule

The Clarendon Enterprise has set early deadlines for its December 26 and January 2 editions.

All news, photos, and advertisements for those two issues must be turned in by noon December 19 for publication in those issues.

The December 26 issue will be distributed Monday, December 23, and the January 2 issue will be distributed Tuesday, December 31.

The office will be closed for the holidays starting Friday, December 20. Regular hours and deadlines will resume Monday, January 6, 2020.

We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## H'wick fire fighters respond to blazes

The City of Howardwick Volunteer Fire Department has responded to two fires this month, assisted by the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department.

A mobile home on Olita Drive caught fire about 5 a.m. on December 4. Officials say the home was occupied at the time, but no one was injured. The cause of the fire is believed to have been electrical.

Another blaze on December 8 was on Pampa Street was apparently caused by a fire in a trash barrel. That fire spread through the grass and burned an outbuilding before being contained.

## Mulkey sets holiday movie showtimes

The Mulkey Theatre has announced its holiday movie showings, including a special movie on Christmas night.

"Ford v. Ferrari" will be this weekend's featured movie with showtimes at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Christmas night at 7:30 p.m., the Mulkey will show "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood." That movie will also be shown next weekend, Friday through Sunday, at the regular showtimes.

## Methodist Youth to hold Bake Sale

The United Methodist Youth will be holding a bake sale this Sunday, December 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Clarendon Outpost. Check dessert off your holiday "to-do" list by supporting the Methodist Youth.

## Driver faces charges in death of local woman

A Dallas man is in the Donley County Jail this week after a December 12 car wreck that caused the death of a Clarendon woman.

Fifty-one-year-old Delfino Frias-Aragonez is facing charges of first degree Intoxicated Manslaughter and third degree Intoxicated Assault, according Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Chase Overbeeke.

Frias-Aragonez was driving a 2005 Chevrolet pickup westbound on US 287 about two miles west of Clarendon last Thursday at about 8 a.m. when he abruptly crossed the median at an acute angle, Overbeeke said. The pickup spun once in the median before entering the eastbound lanes and colliding head-on with a 2014 Chevrolet Malibu driven by 25-year-old Amy Martinez of Clarendon.

Overbeeke said the pickup's speedometer was stuck at 82 when it came to rest and he reported that witnesses said it was traveling faster than that before it entered the median.

The trooper said Frias-Aragonez showed signs of intoxication, and a blood draw was taken with consent from the man. Authorities believe Frias-Aragonez was impaired on heroin.

The Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department responded to the accident and worked with EMS personnel to extricate three people from the wrecked automobiles. All four were transported to Amarillo for medical treatment, including the drivers, pickup passenger Miguel Angel Zuniga-Artesan, 49, of Dallas and Malibu passenger Jose Morales, Jr., 26, of Clarendon.

Overbeeke said everyone involved suffered serious injuries, but Martinez suffered the most trauma. She underwent surgery but passed away at 12:44 p.m. on Friday, December 13.

The trooper said Frias-Aragonez has a long criminal history. He and Zuniga-Artesan are not US citizens and are believed to be in the country illegally. They have both been living in the Dallas area, but neither have a place of residence. The pickup they were driving was registered to a Wylie, Texas, man.

Responding to the accident in addition to the DPS and CVFD were the Donley County Sheriff's Office, the Texas Department of Transportation, the Associated Ambulance Authority, and the Hedley Volunteer Fire Department.



Emergency personnel work respond to an accident west of Clarendon last week in which a local woman ultimately lost her life.

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## A jolly good time

Santa Claus made a special appearance at the Clarendon High School and Junior High Band concert Sunday afternoon. Santa read "Twas the Night Before Christmas" as the Bronco Band played a selection of holiday tunes.

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## Fire claims life of man last week

A local man perished in an early morning house fire east of Clarendon last Thursday, December 12.

Mac Charles Dunham, age 42, was pronounced dead at the scene, according to Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn. An autopsy later confirmed smoke inhalation was the cause of death, the sheriff said.

The Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched about 4:23 a.m. to a report of a structure fire on north FM 1260 with a person possibly inside. When firefighters arrived about 12 minutes later, they found a motor home fully involved and already burned up, Fire Chief Jeremy Powell said.

"You couldn't even tell what it was really," Powell said of the damage caused to the motor home.

Firemen extinguished the blaze and discovered Dunham's remains.

Blackburn said Dunham had been living in the motor home with Cynthia Ann Shults, 60. The sheriff reported that the couple was woken by smoke. Shults was able to escape through a window, but Dunham was overcome by smoke before he could escape, the sheriff said.

The State Fire Marshall's office investigated the scene and determined that an improperly set up propane heater was the cause of the fire, Blackburn and Powell said.

## City sales tax revenue slips in December

Clarendon's sales tax revenue this month was down slightly, but the city finished the calendar year almost even with 2018.

The city's December allocation was \$30,816.71 when Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar made his monthly distributions

last week. That figure is down 3.35 percent from the same period in 2018. Clarendon ended the calendar year with sales tax revenue of \$423,749.33, which is 0.57 percent above 2018.

Hedley was down 54.63 percent for December at \$578.27,

bringing that city's annual figure down 21.25 percent at \$10,099.25.

Howardwick posted a gain of 20.91 percent for the month with an allocation of \$1,111.94, which brought its 2019 total up 2.85 percent at \$14,485.37.

Statewide, Hegar delivered

\$820.5 million in local sales tax allocations for December, 7.8 percent more than in December 2018.

December sales tax allocations are based on sales made in October by businesses that report tax monthly.

## \$500 Totally Locally drawing set for Thursday

One lucky shopper will win \$500 in Clarendon Cash this week to close out the Chamber of Commerce's 2019 "Totally Locally" program.

The big winner will be drawn as the culmination of this year's final Late Night Shopping this, Thursday, December 19, at 8 p.m. at Saye's.

You do not have to be present to win the \$500 prize; but before that name is drawn, four lucky winners will get to spin the wheel for holiday prizes from Totally Locally participating merchants. Wheel spinners do have to be present to spin.

