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

COVID-19 infections spiking here again

Active COVID-19 cases have tripled in one week according to local officials.

Donley County Judge John Howard, MD, said Tuesday afternoon that there are now 63 active cases under the care of the Clarendon Family Medical Center, up from 21 one week ago.

Due to the high case load, a complete COVID report was not available from the clinic before press time, but Howard did say that ten of ten tests conducted Monday were positive. By Tuesday afternoon, there were 29 new positives.

Clarendon School Nurse Debbie Thompson said Tuesday morning that she had eight positive tests so far this week. It was not known how many if any of those cases went to clinic after testing positive at school.

Meanwhile, more than 30 people received either a first, second, or booster dose of a COVID-19 vaccine during a clinic last Friday in Howardwick, and a second clinic is planned there on March 11.

Mulkey Theatre to host mystery dinner

The Mulkey Theatre presents "Master of Disguise," a murder mystery dinner, on Saturday, January 22, at 6 p.m. and tickets are on sale now.

Participants are encouraged to wear disguises as part of the evening in which everyone is a celebrity with a secret.

Seating is limited to 60 people, and advance tickets are \$0 each required and can be purchased at MulkeyTheatre.com.

Chamber delays '22 banquet, extends awards deadline

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce is delaying its annual community awards banquet and has extended its deadline for awards nominations.

The banquet was scheduled for February 10 but has been delayed after conferring with local health officials regarding rising cases of COVID-19. A new date will be announced soon.

With the banquet date pushed back, the Chamber is also extending its awards nominations deadline to February 4 at 5 p.m.

Nominations are being sought for Man of the Year and Woman of the Year, and the lifetime service Saints' Roost Award.

Nominations can be mailed to the Chamber at PO Box 986, Clarendon, TX 79226, or delivered to the Visitor Center inside the Mulkey Theatre. Emailed nominations can be sent to Chamber@ClarendonTX.com.



Emma Howard shows her Grand Champion Heifer during the Donley County Junior Livestock Show.

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Harper, Howard show top beef exhibits

The 2022 Donley County Junior Livestock Show was held last Saturday, January 8, at the Donley County Activity Center with Tyler Harper and Emma Howard winning the beef division.

Harper showed the Grand Champion Steer, and Howard exhibited the Grand Champion Heifer.

Other top winners were Mya Edwards and her Grand Champion Sheep, Kaitin Ehlert and her Grand Champion Goat, and Calder Havens twice with the Grand Champion Gilt and the Grand Champion Barrow.

Reserve Champion honors went to Harrison Howard, steer and barrow; Taylee Ehlert, heifer; Mya Edwards, sheep; Madison Moore, goat; and Kaitin Ehlert, gilt.

Thirty-nine youth from the Donley County 4-H and Clarendon and Hedley chapters of the FFA exhibited 76 last weekend. That's down from 51 kids showing 71 animals in 2021 but similar to 2020 when 39 kids showed 71 animals.

The livestock auction following the show generated an estimated \$40,750 as of Tuesday morning, and that number will increase as donations continue to be received. Last year's show brought in \$28,500 by this point, but the 2020 premium sale totaled \$41,400 the Tuesday after the show.

Showmanship awards this year went to Harrison Howard – Senior Beef, Emma Howard – Junior Beef, Mya Edwards – Senior Sheep, Eli Ritchie – Junior Sheep, Laney Gates – Senior Goat, Brandon Moore – Junior Goat, Calder Havens – Senior Swine, and Hunter Wann – Junior Swine. The Pee Wee Showmanship winners were Slade Pittman for goats and Mack Wann – swine.

Complete results of the show are as follows:

STEERS

English Light Weight – Laney Gates, Breed Champion; Brock Hatley, second; and Hudson Howard, third.

English Heavy Weight – Trigg Harper, Reserve Breed; Brock Hatley, second; and Harrison Howard, third.

American – Presley Smith, Breed Champion; Tyler Harper, Reserve Breed; Hayden Moore, third; and Hunter Wann, fourth.

Cross Light Weight – Grant Haynes, first; Maloree Wann, second; Koyt Tucek, third; and Taylee Ehlert fourth.

Cross Light Medium Weight – Koyt Tucek, first; Parker Haynes, second; and Grant Haynes, third.

Cross Medium Weight – Harrison Howard, Reserve Champion; Parker Haynes, second; and Madison Smith, third.

Cross Heavy Weight – Tyler Harper, Grand Champion; and Levi Gates, second and third.

HEIFERS

Class 1 – Emma Howard, Grand Champion; Taylee Ehlert, Reserve Champion; and Levi Gates, third.

BARROWS

BOPB – Addison Havens, Breed Champion; Trigg Harper, Reserve Breed; and Isabella Martinez, third.

Duroc – Heston Seay, Breed Champion; Trigg Harper, Reserve Breed; and Tyler Harper, third.

WOPB – Calder Havens, Breed Champion.

York – Koyt Tucek, Breed Champion.

Hamp – Jodee Pigg, Breed Champion; Harrison Howard, Reserve Champion; Hudson Howard, third; and Addison Havens, fourth.

Cross Light Weight – Maloree



Calder Havens and Koyt Tucek show their barrows during the Donley County Junior Livestock Show.

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Wann, first; Hudson Howard, second; and Jodee Pigg, third.

Cross Medium Weight – Harrison Howard, Breed Champion; and Hunter Wann, second.

Cross Heavy Weight – Calder Havens, Grand Champion; Megan Weatherread, second, Maloree Wann, third; and Koyt Tucek, fourth.

GILTS

Calder Havens, Grand Champion; Kaitin Ehlert, Reserve Grand; Hunter Wann, third; and Danika Middleton, fourth.

SHEEP

Class 1 – Mya Edwards, Grand Champion; Eli Ritchie, second; and Megan Weatherread,

third.

Class 2 – Mya Edwards, Reserve Grand.

GOATS

Class 1 – Flint Pittman, first and second; and Sabrina Smith, third.

Class 2 – Javier Valles, first; Brandon Moore, second; and Fayde Turner, third.

Class 3 – Kaitin Ehlert, Grand Champion; Laney Gates, second; Astin McAllister, third; and Kelby Brownlee, fourth.

Class 4 – Madison Moore, Reserve Grand; Kaitin Ehlert, second; Laney Gates, third; Emily McCurdy, fourth; and Kelby Brownlee, fifth.

County seeks grant to fund community generators

Donley County Commissioners gave the green light to a grant application designed to better prepare local communities for possible disasters during their regular meeting Monday, January 10.

Judge John Howard said the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is FEMA money being administered by the Texas Department of Emergency Management and said Donley County is working with other local entities to apply for a grant that would place generators at several locations.

"We're trying to harden our infrastructure ahead of a disaster," Howard said.

The generators would play a vital role during any disaster that might result in prolonged power outages, the judge said, pointing specifically to the devastation of communities in Kentucky last month by a tornado.

Among the locations being considered as officials put together the grant application are the designated Red Cross shelter at the First United Methodist Church, the Donley County Senior Citizens Center, the Donley County Activity Center, the Bairfield Activity Center at Clarendon College, the Howardwick Fire Hall, and the Clarendon College Dining Hall as well as school facilities in Clarendon and Hedley.

Several important locations already have generators in place, Howard said, but for the grant, officials are looking at places that could also be used as command centers or places that can serve a large number of people.

"The show barn (Donley County Activity Center) is important if the disaster is bigger than the (Methodist) church can handle or if the church is in the disaster," Howard said. "The college is vitally important in a disaster. The senior citizens center is so important. There's a whole group of people served by them and the home-delivered meal service is basically a daily well-check for many residents who are otherwise basically shut-ins."

The judge said the county is fortunate to have terrific EMS, fire departments, and law enforcement who work together and have plans in place for disasters, and this grant will help further those plans.

"It's possible we won't get everything in this one grant, and we'll have to prioritize," Howard said, "but there is also another grant available after this than can do the same thing."

In other county business, commissioners heard from Mary Green of Howardwick in open comment. Green spoke in opposition to the loss of a voting precinct in Howardwick.

Commissioners also discussed problems identified with a bridge on CR 20. The bridge is scheduled for replacement by the Texas Department of Transportation.

Work to begin on courthouse

Repairing last winters damage to the Donley County Courthouse could begin as soon as January 24, according to County Judge John Howard.

County commissioners on Monday, January 10, approved a contract with Premier Commercial Group to repair the extensive damage the building suffered last February during a winter storm.

The commissioners' court accepted Premier's bid on December 28 as the lowest of three bidders. The total cost of the contract is \$448,500, but Donley County is only responsible for paying a \$1,000 deductible with insurance covering the rest.

The work is expected to be finished in 70 days.

Childress District presents TxDOT service awards

The Childress District of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) presented service awards on Wednesday, January 5, at the Childress District Headquarters.

Jeff Smith, Maintenance Supervisor for Briscoe County, was recognized for his 25 years of service to the district and state of Texas.

Gary Simpson, Kevin Urbanczyk, Jr. and Mark Rocha were all recognized for 20 years of service. Simpson is a Sign Technician in Motley County, Urbanczyk, Jr. and Rocha are both Construction Inspectors for the Munday Area Office.

Randy Crump, a General Transportation Tech in Donley County, was recognized for 15 years of service.

Honored for five-years of service

were Justin Martin and Juan Jaramillo, both General Transportation Techs. Martin works in Collingsworth County and Jaramillo works in Donley County.