Last week, Jesus Hernandez,

Cy Allen, Paulette Kidd, and Paula Lowrie were the lucky spinners. They each took home a prize featured on the Chamber's Totally Locally Gift Ideas blog, which is posted on ClarendonTX.com and features gift ideas from about a dozen participating businesses. Each gift idea costs \$50 or less and are available for purchase at participating merchants.

"Totally Locally" merchants participating at press time are A Fine Feathered Nest, Clarendon Outpost, Cornell's Country Store, Country Bloomers Flowers & Gifts, Every Nook & Cranny, Floyd's Automotive, Henson's, J&W Lumber, Mike's Pharmacy,

Saye's Tack Store, Studio E, and Turquoise & Rust. Shoppers can register at any "Totally Locally" merchant through December 19 for a chance to spin the wheel for prizes and for a chance to win \$500 in Clarendon Cash.

According to small business advocates, every \$100 spent in locally-owned stores returns \$68 to the local community through taxes, payrolls, and other expenditures. That same money spent in another town or online returns nothing to your local community.

Shop at home this holiday season and remember the important role your local merchants play in keeping your community strong.



Late Night Shopping lucky spinners last week were Jesus Hernandez, Cy Allen, Paula Lowrie, and Paulette Kidd.

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# No apology for honest journalism

By Gene Policinski

The First Amendment battlefield lately has been found more often than not at colleges and universities, with the most recent conflicts involving a full-on assault on traditional standards of a free press.

Harvard’s student government voted Sunday to support a petition condemning the student newspaper, The Harvard Crimson, for the factual reporting of protests against U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) some weeks ago. Among the newspaper’s “sins”: Contacting ICE officials for comment about the protest.

The petition demands that the newspaper “apologize for the harm they inflicted on the undocumented community” by reporting on the protest, refrain from again calling ICE officials for comment on immigration stories and declare a “commitment to protecting undocumented students on campus.”

The school’s Undergraduate Council said by reporting on the protest and asking ICE officials for reaction, the newspaper sparked “fear and feelings of unsafety” among students on campus. A student government statement included its view that “it is imperative for The Harvard Crimson to commit to journalistic practices that do not put students at risk.”

In response, Crimson editors said “fundamental journalistic values” demand that the newspaper seek comment from a variety of persons and organizations on any given story, as one means of ensuring “a fair and unbiased story.”

If the Crimson controversy over being exposed to “other” views were an isolated incident, it might be dismissed as a singular disconnect between a few student leaders and the very purpose of a free press – but it wasn’t.

Northwestern University’s student newspaper last week apologized for its reporting of an appearance and speech on campus by former Attorney General Jeff Sessions, for staff members posting photos on social media of some student protesters and for using a student directory to contact students to interview them about the protests.

The editors wrote that “any information The Daily (Northwestern) provides about the protest can be used against the participating students (and) while some universities grant amnesty to student protesters, Northwestern does not. We did not want to play a role in any disciplinary action that could be taken...” The editors also said the photos and interview requests were, in retrospect, “retraumatizing and invasive.”

The First Amendment protects a free press for the very reasons all of these college journalists faced criticism – and Harvard’s news operation, if not Northwestern’s, pushed back. Documenting the facts and circumstances of public events and issues is a core duty of a news operation so that a collective readership can make informed decisions about the issues raised by the story’s subject.

In fact, there are journalist codes that call on a free press to seek “truth and report it” and to “minimize harm.” The emphasis on the former is accuracy, context and seeking full responses by all involved. As to the latter, the possibility of any harm occurring is to be minimized or avoided, but not to the extent that other valid principles are abandoned.

Moreover, every journalist eventually has to come to grips with the plain fact that some news will bring pain to some people, from stories exposing corrupt politicians or giving voice to vulgar or hateful participants at public events to accounts of tragedy and injury that may cause those involved to relive terrifying moments.

Asking journalists to file less than full reports of events inevitably will lead to the perception – and, in some cases, the reality – that those reporting the events are shaping “the news” for larger purposes, worthy or sinister. In an era when vastly reduced resources combined with political opportunism give rise to less reporting and more critics of “fake news,” a free press ought not to buy into self-censorship and news judgments based on non-news goals.

Accurate reporting of public events in matters of public interest empowers all of us to shape opinions, make informed decisions and at times cast votes, whether we like that information or not. Informed discussion, debate and decisions are not aided by less information.

Journalism that falls short of the full truth will not eliminate the potential for harm or help society explore solutions for larger issues; rather, it is an abandonment – or a betrayal – of the intellectual exchange and conflict in the “marketplace of ideas” that is fundamental to the First Amendment and democracy.

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# Is Santa Claus packing heat now?

The youngster, maybe 6-7 years of age, is on one of those “select” league baseball teams that may play four games or more on a single weekend during most months of the year.

Sometimes, they fly commercially to tournaments, but so far, I haven’t heard of any teams chartering planes. But that’ll be next.

Anyways, the youngster had just bounded off the mound, his pitching prowess proven yet again, even at his tender age....

Upon reaching his parents, his out-of-the-blue question proved that “little pitchers have big ears.”

Several other parents overheard the question which may have been contemplated for weeks, if not months.

It was simply this: “With all the trouble in the world today, do you think Santa Claus packs heat?”...

Psychologists could work overtime on this one. It would have given me pause back there if a grandchild had posed the question to me.

I was proud of the poised mom who fielded the question admirably. Speaking in a conversational manner, she was comforting.

“Oh, I don’t think anyone would take on Santa,” she began. “He is beloved around the world. He’s far better known for ‘packing warmth,’ no matter the time zone, country or hemisphere.”...

Her deft handling of the youngster’s question was worthy of applause. Just guessing, I’d say she has a keen understanding of our tumultuous environment, and probably wasn’t surprised that even her baseball-pitching son has been hearing– if not seeing–

life’s ragged edges, even in his hometown.

The mom’s mention of Santa’s “packing warmth” stuck with me for days.

It is worthy of passing along, and something we can all do. We are “packing warmth” with a healthy laugh, a hearty handshake or a heartfelt gesture that seems simply to be “the right thing to do.” At Christmas time, may we reflect the love of the Christ child, unpacking the warmth of his love, spreading it far and wide....