Childress District Engineer Darwin Lankford, P.E. presented the awards to the employees and praised them for their dedication. "I truly appreciate the hard work and dedication put in by these employees on a daily basis," Lankford said. "They are committed to making our district one of the best in the state."

The Childress District serves the counties of Briscoe, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dickens, Donley, Foard, Hall, Hardeman, King, Knox, Motley and Wheeler and maintains more than 5,473 lane miles of roadway.



Donley County General Transportation Techs Juan Jaramillo, second from left, and Randy Crump, were presented with their five-year and 15-year service awards, respectively, for the Childress District of the Texas Department of Transportation on Wednesday, January 5 in Childress. Donley County Maintenance Supervisor Brian Miller, left, and Childress District Engineer Darwin Lankford, P.E., are also pictured.

College debt and single parent homes

Third in a series on student educational debt.

By Dr. Walter Wendler

While indebtedness for a college education can be debilitating for many, it can be especially crippling to single parents. For instance, one 48-year-old single mom has a cumulative debt of \$430,000 for advanced degrees. Her dream to become a university professor led to what she ultimately considers to be a regrettable decision. In all likelihood, even with a Ph.D., she will never be able to pay back what she owes. As with many single parents bearing the burden of educational debt, her life is convoluted by additional complications such as caring for a daughter with leukemia. After graduating in 2014, her student debt accrued over \$70,000 in interest and continues to grow, according to a report in Business Insider. Her only hope lies in the birth of a completely revamped student loan program. While this case is atypical, it is illustrative and worthy of note for parents with children seeking to attend or complete college.

Adding to the burdensome brew are predatory lenders and universities that are disingenuous with students and their ability to repay student loans. Moreover, politicians continually make promises to relieve the burden of educational indebtedness. They have not. President Biden campaigned on canceling \$10,000 in student debt for each borrower, and some are urging him to increase it to \$50,000. Still, no debt cancellations have been realized to date. The exceedingly high-interest rates of some student loans don't help either. Parent plus loans, for example, have an interest rate of over 6.28 percent for the 2021–22 school year. Typical undergraduate loans are less than 4 percent. Additionally, college tuition has increased by over 200 percent in this century. Private for-profit institutions are especially burdensome regarding debt. According to the National Center for Educational Statistics, public universities average over \$30,000, and private nonprofit institutions are just under \$34,000 in baccalaureate degree debt. Unfortunately, for-profit students borrow nearly \$44,000 pursuing undergraduate degrees hoping that the degree will help resolve their financial problems.

While tuition costs have risen dramatically, as noted above, the student loan debt growth rate is even higher. It has increased over 350 percent within the last two decades. Shockingly, credit cards are even being used to pay for college. Fourteen percent of college students have over \$5,000 on credit card accounts, and some banks have the nerve to advertise (seemingly encourage) this means of temporary sustenance to even pay for tuition and fees. Increasingly, parents and grandparents contribute to student debt increases by borrowing to help put their children or grandchildren through college. Over 10 percent of all indebted borrowers support a child or grandchild and use home equity loans to advance more funds.

When combined, the predatory lenders, disingenuous universities and promising politicians all bear their part in the overall student indebtedness crisis. Single parents are especially vulnerable. Whether their circumstances result from divided families, death, a growing hope for the future, or the lack of a clear plan, the burden is a barometer and is usually a sign of serious storms ahead. Yet, there are things that single parents can do to combat this. One alternative is refinancing student loans, which must be done with great care and eyes wide open. The Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program is also an option. Income-Driven Repayment plans are another means to help single parents reduce indebtedness. However, borrowers beware: single moms often face employment challenges according to Forbes and, on average, make less than one-third of the combined income for married couples. For some single parents, loans can be deferred temporarily, but there are implications to consider. Increasing annual incomes or taking advantage of public assistance programs such as WIC, SNAP, or CHIP can further help alleviate debt burdens for those who qualify.

There is hope. Hope for financial independence, economic development for communities, regions, states and other forms of hope that some universities have sold downriver on the “everybody needs a college degree” mantra. It's important to note, though, that none of these “solutions” absolve the individual from being responsible for their college debt, whether to bank, state, or family. The Institute for Women's Policy Research reports that 12 percent of college students are single parents with dependent students. Single parents have up to 30 percent more debt than other students one year after graduation.

A college education should be more than an intellectually stimulating, personally satisfying, and enjoyable experience. It should be all of these things, but if it doesn't lead to a fulfilling job and noble citizenship, then the institution and the student borrowing are making poor decisions with or without children.