I am often the “victim” of humorous moments, usually by choice. I do better, of course, if I have a few minutes’ warning, and sometimes, even more warning would be helpful. Certainly I couldn’t have improved on the mom’s instructions to “pack warmth.”

Very often, though, when I feel like I have instantaneously figured something out, the pendulum swings back. At such times, I feel lukewarm mush dripping from my face.

One such pratfall occurred recently at our Dairy Queen, where chicken and dumplings are featured during the cooler months....

The dish is delicious, and not to be confused with “fast food” only because it is offered at a place that typically known for timeliness. I’m attesting that the chicken



the idle american  
by don newbury

and dumplings are better than most grandmothers have made across the years, and would be a close runner-up to my long-departed “Granny.” She was “the best” when it came to chicken and dumplings, as well as fried pies, made with homegrown apricots, peaches and figs.

At the cash register, I asked a bonehead question upon discovering that I had been granted a 10 percent discount, no questions asked....

The receipt read: “10 percent discount for veterans.”

My heart soared. I was as excited as the young pitcher cited earlier. Had the cashier read my column last month about being a veteran– my very own self– discovering nearly six decades after becoming one? (Again, thanks to the Lowe’s guy who convinced me that the term “veteran” includes folks like me who served nine years without mobilization.)

I was coy – maybe even sly – upon reading details about discounts for veterans. “How could you tell that I’m a veteran?” I asked....

“Oh, you didn’t read the next line, did you?” he countered.

Quickly, I unfolded the receipt. Under the line about 10 percent veterans’ discount was another claim, “10 percent discount to senior citizens.”

Well, I’m gonna buy me a “VETERAN” gimme cap to avoid misunderstandings at Dairy Queen. But, I’ll find other ways to reddén my face....

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# Marshall’s wonderland of lights

So many Texas cities really put on the glitter and lights around Christmas. Big Spring, with a population 28,000, lights up the city park with displays and giant lighted poinsettias (it’s the lighted poinsettia capital of Texas) that attract some 20,000 visitors every December.

Andrews has 13,000 residents and puts on an impressive downtown light show. After people watch the lights they go to the home of Gary Rawls that has a nativity scene with live actors and live animals, camel and donkey included. Fort Worth, population 800,000, outlines its downtown buildings with lights.

In East Texas, the place to go see Christmas lights is Marshall, where 24,000 people live. There are millions of lights downtown and beyond. It’s a spectacle that has been covered by all kinds of media for years.

“It started with lighting our downtown courthouse, the shrubbery and trees around it and morphed into much more than that,” says Tim Holt who works with Marshall’s Wonderland of Lights. “Neighborhoods started to decorate. It started with the bag lights

and luminaries and people started putting lights on their houses. Next thing you know, Marshall is lit up. People have come here at Christmastime from all over the country. It is just such a beautiful sight that puts you in the Christmas spirit real quick. We have tour buses from Dallas, Houston and New Orleans around our courthouse square then they go out to the neighborhoods.”

The celebration starts the day after Thanksgiving. “We kick it off with a bunch of activities. Bands play in an outdoor pavilion on weekends and it’s all free. We try to do things that will bring people downtown so we can keep downtown involved in our everyday lives and keep people involved. We’ve got ice skating, we’ll have things for the kids to do



stories of texas  
by tumbleweed smith

like visiting with Santa, working on a model train, eating reindeer food, I mean there’s just so many things that we set up for the kids.”

The ice skating rink is outdoors. “The city has spent a lot of money on our ice skating rink. You know it can still get hot here in East Texas in November so the city makes sure it stays frozen. The ice rink is just east of the courthouse. Last year they covered it with a tent but if it’s not raining they’ll not use it. People come from all over East Texas and bring their skates just so they can say they went ice skating on an outdoor rink in Texas.”

Millions of photos have been taken around Christmastime in Marshall.

“You’ve got the courthouse 30 yards away from you, so the pictures are absolutely beautiful. They’re postcard pictures with people ice-skating, thousands and thousands of tiny white lights twinkling behind you and all around you. It is a spectacular sight to see in downtown Marshall. “

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House passes the report for defense funding

WASHINGTON – The US House of Representatives passed last week the Conference Report for the Fiscal Year 2020 National Defense Authorization Act (FY20 NDAA) by a vote of 377-48. The FY20 NDAA authorizes \$738 billion in defense funding and an additional \$5.3 billion in emergency funding for disaster recovery.

“This was a challenging year, starting with two different bills that were far apart. But, for the 59th consecutive year, we were able to come to an agreement for our men and women in uniform and their families,” said Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon). “It is important for the men and women who serve to know that, despite differences on other issues, we can come together to support them.”

NDAA Highlights: Accelerates defense innovation to assist the Department of Defense’s (DOD) effort to access new sources of innovation. This legislation was sponsored by Congressman Thornberry. Modernizes our defense against adversaries, including acceleration of weapons development and purchases, nuclear modernization, and DOD acquisition reforms. Supports a 3.1 percent pay raise for our service members. Increases transparency and oversight measures for military housing. Repeals the Widow’s Tax by including a three-year phased repeal of the requirement. Prohibits the use of firefighting foam in defense facilities containing PFAS after October 1, 2024. Establishes the United States Space Force as the sixth Armed Service of the United States under the Air Force.

District 13 Highlights: Authorizes \$123 million for a High Explosives Science and Engineering Facility at Pantex. Provides \$12.4 billion for nuclear weapons activities. Increases the staffing ceiling at the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). Increases the United States Air Force (USAF) personnel to 332,800. Funds \$10.5 billion for Air Force operations, training, and maintenance, which supports Sheppard Air Force Base.



JA Ranch foreman Randal Gates pays his respects to Col. Charles Goodnight last week.

COURTESY PHOTO

Ceremony honors Goodnight

A beautiful Panhandle day welcomed area residents to the Goodnight Cemetery last Thursday as they participated in the celebration of the 90th anniversary of the passing of West Texas legend Col. Charles Goodnight.

Participants were greeted upon their arrival at the cemetery by Randal Gates, JA Ranch Foreman, mounted on his horse holding the Texas Flag. Goodnight, his wife Mary Ann, along with John and Cornelia Adair founded the JA Ranch in 1876. The Goodnight’s are credited as the first permanent settlers in the Panhandle area.