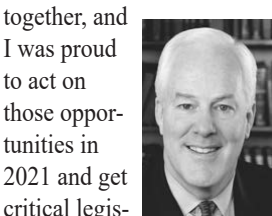
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What we got accomplished in 2021

The first year of a government completely controlled by Democrats is quickly drawing to a close. I began 2021 with this promise to Texans: to push back against Democrats' dangerous proposals when needed and to work together whenever possible. The year brought a heavy dose of both.

Despite President Joe Biden's pledge to be the dealmaker-in-chief, Democrats have unleashed a parade of partisan bills. At the start of last year, they went around Republicans to spend nearly \$2 trillion billed as “pandemic relief,” even though less than ten percent of the funding was directly related to COVID-19 and only one percent supported vaccinations. They've made repeated attempts to seize states' constitutional power to manage their own elections and skew all future elections in Democrats' favor. And despite the fact that families are footing the bill for the highest inflation in nearly four decades, Democrats are trying to go on a nearly \$5 trillion reckless tax-and-spending spree. Fortunately, they don't have the votes to write a check that big, thanks to members of President Biden's own party joining the unified Republican opposition.

I've been clear in my fierce opposition to each of these bills, but I know that Texans did not send me to the Senate to simply vote “no.” While I will continue to fight legislation that harms families, the economy, or our national security, there are plenty of issues where Republicans and Democrats can work



texas times
by sen. john cornyn

together, and I was proud to act on those opportunities in 2021 and get critical legislation signed into law. After years of fighting alongside advocates in Texas, including my friend Ms. Opal Lee of Fort Worth, I was proud that, we succeeded in making Juneteenth a federal holiday. For generations to come, folks across the country will celebrate the significance of the day Major General Gordon Granger's troops arrived in Galveston and declared that all slaves are “forever free.”

Another new law strengthens the policies and procedures for reporting missing service members. The need for this legislation became clear after the tragic murders of Spc. Vanessa Guillén, Sgt. Elder Fernandes and other service members across the country. Military installations are now required to increase security and protection protocols for reporting service members missing or AWOL, and improve information sharing with local, state and federal law enforcement if a service member goes missing. This isn't a silver bullet, but it's a big step toward preventing similar tragedies in the future.

Bills to modernize and increase staffing at our ports of entry without

spending taxpayer dollars. To ensure anyone who attacks federal officers and employees serving abroad will be brought to justice. To close a loophole abused by companies fueling the opioid epidemic. To help victims of human trafficking regain their financial independence. All of these bipartisan bills I introduced were signed into law last year.

Despite the partisanship that has gripped Washington, I've found countless opportunities to get things done for Texas, but a great deal of work remains.

This past year, annual border crossings hit an all-time high, and law enforcement, nongovernmental organizations, and border communities are being overwhelmed by the scale of the humanitarian crisis. The pandemic exposed vulnerabilities in our supply chains that need to be addressed. Families are struggling to cover high costs at the pharmacy – even for medications that have been available for decades. I've introduced bipartisan bills aimed at these and countless other challenges facing our country. I hope we can make progress on those bills this year and notch even more bipartisan wins for Texas.

In 2022, I'll keep searching for opportunities to reach across the aisle on legislation. I hope my colleagues will make an effort to do the same no matter if there's an “R” or a “D” after their names.

Senator John Cornyn, a Republican from Texas, is a member of the Senate Finance, Intelligence, and Judiciary Committees.



New year, new hope for rural health

By Alan Morgan, National Rural Health Association, and John M. Bridgeland, COVID Collaborative

A New Year rings in and the COVID pandemic is still with us. Pandemic fatigue is understandable at this point. But the loss of more than 824,000 Americans to date and the arrival of a new, more transmissible variant, should drive a renewed push to turn the tide.

We have the tools to do it. We know where our focus must be, but one area of great concern is rural America.

Rural communities are among the hardest hit as another wave of the pandemic rolls across America and Omicron renews COVID's assault on the unvaccinated. Last fall, the incidence rates of COVID-19 in rural America were roughly 54 percent higher than elsewhere in the country, according to the Rural Policy Research Institute. To date, if you live in a rural community, you are more than twice as likely to die from COVID than those in nonrural areas.

Analysis from The Daily Yonder showed that incident rates climbed nearly 50 percent in rural counties in the two weeks following the Thanksgiving holiday, a worrisome trend with the rapid spread of the Omicron variant now.

The disparity requires an effort to reach families in these communities with trusted voices, sound science, and accurate information. Trusted rural voices have banded together with the National Rural Health Association (NRHA) and

COVID Collaborative to address the disparity and look for opportunities to speak directly with rural Americans about the vaccines.

Together with organizations like the American Farm Bureau Federation, the Cooperative Extension System, and others, we are standing together to encourage Americans who may still be questioning vaccines to seek out the latest accurate information about getting vaccinated. This work takes many forms.

A national PSA campaign, co-sponsored by the Ad Council and COVID Collaborative, brings the real stories of seven families in rural America directly impacted by COVID, shining a light on their journeys from vaccine-hesitant to vaccinated. The PSAs drive viewers to an online resource hub - getvaccineanswers.org - for straight talk and fact-based information on COVID vaccines.

A wide range of factors impacts individuals' decisions to get educated and to get vaccinated. According to Ad Council research last year, large groups of rural Americans who remain undecided about vaccination continue to have concerns about long-term side effects of the vaccines (73.7 percent) and doubts about the efficacy of vaccination (69.6 percent) due to new breakthrough cases.

Families, faith, and the fabric and connections across local communities themselves will play a key role in this ongoing effort to overcome vaccine

hesitancy.

The NRHA is also working alongside COVID Collaborative to disseminate a communication toolkit to its network of members, partners, and providers. We want to equip rural employers, small business owners, and other trusted voices with conversation starters, data, and vaccine facts to improve access to vaccines and to help overcome the hesitancy in rural America.

A nationwide response must reach every part of the country, and we are eager to help engage more Americans to get answers to their good questions about vaccines.

Rural America is not a monolith. The diversity across rural America is as rich and expansive as our country itself. We can't expect to move the needle with a single act or message. Combined efforts like the one NRHA and COVID Collaborative are proud to help lead aim to meet rural Americans where they are through their trusted healthcare and medical leaders, houses of worship, the agricultural community, and the small business community.

In times of crisis, Americans always rise to the challenge. We know this New Year will bring renewed efforts and progress in our work to help rural Americans overcome vaccine hesitancy and accelerate the day when all Americans can safely return to leading active and productive lives.

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Honored service
Hedley students showing at last Saturday's Donley County Junior Livestock Show made a special presentation to Hedley ag teacher and FFA sponsor Lon Adams, who will be retiring at the end of the school year. Shown here are Kaitin Ehler, Mr. Adams, and Madison Moore.

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February 11
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6:00 p.m. • Howardwick Community
Center

Jan. 17 - 21
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Lunch
Mon: No School
Tues: Grilled cheese, veggie cup, animal crackers, fruit, milk.
Wed: Cheesy breadsticks, marinara, broccoli bites, fruit, milk.
Thur: Boneless wings, chips, carrots, fruit, milk.
Fri: Steak fingers, roll, green beans, corn, fruit, milk.

Lunch

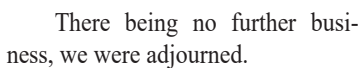
Mon: Corndogs, fries, tomato
cup, fruit, milk.

Tues: Chicken quesadilla, beans,
cucumber, apricots, fruit, milk.

Wed: Crispy chicken sandwich,
fresh veggie cup, garden salad,
fruit gelatin, fruit, milk.

Thu: Pizza, carrots, green beans,
oranges, rice crispy, fruit, milk.

Fri: Breaded pork chop, broccoli,
corn, mandarin oranges, fruit,
milk.



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Recently I've been designing and printing a lot of stuff with my 3D printer. I got my 3D printer in early November, and I've made some cool things with it, but recently I've been working on two different things. The first of which being chainmail.

I didn't create the chainmail, but I found it online and started by printing a little square just to test it. Afterwards, I printed a full sheet of it. The little square took me about two

hours to print, and the big sheet took me almost 13 hours. They have no purpose, but they are really fun to play with.

The other thing I'm working on is a pair of fully 3D-printed shoes. So far,

the cub reporter
by benjamin estlack

That project has taken a lot of time and will take close to six separate prints and almost 48 hours to print one shoe. I hope to finish my shoes in the next month, and I can't wait for my next project!

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I am running for office to serve all the people of Donley County.

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— Brad Dalton

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Obituaries

Woodard

Naomi "Joyce" Woodard, of Hedley passed away on Friday, January 7, 2022.

Private services will be held. A Woodard memorial luncheon will be held Saturday, January 15, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Hedley Fellowship Hall.

Cremation & Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Joyce was born on January 5, 1935 in Amarillo, Texas to Sam and Flora Sanders. She attended Hedley High School and married Toby Woodard on May 23, 1953. They resided in Hedley where they raised their family.

Joyce's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were the pride and joy of her life. The legacy of Joyce's kind spirit, passion for sports and love of cooking will live on through them. Joyce "Nana" loved being surrounded by family, she enjoyed when everyone came together and sang along to the guitar. If you ever met Joyce she instantly became your Nana and she would make sure you left her house with a full belly and a cold glass of sweet tea.