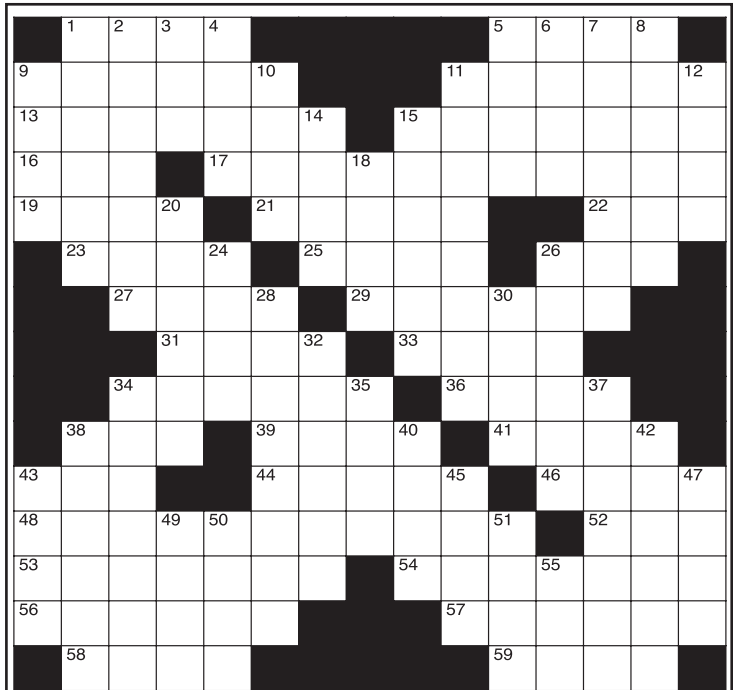
Rev. Rhea Bullock, Claude First United Methodist Church minister, gave a short tribute to Goodnight and led the group in prayer. Area resident Glen Spiller and Bunk Skelton provided special music for the occasion. Prior to the actual Wreath Laying Ceremony, Texas Ranger Bo Brown told the group of the traditions of the Texas Rangers that date back to the days of Goodnight’s service with the law enforcement group. Ranger Brown gave credit to Goodnight for helping

set the example that modern day Rangers continue to reflect.

Armstrong County Museum Chairperson Kay Henard, assisted by Ranger Brown, placed a special wreath at the head of Goodnight’s grave. ACM Board Member Peggy Meathenia told of the tradition of cowboys attending burials of their friends leaving behind their bandana or neckerchiefs. Meathenia brought along scarlet strips of cloth for those in attendance wishing to continue the tradition.

Following the benediction led by the Rev. Bullock, guests were invited to stop by the Charles Goodnight Historical Center to enjoy the hospitality of hot cider and cookies provided by the Armstrong County Museum Board of Directors. Guests were also encouraged to tour the restored home of Charles and Mary Ann Goodnight.

Area visitors wanting to visit the Goodnight Historical Center and Goodnight home are welcome Tuesday thru Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. For group tours or additional information, call the Center at 806-944-5591 for scheduling



CLUES ACROSS

1. No longer on the market
5. W. African language
9. A way to open
11. A type of pigeon
13. Japanese warrior
15. Pelvic areas
16. No seats available
17. Not working
19. In a way, soaks
21. Growing outward
22. Ritzy local \_\_\_ Air
23. Telegraphic signals
25. Metric units
26. Large wine cask
27. Fiber from the husk of a coconut
29. Gets up
31. French river
33. Witnesses
34. They make great neighbors
36. The sun does it
38. Used to store ashes
39. First Chinese dynasty
41. Network of nerves
43. Word element meaning ear
44. Metric unit of length (Brit.)
46. Tributary of the Danube
48. Off-limits
52. Appeal earnestly
53. It’s good to have them
54. Commercial flying company
56. Acted out in protest
57. Took to the sea
58. Cuckoos
59. Drove fast

CLUES DOWN

1. Trapped
2. About osmosis
3. Romanian monetary unit
4. Form of Persian
5. Cold wind
6. Leave out
7. Small vehicle
8. A little off
9. Soviet Union
10. A narrow path or road
11. Contrary beliefs
12. One who speaks Gaelic
14. Private school in New York
15. Jackson and Townshend are two
18. Soldier in an airborne unit
20. Taken illegally
24. Capital of Valais
26. Male reproductive organs
28. State capital
30. One with supernatural insight
32. Starts all over again
34. Jai alai arena
35. Star Wars antagonist
37. Freestanding structure
38. The ideal place
40. The extended location of something
42. Made level
43. Distinctive smell
45. Greek goddess of discord
47. Got older
49. Type of monkey
50. Travels to
51. Geological times
55. Edge

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Community Calendar

**December 30**  
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Stratford  
• 6:30 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. • Away

**January 4 & 5**  
Whistle-Stop Trade Days

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Menus

**December 23 - 27**  
**Donley County Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Taco soup, cornbread, mixed vegetables salad, cookies, slices peaches, iced tea/2% milk.  
Tue: Closed  
Wed: Closed  
Thu: Lasagna, corn, green beans, garlic bread, spice cake, iced tea/2% milk.  
Fri: Chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes, Brussel sprouts, wheat roll, sliced peaches, iced tea/2% milk.

**Hedley Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Turkey sandwich, tomato, lettuce, pickle, broccoli raisin salad, macaroni salad, pineapple delight, iced tea/2% milk.  
Tue: Closed  
Wed: Closed  
Thu: Shepherd's pie, stewed okra, coleslaw, wheat roll, butterscotch pudding, iced tea/2% milk.  
Fri: Cheeseburger, potato wedges, lettuce, tomato, onions, bun, brownie, iced tea/2% milk.



Cobb

Cobb named ASU Valedictorian

Caleb Cobb of Clarendon graduated Summa Cum Laude from Abilene Christian University on December 13, 2019.

Cobb was the valedictorian, earning his Bachelor's of Arts degree in Political Science with an emphasis on International Study.

While attending ACU, Cobb was a member of the Wildcats football team and served on the football leadership committee. Cobb was honored with Phi Eta Sigma and Alpha Chi Honor Society memberships and served as an ACU Wildcat Ambassador.