Joyce was preceded in death by her husband Toby Woodard; two sons Raymond and Randy Woodard; her parents Sam and Flora Sanders; five sisters, Lillian Fowler and husband Jimmy; Oretha Potts and husband James; Betty McGuire and husband Charles; Jean Rice; Sammy Housden and husband Kenneth; brother-in-law Frank Lindsey; two great grandchildren, Joseph and Shaley Wootten.

Joyce is lovingly survived by her two daughters, Kim and Jonny King of Hedley; Twannah and Eric Hall of Borger; her daughter-in-law Nancy Woodard of Hedley; eight grandchildren; sixteen great grandchildren; one Brother Tracy Sanders and wife Sharon; three sisters Helen Lindsey, Tobytha Wiggins and husband Billy and Delores Simpson and husband Terry.

Family requests that memorials be sent to the Memphis Conva-

cence Center in Memphis.

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Poole

Joe Charles Poole, 72, of Hedley passed away on Saturday, January 8, 2022, at his home.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at the Hedley First Baptist Church with Rev. Bruce Howard, officiating. Burial followed in Rowe Cemetery.

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

Joe Charles Poole was born on May 21, 1949, to Bobbie Joe and Doris Covington. He was later adopted by his stepdad, William A. Poole, Jr. He graduated from Wichita Falls High School. He worked in the oilfield and was an airplane mechanic for 15 years at Tradewinds Airport. He was very talented in lots of areas and would gladly share and train anyone who wanted to learn. He was a paramedic for Clarendon EMS for about 10 years. He was a Deacon at the First Baptist Church in Hedley. He loved doing mission work in Haiti, the Children's home, and other missionary work. He was the Assistant Chief of the Hedley Fire Department for many years. He loved working with the firefighters. Joe was a father figure and mentor to many. He married Lucy Cox in 1975.

He was preceded in death by his Dad, adopted dad, mother, sisters, Pamela Haas and Carole Poole.

Joe is survived by his wife, Lucy; daughter, Jennifer Ingraham; grandchildren Ashton Wansbrough and Cheyenne Ingraham; brother, Forest Poole; sister, Sue Gatewood and husband, Travis; niece, Crystal Lowrey and husband, Frank, who were our rock taking care of Mom; many nephews, nieces, and an ex-wife, Coco Partridge.

Thank you to Clarendon EMS, Hedley Fire, family, and friends for being there for Joe and me. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Hedley Vol. Fire Dept., PO Box 275, Hedley, TX 79237, Clarendon EMS, Rowe Cemetery, or Hedley Sr. Citizens.



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Lady Broncos stun Panhandle at home

By Sandy Anderberg

Last Friday night, a deep-ranked Panhandle Pantherette team rolled into Clarendon looking for a big win in the opening game of their District schedule; but the Lady Broncos met them at the door and handed them a 44-30 loss.

The teams were fairly even after the first eight minutes, but the Lady Broncos turned up the heat and jumped out to a six-point lead at halftime. Picking up where they left things in the second quarter, the Lady Broncos quickly found their rhythm and made a statement to their opponents, but putting big points on the board. High scorer Hayden Elam made a move in the second half and scored 11 of her 19 total points to help her team secure the win. Elam made good on two three-pointers in the game and went two for two from the bonus line.

Finley Cunningham left no doubt from the arch and hit three-three pointers for nine points. Madie Smith put on a clinic from the free throw line sinking 8 for 8 and Makenna Shadle finished the game with eight points as well.

Earlier in the week, the Lady Broncos hosted Amarillo High junior varsity and lost 35-51. The ladies struggled from the opening quarter and could never get anything going. Trailing 18-26 at the break, the Lady Broncos could not stop the Sandies and took the loss. Shadle led the way with 10 points and Jayde Gribble put in eight. Aubrey Weatherton finished with six, and Smith and Elam put in five points each.

The ladies will continue their District schedule on Friday, January 14 at home against Wellington and at home against Shamrock on Tuesday, January 18.



Lady Bronco Madie Smith looks for a pass last week at home against the Pantherettes. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

Broncs defeat Gruver

By Sandy Anderberg

When free throws mattered, the Broncos stepped up and converted 14 of 17 (88 percent) from the bonus line to help them get the 54-53 win over Gruver at home last week. The defending state champions came from behind after the first quarter of play and held off a late Greyhound comeback attempt in the final minutes of the game.

The Broncos were able to turn the tables on Gruver before the break turning a four-point deficit into a five-point lead with their quickness and good shot selection. Three Broncos finished in double figures with Jmaury Davis and Lamarus Penigar leading the way with 15 each and Cayden D’Costa adding 14 to the point total. The trio was 10 of 13 collectively from the bonus line.

Lyric Smith and Anthony Cenicerros added four each, and Tyler Harper shot two for two from the free throw line.

The Broncos will begin their District schedule on Friday, January 14 at home against Wellington and take on Shamrock at home on January 18.



Bronco Jmaruy Davis goes in for two last week against Gruver. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

Bronco JV falls short to Gruver

The Bronco junior varsity played hard and stayed with Gruver fairly well for the first half of the game, but a slow-shooting second half hindered the Broncos and they took the 37-52 loss.

The Broncos played a respectable first half as they were able to execute offensively and get the ball in the hoop to only trail by one point.

The Gruver Greyhounds were able to come out in the final half of play and take control of the scoreboard to get the win.

Kaleb Bolin and Reagan Wade led the way with eight points each. Bolin shot 50 percent from the bonus line and Wade hit two big three-pointers. Grant Haynes, Mason Sims and Collyn Caudle put in six points each and Anthony Brown added three.

The Broncos Junior Varsity will begin District play on January 14 at home against Wellington and then January 18 at home against Shamrock.



Keleb Bolin goes up for two last week against Gruver. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

Lady Bronco JV narrowly lose to Amarillo High

The lady Bronco junior varsity stayed right with the Lady Sandies last week and finished within three points at 28-31.

The Lady Broncos trailed by two points at the break, but a sluggish third quarter was the difference in the game. The ladies struggled to put points on the board and fell behind. They made up some ground in the final minutes of the game, but it was not enough to get the win.

Kennadie Cummins put in eight points to lead the way, and Bayleigh Bruce and Kimbrasia Ballard added six points each. Elyza Rodriguez put in five, Gracie Clark added two, and Tandie Cummins added a free throw.

On Friday, the ladies took on Panhandle and were defeated 19-29. After an even first quarter of play, Panhandle was able to finish the first half with 10 points while playing strong defense to only allow the Lady Broncos one point in the second quarter of play. Panhandle came out after the break and were able to make their shots fall and opening up their lead. K. Cummins led with seven and Rodriguez put in five. T. Cummins added four, Clark put in two, and Ballard helped with one.

The ladies will host Wellington January 14 and Shamrock on January 18.



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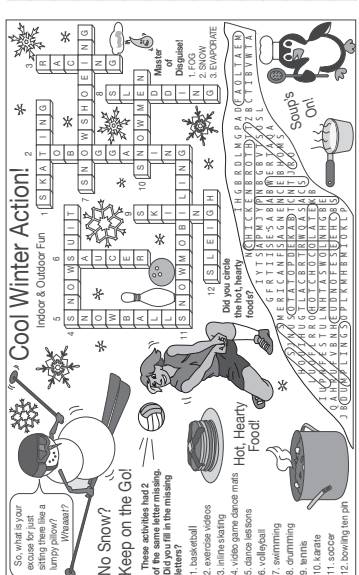
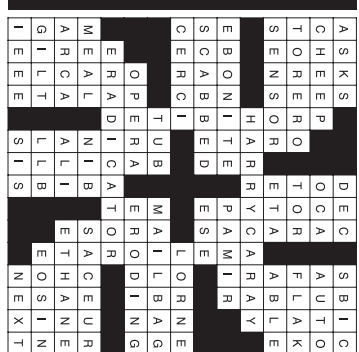


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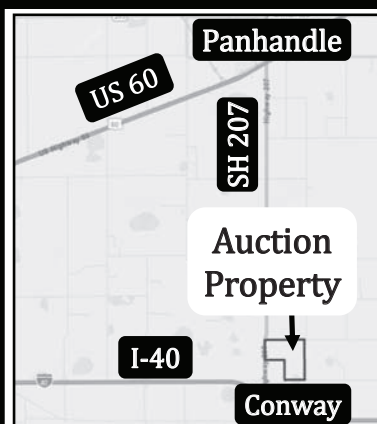


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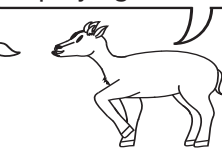


We're going ice skating now and...



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...playing indoor soccer later.



Kids: color
stuff in!



So, what is your
excuse for just
sitting there like a
lumpy pillow?
Whaaaat?



Cool Winter Action!

"It's cold outside"? Yes, of course it is.
It is *wintertime*. In areas of the country
where it snows a lot or ponds freeze over,
kids can get exercise outdoors skiing or
ice skating. In areas where it's colder,
but there's no snow, kids can still hike,
walk, and play a bit of basketball! During the winter we can find many things to do
inside to keep physically active. Bowling and dancing are two of my favorite
indoor pastimes. I hope my puzzles help you to think of things that will get you up
and keep you moving all winter long.