Cobb is a 2016 graduate of Clarendon High School and is the son of Casey and Alice Cobb of Clarendon.

United Christians Breakfast to be held

The United Christians December breakfast will be held on Thursday, December 19, at 7:00 a.m., at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

The program will be a special Christmas program with Christmas carols, and a short devotional by Buddy Payne. Will be finished by 8:00 a.m.

Senior Citizens Center receives donation

By Mary Lynn

First of all, we at the Senior Citizens Center appreciate and thank SWEPCO for their generous donation. We are blessed and grateful for this gift.

Christmas is literally around the corner and people are preparing for family and friends to gather for celebrations. We wish safe travel and a warm, joyous season for all. Visit someone you know who may not have family nearby.

The Center will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day so staff and volunteers can enjoy Christmas at home. We look forward to see you the 27<sup>th</sup>!

Love, Joy and Peace be yours for the days and years ahead.

Merry Christmas!!!

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The magic of the Christmas tree

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Howardwick!

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Sandy Lynn reports more property will be up for bid with the posting of locations next week.

Last week I wrote about the change in Christmas gift giving. This week will be the changes in Christmas trees. I recently heard someone say the only decorations on their tree was lights because they wanted to keep it

natural. That turned on my memory button, and my first trees were cedar c h o p p e d down on the ranch and brought home by my Dad either behind his saddle or in the feed wagon pulled by a team of horses.

No electricity on the ranch meant no lights on the tree, but what a wonderful smell!

I was 13 years old when we had a store-bought tree with lights. Each strand held 12 lights; and when you had so many lights you couldn't count them, that was enough.

The store-bought tree, even



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though it was alive, did not have that wonderful smell so short excursions were made to cut down cedar branches and place in baskets around the house to give it that Christmas smell.

What a magical glow from those lights through the "tin-foil" icicles hanging on the tree. It didn't matter how the tree looked before the decorating began, those icicles made it look perfect.

Today, my tree comes from a box in sections with lights attached (too many to count). It has no Christmas smell but is perfect, so icicles are not required. It is beautiful, and I am thankful for it, but some of the magic has been lost.

Merry Christmas from my house to yours, and God Bless you, one and all.

Fund raising underway for ski trip

Next year, my youth group and I are going on a trip to Angel Fire to take a ski trip. This is going to be the first ski trip that we've taken with our newly made youth group and actually the first trip we will be taking as a youth group.

Last Saturday family and I went to the Methodist Church so that my youth group could raise money for our ski trip. You might be wondering what we did to make money. Our

group wrapped Christmas gifts for people for donations!

This is the second fund raiser we've done. The first one we did was a bake sale, and we did really good. We also had a spaghetti



**the cub reporter**  
*by benjamin estlack*

luncheon at our church.

So far, I think we have made about half of what we need to go. This Sunday, we will be having another bake sale at the Clarendon Outpost from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. as we try to get close to our total that we need.

I hope all my readers have a good Christmas and come see me at the bake sale!



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Helping hands

Members of the Clarendon Junior High Student Council delivered canned goods to the Lions Hall last week. The canned goods were assembled into the food baskets the Lions delivered this week to local families. CHS students also donated canned goods to the Lions project and helped meet the needs of those in our community.

Sheriff's Report

November 9, 2019  
1:04 p.m.- Deputy to call at E. 3rd

1:57 p.m.- Deputy to call on N.70 by Water Plant  
4:34 p.m.- Deputy to call near Robertsons Funeral Home  
5:15 p.m.- Deputy to call on County Road Y

6:14 p.m.- Deputy to call at 1400 block W. 8th  
11:35 p.m.- EMS to call at 1400 block W. 8th

December 10, 2019  
6:41 a.m.- Deputy to call on N. 70 near Marina Entrance  
9:09 a.m.- Deputy to call at 287 in front of Bucking Bean  
1:14 p.m.- EMS to call on Medical Drive  
2:02 p.m.- Deputy to call at 600 block Hereford Lane

December 11, 2019  
2:40 a.m.- Deputy to call at

Allsupps  
4:11 a.m.- Deputy to call at SB 287 near Hedley  
6:21 p.m.- Deputy to call at FM 2162  
7:33 p.m.- Deputy to call on 70 S-erratic driver  
December 12, 2019  
4:23 a.m.- Multi-agency response to structure fire on N. 1260  
5:09 a.m.- Deputy to call at

Allsupps  
8:04 a.m.- Multi-agency response to traffic accident just west of Clarendon  
8:36 a.m.- Deputy to erratic driver call on EB 287 at outskirts of Clarendon  
12:18 p.m.- One new inmate brought to jail  
8:32 p.m.- Deputy to call at EB 287 and County Road 5  
8:37 p.m.- EMS to call at 600 block S. Gorst

December 13, 2019  
6:40 a.m.- Deputy to call on 287

and Main in Hedley  
12:19 p.m.- Sheriff to call on Rosenfield  
1:24 p.m.- Deputy to call at County Road 22  
2:23 p.m.- One new inmate brought to jail  
8:23 p.m.- Deputy to call at 287 and County Road 7  
8:01 p.m.- Two new inmates brought to jail

December 14, 2019  
3:18 p.m.- EMS to call at 800 block S. Kearney  
5:50 p.m.- Deputy to call at Rest Area-Welfare Check

December 15, 2019  
11:57 a.m.- Deputy to call on stop just East of Lelia Lake  
1:06 p.m.- One new inmate brought to jail  
6:28 p.m.- EMS to call at 500 block Bugbee  
10:15 p.m.- Deputy to call WB 287

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# Obituaries

## Odom

Funeral Services for Donald Odom, age 83, of Como, were held on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at Fellowship Baptist Church in Como with L.D. Baxley officiating. Mr. Odom passed away on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at his home in Como.

Donald was born on May 17, 1936, in Jackson County, Oklahoma to Tom Brian Odom and Lillian Alberta Roberts Odom. He married Clara Joyce Conley in Hale Center, Texas on June 24, 1955. Mr. Odom was a farmer/rancher and a member and Deacon of the Fellowship Baptist Church in Como.