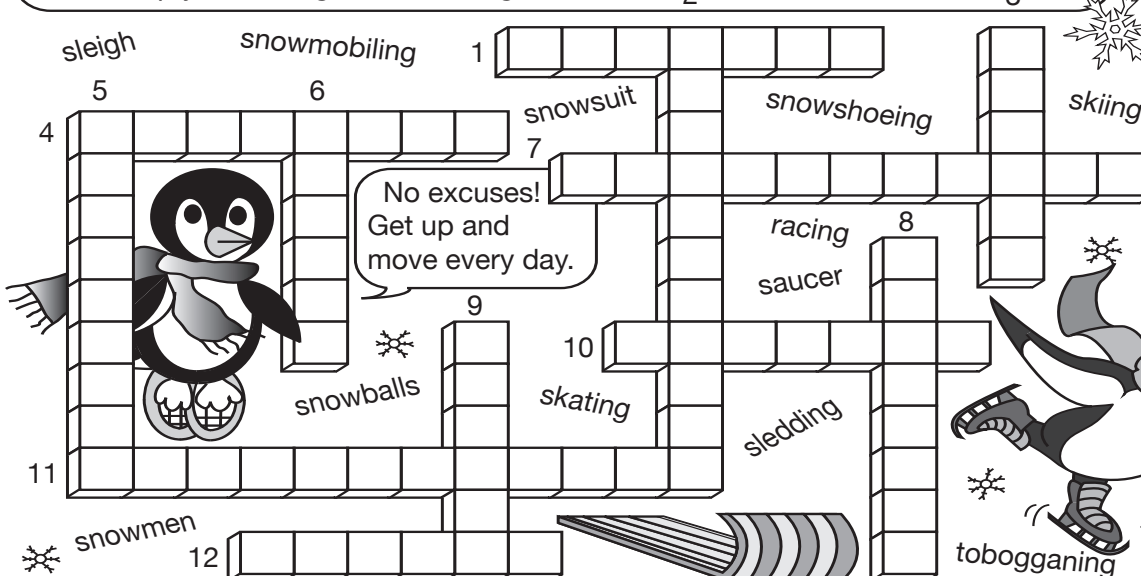
In the northern parts of our
country (and once in a while
down south) we have
snow to play with, in or
on! Sledding and building
snow forts and igloos is a blast.
Sometimes, there is a thick layer
of ice on the ponds and lakes.
That can be great for skating
and playing hockey.

Move it! Move it!



**Read the clues
below to fill in
the crossword:**

1. gliding on ice using
metal blades
2. coasting down a
snowy hill on a long, flat-
bottomed, wooden sled that's curved up in the front
3. cheering and watching trained sled dogs _____
4. warmly lined child's winter wear
5. pressing snow together to form _____
6. twirling down a snowy hill on a round _____
7. putting on special footwear and walking across
deep snow without sinking
8. sliding down snowy hills on a small,
steerable wooden and metal "coaster"
9. sliding downhill, with a long, narrow board on each foot
10. building and dressing _____
11. riding a motorized vehicle on snow
12. riding in a horse-drawn _____



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CHS physics students test their strength
Juniors and Seniors at Clarendon High School recently put their engineering and accounting skills to good use as they took part in Mr. Leeper's 'Toothpick Bridge Project' assigned to them in high school physics. Working with only toothpicks, spaghetti, and popsicle sticks, the students followed strict construction guidelines and budget limits, to create the lightest, least expensive, and strongest bridge possible. Weights were added to the bridge to determine its strength and durability to the point of collapsing. The students' grades will depend on the most weight held compared to the weight and design of the bridge. Shown here: Aspy Graham-Tuttle and Jace Cottrell look on as Mr. Leeper and William Broussard discuss his strength test for his bridge.

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Jayla Woodard draws a foul against Wheeler. The 7th grade team won against Wheeler last Thursday.

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Lady Colts breeze by Wheeler

Both Lady Colt teams were on their game against the Wheeler Mustangs at home on January 6. The seventh grade Lady Colts held their opponent to single digits winning big at 47-8.

Clarendon jumped out ready to play and held Wheeler scoreless in the opening quarter of play at 14-0. They continued their dominance throughout and never gave the Lady Mustangs a chance to get in the game. Cambree Smith played huge and put in a career high 32 points in the game. Jayla Woodard added six and Anna Balogh helped with three. Kinslee Hatley, Ella Estlack, and Lindley Hill put in two points each.

The eighth grade followed suit and earned a big win over Wheeler at 35-20. After an even opening quarter, the Lady Colts found their rhythm offensively and began to make shots to put points on the board. Defensively, the ladies were in sync and were able to stop everything Wheeler tried to get back into the game.

Berkley Moore led the way with 12 points and Whitney Williams added nine. Kenidee Hayes put in eight, and Kashlyn Conkin, Presley Smith, and Madi Benson each finished the game with two points.

The Lady Colts will travel to Shamrock on January 17.



Kira Weatherston and Aubrey Jaramillo cheered with the Texas Tech University Holiday Cheer Squad in December.

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