He is survived by his wife, Clara Joyce Odom; daughters: Patricia Diane Fouse and husband, Mackey and Helen Janice Moss and husband, Larry; 10 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; brother: Jimmy Odom and wife, June.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Tom and Lillian Odom; daughter: Donna Joy Thomas; son: Kenneth Ray Odom; brothers: Jesse Brian Odom, Tommy Odom; Billy Odom and baby George Odom; sister: Juanita Pettit.

## Stebb

Daniel “Danny” Stebb, 65, of Sayre, Oklahoma died Tuesday, November 19, 2019, in Sayre, Oklahoma.



Stebb

Services were held on November 23, 2019, in Robertson Funeral Directors Saints’ Roost Chapel in Clarendon with Joe Neal Shadle, officiating. Burial will follow in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

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

Daniel was born April 6, 1954, in Eudora, Arkansas to Arlie Nile and Etta Jane Cotton Stebb. He

was the baby out of seven children and was raised on the Mississippi River. He married Elizabeth Green on August 23, 1988, in Eudora, Arkansas. He had been a resident of Clarendon and Dalhart before moving to Sayre, Oklahoma in 2014. Danny was a truck driver and it was his love, passion, and way of life. He had worked for Crete Carriers, Jack B. Kelly, Affiliated Foods, Combined Transport, Groendyke, C&J Energy, Intregrity Ag., and Stepp Trucking. While trucking, he drove through blizzards, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, and various other natural disasters. Danny drove 5 Million miles accident free, and hauled everything from eggs to nukes including hydrogen fuel for the space shuttle Discovery. He loved hunting, fishing, aviation hobby planes and drones, archeology, and paleontology. Danny was loved by his family and never had a bad thing to say about anybody.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and four brothers, Robert, Jody, Richard, and Bill Stepp.

He is survived by his wife Beth Green Stepp of Sayre, Oklahoma; two sons, Hoss Watts of Childress and Shelby Stepp of Elk City, Oklahoma; two daughters, Charolette Sandel of Plano and Amanda Stepp of Oak Grove, Louisiana; two sisters, Ann Bryant of Cassville, Missouri and Sue Cotner of Shreveport, Louisiana; 13 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Sign the online guest book at [www.robertsonfuneral.com](http://www.robertsonfuneral.com)

## Dunham

Mac Charles Dunham, age 42, of Clarendon passed away on Thursday, December 12, 2019.

Services will be held Saturday, December 21, at 2 p.m. at the Body of Christ Church in Clarendon.

Mac is survived by his wife, Jamie Dunham of Dallas; one son, Quintin Dunham of Clarendon; three daughters, Kyla Dunham of Amarillo, Kinliegh Dunham of Clarendon, and Jaelyn Dunham of Lubbock; his father, Walter Dunham of Lubbock; a brother, Clay Dunham

of Lubbock; and two sisters, Amber Dunham and Jodi Dunham, both of Clarendon. Also left behind are a host of family and friends.

Mac was preceded in death by his mother, Linda Dunham; and Chuck and Marylee Longan.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Christ’s Kids Ministries, PO Box 45, Clarendon, TX 79226.

## Caviness

Belinda Lee Caviness, 65, of Pampa, passed away December 13, 2019, in Pampa.



Caviness

Memorial service will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 21, 2019, at Carpenter’s Church with Pastor Jim Sinyard, officiating. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Belinda was born October 28, 1954, in Azle to Peggy and William Holmes. As a young girl her family moved to the Texas panhandle where she lived and attended school in Clarendon and later in Pampa.

She worked in the service industry at Taylor Mart, Black Gold Restaurant and Hampton Inn. Belinda enjoyed music, puzzles, crafts, especially sewing, but what brought her the most joy was being with her family.

She is survived by two daughters, Brandie Wolfe and husband Chris of Oregon, and Megan Ferrell and husband Reid of Pampa; her significant other, Alex Ruiz; five grandchildren, Lyndon Wolfe and wife Katie of Hawaii, Nathan Mears, Natalea Worley-Whittle, Ashton Whittley and Zoie Whittley, all of Pampa; one great grandchild, Orion Wolfe; and nine siblings. She was known as Aunt BB to all her nieces and nephews.

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## A Tribute to the Stepp Family and the People Who Raised Danny

By his wife, Beth Green Stepp

My husband, Daniel Stepp, was literally born on the Mississippi River in the very southeastern corner of Arkansas. Three miles from the Louisiana border he was almost a Cajun. His birth certificate reads Eudora, Chicot County, Arkansas. Danny was born late in life for his parents. His father was born in 1896 the same year my grandfather Joe Green. Danny was the baby of seven children and adored by his brothers and sisters.

Danny had what they called a second mother, Lottie Ashburn. As a custom of the time, Lottie would leave her left over breakfast biscuits on top of the stove. She lived in a house just a little distance from the Stepps and Danny would tottle across the yard to her house and rattle the back screen door. She would let him in to get a biscuit; but if she only had one, she would have to divide in two because Danny would insist he had one for both hands.

Danny's family, like mine, had deep agricultural roots. The family worked for Earl and Jerry Verser, a prominent Arkansas family. The Versers had large agricultural holdings along the banks of the Mississippi River. The Versers often purchased things for their farm from a little salvage dealer by the name of Sam Walton. Danny's father managed the farms and helped the Versers level the land and build some of their first fields. They grew rice, soybeans, cotton, coffee beans, and alfalfa. He was the first to grow wheat in Arkansas. Danny's first job at the age of six was picking up pecans for Molly Verser, the governor's daughter. Earl and Molly's daughter had a crush on Danny and often rode the tractors with him. Earl Verser made it very clear to Danny there would be no romance.

Unfortunately, Danny's father became serious ill when Danny was still a young child. The Versers paid for Danny's father to have one of the first animal transplants, a sheep's stomach. Mr. Stepp was never really able to return to work but spent much of his time taking young Daniel fishing.

Little Daniel was known for bringing home baby alligators to put in his family bathtub. However, Ma Stepp made him turn 'em loose. Danny would often sneak his hound dogs in the house to sleep with him.

When Danny's father became ill, his oldest brother Robert quit 10th grade to take over managing the farms and provide for the family. Often Robert was mistaken for Danny's father. This absolutely infuriated Robert Stepp.

Robert designed and engineered the first potato-picking machine, an alfalfa pellet mill, and some precision leveling equipment. The Stepp brother's also built this equipment. Robert was often consulted to help develop other agricultural equipment. He was considered an engineering genius. All of the brothers were considered to have high intelligence.

When Danny was thirteen years old, the pellet mill went down. Robert and the brothers were working frantically to get the

mill back up because these pellets were being shipped by Ralston Purina on barges to international destinations. At some point Robert threw the keys to a truck to Danny and told him "get that truck across the river to Greenville." This began Danny's over the road trucking career because the next load he took was to Houston, Texas.

When Danny and his brothers were not working, they fished and hunted the river, lakes, and lands along the banks of the Mississippi. Danny had 20/20 vision and he didn't miss. Just across the Louisiana border, they hung out in a little beer joint. Danny's very musically talented brother Bill would often pick with a singer/song writer by the name of Tony Joe White aka the Swap Fox. Tony Joe White wrote and sang some songs you might remember: Polk Salad Annie, Hoochie Woman, and a beautiful song first made popular by Brook Benton - Rainy Night in Georgia. But Danny's favorite was They Caught the Devil and Put Him in Jail in Eudora, Arkansas. Tony Joe White's style of music became known as "swamp rock." This style of music was made famous by Credence Clearwater Revival. To say the least, Danny was a CCR fan. While working with Earl Verser, Danny would often play on his eight-track a CCR song called Fortunate Son. The lyrics: It ain't me, it ain't me, I ain't no millionaire's son, just to infuriate Earl Verser.

### Danny's Religious Experiences

Ma Stepp was a Southern Baptist and attended church faithfully. She had a very hard time getting the Stepp brothers to attend. They were hunting and fishing.

When a new preacher came to town Ma Stepp insisted that the boys get acquainted with him. The brothers invited the preacher to go fishing one Saturday night. They loaded up the boat and headed for the river. Of course there was a little beer-drinking going on. The night progressed and the fishing and drinking continued. At some point a water moccasin climbed in the boat. Instead of using an oar to get the snake out, the preacher grabbed a gun to kill the snake and blew a hole in the bottom of the boat. The preacher arrived at church Sunday morning late, wet and hung over. Ma Stepp wasn't happy, the preacher nearly lost his job, and the Stepp brothers were not allowed to take the preacher fishing anymore. Danny said "they had a good time".

Danny also worked in the fields with a big black man by the name of Simon Moses. Simon had an alto voice and as they waded the rice fields, Danny would often hear Simon singing, "Oh Danny Boy, Oh Danny Boy, the pipes are calling ...". Simon was considered part of the family an often visited their home and meals with the Stepps. For this reason, Danny was allowed to attend the local segregated church with Simon Moses. The church congregation would raise the roof with their Gospel singing. Because of this, when everyone else was listening to country, Danny was listening to Mo-Town. Danny was in love with Dianna Ross. He once told me, "That black woman wouldn't have me."

I am not going into much detail about how Danny and I meet, as I want this to be

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# Lady Bronco JV compete in Ft. Elliott Tourney

The Lady Bronco junior varsity went up against some strong teams in the Ft. Elliott Tournament last weekend. They opened their round with a big win over the host team at 43-29. An explosive second quarter gave the ladies the edge they needed to finish and get the win.

Finley Cunningham hit two three-pointers for 17 total points. Makenna Shadle put in seven, and Laney Gates added six. Aliyah Weatherton had four, Emmi Robinson put in three, and Jayde Gribble, Kaitlyn Davis, and Graci Kidd helped with two points each.

The ladies went up against a strong Wheeler team in the next

round and fell short at 20-46. Things would not go the ladies' way, and they struggled to make points. Cunningham led with eight points.

Higgins varsity was next for the Lady Broncos, and they again came up short at 36-45. The ladies suffered a very slow start in the game and allowed Higgins to rack up a big lead in the first half. A good-shooting third quarter boosted the Lady Broncos' offense, taking them into the fourth quarter. They were able to work themselves back in the game, but time was not on their side. Cunningham was strong again with 20 points, and Aliyah Weatherton added seven.



Clarendon Colt Lyric Smith goes up for a layup last week at home against Panhandle.

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## Eighth grade Colts blast Panhandle

The eighth grade Colts made quick work of the Panhandle Panthers at home last week, pounding them 41-16.

The Colts played solid offense to get the game going and played aggressive on the defensive side. They were able to frustrate their opponent early on and make big moves when they needed them. They held Panhandle to single digits through three quarters and only allowed eight points in each half.

Easton Frausto led with nine, which included one from outside the arc, and Lyric Smith and Anthony

Ceniceros finished with eight points each. Harrison Howard put in six, and Darrius McDaniel added four. Jared Musick and Reagan and Riley Wade helped with two points each.

The seventh grade struggled to get anything going against Panhandle and fell short at 35-12. They only trailed by four points after one but could not find a rhythm offensively. Grant Haynes finished with eight points, and Colton Caudle and Bryce Williams put in two points each.

The Colts will travel to Wellington on January 9.

Groom was the last game of the night for the Lady Broncos, and they succumbed to the Lady Tigers 26-47. A slow start for the ladies gave Groom the edge they needed to dominate offensively to get the win. A fairly even second half helped Clarendon stay close, but time ran out. Shadle put in six, and Cunningham and Davis each added five. Kidd put in four and Gribble, Aleyah Weatherton, and Aliyah Weatherton finished with two each.

On Tuesday, the Lady Broncos traveled to Vega and were narrowly edged out at 32-33. A slow first half gave way to a strong second half where the Lady Broncos were able to

make up a deficit in the third quarter of play. Things turned quickly for the ladies in the final seven minutes as the Lady Longhorns took control of the momentum to get the win.

Davis played solid all night and led with 12 points for the ladies. Cunningham had six, while Aliyah Weatherton and Jayde Gribble each finished with five. Shadle and Gates added two apiece.

"We had some good quarters," Coach Kasey Bell said. "We struggled to put four good quarters together."

The Lady Broncos will travel to Stratford December 30 and play at 11:00 a.m.

## Lady Colt teams fall to Panhandle

The seventh and eighth grade Lady Colts had a tough time on the road last week with two losses to the Pantherettes.

The seventh-grade team lost 16-30, and the eighth grade narrowly lost at 26-31. The seventh grade Lady Colts struggled early to put points on the board, while Panhandle was able to execute offensively. Kennadie Cummins and Hayden Elam both finished with five points. Kimbrasia Ballard put in four, and

Tandi Cummins helped with two.

Things started out good for the eighth-grade team as they played toe-to-toe with the Pantherettes. A fourth quarter scoring edge was the difference in the game as Panhandle scored 10 to only five for the Lady Colts. Aubry Weatherton put in 16 points, Courtlyn Conkin added four, and Elyza Rodriguez and Anna Randall helped with three each.

The ladies will play Wellington on January 9 at home at 5:00.



Lady Colt Maloree Wann looks for an open teammate last week against Panhandle.

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## Broncos go four and one in White Deer Tourney

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos are settling into a good rhythm after getting several games under their belts. They were able to go four and one in the White Deer Tournament this past week after adding a win on the road against Vega earlier.

The Broncos executed their game plan on both ends of the court and got by the Longhorns, 66-52. Jmaury Davis and Jamal Butler finished in double figures at 20 and 12 respectively.

Clarendon opened the game with a slight lead, but an aggressive second period gave them the upper hand against the Longhorns. The break did not hinder their effort as the second half picked up where the first

half left off. Donovan Thompson put in nine, and Collin Butler added seven. Jordan Herndon helped with six, Sylvester Ballard had five, and Lamarcus Peniger finished with four. Ethan Babcock had two, and Ivan Gonzalez put in one. The Broncos went 13 for 22 from the bonus line and knocked down three three-pointers.

Over the weekend, the Broncos participated in the White Deer Tournament and took on the host team in the first round. They had very little trouble stopping the Bucks and easily defeated them 76-21. Four Broncos finished in double figures with Peniger leading the team with 22, and Davis and J. Butler put in 13 each. Thompson added 10. Ballard

put in six, C. Butler and Herndon had four, and Gonzalez and Babcock had two each.

The second round put them up against Amarillo High JV, which they defeated 52-33. Slow and steady won this game for the Broncos with C. Butler, Davis, and J. Butler posting double figures with 11, 10, and 10 respectively.

The next matchup was tougher for the Broncos as they took on Gruver and were defeated in their only loss 50-62. The Greyhounds took the early advantage. A huge second quarter for Gruver gave them the upper hand they needed to get the win. Davis had 15, Thompson 14, and Peniger 10.

The Broncos faced off against

Booker and made easy work of the Kiowas defeating them 59-28. The momentum in the game belonged to the Broncos as they were able to convert turnovers and get the points. J. Butler had a huge game inside and led with 18 points, and Peniger followed with 11. The Broncos finished the round robin with a blowout over Sunray at 66-26. After playing the first quarter at 10-10, the Broncos turned up the heat both offensively and defensively. They were able to frustrate the Bobcats and cause them to struggle with putting points on the board. Peniger had a big game with 23, and Herndon and J. Butler finished with 10 apiece.

The Broncos will travel to Stratford on Dec.30 and play at 1:30.

## Lady Broncos claim four wins in White Deer Tournament

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Bronco varsity team played five good games in the White Deer Tournament last week and earned four wins. Offense was the name of the game against Pampa in the first round and defeated them 70-63.

After leading at the beginning, the ladies fell behind by two at the break. They were able to flip the momentum back to their side in the second half to get the win. Jade Benson pumped in 20 points, and Mattee Johnson added 19 while Makayla Brown put in 12, and Ashlynn Crawford finished with 10. Johnson went eight for eight from the bonus line, and Benson put in eight out of ten. Brown shot 100

percent at four for four. Madi Smith had six, and Madi Gay had three to finish the scoring.

They took on Follett in the next round and defeated them, 57-41. Both teams were able to execute their game plan, but the Lady Broncos stayed solid throughout. Crawford led with 18, Johnson had 16, and Benson finished with 14.

The Lady Broncos earned the next win over Booker at 57-27. Everything seemed to go their way and Booker could do little to stop them. The ladies were able to hold their opponent to only single digits in the first quarter. Benson continued to play strong and finished with 17 points to lead the ladies to the win. Crawford followed suit

with 13, and Madi Smith came on strong with 12. Their only loss of the weekend came from Gruver who was able to get a 32-58 win over the Lady Broncos. A slow shooting first quarter hindered their effort initially, but they were able to pull their offense together before the break. The Lady Greyhounds were able to get their offense off the ground in the third quarter and take a huge 30-point lead after the break. Smith put in 16 points that included two three-pointers and hitting eight for ten from the bonus line to lead the Lady Broncos.

Only two points separated the ladies from the Lady Lynx in the final game with the Lady Broncos getting the win at 43-41. The game

was close from the beginning and Clarendon used a strong offensive advantage early on to hang on to the win. Benson put in 15, Johnson had 13 and Smith finished with 11 in the win. Spearman's strongest girl made 25 of their 41 total points.

Earlier in the week, the ladies traveled to Vega and were defeated 40-59. The ladies struggled from the get go, while the Lady Longhorns were able to dominate on both ends of the court. Benson had 12 and Johnson put in 10. Crawford put in eight, Smith had seven. Kailee Osburn had two and Brown had one.


The Lady Broncos will travel to Stratford on December 30 and play at noon. They will host San Jacinto December 31 at 10:00 a.m.

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### Lady Broncos v San Jacinto

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The Mulkey Theatre hosted the South Plains Dance Orchestra for a return appearance Saturday night, December 14. The concert was the fourth and final live concert on the Mulkey stage for the 2019 season. The Mulkey is already making plans for the 2020 season to continue to bring live music to Clarendon.

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### Howardwick fire

This burned up travel home is the scene of just one of the fires that the City of Howardwick Volunteer Fire Department responded to this month. Clarendon firemen assisted the department in fighting this fire on Olita Drive and another on Pampa Street.

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